

August Garden Island death ruled heat stroke in autopsy

CHARLEVOIX — A 39-year-old Massachusetts woman who died Aug. 11 after participating in a Native American ritual on Garden Island apparently died of heat stroke.

Dr. David Mikhail of Northern Michigan Hospitals wrote in his autopsy report of the incident that "the most plausible mechanism of death, a heat stroke" had killed Marcella Louise Wanta Vogt.

No charges will be filed in the case, according to Sheriff George Lasater.

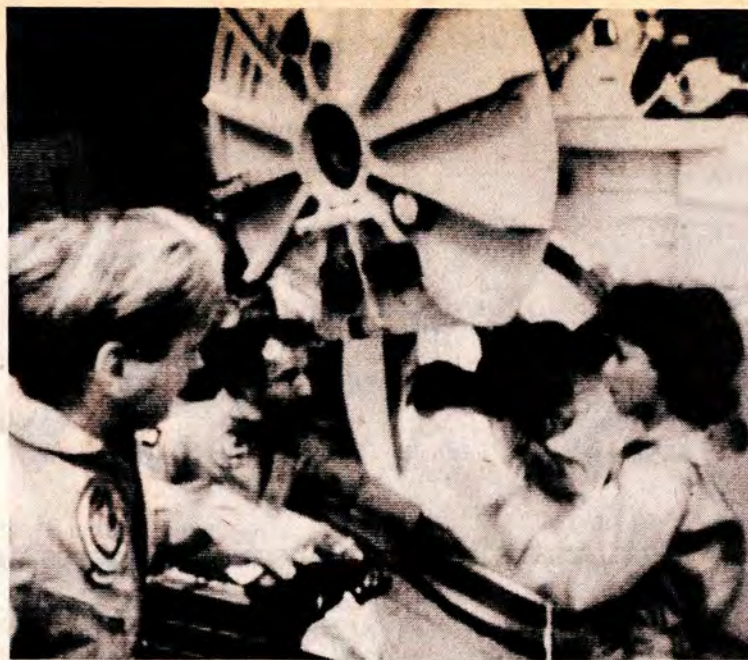
Vogt was taken off Garden Island by U.S. Coast Guard helicopter after she lost consciousness and stopped breathing.

Other people on the island attempted to revive her through artificial respiration until the Coast Guard arrived.

She had been participating in a ritual called "Vision Quest," where participants fast for three days and then enter a sweat house. She lost consciousness in the sweat house.

Vogt was a member of Minisskitigan Drum Inc., an organization that fosters recognition of the value and need to preserve and maintain the traditional cultures and beliefs of Native Americans.

The organization had a camp on Garden Island, operated by "Grandma Keyway," whose full name is Keewandinoquay. The camp has operated on the island eight years.



International space crew

SPACE CENTER HOUSTON: The international crew of the shuttle Challenger and its Spacelab research station completed a series of biological experiments in orbit today but ran into trouble with an assembly of experiment furnaces. The American members of the eight-person crew also launched a small but controversial U.S. military research satellite. Entering the Spacelab are (from left) Ernst Messerschmid of Germany, Wobbo J. Ockels of the Netherlands, Reinhard Furrer of Germany (in airlock) and American Bonnie Dunbar. (UPI Photo)

Man's driving test a smashing failure

OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — Many fail driving tests, but 89-year-old Roy Johnson of Oakland, flunked in style by ramming his car through a window of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

State Police Sergeant Robert Best said Johnson was completing his 15-minute test Tuesday and had stopped in front of the DMV building with examiner Pamela Grayson in the car.

Ex-Peace Corps volunteers support program

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Although Sen. Hubert Humphrey originally conceived the idea, it was President John Kennedy who made the volunteer overseas program a reality. He first challenged students to help build a better world at the University of Michigan during an Oct. 14, 1960, campaign rally.

The theme also was woven through his presidential inaugural speech when he said that citizens should ask what they can do for their country, not what their country can do for them.

THE PEACE CORPS' 25th anniversary — being celebrated throughout this year — evokes many fond memories for Dammann and Rohe.

Dammann taught teachers how to teach English as a second language. She also demonstrated how to use experiments to reinforce elementary science lessons.

One of the fondest memories Rohe has of the islands is when he taught water safety. Rohe, a competitive swimmer in high school, was surprised that many Filipinos could not swim.

Each year on John the Baptist Day (a national holiday), everyone would get inebriated and go into the water. Many would end up drowning, Rohe said. He taught a group of Muslims to swim and they later saved five Christians from drowning.

Besides introducing rudimentary farming techniques, Rohe wanted to give Filipinos an alternative view of the United States.

"At that time the only image the Southeast Asian people had of America was the GI Joe image," he said. "They were getting a distorted view of what America was all about."

SHORTLY AFTER Rohe arrived in the Philippines, President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law and a civil uprising began with the Muslims pitted against the Christians. Rohe was evacuated three times as the



Dammann



Rohe

violence increased.

