

Talks continue, teachers strike

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Teacher strikes in Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio closed schools for more than 200,000 students today, prompting angry parents in at least one district to set up their own picket lines to protest the walkouts.

In the largest threatened strike in the nation, Detroit teachers set a Friday deadline for a strike vote if no contract agreement is reached. They voted Tuesday to extend their old contract 72 hours and continue negotiations allowing classes for the city's 211,500 students to open on schedule Wednesday.

New York, New Jersey and Washington state teachers also were negotiating new contracts over pay and class time.

In Illinois, where teacher strikes affected 45,000 students, parents and children in Palatine-Rolling Meadows District 15 marched Tuesday to seek a settlement of the strike in their district. One girl carried a sign reading, "Let Me Go Back to School."

In Michigan, teachers in seven school districts walked out Tuesday, joining four other districts. About 4,000 teachers and more than 78,000 students were affected.

The latest strikes included Kalamazoo, Waterford, Southfield, Ferndale, Troy, Traverse City and Suttons Bay. Still closed by strikes that began last week were Lake Orion, Fenton, Novi and Lake City.

Almost 3,500 Pennsylvania teachers were striking 14 school districts, leaving about 87,000

students on summer vacation. Two of the latest strikes included Central Bucks School District in the Doylestown area and the Greater Nanticoke Area District in northeastern Pennsylvania. Teachers in nine other districts were threatening strikes.

Illinois teachers were also striking East St. Louis, the Wood River-Hartford Elementary School District downstate, Wheaton-Warrenville District 200, the Palos area and West Chicago.

The East St. Louis school board issued an ultimatum to 1,100 teachers who have been on strike since Aug. 31, saying they would be docked a month's salary and dropped from insurance benefits if they did not show up for work next Monday. Teachers who report will lose only four days' salary under the board's announcements.

Contract talks were broken off and no date was set for resumption. Schools have stayed open, but only a few teachers and students have been reporting to classes.

In Ohio, about 273 teachers were striking the North Olmsted District in suburban Cleveland for the fifth day, affecting 5,600 students.

Schools remained open with administrators and non-striking teachers manning classrooms. About one-third of the district's bus drivers failed to show up for work Tuesday in apparent sympathy for the teachers. No new talks were scheduled.

Study: uglier men have smarter wives

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SAN FRANCISCO - Nice looking guys finish last in the race for status while their uglier counterparts come out with better jobs and better educated wives, according to a study reported by J. Richard Udry and Bruce Eckland of the University of North Carolina Tuesday at the 77th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

A woman's attractiveness was unrelated to education, occupation or personal income, but attractiveness affects adult status through marriage to a high-income husband, Udry and Eckland said.

For males, however, the findings were quite different. The least attractive men

have the most education and job status, the researchers said, citing a study of 601 men and 745 women. The job status rating decreases with attractiveness and only the "outstandingly" good-looking men attain jobs as prestigious as less attractive men do.

The study used data from a 1970 Explorations in Equality of Opportunity survey of men and women who were questioned during their high school sophomore year in 1955. Research assistants then used high school pictures to rate the attractiveness of the respondents.

The study showed more attractive women had more highly educated husbands, while the opposite was true for men.

The survey showed less attractive men performed better in school and had sexual relations at a later age than better-looking males, while there was no such correlation for women.

The fact the more attractive men had less-educated wives was explained by "the high level of sexual activity and the low academic achievement of the better-looking males."

"Perhaps being good looking gives a man so many heterosexual opportunities he loses sight of other objectives and marries at an earlier age, thereby probably marrying a younger woman than the less good-looking man and, therefore, a woman with less education," said Udry.

Court allows workers state, federal benefits

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NEW ORLEANS - The Louisiana Supreme Court has ruled that offshore oil workers injured on rigs on the Outer Continental Shelf can apply for compensation benefits under both state and federal law.

