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Ask Us

## U.S. Marine reportedly hanged today

### Pro-Iranian Shiite Moslems tape execution

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Associated Press Writer  
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem captors said today they hanged U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins and released a videotape showing his execution in retaliation for Israel's kidnapping of a Moslem cleric.

The videotape showed a man purported to be Higgins dangling from a gallows with both his hands and feet tied by rope. The victim wore a white blindfold, and his head was tilted forward.

A typewritten statement in Arabic signed by the Organiza-

tion of the Oppressed on Earth said the 44-year-old hostage was hanged at 3 p.m. (8 a.m. EDT). Both the tape and the statement were delivered to a Western news agency an hour after the deadline.

The group had threatened to kill Higgins, calling him a "proven spy," if Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid was not freed.

There was no way to immediately verify today's claim by the Moslem group and whether the hanging had occurred today.

A diplomatic source told The Associated Press the United Na-

tions received unconfirmed reports that Higgins was shot to death after the shooting down of the Iranian Airbus by the U.S.S. Vincennes on July 3, 1988. No specific date for the death was given.

As President Bush landed in Chicago this morning for a speech to the National Governors' Association, White House spokesman Bill Harlow said the U.S. officials had no confirmation of Higgins' death.

Bush expressed a "sense of outrage" and told the governors he was cutting short his visit and returning to Washington.

Higgins, of Danville, Va., was serving as head of an observer group attached to the U.N. peacekeeping force in south Lebanon when he was seized Feb. 17, 1988. His captors accused him of spying for the CIA.

In Jerusalem earlier today, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel proposed trading all his country's Shiite Moslem captives for all captured Israeli soldiers and foreign hostages held by Shiite groups in Lebanon. Rabin made the proposal in an announcement broadcast on state-run Israel radio.

Shiite groups in Lebanon are

believed to hold three Iranian soldiers and 17 foreigners, including nine Americans. Israeli security sources estimate 50 to 60 Shiite Moslems from Lebanon are held in Israeli prisons.

The hostage held longest is Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press. He was abducted March 16, 1985.

In Tehran earlier today, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati condemned both the death threat and the kidnapping of Obeid.

Lebanese security sources and Israeli officials say Obeid played a role in the kidnapping of Higgins last year, but Obeid denies it.

In Sunday's statement, which was delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut, Higgins' captors said carrying out the death sentence "will be our first response to the stupid Israeli aggression and the flagrant American support that proves U.S. complicity in the crime."

Hezbollah and the Syrian-backed mainstream Shiite Moslem Amal militia called a general strike in Lebanon today to protest Obeid's abduction.

Businesses were closed throughout Moslem west Beirut and its Shiite-populated southern slums, as well as the cities of Sidon, Tyre, Nabatieh and Baalbek in south and east Lebanon.

In Jerusalem earlier in the day, Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres defended Israel's decision to abduct Obeid, whom Israeli officials have accused of instigating attacks on Israel. Peres said Israeli officials hope he can be swapped for three Israeli soldiers missing in Lebanon since 1986 and believed held by Hezbollah.

"I think that anything that prevents terror attacks against Israel, the kidnapping of our soldiers, must be done within the confines of law when there is a state of law," Peres said.

"Unfortunately in the case of Lebanon, it is a wild country and Israel must defend itself," he added.

## 'Bargain' opening now due

A grand opening is scheduled here Thursday for Bargain Time, a store which features a new merchandizing concept for Snyder.

Bargain Time is housed in the former site for TG&Y in the Varsity Square shopping center. Continuing as manager will be David Polk, a 12-year veteran of retail sales.

Bargain Time offers clothing items for the entire family as well as "basic need" items, a list which may range from candy to vacuum cleaners.

The store will be restocking weekly with brand name merchandise consisting of manufacturer's overstocks and closeout items.

As a result, these items can be sold at substantial savings, store officials say. The list of items for sale include family apparel, housewares such as appliances and telephones, health and beauty aids and domestic items such as rugs, towels and sheets.

The store has also received a new layout look and a new computer system with scanning registers.

The local business is a division of an Oklahoma City-based chain, Bargain Time Inc. The company is planning to open 200 stores in 16 states during 1989.

Thursday's grand opening is to begin at 8:50 a.m. with a ribbon cutting. The store doors will open at 9 a.m. and the first 100 customers will receive AM transistor radios.

Persons attending the grand opening may register also for a 13 inch color television which will be given away in a prize drawing.

