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Four people die in **Houston shooting**

HOUSTON (AP) — Three men and a woman were fatally shot early Monday after a 19-year-old man argued with one of the victims and then fired repeatedly into their parked car, police said.

Narit B. Bunchien was taken into custody without incident by officers who responded to the 3 a.m. shootings outside his home in a middle-class subdivision in southwest Houston.

Capital murder charges against him were pending. Police released few details, but investigators said they did not believe the killings were gang-related. No motive was given.

The four had gone to Bunchien's house to talk to him, police Lt. Chuck McClelland said.

There was some dialogue or conversation that took place at the suspect's front door before the suspect and one of the victims walked back to the vehicle," McClelland said.

An argument broke out. Bunchien pulled out a .40caliber handgun and shot repeatedly into the blue, two-door car, striking all four occupants, police said.

The victims, who were not immediately identified, appeared to be in their late teens or early 20s, police said.

Two of the men and the woman died at the scene, while the fourth died at a hospital while undergoing surgery.

A man at the Harris County Medical Examiners' Office, who would not give his name, said the victims' names would not be released pending notification of relatives. He referred questions about the victims' wounds to police.

Bunchien's mother spoke briefly to reporters through the partially opened door of her brick home.

When asked what her son told her after the shootings, she said, "He said there are four people in the car so I thought they tried to come in the house and kill us. ... I called 911.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Christmas time or not, parents who are delinquent on their child support payments might find themselves in jail during the holiday season, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Monday.

"Far too many children will not have a special meal

nor receive a special "Spending time gift because one of their parents is not contributing to their financial support," Morales said. "Spending time behind bars during the holidays is the proper message for these delinquent parents."

Thirteen people were arrested in Travis County Monday as part of a special roundup of

delinquent parents, Morales said, adding that similar efforts will be occurring across the state.

Delinquent parents in Houston, Dallas and the rest of the state need to know "that similar types of activities will be ongoing in their areas as well," Morales said.

Of the more than 408,000 in Texas who owe back child support, about 219,600 were making no efforts to pay up as of October 1996, Morales said.

An undetermined number of cases are also handled by private child sup-

port collection agencies, domesti tions offices and private attorneys. An estimated 5,400 arrest wa were issued between Sept. l and Aug. 31, 1996. During that p od, about 600 delinquent pa were arrested, Morales said.

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those arrested could be orde the court to be used for childs port, according to Hernandez. Deadbeat parents face a maxim

of six months in jail, she added. In a related matter, Morale peated his claim that efforts by critical lawmakers to move child port enforcement out of his off were "foolhardy.

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"They need to take all of their (Christmas) decorations and put their lights on timers," Sayers said. "It's also good if you can find someone to take care of [picking up] newspapers and checking the mail."

Sayers said the odds of retrieving stolen property are slim because most burglaries are not reported until the victim returns several days after the crime has occurred.

Crime prevention personnel also advise residents to make sure all windows and doors are locked, valuables are hidden and appliances are unplugged.

home should be a priority. "Everyone should be careful traveling,"

Lemay said. "And they should check their belts, hoses, and everything on their cars before getting on the road.

She said everyone should be well-rested before driving.

"We've lost a number of students to auto accidents simply because they're exhausted or hungry," Lemay said.

Sayers and Lemay both stressed that motorists should wear their seat belts while traveling and avoid drinking alcohol.

Motorists, Sayers said, should take pre-

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student selling the books.

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with it," he said.

Sopasakis' lease at 301C Patricia St. will end this month, but will continue on a monthly basis. Burger Boy will be given written notice 30 days before it must vacate the property.

A parking lot will be built on the property after the building is demolished.

The city will continue to assist Burger Boy in finding an acceptable location by providing a realtor

The Varsity Shop, the UR Store and Ad-

BookSwap provides the course number

Marrocco said the only problem with

"There have been publicity problems

"Students generally don't know it exists

BookSwap is many students are unaware it

and title of books for sale, as well as the phone number and e-mail address of the

vanced Tutoring Services were all locate the same shopping center. They closed d and have not relocated. Sopasakis said he has contacted a law

and will continue to fight the city's deci concerning Texadelphia and the shoppin ter's demolition.

'What we're looking [for] is to have init from the city to take the lead that they s have [taken] from the beginning and ad modate us first - their own [citizens], their own businesses - and try to relocate before they try to accommodate any or interests," Sopasakis said.

gram running. "We would like to see it taking off mo he said. "We want to reach as many stude as possible. That's our ultimate goal." Student Government is charged month

by CIS for running the program. Cochr said because its funding is allocate through student fees, the student body paying for the service indirectly. He sa Student Government wants to make sur the student body is not paying for a service it will not use.

Marrocco said students are not receivin the full benefit of the service at present.

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"Leave while there's plenty of time, have your vehicle serviced, and let someone know what route you'll be taking," he said.

Lemay said women should be aware of their surroundings.

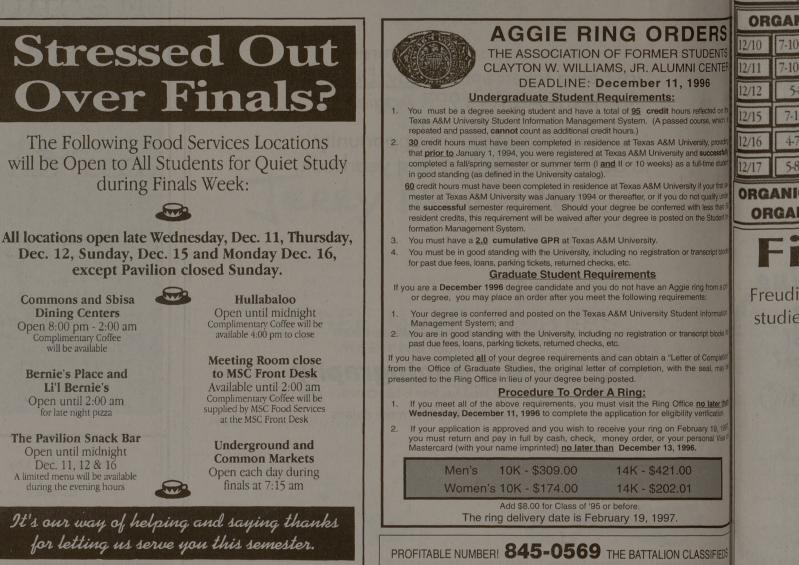
"Women should be especially careful," Lemay said. "Lots of rapes and kidnappings happen during the break.

BookSwap usage has tapered since ginning in May 1995. Currently, there are two books for sale on BookSwap.

unless they come upon it by accident.'

Cochran said since publicity has not continued for BookSwap, fewer and fewer students know about it. Cochran said Student Government wants to spread the word as much as it can in order to keep the prothey don't use it," he said. "It's their mone that's going into this.

Students who wish to find out more information about BookSwap or wishing to u the service can access it http://www.tamu.edu/bookswap/bookswap.html.



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