

Husband sues moving companies

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ODESSA — A Waxahachie man has filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit in state district court concerning his wife's death in a traffic accident while she rode in a moving company truck, court records show.

I.V. Woods requested \$5 million from Willis Permian Movers and its parent companies Atlas Van Lines of Texas Inc. of Austin and Atlas Van Lines Inc. of Evansville, Ind.

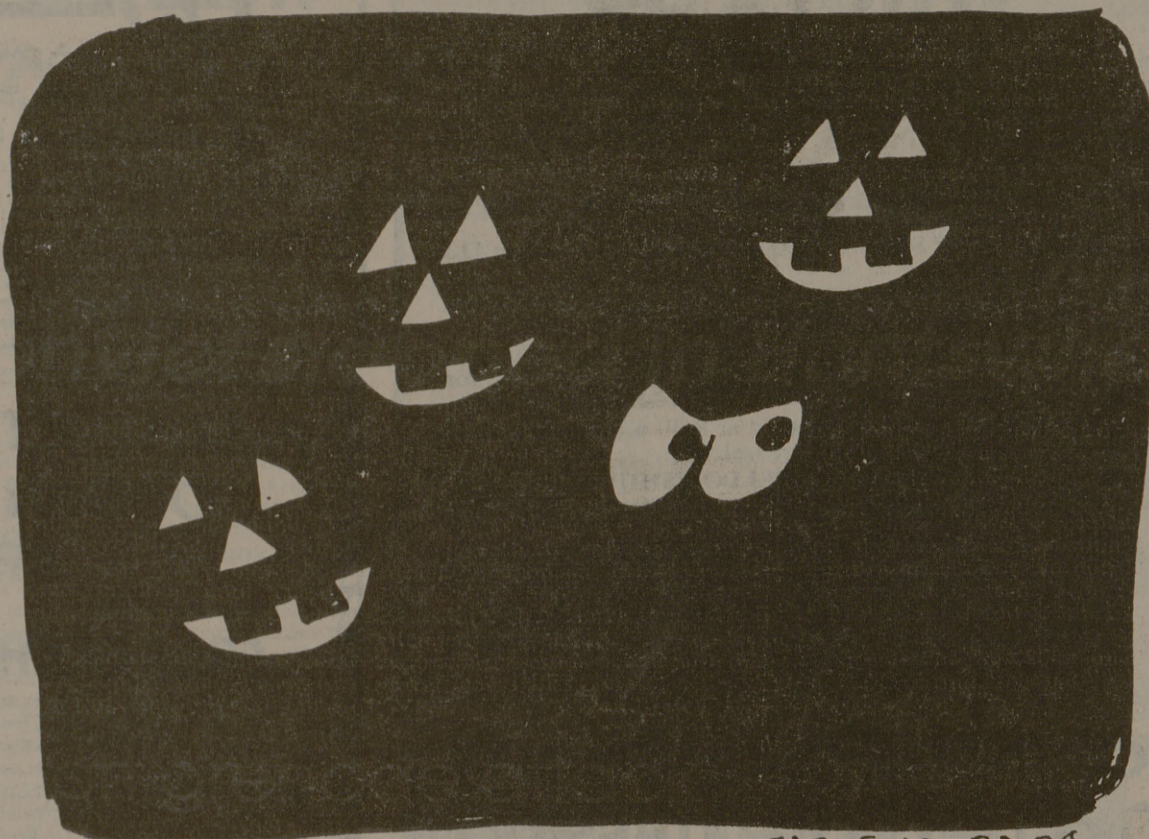
The suit also requested \$5 million from Fred Dexter Smith, 34, of Odessa. Smith drove the truck in which Geraldine Woods and others were riding when it was involved in an accident with another tractor-trailer rig Sept. 9.

Woods died Oct. 3. She and her son Jimmy had been picked up while they were hitchhiking to California. Also killed in the accident were Smith's passengers Glyn Wilson, 38, and Karl Karaffa, 8.

Authorities said Tuesday Smith was in jail on two \$20,000 bonds for two charges of involuntary manslaughter stemming from the accident.

