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Highway to honor Anderson

By WAYNE CLARK
Times-News News Editor

LaGRANGE — The State of Georgia is dedicating 16 miles of Interstate 85 in Troup County to the world-renowned pioneer of business sustainability, Ray C. Anderson, the late founder and chairman of Interface Inc., whose flagship manufacturing operation is based at either end of the corridor, in West Point and LaGrange.

The bill designates the stretch of I-85 in Troup County from Exit 2 to Exit 18 as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway. Signs have been posted along the north bound lane at Exit 2 and at the south bound lane at Exit 18.

The legislation was sponsored by State Rep. Randy Nix (R-LaGrange) and will be signed by Gov. Nathan Deal on July 30.

"Ray Anderson was truly a visionary," said Nix. "Not only did he revolutionize the carpet industry..."
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RAY C. ANDERSON HIGHWAY — The portion of I-85 that runs between Exit 2 in West Point and Exit 18 in LaGrange is being designated the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway in memory of the Interface founder and global sustainability pioneer who died in 2011. Sponsored by State Rep. Randy Nix, legislation to make it official will be signed into law by Gov. Nathan Deal on July 30. Signs have been erected at both Exit 2 and Exit 18. Shown in front, at center, are Mr. Anderson's daughters, Mary Anne Lanier (left) and Harriet Langford, both with the Ray C. Anderson Foundation. In back, l-r, are Dan Hendrix, chairman and CEO, Interface; State Rep. Randy Nix; Wendell Hadden, vice president of marketing and development, Interface; Phil Langford and John Lanier, director, Ray C. Anderson Foundation. (Photo by Wayne Clark)

Employment up for Knauf

By CY WOOD
Editor-Publisher

LaFAYETTE — The Chambers County Commission got an encouraging report on employment at the recently reopened Knauf Insulation plant in Huguley during a meeting of its Rules, Ways and Means Committee Monday, but had to say no to another local industry's request.

Chambers County Development Authority Executive Director Valerie Gray reported to the committee that she and County Attorney Skip McCoy had recently visited Knauf and checked their employment numbers.

Knauf has 120 employees at present and thus qualifies for \$135,000 in incentives

offered by the county, she said.

Gray said she was delighted to see that 72 percent of those employees lived in Chambers County, and McCoy agreed that the plant's reopening was a blessing for many families in the county.

Commissioners agreed with Gray that a request from a new industry, Hantal Alabama, should not be granted. The company wanted to change its access route to its plant site in the Chambers County Industrial Park at Exit 70 from County Road 79 to County Road 177.

Gray explained that the CCDA had set up the Hantal site for access on County Road 79 and the county had secured a grant from the state to

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Jason Coleman back for concert

By WAYNE CLARK
Times-News News Editor

VALLEY — Jason Coleman and his performing group will be making their fifth performance at the historic Langdale Theater at 7:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Since making his last appearance here in February 2011, Jason has made two nationwide tours covering more than 100 cities in 30 states. A few weeks following his upcoming local appearance he will

begin a third nationwide tour. He will be calling it "The Piano Magic in honor of his late grandfather."

Six years after he passed away in 1997, Floyd Cramer was inducted into both the Country Music and the Rock and Roll Halls of Fame. He is widely known as one of the architects of the Nashville Sound. His signature was the slip note, where an out-of-key note slides into the correct note. He released records under

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County begins budget discussion

By CY WOOD
Editor-Publisher

LaFAYETTE — Chambers County's 2015 budget was the subject of preliminary discussion during a meeting Monday of the Chambers County Commission Rules, Ways and Means Committee.

County Manager John Dendy

said the revenue side of the budget has been reviewed and the general fund will have about \$56,000 more this year than in the current year.

"Some funds are up, some funds are down," he said, adding that he has prepared expense reports for all county departments and would like to have them back by July 28 if possible but not later

than Aug. 4.

Because sales tax collections are up, Dendy said, the Public Safety (105) account will be able to cover its line item expenses without help from the general fund next year.

"That's the first time since we started (the equalization sales tax) that the general fund hasn't

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Commissioners OK school sales tax

By CY WOOD
Editor-Publisher

LaFAYETTE — The Chambers County Commission Monday formally enacted the one-percent sales tax for schools in Chambers County Monday after voters approved renewing the tax levy by an overwhelming margin in a special election June 3.

Although the renewal of the sales tax won't take effect until Oct. 1, 2015, the Board of Education had asked that the formal enactment of the tax be done so the county school system can use the tax proceeds to issue warrants for energy conservation and other improvements.

Chambers County School Superintendent Kelli Tucker ex-

plained that the school system will be spending around \$7.5 million on energy improvements, but those improvements will save the system a guaranteed \$4.5 million in energy costs. If the county doesn't realize the savings, the company doing the energy conservation program will cover the difference, she said.

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Lanett approves sewer plant repair

By ANNE G. HOLLIDAY
Times-News Staff Writer

LANETT — Discussing the city's waste water treatment plant reservoir situation that was declared an emergency by Mayor Oscar Crawley on July 17, the city council approved a resolution Monday evening to get Reservoir 1, which is located in the pecan grove, repaired.

