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CRIME

3rd teenager held in robbery of weapons from Eules home

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EULESS — A third man suspected of invading a house Tuesday night and stealing weapons was in custody Friday.

Police identified him as Diamond Dorsett, 19, of Hurst. He was in the Eules City Jail with bail set at \$75,000.

Dorsett was arrested about 6 p.m. Thursday in Bedford after a traffic stop.

He is accused of being one of three armed robbers who stormed into a house on West Midway Drive, herded some teens into a room and stole the weapons. No injuries were reported.

Two brothers arrested Wednesday in Bedford were identified as Brian Anthony Adams, 18, and Joshua James Adams, 17, both of Bedford. They were in the Eules City Jail on Friday with bail set at \$75,000 each.

Police found the stolen semiautomatic rifles and a .38-caliber handgun and a .32-caliber semiautomatic pistol in the brothers' Bedford home.

According to police reports, the Eules family was storing the weapons for an uncle. The rifles are legal to own, police said Friday.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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CONCERT

Methodist choirs band together

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A massed choir of Tarrant County United Methodist churches will present Crescendo of Praise on June 15, three days before a performance of the concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The 200 voices will be led by Brad White, who heads Birdville High School's music arts department and has conducted a massed choir at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth.

Selections include *Regina Coeli* by Mozart, *Te Deum* by Haydn, *The Awakening* by Martin and *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* by Wilberg. The first part of the hourlong concert is classical, with pieces chosen by White. Many of the remaining works are traditional sacred anthems chosen



Debby Barkey practices with the massed choir at Whites Chapel United Methodist Church.

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from a list submitted by the various church choir directors, said Shaunna LaCroix, choir director at Whites Chapel United Methodist in Southlake.

The program is "challenging and yet doable," LaCroix said.

Participating churches are First United Methodist Churches of Bedford, Colley-

If you go

The hourlong concert includes classical selections, sacred anthems and American orchestral music.

When: 7 p.m. June 15

Where: First United Methodist Church of Hurst, 521 W. Pipeline Road, Hurst

Cost: Free

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For video of the choir's rehearsal, go to star-telegram.com/extras

ville, Grapevine and Hurst, along with Martin United Methodist and Whites Chapel United Methodist. The Carnegie Hall concert in New York is at 8 p.m. June 18.

Council Member Donna Mickan is a member of this choir that will be singing at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

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INSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY

Police officer puts creative side on display

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Eules's new design for its police cars has a message, too

Eules police cars are getting a new look — a clean, focused design that works with the Police Department's motto to inspire trust and honor.

"The timing was just good to have a new image, with a new chief and a new motto," said Senior Cpl. Scott Peterson, who helped create the changes. **Kate Gorman reports, 2BB**



The new design for Eules's police cars includes the motto, "That I may serve with honor." Seven of the 20 cars have been updated so far. STAR-TELEGRAM/R. JEENA JACOB

The redesign project wasn't the first artistic endeavor for the veteran of the Eules department.

By KATE GORMAN
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EULESS — Senior Cpl. Scott Peterson is again making a mark on the Eules Police Department — this time on its patrol cars.

Peterson redesigned the 'squad cars' look, incorporating the city's star logo and the department's new motto: "That I may serve with honor."

Police Chief Michael Brown asked officers to help create a motto after he took over in January 2007. He said he wanted something that could be

used on squad cars.

"It's a reminder to us every time we look at it, and it's also a message to the public," he said.

The makeover idea came up about three months ago, when Peterson and a few other officers suggested updating the fleet's look.

"The timing was just good to have a new image, with a new chief and a new motto," Peterson said.

The creative process isn't new to Peterson. He studied architecture before becoming an officer in Richland Hills, where he also redesigned the look of the patrol cars.

Peterson started in Eules in 1993. About 10 years ago, he

redesigned officers' "generic" badges to include the star logo, which was created for the city's Texas Star Golf Course and is used on municipal signs.

"That star has been our signature over the past 15 years," Peterson said.

