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## Man suspected of 22 murders

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HOUSTON — A state district judge Tuesday accepted the bargained guilty plea of a city bus mechanic on a burglary charge and disclosed the man may be involved in 22 slayings in two states and Canada.

"I have been told we may be talking about as many as 22 (murders)," State District Judge Doug Shaver said. He said he was informed in conversations with prosecutors that the suspected slayings spanned a 10-year period. Prosecutor Ira Jones said dur-

ing the hearing Watts was a suspect in deaths which occurred in Windsor, Ontario; Detroit, Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor, Mich., and Houston, Austin and Galveston. Shaver postponed sentencing of Coral Eugene Watts, 28, to see if the man kept his promise and led police to burial sites in Houston as he promised them. Watts, who police say moved to Houston from Ann Arbor a year ago, took police late Monday to a vacant lot where the decomposed body of a

young woman was found, but publicity of the grisly find caused homicide detectives to fear he would not help them further. Shaver accepted the bargain plea to a charge of burglary of an apartment with the intent to commit murder. The agreement called for dismissal of all other charges in the May 23 incident, and the agreement included a promise of no further prosecution in Houston. Watts was to go on trial in the attempted kidnapping, burglary and

attempted capital murder in the attack on a 20-year-old woman and her roommate May 23, Harris County District Attorney John Holmes said. In the May 23 case, Watts allegedly abducted a woman, forced her back into her apartment, bound her with coat-hanger wire, then tried to drown her roommate in a bathtub. The bound woman broke free and gave an alarm. Watts fled. Holmes said Watts was offered a plea bargain sentence of 60 years in prison in the case in exchange for

help solving a number of other killings. Holmes said Watts confessed to nine killings. Holmes said the cases had baffled police. "It's because the traditional motives are not there. It is not people he knew. It is just cold, calculated killing," Holmes said. He said the victims were selected at random. All the killings took place on Saturdays and Sundays and all the victims were in their late teens or early 20s. But Holmes said it appeared none of the victims was sexually

## Investigation of Monroe's death started

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — New information about Marilyn Monroe's death has prompted the district attorney's first investigation into whether her drug overdose was self-inflicted and eventually could include an examination of her body, officials say. "For us, this is something of a fresh matter and we're going to look at it in that manner," District Attorney John Van de Kamp said Tuesday after announcing the investigation into Miss Monroe's death Aug. 5, 1962, which was ruled a suicide. "Twenty years have gone by and a lot of people have written about it," Van de Kamp said, suggesting "romanticized reports" should be differentiated from those "with substance in fact." "Now seems like a good time," he added. Van de Kamp said he expects a threshold inquiry "to take about 10 days before it can be determined if a full-scale criminal investigation" is warranted. He said the investigation would consist of reviewing official records and questioning people quoted in recent news accounts to determine the "veracity" of their statements. He said an exhumation of Miss Monroe's body would only come quite a ways down the line, "if at all." "If there's questions to be answered that can be answered by the records, we'll do that right out. If further questions are raised, we'll pursue it," Van De Kamp said. His announcement followed the county Board of Supervisors' unanimous call for an investigation. Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who spearheaded the drive, said the

request for a more thorough look at the actress' death in her West Los Angeles home stemmed directly from recent news events, including a seven-part series in the New York Post. The motion cited statements by former coroner's investigator Lionel Grandison who reportedly said he was coerced into signing Miss Monroe's death certificate, reports that Miss Monroe's diary was missing from the coroner's office two days after it was brought in and reports the coroner's investigation into Miss Monroe's death was incomplete. Last week, Milo Speriglio, a private detective, called a news conference and offered \$10,000 for the actress' red diary, claiming it will prove his theory she was killed by a "dissident faction of the CIA" to protect secrets revealed to her by Robert Kennedy. Speriglio, who based much of his theory on statements allegedly made by Grandison, claims Miss Monroe threatened to reveal CIA plots to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro after Kennedy, then attorney general, refused to marry her. The supervisors' motion asked Van de Kamp to refer the matter to the grand jury "if any or all charges are substantiated." The district attorney said the allegations were "intriguing and very titillating" but refused to venture a guess on their truthfulness. "I'll be interested to see what the records say about it," Van de Kamp said, adding the passage of time since Miss Monroe's death could hamper the investigation.

