



Photo by Sarah Cowan

Hero In Training

Martin Howard, 3, wears a helmet of salvation that he made at vacation Bible school at Grace Bible

Church, along with the accompanying gear for a Christian soldier, as he plays on a jungle gym.

Warped

by Scott McCullar



Kniewel, Ali draw support for slain girl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Celebrities rallied around the family of a Texas girl killed in gang violence, with stuntman Evel Kniewel offering a reward and boxer Muhammad Ali a scholarship for her sister.

Police continued to search on Tuesday for the suspected street gang members who gunned down Tonya Hughes, 15, of Texarkana, from a passing car after a weekend party in Watts. Police said she was an innocent bystander in an apparent territorial conflict.

Another teen was killed and several people were injured in similar shootings in Watts and other blighted neighborhoods in South Los Angeles.

"Unfortunately, it's not that unusual," police spokesman Lt. Dan Cooke said of the so-called drive-by shootings.

"Most generally they are gang-related and most generally they are drug-related. It's the territorial imperative," Cooke said. "They start spraying (gunfire) and somebody else is going to get hit. People get hit in their houses."

There have been no arrests in Hughes' death, and Kniewel, a motorcycle stuntman, said he wants to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the killer's arrest and conviction.

"The people responsible for (her) death should be put to death when they're caught," Kniewel said.

Ali, former world heavyweight champion, set up a scholarship fund for the girl's 5-year-old sister, Keisha.

"I'm relating as another parent," said Ali, father of eight children. "These gangs must be stopped."

Ali and Kniewel also are forming a national foundation to keep children off drugs.

What's up

Thursday

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES: will hold a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. outdoors, between Rudder Tower and the Memorial Student Center.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

Grand jury will seek answers to choking of Dallas pastor's wife

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury will begin an investigation Wednesday into the near-fatal choking of the wife of a Dallas minister, who has refused to talk to police about the case for 14 weeks.

The Rev. Walker Railey, former senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dallas, is one of seven people subpoenaed to appear before the panel.

But Railey's attorney, Doug Mulder, has not said whether he will allow Railey to testify before the panel.

Railey has refused to talk to investigators since the day after he found his unconscious wife sprawled on the floor of their garage April 22.

Margaret "Peggy" Railey, 38, has been in a coma since the assault and is now being cared for in a Tyler nursing home.

Railey has said he returned home from studying at a Southern Methodist University library and found his wife about 12:40 a.m.

But police said they have "indisputable evidence" contradicting Railey's account of his whereabouts that night.

Police investigators, unable to get Railey to tell his story, turned to prosecutors in an attempt to get him to talk to a grand jury.

Norman Kinne, Dallas County's chief criminal prosecutor, said that the use of a grand jury as an investigative tool in an attempted murder case is extraordinary.

But, he said, "This is an unusual case."

Texas law requires all subpoenaed witnesses to appear before the grand jury, but a witness has the constitutional right not to give any evidence that might be self-incriminating.

Nine days after the attack, Railey took an overdose of pills in a hospital room near his wife, just before police investigators were scheduled to question him. After recovering from the overdose, he voluntarily admitted himself to Timberlawn where he underwent six weeks of treatment.

Texas millionaire takes gamble on Titanic

ABILENE (AP) — "Cadillac Jack" Grimm, a high-stakes poker player and an oilman, is taking another gamble with the salvage of the Titanic — but he's holding his cards close to the vest.

Grimm, founder of Grimm Oil Co. in Abilene, acknowledged in an interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he is involved in the salvage of the luxury liner. But he would not comment Tuesday on his role in the operation, how much he is spending, or any other aspect of the project.

Last February, the oilman outlined plans for the salvage operation

and said, "I'm going to toss \$3 million into this try for the jackpot."

It isn't the first time the 62-year-old millionaire has gone for the jackpot. The white-haired gambler with piercing black eyes earned his fortune in the oilfields, where every well is a risk. And he has played several times in the World Series of Poker, the richest poker game in the world.

