

World View

National

Coast Guard looks for cocaine

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The Coast Guard has set up regular patrols of desolate stretches of beach since sealed packages of cocaine have been washing ashore for more than a week.

"If anybody finds any of it, I hope nobody opens the package," said Coast Guard Petty Officer James Gutknecht, at the Port O'Connor station. "This cocaine is pretty potent stuff."

Gutknecht said officials aren't sure exactly how many packages have washed up so far from what some believe is cargo from a drug smuggler's ship that went down in Tropical Storm Allison three weeks ago.

Similar packages have been found in Aransas Pass, Port Aransas, in the Port O'Connor area and on beaches in Matagorda County, said U.S. Customs Agent Cliff Wolfe in Houston.

The largest find was 55 pounds of cocaine, valued at an estimated \$2.5 million. The cocaine was wrapped in plastic, tied with rope and marked with the word "centavo," Wolfe said.

"They meant for it to stay dry, and it was still dry, despite the fact it obviously had been in the water for some time," he said, noting that barnacles were growing on the packages.

Galveston County Sheriff Joe Max Taylor said these are the first instances of cocaine being washed up on beaches although bales of marijuana have washed up in the past.

A fisherman made the first find June 30, reporting that he discovered 11 pounds washed up on Matagorda Island, Nueces County constable DeeWayne Mathews said.

Regional

Pilot visits the 48

PENDLETON (AP) — Bill Wright's goal was to land his airplane in all 48 mainland states and do it within 48 hours of flying time.

He made it in a breeze. Wright and co-pilot Michael LaFrance, both of San Diego, finished the trip in northeast Oregon Tuesday afternoon, clocking in at 44 hours, 35 minutes and 57 seconds.

Wright's aircraft, a Luscombe Model 11A Silhouette Sedan, was built, appropriately enough, in 1948.

Wright said he wanted to send a message to Americans about how easy it is to fly in this country.

"This is one of only about two countries in the world where you can just get a plane, get a license and go where you want to go," he said.

Wright, LaFrance and Eric Presten, the man appointed by the National Aeronautics Association to carry the stopwatch, left Needles, Calif. on July 1.

Pendleton, like all the airports chosen for Wright's trip, was selected as a landing spot because it is in the corner of the state and requires less flight time to reach than any other in the state.

Suspect still mute

HOOD RIVER (AP) — Just call him Mr. Nobody.

Later this month, a man who's been held on a car theft charge since April 30 will be sentenced. But he still hasn't told authorities his name.

In the Hood River County Jail, he's listed as John Doe.

Sheriff Richard Kelly said the man is as complete a nobody as he's run across in 26 years of police work.

Doe has politely but persistently refused to reveal his true identity.

"He was quite adamant that we wouldn't be able to find out," Kelly said. "We are getting a little tired of trying to figure out who he is."

Once, the man said he was born July 1, 1954, and that he was John Nelson from Montana. But that turned out to be wrong, the sheriff said.

"He's kind of a likable guy, except that he won't tell us anything," said jail commander Lt. Carl Casey.

Keith Clarke, a jailer, described the man as "pretty much of a model prisoner."

Doe was arrested by an Oregon State Police fish and game officer who found him in a pickup truck along a section of the Hood River closed to fishing. A registration check showed the truck had been stolen in Salem.

Guardmen to fight drugs

PORTLAND (AP) — Thirty-six members of the Oregon National Guard will join in the fight against gang violence and drug dealing in Portland, Mayor Bud Clark and state officials said Wednesday.

The first National Guard troops reported to work with the Portland Police Bureau and the Oregon State Police late last week, said Gen. Fred Rees, the guard's director for Oregon. The rest of the troops will join in the effort by the end of this week.

Another eight National Guard troops will be on call, said Robert Jackson, crime coordinator for Gov. Neil Goldschmidt.

He said Oregon would be one of the first states to use National Guard troops in an urban area. Officials have not decided how long the troops will remain in Portland, but the effort has federal financing through the end of September.

Tacoma aroma threatened

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The Pierce County Council is taking steps to reduce air pollution, urging local industrial plants to cut emissions that contribute to the "aroma of Tacoma."

A 13-member task force appointed by the council placed emphasis on reducing the rotten-egg smell given off by the Simpson Tacoma Kraft Co. pulp mill. That odor can be smelled sometimes eight miles away.

A Simpson spokesman said the mill would comply with the county's requests.

Other recommendations from the council include developing a "good neighbor" program where companies would state in writing their intent to replace or upgrade equipment to minimize pollution, and urging the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency to hire more enforcement personnel to start inspecting plants.

The council will vote on whether to supply funds for the inspections, and will ask the city of Tacoma to pitch in. The cost could be as much as \$181,000, depending on the level of enforcement, Councilman Paul Cyr said.

Sports

Emeralds lose 3-0 lead in ninth

Bend 4, Eugene 3

The Eugene Emeralds blew a chance to move into a division first-place tie when they gave up a 3-0 lead to the Bend Bucks on the road Monday.

The Bucks scored the game-winning run with two outs in the ninth inning.

Ems starter Brian Ahern pitched six strong innings,

action Wednesday night, with Eugene hosting first-place Southern Oregon at Civic Stadium.

Northwest League Northern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Spokane (Padres)	16	9	.667	—
Bellingham (Mtnrs)	12	12	.500	3½
Boise (Ind)	11	14	.440	5
Everett (Giants)	8	16	.333	7½

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
S. Oregon (A's)	14	11	.560	—
Salem (Dodgers)	14	11	.560	—
Eugene (Royals)	13	12	.520	1
Bend (Angels)	11	14	.440	3

Monday's Games

Spokane 9, Bellingham 6
Everett 8, Boise 4
Bend 4, Eugene 3
Salem 4, S. Oregon 3

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Boise at Bellingham, late game
Spokane at Everett, late game
Bend at Salem, late game
S. Oregon at Eugene, late game

Thursday's Games

Boise at Bellingham, 7 p.m.
Spokane at Everett, 7 p.m.
Bend at Salem, 7 p.m.
S. Oregon at Eugene, 7 p.m.



Ems Capsules

striking out seven and giving up only one unearned run, but Eugene's relief corps of Ed Pierce and Scott Centala (who have three saves between them) could not wrap up the game. Centala (1-2) was the losing pitcher.

After a one-day break for the All-Star Game, the Northwest League resumed

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