

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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## Murder evidence may support story

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Hair and blood collected at the Dallas-area home where Darlie Routier is accused of killing her two sons may bolster her claim that an intruder committed the crime, according to a court filing Monday.

Some findings in a DNA expert's report "may be consistent with one or more of the stories previously told by the defendant," prosecutors stated in the new court documents.

Routier, 26, is charged with capital murder in the June 6 stabbing deaths of 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon. She claims an intruder wearing dark clothing stabbed her sons to death then wounded her before fleeing through a window at their home in the suburb of Rowlett.

Prosecutors contend there was no intruder and that Routier killed the children and injured herself.

The newly released evidence indicates a hair found on the window in question does not belong to Routier and that other hairs not matching those of the Routier family were found in the home.

Also, DNA tests indicate Routier's shirt and pillow appear to contain only her blood, not that of Damon or Devon.

Also included in the evidence list were:

—Two partial palm prints discovered on the bottom portion of the window that remain unidentified.

—A knife and a screwdriver found in a neighbor's back yard on June 6.

—A report called into the Rowlett Police Department five days after the attack by a neighbor who said someone wearing dark clothes and carrying a knife or screwdriver tried to break into her house on June 6.

A defense attorney declined to comment specifically on the new evidence.

"There is a lot of material here, and we're beginning to attempt to digest it and follow up on it," said defense attorney Richard Mosty of Kerrville. The case was moved to Kerr County because of pre-trial publicity in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

## Immigration takes heat off employers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sanctions against employers who hire undocumented workers have declined over the past four years even though deportations have hit new highs, national statistics show.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service recently touted its record number of deportations, noting 67,095 undocumented immigrants were deported last year, up more

than 17,000 from the previous year.

Statistics through Aug. 30 show sanctions cases were filed against 4,629 employers this fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30. A total of 906 were fined.

Those numbers represent a steady decline since 1992, when nearly 9,000 cases were filed and almost 2,500 employers were fined, the San Antonio Express-News reported Monday.

The INS began de-emphasizing its crackdown against employers after several studies, including a General Accounting Office report, found employers had discriminated against Hispanic applicants because of more stringent employment-verification rules.

"It became quite clear that some amount of discrimination was happening as a result of the burdens put on employers," said Zolberg Aristide, political science professor at the New School's International Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship in New York.

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## House Republicans question new policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Republican is demanding that the Immigration and Naturalization Service conduct a complete review of a naturalization program that critics say opened the door

for thousands of criminals to become citizens.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, Rep. Bill Zeff, R-N.H., chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee on criminal justice, also asked the Justice Department's Inspector General office to cooperate in investigating the "Citizenship USA" program. The letter was released Monday.

House Republicans have already asked Reno to appoint an independent counsel to look into the program, which was aimed at expediting applications for citizenship. Under the program, some 1.3 million people were naturalized in the year ending Sept. 30, more than double the usual rate.

## Merger matches Tyco with Mattel

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — The maker of Hot Wheels and Barbie is taking over a bigger share of the toybox: Mattel Inc. is buying Tyco Toys Inc. for \$755 million.

The deal, announced Monday, would combine Mattel, the nation's No. 1 toymaker, with the No. 3 manufacturer. Tyco makes such products as the View-Master and Magna Doodle toys.

The deal, expected to be completed in the first half of 1997, is subject to approval by regulators

and Tyco shareholders.

Under the all-stock transaction, Tyco common shareholders will receive Mattel stock equivalent to \$12.50 for each Tyco share — 78 percent over Tyco's closing price of \$7 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

John W. Amerman, Mattel chairman and chief executive, said the merger will help reduce costs by combining the companies' manufacturing and distribution.

Tyco, based in Mount Laurel, lost \$27.2 million last year. Mattel, based in El Segundo, Calif., earned \$357.8 million.

Earlier this year, Mattel offered \$5.2 billion for No. 2 toymaker Hasbro, the maker of Monopoly, Playskool items, Mr. Potato Head and G.I. Joe, but Hasbro spurned the bid, citing antitrust issues.

## Kellogg buys into big bagel business

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — Kellogg wants to feed everyone at your breakfast table, including those who prefer toasted bagels to Frosted Flakes.

Kellogg Co. — the maker of Pop Tarts, Eggo frozen waffles, and Frosted Flakes and Rice Krispies cereals — said Monday it is buying Lender's Bagels from Kraft Foods Inc. for \$455 million. Lender's is the nation's biggest

bagel maker — frozen, refrigerated and fresh — with sales of \$275 million.

For Kraft, the deal is a role in the bakery business sold off its other bakeries — including Entenmann's cookies and cakes and pizza crusts — more than ago to CPC International, \$865 million.

Lender's "is very much in tent with Kellogg's long-standing tradition of nutrition and health," Joseph M. Stewart, Kellogg's president of corporate affairs, said.

The deal is expected to be completed by the end of the year and includes Lender's West Haven and New Britain, Conn.; Mattoon, Ill.; and N.Y. Stewart said the plant jobs will not be affected. Lender's is based in Plains, N.Y.

