

A2 Daily News Leader, Monday, July 27, 1992

Warm Yesterday's weather

High 82, Low 64. Precipitation 0. Sun 10:00, 8:31. Sunrise Tuesday 6:15.

Extended forecast

The weather

Zone forecasts

Hampton, Waynesboro and Augusta, Rich, Highlands and Rockbridge counties — Today, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of afternoon rain and thunderstorms. High 80 to 86. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid- to upper 60s. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s.

Eastern Shore, Greater Hampton Roads — Today, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of afternoon rain and thunderstorms. High 80 to 86. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s.

Northern Piedmont and Foot Hills — Today, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of afternoon rain and thunderstorms. High in the mid- to upper 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid- to upper 60s. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s.

Southern Highlands, Southwestern Mountains — Today, rain and thunderstorms. Locally heavy downpours possible. High in the mid-70s to low 80s. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Southeastern Piedmont, Southern Piedmont — Today, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of afternoon rain and thunderstorms. High 80 to 86. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s.

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Police reports

3-car crash

WAYNESBORO — Police charged Estelle M. Core, 63, of Madison with following too closely after a three-car crash on West Broad Street at 10:29 a.m. Saturday. A Waynesboro police report showed.

Ms. Core was driving west in a 1985 Ford when she failed to stop in time and the car struck the rear of a 1988 Mercury driven by Shirley M. Madison, 51, of 230 Henry Ave. in Madison. The Mercury was pushed into the rear of a 1991 Mazda pickup driven by Kelli E. Wright, 25, of 1642 Stone Ln. in Madison.

Police estimated damage to Ms. Core's car at \$400, Ms. Madison's at \$700 and the pickup, \$100. Debbie McCoy, 36, a passenger in Ms. Core's car, was treated at Waynesboro Community Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Man beaten

WAYNESBORO — A city man was beaten with a beer bottle and the leg of a man with whom he had argued in a convenience store Saturday afternoon, according to a Waynesboro police report.

Satania A. Henderson, 26, of 2115 Albemarle Ave. Apt. 1, told police he was in the Waco Convenience Store at East Main Street and Delphi Avenue when two black men came into the store and tried to beat in front of him in the cashier's line, the report stated. One of the men reportedly told Verazquez to step outside and when they went out, he was beaten, he told police.

Verazquez was treated at Waynesboro Community Hospital and released.

An Albemarle County woman told police she picked the man up on a bus out of town, the report showed.

Tires cut

WAYNESBORO — Between 5 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, someone cut tires on nine vehicles parked in the Tree Streets area, according to police reports.

The vehicles were parked on Cherry, Fane, Maple, Locust, Walnut and Oak avenues and 14th and 15th streets.

Thief reported

WAYNESBORO — Linda K. Towler of 317 Howard Ave. reported the theft of a Treasure Inc. ring watch Saturday.

The 25-carat automatic pistol was taken between 3:30 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday, the report showed. It is valued at \$75.

4 injured

VERONA — Four people were injured in a crash on U.S. 451 near 47.7 p.m. Saturday, a Virginia State Police report showed.

Mercedes A. Smith, 38, of Richmond was headed north on U.S. 451 when the left tire ran flat. She lost control and the car struck an embankment, the report showed.

Smith, Louisa A. Widener, 35, and Helen G. Haynes, 34, were treated at King's Daughters Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said. Another passenger, Kristin E. Stortmeier, 25, was admitted for observation and later discharged.

Thunderstorms

Highs near 90. Tonight, fair. Lows 65 to 70. Tuesday, partly sunny. High in the mid-80s.

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Injured

GREENVILLE — Five people were injured in a three-vehicle crash in the northbound lane of I-81 about four miles south of here about 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

Deborah Epperson, 30, of Hillsville was driving a 1977 Ford in the left lane when the car struck southbound lanes of I-81. Trooper J.L. Aiken, two vehicles were involved in the crash. A pickup was on the left shoulder when the Ford ran off to cut north, Aiken said.

A pickup behind the two vehicles, driven by Thomas A. Rabble, 21, of Onalaska, Va., and the rear of the Ford, scending the car into the median. The pickup was turned sideways across the interstate, Aiken said.

A 1983 Chevrolet driven by Ray Rain and thunderstorms. Locally heavy downpours possible. High in the mid-70s to low 80s. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Robert Hill, 46, a passenger in Ms. Epperson's car, was airlifted to a hospital where he was being treated in the emergency room Sunday night. Ms. Epperson was treated at Waynesboro Community Hospital and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Sheila Ralke, 17, a passenger in the pickup, Ms. Harton, and William Turk, 33, a passenger in Ms. Harton's car, were all treated at King's Daughters Hospital and released.

Driver charged

WEST ALBUQUERQUE — Virginia State Police charged Everett R. Hanes Jr. with driving under the influence and reckless driving after a crash on a front service road near here at 11:05 a.m. Saturday, a police report showed.

Hanes was heading north around a curve when the 1980 Chevrolet was struck slightly south of northbound 19th Dodge drive by Bill and Beverly Hanes.

Police estimated damage to the Dodge at \$2,500 and to the Chevrolet, \$3,000.

Astronauts to test satellite on a string

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Seven astronauts due to leave Earth on Friday will follow in the footsteps of Benjamin Franklin by testing a satellite on a string — 17 miles of electricity-conducting tape.

