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Motive not known in Aransas Pass shootings

By Ben Goodwin

ARANSAS PASS - Police Chief Melvin Shedd said today investigators do not know why two gunmen killed two people and wounded three others in a bar-room shooting last night.

"We don't have a tie-in between people inside the bar and the two men," said Shedd. "I'm sure somebody who was inside the bar knows what is going on, but they aren't telling us."

Killed were Robert Lee, 31, and Josie Garza, 41, both of Aransas Pass. Mrs. Garza died during surgery at

AMI/Coastal Bend Hospital, said hospital administrator Ken Noteboom.

James Soto, 38, of Aransas Pass, was in critical condition this morning in the hospital's intensive care unit, according to a spokesman. He was suffering from gunshot wounds to the chest and upper abdomen.

Two other wounded bar patrons, Alfred Torres, 38, and Andre Gasque, 47, were treated then released from the hospital.

"Basically what happened," said Shedd, "is that two men came into the bar, looked at the tables and started shooting."

The shooting occurred about 8:15 p.m. at Uncle Wolf's Lounge on the southern outskirts of town. Men dressed in camouflage clothing entered the bar and opened fire with .30-caliber carbines.

Witnesses told police that eight to nine people were dancing or sitting at tables when the men walked in and opened fire on the group.

Four men and a woman were hit by the gunfire, according to Aransas Pass Police Capt. Mike Thompson.

Shedd said witnesses have not been able to identify

the men because they wore panty hose and masks over their faces.

Authorities were searching for a light blue, late-model Buick or Oldsmobile, the car in which witnesses said the men fled from the bar.

The driver was said to be wearing black gloves, according to police communications supervisor Terry Gunter.

"We need more information," said Shedd. "We don't know who we are looking for. This might take awhile. All we can say at this point is what happened at the bar. We haven't developed anything else yet."

Clements rebuffed on education

Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau

AUSTIN - A House subcommittee, in a direct slap to Gov. Bill Clements' budget proposal, today voted to maintain higher education at 1985 levels plus inflation, rejecting the governor's proposal.

Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, said Clements' budget proposal would slash spending by 17 percent to public colleges and universities.

As the state tries to diversify its economy and attract federal dollars, Uher described the governor's proposal as "a backward step, rather than a forward step to meet the needs of the state."

The budget and oversight subcommittee of the House Education Committee voted 5-0 to maintain higher education budgets at 1985 levels with an added adjustment for inflation.

The measure would also restore funds cut last year in special legislative sessions.

In addition, the proposal would maintain general revenue funding of university system offices and special-fund projects for research and scholarships.

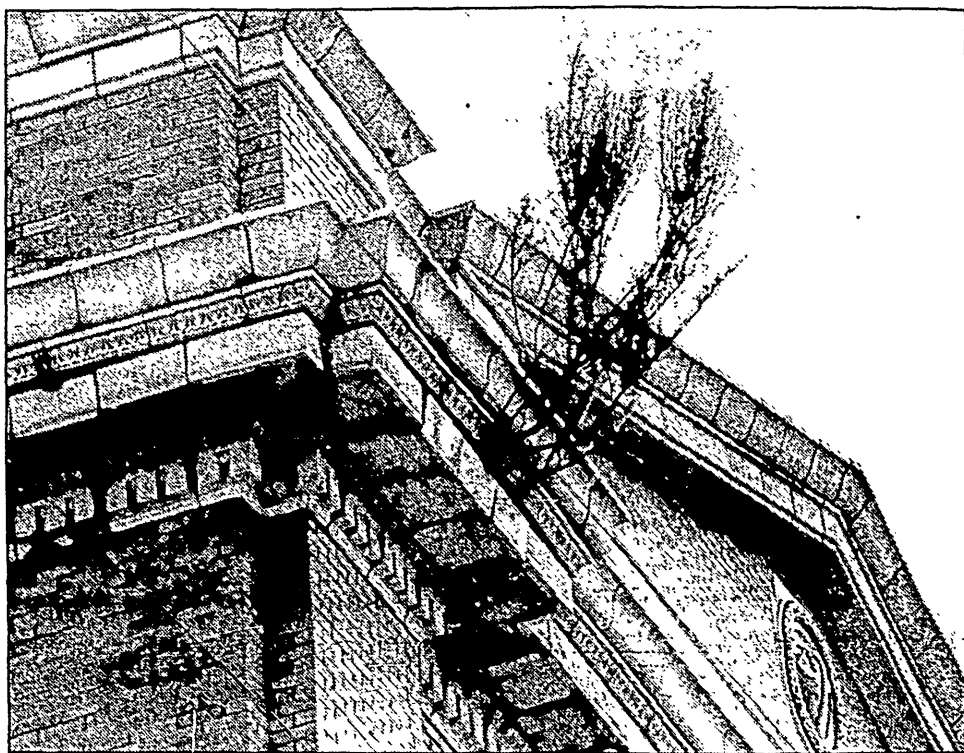
Both these items were targeted for reductions or elimination by Clements. Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, and a member of the subcommittee, voted for the increase saying that funding needed to be restored.