He looked at hundreds of police cars online before coming up with the new design, he said. Then he painted it onto a model, which Brown took to the city manager and City Council for approval.

Brown said the new blue and silver decals are cheaper, since they eliminate the special paint job required for the old color scheme.

Seven of the Police Depart-



Senior Cpl. Scott Peterson created the new design for Eules's patrol cars. The old logo is on the car in the background. S-T/R. JEENA JACOB

ment's 20 cars have the new look, Brown said. The rest will be phased in during the next four years, he said.

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Peterson, who supervises the traffic division, was the first to hit the road in one of the redesigned cruisers. During traffic stops, a surprising number of passers-by have commented on the car's good looks or given him a thumbs up, he said.

"They're kind of excited," he said. "I wouldn't have expected this."

The motorists he's pulled over, however, haven't been quite so enthusiastic, he said.

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

3 siblings who attended Trinity strive to be the best

The parents of three valedictorians focused on encouragement and early guidelines for their kids' successes.

By MELISSA VARGAS
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The three Brooks children all graduated from Trinity High School as valedictorians. Two are pursuing degrees in computer science while the other has dedicated herself to teaching disadvantaged children.

All three say their core values and studying habits came from their parents, but their mother won't take an ounce of the credit for their success.

"We weren't constantly behind them with a cattle prod," mom Chris Brooks said. "We just always told them to strive for their very best."

Meredith Brooks graduated in 2002, and Mason graduated in 2005. Logan Brooks graduated last week. He will join his brother at the University of Tulsa and major in computer science and electrical engineering. Though Logan wasn't consumed with being valedictorian, the fact that his two siblings had been at the top of their classes made him want to continue the trend.

"I did feel a little bit pressured to keep that up," he said. "I guess it would be disappointing if I didn't."

Dad Jon Brooks is a computer assistance analyst, and

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Chris Brooks is a nurse. When the youngest Brooks was born, Chris retired from working. The family chose to put their children in a public school, and Chris' new job became volunteering and becoming a part of her children's educational process, she said. She volunteered in their art classroom and was a Brownies and Girl Scouts leader. Jon was a soccer coach and used his vacation days to work with his children and take part in the school's campus improvement committee. Both were avid band parents.

Television in the Brookses' home stayed off during the week. Programs the children wanted to watch were recorded and viewed on the weekend so they could focus on studying, Chris Brooks said.

The children were in after-school clubs and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, at church and for Teen Court.

Although both parents remained involved in their kids' lives, they also tried to avoid micromanaging them.

"We wanted our kids to figure things out for themselves," Chris Brooks said. "We would help them when we needed to step in."

Mason Brooks has studied in Japan on an internship with

"I had high expectations of myself, and my parents had them, too. I went to college with the same drive, but there were so many young people who had been No. 1 in their high school classes, too.

Meredith Brooks, teacher

NASA. He will be a senior at the University of Tulsa and is majoring in electrical engineering and computer science. After graduation, he plans to pursue a doctorate and hopes to work in the robotics industry someday.

"I learned a lot of study tips from my sister," he said. "It was good to be around her and watch what drove her and how she studied." Meredith Brooks graduated from Rice University in 2006 with a degree in biochemistry. She teaches at a college prep school in Houston for low-income teens who are first in their families to attend college.

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Logan, Mason and Meredith Brooks are all Trinity High School valedictorians of their classes of 2008, 2005 and 2002, respectively.

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them, too," she said. "I went to college with the same drive, but there were so many young people who had been No. 1 in their high school classes, too."

Chris Brooks says she hopes people realize that encouragement and rules parents set up early can be very influential throughout their lives.

"My message to them was always that school was their job," Chris Brooks said. "That was priority over everything."

Logan Brooks was the City of Euless 2006 Youth Volunteer of the Year.

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EULESS

Gas leases on city land up for vote

By **JESSICA DeLEÓN**
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EULESS — The city is expected to lease out parks and other city-owned land for horizontal gas drilling today.

