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FROM THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Finally, spring is here and there are so many ways to enjoy the beautiful Texas springtime. Short trips around the county or state, or even your own City of Eules is a great treat when traveling the back roads. You'll find wildflowers, trees and animals all enjoying the sunshine. Visiting the beautiful old county courthouses is another treat. We have such a short spring time so take advantage of every day.

April is National Library Appreciation month, and April 15 to April 21 is National Library week. Do visit your library, especially during this time, and let your librarians know how much you appreciate them.

The Eules Library Foundation is hosting Western Night on April 21, 2007, in the library conference room. The

special guest for the evening is well-known western writer, Elmer Kelton. Dinner will be provided by the famous North Main Bar B Q of Eules. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the library.

When spring comes, can ARBOR DAZE be far behind? Yes, Arbor Daze will be held in Eules on April 28 and 29 on the city hall campus. There will be many family activities beginning with a Family Walk on Saturday morning. Of course, there will be food galore and the plant sale, too.

On Friday, April 27, 2007, the Trinity High School campus will host the Cancer Relay for Life event. It is truly something to see. If you have never participated in this event, do try and make it this year. It is an all night affair and friends walk

around the track all during the night to support cancer awareness. It is a special time when the luminaries are lit in memory of a loved one or special cancer survivors. City council elections will be held on May 12, and early voting will be conducted from April 30 through May 8. Each of the three places on the ballot this year have more than one candidate vying for the position. Get to know your candidates and vote for your preference. It is so important to be an active citizen by voting in each election. Early voting will held at the Eules Public Library and voting will take place on election day at the Eules Public Library and at Bear Creek Elementary School.

The parks are looking beautiful and walking in the parks is great exercise. The Trails go from Bob Eden Park at SH 121 and Mid-Cities Boulevard to the Bear Creek Park at SH 360. Take advantage of these spring days and enjoy your parks.

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Fastest-Growing Cities in Tarrant County

Ranked by number of new building permits

Rank	City Address Phone Fax Web site	New Building Permits Issued in 2006 Sales Tax Collections 2006 Area in square miles	Mayor City Manager No. of Full-time Employees	Sample of City Amenities
1	City of Fort Worth 1000 Throckmorton St. Fort Worth 76102 817-392-2255 817-392-6134 fortworthgov.org	10,728 (1) \$92,739,620 308	Mike Moncrief Charles Boswell 6,079	Fort Worth Zoo, Historic Stockyards, world-class museums, Fort Worth Herd, nature center, more than 10,000 acres of parks, 91 municipal tennis courts, five golf courses, 21 community centers
2	City of Arlington 101 W. Abram St. Arlington 76010 817-459-6402 817-459-6410 ci.arlington.tx.us	1,777 \$79,188,629 99	Dr. Robert Cluck James N. Holgersson 2,156	Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Six Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor, convention center, golf courses, parks, sports centers, University of Texas at Arlington, future home of the Dallas Cowboys
3	City of Burleson 141 W. Renfro St. Burleson 76028 817-447-5400 817-426-1906 burlesontx.com	796 \$9,357,492 24	Kent Shatter Curtis E. Hawk 278	Hidden Creek Golf Course, 10 parks, two sport complexes, recreation center, senior activity center, library, animal shelter, historic Old Town with historic Interurban Depot, Spinks Airport, country club
4	City of Mansfield 1200 E. Broad St. Mansfield 76063 817-276-4200 817-473-2925 mansfield-tx.gov	759 \$11,030,628 39	Mel Neuman Clayton Chandler 462	Award-winning parks system, MISD and library program, Big League Dreams Mansfield (under construction), Joe Pool Lake, Mansfield Historical Museum & Heritage Center, historic downtown and six industrial/business parks
5	City of North Richland Hills 7301 NE Loop 820 North Richland Hills 76180 817-427-6000 817-427-6016 nrhtx.com	641 \$12,166,366 18	Oscar Trevino Jr. Larry Cunningham 597	NRH20 Water Park, Iron Horse Golf Course, Richland Tennis Center, library, recreation center, 741 acres of parks, trail system
6	City of Colleyville 100 Main St. Colleyville 76034 817-503-1000 817-503-1129 colleyville.com	464 \$2,267,586 13	David Kelly Bill Lindley 174	Extensive trails system, recreational facilities, 11 parks and greenbelts, public library, events center, five miles from D/FW International Airport
7	Haltom City 5024 Broadway Ave. Haltom City 76117 817-222-7700 817-834-7237 haltomcitytx.com	377 \$2,333,988 12	William "Bill" Lanford III Tom Muir 301	Recreation center, ballpark, eight city parks, senior center, library, Spring Fest, Community Tree Lighting, Haltom Halloween Carnival

