

Texas ad makes 200 show up for fake job

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NEDERLAND — An estimated 200 people showed up to apply for jobs at Head and Guild Equipment Co. Inc. Monday, but the classified ad they answered was a hoax. There were no jobs.

"Someone using my name called The Enterprise in Beaumont and The News in Port Arthur and placed this ad wanting to hire a number of employees of certain types," said James Guidry, manager.

Word spread fast. Job hunters came from as far away as

Arkansas and eastern Louisiana. But Guidry had sad news for them.

"I just told them it was some sort of a prank someone was pulling on us," Guidry said. "There were no jobs. We're not hiring anyone, and I told them I apologize for someone using our name to do this. There were just no jobs."

"Some of them were really upset. Some just turned around and went stomping off. One guy said, 'Well this sure does make your company look bad, doesn't it.' I said, 'Yes, it does, but we

had nothing to do with it.'" Guidry called the Jefferson County sheriff's office — which sent deputies out to help him break the news and convince the job hunters that there was a hoax on Guidry as well as on them. But there was no trouble.

Guidry called the newspapers and found that someone had used his name to apply for the ad and had given all the right answers to all the questions, including supplying a phony purchase order number.

The ad sought crane operators, truck drivers, mechanics,

mechanics helpers, welders, laborers, cleanup crews.

Guidry had read the ad in the Sunday paper and tried to call the newspapers Sunday to figure out what to do. He could do nothing.

"It's a terrible thing to pull this day and time, with so many people out of work. I think it's someone that's sick in the head," Guidry said.

"Some of the people drove in from Jasper, Houston, and one said Baton Rouge — from all over."

Estimated 50 left in wild

Rare wolves at Texas zoo

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VICTORIA — A pair of rare red wolves, once native to Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana but reduced to an estimated 50 animals remaining in the wild, apparently have adjusted well to being on display at the Texas Zoo.

Rufus and Sasha, who were bred from red wolves captured by biologists to preserve the species, today begin their 16th day on exhibit at the 10-acre facility. The wolves have been pushed

near extinction by interbreeding and increased land usage.

Sasha is 2 years old and weighs about 50 pounds. Her mate, Rufus, which means red in Latin, is 1 year old and weighs 55 pounds.

"The red wolf is one of the most endangered mammals in the United States," said Dresner.

The two wolves, products of a government breeding program, were born in captivity at the Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma,

Wash., she said. The breeding effort seeks to replenish the stock of endangered species and relocate them within their historic habitat.

"In the early 1970s, when the red wolves were facing extinction, biologists went through east Texas and trapped every species they could come across and pulled out all the pure red wolf and they've been breeding them ever since," Dresner said.

Biologists estimate only 50 red wolves, which are greatly in-

terbred with coyotes, remain in the Texas and Louisiana wild. Dresner said Arkansas and Oklahoma have lost all their red wolves.

"Their numbers declined when the coyotes moved in," Dresner said. "They interbred with the coyotes and destroyed the blood lines. The only way you can tell the red wolf is by a cranial X-ray. They're more reddish in color and a bit smaller than timber wolves."

Bandits stage saloon holdup

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HOUSTON — A man named Jesse, who police said stormed into a nightclub dressed as an "Old West" bandit, was charged with several felony counts in a shootout that left his younger brother James dead.

Jesse Gomez, 30, was charged with two counts of attempted capital murder and one count of attempted capital murder of a police officer in what investigators said was a bold attempt early Sunday to rob as many as 70 patrons of the Zenteno pool and dance hall in the southeast section of the city.

Police said Gomez also faces two counts of aggravated robbery in the incident, which left two patrons and the club owner injured.

"These guys just walked into the place and said it was a stick-up," police Detective M.E. Doyle said. "There were at least 70 people there. It was a pretty tough place to hold a stick-up."

James Gomez, 26, died in the shootout that developed when one of the patrons escaped and alerted authorities, officials said.

"We'd like to charge his brother, too," Doyle said, "but

that won't be possible. We're just lucky none of the patrons inside were killed. It was quite a shootup."

"The bandits wore knit hats and bandannas across their noses like crooks in the Old West. They carried automatic and semiautomatic weapons, including an AR-15," the civilian version of the military's high-powered M-16 rifle.

