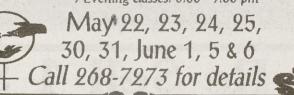
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Jackson executed for rape, murder

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — After a lengthy final statement, a twice-paroled bank robber and burglar who fled from an Austin halfway house was executed Thursday evening for abducting, raping and fatally shooting a University of Texas student more than 16 years ago

Tommy Ray Jackson, 43, insisted to the end that he was innocent of the Nov. 17, 1983, murder of 24year-old Rosalind Robison although he was arrested driving her car and was carrying her automated bank teller card.

He claimed the two were friends.

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"I cannot show any remorse for something I did not do," he said before being injected with the lethal dose of drugs. "If I did, I'd be faking, and there's nothing fake about me. I'm at peace. Please believe me. I figure that what I'm dying for is for what I've done in my past, not for killing Roz.'

He looked directly at her father through a window a few feet away and said, "I called her Roz.

There was no reaction from Dr. Roger Robison. As the drugs began to take effect, Jackson whistled and sputtered. Just after he slipped into un-

consciousness, thunder rumbled outside the Huntsville Unit.

The time of death was 6:24 p.m., 11 minutes after the lethal dose began.

"We're very grateful to the state of Texas for hav-

"I cannot show remorse for something I did not do. ... "

> — Tommy Ray Jackson death row inmate

ing the death penalty, ... to the people who persevered after 16 years to obtain this judgment," Robison said. 'It's somewhat reminiscent of my affair with Rita Hayworth back in the '40s," he said of Jackson's claim of a relationship with his daughter, a claim he referred to as a fantasy. "It would have been the ultimate odd couple."

Robison, an oncologist, said he had no difficulty watching Jackson die.

"I watch people die every day," he said. "It this was very humane. ... It's hard in our society anybody to death as violently as they put their

to death. It's enough that he's put to death.' But he added that the electric chair, Old Sp. state Supreme

would have "put on a better show. Jackson is the 13th condemned Texas inma of Oregon's we receive lethal injection this year and the first of en scheduled for this month. Two more prison set to die next week.

Evidence showed Jackson and a company James Clary, disabled an alarm at an east. halfway house where both were sent followin parole from prison and wound up on the Unive of Texas campus.

Robison, an engineering student from Terrelli Ind., was emerging late at night from a building she had gone to retrieve some notes when she was ducted, forced to withdraw money from her ha ATM machine, raped in her car and driven no the city to a rural area of Williamson County. She ty jury convict shot once in the head with a .25-caliber pistoll son rented from an Austin street vendor.

Gun control group Prison chaplain links Bush with NRA

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoping to link George W. Bush to the gun lobby, a gun control group is airing a new TV ad featuring tape of a National Rifle Association (NRA) official touting its clout in a potential Bush White House.
"If we win we'll have a president ... where

we work out of their office," Kayne Robinson, the NRA first vice president, tells a gathering in footage used by Handgun Control Inc.

The group calculates that voters will be less likely to support Republican Bush — and more likely to back Democrat Al Gore, a gun control advocate — if they know the Texas governor's progun views. "Neither the NRA nor

The Gore campaign was thrilled with the NRA tape, with spokesperson Chris Lehane calling it "the proverbial smoking gun.' George W.

Bush is carrying the NRA's legislative ammo bag but is trying to conceal

The Bush campaign said that's not true. "Neither the NRA nor any special interest group sets Governor Bush's agenda," said Bush spokesperson Scott McClellan.

Meanwhile, negotiations have broken down between gunmakers and 31 cities that have sued them in an attempt to hold gun manufacturers liable for gun violence, accusing

them of failing to use safety features. A gun industry representative, Robert Delfay, said today that gunmakers don't want the Clinton administration, which has threatened a federal suit of its own, to be part of the talks.

'If there is a Republican administration in 2001, there will be a much more favorable view of an American's right to keep and bear firearms than there currently is," said Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

The ad says Bush signed a law that allows concealed weapons to be carried, "in churches, nursing homes, even amusement parks." Actually, the laws bans concealed weapons from such places, but Bush signed follow-up legislation saying the law can only of dollars on the ad buy The group obtained the Robinson clip

from a videotape purchased from the NRA Website, and NRA officials did not back off their views that a Bush presidency would be good for their issue. "I want tell you

a piece of news that I just don't think that you probably

Robinson said. "We like George Bush better than Al Gore.

The comment about working out of the White House, he said, was a response to the Clinton administration, where the gun control advocates have had found tremendous support.

"Handgun control and he anti-gun people have had literally unlimited access to the White House ... working right out of the office," said Robinson, who also chairs the Iowa Republican Party. Reaching for his Iowa roots, he said the gun control people have been like a giant pig at the state fair while the pro-gun side is just a "poor little duck."

performs exorcism

Chaplains' efforts to exorcise a demon from an inmate violated security regulations at a North Texas jail, according to a published report today.

Sheriff's documents obtained Wednesday by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram show that two chaplains breached security when they took the prisoner to an isolated area of the Tarrant County Jail and began commanding Satan to "leave this man's body in an exorcismlike ritual

The reports show the jail ministers violated safety rules by removing the inmate, who is charged with sexually assaulting a child, from his cell without notifying the shift commander. The ceremony was so noisy that it was distracting, they contended.

"I am requesting this incident be reviewed by jail command staff," wrote sheriff's Capt. Dan West. Guards who heard the ritual

about 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the county jail's Green Bay unit believed that the "inmate was assaulting the chaplains" and rushed to the scene, according to witness statements and interoffice memos filed with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department as part of an internal investigation.

The commotion, which the guards described as "loud and disruptive," involved an inmate sitting upright on a table, according chaplain placed his hand or prisoner's forehead. about the gru

The jail preacher was "pn ing very loudly, stating for S to get out of the inmate'sh and heart," wrote sheriff's offer Curtis Hickey. "He shouted this se

times, then started speaking language that was unknown me," wrote Hickey. The volunteer chaplain, cording to another report, a

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apparently in prayer, accord to Hickey's report. A shift commander at jail's Green Bay unit, los

near Interstate 35W and Low the country. 82, wrote in a report that walked in on the ceremony "I did not stop this pa

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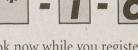
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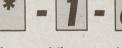
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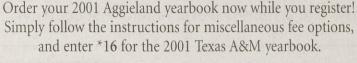
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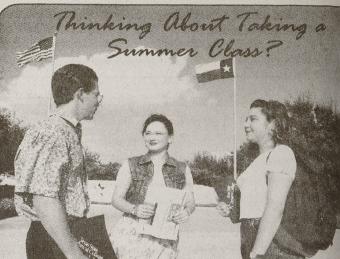
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