Woman kills

self, family

in Pearland

PEARLAND — A woman who

Authorities found the body of Mitsue Davis, 37, Friday night in the bedroom of the family's mobile home near Pearland, 15 miles

thought she was going to be committed to a mental hospital killed her entire family and then turned a

Her body, with a gunshot wound to the head, was found on the floor

next to her husband. She was still holding a .22-caliber revolver in her right hand, investigators said. Her husband of 17 years, Joseph Keith Davis, 41, also was shot in the

The couple's two children, Clif-

Each was covered with a blanket

The family was shot either late at

and had been shot from close range, said sheriff's investigator Wayne

night on Jan. 24 or early the next day, said Capt. T.O. Bock.

The bodies were taken to the

Harris County morgue for autop-

sies.

Neighbors told investigators that

Mrs. Davis believed she was going to be committed to a mental hospital, and her husband would leave with

Mrs. Davis was an outpatient at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston for eight months, DuBose said. Neighbors said that they didn't

suspect anything because Davis, a truck driver, was sometimes gone

for a week and the family went with

Friends of the family said Mrs. Davis had asked them recently if

they could teach her how to fire a

gun and on two occassions discussed

suicide, according to investigators.

J.B. Brister, the neighbor who discovered the bodies, said that after Davis realized his wife's mental

condition was deteriorating, he dis-

assembled his .22-caliber rifle and

Investigators had not determined where Mrs. Davis got the revolver, but suspected that she purchased it

locked it in a closet.

in a pawn shop.

her children.

ford Davis, 4, and Michael Davis, 3, were found lying on the floor adjacent to their parents' bed.

gun on herself, authorities said.

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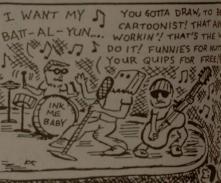
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