

Firebomb in newsroom may be linked to story

CINCINNATI (AP) — A weekly newspaper serving the city's black community was firebombed Tuesday hours after receiving the last of a series of threatening phone calls over a story on Arab Muslims.

No one was injured, but the fire destroyed the *Cincinnati Herald's* newsroom. One person was rescued from an apartment above the newsroom, said fire investigator John Heltman. The paper planned to publish this week as scheduled.

The bombing might have been in response to an article in last week's *Herald*, said District Fire Chief Bill Kramer.

The story, titled "Blacks and Islam," said Arab Muslims brought the Islamic religion to the African continent and accused the Muslims of stealing gold and being the first to enslave blacks.

"We had threatening phone calls about the article. Apparently the calls only started yesterday," said Marjorie Parham, *Herald* president and chief executive officer.

The fire, which melted the paper's typewriters, caused an estimated \$12,000 in damage. It started after someone threw a plastic container, apparently filled with gasoline, through a window.

This week's edition will be compiled elsewhere in the building and should reach the streets as scheduled on Thursday, said *Herald* Publisher William Spillers Jr.

The newspaper, which has published weekly since 1954, has a circulation of about 25,000.

Spillers said the attacker also might have been angry over a story in last week's paper reporting that Khalid Abdul Muhammad, the controversial aide to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, was to speak in Cincinnati.

"There may have been several things that someone may not have liked," Spillers said. "We've received threats, but that's part of doing business."

ET ALS

MEETINGS

Overeaters Anonymous will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Center Parlor.

Japanese Student Organization will meet today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms B and C. For more information, call 346-4389.

Amnesty International Committee for World Peace will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Cedar Room B. For more information, call 344-9290.

EMU Board will meet to hear the entire EMU budget today at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Cedar Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

Students for Kitzhaber will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 343-0188.

College Republicans will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Cedar Room D. For more information, call 343-7788.

RELIGION

Wesley Night Christian Fellowship will present "Reflecting on Holy Week Through Mary's Eyes" tonight at 7 at the Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-4694.

MISCELLANEOUS

Asian/Pacific American Student Union will meet to discuss committee work for Heritage Month today at 5 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.

Southeast Asian Studies will present "Minangkabau Markets: A Case Study of Market Places in India," a brown bag talk by D. Fluid Van Giefen, today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-1521.

ASUO will sponsor a programs faire today and Thursday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the EMU Corridor. For more information, call 346-0622.

ASUO Safety Affairs will present a HIV/AIDS panel today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the EMU Gumwood Room. For more information, call 346-0628.

Career Planning and Placement Service will conduct an internship opportunities workshop today from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks.

Career Planning and Placement Service will conduct an orientation to explain the campus interview program and services available to students today from 5 to 6 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks.

Deadline for submitting Et Als to the Emerald front desk, Suite 300 EMU, is noon the day before publication. Et Als run the day of the event unless the event takes place before noon and is requested to be published earlier.

Notices of events with a donation or admission charge will not be accepted. Campus events and those scheduled nearest the publication date will be given priority. The Emerald reserves the right to edit for grammar and style.

Et Als run strictly on a space-available basis.

False cancer data cast doubts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Discovery of a second batch of falsified data has cast new doubts on a major cancer study, causing the National Cancer Institute to request that a researcher be fired and that no new patients be added to the research.

The NCI announced Tuesday it was asking the University of Pittsburgh to replace Dr. Bernard Fisher as the director of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project, an \$8 million study coordinated by the university for the NCI.

An NCI statement said the action was taken after experts auditing the project found what was called a "new irregularity" at one of the institutions participating in the study. The institution was not identified, but a source said it was in Canada.

A statement said that the experts found that "a discrepancy exists in data reported to NSABP in 1993 by one of its member affiliates."

The NCI said the finding has been turned over to the Department of Health and Human Services research integrity office for investigation.

Additionally, the NCI ordered the researchers involved in the NSABP "to stop adding new patients" until the federal agency completes "an intensive review of all records and quality assessment and control procedures."

The freeze affects seven studies that were enrolling patients, a spokeswoman said.

Fisher issued a statement saying he was asking for administrative leave from the chairmanship of the NSABP, but would continue to do research for the organization.

The NSABP is one of the nation's oldest ongoing cancer studies. It measures the effects of surgery and of the post-surgical treatment, such as chemotherapy and radiation, which is referred to as "adjuvant." Since the program started in 1958, the NSABP studies have involved thousands of patients, more than 5,000 researchers and 484 institutions. About 13,000 patients are now enrolled in NSABP studies. A spokeswoman estimated that about \$8 million a year is spent on the studies.

Problems developed with the project when it was revealed recently that a Canadian researcher had falsified data in a breast cancer study.

Dr. Roger Poisson of St. Luc's Hospital in Montreal was found to have falsified data for 99 patients. Poisson was contributing about 16 percent of the data to a study involving 1,843 patients, but not all of his data was false, officials said.

The study's conclusion has had a dramatic impact on the treatment of breast cancer. The study, published in 1985, found that lumpectomy and radiation were as effective against breast cancer as the traditional mastectomy procedure in which the whole breast is removed. A lumpectomy involves removal only of the tumor lump and nearby lymph nodes and is followed by radiation treatment.

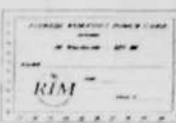
NCI and University of Pittsburgh officials said that a re-analysis of the study after all the Poisson data were removed showed that the conclusion was the same, although the "power" of the statistics was less.

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4:30	Abs. GerX 352	Abs. GerX 352 or Funk Ger 220	Abs. GerX 352	Abs. GerX 352 or Funk Ger 220	Abs. GerX 352	
6:30	Basic Bench Ger 220	Aerobics GerX 352	Basic Bench Ger 220	Aerobics GerX 352		
7:30	Body Sculpt Ger 220	Abs. GerX 352	Body Sculpt Ger 220	Abs. GerX 352		
8:30	Power Bench Ger 220		Power Bench Ger 220			

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