There will also be other free gifts for adults and balloons for the children.

President of Bargain Time is Joe Bombara, who promises, "Customers will think they are in a brand new store every week when they come to shop with us."

Local manager David Polk has been in Snyder for eight years, coming here as a manager for TG&Y. He is joined at the new Bargain Time by assistant manager Patsy Casas.

Polk and his wife, Janet, have three children, John David, Darren and Diana.



THROUGH LIONS INTERNATIONAL — Japanese youngsters Yuko Arakawa, left, and Toshihide Tanaka are visiting Snyder for six weeks this summer as part of the Lions International exchange program. Yuko, 19, is staying with

Blanche and Dennis Chisum and Toshihide, 20, with Mr. and Mrs. C.A. "Mac" McCown. Yuko is from Niigata, Japan, and Toshihide from Yamagata, Japan. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Upper Texas, upper Louisiana...

# Hurricane warnings posted

MIAMI (AP) — The third tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season developed in the Gulf of Mexico today bearing 55 mph winds, prompting hurricane warnings along the Texas and Louisiana coast.

Forecasters said Chantal likely would be a hurricane by tonight and would hit the coast late Tuesday, bringing with it high tides and heavy rains as well as sustained winds of at least 74 mph.

At noon EDT, the storm was centered near latitude 26.7 north, longitude 92.0 west, or about 250 miles southeast of Galveston, Texas. Maximum sustained winds were estimated to be near 55 mph, with gusts to hurricane force in squalls north and east of the center.

It was moving northwest near 8 mph and was expected to cross

the western Louisiana or upper Texas coast Tuesday night, said Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in suburban Coral Gables.

Gusty winds and heavy rains moving over extreme southeast Louisiana at mid-day today will be spreading inland and across southern Mississippi this afternoon and the upper Texas coast tonight, Sheets said.

Hurricane warnings were issued from Freeport, Texas, to Morgan City, La., and tropical storm warnings were posted from Port O'Connor, Texas, to Freeport and from Morgan City to Mobile, Ala.

Tides of 5 to 7 feet above normal were expected over the hurricane warning area and up to 10 feet above normal near and to the right of where the center

makes landfall.

Small craft in the warning areas were advised to remain in port.

Chantal formed from a tropical depression, the fourth of the season, that was being tracked across the south-central Gulf.

As Chantal was gaining strength and speed on its march towards the Gulf Coast, satellite imagery showed another tropical depression taking shape in the mid-Atlantic Ocean, forecasters said.

By 9 a.m. EDT, tropical depression No. 5 had top sustained winds of 35 mph and was centered near latitude 15.0 north and longitude 43.0 west, or about 1500 miles east of the Lesser Antilles.

That depression was moving west at about 18 mph, and was expected to gain strength but hold its course today, forecasters said.

If this depression's top winds hit sustained speeds of 39 mph, it would be named Tropical Storm Dean. Hurricanes are born if the winds top 74 mph.

Two depressions have formed into named storms since the 1989 Atlantic hurricane season began June 1.

Tropical Storm Allison, the first, caused widespread flooding in Texas and Louisiana in June. Storm Barry lived briefly in the open Atlantic in mid-July before being downgraded to a tropical depression and then dissipating.

## Snyder graduate busy as veep for FFA area

James Henderson of Snyder, a member of the 1989 graduating class at Snyder High School, is spending his summer involved in state FFA activities as part of his recent selection as a vice president for Area 2.

In July, Henderson was a candidate for state FFA president and finished third among a field of 10 at the state FFA convention.

His selection as a vice president for Area 2 makes him essentially the top FFA officer for the region, the largest of 10 FFA areas which serve Texas.

His duties as one of nine vice

presidents includes appearances at chapter and district banquets.

He has also attended an FFA leadership conference and will be at a state officer workshop later in the summer.

He will also be attending the vocational agriculture conference due this week in Lubbock.

Henderson plans to enroll in the agriculture education program at Texas Tech University this fall.

His service as a state officer for FFA will continue through next summer.



JAMES HENDERSON  
...FFA officer...

## 80 coliseum stalls are near complete

Scurry County commissioners Monday heard reports on preparations for the AJRA National Finals Rodeo, including one from County Judge Bobby Goodwin that all 80 new horse stalls adjacent to the coliseum have been rented.

A letter thanking the court and coliseum manager Wes Partain and his staff was received from the AJRA Committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, saying the completion of the stalls "has been instrumental in assuring Snyder a successful

AJRA."

