

Pilot survives crash, ordeal kills brother

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ASPEN, Colo. — Two brothers survived the crash of their single-engine airplane on a snowy peak in the Rocky Mountains and stayed alive three days by building a snow cave, but one of them died just hours before rescuers arrived.

The survivor, William L. Clayborn, 39, of Dallas, who was the plane's pilot, was in stable but good condition in the intensive care ward of Aspen Valley Hospital Monday. Officials said he had frostbitten feet and numerous cuts.

His brother, Richard D. Clayborn, 38, of Fresno, Calif., died Sunday about five hours before rescuers reached the area. Exposure was a major factor in his death, Pitkin County sheriff's officer Michael Kendrick said.

The survivor told rescuers the single-engine Mooney airplane crashed Thursday about 3 p.m., shortly after taking off from the Aspen airport. The brothers were on a flight from Fresno to Denver and had not listed a stop in Aspen in their flight plan.

No search was started after the crash because the plane was not reported overdue and no one knew it had gone down, deputy John Unger said.

A cross-country skier, Larry Sorenson, 35, of Milwaukee, spotted the plane wreckage Saturday and saw movement. However, Sorenson could get no closer than one mile from the wreckage, near Sawyer Lake northwest of Aspen.

Because of the remoteness of the area, it took Sorenson until midday Sunday to get out and

alert the sheriff's office, Unger said.

A private helicopter then carried two mountaineers to the crash before dark, landing about 250 yards from the wreckage. The plane had crashed into a chute on the side of the mountain, making it extremely difficult to reach, Unger said.

The two mountaineers managed to climb up to within 80 feet of the wreckage and yell to the surviving brother, who then climbed down the snowy chute to meet them.

Unger said the mountain rescue team had postponed plans to try to bring the victim's body out Monday because of the extreme avalanche danger. He said the team hoped to get help from a larger military helicopter later in the week, weather permitting.



Drawings aid investigation

Artist sketches suspects

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DALLAS — Dmitri Vail paints portraits only when he wants to, charging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for a single work.

People who have sat for him include Carol Burnett, Jack Benny, Johnny Carson and Tony Bennett.

Two recent sketches, however, had no in-person models. They are drawings of the officials who will lead them to the killers of Roxann Joe Jeeves, 30, and her 5-year-old son Kristopher.

Jeeves and the boy were shot and killed in January in a field south of Dallas. Authorities said they had indications the two were slain during a robbery attempt, but that the killer apparently was frightened away by a passerby because neither Jeeves' purse nor her car were taken.

A man and woman resembling the sketches were questioned recently by sheriff's officers, but were released because of a lack of evidence, a dispatcher said Monday.

The sketches represent the third time in four years Dallas authorities have called on Vail's art school to draw composites of suspected rapists and murderers.

"When the sheriff's department called this time, they said, 'Do you know anybody who can do the drawings?'" Vail said. "I said I'd do it. Why turn it over to someone else?"

The department turned to Vail, 78, for a simple reason — he's the best composite-drawing artist they know.

"The guy is good, there ain't no doubt about it," W.D. Stout criminal investigator said. "I

know a lot of people who can do this, but some don't have the patience. It takes a person with some special qualities. Dmitri Vail's got those special qualities."

Vail said he is fascinated by the work, which he described as easy.

"I love to do it, I really do," he said in his suburban Richardson studio. "I'm fascinated by it. If I can help rid the community of these people, I'm more than glad to do it."

However, Vail said he does not want to become known as a painter of criminals.

"I don't want to do this for other cities. I'm only interested in the communities where I live and work. There's surely no money in it."

To make the sketches, Vail said, he opens his mind.

"It's the only time I shut the white-haired man with gray-blue eyes said.

Capt. Gus Rose said authorities like using composite sketches because they draw public attention.

The sketches are composites when there are few clues there is at least one eyewitness description.

Police said it is not unusual for 50 people to call in tips the drawings are released. The sheriff's department had 60 the day after Vail's sketches of the two suspects in the case were made public.

