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Proposed 10th Street rerouting causes controversy

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council has yet to address the issue, but the proposed re-routing of a portion of 10th Street has already created a controversy.

Due to the concern about an anticipated increase in the amount of student traffic in the area when a new multi-purpose athletic facility is built, the Traffic Commission will recommend to the council that a portion of the street be closed at tonight's council meeting.

Some feelings have become very strong concerning this issue, including one that the Big Spring Independent School Dis-

trict has opted to build an athletic facility instead of putting more effort behind new classroom facilities.

That feeling is misplaced, according to school officials as well as Mayor Tim Blackshear, because the BSISD can't build what taxpayers don't approve in a bond election and the money for the proposed athletic facility is being built thanks to a \$300,000 grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation.

According to school officials, the facility will be housed in a metal building and will provide work-out space for both boys and girls and serve as an indoor training facility during bad weather. The closing of a por-

tion of 10th Street, according to officials, is also for the safety of the students who will be using the facility.

The facility itself is not a problem, but the proposed closing of a portion of 10th Street is what has sparked a protest led by M.H. Barnes of 1002 Sycamore. Barnes' protest includes a letter written to the council and a petition that would at least halt any council action for 90 days so residents could learn more about the proposed closing.

According to City Engineer Ralph Truskowski the recommended closing will be in an ordinance to be considered by the council. The ordinance will

recommend 10th Street be closed from State to Owens, Eighth Street between Owens and State be designated one-way to the east, and Owens from Sixth to 10th be designated one-way to the south.

M.H. Barnes, who lives near the corner of Sycamore Street, said, "10th Street is the only street in town that goes from one side of the city to the other. It's going to make it extremely inconvenient for everyone here."

Barnes thinks the city could build a walk-over bridge or even put up a traffic light rather than close 10th Street, but according to Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent

Bill McQueary, the proposed closing is not just about inconvenience, but rather a safety precaution for when 600 to 700 students are crossing the street to get to the facility.

According to officials, the site is needed because the sports complex will encroach onto 10th Street.

Truskowski added, "The ordinance will be the first of many steps if the council agrees with the closing of 10th Street. There are several legal steps to closing a public right-of-way."

In his June 23 letter to the council, Barnes wrote, "Other than Third and Fourth streets, the only direct route from Birdwell Lane to West FM 700 is

through Sycamore, 10th Street, and Martin Luther King Boulevard. To close 10th Street would certainly cause a lot of inconvenience to thousands of citizens going from one part of town to another."

Barnes also added re-routing would also cause many people to have to go out of their way to reach their destinations, which would cause an increase in the amount of traffic on other streets.

His letter also states the proposed athletic facility to be built would only be used by a small percentage of students in the BSISD, but school officials have stated the facility will be a Please see STREET, page 2

Gang battle at prison results in inmate's death

COLORADO CITY (AP) — The Texas Rangers and other agencies are investigating a gang fight at a state prison that resulted in one inmate's death, officials said Monday.

Rene Guerra, 22, was stabbed and beaten to death Sunday evening at the John Wallace Unit. Warden Rodney Cooper said the prisoners stabbed Guerra with sharpened 8-inch metal rods and beat him in the head with a padlock stuffed in a sock.

Guards quickly quelled the fight with tear gas, said Larry Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

No staff members were injured, but five inmates were treated for minor stab wounds at Mitchell County Hospital before being returned to their cells.

Guerra was a member of the Texas Syndicate while his attackers belong to the Barrios Aztecas, Fitzgerald said. Both are gangs with members in prisons statewide, he said.

Joining the Rangers in the investigation are prison officials and the Mitchell County sheriff's department.

Cooper said an autopsy and investigative reports must be completed before any charges are filed against seven possible suspects.

The facility's 1,300 inmates were confined to their cells Monday while staff members searched for weapons and tempers cooled.

"We're allowing for some of the ... tension to calm down," Cooper said.

Guerra was serving a 10-year sentence for theft and robbery. He was convicted in Taylor County in September 1993.

It was the first fatality at the medium-security prison, which opened in May of last year.

Assistant warden: Fights were planned

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

According to John Wallace Assistant Warden Jackie Edwards, the fights were clearly planned and choreographed - all broke out simultaneously in all units.

There were at least four different altercations going on, spread out over all housing units at the facility.

No black or white inmates were involved. 15 to 20 Hispanic inmates were involved.

