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LA. driver may face charges

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LOS ANGELES — The man accused of driving his car down a crowded Westwood sidewalk, killing one pedestrian and injuring 54 others, could be charged with murder plus scores of attempted murder or assault counts, prosecutors said Monday.

Al Albergate, a spokesman for the District Attorney's Office, said prosecutors have until Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning to charge Daniel Lee Young, 21, of Inglewood, Calif., or free him from custody.

Young could be charged with murder in the death of 15-year-old Eileen Deutsch, of New York City, plus numerous counts of attempted murder or assault with a deadly weapon — his car — for the other injured people, Albergate said.

If any of the other victims who were critically injured in Friday's night wild car assault die, Young could be charged with additional murder counts, Albergate said.

Police said Young intentionally drove his car onto a tourist-crowded sidewalk in the fashionable Westwood district Friday night at 35 mph, killing the teenager and injuring 57 other people who were mowed down "like bowling pins."

After speeding along almost an entire block of Westwood Boulevard, Young's shattered car came to a halt and he was arrested as he left the vehicle.

No Olympic athletes or coaches were injured even though the scene was a few blocks from the UCLA Olympic village and the incident occurred on the eve of the Games' Opening Ceremonies.



Photo by PETER ROCHA

New voice on new station

Dr. Lou, midday disc jockey, tells listeners about KKYS 105 FM the new area radio station. See story page 3.

Coke building ends check cashing soon

By Dolores Hajovsky
Reporter

The days of cashing checks for more than \$25 are numbered. Beginning Aug. 20 Fiscal Department cashiers will no longer cash personal or payroll checks.

The check cashing service will discontinue because there's not enough space to cash checks and disburse financial aid, Robert Smith, assistant vice president for fiscal affairs, said. Something has to give since business is growing, and what's giving is cashing personal and payroll checks, Smith said.

The first responsibility of the fiscal department is to meet the needs of the students receiving financial aid, making fee payments and taking care of other financial business the department conducts.

The fiscal department disburses millions in aid, loans, scholarships

and fee refunds a year, Smith said. There isn't enough room to help students when people are cashing personal and payroll checks in the Coke Building, Smith said.

The Coke Building was constructed in 1952 when Texas A&M had only 6,000 students. Now enrollment is six times that number and the fiscal department can't absorb the increase, he said.

"Nobody likes to discuss their financial needs in public," Smith said. "When students are elbow to elbow with all the other people cashing checks there isn't any privacy."

The financial offices, now in the basement of the building, will be moved upstairs with the cashiers, Smith said. This change will enable the students to receive their financial aid with less confusion since all the offices will be together, he said.

Two on-campus options remain

for students when they need money. The desk at the Memorial Student Center will continue to cash personal checks up to \$25, and there are two automatic teller machines outside the MSC. The machines operate 24 hours a day allowing withdrawals up to \$300 at a time for those with M-PACT or Pulse cards.

"Currently 50 percent of the students have automatic teller cards," Smith said. "They process about 20,000 transactions a month at the machines. The check cashing trend will soon be gone and someday there will only be the automatic teller machines."

Smith said the machines are for all students with cards, not just those with accounts at local banks. He is hoping to get more machines placed soon at the main points on the campus, such as the Commons and Northgate.

Combat troops leaving Beirut

United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The last U.S. Marine combat troops in Lebanon began pulling out of Beirut Monday, leaving guard duty at the new American Embassy to a handful of Marines and Lebanese security men.

Three amphibious assault vehicles called "Amtraks" carried a group of Marines to the west Beirut waterfront at dawn and chugged into the Mediterranean for the short ride to two U.S. warships stationed offshore.

"This feels all right," said one Marine as he waved goodbye to the city where he had been stationed for three months.

The departure of about 100 combat troops from the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit was expected to take two days, coinciding with the U.S. Embassy's move into new offices in east and west Beirut.

It appeared that less than half the Marines left Monday, but embassy officials declined comment.

The move came as militiamen exchanged sniper fire southeast of the capital and the Lebanese government cleared more barricades from highways linking Christian east and Moslem west Beirut in a move to expand the city's July 4 security plan.

Some 2,500 soldiers of a new Moslem-Christian army brigade continued to spread out Monday along the war-ravaged Green Line that divides the city for the planned reopening

Wednesday of two more crossings between east and west Beirut.

Marine combat units were diverted from Lebanon's multinational peace-keeping force to guard U.S. diplomats after 63 people, including 17 Americans, died in the suicide truck bombing of the U.S. embassy in west Beirut on April 18, 1983.

The Marines served as backup to the embassy's regular Marine Security Guard contingent when American diplomats crowded into Britain's sealed-off embassy on west Beirut's waterfront.

With the departure of the 22nd MAU, the new American Embassy offices will be guarded by about 15 Marines and a special Lebanese security force made up partly of former Druze and Shiite Moslem militiamen, U.S. officials said.

"Security experts believe that security is and will be, without the Marines, as effective as it was with them," embassy spokesman Jon Stewart said.

