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Clues indicate foul play

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TRINIDAD, Colo. — A bullet and a wallet are among the few clues investigators have to solve an apparent murder case more than 30 years old.

Lou Girodo, chief investigator for the state's Third Judicial District based in Trinidad, said the murder occurred so long ago the killer or killers may well be dead.

If not dead, the guilty person or persons certainly would be old, Girodo added.

The investigators — whose only physical evidence is a skeleton with several small bones missing, a bullet, wallet, ring, belt and shoes — said the victim may be Rudolph R. "Snooky" Yalotz, of Pueblo.

Officials said Yalotz was a tough amateur boxer and ex-convict last

seen by relatives April 24, 1949, when the 34-year old left home to walk to a neighborhood tavern.

Yalotz' brother, William M. Sr., of Pueblo, said he thought remains found Jan. 18 might be those of his brother.

"I've often wondered about the disappearance," he said in a recent interview. "At the time, I thought he just left town. I thought he just got tired and went somewhere else and got a new start."

Detective Sgt. Edward Arriaga of the Pueblo Police Department said Yalotz had been divorced and was living with his late mother when he left the house en route to the bar and disappeared. Relatives reported him missing, but there were no more reports of him until his possible grave was

found last month.

Hikers told the Las Animas County Sheriff's office they had spotted what they thought was a human skull.

Officials said the remains dug up Jan. 23 showed the victim had been shot in the head. A bullet believed to be from a high-powered rifle was found in the mouth and the victim had suffered severe fractures of a thigh bone.

Girodo said a leather billfold found at the scene bore the hand-tooled inscription "Snooky" and shoes were found tossed on top of the body. He added the killer probably never expected the body to be found or the wallet would not have been left at the scene to aid identification.

Abortion issue heats up after judges medical decision

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the woman's age relevant to the health-related well-being of the pregnant woman."

The decision came as a result of a nationwide class action lawsuit — *McRae v. Harris*, formerly *McRae v. Califano* — brought in 1976 by attorneys from the Center for Constitutional Rights, the ACLU and the Planned Parenthood of New York.

Plaintiffs in the case are women who want Medicaid abortions, doctors who want to provide Medicaid abortions to their poor patients and

the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The judge took 328 pages to present his opinion, which centered on findings of fact on both the medical and religious aspects of the abortion question.

Arguments were presented to the court in a trial conducted between August 1977, and September 1978. More than 30 witnesses testified, including doctors and theologians. The trial transcript is some 6,000 pages.

Promise made for parades

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NEW ORLEANS — In the "City That Care Forgot," most citizens never will forget it was their striking police force that killed last year's Mardi Gras for the first time ever in peacetime during the 20th Century.

The cancellation was a knockout blow to civic pride — one most thought never would happen. But one year later, Mardi Gras has returned stronger than ever, with police guaranteeing security for the estimated 1 million parade-goers on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"We made a commitment to the community that we will give them a carefree Mardi Gras to the best of our ability," said Peter L. Dale, vice president of the police union that instigated last year's strike.

"I would tell you that the average policeman loves Mardi Gras. It's a part of New Orleans."

The two-week strike in 1979 came down to a faceoff between the police union and Mayor Ernest Morial.

Morial refused to bargain with the union and ordered all parades in New Orleans canceled — including the traditional reign of Rex on Mardi Gras.

Some Carnival organizations — called "krewes" — made 11th-hour plans to roll in the suburbs, but most just kept their two-story floats wrapped in black paper inside huge storage dens, waiting for next year.

Next year is here, and police will be manning parade routes instead of picket lines this time.

Dale discounted fears that a group of dissident officers would call in sick or resign on Mardi Gras to disrupt the festivities.

"I've heard no talk of it," Dale said. "The commitment was made last week that we were going to give

the people a Mardi Gras.

"Everybody works on Mardi Gras," he said. "If you're not working, you're sleeping."

Morial and Police Chief James Parsons also said they have contingency plans if some officers invoke the "blue flu" on Carnival Day.

"We're going to have Mardi Gras regardless," Parsons said, "because we're going to have people here to handle it."

The city's entire 1,300-member police force will be deployed on Mardi Gras — many covering the parade route from St. Charles Avenue to Canal Street and the others covering the residences left empty by the revelers.

Both Dale and Hubert Badeaux, the business agent for the police union, agree that last year's strike, which destroyed a tradition as old as the 1800s, went a long way toward piercing public confidence in officers.

"Professionals should not strike," Badeaux said. "A militant attitude is good, if it's responsible. It's not throwing onions at the mayor's house."

The only persons throwing things this Carnival season will be float riders, who will toss thousands of beads, necklaces, trinkets and rainbow-colored aluminum medallions — called "doubloons" — to the crowds. About 50 parades are scheduled during the next two weeks.

With parade addicts coming off of a one-year freeze, it could be quite a sight. But police aren't worried that the crowds will be too much to handle.

"The reveling that goes on every year can't be overrevelled," Dale said. "Badeaux added, 'Mardi Gras can't be measured in decibels.'"

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