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INSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteers keep firefighters hydrated, cool

■ Eules's citizen volunteers have some new supplies to help as they assist firefighters.

By MARK AGEE
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

Don Martin showed the Eules Fire Department's newest citizen volunteers folding chairs during a tour of Station 3 on Wednesday night. The new chairs come equipped with water-holding sleeves for firefighters to rest their arms in.

"That should bring their body temperatures down real quick," Martin said.

Keeping firefighters hydrated and healthy is the goal of this new group of about 25 volunteers, alumni of the Citizens Fire Academy, who plan to respond to major fires with drinks, snacks and wet towels.

Martin, president of the academy's Alumni Association, is dividing the group into six shifts. They've been given their own storage area at the station and access to a department pickup, and they are angling for a sport utility vehicle once the department retires it.

Fire Chief Lee Koontz approved their plan last week, said Don Martin's wife, City Councilwoman Linda Martin, also an alumna.

"This was always our goal — a fully-functioning rehab," Linda Martin said. "We're really

close to having it where we want it be."

The group was expanded from a handful of alumni volunteers who have responded to 10-15 fires during the past two years, eagerly providing drinks and snacks to thirsty, hungry firefighters.

"They were great even when they could just throw an ice chest in the back of a car, but we're looking forward to having them around more," Eules Division Chief Paul Smith said. "Anything to cool you down, or warm you up better if that's what you need. It keeps the guys going, keeps them in the fight."

Firefighter Jason Moon agreed, saying the volunteers were especially necessary in January, which was extremely busy.

"There were a couple of days where we didn't get to eat and a pack of crackers meant the world," Moon said.

In preparation for Texas summers, the alumni association also bought a new awning and a misting fan that sprays cold water.

The alumni association's pantry in Station 3 is packed with bottled water, sports drinks and shiny new coffee carafes. A nearby mini-fridge, bought by the alumni, chills the drinks, and a freezer holds ice ready to be tossed in a cool-

er.

If their assistance is needed, the plan is for dispatchers to call Don Martin, who calls the four volunteers on duty. At least two or three of those will respond, Martin said.

The volunteers currently use their own vehicles or a Fire Department pickup and must take the time to load it with items from Station 3, Don Martin said. If they were to get the SUV, they could keep it loaded

to cut their response times, Martin said.

Their goal is to be rolling out of Station 3 within 30 to 40 minutes.

"It's the least we can do for our firefighters," Linda Martin

"There were a couple of days where we didn't get to eat and a pack of crackers meant the world."

— Eules firefighter Jason Moon

said.

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IN THE KNOW

Firefighter deaths

Heart attacks — not injuries or flames — facilitated by fluid loss and heat are the biggest cause of on-duty deaths for firefighters in the U.S., according to the National Institutes of Health. To combat the risk of heat-related illnesses, the International Association of Fire Fighters recommends a program that includes the following:

- Rest every 20 to 30 minutes to help firefighters stabilize vital signs.
- Lots of fluids.
- Restoration of core temperature through active cooling.
- Medical monitoring and treatment.
- Refueling of calories and electrolytes.

SOURCE: International Association of Fire Fighters

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM/ERIC COBURN

Euless firefighters battle a multi-alarm apartment fire in January. Citizen volunteers help firefighters by bringing snacks, drinks and items to help firefighters cool off.

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IN MY OPINION

Blandness not requirement for City Hall



Bob Ray Sanders

■ After a tour of municipal buildings in the area, the winner of the best City Hall in Tarrant County is . . .

Over the past 15 years or so, several Tarrant County cities have been busy remaking town squares, reuniting with their pasts and rebuilding city halls in ways that should force the larger, more metropolitan Fort Worth to take notice.

But, of course, Fort Worth leaders rarely take notice of what's happening in the smaller towns that surround them, even if they could learn a few things as they search for the best solution to their City Hall problem.

Fort Worth needs a better — more stately — space than its current City Hall to house its central government functions.

The building, which opened in 1971, is underwhelming at best.

City officials have been hearing whether residents would like to have a brand-new structure, or to renovate the historic main post office on Lancaster Avenue, or to build an annex onto the existing building.

While originally favoring the post office renovation, I've changed my mind and now favor a new building that will make a statement about the city's past and future.

I became convinced of this after touring city halls around the county, and I believe that Fort Worth's leaders should do as I did before they make their final decision.