There have been concerns in recent weeks that, because of the age of the waste treatment facility

and its reservoirs, a raw sewage spillage could occur.

Tnemec Company of Kansas City, Mo., has agreed to repair one of the plant's clarifiers at a cost of \$232,629.

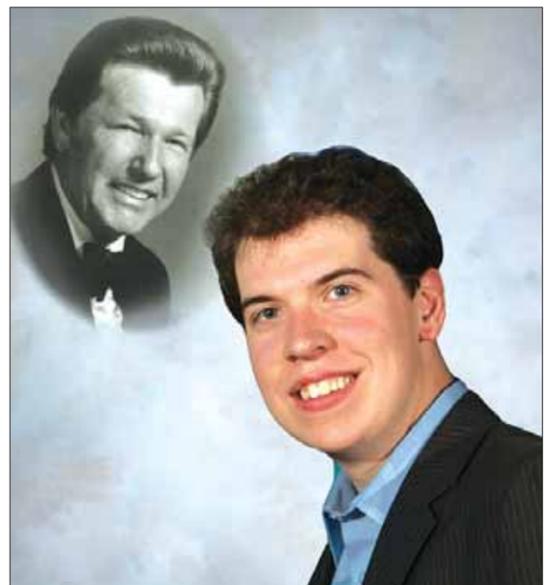
Waste water plant supervisor Jan Hudson explained that the work will begin immediately.

Mayor Oscar Crawley, who was out of town Monday, said in his statement that the deterioration of the two clarifiers at the waste water treatment plant could lead to a spillage of raw sewage, which

could contribute to the deterioration of streams, as well as the city's infrastructure.

"The clarifiers are a vital part of the waste treatment facility and the city of Lanett's infrastructure," he said. "We are working to abate this unsafe and dangerous condition as fast as possible. We must correct a potential environmental disaster with the threat of sewage getting into our river, our local streams and our ground water systems."

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RETURNING TO LANGDALE THEATER — On Saturday evening, Aug. 16, fans of Jason Coleman can get a sneak peek of his upcoming third nationwide tour. He and his performing group will be making their fifth appearance at historic Langdale Theater. The tour will be getting under way a couple of weeks later, in September.



National Weather Service Local Forecast

Today, chance of thunderstorms in the late morning and afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 60 percent. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Friday, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES High 83° Low 74° Today at 8 a.m. 72°
RAINFALL (measured at West Point Dam) Yesterday.....0.00"..... July.....1.83"..... Year.....24.38"
WEST POINT LAKE LEVEL.....Today.....634.75.....Yesterday.....634.38.....Generation.....1-9 p.m.

Today's Bible Thought

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
John 4:6-10



911/EMA Dispatch Operations Center in Huguley.

Questions about new 911/EMA building

By **BILL FRAZER**
Special to The Times-News

In breaking news, Donnie Smith (director Chambers EMA/911), has been approved by the Chambers County Commission to spend \$1.9 million to build new facilities for the Chambers County EMA/911. And I thought the county was broke.

One of my friends commented that almost \$2 million needed to build a room for someone to answer the phone seems outrageous. Someone else commented that with all the vacant facilities in the county, why not use an existing structure? That would help the community utilize vacant buildings such as the old McClellon Building in downtown LaFayette.

The Chambers County Commissioners approved a loan from AuburnBank in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the new structure. The interest on the loan 4.56 percent on a 20-year note. I inquired why the county banks did not get the privilege of providing the loan. Mr. Smith says he took the prospectus to all the local banks for bids and none other than AuburnBank was willing to lock in an interest rate. Supposedly, the County Commissioners rushed the approval as AuburnBank gave them a time frame 60 days to commit to the loan. However, it appears that the 60 days expiration is standard for responding to fixed rate loans.

So this curious man goes down to the Chambers County EMA/911 to exercise his reporting skills.

I thought that cooperation would be reserved since I was addressing sensitive issues. Just the opposite was the response of Donnie Smith and his staff. Mr. Smith was up front in addressing all the issues that the public had asked about.

The administrative salaries are as follows:

Director Donnie Smith, \$80,371.20.

Deputy Director Kathy Hornsby, \$48,131.20.

Certified Training Officer Darlene Billingsley, \$48,131.20.

Operations Administrator Jessica Yeager, \$35,152.00.

Starting pay for dispatcher, \$10.21/hour.
2013 Budget, \$1,300,000.

The positions and hourly people enjoy all the retirement benefits, health insurance, vacation and holidays that all public employees earn. There are 15 permanent dispatchers.

There are three dispatchers working 12-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. These dispatchers are trained to know the city and county road and streets so that they can send the correct agency to the location. For an example, if there is an emergency in the vicinity of LaFayette, the dis-

patcher will contact the LaFayette Fire Department who will dispatch an ambulance to the location. If the emergency is in the Five Points vicinity, they will call the LaFayette Fire Station (for ambulance service) and the Fire Points Volunteer Fire Department. Also, the Chambers County map on their computer shows 1/3 of the surrounding counties so that the dispatchers know where to transfer the call for an out of county call in.

Most of the populace are unaware of the charges, but every phone, both land and cell, pays a \$1.65 per month fee. One of the county administrators told me that 30 percent of the cell phones in the county are furnished by the taxpayers. The provider of the free phone service, the taxpayer, has to pay the \$1.65 charge on the free phone.

