



Tuesday's weather

Partly sunny; high near 90. Details and color map are on The Back Page.



Gambling

Major League Baseball intensifies its allegations of gambling against Pete Rose.

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Sign of times

Bombs are found on a sign protesting the imprisonment of an Aurora man.

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July, April trade places on rain gauge

By Wally Kennedy
Globe Staff Writer

A series of thunderstorms Monday morning brought almost 3 inches of rain to parts of Southwest Missouri.

Jim Lee, a weather specialist with the National Weather Service station in Springfield, said the rain was produced by "a cluster of thunderstorms out of Kansas that continued to build overnight in unstable air."

The storms produced 40 mph winds, lightning and thunder. Although flooding occurred in low areas, no property damage was reported.

The outflow of cool air from the storms lowered temperatures by more than 20 degrees in some places, Lee said.

Rainfall measurements for selected towns are: Lockwood, 3.08 inches; Golden City, 2.46 inches; Carthage, 2.67 inches; Anderson, 2.37 inches; and Newbo, 1.80 inches.

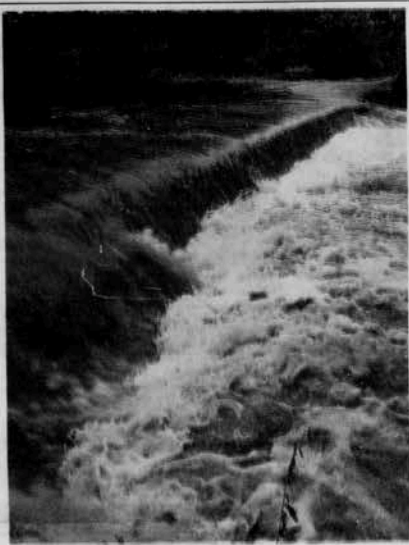
In Joplin, the rain gauge measured 2.96 inches at the municipal airport. The Empire District Electric Co. recorded 2.25 inches at its weather station on West Seventh Street.

The heavy rains on Monday helped make July the wettest month so far this year. The total for the month was 7.84 inches. Normally, the Joplin area receives 3.30 inches in the month of July.

Joplin, under typical conditions, receives 34.14 inches of precipitation from January through July. So far this year, the total is 20.88 inches.

Most of the shortfall occurred in April, when 0.11 of an inch of rain was logged. Weather records show it was the driest April in 34 years.

The 30-day forecast calls for equal chances of normal precipitation, which is 4.40 inches in August. Temperatures should be above normal. The average high in August is 89 degrees, the average low is 63.



High water in Jenkins Creek rolls over a low-water bridge east of Fidelity.

Captors say they hanged U.S. Marine

Kidnappers threaten to kill second victim

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Kidnappers said they hanged Lt. Col. William R. Higgins on Monday to retaliate for Israel's abduction of a Moslem cleric, and holders of other hostages threatened to kill another American.

Higgins' pro-Israel captors, who call themselves the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, released a 30-second videotape of very poor quality showing a man hanging from a gallows. There was no indication when it was made and no body had been reported found by midnight Monday.

Roger bound the bare feet and hands of the man said to be the Marine colonel who commanded a group of U.S. troops observers in south Lebanon when he was seized Feb. 17, 1985.

The tape threat was from the Revolutionary Justice Organization, which said it would kill Joseph James Cicippio unless Israel freed Sheikh Abdul Karim Obaid by 6 p.m. (11 a.m. EDT) Tuesday. It was handwritten in Arabic and delivered to the newspaper *Al-Nahar* with a photograph of Cicippio smiling.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli army said Obaid had confessed personal involvement in "planning and guiding and aiding" the abduction of Higgins and had revealed the names of his captors.

Benjamin Netanyahu, deputy foreign minister, said Israel would not release Obaid despite threats of more killings. "They must understand that we will not give in to the dictates of their blackmail," he declared.

