

Owner of plane sought

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SHERMAN — Figuring out who owned an ultralight found in a hangar with the bodies of a deputy, a former policeman and two other men could be one of the keys to solving the slayings, Brazos County Sheriff Jack Driscoll said Monday.

The four bodies were found Thursday night on the ranch of one of the victims, Bob Tate, 51, who frequently flew the trendy, motorized hang glider-like aircraft.

Family members said the

men had planned to meet with a prospective ultralight buyer Saturday afternoon, and that there should have been two of the craft, which are worth a few thousand dollars, in the B&B ranch hangar near the Texas-Oklahoma border. Only one was found.

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"Two of our tasks today is to firm up if we had an ultralight stolen and firm up who owns the one that's there," said Driscoll. "We've had five different stories (about its ownership)."

"I'm having a little trouble believing that four people could be killed over an ultralight, but then you had five people slaughtered in Kilgore over \$2,000," Driscoll said, referring

to the Sept. 23 slayings of five people in East Texas during a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant robbery.

In addition to Tate, the other victims were Grayson Deputy Phillip Good, who would have turned 30 on Sunday; former Sherman policeman Ronald Mayes, 37, and Jerry Brown, 51.

Simple robbery was virtually ruled out as a motive because one of the victims had at least \$100 in his wallet and the others had between \$13 and \$40 on them.

Officers recovered 11 .22-caliber shells from the scene and autopsies produced 11 bullets, Driscoll said.

Three of the men were shot twice in the head and their bodies hidden under a pile of carpet scraps. Mayes was shot five times — in the head, neck, chest and twice in the abdomen — as he apparently tried to flee.

Driscoll said both hollow point and regular .22-caliber bullets were used, but pending further tests he was not ready to say whether more than one weapon was used.

The sheriff also said officers had not been able to determine whether Good, who had only been with the department one week, was carrying his weapon Saturday.

"I have been told by his wife that his holster was at home," Driscoll said. "I don't know if he had it on him. I don't think he had any ID on him."

Driscoll said he had not checked Good's house for his gun because the deputy's widow, Melina, was too shaken up and was staying with relatives.

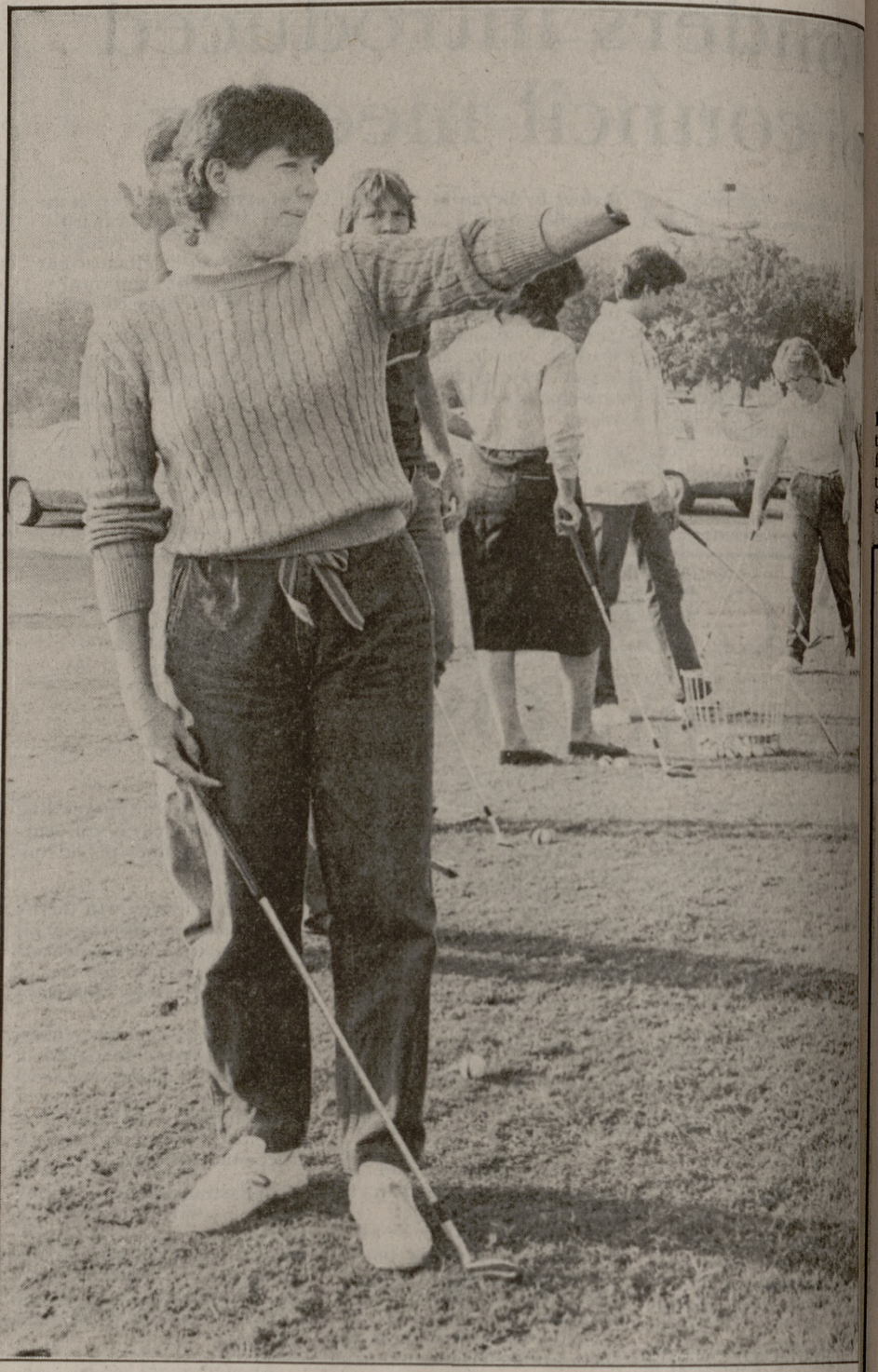
He said because Good was only a jailer, there was no reason to believe he was killed because of a pending investigation.