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8	City of Keller 1100 Bear Creek Parkway Keller 76248 817-743-4000 817-743-4190 cityofkeller.com	368 \$3,871,458 18	Julle A. Tandy Lyle H. Dresher 335	Recreation and aquatic center, multi-sports complex, greenbelt walking trails, equestrian arena, senior citizen center, public library
9	City of Crowley 201 E. Main St. Crowley 76036 817-297-2201 817-297-6178 ci.crowley.tx.us	350 \$1,363,918 7	Billy Davis Trull Gilbreath 86	More than 100 acres of parkland with baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, pavilions, frisbee golf course, splash pad (coming soon), two fire stations, public library, senior citizens center, new criminal justice center to be completed this year
10	City of Forest Hill 6800 Forest Hill Drive Forest Hill 76140 817-568-3000 817-568-3049 foresthilltx.org	196 \$722,844 4	James Gosey David Miller 8	New home construction, new public library, close proximity to downtown Fort Worth and interstate highways
10	City of Hurst 1505 Precinct Line Road Hurst 76054 817-788-7000 817-788-7009 ci.hurst.tx.us	196 \$14,182,082 10	Richard Ward Allan Weegar 335	Shopping in North East Mall, recreation center, two aquatic centers, public library, recreation opportunities
12	City of Saginaw 333 W. McLeroy Blvd. Saginaw 76179 817-232-4640 817-232-4644 ci.saginaw.tx.us	184 \$3,086,272 8	Gary Brinkley Nan Stanford 123	Seven parks, three recreation centers, library, aquatic center
13	City of Azle 613 SE Parkway Azle 76020 817-444-2541 817-444-7149 azle.govoffice.com	175 \$1,680,741 8	Linda Arrington DND 90	18-hole municipal golf course, public library, three city parks (one with lake access), ball fields, soccer fields, senior citizens center, two community buildings
14	City of Benbrook 911 Winscott Road Benbrook 76126 817-249-3000 817-249-0884 cityofbenbrook.com	157 \$1,495,720 12	Jerry Dittrich Andy Wayman 105	Parks, recreation opportunities (Benbrook Community Center/YMCA, Whitestone Golf Course)
15	City of Euless 201 N. Ector Drive Euless 76039 817-685-1400 817-685-1416 euless.org	128 \$12,389,136 16	Mary Lib Saleh Joe C. Hennig 383	Texas Star Golf Course, 630 acres of parks, convenient highway access, close proximity to airport
16	City of White Settlement 214 Meadow Park Drive White Settlement 76108 817-246-4971 817-367-0885 wsbx.us	95 \$3,920,305 5	James O. Ouzts Jimmy Burnett 119	Parks and recreation system, senior service center, public library, three hotels, Civil War Museum, hometown museum with pioneer-era log cabin, Lockheed Martin, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base

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SOURCES: Participating city governments and North Central Texas Council of Governments

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(1) Number denotes residential permits only: single family, townhomes, duplexes

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17	City of Bedford 2000 Forest Ridge Drive Bedford 76021 817-952-2100 817-952-2394 cl.bedford.tx.us	86 \$8,980,550 10	Jim Story Beverly Queen DND	Eight parks, Independence Day celebrations, water park, library, walking trails
18	City of Southlake 1400 Main St. Southlake 76092 817-748-8400 817-748-8010 cl.southlake.tx.us	39 \$13,133,340 22	Andy Wambsgans Shana Yelverton 258	Southlake Town Square, more than a dozen public parks supporting a variety of programs and activities, public library
19	Town of Westlake 3 Village Circle, Ste. 202 Westlake 76262 817-430-0941 817-430-1812 westlake-tx.org	37 (1) \$3,685,860 7	Scott Bradley Trent Petty 24	No city property tax, economic development incentives available, home of Westlake Academy
20	City of Lake Worth 3805 Adam Grubb St. Lake Worth 76135 817-237-1211 817-237-1333 lakeworthtx.org	31 \$5,031,613 3	Walter Bowen Joey Highfill DND	Parks, library, senior center
20	City of Watauga 7101 Whitley Road Watauga 76148 817-514-5800 817-281-1991 cowtx.org	31 DND 4	Harry Jeffries Kerry Lacy DND	Library, city parks, community center, city events, shopping, entertainment, small-town civic atmosphere

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22	City of Sansom Park 5500 Buchanan St. Fort Worth 76114 817-626-3791 817-626-0023 ci.sansom-park.tx.us	25 \$212,000 1	Robert Armstrong Tony White 27	DND
23	City of River Oaks 4900 River Oaks Blvd. River Oaks 76114 817-626-5421 817-624-2154 riveroakstx.com	6 \$311,768 2	Herman Earwood Linda Ryan 60	Self-sustained water system, residential sanitation, pick-up by the city, community center, 40-member volunteer fire department
24	City of Everman 212 N. Race St. Everman 76140 817-293-0525 817-551-7549 evermanbx.net	1 \$278,743 3	Jim Stephenson Donna Anderson 37	Library, parks, community center
NR	City of Grapevine 200 S. Main St. Grapevine 76051 817-410-3000 817-410-3002 ci.grapevine.tx.us	DND \$10,000,000 36	William D. Tate Bruno Rumbelow 650	Two major yearly festivals, park and trail system, Grapevine Mills Mall, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, seven wine-tasting establishments, vintage historic train tour, historic downtown
NR	Town of Pantego 1614 S. Bowen Road Pantego 76013 817-274-1361 817-265-1375 townofpantego.com	DND DND 2	Dorothy Aderholt Doug Davis DND	Police, fire, EMS services, low water rates
NR	City of Richland Hills 3200 Diana Drive Richland Hills 76118 817-299-1800 817-299-1803 richlandhills.com	DND DND 4	David Ragan James Quin DND	Four parks, award-winning library, community center, low property tax rate, Birdville ISD schools

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ARBOR DAZE

■ 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday
 ■ City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive, Euless
 ■ Free parking available at City Hall and First Baptist Church of Euless
 ■ www.arbordaze.org

