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Klinghoffer 'not told' of shooting

GENOA, Italy (AP) — Marilyn Klinghoffer heard shots and then a splash, but she did not know until the Achille Lauro hijacking ended that her invalid husband had been killed and his body thrown overboard, according to her sworn statement.

One of four Palestinian hijackers cried and kissed her when she asked for news about her wheelchair-bound husband, 69-year-old Leon Klinghoffer, Mrs. Klinghoffer said, according to the statement read in court Wednesday.

Mrs. Klinghoffer, 58, died of cancer on Feb. 9. Her statement to Italian authorities was made Oct. 12, three days after the Italian cruise liner was released.

Judge Lino Monteverde read Mrs. Klinghoffer's statement at the trial of 15 men charged in connection with hijacking the Achille Lauro off

Port Said, Egypt. All but one face charges of murder.

Mrs. Klinghoffer recalled for investigators that the last time she saw her husband was when she, nine

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other Americans and five Britons were led upstairs, away from the rest of the nearly 400 hostages. Their small group was terrorized by the hijackers, who threatened to ignite gasoline placed nearby, she said.

Her husband, unable to go upstairs in his wheelchair, remained below, Mrs. Klinghoffer said in the

statement read in Italian to the court.

"About 3:15 (or) 3:30 (in the afternoon), I heard two shots," Mrs. Klinghoffer said. "Right after, I

heard a noise of something going into the water . . . a splash."

Some hostages asked the hijackers what had happened, but "none of us got a precise answer," she said in the statement.

Mrs. Klinghoffer said she asked a hijacker for news about her hus-

band, and when he wouldn't tell her, she asked again.

"He said he was well," Mrs. Klinghoffer's statement said. "Then he kissed me twice, he was crying."

Ahmad Marrouf al-Assadi, one of the accused hijackers, testified earlier that he didn't know what to tell Mrs. Klinghoffer when she asked about her husband's fate, so he embraced her.

Assadi testified last week that another defendant, Youssef Magid al-Molqi, claimed to have shot Klinghoffer.

Among the 10 defendants being tried in absentia is Mohammed Abbas, who prosecutors claim plotted the hijacking. Abbas, also known as Abul Abbas, is a leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

World Briefs

Nonprescription capsules banned

SEATTLE (AP) — The state on Wednesday banned sales of over-the-counter capsules for 90 days as federal authorities searched thousands of bottles and packages for more of the cyanide that has contaminated two different products and killed two people.

The state Pharmacy Board, meeting in Spokane, voted 6-0 to ban the sale of non-prescription capsules one day after cyanide

was discovered in a bottle of Anacin-3 capsules in a random check.

It was the fifth bottle of pain medication found to contain cyanide. Last week, the deaths of two Auburn residents were blamed on cyanide-laced capsules of Extra-Strength Excedrin.

The discoveries were the latest development in the wave of capsule tamperings that has killed 10 people since 1982.

College president indicted for assault

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A grand jury has indicted the president of Westfield State College on four counts of indecent assault and battery stemming from a complaint by a student who received a \$10,000 settlement from the school.

Keefe said his client will plead innocent.

According to court records made available to The Associated Press, the assaults upon which the indictment was based took place in Westfield and involved two male victims.

The charges stem from testimony presented to a grand jury convened when it was learned a student at the school was paid \$10,000 and provided free tuition after he accused Pilecki of sexually assaulting him.

Francis J. Pilecki, 52, did not appear for arraignment Wednesday on the indictment returned by a grand jury because he is hospitalized for "serious depression," said his lawyer, Robert Keefe.

'Officer Teddy' joins California police

MORGAN HILL, Calif. (AP) — Criminals take note: Police here will soon have some new equipment in their arsenal — 50 cuddly teddy bears to help calm children in trouble and maybe even soften up some hard-core crooks.

Police Lt. Leonard Long, whose bear-crazy wife, Sharon, proposed the idea to the mayor, said the stuffed toys will soothe children in trouble.

"We're looking at any kind of traumatic situation that a child might be involved in," Long said. "It's scary for a youngster to be confronted by a police officer, so this would be something like an icebreaker."

At the urging of Mayor Lorraine Barke, the City Council gave preliminary approval earlier this week to acquiring 50 bears through donations.

Barke has tentatively dubbed

Zale rejects third offer from Peoples

DALLAS (AP) — Zale Corp., the nation's largest jewelry retailer, Wednesday rejected a third takeover offer from Peoples Jewellers Ltd., Canada's second largest jeweler.

relations firm representing the Canadian company.

Peoples is offering \$42 a share in cash plus \$4 in additional preferred stock. That is \$1 higher than its previous offer of \$38 a share in common stock and \$7 in preferred stock, said Gary Kastel, Zale vice president for corporate communications.

In a statement from Peoples' Toronto headquarters, President Irving Gerstein said Peoples was "appalled" at the Zale board's action.

In a statement, Zale Chairman Donald Zale said the board of directors had unanimously rejected the latest Peoples offer, which Peoples said totaled about \$564 million.

That figure includes the 15 percent of the Zale stock that Peoples owns, according to a public

ity and what the future would be like.

Choice & Circumstance, a book studying adolescent sexuality and fertility published by the institute, says attitudes toward sex and marriage have changed among both blacks and whites in recent years, but

the change is more visible among blacks.

