

# Blackout helps Dallas sales

**United Press International**  
**DALLAS** — An electrical blackout in New York's garment district earlier this month helped spark attendance at Dallas' annual holiday-resort market, Apparel Mart officials said.  
 Officials estimate attendance will be 12 percent to 16 percent ahead of last year when the market closes Wednesday. Some 14,000 buyers came for the market, which opened Friday.

much was prompted by an improved economy.  
 "We were hoping to have a better market anyway," said Donna Knox, vice president of marketing for the Dallas Market Center. "I'm not sure in the end if we're going to attribute it to the blackout in New York or the better economy."  
 Ann Keenes, Neiman-Marcus senior vice president, said her firm always shopped the Dallas market.

during the blackout called the power failure a problem.  
 "Our travel plans were changed because quite a few buyers got there and couldn't complete their work," Ms. Keenes said.

Sanger Harris sent more buyers than usual to the Dallas market, Sanger's President Chuck Griffin said. He said buyers returned to New York primarily to shop lines unavailable in the Dallas Market.

course, weren't affected at all. Other people were. The people who had to come back and couldn't complete their work, some are returning to New York, some are going to Dallas," Meyer said.

The impact of the blackout upon Dallas was difficult to measure, said Henry Brilliant, sales representative for several garment lines.

"We did have people actually call us at the beginning portion of this week, major stores that were coming to the Dallas market to finish up what they were unable to finish in New York," Brilliant said.

Clothing store representatives said it would be hard to measure how much of the increased attendance was prompted by the blackout and how

"This time we are probably having to spend more in the Dallas market, but not a significant amount (more)," she said.

Retailers caught in New York

Lasker Meyer, chairman of Houston-based Foley's, called the blackout a minor inconvenience.

"Some of our buyers, of

# Town tries to repay kindness

**United Press International**  
**NEWBERRY, Fla.** — An entire town is trying to repay the hospitality and kindness of a couple whose lives enriched everyone who knew them.  
 For 16 years, Ruth and Hayward Harrison opened their trailer home to the troubled, the lonely and the sick.

alcoholic in need of help drying out, troubled teenagers, a boy injured in a car wreck, homeless wanderers.

"I've seen people taking in stray dogs and cats, but I've never seen anybody like you and Hayward for taking in stray people," one of Mrs. Harrison's friends once told her.

Three months ago, the Harrisons both were hospitalized — he with a serious heart condition

and she with terminal cancer. Hospital bills quickly added up, depleting the couple's savings.

Now it was the turn of Newberry's residents to come to the aid of the Harrisons.

A raffle was organized, with prizes donated by merchants. School children gathered pledges and held a "Rockathon." Other residents brought used items to downtown Newberry for a special "garage sale."