President Bush, facing his first foreign policy crisis, cut short a trip to Chicago and summoned his national security advisers.

It is a most troubling and disturbing matter that has shocked the American people right to the core," Bush declared, while cautioning he had no confirmation Higgins had in fact been hanged. "There is no way that I can properly express the outrage that I feel," he said.

He did not comment on an Israeli request to trade Obaid and other Shiite prisoners for Israeli and Western hostages in Lebanon, but



Lt. Col. William R. Higgins

Senate raps execution; wife issues statement

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had said after Obaid's abduction: "I don't think kidnapping and violence helps the cause of peace."

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas said Monday: "I hope a little more responsibility on the part of the Israelis one of these days would be refreshing."

State Department officials in Washington, speaking privately, said they found reports that the man in the videotape was Higgins to be credible, but could not say whether it was made Monday or earlier. There have been reports Higgins was killed last year.

A typewritten statement in Arabic said Higgins, 45, was hanged at 2 p.m. (8 a.m. EDT). It said the tape were delivered to a Western news agency in Beirut an hour later.

Cicippio, 58, of Valley Forge, Pa., was acting controller at the American University of Beirut when he was kidnapped and held on the campus Sept. 12, 1980.

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President Bush, declaring that "together we can raise the level of learning in the classrooms of America," calls the nation's governors to a September summit on education.

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Fire battle

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Lottery

Tuesday's winning numbers in the Missouri Pick 3 game: 2, 9, 8

Bush urges 'all parties' to free their hostages

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, condemning the reported hanging of Lt. Col. William Higgins by pro-Israeli kidnappers, Monday night called on "all parties" holding hostages in the Middle East to begin to reverse the cycle of violence.

In a statement telephoned to news organizations, Bush pointedly renewed his criticism of Israel, whose kidnapping on Friday of a Moslem Shiite cleric led Higgins' kidnappers to release a tape which they said showed his execution by hanging.

"On Friday, I said that the taking of any hostage was not helpful to the Middle East peace process. The brutal and tragic events of today have underscored the validity of

that statement," Bush said. "Tonight I wish to go beyond that statement with an urgent call to all parties, who hold hostages in the Middle East to release them forthwith, as an humanitarian gesture, to begin to reverse the cycle of violence in that region."

In his conference call to news agencies, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said it was "impossible to tell" what the reaction to the president's statement would be. Asked if the U.S. government had contacted Israel in an attempt to persuade it to release its hostage, Fitzwater replied that "We have had contacts with Israel, but not in the past day." He did not elaborate on the nature of the contacts.

"We face a very difficult situation," Fitzwater said. "We have threats of two other possible deaths. We have hostages being held by a number of countries or factions or groups."

The president feels his plea, with real attention focused on the situation, could give everyone a chance to release their hostages."

Fitzwater referred to threats made during the day by groups in the Middle East against two hostages, Joseph James Cicippio, an official of the American University of Beirut, and Anglican church envoy Terry Waino.

Earlier, referring to "this brutal murder" of the Marine officer, Bush

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City Council to hear police-study conclusions

By Susan Redden
Globe City Hall Writer

A committee named to study operations of the Joplin Police Department is expected to tell the City Council today that more manpower, improved communications and increased station space are needed.

A meeting among the council and members of the council-named review committee is set for 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

The focus of the session will be 33 recommendations drafted by the study group

named to study operations of the Police Department, under a Joplin Home Rule Charter requirement that each city department undergo an independent evaluation each 10 years.

Work by the study group started in March and included a series of committee and subcommittee meetings, and sessions with Police Chief Michael Wightman, command staff and officers. Members observed department activities and, in some cases, rode with officers on their beats.

The 33 recommendations were endorsed by

the committee from among about 30 proposals from subcommittees that reviewed administrative, community relations, and patrol and investigative divisions of the department.

At least six of the recommendations have to do with staffing or use of department manpower, including one proposal that three more officers be added to the staff in each of the next two budget years. The council more than two years ago cut staff cuts of three all of the lower floor of the municipal building in an effort to trim city spending.