Family Fun Run/Walk

7 a.m. Saturday, Bob Eden Park

Forestry Village

Saturday

■ 10 a.m.: "How to Enhance Your Landscape"
 ■ Noon: "How to Grow and Care for Your Trees"
 ■ 2 p.m.: "How to Create a Texas Smartscape Landscape"
 ■ 4 p.m.: "How to Produce Compost"

Sunday

■ 3 p.m.: "How to Grow and Care For Your Lawn"
 ■ 5 p.m.: "How to Pavestone"

ARTSNET Entertainment

Main Stage

Saturday

■ 9:15-10:15 a.m.: First Baptist Euless Jazz Orchestra
 ■ 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Radio Disney Super Stars
 ■ 11:30-1 p.m.: Mr. Music & Friends
 ■ 1-2:30 p.m.: Outlet
 ■ 4-5:30 p.m.: InPulse
 ■ 6-7:30 p.m.: Vocal Trash

Sunday

■ 2-3:30 p.m.: Les Elgert Orchestra
 ■ 4-5:30 p.m.: Zack King

Kidz Zone

Saturday

■ 10 a.m.: Calliopes Closet
 ■ 11 a.m.: Bruce Chadwick
 ■ Noon: Professor Brainius

■ 1 p.m.: Calliopes Closet
 ■ 2 p.m.: Bruce Chadwick
 ■ 3 p.m.: Professor Brainius
 ■ 4 p.m.: Calliopes Closet
 ■ 5 p.m.: Bruce Chadwick
 ■ 6 p.m.: Professor Brainius

Sunday

■ 2 p.m.: Calliopes Closet
 ■ 3 p.m.: Mr. Music and Friends
 ■ 4 p.m.: Calliopes Closet

Community Stage

Saturday

■ 9-9:30 a.m.: TBA
 ■ 9:30-10 a.m.: TBA
 ■ 10-10:30 a.m.: Creative Arts in Action
 ■ 10:30-11 a.m.: TBA
 ■ 11-11:30 a.m.: Dixie Grand Cloggers
 ■ 11:30 a.m.-noon: TBA
 ■ noon-12:30 p.m.: Broken Ground Stomp Team
 ■ 12:30-1 p.m.: Indigo Rose Belly Dancing
 ■ 1-1:30 p.m.: Heather Meyer
 ■ 1:30-2 p.m.: Tribal Evolution
 ■ 2-2:30 p.m.: DFW Shows
 ■ 2:30-3 p.m.: Empire Gymnastics
 ■ 3-3:30 p.m.: Isis & The Star Dancers
 ■ 3:30-4 p.m.: St. Michael's Tongan Catholic Community
 ■ 4-4:30 p.m.: Teriki's Polynesia
 ■ 4:30-5 p.m.: Pat Riddle School of Dance
 ■ 5-5:30 p.m.: McTeggart Irish Dancers
 ■ 5:30-6 p.m.: Ke Anuenue Polynesian Revue

Sunday

■ 2-2:30 p.m.: King & Robert's Dance Studio
 ■ 2:30-3 p.m.: Unavailable
 ■ 3-3:30 p.m.: Texas Children's Choir
 ■ 3:30-4 p.m.: Dancers-In-Motion
 ■ 4-4:30 p.m.: Ce Mei Rav Sean

EULESS

Revived Arbor Daze fest turns over a new leaf

By **JESSICA DeLEÓN**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — Arbor Daze is returning this weekend with some major changes.

The festival once attracted 250,000 people, ran for four days and attracted big-name acts such as the Beach Boys. This year, the two-day event will feature local entertainment and will no longer have a carnival.

The event will also return to the Ci-

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A complete Arbor Daze calendar. **5B**

ty Hall grounds, with activities including a forestry tent featuring landscaping tips, the Family Fun Run/Walk, a children's area, arts and food vendors and the giveaway of 10,000 trees.

"We really wanted to take it back to its grass roots," said Ray McDonald, parks and community services director. "It's about family; it's about com-

munity."

The changes came after the 2004 festival was rained out for two days, costing the city \$250,000. The 2005 festival lost half a day because of rain, and the city canceled the 2006 festival to evaluate the future of Arbor Daze.

This year's event will cost \$50,000, compared with \$1 million in previous years, McDonald said.

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Taylor Craig Marks, 16, a sophomore at Colleyville Heritage High School, was found dead April 6 in his bed at his Euless home. Another student faces charges of selling Marks drugs and could face more charges, according to police.

INVESTIGATION

Teen faces drug count after death

■ A Colleyville Heritage High School student is suspected of selling drugs to another student, who was found dead this month.

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

EULESS — A 16-year-old Colleyville Heritage High School student is accused of selling methadone in the school's courtyard to a classmate who later died of an apparent drug overdose at his Euless home, according to a search warrant affidavit released Monday.

The 16-year-old was taken into custody last week after investigators interviewed students who said they knew about the drug deal.

At least one student told police that he had seen the teen steal the prescription drugs methadone and hydrocodone from his grandparents' bedroom at their Colleyville home, the affidavit states.

The Colleyville teen is expected to be charged with delinquent conduct/delivery of a controlled substance, Euless police Lt. Wayne Pavlik said Monday.

"He may face other charges once the autopsy is complete," Pavlik said.

The accused teen is not being identified because he is a juvenile.

Taylor Craig Marks, 16, a sophomore at Colleyville Heritage, was found dead April 6 in his bed at his Euless home in the 500 block of Essex Place. An official cause of death is pending toxicology results, which can take four to six weeks, authorities said.

The accused teen's family declined to comment Monday night. Marks' family could not be reached for comment.