As I noted in Friday's column, today I will offer my review of the municipal buildings I think are among the best and worst in the county, with Fort Worth being among the worst.

Mind you, I did not go to all 40-some-odd cities in the county.

But here's what I thought about those I did visit, listed in alphabetical order except for the last one, which I nominate for "Best City Hall in Tarrant County."

Arlington — This pre-fab concrete building is almost as bland as Fort Worth's City Hall, but not quite. It is hindered by location, its entrance is cluttered by parking lots, and it doesn't seem to have room to breathe.

But considering that it was built in 1981, it is more functional than many public buildings constructed about the same time.

Eules — Built in 1966, this was one of the oldest municipal buildings I visited, but to its credit, it really doesn't show its age.

Although located beside a freeway, the planners showed some vision by acquiring enough land to provide ample space for a governmental complex laid out like a suburban corporate campus and including a gorgeous library.

Haltom City — By any measure, the worst city hall I saw. To its credit, the city has built a fantastic, futuristic and spacious Central Fire Station that puts its City Hall to shame.

Hurst — Also located along the freeway, this brick-and-glass building is among the most modern-looking structures I saw, but that's not a negative.

I've long admired the building as I zipped past on

the way to the airport or to Dallas.

Its massive lawn provides a buffer to the highway, and a bust of the city's founder, William Letchworth Hurst, along with a time capsule, pays tribute to the past.

Keller — Anchoring a well-imagined and designed Keller Town Center, Keller Town Hall is a linear brick, glass and steel building that sits on a beautifully landscaped piece of property with a circular plaza in front (complete with a water-over-stone fountain) and a pond in back. Sculptures inside and outside add a touch of elegance to this building, which was dedicated April 19, 2002.

Mansfield — Dedicated in 2002, this is a stately building with an understated elegance. And, since it was designed by Fort Worth architects Schutts Magee Associates, I'd like to think that Mayor Mike Moncrief and company would want to check it out.

North Richland Hills — Not worth talking about.

Southlake — I know it is easy for big-city dwellers to disparage the manufactured town squares that have popped up in recent years. But say what they will, this town did it right.

Its red-brick-and-stone Town Hall houses city and county offices, anchored by its long four columns in the middle of a marvelously designed retail and professional office development. The expansive plaza, with a gazebo, period light poles and painted longhorn sculptures, adds accents to a magnificent public space.

But the prize for Best City Hall in Tarrant County goes to **Grapevine**, which is celebrating its centennial this month.

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This city has done wonders with its historic Main Street restoration, and the new City Hall — opened in 1997 — fits well among the renovated older buildings. It is stylish, not gaudy; majestic, but not overpowering.

Across the street from the site of the city's first seat of government, the building, with its colonial columns, clock tower with a statue over the dome and grand staircase in the entrance, is a testament to what good planning and good architecture can do for a city that's working hard to reclaim its glorious past.

A recent news story noted that the Grapevine City Hall cost \$5.5 million. It looks like it cost at least 10 times more.

So, Fort Worth leaders, look around before deciding to act.

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MAY 12 RACES

Most who have filed so far are incumbents

STAR-TELEGRAM

About halfway through candidate filing for the May 12 election, few Northeast Tarrant races seem to be gathering much interest.

Of the 66 candidates who had filed by Friday afternoon, 51 are incumbents.

There are a handful of disputed races.

Eules Council Place 6 has three candidates vying for an open seat. In Grapevine, three candidates have filed to replace Clydene Johnson, who has chosen not to run.

Her departure will bring the first new member to Grapevine's City Council since 1998.

In Richland Hills, Shelly Jaymes has filed to run against incumbent Jeffrey Ritter.

And in the Keller school district, two candidates have filed for Place 1, a seat held by Linn Jencopale, who has not filed.

March 12 is the deadline to file for a place on the ballot.

March 13 is the first day to apply for a ballot by mail.

April 12 is the last day to register to vote, and April 30 is the first day of early voting.

— Katherine Cromer Brock

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Below is a list of filings reported to the *Star-Telegram*. An incumbent seeking re-election is indicated by (i).