Also addressed are recommendations aimed at improved communication between the police administration and officers, including one proposal that Wightman make personnel relations and communications "a top priority" and supplement written directives with more informal, personal communications.

Committee recommendations also cite a need for more physical room for police operations, endorse a proposed redesign of space available and indicate that eventually all of the lower floor of the municipal building should be devoted to the department.

9 workers sought after rig capsizes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Divers fought time and near-hurricane conditions Monday as they searched for nine missing oil workers trapped in air pockets on a capsized rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Chevron-owned rig was headed to shore early Monday to escape the storm when it capsized about 20 miles off the Louisiana coast near Morgan City, said company spokesman Jonathan Lee.

Four of the 13 workers believed to have been aboard were plucked from the water by fishermen and a Coast

Guard helicopter, said Chief Petty Officer Michael Bobbing. An air bubble trapped in sealed rooms would be the only oxygen for any survivors, said Lt. Steve Hardy.

The bunk rooms on these vessels probably have a water and air-tight door. It should have been secured since the vessel was under way. That would give those inside a limited supply of air, Hardy said. "This time is so critical," he did not estimate how long the men could survive. "If people panic, oxygen goes real



Oil Rig Capsizes

fast. If they stay calm they can make it last a long time," he said. Rescues efforts were hampered by 15-foot waves, heavy rain and 40 mph winds from the fringes of Hurricane Chantal.

Joplin police treating case as homicide

A badly decomposed body of an unidentified man was discovered Sunday night in the back of a van behind 405 W. First St., and Joplin police are treating the case as a homicide.

Sgt. Ken Copeland of the Joplin Police Department said an autopsy was conducted Monday, but the cause of death remained under

Copeland said police think the man might have been a person reported missing several weeks ago and are examining dental records. The body was discovered by a passerby in the back of a small garage that forms an alley. The front of the garage was locked but the

inquiries. "Right now we're working it as if it were a homicide, but we really don't know what happened," Richard Gammill said.

Wednesday, August 2, 1989

For the Record

Body identified as that of Miami man

A man found dead Sunday night in a garage behind 407 W. First St. had been missing since July 6, Joplin police said Tuesday.

The body was identified as that of John D. Masters, 26, 407½ W. First St.

The badly decomposed body was identified through medical and dental records, said Detective Bill Harman.

Carol Greene, Jasper County deputy coroner, said

an autopsy was inconclusive because of the body's state of deterioration.

Harman said police have no reason to suspect foul play, but "we haven't ruled anything out yet."

A relative of victim said Masters, a native of Miami, Okla., had been in Joplin looking for work. She said she called police because Masters "always kept in touch with me and then all of a sudden he didn't."

Larry Burgess, who lives in an apartment house

next door at 401 W. First St., said many of the area's residents stay a few weeks, then leave. Masters, he said, easily could have not been missed in the swirl of tenants.

But, Burgess said he was surprised the body had not been found sooner because most of the tenants in the area set their garbage out for pickup next to the garage.

A passer-by found the body in the back of the small garage, which faces an alley.

JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Incident #: 1-89-004796 Complainant: UNKNOWN
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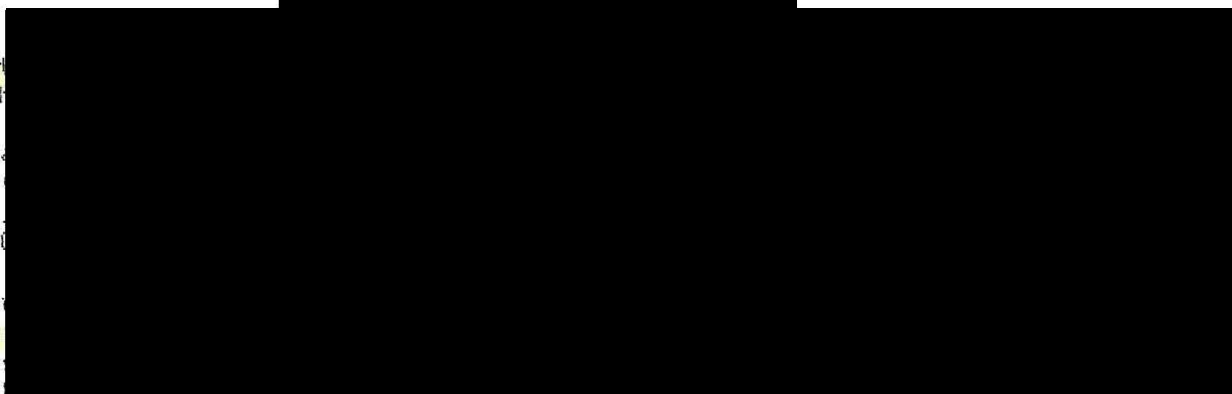
Dick phoned me later and advised the following; he was contacted by a confidential informant who related; he (informant) was told by Donnie Polson that Donnie Polson's sister, Amy Polson was living with a Scott Miller who is a [REDACTED] at 407 1/2 W. 1st, lower apartment and Amy's boyfriend (name and address unknown) told Donnie that he (unknown boy friend) had got drunk and strangled the son of a bitch (Masters) and drug him out into the garage.

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JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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No further information.

Det Bill Harman 0047

Follow up Donnie Poulson HARMAN WILLIAM Report: 8/16/89

Person contacted: Donald Poulson
Joplin, Mo.

081689 1600 Donnie Poulson returned my phone call. He said he does not know J.D. Masters, Katura, Smith or Amy's boyfriend; Troy. When asked about the story he repeated about Troy Shenfield telling him that he strangled Masters and drug him into the garage., Donnie related the following:
He heard the story from his mother, Lois, who works at the [redacted] on south Main. Lois contacted him and was upset when she told him the story. She did not say where she heard the story. Donnie then phoned his sister, Amy Poulson, and she told him that her boy friend, Troy Shenfield was drunk when he told the story and that he was just joking about it.

Donnie added that Amy is living with Troy at this time in Wyoming. Investigation continuing.

Det Bill Harman

Follow up Lois Adams HARMAN WILLIAM Report: 8/17/89

Person contacted: 417 Lois Adams (mother of Donnie & Amy Poulson)

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Joplin, Mo.

081789 1100 I contacted Adams in person at the [redacted] I explained that I was tracing this story to ascertain any validity.

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INVESTIGATIVE MEMORANDUM

Defendant: Donald Simpson

Case #: CV194-483CC

Attorney: Margaret Elise Branyan

Date of Request: October 17, 1994

Work Product

Interview with: Lois Adams

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Home: [REDACTED]

Work: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

On October 18, 1994, at 1:52 PM, this investigator made contact with Lois Adams at the [REDACTED] in Joplin, MO, in reference to this matter. Adams told this investigator that back in the summer of 1989 she did hear Troy Shenfield say that he killed J.D. Masters. Adams stated her daughter, Amy Poulson, had run off to Wyoming with this Shenfield and once when she talked to Shenfield over the phone, he told her that he killed Masters. Adams said she doesn't remember if Shenfield mentioned anything about dragging him into the garage. Adams stated she doesn't know if Amy Poulson heard Shenfield tell her he killed Masters or not. Adams said we would have to talk to Amy to see what she remembered. Adams said she had never met Troy Shenfield or Donald Simpson, but she has seen Simpson on TV once after this happened. Adams stated she did receive phone calls from Donald Simpson several months back, where he would tell her he was not guilty of this, and wanted her to testify about what Shenfield told her. Adams said even though Simpson had called her, she was not expecting to hear from anyone.

This investigator also served Adams with a subpoena to testify on October 20, 1994, in Jasper County in this case.

No further information at this time.