



Youth commits suicide

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PLANO — A 14-year-old west Plano boy found dead in his parent's bedroom from a gunshot wound was an apparent victim of suicide, police said Tuesday — the eighth youth in the affluent north Dallas suburb to kill himself in the past year.

David E. Harris, a student at Schimelfeng Middle School, was found dead shortly before 9 p.m. Monday with a .357 Magnum in his right hand, a police spokesman said.

The medical examiner did not rule immediately on the case, but indications are the boy shot himself after telling his father he was going to the bedroom to take a shower, the spokesman said.

The boy left no note. Gene Harris told police his son was very bright and had not mentioned being upset about anything, but Harris added the boy might have been concerned about the braces put on his teeth earlier in the day.

Police said the father told them he kept the gun in a nightstand next to his bed.

At least seven other teenagers from the suburb have killed themselves in the past year, resulting in nationwide publicity for the Collin County community.

After the suicides of three teenagers in one week last August, the Plano school district began a counseling program for youths.

"We now have a program of

opening the schools up in the evenings where families can come for activities and learn to improve communications skills," said Dr. Joy Anderson, a clinical psychologist.

Anderson said one possible explanation offered by experts for the rash of suicides is that teens who have recently moved with their upwardly-mobile families to Plano feel alienated. The community has grown from 19,000 to 70,000 in 15 years.

Funeral services set for boy who died after transplant

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IRVING — Funeral services for 3-year-old Jonathon Lehman, who lost a life-long battle with liver disease, were tentatively set for Thursday, a family friend said Tuesday.

Jonathon, who had undergone a liver transplant Feb. 3, died Monday evening of cardiac arrest at Lebonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tenn., said hospital spokesman John Donica.

Funeral services were tentatively set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hilltop Drive Baptist Church in Irving, a Dallas suburb, said Sherry Jaquess, a friend of Jonathon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman.

Mrs. Jaquess said an autopsy would be performed in Memphis Tuesday to determine the exact cause of death, and the family was expected to arrive in Irving with the body Thursday morning.

She said the church, where the Lehmans are members, had agreed to handle all the arrangements and pay for the burial.

Jonathon's death came as a surprise to doctors, who had described the child as "a real fighter."

Doctors said he was removed from the intensive care unit and was responding well to treatment when he suddenly suf-

fered cardiac arrest and died about 4:45 p.m.

"Darlene (Mrs. Lehman) took it hard initially, but she called me last night and seem to be OK, Mrs. Jaquess said. "I had talked to her at 4:30 (p.m. Monday) and everything was fine, at 5 p.m. (I) got a phone call and he had died. His heart just stopped and they don't know why."

"The doctors had said he was doing extremely well and maybe the family would not have to stay as long (in Memphis) and had given them all kinds of hope. The father was supposed to go down (to Memphis) this morning and take

John's (18-month-old) brother to visit."

Mrs. Jaquess said Mrs. Lehman traveled to Memphis with Jonathon and her husband flew over Monday night.

When Jonathon, who never weighed more than 20 pounds, was just a few months old he underwent a surgical procedure that allowed bile to pass through a tube from his liver into his intestines. But that caused constant, painful itching that medication could not relieve.

Doctors in Dallas then performed another operation that sent bile from his liver into a bag.

Texas tornado season approaching

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 As the site of the year's first confirmed tornado, the small town of Normangee was put on the map by nearly being blown off the map.

But the incident serves as a reminder that tornadoes can and will occur at any time of year in Texas, with peak activity coming in the months of April, May and June, according to data compiled by the State Climatologist's Office headquartered at Texas A&M University.

Because March, July, August and September also account for a significant number of twisters, the experts say citizens should always be alert during warm weather months for the possibility of a killer storm.

The records compiled by

State Climatologist John Griffiths, a Texas A&M professor, show that the cooler months of December, January and February carry a smaller risk — but that no month is safe.

At least 3,750 confirmed tornadoes were recorded statewide between 1951 and 1982, the last period for which complete information is yet available.

During the last 30 years of record-keeping, there have been 35 confirmed twisters in January and 69 in February. Totals rise sharply to show 251 that have occurred during the month of March; 603 in April; 1,122 in May (an average of nearly 10 a week); 570 in June; 207 in July; 252 in August; 277 in September and 190 in October. Lower 30-year totals occur

for November (93) and December (68).

Other information gathered over the years — and routinely reprinted in the Texas Almanac — indicates tornadoes are most likely to form between 4 and 8 p.m. during warm weather months, and that twisters occur most frequently in North Texas.

But such storms can and will form at any time of day on any day of the year, warn Texas A&M meteorologists.

The twister that struck Normangee was part of larger pattern of violent weather that struck several Southern states, in keeping with unseasonably warm weather.

Experts generally agree that storm cellars, basements, the inside halls of strongly built public buildings (away from glass or

flying objects) and even a ditch or ravine if caught outdoors are the best places to seek shelter.

Mobile homes and automobiles are two of the most dangerous places to be during a tornado because nearly a third of all deaths occur while the victims are in a car or trailer house, say officials.

Even though the Red River Valley in North Texas is known as Tornado Alley, the worst recorded outbreak along the Gulf coast in 1967 following Hurricane Beulah — 115 in a single week, 67 of those on one day.

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• A silver Columbia ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the G. Rollie White bike rack.
 • A box of Liquid Paper, a box of markers and 20 20-cent stamps were stolen from 348 Soil and Crop Sciences.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:
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