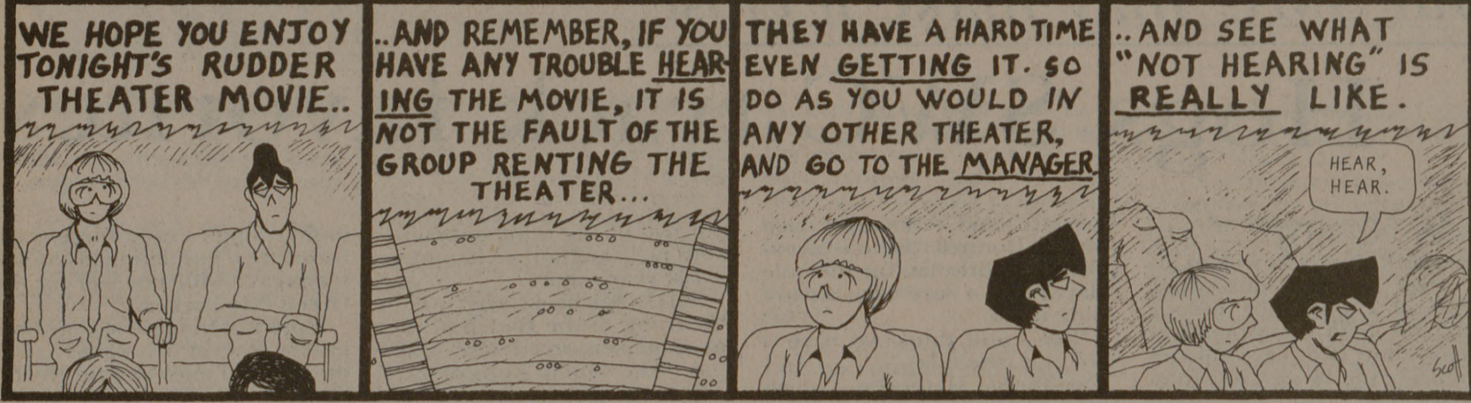


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Ignited Miami ghetto riots

Cop charged with slaying

**United Press International**  
MIAMI — A grand jury indictment was unsealed Wednesday and charged a policeman with manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a black man whose death sparked three days of racial violence in Miami's Overtown ghetto.

State Attorney Janet Reno said Officer Luis Alvarez, 32, was expected to surrender to authorities later Thursday and would be released on his own recognizance after being booked.

"I think the grand jury acted correctly," Reno said. "He will be prosecuted."

The indictment, handed down Wednesday night, was unsealed by Circuit Judge Gerald Wetherington.

The 18-member grand jury began its investigation Tuesday into the shooting of Nevell Johnson, 20, a courier who was shot at a video game room Dec. 28.

The shooting triggered a three-day rampage in Overtown in which police shot and killed another black man, and 26 people were injured and more than a dozen businesses were damaged.

After the shooting, Alvarez was suspended with pay. He refused to give a statement to

homicide detectives on the advice of his attorney.

City Manager Howard Gary said Alvarez and his rookie partner, Louis Cruz, left their assigned patrol in a predominantly Latin neighborhood and went to the game room without official permission.

Police said Johnson was carrying a stolen gun but there was no official explanation on how he got the weapon or why he was carrying it the night he was shot.

The investigation by the Dade County state attorney's office was one of seven city, state and federal investigations into Johnson's death.

Black community leaders have demanded Alvarez be indicted on criminal charges, and Miami Police Chief Kenneth Harms be fired for insensitivity to minorities.

Death threats forced drug deal — DeLorean

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — Flamboyant automaker John DeLorean charges he was lured into a drug "sting" operation by government manipulations and was threatened with death to himself and his children if he backed out of the deal.

The former General Motors' boy wonder broke a four-month silence since his arrest on drug charges with an interview in Rolling Stone magazine to be published Feb. 28.

DeLorean, 58, said he once tried to pull out of the cocaine deal designed to save his gleaming, stainless steel, gull-wing sports car, but death threats were made by convicted cocaine

smuggler James Hoffman.

Hoffman, 41, has been identified as the government's informer in the case against DeLorean, William Hetrick, 51, and Stephen Arrington, 34.

"You know all the players," Hoffman reportedly told DeLorean. "You know the bank. You know this and that. You (profanity) around, and your kids are going to get killed. It's going to be a bloody mess."

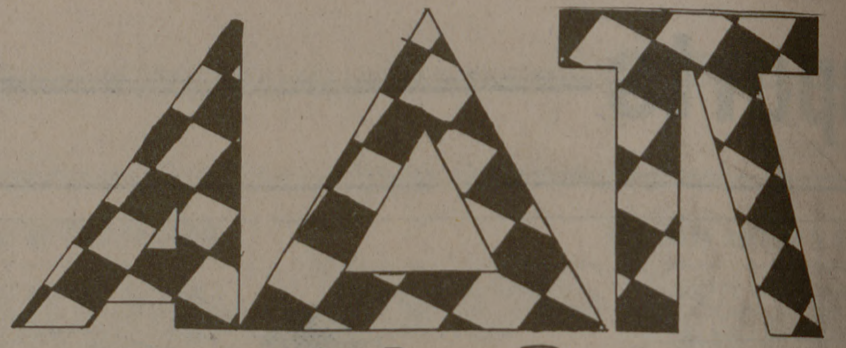
DeLorean told Rolling Stone writer Aaron Latham during the six-hour interview at his New Jersey estate that he is still afraid for his life.

