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The News' Briefs

Man asked to leave church property

AKRON, Ohio (AP) A man who has been asked to leave a church property by the congregation says he's waiting for directions from God.

"I'll do what God tells me to do," Jim Dunn, 53, said Monday in response to the 124-100 vote Sunday by members of the First Congregational Church.

"I've talked to Him, but He hasn't told me yet to move," he said. "God will handle my problems."

Dunn said he took up residence on the church property 13 months ago because God told him to do so. He and his dog have been living in a makeshift home of cardboard and duct tape.

Church members said his dog soils the yard and food left by Dunn for birds has attracted rats.

First Congregational Church moderator Larry Becker said Sunday there was no deadline to get Dunn to leave the church property.

"You won't see us escorting Mr. Dunn off the property," Becker said then. "It is important to see to his well-being."

The Rev. Bob Mollard said church officials had been in contact with social service agencies to assist Dunn.

Police search for missing alligator

NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio -- A tough-skinned critter escaped from a vehicle along Interstate 480. Police were looking for a 33-inch-long alligator.

Baldo Campana, a bricklayer from Lorain, told police that his pet escaped from a leash and apparently fell out of the back of his pickup truck in this Cleveland suburb.

Campana discovered the alligator missing Monday morning when he arrived at a construction site in Cleveland.

Hugh Quinn, a herpetologist and curator at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, said the alligator could survive a high-speed fall from the truck.

Quinn said the alligator, which weighs about six pounds, will eat mice, fish, insects and other small animals. It is too small to chase dogs, cats or larger animals, he said.

Police from North Olmsted and Fairview Park searched culverts, drainage ditches and other watery spots, said Capt. Kevin Whelan of North Olmsted. The alligator was still at large this morning, police said.

Horse steps on Jack Lemmon

ASHEVILLE, N.C. -- A horse got spooked by music on the set of Jack Lemmon's new movie and stepped on the actor's leg.

Lemmon, 71, was treated for a swollen ankle at a hospital Monday.

He felt better today but still was sore, said movie publicist Stephanie Pond-Smith. She said Lemmon had been scheduled to be in front of the cameras today.

Lemmon was filming a parade scene for the movie "My Fellow Americans."

Freemen abort surrender talks

Tom Lacey
The Associated Press

JORDAN, Mont. -- Surrender talks between the Montana Freemen and the FBI were aborted after a heated discussion between one of the anti-government activists and the mediator.

Colorado state Sen. Charles Duke, who engineered the face-to-face meetings after other intermediaries failed, talked with an unidentified Freeman for about 15 minutes this morning.

Journalists viewing from a half-mile away could see Duke making

wild gestures during the discussion. Other Freemen and some FBI agents looked on. After the conversation ended, the Freemen contingent returned to their compound and Duke and the FBI agents left the negotiating table.

Shortly after the two sides parted, several armed Freemen appeared outside their farm house refuge.

The developments came on the 58th day of the standoff between the FBI and Freemen after a lull in what had been twice-daily negotiating sessions. No talks were held Monday afternoon.

At Monday morning's meeting, a

new player on the FBI team gave Freeman leaders a sheaf of papers. Duke offered no explanation or information on what was in the papers and the FBI has never commented on any aspect of the standoff.

Monday's meeting was unusual in several ways. The 40-minute session appeared cordial but was the shortest yet and, for the first time, started late, by 15 minutes.

A third man, presumably an FBI agent, joined Duke and the two FBI negotiators who talked with the Freemen at the previous twice-a-day meetings.

After the customary round of

handshakes, the new participant handed the several pages of papers to Edwin Clark and Russell Landers, the only Freemen attending Monday. Four men have represented the Freemen previously.

The content of the papers was not known, but they apparently were the main, if not only, focus of the meeting. Clark and Landers withdrew a few yards to talk briefly at one point, and they carried the papers back to the Freemen's sanctuary when the meeting ended.

Three people followed Clark and Landers from the main house of the 960-acre farm complex in another

vehicle, but did not come to the negotiating table. They sat in their vehicle out of sight of the reporters and photographers on a hillside half a mile away.

The FBI believes 18 people are on the compound, including two girls 8 and 10 years old and another 16. Some of the adults are wanted on state and federal charges that range from writing millions of dollars in bad checks to threatening to kidnap and kill a federal judge.

The Freemen group, believed to be heavily armed, says it is not subject to state or federal laws.

Colorado residents react to Supreme Court's decision about gay rights

Joe Wheelan
The Associated Press

LAKEWOOD, Colo. -- For a state that has battled over an anti-gay-rights amendment, the U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down the measure served only to deepen divisions and keep the debate raging.

In the coffee shops and businesses of this Denver suburb, the arguments continued, as they have everywhere in Colorado for the past four years.

"It made me realize how much hatred there is out there, and bigotry," said artist Jacqueline Wolber.

Chip Bosman, a sewage company supervisor, had a different view, comparing the high court to a "dictatorship."

"The Supreme Court stick their noses into too many things," he said.

Colorado constitutional Amendment 2, approved in 1992, banned laws that protect gays from discrimination. But it was never enforced because it was immediately challenged in court by gay men and women as well as three cities that had enacted gay rights ordinances.

In a 6-3 vote Monday, the nation's high court ruled the measure would deny gays constitutional protection and make them "unequal to everyone else."

"Amendment 2 embarrassed me," said Richard Wolber, a 59-year-old Lakewood lawyer. "It was a vicious, cruel act passed ... to get at gays."

Others said they had nothing against homosexuality but felt gays didn't deserve special rights.

"My son is chemically imbalanced, perceptually handicapped, and he should have the same rights as the lesbians and everybody else," Toulia Theos said.

"When I voted for Amendment 2, I voted for equal rights, not less, not more," she said. "That's the way I understood it. If they can overturn our vote, then I'm not going to vote

anymore." In the college town of Boulder, the decision had special meaning because the measure would have struck down an existing ordinance here that affirmed civil rights for gays and lesbians.

Matu Eagle embraced her partner, Holly Hutchinson, at a rally celebrating the decision.

"It's wonderful. It's a big relief," Eagle said. "I feel more protected as far as having a place to live life decently."

