

Murder

Parents to remain in jail

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HOUSTON — A couple jailed since Sept. 12 for refusing to testify before a grand jury in their son's murder hearing may spend an additional three months behind bars.
Bernard and Odette Port could have been released from the Harris County Jail when the grand jury's term expired this week, but a state district judge Tuesday granted a request by the jurors to extend their term until Jan. 31.
Their son, David Port, is free on \$20,000 bond. He has been charged with murder in the shooting death of a 23-year-old letter carrier, Debora Sue Schatz. His parents are being held in contempt of grand jury for refusing to testify in the investigation.
Although their son already has been indicted for murder, prosecutors believe the Ports have informa-

tion that might upgrade the charge to capital murder, which carries a possible death sentence.
The Ports' lawyer, Randy Schaffer, said they were not surprised by the ruling.
"They figured that's exactly what would happen," Schaffer said after visiting the Ports. "Under the circumstances, they're doing fine. It's a ridiculous waste of their time and life to do this. The question they keep asking is what is the point of punishing them?
"They haven't done anything wrong. They're not doing anything other parents wouldn't do in the same situation."
The Ports contend they have a parent-child privilege not to testify against their son.
The Ports have not seen their son since they were jailed, Schaffer said. Jim Lavine, a Harris County assis-

tant district attorney, said a trial date for the teenager will be set Nov. 15 when a state district judge hears a defense motion to change the venue of the murder trial.
Lavine denied Schaffer's accusation that the Ports had been made a "political football" in the race for district attorney. Candidate David Jones last week called for the Ports' release. Incumbent candidate John Holmes said that grand jurors asked for the extension and that he had ordered his assistants not to push for the extra three months.
"I think Randy had to make something up just to say," Lavine said. "I think it's absurd."
"The issue here is the criminal case and their refusal to testify. It started well before politics and it will probably keep on going well beyond politics."

Decision delayed on desegregation

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HOUSTON — A federal judge delayed until at least Thursday a decision on whether to dismiss a 28-year-old school desegregation lawsuit.
"My concern, if I do have a concern, centers on the makeup of the monitoring committee and the provisions for the monitoring committee," U.S. District Judge John Singleton said.
Two black leaders Tuesday asked Singleton, who is reviewing an out-of-court settlement of the desegregation case, to place minority representatives on a committee to monitor student achievement.
Frank Burns, Houston NAACP president, and the Rev. J. Don Boney Jr., spokesman for Save the Children Campaign, asked Singleton to add representatives of the NAACP and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.
The request angered an attorney

for the Houston Independent School District, who accused the two of trying to "renegotiate" the settlement before the court.
Patrice Johnson, volunteer attorney for the NAACP, said while Burns and Boney were consulted during the negotiations, they were not part of the team that worked behind closed doors in reaching the agreement.
Attorneys for HISD, the NAACP, MALDEF and the U.S. Justice Department reached the agreement last month after around-the-clock negotiations.
One provision of the settlement calls for a committee of seven to monitor student achievement for five years. The committee is to include representatives of the governor, mayor and presidents of the five universities in Houston.
Johnson said the committee was "hotly debated" during negotiations.

Wastes not regulated, consumer group says

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AUSTIN — An Austin-based consumer group said Wednesday that of 471 toxic waste sites in Texas, only 1 percent have been fully licensed and are properly regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency.
"What this means is that no family with a hazardous waste facility nearby can assume it is safe or that qualified officials have even come to see whether it poses a threat to their health," said Michael Twombly, Texas director of Public Citizen.
Twombly said the EPA has ignored its duty to inform the public about the hazards of toxic chemicals.
"A prime example of the EPA's information gaps is the agency's failure to let the public know exactly where hazardous waste facilities are located in Texas and what specific dangers they pose to Texas commu-

nities," he said.
Of the 471 hazardous waste sites in Texas that have applied for interim EPA permits to operate, Twombly said six had been granted final permits as of Aug. 31.
They are Rohm & Haas, La Porte; Eastman Kodak, Longview; Oil Tanking of TX, Houston; Exxon Houston Chemical, Houston; Detrex Chemical, Arlington, and Ashland Chemical Co., Garland.
The waste sites without permanent permits were primarily concentrated in the Houston-Dallas area, but included sites in smaller cities across the state.
They included chemical companies, breweries, oil and gas plants, aviation firms, newspapers, steel and rubber manufacturers, shipyards, utility companies, high-technology firms and military installations.

Oilman shot to death

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BRECKENRIDGE — The operator of one of the largest independent oil companies in Stevens County was shot and killed in front of his home Wednesday morning by a ski-masked gunman.
Sammy Rogers of the Caddo community east of Breckenridge was shot once in the chest about 7:25 a.m., said Rusty Frazier of the Stevens County Sheriff's Department. The gunman, who reportedly was wearing a ski mask and camouflage clothing, fled on foot and remained at large Wednesday night.
Rogers owned Delta Oil and Gas Co., one of the largest independent oil companies in the county, and was a member of the Breckenridge school board.
Investigators said Rogers, who was in his 40s, had left his house and was walking to an adjoining three-car garage when the gunman stepped from behind one of the cars. Rogers attempted to flee and was shot with a handgun. His body fell inside his house.
County and state officers set up roadblocks in Stevens, Palo Pinto and Young counties until 2:30 p.m. A Department of Public Safety helicopter also searched the wooded area where the gunman is believed to have fled.
Two men were stopped for questioning later in the morning and then were released.
Frazier said investigators have no motive in Rogers's death. He described the victim as a rags-to-riches man, "an old country boy (who) built himself up to fine standing."
Deputies were called to the house by Rogers's wife, who was at home with her two teen-age children at the time of the shooting.

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Often times voters are tempted to cast their ballots strictly on party affiliation. This does not always elect the best candidate. If students want the best representation possible in the Texas Legislature, they should cast their vote for Neeley Lewis on November 6th. Common sense dictates that a tight-fisted Texas CONSERVATIVE Democrat like Neeley Lewis will best serve this district. Neeley Lewis has worked with Aggies, Republican and Democrat alike, and has effectively fought for us in the Texas House. He therefore deserves the support of Republicans as well as Democrats. We urge you to support Neeley Lewis on November 6th.

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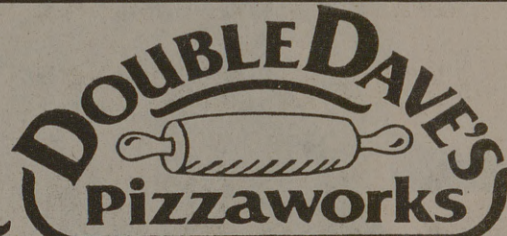
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