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Twin execution

Killers scheduled to die in electric chair

United Press International
STARKE, Fla. — Lawyers for two condemned killers scheduled to die Wednesday in Florida's electric chair, pursued appeals Monday trying to halt the nation's first double execution in 19 years.

Attorneys for Timothy Charles Palmes, 37, appealed to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Palmes took part in the torture death of a Jacksonville businessman in 1976. He was scheduled to be executed in 1980, but a federal judge granted a stay.

The other condemned man, Chester Levon Maxwell, 29, killed a golfer during the robbery of a Pompano Beach golf course Sept. 19, 1980. His lawyers were appealing to a state circuit judge in Fort Lauderdale. The warrant ordering Max-

well's execution is his first.

Palmes' appeals were rejected Friday by the Florida Supreme Court and Sunday by a federal judge in Jacksonville.

He was sentenced to die for the stabbing of Jacksonville furniture store owner James Stone, 41, whose body was found stuffed in a weighted wooden box on the bottom of the St. John's River.

Palmes and Ronald Straight were convicted in separate trials of killing Stone. Both were sentenced to die. Straight remains on death row in the state prison.

Authorities said Jane Albert, Palmes' girlfriend and an employee at the furniture store, lured Stone to her apartment with the promise of meeting a woman.

When Stone went into the bed-

room where the woman was supposed to be, he was jumped.

Palmes and Straight. The two men bound Stone's hands and feet with wire, taped his mouth shut, put a garbage bag over his head, hit him with a hammer and stabbed him 11 times.

The two men were convicted on the testimony of Albert's daughter, who witnessed the murder. Albert was granted immunity and testified at both trials.

The executions are scheduled for 7 a.m. EST Wednesday at the Florida State Prison. If carried out, they would boost the number executed to 31 since the Supreme Court lifted a ban on capital punishment in 1977. Five in the last eight days.

Fight on for Texas navy base

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White Monday scheduled a meeting of elected officials and business leaders to muster support for a \$100 million Navy base that may be built at one of seven Texas coastal cities.

White said he will meet Friday with the state's congressional delegation, Gulf Coast legislators, mayors, county judges, port directors and chambers of commerce presidents.

"Designation of one our of Texas ports as homeport for a Battleship Surface Action Group would be a tremendous economic shot in the arm, not only for the winning port but also for the state," he said.

White said the state is prepared to commit state agency resources to any Texas port selected by the Navy, but the governor said he would remain neutral.

Houston, Galveston, Port Arthur, Orange, Brazosport-Freepport, Corpus Christi and Brownsville are interested in the base.

But those Texas cities must also compete against 10 other ports in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

In addition to the \$100 million initial construction cost, the base is expected to generate an annual payroll of up to \$60 million.

Moroccan linked with killer's checks

United Press International
DALLAS — A police officer testified Monday that he traced murder suspect Abdelkrim Belachheb to a nearby house hours after a nightclub massacre, through a checkbook that matched one used by the fleeing gunman.

Prosecutors have introduced more than 70 pieces of evidence against Belachheb, 39, a Moroccan immigrant, on trial for murdering six people and injuring another in a June 29 shooting spree at Ianni's Restaurant and Bar.

Defense attorneys have not denied that Belachheb was responsible for the shootings, but claim he should be found innocent by reason of insanity.

Five police officers Monday identified Belachheb's car, pictures and ammunition used in the shootings, which police described as the largest mass slaying in Dallas history.

Bill Parker, a homicide division sergeant who arrested Belachheb at a north Dallas residence several hours after the shooting, said he found a checkbook with Belachheb's name on it inside a wrecked station wagon.

The car, which had been aban-

doned after striking a telephone pole, matched the description of the car driven by the Ianni's gunman, he said.

When he went to the address listed on the checkbook, Parker said he found Belachheb lying on a bed in a back bedroom, smoking a cigarette. The officer said he also found a 9 mm magazine containing several bullets in Belachheb's jacket.

Parker testified that Belachheb did not appear to be drunk, nor did he appear to be disturbed or hysterical.

Officer Joseph Schreck identified 18 plastic vials containing 15 shell casings, two live rounds of 9 mm ammunition and seven spent bullets recovered from the restaurant.

State District Judge Gerry Holden Meier refused to allow a bullet removed from the body of John McNeill as evidence. McNeill was wounded in the nightclub shooting.

Witnesses told the eight-woman, four-man jury that Belachheb had an animated conversation with a woman at the bar, blew her a kiss, left the bar and returned minutes later, spraying the area with gunfire.



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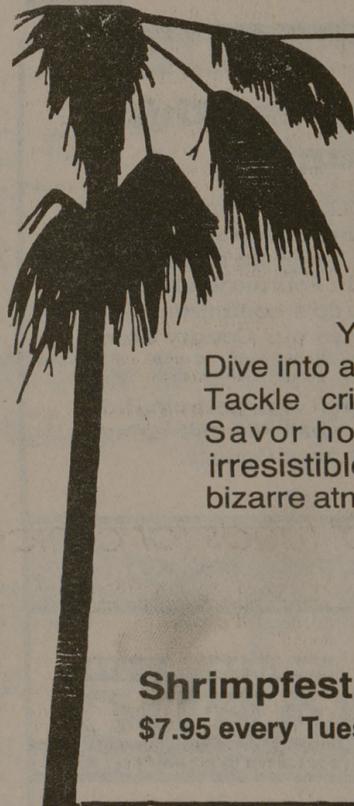
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