Prisoners are locked in their cells and confined to their housing units. Any prisoner who must go somewhere within the facility is being escorted.

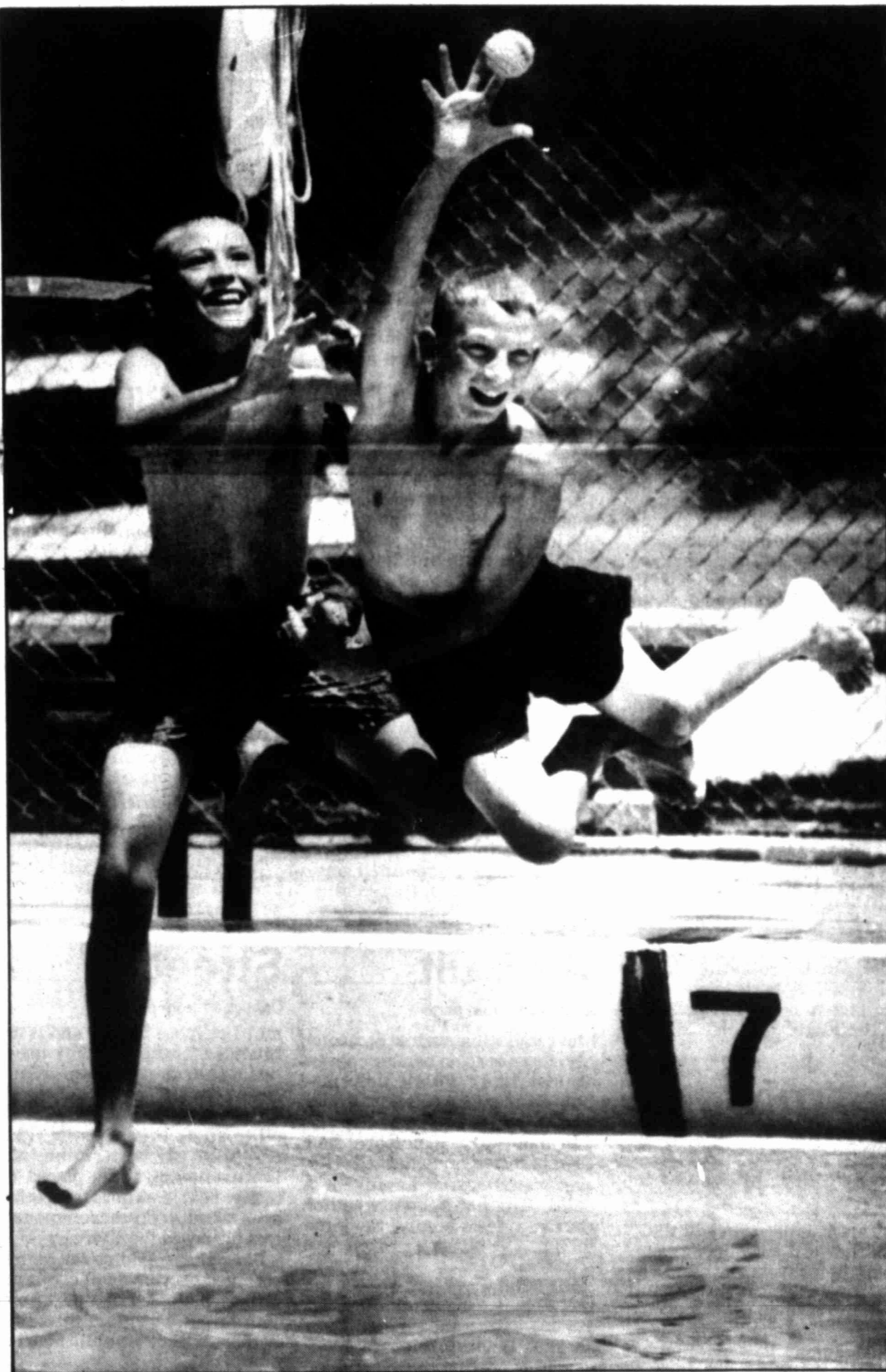
Investigating officials are trying to determine if there will be any repercussions once the lockdown is lifted.

Officials hope to be able to resume at least limited activities by the end of the week.

There have been altercations at the prison before, usually confined to one location and involving black and white prisoners as well as Hispanic.

This is the first major incident involving strictly Hispanic prisoners.

