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A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Coroner says Bandon victims could have said name of attacker



PORTLAND (AP) — Despite having their throats cut, Ray and Kelly Jacobs

would have been able to speak well enough in the moments before they died to identify the man who attacked them, a medical examiner said Monday.

Coos County sheriff's deputies found the bodies of the couple, their two children and Mrs. Jacobs' brother early last Thursday morning at a trailer park south of Bandon. A family friend, Girley L. Crum Jr., was found hiding in the brush nearby and arrested for the murders.

The sheriff's department log indicated Mrs. Jacobs identified Crum as her attacker when she called 911 just before she died. News reports have said Ray Jacobs gave Crum's name to a neighbor before dying.

At his arraignment on Friday, Crum turned to his family in the Coos County courtroom in Coquille and said, "I don't know what happened."

State Medical Examiner Dr. Larry Lewman said investigators wanted to know whether Ray and Kelly Jacobs would have been able to speak.

"I believe they would have," been able to speak, said Lewman. "Most of us do, I believe."

Lewman and Coos County Medical Examiner Dr. Bill Hosack performed the autopsies Sunday on the five victims at a Coos Bay hospital.

Mrs. Jacobs suffered cuts to her face and neck, but died from a stab wound to the back that pierced her aorta, the body's biggest artery, Lewman said.

Ray Jacobs, Jessica Jacobs, 5, Christopher Jacobs, 16 months, and Roger Glazebrook, 38, of Spokane, Wash., all died of their throats being cut, Lewman said.

Coos County sheriff's deputies found the five dead shortly after 6 a.m. Thursday at the Beach Junction Mobile Home Park about three miles south of Bandon, where the Jacobs family lived.

Lab test discovery will help detect Alzheimer's early



WASHINGTON (AP) — A new laboratory test of blood and skin cells offers

promise for early detection of Alzheimer's disease, a fatal brain disorder that now cannot be positively diagnosed until after death.

The test could provide a way to determine if severe memory loss is due to Alzheimer's or to a treatable disorder, said Dr. Jay H. Robbins, a National Cancer Institute researcher who led a team that developed the test.

"This test could be useful in identifying the disease absolutely in patients who are diagnosed as probable Alzheimer's disease," said Robbins. "Many people who have blood relatives with the disease might want to know. The decision, for instance, could be important for family planning."

A report on the research is to be published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Washington mayor back from hiatus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Marion Barry, launching yet another political revival, ended an extraordinary 2 1/2-week absence from the nation's capital Monday, declaring himself fitter than ever to deal with the city's financial problems.

He had left mysteriously and on short notice April 27 in search of solitude and recovery from what he at the time called "tell-tale signs of spiritual relapse and physical exhaustion."

The rapid turn of events had prompted questions about Barry's fitness as mayor and whether he might have returned to alcohol or drug abuse. Barry has denied renewed drug or alcohol problems.

At a combined rally and news conference, attended by about 150 supporters, Barry declared he was determined to transform government.

435,000 Cubans apply to enter America; 6,000 will be selected



MEXICO CITY (AP) — More than 435,000 Cubans — about one out of every

25 in the country — have entered a lottery for visas to the United States, more than double the first such drawing in 1994. Mexico's Notimex news agency said Monday.

About 6,000 people will be selected and will be able to immigrate with their immediate families, the agency said, citing unidentified diplomats at the U.S. Interest Section in Havana.

Since Cuba and the United States have no diplomatic relations, the interest section is technically a part of the Swiss Embassy.

The applications for the Second Special Program for Cuban Migration were accepted between March 15 and April 30 of this year, the diplomats said. Cuban authorities installed special security measures to prevent a rush on the seafloor diplomatic headquarters.

The applications will be sent to Washington where the data will be entered into computers. The winners selected by chance.

The program is part of a 1994 agreement between the United States and Cuba to allow at least 20,000 Cubans a year to immigrate to the United States.

The agreement followed a flood of Cubans trying to escape the Communist island on crude rafts. Many died and thousands were rescued and interned at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo, Cuba.

"This lottery will serve us for quite awhile," one U.S. diplomat told the news agency. "The last one was to fill the spaces for 1994 and 1995. This will be for 1996 and after that we will see. But for now we don't expect another drawing."

Winners will be expected to show they can hold jobs in the United States and will be questioned about education and whether they have family in the U.S.

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