

Homeless artist stabs man with his feet

Infamous South Beach street artist Jonathan Crenshaw, 46, attracts a lot of attention in Miami among tourists, who watch him paint on a canvas -- using his feet. Crenshaw does not have arms and is homeless. Profiled in a local newspaper in 2011, Crenshaw told of a difficult childhood (he also claimed Gloria Estefan had given birth to 200 of his children). He landed in the headlines again after stabbing a Chicago man with a pair of scissors July 10. According to the Miami Herald, Cesar Coronado, 22, told police he had approached Crenshaw to ask for directions, when Crenshaw jumped up and, using his feet, stabbed Coronado. Crenshaw's story is that as he lay on the pavement, Coronado punched him in the head -- so he stabbed him, tucked the scissors into his waistband and walked away. Police found

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Crenshaw, who has a lengthy arrest record, nearby and arrested him.

BOLD MOVE

Faith Pugh of Memphis, Tenn., had a date to remember on July 14 with Kelton Griffin. Her casual acquaintance from high school "just out of the blue texted me and asked me to go out," Pugh told WREG-TV. They took her car and stopped at a gas station, where Griffin asked Pugh to go inside and buy him a cigar. But while she was inside, "He drove off. I came outside and my car was gone," Pugh said.

Shortly, Pugh received a text from her godsister, telling her Griffin had just asked her out on a date. He picked up the godsister in Pugh's car and headed to a drive-in movie. "He didn't

even have any money," Pugh said. "She actually paid their way to get in the drive-in just so I could get my car back." Pugh alerted the police to the car's location, and they arrested Griffin for theft of property. "I hope he's in jail for a long time," Pugh said.

MYSTERY SOLVED

On Jan. 25, 71-year-old Alan J. Abrahamson of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., went for his regular pre-dawn walk to Starbucks. What happened on the way stumped police investigators until March, reported The Washington Post, and on July 13 they made their findings public. Images from a surveillance camera show Abrahamson walking out of his community at 5:35 a.m. and about a half-hour later, the sound of a

gunshot is heard. Just before 7 a.m., a dog found Abrahamson's body, lying near a walking path. Police found no weapon, no signs of a struggle; he still had his wallet and phone.

Investigators initially worked the case as a homicide, but as they dug deeper into the man's computer searches and purchases over the past nine years, a theory developed: Abrahamson had tied a gun to a weather balloon filled with helium, shot himself, and then the gun drifted away to parts unknown. A thin line of blood on Abrahamson's sweatshirt indicated to police that "something with the approximate width of a string passed through the blood on the outside of the shirt," the final report says. As for the balloon, investigators said it would likely have ascended to about 100,000 feet and exploded some-

where north of the Bahamas in the Atlantic Ocean.

BRIGHT IDEA

It's time once again for minor league baseball promotion fun and games! This time, however, the Montgomery (Alabama) Biscuits managed to tick off a whole generation of baseball fans. The Biscuits announced Millennial Night on July 21, featuring participation ribbons just for showing up, a napping area, selfie stations and lots of avocados, reported Fox News.

While some Twitter users thought the promotion was insensitive, others were more philosophical. Dallas Godshall, 21, said, "More than targeting millennials, it's sort of targeting older generations who like to make fun of millennials." Pitcher Benton Ross weighed in: "If it's insensitive, maybe they should just have thicker skin."

REVENGE, TEXAS-STYLE

The Austin American-Statesman reported on June 17, RV park neighbors and longtime adversaries Ryan Felton Sauter, 39, and Keith Monroe got into a heated dispute about an undisclosed subject. Later that day, Monroe saw Sauter leaving Monroe's RV and asked him why he had gone in without permission, to which Sauter replied, "You'll see why."

Going inside, Monroe soon spotted a 3-foot-long rattlesnake. "I freaked out," he said. He used a machete to kill the snake, which strangely was missing its rattles. Turns out Sauter had bitten off the snake's tail, with its signature warning sound. Sauter has been charged with deadly conduct and criminal trespass.

