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Car Bash

Century Singers members J.D. Wallace and Dan Milford demonstrate their form during the Beat the Hell Outta 'u. Car Bash. The group

will be taking donations today from people wanting to take their frustrations out on the "t-sip mobile."

FBI arrests 4th American for espionage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former National Security Agency communications specialist, originally implicated by turnabout defector Vitaly Yurchenko, has told the FBI he sold U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and became on Monday the fourth American arrested on espionage charges in five days.

Early Monday at an Annapolis, Md., hotel, the FBI arrested Ronald William Pelton, 44, who worked from 1965 to 1979 for the super-secret NSA, which spies on foreign communications and breaks codes.

In a court affidavit, FBI agent David Faulkner said Pelton told the FBI in an interview Sunday that he met with KGB officer Anatoly Slavnov on several occasions from January 1980 through January 1983.

Pelton admitted receiving cash from Slavnov several times, including a \$15,000 payoff as a result of a trip to Vienna, Austria, in January 1983, according to the affidavit.

A federal source, who requested anonymity, said Pelton had been fired by the NSA for reasons not linked to the charges against him.

Several sources said Pelton was the second former U.S. intelligence official whose work for the Soviets was disclosed by Vitaly Yurchenko, the KGB general-designate who defected to the West in August and returned to the Soviet Union three months later.

The FBI said Pelton went to the Soviet Embassy in Washington in January 1980 to offer to spy for the Soviets in return for cash.

On that occasion, the FBI said, he provided information about "a United States intelligence collection project targeted at the Soviet Union."

The Pelton arrest came on a day replete with spy developments in the capital:

- The United States concluded a spy swap with Ghana, allowing Mi-

chael A. Soussoudis, 39, a cousin of Ghana's military leader Lt. Jerry Rawlings, to return to Ghana while close to 10 Ghanaians "of interest to the United States" were allowed to fly to an unidentified African country.

Soussoudis pleaded no contest to charges under the espionage act and was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but that was reduced to time served since his arrest July 10.

- Israeli officials, who demanded anonymity, said their government was investigating whether someone at their Washington embassy overstepped his authority in buying classified U.S. documents from Jonathan J. Pollard, 31, a Navy civilian counter-terrorism analyst who was charged last Thursday with selling secrets to a foreign power identified by U.S. sources as Israel.
- Pollard's wife, Ann Henderson-Pollard, 25, who was arrested Friday night, was formally charged before a magistrate with unauthorized possession of documents relating to the national defense.

How's your credit?

Family economist says people can change poor credit rating

By ANTHONY S. CASPER
 Reporter

A poor credit rating doesn't have to stay with a person for the rest of his life, says Nancy Granovsky, a family economics specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

"Under the Federal Trade Commission's Fair Credit Reporting Act, detrimental information in a credit report may be removed seven years after it occurred," she says. "And if the discrepancy is not resolved before the seven years are up, you may explain your side of the story in 100 words or less which will be included in future reports."

Reports are kept at credit bureaus, which can be found in most cities across the country.

Dr. Marjorie Smith, also a family economics specialist for the A&M Agricultural Extension Service, says it is up to the lender or creditor to determine the legitimacy of a person's reasons and whether or not to take them into consideration.

Smith says that incorrect, incomplete or unverified information may be included in credit reports without the person's knowledge.

"In the first place, just as with any reporting system, sometimes there are mistakes that are made," Smith says. "And if you are the average person, then you just might have some mistakes, just like a bank may make a mistake with your account. You probably won't know there is a mistake in your report until a lender denies you credit on the basis of the inaccurate information."

Moving to a new location, as when students graduate, also may be a reason to be denied credit.

"Sometimes if you move to a new area and don't request to have some of your credit files moved to that new region, they (the lender) might not have enough information about you," Smith says.

Granovsky says that the removal or correction of inaccurate information in a credit record may depend on an individual's records.

She says the process should be started by directly contacting the company responsible for the information.

"Say there was a charge on your Visa or MasterCard and you had written to them and followed an appropriate procedure for questioning

that charge because it was in fact something you didn't make," Granovsky says. "If you had cleared the matter up with the creditor and it was still on your credit record, then you should take a copy of the receipt to the credit bureau and have the bureau check the information from you," Smith says.

"Doing this may speed up the correction process and the individual also may avoid paying a charge to the bureau to trace out the information."

Important as a person's credit history is, Smith says many people don't take the time to find out what is included in their credit record. She adds that it's as easy as a quick visit, letter or phone call to your local credit bureau.

Doctor: Woman died of infection, starvation

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — An 87-year-old woman died of overwhelming infection and starvation at an Autumn Hills convalescent home, a physician testified Monday in a murder-by-neglect trial.

Dr. William Steffee, a specialist in internal medicine in Cleveland, said he studied the nursing home records for Elnora Breed, a patient at the Autumn Hills home in Texas City in 1978.

He said he found notations showing the woman had classic symptoms of starvation and serious infections.

"From your review of the record of Mrs. Breed's 47 days at Autumn Hills nursing home, did you reach a conclusion as to what caused her death?" prosecutor David Marks asked.

"My conclusion is that Elnora

Breed died of overwhelming infection and starvation," Steffee said.

Steeffe's comments came as the 10th week of testimony began in the state's case against Autumn Hills Convalescent Centers Inc. and five of its current and former employees. They are charged with murder by neglect in the Nov. 20, 1978, death of Breed.

