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CS police remain baffled by Muhlinghaus murder

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Although the investigation into the murder of LeShan Muhlinghaus is approaching its fourteenth week, College Station police are stymied. They have no leads, no suspects, and the list of possibilities is gradually growing smaller.

Major Edgar Feldman, assistant College Station police chief, said the investigation has reached a stalemate.

"As far as finding the individual who committed the crime, nothing has surfaced," he said. "Most murder cases involve two people who knew one another. We've exhausted all our suspects, and now we're just waiting for something to break."

Muhlinghaus was stabbed to death on Oct. 12 in her Travis House apartment. The original police report described the body as having only one stab wound in the pelvic region, but subsequent reports revealed the body had over two dozen wounds.

The murder touched off several rumors

of additional murders, threatening notes and strange men frequenting apartment complexes in the Bryan-College Station area.

For several weeks after the investigation began, the College Station police department reported a deluge of prowler reports, notes on cars and break-ins. At this time, however, the reports have died down, Feldman said.

"All of those have pretty much slowed down," he said. "Nothing new has been happening, in any case."

Although there was talk of connections between the Muhlinghaus murder and murders committed in Amarillo and Austin, Feldman said no leads have been found.

"We haven't had any new suspects, no new leads," he said. "Nothing's happened. We keep in contact with all the other cities, but nothing's turned up."

Feldman said the department is still investigating the case with the aid of the Texas Rangers.



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Lampasas escapee may still be in this area, investigator says

By NANCY ANDERSEN
City Staff

Local police are still searching for a Lampasas County jail escapee who abandoned his getaway car in a ditch off the east Bypass Wednesday night.

"I could only guess if he's still in the area," Bryan police Major Lee Freeman said Thursday afternoon. All police officers have a description of 19-year-old Bradley Schultz, he said, but he has not been seen since Wednesday night.

Schultz is a white male, with a sandy brown crewcut, blue eyes, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds and has a tattoo on

his left arm.

Police received several calls from people who reported seeing a man answering that description driving down Texas Avenue Wednesday night, Freeman said.

Bryan police immediately began checking every open business in the area, he said. Police arrived at the Kentucky Fried Chicken on 3220 S. Texas Ave. just minutes after a man thought to be Schultz left.

A woman, who asked not to be identified, was working when the man came in. She said a man wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt walked in off the street and asked for a drink of water. He left after

drinking it, she said, adding that he appeared to be hitchhiking.

The woman said she didn't think much of the incident until a police officer came in an excitedly asked her where the man had gone. She said she didn't know if he'd been picked up by a motorist or not.

College Station police said they are aware of the situation, but are not actively searching for the suspect.

Police said Schultz was being held on charges of auto theft when he escaped from the Lampasas jail Wednesday afternoon.

Russian dance company cancels visit to A&M and tour of U.S.

The Russian Krasnayarsk Dance Company has cancelled its American tour for 1980, including a performance at Texas A&M University Jan. 24. The company did not give a reason for the cancellation.

James Randolph, adviser for the Opera and Performing Arts Committee which booked the group as part of its spring schedule, said he received a telegram saying only the group was not coming to the United States, but not why.

Randolph said he felt the cancellation was because of two reasons: fear of defection by dancers while on tour in this country, or the current controversy over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"The most reasonable explanation is the situation due to the conflict between the

United States and Russia over Afghanistan," Randolph said. "But whether the cancellation was on the part of the United States or Russia, I couldn't say. It could also be something totally different."

Richard Stevens, chairman of OPAS, said several refund options are being considered for the 1,400 season ticket holders and the additional \$3,000 in tickets sold for the performance.

One option, Stevens said, would be to substitute the Russian dance tickets for another OPAS performance with an additional cash refund to compensate for the higher price.

Other options would be a full refund or working in conjunction with Town Hall and allowing the tickets to be exchanged for the

production of "Showboat," coming in March.

Stevens said a final decision on the refund will be made by Monday.

The trouble in finding a replacement act of the same caliber as the 80-man dance troupe could have serious effects on the OPAS budget, Stevens said.

"This could really hurt us financially. It was selling better than any other show," Stevens said. "We're really going to have to sell out our other performances."

Stevens said he was also concerned about the possibility of a cancellation for the last act this year, Lazar Brman, a Russian pianist. But, Stevens said he had heard nothing about the act cancelling so far.

Allies agree on punitive actions

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Backed up by broad support from European allies, the United States is examining "strong punitive action" against the Soviet Union, including postponing or moving the Moscow Olympics.

