

# Jury considers Gacy-rational killer or lunatic

United Press International  
CHICAGO — John Wayne Gacy sits rigidly, listening to attorneys who are trying to paint two different pictures of his stony visage.

The jury of seven men and five women see only the double-chinned profile of the man whose fate they may decide.

Prosecutors charge this "enigma" is a calculated, premeditated, rational sex killer — responsible for the slayings of 33 boys and young men — and should be put to death. Defense attorneys say Gacy is consumed by a "raging illness" and should be put in a mental institution for the rest of his life.

During the first two weeks of testimony in Gacy's mass murder trial, attorneys for both sides often have asked witnesses the same questions and obtained virtually the same answers. And each time, the attorneys both appeared as if they have won a small victory.

"Did he appear normal?" both sides would ask witnesses who testified on how Gacy behaved as he confessed to killing more than 30 people.

"Yes," was the standard answer. Prosecutors charge this indicates Gacy was rational. Defense attorneys indicate it reflects only one side of Gacy — not the "hidden side" that

compelled him to kill.

Prosecutors charge Gacy was methodical in his killings. They charge he remembered specific spellings of names, details of clothing and locations of gravesites of dozens of victims found under his house. And, they say, he used the same technique on all his victims — a "handcuff trick" followed by a fatal "rope trick" — on his victims.

"If a man appears normal and does certain things in a very methodical way, does that make him a premeditated murderer or is it an indication that he is obsessed, that he is profoundly and deeply ill?" the defense asked in its opening statements.

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## what's up at Texas A&M

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**INTERVIEW SEMINAR:** A seminar on interview techniques for liberal arts juniors and seniors will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 230 MSC. Those interested in attending should call 845-6551 or 845-5126.

**OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES:** Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

**ALPHA ZETA:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

**DELTA Y:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder to discuss plans for a bake sale and an ice cream party.

**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA & COMMUNITY SINGERS:** Will give a concert at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Tickets are \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 general admission.

**CAMERA COMMITTEE:** Brian Rhodes will give a program on camera care at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**TOWN HALL:** Will have a full committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse.

**WATER SKI CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**NEWMAN ORGANIZATION:** Will hold an inquiry class at 7:30 at St. Mary's Student Center.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Student Y will sponsor a Bible study at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

TUESDAY

**EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB:** Will meet to discuss plans for the All-Night Fair at 7:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

**"DAYDREAMERS":** Win tickets to Anne Murray by telling the wildest dream in a contest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC Hallway.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS:** Gerald Carr, former Skylab astronaut, will talk about "Man's Past, Present and Future in Space" at 7:30 in 102 Zachry. The public is invited.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Student Vet Wives Auxiliary will sponsor a blood drive through Wednesday from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

**TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** Will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Former Students Conference Room of the MSC. Anyone interested in the traditions of Texas A&M is welcome.

**AGRONOMY SOCIETY:** Will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences-Entomology Center.

**AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 223D Zachry to hear a speaker on how to improve a stereo system.

WEDNESDAY

**POLITICAL FORUM:** John Sharp, a 1972 A&M graduate, former student body president, and now a Texas legislator, will speak "The Permanent University Fund: What It Means to Texas and to You" at noon in 206 MSC.

**HILLEL:** Rabbi Joseph Izakson will speak on "How Jewish Traditions Gave Birth to Christian Holy Days" at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Student Center.

**RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATION:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences-Entomology Center.

**AGGIE SCOUTS:** Will meet at 9 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**NEWMAN ORGANIZATION:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

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## A smoke with no fire helps kick tobacco habit

United Press International  
NEW YORK — A new experimental cigarette that never needs lighting and fills the lungs with nicotine vapor when inhaled is helping people quit smoking, a doctors' publication reports.

The article in Medical World News also reported that a nicotine-spiked gum, a prescription item in Canada, will be available the same way in England in April. The gum, "Nicorette," an over-the-counter item in Switzerland, is not available in the United States.

Flavored with spice to mask some of the nicotine taste, the gum goes for about the same as a pack of cigarettes.

Details of the cigarette that never needs lighting were discussed by Dr. Norman L. Jacobson, a San Antonio

internist, in a telephone interview. Jacobson said he and his wife, Avram, a pathologist, have been involved in field testing early models of the noncombustible cigarette for several years on a small scale.

He said a patent has been applied for the cigarette, and "we feel it will be approved soon."

"This does not represent a new cigarette," he said, "because we know nothing of the side effects of nicotine alone."

Jacobson said persons trying the fake cigarette have found it "easy, simple, very effective and satisfying."

Medical World News said the cigarette delivers about half the nicotine of a puff from a conventional cigarette.

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