In the Rolling Stone interview, DeLorean claimed that the FBI bugged his attorney's tele-

phone. He said a bug had been found in a conference room. He is quoted as saying, "My lawyer goes to a pay phone and I go to a pay phone. Now what kind of a way to talk to your lawyer is that?"

DeLorean also said that when he found a wealthy California insurance man (unidentified in the article) to invest \$10 million in DeLorean Motor Co., the British government rejected the offer and closed the plant under pressure.

"It's obvious they deliberately — with information from somebody here — aborted a legitimate transaction to drive me into a phony deal," he said.



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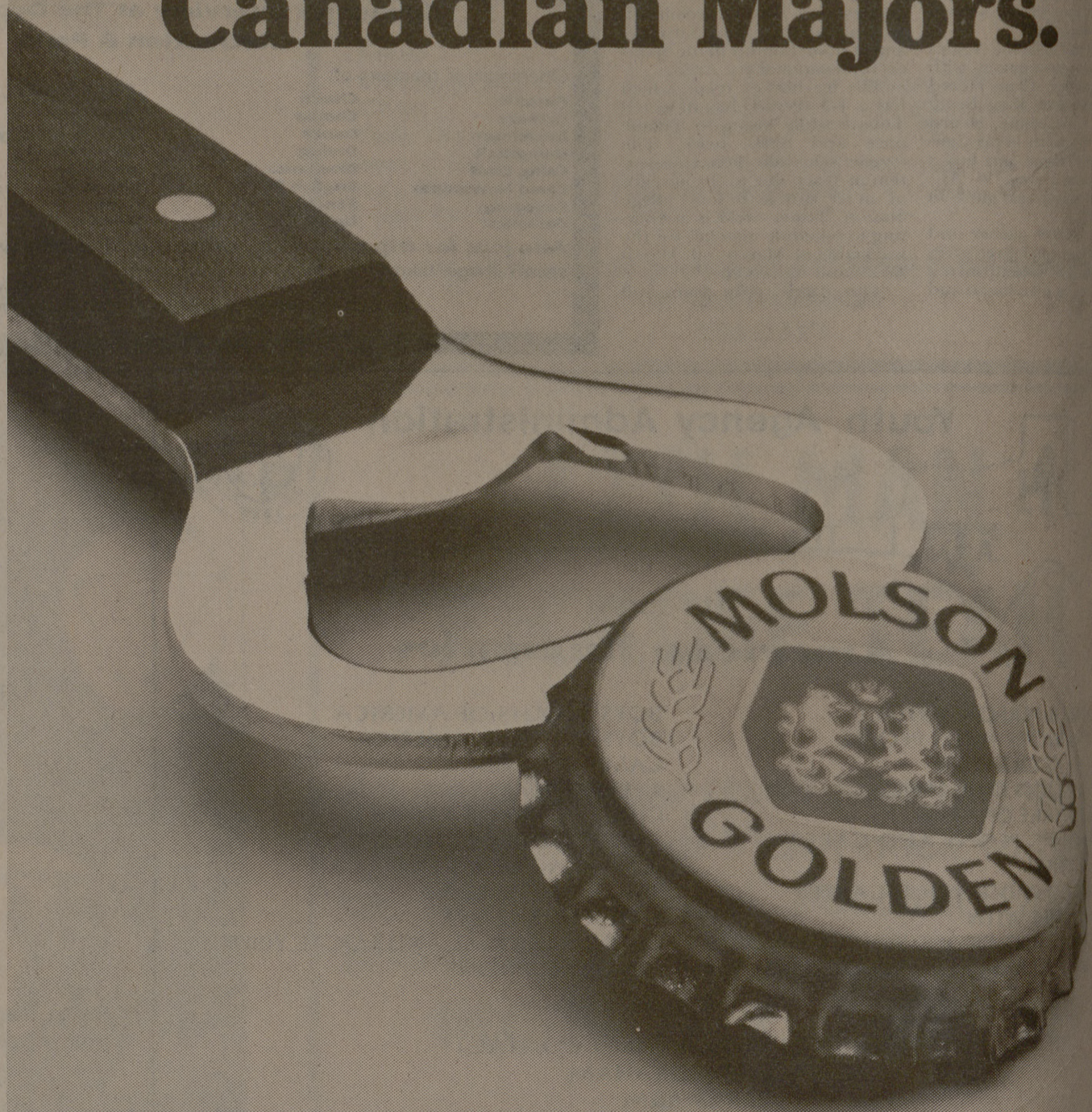
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