MUNICIPALITIES

Bedford
 Municipal judge: Tim Murphy

Place 3: Lori Nail (i)
 Place 5: Charles A. Doverspike

Colleyville
 Mayor: David Kelly (i)
 Place 1: Carol Wollin
 Place 2: Tony Licata (i)

Eules
 Place 1: Tim Stinneford
 Place 3: Linda Martin (i)
 Place 6: Perry Bynum, Warren

Flower Mound
 Place 3: Tim Trotter (i)
 Place 5: Jeff Tasker (i)

Grapevine
 Place 3: Mike Lease, Tracy Wilkinson, Mark J. Born
 Place 4: Darlene Freed (i)

Haltom City
 Mayor: Bill Lanford (i)
 Place 1: Jim Sutton (i)
 Place 2: Chris Holcomb (i)
 Place 7: Diane Bransom (i)

Haslet
 Mayor: Gary Hulsey (i)
 Place 2: Lynnda J. McCoy (i)
 Place 4: Harold Williams (i)

Hurst
 Place 1: Charles Swearengen

(i)
 Place 2: Larry E. Kitchens (i)
 Place 6: Henry E. Wilson (i)

Keller
 Mayor: Julie Tandy (i)
 Place 1: Steven Trine (i)
 Place 5: Mitch Holmes (i)

North Richland Hills
 Place 1: John Lewis (i)
 Place 3: Suzy Compton (i)
 Place 5: David Whitson (i)
 Place 7: Tim Welch (i)

Richland Hills
 Place 1: Jeffrey Ritter (i), Shelly Jaymes
 Place 3: Phil Heinze (i)
 Place 5: Michael Sloan (i)

Roanoke
 Mayor: Carl "Scooter" Gierisch Jr. (i)
 Ward 1: Kevin Stillwell (i)
 Ward 3: Frank Temple (i)

Southlake
 Place 3: John Terrell (i)
 Place 4: Gregory Jones (i)
 Place 5: Virginia Muzyka (i)

Trophy Club

Two at-large seats: Greg Lamont (i), Jim Moss, Roger Williams, Kathleen Wilson

Watauga

Mayor: Harry Jeffries (i)
 Place 3: Mike Steele (i)
 Place 4: Pete Beierschmitt (i)

Westlake

Five at-large seats: Larry Corson (i), Don Redding (i), Bob Timmerman (i)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Birdville

Place 6: Ralph Kunkel (i)
 Place 7: David Pokluda (i)

Carroll

Place 7: Sherri Williams (i)
Grapevine-Colleyville
 Place 3: Nancy M. Coplen (i)
 Place 4: Lisa Hall (i)

Hurst-Eules-Bedford

Place 3: Jim Schooler (i)
 Place 4: Ellen Jones (i)
 Place 5: Faye Beaulieu (i)

Keller

Place 1: Joseph Sandoval, Jason Wylie
 Place 5: Gerry Knowles

Northwest

Place 4: Jeannette Leong (i)

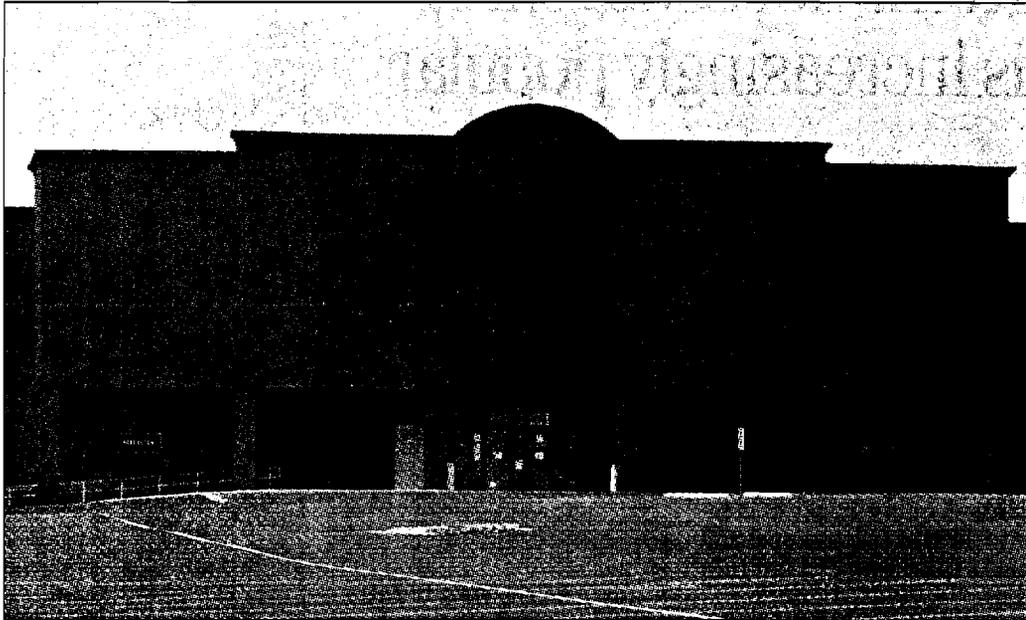
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WHAT'S NEW



STAR-TELEGRAM/KELLEY CHINN

America's Incredible Pizza Co.

