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e he was pronounced dead, Oswald said. Lee was
aken to the hospital with cuts and bruises.



After Vilhelm Hesness was hit, witnesses say, the Dodge Durango hit an embankment and flipped over. Hesness died at Brackenridge Hospital, and the driver of the Durango, Richard Alan Lee, was taken to the hospital with cuts and bruises. A Department of Public Safety trooper surveys the scene Wednesday.

"With this type of operation," said Danny Hobby, who oversees the morgue as head of the

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Father sued in daughter's drowning

Former wife seeks damages after truck swept away in Blanco River

By Molly Bloom

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The mother of a 6-year-old girl who died in May is suing the girl's father for driving over a low-water crossing in Blanco County where the swollen Blanco River carried her away.

The girl's parents are divorced, said the mother's lawyer, Aspen Dunaway of Austin.

Yasmine Coronado is asking for up to \$2 million in the death of Vivian Segura and injuries to her daughter Veronica, 7, according to a lawsuit filed this month in Blanco County.

The girls lived with their mother but were visiting their father, Oscar Rolando Segura, on May 3, the day their father's pickup was swept away, Dunaway said. Segura was driving his two daughters along County Road 407 in southeastern

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Obama stumps for Obama

Michelle Obama tells supporters in Austin that her husband at first struck her as a nerd but that watching him work soon changed her heart, leading her to share his zeal for public service.

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One man charged in two stabbing deaths in N. Austin

By Joshunda Sanders

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A 30-year-old North Austin man was charged with capital murder Wednesday in connection with the stabbing deaths of two men earlier in the day, police said.

Adam Castillo lives in the Ventera at Bradford Pointe apartment complex in the 11700 block of Metric Boulevard, where the two men were found dead about 4:15 a.m.

No bail has been set for Castillo, who was arrested after police found him near his apartment Wednesday morning.

Police said Castillo might have known the two men.

The names and ages of the victims were not

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SUED: Ex-wife says man should have taken different route

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Blanco County when his truck was swept into the Blanco River and downstream about 200 yards, Blanco County sheriff's investigator Sgt. W.T. Smith said in May.

There was no barricade blocking Segura from entering the crossing, Smith said.

The other side of the crossing had a barricade, but Smith said he wasn't sure whether Segura saw it. Segura told investigators that it was dark when he drove into the water, Smith said.

The truck flipped, landed upside down and was immediately submerged, Smith said.

Segura and Veronica escaped and swam to safety, Smith said. Vivian was washed another 300 yards downstream, he said.

"He had ahold of both of them," Smith said. "The water pressure just tore them out of his arms."

Vivian, a first-grader at Casey Elementary School in far



Vivian Segura
6-year-old died after being washed downstream; her sister, father escaped.

South Austin, was taken to University Hospital in San Antonio and died four days later.

Veronica received cuts, bruises and possibly other injuries and was "obviously traumatized" by the incident, Dunaway said.

Oscar Segura was not seriously injured.

In her lawsuit, Coronado claims that the girls' father "willfully ignored traffic signs and attempted to navigate the engorged and raging river instead of taking an alternate route."

Oscar Segura did not return a phone message left at his Blanco home Wednesday.

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Boat ban

Strong currents from open floodgates and debris pose threat

By Miguel Liscano

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A day after two canoeists on Town Lake were pulled through Longhorn Dam's floodgates, the City of Austin announced that it will extend a boating ban on local waterways until at least Friday afternoon.

Lake Austin, Town Lake and the Colorado River below Longhorn Dam have been closed for roughly two weeks after heavy rains caused swollen waterways and flooding, said Austin Office of Emergency Management spokeswoman Sara Hartley. Open floodgates at several dams along the Colorado have also caused swift debris-filled currents, she said.

Hartley said the boating ban will stay in effect until the floodgates are closed and waters calm down.

"When we open those floodgates, you have a lot of water being pulled through those gates and debris from the bottom of the lake are going all the way through the system," Hartley said. "It's a very dangerous situation right now."

On Tuesday, swift currents pulled Krystal Davenport, 19, and Marion Pollard, 17, through floodgates after they were unable to row to safety and jumped from their canoe, officials said. The two surfaced on the other side and climbed ashore about half a mile downstream, officials said.

Neither teen was seriously injured.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department spokesman Victor Ovalle said park police issued a citation Wednesday to Julie Westerman, who rented the canoe to the teens, for violation of the state's water safety act, which prohibits giving permission to operate a vessel without a floatation device. The citation

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DEATH NOTICES

AUSTIN, MIMI D., 73, of Austin died Tuesday. Services pending. Arrangements by All Faiths, south location.

BAILEY, M.W. 'BILL', 82, retired pastor, of Maxwell died Wednesday. Survived by wife Mertha. Visitation 5 p.m. Friday, Eeds Funeral Home, Lockhart. Services 10 a.m. Saturday, Immanuel Baptist Church, Maxwell. Burial Lockhart City Cemetery.

BIBBY, Sophia Beate, 92, homemaker, of Austin died Tuesday. Services will be private. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish.

BROWN, Mildred M., 87, homemaker, of Kingsland, formerly of Marble Falls, died Wednesday. Services 7 p.m. today, Marble Falls City Cemetery. Arrangements by Edgar, Marble Falls.

CAUDILLO, Carlos, 30, of Austin died Wednesday. Visitation 6 p.m. Friday, Mission Funeral Home, Serenity Chapel. Services 10 a.m. Saturday, Mission, Serenity Chapel. Burial Assumption Cemetery.

DIAZ, Monico Eljo 'Lightning', 78, master auto technician, of Austin died Tuesday. Survived by wife Sophie. Rosary 7 p.m. today, Wilke-Clay-Fish

telephone operator, of Austin died Monday. Services 2 p.m. Saturday, Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery, Pflugerville. Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Capital Parks.

KEEN, Mary H., 95, of Austin, formerly of Houston, died June 12. Services will be private. Arrangements by All Faiths, north location.

KENDALL, Margaret Lucille, 88, retired bookkeeper, of Spicewood died Tuesday. Survived by husband Waymon. Services pending. Arrangements by Austin-Peel and Son.

LEWIS, Leonard, 54, of Austin died Tuesday. Services pending. Arrangements by King-Tears.

MURRAR, Marshall, of Philadelphia died July 4. Services 1 p.m. Friday, St. John Colony Cemetery, St. John Colony. Arrangements by King-Tears.

NELSON, Clayton D., 54, electrician, of Austin died July 7. Services 11 a.m. Saturday, Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

SADLER, Steve, 66, radio announcer, of Eagle Pass, formerly of San Saba, died Monday. Survived by wife Harlene. Services 2 p.m. today