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TEXAS FLOOD

# 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. **See MISSING, Page 2A**

# 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. "Unlike past exhibits, which showcased loaned works, this collection represents permanent gifts — self-selected by the artists to reflect their individual styles and voices. Their trust in the national center to preserve and showcase this legacy speaks

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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 began work individually to help these animals, but two years ago, she created the Montgomery Area TNR Community to organize volunteers to trap cats in the city. The Alabama Animal Alliance Spay and Neuter Clinic and the Montgomery Humane Society offer programs to spay and neuter feral cats. **See CATS, Page 2A**



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

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