

Ocean weather blamed

Hunt for Titanic delayed

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NEW YORK — Fierce ocean weather and mechanical problems are being blamed for delaying the search for the "unsinkable" Titanic which sank on its maiden voyage 71 years ago.

The search in the North Atlantic, using a sonar system and a magnetometer capable of detecting the 45,000-ton wreck, was originally scheduled for Monday but was delayed again Tuesday by mechanical problems, expedition spokesman

Michael Jahn said.

The expeditioners were not able to drop a line carrying the equipment into the water because of an electrical problem and corrosion on the towing line and the braking system of the towing crane, Jahn said.

The "consistent strong winds and a northwest excursion of water" were also delaying the survey, he said.

The venture by Columbia University scientists began Saturday and is being conducted

from a U.S. Navy research vessel, the Robert D. Conrad.

Texas oilman and investor Jack Grimm, who financed expeditions to locate the Loch Ness monster and Bigfoot, is financing the expedition to find the vessel.

The RMS Titanic, called "unsinkable" because it had watertight compartments and a double-bottom hull, struck an iceberg about midnight April 14, 1912, 40 miles southeast of Newfoundland.

The iceberg tore a 300-foot gash on the side of the ship, rupturing and flooding five watertight areas. The ship could float with four flooded compartments.

Within three hours, the 822-foot-long White Star liner, on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City, sank killing 1,513 people, most of them immigrants who were traveling in steerage, deep inside the ship.

2 indicted in prison beatings

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DEL RIO — Zavala County sheriff Ramon G. Garza and an investigator have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of falsely arresting and harassing prisoners to gain confessions, and the investigator and a former deputy have been indicted for beating prisoners.

The 15-count indictment was

returned in U.S. District Court against Garza and investigator Alfredo R. Menchaca.

Menchaca and former deputy Mario H. Avila were charged with participating in the beating of a prisoner and pleaded guilty.

Garza and Menchaca were charged in one count with conspiring to violate the civil rights of seven civilians by forcing

them to confess to crimes. The indictment said the violations occurred between April 8, 1981 and Dec. 19, 1982.

Garza and Menchaca also were charged in 11 other counts with violating the civil rights of those arrested or detained. Both were charged in another count with holding a prisoner in involuntary servitude by refusing

to release him after he had been cleared of all charges by the District Attorney.

Avila and Menchaca were charged in a separate criminal information with beating Pedro Nunez-Lesmes on Dec. 5, 1982, and with intimidating a fellow deputy sheriff to prevent him from telling FBI agents of the alleged beating.

Alleged killer worried someone will kill him

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LOS ANGELES — Marvin Pancoast, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to beating model Vicki Morgan to death with a baseball bat, is "a frightened young man" whose lawyers fear someone will try to kill him.

it a secret. The attorneys have expressed fear for their client's life, asking his jailers to increase security because they are afraid someone may try to kill the former talent agency clerk to prevent a trial in a case that involves alleged videotapes of government officials at a sex party.

Arthur Barends, said he asked the arraignment be moved ahead from July 25 to avoid exposing his client to danger and publicity and also to dissociate his case from Beverly Hills attorney Robert K. Steinberg, who claimed last week he saw videotapes of Morgan and government officials in sex acts.

Pancoast, 33, entered two pleas Tuesday — innocent and innocent by reason of insanity — to one count of murder and one count of assault with a deadly weapon before Municipal Court Commissioner Robert Swasey, who scheduled a preliminary hearing July 28.

One of the lawyers complained in court that the District Attorney's Office fueled the notoriety surrounding the case that could "expose (Pancoast) to additional risk" by informing the media about the arraignment, which was originally scheduled July 25.

July 25 is the day Steinberg is scheduled to appear to answer a court order to produce the tapes, which he said have now been stolen from his office.

By entering two pleas, Pancoast would be tried and, if found guilty, could face another hearing to determine if he was sane at the time of the crime.

But Deputy District Attorney Stanley Weisberg said the media had a right to attend the hearing. Swasey agreed with the prosecutor and refused to admonish the district attorney.

Beverly Hills police have recommended the lawyer be charged with filing a false theft report.

Morgan, 30, long-time mistress to presidential confidant Alfred Bloomingdale, was killed July 7 as she slept in the condominium she shared with Pancoast.

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Arlington burial OK'd for Reynolds, usher

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WASHINGTON — Nancy Reagan intervened with the president Wednesday to waive the rules to have two notable people buried in Arlington Cemetery — ABC-TV anchorman Frank Reynolds and former White House usher J. Bernard

Purple Heart in World War II. He served as a sergeant in the Army.

Tate said that Reagan learned of the request when she telephoned Reynolds' wife, Henrietta, to express the first family's condolences.

West served under six presidents from 1941 to 1957 and wrote a book about his experiences, "Upstairs at the White House." He was 70 and was detailed to the White House while serving in the Navy during World War II.

Reynolds, 59, died early Wednesday morning of hepatitis complicated by bone cancer. He will be buried in Arlington with full military honors Saturday. Reagan, and possibly the president, will attend, Tate said.

Tate said Reagan telephoned Onassis Wednesday to inform her the president was granting the waiver for West to be buried in Arlington.

Tate also said Mrs. Reagan received a similar request Tuesday from former first lady Jacqueline Onassis that West, who died Monday of a respiratory illness, be buried in Arlington.

She said that Reagan and Onassis chatted and "spent some time catching up."

It was not known whether Onassis would attend West's funeral. Her first husband, President John Kennedy, is buried at Arlington.

Carter criticizes Reagan and his foreign policy

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TOKYO — Samantha Smith's visit to the Soviet Union at the invitation of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov is an example of the "political things" needed to overcome the differences and expert in public relations, wishes he had thought of it first. Simple things like this are powerful enough to prevent war," he said.

overcoming governmental animosity and differences by human contact," he said.

"I'm sure that President Reagan, who is a great actor and expert in public relations, wishes he had thought of it first. Simple things like this are powerful enough to prevent war," he said.

cessor's foreign policy, charging Reagan with inconsistency in his China policy and a lack of concern for human rights in Central America.

Carter told reporters Tuesday that briefing papers the Reagan camp allegedly obtained during the 1980 presidential campaign described "issues that we had identified through secret polling as being the most crucial and important," he said.

"(Reagan) advocated even after he became president that in effect we should shift our eggs back to the Taiwan basket and abandon the U.S.-China relationship," he said.

"Whether he had all this material or not I do not know. If he did, it was obviously of great benefit to him," he said.

Carter said he believed the administration should cut off military aid to El Salvador until the Central American country respects the human rights of its citizens.

Carter also criticized his suc-

"In Nicaragua I think that despite semantical denials, the United States is directly and overtly involved in the overthrow of the Sandinista government," he said.

Computer-glitched electric bill sparks shooting spree

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INDIANAPOLIS — A man who received an erroneous \$49.96 electric bill went into a rage, grabbed a gun, stepped inside his apartment and started shooting.

They said he then ordered a visitor to the apartment complex to leave the area and fired a shot at him. The bullet hit Lester Rhodes' belt buckle, but he was not hurt, authorities said.

A spokeswoman for Indianapolis Power and Light Co. said the bill was an error — caused by a computer problem — and that it should have been for \$33.50.

Police officers who tried to calm Parkey said he fired at them four times and they fired back. Parkey was not hit and fled to his apartment. Capt. Lawrence Turner then persuaded him to drop the gun.

"We are very, very sorry about the incorrect bill," Jan Lower said. "We're very upset that Mr. Parkey reacted in this way."

Parkey faces charges of attempted murder and resisting arrest with a deadly weapon.

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