

PULSE of MIAMI

By Al Volker

SIGN ON TAILGATE OF A TRUCK: It is better to know us than to need us.

Harvey Smith, bossman at Spitzer Motors, drove along peacefully until his children enrolled at the Miami News Safety Town.

Now, driving his air-conditioned car, he flips his turn signals to make a turn but the kids criticize him sharply for not rolling down his window and giving a hand signal.

He is quickly becoming a nervous driver when the children are with him, he reports — but in this case he's glad the kids are safety-conscious.

It's not too late to enroll your youngsters in the Safety Town program at Dadeland.

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All scrub suits and gowns in the X-ray department at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital are now designed in "sunshine yellow." Happy colors make happy patients, says President Harry L. Lewis — and it's in keeping with the Florida sunshine theme.

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The story filters out of Guantanamo Naval Base.

Cuban civilian workers took a stray pup into the compound with them and fed him a square American meal. When they left the compound for their homes in Castro Cuba, they released the dog.

Next day, the poor pup was found hanged. There was a militia sign around his neck: "Because you're a Traitor."

But the pup died with a full stomach — more than most humans are doing in Castroland.

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The Parkinson Rehabilitation Diagnostic and Research Institute — as has been previously announced — will build a 100-bed in-patient wing to go with the present out-patient facility.

Now the groundbreaking date has been set 3 p.m. Sept. 8.

The institution with the jaw-breaking name is located at 1501 NW 9th Ave.

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Some months ago this column reported the rescue of a drowning German shepherd by Wally Getzman, of the Public Safety Department.

The dog Gretchen had fallen in and was exhausted from trying to climb a hurricane-swept seawall. Wally jumped in, boosted the heavy dog to safety and then had to be rescued himself because he couldn't get up the steep wall.

Since then, Wally has received a certificate from the Humane Society and a special citation from his own department.

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There will be doctors in the house when "Champagne Complex" opens Friday night at Ruth Foreman's Studio M Playhouse in Coral Gables.



The comedy has to do with a lay analyst who treats the leading character every time she imbues champagne. What she treats him to, I dunno.

Anyway, Ruth has invited 50 local psychologists and psychiatrists to be her guests on opening night and will also provide the champagne.

Boat Explodes, Burns; 2 Escape

Two Miamians were thrown from their boat when it exploded and burned off Key Biscayne late yesterday. They escaped serious injury.

William Cook, of 2882 Trade Ave., Coconut Grove, operator of the 34-foot motorboat, crashed and burned off Key Biscayne late yesterday. They escaped serious injury.

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NEW LAW HAS DULL BLADE

A Shaggy Dade Story

By MILLER DAVIS

Reporter of The Miami News

Metro's lot-clearing ordinance is nine months old and it still hasn't cut any grass or slapped any liens on offending property owners. Its chief enforcer admitted today.

"These programs take time to work out," said Ray Stiff of the Metro Public Works Department, adding, "There are procedures to be followed."

About 300 complaints of jungle-choked lots have piled up in Metro files since the ordinance went into effect last December, Stiff said.

But so far county lawnmowers haven't roared out to attack them.

"Several property owners and mortgage holders have voluntarily cleaned up their places," Stiff noted, and others are seeking hearings before the court to explain the hardships of keeping

ing their weeds clipped.

Stiff said his department is also hampered by having a sprawling field staff of only one inspector.

"They promised us another in October."

In a brief sortie around Southwest Dade yesterday, a reporter and photographer found half a dozen lots with man-high weeds and listened to complaints from neighbors about ravine bands of rats and small armies of chinch bugs.

A for sale-for rent home at 4390 SW 116 Ave., looked like Tarran's playground, and next door neighbor Mrs. Francis Deery said she and her husband had complained three times last month about the weeds — they hadn't been mowed since January.

"We have heard nothing," she said wearily.

An abandoned house at 5735 SW 117th Ave. blossomed with waist-high weeds and grass and boasted some extra landscaping of old newspapers and trash.

Crates, weeds, beer cans and an eerily lopsided front gate greeted the inspection at 4400 SW 112th Ave.

"Now, they haven't cut the grass in a long time — whoever owns it," was a neighbor's comment.

"None of my business."

The procedures to get a lot mowed by the county are Pentagon-like in their cumbersome nature.

"First we send out a field inspector to examine the property," Stiff said.

"Then the lot must be identified on the tax assessor's records."

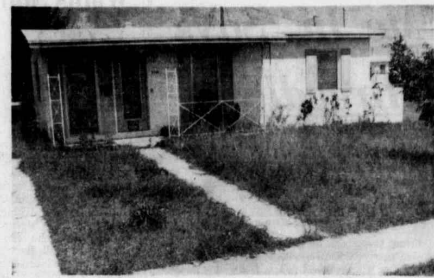
"Then a registered letter is sent to the owner. Sometimes it is returned to the postoffice because the owner is out of state."

