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Farmhouse fire under investigation

LONSDALE, Minn. (AP) — A man who died in a sus-tious farmhouse fire was that killed five others strugng with legal and financial problems before the blaze

Autopsies were being performed yesterday to deterhe whether the bodies were those of Primitivo Juan as, 48; his son, Tyler, 16, and daughter, KiAnn, 20; Rivas' girlfriend, Catherine Ranft, 38, and her children, Caroline, 4, and Meredith, age 5 or 6

Investigators hoped to learn whether they died in the re early Wednesday, or were killed before it.

Rice County Sheriff Richard Cook said gasoline found the scene, the position of the bodies in the rubble and aPro sought more the location of charred vehicles near the house were ong the signs that the fire was deliberately set

A judge Rivas was supposed to start serving a 30-day judge. Huntsville of tence Monday for failing to pay child support, accord-ruled in favor to court records. A warrant for his arrest was issued g to court records. A warrant for his arrest was issued hen he did not appear.

Court records and the husband of Rivas' ex-wife inated that Rivas, a computer engineer, had been out work for more than a year and that he was not seeka job, apparently because he did not want his mongoing to his former wife

"He was very vengeful, threatened to take her down ncially after the divorce," said Gary Hanneman of msville, whose wife, Debra, was married to Rivas for years. "That's what he told the kids.

As part of the divorce, Rivas was saddled with 330,000 in unpaid bills, mostly credit card bills.



Rivas owed more than \$10,000 in child support, medical support and spousal maintenance as of March, court records show. As of October, he had not made a mortgage payment for six months.

Seven missing after helicopter crashes at sea



SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Marine Corps helicopter with 18 people aboard crashed in the Pacific yesterday, and seven remained missing hours later.

The CH-46 Sea Knight crashed about 1:16 p.m., 25 miles southwest of San Diego. Eleven people were quickly

pulled from the water, but their conditions were unavailable, Coast Guard Lt. Eric Carter said. Weather in the area was good with light winds and

waves and clear skies. The helicopter crashed after taking off from the USS Pecos. a Navy oiler that provides fuel

to ships at sea. The helicopter was assigned to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton, about 36 miles north of Diego, a Marine

spokesperson, Sgt. Matthew Hagerman, said. The Marines use the helicopter as an all-weather assault

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Army private sentenced to life for murder

n Army private was sentenced yesday to life in prison with the posbility of parole for bludgeoning to death a fellow soldier who had been mored to be gay — a case that gay nghts activists said was a tragic fail-ure of "don't ask, don't tell."

Pvt. Calvin N. Glover, 18, was icted in a court-martial a day er of premeditated murder.

The offense carries a mandatory ence of life in prison; the only ion before the military jury yeswas whether he should be el-

Glover showed no reaction to the

and dishonorably discharged.

Glover used a baseball bat to crush the skull of a barracks mate, Pfc. Barry L. Winchell, 21, as he slept in his cot at Fort Cambpell.

There had been a swirl of rumors on the base that Winchell was gay, and prosecutors said Glover was driven by hatred of homosexuals.

Glover, who is from Sulphur, Okla., apologized in court earlier yesterday, saying he was drunk at the time of the crime and has since found God

"If I had acted as half the man, even half the soldier as Barry was,

Gay rights activist C. Dixon Osburn, co-executive director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in Washington, said the case proves that the Pentagon's "don't

ask, don't tell'' policy does not work. 'I think this case shatters any illusions that 'don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue' is somehow a benign policy," he said. "This is a policy of

Under "don't ask, don't tell," gay members of the military can continue to serve — and their superiors cannot investigate and expel them as long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

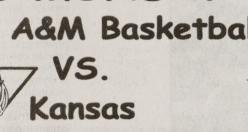
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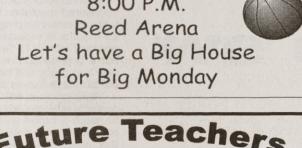


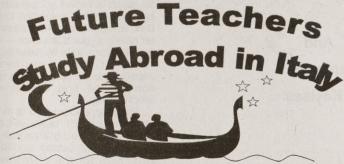
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