## Man arrested in brutal case

## Five slain in Fort Worth

**United Press International**  
FORT WORTH — Police in Wichita, Kan., today arrested a man carrying identification belonging to one of the victims in the five gruesome slayings in a "usually quiet" suburb. The man, who was carrying a revolver, was held on a weapons charge and Fort Worth police early today were headed for Wichita, police said. Wichita Police Capt. Rick Easter said the man, about 25, carried three sets of identification, including at least one belonging to one of the victims slain in Fort Worth. The man was asleep in a car parked behind a church, he said. Fort Worth police had no motive in the bloody murders. Police discovered the four stabbing

victims while investigating the slaying and sexual mutilation of Rickey Lee Bryant, 31, whose body was discovered by his mother when she stopped in after he failed to answer his telephone. He had been decapitated, castrated and stabbed repeatedly, a spokesman for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office said. Autopsy reports were expected today. Police said they do not know of any relationship between the victims other than they were neighbors. But McEntire said the man living alone probably was the target in a murder plot and the other four were bystanders. Police refused to release the identi-

ties of the victims. The four found with their throats cut in the second house were described only as a man in his mid-20s, a woman in her 40s, a woman in her late teens or early 20s and a boy about 10 or 11 years old. "We're assuming they are all in the same family," said Sgt. R.M. Beckrich. The two homes were near the southern edge of the Fort Worth suburb of Lake Worth, about 75 yards from the street down a winding dirt road. Few homes dot the heavily wooded area with most from 200 to 300 yards apart and no other homes use the dirt drive. Residents George and Mavis McMurry described the area as "usually quiet," although on occasion they heard "noises and loud music"

generating from the homes where the bodies were discovered. "I can tell you one thing, we're going to keep the lights on at the house tonight," McMurry said. Police said they went to the second home to ask neighbors if they had seen anything and found the four other bodies. Of the four found in the second house, the older woman and man were found in the back of the home. She was in a pink gown and the man was fully clothed. The younger woman was found nude in a bedroom and the boy, clad only in his underwear, was found in another bedroom. None had been sexually mutilated, police said.

## Advisors tell CS to grow south

**by Terry Duran**  
**Battalion Staff**  
The best direction for College Station's growth until the year 2000 is southward, a development consulting team advised citizens and city officials Tuesday night. At a joint public hearing of College Station's City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission, a spokesman for the team presented pros and cons of development to the south, east and west of the present city limits. Samuel L. Wyse III, a Richardson development consultant, presented a preliminary report analyzing the best direction for the expansion of College Station. He said southward expansion is the most advantageous because it is the easiest to supply with water, sewer and utilities, has good auto access and will be near the proposed College Station industrial park.



Planning consultants outlined their recommendations for city growth to the year 2000 at the combined City Council and Planning and Zoning Board hearing. Listening are (from left) College Station Mayor Gary Halter and city councilmen Alvin Prouse, Tony Jones and Bob Runnels.

Crossing Carter's Creek and problems in supplying water make eastward expansion difficult, and problems would occur in supplying any westward growth with sewage service. Wyse said the current College Station population is between 40,000 and 42,000. Wyse said at the turn of the century there may be up to 75,000 College Station citizens, with about 56,000 living in the current city limits. The expansion recommended by Wyse and Wayne W. Snyder, a Fort Worth development consultant, would extend the city limits about 1.5 miles, to the Lick Creek area, which is about two miles south of the Highway 6 and Texas Avenue junction. Wyse said the growth area will probably be predominantly residential.