As the Marines were leaving, American diplomats prepared for the expected opening Tuesday of their new embassy about 1/2-mile west of the temporary offices. Surrounded by high walls topped with barbed wire, the two-story building is set back from the waterfront.

A larger, five-story "embassy annex" is expected to open in Aukur, a hillside suburb of east Beirut, on Thursday.

The U.S. government, although it has never said so publicly, apparently chose the east Beirut office for security reasons after Moslem militiamen gained control of west Beirut Feb. 6.

Town has two mayors

United Press International

MOUNT ENTERPRISE — It's a mathematician's dream and a city government nightmare.

This tiny East Texas farming and timber community of fewer than 500 people has two men claiming to be mayor, a City Council that has been impeached but still meets and a court date to sort out the mess.

"It's like walking down a hall of mirrors," said Ron Adkison, the attorney from nearby Henderson who is representing the elected mayor, Fred Spivey, in his suit to keep the appointed mayor, B.L. Creel, from holding office.

"The possibilities are endless," Adkison said. "I tell people five things could happen, depending on what the judge does."

"I say they've either got the same mayor, but no council, a council with no mayor, the same mayor and the same council, the same council with a new mayor or a new mayor with no council."

"This is one of those deals where the possibilities are endless," Adkison said.

And for Mount Enterprise residents, the dispute may seem endless, too.

"My great fear is that my daughter, who is 18 months old, will inherit this case and have to close it out," Adkison said.

EPA plans dramatic cut in gas lead level

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The government, citing "overwhelming" evidence of a health threat to children, proposed Monday to cut the amount of lead in gasoline 91 percent by 1986 with the hope of eliminating it entirely in a decade.

The tough new plan announced by Environmental Protection Agency chief William Ruckelshaus drew praise from environmentalists, but the move is likely to run into a court challenge from the lead industry.

The action stops short of a total ban on leaded gasoline, which still

accounts for 45 percent of the motor fuel sold.

But because lead is so dangerous to children and fetuses — low-level exposure can cause mental impairment and high levels can be fatal — health officials have been pushing to get lead out of gasoline as soon as possible.

"The evidence is overwhelming that lead, from all sources, is a threat to human health," Ruckelshaus told reporters. "Recently, additional evidence has come in showing that adverse health effects from lead exposure may occur at much lower levels than heretofore considered safe."

The EPA estimates there may be 300,000 children — many of them inner-city dwellers — with blood lead levels at least slightly higher than what is considered to be safe.

By 1986, that figure is expected to drop to 97,000, and Ruckelshaus said the new restrictions will take 50,000 more children out of that category.

Under the EPA plan, the lead content of leaded gasoline would be cut back from the current 1.1 grams per gallon to 0.1 grams beginning Jan. 1, 1986.

Language sometimes barrier in class

By REBECCA DIMEO

Reporter

(Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about foreign graduate students who teach.)

In November 1981 the Houston A&M mothers' club surveyed parents of Texas A&M students about student-instructor relationships. One question concerned the number of foreign teachers who do not speak fluent English.

The answers to the survey showed a problem does exist, although the extent of the problem is difficult to determine.

Some foreign graduate students do have trouble speaking or understanding English, but the ones who teach are carefully screened, says George Kunze, dean of the graduate college, as he describes the rigorous

standards all foreign graduate students must meet.

Texas A&M policy requires that all foreign undergraduates or graduates, no matter what countries the students come from, must take an English proficiency exam, the Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Kunze says he feels proficiency in English is vital for foreign graduate students who teach or assist with a class.

"Otherwise you're putting students in the classroom with somebody they can't communicate with, and that's no learning situation," Kunze says.

Although Texas A&M doesn't limit the number of foreign graduate students in total or the number from any one country the way some universities do, Kunze says, it does control the number that can be University supported with research and

teaching assistantships or fellowships.

The University currently follows a 10 percent rule, although rumor has it the percentage may increase to 15 percent. All international students from the Western hemisphere are exempt. Individual colleges may financially support 10 percent of the graduate students from anywhere else.

"Say there are 500 total graduate students in a college and 20 of them are from the Western hemisphere," Kunze says. "Those 20 are not counted in the 10 percent rule, so 50 may be University supported from the rest of the world."

The 10 percent rule also controls when international students can receive University funding. Graduate students from the Western hemisphere can be supported their first semester at the University, as may

students from the Eastern hemisphere who have degrees from U.S. institutions.

Others must wait until their second semester or receive special permission from the dean's office. International students from the West receive special privileges for what Kunze sees as good reason.

"We want to work with our neighbors," he says.

University standards regarding foreign graduate students are important because of the large numbers of them in Texas, Kunze says. Texas is among the states with the largest foreign student enrollments because of the sheer number of schools in Texas.

Last fall Texas A&M had 914 total graduate students on assistantship

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• Traffic signal coordination developed by the Texas Transportation Institute is being used by engineers in Los Angeles to help avoid Olympic-scale traffic jams at the summer games. See story page 3.

State

• As Sally Ride celebrates the anniversary of the trip that made her the first American woman in space, she says she's tired of the distinction. See story page 8.