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1973 hotrods, muscle cars and trucks, allowing car enthusiasts to exchange tips and info. The event was hosted by the Bluebonnet Street Rod Club.

Nepal's acting king asserts royals killed by accident

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal's acting king asserted Sunday that eight members of the royal family were killed by "accidental" automatic weapon fire, contradicting officials who had suggested the crown prince killed his relatives in a dispute over his wedding plans.

In a written statement, Prince Gyanendra said the shootings that killed King Birendra, the queen and six other royals were an accident and did not name Crown Prince Dipendra, who was on life support after the shootings, as the gunman. Dipendra was named king to succeed his father.

Official sources had said Saturday that Dipendra shot his parents and six other relatives to death late Friday before turning the gun on himself in a rampage that a senior military official said apparently erupted after his mother, Queen Aiswarya, objected to his intended bride.

"According to the information we have, the incident happened by an accidental firing of an automatic weapon, seriously injuring the king, the queen, the crown prince and members of the royal family," Prince Gyanendra, who was named acting king, said in the statement. Gyanendra is Dipendra's uncle.

"They were rushed to the hospital, where, despite the efforts of the doctors, his majesty the king passed away," said Gyanendra, who is the late king's brother. He said that as of Friday night, when the shooting occurred, "Dipendra has been declared his majesty the king of the kingdom of Nepal."

By mentioning the gunfire, the caretaker king went further than the government newspaper, *Rising Nepal*, which referred only to "an unanticipated incident." Government officials were unavail-

able for comment Sunday, part of a five-day nationwide mourning period.

The newspaper pictured Dipendra, now king, in royal attire on its front page Sunday, but the 29-year-old remained on life support in a hospital and Gyanendra, who is little known among Nepalis, was acting king.

The dead included Birendra, 55; the queen, 51; their son Prince Nirajan, 22; and daughter, Princess Shruti, 24, who had two daughters. The others killed were Princess Sharada Shah and Princess Shanti Singh, both sisters of the slain king; Kumar Khadga Bikram Shah, Sharada's husband; and Princess Jayanti Shah, a cousin of the late king. Three other people were wounded.

The deaths — and the conflicting explanations — left a stunned, saddened country wondering not only what happened and where the monarchy goes next. Many ordinary Nepalis refuse to believe that the crown prince slaughtered the royal family.

On Saturday night, hundreds of thousands of people tossed flowers, wailed and prayed, bidding farewell to the slain king and his relatives.

The outpouring of sadness came during a time of political instability and appeared likely to become another thorn for the beleaguered elected government.

"Long live our king! Our king and our nation is dearer to us than our lives!" shouted the sea of people that followed the funeral procession to the holiest shrine in this Himalayan kingdom where the bodies were cremated.

A grim Gyanendra, dressed in military white, led the funeral procession, which started at sunset and was broadcast on state television.

News in Brief

Autopsy planned after coaster death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An autopsy was planned to determine what caused a woman to die after riding a roller coaster ride at an amusement park, authorities said.

The 28-year-old woman, who was identified Sunday as Pearl Santos, was found slumped over in her seat when the three-minute Goliath coaster ride came to an end Saturday at Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park. Park and county paramedics performed CPR but she died at the hospital.

The woman's mother, Juanita Santos, said her daughter did not have any history of health problems.

Goliath, which opened last year, is a 255-foot metal roller coaster. Its three-minute ride offers turns, drops and spirals and reaches speeds of 85 mph.

Park officials said the death appeared to be unrelated to the ride, which was functioning normally. The ride was shut down, inspected and reopened several hours later.

Attorney general nominated Virginia Republican candidate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Attorney General Mark Earley

won the Republican nomination for governor Saturday at the party's state convention.

Earley led Lt. Gov. John Hager by a 2-to-1 ratio for the right to challenge Democrat Mark Warner in the Nov. 6 election, party officials said. In his concession speech Hager called on delegates to unite behind Earley.

South Korea offers to open waterway

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In a major conciliatory gesture, South Korea said Sunday it will open a key waterway to North Korean commercial ships if they seek permission in advance to pass through it.

The decision came hours after the Seoul government allowed three North Korean commercial cargo vessels to sail out of the narrow channel between South Korea's mainland and its southernmost island of Jeju after violating those South Korean territorial waters for more than eight hours over the weekend.

The gesture reflects reduced tension on the divided Korean Peninsula following a historic inter-Korea summit a year ago.

There was no immediate reaction from North Korea about the decision.

Hwang said the offer was made at a National Security

Council meeting presided over by Unification Minister Lim Dong-won.

The channel is now open to all foreign ships except those from North Korea. It is a shortcut for vessels sailing around the southern part of the peninsula on their way to and from Japan or the eastern and western regions of North Korea.

The weekend violations by North Korean commercial vessels were the first of their kind. South Korea lodged a protest with North Korea through the U.S.-led United Nations Command.

Plane crashes killing all five people aboard

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — A small plane crashed Sunday, killing all five people aboard.

The twin-engine Piper Cheyenne was flying from Malden, Mo., to Atlanta when the pilot radioed he was having engine trouble and the plane was diverted to McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport in Jackson, Madison County Sheriff David Woolfork said.

The plane crashed just south of the airport in some woods, authorities said.

None of the victims were identified. The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating.

Kids in Idaho impasse give up

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) — Five children who surrendered after a five-day impasse with sheriff's deputies at their isolated home will stay with a family friend until a judge decides what will happen next to the family, authorities said Sunday.

The children holed up in the house Tuesday after their mother was arrested on a felony child neglect charge. Sheriff's deputies waited them out until Saturday because they were believed to be armed and suspicious of authorities.

"We're all elated that everything turned out well," said Bonner County Prosecutor Phil Robinson. "Everyone used a lot of restraint, kept calm, kept cool."

The children were hospitalized and reported in good condition Saturday. The siblings, including a 15-year-old brother who had surrendered on Thursday, were expected to leave the hospital Sunday afternoon and be taken to the home of a family friend, Robinson said.

A hearing was expected on Monday to determine where the children will stay for the next 30 days, Robinson said. A decision on where they will live after that will come later.

Idaho Health and Welfare spokesman Bill Walker said agency caseworkers will ask a judge to decide if the state will retain custody of the children, ages 8 to 16. The judge could decide to return the children to their mother, retain state custody or send them to live with their mother under regular state scrutiny.

An attorney for the mother, JoAnn McGuckin, said she has not yet been able to see the children.

"She's very relieved that they're safe, and she can't wait to give them a big hug," said attorney Bryce Powell.

The children agreed to give up after negotiators promised to try to help them stay together. Bonner County Sheriff Phil Jarvis said Saturday night the children will remain together "if I have anything to say about it."

Negotiators got a break on Thursday when the children talked briefly with two family friends through a wall in the house. McGuckin sent two messages to her children — with phrases they would recognize — indicating she was safe and they should cooperate.