

In the News

First black president

His boyhood friends in Indonesia were street peddlers, and his grandmother still lives in a mud-walled house in Kenya. But Barack Obama is another world away, presiding over the Harvard Law Review as the first black president in the prestigious journal's 103-year history.

The charismatic 28-year-old said, "I feel good when I'm engaged in what I think are the core issues of the society, and those core issues to me are what's happening to poor folks in this society."



OBAMA

Bismarck men for hire for proms

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Two Bismarck men are hiring themselves out as dates for high school girls left high and dry on prom night. The two are asking \$100 a date. For that price, Yancy or Mike will rent a tuxedo, pick up the girl, meet her parents, present her with a corsage, take her to dinner and go to the dance.

"We're not looking for a profit," said 21-year-old Mike. He and Yancy spoke on condition that their last names not be used to save a girl's friends from finding out she is with a rent-a-date.

"It seems like all the high school guys want to ask out the same beautiful girl," said Yancy, 19. Yancy says his parents think the idea is great. Even his girlfriend has endorsed it.

"We'll treat the girls nice, just like if we asked them out ourselves," Mike said.

Partners in crime soon parted

MIAMI — When Nelson Echazabal cornered a burglar in his own home, he didn't call the cops. According to police, he formed a partnership. Metro-Dade County police said Claude Cherubin, 22, broke into Echazabal's home Tuesday. Echazabal, 25, was asleep.

Echazabal woke up and chased Cherubin with a knife. That's when they realized they shared a common interest — crime.

Echazabal, it turns out, had attempted a few heists himself, police said.

The new partners drove to someone else's home, broke in and stole a \$280 TV and \$315 videocassette recorder belonging to James Zacharko, police said.

The venture didn't last. The police already had Cherubin's license number from a botched burglary. They spotted his Nissan Pulsar and hauled him in.

He told police about his partner. The next day, cops said, they watched Echazabal as he tried to break into two houses and failed. When he succeeded on the third try, they busted him.

The one-time partners are charged with burglary.

—Knight-Ridder News Service

Guerrillas kill seven policemen

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A police truck hit a land mine on an isolated road Sunday, killing seven officers, officials said. The officials blamed the attack on the leftist Shining Path guerrillas.

The blast occurred near Lima while the officers were being transported to the Andean mountain hamlet of Yanacoto. They were to replace fellow officers guarding electrical towers in the mountains.

The utility towers are a prime target of the Maoist-inspired guerrillas in their decade-old insurgency.



AP laserphoto

The ugliest dog

Genie, a 9-year-old purebred Afghan poodle, was named the ugliest dog in a recent contest in Chambersburg, Pa. Genie's tongue hangs out of her mouth most of the time because of a missing tooth.

Rabbits, dogs stolen in French raid

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Animal rights activists raided a French hospital and took away rabbits and dogs destined for use in experiments, officials said Sunday.

The raid occurred Saturday night. About 20 rabbits, 15 dogs and several documents relating to the hospital's animal experimentation program were taken, according to the hospital. Police said no arrests had been made by Sunday afternoon.

WW II mass grave is discovered

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — A mass grave containing the remains of nearly 40 people who apparently disappeared during World War II has been discovered in southwestern Bulgaria, the official BTA news agency reported.

The grave was found near the village of Dobrinishte, on the site of a hideout used by the anti-Nazi partisan Ivan Kozarev, BTA said in a dispatch late Saturday.

Discovery gets new power unit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA installed a new power unit in space shuttle Discovery on Sunday and began recharging the batteries of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Discovery is scheduled to lift off with the \$1.5 billion telescope, the space agency's most expensive payload, April 25.

"Right now everything seems to be in the bag for a week from Wednesday," said a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Technicians on Saturday took out a faulty auxiliary power unit that forced a scrub of Discovery's launch Tuesday. A new unit was then installed, the first time the procedure has been performed at the launch pad.

Revolver may be from Wild West

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A deteriorated revolver has been unearthed by construction crews tearing up the main street through Cheyenne's historic downtown, raising hopes that a bit of the Wild West has turned up.

Experts at the state museum refuse to speculate the exact age of the corroded pistol until a study is completed. But judging from the location in which it was found, it could be more than a century old.

Garbo: She was a private person

(Continued from Page 1A) announces with great sadness the death of Miss Garbo," said hospital spokesman Andrew Banoff.

At the family's request, he provided no other information other than that she died Sunday. He declined to say when she entered the hospital or at what time she died.

Ben Buttenweiser, a neighbor and friend of Miss Garbo, said the actress hadn't been well lately and had had dialysis treatments, but didn't know the nature of her illness. Banoff declined to say whether Miss Garbo had been treated for kidney trouble.

The Swedish-born star began her career in silent films and reigned as the supreme movie queen throughout the '30s. Some critics considered her the finest screen actress of all time.

Actor Jimmy Stewart recalled Sunday night that Miss Garbo had a certain mystique about her.

"It was a combination of the way she looked, her voice and the beautiful way she moved," Stewart said. "As an actress and as a person she had this very special thing about her that I think sort of set her apart."

He said he never really got to know Miss Garbo, but was always a fan.