"This equity proposal will replace funds taken away during the special session."

Corpus Christi State University president Alan B. Sugg was happy with the subcommittee's decision.

Aside from increasing funds to the university by 20 percent, the proposal would restore approximately \$200,000 for the Hector P. Garcia library and \$20,000 for scholarships.

A tree grows in Corpus Christi. . .



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It may not be the kind of growth that some people would like to see in downtown Corpus Christi, but it adds a touch of spring to the old courthouse on

Mesquite Street if you cast your eyes skyward, you'll see this mesquite tree pushing its way through the eaves of the old courthouse building.

Language bill faces trouble

Opposition already strong

By Dana Palmer

HARTE-HANKS AUSTIN BUREAU

AUSTIN - A proposal to make English the official language of Texas is dead on arrival, House Speaker Pro-Tem Hugo Berlanga said Monday.

Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, said he and other members of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus have gathered 61 House members who are opposed to a proposed constitutional amendment filed today by Rep. Pete Patterson, D-Brookston.

Proposed constitutional amendments require 100 votes to pass in the 150-member House, so 50 or more votes against a measure can block passage.

"That shows an obvious broad-based support in opposition to this type of amendment," Berlanga said before a Mexican American-Legislative Caucus news conference called to announce the opposition.

Patterson said in a capitol news conference that those who can't speak, write or read English are kept "from receiving the full fruits of our abundant society."

He added that a society where groups continue to alienate them-

selves by not learning English will risk a possible split and loss of freedom.

With that in mind, Patterson said, Texans should be given a chance to vote on whether they want to make English the official language of Texas. "There's no doubt that it would pass," he said.

He also asked that the Legislature conduct a study of the effectiveness of bilingual education programs. Low English proficiency test scores across the state indicate there may be problems, Patterson said.

He also said he won't give up on the amendment even if the defeat of the amendment appears certain in the House. "I've changed my mind from time to time," Patterson said, adding that constituents should speak up and let their legislators know that they support it.

Berlanga said the issue should be dropped because the Legislature has more important issues to deal with, such as the state budget crisis.

Rep. Al Luna, D-Houston, said the anti-amendment petition was circulated on the House floor last week with an argument that Texas doesn't need an English-only restriction.

Rio Airways files for bankruptcy

KILLEEN (AP) - One day after a bank filed suit against Killceen-based Rio Airways for a bounced check, the troubled commuter airline filed for protection from its creditors.

Rio Airways filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 under the federal bankruptcy code Friday, listing about \$1.6 million in debts to its top 20 creditors.

Rio officials had signed an agreement with the city of Corpus Christi last year to begin daily computer service to Austin. But Rita Copas,

airport administrative assistant, said the airline withdrew its letter of intent in late November.

"It was a corporate decision and they gave no reason for the withdrawal," Ms. Copas said.

Rio, which operated Corpus Christi flights from 1970 to 1972, had been considering five to seven flights daily to Austin, Ms. Copas noted.

