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One dies in Miami concert shooting

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MIAMI — A man armed with an automatic weapon killed a woman and injured an employee Saturday at a Miami auditorium as the audience waited for a concert to begin, police said.

The man reportedly was involved in an argument with the woman outside the Dade County Auditorium. The shooting began about 7:15 p.m. after the woman approached an off-duty police officer working as a security guard at the facility in Miami's Little Havana section, police said.

Metro-Dade police spokesman Bill Kinnebrew said the off-duty officer fired his gun, but details were not immediately available.

Raphael, a Spanish singer of romantic ballads, performed, but patrons had to enter the building through side entrances.

Defector surrenders in Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Soviet defector turned himself in after the deaths of his wife and one daughter who followed him to the United States last year after a 10-year separation, police said.

Valentin Beresa, 38, of North Fort Myers surrendered to two police officers outside the Criminal Justice Center, said homicide detective Walter Keeler Jr.

Beresza is charged with the premeditated shooting deaths of Raisa Beresa, 33, and Elena, 36, as well as the premeditated attempted murder of daughter Tonya, 17, the sheriff's office in Lee County announced Saturday.

Tonya Beresa was in fair condition in a hospital recovering from a gunshot to the face. Beresa, a civil engineer, defected from the Ukraine in the Soviet Union in July 1980.

Pilot blamed in runway mishap

PENSACOLA — Pilot error was the reason a Delta Air Lines jet ran off a runway at Pensacola Regional Airport, the National Transportation Safety Board has ruled.

The pilot was not named in the report, but he was described as being 45 with 1,100 hours of flight time, including 330 hours in the twin-engine MD-48 model involved in the accident. A Delta spokeswoman declined comment.

None of the 88 passengers or five crew members were injured when all but the tail of the 147-foot-long jetliner overran the runway on a flight that began in Columbia, S.C., with a stop in Atlanta on Aug. 1, 1988.

Disney agrees to pollution fine

ORLANDO — Walt Disney World has agreed to pay a \$375,000 fine for polluting Reedy Creek when an experimental sewage treatment process went awry.

The penalty would be one of the largest ever levied by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Florida, said Peter McGarry, chief of the Florida-Mississippi compliance office in Atlanta.

The largest EPA fine imposed by the EPA in Florida was \$600,000 paid by the city of Key West in 1986, McGarry said.

A representative of the Reedy Creek Improvement District, Disney's government arm, signed a draft agreement last month with the approval of the state and the EPA.

Before the fine becomes final, the U.S. attorney's office in Orlando must file the agreement in court, and the settlement would be open to public comment for 30 days.

School will give up license

FORT LAUDERDALE — A correspondence school offering secretarial and travel industry training has agreed to relinquish its license in the face of allegations of missing federal student aid and providing inadequate education.

The battle "was, in our opinion, unwinnable," said Phillip Rokicki, vice president of American Career Training Corp.

Under terms of a settlement, students who have completed more than half of their work at ACT will be allowed to finish a one-year course, or they can opt for a pro-rated refund.

Four win \$421,032 in Fantasy 5

TALLAHASSEE — Four Fantasy 5 players matched all five winning numbers in Friday night's drawing and will each pull in \$421,032.19 for their efforts. Lottery secretary Rebecca Paul announced Saturday.

Lottery computer records show two of the winners were in Miami, and the other winners were in Belle Glade and Mandarin. All together, the top winners' payouts amount to more than \$1.5 million.

In addition to the top winners, 57,104 other players won cash prizes. A total of 1,513 matched 4-of-5 numbers for \$118.50 and 55,591 matched 3-of-5 for \$4.50. The winning numbers Friday were 07-08-15-17-38.

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Once he sees the reservoir of

Police find missing infant, arrest suspect

Associated Press

LEHIGH ACRES — Police recovered an infant and arrested a woman who recently suffered a miscarriage in the killing of a woman who had just given birth, police said Saturday.

Betty Kirk, a 35-year-old mother of two preteens who allegedly pretended the kidnapped baby was her own, was charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping and taken to the Lee County Jail.

