# Report 2 shot when 15 youths attack 5 men

By TOM SUK

Two men were wounded by buckshot Thursday night during an incident in which about 15 youths reportedly attacked a group of about five men behind a Des Moines tavern.

The incident happened shortly before 10 p.m. at Dave's Foozin and Boozin, 1803 Keosauqua Way.

The wounded were identified as

Thomas E. Pilkington, 22, of 414 S.E. Columbus Ave., and Richard A. Giesler, 27, of 1811 College Ave.

Pilkington suffered from numerous pellet wounds - one in the forehead, another in the face, and several in the arm and torso - police said. He drove to Iowa Lutheran Hospital, where he was treated.

Giesler, who suffered from wounds in the forehead and neck, declined medical treatment.

In addition, a Yellow Cab driver said a youth shot at him as he drove in the area. The owner of the tavern, Dave

Salem, said the shooting may have been related to an incident that occurred about an hour earlier. Cars belonging to patrons of his tav-

ern have been vandalized recently, he said, and about 9 p.m. Thursday, several tavern patrons chased away about six teen-agers who were loitering around cars in the tavern's rear parking lot, Salem said.

They may have come back with some friends," he said.

Giesler, a student at Des Moines And Community College, said he and about four other men were standing benind the tavern when about 15 youths approached them and stopped at the inersection of Eighteenth Street and Carpenter Avenue, about 100 feet from the men.

Biesler said the youths were yelling theats and racial comments before abut five shots rang out.

Biesler said he felt several pellets stng him, and he dropped to the gound. The youths then scattered, he

I think a lot of them got scared men they heard the shooting, and beides that, a lot of people were startin to come out of the bar about then," Gesler said.

Witnesses told police that at least oe of the youths had gone into a home of Eighteenth Street. Police talked to sine of the occupants of the home, but narrests were made.

About the same time as the shootigs, Yellow Cab driver Archie J. For, 21, of 1510 Twenty-third St., d a youth fired a gun at him as he dove down Eighteenth Street.

'He pulled up his arm, I saw the hindgun and stepped on the gas," boor said. "The next thing I knew, I hard the sound. He fired right at me." Pecor said he was not hit, and he ould find no bullet holes in his cab åter a quick check.

He had gone to the tavern to pick up fare, but he was told there that the erson had left in another taxi. He was civing away from the tavern when the sooting occurred.

### **Drake sued over** ur conditioning unit

A Des Moines woman filed a \$20,000 wsuit against Drake University hursday, contending the heating and ir conditioning equipment at the uniersity's new Fine Arts Center is a nuiance to her property because it crețes "great noise, obnoxious odors, dust ad exhaust fumes."

Mary Jane Eaton, who lives about a lock from the center, is asking the plk County District Court to order rake to correct the alleged nuisance. he also is asking for \$20,000 -- the mount she claims her home has lost in market value and for her annoyance, iscomfort, and loss of sleep.

The Fine Arts Center, at Twentyifth Street and Carpenter Avenue, was pened in July, 1972, the suit states.

### **Afficers admonished for going** muting at Rockwell ledge

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The lavy and Marine Corps have admonshed 24 officers and civilian officials or going hunting at a lodge maintained y Rockwell International Corp., a najor defense contractor, it was emounced Thursday. This was the latst in a series of relatively light discilinary actions taken by senior Pentaon officials against military men and dvilian employes who accepted hospiality from defense contractors in ecent years.





# Blind boy's touching experience

Liviu Negut, 6, a blind boy from Romania, feels the nose of John Netto, a Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus clown, boy came to the United States in hopes of restoring his sight.

### Refuses to comment on Sinatra meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. - CIA Director George Bush Thursday refused to confirm or deny reports of a secret meeting with Frank Sinatra, which was said to deal with a Sinatra offer to provide intelligence information.

The question about the Sinatra meeting was asked of Bush as he appeared before the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) to emphasize the necessity for an effective foreign intelligence system to maintain the American democracy.

Although he refused to discuss whether he had met with Sinatra or the purpose of such a meeting, Bush declared that generally CIA officials including the director were willing to accept any information from any American citizen.

The CIA director revealed in his talk that he had been on a recent secret mission to three Western European countries, but declined to identify the countries or the purpose of the visit.

### French students, police clash

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) -- Tens of thousands of French students demonstrated in Paris and provincial cities Thursday against government plans for university reform. Groups in the capital clashed with police and wrecked shops and cars.

There were injured on both sides.

Student leaders tried without success to keep what they called "provocateurs" away from the main body of marchers, which they estimated at 40,000, in the streets of central Paris in late afternoon. Police put the figure at

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# MAN QUESTIONED IN SLAYING

By TOM SUK

A.19-year-old Des Moines man was released Thursday night after he was questioned in connection with the strangulation slaying of Mary Ann Scovel, 18, and released without charges, police said.

Police Sgt. William Fitzgerald said earlier that he wouldn't call the man "suspect," saying, "we'd just like to talk to him about the case."

