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Editor: Bryan trial not why policy changed

Associated Press

DENVER — A Soldier of Fortune Magazine editor said Wednesday that a murder-for-hire case in Bryan and an Indiana inmate's escape plot — both linked to recruiting through the magazine's classified ads — had nothing to do with the magazine's decision to end such advertising.

Robert Black Jr., 39, was convicted last week in the murder of his wife, Sandra, at their Bryan home and sentenced to death for offering a mercenary \$10,000 through a classified ad in the magazine to kill her.

Jim Pate, associate editor of the controversial and colorful magazine for military buffs and mercenaries, said it was coincidental the magazine announced Monday it would no longer take personal classified ads that offer services for hire or "otherwise solicit employment."

"The ad policy was not changed specifically for this thing in Indiana or Texas," Pate said. "It was done months ago. Unfortunately, it

popped up about the time this thing was going into effect."

Pate said the March 1985 ad linked to the Bryan murder-for-hire case read:

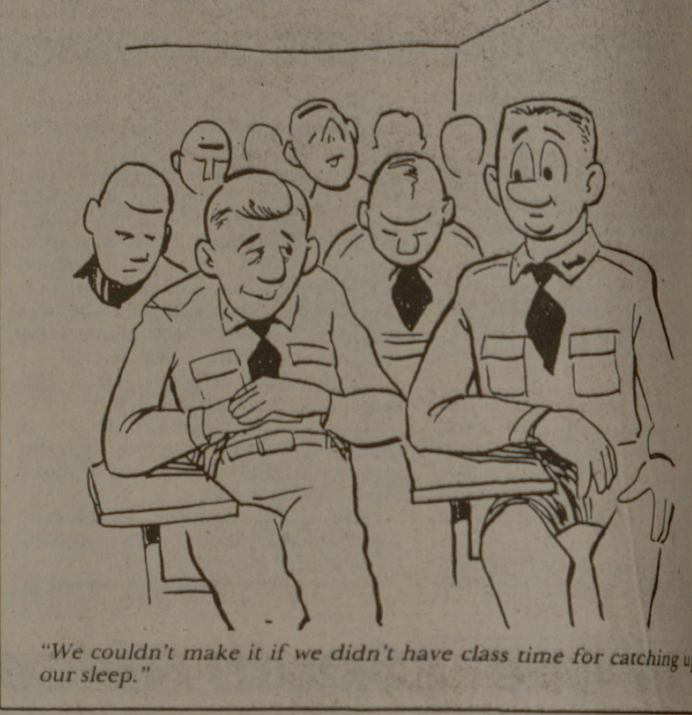
"Ex Marines, Nam vets, weapons specialists, jungle warfare, political, MB, high-risk assignments in U.S. or overseas. World Security Group," followed by a phone number.

John Wayne Hearn, 40, of Atlanta, Ga., testified that the slaying happened after he and Black discussed several ways to stage it. Hearn is already serving a life sentence for another killing.

Meanwhile, prosecutors for both the U.S. Attorney General's office in Denver and the Colorado Attorney General said they knew of no ongoing investigation against Soldier of Fortune for its advertising practices.

A state attorney general investigator said it appeared to him the publisher would be protected under the state Consumer Protection Act's exclusions involving advertising.

Slouch By Jim Earle



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POST OAK MALL

Homeowners flocking to refinance mortgages

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from refinancing can be substantial.

For example, someone holding a 30-year, fixed rate mortgage for \$80,000 at 13 percent would pay \$884.96 a month. Refinancing the entire amount at 10 percent would cut payments to \$702.06, a savings of \$182.90 a month.

Assuming closing costs for the refinancing totaled 4 percent, or

\$3,200, the homeowner could recoup the expense of refinancing in about a year and a half.

The initial rate on adjustable-rate mortgages, which usually are offered at two or more percentage points below fixed-rate loans, has averaged less than 10 percent since June, according to the weekly national survey of 1,500 lenders by HSH Associates, a financial publishing firm in Riverdale, N.J.

But interest on fixed-rate mortgages had not come back down to single digits until the last several months, when some mortgage bankers and lending companies in scattered areas began offering rates below 10 percent.

It has been the widespread move below 10 percent that has sparked recent interest in refinancing.

"There's a big difference between

10 1/2 and 9 1/2," said Ronald F. ... president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "There's a bigger than a quarter-point difference psychologically. I think that's really the magic number."

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said that in the ... ended Feb. 28 the national average rate for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage on a new home was 10.51 percent.

Cause of fire in state high court building still unknown

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asbestos in the building, officials said.

Fire damaged the fourth floor, and smoke and water damaged the third and fifth floors in the section of the building that houses the attorney general's office.

Another part of the building, which houses the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals, apparently escaped damage.

Meanwhile, Fort Worth Fire Department officials were investigating a small fire at the attorney general's office in downtown Fort Worth early Wednesday.

Fire investigator Chip Owens said

the office caught fire after a flammable liquid leaked under the front door. The building's sprinkler system extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived about 6:03 a.m., he said.

Owens said no connection was found between the two blazes.

In Austin, McNicholas said the circumstances of the fires were "totally different," indicating no connection.

Because the Austin courts building was closed, the Supreme Court justices were forced to hear oral arguments in the Old Supreme Court room of the Capitol. That room was used by the high court until the Su-

preme Court building opened in 1957.

For the first time in recent memory, the justices wore business suits on the bench because several couldn't get judicial robes from their court building offices.

After looking over the damage, Attorney General Jim Mattox speculated that the fire may have been sparked by overloaded electrical circuits. A refrigerator and microwave oven were in the hallway where the fire apparently started, he said.

"It does not look to me to be of suspicious origin," Mattox said.

Shortly after the fire was extinguished, Assistant Fire Chief Brady

Pool had said he wouldn't rule arson as a possibility because "it doesn't normally start in hallways in the middle of the night."

Pool also noted that the building fire detection system had been connected within the past few weeks while a new system was being stalled.

Van Blaricom said 80 firefighters were needed because fighting the fire involved going up and down stairs. The first alarm was turned out at 6:15 a.m., the fourth at 6:46 a.m.

Van Blaricom said there appeared to be little structural damage to the flames.

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