

News in Brief

Toddler's death baffles police

HURST (AP) — Police waited Thursday for the results of an autopsy on a two-year-old Hurst girl who died after having seizures at a daycare center.

Megan Godley died at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth on Wednesday, a day after the seizures.

"We are waiting for information to see what direction to go, and to get hints to what we should be looking for," Hurst police Lt. Steve Myers said Thursday.

Authorities said the girl had a skull fracture. Doctors at Cook also found bruises that they believe were from previous injuries.

Myers said the autopsy was expected to be performed Thursday by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office. The release of the preliminary results could take another day.

Investigators have already talked with family members and family friends, which Myers said is a normal step in such situations. "Nothing has been ruled out and there's nothing I've seen that points specifically at any one thing," Myers said. "There is certainly no indication that it's a daycare situation."

Godley was taken to the hospital after workers at the Fun 4 Kids Child Development Center in Hurst called authorities Tuesday to report that she was having a seizure.

Different tactic against hate

BEAUMONT (AP) — Groups who monitor white supremacy organizations agree that communities should band together to gird against Ku Klux Klan rallies. Exactly how to accomplish that goal is where they differ.

The Anti-Racist Action Network, largely composed of young people, takes the in-your-face approach. Jerry Bellow, 27, and cohorts in the Columbus, Ohio-based chapter protests every Klan rally and march they can attend.

The chapter, one of 140 nationwide, shouts insults at Klan members and police, whom they accuse of protecting the KKK. Their members often are arrested, but Bellow says it's worth it.

"My advice is to be really direct, confront them, talk to neighbors, don't hide in your church and pray," Bellow said in a story by *The Beaumont Enterprise*. "Go down to the rallies and pray there. Get in their faces."

Ted Almay, superintendent of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation division of the attorney general's office, favors less confrontational displays.

"So we've done things to organize various community functions," Almay said. "In one city we had a park cleanup day. We've had community pride functions sponsored by civic and church organizations."

Seventh execution effected this year

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — James Walter Moreland, condemned for a knife attack that left two East Texas men dead more than 17 years ago, was executed Thursday evening.

Strapped to the gurney, Moreland's first words were "Jesus, God, Lord."

Then he gave a lengthy final statement in which he told his father and brother, watching through a window nearby, that he loved them.

"You've been the best. All of you have truly been the best," he said. "I believe I'm going home."

Moreland then turned to his victims' relatives and apologized.

"I really mean that. It's not just words. My life is all I can give. I stole two lives and I know it was precious to y'all," he said, and they nodded in acknowledgment as he spoke.

"That's what alcohol will do for you."

He sang the words "take me home Lord," as the lethal drugs were administered through his veins. He took two deep breaths, then exhaled four times before falling into unconsciousness.

Moreland was pronounced dead at 6:21 p.m., eight minutes after the flow of lethal drugs began.

The 39-year-old Indiana native never denied killing Clinton Corbet Abbott and John Royce Cravey. The two friends were stabbed repeatedly in the back, robbed and left to die in a Eustace trailer home after a day of beer drinking on Oct. 9, 1982.

Instead, Moreland maintained he acted out of fear after Cravey, a 41-year-old iron worker, allegedly made homosexual advances toward him.

The claim is similar to the "gay panic" defense used last year in the trial of one of

the men accused of fatally beating Matthew Shepard, a gay Wyoming college student. A judge disallowed the strategy.

Relatives of Moreland's victims rankle at the suggestion.

"My brother was by no means a homosexual. I know this for a fact," said Robert Cravey. "Neither was Clint. He'd have fought you if you even mentioned it to him."

Jurors also rejected the idea, convicting Moreland of capital murder for Abbott's death on June 15, 1983. He was indicted but never tried for Cravey's killing.

"There's no doubt in my mind that what I did was wrong," Moreland told the *Athens Daily Review* in a recent death row interview. "But some of the things they did at that trial were wrong, too. If

you're going to convict a man, especially if you're going to take his life, I'd think you'd have to do it fairly."

Moreland said his trial attorneys, Hank Skelton and the late Bill Bandy,

mishandled his case, a claim attorney James T. Maloney supports.

"There were a number of errors in Mr. Moreland's trial dealing with the nature of the indictment ... the jury selection process and the sufficiency of evidence that were not properly preserved," Maloney said.

Skelton, who practices in Athens, declined to discuss the trial.

Meanwhile, the victims' relatives remained steadfast in their determination to see Moreland receive a lethal injection Thursday. It was Texas' third execution this week and the seventh in January, the most in January since eight men were killed in June 1997.

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DPS trooper fails to appear for hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) trooper, who revealed photographs of troopers dressed in Ku Klux Klan costumes after he was suspended without pay, failed to appear for a hearing he requested with the DPS director.

Darron Anderson, 35, scheduled an appeal hearing Wednesday morning with DPS director Col. Dudley Thomas, but never showed up and hasn't contacted the department, spokesperson Tom Vinger said.

Anderson's lawyer, state Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, did not return a call from *The Associated Press* for comment Wednesday.

Dudley suspended Anderson without pay in November and recommended his dismissal after Anderson was indicted for arson. The trooper is accused of setting fire to his pickup truck in San Jacin-

to County, then filing an insurance claim.

After his suspension, Anderson, who is black, revealed photographs taken at a surprise party in his honor in 1989. The snapshots — taken in the Livingston office of the DPS — show eight troopers clad in KKK hoods clustered around a grinning Anderson.

Troopers have said the party theme was a harmless, albeit tasteless, joke. Anderson claims he disguised his dismay during the office party, then went home to cry.

Six of the other troopers in the photographs have been suspended. The other two have retired.

Anderson has said he believes he was fired, but Vinger said the trooper simply has been suspended without pay.

If Dudley sends Anderson an official discharge letter, Anderson has 15 days to appeal.

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