

Clinton will make speech at state meet

AUSTIN (AP) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who clinched the Democratic presidential nomination with victories in his state primary Tuesday, plans to deliver a speech to the Texas Democratic state convention this week. Lawmakers said Wednesday that Clinton intends to address Texas Democrats at the Houston convention because he knows the state's importance in the fall election.

The speech to come to the hotel where George Bush has a board room and at the state Farm Press calls home, Maun said. President Bush has asked Texas Gov. Ann Richards to ask Clinton to speak to the convention Friday night. Maun said he was certain just when the Arkansas governor would appear. The convention runs through Sunday.

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Judge to keep his reasons quiet in case

TYLER (AP) — A federal judge has revealed the prison terms assessed two drug convicts, but he still won't divulge the proceedings or his reason for keeping the proceedings secret.

U.S. District Judge Robert M. Parker on Tuesday denied a request to inspect his ruling in sentencing proceedings of John Thomas Johnson and Gustavo Rodrygo Nuryago.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph and the Tyler Center made the request after Thursday's sentencing. The court cannot state the reasons for closing the courtroom or the court refuses to state those reasons, Parker said.

Johnson, 38, of One City, was sentenced to 120 months in prison for his role in what authorities call East Texas' largest cocaine organization. Nuryago, 39, of Gilmer received 125 months. They were convicted March 8.

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Supreme Court to consider hearing Granviel's claim

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court will consider hearing a claim by attorney for convicted killer Kenneth Granviel, who avoided the Texas death chamber early today when the high court granted him a stay.

Granviel, 41, had faced lethal injection before dawn for a Fort Worth killing spree in which seven people were fatally stabbed early in the morning. He was convicted of killing 2-year-old Nausha McClendon, one of five members of her family slain in October 1974. Two other women were killed in a similar fashion in Fort Worth four months later.

Attorneys for Granviel contended their client was mentally incompetent and should not be executed.

In the writ asked on by the Supreme Court about six hours before Granviel was to be put to death, Granviel's attorney said the competency hearing to determine whether he could stand trial was unfair.

The Supreme Court is considering the same issue in another case involving a California claim and agreed to consider a request to hear Granviel's claim.

"That will be dealt with in the normal course of business," court spokeswoman Toni House said. "No vote was needed in the court's decision, although the lack of a dissent indicated the ruling was unanimous."

"Granviel is a really seriously mentally ill person and all his claims have really highlighted that," Marty Welch, one of his attorneys, said. "We're glad that the court has shown some concern for that."

Lawyers also had filed a 45-page petition with a federal court in Fort Worth contending Granviel was insane due to paranoid schizophrenia. They also argued jurors were not allowed to consider Granviel's mental problems before they sentenced him to death.

These claims remained unreviewed before the district court. State attorneys had sent a psychiatrist to Granviel's prison cell. Wednesday to examine him and believed the former machine would not be disqualified from execution. Prosecutors long have contended Granviel was competent.

Granviel would have been the ninth convicted killer executed in Texas this year and the 514 since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982. The odds are by far the highest in the national death row because Granviel originally was scheduled to be executed by injection in September 1977. His execution date, however, was stayed as defense attorneys challenged the constitutionality of the then-new execution method.

In 1981, his conviction was overturned by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. He was retried two years later, convicted and again sentenced to death.

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Large reward offered in unsolved Austin slayings

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$100,000 reward, said to be the largest ever offered in a criminal case in Austin, has been offered in the slayings of four teen-age girls in a jogger's park last December.

The Austin business community Wednesday added \$75,000 to the existing \$25,000 reward. Firefighters responded to a blast at Car's Bazaar's 17th and Santhia Harbison, 15, Elizabeth Thomas, 17, and Amy Ayres, 13, with gunshot wounds to their heads.

"This is more money than you will probably get from playing the lottery, that's the big news nowadays," said Barbara

huset, mother of Jennifer and Susan Harbison.

Police have investigated the deaths for six months, but haven't been able to find any substantial leads.

Merritt Martin, chairman of the board and CEO for Texas Commerce Bank, announced a donation of \$75,000 to the reward during a Wednesday meeting at a conference attended by the families of the girls.

The money was raised by many business people in the community whose names may not come as a surprise to some, but who do want to remain anonymous. "Houston said, 'To show just how much money

\$100,000 in Texas Commerce Bank officials displayed a stack of 100,000 \$1 bills at the news conference at the bank.

Earlier in the investigation, police had asked the community to quit adding to the reward fund because authorities were afraid that someone with information would sit back and wait to see how high the fund got before coming forward. The police said Wednesday that they support the increased reward.

This is the largest reward I've ever heard of, certainly in the history of the Austin Police Department. The community, this includes the police, has the power to make the solution to this crime," Police said.

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