The satellite will be unrolled from the space shuttle Atlantis and fly overhead for 30 hours. The cord between the half-ton satellite and 100-ton shuttle — just one-tenth of an inch in diameter — is expected to generate 5,000 volts of electricity as the cord burns through Earth's magnetic field.

NASA said the 17-mile formation, traveling at nearly 5 miles per second, will be the longest structure ever flown in space.

"This is a one-of-a-kind physics experiment, and we're in the middle of it," said astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, the payload commander. "I'm practicing with wires I'll learn as much as I can about having something going up in space above us kept by a string," said crewman Franco Malabarba, who will be the first failure to fly in space.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration flight director coordinator the seven-day mission to be the most complex in shuttle history.

Nevertheless, they insist the experiment is safe and that the satellite won't crash into the shuttle like a wrecking ball.

Iran-Contra prosecutor speeding up investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh is speeding up an investigation into whether former President Reagan and top aides conspired to cover up U.S. involvement in arms shipments to Iran, sources close to the probe said Sunday.

A federal grand jury at the U.S. Courthouse in Washington, D.C., has questioned several former Reagan administration figures in the past few weeks, said several non-prosecution sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Washington Post reported Sunday that Walsh will decide within 10 days whether to initiate legal moves that could lead to the indictment of Reagan, former attorney general Edwin Meese III, former secretary of state George Shultz and former White House chief of staff Don Regan.

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State psychologist says Colonial Parkway killer is still at large

RICHMOND (AP) — Larry McCann believes a serial killer is responsible for the deaths of six people and the disappearance of two others, and even though the slayings apparently have stopped, the state psychologist thinks the killer still is at large.

Typically, "somebody of this type doesn't just stop. If the killings stop, that means he's been found or moved out of the area," said McCann.

But in this case, McCann believes the killer may have been stopped by the death of an accomplice.

A search of the FBI database on violent crimes shows there have been no killings in the past 2½ years anywhere in the United States, Canada or Australia that fit the pattern of the Virginia crimes. Interpol also reports no similar crimes in Europe.

That indicates to McCann that the killer is not operating elsewhere within the killing of three couples and the disappearance of a fourth in the general vicinity of the historic Colonial Parkway were the work of one person.

After an extensive study of the four crime scenes, McCann compiled a psychological profile of the killer. McCann declined to discuss the specifics of the profile.

"There's some behavior that tells me something about this man. He's just not what you'd expect," McCann said.

Two years ago, McCann said there was a second person who had an "intimate knowledge" of the crimes. He implied that the second person was a woman.

McCann said last week that his statements two years ago were not intended to warn the second person. "I was trying to tell this person know, 'You're next on his list,'" McCann said.

From his study of the crime scenes, McCann concludes the second person may have been found by the killer.

"I don't think one person could have controlled the victims," McCann said.

The crimes began in October 1986 with the killings of Catherine Thomas, 28, of Norfolk and Barbara Dowd, 21, and a student at the College of William and Mary, on the Colonial Parkway near Williamsburg.

Each had been strangled and their bodies found in the back seat of Ms. Thomas' car. There were no signs of a struggle, and the women began report or robbery.

Ms. Thomas' car had been pushed over an embankment along the parkway.

In September 1987, the bodies of David Knobling, 20, and Robin Edwards, 14, both of Newport News, were found at the Rugged Island Game Refuge on the James River. Each had been shot in the back of the head. Again there was no sign of a struggle.

Knobling's pickup truck was found in the refuge parking lot with its keys in the ignition. His wallet was found on the truck seat.

In April 1988, the body of a young man was found near the site of the Thomas-Dowd killings. Richard Cal, 30, of Gloucester County and Cassandra Healy, a 19-year-old,

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McCann was trained by FBI specialists to draw up profiles of serial murderers, rapists, pedophiles and assassins in the mid 1960s. Using information from the crime scene, profiles are able to draw a psychological picture of the suspect that often includes some physical characteristics.

"This is not something that is on the back burner," McCann said of the search for the killer. "We get one or two every week or so, and we're still looking. ... He's going to make a mistake. And when he does, we'll catch him."

"Every cop in Virginia is after him."

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Obituaries

PETE PLEASANTS WAYNESBORO — Pete B. Pleasants, 66, of R.R. 2, Waynesboro, died Sunday (July 26, 1992) in the VA hospital in Staunton. Complete arrangements will be announced by the Waynesboro chapter of Interfaith Home.

JANET G. GREGG HIGHTOWN — Janet G. Gregg, 90, of Hightown, died Sunday afternoon (July 26, 1992) in the Foundation Nursing Home in Franklin, N.J.

The body is at the Ochs Family Home in McDowell. Arrangements will be announced.

Singer Mary Wells dead of cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Mary Wells, who in the 1960s had teen-agers snapping their fingers to "My Guy" and other tales of love, lost and found, died Sunday after a long bout with cancer. She was 49.

Wells, who underwent surgery for cancer of the breasts in August 1990, died at the University of Southern California's Keck Medical Center, said her brother, Stacy Wells.

She had been hospitalized there for several months.

Along with Smokey Robinson, who died in 1990, she was one of the Four Tops. Wells helped break the group into a pop act.

In 1961 through 1964, she hit the Top 10 in the pop charts with "The One That Really Loves You," "You Beat Me to the Punch," "My Lovin' and Her Signature," "My Guy." All written or co-written by Robinson's A T Tunes Records star.

"In 1964 Mary Wells was our big, big star," said Larry Gorky, Wells' doo-wop producer. "I have a hard time doing it now. I know the words to My Guy."

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