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'THE CEMETERY KILLINGS'

LOOKING AT 'THE PERFECT CRIME'

Examining the '94 triple homicide ahead of Memphis man's planned execution

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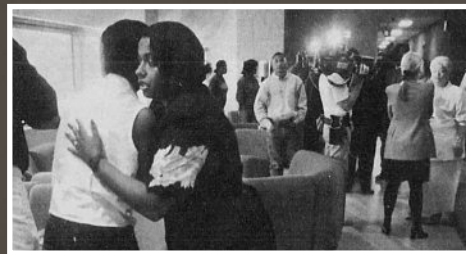
At the edge of South Memphis — bordered by the Bunker Hill, Castalia Heights and Prospect Park neighborhoods — is Rose Hill Cemetery. • Hidden off Elvis Presley Boulevard, trash, clothes and tires litter gravel paths. Grass and trees have overtaken graves; some have toppled. The gate is dented. • But on a recent spring day, some headstones appeared clean, sporting flowers and ribbons. The entrance to the cemetery was open; some grass was stomped down.

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TOP: Tony Carruthers looks at spectators during his trial in April 1996. He represented himself after six attorneys were dismissed. KENT PHILLIPS/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL ARCHIVES



Delois Anderson, Marcellos Anderson and Frederick Tucker are buried at a March 10, 1994, funeral. RICHARD GARDNER/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL ARCHIVES



Tonya Miller, right, Carruthers' sister, hugs Joyce Anderson, left, Delois Anderson's sister, after a jury convicted Carruthers and James Montgomery. MICHAEL MCMULLAN/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL ARCHIVES

B.A.R.K. Program helps dogs in shelters

Field trips offer animals ways to reduce stress

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Jackson Animal Care and Control is launching a new program to help improve the well-being and adoptability of shelter dogs.

The B.A.R.K. (Borrow A Rescue K9) Program is being funded by a \$9,865 "Ready for Rescue" grant from VCA Charities, according to a recent announcement from the city.

The program will allow community members to take shelter dogs on field trips, providing them with activities outside of the shelter and potentially reducing kennel stress.

Helping dogs find homes

The grant will be used to purchase equipment such as "Adopt Me" harnesses, portable water bowls, and car tether systems. It will also fund new agility and interactive play equipment for the shelter's play yards.

"We are incredibly grateful to VCA Charities for their generous investment, which allows us to provide a higher quality of life for our shelter pets. I want to extend congratulations to Whitney [Owen] and the entire team at Jackson Animal Care and Control as well as Service Innovation Director Abby Palmer for their dedication in securing this funding," Jackson

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Rep. Cohen ends reelection bid after 19 years in office

Move comes after state Republicans redrew districts

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After nearly 20 years in office, U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen is ending his bid for reelection to Congress, he announced on May 15.

Speaking in Washington, D.C., Cohen said he had requested not to be on the ballot for the upcoming August primary election. He said it was one of the most difficult decisions he's made in his decades of being an elected official.

He did, however, have a caveat to ending his campaign.

"If the courts will give two more years to that district... I will run for that office," Cohen said.

Cohen has been the sole Democratic congressman from Tennessee for the last few years, and his decision to end his campaign came days after Tennessee Republicans gerrymandered congressional districts in West Tennessee, carving up the district he had represented for 19 years.

He is a party to one of multiple lawsuits filed against the state in an effort to

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U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen speaks as part of a No Kings rally at Robert R. Church Park in Memphis on March 2.

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