

UPD lights up campus

"Light lines" contribute to increased security in dark areas

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Texas A&M organizations are joining forces to improve lighting in remote areas of campus because of concerns about security.

A&M's Security Awareness Committee and the University Police Department have made efforts to identify problem areas and correct them.

Sgt. Betty Lemay, of UPD's Crime Prevention Unit, said the campus "light lines" that have been set up around campus have contributed to bringing problem areas to the attention of UPD and the Security Awareness Committee.

The light line is a telephone number anyone can call and leave a message about a light that has burned out or a building that does not have enough light.

Bob Faust, UPD communications supervisor, said he takes calls from the light line each day and brings them to the attention of the Physical Plant.

Because there have been complaints about poor lighting be-

hind the Blocker Building, Elmer Schneider Jr., associate director of UPD, said the department will make an effort to add more lighting.

He said the area around the Anderson Track and Field Complex will also be looked into.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, of UPD's Crime Prevention Unit, said because UPD has received more complaints about west campus, the officers patrol the area often.

Student Body President Brooke Leslie said she has made the lighting issue a major part of her agenda after experiencing the problem firsthand as a student.

Leslie said she was particularly concerned about the lighting around Olsen Field.

"I really thought it was a major problem," she said. "There are very few lights out there."

Leslie said she will work with the security committee to make the administration aware of problems and help resolve the situation.

Leslie is planning to assign a special assistant to work with the Security Awareness Committee and get a force together

to come up with a proposal. "You have to get a big force going before anything is done because there are so many other projects going and funds are being stretched," she said.

Lemay said the parking area around the Olsen and Penberthy Intramural Complex could use more lighting, but the area is still under major construction and lighting cannot be added until construction is complete.

Lemay said that in the last few years several departments on campus have worked to improve lighting on campus and she is pleased with the results.

"There have been good changes in the last few years," she said. "I am amazed at how much more light there is on campus and how much better the quality of the lighting is."

"There has been a lot of good communication going on and everyone is really cooperative," she said.

Construction will begin soon on a parking garage to be located next to the Sterling C. Evans Library, she said, and UPD will make sure the proper lighting will be installed.



Stop touching me!

Kindergarteners from the Wonder World day-care center in College Station play with a Holstein calf at the Texas A&M Dairy Farm on Monday.

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Shootings shock rich community

Murders in California neighborhood believed to be gang-related



AP graphic

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) — A group of youths at a poolside end-of-school party got into an argument and left angry, then came back with guns and opened fire, police said.

Two teens were killed and seven others were wounded.

Authorities believe the shootings were gang-related, although San Marino police have never identified a single gang member among their city's 13,000 residents.

A dozen youths apparently left the backyard party in this affluent Los Angeles suburb only to return to the house around 1 a.m. Sunday.

At least two people began spraying bullets from semiautomatic handguns into a crowd of about 100 young people, said Deputy Britta Tubbs of the Los An-

geles County Sheriff's Department. Police said David Heng, 15, of San Marino, and Dennis Buan, 18, of South Pasadena were killed.

Seven others were hospitalized in stable condition with gunshot wounds. No arrests had been made as of early Monday morning.

"Investigators have descriptions and vehicle descriptions. Those are the leads," Deputy Diane Hecht said this morning.

The party was being given by a high school student whose parents were home at the time. It had been publicized with fliers and there was a \$2 admission charge.

The party had a disc jockey, but no alcohol was being served. There was no indication partygoers had become rowdy before the attack, detectives said.

Police said the 13-room house and grounds were damaged by gunfire and cars were vandalized by the attackers. City records show the house was bought by Fu Hsing and Jyu Yuan Chen in 1990 for \$1 million.

Family found dead in Arlington home

Police suspect double homicide, suicide

ARLINGTON (AP) — Police asked to check on a family's welfare discovered the bodies of a couple and their 9-year-old daughter Monday in what police said appears to be a double homicide-suicide.

Authorities made the grim discovery about 8 a.m. at the family's home in a well-established, close-knit north Arlington neighborhood.

"We've really just begun the investigation," said Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson. "All of our speculation at this point is going to lead toward a double homicide and an apparent suicide."

