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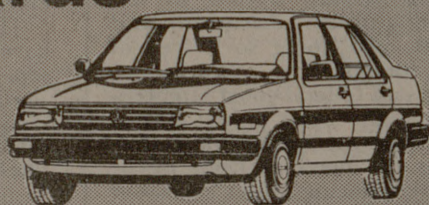
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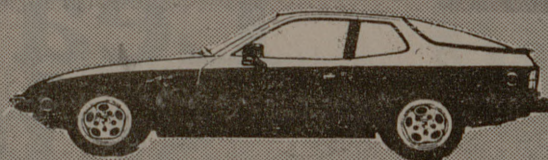
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## Man charged after deaths of passengers

DALLAS (AP) — The driver of a pickup truck that crashed in a street race was charged Tuesday with three counts of involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of his girlfriend and two members of a Welsh soccer team who were passengers, police said.

Craig Hardin Clark, 20, of Carrollton, the driver of the truck, was charged Tuesday, said Sherry Dorn of the Dallas police hit and run division.

Clark, who was arrested earlier, was freed on a \$7,500 bond, Dorn said.

Police said Clark had been convicted in 1984 of driving while intoxicated in Dallas and sentenced to two years probation after pleading guilty to the offense.

His girlfriend and two members of a Welsh soccer team were killed Sunday when the pickup truck flipped in a drag race with a car and hit a utility pole, police said.

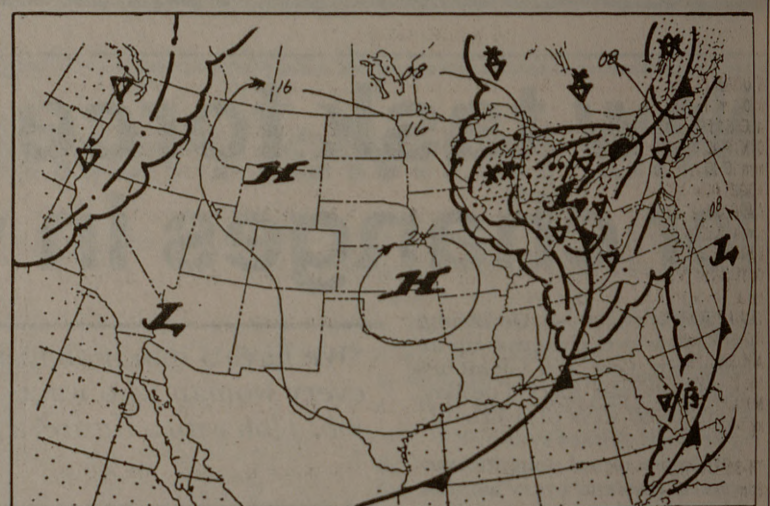
Killed in the crash were Sandra Ann Spiker, 22, and two members of the Lucas Girling Apprentice Football Team from South Wales: Lee Donovan, 28, of Manchester, England, and Mark Andrew Jones, 21, of Gwent, South Wales.

Jail records indicate that Clark is an epileptic, but investigators said they did not know whether a seizure might have contributed to the accident.

Members of the soccer team said Monday they did not know Clark was going to be racing in the pickup.

"It all happened so quickly," said Gareth Everson, 22, of Pontypool in South Wales, who was riding in the truck's flatbed when the accident occurred.

## Weather Watch



**Key:**  
 ⚡ - Lightning    ☁ - Fog    ⚡ - Thunderstorms  
 ● - Rain    \*\* - Snow    ☂ - Drizzle  
 ▲ - Ice Pellets    ☔ - Rain Shower    ● - Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 7:59 p.m.

Sunrise Thursday: 6:43 a.m.

**Map Discussion:** The spring storm that produced snow from the high plains to the Great Lakes is continuing, with most of today's snow activity centered over Michigan while showers persist through the eastern lakes and into New England. The dynamics along the front appear adequate, however. The lack of moisture precludes any significant frontal activity. The high pressure system over southeastern Kansas will produce noticeably cooler temperatures into southeast Texas.