THINK FAST



Jud Opegard and Jason Choate battle for a tennis ball thrown to them as they jump off the side of the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool on a hot Thursday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Kidnapping suspect arrested

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Pedro Deleon, 43, of 504 1/2 Bell, has been charged with aggravated kidnapping following an incident early Saturday morning.

Deleon is accused of kidnapping a 29-year-old woman and a man at gunpoint from a local tavern. Deleon allegedly forced the man to drive the trio out into the county. He then reportedly took the woman out of the car, struck her with the handgun then sexually assaulted her.

Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake says detectives are still investigating the case.

Deleon's bond has been set at \$75,000 and he remains in the city jail.

Brake adds the man who was abducted came forward Monday afternoon when he heard the police did not know who he was. He gave a statement to officers corroborating the woman's statement. It is unknown whether he will pursue charges against Deleon.

Man released on bond for sexual assault

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man has been released on a \$100,000 bond for aggravated sexual assault of a child and retaliation.

Fermin Ramiro Saavedra, 54, of 2616 Ent, was arrested June 23 for these outstanding warrants.

"The offense occurred on the west side of town and had been ongoing for several years. The suspect (Saavedra) is known to the victim."

"The other charge stems from Please see ASSAULT, page 2


Two face burglary charges

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring men are facing burglary charges following

their arrests Sunday night. Deputies were called to a salvage yard on North Birdwell around 8 p.m. Sunday when the

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Texas Trivia

What Texas native played the male chauvinist boss in the comedy "Nine to Five," which also starred Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton?

Dabney Coleman

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World: The crown prince of Qatar capped his steady rise to power by ousting his father, who was out of the country, and declared himself the new emir of the wealthy Persian Gulf nation today. See page 4.

Nation: A string of prostitute murders was solved after a street-walker who was raped, then left bound and gagged in his apartment, banged on walls until neighbors called 911, police said. See page 5.



STATE

TDCJ needs new bids

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Rangers strike back

The nation's largest defense contractor is eliminating 12,000 jobs in a program it says is designed to improve competitiveness. More than 1,200 jobs in Texas will be cut. See page 3.


Plane crash kills two


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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **95** ▲ Highs **66**
▲ Highs **66**
▼ Lows

 **Chance of rain**
Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s.

Wednesday  **Permian Basin Forecast**
Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of late afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High in the mid 90s. Low mid 60s.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of rain. High mid 90s. Low mid 60s.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

Settlement approved in
chemical release case

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A judge has approved a \$65 million settlement between Occidental Chemical Corp. and thousands of people who sued the company, claiming they were injured because of 1992 chemical release, according to a published report.

The Corpus Christi Caller today reported that sources close to the case said OxyChem will pay more than 8,600 plaintiffs between \$500 and \$10,000 for injuries they suffered.

Lawyers say the settlement approved by District Judge J. Manuel Banales could also put to an end more than two dozen other cases against OxyChem that were filed in four other South Texas counties.

New effort made to
name bridge for singer

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A new attempt has been made to get an interstate highway bridge in Southeast Texas named for country music singer George Jones.

The latest in the bridge renaming saga came Monday when a Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau official asked Orange County commissioners to reconsider a request from last August to name the Interstate 10 bridge over the Neches River for Jones.

Orange County commissioners refused in 1994 to vote on the suggestion. It has already been approved by Jefferson County commissioners and the Beaumont City Council.

County commissioners said they will put it on their agenda in a couple of weeks, but individual commissioners didn't appear to be in favor of the name change.

Japanese sub at
center of squabble

DALLAS (AP) — A two-man submarine used in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor is involved in another battle, this one between federal officials and a museum that won't give up the ship.

The National Park Service wants to return the sub to Pearl Harbor for a ceremony Sept. 2 marking the 50th anniversary of VJ Day. The Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg has the sub and wants to display it the same day.

"We'd like to avoid an argument with anybody, but we're going to keep our little boat," said Marshall Steves, president and chief executive of the San Antonio-based Admiral Nimitz Foundation, a non-profit group that raises money for the state-operated museum.

While a carrier-based Japanese air armada attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet from above, Japanese submarines launched the five 110-foot, battery-powered midget submarines Dec. 7, 1941.

The two-man craft were to penetrate Pearl Harbor's mouth and fire their two torpedoes at warships. No more than one of the midget subs is known to have penetrated the harbor and all but one were scuttled by U.S. Navy depth charges.