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Toulia Theos
Colorado resident

Similarly across the nation, the reaction was split between those who see a movement for civil rights and others who see a campaign for special rights.

"This is a huge breakthrough," exclaimed Beth Barrett, spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington. "It's a victory not just for gays and lesbians but for all who believe in civil rights. It's another notch for us on the score-card of wins and losses."

At the heart of the euphoria and fear is the belief that the Supreme Court ruling will pave the way for other gay-rights victories, particularly same-sex marriages, or make prohibitions more difficult.

"We need to look at our moral situation in this country," said state Sen. Ed Gochenour.

Look who's talking



Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole campaigns in Florida.

Five hundred die in ferry accident in Lake Victoria

Abdulla Riyami
The Associated Press

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania -- More than 500 passengers, many of them teen-agers, drowned Tuesday after a ferry hit a rock and capsized in Lake Victoria, state-run radio and journalists said.

Passing ships pulled 40 survivors from the water and recovered 21 bodies after the ferry sank 30 miles northwest of the Tanzanian lake port of Mwanza, Radio Tanzania said.

No more survivors among the 600 people aboard the MV Bukova were

expected to be found, the radio station said.

"This is not an ordinary tragedy. It is a national tragedy," President Benjamin Mkapa said in a live radio broadcast. He declared three days of mourning and ordered flags to be flown at half-staff.

A total of 441 passengers were listed as being aboard the ferry, Mkapa said. But survivors and Radio Tanzania put the figure at 600. Many of those aboard the ship were teenage students returning home at the end of the school term, survivors said.

One man identified only as Chacha told Radio Tanzania that the ship was overcrowded. "There was no proper procedure for ticketing," he said.

The ferry was traveling southeast from Bukoba to Mwanza, about 110 miles away. Journalists in Mwanza said the ferry struck a rock before it sank.

The MV Bukoba is owned and operated by the state Tanzania Railways Corp., which sent the MV Victoria, the largest steamer on the huge lake, and other vessels to the rescue, Radio Tanzania said.

FBI searches for clues in Texas bombing

Fire officials say blast didn't cause structural damage

Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

LAREDO, Texas -- FBI agents wearing rubber gloves and accompanied by search dogs picked through grass and examined debris for clues to an explosion that blew out windows of a building housing the agency.

Nobody was seriously injured in the blast early Monday that broke windows on three floors of the five-story Walker Plaza building in this city on the border with Mexico. Fire officials said there was no structural damage.

The blast prompted the govern-

ment to tighten security at several federal installations in Texas and four surrounding states.

Investigators said they did not know what type of explosive was used outside the building but that it left a 24-inch indentation. An FBI bomb assessment team arrived Monday night from Washington and was combing the site for evidence.

Search dogs also were brought in and large portable lights were set up so the investigation could continue after dark. Agents planned to study videotape from a security camera.

The building was not expected to open today.

Federal officials said there was no proof that the FBI was the target of the blast. Its offices are on the opposite side from the explosion and the building contains several other businesses.

"There was no damage to any federal property," Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said. "The explosion left a mark in the ground 3 or 4 feet from the building, so whatever caused it wasn't even laid up against the building."

"The explosion may not have been directed against the building at all," he said.

But investigators were pursuing some leads including a phone call from a man who claimed responsibility for the explosion and said he belonged to a group called "Organization 544."

The caller to ABC affiliate KGNS-TV in Laredo said "this would be happening at other federal buildings also," said Don Tisaby, FBI assistant special agent in charge.

"At this time we don't know if it's a

prank or if it's a serious thing," he said.

The call, along with several others that claimed responsibility for the explosion, was being viewed skeptically because it came in after the 6:50 a.m. blast had been made public, a federal official in Washington said.

Federal buildings in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico were placed on a "heightened state of awareness," said Trinidad Martinez, regional director of the General Services Administration's Federal Protective Service.

That means security officers were ordered to keep a closer eye on people coming and going.

Letters to the Editor

Good schools are a necessity

We sometimes read about a person having gone through life without connection, without meaning, and without hearing the melodic sound of being called by his or her own name for some recognition, and without being told that he or she is important to someone or something. We usually read about him or her after a tragedy. Early intervention may have changed the course of that individual's life, but school personnel need funding to make these interventions happen. They may not be able to save every person or every child they come in contact with because sometimes they cannot, but school personnel work hard to reach out to children, helping them to feel something and helping them to lead healthy life-styles.

Some problems are bigger than life itself. People need a safe place to ask for answers or seek resources. We need education and safe schools to develop skills, and know that those skills will serve for a lifetime. Children need to learn skills which build and promote good mental health. Many children need help to explore their feelings in a safe environment and to practice life skills to help them cope with problems which sometimes defy understanding. Schools provide education to individuals who can then, in turn, provide such services.

There are schools which house community services and clinics within their walls. In these schools, teachers can teach because the resources which can help remove burdens which preclude a child from concentrating on the business of learning are available for utilization. I recognize that funding for schools must be changed to make this happen.

We need to have good schools for students to assist them in learning about and creating choices when they think no choices or options are available. They need a safe place to practice new behaviors or skills, where failure is really a step forward to discover a better alternative. Schools can provide students with skills to recognize their weaknesses and develop their strengths to ask questions. School teachers and counselors can help provide direction for good mental and physical health as well as educational health. Schools need support to work with parents to develop their parenting skills and their children's resiliency skills, those life skills children need to become healthy adults.

Linda Connolly
Graduate Assistant

College announces teaching awards

The Graduate College and the Graduate College Professional Development Program are pleased to announce the 1995 Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards. Jeffrey S. Cole, David J. Hoek, Chet Robie and Rosemary Strasser, have been recognized for their excellent teaching and dedication to undergraduate education. This is truly an outstanding accomplishment as these individuals represent the best of the hundreds of Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University.

The Graduate College Professional Development Program's mission has long been the enhancement of Graduate Assistant's teaching and research skills as well as developing more general professional and personal development skills.

Since 1993, the GCPDP has sought to encourage and reward excellent undergraduate teaching by presenting these awards to outstanding graduate student teachers.