Pct. 2 Commissioner Tommy Pate said electricity, water, the roof and trim are all in place, with the installation of the stalls to be performed beginning Monday.

The rodeo starts next Monday. The AJRA Committee said the coliseum staff, which performed much of the welding and construction, "has been so helpful and appreciated. Without their help, we just could not have done the task as well and as quickly."

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Q. — Why can't you go through Snyder on College Ave. and not have to stop at every red light?

A. — Officials have noted the distance between red lights makes a synchronized system impractical.

## In Brief

### Capsized rig

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An oil rig capsized early today in the Gulf of Mexico about 100 miles southwest of New Orleans, and seven workers were feared trapped inside, the Coast Guard said.

Six of the 13 workers believed aboard were plucked from the water by fishermen and a Coast Guard helicopter, said Chief Petty Officer Michael Robling.

Rescue efforts were hampered by 10-foot seas, 35 mph winds and heavy rains from the fringes of Tropical Storm Chantal. The Coast Guard flew divers to the rig despite the heavy weather.

Petty Officer Steve Guy said an estimated 13 people were aboard when it fell on its side.

Some of the workers "may be trapped inside the rig below the surface of the water," Guy said.

"These vessels usually have a small deck house with the crew quarters in the stern. It usually has a series of quarters with a number of berths. They usually have water tight doors which should have been secured if the vessel was underway," said Lt. Steve Hardy.

### '92 convention

HOUSTON (AP) — If Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown learned anything from his trip to Houston it was that the city hasn't forgotten being passed over for the 1988 convention but is willing to forget if it doesn't happen in 1992.

"The message is very clear that Houston very badly wants serious consideration for the convention site," Brown said last week as he was leaving Houston after an 18-hour visit.

From Mayor Kathy Whitmire to Congressman Mickey Leland to grassroots Democrats, Brown heard virtually the same thing: Houston got shortchanged for the 1988 convention when then-DNC Chairman Paul Kirk picked Atlanta.

The mayor also has talked to Republican Chairman Lee Atwater about Houston hosting the GOP convention.

## Local

### Rule update

Church League Softball officers and directors will meet Monday at 6 p.m. at North Park to update rules and regulations for the just started season.

## Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 96 degrees; low, 69 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Sunday, 70 degrees; high Sunday, 97 degrees; low, 70 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 72 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 6.74 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair with a low in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, sunny and hot again with a high in the upper 90s. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.





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  - Take-out order words
  - River in Egypt
  - Electron tube
  - Dyed
  - Superlative suffix
  - Salamander
  - Shone
  - Huge animal
  - Emerald Isle
  - Therefore
  - Massage
  - Gypsy man
  - Hebrew month
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  - Slayton
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## Voodoo can give your boss the 'hotfoot'

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — If your boss is making life miserable, Earnest "Dr. Buzzard" Bratton says he can solve your problem with a couple of shiny dimes, a teaspoon of black cat oil and an incantation over a cemetery grave, plus \$1,200 of your cash.

"A piece of cake," says Bratton, a self-proclaimed voodoo witch doctor in this Washington suburb who says he's licensed by the state of Virginia to administer herbs and potions.

"I have your boss removed from his job," he says. "I give him what I call the hotfoot. It works, no doubt about it. If it doesn't work, there's no dogs in Georgia."

Bratton, 57, a native of Gaffney, S.C., says he was born with magical powers and perfected them with the help of ghostly visions. He boasts he can improve his clients' sex lives, rid them of pesky neighbors, bring them good luck at the racetrack, retire debts, cure rheumatism and banish assorted spells and curses.

He says he can even help President Bush. "Bush is all right. He's doing the best he can, but he seems a little disoriented, a little shaky," he said. "It would be a good idea for him to come see the doctor. I could give him some breathing room."

Bratton's basement apartment is littered with press clippings, snapshots of Dr. Buzzard with fellow celebrities on late-night television shows, and clumps of stuffing torn from his Naugahyde sofa by his pet cat, Silver Dumpster.

Bratton is proud of his videotape lecture titled "Voodoo Hoodoo Youdo."

A table top in his apartment is covered with the tools of his dark trade: candles in the shape of skull and crossbones, a jar of "confusion oil," a bottle of all-purpose "Hoyt's Cologne," a plastic bag of graveyard dirt and another containing small blue stones used for "eliminating ordinary jinxes" during a good soak in the bathtub.

