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Police chief receives lifetime disability benefits following charges of molesting a girl



CASTLE ROCK, Wash. (AP) — A former police chief, facing a second trial on sex charges involving a teen-age girl, contends the stress was so great he could no longer work.

A Cowlitz County review board agreed and awarded him lifetime disability benefits last week.

Gil Vaughn will receive \$17,982 a year — half his salary as chief — plus health benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments from the state Department of Retirement Systems.

"A lot of people didn't want to see him get that, I understand that, but the doctor found he suffered from extreme stress and he was unable to perform his duties as a police officer," said Bud May, chairman of the county Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Retirement Board.

Vaughn, who turns 50 on March 24, is facing a second trial on charges of taking indecent liberties with a minor and sexual exploitation of a minor.

The prosecutor's office alleges he molested a teen-age girl and asked her to pose for nude photographs last summer.

May said the panel's decision was based on the written opinion of Dr. Paul K. Leung, an Oregon Health Sciences University associate professor of psychiatry, who said Vaughn was unfit to continue police work.

Given the doctor's opinion, the board was bound by state law to grant the disability benefits, May said.

Daughter allegedly hires co-conspirator to kill family

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — An alleged plot to murder a Moscow couple and their son has apparently unraveled with the arrest of the couple's daughter.

Wendy Gregory, 22, was booked into the Latah County Jail on one count of grand theft. More charges are pending against Gregory, who was allegedly involved in a murder-for-hire plot with a Renton, Wash., man, arrested at his home Friday by the Puget Sound Area Violent Offender Task Force.

Her alleged co-conspirator, Guy Brown of Renton, was booked into the King County Jail. A dispatcher said Brown was booked on charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

A tip from Renton Police detective Don Gustin led Kouril to Wendy Gregory Tuesday. She allegedly admitted taking three handguns from her parents' home Feb. 17.

Two handguns were seized by task force officers at Brown's home. According to Striedinger, Brown told detectives Gregory gave him the handguns.

Detectives had been tracking the pair's movements for several days. Meanwhile, Moscow officers provided protection for Gregory's brother and her parents, Terry and Patsy Gregory.

Bob Dole eager to secure Republican nomination, draw contrasts with Clinton



ADDISON, Texas (AP) — Sketching an election-year policy agenda, likely GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole said he wants Congress to test President Clinton by passing health care, welfare reform and balanced budget measures. But Dole said he would probably not carry a specific position on tax reform into the fall campaign.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Dole said he was eager to secure a mathematical lock on the Republican nomination so he could turn more attention to his duties as Senate majority leader and use that post to draw leadership and policy contrasts with President Clinton.

"I think this will be a campaign about credibility in the sense that things he promised in 1992 haven't materialized," Dole said. "In contrast we will make the case of providing decisive, strong leadership. Beyond that I think we will have very clear contrasts of big government vs. downsizing government. And I welcome a focus on Bob Dole, the person, and Bill Clinton, the person, and what they bring to the table."

Dole said he will not turn attention to selecting a running mate or trying to shape the GOP platform until he has the 996 delegates to clinch the nomination. He could reach that mark as early as March 26 in the California primary.

Right whale washes ashore; sixth found dead this year

BOSTON (AP) — A 44-foot right whale washed up on a Cape Cod beach over the weekend apparently after being hit by a ship, is the sixth endangered right whale found dead along Eastern shores since January.

A jogger discovered the partly decomposed right whale on Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet on Saturday, said Kathy Shorr, a spokeswoman for the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown.

Five right whales — including three calves — already have washed up dead along the Georgia and Florida coasts this year alone. In all of 1995, only two right whales were found dead, Shorr said Sunday.

A species that once numbered in the tens of thousands, the right whale population is now about 300, Shorr said. The most endangered of all the great whales, the right whale has been protected from hunting since 1935 — the longest protection for any whale species.

Just a few years ago, Shorr said, there were about 350.

So far this year, about 14 calves have been identified, but three have washed up dead, she said.

An examination of the latest casualty is scheduled for Monday. The whale's age could not immediately be determined.

The whale's spine appeared to be broken.

Internet regulation is result of no balance between free access and society values



SINGAPORE (AP) — Felix Ng surfs the Internet to pick up stock tips. He doesn't argue politics or look for pictures of naked starlets.

That's fine with Singapore's government. It says people like him aren't the target of its new plan to censor the Internet. In fact, officials say, their effort to screen out materials on sex, religion and politics won't affect most Internet activities on this island city-state.

But even Ng and other Singaporeans who won't be directly affected are unhappy at the loss of what was a refuge from the thicket of rules that regulate books, movies, politics and nearly every aspect of Singaporean life.

"Singapore is very much restrictive, where people cannot talk. So the only media we can use is the Net," said Ng, who works for an electronics company. "If they want to curb it, we would have to keep everything to ourselves."

The government says its plan, announced this past week, is intended to keep out pornography and hate literature that could incite racial and religious violence in this multi-ethnic society of 3 million people.

Regulators will scrutinize Internet sites about politics or religion, and can block Singaporean users from connecting with foreign sites the government deems undesirable. Sites run by Singapore political parties will have to get government licenses.

"A balance must be struck between free access to information and the need to maintain the values of society," Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said in a speech Thursday to a conference of Southeast Asian officials.

Hippo attacks canoe safari; search for guide continues

VICTORIA FALLS, Zimbabwe (AP) — Police and game wardens searched the Zambezi River on Sunday for the body of a canoe safari guide missing after a hippopotamus attacked his boat just above Victoria Falls.

Evans Nemasango, 25, disappeared Saturday while defending French and German tourists from the hippo attack.

Another guide, Paul Templer, 33, was in critical condition in a hospital after losing his arm when bitten by the hippo.

None of the tourists — a French couple and four Germans — was injured, said a spokesman for Siansimba-Frontiers Canoeing Co.

Templer was leading the group on a one-day boating trip down the river above the 300-foot falls when the hippo attacked the last of four canoes, which carried Nemasango and one of the tourists.

Nemasango tried to fend off the hippo with a paddle and fell from the canoe, said the company spokesman.

Templer tried to help but was bitten by the hippo. The tourists managed to reach the bank and summon help.

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