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# Bryan among finalists for All-American City

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This month, the city of Bryan will compete for the nation's oldest and most prestigious civic recognition award — All-American City.

This is the second consecutive year Bryan has been named one of the 30 finalists in the competition. Community representatives for the city will travel to Philadelphia June 24 for a three-day competition. Representatives will be judged on a 10minute presentation and a 10-minute question-andanswer session about the city

The 10 winners of the All-American City honor will be announced June 26.

Joe Brown, public information officer for the city of Bryan, said the award brings many benefits to a "What you really can't place a price tag on is the

civic pride it generates in the community," he said. "It creates an atmosphere of unity. Brown said the award can boost the recruitment

of industry, jobs and investment to the city. Brown said the city is more prepared than it was last year and has a good chance at winning the

award 'We're going in a little more confident this year,"

he said. "It's like going to the Super Bowl for the first time — you're just happy to be there and blinded by the lights. This year we know what to expect and we're going there to win, not just to compete.

For a community to be named an All-American City, it must be able to demonstrate successful resolution of community issues through collaborative effort. Communities must list three projects where local business, government and nonprofit organizations have worked together to tangibly improve the lives of their community's residents.

The three projects Bryan has highlighted in its application are Health For All Inc., Project Unity and Bryan Independant School District's Helping Our Students to Succeed (HOSTS) programs.

Health for All Inc. is a nonprofit volunteer clinic offering free health care to people without insurance who do not qualify for government medical assis-

Mary DeVaul, clinic volunteer and past president of the board of directors of Health for All Inc. said these people are often overlooked by more conventional health-care providers

Started 12 years ago by Dr. Karim Haji, Health for All Inc. now has 50 physician volunteers and more than 100 non-medical volunteers. The clinic treated 5,000 patients last year.

Project Unity is an organization that directs disadvantaged people to services that can benefit them. The organization acts as a clearinghouse for social and human agencies in Bryan-College Station.

The HOSTS program is a mentoring program started in 1991 which recruits community volunteers to mentor students once a week in spelling and

Brown said the program has been instrumental in lowering the high-school dropout rate in Bryan from 6 percent to .5 percent. He said students involved in the program have had their reading ability increase by an average of two-and-a-half grade

Brown said an intangible benefit of the program is its effect on children.

"It shows that there are people other than their immediate family that care about them," he said. Brown said these programs have been successful

because of citizen involvement. These weren't government enacted programs," he said. "They were enacted by the people

A community pep-rally will be held June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Bryan Municipal building. A final rehearsal for the presentation will be held June 21 at Bryan City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

## Fingerprints lead police to susp

Six-month string of Texas, Kentucky slayings linked to rail-line tran

HOUSTON (AP) — The fingerprints of a man wanted for questioning in as many as six Texas slayings and one killing in Kentucky were found inside the home and car of two victims, police say.

Law enforcement officials from around southeast Texas gathered in Houston on Tuesday to discuss other possible links between a six-month string of slayings and suspect Rafael Resendez-Ramirez.

Resendez-Ramirez's fingerprints were found inside the Fayette County home of 73-year-old Josephine Konvicka, who was found bludgeoned to death Friday evening, Fayette County Sheriff Rick

'I'd certainly say (Resendez-Ramirez) is a suspect in the case," Vandel said. "He'd be hard-pressed to explain how his fingerprints got inside Mrs. Konvicka's house.

Police said his fingerprints also were found inside a Jeep Cherokee stolen from the Houston-area home of Dr. Claudia Benton, who was slain Dec. 17, 1998.

The Jeep Cherokee and a car belonging to two other people Resendez-Ramirez is suspected of killing were found in San Antonio. Those victims, the Rev. Norman "Skip" Sirnic and his wife, Karen, were found dead May 2 in the parsonage behind the Weimar United Church of Christ.

Resendez-Ramirez also is wanted for in connection with Friday's slaying Dominguez, 26, at her Houston home an killing of a University of Kentucky student.

Additionally, Austin County Sheriff's De officials are attempting to determine if the man found early Friday in Stephen F. Austin is connected to the other killings.

Authorities say Resendez-Ramirez has criminal history spanning 20 years and isk live as a transient, sometimes hitching ride

All of the victims lived or were killed near The only charges filed against the suspect, mains at large, are auto theft and trespassing stemming from the Benton case.

FBI officials said Resendez-Ramirez has drivers' licenses in California and Florida given at least four different birth dates and at least six aliases that include Jose Ange Carlos Angel Jaramillo, Pedro Angel Jaram Angel Reyes-Resendez, Antonio Martineza Mangele Konig.

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Vehicles at the corner of Wellborn Drive and Joe Routt Boulevard encountered flooded street. result of water drainage problems that occured when the city was hit with three-tenths of all of rain yesterday. Scattered showers are expected today.

### Overtime goal leads Buffalo past Dall

DALLAS (AP) — Jason Woolley came off the bench, grabbed the puck and scored the winning goal at 15:30 of overtime and the Buffalo Sabres, kept in the game by Dominik Hasek's brilliance, seized home-ice advantage by beating the Dallas Stars 3-2 in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals Tuesday night.

and kept the Stars to only one power-play conversion in 10 opportunities in the Sabres' first Stanley Cup game in 24 years.

Woolley had just come off the bench when Curtis Brown spotted him skating down the slot and put the puck on his stick to beat Ed Belfour, whom Hasek once backed up while with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Game 2 will be Thursday night in Dallas before the series shifts to Buffalo on Saturday.

The arena went eerily quiet as Woolley scored the kind of opportunistic goal that often de-

cides such games.

Woolley's goal was his fourth of the playoffs and resulted not just from the Dallas defense's negligence in picking him up, but



Brown's ability to see him skating into scoring position.

The Sabres now can win the first Stanley Cup in their history by winning all of their games in Marine Midland Arena, where they are 7-0 in the playoffs.

Tuesday's setting seemed unusual for a Stanley Cup finals — deep in ley Cup history.

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Hasek's red-and-white p The Stars, despite eight power plays in reg and two more in overtim beat him only once more minute game that was or most thrilling, and dictable, openers in recent

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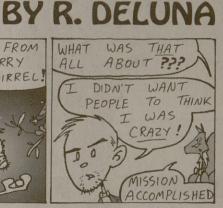
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