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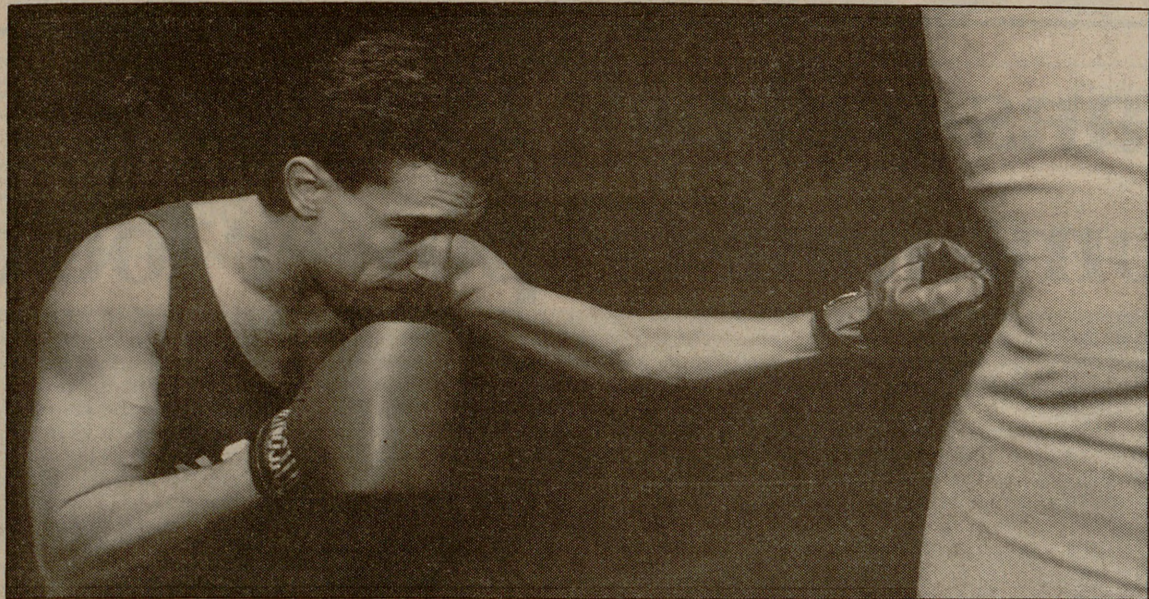


Photo by Frederick D. Joe

Senior BANA major Brian Fitzgerald punches the heavy bag in preparation for a bout this weekend in the New York Invitational at the New York Sports Club. Fitzgerald, of Mesquite, received his

invitation after winning the Western Collegiate Regionals and placing third in nationals in the 150-pound weight class.

HPD places officer on leave for shooting man six times

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston police officer has been placed on leave after shooting and killing a man pulled over for a routine traffic violation Wednesday — the third person he has killed in seven years on the force.

Police spokesman J.C. Mosier said Officer Scott Tschirhart, 27, fired after Byron Gillum, 24, reached for a gun wedged in the front seat of his car as the policeman wrote citations for lack of insurance and driving without a seat belt early Wednesday morning.

Tschirhart stopped Gillum about 1:05 a.m. near the University of Houston campus, allegedly for speeding, although he had not clocked a speed, Mosier said.

Gillum's grandmother, Ernestine Simpson, said her grandson was on his way home from his security guard job.

A UH police officer, Sgt. Jon Williams, was in his patrol car parked about 30 feet away and saw Tschirhart approaching Gillum's car, UH Assistant Chief Frank Cempa said.

"He saw the officer draw his weapon, yelling something and repeating it. He (Williams) couldn't make it

out," Cempa said. "Then he heard the gun."

Gillum allegedly reached for the gun wedged in the front seat. Tschirhart fired all six rounds of his .38-caliber service revolver, striking Gillum four times in the back, once in the arm and once in the abdomen.

Gillum was able to crawl out a passenger side window. He ran about 20 feet before he collapsed and died.

Mosier said Gillum had no criminal record. In November of 1983, Tschirhart killed a 22-year-old man after the suspected auto thief rammed the officer's patrol car. He was not indicted in the shooting.

Tschirhart also fatally shot Bennie Lee Young, 24, on July 12, 1985, after Young struggled with the officer as the officer arrested a woman. A grand jury did not indict him in that case, but requested that the investigation be re-opened, a request the district attorney's office declined.

Mosier has been assigned to a desk job with pay pending an investigation by the police internal affairs division and the district attorney's office.

Grand jury's decision sparks furor

HILLSBORO (AP) — A Hill County grand jury's decision not to indict three white men in the death of a black burglary suspect they chased through Malone erased the taint of racism and vigilantism from the central Texas community, some authorities said.

But Malone's former mayor says he wants federal investigators to probe the death of James Oliver King Jr., who three men chased and held face down Oct. 9 in a plowed field for more than 15 minutes until authorities arrived.

The Hill County grand jury declined to indict the men, finding they had no intention of killing King. A Dallas pathologist ruled that King, 24, died of strangulation and suffocation.

Doyle Tanner, Danny Krumnow, a Texas Depart-

ment of Corrections guard, and Malone Mayor James Lucko chased King after he allegedly broke in the home of Emma Piel.

The 68-year-old woman yelled for help and nearby residents gave chase, some firing warning shots with guns.

Tanner, Krumnow and Lucko were standing over King when Hill County deputies arrived.

"There's justice in Hill County," Tanner said as he left the county courthouse following the grand jury session Tuesday.