There's a three-eyed coconut for "sending people you don't like out of town," which Bratton says he'd like to use against the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and a "Samson doll" which he claims can save innocent prisoners from the electric chair, with the collaboration of his reclusive black cat.

A dried hawk's claw is helpful in finding missing persons, Bratton says, and such oddments as a buckeye, arrowroot, lodestone and "devil's shoestrings" make dandy good-luck charms when carried in a red flannel sack.

His clients' most frequent complaint is a lousy sex life, and the witch doctor claims he has the perfect cure: drink a potion containing two beaten brown eggs mixed with 7-Up every morning for 12 days.

And "to put spice back in your life and keep on truckin'," he says, carry a bunch of medium, brown-skinned onions in the briefcase, purse or car trunk and eat one raw onion within 15 minutes after having sex. "You'll jump up and down like you're in Birmingham," he says.

## Diplomatic offensive showing results

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Seeking to benefit from the outcry over the crackdown on a movement for freedom in China, Taiwan has launched a "guerilla" diplomatic offensive against its Communist rival.

The ruling Nationalist government is aggressively pursuing closer economic and diplomatic ties with Eastern European and Third World countries, long the strongest supporters of the Beijing government.

Taiwan is also courting the West, dispatching Foreign

Minister Lien Chan on a private trip to Western Europe and the Middle East that ended Friday.

And it has barged into China's backyard.

Returning from the West, Lien held quiet talks with Thailand, which has close military ties with Beijing.

The foundation of the offensive is a new policy called "one China, two governments," according to Taiwanese and Western observers in Taipei, meaning that Taiwan is willing to establish ties with countries that

already have relations with Beijing.

In the past, such a practice would have been taboo.

Indeed, two years ago, Taiwan refused the opportunity to be recognized by Suriname, which had relations with Beijing, said Su Chi, a professor of diplomacy at Chengchi University who has close ties to the ruling Nationalist Party.

Since the Communists forced the Nationalists from the mainland 40 years ago, both governments have claimed to be

the sole legitimate rulers of China. All they have agreed on is that there is one China and one legitimate government.

But after the rapprochement between China and the United States in the 1970s, Taiwan's international standing fell markedly.

Just 24 countries now recognize Taiwan, compared to 50 in 1949.

In all, 135 countries recognize China.

With the coming to power in 1988 of President Lee Teng-hui, Taiwan began to adopt a more flexible foreign policy.

### Fed scientists say...

## Cows might avoid poisonous plants

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal scientists have taught cows to avoid eating a poisonous plant, but the cattle act more like lemmings when gripped by the psychology of the herd.

In newly reported studies, cows that learned to avoid the tall larkspur did fine when they grazed by themselves. But they started to eat it when they mingled in the pasture with untrained animals that were enjoying the

tasty plant, which has caused serious losses in some Western herds.

"The peer pressure appears to be very, very strong," said range scientist Michael Ralphs.

There may be ways to fight it, said Ralphs, of the federal Agricultural Research Service's Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory in Logan, Utah.

The training approach may also help with other problem

plants, such as locoweed, he said.

He spoke in a telephone interview before presenting the work at the Third International Symposium on Poisonous Plants, which concluded Saturday in Logan.

The tall larkspur may kill more than 2,000 cows a year on high-altitude summer pastures in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, Ralphs said. Ranchers can lose up to 10 per-

cent of their herds, he said.

Cattle relish the plant, which resembles the garden delphinium, said study co-author John D. Olsen.

Ranchers build fences or spray herbicides to fight the problem, both expensive strategies, Ralphs said. Sometimes they pass up the chance to graze cattle on lush grass and other nutritious plants in larkspur-infested pastures.

## U.S. bomb victims will be honored

ANDERSONVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A Texan will be among nine U.S. service men honored in a ceremony at the Andersonville National Historic Site next month to remember prisoners of war killed when the United States dropped a bomb on Hiroshima.

Members of the Hiroshima POW Memorial Project will present a 125-pound bronze plaque commemorating nine U.S. airmen who were being held in the Japanese city when the

American B-29 "Enola Gay" dropped an atomic bomb Aug. 6, 1945.

The ceremony, scheduled for Aug. 5 at Andersonville's National Prisoner of War Museum, will be attended by former POWs, military officers, elected officials and some survivors of the Hiroshima prisoners.

"I have always felt that people who make a sacrifice in wartime should not be forgotten," said Michael J. Blair of Lowville,

N.Y., chairman of the Hiroshima project.