The victims were identified as Richard D. Moore, 54; Sherry L. Moore, 43; and Lisa L. Moore, 9, officials said.

Moore's son contacted police shortly before 8 a.m. after his father did not show up for work at a sheet metal factory in Dallas, authorities said.

The son became suspicious when he found some papers at work indicating the business was about to be turned over to him.

Police believe Richard Moore did all the shooting, and apparently left some documents at the office and at home indicating what he would do.

"The gentleman apparently made some preparation for this," Anderson said.

Police found a handgun in the master bedroom where the bodies of Moore and his 9-year-old daughter were discovered. The body of Sherry Moore was found in a kitchen-dining area.

The wife and daughter appeared to be shot in the chest, while the husband apparently suffered a gunshot wound to the head, said J.R. Helm, an investigator in the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

Autopsies are scheduled Tuesday to determine the exact cause of death, he said.

Bengal tiger mauls keeper

MIAMI (AP) — A rare white Bengal tiger fatally mauled a zookeeper Monday after he mistakenly entered the tiger's outdoor exhibit.

Zoo officials had no plans to destroy the 350-pound predator, saying "the tiger was just being a tiger."

"There were several safety features that apparently were bypassed. We have more questions than answers right now," zoo spokesman Ron Magill said.

The tiger, known as Lucknow and one of Metrozoo's best-known attractions, is known to be dangerous.

"As beautiful, as majestic, as approachable as these animals seem to be, there's the old say-

ing, 'You can take the animal out of the wild, but you can't take the wild out of the animal,' a visibly upset Magill said. "Unfortunately, that's been proven in a tragic way today."

Magill said all safety features were in place, including a sign warning that the tiger was out on its moated grounds.

Workers had looked for Marshall after failing to reach him by radio. They moved in a truck to retrieve Marshall's body and the tiger was moved to an isolated pen.

Marshall, 45, had no pulse when found in the tiger's lair. Marshall received severe lacerations and was pronounced dead at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Rio Grande tested for lower level of pollutants

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A report due later this month is expected to show that the Rio Grande isn't as polluted as people have been led to believe, a retiring international water commissioner said.

Narendra Gunaji, a former Las Cruces city councilor who retired from the International Boundary and Water Commission last week, said the commission performed a multiyear study of the Rio Grande that tested the water for about 170 pollutants.

He said the study will refute claims made last year by a national rivers protection group that the Rio Grande is the most endangered river in North America.

"So far, our experience shows that the Rio Grande is not as much polluted as (the public) has been led to believe by other people, and the report that we

have will indicate that extent," said Gunaji, who was appointed commissioner by President Reagan in 1987.

The study was done to set quality standards for the Rio Grande, he said.

"We will improve the quality of the river considerably by not allowing many of the chemicals (that currently are) entering the river system, but to get there we need to first find out what is there, then we can find out where they're coming from, how to reduce them and to what degree," Gunaji said.

The commission, with headquarters in El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, has been criticized by environmentalists for not doing enough to protect the Rio Grande and the border region from industrial and urban pollution.

Environmentalists say such pollution will be aggravated by

the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Gunaji said the commission became more active in environmental protection during his term and that the debate over NAFTA has made the United States and Mexico more aware of border environmental problems.

"When NAFTA came along the focus was on the environment," he said. "Environmentalists thought NAFTA would bring in more pollution, so all of a sudden NAFTA gave some of the things I was doing more importance and they became a focal point."

Gunaji said several projects undertaken by the commission in the past six years have improved border conditions, including a \$13 million expansion of the wastewater treatment plant at Nogales, Ariz., construction of a \$44 million sewage treatment plant in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico,

and construction of a \$240 million sewage treatment plant for Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego.

Gunaji retired as a professor of civil engineering at New Mexico State University in 1987, the year he was named to the commission.

Gunaji, a longtime Republican Party activist, was reappointed by President Bush in 1989. He said he has known since January 1993 that President Clinton planned to replace him.

Gunaji said he stepped down early to get on with his life in Las Cruces.

"I needed to take control of my own life and my own destiny instead of waiting for the president to appoint someone," Gunaji said. "Besides the president will appoint someone soon and my retirement has helped accelerate the appointment of a new commissioner."

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