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13 bodies found in cult killings

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MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — One of the suspects in a cult of human sacrifice pointed out the grave of a 13th body on Thursday and police ordered him to dig it up, badgering him as he reeled from the heat and the stench.

"You'll do it with your hands if you have to," one officer told Sergio Martinez after the suspect was handed a pick and shovel.

Martinez, 22, had been taken back to a ranch near Matamoros, where a dozen bodies were unearthed Tuesday. He and other suspects have told authorities there were 14 bodies buried on the ranch.

In a dramatic public confession Wednesday, some of the five suspects in custody said victims were put to death in rituals that were intended to provide a "magical shield" for members of a drug-smuggling ring.

Under the gaze of police on Thursday, Martinez went to work digging up the new grave and quickly revealed the body of a man in his 30s. Martinez said the man had been buried about four months ago.

The suspect asked for a face mask but was told to keep working. "You didn't need one when you buried him," an officer said.

However, Martinez was given a mask minutes later when he said he could not dig because of the stench. Later Martinez collapsed and asked for water. Two onlookers with the police helped him complete the job.

So far, the only victim to be



AP LaserPhoto
Sergio Martinez digs to uncover a grave Thursday.

identified was Mark Kilroy, a 21-year-old University of Texas pre-medical student who was kidnapped on the streets of Matamoros last month during spring break.

The suspects have said they killed at the demand of Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, whom they called "godfather." They said Constanzo, 26, and Sara Maria Aldrete, 24, called the "witch," believed human sacrifices gave the members of cult protection from harm.

Cameron County Sheriff's Lt. George Gavito said that Constanzo, a Cuban who has contacts in Miami, was last seen Tuesday over the border in Brownsville, Texas.

\$200 hike in SUNY tuition likely

By DAVID BAUDER
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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Students at the nation's largest public university system will likely face an estimated \$200 tuition increase next year, legislators and student leaders close to negotiations over the state budget said Thursday.

Even with a tuition increase and extra money that the Legislature plans to pump into the budget proposed for the State University of New York by Gov. Mario Cuomo, SUNY officials will still need to cut services, sources said.

Negotiations over the budget aren't complete, but officials seem to have settled on a \$200 tuition increase, according to both state Sen. Kenneth LaValle and Assemblyman Edward Sullivan, chairman of the Legislature's Higher Education committees.

"Nothing's settled on until the budget is done, but there are some numbers that have been hanging tough for three or four days now," Sullivan said. The \$200 tuition increase is one of those numbers, he said.

University officials have complained that the \$1.36 billion SUNY budget Cuomo proposed would leave them about \$47 million short of what they need simply to maintain services at their current level.

SUNY tuition for New York state residents is \$1,350 a year and hasn't been raised since 1983, when it jumped by \$300. The hike being discussed would be for New York residents, who represent about 95 percent of the 380,000 students at the system's 64 campuses.

Student leaders have been fighting hard against any tuition increase, but on Thursday Arlette Slachmuylder, president of the SUNY student association, said a hike was inevitable this year. She said she expected the increase to be between \$200 and \$300 dollars.

"They're opposed to a tuition (increase), but they realize the inevitability of it at this point," Slachmuylder, also a member of the SUNY Board of Trustees, said of her fellow students.

For each \$100 of tuition increase, SUNY would gain roughly \$10 million. That means state officials are looking to recoup about \$20 million of the \$47 million SUNY leaders want restored through tuition.

Deal ready to send state hydro power

By MARK GRUENBERG
Ontario News Service

NEW YORK (AP) — A deal that will bring hydropower from Canada to downstate New York is ready for signing by the New York Power Authority and Hydro-Quebec, an official said Thursday.

Under the 21-year deal to begin in 1995, downstate New York would receive 1 million kilowatts, the largest single block of hydropower ever sent to the United States from Hydro-Quebec.

Of that, 800,000 kilowatts would be sent to utilities in the New York City metropolitan area and 200,000 kilowatts would be used to run mass transit and provide power for public buildings and other public works in New York City and Westchester County.

"The savings over the life of the contract to New York state consumers are projected at about \$3 billion," said Power Authority spokesman Stephen Shoenholz.

New York will pay Hydro-Quebec \$13.2 billion over the life of the deal.

No date has been set for signing the deal, which had tentatively been agreed to in January 1988, Shoenholz said.

Hydro-Quebec already has an export contract with the New York agency running from 1978 to 1998.

Rouses Pointer elected to national post

Ottawa News Service

ALBANY — Rouses Point resident Arlene R. Penfield, a longtime member of several local school boards, has been elected vice president of the National School Boards Association, the group announced Thursday.

Ms. Penfield thus adds the national post to a long list of education posts over the last 15 years. Her other present positions include membership in the New York State School Boards Association, membership in the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) and a trustee's seat on the Clinton Community College board.

The group named her its vice president at its annual convention, held in Anaheim, Calif., on April 2.

"These are exciting and challenging times for education," she said in a prepared statement. "We are faced with the problems of children who are at risk of never completing school without special support."

"These are great challenges, but we can — and must — rise to meet them," she said.

In 1985, the New York State Board of Regents awarded her the James E. Allen Jr. Memorial Award for distinguished service to education. Ms. Penfield is the only school board member ever to receive the award, named for the late state education commissioner.