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Workmen prepare the "Plaza de Los Lagartos" sculpture by artist Luis Jimenez for placement in San Jacinto Plaza in El Paso. The Fiberglass and acrylic sculpture, nine years in the making, is a tribute to the alligators that once lived in a fountain in the downtown park.

TDCJ substance abuse
contracts to be rebid

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prison officials say more than \$50 million worth of contracts for substance abuse programs in state prisons and community corrections facilities will have to be rebid.

The action on \$51.5 million worth of contract is necessary because the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has been placed under conservatorship by the Texas Legislature because of allegations of financial improprieties.

The commission had been awarded the contracts.

Lawmakers also transferred the authority to hire treatment vendors to work inside the prisons from TCADA to the criminal justice agency and reduced the number of drug treatment programs for convicts.

TDCJ Executive Director Andy Collins said, "We will rebuild the system from the ground up to ensure it is done right and that the state gets a dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent."

The action involves 175 contracts and grants. Most of them, 163 contracts worth \$32.4 million, cover vendors who provide substance abuse treatment in community facilities, such as halfway houses.

Twelve grants and contracts totaling \$19.1 million are to providers of treatment programs in prisons.

The Legislature authorized 12,000 drug treatment spaces for prison inmates when it launched the new substance abuse program at Gov. Ann Richards' request four years

ago. But during the recent session, lawmakers reduced the number of treatment beds to 5,300.

State leaders said they needed to re-evaluate the size of the program, despite studies indicating about half of Texas' 120,000 prison inmates are behind bars because of problems with alcohol or other drugs.

Collins said he was convinced the agency "can make substantial savings in the contracts dealing with staff training and inmate transportation."

The commission had purchased vans for one vendor and paid mileage for convicts' transportation for treatment in their home communities after they were released from prison, he said.

Lockheed-Martin Corp. to eliminate 1200 Texas jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest defense contractor is eliminating 12,000 jobs in a program it says is designed to avoid duplication and improve competitiveness for shrinking military and other business.

More than 1,200 jobs in Texas will be cut. The restructuring will close facilities in Austin and Abilene and merge two smaller offices in El Paso.

The company's big Fort Worth plant, which employs about 12,000, was spared.

Twelve plants and facilities and 26 duplicative field offices in the United States and overseas will be closed in the consolidation program announced Monday by Lockheed Martin Corp., which was formed March

15 by the merger of Lockheed Corp. and Martin Marietta Corp.

Other jobs will be cut at remaining facilities, where some programs will be consolidated.

The cuts, including 5,000 this year, come on top of 7,000 jobs already eliminated this year as a result of earlier programs the company said reflected changing business conditions and increased productivity.

The company now employs 140,000 people at its own facilities. An additional 30,000 workers at Energy Department contract facilities are not affected by the program.

Daniel M. Tellep, chairman and chief executive, said

Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed Martin, hopes to save \$1.8 billion annually as a result of the consolidation and layoffs.

Austin will lose 780 jobs along with a plant that makes satellite ground support systems, environmental support systems, space avionics and command and control systems.

"We're upset and sorry for the families here in Austin that are losing their jobs," said Trey Salinas, assistant to Austin Mayor Bruce Todd.

"There's nothing positive that you can put on this except that our economy is doing as well here as in any other place in the state. We're confident we can get these folks some other employment."

In Abilene, a facility will be closed that supports various programs, including the F-16 aircraft, Lockheed Launch Vehicle and THAAD missile system, for a loss of 450 jobs.

In addition, El Paso field offices for Lockheed and Martin-Marietta were merged into one office, with one position transferred and four people remaining, office manager Thomas Bailey said.

On the other hand, Harlingen's space and strategic missiles sector will become one of the company's eight "centers of excellence," dedicated to structural assembly.

The consolidation program had been expected since the merger of Lockheed and Martin

Marietta, then the nation's second- and third-largest defense contractors, because of the similarity of many of their separate operations.

In addition, the number and value of defense contracts have shrunk since the end of the Cold War and the beginning of government efforts to reduce spending and balance the federal budget.

"This consolidation plan dramatically improves our competitiveness," Tellep told reporters. "It creates new economies of scale, capitalizes on corporate-wide synergies and leverages our added financial strength to build a stronger corporation."

Plane crash kills
two in East Texas

BEN WHEELER (AP) — Two people were killed Monday when their single-engine airplane crashed into a field, officials said.