At this point — in theory — the county would go ahead, mow the lot, and charge the cost to the owner.

"It's difficult to say when we will be able to proceed on these 'complaints,'" Stiff said.



4390 SW 116 Avenue



5735 SW 117 Street

McKim Says Sheriff Opposes His Fund

Outsted Metro L. Leon McKim today accused Sheriff T. A. Buchanan of telling subordinates not to support a defense fund proposed to help reinstate McKim.

Buchanan heatedly denied the charge, terming it "irresponsible and malicious."

McKim said the defense fund, proposed by the Dade County Council of the Fraternal Order of Police, came up as a topic of discussion at a party for Metro L. Frank Larkin at the Playboy Club.

Buchanan allegedly said: "I recommended that McKim not be reinstated and I wouldn't recommend that any of our people participate in this fund."

Reinstated Buchanan, who originally recommended to County Manager Irving McNay that McKim be dismissed.

"My position on McKim is well known, I don't believe it would be in the best interest of the Public Safety Department if he were reinstated. But I did not tell anyone how to conduct themselves with regard to the fund."

McKim was fired for allegedly borrowing a sander while investigating a warehouse burglary. He was cleared by a Personnel Advisory Board of wrongdoings.

Ten adult organizations were added today to the list of those specifically allowed to sponsor junior societies in Dade public schools — including some which already do.

The move was latest in a 20-year-old controversy over secret fraternities and societies, which still exist in some Dade public schools although they were outlawed by the Florida Legislature in 1943.

The Dade School Board received a recommendation adding to the approved list the Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, and Exchange clubs; R'nai B'nai, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and the Young Women's Hebrew Association.

The 1963 Florida Legislature added these groups to those earlier approved — the Knights of Pythias, Oddfellows, Moose, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Columbus, Elks, and Masons.

Under the 1943 law, students must be expelled or suspended from school if they are found to be members of the outlawed secret organizations.

doing but McNay refused to reinstate him.

"I don't know why all this is being thrown off on McNay," said Buchanan. "It was my recommendation that McKim not be reinstated, based on Chief George E. Lipping's recommendation."

Meanwhile, the Dade County Council, FOP, met last night

and decided to hold off officially approving the McKim fund until McKim's own lodge — Metro Dade Lodge 5 — decides tonight what action it will take.

The Metro lodge — composed chiefly of Public Safety Department men — is not a member of the Dade County Council, comprised of eight lodges.

Earlier this week Charles Maddox, president of the Metro lodge, wrote McNay a letter considered to be a disavowal of McKim.

But today Maddox insisted the letter was meant solely to let McNay know the two lodges were not affiliated and that his group has not taken a stand on the fund.

Fall Guy Goes For Trip In Jail, Sues Hospital

Stone walls do not a prison make — nor did they prevent Gene A. Hamilton from pursuing his habit of falling down and trying to collect damages for his hurts, it was disclosed today.

Hamilton, 37, worked it a little differently this time.

The husky onetime ironworker is under a six-month sentence for making false insurance claims and has been sentenced to further time on bad check charges.

In jail, Hamilton claims he slipped in the shower and hurt his hand. He demanded to be taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for bruises.

Hamilton, however, charged he was not treated properly and filed a claim last month charging the hospital with malpractice. The hospital turned the claim over to its insurance company.

This was the 15th insurance claim made by Hamilton under



GENE HAMILTON 15th Insurance Claim

many names in various states. While it is being investigated, he also faces charges of perjury growing out of his trial for making false claims.

Assistant State Attorney Carl-ling Siedman charged that Hamilton swore falsely that he did not make six previous insurance claims for which he had been cited and had not used the alias of Karl Johnson.

Public defender Mario Le-fredo moved to quash the per-

jury charges on the grounds they were "shotgun charges" and a hearing will be held on the motion Aug. 13.

Hamilton, who once financed his honeymoon by falling down in a drugstore and collecting a \$50 settlement the day after his wedding, originally was put on two years' probation by Criminal Court Judge Jack Falk.

That was in late 1962. In January of this year, he was charged with forging a prescription and then was hit by four bad check charges. He was sentenced to six months' straight time on the false claim charge and given assorted sentences for the checks.

Hamilton, who said that as a steelworker he had to drop narrow beams on lofty buildings and fixed the aerial on the Empire State Building without missing a step, wrenched an ankle in the 1962 drugstore fall.

After they paid off, insurance adjusters found he had wrenched the same ankle five times before in four states.

JACKSON PARKING TO OPEN FOR BIDS

By PAUL EINHORN

Reporter of The Miami News

Five parking lots at Jackson Memorial Hospital will be controlled by a private concessionaire instead of the Miami Off-Street Parking Authority, County Manager Irving McNay said today.

