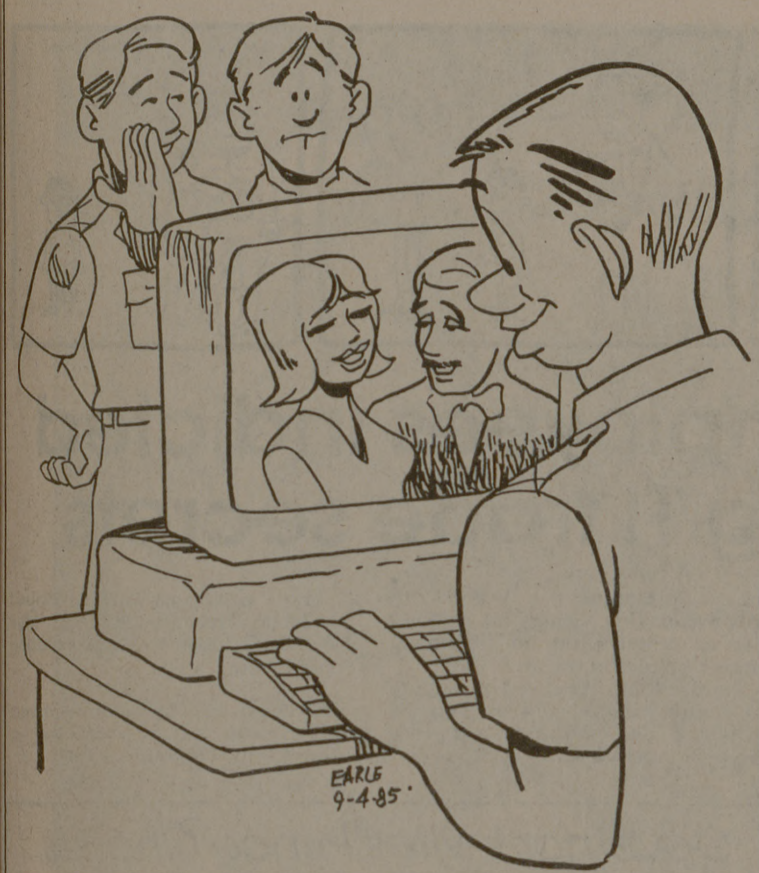


Slouch By Jim Earle



"He's made a major break through — he knows how to pick up TV on his computer monitor"

Popular Dallas DJ to commute to Chicago job

Associated Press

DALLAS — Disc jockey Tom Joyner, a popular fixture in morning drive-time in Dallas-Fort Worth for the past two years, has decided that he'll return to the air in Chicago.

That doesn't mean he's giving up his highly rated program in Texas.

He's signed contracts that will keep him on the air in the morning at KKDA-FM and have him hosting an afternoon drive-time program at WGGI-FM in Chicago.

In between, he says, he'll be spending a lot of time in the air.

Joyner confirmed this week that he has signed multi-year contracts with both stations.

"We've been negotiating these contracts a long time and we would not have entered into them without a lot of research, thought and the certainty that what we're doing is not only possible but will work out for everyone's benefit," Joyner said.

Joyner will remain on the air daily at KKDA-FM, where he has worked for the past two years, from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Beginning Oct. 15, he also will handle the 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. show Monday through Friday at WGGI-FM.

Both stations air urban contemporary formats focusing primarily on black rock artists. According to Arbitron ratings surveys, Joyner's show is among the top morning programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

He worked at WVON, WBMX-FM and WJPC in Chicago before returning to KKDA-FM two years ago. He initially went to Chicago from Dallas-Fort Worth.

Joyner said he has been working on the logistics of commuting between Dallas and Chicago daily for the last month with area travel agents.

According to his game plan, Joyner will head to the airport when he gets off KKDA-FM at 9 a.m. and catch one of several commercial flights that will get him into downtown Chicago by noon.

