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"I will say in 34 years of law enforcement, this is one of the most disturbing and troubling incidents that I have had the unfortunate experience of having to deal with."



Pictured from left are Ricky L. Knickerbocker, Steven W. Todd, Joshua A. McCormick, and Davide Coggins awaiting their initial court appearance in Carroll Court on Thursday night. All four men were formally charged with felony second-degree murder for their role in the deaths of Gordon and Joyce Skinner.

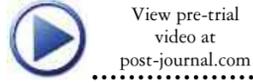
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Suspects In Custody

Four Charged With Murder In Carroll Homicides

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CARROLL — The four men apprehended in connection to the home invasion and double homicide in the town of Carroll were formally charged with two counts each of felony second-degree murder Thursday night in town court.

Ricky L. Knickerbocker, 18; Joshua A. McCormick, 21; and Steven W. Todd,

18, all of Elmira; and Davide Coggins, 34, no address given, made their initial court appearance in front of the Hon. Willard W. Cass, town justice. See **FOUR CHARGED**, Page A3



Chautauque County Sheriff Joe Gerace speaks as District Attorney David Foley listens in during a press conference Thursday.

Community Trying To Comprehend Tragic Deaths

By RYAN ATKINS
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In the town of Carroll, where residents claim that they seldom worry about locking their front doors, a double homicide has left citizens in shock.

Early Wednesday morning, the bodies of Gordon and Joyce Skinner were discovered in their home on

Wheeler Hill Road after firefighters were dispatched to the residence.

"It's hard to even comprehend it, honestly," said Dan Walter, an employee at the Corner Coffeehouse and Bistro in Frewsburg and relative of the family. "You don't expect something like this in Frewsburg. New York City maybe, but not here."

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City Man In Jail After Firing Shots At Bar

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A Jamestown man is in city jail after police said he fired eight shots Wednesday night outside a local bar.

City police were alerted before midnight for a report of a man with a gun at the Roadhouse Bar, 1250 E. Second St. Upon arrival, officers learned Zachiel L. Fields, 34, of Curtis Street, fired eight shots while in the parking lot of the bar.

Fields fled the scene before officers arrived, a police report said.

Police responded to Fields' residence with a search warrant, and gained entry with members of the city SWAT Team. Fields was not found within the residence, police said.

During their search SWAT Team members located the weapon believed to have been fired Wednesday at the Roadhouse.

Fields was found around 9 a.m. Thursday, and was taken into custody without incident. Police said the Jamestown man was hiding in a Utica Street apartment.

Fields was charged with first-degree reckless endangerment and felony second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. He was awaiting arraignment Thursday.

Benefit For Child Facing Multiple Reconstruction Surgeries Saturday

By DENNIS PHILLIPS
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WARREN, Pa. — A benefit will be held Saturday at the Russell Volunteer Fire Department to raise money for a 10-month-old baby battling Treacher Collins syndrome.

The benefit is for Lihem Hogg, son of Vanessa Vansile-Hogg and Sean Hogg of Warren, Pa. Sean is originally from Lakewood. The benefit will be held from 3-7 p.m. at the Russell Volunteer Fire Department, located at 111 Perrigo Lane. Proceeds from the benefit will go toward medical costs, monthly equipment supplies and the cost of transportation to and from Pittsburgh once a week. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Hogg said in June, Lihem will be going through his



next and probably most important surgery to have a jaw distraction. After the surgery, she said they will need to go once a week to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for follow-up appointments.

Lihem Hogg, son of Vanessa Vansile-Hogg and Sean Hogg of Warren, Pa., has Treacher-Collins syndrome, a condition that affects the development of bones and other tissues of the face. A benefit for Lihem will be held at the Russell Volunteer Fire Department, 111 Perrigo Lane, from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Also, another benefit will be held Saturday, May 4, at Bob Evans in Warren, 360 Jackson Run Road, where a portion of a customer's bill will be donated to Lihem's medical costs.

Submitted photo

There will also be a benefit held at the Bob Evans in Warren, 360 Jackson Run Road, Saturday, May 4, where a portion of a customer's bill will be donated to Lihem's medical costs.

"I don't have a goal. Anything that could help, really," she said about the fundraisers.

Treacher Collins syndrome is a condition that affects the development of bones and other tissues of the face. The signs and symptoms of this disorder vary greatly, ranging from almost unnoticeable to severe. Most affected individuals have underdeveloped facial bones, particularly the cheek bones, and a very small jaw and chin (micrognathia). Some people with this condition are also born with an opening in the roof of the mouth called a cleft palate. In severe cases, underdevelopment of the facial bones may restrict an affected infant's airway, causing potentially life-threatening respiratory problems.

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Obama Honors Bombing Victims In Boston

By JULIE PACE
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BOSTON — Called upon to console a grieving city and reassure a shaken nation, President Barack Obama on Thursday promised that Boston would "run again" after deadly twin bombings at its famous marathon. More than 2,000 people rose in a standing ovation in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and sang "America the Beautiful."

Obama's message of resolve in time of tragedy was echoed by Mayor Thomas Menino and Gov. Deval Patrick at a packed interfaith service.

"Nothing will take us down because we take care of one another," Menino said. "Even with the smell of smoke in the air and blood in the streets and tears in our eyes, we triumphed over that hateful act."

Three people were killed and more than 170 others were injured, some of them grievously, in Monday's bombings near the race's finish line.

Obama spoke just hours before the FBI

"Yes, we will find you, and yes, you will face justice."

• Barack Obama
president

released photographs and video of two suspects and asked for the public's help in identifying them.

In the midst of an emotional and trying stretch for the country and his presidency, Obama vowed to track down those responsible and lauded Boston's "undaunted" spirit. See **VICTIMS IN BOSTON**, Page A3



President Barack Obama gestures while speaking at an interfaith healing service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, on Thursday, for victims of Monday's Boston Marathon explosions.

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Today's Thought

"There is a Law that man should love his neighbor as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it he must perish."

— Alfred Adler,
Austrian psychoanalyst (1870-1937)

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