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## Fatigue-clad man kills estranged wife, self in brief shooting spree

CORSICANA (AP) — A gunman nicknamed "Rambo" and dressed in combat fatigues went on a 30-minute shooting spree Tuesday, killing three people and terrifying a restaurant crowd before killing himself, police said.

The suspect — identified as Frank Stewart, 37, of Corsicana — shot himself in the right temple and later died, Detective Keith Sykes said. One of the victims was identified as Stewart's estranged wife, Brenda Stewart.

Navarro County Sheriff's Sgt. Harry Drain said the gunman went to a business on the outskirts of town and shot and killed his former boss. Drain identified the business as Hulcher Services Inc.

He then took a company truck and went to the Western Sizzlin' steakhouse, where his wife was a manager. He entered brandishing two pistols, threatened the assistant manager, fired several shots into the air and left without injuring anyone, Drain said.

With police in pursuit, the gun-

man then drove to his wife's mobile home. There he killed a man with 10 shots and then killed his wife, said Justice of the Peace Badie Stewart, who is not related to the suspect. Police said the gunman then stepped outside and shot himself in the head.

Police Sgt. Lewis Palos said, "He was probably despondent. I don't know what — loss of job, estrangement of wife. We just don't know yet."

Stewart had worked at Hulcher until a few weeks ago, Palos said.

No other people were injured in the shootings, which began shortly before 2 p.m. and ended about a half-hour later.

Neighbors said Stewart often wore fatigues.

"(He) was into that Army stuff bad," neighbor Judy Brown said. "He always wore camouflage."

She said Stewart was referred to by his neighbors as Rambo.

Sykes said all three of the shooting victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds. He said Stewart used a .22-caliber automatic revolver and a .38-caliber handgun in the killings.

## Officials OK plan to dump metal, plastic garbage cans

DALLAS (AP) — Setting out residential garbage in plastic bags instead of metal or hard plastic cans will save the city \$670,000, said municipal officials in endorsing the proposal.

The City Council on Monday reversed an earlier decision and voted 6-5 in favor of canning the cans on a six-month trial basis, beginning Jan. 1.

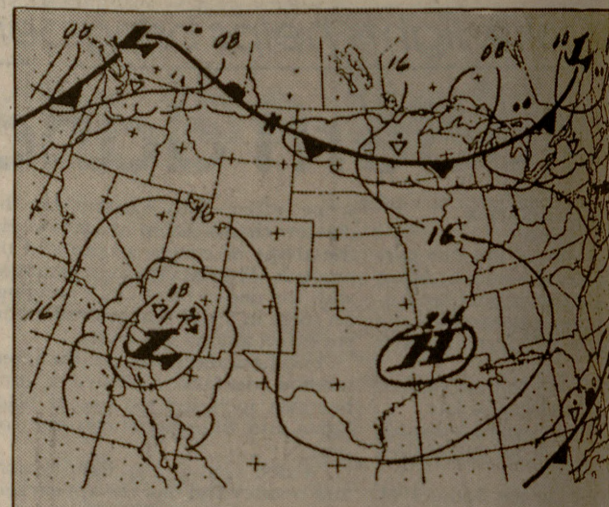
A majority of the council's 11 members had expressed opposition

to the ban on trash cans after being deluged with letters and phone calls from residents who did not want to be forced to buy plastic bags.

But Councilman Charles Tandy switched sides after Mayor Annette Strauss agreed to allow some of the savings from the bags-only plan to be used for the zoo.

Strauss agreed to limit the cuts on the zoo to \$338,000 instead of the \$638,000 previously planned.

## Weather Watch



Key:

- ☁ = Lightning
- ☁☁ = Rain
- ☁☁☁ = Ice Pellets
- ☁☁☁☁ = Fog
- ☁☁☁☁☁ = Snow
- ☁☁☁☁☁☁ = Rain Shower
- ☁☁☁☁☁☁☁ = Thunder
- ☁☁☁☁☁☁☁☁ = Drizzle
- ☁☁☁☁☁☁☁☁☁ = Freezing Rain

Valid: Noon today  
Sunset Today: 7:20 p.m.  
Sunrise Thursday: 7:13 a.m.

Map Discussion: High pressure will continue to produce fair to cloudy conditions over much of the continental United States, with frontal system advancing through the Great Lakes will produce rain.

Forecast:  
Today: Partly cloudy and mild with a high temperature of 82 degrees. Winds northeasterly at 7 to 12 miles per hour.  
Tonight: Fair with light east-north-easterly winds.

Thursday: Expect little change. Fair to partly cloudy conditions will persist as will the mild temperatures. High temperature will be 84 degrees and winds will be east-south-easterly at 10 to 14 mph. Low temperature in the morning of 61 degrees.

Weather Fact: Fall (the autumnal equinox) began at 8:45 this morning.

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## Volunteers lead cleanup of beach

AUSTIN (AP) — Volunteers picked up tons of debris on a recent cleanup, Land Conservation Dept. said Tuesday.

"Saturday afternoon in many of the beaches of the state," Mauro said. "Changing right brings another lot of debris." Sixteen Texas Clean-up Saturday groups cleaned up the Texas Coastal Center for Environmental Education.

Linda Marandino, director said, "We're the response to the cleanup and wish to thank the volunteers who helped." Mauro said up for the A-Beach Program groups promise to keep the beach clean.

"These cleanup groups are a response to the passage of federal legislation that would regulate the garbage in the ocean by the international agreement as Annex V of MARPOL is an agreement concerning pollution from ships.

It also would provide garbage disposal vessels. During Saturday cleanup, volunteers signed petitions to ratify the agreement.

Marandino said she will be sent to Washington to testify before the Senate committee on the beaches covered by the agreement.

## Supreme Court

HUNTSVILLE — A row inmate school clerk during a stay of execution by the Supreme Court.

The stay was granted by Justice Amos Barnard Jr. in his appeal of the execution of Barnard, 44, who was convicted of a 1974 murder and sentenced to death.

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