Overdose shatters N.Y. model student's image

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Timbrook's smiling face was on the cover of her medical school's recruitment brochure.

"Most schools use models," said Steve Villano, administrator of the state College of Medicine. "We used a true model student — her."

That image collided Monday with a far different one: the dynamic, 32-year-old Timbrook dead in a hospital X-ray darkroom, apparently of a drug overdose.

Police found needle tracks on her arms and legs, indicating the "model student" from the Midwest was no first-time user.

The cause of death remained under investigation Wednesday, but detectives believe the third-year medical student, who worked part-time at gritty Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, was killed by a powerful tranquilizer.

The drug apparently was fentanyl, which has a history of abuse within the medical community, said a police source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Three syringes — one used, two still full — were found underneath and around the body, the police source said. Police were investigating the possibility that the drugs came from hospital supplies normally accessible only to doctors and nurses, not medical students.

The revelation that Timbrook could have been an abuser stunned her family, colleagues and classmates. They said that there was nothing unusual about her behavior and that they never suspected she had a drug problem.

Dismay and disbelief shrouded the Brooklyn campus and hundreds of students and faculty members turned out for an impromptu memorial service.

"We had no clue," her father, the Rev. Max Timbrook, said from Mitchell, Ind.

"She wanted her mother and I to go to Kenya with her" for a medical seminar, he said, recalling a recent phone conversation with the youngest of his five children. "She was looking down the road."

An aspiring pediatrician who lived in an on-campus dormitory, Timbrook impressed peers and instructors.

"She was very deep and moral in spiritual belief," said Kenneth Martinucci, the hospital's director of radiology and technology. "I can't think of anybody who would make a better physician."

Eighth-grade sweethearts commit suicide, leave notes

□ The teens jumped 15 feet into a canal together. They had been forbidden to see each other.

MIAMI (AP) — Two eighth-grade sweethearts, forbidden by the girl's mother to see each other, apparently drowned themselves in a canal, leaving suicide notes that told of their undying love, their desperation and their hope of being together in another world.

The bodies of Maryling Flores, age 13, and Christian David, age 14, were found Tuesday in the murky, weed-choked waterway just a few blocks from the school they attended. Neither could swim.

"I can't go on living. I've lost Maryling," Christian said in a note his parents found Sunday. "I'm escaping from the realm of reality into the darkness of the unknown. Because reality is, I can't be with Maryling."

Maryling left more than six suicide notes, police said.

"You'll never be able to understand the love between me and Christian," she said in one addressed to "Mom and Dad."

"You don't let me see him in this world, so we're going to another place. Please don't cry for me; this is what I want. I want to feel happy because I'm going to a place where I can be with Christian."

Maryling's mother had forbidden her to see Christian anymore, police said. They wouldn't say why. Maryling had told friends she might be pregnant, and her mother feared the same thing, police said. But an autopsy showed she was not pregnant.

"It's a Romeo and Juliet story," said Officer Ramon Quintero, who knows both families.

Police listed the drownings as a homicide-suicide, which is routine when investigators don't know exactly what happened.

It's a "fair assumption" the two jumped 15 feet into the Tamiami Canal together, Quintero said.

Their bodies were found a few hundred yards apart, but the canal has a swift current when the flood-control gates are open.

Police would not identify the parents, and the principal at the young lovers' school would not talk to reporters.

In his note, Christian quoted from an 1892 Italian opera, "The Players," by Ruggiero Leoncavallo. It is the story of a man who kills his wife and her lover. Christian wrote: "'Applaud, friends, the comedy is over.' I love you all."

Christian mistakenly attributed the quotation to Beethoven.

School authorities sent crisis-intervention counselors to Ruben Dario Middle School to help students. A psychiatrist warned parents about the possibility of copycat suicides.

"Children see the outpouring of grief and love for someone who has taken their own life," explained Dr. Michael Herkov, a psychiatrist at the University of Florida's Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

He said the number of teen suicides in the United States has jumped about 400 percent between 1915 and 1980.

There were 2,151 suicides by youths ages 10 to 19 in 1992, the last year for which statistics are available, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Only 304 of those were younger than age 15.

Seven weeks ago, a 21-year-old woman and her 17-year-old boyfriend clasped hands and stepped off a ledge of a seven-story parking garage in Oklahoma City. There were no suicide notes or any other indication of why Nikki Bly and her sweetheart, Eric Stoneburner, took their own lives.

Outside the Ruben Dario Middle School, several students cried before classes started Wednesday.

"They were always happy," said one pupil, Heidy Barrios. "They were always hugging."

Dates and Hours for Forcing Graduating Seniors into Technical Writing Courses

The Department of English Writing Programs Office announces forcing hours for graduating seniors for English 210 and 301 in Blocker 224 on the dates and times below.

