

**WORLD AND NATION**

# Plumber will not face charges

**Associated Press**  
 CHICAGO — A 68-year-old plumber came forward Monday as the man who fatally shot a gun-wielding youth during a robbery attempt, and police said they considered him "a victim" and did not plan to arrest him.  
 Harold Brown, who said he had been robbed before, told reporters he regretted the incident, but added, "I didn't have any choice."  
 "He is not under arrest at this time," Detective Michael Shull said. "He is considered to be the victim of a robbery."  
 Attorney Thomas Royce said that as Brown was leaving a West Side grocery store Thursday night "two people jumped him, one on either side..."

Brown, who was questioned by police for three hours after his surrender Monday, stood beside Royce at a brief police-station news conference.  
 "He is not a vigilante," Royce said. "If he had not shot, he wouldn't be here right now."  
 Royce said Brown had delayed his surrender because of "a great deal of concern for safety as well as notoriety."  
 He said Brown had been through a "very nerve-racking" experience and had suffered from lack of sleep since the shooting.

Royce said Brown had feared reprisal from friends of the shooting victim and from other members of the West Side community.  
 Asked if he considered himself a vigilante, Brown shook his head and said, "No," his voice trailing off.  
 The basis for the decision not to charge Brown was that "the shooting was self-defense," Terry Levin, a spokesman for Cook County State's Attorney Richard Daley.

The Thursday night shooting has attracted widespread attention, in part because it came a few weeks after four youths were shot and wounded on a Manhattan subway train after they asked a passenger for \$5. Bernhard Goetz has surrendered in that case and is charged with attempted murder.

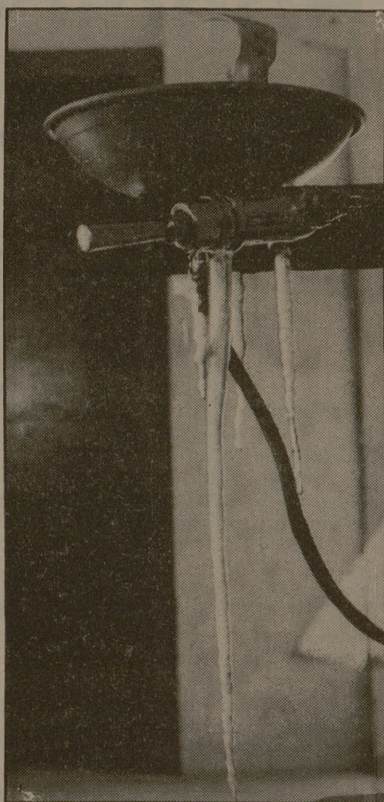


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### Still around

These icicles on a leaking water fountain were protected by the shade of the north end-zone stands at Kyle Field as Tuesday's temperature crept above the freezing mark.

"Mr. Brown said, 'I'll give you what I have.' ... They (the youths) continued to say, 'Shoot him, shoot him.' (One of the youths) pointed a gun at his head."  
 Royce said Brown then reached into his pocket, pulled out a small gun "and began shooting."  
 Detrick Wallace, 18, was fatally wounded.  
 The other youth, whom Brown said had wielded a knife, was taken into police custody on Friday. The youth, K.C. Cathey, 18, was charged late Monday with attempted robbery.

## 16 cities compete for Navy port

# Mississippi bids for base

**Associated Press**  
 JACKSON, Miss. — The cities of Pascagoula and Gulfport have delivered proposals to the Department of the Navy, trying to become the home port of the battleship USS Wisconsin and its accompanying flotilla.

Pascagoula wants the base, and Gulfport would like to be home to two of the reserve frigates. The Navy has said they might house the flotilla in separate ports.

The competition for the port is increasing in Washington, where the Navy must choose from 16 cities

stretching from Key West, Fla., to Brownsville.

ner of the state, said Mayor Roy O'Bryant.

"Florida and Texas may have bigger delegations, but they don't have the people in the power positions," O'Bryant said.

The Navy says the selection will not necessarily depend on political clout, but on which port can offer the Navy the best deal for the money.

# Attorney who won abortion case saddened by violence

**Associated Press**  
 WASHINGTON — Sarah Weddington, the attorney who won the Supreme Court case legalizing abortion 12 years ago, says she is "saddened" by the recent rash of bombings at abortion clinics.  
 "I think the bombs are obviously to create fear for a whole lot of people — women who seek services, personnel who provide services — and that is deeply saddening," she said in an interview.  
 "I do think they're having an effect," Weddington said. "I don't think people are changing their conduct as a result, I just think they're living with their fears, and that's sad to me that they have to do that."  
 People who commit such acts of "terrorism" are "out of step with the majority of people in this country," she said.  
 Weddington was just 26 when she argued the case of "Jane Roe" before the high court. The court's decision,

rendered on Jan. 22, 1973, overturned a Texas law outlawing abortions except to save the life of the mother.  
 The landmark decision will stand without "dramatic" changes in membership on the Supreme Court, Weddington said.  
 A new court could simply overturn the decision, but would be unlikely to do that, she said.  
 "It seems to me...that they would, in essence, begin to allow all kinds of regulations so that abortion would become legal but not available," she said.  
 Weddington, who has served in the Texas Legislature, as counsel to the U.S. Agriculture Department and as a presidential assistant, now represents Texas Gov. Mark White in Washington.  
 Weddington said she was pleased when President Reagan and Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell came out strongly against the violence.

# Disaster

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graphed by Dallas Cowboys player Tony Dorsett. Yellow bags containing the bodies of the victims were stacked nearby.

The plane crashed in clear, 20-degree weather in a field next to a furniture store, about half a mile from a large apartment and condominium complex near a shopping mall.

Survivor George Lamson, 42, was in critical condition with multiple injuries at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, said spokeswoman Stephanie Kruse. Lamson's son was in stable condition at St. Mary's with a minor head injury and minor hand burns.

A third survivor, Bob Miggins, had burns over 84 percent of his

body and was flown from Washoe Medical Center to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas, said nursing shift coordinator Janell Schmoeyer.

In the previous crashes in the past year, one Electra went into a screeching 20-second dive without warning and broke apart over Pennsylvania on May 30, 1984, killing three crew members and a passenger, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. Another disintegrated and crashed Jan. 9 near Kansas City, Kan., killing three people.

Lockheed spokesman Ragsdale said so far, the only similarity be-

tween the crashes in Reno, Kansas City and Pennsylvania "is that the three are the same type of aircraft."

"They were all originally built as passenger transports for airlines, but in recent years, some of them have been converted to cargo carriers," Ragsdale said. He said the planes that crashed in Kansas City and Pennsylvania were cargo planes.

Ragsdale said that when the Electras first went into passenger service in 1959, one plane crashed when a wing came off the aircraft in flight near Buffalo, Texas, and a similar accident occurred early in 1960 near Tell City, Ind. Those crashes killed more than 160 people.

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