

Austin mayor requests crackdown on transients

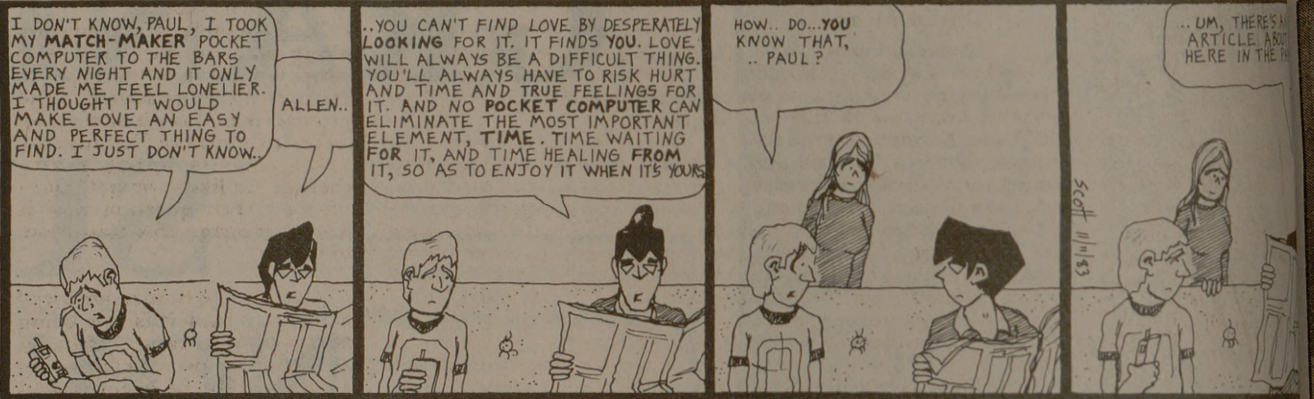
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AUSTIN — Mayor Ron Mullen said Thursday police will begin cracking down on transients in the capital city because, "there's no use folks coming here and not contributing anything to society."

Because Austin has become a haven for transients, Mullen said the city is looking for buildings that can be used as minimum security detention center to house and feed them. The facility could also be used as a base from which day

laborers to wait for work, the mayor said. Police Chief Frank Dyson said six foot patrol officers working the downtown area arrested 64 transients during a five-week period, an indication the problem is serious.

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Dad requests that son not be tried for mother's death

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EL PASO — Mark Miles, a grief-stricken father and widower, Thursday pleaded with the district attorney not to prosecute his son, Michael, accused of stabbing his mother to death.

Miles, formerly general manager of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, asked District Attorney Steve Simmons to let him place Michael, 22, in a mental institution at the family's ex-

pense so the Miles family would not have to go through the ordeal of the trial. Michael is accused of murdering Glenda Miles.

After a brief meeting between Miles and the district attorney's staff, Simmons told Miles they could not honor his request.

Simmons said the murder trial will begin, as scheduled, on Monday in 34th District Court. Miles, who lost his wife and

who earlier had lost another son to suicide, asked Simmons to permit the family to place Michael in a secure mental institution. He said in the letter that part of the cost would be borne by an insurance policy he holds.

The killing occurred on Oct. 8, 1982, during a violent confrontation at the family home.

Another son, Clark Miles, who was 17 at the time of the killing, was stabbed and seriously injured. Miles also was

wounded during the... A daughter, Karen, was at home that night, not injured. Michael, arrested at the home, charged with murder on counts of criminal and murder.

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Nurse in custody for stabbings

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DALLAS — Police conducted daylong interviews Thursday to determine why a nursing attendant attacked four elderly residents at a convalescent center with a butcher knife.

The suspect, identified as Diane Bibbes, 34, was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon following the stabbings at Doctors Nursing Center. Dallas police detective Randy Jones four counts of injury to an elder-

ly person were pending against the woman.

Four patients at Doctors Nursing Center were stabbed shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday after a woman arrived at the nursing home with a butcher knife, police said.

The woman first stabbed a patient who was sunbathing on an outside patio, then went inside and stabbed at least three others, police said.

Jones said police had conducted interviews most of the

day with employees of the nursing home and others to try to determine a motive in the stabbings.

Investigators said the woman also was a suspect in an incident earlier Wednesday involving a disabled man under her care. Authorities said relatives of the 24-year-old man told police the woman had tried to force him to drink tea laced with rubbing alcohol.

Victim Edward Horsley, 67, remained in serious, but stable condition Thursday at Doctors

Hospital in Dallas. Child, 87, was listed in stable con-

dition. Another victim, Albert Toupil, 67, was released from hospital Thursday. The victim, Gladys Sprague, treated and released Wednesday.

Police said the woman, a visiting nurse who provides temporary services at facilities and private residences, had worked at the home for about a week. Authorities said.

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