Colleyville Heritage Principal Becky Prentice sent a letter to students and their parents shortly after Marks' death. "Taylor's parents ask that we learn from the tragedy of Taylor's passing, and we encourage any student currently struggling with drug involvement to contact the school counselors," Prentice wrote.

The Colleyville teen and his mother live with the teen's grandparents in Colleyville, according to the eight-page affidavit.

The grandparents had a large amount of medication — methadone and hydrocodone — in their bedroom dresser. The grandmother has cancer. The youth's mother also had prescription medications in the house, the affidavit states.

A few weeks ago, the teen started taking the drugs and decided he could sell the pills after looking up methadone and hydrocodone on the Internet, the affidavit states.

The teen sold the pills for \$2 each and told buyers that the pills were so weak that they could take a lot of them, the affidavit states.

On April 5, just after school ended, Marks and another student were walking through the high school's courtyard when they were approached by the teen. The teen sold Marks nine to 10 methadone pills, according to the affidavit.

A few hours later, Marks met two friends at New Life Covenant Church in the 2500 block of North Main Street in Euless.

They were going to play disc golf, but Marks' friends noticed that he was moving slowly and stumbling. At that time, Marks told one friend that he had taken six Xanax and three methadone pills and had smoked marijuana, according to the affidavit. His friends said Marks had been known to take drugs, the affidavit states.

Marks later went home, where he was found dead the next morning.

The Colleyville teen told another student that day that he was sad that Marks had died, but that he was more concerned with what he should do with the pills.

The teen even asked that student whether he should hide the pills, according to the affidavit.

Days after Marks' death, police learned about the incident from Colleyville Heritage students.

On April 10, Euless investigators went to the school to interview the teen, but he refused to answer questions until his mother arrived. She told investigators that she was taking her son home, the affidavit states.

Two days later, investigators sifted through two trash bags confiscated from the front of the teen's grandparents' home and found numerous empty prescription bottles.

Some of the bottles had their labels peeled off, the affidavit states.

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Death leads to teen's drug charge

Euless: Friend suspected of selling substances to boy

By **DEBRA DENNIS**

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EULESS — Two weeks after a teenager was found dead in his room, police arrested an acquaintance for supplying him a deadly dose of illegal drugs.

Taylor Craig Marks, 16, of Euless died April 6.

The Colleyville Heritage student was pronounced dead at his home on Essex Place after paramedics were unable to find a pulse.

Taylor, police said, had told friends he had taken the prescription drugs Xanax and methadone the day before he was found dead.

Another teen sold him the drugs after stealing them from family members, according to a search warrant affidavit.

The friend, also 16, of Colleyville was arrested last week on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance and could face additional charges, police said. He is not being identified

because he is a juvenile.

"Depending on the results of the autopsy, specifically, the toxicology results, there could be other charges," said Lt. Wayne Pavlik, a spokesman for the Euless Police Department. "We are very early in the investigation."

Taylor told a friend that he had taken nine pills and smoked marijuana, the affidavit states.

Police searched the Colleyville teen's home for prescription drugs Xanax, hydrocodone, OxyContin, as well as bank records, computer files and address books.

The Colleyville teen told other students that he had sold Taylor nine to 10 prescription pills.

The pills, the teen said, were weak and buyers could ingest a lot of them, the affidavit states.

The Colleyville teen also told another classmate that he was sad about Taylor's death and wondered if he should dispose of the remaining pills.

On April 12, police recovered empty prescription bottles from trash bags taken from the Colleyville home.

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DRUG OVERDOSE

Friend recalls teen who died as 'free-spirited'

■ The teen suspected of selling the fatal dose of drugs to Taylor Marks, 16, has withdrawn from Colleyville Heritage High School, officials say.

By **MELISSA VARGAS**
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — Taylor Marks lived to skateboard, his friends say. He built his own skate ramp, was active in his church and enjoyed socializing with friends. His inquisitive nature earned him the nickname "Süp," for supervisor.

So when Marks started dabbling in hard drugs and hanging out with the wrong crowd about a year ago, his friends from church got worried.

"All we could do is talk to him, love on him and embrace him," his friend Andrew Carson said. "We didn't want to kick him out and shun him for it. All we could do was baby-sit him."

That's what three of Marks' friends did hours before he died. On the morning of April 6, his parents and two friends found him dead in his bed, pale and blue-

lipped from an apparent accidental methadone overdose.

Marks' father, Kenneth Marks, hasn't been able to sleep through the night since then, he said.

A 16-year-old Colleyville teen has been arrested on suspicion of selling Marks the drugs at Colleyville Heritage High School, where they were both students. The 16-year-old withdrew from the district April 13, district spokeswoman Megan Overman said. Police expect to charge him with delinquent conduct/delivery of a controlled substance.

The school offers drug- and alcohol-awareness programs to help teens make good decisions, Overman said.

"We will continue to work diligently with the Police Department to hopefully curtail some of this activity on and off campus," Overman said.

Grandmother's medication

Police believe that the boy suspected of selling Marks the drugs was peddling his grandmother's cancer medication, telling buyers that it was "weak" and saying they could take more of it, an arrest warrant affidavit shows. The teen's attorney, Steve Gordon of Fort Worth, declined to comment on the pending charges.

"The family feels very sorry for the loss of Taylor Marks and send their prayers and

thoughts to the Marks family," Gordon said.

Meanwhile, grieving friends try to make sense of what happened, and New Life Covenant Church in Euless plans to honor Marks by dedicating its future skate park to him, Carson said.

