

Claims to have killed 100

# Man charged in killing

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**GEORGETOWN** — Henry Lucas, who claims to have killed 100 women, has been charged for the death of a fifth female victim, an unidentified woman whose body was found in 1979.

Williamson County Justice of Peace Bill Hill set bond at \$100,000 Tuesday on the murder charge against Lucas. The body, found Oct. 31, 1975 near Georgetown along Interstate 35, has yet to be identified.

Sheriff Jim Boutwell had arrested Lucas last week and questioned him about the slaying of Carol Blanchard, 22, of Dallas.

Lucas also has been charged with three other murders involving a girl, 15, he lived with, a woman whose headless body was found in Hale County in the Panhandle in February 1982 and a west Texas woman, 46, strangled in her mobile home in February 1981.

He remains a suspect in several other cases in the state. The number of law departments publicly trying to link

murders to Lucas increased Tuesday to include the sheriff's departments in Dallas and Bexar counties.

Dallas County Sheriff's Department Detective Bill Mayes said he will go to Montague next week to question Lucas about the slaying of Carol Blanchard, 22, of Dallas.

Mayes said Blanchard's body was discovered in the Trinity River, 4 miles south of Seagoville, Sept. 7, 1982. Her arms had been cut off and her body was severed at the waist.

"Near where the body was found, we found a Styrofoam ice chest covered in human blood," Mayes said. "We have fingerprints on the chest, and we're pretty sure they are the suspects."

Mayes said he hoped to get Lucas' fingerprints Wednesday from Montague officials.

Philip Dryer said the slayings were similar to those for which Lucas has been indicted.

Lucas' police record includes burglary and auto theft convictions dating to 1954. He was convicted in 1960 at Tecumseh, Mich., of strangling and stabbing his mother to death.

While under sentence for his mother's murder, he was treated for five years in a Michigan mental hospital. Within six months of his release in 1971, Lucas was convicted of trying to kidnap a teenage girl and was sent back to prison until 1975.

# Corrections officials optimistic about plans

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**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** — Despite a myriad of problems that still exist, the so-called crisis in corrections is beginning to wane, the director of the National Institute of Corrections said Wednesday.

"You can't ignore the indicators," Allen F. Breed told the closing session of the Southern States Correctional Association's annual conference. "Things are getting better. We must stop being doomsayers because we can accentuate the positive."

More than 500 prison, parole and criminal justice officials from 14 states attended the four-day convention, which focused on problems of overcrowding, sentencing guidelines, restitution and alternatives to imprisonment.

"The trends are moving in

the right direction," Breed said. "I predict that we will soon talk with pride that we are part of the helping professions."

There is a renaissance occurring in the concept of helping people after it became fadish to debunk rehabilitation a few years ago, he said.

"We have to hope offenders can change," Breed said. "Without that hope, they become nothing but animals and we become zookeepers."

A Minnesota criminal justice official told the SSCA delegates Tuesday that his state's 3-year-old sentencing guidelines, which have been touted as a model for other states, look good on paper but have been abused in practice.

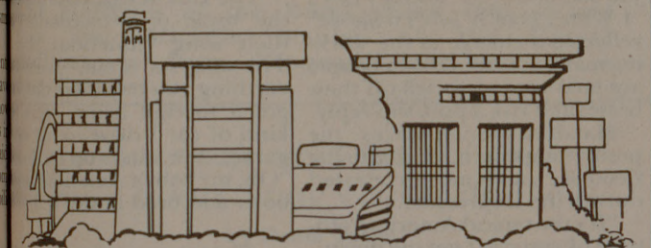
"This is not to imply that guidelines and determinate sentencing are not an appropriate

step forward in sentencing reform," said Leslie R. Green, executive officer of the Minnesota Office of Adult Release. "Much to the contrary, Minnesota has taken the first step."

Green, a former state parole board chairman, said Minnesota must now go further to remove the inequity, inconsistency and statistical illusions in the system.

Many states are considering sentencing guidelines for judges to eliminate wide disparities in punishment for the same crimes under similar circumstances.

"It's not a silver bullet, but it is a reasonable alternative to the structure that now exists," said Frank Sanders, director of the governor's Division of Public Safety in South Carolina. "Trying to control discretionary sentencing is like trying to nail jello to a tree."



# Around town

## ASAE student chapter honored

The student branch of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Texas A&M has been named the 1983 winner of the Annual FIEI Activities Competition.

An engraved gold cup acknowledging the accomplishment was presented June 28 to representatives during special ceremonies at the annual ASAE meeting in Chicago by FIEI Vice President James Ebbinghaus.

These awards are presented to student branches which, in the opinion of the judges, have had the most outstanding record of achievements and activities in the past year.

## Traditional 4th celebration offered

The College Station Lions Club is sponsoring a traditional July 4 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Show in Tiger Field.

Concession stands open at 5:30, with cold drinks, popcorn, snow cones, and hot dogs available. Games begin at 6 p.m. They include sack races, three-legged races, egg toss and a tug-of-war. Winners will receive slices of watermelon. At 7:15, Bubbha Thomas and the Lightmen, a jazz ensemble from Houston will perform, followed by a routine from Single Bells, of A&M Consolidated High School.

Fireworks, provided by the City of College Station, start at 8:30 and the whole family is invited.

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# DA claims defendant plotting to kill him

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**KERRVILLE** — The district attorney prosecuting a nurse charged with murdering one child and injuring six others by injecting them with a muscle relaxant accused the woman on Tuesday of plotting to kill him.

Kerr County District Attorney Ron Sutton alleged during a preliminary bond reduction hearing that nurse Geneve Jones had her husband search for someone to kill him, and that she conspired with one man to have him slain.

"That's unbelievable," Jones said from the witness stand.

Jones has been in the Kerr County jail since her May 25 indictment and has been unable to raise money for her \$225,000 bond. State District Court Judge Murray Jordan refused her request to have the bond lowered to \$45,000.

No charges have been filed in

the alleged murder plot, and Sutton would only say it is under investigation.

Jones is scheduled for trial on the charge of murdering 15-month-old Chelsea Ann McClellan on Sept. 6. She also has been indicted on charges of injuring the McClellan child and six other patients of pediatrician Dr. Kathleen Holland, but no trial date has been set on those charges.

Jones worked for Dr. Holland during the six weeks in which the deaths and injuries occurred last fall.

The indictments accused Jones, a licensed vocational nurse, of injecting the children with a powerful muscle relaxant — probably succinyl choline — that can cause the heart and lungs to stop functioning.

Sutton told the court he learned of the alleged assassination plot prior to Jones indictment.

He identified the man she allegedly conspired with as Stuart King, but would not give further details.

Jones acknowledged meeting King, but denied talking with him about having Sutton killed.

She said King was in his 60s or 70s and came to her mobile home with a friend.

She said King "stayed about an hour, I guess. We said 'hello.' That's about it."

Jones' attorney, Joe Grady Tuck, called Sutton's charge "an inflammatory courtroom statement" to increase trial publicity.

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