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### TEXAS FLOODS

## Mobile couple, granddaughter still missing

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A Mobile, Ala. couple and their five-year-old granddaughter remain missing after catastrophic flooding swept through a Texas campground over the early morning hours of July 4. Ileana and Eddie Santana Sr., their son Eddie Santana Jr., his wife Camille and their daughter Mila Rose were staying at the HTR TC Hill Country Campground in Kerrville, Texas, when their

cabin was swept away by rapidly rising floodwaters. The Guadalupe River, which borders the campground, rose 26 feet in just 45 minutes. Santana Jr., who is reported by a fundraising link to be an active-duty member of the military, managed to escape the flood waters after being sucked in by climbing onto a tree, where he held on for hours before being rescued. He was hospitalized with head and side lacerations and released on July 6. It was reported that when he was in

the hospital, he was notified that his wife, daughters and parents were still missing. **Camille Santana's body recovered, sister confirms in Facebook post** On July 8, search crews recovered Camille's body. Her sister, Kali, confirmed the news in a Facebook post. "As of today, my beautiful sister Camille was found and was called by God to be by his side," she said. As of Wednesday, the search con-

tinues for Ileana and Eddie Santana Sr. and Mila Rose. **119 reported dead, an Alabama girl reported among victims** The flooding has claimed the lives of at least 119 people, and at least 170 people are still missing, according to a USA Today report. The hardest hit county, Kerr County, reported 95 deaths, with at least three dozen of them being **See FLOOD VICTIMS, Page 2A**



Tara Hare sets traps to catch feral cats for a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program in Montgomery on June 25. PHOTOS BY MICKEY WELSH/MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER

## ‘WE KNOW THIS WORKS’

### Thousands fewer cats euthanized thanks to area trapping program

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A gray and white cat lurked in the bushes as Tara Hare explained how to set up traps for feral cats. When she arrived at the home in Cloverdale-Idlewild neighborhood, five cats lounged in the yard. For the past two years, Hare has

trapped cats at the home. She estimated she has caught at least 25 on the property. After she traps the cats, she works with nonprofits to spay and neuter the animals and then releases them back at the same location. The process, called trap-neuter-return, helps to curb colonies of feral cats. Hare **See TNR, Page 2A**



A TNR cat is held for surgery at Montgomery Humane Society in Montgomery on June 24.

## Art donated to ASU to be unveiled at show

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A national organization has donated 28 art pieces by 24 Black artists to Alabama State University, forming a permanent collection. The National Alliance of Artists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities donated the art to the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University, a news release states. "We are pleased and very excited to share with you a portion of the excellent collection of fine art that is now in the permanent collection of the national center," said Lee Ransaw, a co-founder of the alliance, in a statement. "Our long-range goal has always been to bring artists and art education to the forefront of American art and to keep art programs as institutional priorities for generations to come." The work will be unveiled at the center's annual Colvin-Feagin Art & Jazz Show from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 17 at the Montgomery Interpretive Center. The reception will also feature a performance by the Bell Jazz Quartet. The event is free and open to the public. The exhibit will remain on display through Sept. 30. "It is a great honor to be entrusted with these powerful expressions of heritage, identity, and artistic excellence," said Raegan Stearns, a university archivist at ASU, in a statement. **See ART, Page 2A**

## Troopers: At least 12 people died over July 4th weekend

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Twelve people lost their lives on Alabama roadways over the Fourth of July travel period, according to the state police agency. The Fourth of July travel period began at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, and concluded at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. There were at least 12 traffic-related fatalities for the period, an ALEA news release stated. Troopers assigned to ALEA's Highway Patrol Division responded to 314 traffic crashes that resulted in 155 injuries and 12 fatalities. The fatal crashes occurred in DeKalb, Mobile, Dale, Greene, Blount, Cleburne, Cullman and

Montgomery counties. Additionally, enforcement efforts resulted in: 

- 2,826 speeding citations issued.
- 394 seat belt citations issued.
- 19 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests.

 "Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives during the holiday weekend," said ALEA Secre-

tary Hal Taylor. "Every life lost is a tragic reminder of why our mission is critical. At ALEA, we are committed to doing everything within our power to prevent such tragedies through education, enforcement and tireless dedication to public safety on both the waterways and roadways," Taylor said. **See TROOPERS, Page 2A**

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