The baby was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital, and although her head had been shaved, she

was found to be in healthy condition.

The heavy-set woman had told friends she was pregnant, but she suffered a miscarriage two months ago, police said.

Sharon Parker, 33, was found dead by three of her four children when they returned from school Thursday afternoon, Lee County sheriff's investigators said. Ten-day-old Julie Lynn Parker was gone.

Parker had been shot once in the back of the head, said sheriff's Capt. David Brossard.

"It appears she deliberately

killed the mother and the only inference is that she wanted the child," said Brossard, who described Kirk as a "casual acquaintance of the victim."

"She said she had given birth that morning, then showed her family and other people the baby as being hers," Brossard said.

Friends found it odd she claimed to have given birth the day of the kidnapping and abduction then suddenly produced a baby who, although small, did not appear to be a newborn, said sheriff's spokeswoman Sheri Peterson.

Deputies found the infant at

Kirk's North Fort Myers home at 11:30 p.m. Friday, along with baby clothes and other personal items belonging to the Parkers, Brossard said.

"Apparently she had read about the birth and went over to the Parker house," he said.

Authorities had launched a ground and air search Friday for the baby.

Ground crews combed the area on foot and on horseback, and a sheriff's helicopter searched the largely undeveloped countryside east of Fort Myers.

Sharon Parker had been home from the hospital with her baby for six days. Her fully clothed body was found in a reclining chair, facing the television set in the living room of the three-bedroom house.

She had lived there with her husband Gary Parker and the children for about three years. The victim's 14-year-old daughter picked up her 5-year-old twin brothers at day care, and the three returned home to find the body.

■ Father and daughter, 11B.

Twins call it quits in Orlando



Joseph Garnett, FLORIDA TODAY

TWINS FANS really hate to see the team leave Orlando's Tinker Field this week for 1991. Thursday is moving day.

Team leaves for Fort Myers after 53 days

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Long before Walt Disney World and Sea World, one of the only world-famous attractions Orlando had to offer was the annual southern migration of the Washington Senators.

In 1936, Clark Griffith began bringing his team to Tinker Field each year — from the Great Depression to the decade before World War II to the decade after Vietnam, from PDX to the Brooks Kid.

Orlando (population 27,330 in the 1980 census) has become a thriving center of commerce and tourism, with a population of 1,677,583.

The Senators were handed down to Calvin Griffith, who in 1981 relocated in Minnesota and called the team the Twins.

In 1982, the Twins moved into the Metrodome. Two years

later, Griffith sold to banker Carl Pohlad.

Through all the changes and growth, the Twins and Orlando became partners.

But while Tinker Field satisfied Griffith, it didn't do much for Pohlad. He and his team president, Jerry Bell, saw death that other clubs were cutting and wanted a piece of the action.

The Twins asked Orlando to improve Tinker Field, add an executive office and make room for their minor-leaguers, who trained in Melbourne. They estimated cost of the project at \$5 million.

Orlando offered \$3 million to improve the field and clubhouse and add some training facilities.

Negotiations became public and acrimonious, with the Twins painted as villains in Orlando and the city being called the heavy by the Twins.

Last spring, the Twins were

unsettled about solely construction at the Florida Citrus Bowl, adjacent to Tinker Field.

Finally, after Orlando and the Twins broke off talks last year, Bell and Pohlad struck a deal with Fort Myers in Lee County.

The Gulf Coast county is building the Twins a \$14 million facility in time for 1991.

So Thursday afternoon, after they play the Astros at Tinker Field, the Twins will pack their bags and leave Orlando for the last time. A marriage that lasted 53 springs will end in bitter divorce.

"It's sad to see an era end," said Janie Lowe, who will move into the Twins' front office after spending two years as general manager of the Twins Class AA affiliate.

"It won't affect the Twins that much, but the city of Orlando. The people it affects are the fans."

Lawmakers settle down to play politics

By Vincent Willmore

FLORIDA TODAY

The Republican governor needs a strong showing to bolster his re-election bid.

The House's most powerful lawmaker supports the governor's leading Democratic challenger.

The Senate president is running for agriculture commissioner.

