

The Rockies



Radio talk show host Alan Berg was found dead outside his Denver home late Monday.

Denver police have no leads in death of 'last angry man'

Associated Press
DENVER — A Denver police spokesman said today there are no leads in the shooting death of radio talk show host Alan Berg, who was ambushed outside his condominium late Monday.

"We just don't have much We have seen," said Denver police Sgt. John Colbert.

Denver Deputy District Attorney William Buckley confirmed that it was Berg, 36, whose body was found lying in his driveway next to his small, foreign car with gunshot wounds to the head and neck. Buckley said authorities placed the time of the shooting at about 10 p.m. Monday.

Police said there were no witnesses, although several neighbors reported they heard the sounds of an angry argument and a car speeding away.

Buckley said several 40-caliber shell casings were found near Berg's body, and four bullet holes were found in the garage door near his body. Berg was declared dead at the scene and his body was taken to the city morgue.

Buckley said Berg had been known to receive occasional death threats which he'd report to police. Buckley said authorities planned to check and see if Berg had received such threats lately that might be linked to the shooting.

Berg, often described as "The Last Angry Man," was a high-profile radio personality at several stations in Denver in the past decade. He was the combative host of a

morning call-in talk show for KOA, where he had worked since 1981. In his final show on Monday, Berg conducted telephone interviews with Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., and Sen. Richard Lamm.

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killer. "You're a loser, man. Talk show hosts are a dime a dozen. You made Alan Berg innocent."

Berg, a native of Chicago who once practiced law, garnered the highest talk show rating in Denver broadcasting history during a stint at station KHOW. But despite the high ratings, in 1979 he was fired from that show, which he characterized as "just a hateful show" in a recent interview.

Berg acknowledged that his abrasive and aggressive handling of guests and callers — along with his practice of hanging up on some callers — made some listeners "hate" him.

"Everybody here is dying to bust out on me, but I've really got to die in there to get people worked up enough as there's some action," Bergier than anyone who calls my show.

"Anger is one of the greatest motivators in the world. Rage destroys, but out of anger, sometimes a lot of my creativity," he said.

Wire check

Empire
Airmen found dead near Berthoud
A helicopter crew spotted the bodies of two Lowry Air Force Base airmen missing since Sunday on a mountaintop near Berthoud, Pa., the Clear Creek Sheriff's Department reported. Authorities planned to bring the bodies down today by helicopter.

The bodies of Airman 1st Class Robert J. Kravitz, 21, of Carlisle, Pa., and Airman 1st Class James G. Barrett III, 21, of Lathrop, Ore., were sighted about 8 p.m. Monday. The airmen were students at Lowry Technical Training Center in Denver and had just completed basic training.

The car the men were driving was spotted about 8 p.m. Sunday by a helicopter near Berthoud, Pa. The men, last seen dressed in T-shirts, shorts and sneakers, reportedly said friends Saturday they were going hiking in the St. Mary's Glacier area.

Denver

Frontier to make cuts, paper says
Frontier Airlines is expected to announce that it will cut service to 20 of its 78 cities it serves in 28 states as part of an effort to restructure its routes. The Denver Post reported today. Sources told the Post that the Denver-based airline is planning cuts of up to one-third of its service by Oct. 1. The sources, who agreed to speak on condition they not be named, said a cutback is one of several plans under consideration, and could be combined with a refinancing or a buyout of some stock in Frontier's parent company, Frontier Holdings Inc.

There are "many options we've been studying in the past several months, and several of them involve some restructuring of our air routes," said Daniel Herch, vice president of market planning at Frontier. "But nothing's been decided yet." The Post reported the reduction in service is not expected to affect Denver, a sister airline also owned by Denver-based Frontier Holdings.

HUD blocked from digging into fund

U.S. District Judge John Kane has rejected an attempt by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to take \$26 million raised by the Denver Urban Renewal Authority through investment of federal funds during construction of a Denver project. Kane said in his ruling Monday that the federal agency had presented no evidence "that the money will be frittered away" if it is left in the hands of DURA.

HUD had sought a restraining order to keep DURA from holding the money, which it has expended through investments and fees over the past 10 years. The funds were earned as federal grants issued to build the Skyline Urban Renewal Project in lower downtown Denver, which is nearly completed and began in 1968.

Dalkon Shield maker won't appeal

A Virginia company said Monday it won't appeal a \$6.8 million judgment award in a Colorado lawsuit — the latest judgment in a Dalkon Shield case. A. B. Robins Co. made the announcement after the Colorado Supreme Court ruled 3-2 not to reconsider its decision of one week ago in *Invent. of Care Palmer*. Palmer sued over an infection, underwent a hysterectomy and nearly died after using the controversial birth control device.

There are more than 3,000 cases pending against Robins, which began marketing the Dalkon Shield in 1971.

Latest leak may solve gas mystery

Associated Press
LA SALLE — The third major natural gas leak to happen in La Salle in as many months could help solve the mystery of where the gas is coming from. Mayor Bruce Kamada said Monday.

"Hopefully, this will be the thing that solves the gas problem," Kamada said Monday.

The latest leak, discovered Sunday, is bubbling from an 1,100-foot-deep abandoned well under the town's water tower on the east side of U.S. 85. La Salle is just south of Greeley.

The new leak is only about 100 yards from where another abandoned well filled with gas and exploded Feb. 16, leveling the showroom of the Wicken Lumberyard and causing \$24,000 in damage.

A family on its way to church Sunday discovered the latest leak, which was sending muddy water and sand bubbling 8 inches into the air.

Town workers dug a 5-foot-deep hole to expose the 10-inch-wide wellhead and made plans to fit a collar on the well.

The collar will allow water to seep from the well and gas to dissipate into the atmosphere.

The well was dug 67 years ago as part of the town's water system.

Town officials said Monday they don't plan to stop water supply residents because of the new leak.

Kamada said several agencies were working to determine the source of the leaking gas.

The Weld County Health Department, the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission, and the state's Oil Inspection Department were on the scene of the latest leak on Monday.

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