The pilot, Jochen P. Gessner, 25, of Tyler, and his passenger, 51-year-old David L. Luetke of Wisconsin, were dead at the scene of the crash, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Larry Hogenmiller.

The single-engine plane, rented in Tyler, plummeted nose-down onto a thick brushy area of farming property off Van Zandt County Road at 9:35 a.m.,

DPS officials said. The plane was flying out of Tyler, about 16 miles to the east, when the accident occurred during an aerial photography session, Department of Public Safety trooper Scott Gee said.

Witnesses said the plane appeared to have engine trouble immediately before diving powerless into the ground, DPS officials said.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were at the scene Monday.



Emergency personnel watch as an East Texas Medical Center EMS helicopter leaves the scene of a plane crash in Ben Wheeler on Monday. Two men died Monday when their single-engine Cessna 152 aircraft crashed on farming property deep amid a brushy area.

Lotto winner dies before collecting

COLORADO CITY (AP) — Porter Richardson, 80, of Colorado City lived for 100 days after winning a \$4.3 million Texas Lotto jackpot on March 18. He died at a hospital early Monday after a long illness.

"He was the first Lotto winner to pass away before the payments had all been paid out," Keith Elkins, Texas Lottery Commission spokesman, said Monday.

A few days after the March 18 drawing, Richardson collected \$217,513.84 as the first of 20

installments on the \$4.3 million.

The remaining 19 annual payments of \$216,000 will go to his heirs as stated in his will, Elkins said.

Porter had said he didn't want much for his winnings — just a new, white Chevrolet Camaro and "someone to pick the stick-

er grass" out of his yard.

Richardson got his wish, Elkins said.

Elkins said he talked to Richardson not long after the drawing and asked him if he got the car of his dreams.

"He said, 'Yes, it's parked out in my driveway,'" Elkins said.

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NEWS IN
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Rabbi insists Sawyer
was Watergate source

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A rabbi who stood by President Nixon throughout Watergate said Monday he believes journalist Diane Sawyer was "Deep Throat," the source who helped The Washington Post uncover the scandal.

Sawyer, who was an assistant in the Nixon press office at the time, said through a spokesman the claim was laughable. And Bob Woodward, the reporter for The Washington Post who has never revealed the identity of his source, said there is no truth to the story.

"For 20 years we've always said that the source 'Deep Throat' was a man," said Woodward, now an assistant managing editor at the Post. "There is no evidence that Diane Sawyer in her kind of subsidiary role in the Nixon White House would have that kind of knowledge."

Rabbi Baruch Korff, 80, said he based his opinion on Sawyer's "special relationship" with press secretary Ron Ziegler, and his observation Sawyer had advance knowledge of what was going on at the White House.

Police chief defends
woman with umbrella

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Metropolitan Police Department's top dog collared a vicious pit bull to rescue a 60-year-old woman.

The dog was chasing Viola Ross when outgoing Chief Fred Thomas passed by en route to an area Boys and Girls Club.

When Thomas saw the dog lunge for the woman's throat, he got out of his car, grabbed Ross' umbrella and used it to drive the dog away.

The dog did not put up much of a struggle after Thomas delivered a few thrusts with the umbrella, which was bent slightly from the force of Ross' own defensive blows.

"I used the umbrella to hit him and hollered at him, and he ran across the street back over on a little grassy knoll and just kind of sat there," Thomas said.

Ross was treated for minor trauma and released later in the day from D.C. General Hospital.

Police arrested Cheryl Crews, owner of the pit bull that attacked Ross, another that was nearby and a third chained at her home, on charges of disorderly conduct and having unleashed and unlicensed dogs.

General fired for
'inappropriate conduct'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force said it dismissed the chief of one of its major commands and is investigating him for "inappropriate personal conduct."

The announcement Monday gave no indication of the nature of the alleged misconduct by Lt. Gen. Thomas R. Griffith, a 28-year Air Force veteran. It said only that he was under investigation by the Air Force inspector general's office.

However, The Washington Post reported in today's editions that Lt. Gen. Thomas R. Griffith was fired for having a consensual affair with a married woman.

FBI wants to question
man about explosives

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Federal agents want to question a man suspected of hoarding a large amount of potentially explosive chemicals in public storage lockers.