Michael Palm
Graduate College
assistant director

Tom considers growing up

I am becoming a grown-up this week. Sort of. I will not be making lots of money. I will be having children. Wait a minute. I forgot a "not." I will not be having any children (that I know of). I will not even be discussing a news program that says one political party is for child-care/welfare/health-care/clean air/television glare reform while the other party is not.

What I am doing this week is moving out. After a week at home to gather all of my intergalactic toys that I might use again ... sometime ... when I'm 80, I'm leaving home, never to return again. At least not for a couple of years, when I'll be jobless, homeless, and friendless because all of my friends will have moved back in with their parents.

Until that time, I am "on my own." I'm "independent." I'm "going home to do laundry for free every weekend." Sure, I have two years of college under my belt. (I hope there are some pants under there too. I'd hate to think I've been going to class wearing nothing but a belt.) Somehow it wasn't quite the same as this. It was different knowing that every few months I would be kicked out of the dorm for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring. Speaking of which, why do we have Spring Break? Is this really a time of year that we need a break? Is it too stressful? Are there college administrators who

Tom Mather

debate it? "It's 70 degrees, the flowers are budding, and the birds are chirping. We'd better let these kids get out of here before one of them cracks."

Now, I'm not nervous about leaving home. I'm not nervous about being unsupervised (trust me, especially this one). I am nervous about meeting my neighbors. If you don't count the dorms or when I lived in an apartment for one year, I have never had neighbors before. There has always been an empty lot or a cornfield next to my house. INSERT your own "you might be a redneck if" joke here.

"It's okay," you say. "Neighbors are usually either friendly and/or unobtrusive. Meeting them can often be considered a pleasurable experience." Well, read on then. See if you would still recommend neighbors, learning what I've learned, knowing what I know.

This story was first told to me by the Younger family of Flint, Michigan when I was but a lad of fourteen. It is 100 percent factual. Once again, we are adhering to the theory that no one could make this up.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far to the north in a place called Michigan (where people are known for saying "Yes" a lot), a house was for sale. A man with a vision came to see the house one day. He pictured Christmas parties and Fourth of July picnics. He pictured splendid happy neighbors who knew about him the knowledge he had made public, and did not know that which he did not wish them to know.

This man, Jim as he may henceforth be known, saw the house. And he saw that it was good, and would maintain its property values for the next 20 years, when it could be sold to buy a retirement home in Florida. So Jim told the real estate agent, "Let's make a deal."

One day not long after the move but before the "meeting of the neighbors," Jim decided to take a shower. The wife was away, but surely the little ones would be okay for just a short while. So Jim trudged on upstairs to get ready for his shower.

It was at about that time the neighborhood got ready to play the introductory neighborhood prank. One of the neighbor folk had secured one set of realistic looking deer antlers. The group of neighbors crept up to the house, hiding in the bushes. They found the perfect angle where they could see inside the sliding glass doors of the house

and went to work. One person held the antlers up behind the bushes.

"Billy, look outside, it's a deer!"

"Where?"

"Right over there, in the bushes. What should we do? Should we get Dad?"

"I think we'd better get Dad. DAAAAAAAAD! Come heeereee!"

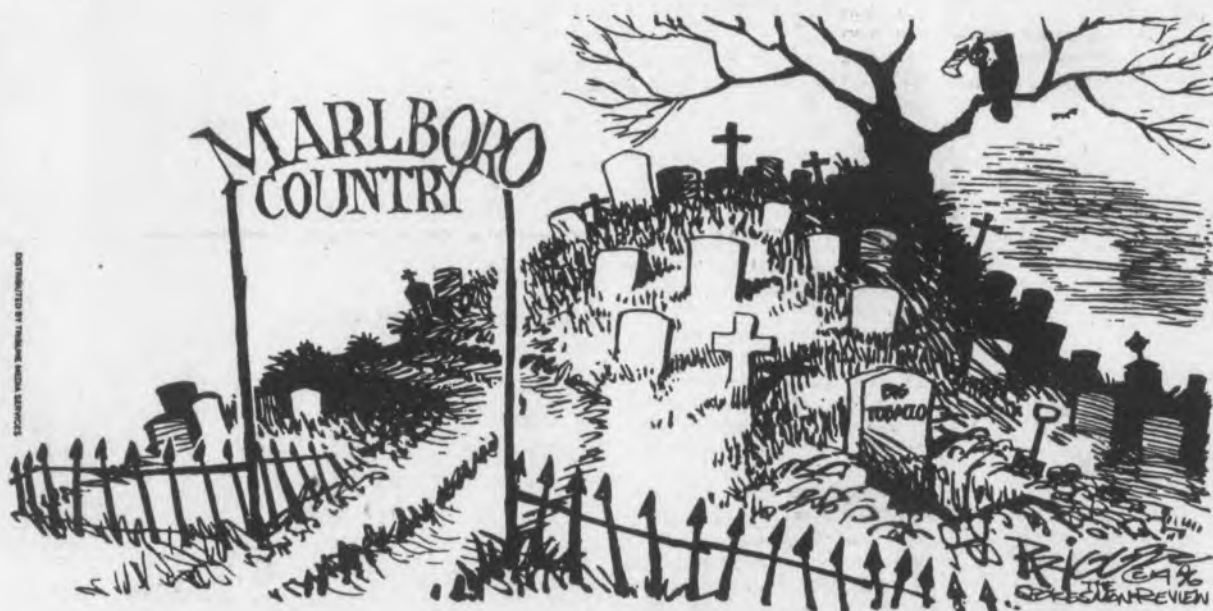
Jim, being a good responsible father, got out of the shower, put on a towel, and went downstairs to see what was the matter.

"Daddy, there's a deer out there."

"Now kids, I'm sure that ..." Jim found this the appropriate time to reach for the outdoor light switch. The neighbor people found this the appropriate time to jump out and yell, "Gotcha!"

Jim was surprised. The neighbors were even more surprised, because in reaching for the light switch, Jim's towel had fallen off, introducing Little Jim to the neighbor hood.