Seniors graduating at the end of the Spring 1996 semester must bring a signed letter from their academic advisors on departmental letterhead. No forces will be done during pre-registration periods.

Forces into these classes are limited.
Spring 1996 Semester

December 6 (Wednesday)	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
December 7 (Thursday)	9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Internet Awareness Week
Schedule of Events for Thursday and
Friday, November 9-10

Internet Awareness Week is a collection of short seminars designed to teach you how to use the vast resources of the Internet for work, study, and fun. All courses are free and open to the public, so come on down to Rudder Tower and let us show you the wonders of the Net! Copies of the schedules for Internet Awareness Week may be found at any CIS Help Desk, at 301 Rudder Tower, or on the Internet Awareness Week homepage at http://www.tamu.edu/cis/internet_awareness/

Getting Started with the Internet:

Introduction to Computing Resources at Texas A&M University - Basic introduction to Computing and Information Services (CIS) and campus computers, labs and help areas, the Internet, and electronic mail. Basic discussion of available resources and CIS services provided for people who know little about computing. Texas A&M University generally-accessible labs or what computing resources are available to them. *Mike Edwards, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   8:00 am - 9:00 am   Room 302 Rudder

The Internet Show - This video is a great guide to the wonderful world of the Internet for beginners. It explains in basic terms what the Internet is and what you can do with it - such as electronic mail, the WWW, Gopher, Internet Relay Chat, and games! About 1.5 hours long. *Chris Barnes, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   2:00 pm - 4:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder   *Friday, November 10*   12:00 pm - 2:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

Using the Internet at Texas A&M University - Need a basic introduction to Internet access at Texas A&M University? This presentation will educate you about the network facilities available at Texas A&M University and the types of communication possible on networks available at Texas A&M. *Dr. Samia Massoud, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   11:00 am - 12:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder   *Friday, November 10*   10:00 am - 11:00 am   Room 302 Rudder

Using the Internet:

Getting Connected to the Internet - Interested in learning to "get connected" to the Internet? This presentation will discuss getting Texas A&M University accounts, as well, as the hardware, software, and modems you'll need to get your personal computer connected to the Internet. *Sean Geoghegan, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   2:00 pm - 3:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder   *Friday, November 10*   8:00 am - 9:00 am   Room 301 Rudder

How to Use Electronic Mail - Interested in getting "online" so that you can instantly and effectively communicate with more that 80 million people around the world? Use electronic mail! This presentation will cover how to get an electronic mail account, learning how to use electronic mail, how to use Listserv lists and Usenet Newsgroups, as well as a variety of interesting uses for electronic mail. *Dr. Samia Massoud, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   3:00 pm - 4:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder   *Friday, November 10*   3:00 pm - 4:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

Introduction to Listserv - Listserv is a network application that enables you to join electronic discussion groups on just about everything under the sun. Whether you're interested in Labrador Retrievers, Shakespeare, in-line skating, or post-modernism, there's something for you. Learn how to use Listserv lists, how to subscribe to them, and even how to manage your own Listserv list on a particular topic! *Chris Barnes, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   1:00 pm - 2:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder

Introduction to Usenet News - Usenet News can be thought of as the "bulletin board" of the Internet. Like other bulletin boards, you can write a message/article and electronically "post" it to a topic area for other people to read. This presentation will explain the basics of Usenet News as well as how to use it to enhance information gathering and discussion in an online format. *Chris Barnes, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   11:00 am - 12:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

How the Internet Has Impacted Departmental Operations - The Department of Mathematics is a large department of over 100 faculty with the largest number of student credit hours taught in the University (nearly 78,000 student credit hours per year). With an operation this large, an efficient form of communication between the departmental administration and the faculty is essential. Over the past year, the Department of Mathematics has used the Internet to disseminate information to the faculty on teaching assignments, course syllabi, textbook information, and the schedule of colloquia. In addition, many of our faculty are using the Internet to disseminate curriculum materials for their students. This demonstration will present an overview of these and other efforts by our department to use the Internet as an efficient means of communication. *Al Boggess, Associate Head, Department of Mathematics.*
Friday, November 10   9:00 am - 10:00 am   Room 302 Rudder

Student Ratings of Faculty Online - This presentation will demonstrate course information for students and faculty on Gopher and the WWW, including how faculty can add items to the ratings forms for their courses online, how students can rate courses using the WWW, and the changing culture of evaluation at Texas A&M University. *Mark Troy, Department of Measurement and Research Services.*
Friday, November 10   4:00 pm - 5:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

Discovering Information on the Internet - The number of WWW sites offering information is increasing exponentially every year. In this ever-changing world of information, how can one keep up with all the new sites? What tools are available for finding information on the Internet and which are the best? This session will present ideas such as virtual libraries, search engines, Web crawlers and robots, that are assisting browsers like you in finding the information they want. *Bill Ambrose, Computing and Information Services.*
Friday, November 10   2:00 pm - 3:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder

World Wide Web Basics:

Le Tour de Web - With Infoman - This tour will take participants through a cyberspace journey with the KAMU-FM program *Gig-A-Bytes'* Infoman, Orlando Castillo. This trip will include stops at search engines, educational sites, entertainment areas, art, sports, trivia, how-to and many other fascinating sites.
Thursday, November 9   12:00 pm - 1:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

Visions of Improved Learning with the Internet and WWW - The traditional perfunctory grading of large numbers of homework problems does not adequately develop intellectual skills and mature behavior in students. I will describe ongoing attempts to develop a system of peer review of homework papers, which is intended to enhance students' writing skills, critical thinking, and collaborative work. Electronic communication can be very valuable in making this system work effectively; utopian visions and modest proposals for the near future will be offered. Anyone interested in using networked computer facilities to improve undergraduate education, and anyone responsible for helping faculty and students to do that is encouraged to attend." *Stephen Fulling, Texas A&M University Department of Mathematics.*
Friday, November 10   10:00 am - 11:00 am   Room 301 Rudder

Campus WWW Applications - Computing and Information Services (CIS) has taken advantage of the WWW to provide several interactive applications for everyone to use. These include the Campus Map project, Book Swap, the Electronic Community Calendar, the Electronic Phonebook (ph), the Local Subject Index, and Texas A&M's homepage. This presentation focuses on how these applications can be used to make your time surfing the WWW more productive and how you can add/update information in all of them. *Sam Fleitman, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   9:00 am - 10:00 am   Room 302 Rudder

Promoting Your Organization Through the WWW - Shows how the Texas A&M University Agriculture Program is using the WWW to distribute educational and promotional information. *Gordon Riall and Lynette James, Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Communications.*

Technical Aspects of the Web:

Good Graphic Design on the WWW pages - Graphics are becoming more and more prevalent on WWW homepages. As the number of electronic documents available from the WWW increases, competition for attracting WWW surfers through visual appeal is now a requirement. This session will discuss problems associated with graphic design, including images and image maps in WWW documents, as well as the capability of different browsers to present graphics and how to optimize the use of graphics. Some tools available for creating graphics will be presented in a live demonstration. *Bill Ambrose, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   8:00 am - 9:00 am   Room 301 Rudder

How to Create a WWW Page - Would you like to create your own personal WWW homepage? Using tam2000 as our WWW server, we'll create a homepage and register it at Texas A&M University so that the world can see it! You will also learn how to link files and images to your homepage. *Sherri Marx and Jane Carpenter, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   9:00 am - 10:00 am   Room 301 Rudder   *Friday, November 10*   11:00 am - 12:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

How to Establish a MacHTTP Server on a Macintosh Desktop - "The establishment of WWW server software on my Macintosh desktop has enabled me to write and try out material quickly for our departmental homepage. The finished hypertext material is then easily transferred to the department server and added to the official Texas A&M Landscape and Pavements Maintenance homepage. This presentation will show you how I did it!" *Edward W. Hill, Landscape Maintenance Foreman, Texas A&M University Physical Plant.*
Thursday, November 9   4:00 pm - 5:00 pm   Room 302 Rudder

WWW Server Installation on UNIX - With the explosion of the use of the Internet and WWW services on the Internet, more system administrators are finding it valuable to install a WWW server on their UNIX systems. This seminar will discuss how to obtain the latest WWW server software free from the Internet and how to install it on a UNIX system. Prerequisites: knowledge of compiling programs on UNIX, UNIX startup procedures (/etc/rc2), and inetd configuration. *Victor Hazlewood, Computing and Information Services.*
Thursday, November 9   10:00 am - 11:00 am   Room 302 Rudder

Configuration/Management Solutions for a PC-based WWW Server in a Multi-Authoring Environment - This presentation will discuss a few ways to manage and install a PC-based WWW server and integrate it into an existing LAN environment. Through these methods, multi-authoring environments can be easily managed and maintained. LAN administrators for PC-based LAN environments at Texas A&M University are encouraged to attend. *Alan Kirk, Engineering Technology.*
Thursday, November 9   1:00 pm - 2:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder

General Internet Topics:

Benefits of Electronic Publishing - Some organizations are reluctant to get into electronic publishing either because they believe in WWW is just the latest fad or because they cannot afford the additional costs. This session will discuss the cost of not using electronic mediums and some of benefits realized by those using the WWW to advertise and communicate with their customers or students. It will also examine what is needed to publish on the Internet. *Bill Ambrose, Computing and Information Services.*
Wednesday, November 8   11:00 am - 12:00 pm   Room 301 Rudder