Gustave Oberg

Gustave Oberg, 89, of Irving died Monday, Aug. 1, at an Irving nursing home.

Arrangements are pending in Tinley Park, Ill. Local arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Janet O'Donnell

Janet O'Donnell, 59, of Irving died April 1 at her home.

Mrs. O'Donnell was born May 19, 1934, in Nebraska. She was a homemaker and was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Irving. Mrs. O'Donnell was also a member of Blue Army of Fatima and Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation.

She is survived by her sons, James Patrick O'Donnell and Michael Thomas O'Donnell, both of Irving; daughters, Karen Ann Elliott and Kathryn Lynn Henke, both of Rowlett, and Nancy Jean Darring of Irving; brothers, Thomas Vincent and Richard Vincent of California; and six grandchildren.

A rosary was held Sunday at Holy Family Catholic Church, with funeral mass Monday at the church. The Revs. Melchoir Chladek, Jerry Duesman and David Balas officiated. Burial was at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Discalced Carmelite Nuns, 600 Flowers Ave., Dallas, TX 75211

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Rodolfo N. Olivarez

Rodolfo N. Olivarez, 49, of Irving died Wednesday, June 1.
He was born Feb. 2, 1945, in Edinburg.
He is survived by his wife, Columbia D. Olivarez; sons, Cory, Rudy and Mike Olivarez; daughters, Dawn Olivarez, Michelle Shifflett, Melissa Olivarez and Sharlene Olivarez; brothers, Andy, Robert and Phillip Olivarez; sister, Dorothy Aguimiga; mother, Aurora Olivarez; special friend, Arlene Keeton; three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Services were held Saturday at St. Luke Catholic Church. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Arrangements were handled by Calvary Funeral Home.
Robert Joseph Oliver

Mr. Oliver was born July 13, 1951 in Ennis. He was a member of Fairview Church of Ennis.
Survivors include his mother, Ruth Marie Oliver of Irving; father, R.E. Oliver of Ennis; brothers, Jack, Larry, Freddie Lee, Dickie, Gene and Thomas; sisters, Jessie, Charline, Gearidine and Ima Gene; nieces, Kim Baker, Katrina Marie and Terrie Jean; and nephews, Rickie Sain, Rickie Oliver, Bryan Eastman, Dustin Oliver and Jeremiah Oliver.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Wayne Oliver, in 1993.

A private memorial service was held last week in Irving.

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Frances Olson

Frances Olson, 66, of Irving died Thursday, March 24, at her home.

Mrs. Olson was born March 9, 1928, in Bells Hill, Scotland. She was employed as a school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Olson of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Rhonda Olson of Highland Village; daughters, Karen Olson of McKinney; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ed Grochowski of Nashville, Tenn.; sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Tom Holmes of Scotland; sister-in-law, Elsa Neumon of New Mexico; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 25, with Chaplain Gene Norman officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Veterans National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M.

Local arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Two arrested in fatal shooting at pool hall

BY LIZABETH CARDENAS
News Staff Writer

Two 19-year-old Farmers Branch men are in custody for the Nov. 13 shooting death of Ismael Olvera at Nhung Billiards and Games, 1716 E. Irving Blvd., police said.

Victor Manuel Cruz, currently at the Dallas County jail, was arrested by Dallas police Monday for an unrelated crime. His bail has been set at $100,000. Leonel Obdulio Castro, arrested Friday, is in the Irving city jail, and his bail was set at $50,000.

Cruz was jailed Monday morning after the Dallas Police Department’s gang unit arrested him for aggravated assault in connection with a separate shooting. Cruz was out on bond at the time for three separate Dallas burglaries.

Irving police were led to Cruz during their investigation when witnesses from the pool hall shooting scene, 1716 E. Irving Blvd., told detectives that the main suspect had been arrested in Dallas, said Capt. Travis Hall, head of the criminal investigations division.

Castro’s arrest took place at 11 a.m. Friday at R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton, where he is a student, said IPD Detective Harold Renfroe. While police believe Cruz is a Dallas gang member, they think Castro is not, Hall said.

While police estimate 10 to 15 individuals were involved in the shooting, only some were gang members, Hall said.

“Cruz is an alien from El Salvador, but I don’t know his status,” Hall said. “We referred his case to immigration, and I’m sure they’ll put a hold on him. If he is convicted of any of these crimes, he will serve his time in the penitentiary, and the day he is released he will probably be deported.”

“Supposedly, Castro pulled out a gun once, and then he gave the gun to Cruz. The victim then started begging for his life, and then Cruz shot him in the head several times,” Hall said. “We’ve talked to witnesses to sort out what really happened.”

Police do not plan on making any more arrests at this time, and they believe only one gun was involved, although they have not recovered the murder weapon, Renfroe said.

The fight broke out at 2:06 a.m. after a 14-year-old bumped into Olvera. The 14-year-old is the younger brother of a member of the group of Hispanic men involved in the altercation, police said.

The group, ranging in age from 18-25, started teaming up on Olvera, his brother-in-law and a friend, beating and hitting the victims with pool cues, police said.

After the brother of the owner of Nhung Billiards and Games fired one round from his 9mm handgun into the ceiling, the suspects dragged the victims outside, where they continued to beat them, Renfroe said.