Fort Worth-based Key Construction is turning the former Burlington Coat Factory building in Euless into a children's entertainment venue that serves pizza. The 66,000-square-foot building at the southwest corner of Airport Freeway and Industrial Boulevard is expected to open in early April, said Dennis Patchakos, project manager at Key Construction. Besides buffet-style pizza, the restaurant will have glow-in-the-dark golf, bumper cars, bowling and go-karts inside the building, he said.

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HEALTH

Area cities want future to take a thinner shape

By JESSICA DeLEÓN
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

Several Northeast Tarrant County cities want to help their residents get in

shape.

Hurst is launching its Healthy Hurst online wellness program Saturday with a walk with Mayor Richard

Ward and tours of its recreation center. Euless, Northlake and Roanoke are challenging one another — and other cities — for the title of

Fittest City as part of the Texas Round-Up. Residents have until Wednesday to sign up.

GETTING IN SHAPE

Healthy Hurst

What: Residents can create their own nutrition, fitness and health plans through a software program developed by PureWellness. The program includes calorie counters, recipe analysis and video clips of exercise routines. Participants will receive a T-shirt and can earn rewards — such as stress balls, wristbands and sweatshirts — as the program progresses.

How to join: Residents must register and pay a \$10 annual fee at the Hurst Recreation Center, 700 Mary Drive.

Cost to the city: The city paid \$15,000 for the software, kiosks and awards.

Events: 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday: Tours and fitness equipment orientations, Hurst Recreation Center. 10 a.m. Saturday: Walk with the mayor, Central Park walking trail.

Why: "It's all coming together in developing a program that will lead to a healthier lifestyle for our residents," Deputy City Manager Allan Heindel said.

More information: 817-788-7325

Texas Round-Up

What: Euless, Northlake and Roanoke are taking part in the Texas Round-Up, a six-week program spearheaded by Gov. Rick Perry. Participants are asked to work out for 30 minutes a day, five days a week for six weeks and log the results on a Web site. Cities statewide are vying for the title of Fittest City by recruiting the most participants. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. Roanoke participants will be entered into a prize drawing.

How to join: Go to www.texasroundup.org. The deadline is Wednesday.

Cost to participants: None.

Cost to the cities: None.

Events: Euless will host an Arbor Daze Fun Run on April 28, the same day a Fitness Festival will be held in Austin. Northlake may host exercise sessions at its Town Hall, as well as recipe swaps. Roanoke

plans a fun run in the fall.

Why: Roanoke Mayor Carl "Scooter" Gierisch Jr. participated last year. He works out at the city's recreation center each day at 5:30 a.m.

"We saw it as a good way to get folks involved in exercise," he said.

"It's not a hard program for anyone."

Suzanne Hendrickson, recreation manager for Euless, said the city's participation follows an initiative that encourages city employees to get in shape and last year's Step-in' Out program, which distributed pedometers to residents.

For more information: Go to the cities' Web sites: www.ci.euless.tx.us, town-northlake.tx.us and www.roanoketexas.com. On the Euless and Northlake sites, click "News."

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Floyd Joe Tindell



 **NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**
— Floyd Joe Tindell, 79, passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at a Fort Worth hospice.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Tuesday at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel. **Burial:** Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery.

Floyd was born Sept. 22, 1927, in Auburn, Ill., to Arthur Floyd and Josie Tindell and was raised in southern Illinois. After graduating from high school,

he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio where he met and married Bettye Imogene Lanier March 22, 1948.

After his discharge from the Army, they returned to Illinois where their children were born. They moved to the Fort Worth area to stay in 1958 and were longtime residents of Hurst. Floyd retired from Bell Helicopter after 25 years in 1987.

His wife, Imogene "Jene," passed away in December 1998 and Floyd married June Trammell Sept. 18, 1999. They were members of DFW Sams RV Club where they met many wonderful friends and made many enjoyable trips in their motor home.