► This day in history

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Nov. 19, the 324th day of 1996. There are 42 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1794, the United States and Britain signed the Jay Treaty, which resolved some of the issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

In 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

In 1887, American poet Emma Lazarus — who'd written "The New Colossus" to help raise money for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal — died in New York at age 38.

In 1919, the U.S. Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor to 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces

launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1959, Ford Motor Co. announced it was halting production of the unpopular Edsel.

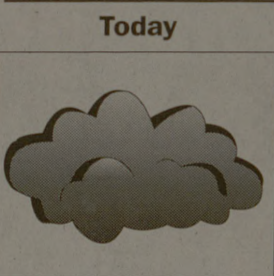
In 1985, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

Ten years ago: President Reagan said no more arms would be sent to Iran to "eliminate the widespread but mistaken perception" that the United States had been exchanging arms for hostages in Lebanon.

► Today's birthdays

Talk show host Larry King is 63. Broadcasting and sports executive Ted Turner is 58. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 54. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad is 47. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 42. Actress Meg Ryan is 35. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 34.

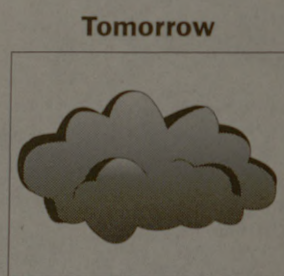
► Weather



Today  
Early patches of fog, turning cloudy and warmer with winds from the south.



Tonight  
Partly cloudy with fog developing late and light and variable winds from the south.



Tomorrow  
Partly cloudy and warmer with winds continuing from the south.

Correction

The wrong times were listed in yesterday's Batta voting on the internet college band tournament of the Aggie Band can be noon today until noon tomorrow. The web address is [net.sportszone.com/edutasy/college/bands.html](http://net.sportszone.com/edutasy/college/bands.html). Aggie Band wins in this will advance to the semi-

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**FREE SCORES**  
FOOTBALL-BASKETBALL  
FAST...ACCURATE...AS THEY HAPPEN  
**361-3920**

*Crooked Path*  
*Ale House*  
Fine Ales and Lagers  
Northgate

**TUESDAY**  
8pm-11pm  
**\$3.99**  
Giant 32oz.  
**Mugarita Night**  
Free chips & salsa

**COMEDY NITE** Tues  
9:30-Mid  
\$3 Cover  
Comedy. And more comedy.  
And even more comedy.

**DUNCAN TUCK**  
**Chelsea Street**  
Pub & Grill  
POST OAK MALL

**WISE**  
WOMEN IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING  
Presents a Brown Bag Lunch with  
**Barbara J. Gastel, M.D.**  
Associate Professor  
of Journalism and of Medical Humanities  
Texas A&M University  
discussing  
**WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND THE MEDIA**  
Wednesday, 20 November 1996  
12:30  
342 Zachry  
Everyone Welcome!  
Beverages and snacks will be served.  
Questions? Contact Nancy Magnussen at [nancy@isc.tamu.edu](mailto:nancy@isc.tamu.edu) or 5-5587.  
Women in Science and Engineering

In Celebration of Children's Book Week,  
MSC Literary Arts presents...  
**Children's Literature**  
The Books Adults May illeg  
Grown to Love!  
Dr. Lynne Vallone will ge  
lecture on children's literat  
literature and its importanc  
day's literary world

**Nov. 19, 1996**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**MSC Room 228**

Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. We will provide notification three (3) working days prior to the event to enable us to assist you to the best of our abilities.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF!  
The following services will be closed during the Thanksgiving holiday:  
**A.P. Beutel Health Center & Dial-A-Nurse**  
**Student Counseling Service & Student Counseling HelpLine**  
5 p.m., Wednesday, November 27 to 8 a.m., Monday, December 1

Ambulance Service/EMS will remain in service during the holiday. Call 9-911 for assistance.

In celebration of Children's Book Week,  
MSC Literary Arts presents  
**Campus Leaders Read Dr. Seuss**

Monday, Nov. 18  
Carl Baggett - Student Body President reading "If I Ran The Circus"  
Michael Lemonds - Class of 2000 President reading "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish"

Tuesday, Nov. 19  
Chris Williams - MSC President reading "The Lorax"  
Gen. M.T. Hoppgood - Corps Commandant reading "The Cat in the Hat"

Wednesday, Nov. 20  
R.C. Slocum - A&M Head Football Coach reading "Oh The Places You'll Go!"  
Michael Landauer - Battalion Editor reading "The Butter Battle Book"

Thursday, Nov. 21  
J. Kahill - Food Services reading "Green Eggs and Ham"  
Jesse Czelusta - RHA President reading "Go Dog Go"

Friday, Nov. 22  
Kathy Mathis - PTTS reading "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"  
**12:30 Rudder Fountain**  
If weather is bad, readings will be held in the MSC Flagroom

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