

64-carat diamond auctioned

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FORNEY — The scene looked more appropriate for a tractor auction, but the item on the block was one of the world's finest diamonds, eventually sold to an anonymous bidder for \$360,000.

Auction officials for Saturday's sale of the 64-carat, pear-shaped "Star of Nepal" at the Clements Auction Gallery would only describe the buyer as a movie producer involved in the recent production of "Superman."

Charles Clements, president of the corporation that owns the gallery, said he was disappointed that the buyer was not among the 300 people in the auction audience, although the gem did sell for slightly more than had been anticipated and guaranteed him a firm commission in the tens of thousands of dollars.

Why the Clements Gallery, a one-story corrugated tin structure in a town of 3,000 located about 20 miles east of Dallas?

"We're one of the 10 largest galleries in the United States," said Norman Garrett, manager and part owner of the gallery. "People in Dallas don't realize ... that there is such a large gallery for antiques and jewelry nearby. Everyone thinks they have to go to New York or Los Angeles to get fine merchandise."

The Star, which was sold in just three minutes, is rated as the 96th largest polished diamond in the world.

It is thought to have been mined near the turn of the century in India's Bolconda region and until recently was in the hands of a prominent Indian family. Originally the stone was to be sold to Iranian royalty, but that country's political revolution forced cancellation of the transaction.

NAACP drive to register more voters

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DETROIT — The NAACP, trying to reverse low black voter participation in the urban north, has begun a campaign to add 5 million blacks to the nation's voter registration rolls before the 1980 presidential election.

The Rev. Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director, said Friday the drive will be directed from the NAACP's National Voter Education Department in Detroit to dramatically increase "abysmally" low black voter registration and turnout in a number of northern cities.

Hooks said the vote department was moved from Birmingham, Ala., to widen the influence of the black and minority voting strength beyond the South to include major urban areas.

"I think that in many parts of the North there is this joblessness which is the root of hopelessness and despair, and we have to show people there is a way out through the electoral process," Hooks told a news conference.

Joe Madison, named as the new director of the department, said about 7 million of the nation's 15 million eligible black voters were registered in 1976.

He said the NAACP rights group hopes to increase that number by 4 to 5 million between now and 1980.

20-year-old yo-yo pro makes point on stilts

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WESTLAND, Mich. — They call him the "Yo-Yo Kid."

George Humphreys, who earns his living by demonstrating yo-yos around the country, has added a new twist to his already amazing repertoire: he yo-yos on stilts.

Humphreys, 20, is hailed as the youngest yo-yo demonstrator in the country and is pushing for a reputation as the most innovative as he enters his second year in the trade. He is one of the "pros" for Duncan Yo-Yos.

"I'm an unusual case. Most of the pros were hired because of their sales background or their education. They learned the tricks after that."

Humphreys, who started to perfect his tricks as a youngster, gives demonstrations at elementary schools, shopping malls, carnivals and children's hospitals.

He recently added stilts, which boost him from 5-foot-10 to about 8 feet, but only uses them for short demonstrations.

Humphreys began his yo-yo career in Columbus Grove, Ohio, a small town south of Toledo where his father worked as a mailman. He moved to the Detroit area about a month ago.

"I began yo-yoing and did some small shows," Humphreys said. "There was a mother and daughter banquet and some hometown carnivals. And I wrote to the (Duncan) company every two or three months telling them what I was doing."

"I just pestered them to death."

In August 1977 he got a phone call telling him to be in Milwaukee the next day for two-days of training before he hit the road as a demonstrator.

what's up at A&M

Monday

FIND MICHAEL JOHNSON'S BLUEBERRY CONTEST: Will be held at Rudder Fountain today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find a blueberry and get a free ticket to the Michael Johnson concert Tuesday night.

HASSLE-FREE: Monday Afternoon Recess will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. on the Drill Field. Meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Room 502, Rudder.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Room, 246 MSC.

BETA ALPHA PSI: There will be a mandatory meeting for initiation and elections at 7 p.m. in Room 350, Rudder Tower.

PLANT SCIENCES SEMINAR: Jacqueline Perryman will speak on "Characteristics of the Insusceptibility of Cultured Tobacco Cells Microinjected Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus" at 4 p.m. in Room 112, Plant Science Building.

TENNIS: The men's team will play the University of Houston in Houston.

Tuesday

PARENT'S DAY BARBECUE: Tickets will be sold today through Thursday in the Harrington Center Lounge, MSC and Box Office. The barbecue, sponsored by OSCA, will be 4:40-5:30 p.m. Saturday in the Grove.

TOWN HALL CONCERT: Michael Johnson will appear with Meisburg & Walters tonight at 8:15 in Rudder Auditorium. Tickets (\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50) are on sale in the MSC Box Office.

KING LEAR: Movie starring Paul Scofield will be shown at 8 p.m. in Room 201 of the MSC.

PRESIDENT MILLER'S STUDENT FORUM: Hassle-Free presents a question-and-answer period with Miller at noon by Rudder Fountain.

TAMU HERPETOLOGY CLUB: Meeting and nominations for new officers will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 104, Nagle Hall.

FLORICULTURE-ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE CLUB: Meeting and officer elections will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder.

A&M WHEELMEN: Meeting and officer elections will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 510, Rudder.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: Meeting and officer elections will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203, Zachry.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: Meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Letterman's Lounge of G. Rollie White.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 305, Fermier. Guest speaker will be Jerry Sprayberry from Briggs-Weaver.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102, Zachry. Speaker will be Bob Harris with Olin Corp.

BASEBALL: St. Mary's will play a double-header against Texas A&M at 1 p.m. at Olson Field.

Wednesday

WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS INC.: WICI will meet at 5 p.m. in the vault at the Last National Bank for a year-end celebration and to make plans for next year. Non-members are also invited.

CLASS OF '81 GIFT: Will be selected at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the MSC.

'SERGEANT YORK': This 1941 film, starring Gary Cooper as a Tennessee dirt farmer, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

ROOT BEER CHUGGING CONTEST: Will be at noon on the library side of the Academic Building. A 50-cent entrance fee will be charged. It is sponsored by Hassle-Free.

BAKE SALE: The E. E. Student Wives Club will sell baked goods in Zachry beginning at 9 a.m.

FREE U REFUNDS: Will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 216 of the MSC today and tomorrow.

SWIMMING: The men and women will swim at the A.A.U. Jr. Nationals in Durham, N.C.

Police, fans clash at rock concert

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WICHITA, Kan. — At least eight police officers and 21 youths were injured in a disturbance that broke out at an Easter Sunday rock concert when officers silenced the band and started ticketing cars parked on the grass of a city park.

Before the three-hour brawl ended, there were charges of police brutality countered by officers who said they acted in self-defense when rocks and bricks were thrown at them.

Only three persons, including one

police officer, were admitted to city hospitals following the Sunday night melee that involved an estimated 2,500 persons and police officers from as far as 100 miles away.

There were about 100 arrests.

Authorities said they received threats that city buildings would be "torn apart" in retaliation and extra officers were called in to guard the City Hall and Sedgewick County Courthouse.

"We were fighting literally on about a four-block front," said Police Chief Richard LaMunyon, who de-

nied police used excessive force in trying to bring the situation under control.

"To say that I was everywhere at once is incorrect," he said said, "but I personally didn't see any improprieties on the officers' part. Regardless of that I'm sure we'll be accused of that one way or the other. That always comes out of it."

Several concert-goers said the trouble began when officers ordered the band to stop playing.

"The police were trying to make everybody move off the grass," said

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