"I think her mystique was her privacy," said comedian Milton Berle. "She was a wonderful actress and she was very glamorous."

Berle said that during his days in vaudeville, he wore clothes like Miss Garbo's on stage.

After her retirement at age 36, Miss Garbo never acted again, but her luminous performances in 24 films kept her name alive and made her a favorite of younger generations who saw in her an ethereal ideal of the ultimate woman.

While "Camille," and "Ninotchka" became film festival staples, the woman known worldwide simply as "Garbo" remained shuttered in her Manhattan apartment or at various retreats in France and Switzerland.

She suffered little illness through



AP laserphoto

Greta Garbo prepares to kiss Robert Taylor in the 1936 classic "Camille."

most of her life, and was a health enthusiast who enjoyed long walks.

When she traveled it was with the air of a phantom, slipping in and out of airports, wearing dark glasses and a slouch hat pulled down. She was usually only a few steps ahead of persistent photographers who stalked her incessantly and occasionally managed to steal a quick shot of "The Face."

Her most-remembered line was in "Grand Hotel" when she said, "I want to be alone." She was also reputed to have said the same to reporters, although she once insisted to a friend that what she had said was, "I want to be left alone."

In comments published in Life magazine in 1989, Garbo described herself as a "sour little creature."

"I don't want any kind of attention from anybody, except that I know that someone likes me, and

that's nice. Otherwise, it's sickening," she said.

Rumors of love affairs were plentiful but she never married and in her later years allowed only a few long-time friends to penetrate her solitude. Few would discuss the star, knowing they would lose her friendship if they did. But those who did comment indicated they had never been allowed to know her secrets.

She was born Greta Lovisa Gustafsson in Stockholm on Sept. 18, 1905, the daughter of an uneducated laborer who was often ill or unemployed. After her father died when she was 14, she left school to become a barber's helper and later a \$25-a-month department store clerk.

By the 1930s, she was reportedly earning between \$250,000 to \$300,000 a picture.

Miss Universe 1990 Miss Norway wins title

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miss Norway, a beautiful woman from a town called Hell, won the Miss Universe crown Sunday night in this capital of glitz. Miss USA and Miss Colombia took runner-up honors.

Monia Grudt, affectionately nicknamed the "beauty queen from Hell" for the name of her Norwegian hometown, took the top spot over 70 other contestants in the 1990 pageant at the Shubert Theater in Century City.

Judges chose Carole Gist, a 20-year-old student from Detroit representing the United States, as first runner-up and Liseth Mahecha of Colombia second runner-up.

The contestants, wearing traditional garb of their homelands, opened the pageant by parading in front of a replica of the "Hollywood" sign in a production number done to the strains of "Dancing in the Streets."

The global glamour parade featured a first-ever entry from the Soviet Union and a prize package to the winner worth \$220,000. Announcer Dick Clark and Entertainment Tonight correspondent Leeza Gibbons were hosts.

The 39th Miss Universe pageant was televised live in the United States by CBS. An estimated 500 million viewers worldwide were expected to tune in and root for their favorites.

Last year's event was staged in



MISS UNIVERSE MONIA GRUDT

Cancun, Mexico, where Miss Holland Angela Visser became Miss Universe 1989.

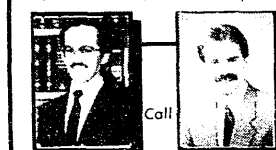
Two non-finalists in this year's pageant hail from the same town in the Soviet Union. Miss USSR Evia Stalbovska and Miss Israel Yvonna Krugliak are from the city of Liepaja on the Baltic Sea.

Last week, Mayor Tom Bradley and City Council welcomed the event with a proclamation, but feminists criticized the move, calling the pageant sexist.

In a fitting reward for a Tinseltown victory, Miss Universe 1990 has been promised a Hollywood audition for a major studio film.

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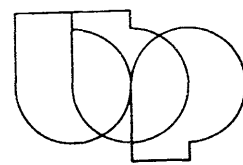
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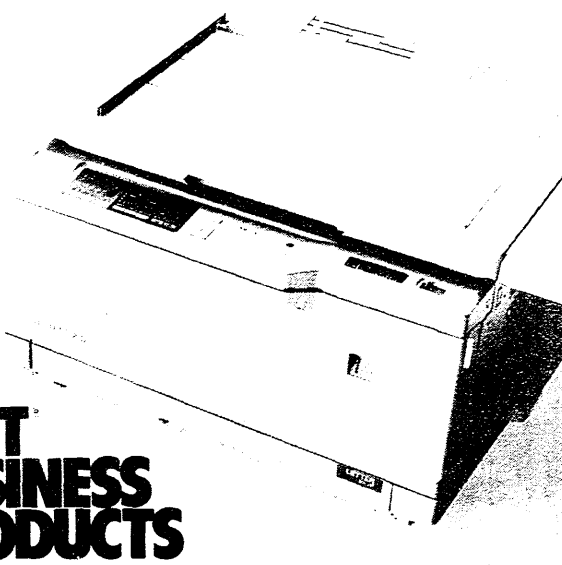
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