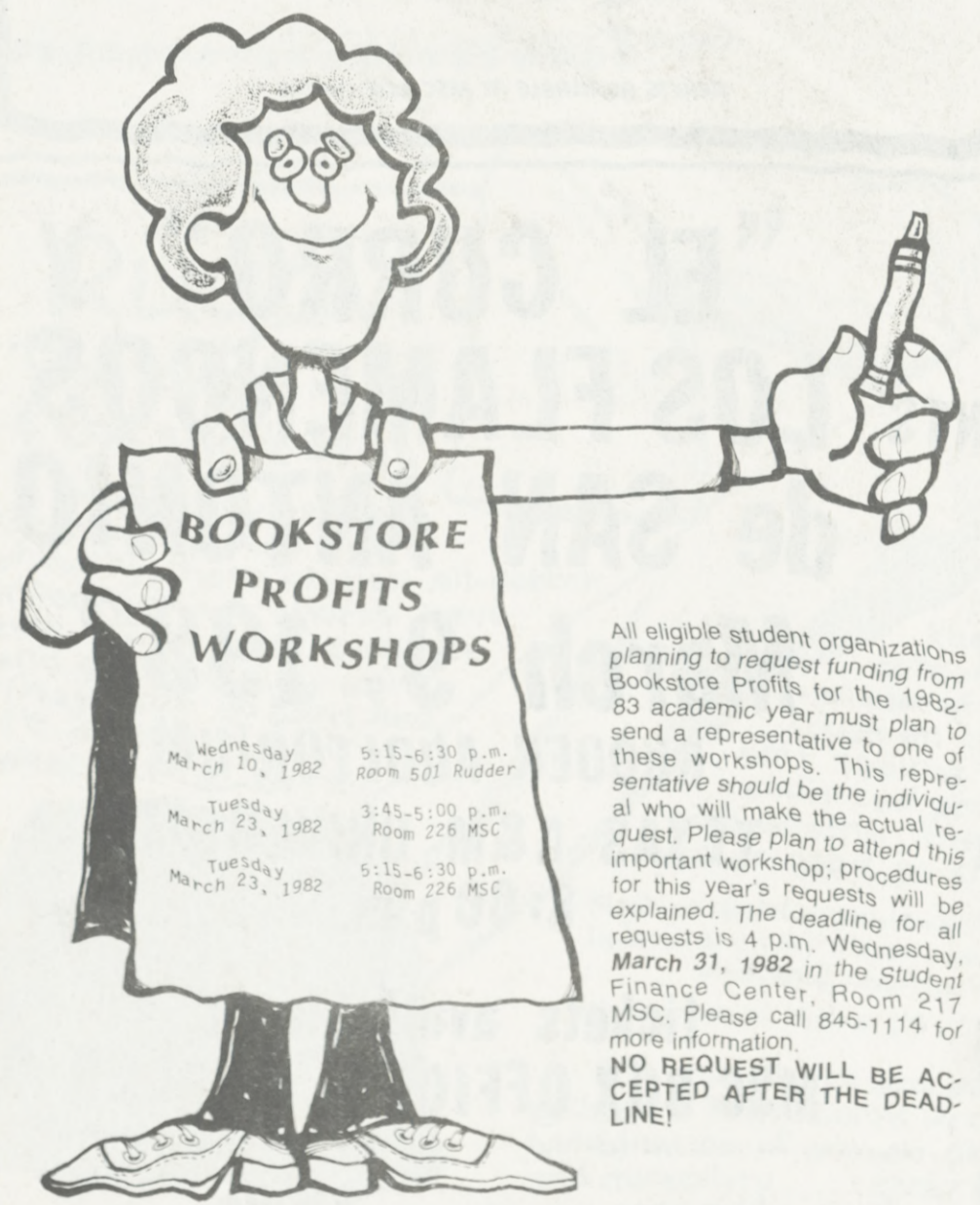
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HOUSTON — Interferon may help prevent oral and genital herpes, a Baylor College of Medicine researcher says.

Haruki Otsuka, a research assistant professor of biochemical virology, said that because the protein interferon blocks a herpes virus gene, it could be used to fight the ailment.

When one cell is infected with a virus, it releases interferon which goes to other cells and alerts them to release antibodies, he said.

Otsuka has been studying types of herpes viruses, including one which causes fever blisters and could lead to blindness and encephalitis.

The other type is a sexually transmitted disease which leads to meningitis in adults. Infants born to infected mothers, the disease could be a serious infection, blindness, death, Otsuka said.

Herpes is a chronic ailment that flares up in its infectious form periodically. It is considered difficult to fight because the viruses lie dormant in tissues between outbreaks.

Officials at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta have said sexually transmitted herpes is epidemic in the United States and is most dangerous to the infants born to the mothers.

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