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Bob Randall, 57, a dramatist, novelist and television writer whose successes included the Broadway play "6 Rms Riv Vu" and the hit TV series "Kate and Allie," died Saturday at his home in New Milford, Conn., of complications of AIDS, said Gary Pratt, his companion for 15 years. Mr. Randall's 1972 hit comedy, "6 Rms Riv Vu" won a Drama Desk Award and, as a TV special, was nominated for an Emmy. He won a 1994 Emmy and a Humanitas award for his CBS-TV movie "David's Mother." He was head writer and co-producer of "Kate and Allie," the acclaimed television series that ran on CBS from 1984 to 1988.

L.C. Graves, 76, the Dallas police detective who wrestled the gun away from Jack Ruby after he shot Lee Harvey Oswald, died Saturday in Kaufman, Texas, of heart failure. Mr. Graves was one of three Dallas officers escorting Oswald, charged with assassinating President John F. Kennedy, from the city to the county jail on Nov. 24, 1963. In the moment after Ruby fired a single shot at Oswald in the basement of Dallas City Hall, Mr. Graves grabbed the revolver and Ruby's wrist, preventing a second shot from being fired. Oswald died on the way to the hospital. He served with the Dallas Police Department for 21 years, retiring in 1970.