

Arson Ruled Out As Cause Of Deadly Nightclub Fire

Four Were Killed
SOUTHGATE, Ky. — Arson has been eliminated as a possible cause of the deadly fire that killed four people at the Beverly Hills Night Club here. Although the exact cause was not determined, State Police Commissioner Ken Brantingham said "we're getting very close to determining how the fire started" at the four-night club five miles south of Chicago.



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Brantingham said the fire erupted in the Palm Room, where a wedding party left shortly before the blast.

Investigators are still trying to identify the last person to leave the club before the fire broke out. The group of police investigators, led by Ken Owen and including members of the FBI, has been reduced to six Kentucky state policemen pursuing the probe.

Many of the fatalities were over 50 years old, and "numerous" survivors were under 30. The merger was announced in the valley below the club's stadium. Both groups were former members of the same club.

Hundreds of Sharks Swam Near Beaches
Swarms of sharks were reported to be up to 12 feet long, swimmers reported. A Coast Guard helicopter spotted a shark in the water near the beach near Miami Beach on the Palm Beach Island National Seashore.

The predators attacked the athletes Saturday. The swimmers were swimming at about 50 feet from the beach. Marine biologists said they were puzzled by the highly unusual incident.

Vitamin With Iron Need Special Caps
WASHINGTON — The government has approved a new vitamin and iron supplement containing iron to be packaged in child-resistant containers.

A Consumer Product Safety Commission regulation took effect yesterday that requires the special containers for products with 100 milligrams of iron.

Products on the store shelves in their packaging are not to be sold, said the commission.

any items packaged as of yesterday must have the special containers.

Commission officials said studies have shown that acute accidental poisoning of small children by iron pills has increased since 1967.

Iron pills are because widely used to treat anemia.

Commune Leader Freed On Kidnap Appeal
WALTHAM, Mass. — John Hines, director of an 8,000-member commune under \$1,000 bonds yesterday pending an appeal of his kidnap conviction in the state Superior Court.

Hines was convicted late Wednesday of kidnaping Charles Hill, the mother of three children, in Miami in January 1975 and holding her captive on a farm commune near Eugene, Ore.

Waltham County Circuit Court Judge Clarence E. Morgan Jr. sentenced Hines to 10 years in the state penitentiary. Hines' bonds have been set at \$100,000.

Georgia Shrimpers To Get Federal Aid
ATLANTA — Georgia's state capital counties have been declared a disaster area by President Jimmy Carter, providing federal assistance to shrimpers here by a law that is being signed.

"Disaster recovery efforts have been declared a disaster area by President Jimmy Carter, providing federal assistance to shrimpers here by a law that is being signed."

Sugar Fields Searched To Destroy Pot
HONOLULU — They invaded by air, on foot and in Jeeps and trucks yesterday in a search for drug caches in sugar fields near the state of Hawaii, sugar near of "Man Wai," "Kani Electra," "Kani Gold" and "Puna Baiter" — the state names for the island's sugar growing crop.

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Not since the days of Prohibition has the land used to yield the Hawaiian plantation sugar, have the local cops seen such action in their sugar cane fields and remote jungle deep in the back interior of the island of Maui and Kauai.

Police and national guardsmen, armed and supported by a fleet of "Cobra" helicopters, worked over Kauai and Maui for the second day of the search and destroy operation which police estimated would cost about \$10 million worth of marijuana today if completed today.

The estimated amount of marijuana seized in the operation was valued at "several million dollars" in the state of Hawaii, said a spokesman for the state.

Harvard Doctor To Fill 2 Post
WASHINGTON — Health Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. is planning to fill the post of U.S. Surgeon General with a man who will wear two hats in the government health bureaucracy.

Dr. Julius Richmond of Harvard Medical School already has been named to fill the post of U.S. Surgeon General. He will also serve as the director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Civil Control Administration.

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Pettigrew To Aid Carter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard A. Pettigrew, a former speaker of the Florida House, was named yesterday as President Jimmy Carter's assistant for reorganization of the federal government.

Pettigrew, a Miami Democrat, is an architect in Florida's reconstruction program. He was chairman of the legislative committee on Government Organization and Efficiency.

Pettigrew, a member of the Florida House from 1963 to 1972, made an unsuccessful race for the U.S. Senate in 1974.

Committee members are Vice President Walter F. Mondale, Sen. Bob Laxton of the Office of Management and Budget, Chairman Alan Campbell of the Civil Service Commission, and Chairman Charles L. Schuler of the Council of Economic Advisors.

The committee will review all reorganization plans proposed by the administration in Congress.

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