

**SATURDAY**  
JUNE 13, 1992

Springfield, Missouri 658

# NEWS-LEADER

---

## All called to search

**Neighbors, police will search area lakes**

By Robert Keyes

There is an open invitation to help today in the search for three missing Springfield women continues by land, water and air.

Friday, firefighters used six divers to explore the shores and depths of Lake Taney and in Springfield and creek who are a stretch of the James River in day's search at Sherill Levitt. David House at 64-Sue Streeter, 15, and Streeter, 15, and Streeter's friend Stacy McCall, 18. The three have been missing since last weekend.

The divers found nothing. Swimmers in circular search patterns that fanned outward, they covered the south Springfield lake and river-shore until nightfall. Fire Chief Paul Johnson said.

"They will resume diving today in other local lakes. We hope we don't find anything," Johnson said.

An apparent police tip turned into a dead end Friday night after a social misadventure in a newspaper paper rack led officers to a northwest Springfield apartment complex.

Several dozen apartments were checked at Bolivar Road Apartments, 2201 N. Bolivar Road. KTV Channel 3, TeleCable 12, received a call at 8:45 p.m. from a man who said there they could find the letter in the rack at Sherill's, 218 S. Glendale Ave.

The letter contained rough drawing of the complex with the phrase: "The Base of Gas Man Checking for Leak."

Officers and media swarmed the area.

Friday, officers will join today's search for three missing women.

Chuck Todd/The News Leader

**OLD FOGEYS**



Bob Dylan  
Life & Times  
1C

Color Me  
Badd  
Life & Times  
3C



**NEW SOUNDS**

**Bulls win Game 5**

Sports 1D



**Boating safety in Missouri**



Sports 1D

**HELPERS**

**YOUR TIME**

Things to do: The Fifth Annual Lily Show takes place today at North Town Mall. The Antique Flea Market begins two days of operation today at Dark Springs Fairgrounds. These events and much more, Page 2C.

**FAMILIES**

Robert and Julie Anderson remain involved in sports and activities although their sons are grown up. Page 1C.

**NEWS OF RECORD**

Births, meetings, people, fire calls, marriages, divorces and obituaries. Page 2B.

**BUSINESS**

Business College of the Ozarks has stopped negotiations with a Kansas City company that wanted to provide commuter air service to Branson. Page 4B.

Stock listings for the week for issues on the New York, American and over-the-counter exchanges. Pages 4-5B.

**RELIGION**

A list of religious activities and events at Springfield churches. Page 4C.

**TOMORROW**

Mary E. Wilson Home Open House, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 102 Main Ave. in honor of the home's 10th anniversary.

Pioneer Days conclude in Mountain Home.

Night life: The Chalmers School performs tonight for the Jubilee Club. The Red Hot ones at Wildcats.

**MISSOURI LOTTERY**

Friday's results  
Pick 3: 506 Supercash 1317143834

**WEATHER**

Chance of showers less than 20%. Mostly sunny, high 80 to 85. Tonight, low 55 to 60. Weather report on 1A.

84/59°

**INDEX**

Calendar 2C	Deaths 2B	Nation 4A
Classified 4D	Highways 4C	Missouri 2A
Comics 1B	Justice 4C	Comics 1B
Community 4C	Law 2B	Sports 1D
Calendar 2A	Movie 4B	Sports 1D
Dear Abby 4C	Movie 4B	TC 2D

**Please RECYCLE!** The News-Leader is printed on recycled paper and is 100% recyclable.

A Gannett Newspaper  
No. 102, No. 100, 1992, The News-Leader

**Statement reveals past violence with ex-boyfriend**

By Chris Bentley  
Copyright © 1992, The News Leader

Sue Streeter obtained a restraining order against an ex-boyfriend seven months before she disappeared from Springfield home Sunday with her mother and a friend.

Streeter, 15, her mother Sherill Levitt, 47, and Streeter's friend Stacy McCall, 18, vanished from Levitt's home early Sunday morning. Police say they have no leads in the case.

According to Greene County Circuit Court documents, on Oct. 22 Streeter sought protection from Mike Kovacs, 17, a boyfriend she had broken up with in September.

Her sworn statement asking for the restraining order said Kovacs beat her up, slashed her car tires, threatened her by phone and harassed her at home, school and work.

One line on Streeter's petition form reads: "I am afraid of respondent (Kovacs) and there is an immediate and present danger of abuse to me."

Friday, Kovacs said the allegations in Streeter's restraining order were not true.

"After we broke up, I never spoke to her again," Kovacs said. "I couldn't have done those things because I didn't talk to her."

Earlier this week, Kovacs admitted that he and Streeter had fought physically during their relationship.

The seven-day Streeter filed the petition, Streeter and Levitt also filed a police report accusing Kovacs and another woman of threatening Streeter and twice slashing a tire on Streeter's car.

Levitt is afraid physical harm may come to Streeter from Kovacs and the woman if this is not stopped now," the police report said.