MARKS

Friends describe Marks as a free-spirited, normal teen who smoked marijuana now and then but in the past year had started "doing the harder stuff," Carson said.

Parents concerned

Marks' parents caught him with drugs in December and had started watching him

closely, Kenneth Marks said. They tracked his whereabouts, checked whom he was calling on his cellphone and screened his friends. Taylor Marks' grandfather had just retired as a narcotics officer with the Dallas Police Department, and the family pulled together to try to prevent Taylor from taking his drug interest any further, Kenneth Marks said.

Taylor Marks, an active member of New Life Covenant Church, often skateboarded in the parking lot with his friends. Recently, Carson said, he began to show up high. Marks' friends would watch over him, wait until he sobered up, then take him home, Carson said. They didn't want to tell his parents for fear that it would cause more turmoil, Carson said.

The last hours

On April 5, Marks' friends were combing Bear Creek Park for discarded golf discs when Carson began to notice that Marks was stumbling in the darkness, Carson said.

Marks told Carson that he had taken six Xanax pills, three doses of methadone and some marijuana. Carson, unfamiliar with drugs and their effects, said he thought Marks just seemed "overly drunk."

Just before the other teens drove Marks home at 1:30 a.m., Carson asked him whether the drugs were wearing off.

"No. I'm still chillin'," Marks replied, according to Carson.

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Marks' parents saw him come home and didn't sense that he was high, Kenneth Marks said. He walked past his father, and his mother tucked him into bed.

About nine hours later, Marks' three friends returned to pick him up for a scheduled disc golf game.

When Marks didn't answer their cellphone calls, Carson waited in the car as the two other teens knocked on the front door.

A few minutes later, they rushed ashen-faced out of the house and told Carson that Marks was dead and that his parents were hysterical.

"It's a horrible thing to find your baby passed away," Kenneth Marks said. "If we had only known, we could have done something."

Dosage roulette

The turn of events has sparked rumors around school and church, Carson said.

Many kids have raised the possibility that Marks intentionally overdosed, but Carson said that's impossible.

He said he and others believe that Marks had no idea how much of each drug he was taking.

Carson said he feels bad for the teen who was arrested but relieved that he is being held accountable for his friend's death.

Marks' father said he hopes that his son's death will compel other teens to come forward and tell on their friends who are using drugs.

"My baby was taken from me, and I want everyone involved prosecuted," Kenneth Marks said. "Just when we thought school was the safest place he could be, some kid hands him methadone. It's tragic."

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■ **Pierre's Mardi Gras Cafe**, a tiny restaurant with a huge reputation for great Louisiana po-boy sandwiches, has already outgrown its original Euless location and moved to south Arlington.

The new Pierre's is supposed to open this weekend at 2816 S. Cooper St., a former deli south of the landmark Krispy Kreme. Call 817-557-9990.

THE LIST! | WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE METROPLEX.

FESTIVALS! FESTIVALS! FESTIVALS!

■ Euless' **Arbor Daze** returns this year, after it was canceled last year and heavy rains hurt the event in 2004 and '05. This year's Arbor Daze is greatly scaled down but still includes family activities, music, a family fun run/walk and more information about gardening and landscaping. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive. Free. www.arbordaze.org.

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NORTHEAST & REGION BRIEFS

Eulesse garners 21st Tree City USA title

EULESS - The city of Eulesse received its 21st Tree City USA designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The designation is given to cities with a tree board, tree ordinance, forestry program and Arbor Day observance. The city also earned the Tree City USA Growth Award for its work in planting and recycling trees and educating residents about trees. The city's Arbor Daze celebration, which includes entertainment and the giveaway of 10,000 trees, is next weekend at City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

- Jessica DeLeón

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Local News

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Eules Police Chase, Catch Alleged Gunman



Bud Gillett
Reporting

(CBS 11 News) Police said a 50-year-old Eules man was robbed and shot by a stranger while walking home from grocery shopping Saturday.

William Swindel told police the gunman came up behind him as he walked near the Overlook Apartments on Ash Lane.

"There was some kind of struggle, and the suspect produced a weapon and shot the victim in the leg," explained Lt. W.L. Pavlik of the Eules Police Department.

Officials said Swindel was shot with a .45 calibre and the slug went completely through the man's leg. Both the bullet and casing were recovered.

According to reports, the alleged gunman stole some money and ran westbound from the scene.

As authorities combed the area for clues, a man generally fitting the suspect's description bolted from officers.

He ran into a neighboring gated complex, but was chased down and arrested for evading police.

Investigators don't know why he ran and said there were no warrants out against him.

A witness said off-camera that the man pleaded his innocence of the shooting.

Police continued to question the man late Saturday afternoon.

Police tell us armed violence is uncommon in this area.

"This is a generally quiet area," Pavlik said. "We have a lot of citizens who use walking trails in the area and do walk back and forth to convenience stores."

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MAIN STREET

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There's more where this came from



Magician Bruce Chadwick pulls a handkerchief from the ear of Alyson Dunn, 12, at Arbor Daze on Saturday. The Euless festival features miniature train rides, face-painting and a science show.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR-TELEGRAM/BRANDON WADE

What's happening this week
Looking for something to do? This should help:
Today
■ Arbor Daze continues from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive, Euless. Free parking is available at City Hall and at First Baptist Church of Euless.