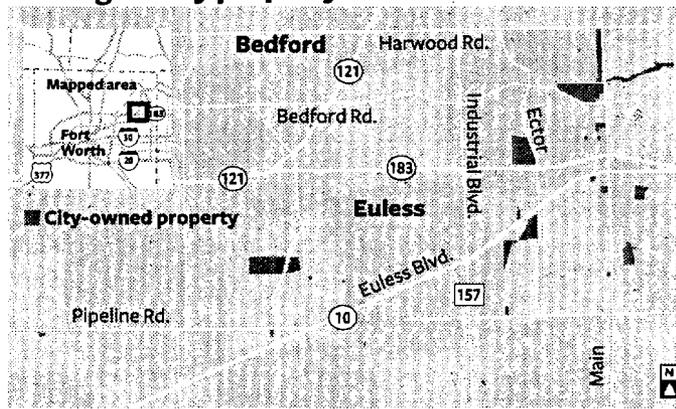
The City Council is scheduled to award two contracts to Chesapeake Energy that could generate millions of dollars for the city.

Both contracts would bring Eules \$20,000 per acre, with a 25.5 percent royalty, and give Chesapeake three years to drill the wells.

One contract, which covers about 46 acres south of Airport Freeway and west of Farm Road 157, would provide an additional \$872,600 bonus.

The second contract, which covers about 76 acres south of

Drilling on city property



The council is expected to approve horizontal drilling on city land today.

STAR-TELEGRAM/TIM BEDISON

City Council meeting

- Work session, 4 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- www.ci.eules.tx.us

Harwood Road, north of South Pipeline Road and east of Farm Road 157, would mean a \$1.5 million bonus.

The affected areas include facilities such as the city law

enforcement building and fire stations, as well as Midway, Blessing Branch, Heritage, South Eules, J.A. Carr, Kid-die Carr, West and Wilshire parks.

Horizontal drilling allows companies to drill for gas underneath property from a distance.

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BRIEFS

4th teen sought in home invasion

EULESS — Police searched Monday for a fourth teenager accused of invading a house last week and stealing weapons from a family near Trinity High School. Authorities were looking for a 17-year-old Eules boy accused of aggravated robbery. Police have arrested three other teens on suspicion of robbery in the Tuesday night home invasion on West Midway Drive. Two brothers arrested Wednesday in Bedford were identified as Brian Anthony Adams, 18, and Joshua James Adams, 17, both of Bedford. Police arrested Diamond Dorsett, 19, of Hurst on Thursday. Dorsett, Joshua Adams and the 17-year-old Eules boy are accused of storming into the house, herding some teens into a room and stealing semiautomatic rifles and a couple of handguns. No injuries were reported. Brian Adams is accused of driving the getaway car. After the Adams brothers were arrested, police said, officers found the stolen weapons in their home.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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Laura Bush: We got the Haka in Texas too

United States first lady Laura Bush says there is a simple explanation why she didn't flinch in Afghanistan when she was faced with shirtless, spear-wielding soldiers from New Zealand presenting a welcoming haka.

Mrs Bush said in a speech afterwards that the welcome by the New Zealand provincial reconstruction team was "a special New Zealand welcome that was very interesting and a lot of fun".

But she later told the ABC in an interview that she was able to keep her cool because she is a fan of Texas football.

Asked what was going through her head "as these shirtless guys were charging at you with spears?" she said: "I thought that was really great.

"I actually know about the haka because there's one football team in Texas that won state last year that happens to have a lot of Tongans ... in that area of Dallas-Fort Worth," she said.

"And they do the haka.

"If I didn't already know about it and hadn't already seen this football team on television do this, I might have been really surprised by it".

In December, the Euless Trinity Trojans -- noted for their Tongan version of a haka - won a division championship in Texan football. Euless is home to about 4000 Tongans and the pre-game haka has become the team's trademark.