All's well that ends well, but I don't know how it ended. Jim may have forgiven his neighbors and went on to become close friends with them. Or he moved back the next day. I'm not sure. No matter what happened, maybe now you can understand my fear of neighbors. And why I am bringing an infinite supply of safety pins with me.



College is a big world of choices

Hello fellow readers, and to freshman (if there are any) welcome to the University. My name is Gabriel King (Gabe for short), and I am pleased to be a columnist for The BG News over the summer. I'll give you the rundown on who I am. I'm currently a junior is over his head in the College of arts and Sciences (major is yet to be determined). I'm from Cleveland but was raised in Philadelphia and I dare say that I am a rather contradicting yet open-minded person.

Over the summer, you'll be hearing me pontificating about college, friends, love, life, death, God, issues and just about anything else I can think of.

So, what do you think of Bowling Green? Yes, I agree, the main campus is more of a construction zone than a university, but I'm sure that will pass soon enough, I hope. I say "hope" because I'm sure most of you remember the fiasco over Thurston Road during the fall semester of 1995.

I'm fond of Bowling Green, it's a small, dainty town in which it is the butt of many bad jokes concerning its name and the fact that the University Health Center sits next to a cemetery. Never mind that, but BG is the first small town I've been in all my life, and it presents a delightful change of pace. I find it much more calming, slower paced and easy to get around. Though I could live without the infernal four in the

Gabe King

morning train, and often times unpredictable and miserable weather, Bowling Green is a place I call home.

What of the University? Well, I've been attending this fine institution for the past three years, and I think it is safe to say that the renovation projects and construction of buildings and tunnels seem endless. I'm sure it's all in the best of intentions, though, for when the finished product emerges, BGSU will stand out and gleam like a mirror in the sun (well, maybe, the Union could use some improvement).

I find absolutely nothing wrong with the curriculum here, it matches our intellect and challenges our minds. There's also lessons to be learned outside of the classroom, which is much of what I will be writing about in the times to come.

Now, I might as well begin my opinion-making, and what better place to start than with college itself? In my experience, college has been largely overwhelming. I have made friends, lost friends, been happy, been hurt, and of course, been pranked on. If there was one

thing I learned about college in general, it's that you're on your own (well, maybe not financially for some of you). Some of you will have to face bullies like you did back in junior high, or some of you will shirk into your room and shun all human contact (not recommended).

One thing all of you will encounter is choice. Here, in College Town, USA, there is a veritable plethora of things to choose from for your activities, intellect, personal interest, and especially curiosity. Some of you will be faced with the decision on whether or not to party with your friends or to study for a quiz coming up soon. Some of you will have to decide on what kind of relationship you want to pursue with certain people. Most of you will face hard choices at one point or another in time during your college years. It's amazing, really, I've always thought of college life as an excellent study of ethical dilemmas.

College not only educates us academically, but also about

life. College is a catalyst for growing up. College is also a place of experiment, namely, trial and error. Time will pass you by and you won't even realize it until it's passed. This is the time in our lives where we practice being adults, making decisions that affect our lives and well-being. This is the time when most of us learn responsibility for ourselves,

as well as self-discipline. Now I won't lie to you, I'm terrible in those areas so far, but I do know that I need to learn them, or I will be lost.

One thing is certain, you should not look to others to make your decisions, but you can ask for advice and opinion. Most of us are young, we have a long life ahead of us, but we also have a long way toward understanding ourselves and others, and for some of us, coming to terms with ourselves. So, as I end this column, I impart to you my best wishes and luck in your future endeavors here at BGSU, may it prove to be fruitful and productive. See you in a week.

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Task force begins anti-smog message

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND -- Air quality has improved with exhaust tests and mass transit promotions. Now it's up to young, new drivers to do their part.

With temperatures already climbing near 90, the Northeast Ohio Ozone Action Task Force is getting its anti-smog message out early. It began a campaign Monday to remind people to consider the atmosphere this summer.

"Part of the summer experience is high ozone days. It's not just frolicking in the water and enjoying the good life," said John Beeker, project coordinator for the task force.

"The reality is that there are environmental problems associated with summertime."

Beeker, who also is director of environmental planning for the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency, is joined on the task force by representatives from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, area businesses, health departments and other government agencies.

One new component of the program is the focus on high school students who are just learning to drive, Beeker said. An ozone alert poster will be distributed to students at area concerts and other summer events.

"We believe, based on poll data, that high school students tend to be more ready to hear an environmental message," Beeker said. "They're just beginning their adult lives and now is the time when they can develop different attitudes toward driving."

A committee of air quality experts issues "Ozone Action Alerts" on days when the atmosphere is especially vulnerable to ozone build-up

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John Beeker project coordinator for the task force

due to hot temperatures and vehicle exhaust in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties.

The alerts ask individuals to voluntarily carpool or take mass transit, and postpone lawn mowing, barbecuing and painting until after 6 p.m. Businesses are asked to curtail boiler operation and the use of solvents between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

"The voluntary efforts of individuals can greatly improve our air quality and ensure that Northeast Ohio continues to be a clear air region," said Betty Blair, NOACA board president and a Lorain County commissioner.

During the first two years of the ozone alerts, the task force promoted the anti-smog efforts as a way to help the region and its businesses avoid federal smog sanctions, such as tighter limits on industrial growth and cuts in highway funding.

This year, however, the threat of those sanctions has diminished because the region is in compliance with ozone standards for the first time since Congress set current clean-air goals in 1978. That means NOACA must persuade people to comply.

Jury selection begins for wife accused of murder

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- Prosecutors have 51 prospective witnesses -- including four ex-husbands -- set to testify in the trial of a woman accused of killing her fifth husband, a prominent Cincinnati-area heart surgeon.

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of Della Dante Sutorius, 45. She has pleaded innocent to a charge of aggravated murder in the shooting of Dr. Darryl Sutorius. If convicted, she could be sentenced to life in prison.

Jury selection was to continue today in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court before Judge Richard Niehaus, who said the trial could last three weeks.

The judge, prosecutors and defense attorneys questioned about 40 potential jurors on Monday, excusing several.

