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Houston apartments will soon 'let it all hang out'

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HOUSTON — It's cost \$200,000 worth of security and an exodus of tenants, but Sunday the 270-unit Fieldstone Apartments went naked, the first apartment building in Houston to do so.

Early returns indicated the apartments would not set a trend. Fieldstone management announced Jan. 18 it would convert to "clothing optional" inside the complex, and insist on nudity in the pool area, sauna and hot tub.

The complex has spent \$200,000 on fences and screening, and another \$4,000 in moving expenses for lease-holders who prefer not to bare all.

For example, Jack Miller, 50, and his roommate Jim Moline, 57, moved out Saturday because they "just don't believe in the nudist concept," Miller said.

"I was brought up with clothes on and didn't like being told that if I went back there (to the swimming pool area) that I'd have to take my clothes off," said Molina.

Among those moving in were Warren Taylor, a 30-year-old University of Houston accounting student, and his 28-year-old wife, who wouldn't identify her-

self beyond saying she was pictured in the November 1983 issue of Playboy magazine.

"I like the idea of being free and getting a tan all over without having bathing suit lines," she said.

The apartment manager, who asked not to be named, said most of the people who couldn't handle the nude arrangement have moved out.

Officers kill suspect after manhunt

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TEXARKANA — Law enforcement officials early Sunday gunned down a Texas man suspected of killing an Arkansas sheriff's deputy, ending a extensive manhunt through two states.

Two teenagers who were allegedly with the suspect during the slaying Saturday night were arrested early Sunday and charged with murder, authorities said.

Police found the body of Miller County sheriff's deputy Charles Barnes, 46, of Texarkana shortly after 11:30 p.m. Saturday in a ditch alongside a road along the Arkansas-Texas border. He had been shot once in the back of the head with a .30 rifle.

"They (the suspects) laid him

down in the ditch and shot him in the back of the head. They stood over him, smoked a cigarette and dropped ashes on him. They were as cold as they could be," Jerry Brooks, a dispatcher with the Miller County sheriff's office said.

The discovery sparked a manhunt that ended in Bowie County, Texas, at 5 a.m. with the death of Roger Dale Porier, 32, of Bowie County, said Miller County Sheriff Ken Sinyard.

Barnes, who had been a deputy for two years, had stopped a car at Genoa, Ark., 12 miles south of Texarkana, and relayed the license plate number to the sheriff's office with his car radio, Sinyard said. When Barnes failed to call in again, officers were sent to the area.

The license plate number Barnes called in led officers to

an unnamed couple's home near Texarkana, Texas, Brooks said. The couple said their car was loaned to Porier and that Porier had relatives at Genoa. Brooks said a family at Genoa told officers two teenage boys from Garland, Ark., were with Porier.

Brooks said police believe Porier dropped the teenagers, ages 17 and 14, at their home in Garland and headed home.

Brooks said Porier ran into a wooded area at the edge of the Texarkana, Texas, city limits.

Porier began firing shots at a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter scanning the ground with search lights, Sinyard said. Arkansas and Texas officers on the ground returned fire and killed Porier, he said.

Brooks said several shots were fired at Porier. The body

was taken to the Dallas County, Texas, medical examiner's office.

At 6:30 a.m., the teenagers were arrested in Garland, Ark., charged as adults, and were being held in the Miller County Jail Sunday, Brooks said.

Sinyard said the 17-year-old was charged with capital murder. The 14-year-old was charged with first-degree murder.

The teenagers told police they had just robbed a church when Barnes stopped them, Sinyard said.

Vatican bank president under embezzlement investigation

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ROME — Italian authorities have notified the American president of the Vatican Bank, Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, that he is under investigation for suspected embezzlement of a real estate company, news reports said Sunday.

The reports, appearing in three leading Italian newspapers, said state prosecutor Luigi Fenzia sent judicial letters to Marcinkus and two other senior officials of the Vatican Bank informing them of the investigation.

The reports said Marcinkus, 62, of Cicero, Ill., and Vatican Bank officials were under investigation for the suspected embezzlement of the Italian real estate company Italmobiliare.

"We never comment on these things, the facts speak for themselves," said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Romeo Panciroli. Marcinkus could not be reached for comment at his home or office in the Vatican.

The news reports said Fenzia was investigating a 50 billion lire (\$30 million) loan made by the Institute for Religious Works, the formal name of the Vatican Bank, to Italmobiliare.

The loan was signed by Marcinkus and Carlo Pesenti, 76, the president of Italmobiliare and its major shareholder with 45 percent. Pesenti also is under investigation.

Investigators want to know why, when Italmobiliare repaid the loan in 1979, the repayment sum was 160 billion lire — more than three times the principal borrowed, the reports said.

Pesenti maintains the loan carried a clause indexing repayment to variations in the value of the Italian lira with respect to the Swiss franc.

The franc's value increased geometrically compared with the weaker lira over the seven years before repayment.

Investigators suspect the clause was added after an original deal was struck to cover up transfer of money from the company to Pesenti for other purposes with the help of the Vatican Bank, the reports said.

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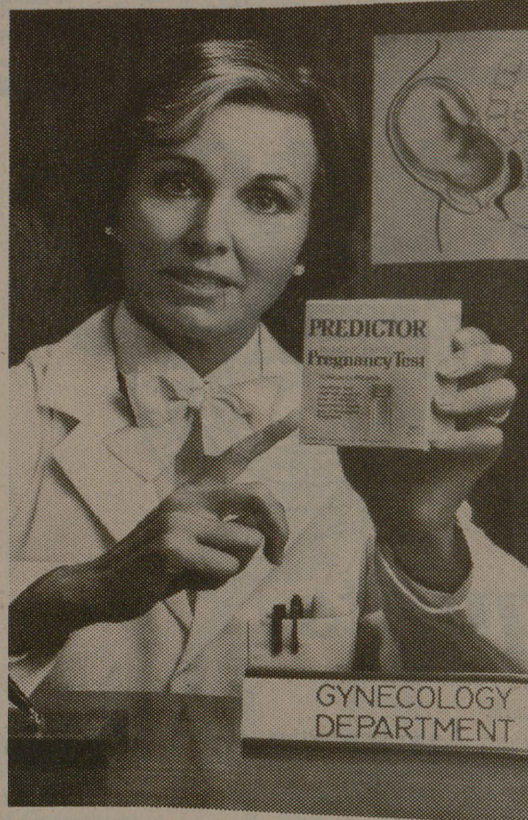
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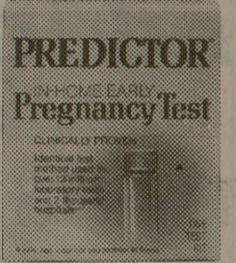


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