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State
Execution date set for man who raped, abducted, murdered Lubbock woman

- State attorneys argued that the execution would be cruel and unusual punishment because of the 17 year delay.
$\underset{\text { mer Lubbock District Attorney }}{\text { HUNTS }}$ mer Lubbock District Attorney
Alton Griffin believes some people forfeit their right to life and
Clarence Lackey is one of them. "There are depraved individuals and I think he is a depraved individual," said Griffin, who
first sent Lackey to the Texas first sent Lackey to the Texa
death row more than 17 year ago. "I don't see any socially redeeming feature in him that gives him a right to live.
tion earky, Friday for the for execuduction, rape, beating and near-
decapitation of 23 -year-old Toni decapitation of 23 -year-old Toni
Diane Kumpf in Lubbock. A state


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 The attorney for the plaintiffs claims that the plant failed to repair a faulty electrical system.
## Village of the Damned

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) be tried in a normal courtroom. On one side is a team of
lawyers portraying Occidental lawyers portraying Occidental allowing a chemical leak that drifted over Robstown in 1992 . lawyers attack the plaintiffs as lawyers attack the plaintiffs as greedy people suffering from no
medical ailments but from "the lottery syndrome." Lawyers made opening stately to last six to eight weeks. The
appeals court described the ap-
parently random fatal attack as
"senseless, savage and crue") "senseless, savage and cruel." Furgeson in Midland after attorneys argued that because of his
17 -year stint on death 17-year stint on death row, exe-
cuting him now would amount to cruel and unusual punishState attorneys appealed and the reprieve was lifted late cuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.
Defense attorneys asked for a rehearing. Denial of the request
likely would send the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. death row imprisonment has won some sympathy from Supreme Court Justice Paul the subject was important and novel and deserved high court attention but only after it had been addressed by lower courts.
result of his lengthy death imprisonment, the ninth-grit dropout suffered mental stras
and was physically ill because worried so much a bout dying
In 1982, the Texas Court Criminal Appeals threw out properly was dismissed at
trial, which had been movel San Angelo because of pub He was tried a second tif
Midland in 1983 and agai ceived a death sentence. Lackey had previous
tions, including burglary burglary with intent to comm rape. He had been out of pris Kumpf slaying occurred. her Lubbock apartment short a man who kicked in her dor beaten body was found in a a She had been
tons of butadiene that leaked
from an OxyChem plant and
drifted over Robstown, four miles away, on Oct. 23,1992 . not shutting down the plant when an electrical failure oc-
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Canales said.
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plant down when the elec system failed, Terry said.
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of the gas, Terry*said.




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