"Black teen-agers perceive greater tolerance for out-of-wedlock child-bearing in their neighborhood than white youth, and are more accepting of premarital sexual activity," authors Kristin A. Moore, Margaret C. Simms and Charles L. Betsey said.

Sheriff's marksman killed Rodeo Drive hostage in siege

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — One of three hostages killed in a 13½-hour siege in an exclusive Rodeo Drive jewelry store was deliberately shot to death by a sheriff's marksman who thought he had the gunman in his sights, the sheriff said today.

"It was not an accidental shot," Sheriff Sherman Block said of the round that killed Van Cleef & Arpels store manager Hugh Skinner, one of the hostages being used by gunman Steven Livaditis as a shield in an escape attempt.

"There was adequate illumination in the parking lot for him to get a clear sighting and he hit the person he aimed at at the spot he aimed," Block said.

The sheriff said only one shot was fired in the climax to a 13½-hour siege at the jewelry store where five people were held hostage Monday. The arresting officers recovered Livaditis' fully loaded .357-caliber Magnum revolver, which was not fired during the late-night escape attempt.

"We have no doubt at this time that it was our round that killed Mr. Skinner," Block said.

The shooting is under investigation, he said, identifying the marksman as Deputy George Johnson, 42, a 13-year Sheriff's Department veteran.

Autopsies on Skinner, 64, and two other hostages were conducted today.

Livaditis faces arraignment today on murder and robbery charges.

Deputy District Attorney Elden S. Fox said, "In all likelihood, it will be special circumstances, including both robbery and multiple murder," when Livaditis is charged. Under California law, special circumstances allegations make the charges potential death-penalty offenses.

Officials said Livaditis, 22, was sought by the FBI in a \$250,000 jewel robbery in Las Vegas, Nev., and was on probation for a 1984 burglary that netted \$22,000.

Beverly Hills Police Chief Marvin Iannone said Tuesday, "We are dealing with a ruthless mad dog, a killer who had no compunction to do what he did."

Hostages William Richard Smith, 54, and Ann C. Heilperin, 40, were killed in the store by Livaditis, police said.

Livaditis used the store's sophisticated security measures to thwart police, who found they were unable to plan a rescue because the store was protected by bullet-proof glass, doors and surveillance mirrors, Iannone said.

Majority of Blacks born out of wedlock, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of all black babies in the United States are born to unwed mothers, according to a new Census Bureau study that found unmarried women accounted for nearly 18 percent of all births.

The rate of births to unmarried women has been rising in recent years despite the increased availability of birth control products and abortion.

Out-of-wedlock births were most common in the 18-24 age group, accounting for nearly three-fourths of babies born to black women in that category, and more than one in five among white women, said the study released Wednesday.

The bureau studied births during the 12 months ending in June 1985. Among its findings:

— Out-of-wedlock births totaled 17.9 percent for women aged 18 to 44, including 11.7 percent for whites and 54.9 percent for blacks.

— In the 18-24 group, out-of-wedlock births were 31.1 percent overall, 20.2 percent for white

women and 74.5 percent for blacks.

— Some 48 percent of new mothers had returned to the labor force within a year, up from 38 percent in 1980 and 31 percent in 1976. College graduates were twice as likely to have gone back to work as women who had not completed high school.

Martha R. Burt of the Urban Institute, a private research organization, said the increase in out-of-wedlock births has followed a general lessening of the stigma attached to illegitimate children by society, as well as a change in attitude among young women.

While in past decades an out-of-wedlock pregnancy often led to marriage, young people are not heading automatically for the altar any more, she said in a telephone interview.

Instead, she said, institute studies have shown that an expectant young woman often will take a serious look at the father of her child and consider whether marriage is a good idea, whether he can support a fam-

OPEC meeting

Cartel removes president criticized as 'ineffective weakling'

BRIONI, Yugoslavia (AP) — OPEC opened a new round of oil talks Wednesday by removing its Venezuelan president, Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, who was publicly criticized by an Arab minister as an ineffective weakling.

Oil ministers from the 18 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries met for about four hours but reached no decisions about how to combat the oil market slump, said Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, who took over as president of the organization.

"We're just warming up," he told a reporter. He said no specific proposals had been made on how to limit the cartel's oil output and push prices higher.

Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the oil minister of Saudi

Arabia, said he remained hopeful that the talks could produce at least some movement toward an eventual agreement to modestly boost prices.

Lukman said the ministers would resume their discussions Thursday.

In the customary opening address by the OPEC president, Grisanti predicted a quick reversal of this year's dramatic decline in oil prices. He also called on major oil producers outside OPEC to help the cartel boost prices by restraining production.

Moments after delivering his speech, Grisanti was voted out of office in a move that reflected growing frustration in several delegations with the lack of progress in recent OPEC conferences. He held the post for six months.

OPEC rotates the job of president but Grisanti's term of office was unusually short and increasingly controversial.

Mana Saeed Oteiba, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, was the first cartel leader to publicly criticize the Venezuelan. In what has become a custom, Oteiba released a pre-meeting poem Wednesday, that said it was "time to marry OPEC off" to a husband that is "none other than an able president. Not a weakling linked with her present qualities."

Other officials had said privately in recent months that Grisanti was widely viewed inside OPEC as lacking the organizational and leadership qualities needed to guide the troubled cartel.

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