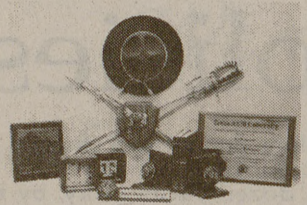


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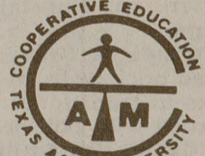
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Victim upset with 911 response

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHARDSON - A store manager, her throat slashed by bandits, questioned why she was bleeding during an emotional plea for help to an emergency dispatcher, a tape shows.

Police in the North Dallas suburb Wednesday released contents of a taped conversation between Angie King and a 911 operator during the Thanksgiving eve attack at a sporting goods store that left two co-workers dead.

"It's just . . . Oh, my God. I'm

so bloody," a frightened Ms. King, 22, told the dispatcher, adding that she didn't know why she was bleeding.

King was in fair condition Thursday at Parkland Memorial Hospital, where she was recovering from the neck wounds, said Sue Mundell, a spokeswoman.

Justin S. Marquart and Frederick J. Banzhaf, both 18, died at Herman's Sporting Goods store. King, the store's assistant manager, first called police at 10:42 p.m. on Nov. 25 but made only gurgling sounds before hanging up.

But dispatcher Amy Richards called back and pressed King for information during an 11-minute conversation in which the manager said her co-workers had died in the robbery.

"I'm bleeding . . . I'm scared," King said.

Some of the injured woman's responses were unintelligible, but she provided details about the robbery suspects to police, who later shot and killed one man. Two others are in custody.

Information provided by King led to warrants for James Curtis Langston III, Timothy Bates and

Joseph Roland Lave, police said. Richardson police shot and killed Langston, 26, Thanksgiving morning, who he said was trying to run over an officer who was attempting to arrest him.

Bates, 27, remained jailed. Richardson on bonds totaling \$1.25 million. Bates and Lave, have both been charged with counts of capital murder and a count of attempted capital murder.

Lave was jailed at the L. Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of bonds totaling \$2.5 million.

Friends to honor Lady Bird Johnson's 80th birthday

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - Lady Bird Johnson is already embarrassed and the party hasn't even begun.

Too bad, say her friends, who have pulled together two days of celebrations to honor the former first lady's 80th birthday and her "life well lived."

"We just didn't give her an alternative," said Liz Carpenter, Mrs. Johnson's former press secretary and coordinator of the private events at the LBJ Library Friday and Saturday.

"She said to keep things low key, but with millions of friends and the enthusiasm for her, there's no way to keep it low key. She's already told me 'Liz, I'm going to be blushing for two days.'"

Every president since LBJ has sent regards, and they are included in a commemorative book "A Life Well Lived" that will be given to guests at the celebration. The book is filled with photographs and personal remembrances from Mrs. Johnson's friends and family members.

"When we reflect on the life and achievements of this great first lady, we recall that she brought to the White House a quiet strength, dignity, and grace that virtually belied the tenor of the times," wrote President Bush.

The celebration includes personal tributes on Friday from several former members of her husband's administration, including Laurance S. Rockefeller and Sargent Shriver.

Phone lines back up

Company replaces stolen cable in part

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO - Phones were working again Thursday after Southwestern Bell repaired lines damaged when thieves took 500 feet of cable from a park.

Service was disrupted early Wednesday for about 1,000 customers, including several schools and a fire station.

The cable stolen from Lady Bird Johnson Park was hardly worth the thieves' effort, authorities say.

Company officials said the copper cable is worth about 70 cents per pound, but San Antonio scrap dealers said it is worth much less because of the cable's makeup.

The paper-wrapped cable is composed of 1,000 copper wires smaller in diameter than a pencil's lead.

"There's no real practical way to separate it," one dealer said. "It's probably worth at most 5 cents a pound."

Workers repairing the damage had to splice together each of the 1,000 individual wires.

