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Mom's mad at magazine

Article sends twirler into spin

United Press International
CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Kim Pring, a champion baton twirler and former Miss Wyoming, was so embarrassed by a Penthouse article about the sexual antics of a fictional Miss Wyoming baton twirler that she dropped out of the University of Wyoming, her mother says.

The publication's August issue features a drawing of a scantily clad baton twirler accompanying an article entitled "Miss Wyoming Saves the World."

Kim is a senior at the University of

Wyoming in Laramie, but was so shaken by the article she decided to leave the campus this year and take special courses at the two-year Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, her mother, Mary Jane Pring, said Wednesday.

Miss Pring has hired attorney Gerald Spence, who won a \$10.5 million judgment in the Karen Silkwood plutonium contamination case against Kerr-McGee Corp., for a possible libel suit against the magazine.

"I think Penthouse is saying it was purely coincidental," Mrs. Pring said. "It slanders the state, it slanders Kim and it slanders baton twirling."

Miss Pring, who was named the

Grand National Twirling Champion last year in Milwaukee, won a \$2,000 scholarship in the 1978 Miss America pageant for her twirling act.

Her mother said the figure in the magazine drawing was wearing a scanty costume with a "Miss Wyoming" banner draped across it.

"It leads you to believe Miss America is not very well chaperoned," Mrs. Pring said. "Which isn't true. We also had a call from the Twirling Association and they're upset too."

"We do represent Kim Pring," confirmed Bob Schuster, a partner in the law firm of Spence, Moriarity and Schuster of Jackson, Wyo. "A libel suit is being considered."

National briefs

United Press International
BLUE POINT, New York — If Ronald Reagan was looking to establish a reputation as a vote puller, he should have picked some place other than New York's Suffolk County.

Reagan went out of his way to endorse incumbent County Executive John V.N. Klein for the nomination in the Republican primary. But the voters in Suffolk, which includes the Hamptons — the summer playground of the jet set — apparently were more concerned with a local sewer scandal in Klein's administration than a Reagan endorsement.

They voted Tuesday for challenger Peter Cohalan, the supervisor of Islip Town, by more than a 2 to 1 margin.

FRANKLIN, Idaho — The toxic chemical PCB has been discovered in chickens at one of Idaho's largest poultry farms, forcing the destruction of 350,000 laying hens.

The Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday the Ritewood Egg Co. has voluntarily shut down its operations because of the contamination.

The FDA said the contamination apparently began in late July and many as 13 million eggs hatched since then may have been sold in the Western states.

Dr. Joseph Street, a professor of toxicology from Utah State University and a federal investigator, said it was unlikely people eating contaminated eggs or chickens received harmful amounts of PCB — chemical the Environmental Protection Agency banned in 1976.

BALTIMORE — The trial of a Baltimore Orioles' fan accused of maliciously destroying a tomato plant at Memorial Stadium opens Oct. 25 in District Court.

George McAllister, 19, decided at a pretrial hearing Tuesday to have his case heard by a jury instead of just a District Court judge.

McAllister was charged with ripping up the tomato plant, which was growing near the left-field foul pole, after the Aug. 16 Orioles-Kansas City game.

The plant is owned by stadium grounds-keeper Pat Santarone, who has an annual tomato-growing contest with Orioles' Manager Earl Weaver.

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The 28-day search for a missing teenage genius has come to a dead end, but at least one investigator believes James Dallas Egbert III is alive and has entangled police in a game.

"I personally think he's still alive," said Captain Ferman Badgley of the Michigan State University police.

"He's playing. We're pawns in this game, and we're being utilized to satisfy his own needs."

Egbert, who could read at 3 and once rebuilt his high school computer when experts had failed, disappeared from the campus Aug. 15.

Diamond-Shamrock: beginning of the end

United Press International
CLEVELAND — A copyright article Wednesday said the 1967 merger of Diamond Alkali with Texas-based Shamrock Oil and Gas was perceived as the beginning of the end by many workers at the original Diamond Shamrock plant in nearby Painesville.

"There seemed to be a changed attitude," The Cleveland Press quoted union President Julius Majoros as saying. "They were driving the men harder."

"They went after them more on cleanup time, then absenteeism. Then they'd give them more overtime rather than hire more people."

Delbert Lintala, a Diamond worker who is now mayor of Fairport Harbor adjacent to the old Painesville Works, said the company lost its hometown feeling after the merger and company oldtimers no longer called the shots.

The Painesville Works shut down in 1976, eliminating 1,100 jobs. In previous articles, The Press said the corporation left behind social, environmental and financial problems when it pulled out.

Before the merger, the industrial chemicals firm already had 18 U.S. plants and others in Mexico, Italy and France. But the merger put Diamond Alkali into the oil and petrochemical business.

Diamond employees got a taste of things to come just after the merger.

The Press said that in a 1965 their local union officials agreed to concessions to attract a new chromate plant to Painesville, replacing the firm's old chromate plant. But in 1969,

Diamond announced the new plant in the would be built in Wilmington, N.C. The search because new production techniques, 32, could not be applied economically to the old facility.

Raymond F. Evns, grandson of a founder of Diamond Alkali, became the chairman of the new Diamond-Shamrock Corp., but Shamrock's favor for executives were placed in high positions and company operations were reorganized.

The Press said it became apparent that the influence of the Shamrock executives slowly increased within the clout of those fostered by Diamond Alkali waned. Evans, who was fired in January, reportedly formed the bying against the acquisition of a city musical warehouse.

The new chairman, C.A. Cash, former president of Shamrock, took over Tuesday. And since the merger the firm has become a giant conglomerate of reported assets of just over \$2 billion in 1978, making it one of the largest corporations in the nation.

The Press said Diamond's registration to the Securities and Exchange Commission the last three years indicated that oil and gas profits had increased considerably while production from industrial chemicals have declined.

In 1978, the firm reported that SEC that prices continued to be weak in industrial chemicals, particularly in chlorine and caustic soda two mainstays of the Painesville Works. But the company also said the SEC that its 50 percent-owned operation Carbocelero S.A. Industries Quimicas in Sao Paulo, Brazil would double its chlorine and caustic soda production by 1981.

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