The family would like to thank Vitas Hospice for all their care.

Survivors: Wife, June; son, Mark and wife, Connie; daughter, Gail Jones and husband, Chris; grandsons, John Perry and Joshua Snider; brother, Dean; special cousins, Vonnie and Tom Frey; many nieces and nephews; and by uncounted good friends.

Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel
7301 E. Lancaster, 817-451-3333
View and sign guestbook at
www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

Mr. Tindell's daughter, Gail Jones, is a secretary in the City Manager's office.

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FATAL SHOOTING

Suspect in 2005 case set for trial

■ A Euless man is accused of killing a woman at a bowling alley as part of a feud she had with two other women.

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — Vy Nguyen was feuding with Phiangchay “Christy” Souvanna and Blenda “Lily” Southida in early 2005, authorities said.



BONKHOUN

There were insults and threatening gestures.

Then one night a fight broke out that intensified the anger among the young Fort Worth women, authorities said.

In the early hours of April 26, 2005, the three had another encounter — this time at AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless, where in a few seconds’ time, 21-year-old Nguyen lay shot to death.

Police say Khampheth “Khampi” Bounkhoun, a 20-year-old friend of Souvanna and Southida, shot Nguyen in the head with a 9 mm handgun from two feet away.

Southida and Souvanna,

both 21, are accused of holding Nguyen down as she was shot.

Today, Bounkhoun, of Euless, goes on trial in Fort Worth, charged with murder in Nguyen’s death.

Jury selection is scheduled for today in Criminal District Court No. 297, and testimony is expected to start Wednesday.



NGUYEN

If convicted, Bounkhoun faces up to life in prison.

Lex Johnston of Fort Worth, one of Bounkhoun’s attorneys, has said the shooting was an accident.

“This case will ultimately be decided on whether or not the jury finds the prosecutors’ witnesses to be credible,” Johnston said in an e-mail to the *Star-Telegram*.

Prosecutor Tiffany Burks said the motive involved the feud between Nguyen and the two other women.

“She was killed, and one of her friends was also shot that night,” Burks said.

Trials for Souvanna and Southida are pending.

Both are also charged with murder, but attorneys for the women have said that their clients are innocent.



SOUVANNA

Witnesses told Euless police that Nguyen, a Tarrant County College student, and her friend, Thao “Kim” Thimai Bui, were at the Euless bowling alley and went out to the parking lot believing that Nguyen faced a fair fight with Souvanna.

Police say Souvanna and Southida held Nguyen down as Bounkhoun shot her.



SOUTHIDA

“Powder tattooing” found on Nguyen’s forehead around the

wound indicated that she was shot from close range, an arrest warrant affidavit said.

After Nguyen was on the ground, Bui was attacked, according to police reports.

Bui ran toward the bowling alley and was shot in the left

shoulder, but she survived, reports show.

Southida and Souvanna were arrested a few hours after the shooting.

After a nationwide manhunt, Bounkhoun was arrested a few days later on a bus in Concord, N.C., more than 1,000 miles away.

In an arrest warrant affidavit, a female friend of Souvanna and Southida’s said Bounkhoun admitted to her that he killed Nguyen.

Asked why, he responded “Because Lily did not like her,” the warrant said.

Souvanna has been free since posting \$100,000 bail May 18, 2005.

Southida posted \$175,000 bail a day later.

Bounkhoun remains in the Tarrant County Jail with bail set at \$500,000.

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TRASH COLLECTION

Striking Allied workers agree to return to work

■ The trash company's executives say that returning workers will be welcomed back.

By **ADRIENNE NETTLES**
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

FORT WORTH — Striking Allied Waste garbage workers ended their walk-out Monday after more than two months.

Members of Teamsters Local 767 said they agreed to return to work after seeing no end to the labor dispute that has disrupted trash collection in the areas served by Allied Waste.

Allied General Manager Tim Powell said in a statement Monday that returning employees will be welcomed back.

"There will be no animosity," he said. "Regardless of whether our employees were participating in the strike, or continued working hard at their jobs, we respect them for exercising their rights under the law."

Keller City Councilman Mitch Holmes said he was relieved to hear that the strike had ended. Keller was among the communities where trash collection had been delayed for days.

"This has been a sore spot with quite a few residents," he said. "Allied made several commitments throughout the strike — with one being the strike would be seamless to us, and it wasn't. It was quite an inconvenience."