One woman, who was excused, said she had worked for Sutorius. Another woman said serial killer Donald Harvey had killed her uncle, but she said she did not think that would impair her ability to reach a fair verdict. She was allowed to remain in the pool.

Harvey, a nurse's aide, pleaded guilty in 1987 to killing 24 patients at the former Drake Memorial Hospital in Cincinnati. He is serving a 60-year sentence for those deaths and for killing four other patients in Hamilton

County and nine at Marymount Hospital in London, Ky., where he worked in 1970-71.

Lawyers for Mrs. Sutorius contend that her husband of 11 months shot himself because he was depressed. Prosecutors say the death was a homicide made to look like suicide.

Police found Sutorius' body on a couch in the basement of the couple's suburban Cincinnati home in February. The 55-year-old doctor had been shot in the head.

Defense attorney R. Scott Crosswell III told prospective jurors that Mrs. Sutorius was not seeking sympathy and likely would not be portrayed kindly.

"We don't want any breaks here. But don't punish her because you don't like her," Crosswell said. "I doubt very seriously that when this case is over, you'll like her."

Unlike previous court appearances, when she looked haggard and tried to hide from photographers, Mrs. Sutorius seemed oblivious to the media Monday, her hair neatly coiffed and her makeup neatly applied. Instead of jail clothing, she wore a conservative pastel green floral dress.

Both were the result of a "grooming and appearance" motion filed by her attorneys to ensure that she had ample time to dress for court.

Wet and Wild



The Associated Press

Nine-year-old Casey McKay tries to fix the holes a mower caused in a garden hose.

Militia member sentenced to prison

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio -- A militia member convicted of assaulting a State Highway Patrol trooper has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Jurors in Guernsey County Common Pleas Court deliberated about 3 hours Monday night before finding Larry Martz guilty on one count each of assaulting a peace officer and carrying a concealed weapon.

Judge David A. Ellwood sentenced Martz to one year in prison on the assault conviction and two years on the weapons conviction, said Renee

Roe, a spokeswoman for the judge. The sentences are to be served at the same time.

Ellwood said Martz did not appear to be a likely candidate for rehabilitation and decided against placing him on probation, Roe said. Martz, 53, of Hartsville in Stark County, was returned to the Guernsey County jail after sentencing.

He was to be taken today to the Correctional Reception Center in Orient. Martz will remain there for about a month, until prison officials decide where he will serve his sentence.

Martz told the jury in his trial that when Fulton pulled him over, he feared his life was in jeopardy. Martz said he did not attack the trooper, but rather defended himself.

Fulton testified that he became concerned for his safety after finding the weapon and ammunition. He said the two struggled while he was escorting Martz to his cruiser.

Martz represented himself in court and offered his own closing argument. The jury began deliberating the case late Monday afternoon.

Martz was to go to trial last month. But the judge found him in contempt as jury selection began and ordered

him to the county jail after he complained for more than an hour about the flag in the courtroom and refused to approach the judge's bench.

Martz later filed a motion saying he was willing to proceed in an orderly manner and not disrupt the court.

Trooper William Fulton was attacked by Martz during a Jan. 29 traffic stop. A gun and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition were found in Martz's truck, Roe said.

Martz told jurors he was being targeted because he saw a Fazeysburg police officer shoot and kill another militia member last June.

Trooper appeals termination

The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ohio -- A State Highway Patrol trooper fired after he was accused of shoplifting has appealed his termination.

"To this day, I still don't know what happened in that particular store."

Timothy Keels former State Highway Patrol officer

The Ohio Department of Public Safety fired Timothy Keels on April 8, a week after police in the Cincinnati suburb of Sharonville charged him with theft. Keels allegedly stole \$375 worth of computer software from the Micro Center store in Sharonville.

It could be late summer before a state arbitrator rules on Keels' request to be given his job back.

Keels, 35, of Cincinnati, said he is under stress and can't sleep because of a divorce.

"Depending on the person, sleep deprivation can be severe," Keels said. "It's like sleepwalking. There

are a lot of extenuating circumstances for what took place.

"To this day, I still don't know what happened in that particular store. I was crashing. It was just a matter of where it was going to happen," Keels

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Divers look for plane wreckage in Everglades

Search centers on crater in murky waters

Tracy Fields
The Associated Press

MIAMI -- The search for clues in the crash of ValuJet Flight 592 now centers on the crater where most of the wreckage is believed to be buried along with the elusive cockpit voice recorder.

Five divers in special heavy-duty suits planned to descend one at a time today into the murky Everglades pit.

Since the May 11 crash that killed all 110 people aboard, searchers have focused their efforts on the area around the crater, which measures 175 feet long, 60 feet wide and about 8 feet deep.

They have recovered only about 10 percent of the DC-9, including the engines, and only body parts of victims. A complete body has yet to be found.

After taking a helicopter tour of the crash site Monday, Gov. Lawton Chiles was struck by the starkness.

"Every crash scene that I've ever seen a picture of ... you always see

the debris, you see kind of a picture of what happened," Chiles said. "Here, you don't see very much at all."

Today's search could be hampered by rain, which could stir up the muck and make visibility in the water even worse.

The divers' bulky black suits, made of a heavy rubber compound, have communication lines attached, leading back to the surface. Divers can talk to their colleagues above while working underwater in shifts of about 20 minutes.

Authorities hope a ground-penetrating radar system used to find dinosaur bones and Egyptian tombs will help. Searchers say it has already located something 10- to 12-foot long, possibly a wing.

But the item investigators want to find most is the cockpit voice recorder. It could help solve the mystery of the smoke in the cockpit and cabin that the crew reported just before the crash.

Investigators have said a fire may have started in the front of the plane

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Lawton Chiles
governor

before it crashed, and suspicion has fallen on oxygen-generating canisters that were in a front cargo hold.

The canisters use a chemical reaction to create oxygen for a plane's emergency masks and can get as hot as 500 degrees. As many as 119 outdated canisters were being taken back to ValuJet headquarters in Atlanta, but it is not yet clear whether the canisters were empty or full of the volatile chemicals.



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Women claim harassment by brokerage firm's executives

The Associated Press
NEW YORK -- Three women claim they were sexually harassed and humiliated for years by a brokerage's branch office executives, one of whom allegedly set up a party area in the basement dubbed the "Boom-Boom-Room."

