

## Smith retracts claim

# Two newsmen invoke shield law over Belushi grand jury probe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two National Enquirer reporters invoked the state reporters' shield law Wednesday when asked to testify before a county grand jury investigating the drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi.

Tony Brenna and Larry Haley were the second and third reporters in the grand jury investigation to stand behind the law, which allows journalists to protect news sources.

Emerging from the courtroom 45 minutes after entering, Brenna, Haley and their attorney, Brian O'Neill, talked briefly with reporters.

"Basically we were asked to discuss the story we'd written, and we stand behind the story we wrote," Brenna said.

Free-lance writer Chris Van Ness invoked the shield law when called before the panel two weeks ago.

All three reporters had interviewed a woman who was with John Belushi just before he

died. In a National Enquirer article by Brenna and Haley published last June, Cathy Evelyn Smith was quoted as saying she injected Belushi with a fatal "speedball" overdose of cocaine and heroin. Van Ness' interview with her was never published.

Smith, who lives in Toronto, has retracted the Enquirer statements and said they were made under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The reporters' use of the shield law is being challenged by Deputy District Attorney Michael Montagna. All three face a hearing in Los Angeles Superior Court where a judge will rule on whether or not the shield law is applicable.

The grand jury is investigating the March 5 death of Belushi, 33, who was found lying nude on a bed in the Hollywood bungalow he had rented. The county coroner has said that Belushi died from an overdose of cocaine and heroin.

William Wallace, Belushi's physical trainer and the man who found his body, was among the first witnesses to appear before the grand jury during Wednesday's morning session.

Wallace told reporters he had testified but declined to elaborate.

The grand jury also heard testimony about the case from other witnesses, including comedian-actor Robin Williams, on Sept. 28-29.

Montagna indicated more witnesses may be called, but would not say how many or when.

He previously has indicated that the National Enquirer interview with Smith was a major factor in the decision to bring the case to a grand jury.

Smith has refused an invitation to testify before the grand jury but has not been subpoenaed, since that would not be enforceable in Canada, Montagna said.

## Some remarks to spice a boring elevator ride

SEATTLE (AP) — Did you know that Alexander Haig carried Gen. Douglas MacArthur's sleeping bag ashore at Inchon?

Or that in 21 races, Man o' War was beaten only once, by an upstart named Upset, at Saratoga, N.Y.?

Or that pizza was available in the 15th century in Naples, before plates came into vogue, and was first known as "the edible plate"?

Little oddments of wonder and fact like these, dropped deftly into the embarrassed silence that always results when strangers are thrown together, can make you a B.P.O.E. — a Big Person on the Elevator.

Elevator lines, delivered with controlled verve, can give the spirit a lift, raise the eyebrows if not the tolerance of those around you and, if the doors close in time, save you from another dispiriting "have a nice day."

It's wise to always keep a couple of dozen on hand, especially in the elevators of convention hotels, to fill the conversational vacuum and fend off any attacks of pernicious bonhomie from people wearing name tags under the motto "Hello" or "Smile."

Next time you get on a crowded elevator, pull the pin on a couple of these trivia grenades and watch the fallout of ennui — the effects might even last for six or more floors.

Chinese scientists are predicting an epidemic of floods and earthquakes in the northern hemisphere during the next 25 years because the solar system's nine planets, including our earth, are now in rare planetary alignment.

Barbara Cartland, who writes all those royal romances about commoners marrying princes, is Princess Diana's step-grandmother. She did not attend the royal wedding.

# Poles, police clash; demonstrations spread

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Nearly 4,000 Poles demonstrated in two southern cities Wednesday after two days of clashes on the Baltic coast over the outlawing of Solidarity. In one city, Nowa Huta, riot police used tear gas and water cannon to rout 3,000 steel workers, witnesses said.

In the other city, Wroclaw, about 700 people taunted police with shouts of "Gestapo!" to protest the outlawing of Solidarity on Friday and the imposition of martial law exactly 10 months ago. The crowd in Wroclaw later dispersed peacefully, the witnesses said.

A Western correspondent in Gdansk said witnesses reported fresh riots had broken out Wednesday near the shipyard in the Baltic port, but later reports from Western correspondents said there had been no rioting and that

the city was calm. The Foreign Ministry said reports of unrest in Gdansk were false.

Communications with the Baltic port have been nearly impossible since telex and telephone lines were cut Monday. Reporters pooling their information in Gdansk often have to drive 50 miles to find a telephone to call fellow correspondents covering the situation from Warsaw.

An estimated 10,000 shipyard workers struck for eight hours Monday and Tuesday in Gdansk and Gdynia, and riot police battled protesters in Gdansk after each work stoppage, witnesses said.

A ham radio operator in Gdansk was quoted as saying two protesters were killed, but this could not be confirmed.

