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# Questions unanswered, motive uncertain in Foreman murder

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What, if anything, did Dan Foreman, the former police informant killed execution-style last month in Leno, have that might have contributed to his death? Although neither side has said directly that they know, Foreman's couple and Placer County Sheriff Donald J. Nemes have both claimed Foreman would have been involved in the delivery of a suit filed by the pair against Nemes and the county.

Foreman, a former informant who reportedly worked steadily on illegal cases, was killed by gunshot to the head and neck Feb. 29 as he approached his brother's South Colton Drive residence.

Although relating to definite motives for the attack, Nemes has said the killing was done in an "execution-style" and that a sliver may also have been used to muffle the sound of the gunfire.

Since then, a 44-year-old Visalia man, Peter Silverbrand, has been arrested and charged with the shooting.

connected to the incident through a report that he was near the murder scene the evening the shooting occurred.

Last week, Placer County Sheriff's deputies also searched the Foreman's home of Curtis and Joyce DeBord, former gas dealers who have filed and claimed false arrest and malicious prosecution against Nemes and the county in connection with a 1982 illegal weapons case.

Nemes has acknowledged the search was in connection with the Foreman case.

Although at one point forced with 25 felony weapons counts, Curtis DeBord eventually pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor charges. None of the charges were dropped against his wife.

Curtis DeBord has also charged that sheriff's officials tampered with evidence in the case.

Later last week, DeBord and his wife claimed they learned for their lives after Foreman was killed, because Foreman was to be a "star witness" in the 11-count lawsuit against the sheriff.

Although DeBord was part of the DeBord weapons investigation, he never previously testified during the DeBord preliminary court hearing. In comments to the Journal, Curtis DeBord claimed the sheriff's department did not want Foreman to testify.

Joy DeBord also indicated the couple could not "trust" the police for their safety. When asked if he felt the same way, Curtis DeBord commented only "It's something I'd rather keep to myself. I have my own suspicions."

However DeBord, who was arrested Friday for violating the terms of probation he received in the weapons case, did have his arrest in the matter was evidence from his "spontaneous, positive" reactions to the DeBord's arrest, "I have seen things that I never ever thought would happen."

Although DeBord received six months for the probation violation, sentencing will be delayed three months while his attorney files an appeal.

Nemes has vigorously denied DeBord's "vendetta" charge and instead has claimed Foreman, or at least a tagged informant between Foreman and DeBord made with a hidden microphone, will bear his side on.

Nemes has also said information contained in the search warrant used to conduct last week's search of the DeBord's home will also justify the department's actions.

Nemes said since his name would be exposed publicly, Foreman at first was unwilling to testify because he feared for his safety. Later Nemes said, "He properly came to my office and offered any assistance and will come to testify in the arena case."

The sheriff also attacked the DeBord lawsuit as being "irrelevant." He claimed Thomas Condit, a Riverside attorney who represented DeBord in the weapons and probation violation case, was "orchestrating" the suit.

Condit responded Thursday that he is not representing DeBord in the civil case, which is being handled by a Sacramento attorney. "I just want to say that I am not the conductor. I'm not even a player," Condit said.

## Foothill news briefs

### Against the law

**AUBURN** — Police Chief Nick Wilk is warning individuals placing advertisements on the windshields of automobiles parked in local business districts that it is against city ordinances.

Wilk said a number of area business people have expressed concern about the growing problem.

If a citation is written, Wilk said, it carries a fine. He pointed out that many times people simply remove the advertisements from the windshield and drop them on the ground, adding to the problem.

### Thief steals funds from restaurant

**AUBURN** — A thief broke into a Burger King restaurant on Highway 49 Friday and stole an unspecified amount of cash, a Placer County Sheriff's report indicated.

### Tires, wheels removed from home

**AUBURN** — Four tires and wheels were removed from a 1980 Ford pickup truck parked in a trailer court off Ball Road between June and March 26, the owner of the property told Placer County Sheriff's deputies.

### Toolbox taken from truck

**FORESTHILL** — A toolbox containing tools with an unspecified value was taken from the back of a pickup truck parked off Foresthill Road between Thursday and Friday, a Placer County Sheriff's report indicated.

### Thief steals coins, weapon

**NEVADACILLE** — A thief who entered a home near Virginia and Gold Hill roads Friday stole coins and a weapon with an unspecified value, Placer County Sheriff's deputies indicated.

### Flood lights stolen

**ROCKLIN** — Two vehicle flood lights worth \$100 were stolen off a roller by a pickup truck parked in the Sierra College parking lot Friday, the Foresthill senior reported to Placer County Sheriff's deputies.

### Person shatters car window

**AUBURN** — Someone who apparently took offense at an Auburn man who left his dog inside his vehicle for two hours while he worked in a north Auburn bowling alley, shattered a Placer County Sheriff's report said more than a minute later a 1974 silver station wagon was left with a shattered window, the dog was in no danger.

### Woman cited for shoplifting

**AUBURN** — A 37-year-old woman was cited by Placer County Sheriff's deputies Saturday after she was allegedly caught by a Pacific store security officer attempting to steal a \$4 bottle of perfume.

### Fenceposts, lock vandalized

**LINCOLN** — Four fenceposts and a lock on a water pump lock off McCumber Road were vandalized by someone who is remaining in a lot of 21, a Placer County Sheriff's report indicated.