Dammann believes that Marcos — and the support he receives from the U.S. government — has undone any good that the Peace Corps did while she was there.

"We are considered the enemy now," she said. "As an American I would be afraid to go back. The Marcos regime is using us in a terrible way. We're being pushed into a situation where we are supporting a corrupt government."

In a recent article commemorating the Peace Corps, a columnist said some people view the volunteer program as just another form of colonialism on the part of the U.S. government.

That suggestion prompts a quick denial by the Northern Michigan residents.

"The Peace Corps is the antithesis of colonialism," Rohe said. "We send people over there — not to colonize, not to expand territorial borders, not to make money — just to exchange ideas."

Dammann shares a concern that the corps might be used by the government, but believes the volunteers will not support something like that.

"We should guard against the corps becoming a tool of foreign policy," she added. "That would destroy the program."

The former corps members were asked if the idealism inherent in the Peace Corps philosophy has a place in today's world.

"If your view of life is in terms of dollars and cents, then don't join the Peace Corps," Dammann said.

Rohe said college graduates today appear to be more goal-oriented and as a result are not as prone to take two years out of their life to help others.

Dammann and Rohe said the two-year assignment after college did not put them at a disadvantage in their careers and in fact enhanced their lives many times over.

WHILE IN THE Peace Corps, Dammann said she caught an incurable disease of never wanting to stop meeting people and being involved in different cultures. This interest triggered her later enrollment in graduate school where she received a master's degree in cultural anthropology and community development.

Many people, Dammann said, tend to view other cultures from the top (government) down. By living at the grass roots level she has learned how to communicate with people from different cultures and that has helped her as a freelance writer. Many of her stories focus on the Native American culture.

Rohe said his peace corps experience gave him a real appreciation of all there is in this country.

"Even our most impoverished people have no idea what poverty is like," he said. "The people over there would give anything to have our dilemmas."

Both former corps members believe the program is just as needed today as it was 25 years ago. Dammann credits Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe with making sure the program does not fall victim to federal budget cuts.

"It's an important program if for no other reason than to give ideas to another country and to receive ideas," Rohe said. "The world's getting smaller anyway and this just help us understand the world better."

Eggs stolen at self-serve home outlet

MARION TWP. — The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of 15 dozen eggs from a self-serve home outlet Wednesday.

No one was home when the eggs were taken, police said. The theft occurred between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Police believe some of the eggs ended up as Devil's Night egg ammunition Wednesday night.

Walter Bolser rites pending

Walter Bolser, 86, of Central Lake, died Oct. 31, 1985, at Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

The body is at the Vanderwall Funeral Home in East Jordan awaiting arrangements. A full obituary will follow.

OBITUARIES

Ray W. Hott, 96

Ray W. Hott, 96, of Central Lake, died Oct. 31, 1985, at Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at the Central Lake Chapel of the Mortensen Funeral Home, Central Lake. The Rev. Paul Doriani will officiate and burial will be in Southern Cemetery, Central Lake.

Mr. Hott was born Sept. 21, 1889, in Kewanna, Ind., the son of John and Arvilla (Garberson) Hott. He moved to East Jordan with his family in 1898 and as a young man he attended barber school in Chicago.

Mr. Hott was a barber all his adult life and had been in business in Walloon Lake, East Jordan, Detroit and Central Lake.

For many years, he owned and operated a summer resort on Benway Lake near Central Lake.

In 1913, he married the former Harriet Günsolus in Charlevoix. She preceded him in death in 1976.

Mr. Hott was a member of the Central Lake Congregational Church and had been a charter member of the Central Lake Lions

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Harbor student writes home

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progressing, she reports, but the language is quite difficult.

She has had what she calls "small triumphs" with the language such as being able to speak properly in Finnish to store or postal clerks.

The most surprising aspect of school is the lack of extra-curricular activities, she said.

"There aren't any!" Sara wrote. "If you are into sports, music, or art (things which in are offered through schools in Northern Michigan) you must join a private club or institute."

Sara auditioned and was accepted into one of the better music institutes in Helsinki, where she's taking private piano lessons once a week. Next term she'll begin voice lessons, music theory and composition.

Her free time, which has been sparse, she said, is spent with friends and her host family touring the country, sailing, and going to movies and discos.

Sara's best friend — "so far," she adds — is Tommi Lassila, a Finn she met at a ski meet in Traverse City last year when he was a foreign exchange student in the United

States.

Since the driving age in Finland is 18 and few of her friends are that age or can afford a car, Sara said she gets around mainly by bus. This mode of public transportation "is fast, clean and very safe!" she said. A bicycle is used for the shorter trips, she wrote.

A few other highlights of her stay have included a waterfront tour of Helsinki and Helsinki Bay, a chance meeting with the archbishop of the Finnish Lutheran Church, a grand tour of the House of Parliament, and vacations to her family's summer cottage where she went mushroom hunting.

