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Teen-ager charged in murder case

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A teen-ager was charged Tuesday with murdering a 5-year-old girl who was thrown from a 13th-story window after an appar-ent sexual assault at a bleak West Side housing project police aid Side housing project, police said.

Oris Lee Harris, a neighbor, de-scribed the victim, Shabanna McCann, as a "beautiful little girl."

Johnny Freeman, 17, of Chicago, charged with murder in the child's death, police spokesman John

McCann was taken or lured to a vacant apartment on the 13th floor of a building in the Henry Horner Homes on the city's West Side, Thomas said.

John O'Keefe of the county medical examiner's office said the fatally injured child was found on the ground outside the building by pro-ject residents at about 9 p.m. Mon-day. She died about 10:30 p.m. at Cook County Hospital, he said.

"There was evidence of sexual as-sault due to the condition of the clothing," Thomas said.

O'Keefe said an autopsy was scheduled later Tuesday The McCann family had been

moving Monday into an apartment on the fifth floor of the building where McCann's broken body was found, Thomas said. Their old apartment was in another building in the complex.

Annette Harris, an employee of the Henry Horner Child Development Center and a friend of the victim's mother, Joann McCann, said: "Everybody's in shock. They're really upset. I just can't get it out of my mind."

Police spokesman Montgomery Jackson said the police investigation focused on Freeman, an area resi-dent, after a witness said she had seen him with the younger McCann earlier in the evening.

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Freeman was arrested Monday at the building shortly after the child was found, Thomas said.

The witness, a relative of the McCanns whose name was being withheld, spotted a man with the youngster on a fifth-floor porch from her own apartment in a nearby

building, Jackson said. The witness told police she at-tempted to alert Mrs. McCann because she didn't know the man and was concerned, Jackson said. But the witness said before she could find Shabanna's mother, another resi-dent discovered the fatally injured child.



Skyjacking Hijackers release paralyzed passenger

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Hijackers who seized a Jordanian jetliner hereand forced it on a wandering 13-hour flight before returning to Bei-rut freed a woman, 65, early Wednesday and then took off again.

As the Boeing 727 departed at 2:40 a.m. $-4\frac{1}{2}$ hours after it had landed - one of the gunmen aboard radioed, "We are going - God knows where.'

During the first stage of the com-mandeered flight, with more than 70 people aboard including two Americans, Tunisian officials twice refused permission for the plane to land in Tunis. It made several refueling stops, but the sky pirates rejected pleas to free the passengers.

Airport officials said the woman released here was confined to a wheelchair because of paralysis.

Beirut's Moslem "Voice of the Nation" radio station said while the plane was still parked at the airport, the hijackers wanted to go to Tripoli, Libya, but no attribution for that report was given.

Earlier, in a radio conversation with the control tower, one hijacker told government negotiators: you send fuel, food, water and clean-ing material, we will release some of the weary women and children for humanitarian reasons."

Conflicting reports were made about the number of hijackers. Officials initially reported four, but the pilot at one point spoke about six "heavily armed hijackers in the cock-

One of the hijackers told the Beirut control tower before the plane landed that they would free the passengers and crew when all Palestin-ians leave south Beirut, where their refugee camps are located.

An anonymous telephone caller said the hijackers were radical Shiite

Moslems but a later caller, also anonymous, denied that.

Tunisian officials closed the Tunis airport and all other airports in the country to prevent an unauthorized landing.

Munib Toukan, a vice president of Jordan's state airline Alia, said in Amman, Jordan, that all of the peo-ple aboard the plane "are in excellent condition.

Among the passengers were two Americans, Professor Landrey Slade of the American University of Beirut and his son William, 16, according to a university official. A Jordanian airline official said, however, that Slade was traveling with his wife, not his

Slade, in his mid-50s, left Beirut two days after after gunmen kidnapped Thomas Sutherland, 54, the university's dean of agriculture. A hijacker who identified himself

as Nazih told the control tower about 20 minutes in advance that the plane was heading for Beirut.

'Write Rosty' appeal getting nation's opinion of tax plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's nationally broadcasted appeal for Americans to "write Rosty" on tax revision has produced between 10,000 and 15,000 pieces of mail so far, the staff of the House Ways and Means Com-

mittee reported. The Illinois Democrat's pitch also has inspired the production of a "write Rosty" button that is being sported by committee aides, lawmakers and lobbyists

It was first produced on a limited basis by Rostenkowski's staff as sort of a gag, but now is one of the hottest items on Capitol Hill.