Joyner said he'll have time for lunch and a possible health club workout before going on the air at WGGI-FM.

"We researched weather conditions and we found that had I been doing this last year, there would have been only three days all winter where we might have run into some weather-related problems," he said. "And two of those days were on this end, when we had ice storms."

Joyner said he and his family will continue to live in the Dallas area.

Court OKs placement of anti-abortion ads

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday let stand a decision allowing a Fort Worth anti-abortion agency to be listed in the Yellow Pages under "Abortion Information and Services."

A lawsuit was instigated by three unmarried, pregnant women who, after seeing a Yellow Pages listing, went to Mother and Unborn Baby Care of North Texas in Fort Worth.

The women said they thought they were going to an abortion clinic. Instead, they were given tests, asked personal questions, lectured about the "dangers and evils" of abortion and shown an anti-abortion film, court records say.

Among their allegations, the women said they were misled because the agency's ad appeared in

Yellow Pages listings that indicated it was an abortion clinic or referral agency.

Earlier this year, State District Judge George Crowley of Fort Worth issued a temporary injunction barring the agency from being listed in the Yellow Pages under "Abortion Information and Services" or "Clinics-Medical."

But the Fort Worth Court of Appeals in May overruled Crowley.

The Fort Worth appeals court expressed sympathy for the women's plight and criticized the agency's listing, but said the injunction was improper.

"This opinion is not to be construed or considered in any manner as approval or sanction of (the agency's) camouflage tactics evidenced by the record in this case," Justice Walter Jordan said.

Inmates: prisoner's death was his 'ticket to freedom'

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Charles Rumbaugh, who spent a decade on death row for killing a jewelry store owner when he was 17, was executed early Wednesday after saying he was "ready to begin my journey."

"About all I can say is goodbye," Rumbaugh, 28, said as he lay strapped to a gurney with needles inserted into his arms. "For the rest of you, even though you don't forgive me for my transgressions, I forgive me for yours against me."

"That's all I wish to say. I'm ready to begin my journey."

Rumbaugh's friends on death row said Wednesday they were saddened by his death, but believed he now would be happy.

"I got the impression this was his ticket to freedom," said Jim Vanderbilt, who was arrested on a murder charge in Amarillo within a week of Rumbaugh's arrest there. "Charlie's punishment is over. He's free now."

But the next man facing execution, John Michael Lamb, was critical of other death row inmates who voted to leave televisions on and continue about their routine.

"It was like everybody didn't care," said Lamb, who has an Oct. 7 execution date. "Most are more interested in TV now. It bothers me."

Rumbaugh became the first person in more than two decades to be put to death for a crime committed while under the age of 18.

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, asked whether such crimes by

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— Death penalty opponent the Rev. Thomas Sheehy

juveniles should merit the death penalty, noted that Rumbaugh's case went before two juries.

"Each determined he should be punished by death," Mattox said.

A group opposed to executions, Amnesty International, contended Rumbaugh's death would violate international agreements — never confirmed by the Senate — which bar execution of people convicted of crimes committed when they were under 18.

About a dozen death penalty opponents carried candles outside the prison during Rumbaugh's execution.

"More people are concerned about Pete Rose breaking a baseball record than about this man's execution here," said the Rev. Thomas Sheehy, a Roman Catholic priest from Houston.

Rumbaugh spent his last day visiting with friends and relatives but rejected any lavish final meal, choosing instead a flour tortilla and glass of water.

Rumbaugh left instructions that his body be cremated and the remains be placed in a tiny coffin he constructed himself of matchsticks lined with velvet and a red bandana.

"He was destined to end up where he is tonight," said D.J. Stubben, who wrote a book about Rumbaugh and visited with him Tuesday. "If he hadn't killed Mr. Fiorillo, he would have ended up killing someone else."

Michael Fiorillo, 58, was slain by Rumbaugh during the 1975 holdup at his Amarillo store.