On Thursday, a Harker Heights bank filed a lawsuit seeking \$100,000 the bank lost after a de-

posit check from the airlines bounced.

The airline "decided to reorganize its assets based on the current economic situation," according to a release. Officials also said operations would resume within a few days.

"No Rio employees have been terminated, but several have been furloughed and will be recalled as soon as possible," the release said.

The airline has been cutting back service since 1982. But on Feb. 14, it began five flights connecting Austin to Laredo and Killeen.

Border Patrol intercepts pot

A 19-year-old Rio Grande Valley man was charged with possession of marijuana after Border Patrol agents found 129 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of his sedan at the Sarita checkpoint this morning.

Arnulfo Gomez of Edinburg was arrested about 4 a.m. when his 1971 Chevrolet was stopped for a routine check at the Border

Patrol station. Agents found the marijuana when Gomez opened his trunk for inspection.

"It was kind of unusual," a Border Patrol spokesman said. "He just had it all in his trunk - not hidden or anything."

Gomez was charged with possession of marijuana and remained in Kenedy County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond.

Foley's, Palais Royal open stores here today

By C.W. Carpenter

STAFF WRITER
Officials of Foley's and Palais Royal department stores opened two new Corpus Christi stores this morning in Padre Staples Mall with little fanfare and great expectations.

In fact, Palais Royal's president said his firm plans to open another store in Corpus Christi within three to five years.

Lasker Meyer, chairman of the board of Foley's, said just before the opening, "We are very happy and pleased to be in Corpus Christi and participate in its future growth. We were very pleased with the turnout at the aquarium benefit last night, but we want people to know that we are not interested just in the upper end of the market. We are a broad-based department store."

Meyer said the store "is among the most beautiful we have built. We will try to make it comfortable for the whole community. We want people to come in and feel free to touch and feel."

A few minutes later, Steve Sullivan, chairman of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Foley's on behalf of the Chamber, and then Sullivan, store manager Mike Billingsley and Meyer cut a ribbon and allowed a waiting crowd to stream into the store.

A short distance away, near Dillard's, Palais Royal opened its doors without fanfare, but company

executives were on hand to greet visitors.

Bernard Fuchs, chairman and chief executive officer of the firm, said he thinks his firm has a great future in Corpus Christi.

"Despite the oil industry problems, we think the long-term outlook is great. We have felt for some time that Corpus Christi was an excellent market for us," Fuchs said.

"In fact, we feel so good about Corpus Christi that we will open another store here in the intermediate future, perhaps three to five years. We haven't decided yet where it will be located, but we will do it," Fuchs said.

Palais Royal actually opened its doors to invited guests on Saturday and Sunday, but lots of other people turned up, "and we never turn anyone away," Fuchs said. "We literally had thousands of people in here those two days."

He said he is anxious for his store to demonstrate its policy of "we never say no. We operate on a one-on-one atmosphere and if anyone ever has a complaint, we bring in a problem-solver not involved in the problem to see that it is resolved to the customer's satisfaction," he said.

The Foley's store is a three-level, 200,000-square-foot facility operated by the 37-store Foley's chain of Houston, while Palais Royal is a



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Customers poured in as the Foley's store opened its doors this morning

one-level, 26,400-square-foot store of a family-owned chain based in Houston.

Foley's, on the McArde Road side of Padre Staples Mall, has about 100 full-time employees, 200

regular part-time employees and another 250 on-call people available to work.

Billingsley said that when maintenance people are added in, Foley's will have a monthly payroll of

about 350 regular employees.

Palais Royal opened with 90 full-time and part-time employees.

Foley's features men's, women's and children's clothing, jewelry, ac-

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WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow Low tonight in low 50s, high tomorrow near 70. (Details on Page 10A)

STOCKS
NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market headed higher today. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 2.39 to 2,226.38 in noon trading.

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Ferd Mauch Sr.
Jerry Frank Ivy
Mrs. Jenevieve Nutt
Francisco R. Gutierrez
Mrs. Lois M. Marek
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