Henry Bollinger, spokesman for Binion's Horseshoe, the Las Vegas casino that holds the annual tournament, said, "He's a terrific poker player. Unfortunately for him, he's tried but never won it."

Grimm has lost other gambles, too. He spent millions of dollars in the 1970s looking for Noah's Ark and the Loch Ness monster. He also paid two photographers to look for Bigfoot in western Canada. None of the searches was successful.

When Grimm married 39 years ago, he and his wife, Jackie, spent their three-month honeymoon prospecting for gold in the Sierra Nevada in California.

"We were lucky," Mrs. Grimm told the Associated Press Tuesday by phone from the couple's Abilene home. "Gold was selling for \$35 an ounce back then, and we earned

about \$10 a day."

Mrs. Grimm, 58, said her husband has been different all his life.

"He's always been very adventuresome and a dreamer — a successful dreamer, fortunately," she said.

Last summer, Grimm announced his plans to retrieve artifacts from the Titanic, which struck an iceberg late on the night of April 14, 1912, and sank early the next morning. More than 1,500 died.

Marine salvage experts have said any objects recovered from the wreck, however small, would be worth a fortune.

Houston phone repairman saves life of drowning baby

HOUSTON (AP) — A telephone repairman's quick thinking is credited with saving the life of a 9-month-old girl who nearly drowned in a bathtub, authorities said.

Robin Mercy said she was giving her daughter, Janeyia, and another daughter, Jasmine, 4, a bath about 10:30 a.m. Monday when she left them unattended to go to the kitchen.

Mercy said she panicked when she saw her daughter turning

blue in the tub a few minutes later.

The telephone was not working so she told her 16-year-old daughter to have the telephone repairman working on the phone lines outside to call for help.

Martin Baker, a Southwestern Bell repairman, responded to Mercy's plea for help.

Baker, 47, said the baby needed immediate help so he began cardiopulmonary resuscitation while the teen called from a neighbor's home.

Stock disclosure rule for corporate raiders gets early test

NEW YORK (AP) — T. Boone Pickens Jr.'s interest in Boeing Co. stock has run up against a new federal requirement for speeding disclosure of corporate takeover bids — a rule that Pickens' past corporate raids helped create.

The rule, which took effect July 3, eliminates a loophole through which corporate raiders such as Pickens and Sir James Goldsmith launched profitable, if unsuccessful, takeover bids for such companies as Phillips Petroleum Co. and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

but its impact in the cases of Boeing and Dayton Hudson Corp., both of which say they have been notified of possible takeover bids, is uncertain because their suitors' ultimate intentions are unclear.

Boeing revealed Monday that Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership, based in Amarillo, had notified the federal government on June 29 of its intention to acquire more than \$15 million worth of Boeing stock and to seek permission to raise its holdings to as much as 15 percent of the company's outstanding shares.

The announcement came just three days after Dayton Hudson, the Minneapolis-based retailer, reported that a partnership controlled by the Haft family of Maryland had made a similar notification.

Under the Hart-Scott-Rodino antitrust act of 1976, investors who intend to acquire more than \$15 million worth of a company's stock must notify the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission before they make a takeover attempt. Such investors then must wait for up to 30 days to proceed with a takeover, so the announcement can assess the antitrust implications of the proposed merger.

Until the new rule took effect, the law did not apply to partnerships such as Mesa, which could accumulate substantial amounts of a company's stock at relatively cheap prices before their interests were disclosed.

The Securities and Exchange Commission requires investors to disclose within 10 business days when they acquire 5 percent of a company's shares, but the cost of acquiring such holdings generally is much higher than \$15 million. Thus, a raider's

partnership could buy 4.9 percent of a target company and continue raising the stake before the disclosure deadline.

Pickens used the tactic in going after Phillips in late 1984, while Goldsmith, the Anglo-French financier, was accused of using the loophole to mount his unsuccessful 1986 bid to take over Goodyear.

FTC officials have indicated the new rule was enacted partly to curb such tactics, while legal experts have said it also was aimed at dissuading Congress from enacting more restrictive anti-takeover legislation.

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