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Oilman Posts Reward For Beast's Capture

ABLENE, (UPI) — Attention bounty hunters. An oilman has posted a \$5,000 reward for the capture of a new renegade, a big, hairy monster.

Unlike the dead-end oil posters that covered the walls of a U.S. marshal's office, Jack Grimm said he wants the "Hawley Him" taken unharmed.

The rules are that the creature be previously unidentified and unadvised. "I don't want to pay a reward for a bear or a gorilla that escaped from the zoo," he said.

In a telephone interview, Grimm said the \$5,000 reward also covers the capture of a red-eyed bear allegedly roaming the woods of Eastern Oklahoma.

Residents of Stillwell, Okla., have reported a monster "about six feet or a little better tall, with brown hair similar to what a bear would have."

"The ones who've seen it say it has a flat face and doesn't resemble a bear," said a spokesman in the sheriff's department.

The Hawley Him is named after a West Texas community near the spot where three teenagers say the saw a shaggy, seven-foot tall monster.

"It was kind of an ape, but still a man. He had huge arms. They hung to his knees," the boys told authorities.

But Grimm, who has played in world poker playing tournaments, has his doubts about the veracity of the sightings. "I really discount that (Hawley Him) sighting. I really discount those that might be seen in the south and southwest as illusions."

Grimm, a geologist who operates his own drilling operation, is betting on what he calls the "Big Three." Those are \$5,000 rewards for the capture of Big Foot, Big Bird of South Texas and the Loch Ness monster.

Grimm has paid the way for a news reporter and photographer to track Big Foot in the rugged mountains of the Northwest United States and has sent film crews to photograph the Loch Ness monster.

"I'm a geologist by profession. It's a contribution to science. I get a great deal of pleasure from pursuing these things. I don't believe these sightings. I think they're worth checking out by qualified people. But most qualified people won't stick their necks out."

Economist Testifies In Bell Damage Suit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An economist testified in court Wednesday that the late Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. executive T. O. Gravit would have earned \$4.8 million more during his lifetime had he not committed suicide.

Dr. John H. Moore of the University of Tennessee gave the testimony in the state court suit of a \$20 million damage suit against Southwestern Bell Telephone Company by Gravit's family and first Bell executive James Ashley.

Gravit was the top Texas executive for the company when he committed suicide in Dallas home Oct. 17, 1974.

The suit alleges that the company hounded Gravit to his death and wrongfully fired Ashley as the result of an improper internal investigation.

Dr. Moore was called to testify by the jury some of the damages being sought from the company. He produced figures that represented the financial loss to Gravit's family as a result of his October 1974 dismissal.

Moore said he based his projection on Gravit's lost earnings on an assumption that Gravit would have risen by his 1988 retirement to be chairman of the board of American Telephone and Telegraph at a salary then of \$684,000 annually.

He estimated Ashley's firing cost him \$11 million, based on the assumption that Ashley would have been earning \$200,000 annually by retirement in 1985.

The figures for the two men included fringe benefits, salary and pension income based on their life expectancies.

Ashley earlier Wednesday had provided the assumptions used for Moore's projections. Ashley said it was "very reasonable" to assume Gravit would have risen to the highest position in ATT.

"Bell lawyers said the assumption would have to be based on a belief that Gravit was 'an absolute superstar' and said there were 33 Bell system employees at Gravit's management level when he committed suicide.

The defense attacked nearly all of Ashley's assumptions used to project promotions and salary increases had his and Gravit's careers continued.

Illegal Alien Backlog Mounting In Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A backlog of 45,000 uninvestigated reports of illegal aliens working in the Houston area are facing immigration officers.

R.W. Heston, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), said Wednesday his office is so understaffed that only a few officers are available to check the leads from the public concerning the illegal aliens.

He said the backlog began in early 1976, but has grown drastically in recent weeks since a ruling came down from a Chicago federal court.

The ruling requires the INS to interview a large number of aliens currently in the United States without visas. The court also said aliens from Western Hemisphere nations who applied for visas between 1969 and 1971, but came to the United States without visas, now may have an opportunity to legalize their status.

Heston said, "We have to keep three or four officers in the office processing these applications."

He said the Houston office departs between 600 and 700 aliens a month, but that immigration officers apprehend only about 50 of them.

Many others are referred from police departments and others are released from the Texas prison system, he said.

The INS official said businessmen are asked not to hire illegal aliens but "there is nothing we can do about it if they do."

Currently there is no penalty for the hiring of illegal aliens.

Firms that require skilled workers such as accountants or engineers, Heston said, usually check to determine if applicants are legally in the country.

But, such businesses as construction companies and restaurants are far less rigid about making such investigations.

Heston said despite the heavy backlog it is doubtful whether additional personnel can be assigned to the district. "All of our authorized positions for immigration officers are currently filled."

Fund Drive Meeting Today

A group of 35 young executives, responsible for the largest division goal in the United Way '77 campaign, will begin activities with a 7 a.m. breakfast today at the El Toreador room of Furr's Cafeteria in the Town and Country shopping center.

After the breakfast meeting, a tour of four United Way agencies will provide firsthand knowledge of services provided by the agencies.

The group comprises the Loaned Executive Division of the United Way campaign. Its members call upon the largest employee groups in the city. Since its inception in 1968, when they raised \$80,000, the division has expanded to fund-raising to about \$800,000 in last year's campaign.

Division chairman George Miller will outline the role of the loaned executive during the morning meeting. The duties include contacting heads of assigned firms and organizations to promote company campaigns.

David Harmon, United Way planning council director, will discuss the activities of his division.

During the year, scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., the group will visit the Well Baby Clinic, Day Care Nursery, Goodwill Industries and Milton Children's Training Center.

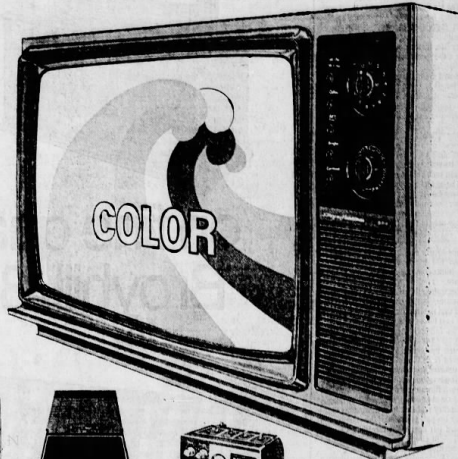
The meeting will be the first planned activity for the United Way's 1977 Five Flames campaign hostesses from Lubbock's five high schools. They are Vickie Walker, Coronado; Cynthia Loggins, Dunbar; Theresa Sefton, Etovado; Evelyn Huff, Lubbock High; and Diane Morris, Monterey.

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