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Don Gunter



COLLEYVILLE — Don Gunter, 75, a gentle, loving man, passed away Friday, April 27, 2007, at his home, surrounded by those most precious to him.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 12:30 p.m. Monday in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Garden of Serenity, 5725 Colleyville Blvd. Visitation: The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Kidney Foundation.

Don was born in Vernon on Nov. 6, 1931. He married the love of his life, Elsie, in 1952 and they moved to Eules in 1956 where he retired from Menasco in 1993.

He enjoyed spending his time being the No. 1 fan in the stands for his grandsons sports activities, working at his farm with his son, Rick, being doted on by his daughter, Leanne, and keeping up with his honey-dos.

SURVIVORS: Wife of 55 years, Elsie; son, Rick Gunter and wife, Sharon; daughter, Leanne Lambert and husband, Cod; grandsons, Zach Gunter, Riley Lambert, Brett Byers and Brandon Byers; brother, Bill Gunter; brother-in-law, Benny Goodrum and wife, Winnolee; nieces; nephews; and cherished friends.

Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home
 Colleyville, 817-498-5894

View and sign guestbook at
www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

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ELECTIONS | EULESS CITY COUNCIL

2006 benefits dispute leads to crowded field

Several candidates say they want to bring more businesses to the city, especially to south Eules.

By JESSICA DeLEÓN
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EULESS — An open seat and last year's budget dispute involving employee benefits have prompted seven candidates to run for City Council in the May 12 election.

The race is unusually crowded. Last year, the election was canceled because the only two candidates were unopposed. Only one of the three races was competitive in 2005.

Who's running

In Place 6: Three candidates — Perry Bynum, Warren Wilson and Veva Lou Massey — want to fill the seat vacated in January by Michael Brown, now the police chief.

In Place 1, incumbent Carl Tyson faces Tim Stinneford, a shopping-center manager.

In Place 3, one-term incumbent Linda Martin faces George Moore, a retired General Motors engineer.

Why they're running

Employee benefits: Several residents decided to run after three council members voted against employee benefits in the first reading of the budget last year as a way to leverage a lower property tax rate.

The council later voted unanimously to approve the health-care and retirement benefits after an outcry by city employees and their supporters.

The council eventually voted 4-3 in September to cut the property tax rate to 48.95 cents per \$100 of assessed value from 49.17 cents the previous year.

The three opposing council members thought it could be lower. Only one of those council members, Tyson, is up for re-election this year.

Renewal: Another major issue is the revitalization of south Eules. Some unkempt businesses and houses and the lack of a supermarket in the area have prompted concerns from some residents and officials.

Candidates on the issues

Place 1:

■ Tyson, 66, a certified public accountant, said he has an open-door policy in which residents are welcome to go talk to him. If re-elected, he wants to maintain property values and promote economic development.

He defended his budget vote by saying that the city had enough money to fund all needs, including employee benefits, at a lower tax rate.

On the second reading of the budget, Tyson voted for the benefits but against the budget.

■ Stinneford, 53, said he entered the race because of the budget dispute. He said employees shouldn't be treated as pawns. "But, just as important, a city councilperson needs to be out in the community," he said.

Stinneford, an active volunteer, said that he attended this year's town hall meetings and that Tyson did not.

Tyson responded by saying that the meetings occurred during tax season, a busy time for his busi-

Early voting

Early voting begins Monday and runs through May 8.

- Eules Public Library
- 201 N. Ector Drive
- Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- May 6: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 7-8: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

ness.

■ Candidate Steve Symonds withdrew from the race, although his name will appear on the ballot.

Place 3:

■ Martin, 60, said that as Eules' population ages, the city needs to help residents who don't have the money or the physical ability to keep up their homes. She said the city has many volunteer groups that could help. South Eules needs economic revitalization as well, including a grocery store, she said. "It's not for lack of effort," said Martin, a retiree. "Maybe 2007 or 2008 will be the year that we finally do."

■ Moore, 70, who is retired from General Motors, said he wants to bring accountability to the city. "I think the city spends too much money for their benefit than the benefit of their citizens," he said. He said his neighborhood, on Aransas Drive, has had flooding problems for about 40 years. But the city spent money on the renovation of City Hall, on a golf course, and on a new police and courts building before it dealt with the flooding, he said. After the city addressed the problem a few years ago, Moore

sued the city over damage he says a contractor caused while installing the drainage system.

Place 6:

■ Bynum, 45, a Haltom City firefighter, said he was drawn into the race because of last year's budget dispute. He said the council needs to regain the trust of city employees.

Bynum also wants to bring a supermarket to south Eules and to build a senior citizen center. "Our senior population is definitely growing," Bynum said. "We need to really address that."

■ Massey, 67, is running after leaving her seat in 2006 for health reasons.

The retiree said she wanted to return to the council because she enjoys serving the city. She said her top issues are economic development and transportation.

"You can't get out on [Texas] 121 any day now without it being bumper to bumper," she said.

■ Wilson, 53, an equine chiropractor, said his top issues are employee benefits and economic development.

Wilson said the city also needs to enforce immigration laws because the federal and state governments are not doing so.

He wants an ordinance similar to what Farmers Branch voters will consider May 12 — a ban on renting apartments to illegal immigrants.

This report includes material from the Star-Telegram archives.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Early voting begins Monday

By AMAN BATHEJA abatheja@star-telegram.com

Early voting for the May 12 election begins Monday, with city, school and state races on the ballot.

Voters will decide on a statewide constitutional amendment that would give seniors and some disabled property owners the same school tax breaks that other property owners received in 2006 and 2007.