There has been a lot of complaints from citizens who know of call in situations that do not warrant an emergency call. A local citizen told me that he knew of an incident where an elderly lady could not get up and called 911 and the Fire Department responded. After calling several days later with the same problem, the Fire Department responded and told her not to call 911 any more unless it was a medical emergency as any one of her family or neighbors are capable of helping her get back on her feet. Mr. Smith tells me that the 911/EMA will respond to all calls as they have no way of knowing if it is a legitimate emergency or not. The responding agency whether it be the police or fire department will have to make that determination.

I am told that the non-emergency situation occurs frequently as a lot of the county citizens find it more convenient to declare an emergency rather than going to a medical clinic for treatment of a sore throat, stomach ache or other non-emergency sickness. It is up to the responders, not EMA/911, to collect for the services rendered.

After Hurricane Opal in 1995 inflicted major damages to the area, the emergency management was revised to combine emergency management with emergency communications. All cities within the county joined in the merger except Valley who maintained its own response team. When Mayor Riley was elected, he chose to eliminate duplicate services and assigned all Valley emergency calls to the EMA/911 call center. Consolidating all of the emergency calls to one center results in the populace saving money and having access to trained personnel 24/7/365.

In addition to the dispatch services offered by EMA/911, the center had the 15 early warning sirens built throughout the county and are responsible for the reliabil-

ity of these towers. As if you did not know, one has to put his fingers in his ears as these sirens are tested every Saturday at noon. R&S Communications located in Lanett is responsible for maintenance of the sirens.

One of the services rendered by the EMA/911 Center is maintaining records of warrants sworn out to arrest citizens. If a citizen swears out a warrant in the Chambers County Circuit Clerk's office, a paper copy is remitted to the EMA/911 Center. If a policeman stops a motorist or performs an investigation, he immediately contacts EMA/911 to check if a warrant has been issued. There has to be a copy of the warrant in the call center before the officer can serve the document. The EMA/911 maintains the records of bad checks as well, which is available to the enforcement officer.

After the Opal fiasco and emergency services were integrated, it became obvious that all citizens had to have an address that responders could locate. In other words Old Fredonia Road as an address would not suffice as it had to be by road number. This resulted in 24,000 addresses being changed or modified, creating a furious response from county residents. It meant that the residents had to notify the senders of all of his/her mail the corrected address, which was a major nuisance.

The population of the county has steadily declined from the 1990s to the present. As a result it would appear that the number of EMA/911 calls would diminish as well. But to the contrary, the number of calls continues to increase. That does not make sense but the reason behind this increase of the volume of calls is obvious. Most everyone now has a cell phone and if a citizen witnesses an accident say in front of Walmart, he can immediately notify EMA/911. But chances are there other witnesses at the scene and each one calls, which results in maybe 20 calls for the same accident. Also, some of the population has found out that they can take advantage of free emergency calls and will dial EMA/911 rather than try to resolve the problem themselves.

I visited the EMA/911 warehouse maintained in downtown Lanett. The storage area is rented from Rick Sims and the building is clean, secure and easily accessible. The inventory includes for emergencies items such as tents, generators, bedding, standby electronics and emergency lighting components. It is obvious that Mr. Smith has a little bit of the "Fred Sanford" syndrome.

One of the issues relative to the building and financing the new EMA/911 center is why the use of current vacated buildings was not



911/EMA LEADERSHIP — Chambers County 911/EMA officials include Director Donnie Smith, Deputy Director Kathy Hornsby and Operations Administrator Jessica Yeager.

taken into consideration. For example the McClellon Building in downtown LaFayette has all the electronic interior wiring in place, there is a large standby generator, a large parking area and a basement for storage. The building is constructed with almost indestructible material that is unavailable in today's building industry. Also, the old Skinner Bank in Lanett comes to mind, the old Lanett Mill Office and the Life Safety Building on Highway 50 east of LaFayette. Mr. Smith says that the costs of constructing underground cables from the service tower to the new service center would be very costly. Also, the new building will have concrete walls and a bridge type roof that would be resistant to any wind or electrical storm damage whereas any other building is vulnerable to high wind damage. In storm conditions such as Hurricane Opal, protecting the call center from being disabled is essential.

The new EMA/911 Center will be constructed on a two-acre lot adjacent to the current facility. The current call center will be retained and utilized for training storage of electronic components.

Actually a cell phone call is a radio call to a tower where the message is transmitted to the appropriate center. How the cell tower directs the call is a complicated matter. This gets into the world of electronic communications that is not generally understood by John Q Citizen. It is obvious that Mr. Smith and his staff understand the complexity of modern communications and are able to perform a valuable service to community.

Director Smith is also treasurer of the State Of Alabama Emergency Management Board. He started his career as a Lanett fireman. He volunteered as an emergency responder and through the years has worked with every phase of the county's emergency management. I was impressed with Donnie's knowledge and organizational capabilities.

The Chambers County EMA/911 board members are Chairman Chief Byron Pigg; Treasurer, Chief Johnny Allen; County Commission Representative, Derek Lamb; Fire Association Representative, Lynn Coker; City Of LaFayette Representative, Chief Kenneth Vines; City Of Valley Representative, Chief Tommy Weldon; and Sheriff Representative, Chief Deputy Richard Carter.

