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British tourist fatally shot during robbery in Florida

The Associated Press

MONTICELLO, Fla. - Margaret Ann Jagger, bleeding from a bullet that grazed her chest and right arm, cried into the telephone, "He's dying! He's really dying! ... Please help!"

The British tourist's boyfriend had just been fatally wounded at an interstate highway rest stop in northern Florida.

Jagger, 35, and boyfriend Gary Colley, 34, who arrived Thursday in Orlando, pulled off Interstate 10 for a nap in their unmarked rental car early Tuesday. The rest area was well-lit. There were other people around.

Then two armed youths approached, knocked on the windows and demanded money. "They woke up and tried to back out and that's when they were shot," said

Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune.

Jagger called 911 from a phone booth. "There's blood all coming out of his mouth. And I think he's dying," she told an emergency operator. A tape of the call was played on CNN.

Colley, who lived with Jagger for about 12 years, was the ninth foreign tourist in Florida to be killed since October. Early Thursday, a German honeymooner driving an unmarked rental car from the Miami airport to his hotel was shot to death in an apparent highway robbery attempt.

Although police said it appeared that Colley's killers were unaware he and Jagger were foreign tourists, Gov. Lawton Chiles suspended all tourist advertising for Florida. One ad campaign had used the theme, "When You Need It Bad,

We've Got It Good."

The governor also ordered beefed-up patrols at the state's 48 interstate highway rest areas - deploying 540 auxiliary officers from the Florida Highway Patrol,

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- Margaret Ann Jagger, victim's girlfriend

Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and Marine Patrol. The officers have law enforcement powers as long as they remain in contact with police.

"We have to turn our outrage into de-

termination," Chiles said. "Violence and brutality have no welcome mat in Florida."

Authorities found a car abandoned near a Tallahassee high school Tuesday that fit the description of the suspects' vehicle. Investigators were checking to see if it was the getaway car.

Chiles offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions. He said he would ask President Clinton for a federal grant to expand Florida's violent crime task force.

The state's \$31 billion a year tourist industry was still reeling from last week's killing of Uwe-Wilhelm Rakebrand, 33, an agricultural engineer from Adendorf, Germany, who had just arrived in Miami with his pregnant wife. Three people were arrested in that killing.

Colley, who was from Wilsden in

northern England, was shot in the neck. His girlfriend was grazed in the chest and arm, and treated and released from a Tallahassee hospital.

Fortune said an attendant at the rest area witnessed the shooting and saw the attackers get back into a red compact car, where there was possibly a third person. The robbers were described as young men, possibly juveniles.

"According to the attendant, the suspects were roaming around the rest area," the sheriff said. "They more or less cased the parking lot and picked them."

The couple appeared to have been chosen at random. They rented the car in Orlando, had visited New Orleans and were driving to the Tampa-St. Petersburg area when they pulled up at the rest stop about 35 miles east of Tallahassee.

Aggies bleed maroon



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Szalan Zanowiak, a junior biomedical sciences major from Mineral Wells and a member of the Texas A&M Care Team (left), administers a blood pressure test to Valerie Hinton, a junior marketing ma-

ior from Grand Prairie, at the American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday at Rudder Fountain. Blood pressure is tested before a person donates blood.

Israel, Jordan sign peace framework

Congress gives Arafat warm welcome; Clinton plans to further peace process

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The historic Israeli-PLO accord bore further fruits of peace Tuesday as Jordan and Israel signed a framework for negotiations and Morocco moved toward formal recognition of the Jewish state. Yasser Arafat was warmly received in Congress.

"We will continue now rapidly to break down the barriers between Israel and other nations," said President Clinton.

Jordan and Israel signed an "Agenda for Peace" at a State Department ceremony. The agreement lays out a framework for future negotiations.

Ambassador Fayed Tarawneh, who signed for Jordan, said he hoped it would establish an agenda for discussions and lead to "a comprehensive peace that will transform the lives of all our peoples."

The pact could lead to settlement of the border between the two countries and launch joint efforts to harness water resources, protect the environment and develop the Dead Sea region.

Negotiations would seek a "mutual commitment not to threaten each other by any use of force" or terrorism.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was in Morocco for a surprise meeting with King Hassan II. The meeting was expected to lead to diplomatic relations.

Rabin said it would not happen instantly. "But the fact that from Washington we are coming to Rabat and are meeting with the king perhaps is another step forward in everything that is linked to establishing relations," he said.

In Washington, a senior official said Secretary of State Warren Christopher had sent letters to some 10 U.S. embassies in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, suggesting the host governments "provide political and financial support" to the Palestinians.

The official said appeals had earlier been made to the European Community, Japan, Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf states.

Arafat said he was not ready to shuck his military uniform. He was clearly relishing a new Washington role of good-natured statesman.

"I am not a chameleon," Arafat said, proudly asserting he still was commander-in-chief of a Palestinian army. He said at a news conference that when Palestinians get a state and control over East Jerusalem Jews would be welcome to keep living there.