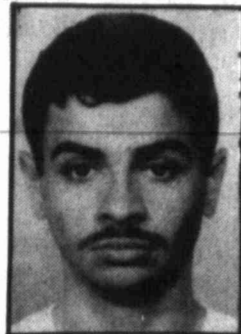
Agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Prince George's County fire officials are investigating how Mark Spaulding allegedly intended to use the ammonium nitrate and bomb paraphernalia, television station WUSA reported Monday.

Spaulding is in the Prince George's County jail, where he has been held since Friday on unrelated guns and weapons charges.

Officials are trying to determine whether the names of buildings around the Washington area found Saturday in the public storage spaces in Silver Spring and Silver Hill comprise a list of potential bombing targets.

Salesman confesses to killing six prostitutes

MIAMI (AP) — A string of prostitute murders was solved after a streetwalker who was raped by a building supply salesman, then left bound and gagged in his apartment, banged on walls until neighbors called 911, police said.



CONDE

Five months after the search went cold, Rory Enrique Conde admitted strangling or suffocating six prostitutes in his apartment and dumping their bodies in residential neighborhoods, police said Monday.

In his confession Sunday, the only explanation Conde gave for the four-month murder spree was that he was having prob-

lems with his estranged wife, who moved out about nine months ago with their two children.

"It stemmed from his broken relationship with his wife," and prostitutes "were easy targets," said Sgt. John Metvin.

"He cried and sobbed the whole time" during the confession, said Sgt. Felix Jimenez. "He seemed very remorseful."

Conde, 30, was linked by DNA tests to five of the killings, and items belonging to the slain prostitutes were found in Conde's apartment, police said.

He was charged Monday with six counts of first-degree murder and jailed without bail. Prosecutors did not immediately indicate whether they would seek the death penalty.

From September to January,

the killer terrorized streetwalkers along a strip of low-rent motels and strip malls. The bodies were dumped nearby in middle-class Hispanic neighborhoods along the Tamiami Trail, a major east-west thoroughfare

victim, Metvin said. But the murders ended in January with few clues.

Then, a week ago, neighbors heard the prostitute banging on Conde's apartment walls. Rape investigators told homicide detectives that the case had similarities to the prostitute killings.

Conde had offered the woman \$200 on June 19 to have sex at his apartment, when the going rate for street hookers is \$20 to \$40, Metvin said. Conde told investigators he

had no intention of killing her. The slight, freckle-faced man with close-cropped curly black hair and a mustache was picked up by police Friday at the home of relatives in suburban Hialeah.

A preliminary DNA test came

back positive on Saturday, linking Conde to the prostitute who survived, police said.

An hour after Conde confessed Sunday, another round of DNA test results came back linking him to five of the victims, police said.

"He was not bragging," Metvin said. "He was not an arrogant individual."

Conde has a record of spousal abuse and shoplifting, but none for sexual crimes, police said.

Neighbors never suspected anything sinister about Conde. "He never bothered anyone. He was just a regular guy," said Adrian Ojeda, 18.

"I am just in shock," said Ana R. Suarez, who lived next door to Conde and his family for about three years. "He just looked so kind and was so noble."

"He would always be willing to do favors for me. He even had a copy of my keys."