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NORTHEAST BRIEFS

Fourth teen arrested in weapons theft

EULESS — A fourth teenager accused of invading a house last week and stealing weapons from a family near Trinity High School was arrested Tuesday morning at his mother's apartment in Hurst. Police identified the 17-year-old as Denzell Dorsett of Eules. Authorities arrested Dorsett about 8:30 a.m. He was being held in the Eules City Jail on suspicion of aggravated robbery. Police have arrested three other teens on suspicion of robbery in the home invasion the night of June 3 on West Midway Drive. Two brothers arrested Wednesday in Bedford were identified as Brian Anthony Adams, 18, and Joshua James Adams, 17, both of Bedford. Police arrested Diamond Dorsett, 19, of Hurst on Thursday. The Dorsetts are cousins, police said. The cousins and Joshua Adams are accused of storming into the house, herding some teens into a room and stealing semiautomatic rifles and a couple of handguns. No injuries were reported. Brian Adams is accused of driving the getaway car. After the Adams brothers were arrested, police said, officers found the stolen weapons in their home. — Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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Boy's 911 call was 'outstanding job'

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
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EULESS — With his mother writhing in pain from a stomach tumor at their Euless apartment, 10-year-old L.C. Timms jumped into action.

L.C. called 911 on April 27 and for almost five minutes calmly gave the dispatcher information about the situation and followed her every instruction.

Even though his mother's tears prompted him to start crying at the end of the call, L.C. stayed on the phone until paramedics arrived.

"That was my angel," Anika Harris said Tuesday afternoon.

L.C. was awarded the 911 Kid Hero award Tuesday night at the Euless City Council meeting by city officials and members of the Tarrant County 911 District.

"He did such an outstanding job while he was on the phone," said Alisa Simmons, a spokeswoman for Tarrant County 911 District. "He maintained such calm."

The incident happened at 9:38 p.m. when Harris and L.C. were home alone.

"I don't really remember much," Harris said. "I was sick and I remember telling L.C. that he needed to call 911."

According to the tape, L.C. gave the dispatcher vital information to pass along to paramedics.

The North Euless Elementary sixth-grader gave out addresses, telephone numbers



L.C. Timms

and names.

"I was a little scared," L.C. said Tuesday night after the ceremony. "But it's my job to help my mom."

DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR., 817-685-3822

911 AWARD



Euless Police Chief Michael Brown gives a medal to L.C. Timms, 10, who helped his mother, Anika Harris, right.

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Hear L.C.'s 911 call at
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It is with great sadness I need to inform the Euless Mayor and staff that the Euless Post Office lost 2 of its most senior and dependable carriers to a tragedy in the early hours Sunday morning. James Mike McCormick, and Adrian Johnson both residences of Euless died in a yet unexplained tragedy at Mr. McCormick's' property in Anson Texas. If any other details are desired please contact me. Keep their families in your prayers. Be Blessed.

Tony Madden Postmaster Euless

Adrian Paul Johnson



 **EULESS** — Adrian Paul Johnson, 61, died Sunday, June 8, 2008.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service in his honor will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lucas Hurst Funeral Home Chapel, 1321 Precinct Line Road.

Adrian Paul Johnson was born Jan. 22, 1947, in Deer River, Minn., to Paul Aaron and Iris Swartz Johnson. Adrian was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a veteran having honorably served in the U.S. Air Force. Adrian was preceded in death by his parents.

SURVIVORS: Wife, Maydelle Johnson; daughters, Jennifer Eads and her husband, Jason, and Staci Johnson; grandchildren, Abby and Kate Eads; brother, Doyal Johnson and his wife, Penny; sister, Coral Ann Johnson; 11 nieces and nephews; and other extended family.

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James Michael McCormack



EULESS — James Michael "Wildman" McCormack, 59, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2008.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: in his honor will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Richland Hills Church of Christ.

MEMORIALS: Should friends desire, memorials are requested to the City of Anson Meals on Wheels.