Slouch

By Jim Earle



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"Now that we've gotten the season spirit, could we turn the lights on? It's hard to study by candlelight."

Reagan predicts he'll win big; Mondale takes edge off attacks

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President Reagan abandoned his usual political caution Tuesday, predicting he'll win a big victory next week in a realignment election where millions of Democrats will desert their party to join the Republican ranks.

Reagan campaigned in the White House while Democratic rival Walter Mondale, modeling Harry Truman and boosted by large crowds, moved his long-shot "issue-a-day" campaign from the West Coast to Minnesota.

The president threw caution to the wind as he addressed some 250 campaign workers charged with the job of wooing blacks, Hispanics, Jews, athletes and other specific interest groups to his cause.

"I believe that next Tuesday we'll see a large number of voters joining

our Republican ranks for the first time," Reagan said during the pep talk.

He told his loyalists their meeting at the White House "reflects what could be a new phenomenon" in American politics this year. "That is," he said, "if everything turns out right, a historic electoral realignment."

"This is no mere political cycle, nor has it anything to do with the personalities of the candidates.

"We're attracting the support of people who have never voted with us before — not because they're deserting the Democratic Party, but because the Democratic Party has deserted them."

The prediction came as Reagan sought to expand the breadth of what his advisers consider to be a

certain victory — one that could leave him with an overwhelming mandate for a second term and help elect more sympathetic Republicans to Congress.

Reaching across partisan lines, Reagan — a one-time New Dealer who last voted for a Democratic president in 1948 — said many Americans have found they have not been "well served" by their historic ties to the Democratic Party.

"It's no mere coincidence that the most blighted areas of the country — places of desperation — are areas that have been political strongholds of the other party for many years," Reagan said. "Their policies are tax, tax, spend, spend and no friend to those who want to improve their well-being."

Mondale, whose spirits were visibly lifted by successful rallies in Seattle took some of the edge off his attacks on Reagan and tried to focus on the policy differences in the waning days of the campaign.

Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro began her day in Chicago, indignantly telling talk show host Phil Donahue she would not even consider asking her widowed mother if there is any truth to a report that she and her father were indicted for running a numbers racket 40 years ago.

"I don't need it, I don't want it and it's not any of my business," said Ferraro when questioned about whether she asked her mother for an explanation.

Another convict stabbed in Huntsville

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HUNTSVILLE — Three convicts "cornered" a Harris County inmate in a prison laundry and stabbed him 20 times in the 320th cutting at the Texas Department of Corrections this year, a TDC spokesman said Tuesday.

Charlie Brown said the latest prison violence happened at 5:15 p.m. Monday at the Retrieve Unit and "the entire unit was locked down" after the stabbing.

James Henderson, 34, serving 20 years for aggravated assault and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Harris County, was treated at the unit infirmary for stab wounds. He was transferred to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston where he was listed in stable condition until Tuesday when his condition was upgraded to good.

Brown said Henderson was working in the laundry when "he was cornered by three suspects and stabbed

approximately 20 times in the back and left shoulder."

Brown said three suspects in the stabbing were identified as Willie Frank Jackson, 39, serving 25 years for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in Hunt County; Wallace Spencer, 34, serving 12 years for theft in Harris County; and Kenneth Mornes, 33, serving six years for possession of a firearm by a felon, from Dallas County.

Prison officials confiscated a 3-

inch leather knife, a 9-inch butter knife and a 9-inch stainless steel pick at the scene of the stabbing.

The three suspects were placed in "pre-hearing detention" while TDC and Brazoria County authorities investigated the incident, Brown said.

Brown said all four of the inmates were black.

Nineteen of the 120 stabbings at the TDC during 1984 have been fatal.

Policemen abort grenade attack against U.S. embassy in Portugal

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LISBON, Portugal — Police said Tuesday they located and dismantled a loaded double-barreled grenade launcher positioned near the new U.S. Embassy in an abortive terrorist attack blamed on a shadowy leftist group.