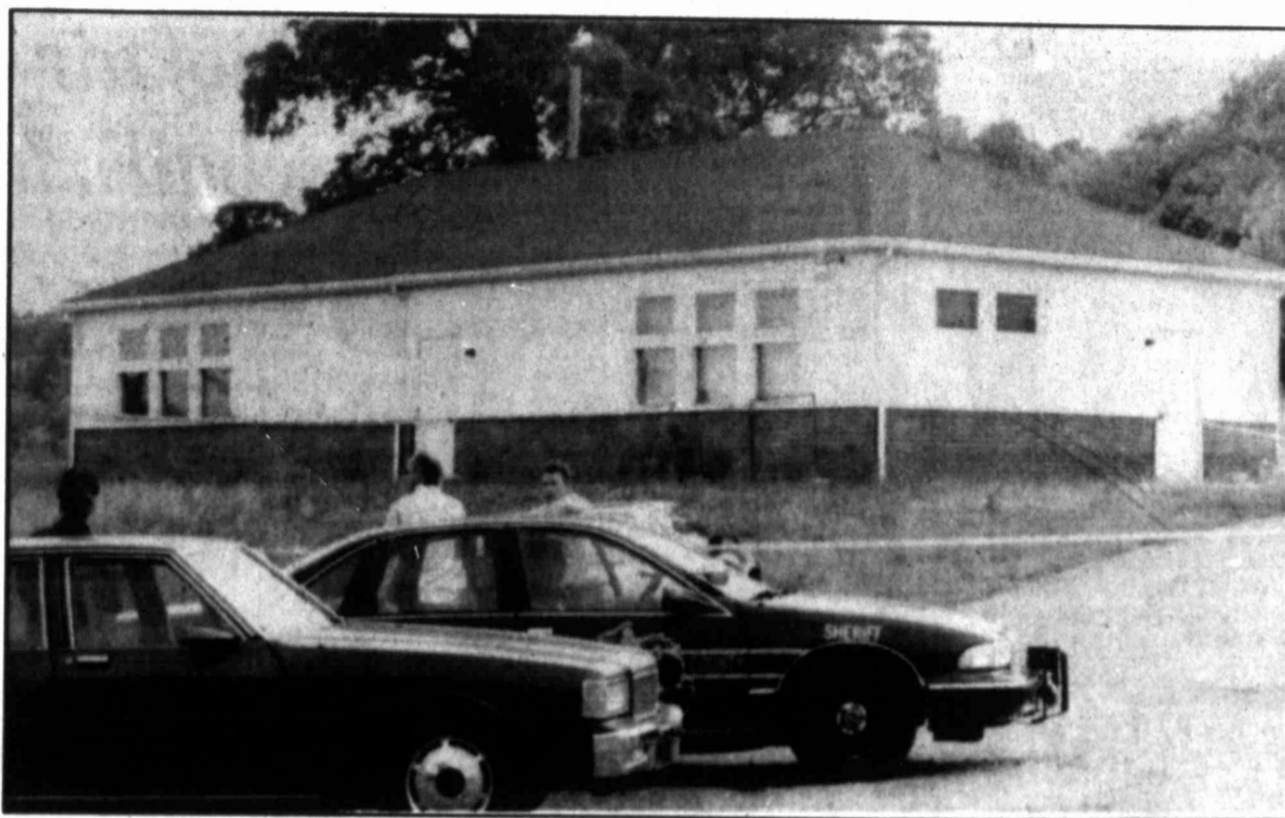
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Ana R. Suarez

feeding downtown Miami.

Local media dubbed the killer the "Tamiami Strangler." Five victims were women, and one was a transvestite who Conde said he thought was a woman.

The killer scrawled a taunting message on the back of the third



Oakland County sheriff deputies stand outside a Springfield Township, Mich., building Monday. "Suicide doctor" Jack Kevorkian started a "mercy clinic" in the building and attended the death of a Kansas City woman, according to his lawyer.

Kevorkian attends 24th death
at newly opened suicide clinic

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Five years after proposing "obitoriums" for the terminally ill who want to end their suffering, Jack Kevorkian attended his 24th death in a clinic he opened for that purpose.

But after the suicide doctor's attorney announced that a woman with Lou Gehrig's disease had taken her life inside the nondescript one-story building on a rural highway, the landlord said she wanted Kevorkian out.

Erika Garcellano, 60, died Monday at the clinic established "for the purpose of alleviating the suffering of patients," said Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

Garcellano, who had been living in a Kansas City, Mo., nurs-

ing home, had suffered for at least three years from the degenerative nerve disease also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Fieger said.

Fieger would not say how Garcellano died. Most of Kevorkian's past patients have died by inhaling carbon monoxide.

The Oakland County prosecutor's office said it was awaiting sheriff's reports before deciding what action to take.

Due to a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Kevorkian, a 67-year-old retired pathologist, could be charged with murder in two earlier deaths and with assisted suicide in three others.

Kevorkian did not attend the news conference where Fieger announced Garcellano's death. Her family had no immediate

comment, said their lawyer, Michael Odette.

The Margo Janus Mercy Clinic — named after Kevorkian's sister, who died of a heart attack in September — sits beside a shuttered restaurant about 40 miles northwest of Detroit.

Fieger said its main purpose is to provide a place for residents of other states to die. Kevorkian also hopes the clinic can be used as a hospice to help those in pain, Fieger said.

"Nothing is intended so people can't die in their home or any automobile if necessary," Fieger said.

"The intention of Dr. Kevorkian is to provide a foundation where other doctors can come forward and work with Dr. Kevorkian."