The women, two former employees and a current one, say Smith Barney's office in Garden City, on Long Island, was run like a lowly fraternity for more than a decade. The branch manager has since resigned, the Daily News and The Washington Post reported today.

In a federal class-action lawsuit, the women charge the firm with discriminating against women in hiring, training, promotion and pay. They say they were physically abused, intimidated and showered with obscene language.

Mary McDermott, a spokeswoman for Smith Barney, told The Washington Post that charges the firm discriminates against women are "absurd and totally without merit."

The company said it investigated the allegations against branch manager Nicholas Cuneo and he resigned.

The women charge that Cuneo created a special basement party room featuring a toilet bowl hanging from the ceiling. Men would be summoned via a public address system to come drink Bloody Marys ladeled out from an oversize garbage can, according to the suit.

One plaintiff, former broker Pamela Martens, said Cuneo grabbed her and kissed her on the lips during her only visit to the "Boom-Boom-Room."

"Charges the firm discriminates against women are absurd and totally without merit."

Mary McDermott
a spokeswoman for Smith Barney

Other executives also participated, the women say, engaging in such acts as whisking condoms to female workers through pneumatic tubes.

The three women say female employees earned less than their male counterparts and were demoted for getting pregnant or taking maternity leave.

Martens, whom Cuneo allegedly called "the Stepford Wife," managed \$187 million in assets, the News said.

The women said Cuneo talked about hiring a Playboy bunny and creating a "whorehouse" in the office, banned women from office golf outings, hired masseuses for male brokers and kept a gun on his desk when a woman was in his office.

Martens, former sales assistant Roberta O'Brien-Thomann and current sales assistant Judith Mione said the firm repeatedly refused to take action against the male managers who allegedly engaged in the sexual harassment.

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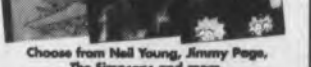


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Man sentenced to life in prison for Jordan's murder

The Associated Press

LUMBERTON, N.C. -- The man whose testimony helped convict a friend in the murder of Michael Jordan's father was spared a death sentence and given life in prison.

Jurors deliberated about two hours Monday before deciding that Larry Martin Demery, 20, should not be executed for his role in the 1993 robbery and murder of James Jordan.

Demery had pleaded guilty last year to first-degree murder and testified against lifelong friend Daniel Andre Green, 21, who was given a life sentence in March.

Demery told jurors that he watched Green shoot Jordan, 57, in his car as he awoke from a nap along a North

Carolina highway, and then helped Green dump the body.

Demery's testimony saved him from a death sentence, jury foreman Franklin Chavis said. The only punishments for first-degree capital murder are life in prison or death.

"It was admirable of him," Chavis said. "It helped sway us toward life."

Demery's mother, Virginia, and his fiancée, Angel McLean, cried and hugged outside the courthouse. Demery and McLean have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter.

"Sometimes it's hard to tell the truth, but it always comes out better in the end," Mrs. Demery said.

District Attorney Johnson Britt had sought the death penalty for Green

and Demery, arguing that Demery was as much to blame for the shooting as Green.

Green denied shooting Jordan, saying he was elsewhere at the time of the crime. He said in a newspaper interview earlier this month that Demery should watch out when he gets to prison because of his cooperation with authorities.

Defense lawyer Hugh Rogers asked that Demery be given protective measures if needed and that he be kept away from Green.

Demery pleaded guilty last year to two other robberies and was sentenced to 40 years in prison on those charges. Green is also charged with the two robberies.

More than 400 gulls die after eating poisoned sandwiches

Michael Tighe
The Associated Press

BOSTON -- At least 400 gulls have died after ingesting poisoned margarine-and-white-bread sandwiches placed in their nests by federal workers out to protect a threatened shorebird.

About 100 dead gulls were found on the mainland of Cape Cod and another 300 on the northern tip of South Monomoy Island, where the nests were poisoned as part of an avian management plan for the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge.

Federal authorities poisoned more than 2,800 nests on the offshore island to protect the piping plover, an endangered species.

Many of the carcasses were found in or near freshwater because the poison induces kidney failure, making the birds thirsty. Federal officials said the carcasses presented no

dangers to humans or other animals.

About 20 workers buried the carcasses on the island, while the mainland carcasses were bagged and stored, some for shipping to a federal research lab in Madison, Wis.

U.S. Department of Agriculture workers continued planting poison in the nests of great black backed and herring gulls to eliminate any living mates.

"The program is proceeding without any problems," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Diana Weaver said Monday. She added that the poisoning and pickup will continue for the rest of the week.

The wildlife service started the poisoning Saturday because gulls were wiping out the piping plover by crowding their habitat and eating their chicks.

The tiny bird is protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and

has been the subject of a federal recovery plan since 1988. A record 28 piping plovers were recorded at the refuge last year, up from 14 the year before.

Animal activists say the poisoning program is misguided, considering that people are allowed to walk and vehicles to drive through piping plover habitats at the same time gulls are being killed to protect that habitat.

Jack Clarke, advocacy director for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, said federal officials estimated up to 33 piping plovers will die because of these "plover-squashing permits."

Anne Hecht, with the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the permits are strictly limited.

"No individual beach buggy owner is going to get a permit and drive all over the place," she said.

Drug dealer sentenced to life in prison after directing killing

Chelsea Carter
The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- A federal court judge has ruled that an admitted Mingo County drug dealer is fully responsible for directing another man to kill a popular Williamson teen-ager to settle a drug debt.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Goodwin on Monday sentenced Robert J. Warren Sr., 44, to life in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

In an agreement reached with prosecutors, Warren pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. His sentence was lengthened after Goodwin ruled there was sufficient evidence presented during the hearing to link him to the murder of Michael Ann "Miki" Koontz, 17, last August.

Chris Pennington, 21, of Goodman Hollow, Mingo County, has pleaded guilty to the teen-ager's murder but has yet to be sentenced. Pennington testified Warren forced him to kill Koontz to retire a \$2,000 drug debt.