The incident marks the second homicide in the past three months at Nhung Billiards and Games. On Aug. 28 at 1:08 a.m., Sophy Kem, 19, of Dallas, was fatally shot after two rival Asian gangs got into a fight at the pool hall. A 16-year-old girl was also shot, and a 14-year-old boy was struck in the face with a pistol.

A charge of investigation of juvenile delinquency for the crime of murder was filed in September against a 14-year-old boy in Kem’s death.

Irving police are currently questioning whether Nhung Billiards and Games should remain open. Police officials plan to review the establishment’s history and discuss the situation with the state attorney general’s of-
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Slaying marks second in
3 months at pool hall

Irving police explore ways to shut down scene of multiple shootings

By LIZABETH CARDENAS
News Staff Writer

Faced with their second homicide investigation at an east Irving pool hall in three months, police officials are pursuing ways to shut the operation down, including enlisting the state attorney general's help.

Nhung Billiards and Games, 1716 E. Irving Blvd., has recently been the scene of two murders involving multiple gunmen — the latest on Sunday at 2:06 a.m., when Ismael Olvera, 19, of Dallas, was beaten and shot several times in a fight with about 10 to 15 other Hispanic men. His brother-in-law and a friend also were beaten during the confrontation.

On Aug. 28, 19-year-old Sophy Kem of Dallas also was shot to death after two rival Asian gangs got into a fight. A 16-year-old girl also sustained gunshot wounds.

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Area merchants fear for safety; hope operation stops or relocates

By VANISHA DESAI
News Staff Writer

When Trinh Hoa opened his family-owned restaurant a year and a half ago in far east Irving, he was hoping for good business and a safe environment for himself, his wife and two daughters.

Lately, his hopes — and the hopes of some other store owners in the shopping strip on East Irving Boulevard — have been dashed.

The reason: fatal shootings in the parking lot of a nearby pool hall. Two of them in the last three months.

The first struck in late August after midnight. Police said it happened after members of two rival Asian gangs began fighting at Nhung Billiards and Games, just three doors down from Trinh's restaurant, Cam-Ranh. A 19-year-old was killed. Two others — a 1-year-old and a 14-year-old — were injured.

Another 19-year-old was killed by gunfire early Sunday just outside the pool hall. Police said the shooting happened after two groups of people

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Merchants: Fear for safety near pool hall
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Noisy "21 Club" attracts crime

"Loud noise from the "21 Club," our clients.

"We've had a lot of crime near the pool hall.

"It's not safe to walk around there.

"People are afraid to go there.

"We've had break-ins and thefts.

"The police can't do much.

"They just go by occasionally.

"We need better security.

"Something needs to be done.

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Second Story: Promises police

They have promised action.

"Police officials say they are working on the problem.

"They promise to increase patrols.

"But we need more action.

"We need more real protection.

"We can't afford to lose any more.

"We need immediate action.

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Jerry L. O’Neal

Jerry L. O’Neal, 60, of Irving, died Saturday, May 21.

Mr. O’Neal was born Feb. 5, 1934, in Midlothian. He was a retired materials coordinator with Texas Instruments.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy O’Neal of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Terry Seale of Irving; brothers, John O’Neal of Garland, Gilbert O’Neal of Mesquite and Bobby O’Neal of Dallas; mother-in-law, Florence Garrett of Irving; and grandchildren, Tori Seale, Tonya Seale and Tyler Seale.

He was preceded in death by his son, David O’Neal.

Services were Tuesday, May 24, at Brown’s Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Roy Lee Osborne

Roy Lee Osborne of Irving died Friday, June 17.

Mr. Osborne was a member of the Big D Jamboree, a one-time guest on The Grand Ole Opry and a minister for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Osborne of Irving; sons, David Osborne of Tucson, Ariz., and Eric Osborne of Irving; brother, Bill Watson; sisters, Linda Lindsey, Paulette Herschner of Irving, and Dena Bonner of Eustace; mother, Doreen Watson of Irving; aunts, Melba Bricky and Johnnie Crow; and cousin, Charles David Gardner.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.D. Osborne; and son, Roy Osborne Jr.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Kingdom Hall, with Billy Deaton officiating. Arrangements are with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Betty Jo Overall

Betty Jo Overall, 62, of Irving died Thursday, July 14, at The Irving Hospital.

She was born Sept. 17, 1931, in Kaufman County. She worked as a cashier with 7-11 and Stop-N-Go.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Overall of Irving; daughters, Margaret Carroll and Shirley Earley of Irving; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, several cousins and other relatives.

A graveside service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Archie Sims officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
D.W. Overstreet

D.W. "Dewey" Overstreet, 83, of Irving died Monday, June 20, in Irving.

He was born July 16, 1910, in Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Overstreet of Irving, sons, David Overstreet of Norco, Calif., Michael Overstreet of Grand Prairie, Tommy Overstreet of Irving, Eugene Overstreet of Cleveland, Ohio, and Henry H. Clover III of Bossier City, La.; daughters, Betty Bruring of Plano and Vickie Lynn Clover of Sulpher Springs; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Furneaux Cemetery, with Benjamin Willingham officiating. Arrangements were with Rhoton Funeral Home in Carrolton.

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