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Quayle won't run for top job in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dan Quayle has decided against running for governor of Indiana, his top aide said.

Anne Hathaway, executive director of the political action committee Issues '96, said the former vice-president telephoned her Easter night and said neither he nor his wife Marilyn would be a candidate.

"He pulled out of the president's race to spend time with his family, and he felt the governor's race would take time" away from his family as well, Hathaway told the Indianapolis Star.

Trucker confesses

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — A trucker suspected in a string of slayings along interstate highways has confessed to a third murder, authorities said.

Sean Patrick Goble had already admitted to suffocating Alice Rebecca Hanes, 36, of Columbus, Ohio, and strangling Brenda Kay Hagy, 45, of Bloomington, Ind., authorities say.

Before his arraignment Monday, Goble confessed to killing an unidentified woman whose body was found Feb. 19 off Interstate 40 in North Carolina, said Sheriff B.J. Barnes.

Goble, 28, of Asheboro, was arrested Thursday in Winston-Salem. Investigators want to question him about dozens of similar slayings in 10 states. Many of the victims were prostitutes who were smothered or strangled and left alongside major highways.

He waived extradition to Tennessee, where Hanes and Hagy were killed. He also waived his right to a lawyer and represented himself.

Brother killed

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A 14-year-old accidentally killed his seven-year-old brother with a pistol their mother had given him for protection, police said.

Officials were trying to determine whether they could charge the mother, Cindy Chavez. But a prosecutor said Texas may not have a law prohibiting an adult from giving a handgun to a minor.

Chavez gave her son a .25-calibre handgun she bought at a pawn shop after he complained of threats from gang members at school.

The boy was baby-sitting his younger brother and two other children at his grandmother's Friday when the gun went off and the seven-year-old was shot in the face.

The boy was ordered held at a juvenile detention centre until a decision is made about charges.

Stay of execution

ANGOLA, La. (Reuter) — A divided Louisiana Supreme Court granted two-time killer Antonio James his 14th stay of execution Monday, four hours before he was to die by lethal injection.

James, 39, was sentenced to death for shooting 70-year-old Henry Silver in the head during an armed robbery New Year's Day 1979. He was later sentenced to 99 years for killing Alvin Adams, 74, during an armed robbery two weeks later.

During an unsuccessful clemency hearing last week by the state Pardon Board, Adams' son offered to pay for the execution.

The Supreme Court, which issued the stay on a 4-3 vote, ruled that a state district court erred during the weekend by not granting a hearing on new evidence James' lawyers say can prove he was not the triggerman in either killing. James has been on death row since 1981.



The ferry Saint-Malo is submerged before it was towed toward St. Helier in the Channel Islands Monday after 300 passengers were evacuated. The twin-hulled hydrofoil began taking on water after it hit a submerged object while carrying day-trippers from Jersey to the neighboring islands of Sark and Guernsey. About 50 people were injured.

ENGLISH CHANNEL MISHAP

Injured passengers tell of ferry ordeal

ST. HELIER, Jersey (AP) — Sam Matthews hopped on one foot toward the hospital hallway phone. Tears in his eyes, he fumbled for change with his left hand as his right arm hung useless in a sling.

"Jeanine, there's been an accident," he said to his wife in Sheffield, northern England. "We were on that bloody ferry."

Jersey General Hospital was full of bad news after a ferry carrying 300 tourists and seven crew apparently hit a rock Monday about two kilometres off this British island's craggy southwest coast.

All survived but 103 passengers were injured when they jumped five metres to life rafts as water poured into the damaged ferry St. Malo.

Twenty-one people remained hospitalized this afternoon as patrol boats chugged through the harbor picking up soggy pieces of luggage.

Matthews said he broke his foot and chipped his elbow. His daughter, Sue, suffered a broken ankle.

Jersey Harbor Master Roy Bullen said the hydrofoil may have been taking a shortcut through a boat channel that would save about five minutes on the trip. "The reports coming back ... indicate that it was a rock they hit," he said.

Fred Averinos, chairman and managing director of the hydrofoil's owner, Channiland, said the French captain, Phillipe Panau, had years of

experience.

"I am confident he wouldn't have taken any unnecessary shortcuts," he said. "He is very familiar with all these islands and has been running that type of ship in these areas hundreds of times."

Witnesses said passengers suffered most of their injuries when the order to abandon ship was given a half-hour after the crash. Many passengers searched in vain for ladders, then leaped to lifeboats as the ferry listed sharply.

"I jumped first. My wife was too afraid," said Brian Davies, 35, a transport manager from Somerset, southwest England.