The only comment I would make relative to the whole EMA/911 issue is the transportation furnished to Smith and Hornsby. They are on emergency call and have to respond to emergencies. However, it would appear that a small pickup would suffice rather than a large gas hog SUV.



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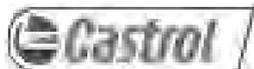
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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2014. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleaveland.

In 1893, Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates visited the summit of Pikes Peak, where she was inspired to write the original version of her poem "America the Beautiful."

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world as he returned to New York's Floyd Bennett Field after traveling for 7 days, 18 and 3/4 hours.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1944, the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference concluded in New Hampshire with an agreement to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1963, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of their rematch in Las Vegas to retain the world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union. In 2011, Anders Breivik massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

Ten years ago: The September 11 commission issued a report saying America's leaders failed to grasp the gravity of terrorist threats before the devastating attacks of 9/11, but stopped short of blaming President George W. Bush and former President Bill Clinton. The Army Inspector General's office released a report on abuses by U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan which found 94 cases of confirmed or alleged abuse and 39 deaths. A new high-speed passenger train derailed in northwestern Turkey, killing 37 people.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama told a prime-time press conference that Cambridge, Massachusetts, police had acted "stupidly" in the arrest of prominent black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., and that despite racial progress, blacks and Hispanics were still singled out unfairly for arrest. Earlier, the president met at the White House with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Millions of Asians witnessed the longest solar eclipse of this century; in some areas, total-

ity lasted as long as six minutes and 39 seconds.

One year ago: Frenzied crowds of Roman Catholics in Rio de Janeiro mobbed the car carrying Pope Francis as he returned to his home continent for the first time as pontiff, embarking on a seven-day visit. The Duchess of Cambridge, the former Kate Middleton, gave birth to a son, Prince George, who became third in line to the British throne after Prince Charles and Prince William. 2011 National League MVP Ryan Braun was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the postseason, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. Onetime Chicago cop-turned-actor Dennis Farina, 69, died in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Licia Albanese is 101. Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 91. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 86. Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta is 82. Actress Louise Fletcher is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 77. Actor Terence Stamp is 76. Game show host Alex Trebek is 74. Singer George Clinton is 73. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 71. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 71. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 68. Actor Danny Glover is 68. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 68. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 67. Rock singer Don Henley is 67. Movie composer Alan Menken is 65. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 61. Jazz musician Al Di Meola is 60. Actor Willem Dafoe is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keith Sweat is 53. Actress Joanna Goins is 51. Actor Rob Estes is 51. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 51. Actor John Leguizamo is 50. Actor-comedian David Spade is 50. Actor Patrick Labyorteaux is 49. Rock musician Pat Badger is 47. Actress Irene Bedard is 47. Actor Rhys Ifans is 47. Actor Colin Ferguson is 42. Rock musician Daniel Jones is 41. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 41. Actress Franca Potente (poh-TEN'-tay) is 40. Actress A.J. Cook is 36. Actor Keegan Allen (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 27. Actress Camila Banus (TV: "Days of Our Lives") is 24. Actress Selena Gomez is 22.

Thought for Today: "I hold that man is in the right who is most closely in league with the future." — Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian dramatist (1828-1906).

Georgia GOP decides Senate today

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — After a bruising nine-week runoff campaign, Georgia Republicans will finally have their Senate nominee who will compete against Democrat Michelle Nunn for a seat

the GOP can ill afford to lose as the party looks to take control of the chamber.

Voters head to the polls Tuesday to decide between Rep. Jack Kingston and businessman David Perdue after a closely watched cam-

paigned largely by each candidate's personal history rather than the issues. The two are both conservatives in a state that has been dominated in recent years by Republicans who hold every statewide office.

Instead, the race has focused on whether Kingston's 11 terms in Congress are an asset or a liability, a sign that he's a proven and trusted conservative or part of the gridlock in Washington. Perdue, the former CEO of Dollar General and Reebok, has hammered Kingston as a career politician who hasn't accomplished much in 22 years in Congress. His TV ads have depicted politicians as crying babies who've had their chance to fix the problems in Washington.

Meanwhile, Kingston has fought back by questioning whether a self-proclaimed "outsider" can be trusted to do what he says, even comparing Perdue during a debate to President Barack Obama as to what can happen when a political novice is elected. Kingston has also attacked Perdue's business record and accused him of benefiting from his position on the Georgia Ports Authority, an appointment made by his cousin, then-Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Kingston has earned nearly every possible endorsement, from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to prominent tea party activists in the state. He's also drawn the support of two former rivals in the Senate race who have been working to get their supporters to the polls to vote for Kingston. Perdue, who made millions working for Dollar Gen-

eral, has poured about \$3.1 million of his own money into the race to keep pace with Kingston, who has dominated in fundraising.

Both candidates have been airing tough TV ads attacking each other, and their one debate featured several testy exchanges. However, both men have pledged to support the eventual winner and work hard to make sure the Republican nominee wins in November.