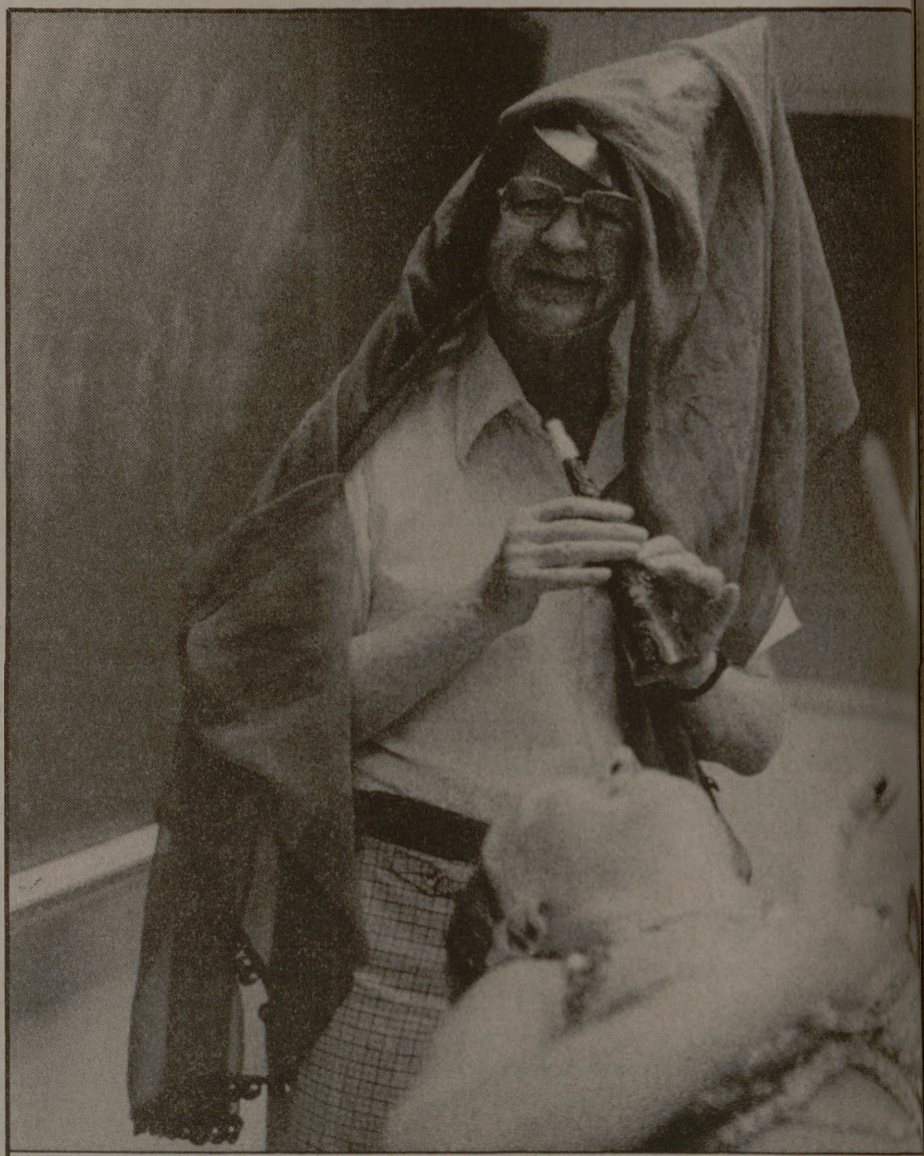
Altogether more than \$5,000 — almost \$3 from each man, woman and child in the town —

was raised and deposited in a special account for the Harrisons.

"It was just phenomenal how everybody pitched in," Joy Glanzer, a longtime resident, said. "I was just so excited that the town perked up about this."

On Aug. 8, Hayward Harrison died after a massive heart attack. His wife's cancer has spread to her liver and her doctors have told her it is inoperable, but her feeling for helping others hasn't dimmed.

"Newberry is one of the best little places in the whole United States," Mrs. Harrison told the Gainesville Sun recently. "I love everybody and I want everybody to love me. I guess Newberry just kind of picked up on that."



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## Bank guard kills insulting co-worker

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**MIAMI** — An enraged 73-year-old bank guard shot and killed another guard who questioned his masculinity and then fired at other bank employees before sitting down to wait for police, authorities said.  
 Elpidio Gonzalez Rodriguez was charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder Monday.  
 Rodriguez fired at several employees at Totalbank but the only person hit was Jorge Constantino Lacayo, 51, who "had been calling Rodriguez names" for about a month, said homicide detective David Rivero.  
 Lacayo died instantly from one .38-caliber bullet in the neck, police said.  
 "He (Rodriguez) couldn't take it any more," Rivero said. "He didn't like it. It just built up. You might call it the last straw."  
 Homicide detective Wasserman said Rodriguez believed Lacayo "was a hex on him" that caused on his arms and legs.  
 "He thought there was a voodoo conspiracy against Wasserman said.  
 Police spokesman Miswart said Lacayo called Rodriguez over to a lobby door guarding just before noon Monday and, in Spanish, insulted his masculinity.  
 Rodriguez quickly pulled a pistol and fired, police said.  
 He then fired at a bank officer and through a wooden door where an employee had taken cover.  
 Rodriguez stopped shooting when bank vice president Aguilera walked in. Rodriguez gave Aguilera the gun and waited calmly for police.

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