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Savings firm in San Antonio loses millions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Savings Association, founded by a former mayor 77 years ago, suffered multimillion-dollar losses in its 1988 third quarter, forcing the thrift into technical insolvency, officials said Wednesday.
 But SASA officials were quick to point out that customers' accounts were insured by the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp. and that they hoped to have a remedy soon for the thrift. The institution is touted as the city's largest thrift with \$2.9 billion in assets.
 W.W. "Bo" McAllister III, SASA's chairman of the board and chief executive officer, said in a statement that the thrift lost \$51 million in the third quarter and that its deficit in the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles capital was about \$12 million.
 The thrift, which conducted its own audit and was being examined by the Federal Home Loan Bank, also will have to write off at least another \$100 million in bad loans made in the real estate industry, McAllister said.
 The losses would reduce SASA's regulatory capital to \$57 million, well below its minimum regulatory requirement of \$101 million.
 The SASA announcement comes on the heels of federal banking officials' predictions that the country's S&L crisis cleanup eventually may cost up to \$100 billion. More than 140 thrifts have failed or have been forced to merge this year.
 But McAllister remained optimistic that his institution would bounce back.
 "We have been actively pursuing various avenues of attracting investment capital. There is considerable enthusiasm on Wall Street to recapitalize Texas financial institutions under the auspices of the Southwest Plan," McAllister said.
 "Many options are open to us and we will not lose sight of our obligations to our customers," said said McAllister, serves on the board of the Federal Asset Disposition Association, which sells the troubled assets of failed thrifts taken over by the FSLIC.
 SASA, founded in 1921 by former San Antonio Mayor W.W. McAllister, has 53 offices in San Antonio and South Texas and employs about 1,100 people.
 James J. Horan, SASA's chief financial officer, said in an interview

that the thrift's options are numerous.
 "In the coming weeks and months we are going to have to find investors who are willing to recapitalize us and bring our net worth back to what is required by federal law," Horan said.
 "That situation may involve a merger or it may involve investors just looking at SASA alone," he said.
 He said, however, that customers should not be worried.
 "As far as the customer is concerned, this means absolutely nothing," he said. "All deposits are federally insured. It's totally transparent to the customer."

Couple attends Delta trial to get answers

IRVING (AP) — Some had come because it was like seeing a mystery novel unfold, hoping they would find out who or what was responsible for the crash of Delta Flight 1141.
 Others were scribbling notes furiously, stocking new nuggets of knowledge for the day the inevitable trials begin.
 But Helen and Paul Bare, of Trophy Club, Texas, were not like the rest.
 They came to watch the public inquiry into the crash of the Boeing 727 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, hoping to uncover answers they fear are buried along with their daughter, their son-in-law and their granddaughter.
 On the hearing's first day, they heard something they had never heard before about the crash.
 "Someone had tried to get the back door open," Mrs. Bare said, her eyes tearing up and her voice breaking. "But the door didn't open."
 Robert R. Coester, who also had been a passenger aboard the flight that left Dallas bound for Salt Lake City, told the federal investigative panel how he had tried in vain to reach passengers he knew were trapped by flames in the back of the plane.

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Court OKs appeal for man claiming discrimination

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Officials look at expanding state roads

AUSTIN (AP) — The state highway department will look at the possibility of widening two north-south routes that intersect in Abilene.
 The highway commission has instructed the department to look at a route including parts of U.S. 87, U.S. 84, U.S. 183, U.S. 290, Interstate 610 and Interstate 45. Of the approximately 850 miles from Texline to Galveston, about 130 miles are two-lane highways.
 The other route to be studied extends along U.S. 277 from north of Wichita Falls south to U.S. 83 and on to Brownsville. Of the approximately 755 miles in this route, 520 miles are two-lane roads.
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