Tuesday's runoff was called after a crowded primary in May. Perdue won the most votes but didn't receive the more than 50 percent needed to capture the nomination outright. A federal court ruling last year on military and overseas ballots forced Georgia to push the runoff to nine weeks after the primary, instead of the usual three.

While Kingston and Perdue have spent a combined \$11 million on the race, Nunn has been focused on stockpiling her cash and crafting a message aimed at wooing independent voters.

Nunn, the daughter of former Sen. Sam Nunn, is considered among the top Democratic recruits in the country and one of the best hopes for Democrats to keep a Senate majority. Republicans need to gain just six seats to take control of the Senate for the last two years of Obama's term.

The Georgia seat opened when Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss announced plans to retire at the end of the year.

Also on the November ballot is Libertarian Amanda Swafford, a former councilwoman from Flowery Branch.

Artur Davis ponders Montgomery mayor

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Artur Davis announced he will set up an exploratory committee for the 2015 mayor's race in his hometown of Montgomery.

"On Aug. 25, an exact year before the election, I will be setting up a Davis for Mayor exploratory committee. If it reports that the resources and grassroots support are there, I am in," he wrote in an opinion article for al.com.

Davis, 46, represented Alabama's 7th Congressional District for eight years until trying to become Alabama's first African-American governor in 2010. He lived in Birmingham while in Congress and while running for governor. He lost the Democratic primary for governor to Ron Sparks and then moved to northern Virginia, where he switched to the Republican Party.

Davis wrote that while he spent the first 31 years of his life in Montgomery and married a Montgomery woman, "none of that will spare me the carpet-bagger attack. I know I will have to explain to

African-Americans just what this party switching business was about and why being a Republican doesn't mean that I have lost my heart for struggling people who can't catch a break."

If he runs, Davis said issues he will address include drawing investment to the poorer west side of the city, using Maxwell Air Force Base to compete for defense industries, turning around the city's loss of residents, and determining whether the city needs to set up its own school system separate from the Montgomery County system.

The incumbent, Todd Strange, has not announced his plans for 2015.

As a congressman, Davis voted against the Affordable Care Act. In his 2010 race for governor, black political organizations endorsed his white opponent. In 2012, he campaigned for Republican Mitt Romney for president, but Romney lost Democrat-leaning Montgomery County to President Barack Obama.

A longtime political science professor told the Montgomery Advertiser that Davis will face significant trust issues.

ASU students want trustees resignation

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The president of the Alabama State University Student Government Association has sent a letter asking the chairman and vice chairman of the board of trustees to resign.

SGA President Darren Dubose said Monday the SGA Cabinet decided it was time to act when an accrediting agency sent the university a warning letter and noted that Chairman Elton Dean and Vice Chairman Marvin Wiggins had relatives with university contracts. Dubose also noted that Moody's Investor Services downgraded the university's bond rating during their tenure.

Dean said Monday the letter was a surprise and he needs time to digest it before commenting. Wiggins, a circuit judge, was in court and unavailable for comment.

University President Gwendolyn Boyd says she supports students' right to voice their opinions and be active on university issues.

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CHAMBERS COUNTY 911 CENTER LANETT, ALABAMA

Bid documents may be examined at the Office of the Architect; and various Plan Rooms.

Bid documents may be obtained from the Architect upon deposit of \$300.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first two sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors and sets for subs and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded upon return of sets as above, less cost of printing and handling.

Award will be made only to competent and responsible bidders as mandated by Title 39 of the Code of Alabama. All bidders must be licensed under Title 34 of the Code of Alabama and evidence thereof must appear on the proposal envelope or it will not be opened.

A **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held at 3507 Veterans Memorial Parkways, Lanett, Alabama 36863 on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 2:00 PM** (local time prevailing) for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering Bidder's questions. Attendance at the requisite Pre-Bid Conference is highly recommended.

A cashier's check or bid bond must be enclosed to secure the bid for at least 60 days. Conditional bids will be rejected. List of major subcontractors must accompany the bid. Performance and Payment Bonds (if award exceeds \$50,000) and evidence of insurance are prerequisites of contract award. Right is reserved by the Awarding Authority to reject all bids and to waive irregularities.

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Bats in your attic

LaGRANGE — When John Smith arrived off the coast of Virginia, his ships from the south of England carried on board one of the most devastating invasive species to North America, the mosquito.

Mosquitoes are vectors of devastating illnesses such as yellow fever, malaria, West Nile and the newest threat, chikungunya.

Fortunately, the second largest order of mammals were waiting for them, the bats.

There are more than 1,200 species of bats worldwide.

They are divided into two groups, microbats and megabats.

Microbats eat mostly insects and megabats eat fruit, nectar and pollen. Seventy percent of bats are microbats.

Georgia is home to 16 bat species. Two of the species, the grey myotis and the Indiana myotis, are endangered.

Each bat consumes approximately one third of its body weight in insects each evening. Researchers estimate that one thousand bats can consume up to four tons of insects per year. That's a lot of bugs.

Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight. Most bats are very gentle and shy creatures. They have very acute hearing and track their prey through the use of echolocation, a form of Doppler radar.

They don't flap their wings as birds do but rather they flap their spread out digits for flight. This along with their very thin wings provides greater amount of maneuverability than birds.