Official sources, however, said

workers had staged a one-hour work stoppage Tuesday at a factory in western Poznan, the first acknowledgement by officials that unrest had spread beyond the Gdansk area following the outlawing of Solidarity.

Authorities put the Gdansk shipyard under military rule Tuesday, and workers were warned they could face up to five years in prison for striking. The penalty is more moderate than normal punishment for violating military rules, which could be death.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in a dispatch from Warsaw, voiced approval of the tough measures, saying Polish "authorities are taking the necessary measures to restore tranquility in accordance with martial law."

Underground leaders of Solidarity in

Gdansk circulated a leaflet, meanwhile, urging workers to boycott new trade unions authorized by the martial law regime and prepare for regional general strikes.

At the Vatican, Polish-born Pope John Paul II offered encouragement to his fellow Poles Wednesday for what he called their efforts of recent years for the "common good."

In Washington, White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said, "On this sad anniversary of 10 months of martial law in Poland... the workers are expressing their will and determination to have a say in their own future, particularly in the wake of the government's de-legalization of an organization which had represented the vast majority of all Polish workers."

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### MEETINGS

The next meeting of the IFC will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in 337 EMU. The agenda is expected to include: Balance forwards, EMU Reconsideration, and Resolutions.

The Oxfam Fast organizing committee is meeting tonight in Century Room F, EMU at 7. Bring yourself.

### DOONESBURY



by Garry Trudeau

### BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

bring a friend. We need volunteers to help with the dorm rebate program, etc.

The University Lacrosse Club will hold its general meeting tonight in 113 EMU at 7 p.m. All players are welcome. Experience is not necessary. Practice will resume Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. on the 18th and Agate field. If there are further questions, please call 343-8673 or leave a message at 686-3733.

Students for Weaver will meet in Century Room E, EMU at 7 tonight to see how a political campaign really works. The issues of the campaign, the environment, nuclear arms and student aid will effect you. All are welcome.

### SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

The EMU Craft Center offers a woodlathe workshop beginning at 5 p.m. tonight.

Papermaking meets in 111 EMU tonight from 5 to 7 p.m.

Beginning Ceramics meets in the Craft Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m. tonight.

The Craft Center Commuter Bike Course meets in 101 EMU from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight.

Find out about Practicum opportunities at the University today at 3:30 p.m. in 164 Oregon Hall. This workshop will tell you how to get practical experience on campus or in the community and earn credit at the same time. We will also discuss opportunities to receive training and provide help to other students.

The United Methodist campus ministry is offering a class to discuss the sexual dimension of human relationships as a gift of God. The class is held each Thursday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid. More information is available by calling 686-4694.

Women's Referral and Resource service is sponsoring a support group for university women Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. The group will function on an on-going basis, although drop-ins are welcome at any time. Group meetings will be held in 336 EMU. For more information call 686-3324.

Pre-dental Students: Do you want to find out what dentistry is all about and show the dental school admissions committee that you are interested in dentistry? BIO 409, Practicum Pre-dentistry, is a clinical observation program with one hour pass/no-pass credit. For applications and more information contact Pre-Health Sciences Office, 164 Oregon Hall. Applications are due Friday.

### SPEAKERS

Color projection, color healing and the magic of

changing auras is the subject of a metaphysical wisdom lecture by Luis Pigeon Ph.D. today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in 309 Gilbert.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Amparo, a Seattle based organization which aids Central American refugees and immigrants, will be in Eugene Friday to discuss the problems facing Central American refugees in the U.S.

Amparo's panel discussion will be held at Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hillyard at 7:30 p.m. A one dollar donation is asked. Free childcare is provided. Amparo is sponsored in Eugene by Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (CISCAP) Clergy and Laity Concerned. For childcare information call Diane at 344-8030. For general information call Kirk at 485-1755.

The University School of Architecture and Allied Arts is holding an AAA Exhibition Oct. 4 through Oct. 14 in Gallery 141, the school lobby and courtyard. The Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chinese Cultural Week is Oct. 11 through Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the EMU lobby. Tonight's film is entitled Chinese Folk Art — Papercutting. Guest speaker will be Ms. Tina Chung. These events will begin at 7 p.m. in 108, 109 EMU.

Come meet gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski, who will be on campus today at 2 p.m. in the EMU brick courtyard. This is your chance as a student to make your concerns known to someone who cares.

A video tape of the Congressional hearing on Iran's persecution of Baha'is will be shown in the EMU lobby today between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free literature will also be available.

The Art and Architecture Supply department of the University Bookstore is sponsoring a trade show today. Binney & Smith, Koh-i-noor, Grumbacher, C2F, Strathmore and Andrew/Nelson/Whitehead will be downstairs in the Art Department to demonstrate new tools and materials and to answer any questions about their supplies. Please check with the Art and Architecture department for more information. (University Bookstore, 686-4331)