### Taco Bell reports BB-shot damage

**AUBURN** — A Taco Bell restaurant on Highway 49 reported BB gun damage on the roof of broken windows caused apparently by shots from a BB-gun Saturday that could have come from a Placer County Sheriff's report indicated.

### Exotic bird taken from home

**YUBA** — A Yellow Mage parrot, considered an exotic bird valued at \$275, was stolen Friday from a cage in a front room of a Yuba Valley home located between Roseville and Granite Bay, a Placer County Sheriff's report said.

The owner indicated to deputies that someone who tried to purchase the bird may have been responsible.

### Sunglasses, cash taken from home

**ROCKLIN** — Sunglasses and cash totaling \$79 in value were stolen from a home on Highway 49 Saturday, a Placer County Sheriff's report indicated.

The suspect is believed to be a resident through a sliding glass door.

### Pickup truck vandalized

**AUBURN** — A pickup belonging to a Park Drive resident living in the Auburn Green area was vandalized and damaged, possibly by rock throwing, according to the Placer County Sheriff's Department. Damage was estimated at \$2K.

### Plant begins test run

**ATKA** — The Atka nuclear reactor power plant Sunday began a 100-hour test run of its full capacity of 11 megawatts, one of the pre-qualifications before the plant is licensed for commercial use, the EPCRC Unit 4 Director announced.

The plant's third reactor began the test at 11 a.m. PST, and it is expected to run until Thursday, plant spokesman Ron Weisberg said.

The first two reactors, operated by the Atka Nuclear Plant, began their test runs last week. During that time, the four large reactor coolant pumps are turned off and the plant is allowed to circulate water in the reactor.

During the test, levels in individual tubes in the reactor and in distribution lines are measured. Once the natural circulation tests are completed, it will reach the end of full power testing at 10 a.m. PT.

## 'History Day'

### Auburn Union School District children in nationwide contest

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Auburn Union School District children will be the first in the county to participate in a nationwide History Day, E.V. Cain teacher Frank Hyette said.

Hyette, county coordinator of the program, explained the program includes students in each through eighth grade at E.V. Cain who are putting together projects ranging from papers to plays.

The projects will be judged at a History Day meet at the school Thursday starting at 2:30 p.m., during which the projects will also be displayed.

Hyette said, it is to get students involved in history by "bringing them in real history" similar to the way math and science fairs engage students in practical applications of the disciplines.

Next year, he said, the meet will hopefully be held at Sierra College, as students will receive the additional experience of getting exposure to the college.

Winners of the different categories in the county contest move on to a State History Day competition in May. State winners will then advance to a National History Day meet in Washington D.C. in June.

He added to "big prizes are being offered, although he is trying to work out assistance from local service clubs. "This is a real low budget deal," he explained.

Although the history day competition has been ongoing for 19 years, starting in the mid-west, Hyette said California got into the program only two years ago.

Although he said the state Department of Education has not a "big show on it," AUSD has so far been the only school district in the county to join in.

Hyette said Fresno area schools have had as many as 700 entries and Auburn school children have responded with enthusiasm in the program, with 80 projects having already been submitted.

"I'd like to see some of them are having quite a bit of fun," he observed.

The year's coordinator, Hyette said, is "Triumph and Tragedy in History," and one of the more interesting projects he has seen submitted is a computer program on historical advances in medicine.

Other projects focus on the wars involving the United States and the Donner party's disastrous trek across the Sierra.

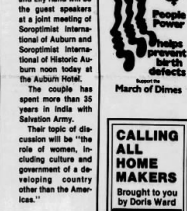
Judges for History Day include Peter Shattuck, a California State University, Sacramento history professor; Dave Tucker, captain of Placer County Museum; and a number of teachers from Sierra College.

Brigadier J. Milton and Lily Hand will be the guest speakers at a joint meeting of Soroptimal International of Auburn and Soroptimal International of historic Auburn noon today at the Auburn Hotel.

The couple has spent more than 35 years in India with the Salvation Army.

Their topic of discussion will be "The role of women, including culture and government of a developing country other than the Americas."

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## Obituaries

**Thomas Madison 'Dutch' Watson**  
Funeral services will be held for Thomas Madison "Dutch" Watson, who died at Auburn Park Community Hospital Saturday, at the Church of the Holy Spirit at 2 p.m. Tuesday, on Sunday, Calif. service, Mr. Watson was born Oct. 17, 1910 and was a resident of Auburn for the last 30 years. He was a retired construction worker for the Theobald Construction Co. of Sacramento.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Watson of Auburn; daughters, Inez Hanks of Citrus Heights, and Brenda Kessler of Auburn; brothers, Preston Watson of Auburn; sister, Della Stevens of Auburn; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be officiated by the Rev. Perry Geyer and will be followed by committal and burial in the New Auburn District Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Watson of Auburn; daughters, Inez Hanks of Citrus Heights, and Brenda Kessler of Auburn; brothers, Preston Watson of Auburn; sister, Della Stevens of Auburn; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Elsie M. Griffith**  
Memorial services for Elsie M. Griffith, 79, who died Saturday at her Citrus home, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Inez Hanks, 1400 N. Kingsley Blvd. in Citrus.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Bligg of Hemet, Calif., and Harold Bligg of Citrus; daughter, Burton Clark of Oklabama; sister, Dorothy Ross of Oklabama, Calif.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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