

Man charged in CS killings

A&M worker one of five area victims

from staff and wire reports

A man suspected of killing five people, two in College Station, and kidnapping six others Tuesday was charged with two counts of murder today in Brazos County after being apprehended in Wharton County late Tuesday, a College Station Police Department spokesman said.

Elsio H. Moreno, 24, of Mercedes and a Bryan resident for a year, was charged with capital murder and the warrants will be served in Wharton County where Moreno was arraigned

on aggravated kidnapping charges today following a massive five-hour manhunt that led to his arrest, Capt. Ron Miller of the College Station Detective Division of the police department, said.

Capitol murder charges are expected to be filed in Waller County today where Moreno is accused of killing a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, David Wells of the DPS office said.

Moreno allegedly began the shooting spree by killing two in-laws, Juan Garza, 30, and his wife Esther Garza, 31, at the Doux Chene Apartments, 1401 FM 2818 in College Station, a College Station police report said.

The victims were relatives of the suspect's wife. The elder Garza was an employee of the Cain Hall dining facility on the Texas A&M campus

and Juan Garza was a carrier for the Bryan postal service.

Moreno was arraigned on aggravated kidnapping charges this morning in Wharton by Judge Daniel Sklar, Wharton County Sheriff Rudy Machala said. Machala said bond was set at \$100,000.

The College Station police report said detectives plan to bring Moreno to Brazos County to face charges brought against him, but the date of his transfer is pending since Moreno will be facing charges in Waller and Wharton Counties.

The charges facing Moreno in Waller County are a result of the alleged shooting death of DPS trooper Russell Lynn Boyd, 25, at approximately 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, DPS spokesman Larry Todd said. He said Boyd was killed after stopping a Ford LTD north of Hempstead.

"It's our understanding the officer was on a traffic stop on Highway 6 near Hempstead," Todd said.

Authorities searching for the killer in Hempstead found three people who had been shot in a house near a church. Two died, but one woman survived, a spokesman for Life Flight Helicopter in Houston reported.

The dead were identified as James Bennett, 71, and Mrs. Allie Wilkins, 79. Their bodies were taken to McWilliams Funeral Home in Hempstead.

Waller County District Attorney Jim Keeshan said the elderly people were shot when they apparently refused to cooperate with Moreno.

He said Moreno told the victims he was a utility lineman and wanted to park his car behind their house. When they did not cooperate, he shot them, Keeshan said.

The survivor, Anne Bennett, 70, is

in critical condition with a chest wound, Debbie Byrne, a spokesman for Hermann Hospital said today. Bennett was flown by helicopter to Houston's Hermann Hospital.

Officials said the Hempstead victims were related. Their bodies were found inside at a house at about 8:40 p.m., but officials said they could have been laying there for up to an hour.

Moreno was apprehended and arrested between Wharton and El Campo on U.S. 59 in Wharton County following the 130-mile manhunt across south Texas, DPS Sgt. Dyrle Maples reported.

He said Moreno, in a Ford Bronco with one of the six hostages Moreno is accused of kidnapping, was stopped at a roadblock and offered no resistance. Moreno was taken to the Wharton County jail where he spent the night.

Officials said the suspect earlier kidnapped Bill and Pat Shirley and their three children, forced the Shirleys to drive them to Cypress, where he reportedly released them unharmed.

He then allegedly continued to Pasadena, where he commandeered a brown Ford Bronco and took the driver hostage.

College Station police Sgt. Art Wiltzie said the man being sought in the Waller County slayings was the same one wanted in a College Station double homicide earlier Tuesday.

"We did have a double homicide here in the city," Wiltzie said. "A man and his wife were shot. The man in the double-homicide here is also the suspect in the trooper shooting down in Waller County."

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Like ships passing in the night

staff photo by John Makely

These two bicyclists seem to have opposing views on who has the right of way. University Police recently imposed fines on

bicyclists who wander from the straight and narrow. These bikers were riding on Ross Street Tuesday afternoon.

Texas A&M carillon site undetermined

by Stephanie M. Ross

Battalion Staff

The idea to donate a carillon — a bell tower — first came to Ford D. Albritton 15 years ago. That idea was presented at the last Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting by Albritton, and he received a standing ovation for his presentation.

All gifts to the universities within the Texas A&M System must be approved by the regents for legal reasons, said Robert G. Cherry, secretary to the board. The president of a university may not simply accept a gift without the board's approval. Because of this, at each meeting, the regents approve all gifts made to the universities.

Only when a gift is unusual or outstanding, is a formal presentation made, Cherry said. Albritton's donation became an item on the agenda through one of the regents, which is one of the proper channels to follow to be recognized at a board meeting, Cherry said.

Albritton, a former member of the board and a member of the Class of '43, said he has visited many campuses across the United States and noticed that many of the eastern schools had a carillon. He thought that the carillon would add to the beauty of the campus at Texas A&M.

The company that will build the carillon also built one at the University of California at Berkeley.

The proposed carillon will be constructed of brick and Texas limestone to match the Academic Building, and a 10-foot diameter clock will be set in each of the four sides of the tower.

At first, the carillon was to house 35 electronically controlled bells. After the gift was received so warmly, Albritton said he decided to increase the number of bells by 12, which will add three octaves to the bell system. The larger bells, which will number 26 or 28, will have the official seal of the school and an inscription on them, Albritton said. He added that one of the bells will have his name on it, and one will have his wife's. The others, he does not know about.

