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SHOE



by Jeff MacNelly

Seven die from fire in home for elderly

Associated Press
SWEET VALLEY, Pa. — Fire flashed through the first floor of a boarding home that housed mostly elderly people early Tuesday, killing seven residents who never got out of their bedrooms, witnesses and officials said.

He said the victims were found on the first floor, all of them in their bedrooms. Hudock said five of the victims were in their beds and the other two apparently died trying to escape.

The Ronald Thomas family, which ran the home and lived on the second floor, escaped by climbing onto the roof of the two-story frame building. A daughter, Leslie, 21, jumped to the ground, and her brother, Ronald Jr., 19, was dropped to her, according to a relative.

Luzerne County Coroner Dr. George Hudock said Leslie Thomas helped identify the victims.

They were identified as: Lucy DelRegno, 73; Agnes Scanlon, 72; Nicholas Demko, 69; Stephen Haverly, 90; Emmett Dempsey, 64; Rhonda Raedler, 19, and Grace Sorber, 75.

"We don't know where or how it (the fire) started," Walsh said.

The house, licensed as a personal care boarding home, received its annual inspection by the state Department of Public Welfare in March. Three minor violations of state regulations were found, none having to do with fire safety. The violations were corrected and a 12-month license was issued on March 17, said department spokesman Mike Moyer.

Live Aid

Geldof honored by congressional group

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Rep. Mickey Leland presented an award Tuesday to Bob Geldof, the rock musician whose efforts for the starving in Africa culminated in last week's massive Live Aid concert and generated over \$100 million in pledges for famine aid.

At a news conference on Capitol Hill, the 32-year-old, Irish-born Geldof, a member of the punk-rock Boomtown Rats, spoke of the logistical and political problems plaguing famine relief efforts in drought-stricken Africa.

"He's just unbelievable," Leland, D-Houston, said later.

"I have never met anybody so knowledgeable about the issues involved who comes from his realm," said Leland, chairman of the congressional Select Committee on Hunger.

"I'm really excited that he would take the time to learn about the issues surrounding Africa, not only the hunger, but the nuances of the politics that come into play not only in Ethiopia, but the other countries that he's studied evidently," Leland said.

Leland said Geldof wanted cooperation between U.S. AID, the Agency for International Development, and Band Aid, which began as a collaboration of British rock musicians to record "Do They Know It's Christmas" as a benefit for famine relief last year.

Band Aid's record was followed by a similar U.S. effort, "We Are the World."

Geldof was one of the promoters of the July 13 telethon "Live Aid," a benefit concert and telethon held simultaneously in London and Phila-

delphia that featured 44 major rock artists.

Leland also met in his office Tuesday afternoon with actor Ed Asner and ventriloquist Paul Winchell who had testified earlier in the day before a House subcommittee about their effort to put together long-range drought relief projects to feed African nations after the immediate threat of famine has ended.

Leland and Michigan Rep. Bob Carr presented Geldof with two framed certificates, one a joint resolution signed by President Reagan declaring July 13 as "Live Aid Day," and the other an award from the Congressional Arts Caucus.

"The award is from the Congressional Arts Caucus," Leland said at the ceremony, "but it is really from the children of Africa."

More than 100 sought in drug crackdown

Associated Press
CHICAGO — Federal and local law enforcement agents arrested dozens of people Tuesday in a crackdown on drug dealing that the FBI said was one of the largest raids of its kind in the nation.

Bob Long, FBI spokesman in Chicago, said the raid seeking 132 people culminated a two-year federal investigation and involved cocaine, marijuana and heroin. He said most of those charged were from the Chicago area.

The Hammond (Ind.) Times reported that raids were conducted in Chicago, Cicero and Aurora, as well as in Indianapolis and Lansing, Mich.

The arrest warrants stemmed from indictments returned last week by federal grand juries in

Chicago and Hammond, the newspaper said, quoting unnamed federal authorities.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Customs Service, and targeted people identified as major heroin and cocaine dealers in Lake County and the Chicago metropolitan area, federal authorities told the newspaper.

