

At A Glance...

Racial abduction shocks locals

The abduction of an African-American man last Thursday resulted in the arrests of two brothers Tuesday evening in Ohio. The incident took place in Springboro, about seven miles south of Albion in Cambridge Springs.

Carl Morton, a 25-year-old Springboro man, was abducted last week after leaving Mugsy's North Star Tavern and was later discovered by Don Mugridge, the tavern's owner. Mugridge said he "smelled something fishy" when he saw Timothy and Bradley Braden follow Carol Lee Morton out of the tavern. He then left the tavern a few minutes later to see what, if anything, happened.

Morton was found walking down Route 18--naked, shivering and confused--the victim of an alleged racially motivated attempted homicide and kidnapping.

The Bradens were arrested by the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department after charges were filed by the Pennsylvania State Police. They were detained in the Ashtabula County Jail and were scheduled to be extradited to Pennsylvania Wednesday.

According to Pennsylvania State Police spokesperson Tpr. John Ochs said the brothers face charges of kidnapping, criminal attempted homicide, terroristic threats, criminal conspiracy, reckless endangerment, aggravated assault and ethnic intimidation.

The charges stem from an investigation of the incident that began at the tavern last week. Ochs said the acts allegedly were done with "malicious intent toward the race, color, religion of another individual."

Killer of Michael Jordan's father gets life sentence

The man accused of killing Michael Jordan's father avoided the death penalty because the jury was unsure he pulled the trigger, the jury forewoman said.

Following 3 1/2 hours of deliberations, the jury sentenced Daniel Andre Green to life in prison. Green was convicted of the killing and robbing of Jordan in July 1995. He received 10 years for conspiracy to commit robbery. Green may be eligible for parole in 20 years.

Co-defendant Larry Martin Demery pleaded guilty to murder, armed robbery and conspiracy last year and agreed to testify against Green.

Demery told jurors that he watched in surprise as Green shot Jordan with a .38-caliber pistol as Jordan awoke from a roadside nap in his \$40,000 Lexus.

Mourning for George Burns

George Burns was laid to rest this week during a small, simple funeral service. Burns, 100, was laid to rest beside his beloved Gracie in a hilltop crypt.

Burns, who passed away Saturday, was mourned Tuesday at an invitation-only funeral attended only by family and close friends.

The 70 mourners included Ronald J. Burns and Sandra Jean Burns, the entertainer's son and daughter, plus seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The service ended with a show-biz bang--the skies darkened and rain began to fall as the funeral ended.

Burns had been unable to work since 1994, when he fell at his home. His 100th birthday shows had been cancelled due to failing health. Burns was unable to even be a spectator at a gala held in his honor shortly before his birthday.

Bad Frog Beer in trouble

Bad Frog Beer, which labels feature a frog extending its middle toe, has some in Michigan calling for a ban.

"What we're really talking about is a gesture. It's one I have grown up with knowing as an obscene gesture," Assistant Attorney General Thomas Emery told the state Liquor Control Commission during a hearing Tuesday.

The last line of the label reads, "It's mean, green and obscene." According to Bad Frog lawyer Kenneth Flaska the label was not meant to be obscene and is tamer than some beer commercials.

"If the Bud Light ladies in thong bikinis are not indecent or obscene, it's hard to imagine our little frog would be indecent or obscene," Flaska told the commission.

However, Flaska said the company would be willing to change the label.

The label also shows a real frog with its right arm turned upward and its middle toe extended.

The beer is brewed in Michigan and is sold in six other states: Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Virginia, Rhode Island and Florida. Ohio refused to sell it because of the label.

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Grant endowed New scholarship will benefit biology majors' research

BEHREND-Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is pleased to announce that Mrs. John Herbert has endowed a scholarship at the College. The scholarship is designed in memory of her husband to honor and recognize outstanding achievement by full-time, four-year majors at Penn State-Behrend, and will support undergraduate research.

Rhonda Dennison, a senior biology major from Punxsutawney, Pa., is the first recipient of the undergraduate research grant for her project, "Search for Antimicrobial Substances in Amphibian Skin Secretions." Dennison will present her findings at the Senior Seminar presentation this spring

for faculty, staff, students, and the public. Her project will enhance understanding of the antimicrobial activity and immunology of different animals.

"John and Jane Herbert have been committed to Penn State for many years and have been helpful to Penn State-Behrend. John served very ably on the Council of Fellows for many years," said Dr. John Lilley, Penn State-Behrend provost and dean.

The undergraduate research grant will be called the John and Jane Herbert Undergraduate Research Award. According to Lilley, "Undergraduate research, with the support of faculty scholars, is one of the most effective ways for students to learn and to prepare for major careers."

Women's Film Series

BEHREND-The 1995-96 Women's Film Series will begin at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, featuring *A Geisha* next Tuesday. The film begins at 7 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Admission is free and open to the public.

A Geisha, directed by Kenji Mizoguchi, was called "one of the greatest film makers of all time" by the *New York Times*. Produced in 1953, it did not reach the United States until 1976.

A Geisha is about the social revolution taking place in 1953, and the friendship between an older geisha and a 16-year old girl who is training to be a geisha but must sell her body to survive. The film is described by the *New Yorker* as "not only one of Mizoguchi's masterpieces but also one of the few perfectly tuned works of sensibility in the twentieth century visual arts."

Dr. Ursula Davis, assistant professor of communications at Penn State-Behrend, will introduce the showing of *A Geisha*. A Behrend faculty member will lead a discussion afterwards.

The Women's film series will continue Tuesday, April 2 with *Bhaja on the Beach*. The third film, *Cafe Au Lait*, a French version of Spike Lee's *She Gotta Have It*, will be shown Tuesday, April 16. Both films begin at 7 p.m. in the Reed Lecture Hall.

The Women's Film Series is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Office of Student Activities. For more information, call the Office of Student Activities at x6171.

Sununu cancelled

BEHREND-Governor John Sununu, former governor of New Hampshire and Chief of Staff for President George Bush, has had to cancel his appearance at the Behrend College, originally scheduled for tonight.

The cancellation is the result of a fall Sununu had resulting in seven broken ribs and a bruised spleen. His booking agency expects he will be hospitalized for several weeks.

Penn State-Behrend will attempt to reschedule his appearance for a later date.



Police and Safety Report

March 8: Food Service staff reported the theft of 2 CO 2 bottles along with the connecting hoses and valve assemblies.

March 11: A student reported the theft of a computer from a class room in the materials building.

March 11: An investigation has been started for a complaint of criminal mischief in the second floor men's room in Niagara Hall.

March 12: A Perry Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

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