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Sunday in the Bible Belt

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"For them to have a pictorial version [of the Scriptures], it bridges that incomprehension," said Randall. "What does a Bronze Age Canaanite look like, for example? So this helps them picture that and ignites great conversations."

Randall also shared his personal testimony. Although his father was a preacher in the Church of England, he turned to partying in his youth. He explained his dream was to be a Queen's Royal Lancer, which is a cavalry regiment of the British Army. During his training at Sandhurst, he said he had a major crisis in every way imaginable.

"So here I am wanting to have conversations about faith and there is no one to speak to in my platoon apart from a Mormon and that didn't work," said Randall. "I was deeply unhappy. This is what I had wanted to do since I was 8 years old. This was supposed to be my dream so it was kind of embarrassing. The chaplain told me 'Oh, it's just culture shock,

you were a civilian and now you're becoming a soldier. You'll get over it.' Terrible advice."

Randall said he became physically sick, but his color sergeant made him go to Wales to continue his year-long training.

"Off to the Black Mountains I went and I was in the snow stripped off to my waist sweating profusely and I couldn't stand and hardly breathe," said Randall. "By the grace of God, from the moment I left my platoon, I have no memory. I was in the hospital and the doctor said I was lucky and had almost died. I had pneumonia with massive infections in both my lungs and was hospitalized for 10 days and I prayed for the first time in my life."

This experience led Randall to study "God-stuff" in Cambridge and eventually dedicate his life to ministry work. So now he oversees St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, which is located at 105 Edgewood Ave., and invites everyone to visit. For questions, he can be reached at 931-259-3676.

Sweet Lacy



Lisa Hobbs photo

Lacy is in need of a good home. She is approximately 2 years old. According to Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center staff, the cat is friendly and prefers to be outdoors. Her fee is being waived. The facility is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquires only may call 507-3647.

Pence throws support behind Diane Black

NASHVILLE (AP)— Vice President Mike Pence is throwing his support behind U.S. Rep. Diane Black just days before a heated four-way Republican primary election for Tennessee governor.

Pence tweeted Friday that Black has his support, bucking a recent suggestion by Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, who also chairs the Republican Governors Association, that the White House not get involved in the Aug. 2 primary.

Pence tweeted that Black "is running for Governor of TN & a strong supporter of #MAGA agenda of tax cuts, military \$\$ & a champion of right to life policies. There are great candi-

dates running but Diane has been my friend for years, we served together in the House, & she has my support!"

After Pence's tweet, Black said she's "proud to call him a friend and honored to have him behind me in my race for governor."

The support by Pence isn't entirely new. Pence's political action committee donated \$4,000 to Black's gubernatorial campaign in December, and he wrote an accompanying letter to her that said Trump and Pence need "fighters like you to continue to partner with our administration as we deliver on what the American people elected us to do."

Patient killed

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"Her minivan hit the ambulance's driver-side door causing it veer into the guardrail," said Ballew. "The ambulance rolled and landed on its top."

The three ambulance occupants suffered the most serious injuries. Simpson suffered no injury that required medical attention.

According to Ballew, the investigation is ongoing and could lead to more charges.

"A reconstruction team will be on the scene," he said. "They will determine speed and any other aspects of the wreck, such as how far the ambulance traveled after impact. There may be additional charges as the investigation continues. We did conduct a sobriety test on her

(Simpson) at the scene. Blood was drawn and will be sent to the TBI."

Lesser charges could also include driving without insurance, as THP could find no evidence of compliance with state law that requires it, and Simpson was not wearing a seatbelt at the time.

That intersection has been the spot for several major wrecks in recent years. TDOT is in the process of placing a flashing light at the intersection, but it hasn't happened yet.

It is not known why a White County ambulance was transporting a patient from Crossville into Warren County. When contacted, White County EMS said it is not discussing the accident.

This marks the fourth fatal wreck in Warren County this year.

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