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"He was not working on a case. He was off-duty," Driscoll said.

As a last resort, Driscoll said they might hypnotize Mrs. Good to get the name of the person the men planned to meet.

"She knew but just can't remember," Driscoll said.



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Nina Sanguily surveys her practice shots in a class Monday morning. Sanguily is a senior health and P.E. major from New York.

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Kids die in hot car, mother tried in court

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HOUSTON — A jury Monday was given the case of a 21-year-old mother of two accused of involuntary manslaughter for leaving her children alone in a hot car which caused their deaths.

Debra Assady, 21, of Pasade-

na tearfully told the jury of six men and six women that the children were left unattended in two 15-minute shifts while she visited with a friend. She said she did not know her children would die in the car, which was parked in the sweltering heat with the windows rolled up last August.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's office said 3-year-old Alex and 18-month-old Crystal, died Aug. 5 of extreme heat, which made their breathing difficult and from dehydration.

Assady said she checked on the children after 15 minutes and saw them playing in the car. Fifteen minutes later she checked on the youngsters and thought they were asleep.

She said she saw them crawled up in the back seat of her car.

"Did any one really know that 15 to 20 minutes could be fatal to those kids?" defense lawyer Robert Rice asked the jury Monday. "It could have happened to anyone not aware of the risk."

Assady said she left the air conditioner in the car on, but turned off the ignition, which caused hot air to circulate in her small vehicle.

Rice asked the panel how many of them had ever left their children alone in a car with an air conditioner on.

But Harris County Assistant District Attorney Joe Magliola said Assady "violated her duty as a mother."

"No duty is as important as the duty a mother owes her children," Magliola said.

Debts could persist, Reserve official says

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HONOLULU — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker warned Monday that the international debt problem is likely to persist for years and the world financial system will be endangered if smaller banks fail to continue to cooperate in working out solutions.

"We had better shake off any sense of complacency that the problem is over, or that we can leave it to others to solve," Vol-

cker told the annual convention of the American Bankers Association.

In an obvious reference to the reluctance on the part of many smaller bankers to go along with agreements worked out by their larger counterparts to give debtor nations more money and more time to pay their existing debts, Volcker warned that no one would be able to escape the fallout if the world financial system were to

collapse.

"It is an illusion to believe that any of us — managers of large or small banks, domestic borrowers, or citizens generally — could escape scot free in the kind of financial environment implied by a breakdown of international credit flows," he said.

Volcker acknowledged at a press conference that "some banks are restive" about going along with new lending agreements worked out by a relatively few large banks.

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