Early voting will be done on electronic machines. Election day voters will be able to request a paper ballot, said Tarrant County Elections Administrator Steve Raborn.

In Forest Hill, voters will use electronic voting machines no matter when they vote because this year's ballot, with 24 charter amendments, is too long to use a paper ballot, Raborn said.

About 5,000 voters in Aledo, Burleson, Flower Mound and Trophy Club will fall under special rules and will have to go to two polling places if they want to vote early for both their local elections and the statewide constitutional amendment.

Special voting rules

■ Nearly 5,000 voters in Burleson, Flower Mound and Trophy Club and the Aledo and Burleson school districts will have to go to two separate locations to cast early ballots in the local and statewide elections. They will be able to cast one ballot on election day, May 12.

Those governmental entities did not contract with Tarrant County for election services, and the main polling location is outside Tarrant County.

■ Voters there who choose to cast early ballots will have to go to two polling locations — a local site and one in Tarrant County — to vote early for everything on the May 12 ballot, said Steve Raborn, Tarrant County elections administrator.

■ The county arranged to hold elections jointly with those subdivisions on election day so that voters will not have to go to two places to vote on May 12, Raborn said.

Voters affected

- Burleson and Burleson school district: 4,415 registered voters
- Flower Mound: 87 registered voters
- Trophy Club: 243 registered voters
- Aledo school district: 174 registered voters

SOURCE: Tarrant County Elections Administrator Steve Raborn

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Early voting begins Monday and continues through May 8. Election Day is May 12.

Early voting hours

- Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- May 6: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 7-8: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Early voting locations

Fort Worth area

- Tarrant County Elections Cen-

ter, 2700 Premier St., Fort Worth

- Benbrook YMCA, 1899 Win-scott Road
- Como Elementary School, 4000 Horne St., Fort Worth
- Crowley Community Center, 900 E. Glendale St.
- Diamond Hill/Jarvis Library, 1300 N.E. 35th St., Fort Worth
- Griffin Subcourthouse, 3212 Miller Ave., Fort Worth
- Haltom City Recreation Center, 4839 Broadway Ave.
- Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center, 6201 Beaty St., Fort Worth
- Mahaney Community Center, 6800 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill
- Northwest Sheriff Patrol Building, 6651 Lake Worth Blvd., Lake Worth
- Riverside Community Center in the Park, 3700 E. Belknap St., Fort Worth
- River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd.
- Nance Elementary, 701 Tierra Vista Way, Fort Worth
- Southside Community Center, 959 E. Rosedale St., Fort Worth
- Southwest Regional Library, 4001 Library Lane, Fort Worth
- Southwest Subcourthouse, 6551 Granbury Road, Fort Worth
- Summer Glen Library, 4205 Basswood Blvd., Fort Worth

- Tarrant County Annex Building, 600 W. Weatherford St., Fort Worth
- Watauga City Hall, 7105 Whit-ley Road
- White Settlement Recreation Center, 8213 White Settlement Road
- Worth Heights Community Center, 3551 New York Ave., Fort Worth

Arlington area

- Arlington City Hall, 101 W. Abram St.
- Arlington Northeast Branch Library, 1905 Brown Blvd.
- Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center St., Arlington
- Fire Training Center, 5501 Ron McAndrew Drive, Arlington
- Kennedale ISD Administration Office, 120 W. Kennedale Park-way
- Mansfield Subcourthouse, 1100 E. Broad St.
- South Service Center, 1100 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington
- Starrett Elementary School, 2675 Fairmont Drive, Grand Prairie

Northeast Tarrant

- Bedford Public Library, 1805 L. Don Dodson Drive
- Euless Public Library, 201 N.

- ector Drive
- Grapevine Community Activ-ities Center, 1175 Municipal Way
- Haltom City Recreation Center, 4839 Broadway Ave.
- Hurst Recreation Center, 700 Mary Drive
- Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway
- North Richland Hills Recreation Center, 6720 N.E. Loop 820
- Northeast Subcourthouse, 645 Grapevine Highway, Hurst
- Richland Hills Community Center, 3204 Diana Drive
- Southlake Subcourthouse, 1400 Main St.

Temporary voting locations

- Monday-Wednesday: Solana Office Complex, Westlake Town Offices, 3 Village Circle
- Thursday-Friday: Crowley High School, 1005 W. Main St.
- Friday, Saturday, May 6-8: Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD Adminis-tration Building, 1200 Old Deca-tur Road, Fort Worth; East Re-gional Library, 6301 Bridge St., Fort Worth; Haslet City Hall, 105 Main St.
- May 7-8: North Crowley High School, 9100 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth

SOURCE: Tarrant County Elections Office

Go to the polls early

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Seated: Ann Kelton and Elmer Kelton; Standing: Mike McGehee, Laura Satterfield and Sandra Crowley



John Park and Amy Gardner Linda Martin and Don Martin



Jo-Ann Zimmerman, Evelyn Kelly and Jean Yarborough

Author appears at benefit

Barbecue and entertainment by Michael Brown preceded author Elmer Kelton's book signing, a benefit for The Euless Library Foundation.

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COLLEYVILLE | TRASH PICKUP

City will likely put bidding process out on the curb

Colleyville plans to renew its trash-pickup contract without seeking bids from competitors.

By **BILL TEETER**
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The city that helped lead the drive for competitive bids for trash contracts in Northeast Tarrant County will likely opt out of the practice this year.