"Allied's focus is on strengthening our teams and preparing for the increased demands of spring cleaning. It continues to be business as usual, with our customers' satisfaction paramount in all that we do."

— Tim Powell, Allied general manager

The union voted Friday to allow its members to return to work Monday without a contract, said John Shorts, Local 767 vice president.

Union officials called the strike's end a temporary measure in its fight for a new labor agreement with Allied. The decision was made after Allied made a one-year, "last, best and final offer" to the union nearly three weeks ago, he said.

The union saw the offer, which it called "substandard," as another attempt by Allied to delay negotiations, union officials said. The longer the company stalled, the longer striking union workers remained off work without pay, he said.

"Nothing is precluding these guys from going back on strike," Shorts said. "These guys are working without a contract."

Allied officials said Monday that the company has begun implementing the terms of the one-year contract offer, which covers workers' hourly pay, healthcare and other benefits. But company officials declined to provide details.

Allied workers were earning between \$35,000 and \$65,000 annually, depending on their jobs and which trucks they drive.

Powell, who was out of town Monday, said in his statement that workers will receive raises immediately but that the company will no longer collect membership dues from union workers.

"Allied's focus is on strengthening our teams and preparing for the increased demands of spring cleaning," he said in his statement. "It continues to be business as usual, with our customers' satisfaction paramount in all that we do."

About 115 of the union's 230 workers at Allied walked off their jobs Dec. 18 after the two sides could not reach an agreement. The union's previous four-year contract with Allied expired Dec. 10.

Allied tried to cover its routes with mixed success by using nonstriking workers and employees from other operations.

Both sides, meanwhile, have filed complaints with the National Labor Relations Board.

The union has filed two charges. The first, filed Jan. 26, accused Allied of not bargaining in good faith by refusing to meet and negotiate at reasonable times. The charge also accused Allied of threatening, restraining and coercing an employee for speaking out on the

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negotiations.

On Jan. 31, the union filed another charge accusing Allied of asking employees what they thought of the union and whether they were union members. Allied was also accused of not deducting union dues from paychecks.

"The charges were investigated and in both cases we have found partial merit and partial dismissal," said Martha Kinard, NLRB regional director. "These charges are completed, and we're discussing a settlement with the employer."

Allied also filed grievances against the union, which the NLRB is investigating, Kinard said. A Feb. 6 filing accuses the union of refusing to meet with Allied Waste at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith.

"Although the union has claimed that it is willing to meet anytime (24/7), the union rejected the company's proposal to meet on Feb. 2 and has refused to meet with the company since that time because the union is seeking to avoid negotiations so as to extend the strike and put economic pressure on the company while refusing to bargain in good faith," Allied's charge says.

Local 767 President Wesley Jenkins said that although the union has no labor contract, it won an election Feb. 13 held by the NLRB asking Allied workers whether they wanted a union.

Allied workers voted 133-73 in favor of a union.

Local 767 may file more charges with the NLRB accusing Allied of not bargaining in good faith, union officials said Monday.

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EULESS MURDER CASE

Juror jailed for misconduct; mistrial declared

■ A second jury is scheduled to hear testimony in the murder trial of a Euless man.

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

FORT WORTH — At about 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Ralph Klein was a Tarrant County juror.

But less than an hour later, Klein was a Tarrant County inmate, sent to jail for violating two universal rules of juror conduct: lying about knowing the defendant and blabbing about the case to others.

Klein, 38, was sentenced to three days in jail and fined \$500 for talking to neighbors and other jurors about the murder trial of a Euless man — a case for which the Fort Worth man had been selected to serve on a jury Tuesday afternoon. Although he denied knowing the defendant when he was chosen for the panel, Klein had even played basketball with the suspect, officials said.

After levying the sanctions,

Juror conduct rules

Here are some universal rules for jurors, although many judges will add to them:

- Do not mingle with or talk to witnesses, lawyers or anyone else who might be connected with a case.
- Do not discuss anything about the case with anyone, including spouses and parents.
- Do not discuss the case with other jurors until the case had been turned over to the jury for deliberations.
- Do not investigate the facts of the case.
- Discussion of a case is allowed only after being discharged from jury service.

SOURCE: Texas Supreme Court

state District Judge Everett Young declared a mistrial. He had told the panel before they were dismissed Tuesday afternoon not to discuss the case with anyone.

"If he was instructed not to talk about it, there's no excuse," said criminal justice professor Rolando V. del Carmen at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. "Generally, a judge's instructions are sacred words."