Earlier this month, Sara and her host family took an overnight trip aboard a Viking Line 2,500-passenger ship that runs between Helsinki and Stockholm, the capital of Sweden.

Sara said she has enjoyed her stay and that her slides and photographs of Northern Michigan have been a big hit.

The exchange student, who will return in late July, said she'd "love" to get mail from her Northern Michigan friends. Her address is: Iivishiemenaukio 4A1, c2260 Espoo 26, Finland.

City fires overzealous garbage collectors

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Three veteran garbage collectors have been fired for picking up too much trash.

Leonard Folio, chief of the Bureau of Solid Waste, said city garbage collectors can only pick up four cans or bags of trash per home or business and "if a crew picks up more than that, it's a violation of regulations."

Folio said Friday that Robert Ross, Booker Curbean and Kenneth Chester were fired from their \$273-a-week jobs for collecting extra garbage.

Folio said a commercial trash hauler had given his office photos of the three workers picking up 15 or more bags of garbage outside a restaurant in the Fells Point section of the city.

Devil's night vandalism affects cars

Two major incidences of vandalism were reported today after Devil's Night Wednesday.

Two juveniles were apprehended in Petoskey after they allegedly shot out the rear window of a minivan with a pellet or BB-gun, according to Petoskey police.

The van is owned by Michael Griffin of Petoskey. The window was hit and the glass then shattered, police said.

The two will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

In East Jordan, someone took a key or other object and scratched long gouges into a car owned by Mike and Chris Cizewski of East Jordan. The car was parked at the rear of a building on Main Street.

All communities reported some eggs thrown and some soaping of windows, but no other major damage.

Charlevoix sheriff arrests man on cocaine charges

MELROSE TWP. — Charlevoix County sheriff's department arrested a 30-year-old man in a Walloon Lake motel early today on charges of sale and delivery of cocaine.

A subsequent search conducted under a search warrant turned up a quantity of cocaine, money and drug paraphernalia in the man's room.

The man is in custody and his name is being withheld pending an expected arraignment today.

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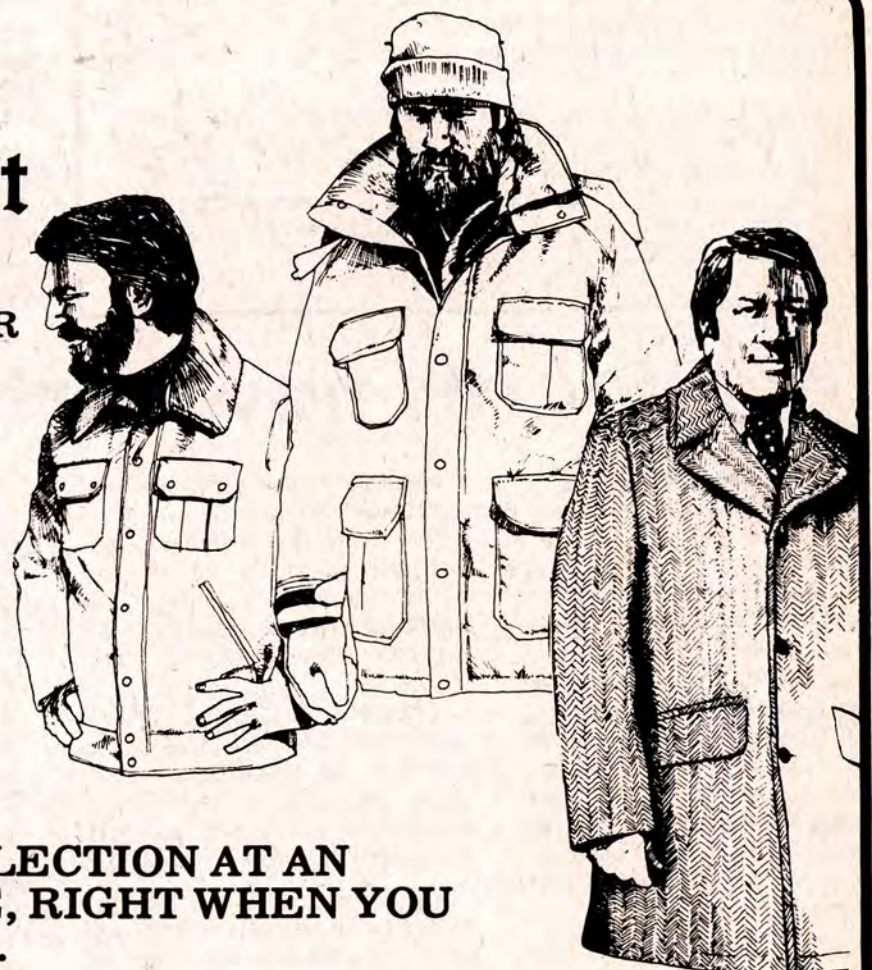
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