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Gentle woman loved kids, says victim's father

United Press International
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A woman charged with killing three of her children and her boyfriend's daughter during an eight-year period liked children, the boyfriend said Wednesday.

Police said the woman, Debra Sue Tuggle, had a history of mental illness. However, her boyfriend, George Paxton, said Tuggle's doctor assured him the woman was well before he let her move in with him to help care for his three children.

"I have to live with the fact for the rest of my life that I brought a woman in my house that killed my child," Paxton said. "My daughter was the closest thing to me this side of life. I would have died for her."

Tuggle, 26, was held without bond Wednesday for the 1982 death of Paxton's daughter, Tomekia Shenee Paxton, 2, and the deaths of three of her own children, 2-month-old Thomas Lee Bates and 1-year-old William Earl Henry, both of whom died in 1974, and 9-month-old Ronald Earl Johnson, who died in 1976.

Police in Malvern, Ark., where Tuggle once lived, were investigating the death of her fourth child, Terranz Andre Tuggle, who died in 1979 at the age of 2½ months.

The deaths were first attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and pneumonia. Dr. Ben Saltzman, director of the Arkansas Health Department, said death by suffocation easily could be mistaken for SIDS or pneumonia in an autopsy.

Police began their investigation in November after Pulaski County Coroner Steve Nawojczyk became suspicious about so many SIDS deaths in one family. Police Capt. James Vandiver said State Medical Examiner Dr. Fahmy Malak re-examined the Paxton case and found evidence the child had suffocated.

"She was quiet and real likeable — a real gentle sort," Paxton said. "She seemed to love them (the children)."

Paxton said he knew of the deaths of Tuggle's four children, and was worried about her mental state.

"She had a mental breakdown after she lost the kids," he said. "She tried to commit suicide. I went over to the state mental hospital, and talked to the doctor who treated her. She was in-house for a long time, (but) they had even released her from consultation."

Paxton and Tuggle later had a child, who lives with Paxton and his two children.

"I don't hate her," Paxton said. "I feel sorry for her."

Around town

Rugby Club wins championship

The TAMU Rugby Club won the Texas Rugby Union Club Championship March 18 by defeating the Denton Rugby Club 29 to 22 in the tournament final. The Texas A&M team defeated the Odessa Rugby Club 26 to 18 in an earlier game to reach the finals.

The TAMU Rugby Club will host the Texas Collegiate Rugby Championship this weekend on the fields next to the Zachary parking lot. The games begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. The Texas A&M Rugby Club has won nine Texas Collegiate Championships in the last 10 years. This year's tournament eight teams will be competing including teams from the University of Texas, the University of Houston and Southern Methodist University.

Student Affairs interviews applicants

The Department of Student Affairs is in the process of interviewing graduate students for **Head Resident positions** for the Fall semester. With the position of Head Resident comes salary, living facilities, in-state tuition and an opportunity to enroll in three to twelve hours of academic credit.

The deadline for application for Head Resident positions has been extended from March 26 to March 31 so that members can attend the Placement Exchange conference in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. All those interested are encouraged to apply.

Ambassador to speak to students

The South African Ambassador to the United States, B.G. Fourie will speak to students about the South African government's position on its internal and external affairs. The program, which is the second part of the **MSC Political Forum** South African series, will be today at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater.

Rape Crisis Center hosts workshop

The Brazos County Rape Crisis Center and Hummer Hospital Bryan-College Station are sponsoring a workshop about **Personal Safety and Awareness**. The program includes effective methods for preventing personal assault, ways to positively educate children about safety and methods of self-defense. The program, which is free of charge, will be March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the A&M Community High School Auditorium.

Department offers tennis lessons

Registration for College Station Parks and Recreation Department's **tennis lessons** today. Registration from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. Private or group lessons are open to any age or skill level. Lessons will be taught by Lynette Turek, a 10-year registered professional.

ORC sponsors river safety seminar

MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee is sponsoring **River Safety Seminar** March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 401 Rudder. The seminar will stress proper planning canoe trips (such as familiarizing participants with currents), rapid running strategies, proper equipment and modern river rescue techniques. For more information contact Mike Pfeuffer at 693-8200 or the ORC at 845-1515.

Company president visits class

Carey Hobbs, president of Hobbs Bonded fibers, will speak to a management class Friday as a part of the **Visiting Executive Series**. The Visiting Executive Series is sponsored by the Center for Executive Development and the Department of Management.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

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Police hunt woman in shooting spree

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Police issued a warrant Wednesday for a woman suspected of shooting two men in a bar, then killing her stepfather with a gunshot to the head in the front yard of his suburban home.

Homicide Detective Jack Summey identified the suspect as Tammy Wajcik, 20, a former cab driver who police said liked to lift weights and visit tough bars.

Police said the woman was probably carrying a .357-caliber pistol and should be considered extremely dangerous.

Summey said a warrant issued for Wajcik's arrest charges of criminal attempt to commit murder in the shooting of Air Force Lt. Nolan Horton and a man named Robert Rios were shot at a San Antonio bar about 8 p.m. Tuesday. Horton was taken to Medical Center Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition. Rios suffered a minor wound.

After the bar shooting, Summey said the woman drove the northside suburb of Oak where her stepfather, Len Knight, 45, lived.

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