"There was a sign by the lifeboats that said 'ladder' but there was no ladder there," he said. "That's why my wife broke her ankle."

A Royal Air Force Sea King helicopter plucked passengers from life rafts, and a flotilla of fishing vessels and other boats responded to the distress call.

The passengers — 185 Germans, 40 French and the rest presumably Britons — were daytrippers travelling from the Channel islands of Jersey, Sark and Guernsey. Britain and France both celebrated national holidays Monday.

Fish dispute hot political issue in Spain

MADRID (Reuter) — Spain's fishing dispute with Canada turned into a full scale domestic political issue today, with conservatives calling the outcome a defeat for Spain and leftists charging Madrid caved in to Canadians.

"With a weak government you reap only defeat, and that is what we have reaped at the expense of Spanish interests," conservative Popular Party leader Jose Maria Aznar said.

A weekend deal between the European Union and Canada ended a bitter five-week dispute over fishing in North Atlantic waters but enraged Spanish fishermen who saw their quota of Greenland halibut, or turbot, slashed while Canada's share doubled.

The Socialist government has described the deal as the best possible for Spain and a spokesman today termed opposition attacks as "trite, lacking imagination or knowledge."

But the economic council of the Galician port of Vigo, which fears up to 8,000 job losses from the fishing cut-back, was meeting to discuss protest action, expected to climax with a mass demonstration in the Galician capital of Santiago de Compostela, probably April 29.

With vital local elections

due on May 28, Aznar was quick to exploit the political potential of an agreement which fell far short of Spain's original demands. The fish war was sparked by Canada's seizure of a Spanish trawler in international waters off Newfoundland last month.

"I believe the Socialist party, this government, is totally exhausted and weakened and cannot face the new phase of Spain's history," he told state radio.

"It has been my responsibility to present a new project for Spain and that is now on the table. Spaniards have the opportunity (to vote) on May 28."

Erasing the last vestige of opposition support which the government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez enjoyed for its stand at the start of fishing talks, United Left leader Julio Anguita said the administration had "caved in" to the Canadians.

"It could not and did not want to defend Spain and gave up everything, even a minimum of dignity," Anguita said.

Galicia's outspoken government leader Manuel Fraga today called for a demonstration against the deal in which "all Galicia must say clearly: 'We are not going to take any more.'"

Liberia deaths claimed

GENEVA (AP) — Sixty-two people, mostly women and children, were killed by machete-wielding men in an attack on a village in Liberia, the UN Children's Fund said today.

UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz said the mass killings occurred April 9 in the central village of Yosi. He said details were only now emerging from survivors who made it to a hospital in Buchanan, about 95 kilometres southeast of Monrovia, the capital.

Personnaz said it was not clear who was to blame. The area is controlled by rebel leader Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Liberation Front.

"There's about a dozen factions fighting in Liberia so it's very difficult to know who is where," Personnaz said. "This area is really controlled by the NPFL but that doesn't mean this massacre was committed by them."

Air Force jet crashes, 8 die

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala. (AP) — An assistant secretary of the U.S. Air Force and seven others were killed when their jet exploded and crashed in a small woods near a residential neighborhood.

The air force C-21 plane, the military version of a Learjet, experienced an "in-flight emergency" Monday that forced the crew to try to land at the Alexander City Airport, the air force said.

Two witnesses heard explosions while the plane was still in the air. One said the pilot struggled to regain altitude as the jet skimmed the trees.

"I could see the pilot fighting the plane," said Jimmy Keel, who watched from the porch of his bait and tackle shop. "He was in trouble. He fought it up, it went left, then right, then it exploded."

All six passengers and both crew members were killed when the jet went down about 6:30 p.m. Monday near a subdivision six kilometres from Alexander City. No one on the ground was injured.

Pieces of the plane lodged in trees and scattered over a 100-metre radius. "Not much is intact," said fire chief Ronnie Betts.

The victims included Clark Fiester, one of four assistant air force secretaries, who was responsible for acquisitions, and his assistant, Col. Jack Clark, said spokeswoman Maj. Alvina Mitchell.

Mitchell said the rest of the victims were air force personnel and one from the army who was flying on a "space available" basis. But a Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity that civilian personnel were also aboard.

The other names were not released pending notification of families.

The plane was flying from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland to Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., when it diverted to the airport in Alexander City, a community of 15,000 about 60 kilometres northeast of Montgomery.

Miranda Wyckoff told an Alexander City newspaper she heard three explosions, including one as the jet plunged to the ground. "It sounded like an earthquake when it came over our house," she said.

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