A senior administration official said Thursday Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher found European allies agreed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan with the spirit of detente "wounded and bleeding."

To restore detente, they feel the West must "respond vigorously" to the aggression, the U.S. official said.

Christopher is reporting to President Carter on the allied response to America's moves against both the Soviet Union and Iran.

The message also is being carried to Moscow by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Watson, who is to leave the United States today to return to his post. He was recalled to Washington after the Dec. 27 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"We believe his presence is needed in Moscow to convey the strong views of the president and Secretary of State Vance to the Soviet leadership," the spokesman said.

"We want the Soviets to understand first hand how serious a re-evaluation of our relationship has taken place here."

The department's chief spokesman, Roderick Carter, said, "I expect the answers will be clear in the next few days."

The future U.S. policy on Afghanistan, expected to be announced within a day or two, and the parallel actions against Iran, will be an extension of the present moves, a U.S. spokesman said.

The senior administration official said Christopher found a lot of support for



Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Show time

Steve Crouch of Bryan Marine positions one of the dozens of sport boats to be featured at this weekend's Brazos Valley Boat and Sport Show. Show exhibits will include boat and sporting equipment dealers from throughout the Brazos Valley area. The show, held in the Brazos Center Friday through Sunday, is open to the public free of charge.

boycotting the Moscow Olympic games. He said the Western Europeans "widely questioned the propriety of holding the Olympic games in Moscow at this time."

He said the allies discussed the Olympics in terms of alternatives rather than a cancellation — a delay, until next year, a different site, or even breaking up the summer games into numerous sites, with each event contested separately.

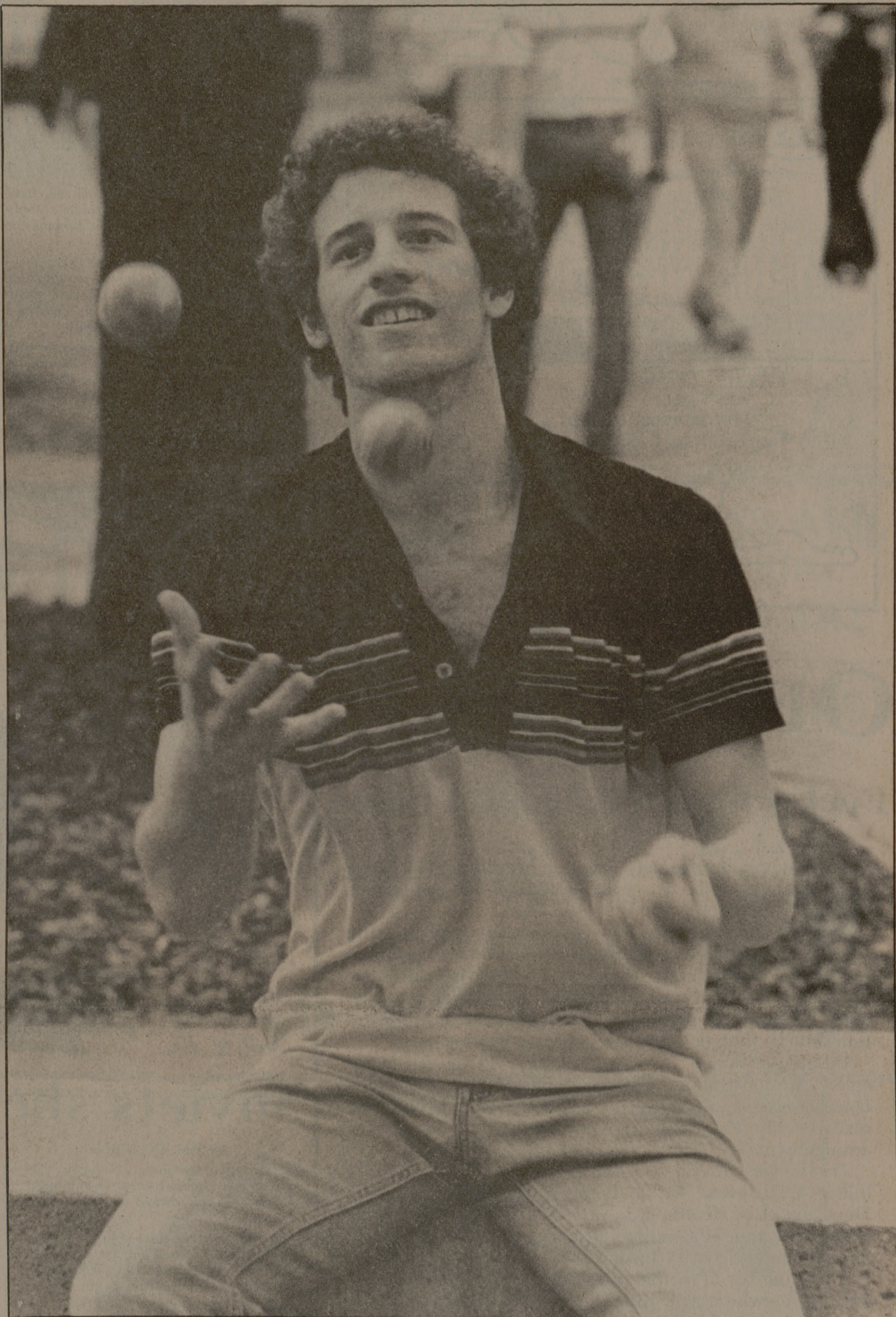
The official said the allies generally agreed that "strong, punitive" measures against the Soviet Union were called for, and he listed some specifics:

— Agreement that the Europeans would

not undercut the American embargo on grain and soybean sales to the Soviets; consideration of European measures, including embargoes on sales to the Soviets of poultry and butter.

— Cutting back some European export credit, which the Soviets use to finance purchases in the West; further cutting back on the kind of high technology items the Western nations sell the Soviet Union.

— Cutting out all European economic assistance to Afghanistan, with the exception of some minor humanitarian programs; cutting down the size of all European diplomatic missions in Afghanistan.



Jugglenaut

Brian McAuliffe, a junior psychology major from Houston, has a unique way to relax during a hard day at school — juggle. McAuliffe has been juggling

for about one year and has been known to even juggle air hockey discs.

Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

Insurance agent asks board for stronger regulations

United Press International

AUSTIN — A Dallas insurance agent Thursday called for a moratorium on sales of life insurance in Texas until the State Insurance Board finds a way to prevent deceptive sales pitches that he said cost consumers \$22 million a year.

Joe A. Mintz of Dallas, an insurance agent, said the sales presentations allowed under current Texas regulations and new rules being considered for adoption by the state agency encourage deception in insurance sales.

"This department for 12 years has permitted deception in the sale of life insurance," Mintz said. "You followed the recommendation of industry spokespersons and complied with their vested interest by adopting methods of cost comparison and replacement of existing life insurance that are profitable to industry and costly to the consumer."

Industry representatives appeared before the three-man insurance board Thursday to support adoption of so-called model regulations developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Several representatives urged exemptions for policies of \$5,000 or less or annual premiums of \$200 or less on grounds it would cost too much to require all companies to comply with regulations on such small policies.

The insurance company representatives said the model regulations will require companies and agents to provide a net payment index and comparison data on dividends in addition to the cash-surrender cost information currently required under Texas rules.

"The use of one index by itself can put the individual in a position of making a mistake," said Robert D. Nicholas, associate general counsel of the American Council of Life Insurance.

Mintz, however, said the computations used by the insurance companies prevent comparisons between cash value or so-called whole life policies and term insurance.

"Texans," he estimated, are "spending \$22 million annually in premium dollars because of misleading, deceptive and fraudulent sales pitches."

Mintz said Texas does not need new or additional regulations on how agents or

companies can solicit business or encourage customers to replace existing policies.

"You just need to crack down on people using deceptive mathematics," Mintz told the insurance board.

William P. Daves Jr., board chairman, said the mathematics used under Texas regulations would look more favorable if inflation was not so high, making interest returns of 3 and 4 percent less attractive.

"I would presume there hasn't been as much misrepresentation about insurance as there has been by the federal government about money," said Durwood Manford, longtime board member.

The almanac

United Press International

Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 1980 with 348 to follow.

The moon is in its new phase.

The morning stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Venus. Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn.

American orator and statesman Daniel Webster was born Jan. 18, 1782.

Actors Cary Grant and Danny Kaye were born on this date — Grant in 1904 and Kaye in 1913.

On this day in history:
In 1943, Moscow said the 16-month Nazi siege of Leningrad, Russia, had been

lifted.
In 1966, Indira Gandhi, daughter of the late Indian Prime Minister Nehru, was named as the new premier of India.

In 1968, the United States and Russia agreed on a draft of a nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

In 1978, Egyptian President Sadat ordered his foreign minister home from Israel and informed President Carter talks would resume after Israel changed its position.

A thought for the day. Daniel Webster said, "Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country."