It also said, "Kovacs and the woman" have repeatedly threatened Streeter on the phone and at Streeter's school.

Police Capt. Terry Glenn, asked Friday night about Streeter's allegations against Kovacs, said:

**Story continues on Page 3A**  
(Susanne Streeter did not show up for hearing on protection order.)

Police Officer John Wood seeks information from young residents at Bolivar Road Apartments, 2201 N. Bolivar Road. He was showing posters of three women missing since Sunday. The police received a report indicating clues could be found at the apartment.

**Neighbors, police will search area lakes**

By Robert Keyes

There is an open invitation to help today in the search for three missing Springfield women continues by land, water and air.

Friday, firefighters used six divers to explore the shores and depths of Lake Taney and in Springfield and creek who are a stretch of the James River in day's search at Sherill Levitt. David House at 64-Sue Streeter, 15, and Streeter, 15, and Streeter's friend Stacy McCall, 18. The three have been missing since last weekend.

The divers found nothing. Swimmers in circular search patterns that fanned outward, they covered the south Springfield lake and river-shore until nightfall. Fire Chief Paul Johnson said.

"They will resume diving today in other local lakes. We hope we don't find anything," Johnson said.

An apparent police tip turned into a dead end Friday night after a social misadventure in a newspaper paper rack led officers to a northwest Springfield apartment complex.

Several dozen apartments were checked at Bolivar Road Apartments, 2201 N. Bolivar Road. KTV Channel 3, TeleCable 12, received a call at 8:45 p.m. from a man who said there they could find the letter in the rack at Sherill's, 218 S. Glendale Ave.

The letter contained rough drawing of the complex with the phrase: "The Base of Gas Man Checking for Leak."

Officers and media swarmed the area.

Friday, officers will join today's search for three missing women.

Chuck Todd/The News Leader

**Stolen cars**

Anyone who was in the area of Central Street and Glenstone Avenue between 2 a.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday is being asked to contact Springfield police at 866-1789 or 866-1755.

Police are searching for two vehicles:

- A burgundy 1987 Toyota Buick two-door, home number 175-217, stolen from the Danville Mall parking lot F-2 between 4 p.m. last Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.
- A dark blue 1985 Dodge motor home (van type) stolen from 322 N. Glenstone Ave. sometime between 4 p.m. last Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Inside on Page 3A and 7A**

► Three reward funds are set up  
► Discussion with Stacy McCall's father, Stuart McCall.

**'Wanted' photos flash earlier**

From Our Staff

The fleeting picture of Springfield's three missing women during the broadcast of "America's Most Wanted" went virtually unnoticed by police investigators Friday.

Investigators had planned to watch the segment showing portraits of Sherill Levitt, Susanne Streeter and Stacy McCall, but the pictures came earlier in the broadcast than scheduled. Investigators were answering telephone calls about the case when the segment aired.

The pictures of the women came more than 15 minutes into the show, seen locally on KDMZ Channel 27, TeleCable Channel 12, and viewers were urged to call a national number if they had information about the women.

Police said it may be several days before police know how many calls were received as a result of the program.

**Summit developments**

Germany pledged to nearly double its development aid to the 47 poorest of Great National Product dominated by Third World nations.

The European Community promised to increase aid to developing countries by environmental projects by \$4 billion.

Cuba's president Fidel Castro used the world stage to denounce capitalism and consumerism as a cause of environmental disorders.

**Toddler killed by van on Springfield's west side**

From Our Staff

A 1-year-old Springfield boy was killed after being hit by a van Friday on the city's west side.

Ryan L. Case was taken to Cox Medical Center South, where he was pronounced dead shortly after 6 p.m., police said.

Ryan was hitting his mother and 12-year-old brother walk a car at their residence near Washburn and Spruce Avenue when a van pulled alongside the curb.

The two boys walked to the van and leaned against it as the driver asked if someone was home at a nearby house. After the 13-year-old answered, the van pulled away. The infant fell to the ground and was hit by the back wheel, police said.

**ENVIRONMENT EARTH SUMMIT**

and that "what matters more is the road from here."

Bush noted that he came to Rio with a proposal to double global forest assistance, but offered no new major financial initiatives for environmental projects. By contrast, the 12-nation European Community pledged \$4 billion to further the Earth Summit's goals and Germany promised to double its aid to developing nations.

After his speech, Bush made an unannounced visit to a nearby rain forest where he met a nearby rain forest worker and had a beer with them.

**Bush defends policies, calls for action**

President Bush, protesting his own cast status at the Earth Summit, Friday said he had no reason to apologize for an environmental record that was "second to none."

He challenged other leaders to join in a "pragmatic effort" to combat global warming, which actions include setting specific emission targets to be met by next Jan. 1 to discuss specific steps to be taken.

He said the current 12-day conference, which wraps up Sunday, was merely "one key step in the process."

FOR HOME DELIVERY OF THE NEWS-LEADER, CALL 836-1122 OR 1-800-892-4803