### Forecast:

**Today:** Fair and mild with northerly surface winds of 7 to 14 mph. High temperature today of 79 degrees. Low temperature Thursday morning near 50 degrees.

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy and continued mild. High temperature of 83 degrees with a return to southeasterly winds of 5 to 10 mph.

**Weather Fact:** Beta particles — In atmospheric electricity, beta particles have some importance as contributors to atmospheric ionization, because in their rapid movement through a gas such as air, betas collide with neutral gas atoms and knock out planetary electrons from these atoms, thus ionizing them.

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## Loan fund offers help for traveling students

By Tracey Streater  
Reporter

Texas A&M students wishing to travel abroad who don't have much money may find help from the MSC Overseas Loan Fund.

In the past seven months, 36 interest-free loans totaling approximately \$15,000 have been awarded to A&M students. The loan fund gives an average of five loans each month, with the amount of the loans varying, and will resume awarding loans again in the fall.

Suzan Carmichael, coordinator of the loan fund, said the loans allow qualifying students to travel anywhere out of the United States for educational or personal reasons.

"The loan can be used to fund any

overseas trip, but academic pursuits are favored," Carmichael said.

Undergraduate students wanting to apply for a loan in the fall need to have a minimum 2.0 grade-point ratio and be enrolled in at least 12 hours of course study at A&M, Carmichael said. Graduate students with a minimum 3.0 GPR and enrolled in 9 hours of course study also are qualified for the loan.

Because of the high demand for the loans, the loan fund coordinators must be selective in choosing recipients, she said.

"It is competitive; we want people to realize that," Carmichael said. "We encourage people to present us

with a well-planned trip. We do favor someone who has researched his or her trip thoroughly."

Although most of the recipients of this year's loans have not taken their trips yet, their destinations include Spain, France and the Soviet Union. The recipients' majors range from horticulture to engineering to Spanish.

Coordinated and administered by the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness, the loans are funded by private donations and the proceeds from the movie "We've Never Been Licked," which is shown twice each year by the Jordan Institute.

## Firefighter will stay on payroll despite 'temporary' cancer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A cancer-stricken firefighter will be able to stay on the job after the firefighters union intervened on his behalf and his doctor said the illness was only temporary, officials said.

The San Antonio Fire Department and the San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association had battled over Byron Cabana, a 14-year department veteran who doctors said is suffering from a type of lymphatic cancer known as Hodgkin's disease.

Assistant Fire Chief James D. Miller said Cabana will stay on the payroll because of a letter he received Monday from Cabana's physician specifically stating the illness was temporary and that Cabana would return to work in six months.

As a result, the 33-year-old Cabana will continue to receive his full pay of about \$25,000 a year and his job will be kept open for him.

"I couldn't feel better right now," Cabana said Monday.

Mike Rankin, grievance chairman of the firefighters union, said that similar letters had been received previously and that the real threat to Cabana's job arose from Fire Chief I.O. Martinez's refusal to accept Cabana's cancer as temporary.

Since it has been determined that he is "temporarily" ill, Cabana can use the joint Fire Department-San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association Work Bank to find volunteers to work his shifts after his sick leave and vacation time run out, Rankin said.

Rankin said that Dr. Steven B. Kalter, a blood and cancer specialist, sent at least three letters, including one nearly a month ago giving the amount of therapy remaining and the date Cabana could return to work.

"He has approximately four more months of chemotherapy and then will need a couple more months to convalesce," Kalter wrote March 31. "Conceivably he could return to work in six months."

Dr. J. Dean McCracken, a cancer specialist and immediate past president of the San Antonio chapter of the American Cancer Society, said recovering cancer patients encounter job discrimination.

"There is some definite job discrimination against my young patients, particularly those with Hodgkin's disease and testicular cancer," McCracken said. "It reflects a lack of enlightenment as to the state of the art in treating various diseases."

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