Sanctions against jurors are rare in Tarrant County and in criminal cases throughout Texas. About one or two mistrials are declared each year in Tarrant County because of juror misconduct, David Montague, a Tarrant County assistant district attorney, said Wednesday.

"When it happens, we see jurors digging to get their own information or watching news accounts," Montague said. "You don't see many jurors being sanctioned like this juror for not obeying a judge."

During Tuesday's jury selection, Klein also told prosecutors and defense attorneys that he did not know Kham-peth "Khampi" Bounkhoun, who is accused of fatally shoot-

ing a young Fort Worth woman outside a Euless bowling alley in 2005.

But Klein changed his story Wednesday morning just minutes before testimony was to begin in Bounkhoun's trial.

Klein told six other jurors that he knew the suspect, having played basketball with the 20-year-old Euless man, Young said in court Wednesday morning. Klein then began telling other jurors what he knew about the suspect, he said.

Defense attorneys and prosecutors immediately asked for and were granted a mistrial.

A new jury was selected late Wednesday afternoon, and testimony is scheduled to begin today in Young's Criminal District Court No. 297.

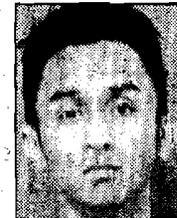
"Our criminal justice system works only when jurors seriously follow their oaths to tell the truth," state District Judge Sharen Wilson, of Criminal District Court No. 1 in Fort Worth, said Wednesday. "My court does give jurors a bro-

chure specifically defining appropriate conduct. But more basic than the conduct instructions is the oath to tell the truth taken by all jurors before jury selection."

Bounkhoun is accused of fatally shooting Vy Nguyen in the head almost point-blank with a 9 mm handgun on April 26, 2005, in the parking lot of AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless.

Nguyen was shot because she had been feuding with two of Bounkhoun's friends, police said.

Those friends, Phiengchay "Christy" Souvanna and Blenda "Lily" Southida, have also been charged with murder; their trials are pending.



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AREA BRIEFS

EULESS

Volunteers needed for upcoming events

The Euless Parks and Community Services Family of Volunteers needs help with the following events in Euless:

■ Easter Egg Stuffing Party from 1 to 3 p.m. March 14 at the Parks and Community Services Building, 1314 Royal Parkway.

■ St. Patrick's Day Concert from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 17 at Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

■ Nighttime Easter Egg Hunt from 6 to 9 p.m. March 31 at the Parks at Texas Star, 1501 S. Pipeline Road.

■ Texas Trash Off from 8:30 a.m. to noon April 14. Meet at Showplace Bowling Lanes, 1901 Airport Freeway.

■ Arbor Daze Festival on April 28 and 29 at Euless Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Drive.

To sign up or for information, contact Jerry Poteet at 817-685-1449 or jpoteet@ci.euless.tx.us.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CELTIC MUSIC: The Euless Public Library and ARTSNET present The Tea Merchants at 7 p.m. March 12 at the Euless Library, 201 N. Ector Drive. This Celtic trio plays spirited Irish and Celtic music. For more information call 817-685-1679 or visit www.euless.org.

GOLF CAMP: The Texas Star Junior Golf Spring Break Camp will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 12 to 15 at the Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway in Euless. The camp is open to youths ages 6 to 16. The cost is \$45 per child. The registration deadline is Monday. Register at the Midway Recreation Center, 300 W. Midway in Euless. Call the center at 817-685-1666 for information.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: The Euless Parks and Community Services Department features a St. Patrick's Day Party with Beatlegras. The Bluegrass Beatles tribute band will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 17 at Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway. Admission is free. For more information call 817-685-1666 or visit www.euless.org.

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BASEBALL

Eules LoneStars moving back
to a fresh ballfield in Colleyville

■ The LoneStars will play in the Grapevine-Colleyville school district instead of Eules this summer.

By **ADRIENNE NETTLES**
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COLLEYVILLE — The owners of the Eules LoneStars are changing the team's name and its home field back to Colleyville this summer in hopes of drawing more people to the games.

After playing two years at the Parks at Texas Star in Eules, the LoneStars will move home games to Colleyville Heritage High School in the Grapevine-Colleyville school district, said Stacey Hollinger, president and co-owner of the LoneStars. The team, which is in the Texas Collegiate League, will change its name to the Colleyville LoneStars, he said.