Democrats and Republicans are battling for control of the Senate and the upper hand in drawing new legislative and congressional districts.

And all 120 House members and half the 40-member Senate face re-election.

Against that backdrop, the 1990 Legislature convenes Tuesday for what lawmakers predict will be a session dominated and maybe crippled by politics.

"It's going to be a body war," House Republican Leader Dale Patchett predicted last November after lawmakers and Gov. Bob Martinez deadlocked for a third time on transportation financing.

Patchett, of Vero Beach, said he's seen nothing since to change his mind.

"It's going to be difficult to accomplish a whole lot," said Sen. Winston "Bud" Gardner, D-Titusville. "We're going to be in a



quagmire of politics."

The budget and transportation issues will provide the main fireworks, with abortion adding sparks if pro-life advocates can force a floor debate.

■ The budget — Leaders of the Democratically controlled Legislature are sounding alarms that Florida's cash flow is falling \$1 billion short of projections and a major overhaul is needed.

Still, they're not embracing Martinez's proposal for \$12 million in tax and fee increases, including a 10-cent a pack increase in cigarette taxes and a \$185 fee on new vehicles brought into the state. Democrats say Martinez's budget falls woefully short on social services and education.

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■ FIT's public money, 1-2A. ■ More, 10A, 12A.

Judge takes first step toward ending 83-year-old's marriage

Associated Press

CLEARWATER — A judge has paved the way to dissolve the marriage of a man who is staying in a retirement home.

A court-appointed guardian for George McClay claims the 83-year-old man isn't able to decide what's best for him and that his wife of six months coerced him out of more than \$100,000.

But Sherry McClay, 45, says

she loves her husband, she hasn't taken any money from him and she wants to stay married to her.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas Pennick's ruling Friday paves the way for an annulment. He emphasized, however, it would take another court ruling to end the marriage.

Three other Republicans are trying to carve a niche.

■ Filberto, a physical, talks about health care and baabes lawyers for causing malpractice rates to soar.

■ Pearman last week went on the attack against Bacchus, saying the GOP has given him too much of a head start.

■ Low Oliver, seen less frequently on the campaign trail, says things Republicans don't usually say, such as taxes must be raised to balance the budget.

Former Sen. Vogt might step into GOP contest

Associated Press

Former state Sen. John Vogt has emerged as the likeliest Republican to join the GOP's field of four already running for Congress.

Vogt, of Merritt Island, met Thursday in Orlando with supporters of former U.S. Rep. Lou Frey, who bowed out of the race recently. He later met with Brevard County backers. Both groups urged him to run.

A crucial signal was the presence of Vogt's wife, Tonia, indicating her support for a possible candidacy. Marsha Frey's opposition was a key reason her husband decided not to run.

Vogt could not be reached after the meetings.

Melbourne attorney Cliff McClelland, a Vogt supporter who attended the Brevard gathering, said he thinks Vogt will run.

Two other Republicans — Bre-

vard County Commissioner Thad Altman and state Sen. Tim Deratany — have not been as active. Altman said he would run only if Vogt and Deratany did not.

"The ball is not in my court."

Meanwhile, Republicans already running are angry that national GOP officials continue to recruit other candidates.

"What sort of leaders does the party have?" asked Palm Bay Mayor Frank Filberto. "I've been here for every night this month and so have Mel Pearman and Bill Tolley. One of us should be there in the end because we're working hard for it."

The biggest slap is to Tolley, the 1983 nominee who polled a respectable 38 percent against popular Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson. Tolley won Indian

river County. He's got an organization in place in all four counties — Brevard, Indian River, Osceola and Orange.

That would seem to qualify him as a solid candidate deserving of national party support.

But Republican leaders are concerned his opposition to abortion and ties to supposed televangelist Pat Robertson leave him open for a Democratic attack should he be their nominee.

Tolley's campaign manager and consultant worked for Robertson. He has been endorsed by state Rep. Dan Webster of Orlando, one of Florida's few elected officials to back Robertson's 1988 presidential bid, and the Space Coast Family Forum, a religiously oriented group opposed to abortion.

Tolley says he hired people