Franz Hirzy, public information officer for the DEA Chicago office, declined comment.

U.S. Attorneys Anton Valukas of Chicago and R. Lawrence Steele Jr. of Hammond scheduled a news conference for later Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted federal authorities as saying those named in indictments included members of the Herrera family in Chicago and the Zambrana family in Lake County, Ind.

Publicist says Rock Hudson seriously ill with liver cancer

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Rock Hudson, a movie idol of the 1950s and 1960s who went on to television stardom in "McMillan and Wife" and "Dynasty," is gravely ill with inoperable liver cancer in a Paris hospital, his publicist said Tuesday.

Hudson, 59, is being treated at the American Hospital in Paris by specialists of the Institute Pasteur, a facility that specializes in AIDS research, publicist Dale Olson said. But Olson described reports that Hudson is suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome as speculative.

"My official statement is that Rock Hudson is in the American Hospital in Paris, where his doctors have diagnosed that he has cancer of the liver and that it is not operable," Olson said, adding that there were also signs of cancer in Hudson's blood.

"He's been in and out of a coma," Olson said. "He's a very, very sick man."

Hospital spokesman Bruce Redor told The Associated Press in Paris that Hudson's condition was satisfactory and that the actor was under observation.

Olson said Hudson "will see additional specialists tomorrow to determine if anything can be done to alleviate his condition."

Hudson, who underwent a quadruple bypass heart operation in 1981 while making the "The Devil Connection" for NBC, bounced back to resume his career, most recently on "Dynasty."

Aaron Spelling, executive producer of "Dynasty," said the cast and crew of the ABC-TV series were "stunned by the terrible rumors about Rock Hudson's physical condition."

"When he appeared on 'Dynasty,' he looked terrific, displayed great energy and as always was the consummate professional," Spelling said. "All of us who worked with him on 'Dynasty' are praying for his recovery."

Hudson appeared in six episodes of ABC-TV's top-rated "Dynasty" until a scripted plane crash last spring left uncertain the fate of his character, wealthy horse breeder Daniel Reece.

Olson noted that there had been reports in the press that Hudson was suffering from AIDS, which destroys the body's immune system.

"They are speculative reports and have been neither confirmed nor denied by his doctors," Olson said.

Group says doctors not taught enough about nutrition

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — U.S. medical schools, while cramming future doctors full of technical know-how, are teaching them too little about food and nutrition despite growing evidence of the importance of diet in disease prevention, a federal study group said Tuesday.

The president of the Association of American Medical Colleges quickly disagreed, saying current medical school attention to nutrition, which he called "the in thing" in society, is about right, considering

all the other information students must learn in four years.

The report, from the National Research Council's Committee on Nutrition in Medical Education, said flatly, "The teaching of nutrition in most U.S. medical schools is inadequate."

The committee based its recommendations on a survey of 45 of the nation's 127 medical schools. Those schools average 21 hours of nutrition education in a four-year course of study, with 60 percent offering less than 20 hours of such instruction

and 20 percent providing less than 10 hours, the report said.

"To cover these core concepts adequately, a minimum of 25 to 30 classroom hours should be allocated to them during the preclinical years," it said.

Most schools offer nutrition course electives, but relatively few students take them and "required courses serve as a focal point for a discipline and significantly increase the probability that the student body has a uniform base of knowledge," the report said.

Improvement could be achieved without much disruption in medical schools' coursework, it contended.

However, it said getting support from faculty and administrators could be a bigger problem, suggesting that upgrading most nutrition programs "may require a major philosophical adjustment."

Asked to comment on the report, which he had not yet received, Dr. John A. D. Cooper, president of the

medical schools association, said much nutrition education isn't identified as such — for example, information on vitamin C and amino acids and protein in biochemistry courses.

As to whether nutrition is covered adequately, he said, "Nothing is covered adequately" in four years of study that must include "the explosion of knowledge, the explosion of technology" that has occurred in recent years.

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