Blair said the nine Americans were members of the crews of two U.S. Army Air Corps B-24 Liberator bombers, the "Taloa" and the "Lonesome Lady," and a Navy Helldiver bomber from the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga.

The planes were shot down on July 28, 1945, while on bombing raids against Japanese naval targets in Kure Harbor, a major Japanese naval installation.

The prisoners have been identified as "Taloa" crewman Charles O. Baumgartner of Sebring, Ohio, and "Lonesome Lady" crewmen Durden Looper of Pine Bluff, Ark.; James M. Ryan of Binghamton, N.Y.; Hugh H. Atkinson of Seattle, Wash.; John L. Long of New Castle, Pa.; Buford J. Ellison of Wichita Falls, Texas; and Ralph J. Neal of Corbin, Ky.

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BIG SPRING—The Kansas Jack Magna Rack III. What does this mean to you?

"When your car is in a collision, it can mean a great deal," says Pat Gray, owner of Pat Gray Body Works, 700 N. Owens, Big Spring.

The Kansas Jack Magna Rack III is a revolutionary collision repairs system for unibody cars that literally reverses the collision action by pulling it out the way it went in, then squares and aligns each section of your car in relation to the rest of the car - the way it was meant to be.

"When your car is out of commission, you're just thinking about one thing: get it fixed. You want it fixed right-the first time and you want it fixed quickly. That's why we invested in the Kansas Jack," says Gray.

With its advanced gauging and analysis system the machine aligns each vehicle as a single unit. This means each section is aligned in correct relationship to the rest of the vehicle in conformance with the manufacturer's original specifications.

Unibody cars are built with more precise dimensions, explains Gray, because they're designed to be light, durable and reliable and at the same time roomy. The body parts may be asymmetrical to pack in the most features possible. "There is little margin for error in unibody repairs," according to Gray, who says the Kansas Jack can achieve repair results that are



SPECIAL FEATURE—Pat Gray's Body Shop in Big Spring specializes in collision repair work and as such they now employ a special machine called the Kansas Jack Magna Rack II. (Private Photo)

correct within one or two millimeters.

Pat Gray Body Works features an exclusive alignment machine for front-wheel and four-wheel drive vehicles. This machine applies a sensor on each of the four wheels so they can be adjusted individually, especially important for independent suspension systems. Computerized analysis is printed out on a screen.

Customers don't have to wait til they've had a collision to

utilize the alignment machine, said Gray. If your car has a non-adjustable suspension, and you notice excessive or uneven tire wear or "pulling" it would be a good idea to bring it in.

Castor and camber adjusting kits are now available for installation on Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge trucks, says Gray.

Pat Gray Body Works is the only body shop in the immediate area to feature the Blowtherm Ultra spraybooth oven for

factory-perfect paint jobs on vehicles following body work.

"When you start shopping around for collision repair, alignment or refinishing service you have the right to demand the best," says Gray. "With our equipment, trained technicians and our commitment to quality, we believe we offer the best."

Pat Gray Body Works offers free wrecker service on collision repair jobs. Phone (915) 263-0582 or 263-2374.

## Olney to move headquarters

OLNEY, Texas (AP) — This town's namesake savings and loan is moving to Bryan and with it could go as many as 90 jobs.

Olney Savings Association also may drop its hometown name.

The thrift was acquired by Don Adams of Bryan along with 10 other savings and loans in an October 1988 transaction that received federal assistance under the so-called Southwest Plan.

Thrift president Matt Landry said although the move wasn't unexpected, some employees were surprised by the timing of Saturday's announcement.

The move was announced just two days after the firing of Olney chairman Al Myers, who had been with the thrift since 1959;

executive vice president David Ickert, with Olney since 1976; and executive vice president Wade Fikes, a former president of the association and with the thrift more than 25 years.

Olney Mayor Herb Bernhardt said he heard 70 to 90 workers may be transferred to Bryan. Meetings were held to discuss the move with staff members, Landry told the Wichita Falls Times Record News.

"It's like losing a major industry," Bernhardt said. "It looks like quite a few people are going to be moving. It's real sad."

About 50 people will remain in Olney, a town of 3,700 located about 45 miles south of Wichita Falls. The remaining workers

will run the new thrift's branch.

The move will begin in 45 to 60 days, depending on how soon space can be leased in Bryan, Landry said.

He also said a name change is under consideration.



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