Embassy spokesman Dan Traub said the mission received a bomb threat on the telephone Saturday, when the ultra-modern suburban diplomatic compound was almost empty except for Marine guards and about two dozen shoppers at the exchange store.

A police statement said officers located and defused the homemade grenade launcher mounted on a wooden ramp after a member of the Communist Party, whose headquarters is located about 150 yards from the embassy, reported children had spotted the device in a vacant lot.

The double-barreled device,

armed with two bazooka grenades and hooked up to a battery, was about 100 yards from the embassy. It failed to go off because of a loose copper plate, the statement said.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman who declined to be named said the incident was considered a "serious terrorist threat."

He said security precautions were "increased somewhat" Monday because of the incident and general instructions from Washington were to be alert to possible terrorist attacks before the U.S. presidential elections.

Portuguese newspapers said Tuesday a telephone caller contacted news organizations to claim responsibility for "a failed attempt against the U.S. Embassy" by the shadowy Peoples Forces urban guerrillas.

The caller gave no reason for targeting the embassy and issued no

further threats.

Fifty suspected members of the leftist organization, including revolutionary hero Lt. Col. Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, have been in prison for the past four months awaiting trial on charges of terrorist activity.

It was the first known threat against the embassy. The last terrorist attack against a foreign mission in Lisbon was in July 1983 when five Armenian gunmen seized the Turkish Embassy.

The terrorists, a policeman and the wife of the Turkish charge d'affaires died in a police assault on the embassy.

The police report Tuesday said the grenade launcher was found 100 yards from the embassy and 50 yards from the Communist headquarters but did not specify in what direction the weapon was pointed.

Oyster tests find no cholera in harvesting

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NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana health officials have been unable to trace an outbreak of cholera blamed for "mass hysteria against oysters" in Houston to the waters of American Bay, where the oysters were harvested.

Tests on the oysters completed Monday found no traces of cholera, said Dr. Larry Maturin, assistant director of the state's bacteriology lab.

State health and fisheries officials were considering whether to reopen American Bay to oyster fishing. It was closed earlier this month when a 23-year-old Houston man contracted cholera after eating raw oysters in a Houston restaurant.

Oyster fishermen had predicted the disease would not be found in the waters and said the contamination probably occurred in handling.

Houston health officials reported seven suspected cases of cholera at the end of last week.

After the first case of cholera was confirmed, the Houston Health Department red-tagged 40,000 pounds of oysters from American Bay to keep them from being sold. They are to be buried at a landfill.

The two distributors who sold the tainted oysters to Houston restaurants said their business has suffered. Buyers are not only rejecting oysters, but also crab, shrimp, red snapper and speckled trout, said Keith Hibner, sales manager of Louisiana Foods.

"There's just no demand, especially for the oysters," he said.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Thursday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- A maroon Murray 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside a student's apartment.
- A black Schwinn Continental 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside the Halbouty Building.
- A white Fiat 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside a student's apartment at Married Student Housing.
- A silver Kuwahara 12-speed bicycle was stolen from outside Heldenfels Hall.

- A brown Ross 10-speed bicycle was stolen from outside Hobby Hall.
- A yellow Schwinn five-speed bicycle was stolen from outside the Engineering Research Building.
- A thermodynamics textbook and study guide were stolen from Duncan Dining Hall.
- A 75-pound pumpkin was stolen from 207 Briggs Hall.
- A brown leather purse was stolen from 206 Memorial Student Center.
- A silver Schwinn dirt bike was stolen from outside the Civil Engineering Building.

- A wallet and checkbook were stolen from a pizza delivery vehicle parked in the Commons Area.
- An Escort radar detector and seven cassette tapes were stolen from a 1983 Chevrolet in Parking Annex 24.

FALSE REPORT OF AN ALARM:

- Someone activated the fire alarm pull stations on the first, second and fourth floors of Sterling C. Evans Library.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

- The window on the driver's side of an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme parked on Ireland Street was broken.

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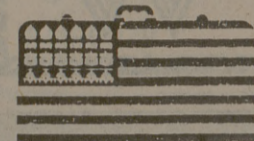
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