"The development out there is probably going to be very much like Southwood Valley — single family residences with some medium density residences, which means duplexes, townhouses and the like." Wyse said the majority of apartment development will be further into town. Wyse added that the character, or plan, of the city in the year 2000 will probably be the same as it is now. Col-

lege Station is basically organized so that most consumers' needs are satisfied at small commercial centers or at scattered complexes, rather than at a highly centralized development. "With the type of compact and orderly development we expect, the character of the city with a larger population should remain very much the same as now," Wyse said. College Station residents who appeared at the public hearing said

they were worried about high-density development. Some citizens lobbied for their own growth plan and others expressed concern about a lack of opportunity for public comment. However, explanation by city council and planning and zoning commission members appeared sufficient and a second public hearing on the final version of the accepted plan will be held at the city council's Aug. 26 regular meeting.

## Police release drawing of suspected rapist

A composite drawing of a suspect in the Aug. 7 rape of a Texas A&M employee was released Tuesday by the University Police. The suspect is believed to be a white male, 5 feet 11 inches tall, in his early 20s, 150 pounds, with wavy brown hair, brown eyes, slender to medium build and a dark sun tan. He was last seen wearing a light T-shirt, blue jeans and soft shoes in the Kleberg Center. The rape occurred between 5:40 and 6 p.m. Saturday in a restroom on

the fourth floor of the Kleberg Building, Detective Bill Wade said. Wade said that in an effort to discourage her attacker, the victim told the attacker that her husband was studying on the first floor of the building. Her husband, a Texas A&M University student, was actually studying in the Zachry Engineering Center. Wade said police searched the entire building after the attack was reported, but found no one.

## Ice on wings part of cause

## Potomac air crash studied

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — A federal safety board staff reported Tuesday that failure to use engine anti-icing and the decision to fly with ice and snow on the wings as a probable cause of January's deadly Air Florida crash. As the National Transportation Safety Board opened its final chapter on Flight 90 — a Boeing 737 that crashed into the ice-covered Potomac River Jan. 13, killing 78 people — board chairman James Burnett was sharply critical of a Federal Aviation Administration study on aircraft de-icing procedures. In addition to the failure of Flight 90's crew to use an engine anti-icing system and the decision to takeoff

with ice and snow on the wings, the staff report cited the 49-minute delay between the plane's last de-icing and takeoff; the inherent tendency of the 737 to "pitch up" or lift its nose on takeoff with even small amounts of ice or snow on the wings; and the limited winter flying experience of the flight crew. The board was discussing the staff's 200 pages of conclusions during its all-day session, and later will vote on what it believes to be the "probable cause" of the disaster. Burnett said the previous testimony of an FAA official in charge of the de-icing research project "deeply disturbed" him because it "revealed his project was inadequate and may be in existence more on paper than in

reality." Member Francis McAdams agreed, saying there was a "serious lack of knowledge as to precisely what the quality of these (de-icing) fluids were and to what the best methods use should be." During ice or snow conditions, planes must be de-iced with either hot water or a solution containing ethylene glycol. Air Florida Flight 90 was bound from Washington National Airport for Tampa, Fla., with a crew of 5 and 74 passengers. Five people on the plane survived the crash, which also killed four people on the commuter-clogged bridge the plane hit during rush hour.

## Funeral for Estes conducted today

The funeral for Charles E. Estes, head of the Department of Architecture at Texas A&M since 1979, was held at 11 a.m. today at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Bryan. Estes died Monday afternoon at a Bryan hospital after a series of heart attacks within the past month. He was 53. Estes, a native of Houston, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M. Estes began his career in 1949 with Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc. of Houston. He then joined the Texas A&M faculty as an assistant professor in 1967 and was promoted to associate professor in 1969. In 1970, he returned to Caudill Rowlett

Scott, Inc., and returned to the University in 1979 as a professor and department head. He was past president of the Brazos Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a member of the Texas Society of Architects and a veteran of the Korean War. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Andrews Episcopal Church and the Department of Architecture. Survivors include his wife, Kay Smith Estes of College Station; a daughter Leah Katherine Estes of Houston; three sons, Charles Jeff Estes and Robert Morgan Estes, both of College Station and Mathew Guy Estes of Houston; his mother, Alma Estes and a brother Alfred Estes Jr., both of Houston.

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forecast

Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain; high in the low 90s; low in the mid-70s.