

National



Movin On

Staff photo by Brian Tate

Lewis Wheeler zooms his B-modified sports racer around a turn in Zachry Engineering Center parking lot. The Texas A&M University Sports Car Club turned the parking lot into a racing course for a rally held Sunday. Wheeler, a mecha-

nical engineering professor at the University of Houston, is a member of The Sports Car Club of America, and competes in many races in the Houston area. His son, David, is a sophomore civil engineering major at Texas A&M.

Teamwork tames traffic

United Press International
BATON ROUGE, La. — State trooper Brad Stewart smiled slightly as a Citizens Band channel crackled to life, sizzling with reports of "Smokeys thick as fleas."

"Truck drivers have a pretty good network," Stewart said, adjusting the volume on his radar scanner. "And they have fuzzi busters. We never have to worry about getting lost because they always know where we are."

A double line of 18-wheelers, cars, pickups and vans edged warily down Interstate 12 Saturday as two troopers drove side by side, holding traffic to 55 mph.

Farther back in the line of traffic, troopers on motorcycles darted between cars and trucks like cowboys on a cattle drive.

"Two bears coming at you, two bears coming at you," warned a wary trucker in singsong jargon.

Louisiana's first border-to-border, rolling roadblock was aimed at holding traffic to the speed limit on I-10 and I-12 from the Mississippi border to the Texas state line.

State police decided to try the plan after a rash of accidents — some with multiple fatalities and injuries — on the interstates. A

similar roadblock was planned in the future for I-20 across north Louisiana.

Much of the CB chatter was peppered with public opinion. "The only reason the speed limit was dropped was to get more revenue for the state," said one motorist.

"I can remember when law enforcement officers were respectable," added another. "Now they

don't do anything except make outlaws out of innocent people."

Still another trucker found the slower speed gave him enough time to make a little time — with a CB-chatting female motorist.

"Well," said the trucker, "if I had you riding up here with me I wouldn't mind all this."

"Yeah," she answered. "But you're going the wrong way."

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Atlanta man sees car, fears for life

United Press International
ATLANTA — A musician who admits he is now afraid for his own life said he saw a suspicious car in the area where firemen found the body of Atlanta's latest slain child.

The body of 13-year-old Curtis Walker was discovered Friday in a river near downtown Atlanta by firemen who saw it floating in the water as they were driving across a bridge. Walker, like 10 other of the victims, died of asphyxiation, officials said.

"I work late. I was coming home at 3:50 a.m. (Friday)," the musician said. "There was a car out there. He was on the wrong side of the road. That's what struck me. His headlights were out, but he cut them back on."

The musician told police Saturday he could not see who was in the car. He said after he drove across the bridge, the car took off. He described the vehicle as an early model Chevrolet, a description that tallies with an earlier report of a car that was seen near the spot where the body of another victim was found last month.

The musician talked with a UPI reporter, but asked that his name not be used. "He (the slayer) is killing children now. I don't want to be the first adult he's starting on."

About 600 volunteers conducted a further search of the area where Walker's body was discovered, looking for the last of 21 missing Atlanta black children. The other 20 have all been found slain.

The string of child killings has been going on in Atlanta for 19

months, but since the first of the year, one child has vanished nearly every two weeks.

The only child still unaccounted for on the list of a special task force that has been set up to investigate the baffling crimes is 10-year-old Darron Glass, who disappeared last September.

Another black youth, 15-year-old Joseph Bell, has also been reported missing, but police have not turned his name over to the task force because they believe he is a runaway.

Walker disappeared Feb. 19, when he disobeyed his mother and left their northwest Atlanta housing project apartment and went to a gunshop looking for work. An eagerness to earn money has been a characteristic of many of the victims and an employee at the gunshop said Walker would have been particularly vulnerable.

"Curtis was such an eager kid, he might have gone out or gotten in a car with anybody who said he could make a few bucks," the gunshop employee said.

Officials said Walker's body was not "badly decomposed," but refused to speculate on how long he had been in the water.

Nor would they say whether Walker was clothed. Investigators believe it is significant that in some cases articles of clothing have been removed from the bodies, but they have refused to elaborate on their theories.

Walker's body was discovered a quarter of a mile from the Chapel Hill Harvester Church, whose pastor, the Rev. Earl Paulk, ran an

advertisement in local newspapers in early February urging the killer to surrender.

Paulk said he had received numerous calls since then, and feels two of the contacts may have a bearing on the case. He said one of the callers apparently was a white man and the other black.

The minister said after Walker's body was discovered near his

church, he received a call from a man who sounded like the previous white caller.

"It's hard for me to believe that this was an accident," said Paulk. "I think we may have surfaced the man."

"My hope and prayer is that he is very desperately seeking to bring this to an end."



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'Monkey trial' ends with compromise

United Press International
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's version of the Scopes "monkey trial" has ended with a decision that left both the state Board of Education and Christian fundamentalists free to claim victory.

Although the fundamentalist attempt to change California's guidelines for teaching science — especially evolution — was rejected Friday, Bible-believing creationists were happy with part of the ruling handed down by Superior Court Judge Irving Perluss.

Perluss declared the state must observe Darwinian evolution is not absolute. He said the state Board of Education must include in future guidelines a 1973 policy statement, long dormant in its files, that Darwinism be taught as theory — not dogma.

The fundamentalists contended the state guidelines required teaching of Charles Darwin's 19th-century theory of evolution as fact and, thus, violated the rights of children who believe the biblical story of creation.

The suit came 56 years after the celebrated "monkey trial" in Dayton, Tenn., in which high school teacher John Scopes was fined \$100 for teaching evolution in violation of state law.

"I think this will stop dogmatic teaching in the schools," said Kelly Seagraves, the plaintiff. "The implications are very far-reaching."



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