The team's season opener will be June 6.

Recent renovations make Colleyville Heritage's ballfield a big plus for the team, Hollinger said.

"Eules was a tremendous host for the LoneStars, but we're making the move based on the location of the field because it's near a major highway, and it puts us back in a neighborhood setting," he said.

The Grapevine-Colleyville

IN THE KNOW

Colleyville
LoneStars

Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children

Location: Colleyville Heritage High School

Opening game: 7:35 p.m.
June 6

SOURCE: LoneStars

school board voted 6-1 Monday, with Trustee Lisa Hall dissenting, to approve a new contract with the LoneStars. The team will pay the school district \$5,000 to use Colleyville Heritage's ballfield from June 4 through Aug. 4. The LoneStars are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the field under the agreement.

This school year, Colleyville Heritage's ballfield was ripped up and replaced three times to correct the drainage and infield grade.

"This field is a very, very special field," said Hall, the board's vice president. "I'm worried about them coming in and tearing it up. Is it really worth \$5,000 to the district?"

Paula Barbaroux, Grapevine-Colleyville's chief operations officer, assured the board that the LoneStars would treat the field well, particularly since the LoneStars' assistant

coach, Alan McDougal, is Colleyville Heritage's head baseball coach.

"Of course, there could be some wear and tear," Barbaroux said. "I don't think we'll see anything out of the norm."

Players in the Texas Collegiate League are college students with at least a year of eligibility left, said Josh Tate, league spokesman.

More than 80 of the league's players have been drafted by major league teams and are with minor league clubs. One player, Mark Lowe, is on the roster of the Seattle Mariners, he said.

In 2004, the LoneStars paid Grapevine-Colleyville \$35,000 annually to use Colleyville Heritage's ballfield. The team played for a year under the agreement before moving to Eules, Hollinger said.

Hollinger said the Colleyville LoneStars' opening game will be against the Brazos Valley Bombers from Bryan-College Station. The LoneStars will play 24 home games at Colleyville Heritage during the 48-game season, he said.

"We'll go above and beyond to make sure that the field is in better shape than when we came," he said.

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EULESS

Witness says woman was held down and shot

■ Julie Nguyen had gone outside a bowling alley to settle a dispute with two women in 2005.

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

FORT WORTH — For several hours very early on April 26, 2005, two young Fort Worth women cursed at Vy "Julie" Nguyen across the bowling lanes at AMF Showplace Lanes in Euless.

They eventually decided to go outside and settle their differences. The two Fort Worth women headed for the parking lot, followed by Nguyen and her friend, Thao "Kim" Thimal Bui, prosecutors said.

Seconds later, Nguyen, 21, lay dead from a gunshot wound to the head and Bui was fleeing for her life.

"I went after them because I had a bad feeling, they were going to fight," said Karen Nguyen, an acquaintance of Julie Nguyen's, who testified Thursday morning in the murder trial of Khampeth "Khampi" Bounkhoun of Euless.

"I saw the girl that Julie was fighting had pinned her



JULIE NGUYEN

to the ground and she was like straddled over her," Karen Nguyen told a Tarrant County jury of six women and six women. "I then saw this guy run to where Julie and the girl were fighting, and he had a gun. He then just shot Julie in the head."

Karen Nguyen said she heard the gunman yell, "run," and saw him and the two women run away.

At least five shots were fired in the bowling alley parking lot, according to police reports.

Bui was shot in the left shoulder as she tried to escape, police said.

The shooting of Julie Nguyen may have been a man trying to impress his girlfriend, a prosecutor told the jury.

"All the ingredients were there for a perfect storm," said Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Raquel "Rocky" Jones in her opening

statement.

The feud between Julie Nguyen and the two young women had reached a breaking point that month, Jones said.

"The evidence will show that the defendant shot her at close range and then turned the weapon on others who tried to help Nguyen," Jones said.

But Lex Johnston of Fort Worth, Bounkhoun's attorney, told jurors Thursday morning that witnesses' stories flip-flopped throughout the investigation.

"And people couldn't have witnessed what they say they saw," Johnston said in his opening statement to jurors. "There's no real evidence that Khampi shot Julie Nguyen."

If convicted, Bounkhoun, 20, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Phiengchay "Christy" Souvanna and Blenda "Lily" Southida also have been charged with murder in the case. Their trials are pending.

Testimony was expected to continue today in Criminal District Court 297.

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