Internal Revenue Service Commisisoner Roscoe L. Egger Jr. showed up at committee hearing sporting a variation on the same theme. His button said: "I wrote Rosty."

Sacks of letters are piling up in the Ways and Means Committee offices in the Longworth House Office

Building.

Committee aide Jamie Richardson said that all the mail hasn't yet been opened, and that when the sacks are all opened and sifted through, the total could run as high as 30,000 pieces of mail.

"Most of them are in favor of the president's tax plan, playing on the fact that something is going to have to be done on a bipartisan basis," the

Reporters found in contempt of court for refusing to testify in Belushi case

Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES — A judge in the John Belushi murder case found two reporters in contempt of court and sentenced them to jail Tuesday for refusing to testify about an interview with defendant Cathy Evelyn Smith. Deputy District Attorney Michael Montagna said, "The issue of the murder can never be resolved" without the testimony of freelance writer Chris Van Ness and National Enquirer reporter Anthony Brenna.

and a \$1,000 fine and ordered Van Ness to spend 30 days in jail and pay a \$1.000 fine. Both sentences were staved pen-

ding appeal to a higher court.

The reporters refused to testify about interviews they conducted with Cathy Evelyn Smith, a former rock singer, who is accused of mur-dering Belushi by giving him an overdose of heroin and cocaine.

The star of the "Saturday Night

his bungalow in the Chateau Marmont Hotel on March 5, 1982.

Later that year, the Enquirer ran a story under the headline: "Holly-wood Drug Queen Confesses — I Killed John Belushi."

That was followed in 1983 by Smith's grand jury indictment on second-degree murder charges.

porter's privilege not to testify, de-cided that both Van Ness and Brenna would have been covered had their interviews been with an undisclosed source.

However, since both writers revealed that their source was Smith and since the Enquirer published a lengthy story based on the interview, the reporters could not refuse to discuss the material under oath, he said.

History Today

Associated Press

Today is June 12, 1985. On this date:

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y - 100 years to the day Abner Doubleday supposedly invented the sport.

In 1917, the Secret Service extended its protection to the president's family.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers of Mississippi was shot to death.

In 1971, Tricia Nixon and Ed-ward F. Cox were wed in the White House Rose Garden.

In 1979, a 26-year-old cyclist, Bryan Allen, flew the man-pow-ered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

U.S.-Soviet study of arthritis shows aspirin-like drugs to be effective

Associated Press

HOUSTON - A 10-year U.S.-Soviet study of arthritis in children shows aspirin-like drugs are as effective as more expensive and costly drugs in treating the illness, researchers said Tuesday.

"We are hopeful this joint study will be appreciated the world over," said Dr. Lev S. Alexeev, senior re-searcher at the Children's Department of the Soviet Institute of Rheumatology.

"The studies are particularly sig-nificant because they represent 10 years of successful, productive and cooperative research between the United States and the Soviet Union,' added Earl J. Brewer, Chief of the Rheumatology Department at Houston's Texas Children's Hospital.

"It's the first time anything of this sort could be done," Brewer said. "It also showed we could work together. In the 1970s, this was not always easily done.

The study included 162 children suffering from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis — 66 of them in the United States and 96 from the Soviet Union.

Ludmila A. Issaeva, head profes-sor in the Department of Children's Diseases at the First Moscow State Medical Institute, said the task of the group was to "try to find the best drugs, the most compatible drugs, for treatment."

The results showed aspirin-like drugs as effective as the diseasemodifying drugs d-penicillamine and hydroxychloroquine, the physicians said.

Brewer said the study was set up to determine whether the use of the specialized drugs "was truly effective or not.

"Our joint work, dedicated to helping children, ended quite suc-cessfully," Issaeva said. "We would like to believe this work, begun 10 years ago, will have many positive re-sults toward alleviating this disease in children.'

Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis af-flicts as many as 250,000 children in the United States. It primarily affects internal organs or is marked by inflammation of the joints. Cause of the disease is unknown.

Issaeva said the study involving the two countries allowed time to be shortened and could include more people, resulting in better and more significant conclusions.