Police said the brothers ordered Zenteno customers to turn over their valuables and cash and lie on the floor.

"The first on the scene were two park policemen and a Hous-

ton police officer," Doyle said. "They kicked the nightclub door closed when the crooks tried to escape."

The bandits shot through the door at police until it was riddled with holes, Doyle said.

Within minutes police reinforcements arrived and surrounded the club, he said.

The two club patrons were treated and released from a nearby hospital. Owner Leo Correa underwent surgery at Hermann Hospital and was reported in stable condition late Sunday.



Office of Public Information

Aggie Parents of the Year

The Aggie Parents of the Year for 1983-84 are Mr. and Mrs. William Osborn, of Bryan. The Osborns receive a plaque from Denis Davis,

Parents' Weekend chairman. Monday's Battalion, the photo caption of the Parents of the Year was incorrect. The Battalion regrets the error.

GTE wants rate hike; PUC hears protests

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AUSTIN — Customer protests to an \$85.5 million rate hike request by General Telephone of the Southwest opened Monday before the Public Utility Commission, with one consumer calling her service "a nightmare."

The phone company, which serves 1.4 million customers in more than 300 Texas cities, including Bryan and College Station, is seeking the rate boost to maintain service at current levels. The PUC staff has recom-

mended an increase of only \$31.7 million.

In opening testimony Monday, Crosby real estate agent Carol Foster said she had experienced a multitude of service problems with GenTel since last June.

"The experience has been a nightmare," Foster said. "I have to go through a ritual to use my telephone every morning."

"My rates are already exorbitant. I do not think this company should get a rate increase until

they can provide good service. I've had no promise of relief."

Frank Ball, a Plano resident who has a business in College Station, said he had filed more than 10 reports of phone trouble in 10 years he has been a GenTel customer. He said his complaints ranged from no ring when he dials a number to static and multiple conversations on one line.

"I enjoy listening to the radio and I am afforded that opportunity by General Telephone over my telephone," Ball said.

Abortionist says Texas trio should get kidnapping trial

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GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Dr. Hector Zevallos, who last summer was held captive with his wife by three anti-abortion zealots, says he wants state kidnapping charges filed against the Texas trio.

The men — Don Benny Anderson, Matthew Moore and his brother, Wayne — have been convicted on federal charges of attempting or conspiring to obstruct interstate commerce by threats of violence.

Anderson, 42, of Pearland, was sentenced in February to 30

years in prison. The Moore brothers, both of New Caney, are awaiting sentencing.

Zevallos, owner of an abortion clinic, said his abductors should be punished.

"I would like to see the kidnapping charges because it was the most violent act they committed against us," he said.

Zevallos said he would keep open his Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, where abortions are performed.

He said the abduction did not change his conviction that legal

abortion is better than no abortion.

Zevallos, 54, and his wife, Rosalie Jean, 46, were abducted Aug. 12 from their home in Edwardsville, Ill. They were bound and gagged for most of their captivity and released a week later.

The experience was so traumatic that Mrs. Zevallos has moved out of the home, doctor said.

"As long as she's out of the area, she's OK," he said. "She doesn't even want to go to the St. Louis area at all."

Culprit sought in December theft of riding lawn mower

A red riding lawn mower was stolen from under H.F. Lloyd's carport at his residence on Carabba Road between Dec. 2 and Dec. 4. A steel cable which secured the 10-horsepower Montgomery Ward mower appeared to have been cut with bolt cut-

ters.

Anyone with information on the persons responsible for this theft or the location of the mower should call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. If the information leads to an arrest and a grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers

will pay the informant \$1,000 cash. Special coded numbers assigned to informants will have to reveal their identities.

Crime Stoppers also will pay cash for information about solved felony crimes or activities.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department on April 16 and 17:

THEFTS:

- A portable MGA television and stereo, from Dorm 7, on

April 17.

- Two 14 by 24 paintings, from the Soil and Crop Sciences—Entomology Center, on April 17.

HARRASSMENT:

- Phone calls, to a residence Keathly Hall on April 16.
- Phone calls, to a residence Hobby Hall on April 16.
- Phone calls, to a residence Hughes Hall on April 17.

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