James Michael, a native of Bonham, was born Dec. 21, 1948, and grew up in Hurst. He was a graduate of L.D. Bell High School and the University of Texas at Arlington. He served in the Naval Reserves. He was a postman for the city of Euless for 30 years. An Eagle Scout, he participated as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, nature and the outdoors. James was an avid Dallas Stars hockey fan. He took great pride in and gave generous care to his family, friends and community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

SURVIVORS: His loving and caring wife of 34 years, Katherine Jean McCormack; children, Shanna McCormack, Sharolyn Ervin and husband, Tyrone, Destry McCormack and wife, Megan; grandchildren, Aesha, Kira, Kai and Jayden; sister, Audrey Lemmon and husband, Danny.

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OBITUARIES

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'Wildman' was kind on the inside

The Euless postman loved nature, family, Scouting and the Stars.

By **SHIRLEY JINKINS**
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EULESS — James Michael McCormack's family included his nickname in his obituary because so many people around Euless knew the full-bearded mail carrier only as



McCormack

"Wildman."

It was an obvious moniker.

"Have you seen his picture?" said Katherine Jean McCormack, his wife of 34 years. "He worked for the post office for 30 years, and because he was an ornery old coot, they called him 'Wildman.' But he was also a wonderful person who cared about other people."

Mr. McCormack, 59, died Sunday in a structure fire in Jones County, where the couple had bought 35 acres and had planned to retire.

He was due to retire Aug. 1, his wife said.

Mr. McCormack's friend and co-worker Adrian Paul Johnson also died in the fire.

Service

7 p.m. today, Richland Hills Church of Christ, 6300 N.E. Loop 820 in North Richland Hills.

"We lost them both, and the post office has lost two of their own," Katherine McCormack said.

Mr. McCormack was born Dec. 21, 1948, in Bonham, but the family moved to Hurst when he was 1 year old. He graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst and the University of Texas at Arlington. He left the area only once, to serve in the Navy Reserve.

"He was working his way through college in the Leonard Brothers' shoe department when we met," his wife said.

The couple moved to Euless 28 years ago and still lived in the same house. Mr. McCormack loved nature, his family said.

"Mike collected rocks, and he collected plants, and he collected shells," Katherine McCormack said.

"We planted the first 8 acres of the land in wildflowers; we wanted to keep it as natural as possible. He didn't believe in concrete jungles."

He did believe in the Dal-

las Stars, though, and enjoyed going to their hockey games whenever he had tickets.

"If not, then we'd have dollar hot dog night at home and we'd all watch the Stars," his wife said.

She admitted that she would often lose interest in the game and drift off to watch another TV program.

"Then he'd come hollering down the hall, 'It's tied!'" she said.

Mr. McCormack's love of the outdoors translated easily to family activities. Both he and his son, Destry, were Eagle Scouts.

"He was above and beyond 'Be Prepared,'" said Destry McCormack, 26. "He'd pack up his van with a whole bunch of stuff for a campout, and have a gazebo at his campsite with all the extras."

As a Scout leader and troop dad, Mr. McCormack cared for all the boys, his son said.

"He'd buddy up with kids who were away from home for the first time, or not joining in with everybody, and make them feel better," Destry McCormack said.

Sometimes, new friends would be a little intimidated by his father's "Wildman"

image, he said.

"He had a rough-looking exterior and demeanor," Destry McCormack said. "But once they'd come over for the first time, they'd say, 'Your dad's so cool.'"

Katherine McCormack's plans to move to Jones County and retire with her husband are gone. She will be staying at home in Euless, she said.

She has paid homage to their dream by directing memorials in her husband's name to the City of Anson Meals on Wheels program.

"The property we purchased had pear trees, and we'd started taking the pears over there to that program," she said. They canned 112 gallons of pears to distribute with their meals.

"Anson is a little-bitty town," she said. "That was going to be our town, and it is important to me that this way he will be a part of the community."

Mr. McCormack is also survived by a sister, Audrey Lemmon; daughters Shanna McCormack and Sharyn Ervin; and four grandchildren.

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