

Luella fights on Elderly woman faces bankruptcy in court

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Luella Wilson's tiny frame and stooped walk are misleading. This 91-year-old woman, who stands to lose her home and life savings because of an unusual court case, is tough.

In her younger years, Wilson stood her ground on hunting expeditions for coyotes and moose; trophies hang in her home to prove her success. She also ran her family's dude ranch for years, caring for up to 52 horses until last year.

Shuffling around her cluttered home and pointing out prized possessions, Wilson boasts that she once owned a nightclub and "handed" eight bartenders — not to mention rowdy patrons.

But Wilson fears she's finally met her match in the legal system.

She's uncharacteristically confused, tangled in a legal nightmare she says is not of her own making, but which threatens to cost her everything she has collected over her nine decades.

Wilson's troubles began in 1984 when she gave her great-nephew, Willard Stuart,

\$6,300 for his 18th birthday to buy a car. Stuart did not have a driver's license; Wilson knew that when she gave him the money.

Three weeks later, after a night of heavy drinking and smoking marijuana, Stuart drove the car off a bridge. A backseat passenger, Mark Vince, was paralyzed and later had a leg amputated.

The passenger sued Wilson, saying she knew that Stuart did not have a license and that he used drugs, and therefore was negligent in giving him money to buy a car.

A Superior Court jury agreed, ordering Wilson to pay the passenger \$950,000 in damages. Her home has been inventoried for sale and her savings locked up by the courts.

The Vermont Supreme Court, however, says others may share the blame with Wilson, including the dealership that sold Stuart the vehicle. A Superior Court jury will decide that question in December.

"He used to be my favorite nephew," Wilson said last week. "His mother used to get him up in the morning, dress him, and he

would come running through my meals and stay here with me all day."

Although he still lives nearby, Wilson has talked to Stuart since the verdict and has seen him only in passing as he drives by her home.

"I don't know if he feels so bad about it, but he doesn't want to talk to me," she said.

Publicity over Wilson's plight has sparked a wave of support, and her kitchen table is littered with about 50 letters from people offering money or assistance.

Others around the nation are watching the case because of its precedent-setting potential.

They say there would be enormous ramifications if the court finds either the dealership or salesman negligent for selling the car to someone who did not have a license and later in an accident.

Such a ruling could affect banks, other dealerships, or anyone who lends or money to another individual.

Wilson says the law is wrong, that there is no one to blame but those directly involved in the accident.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

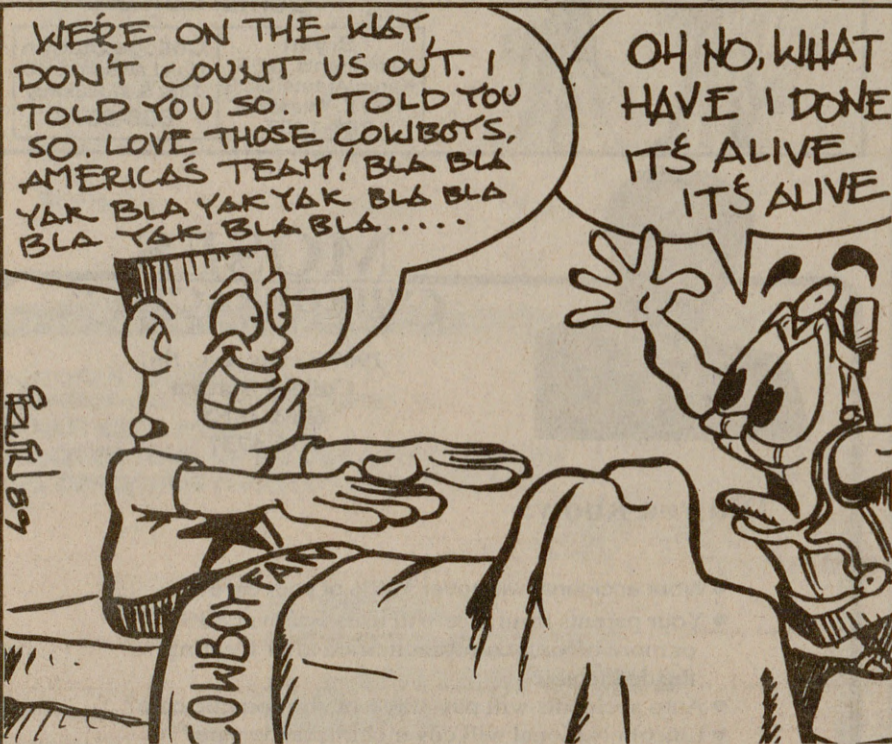
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Play Begins: Wednesday, Nov. 15

Entries Open: Nov. 13 Entries Close: Nov. 21

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Dominoes

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Women's
Men's Doubles

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John Chapman
Yi-Te Chu
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Chong Liu
Li Lian Tan

Women's Doubles

CoRec

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Men's 150 lb
Men's 175 lb
Men's 200 lb
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Women's 150 lb

John Williams
Jose Marin
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Kristie Buehman



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CLUB NOTES

The TAMU Polo Team fared well in recent competition. Competing for the Men's Team were Wesley Sinor, Vicente Borrero, Roberto Salazar, Todd Perry and Adrian Clachar. Both Texas Tech and Oklahoma University went down in defeat, 12-7 and 2-11, respectively.

The Women's Team, composed of Kristin Mattias, Portia Branson-Swales, René Sewell and Rachel Law also did well against Texas Tech defeating them 12-2. SMU also suffered at the hands of the Women's Polo Team, losing 8-2.

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REC SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY November 13	TUESDAY November 14	WEDNESDAY November 15	THURSDAY November 16	FRIDAY November 17	SATURDAY November 18	SUNDAY November 19
Entries Open: Archery Singles	Entries Close: Sports Trivia Bowl		8-Ball Singles All-University Finals			Flag Football and Innertube Water B-B All-University Finals
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