"I didn't kill that girl," Warren said. "I didn't have anything to do with the killing of that girl."

But Goodwin held Warren fully responsible.

"The court finds by a preponderance of evidence that Jerry Warren directed Mr. Pennington to kill Miki Koontz ... and that Mr. Pennington did so to repay a drug debt," Goodwin said in court.

Prosecutors have promised to recommend Pennington be eligible for parole in 20 years for his cooperation in the investigation.

Warren will appeal the sentence, family members said.

Warren's sister, Leona Warren, called the decision an old-fashioned lynching.

"There wasn't even forensic evi-

dence linking him to the murder," she said. "It won't be over until we find out who killed that girl. There's a coverup going on that's deeper than this one."

U.S. Attorney Rebecca Betts said she was unaware of any evidence or allegations of a cover up.

The Koontz family did not attend Monday's proceedings.

"It's a sad story about a disease and those who would profit by their own self-destruction," said Tim Koontz, Miss Koontz' brother. "As my sister weeps in heaven, Jerry Warren dies a little bit every day in his private hell. Jerry Warren was the disease and Judge Goodwin was the cure."

Ms. Koontz had left home to run an errand and never returned, her family said. She was found last Aug. 25 face down in woods near a sewage treatment plant. She had been shot twice in the back of the head.

She was an above-average student and a cheerleader, worked in the principal's office at Williamson High and was voted homecoming queen and most popular in her class of 83 students last year. She had her bags packed to report to Marshall University the day her body was found.

Warren's attorney had argued prosecutors had no physical evidence linking Warren to the murder and cast doubt on Pennington's honesty and intelligence.

An FBI affidavit also indicated she had just been released from a Huntington drug rehabilitation hospital just before her death.

Miss Koontz was slain on the orders of Warren because she and her sister, Kelli, had once been involved in drugs and were cooperating with federal and state agents, the affidavit said.

"I didn't kill that girl. I didn't have anything to do with the killing of that girl."

Robert J. Warren

Warren's cellmate at the South Central Regional Jail in Charleston also testified during a sentencing hearing earlier this month that Warren told him details of his drug business and of the teen-ager's death.

Tim Koontz has said Warren's drug operation cleared \$35,000 a month and that Warren was aware his sisters planned to tell all they knew.

Also Monday, Marion Latimer, 46, whom Goodwin called Warren's "primary courier," was sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$5,000 for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine base.

Tito Jackson sues ex-wife's boyfriend

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- Michael Jackson's brother Tito sued his ex-wife's boyfriend Monday, accusing the man of drowning Dolores Jackson in a swimming pool in 1994.

The lawsuit, filed in Superior Court, seeks unspecified damages from Donald J. Bohana for the death of Dolores Jackson. It was brought by Tito Jackson and his and his ex-wife's sons, Tariano, 22; Taryll, 20; and Tito Joe, 16.

Bohana's attorney, Nelson Atkins, called the allegations "a whole lot of garbage."

"It's really a shame that they're dragging this man's name through the mud," he said.

Neither Bohana nor anyone else has been charged in Ms. Jackson's Aug. 27, 1994, death.

Bohana told authorities he had been swimming with Ms. Jackson on the night she died but had gotten out of the pool for a brief period. When he returned, he said, her body was at the bottom of the pool.

Ms. Jackson, 39, died of "asphyxia due to drowning, alcohol intake and blunt force traumatic injuries," according to the county coroner's office, which listed the death as suspicious.

Ms. Jackson's family contends Bohana killed her because she wouldn't bail him out of bankruptcy. He had recently filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors.

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No Doubt brings ska alive

It's no secret that ska music has been slowly creeping-up the ranks of the national music scene lately, gaining legions of new fans every day.

It's also no secret that the California-based rock/pop/punk ska group No Doubt is one of the bands at the forefront of this moment.

"... We consider ourselves a rock band, but [we're] heavily influenced by ska and reggae and a little bit by punk. We're not a punk band, but if you see us play there's definitely that kind of energy and that kind of tempo to a lot of the music," said No Doubt's metal-influenced guitarist Tom Dumont during a recent interview.

The band's unique sound has undoubtedly been working for them so far, and since the release of No Doubt's newest CD titled "Tragic Kingdom" the band has played with the likes of 311, Bush, Goo-Goo Dolls, CIV, L7, Quicksand, and Everclear.

One of the band's most recent touring stints took them on the road with both Bush and the Goo-Goo Dolls simultaneously, and Tom discussed both the advantages and the hardships of touring with two such commercially-successful bands.

"It's really exciting to play for 8,000 people every night, we're very fortunate, but at the same time ... the California underground scene where we come from I think probably has a negative reaction towards us playing with Bush and the Goo-Goo Dolls. It's definitely a questionable move but for us it was just a chance to play for a lot of people and do our thing, our same thing we've been doing for the last nine years. It's tough to deal with that after so many years, but we just feel that our music is the same thing we've always been doing."

Along with seemingly constant touring No Doubt has also released videos for the songs "Spiderwebs"

and their pop-ska anthem "Just A Girl," and both of them have been receiving regular airplay on MTV.

"I wrote the music and Gwen wrote the words and the melody for 'Just A Girl,' which is about [Gwen's] experiences with some of the difficulties in being a girl that people ... or guys ... might not realize," Tom explained when discussing No Doubt's most popular hit to date.

One might also think that the various musical backgrounds of No Doubt's members might cause some



Aaron Welsbrod/The BG News

Singer Gwen Stefani performing during a recent No Doubt concert in Toledo. The band opened for Bush and the Goo-Goo Dolls on one their latest tours.

inner conflict in the band, but according to Tom just the opposite is true.

"We've never had turmoil as far as style because everyone's pretty open-minded. Our bass player and singer, who definitely were never into metal, have respect for some of the better bands in that style of music, and vice-versa I have respect for ska ... But sometimes we have problems focusing ... Our albums seem to be all over the place from one song to the next stylistically."

Critics and music lovers everywhere seem to be agreeing that this is what makes the band so appealing, though.