The original proposed site for the 130-foot carillon was between the YMCA and Coke buildings. Currently a feasibility study is being conducted of the proposed site because underground water and electrical lines and a steam tunnel are under the site. Alternate sites also are being considered and included in the report.

Some alternate sites include the plaza on the west side of campus and the grassy area between the O&M Building and the Langford Architecture Center.

Albritton declined to comment on the possible site change until the report is finished, but said he thinks there won't be a problem finding a site that will make everyone happy.

The final site for the carillon must be approved by the Board of Regents.

Earl Cook dies of heart attack

Dr. Earl Cook, distinguished professor of geography and geology at Texas A&M, died Tuesday morning from a heart attack.

Cook, 63, joined the University faculty in 1965 as associate dean of the College of Geosciences. He was named dean of the college in 1971.

Cook taught courses in the geography department dealing with man and his relationship with nature and energy. He also taught classes on re-

source depletion and human welfare. Cook, who was born in Bellingham, Wash., received his Ph.D. from University of Washington in 1954

where he earned a B.A. in 1943 and a M.A. in 1947.

In 1981, Cook received the Achievement Award from the Geosciences and Earth Resources Advisory Council at Texas A&M. He served on many committees including the Committee on National Materials Policy,

the Texas Governor's Energy Advisory Commission and the National Academy of Sciences Helium Study Committee.

He served as consultant to the National Academy of Sciences and the University of California San Diego Energy Symposium.

Cook wrote many publications pertaining to the geology of the American West. Some of the topics of the papers include energy and the en-

vironment, limits to the exploitation of nonrenewable resources, the role of history in the regulation of the nuclear fuel cycle and the charting of our energy future.

Geology professor Dr. Campbell Pennington said Cook was noted for his humor and endowed with a vast amount of charm, which he only forgot on occasion when he wanted to make a point.

Funeral services are pending. Cook is survived by his wife, Violeta Burke Cook, and three children.

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Regents to discuss repairs, accept bids for bond sales

by Karen Schrimsher

Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M Board of Regents will meet Thursday to discuss hurricane repair allocations for the University of Texas at Galveston and accept bids for the sale of a new series of Permanent University Fund bonds.

Repair costs for damage caused by Hurricane Alicia in August are expected to exceed Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen's \$100,000 construction contract award authority. Hansen is recommending that the board extend his limit in order to expedite repairs.

In order to determine the extent of the damage, the architectural firms of Rapp Partners, Inc. of Galveston/Bellaire, and Reed and Clements, Inc. of Texas City were hired to prepare damage reports at the Pelican Island and Fort Crockett campuses.

Bids for the sale of \$21 million worth of PUF bonds will be received today, and tabulation of the bids will be submitted to the board on Thursday. Notices have been mailed to Texas banks with assets in excess of \$200 million requesting proposals for registration and paying of the bonds.

The Permanent University Fund is a permanent land endowment designed to provide a stable source of funding for permanent improvements and enhancement of the quality of education within the Texas A&M and the University of Texas systems.

One way the university systems benefit from the PUF is through bond sales. PUF funds are used as collateral for the bonds, and the bond proceeds may be used for construction and other permanent improvements.

An appropriation request on the agenda is for legal and administrative

expense to pay expenses in connection with the bonds, including attorney fees, printing, rating, advertising and mailing costs.

The Planning and Building Committee will meet to discuss \$975,000 worth of repair funding for the married student housing apartments on College Avenue. The apartments are in need of roof and balcony repairs.

The committee also will review the traffic-flow study compiled by Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., a Houston consulting firm that specializes in traffic and parking problems.

Barton-Aschman was selected in January to conduct the study.

John D. Albritton, a former regent who plans to donate a carillon to the University, is expected to attend the meeting, but discussion of the gift is not scheduled.

Bones believed to be Indian

by Karen Wallace

Battalion Staff

The skeletal remains discovered Aug. 21 during construction of the new Highway 21 bridges over the Brazos River west of Bryan are believed to be that of a prehistoric Indian, Frank Weir of the highway department's archaeology section said Tuesday.

The skeletal remains, discovered by amateur archaeologists, are difficult to study because they were disturbed during the construction work and only 10 percent of a skeleton has been recovered, Weir said.

"We are fairly certain that it was an Indian burial site, but we're not sure," Weir said.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers ordered the halt of construction work on the two bridges Thursday, because their construction contract states that work must be halted if anything of archaeological value is found.

"The project has been shut down until a full investigation of the site can be done," said D.D. Williamson, supervising planning engineer of the department of highways and public transportation in Bryan.

"There's no telling when construction will resume," Williamson said.

He said the amateur archaeologists violated the state antiquities law by excavating the remains before notifying the state authorities.

"Those people were not archaeologists, they were people who go around looking for artifacts," Williamson said.

Harry F. Shafer, associate professor of anthropology at Texas A&M, was contacted by the highway department to find out who the amateurs were and what they were doing there.

Shafer said although it's wrong to excavate archaeological finds without a permit from the Texas Historical Committee, he would rather amateurs find it than nobody find it at all.

"Sometimes there are amateurs who are only interested in possessing the things they find, but that was not the case this time," Shafer said. "These amateurs were very conscientious and did the best thing under the circumstances."

Shafer said the amateurs explored what they saw, identified it as a human skeleton and then turned it over to the proper authorities when they realized they were in above their heads.

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forecast

Cloudy and rainy today. Highs in the mid 70s.