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Swedish physicists claim to repeat fusion experiment

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Swedish physicists said Tuesday they produced a burst of neutron radiation in a room-temperature experiment, repeating the work of two chemists who claimed to have achieved cold fusion in a jar.

The scientists at the Manne Siegbahn Institute for Physics said their method was similar to the experiment that chemists Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann said they conducted at the University of Utah.

In March, the two claimed to have produced sustained fusion in a jar at much colder temperatures than previously thought possible. Repeated attempts by other scientists to duplicate the Fleischmann-Pons experiments have failed.

Texas inmate executed for rape-slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A convicted murderer was executed by injection early Wednesday for the 1981 slaying of a woman who was abducted and raped after her car broke down on a freeway.

Stephen McCoy, whose final appeal was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court late Tuesday, was executed at 12:25 a.m. at the state Department of Corrections' Walls Unit here.

The nation's highest court denied him a stay by a 5-4 vote without comment.

The 40-year-old Houston electrician was the 31st Texas convict and the 110th in the nation executed since the 1976 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing states to resume capital punishment.

Some speculate 'UFOs' may be ultralights

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WAYNE — Since Saturday evening, many people have been curious, if not a little apprehensive, regarding the reported sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) in the northern Wayne County area. A new twist in the story may help to allay some fears and provide a possible solution to the reported sightings.

On Tuesday morning, a man, who wishes to remain anonymous, called the *Wayne Independent* and said that in the past he himself had been confused between what at first appeared to be a UFO and a craft called an ultra light. An ultra light can sometimes be flown at night, and with its slow movements and blinking lights, can easily be mistaken for an alien spacecraft by unsuspecting viewers.

Art Margotta, from Lewis Bros. in Justice, specializes in the sale of hovercrafts and ultra lights. According to Margotta, an ultra light is basically like a plane in size, design and function. They can fly very slowly and are equipped with a series of blue, red, and white lights that can be seen for miles at a time. They are also equipped with a strobe light, which blinks once every second.

A group of ultra light pilots in the

area reported that they were flying during dusk on both Saturday and Sunday evening near the Clifford area, but were on the ground by 9 p.m. The sightings, however, were reported to have taken place around 11 p.m.

Stan Gordon, from the Pennsylvania Assoc. for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) says that the northeast area of Pa. has been a prime area for sightings for many years. He recommends that all sightings be reported to PASU by calling their 24-hour hotline at (412) 838-7768, or by writing to PASU, Oak Hill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601.

PASU is a volunteer organization that works to investigate and study any reported sightings of unexplained phenomena throughout Pa. and several surrounding states. Said Gordon, "I've been investigating unexplained happenings for over thirty years, and although I've been to many sights, I have never seen a UFO myself. We appreciate calls from people who have witnessed unexplainable events, because every bit of information helps."

PASU researchers have reported that witnesses present during recent sightings have described the objects to be more rectangular or cigar-shaped in nature, as opposed to the usual disc shape, and in sizes near 300 feet in length.

Date set for plea for accused child killer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tanya Dacri, charged with drowning and dismembering her 7-week-old son, was not given the opportunity in court today to plead guilty as she claims she wants to do.

But as she was led handcuffed down a City Hall corridor back to prison, she said she still intended to enter

the plea objections. "Why do I plead guilty as the 2

Today's appearance for Mrs. Dacri was limited to the status of the case and a chance for the judge to go over the options available to her.

Stiles set July 10 as the day she can make her plea to a general charge of murder, abuse of corpse, conspiracy and related offenses.

"I have told my client that if she pleads guilty it is against my

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