The court Tuesday overturned a lower appeals court ruling that would have prevented a New Iberia man from collecting benefits from

Louisiana Worker's Compensation as well as the federal Longshoreman and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

Dan Thompson injured his hand March 9, 1980, while working for Teledyne Mobile Offshore Inc. of New Iberia on a rig 4 miles off the Louisiana coast in federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf.

For several decades, Louisiana courts heard workers'

compensation suits by Louisiana residents injured outside Louisiana while engaged in work with a substantial connection to the state. The justices ruled that treatment also should extend to offshore workers.

In case of recovery under both federal and state compensation schemes, one award would be credited against the other to avoid double recovery.

Police arrest third suspect in "junk food prof's" death

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NEW YORK - Police searching the "meat rack" area frequented by male prostitutes arrested a teenager Tuesday in the slaying of the University of Florida's "junk food professor" and said two young men already charged in the killing were prostitutes.

The suspects were held pending a hearing to determine whether they should be extradited to Florida. Police said one of the suspects was cooperating with their investigation and had agreed to return.

The three were believed to be the same suspects charged two weeks ago in Gainesville, Fla., with forging checks in the name of Professor Howard Apple-dorf, 41, who was found suffocated in his apartment Friday in what police called a ritualistic, possibly revenge killing.

Food was smeared on walls, spelling out the word "redrum" — murder spelled backward — in a scene similar to the horror movie "The Shining."

Police said the suspects were released from jail last Thursday when Apple-dorf unexplainedly dropped the charges.

The popular professor slowly suffocated last Friday in his apartment while his killers munched on submarine sandwiches, police said.

The third suspect, 15, was

arrested just after midnight Tuesday in a section of Manhattan known as the "meat rack" because of its concentration of male prostitutes, police said. Authorities in Gainesville said they could not release the name of the Wilton, Conn., teenager.

Paul Everson, 19, of Rollin-dale, Mass., charged with first degree murder, was arrested in New York Tuesday.

"All the detectives in the section of New York where we believed the suspects to be were carrying photographs of him (Everson)," Capt. Richard Ward of the Gainesville Police Department said.

"One of the Manhattan detectives spotted this guy walking down the street, and he ran across and picked him up."

The other suspect, identified as Gary McNichol, was charged earlier Tuesday with first-degree murder. He was arrested in Manhattan, driving Apple-dorf's car, after a long chase. He told detectives he would waive extradition to Florida at a hearing in New York.

"We understand this fellow (McNichol) is talking, but that's all we can say right now," Ward said. "We understand he has waived extradition and we can have him back here as soon as we can get him in front of a magistrate up there."

Ward insisted the killing had

no apparent sexual overtones although he said Everson had been arrested for prostitution. New York detectives also identified McNichol as a male prostitute.

Authorities had trouble identifying the suspects because of their many aliases.

Appledorf, 41, gained national attention for his biochemical analysis of fast foods in the 1970s and was nicknamed "the junk-food professor" when he touted the nutritional value of McDonald's hamburgers.

His body was found gagged, blindfolded and propped against a sofa Sunday in his ransacked, lakeside condominium in Gainesville.

Three plates with sandwiches on them and wine glasses were set in a neat semicircle around the body. An empty fourth plate and an upturned wine glass were beside the body. The professor was smothered with a canvas tote bag filled with water wrapped around his head, and pillows and towels placed over his face.

Appledorf had been a professor at the university for 15 years.

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Debtors work for government

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WASHINGTON - The Education Department is moving to identify and collect from its employees who have defaulted on federal student loans.

Education Secretary Terrel Bell, who earlier announced a computer check for workers who still owe Uncle Sam for their education, said Monday his agency is now changing procedures to make it easier to dock their wages.

At the same time the White House is backing legislation that would allow the government to garnish wages for back debt with-

out first going to court. Now, court judgement must be made before pay can be docked.

Thousands of federal workers have defaulted on government student loans and, in an embarrassing and ironic twist, many of them now work for the Education Department.

The government was embarrassed by Senate hearings in July at which Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., called it "outrageous" that more than 37,000 federal workers are delinquent debtors.

The government is owed \$1.1 billion in delinquent guarantee student loans.

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