Arafat met with Senate leaders who promised to review U.S. laws that bar financial assistance to the PLO because of its long history of terrorism against Israelis and Americans.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said Congress and the Clinton administration would pursue "the best and most appropriate way" to further the peace process.

Arafat then went to the National Press Club where he said that more than 1 million Palestinians in Gaza faced starvation. "We are in need, at least, of loan guarantees," he said.

Arafat reaffirmed he intends to see a Palestinian state established and to take control of East Jerusalem, which he described as occupied territory.

Board of Regents meeting

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents will discuss items relating to the Aggie Ring, the planning of a power plant and a licensing agreement with Baylor College of Medicine at its regular meetings Thursday and Friday.

The meetings will start at 2:45 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday in the Board of Regents Annex across the street from Cain Hall.

ACT scores rise slightly among Texans

The Associated Press

AUSTIN - Texas students' scores on the ACT college entrance exam rose slightly this year but remain below the national average, according to a report released Tuesday by the Texas Education Agency.

The average composite score on the American College Testing program exam in Texas was 20.1 on a 36-point scale, up from 19.9 in 1992.

Nationally, the average score was 20.7, up from 20.6 the previous year. Texas' larger increase narrows the gap between the state and national scores.

The test includes English, mathematics, reading and natural science.

A record 54,115 Texas students took the ACT in 1993, marking the third consecutive year the number of test-takers increased, the agency said. Last year, 53,201 students took the ACT in Texas.

"This shows that more and more students are considering college as a valid postsecondary option," said Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno.

More than 875,000 graduating high school seniors took the test nationwide this year.

The composite scores of all ethnic groups in Texas went up except for Asian American-Pacific Islander students.

Governor surveys storm damage

The Associated Press

Gov. Ann Richards traveled Tuesday to parts of North Texas, including the town of Cleburne near Dallas, to survey damages left by storms and tornadoes that swept through the area, claiming one life.

Richards, Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, and Cleburne city officials toured the mostly ravaged business area to assess whether the town would be declared a disaster area, said Gabby Garcia, a spokesman in the governor's office.

Initial reports indicated the storms flattened 10 businesses and three city-owned facilities. Also, 100 commercial businesses, 247 homes and 50 cars were damaged. Several minor injuries also were reported.

"I think the miracle is that there was no one killed in this event," Richards said. "It's so unbelievable that you can have this kind of damage and no serious injury or loss of life."

The governor, in a speech given earlier in the day at Texas Christian University, said that the initial damage assessment of about \$6 million to \$8 million was tentative.

Richards also said that she would have to confer with the Federal Emergency Management Agency before a decision is made on a disaster declaration, which would provide financial relief to businesses and homeowners.

One person, a toddler, was reported dead in the storms.

A 13-month-old girl died when she was swept from her mother's arms after their car stalled in floodwaters from heavy thunderstorms early Tuesday morning.

Divers and rescue personnel were called to an unincorporated area of Parker County, where they found Cassandra Maddux about 9:15 a.m., authorities said.

A&M celebrates Hispanic culture

By Jan Higginbotham

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As National Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off around the country today, several A&M Hispanic organizations will start a campus-wide Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration that began with the Bush administration, but this is only the second year the event has been celebrated at Texas A&M.

Texas A&M's Hispanic Presidents Council is coordinating this year's event.

Dr. Emily Santiago, HPC adviser and assistant director of multicultural services, said the celebration is expected to deliver a message about Hispanic culture.

"We want people to see the diversity of the different groups involved but also the common cultural values that bring Hispanics together," Santiago said.

In an attempt to give the event a broader perspective this year, Santiago said, each Hispanic organization on campus was given the opportunity to plan a program for the celebration.

"The planning was a joint effort between the organizations, their advisers, HPC and myself," Santiago said.

As a result, the event will include a wide variety of activities that focus on a number of issues affecting the Hispanic community, and, Santiago said, "the event will be interesting to different people for different reasons."

The festivities for Hispanic Heritage Month will get under-

way Wednesday night as Dr. Marco Portales will deliver a presentation titled "Hispanics and Hispanics and Hispanics." Dr. Jesus Negrete will follow with "The Significance of 16 de Septiembre & Chicano Music."

Tonight's program also will include a presentation by the Ballet Folklorico.

Events are scheduled throughout the upcoming month and will culminate with the Hispanic Heritage Month Dance on Oct. 15.

Other highlighted activities include a visit from Fernando Dovalina from the Houston Chronicle, as well as a presentation by the Honorable Marcos Rigau, the Honorable Fernando Martin and Mr. Benny Frankie Cerezo, concerning the upcoming referendum on the issue of Puerto Rico becoming a state.

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• Forecast for Thursday: Also nice and sunny, highs in 80s to near 90

• For the weekend: partly cloudy with showers, highs in 90s

Tomorrow in Aggieworld

Texas' crop of musicians:

Interviews with funk band House of Usher; Bryan native, country artist Doug Supernaw and blues guitarist Ian Moore

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