McNay instructed Metro officials to work with representatives of the Hospital Parking Co. of America, in draft specifications for the hospital parking lease. The company is interested in bidding on the lease.

The lease, McNay said, will be open to competitive bids. It is expected to cover a five-year period.

Original plans called for the Miami Off-Street Parking Authority to control the hospital's lots with parking meters to be installed on two public lots. The other lots are used by hospital employees, doctors and students.

Tom Mallo, southeastern representative of Hospital Parking Co., of America, said his company would guarantee a minimum of \$7,500 a year to the county for its operation of the lots — the amount now collected from parking meters at the hospital.

But Mallo indicated the bid of his company would be substantially higher.

Jefferson's Lady Friend Surrenders

By VERNE WILLIAMS

Reporter of The Miami News

Ex-policeman and bail bondsman Wally Jefferson, sought on attempted burglary charges, was still missing today. But a woman companion surrendered on related charges when she appeared in court to answer an old gambling court.

Mrs. Betty Jane Whiterspoon, 36, appeared before Criminal Court Judge Jack Turner on charge of smuggling race results out of Hialeah Race Track.

Half an hour later she showed up at the jail, made \$1,000 bond on charges of auto theft and departed.

Mrs. Whiterspoon is charged in the theft of a white, 1960 Cadillac allegedly used by Jefferson and another man in an early morning visit to the Flame Restaurant, 11515 S. Dixie Hwy.

She and Jefferson were picking up by Miami police in the car, but released after intercession by two circuit judges.

Jefferson is accused of forcing the front door of the Flame Restaurant and fleeing after his discovery by an employee already inside the place.

At today's hearing on the Hialeah race case defense attorney James Gordon argued that the state had relied on information already quashed once.

"That very information was quashed by Judge Ben Willard, the finest judge that ever sat on this bench," Gordon told Judge Turner.

Judge Turner then set Aug. 14 to hear argument on the matter when it developed that assistant state attorney Arthur Huttar, prosecutor in the case, is out of town.

Another defendant in the racing case, Lacey Edward Ford, 37, of 1421 NW 12th Ct., pleaded not guilty. By coincidence, Ford faces a charge of stealing another Cadillac that disappeared the same night from the same West Flagler Dog Track parking lot as the one in the Jefferson case.

The third defendant in the racing case, Ralph G. Shea, 44, of 101 NE 68th Ter., did not appear. Judge Turner gave him until Aug. 12 to come in for arraignment.

Convention Post

Larry Mansfield, manager of Miami's Convention Bureau, has been elected vice president of the newly formed Florida Association of Convention Bureaus.

Jimenez Uses Reprint Of Castro-Ilona Story

By DICK NELLIS

Reporter of The Miami News

Attorneys for Marcos Perez Jimenez today released copies of a magazine article maintaining that the young woman who filed a paternity suit against the former Venezuelan dictator was deceived and raped repeatedly by Fidel Castro four years ago.

The scandal magazine story allegedly was written by Mrs. Alice J. Lorenz, mother of 20-year-old Ilona Marita Lorenz. The daughter has accused Jimenez of being the father of her child and asked the court here for \$5 million of his money.

Efforts to verify the story that Miss Lorenz was raped to the Havana Hilton and re-

peatedly attacked by the Cuban dictator were unsuccessful.

At her apartment in the swank Bay Park Towers at the foot of NE 33rd Street, a man who said he was representing Miss Lorenz' attorney, Montague Rosenberg, said the daughter, attractive woman could speak to no one without Rosenberg's being present.

The attorney, who is studying a federal court ruling that yesterday upset a move to tie up Jimenez' assets and keep him from being extradited, was not available.

The magazine article maintains Miss Lorenz is a second cousin of U.S. Ambassador Hen-

ry Cabot Lodge and that she met Castro aboard the MS Berlin, a German liner captained by her father, Heinrich Lorenz.

Castro, the article says, lured her to Havana on March 4, 1959, and she was kept under guard in the Havana Hilton.

The article, released by Jimenez' attorney, David Walters, says that the dictator raped her time after time and kept her drugged. The story said he took her to New York and kept her in a Harlem hotel, where the famous chicken-slaughtering incident occurred.

Unsubstantiated in Havana, Miss Lorenz found she was pregnant, the article continued. Castro

guards did everything to kill the child, including jumping on her stomach, but nothing would work.

Then, the article said, when she was five and one-half months' pregnant, she was forced to submit to an abortion. But it was a poor job and she was allowed to return to her mother in New York, where she was hospitalized for treatment.

In the Jimenez case, Miss Lorenz said the former strongman is giving her \$1,000 a month, but asked the court to declare him the natural father of her daughter, Monica Mercedes, and to uphold a trust agreement with Jimenez.



Ilona Marita Lorenz