Their very sharp teeth allow them to bite through the hardened armor of insects.

Bats are very much a friend to farmers and those folks who enjoy the outdoors.

Bats hibernate in the winter and live in forest, wetland and cave habitats during the summer.

Ideal summer roosts may also include attics, eaves, chimneys, hollow trees, loose bark, rock crevices and cliff faces.

They are very particular about their winter roost and may travel up to 300 miles to a cave or abandoned building.

Some bats are solitary while others may live in colonies of over a million.

Bats generally breed in the late fall and one or two pups are born in May or June.

The females may form a maternity colony of up to several hundred individuals and remain together until the pups can fend for themselves. This is usually in August or September. Some species can live up to thirty

years. There is a fly in the ointment so to speak. Another very unwelcome species has come to our shores from Europe.

A devastating fungus called white-nose syndrome (WNS), has been killing millions of bats in 25 states and five Canadian provinces.

These bats transmit this disease while overwintering in caves. It causes the bats to become restless and use up their body fat too early and they die of starvation.

About 80 percent of the bats in those regions have perished since the winter of 2007-2008. It's now spreading to the southern states.

What does this mean? The little brown bat eats approximately four to eight grams of insects each night. Multiply that by a million bats and that puts as much as 1,320 metric tons of insects back to munching, crunching and sucking blood.

Scientists are working diligently trying to find a cure.

If you do suspect bats are making a home in your attic, check for piles of bat droppings beneath their roosts.

Bat droppings will never have white, chalky substances but will be shiny with pointed ends. Bat guano will also stick to surfaces.

The best time to close out bats is after August 15th and before May 1st. The mothers are rearing their young and need to feed the flightless pups. If you don't, you will have created another problem.

You need to find their entrances. The best way to do that is when the bats leave to hunt in the evening place a bright light in the attic. Go around the exterior of the house and look for light shining out from the attic.

A bat can enter an opening the size of a quarter so plug all the openings with steel mesh, spray Styrofoam or caulk.

There is a concern with removing the bat guano.

Histoplasmosis is an airborne disease associated with a fungus that grows in soil enriched by bat and bird droppings. Moisten the droppings to keep the dust down and wear a breather to prevent inhalation.

Bat proofing your home or building is the best bet in keeping bats out.

Remember that bats are nature's insect carnivores and are an important part of our natural environment.

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Women's group holds meeting

Lanett
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beach balls and Frisbees for fun time and glasses to protect eyes.

She compared these to the items everyone needs every day: Christian armor to help protect everyone from worldly activities, Bibles to help dig into scriptures, awareness of the treasures God has given as strength, his unchanging presence and eternal life, activities that remind everyone that Christian life can still be fun, and to focus with their eyes and hearts to be able to see the beauty in the world.

Dianne had the closing prayer and blessed the food.

Everyone enjoyed fried chicken, pimento cheese sandwiches, salads, chips, dips and desserts and lots of laughter and fellowship.

Although the weather didn't cooperate, everyone had a wonderful time with good friends and delicious food. Those enjoying the "inside picnic" included Vickie Looser, Pat Oliver, Gerry Slaughter and Jeanie Harry.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gauntt and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Fink on July 21; and Mr. and Mrs. Jason McClendon on July 23.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out to: Andrew Golden on July 20; Phil Johnson and Tatum Smith on July 21; Lynn Hinkle, Thomas Lanier, Skyler Milner and Lyndsey Milford on July 22; Grace Henderson and Ralph Stewart on July 23; David Bradshaw, Marian Hollis, Danny Spear and Radford Siggers on July 24; Austin Barber, Betty Shirley, LouEllen Brumbeloe and Marian Hollis and Brian Clark on July 25; and Aneva Williams and Evan Johnson on July 26.

OLLI plans program on legal issues

Special to Times-News

AUBURN — The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University (OLLI at Auburn) will conduct Aging 101: Legal Issues and the Older Adult, presented by Leisa Askew and Jan Neal. The session will be held on July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarion Inn & Suites, 1577 South College Street.

No registration is required for the luncheon, and visitors are welcome.

Please bring own lunch and drink.

During their presentation, these legal topics will be discussed: Power of Attorney, Living Wills and Estate Planning.

Following the program, a question and answer time will be held.

Jan Neal is a partner in the law firm of Davis & Neal with offices in Opelika, Montgomery, Dothan, and Mobile.

The firm contracts with six of Alabama's local governments to provide legal assistance to senior citizens pursuant to the Older Americans Act and the three local governments to provide health insurance counseling to seniors and disable persons.

Neal has worked in senior services for 23 years, including 17 years as an attorney and seven in other disciplines, including legal assistance for the Uni-

versity of Alabama Clinical Law Program, Legal Counsel for the Elderly: adult protective services case-worker for the Department of Human Resources: and investigation of complaints regarding the care of nursing home residents as one of Alabama's first certified long-term care Ombudsman.

Leisa Askew is a program coordinator for older adults with the Lee Russell Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging. She holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Auburn University and has more than 18 years of experience working with the older adult community.

In addition to her work with the Area Agency on Aging, Askew is a member of the OLLI at Auburn

the course, Baby Boomers: The New Face of Aging, this fall.