"I just hope things can get back to what they were," Lucko said. "There's no reason for the town to sit there and fight."

Meier

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18th century, the trade between countries was complementary, similar to that of a courtship, he said. In the mid-19th century, trade was more competitive, similar to a battle.

"Today what we have could be classified as adversarial trade," Meier said. Adversarial trade is an attempt to dominate the industry, which could be compared to winning a war, he said.

"Our objective in competitiveness today must therefore be winning, not just seeking comparisons," he said.

Meier said industry today is less dependent on material, energy and direct labor than in the past. The key to the future of the United States and its competing power is through education, cleverness, imagination and innovation, he said.

The lack of technological literacy

and the diminishing number of students interested in pursuing science and engineering education are also problems with which the United States must deal.

Meier said minorities are poorly represented in the science and engineering fields.

"That is where the perspective students are . . . it's not an equity issue; it's one of survival," Meier said.

"We are not reaching the students that we should be reaching. Less than half of the U.S. graduate students in engineering were born in this country," he said.

Meier said the fact that we have too many foreign students studying engineering isn't the problem, but rather the fact that not enough bright American students are entering doctoral programs.

Meier said the National Science Foundation suggests people be aware of the competitive crisis as well

as the role people play in the world of economic competition.

The educational programs need to be improved in order to utilize the country's human resources to the fullest, he said. People need to raise the literacy of technology today.

People who haven't decided their majors should consider science and engineering, Meier said.

Wilbur L. Meier is the head of the Office for Engineering Infrastructure Development at the National Science Foundation. The Office is responsible for programs in engineering education, human resources, interdisciplinary activities and advancement of engineering through international cooperation.

The E.L. Miller Lecture Series "Tomorrow's Technology Today" concludes tonight at 8 at Rudder Theater with the panel discussion "High Tech Trade: Can the U.S. Compete?"

Walesa

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day afternoon, when President Bush appeared with him at an AFL-CIO convention, hailed him as "America's special guest" and promised more aid for Poland.

"Clearly there are times when the need for progress demands that we put differences aside, and where Poland is concerned, now is such a time," Bush said.

"Today, I appeal to the unions and on the American labor movement, the business community, and government to look for ways to support a partnership for progress in Poland for the sake of a nation and a people that need and deserve our help," he said.

Walesa, addressing a joint meeting of Congress, drew resounding applause when he said that "assistance extended to democracy and

freedom in Poland and all of Eastern Europe is the best investment in the future of peace, better than tanks, warships and warplanes, an investment leading to greater security."

Walesa arrived in Washington on Monday for a four-day visit marked by numerous awards and a torrent of praise as Poland and other East European nations rapidly institute democratic and market reforms.

In more concrete action, the Senate voted Tuesday to authorize \$657 million in economic aid to Poland over three years and \$81 million for nearby Hungary, also dismantling its centrally controlled economy.

The House went further, approving an initial one-year installment of \$533 million for the two Soviet bloc nations.

The steps to send economic aid to Poland have been accompanied by personal adulation for Walesa. He received the Presidential Medal of

Freedom from President Bush on Monday, an AFL-CIO human rights award on Tuesday, and on Wednesday became the second foreign private citizen to address a joint meeting of Congress, the first since the Marquis de Lafayette in 1824.

Walesa began his remarks with the opening words of the preamble to the U.S. constitution, "We the People . . ."

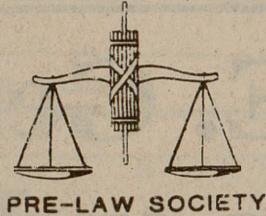
"I do not need to explain that I, an electrician from Gdansk, am also entitled to invoke them," said Walesa.

Walesa said Solidarity's success was attracting imitators throughout the communist world, and inside the Soviet Union itself, among "Hungarians, Russians, the Ukrainians, people of the Baltic republics, Armenians and Georgians, and in recent days, the East Germans."

"We wish them luck and rejoice at each success they achieve," he said.

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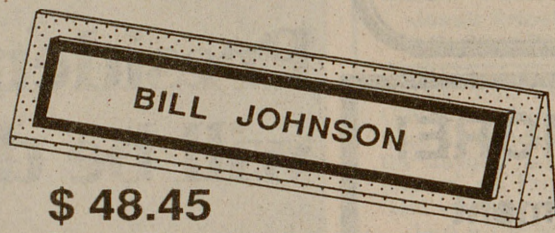
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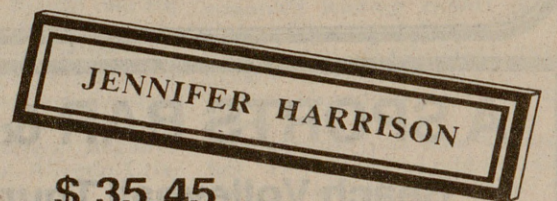
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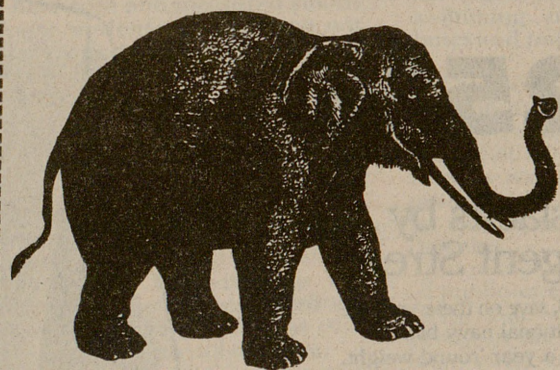
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