The Colleyville City Council plans to renew the city's contract with IESI without opening the contract to competition, officials said. The council will hear the first of two readings of the proposed contract at its meeting tonight.

What's happening?

Colleyville's monthly trash pickup rates would jump to \$10.05 from \$8.25 per household starting in September under the IESI proposal. Officials say the rate and service are competitive, so they don't need to seek other bids. The contract is worth \$1.7 million annually.

A survey indicated that about 90 percent of Colleyville residents are satisfied with the company's service, Mayor David Kelly said. Southlake also did not seek bids this year.

"They got \$10.25 a month," Kelly said. "With IESI, we were able to provide the same level of service as Southlake for \$10.05 per month."

Is this legal?

Texas law doesn't require cities to seek bids for solid-waste contracts.

Colleyville officials said they talked informally with haulers in February when they discussed industry waste rates. At a public work session April 17, council members told city staff to bring an agreement with IESI to them for consideration.

History

Until five years ago, it was common for cities to negotiate with a company without seeking bids from others. In 2002, Richland Hills faced criticism for entering a contract without taking bids. That year, Colleyville and North Richland Hills sought bids and got better deals, and other cities followed suit.

Why are waste haulers charging more?

Energy costs, said Bob Kneis, Fort Worth district manager for IESI. Diesel fuel prices have nearly doubled in the past five years from about \$1.45 a gallon to about \$2.82, he said. The cost for equipment and parts has increased about 35 percent in the past three or four years because steel is more expensive. The steel price increase is related to the cost of energy needed to produce it, Kneis said.

What are other cities doing?

Bedford's five-year contract with Allied Waste in Fort Worth comes up for renewal in a year, city communications manager Miranda McQuagge-Walden said. Bedford has been generally satisfied with Allied's service. The city bid its contract in 2003. McQuagge-Walden said she expects that the city will always seek bids because that helps get the best service. Households pay \$7.71 a month.

Eules's five-year agreement with Allied is up Feb. 29. The city's recycling program is with CWD in a separate agreement that is up at the same time. The city has a requested proposals for both services, said Bill Ridgway, Eules' economic development director. Households pay \$6.46 per month for both services.

Fort Worth began its agreement with Waste Management in 2003. The 10-year contract allows for three 10-year extensions, but the city can opt out if service doesn't meet requirements. The city received proposals from five companies for the 2003 agreement, said Brian Boerner, city director of environmental management. Residents pay \$12.75 a month for a 32-gallon trash cart, \$17.75 for a 64-gallon cart and \$22.75 for a 96-gallon cart; recycling is included.

Grapevine's five-year contract with Allied Waste expires in 2010, said Matt Singleton, public works director. Grapevine bid its contract in 2005, he said. Households pay \$9.97 a month.

Haltom City's contract with IESI runs until 2010. City Manager Tom Muir said he favors bidding contracts. "I just couldn't fathom not doing that," he said. Households pay \$10.83 a month, with \$7.55 for waste pickup and \$3.28 for optional recycling.

Hurst is about a year away from the end of its contract, City Manager Allen Weegar said. Last time, the city sought bids. "Our

council has not decided how they want to go through the process," Weegar said. Households pay \$7.74 a month.

Keller renewed its contract with Allied in 2005 after seeking bids. IESI, Waste Management and Republic also submitted bids, Keller Assistant Manager Kevin Lahner said. Households pay \$9.55 a month.

North Richland Hills' contract with Allied ends Jan. 31. Allied, which was hobbled by a strike in the winter, has served the city for 20 years. During that time the city has bid the contract twice, City Manager Larry Cunningham said. The City Council has instructed staff to prepare to request bids. Households pay \$7.09 a month.

Richland Hills renewed its contract with Allied for five years in December after seeking bids and getting only two, City Manager Jim Quin said. IESI's bid was significantly higher than Allied's, Quin said.

The city has been satisfied with Allied's service, despite the recent strike. Under their old contract, households paid \$8.59 a month. They now pay \$9.97.

Southlake hired Republic Waste Services in March without seeking bids. Assistant City Manager Jim Blagg said the city staff went without bids because they were spending a lot of time dealing with problems with Allied's service. He said Republic offered a

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Proposed trash contract

Colleyville is considering a new trash contract with IESI. Provisions include:

- Twice-a-week pickups with once-a-week recycling.
- Four bulky pickups per year, up to four cubic yards per pickup. Charges of \$9 per additional cubic yard would be assessed. The existing agreement allows unlimited bulky pickups.
- Pickups of bundled tree branches no more than 4 feet long, but no more than four bundles would be allowed per pickup. The existing agreement allows unlimited bundles.

high level of service at a fair price. Allied executive Jim Lattimore said his company did not provide poor service in Southlake, and that the company found that residents were satisfied. Households pay \$10.25 per month, up from \$8.75.

Watauga's contract with Allied expires on June 27, and the city is negotiating with Community Waste Disposal after taking proposals from five companies. The city has sought bids on its last two contracts, said Janina Jewell, the city's finance director. Households pay \$7.90 a month.



IESI's Lawrence Green and Esteban Sanchez pick up trash in Colleyville. The city plans to renew IESI's contract. STAR-TELEGRAM/STEWART F. HOUSE

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Teresa Meyers, Glen Porterfield, Perry Parks and Paul Vaught



John Fletcher, Wendy Hartnett and Dave Nelson



Mike Pierce and Mike Rigby

Chamber hosts golf classic

The Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce held its annual Golf Classic late last month at Texas Star Golf Course.

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