The defense contends the elderly woman died of cancer.

Steeffe also said he studied records from another nursing home and a hospital where Breed stayed before entering the Autumn Hills home in October 1978.

He said the records showed she had a urinary tract infection and a stable weight of slightly less than 90 pounds. Her nutritional status, he said, "was stable with very few reserves."

Hightower urges change

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
 Staff Writer

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said Monday that Texas agriculture may be a big problem in our economy today, but the future will show that "there is a lot more economic zip in corn chips than micro-chips."

Speaking at the Messina Hof Wineries in Bryan, Hightower encouraged farmers to join in on his plan to put Texas agriculture on its feet.

He said the plan encourages farmers to diversify their cash crops by planting higher risk crops that yield higher returns.

"We don't want to say 'Don't grow wheat or feed products,'" Hightower said. "What we're saying is look at something else, maybe a product with a little higher risk but a greater return."

Hightower said that along with increased agricultural dollars, the state can hope to prosper from the thou-



Jim Hightower

Farmers need to diversify

sands of spin-off industries that would be fueled by an upswing in farming.

Hightower said he would first like to bring the processing and marketing of Texas agriculture products back to the state.

In the past, Hightower said, Texas raw food products have been sold to processors and marketing

firms outside of the state. Processors, firms that can and package food, and marketing firms, grocery store chains, make the best profits.

Thus farmers in Texas were making smaller profits by selling to out-of-state firms that profited by selling to consumers.

Hightower said it's time to balance the system.

"Texas is the second largest grower of food in the nation," Hightower said. "Yet we process only 5 percent of the country's food. By selling raw and buying back finished food products we are losing billions of dollars that could be kept at home."

"What we're talking about here is a reinvestment in the pioneering spirit that built the Texas economy in the first place."

Hightower complimented Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, owners of Messina-Hof Winery, for pioneering the Texas wine industry.

A&M services modified for Thanksgiving

University News Service

Most services at Texas A&M will be curtailed during the two-day Thanksgiving holiday period.

All non-essential administrative offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

All activities in the University Center, including the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Tower, will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday with the exception of the bookstore and Food Services, which will close at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

The MSC main desk will be open 24 hours throughout the holiday period, while the Rudder Information Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday but will not be open Friday.

On Thanksgiving Day the Tower Dining Room will be open from 11 a.m. to the 7:15 kickoff of the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game at Kyle Field. The MSC Rumors SnackBar will be open from 9 a.m. until the end of the game and the basement snackbar will be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The MSC bookstore will be open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the Association of Former Students office will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The A.P. Beutel Health Center will be closed Thursday through Saturday and reopen at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The University Police Department and essential physical plant operations will maintain regular operations throughout the holidays.

All University activities will resume normal hours Monday.

Egypt: Commandos used to avoid a massacre

Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta — Egypt said Monday that it sent commandos storming into a hijacked jetliner to avert a massacre. But the hijackers responded with fire grenades that turned the plane into a blazing coffin for scores of passengers.

Nine of the 59 victims were children. One of the five hijackers survived the assault on the Egyptian jet and underwent surgery at a hospital, said Paul Mifsud, the Maltese government spokesman.

Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici of Malta said he approved the raid because "we wanted to show

we would not give in."

"The Egyptian forces assured us that this would be a quick operation... and that the assault would come to a good ending," he said.

"Mifsud Monnici said he refused the hijackers' request for fuel and told them that "other forces" might intercept the jet if it left Malta.

The gunmen threatened to blow up the plane in flight if it was "accosted," he said, and "we felt this was a very real possibility."

Egypt blamed the hijacking on renegade Palestinians working for an Arab country it did not name.

Government sources in Cairo said

the country was Libya, Egypt's neighbor and arch rival.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said Libya denied involvement.

It quoted Ali Abdussalam Treiki, the Libyan foreign minister, as saying his country "condemns the latest seizure of hostages as all seizures of hostages in general."

The commandos stormed aboard the plane Sunday night, 24 hours after the hijackers commandeered the Boeing 737 on a flight from Athens, Greece, to Cairo and forced it down at Luga Airport on this Mediterranean Island.

The gunmen killed an American passenger before the assault and threw her body from the plane.

The Egyptian government said it sent the commandos in to avert a massacre.

It claimed the passengers died as a result of the phosphorous grenades thrown by the gunmen, and that none were killed by the assault troops.

Hani Galal, the pilot, said at a news conference that the hijackers told him they would kill a passenger every 15 minutes unless the aircraft was refueled.

They did not say where they

wanted to go from Malta.

Officials said the hijackers made no demands other than that the plane be refueled.

The prime minister said Monday night in a speech to Parliament that he told the hijackers that if they left Malta, "steps would have been taken by other forces to force the plane to land in other territories."

Government spokesman Paul Mifsud said the Socialist Labor premier was "bluffing" in hopes the gunmen would surrender, and "there was definitely no plan or any indication" of such intervention.

The same Boeing 737 was carry-

ing Palestinian hijackers of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro out of Egypt last month when U.S. Navy jets forced it down in Sicily.

Murder committed on Maltese soil was another reason for denying fuel, the prime minister said.

"In no way should the impression of weakness be given on our part in the face of cruelty and the inhumanity of the hijackers," he told Parliament. "After the actions, which show great cruelty and cold-blooded indifference on their part, the hijackers were informed that in no way would they be granted the fuel they wanted."