

# Aviation pioneer, 82, fatally shot in robbery

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ROSEBURG — Retired Marine Maj. Gen. Marion Carl survived dogfights from World War II to Vietnam, shot down 18 enemy aircraft and at one time soared higher and faster than anyone on the planet.

He was finally killed by an intruder with a shotgun.

Carl, 82, died from a blast to the head, and his wife was wounded in a home-invasion robbery late Sunday night that touched off a manhunt for the suspect in the rugged hills of southern Oregon.

"It's a hell of a way to lose a great American hero," said retired Marine Col. Denis J. Keily, spokesman for the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation in Pensacola, Fla. "I guess it's a statement of our times."

Edna Carl, who suffered a glancing blast to the head, told police that a young man who was wearing wraparound sunglasses and had a German shepherd with him kicked in the front door, asked for money and her car keys, and shot her husband when he confronted the intruder.

The gunman took \$200 to \$400 from the couple's wallets and drove off in their 1984 Audi sedan. Mrs. Carl said there may have been another person outside because there was a commotion in the driveway.

The car was abandoned about 10 miles away, and a patrolman later found the dog walking about a mile from the car.

"It appears to be totally random — random and irrational and not thought out," said sheriff's detective Joe Perkins.

Carl was regarded by aviation historians as the "Chuck Yeager of the Marine Corps" for his flying exploits that spanned from World War II to Vietnam.

A native of Hubbard, Ore., Carl was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in 1939 and saw his first combat on Midway Island

in 1942. Later that year, he became the first Marine fighter ace, downing three Japanese bombers and a fighter plane over Guadalcanal.

In one dogfight, his shot-up Wildcat fighter plane went down off the coast of Guadalcanal. His official Marine bio says he was "losing his battle to swim ashore against the tide, when he was picked up by friendly natives in a canoe. After five days with the natives, he finally made his way back to his base."

Yeager, the Air Force's top test pilot, wrested away the title of world's fastest human by breaking the sound barrier two months later, also at Muroc. He flew a Bell X-1 rocket plane at Mach 1.07 — 700 mph — on Oct. 14.

In 1953, Carl set a world altitude record of 83,235 feet and two years later flew U-2 photo reconnaissance missions over China.

"He should have died of natural causes, not something like this, in front of his wife," said Penny Retzlaff, who like many neighbors in the area have always felt safe enough to leave their doors unlocked.

Monday afternoon, authorities issued warrants for the arrest of Jesse Stuart Fanus, a 19-year-old from the area who has a record of arrests on charges including drunken driving, burglary and criminal trespass. In May, he was accused of confronting a city councilman in a restaurant parking lot while armed with a samurai-style sword strapped to his leg.

The suspect was described as 5-foot-8, 150 pounds, with short, dark hair. He was last seen wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt with a logo.

A police search dog followed the man's scent about 300 yards up a gravel driveway leading to a cattle ranch but lost it at a spot where a wire fence was bent over.

Said Detective Perkins: "If he's out there, he could stay out there for days and never been seen."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Three professors get endowed positions

Three University professors were appointed to endowed positions Monday.

Alec Murphy, professor of geography, will hold the Rippey Chair in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Geraldine Richmond, professor of chemistry, and Quintard Taylor, professor of history, were appointed as Knight Professors of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Murphy is an expert in cultural and political geography, Europe and European integration, East-West relations and the impact of language on political problems and conflicts.

Richmond is a nationally recognized physical chemist. She is the director of the University Chemical Physics Institute and a member of the University Materials Science Institute.

Taylor is an author and expert in western U.S. history, and is the first African-American department head in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Rippey Chair is a rotating, endowed chair that recognizes faculty members who are equally distinguished in research and lower-division teaching. The Knight Professorships are available because of a large 1996 donation by Phil Knight, part of which is dedicated to creating endowed positions. The University pledged to match Knight's gift, and as donations are received a new Knight Chair or Professorship is "released."

### Sacred Heart offers class about diabetes

Sacred Heart Medical Center is offering a free class about diabetes control. "New Ap-

proach to Insulin and Carbohydrates" will provide information about a consistent carbohydrate diet and its relationship to insulin. The class will be held at 7 p.m. July 15 at PeaceHealth Medical Group, 1162 Willamette St., in conference rooms 3A and 3B. No registration is required. For more information, call Sacred Heart at 686-7029.

### Anonymous gift helps homeless

Lane ShelterCare has received a \$5,000 anonymous grant that will help fund a proposed homelessness-prevention program. The program is aimed at reducing the number of families evicted because they are unable to pay their rent. According to Lane ShelterCare, many families only need rent or mortgage assistance for a single month before they are again self-sufficient. The proposed program will also work with families to ensure that emergency situations occur less frequently. The new program would serve about fifty families each year at a cost of \$47,000.

### ESPN receives rights to UO athletic events

ESPN Regional Television and the University recently collaborated to increase exposure of the athletic department.

The principal focus of this five-year partnership will be turned to the growth of the athletic department's corporate sponsorship, advertising, signs and event programs. ESPN will be highlighting a major basketball event in Portland in which the University's women's and men's basketball teams will challenge nationally-ranked teams in a doubleheader Dec.

22 at the Rose Garden.

According to Dave Heeke, associate athletic director for media relations, this agreement will bring in a minimum revenue of \$3.7 million that will go toward the athletic department and general funds.

ESPN will receive statewide distribution of local live programming and promotional rights for all University athletic department coaches and events. In exchange, the University will receive annual rights and fees starting with a \$700,000 payment for the 1998-99 season, rising to \$800,000 in 2002-03.

### Professor gets grant for interactive class

University physics professor Greg Bothun has received a \$3,000 grant from the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium to help with a project that integrates the World Wide Web into the classroom. A section of Physics 101 planned for fall term will virtually eliminate traditional lectures and instead present basic physics laws through interactive Java applets, class demonstrations and hands-on activities. The grant provides partial financial compensation for Bothun and a graduate assistant as they work during the summer to develop an electronic lab manual containing the Java applets.

### United Way needs tutoring volunteers

The United Way of Lane County is seeking volunteers to work with at-risk youth. Tutors are needed two hours per week at Lane County Youth Services. For more information, call the United Way at 741-6000.

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