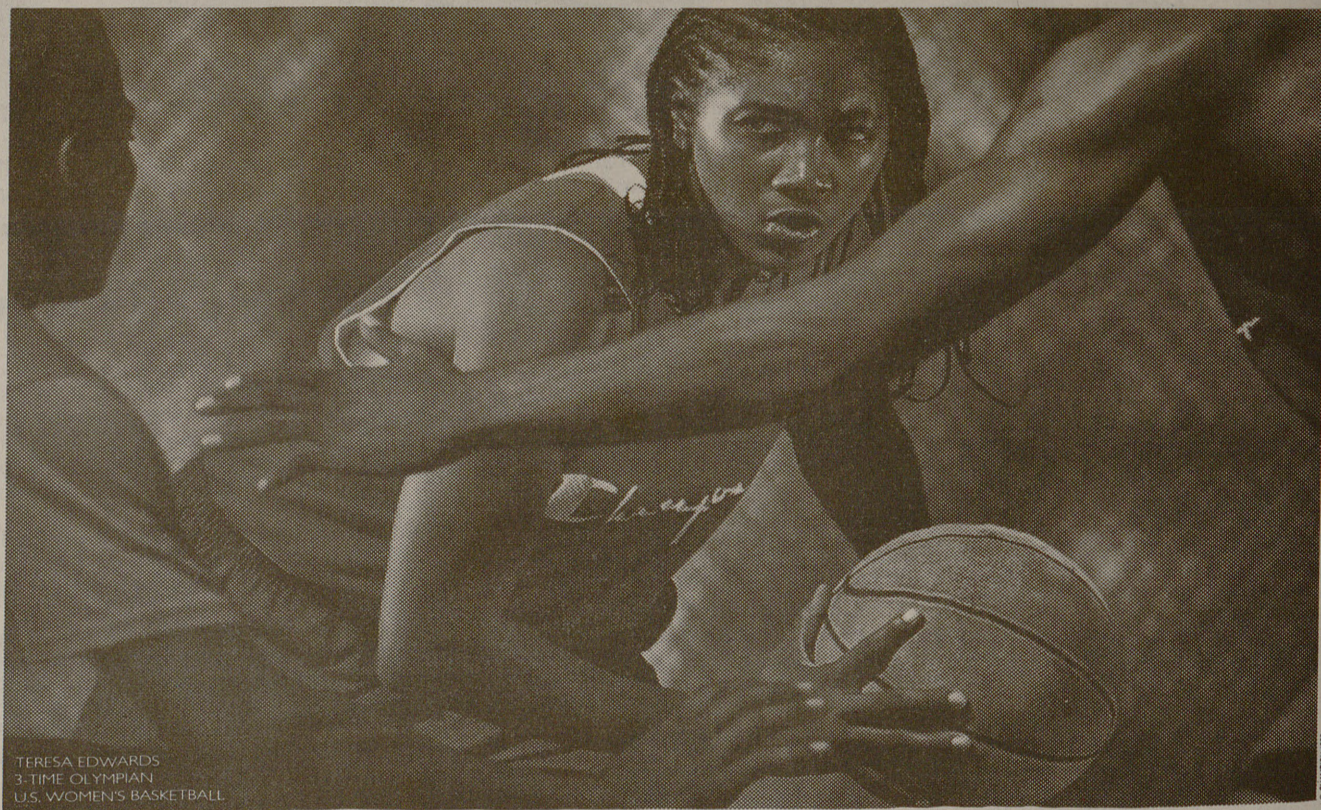
Authorities said the thieves cut the guy wires holding up the wooden telephone poles, causing them to snap and fall.

"I can't understand why anyone would go to all that trouble," Southwestern Bell spokesman Oscar Saucedo said.

"It is very difficult to salvage. Most salvage companies won't take it."

Because copper theft is common, state law requires salvage companies to get the signature, driver's license, vehicle license number and address of anyone selling more than 10 pounds of copper.

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