

**Space walk first by U.S. woman**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — "This is really great...superb...I love it."

That was the reaction of astronaut Kathy Sullivan, who Thursday became the first American woman to walk and work in the inhospitable environment of open space.

She and David Leestma spent more than three hours outside Challenger's cargo bay, often shouting with joy like kids at a playground. They seemed almost reluctant to come back in and had to be prodded several times by commander Robert Crippen.

"Six seconds, front and center," he said once. "Good job, time to come in," he said later.

Sullivan acted as a plumber's assistant to Leestma as he attached a refueling line to a tank fitting, testing tools and techniques that may someday refuel spent satellites that are now abandoned as space junk.

Later, her body dangling over the side at a 90-degree angle to the spacecraft, Sullivan helped Leestma align a loose antenna, so that pins could be driven into two holes electrically from inside the cabin.

That done, she floated to the other side of the spacecraft and did some troubleshooting on another antenna that caused locking problems in the flight.

Bundled in bulky space suits costing \$2.1 million each and restrained by tethers attached to the sides of the ship, Sullivan and Leestma had a wonderful

time as they clipped wires, removed a dust cap, unscrewed a nut and attached a valve and hose to a tank filled with hydrazine.

"Look at that," said Leestma, as he removed the dust cover. "We got it right off the bat." He held it up triumphantly to the TV camera with a pair of grippers.

The real fuel transfer was to take place by remote control Friday with the astronauts back in Challenger's cabin.

"That is just superb," said Sullivan as Leestma completed the operation. He worked rapidly on the installation in an area that resembled the underside of a kitchen sink in size and accessibility.

The astronauts remained out of the cabin after the work was finished to stow an antenna whose power was disconnected earlier in the flight.

"I'm going to sit back and watch the world go by," said Sullivan at one point.

Another time she said, "Amazing!"

At the time they left the cabin air lock, the spacecraft camera looked out on the cloud-mottled Earth below and a bright moon above.

Leestma looked out at the world overhead and said "Look at that. Cape Cod is beautiful."

From inside the cabin, Sally Ride pointed out Long Island, N.Y. to Sullivan, who was born in nearby New Jersey.

The other five crew members were also monitoring the space walk from Challenger's cabin.

Before this flight, there had been 38 space walks by Americans, all of them men. A

Soviet cosmonaut, Svetlana Savitskaya, became the first woman space walker last July 25.

**Older parents: future trend?**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After postponing childbearing into their late 20s as they pursued careers in recent years, large numbers of American women are now waiting even longer — often to their late 30s — to have children, new government statistics show.

"An increasing proportion of women who have been delaying childbearing seem to be postponing their first births until their mid- or even late 30s," the National Center for Health Statistics said in its final report on births in 1982.

The study, released this week, also found use of midwives to assist in birth has been increasing and reported a rise in childbearing by unmarried women.

The trend to postpone childbearing into the middle or late 20s has been widely noted in recent years as young women pursued education and established themselves in careers before embarking on motherhood.

But the new statistics indicate even further delays than have been reported in the past. There was a substantial increase in first births to women in their 30s, while those in the 25-29 age group actually had a small decline in first births and the rate for younger women also

fell.

Between 1981 and 1982, the first-birth rate fell by less than 1 percent for women 15 to 19 years old, by 1 percent for women 25 to 29 years and by 2 percent for women aged 20 to 24, the report said.

"In sharp contrast, the rate increased by 10 percent for women aged 30-34 years and by 18 percent for women aged 35-39 years," the study said.

Women aged 30 to 34 averaged 14.6 first births per 1,000 women in 1982, the report said, more than double the 7.0 rate of a decade earlier. And for those aged 35 to 39 the increase was 83 percent, from 1.8 to 3.3 first births per 1,000.

"A couple decides if and when to have children based on the relative value they place on children, leisure time, career and a lifestyle of privacy and mobility," David E. Bloom observed in a study of childbearing in the September issue of *American Demographics* magazine.

**Logging protest charges let fall**

ALBANY (AP) — A judge has dismissed charges against three men who were accused of failing to help a police officer at the scene of a logging protest in the Willamette National Forest.

The charges were dropped a day before arguments on the constitutionality of Oregon's Riot Act were to be heard as part of the case.

Leo Hund, Eric Neville and Paul McAdams were charged

with failing to assist sheriff's deputies in removing protesters from a logging road July 23 as protesters began sitting in the road.

Authorities said the three were standing beside the road in the Pyramid Creek area east of Sweet Home.

Defense lawyers challenged the law under which the three were accused on several constitutional grounds. Because McAdams and Hund were taking photographs for newspaper publication, the charges also raised the issue of freedom of the press, the attorneys said.

Trials for those arrested for blocking log trucks in the forest last summer will begin later this month.

The charges against Hund, Neville and McAdams were dropped Wednesday by a Linn County circuit judge without comment on dismissal order.

**Senate passes area money bill**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A continuing resolution bill approved by the Senate Thursday includes funding for several key Oregon projects, Sen. Mark Hatfield's office said.

The bill, a compromise designed to fund government operations as of Oct. 1, included \$37.3 million in grants for highway improvement projects in the Portland area and \$19 million for continued construction of the Banfield Light Rail system between Gresham and downtown Portland.

Other Oregon-related items included in the bill include \$5.4 million to implement a new 10-year resource management plan for counties that contain

old Oregon & California Railroad timber land. The plans would call for an increase in the allowable cut of timber on the land.

**High court says measure stays**

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that a state lottery measure will stay on the Nov. 6 ballot even though the ballot title is wrong.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, which opposes the measure, asked the court to keep the proposed constitutional amendment off the ballot because of a wording error in the title.

But the court unanimously said it couldn't do anything about the problem.

The only way under state law to fix a faulty title, the court said, is to bring a court challenge within 20 days after the title prepared by the attorney general is filed with the secretary of state.

Ecumenical Ministries filed its challenge in August, more than three months after the title was drafted.

The Supreme Court said in any case it couldn't remove a measure from the ballot under current law but could only rewrite the title.

"The Legislature did not to empower the secretary of state, attorney general or any court to order removal of a ballot measure" because of an erroneous title, the court said.

The title drafted by Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer's office for Measure 4 incorrectly says 50 percent of lottery proceeds would be used for prizes.

**12-year-old boy turns in parents**

GRANTS PASS (AP) — A 12-year-old boy with a rigid sense of right and wrong turned in his parents for growing marijuana, the Josephine County Sheriff's Department said Thursday.

Deputy Dave Claar said the boy, whose name was not released, told school authorities his parents were growing pot. School authorities relayed the information to deputies, he said.

Deputies arrested Sheri Jean Waltman, 29, and her husband, G. Dennis Waltman, 36, at their home outside Grants Pass on Wednesday on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance, Claar said.

A search of their home turned up 250 high-quality marijuana buds, valued at \$40,000, which had apparently been harvested earlier in the week, the sheriff's department said.

Claar said the boy felt his parents should abide by the law, so he turned them in. He was placed in a foster home.

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