

## Four associated with Noriega convicted on smuggling charges

LAFAYETTE, La. - Four men were convicted Monday in a major drug smuggling operation with links to deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, but 16 co-defendants in the 2 1/2-month trial were found innocent.

The defendants, mostly boat captains and truck drivers, had been charged with conspiracy, importation and distribution. Federal prosecutors said they smuggled 48,000 pounds of marijuana into North Carolina in 1982 and 280,000 pounds into Louisiana in 1983.

They planned to smuggle 1 million pounds into Missouri in 1984, prosecutors said, but were foiled by the arrest of ringleader Stephen Michael Kalish. Kalish testified that what he called the "Master Blaster" load was to arrive a few days before he was arrested.

Kalish, who said his drug-smuggling organization operated from the late 1970s through 1984, is currently in prison stemming from a guilty plea entered in Tampa, Fla., in 1987 to a charge of continuing criminal enterprise.

Jerry Hughey, of Austin, Texas; Jim Swope, of Texas; and Max Wade, no address available; were found guilty on 16 counts. Steve Ellender of Houma, La., was found guilty on six counts and innocent on seven others.

The same investigation that led to the trial also led to Noriega's 1988 indictment in Tampa on drug charges.

In his testimony, Kalish said he had given Noriega a \$300,000 "present" for helping arrange a Panamanian banking network to launder drug profits. He said the network he set up with Noriega laundered \$50 million to \$100 million a month for the Medellin drug cartel of Colombia.

In November, a pilot who said he flew a private airplane for Kalish's

drug operation said Noriega was a passenger aboard the plane several times.

"Kalish offered Noriega the plane when he needed it," Jay Foreman testified Nov. 27.

Foreman said that after becoming involved in Kalish's operation, he was able to avoid customs inspections in Panama.

Counts one through six in the indictment were conspiracy counts regarding the possession, importation and distribution of marijuana. Counts seven through 13 dealt with aiding and abetting the importation and distribution.

Hughey, Swope and Wade were convicted on all of those counts, plus three counts each dealing with wire fraud, interstate commerce and the illegal distribution of funds from the conspiracy.

Ellender was found guilty on the first six counts.



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## Chimpanzee goes berzerk, bites off veterinarian's ear and fingers during rampage

LIGONIER, Pa. - A chimpanzee went on a rampage as it was being moved Monday morning and bit off a veterinarian's ear and part of one hand, police said.

Dr. John C. Kelliher, 43, of Adelphi, Pa. was helping William C. Holmberg transfer two chimps from their cages to a transport cage when one of the animals forced its way loose and attacked Kelliher, police said.

Holmberg hit the 20-year-old male chimp with a large metal pipe, said state Trooper Clint Irvin. As the chimp released Kelliher, Holmberg managed to push the injured veterinarian into an empty animal cage and lock the door.

When police officers arrived, Holmberg borrowed a gun from one of them and shot the chimp four times, but the animal remained

alive until another officer destroyed it with one more shot.

Kelliher was flown to Presbyterian-University Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he was listed in fair condition. The thumb, fourth and fifth fingers on one hand were amputated, his left ear was bitten off, and he was bitten on his face, head, scalp and forearm.

Holmberg used to run a zoo at a small amusement park in Westmoreland County, Pa., and has been taking care of the chimps and assorted exotic birds since it was closed about five years ago, said police dispatcher Marilyn Sinsabaugh.

The chimps were being taken to a laboratory in Maryland when the attack occurred around 2:15 a.m., Sinsabaugh said. She didn't know why they were going to the lab.

## Thousands in E. Germany storm police headquarters

EAST BERLIN - Thousands of people stormed the headquarters of East Germany's hated secret police Monday, official media reported, and a prosecutor said he will indict former Communist leader Erich Honecker for high treason.

The charge, which also will be sought against the former head of the secret police, carries a minimum penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum of death in "exceptionally grave cases."

East German state television said the situation at secret police headquarters had gotten "out of control." The reports forced a hasty suspension of talks between the government and the opposition.

The official news agency ADN

said "tens of thousands" had stormed the building, while state-run television spoke of 100,000 people.

The secret police are being disbanded, following massive protests from East Germans.

Chief prosecutor Hans-Juergen Joseph told officials at the government-opposition talks that Honecker and former national security chief Erich Mielke are being investigated for "anti-constitutional association" and high treason.

Honecker and Mielke already had been under investigation for corruption and abuse of power. Honecker was removed as Communist Party leader Oct. 18.

Mielke headed the secret police, which has become a target of bitter criticism since the Communists were forced to share power in East Germany's peaceful revolution.

Communist Premier Hans Modrow today promised to publicize details of how the secret police force is being dismantled and he appealed for an end to strikes.

## Museums deny having remains

LINCOLN - Nebraska museum officials said Monday they do not know what Otoe-Missouri tribal officials in Red Rock, Okla., are talking about when they say they want the remains of their ancestors removed from Nebraska museums.

Two Nebraska museum officials said they don't have the remains and don't know who does.

"I've got a big surprise for them-- we don't have any," said Hugh Genoways, director of the University of Nebraska State Museum.

James Hanson, director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, also

## Victims found in ferry

DHAKA, Bangladesh - Salvage workers pulled up a capsized ferry Monday and found 16 bodies in its hull, the government said. Newspapers said at least 100 people were feared dead after the collision with a cargo vessel.

Rescue workers called off the search for bodies at dusk, but hundreds of relatives of the victims still thronged the river banks.

"Have you seen my husband?" one woman, Ranu Ali, asked the res-

cuers. "He was on the ferry." When told her husband, Ahmed Ali, was not among the survivors, she began sobbing.

The single-deck wooden ferry Ajmeri sank Sunday at the confluence of the Dhaleswari and Shitalkhyia rivers near Munshiganj, 20 miles southeast of Dhaka.

Police and other officials refused to say how many people were aboard the ferry.

Shipping Minister Korbal Ali told Parliament the ferry was brought to the surface about 15 hours after it capsized. Authorities said it sank in about 50 feet of water.

"Only 16 bodies have been found so far in the hull," Ali said. He did not say whether the death toll was expected to rise. One official said he doubted more bodies would be found when the search resumed at dawn today because they may have been swept downstream.

The government-owned Bangladesh Times said there were 300 people on board, while the independent It-tefaq newspapers said there were 150. The ferry had a licensed capacity of just 60 passengers.

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