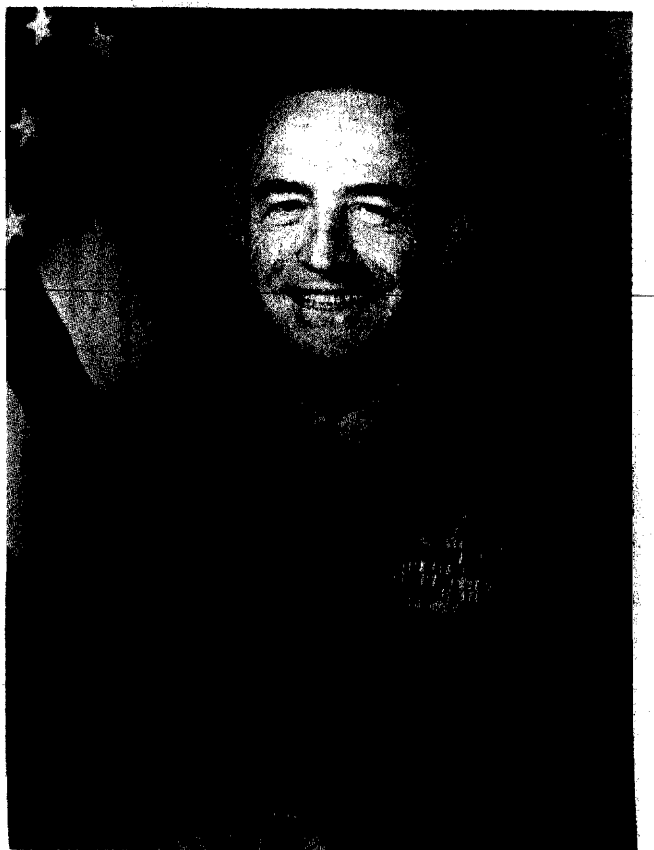


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Lt. Gen. Leroy J. Manor

Local military man succeeds by applying general principals

By MARK GRUENBERG
Ontario News Service

WASHINGTON — To paraphrase the old E.F. Hutton commercial, when Lt. Gen. Leroy J. Manor talks, the secretary of defense listens — especially when the topic is special operations.

That's the consensus opinion of colleagues inside and outside the military who have followed the career of Manor, a Beekmantown native who spent 36 years in Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force.

But Manor says there's sometimes an exception to that consensus of listeners: the president of the United States. That's because the president has to weigh other factors in deciding whether to approve a special-operations mission.

A special-operations mission uses units from all military services, usually trained in tight secrecy, for delicate and dangerous operations — such as the 1970 raid Manor led on a Vietnamese camp for U.S. prisoners of war.

"Our biggest problem is the decision to move," Manor said in an interview from his Virginia home recently. "Special operations require action from the president. And they have to be carefully considered because of national and international implications."

"On the other hand, especially when you're dealing with hijacking and hostage situations, you have to move fast."

"We ought to develop a real good capability in this and let the world know we could use it," he comments.

A military career hasn't changed Manor much, at least physically. About the only difference, he says, "is that I have a few gray hairs" among the predominant brown ones. And the 5-foot-10-inch 155-pound former officer keeps trim by running marathons.

The defense secretary isn't the only one listening to Manor's discussions of special operations — such as the unsuccessful raid to rescue the U.S. hostages in Iran in 1980 and the Son Tay raid near Hanoi in 1970.

So do officers at the National War College in Washington's Fort McNair, where he lectured March 28. So do his colleagues at the Reserve Officers' Association, which Manor headed for six years after his 1980 retirement

from active duty, and so do the special-operations people themselves, when he talks at their Florida and California bases.

Retired, but active

For, though Manor is officially retired, reality is different: He serves on several Defense Department advisory committees on special operations and does consulting work on the topic for defense-oriented think tanks, such as the Rand Corporation.

"I was a Spec 4 (specialist fourth class) in the Air Force public affairs office when I met him," says Air Force Maj. Fran Tunstall, the service's spokesman on special operations. "I studied the Son Tay raid, and we were all tickled to death, because it was good news at a time when we didn't have very much good news" from the Indochina War.

Manor's permanent home is near the Special Operations Command's headquarters in Florida.

Retains local ties

But Manor maintains local ties. His mother, Delia Rose Manor, lives on the family farm near Beekmantown. His brother, Lawrence, is a state Bureau of Criminal Investigations officer in Potsdam.

And Manor, a graduate of Plattsburgh State University College — when it was still Plattsburgh Normal School — taught in his old hometown's School District 10 before enlisting in the Army Air Corps just after Pearl Harbor. The Air Corps later became the U.S. Air Force.

"I think a great deal of the North Country," he says, even though he and his wife, Dolores, divide their time between the Florida home and another they own near Richmond, Va.

Manor says that since the 1980 Iran raid, the military's special-operations capabilities are improving — and that's important, he adds, because special-operations units can combat terrorism.

One big problem in doing so, though, is gaining entree into and intelligence about terrorist organizations, in order to frustrate terrorist plans in advance, he says.

"The initiative is always with the perpetrators, and it's not an easy problem to solve," he ad-

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Staff photo/Mike Peterson

Hunger conference: Speakers for a panel discussion at Friday's North Country Conference on Hunger, sponsored by the Hunger Action Network of New York State, were (from left) Bruce Jackson, Franklin County legislator, Suzanne LaRocque, Franklin County HANNYS coordinator, the Rev. Steve Murray, pastor of Notre Dame parish in Malone, moderator Mark Dunlea, executive director of HANNYS; Rose Pandozy, commissioner of the Clinton County Department of Social Services, Greg Campbell, Clinton County legislator, and Ben Driscoll, director of community services of the Warren and Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency. The conference, held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Keeseville, addressed a variety of hunger-related topics in a day-long series of workshops and presentations. Story, Page 5

WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs in the mid-50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, clouding up with a chance of showers late. Lows 35 to 40. Chance of rain 40 percent



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