Few recall Tony winner's flops

Matt Wolf
The Associated Press

LONDON -- Tom Conti has a Tony Award and an Oscar nomination to his name, and has been the toast of the West End and Broadway. But he's also done flops few people remember, and he would prefer to forget.

"All actors' careers are peaks and troughs," the amiable 53-year-old actor said, sitting in the sunny office at the top of his rambling north London house. It is named "The Wabe," for a line from Lewis Carroll's 1871 nonsense poem, "Jabberwocky."

"An alarmingly small percentage of movies are successful. You just can't tell; you have no idea."

Conti's latest plunge into the uncertain is "Someone Else's America," shot in 1994 on locations ranging from New York and Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, to Germany and Greece. It opened May 10 in New York and Los Angeles.

Conti plays Alonso, a Spanish emigre who has made his way to the United States in search of that ever-

elusive dream.

Aiming to do right by his ailing, elderly mother (played by film veteran Maria Casares), and to find a wife of his own, Alonso befriends a Montenegrin named Bayo (Miki Manojlovic).

Conti was drawn to the film, directed by Yugoslav filmmaker Goran Paskaljevic, by the script written by Gordon Mihic, also a Yugoslav.

"I liked the characters and the situations. It was filled with a certain sadness or pity for these characters, and yet it made me laugh, too; there's something about the spirit of it."

More than most British actors -- Alfred Molina is one of the few others who comes to mind -- Conti is at home playing continental Europeans.

"I love playing foreigners," he said. "The cultures are so rich and interesting."

He was Costas, Pauline Collins' Greek holiday heartthrob in "Shirley Valentine" (1989). One of his favorite films, the little-seen "Saving Grace" (1986), with Fernando Rey, was shot

in a small village in southern Italy.

He was raised in Scotland, the son of an Italian father. This gave him, he said, "a key to what all accents are about -- where they put the words in sentences." Conti grew up near Glasgow and ambition drove him to London in the early 1960s.

He started to make a mark in the '70s, as one of the Oxbridge wits of Frederic Raphael's "Glittering Prizes" (1976) and, on stage, as a Brazilian guerrilla fighter who kidnaps Paul Scofield in Christopher Hampton's "Savages" (1973).

Broadway fame came with his performance as a man paralyzed from the neck down in "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" for which he won the 1979 Tony Award for best actor.

Four years later he was one of four British Academy Award nominees for best actor, and they all lost to American Robert Duvall.

The film, "Reuben, Reuben," starred Conti as a hard-drinking British poet and seemed to portend a Hollywood career. But that meant moving to America, a step Conti contemplated "for, I suppose, five seconds."

The deciding factor was his daughter Nina, now 22 and herself a budding performer. Conti's wife, Kara Wilson, is also an actress. "My daughter was being educated here, this was home, and I didn't want her brought up as a Beverly Hills daughter of a Hollywood actor."

Also, he said, "at the time drugs were an enormous thing in Hollywood. Now, they're not, and if you do anything like that, you're persona non grata."

Conti continued working -- "thank God," he laughs -- but few films made an impact. (Does anyone remember "American Dreamer" or "Heavenly Pursuits"?)

Now, instead of waiting for offers, Conti initiates work himself.

In association with West End producer Bill Kenwright, he is presenting, and starring in, two American comedies on the London stage: Neil Simon's "Chapter Two," with Sharon Gless, at the Gielgud Theater, and -- later in the year -- Tom Dulack's "Breaking Legs."

Couple salvages forgotten movies

Douglas J. Rowe
The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Thanks to a mom-and-pop outfit, Jane Campion's first film is being seen on the art-house circuit for the first time.

No, not "Sweetie," which is generally thought of as the first feature by the director who gained acclaim with "The Piano." It's "Two Friends."

Amy Heller and Dennis Doros, the married couple who established Milestone Film & Video in 1990, learned of its existence from their friend Bill Gosden of the Wellington Film Festival in New Zealand.

As Doros tells it, Gosden comes by every day during the annual New York Film Festival for espresso and they talk about their mutual passion, movies. One day, he told them they should look at the New Zealand filmmaker's first feature movie.

"We said, 'Sweetie?' It's distributed! And he said, 'No that's not her first feature film.' We were surprised

because the advertising for 'Sweetie' was: 'Her first feature film.'"

Gosden then proceeded to tell them about "Two Friends," which Campion had done a few years before. They got a tape from the Australian Broadcasting Corp., for which it had been originally produced, and watched it.

"And we were astonished, because there is a real Jane Campion film there: Her humor, her sense of quirkiness, her control of the actors, the camera. And we said: 'This is a really good film -- and it's another one that slipped by,'" Doros said.

"Milestone specializes in this: older films that have slipped by the cracks of history."

Milestone also fits the definition of a mom-and-pop operation. Created by Heller and Doros, they have just one full-time employee and an occasional intern.

The company has succeeded in tracking down lost or forgotten films by major directors, having them

restored and presenting them in theaters. Last year, they had two hits: "Mamma Roma," the 1962 Pier Paolo Pasolini drama starring Anna Magnani, and "I Am Cuba," the 1964 Soviet-Cuban propaganda epic from Mikhail Kalatazov ("The Cranes Are Flying") -- which earned Milestone a special award from the National Society of Film Critics.

Other Milestone finds: two never-before-seen propaganda shorts made by Alfred Hitchcock in England during World War II but censored by Winston Churchill and locked away for 50 years, plus a series of silent films which had been unseen in decades, including the F.W. Murnau-Robert Flaherty Academy Award winner "Tabu" as well as the Cooper-Schoedsack productions "Grass" and "Chang."

All of these films won critical acclaim and became box-office hits.

Films fall by the wayside and get "lost" for various reasons, says Doros, who was doing all the talking

And they're forgotten and lost, and it's a lot of fun to bring them back and be seen."

Dennis Doros

establisher of Milestone Film and Video

this day because his wife was home taking care of their 3-week-old baby. "Mamma Roma" got a negative reaction when it first came out, for example, and "I Am Cuba" was considered "too formalistic" by the Russians.

"And so nobody gets to see these," Doros says. "But once you see them, every now and then, there's these gems. And they're forgotten and lost, and it's a lot of fun to bring them back and be seen."



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