Scovel died between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, according to Dr. Emmanuel Lacsina, deputy Polk County medical examiner. Lacsina said she was choked to death, possibly by some piece of jewelery.

"From indentations on her neck we believe a necklace or some type of jewelery chain was used," Lacsina said after he performed an autopsy Thursday said.

The time of death set by Lacsina was about one hour after Scovel was seen by neighbors in her apartment building at 661 Seventeenth St.

Her fully clothed body was found about 12:45 a.m. Thursday on the living room floor of her apartment by Terry Lee Lively, 26, of the same address. That was more than two hours after

police had received an anonymous tip that a woman had been murdered at the apartment house. Fitzgerald said a man had phoned the police station about 10:20 p.m.

Wednesday and said a murder had been committed in the building. Police officers went to the building and left after talking to a woman who

lives in another apartment there, be Investigators said there were no signs of a struggle in the Scovel apartment, and they said nothing was

reported missing. They said water was running from a kitchen faucet and a sink had overflowed onto the floor.

# **Editor retires**

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## Daughter to work on Reagan's view of ERA

BLOOMINGTON, MINN. (AP) Ronald Reagan's daughter says she will keep trying to change her father's mind about the Equal Rights Amendment.

Maureen Reagan said Wednesday that her father supports equal rights for women but opposes writing them into the Constitution.

"You can go it issue by issue with him and there is no disagreement," said Maureen, an actress. "I keep hoping, of course, that I will get him to support the ERA. I do keep trying."

Maureen, 35, was in Minnesota to talk on "Feminism and Personal Freedom" at a secretaries' seminar. She rated her father's chances for the Republican presidential nomination "very good."

## Benefits seen in Gandhi policies

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - A top Senate official said Thursday that the emergency rule imposed on India by Prime Minister Indira Gaudhi has brought tangible benefits and has been accepted by the great mass of the Indian people.

There is little doubt that the concept of the emergency has gained public acceptance in India," although foreign critics have called it dictatorial, said Francis Valeo, secretary of the Senate in a report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Valeo, who is also considered an expert in Asian affairs, said foreign observers in India "are unanimous in holding that Mrs. Gandhi would win a vote of confidence if elections were held at this time."



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# RAIL FIRMS STUDY OUTLOOK FOR MERGER

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The parent companies of two of the nation's more profitable railroads said Thursday they are studying a possible merger that would create a rail system stretching into 25 states.

If consummaed, the merger of the Southern railroad and the Missouri Pacific railroad would be the first such major reshuffling since the ill-fated joining in 1968 of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Central of New York into the Penn Central.

#### Part of U.S. System

The Penn Central failed two years later and now is part of the government-backed ConRail system.

Announcement of the merger talks came jointly from D.B. Jenks, chairman of the board of the Mississippi River Corp., which owns the Missouri Pacific, and W. Graham Claytor, jr., chairman of Southern Railway Co.

The two men said representatives of the two companies would get together soon to "explore the feasibility of various approaches to bringing together under common control the organizations they represent."

#### Are Cautious

However, they cautioned that the studies may or may not result in a definitive agreement. They said the talks would determine the feasibility and advisability of common control.

Both railroads are profitable, and the Southern has for years ranked among the top railroad companies-inearnings per share.

Southern had a net income of \$78.3 million on revenues of \$863.7 million last year for a per share profit of \$5.12. The Missouri Pacific had a net income of \$46.7 million on revenues of \$888.5 million for earnings per share of \$3.74. Southern, headquartered in Washing-

ton, operates more than 10,000 miles of railroad routes in 13 southeastern states between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River. Its routes reach as far north as Cincinnati and Washing-

The Mississippi River Corp., head-quartered in St. Louis, controls the Mis-souri Pacific and its subsidiaries which operate about 12,000 miles of mainline railroad in 12 states. Its tracks extend from Chicago to the Gulf Coast and from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

The two railroads connect at New Orleans, Memphis and St. Louis.

The Mississippi River Corp. also controis the Mississippi River Transmission Co., a natural gas exploration and pipeline company, and River Cement Co., a manufacturer of Portland

If a merger agreement is reached, the Interstate Commerce Commission will have to decide if such a course of action is in the public interest. However, the Regional Rail Reorganization Act that was signed by President Ford last year contains provisions designed to speed up the ICC's deliberative process, which in the past has taken more than 10 years in some cases.

The ICC, for example, took 10 years to decide whether the Union Pacific Railroad and the Rock Island should be allowed to merge. The Rock Island suffered major financial setbacks during this time and the merger fell through when the Rock Island filed for bankruptcy.

However, the new legislation requires the ICC to expedite merger hearings and make a final decision within two years.

#### Take a bus to lunch

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - President Ford on Thursday proclaimed the week of May 16 as National Transpor-





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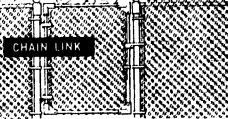


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