Future Brown Bag programs will feature Writing Our Lives (Aug. 11); It's a Small World After All: Writing with a Global Perspective (Aug 18); and OLLI Benefits (Aug. 25).

For more information about OLLI programs and courses offered during the Summer Session 2014, visit the OLLI at Auburn website, www.olliatauburn.org, or contact Linda Shook, OLLI director, at oli@auburn.edu or 334/844-3105.

OLLI at Auburn offers academic, not for credit programs for senior adults, aged 50 years or older.

OLLI at Auburn is a program of University Outreach at Auburn University.

Prince George celebrates first

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The palace is releasing special pictures, the Royal Mint

is striking a commemorative coin and newspapers are publishing glowing tributes.

What's all the fuss

about? A little boy who will be king.

Prince George turns 1 on Tuesday. While he may be too young to appreciate it, the milestone is a national event.

Editorial writers call him a symbol of hope, newspaper headlines hail him as "Gorgeous George" and one published a 24-page glossy magazine chronicling his first 12 months. Prince William and his wife Kate, who plan a small party at Kensington Palace, have said little in public about the ups and downs of parenting.

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Area Deaths & Funerals

As Submitted By Area Funeral Homes

MR. CUMMINS

CUSSETA — Mr. David Cummins, 66, of Cusseta died Friday, July 18, 2014, at his residence.

Funeral services are planned for Wednesday, July 23 at 11 a.m. CDT at Jeff Jones Funeral Home in LaFayette with the Revs. Rick Thomaston and David Babson officiating. Burial will follow at Garden Hills Cemetery in Opelika.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, July 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. CDT at Jeff Jones Funeral Home in LaFayette.

Mr. Cummins is survived by his wife, Donna Cummins of Cusseta; two sons, Travis Cummins and Eric Cummins, both of Cusseta; two sisters, Marge Creekmur of Indiana and Barb Fitzpatrick of Indiana; and one brother, Sonny Cummins of Indiana.

Born June 6, 1948, in Indiana, Mr. Cummins was retired from Bentler Automotive. He attended Pine Grove Church in Cusseta.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made at Jeff Jones Funeral Home or to the family.

Jeff Jones Funeral Home of LaFayette is handling arrangements.

Coca-Cola misses earning estimates

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. reported quarterly sales that fell short of Wall Street estimates on Tuesday as demand remained weak for Diet Coke in North America.

Globally, the world's biggest beverage maker said sales volume rose 3 percent, boosted by gains in places including the Middle East and South Africa.

In its flagship North

American market, sales volume was flat. Although sodas including Fanta and Sprite saw gains in the region, sales of Diet Coke remained soft. Executives at Coca-Cola and PepsiCo have noted that diet sodas have been suffering because of concerns about artificial sweeteners. To address that, the companies have been working behind the scenes to assure consumers about the safety of such sweeteners.

Mystery is resolved of rings on balloon

The Associated Press

BROOKWOOD, Ala. (AP) — A mystery involving wedding rings and a pair of balloons has apparently been solved.

A teenager in the northwest Alabama town of Winfield found a pair of rings attached to two deflated balloons that landed in his yard on July 6.

Now, a Tuscaloosa County woman says the rings were hers.

Caley Burkett tells

WBRC-TV that she wanted to get rid of the rings from a failed marriage. So she and her fiancé attached the rings to balloons and released them from their home in Brookwood.

The rings were found about 75 miles away and became the subject of news stories, prompting Burkett to come forward.

Burkett says she never expected to hear anything about the rings again, and she doesn't want them back.

159,152 early votes cast

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Secretary of State Jack Kemp says the majority of early votes in Tuesday's runoff election have been received, though mail-in absentee ballots can still be cast.

Early in-person voting ended Friday for the July 22 primary runoff.

Kemp said in a statement Monday that

159,152 ballots have already been cast. That number includes 134,267 ballots in which people voted in person plus 24,885 mail-in ballots returned.

Voters on Tuesday will cast ballots in a high-profile GOP U.S. Senate runoff, along with four U.S. House runoffs and Democrat/Republican runoffs for school superintendent.

INDUSTRY

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upgrade that road because County Road 177 is already overcrowded with traffic from the industrial park.

The committee members agreed that the county should support the County Road 79 access so it would not lose the state grant funds and prevent additional traffic on County Road 177.

Opelika shooting probed

The Associated Press

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — Opelika police are investigating a fatal shooting involving a juvenile.

The Opelika-Auburn News reports that the shooting happened Monday afternoon on Edmon Avenue.

Police say they received a call around 12:50 p.m. Monday about a male juvenile

being shot.

Emergency personnel took the boy to East Alabama Medical Center, where he later died while in surgery. Police declined to release his name, and have not released further details about the circumstances of the shooting.

Police are asking anyone with information about the case to contact them.

Crash victim remains reach Ukraine

The Associated Press

KHARKIV, Ukraine (AP) — The remains of the victims of the Malaysia Airlines crash arrived in territory held by the Ukrainian government on Tuesday on their way to the Netherlands, after delays and haphazard treatment of the bodies that put pressure on European foreign ministers meeting in Brussels to impose tougher economic sanctions on Russia.

