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Man injures four during shootout in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man toting two guns and "acting like John Wayne" leaped from a taxicab near the Alamo Wednesday and randomly shot four people before being gunned down by lawmen, authorities said.

Todd Tarble, 20, who was waiting for a bus near the shooting scene about three blocks from the Alamo, said he begged onlookers to stay back after the shooting started about 9:30 a.m.

"He got out of the cab. He just started shooting," Tarble said. "All hell broke loose. He had two guns in his hands. I've never seen anything like that. The guy was acting like John Wayne. This guy was crazy."

John Wayne starred in the 1960 classic "The Alamo," and ironically, this week marks the 152nd anniversary of the fall of the mission to Mexican troops.

The suspect, identified as Marvin Duncan, 55, has been arrested numerous times since 1973 on a variety of violent charges and was expected to be charged with six counts of attempted capital murder, Police Chief William O. Gibson said at a news conference.

"As to why the suspect began shooting, we don't know why, with the exception that he wanted to gain some attention," Gibson said.

The gunman, whose shooting spree was cut short by a lawman's gunfire, was shot once in the left thigh and was in good condition at Medical Center Hospital, hospital spokesman Inez Eisazadeh said.

His most seriously wounded victim, Deborah Reyes, 29, who had opened her car door and was trying to hide from the gunfire, was shot in the chest and stomach, Ortiz said.

The other victims suffered relatively minor gunshot wounds, officials said.

Homicide Lt. Albert Ortiz said the man was picked up by a taxicab at his home and asked to be taken downtown.

"From the time he was picked up at his residence, throughout the shooting he remained calm and his actions were deliberate, not hurried," Ortiz said.

At about 9:30 a.m., as the taxi approached the corner of Houston of Losoya streets, about three blocks from the Alamo, the man began firing randomly out of the window, Ortiz said.

Ortiz said the gunman got out of the cab and continued shooting. Ilian Niaves, 17, who was walking on the sidewalk, was struck in the right leg. The gunman then walked to a car and continued shooting, Ortiz said.

The gunman then walked north on Broadway Street and continued firing. A passenger in a car, Toni Longoria, 16, who also is seven months pregnant, was shot in the right thigh as she was stepping out of the vehicle, Ortiz said.

Another passenger in another car, Alton Watson, 16, of Midland, suffered a graze to his right ankle, Ortiz said.

As passers-by dove for cover, officer Donald Kawazoe, a downtown foot patrolman on his way to work, saw the man and ordered him to stop.

After the two exchanged gunfire, the gunman ran and was confronted by Park Ranger Bennie Burley. Those two also exchanged gunfire before the gunman was apprehended and two large-caliber weapons were recovered, Gibson said.

Gibson said the gunman suffered a gunshot wound to the left thigh, but he was not certain which officer shot him. The man has an arrest record dating back to 1973 and includes robberies, assaults and shootings.

Another witness, Juanita Cubillos, said she tried to help Reyes.

"I went over there to help her because she was shot bad," Cubillos said. "She said just to take care of her purse. I was scared that he was going to shoot me, too."

Niaves was in good condition at Medical Center Hospital, Eisazadeh said. Watson was treated and released from Downtown Baptist Memorial Hospital, said a hospital spokesman who declined to give her name.

Scientist: Acid rain a problem in East Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Acid rain, once believed confined to the industrialized Northeast, is on the verge of killing trees and fish in rural East Texas and is already causing respiratory problems in urban areas, a scientist said.

Pollutants, including coal-fired power-plant fumes and vehicle emissions, have combined to produce rainfall about 10 times more acidic than normal since at least 1979, when a state acid rain monitoring station was set up in Tyler.

"It is a problem which has existed for at least that long and is steadily getting worse every year," said Dr. George W. Crawford, a Southern Methodist University physics professor.

The pollutants create acid-forming molecules, the third leading cause of respiratory disease because they damage tissue and reduce lung capacity, he said.

Crawford, who set up his own monitoring network, claims the problem is worse than state and federal regulators' data indicates because of inaccuracies in reporting air pollution and acid rain data.

"We're too dumb to learn from our own mistakes," Crawford said. "We're going to wait until trees are dead and then officials are going to say, 'Hey, something's wrong. Let's lock the barn.' It's tragic."

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In Advance

Experts will discuss nuclear power

By Lyneen Johnson
Reporter

A public forum titled "The Economics and Safety of Nuclear Energy" will present opposing views on various issues surrounding the use of nuclear energy tonight at 7:30 in 201 MSC.

The forum, sponsored by the A&M Green Earth Society, resulted from the society's concern for public education, Gilbert Gonzalez, Green Earth Society president, said.

"We hope to give the public an opportunity to get direct answers to their questions," Gonzalez said.

Donald Pisani, faculty adviser for the club, said the forum is designed to be a representation of opposing viewpoints to increase public awareness about the dangers of nuclear power. The design, planning and implementation of the group's activities are handled completely by the students, he said.

Program coordinator Victoria Zabaraz said the speakers will include Kenneth Peddicord, A&M nuclear engineering professor; Bryan Baker, president of the Committee for Consumer Rate Relief; Dr. Frank Iddings, a professor emeritus affiliated with the Committee for Energy Awareness; Tom Smith, state director of Public Citizen; and Dr. George Zabaraz, an expert in gas-liquid two-phase flow.

Also scheduled to speak are Jeff Pruitt of River Bend Nuclear Station and Stephen Fenberg, a Houston businessman who writes articles concerning nuclear energy for the *Houston Post* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

Zabaraz said, "With a broad scope of ideas, from journalists to environmental experts to nuclear specialists, there is the potential for controversy, but it shouldn't get out of hand."

The forum, structured to give each speaker a five- to seven-minute opening comment and two minutes of rebuttal, is expected to continue for about an hour and half, Gonzalez said.

"We will spend about 40 to 50 minutes with the speaker presentation, but the majority of time will be for a question and answer session," he said. "If necessary we will close the formal segment and adjourn to the back of the room to provide the public with a chance to ask questions on a personal, conversational level."

The Green Earth members are intrigued and excited about the range of topics to be covered, Gonzalez said.

"One question that we plan to ask is about the decommissioning of nuclear power plants," Gonzalez said. "No one is sure of the lifetime of the plant, but we know that they don't last forever — a lifetime may be anywhere from 30 to 50 years."

"We do know that they have to be cased in concrete and this is a more expensive procedure and contributes to high employee turnovers due to radiation exposure. The disposal of wastes is also a concern."

Learning about any new technology would help to answer a lot of the public's concerns, he said.

Commission will offer rides to Padre Island

AUSTIN (AP) — The Railroad Commission has granted emergency authority to Island Express Inc. of Brownsville, allowing it to offer bus service between Brownsville and South Padre Island for the next 45 days.

Commission Chairman James Nugent said the bus service is designed to make it safer for students on spring break to travel from the popular beach area, Padre Island, to Brownsville.

"Unfortunately," Nugent said, "many students drive that route while intoxicated, endangering others as well as themselves."

Nugent said last year 15 people died in DWI-related traffic accidents along the Brownsville-South Padre Island corridor during spring break.

He also said 1,200 traffic citations were issued.

The temporary bus fare one way would be \$5, Nugent said.

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