Killer of Texas family denied clemency

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — The state Pardon and Parole Board has turned down condemned mass murderer Roger Dale Stafford's 11th-hour bid for clemency.



STAFFORD

Monday's 4-0 vote means only last ditch appeals stand in the way of Stafford's execution, which is to be carried out just after midnight Friday for the 1978 slayings of three members of a San Antonio family.

Stafford also is on death row for the July 1978 slayings of six Oklahoma City steakhouse employees.

The inmates, shackled and surrounded by about eight guards upon entering the Jackle Branon Correctional Center chapel, a short distance from his death row cell, was allotted 20 minutes to make an appeal for his life.

He spoke only about two min-

utes and proclaimed time and again that he was innocent.

"You people are going to participate in my murder and I didn't do anything," Stafford told the board.

"Why can't the public grant me a chance to prove myself?" he said.

"You've had 17 years," board Chairman Ray Page replied.

The board voted without discussion. Susan Loving did not

vote because she worked against Stafford appeals when she served as attorney general.

The vote came after an emotional appeal by the wife of a victim of the steakhouse killings.

Attorney General Drew Edmondson urged the board to deny clemency and remove "a cancer in our midst" who has "denigrated the value of life in the state of Oklahoma."

Ruling in football
case could lead to
more drug testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court ruling allowing public schools to randomly test student athletes for drugs could lead schools to test youngsters participating in other activities, like overnight trips to academic contests, officials say.

It's all part of an effort to crack down on guns and drugs in U.S. schools, said educators and parents who support the ruling in an Oregon case.

"You can't teach algebra in an environment that's not safe, that's not drug-free," said Timothy J. Dyer of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

"That's one of the main priorities of our principals today. And they need tools."

But civil liberties groups, and some parents, complain that school officials are chipping away at students' rights.

"There is legitimate concern about drugs. But this goes too far toward taking away the freedom of all students," said Richard Gray of the National Coalition of Advocates for Students.

Many parents worry their adolescent children are on sports teams where drinking or marijuana use occurs, noted B.J. McConnell, a St. Louis anti-drug activist and the mother of a teen-ager.

For that reason, McConnell, a former member of a national commission on drug-free schools, said she is inclined to favor random testing.

But she added: "My regret is that the procedure is so personally invasive. That is troublesome."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for dissenters in the 6-3 ruling, noted that random testing could mean millions of student athletes who had given school officials no reason to suspect drug use would be "open to an intrusive bodily search."

But students in public schools do not have the same privacy rights as other Americans, said Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority.

A decade ago, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students have some privacy rights, but can be searched without a court warrant if school officials reasonably suspect they have violated school rules.

Athletes give up even more privacy by submitting to physical exams and putting up with "communal undress" in school locker rooms, Scalia added.

In addition, schools often require students to meet other requirements, such as achieving a certain grade-point average, before earning the privilege of playing a sport, school officials noted.

Scalia said the Oregon random testing "was undertaken in furtherance of the government's responsibilities, under a public school system, as guardian and tutor of children entrusted to its care." Athletes on drugs could face safety risks, he wrote.

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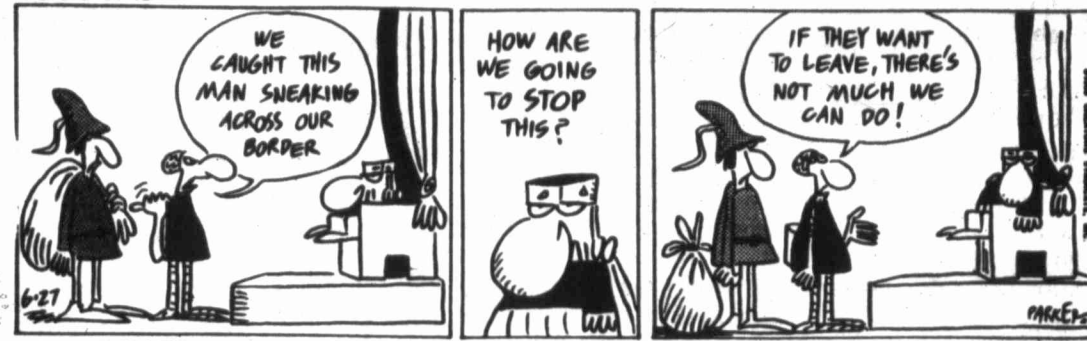
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