Besides Stubben, three sisters and a brother-in-law visited him. Rumbaugh's mother, Rebecca, came to the prison but decided to not see her son. The family members declined to talk to reporters.

Rumbaugh's troubles with the law started at age 6 with a break-in. He committed his first armed robbery at 12. He spent most of his life in reform schools, mental institutions and jails.

While awaiting trial, Rumbaugh attempted to take his life by slashing his wrist with a razor blade and later by taking an overdose of drugs.

He also tried to hasten his own execution during a February 1983 competency hearing by pulling a makeshift knife and attacking a U.S. marshal, who shot and wounded him.

He became the 10th prisoner to be put to death since the state resumed executions in December 1982.

had turned to the slain man and said, "It's nothing personal, we just wanted to see somebody die."

Parinello said the youths were all friends who "don't work or go to school or anything."

Cravey, who was arrested Tuesday near New Orleans, also is charged with murder in the death of Ronald Monahan, 25, who was found stabbed to death Saturday in his north Houston apartment.

Trimmer was arrested and charged Sunday with attempted murder after he allegedly tried to rob an acquaintance. He is being held in the Harris County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bond.

Five youths charged with death of laborer

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Five teen-agers lured a 19-year-old laborer to a field behind a cemetery where they tortured and killed him because "they wanted to watch someone die," investigators said.

Charged Tuesday with the murder in the death of Dennis Keith Medler were John-Michael Trimmer, 17; Michael Gene Cravey, 19; and Harold Glenn Smith, 17, all of Houston.

A 16-year-old boy also has been arrested in the case, but because he is a juvenile, he must be certified as an adult before he can be charged. He is being held in the Harris

County Juvenile Detention Center. Investigators also are searching for a 16-year-old girl who reportedly was present when Medler was killed.

Medler's decomposed body was found Aug. 14 in a field behind the Resthaven Memorial Gardens cemetery in Houston.

"They just walked out there and killed him for no other purpose than they didn't like him and wanted to watch someone die," sheriff's detective Mike Parinello said.

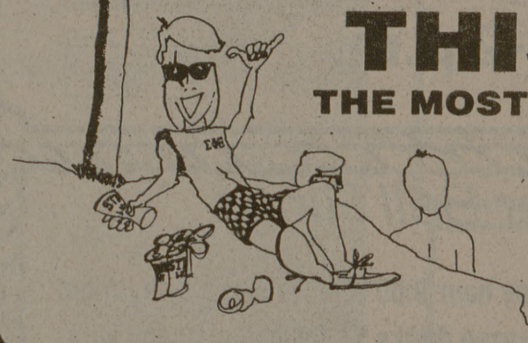
Investigators said each suspect took turns slashing Medler's throat. Medler also had been choked with a scarf, stabbed with a pipe and knife, and beaten, authorities said.

Detective Max Cox said Trimmer

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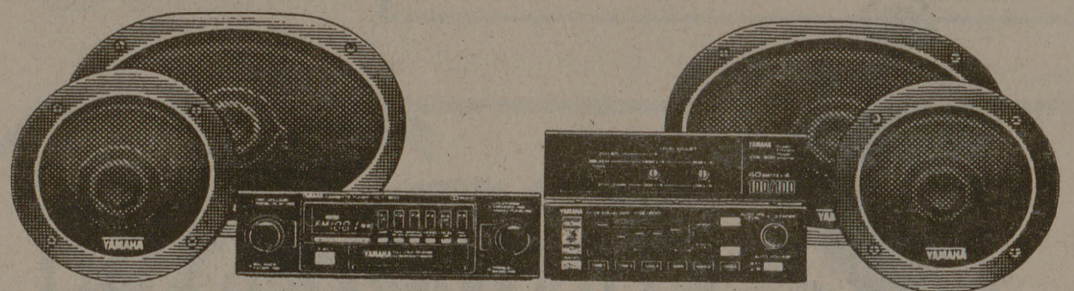
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