The crash site itself, in farmland held by the pro-Russian separatists whom the West accuses of shooting down the plane, remained unsecured five days after the disaster — another source of frustration for officials around the world eager to establish the facts of the case.

After a 17-hour journey from the town of Torez in rebel territory, the train carrying the bodies pulled into a station in Kharkiv, a government-controlled city where Ukrainian authorities have set up their crash investigation center. The train gave a low-pitched blast from its horn as the grey corrugated refrigerator cars slowly rolled through weed-choked tracks onto the grounds of a factory where the bodies were being received.

Government spoke-

man Oleksander Kharченко said Ukraine "will do our best" to send the bodies to the Netherlands on Tuesday. Of the 298 people who died aboard the Amsterdam-to-Kuala Lumpur flight, 193 were Dutch citizens.

But Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte says his government aims to have the first bodies returned on Wednesday. "It is our aim — and at the moment our expectation — that sometime tomorrow the first plane carrying victims will leave for Eindhoven," he said.

Rutte said that the identification of some bodies will be quick. But he has warned grieving families of victims of Thursday's crash that the identification of some others could take "weeks or even months."

In Brussels, European Union foreign ministers were discussing what action to take response to the disaster. Europe and the United States have imposed targeted economic sanctions against Russia for supporting Ukraine's five-month insurgency that began after pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich was ousted by protesters in February.

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said the priority for the minis-

ters' meeting was to deal with the concerns of the Netherlands, which lost more nationals in the disaster than any other. That means repatriation of the victims' bodies and a full investigation of the crash and its cause, she said.

However, she said, the ministers were not empowered to move to so-called Level 3 sanctions that would target sectors of Russia's economy. Ashton said she still expected a robust discussion of what action the EU should take.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia would do

"everything in its power" to facilitate the investigation including putting pressure on the rebels, but said that "was not enough" to resolve the situation. During a meeting with Russia's Security Council, he again lashed out at Kiev for its military offensive to dislodge the rebels.

The rebels control a swathe of territory in two eastern provinces, and have battled Ukrainian troops with heavy weapons including tanks and missile launchers that the West says came from Russia. Russia denies supporting the insurgency.

Police Reports

By THE TIMES-NEWS

Valley Police

VALLEY — Brittany Fowler, 24, of Valley was arrested for domestic violence third degree.

Harassing communications was reported in the 3100 block of 24th Avenue.

Criminal trespass second degree and criminal mischief third degree were reported in the 100 block of Hodges Street.

Theft of property third degree was reported in the 7800 block of School Street.

Lanett Police

LANETT — Lucius Jaquilius Jones, 27, of Lanett was arrested for giving false name to law enforcement, attempting to elude police and resisting arrest.

Hunter Cain Turner, 19, of LaFayette was arrested for theft of property third degree.

Jamira Shanae Magby, 22, of LaFayette was arrested for criminal trespass third degree.

An incident of rape first degree was reported.

Chambers Sheriff

LA FAYETTE — William Allen Scott, 32, of Lanett was arrested for failure to appear-DUI.

Troup Sheriff

LA GRANGE — Troup County Sheriff investigators (Special Victims Unit) arrested Earnest Dean Reese, 54, of Troup County and charged him with one count of Incest after an investigation revealed that Reese sexually assaulted a five-year-old child.

Reese is currently in the Troup County jail awaiting a bond hearing.



Earnest Dean Reese

Olens denies request for Deal ethics probe

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's Attorney General Sam Olens has again declined a request by state Sen. Jason Carter to appoint an investigator to review the handling of ethics complaints against Gov. Nathan Deal.

Olens, in a letter to the Democrat running for governor, reiterated his previous assertion that he doesn't have the authority to do that and would not want to interfere with two related in-

vestigations. Olens also asks Carter to "cease using this office for political purposes."

Carter, a lawyer, has said there's no reason why Olens can't appoint an independent investigator. Carter has pointed to a memo that recently surfaced in which the head of the state ethics commission said an attorney for Deal threatened to block efforts to expand the agency's authority unless she made complaints against Deal go away.

Seaplanes want to land

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A group of seaplane pilots is asking federal authorities to allow them to land on Lake Lanier.

The Lanier Seaplane Pilots Association is petitioning the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow their aircraft to land in the lake north-east of Atlanta.

Pilot Troy Wheeler tells The Times that he and others who fly sea-

planes are responsible pilots want to use the lake for recreation, just as boaters do.

The Gainesville newspaper reports that many of the seaplanes can land on water or land. After landing on water, the planes can pull up to a dock or travel up boat ramps.

The pilots group started the formal process last year with the Corps of Engineers, flying to district offices in Mobile, Alabama.

Resident shoots robber

The Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Police say one teenager was hospitalized after being shot and three other teens are facing charges after a resident fought back during an attempted robbery.

Clayton County police say the four teens tried to rob a resident inside the Laurel Park Apartments

on Highway 85 around 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Police tell WSB-TV that the man shot one of the teens and the other three ran off. The resident called police, who apprehended all four, taking three into custody and sending one to a hospital.

Detectives are working to determine whether the resident will face any charges.

LANETT

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A Lanett teen was recognized Monday evening for her quick thinking on the evening of the shooting in the Jackson Heights community.

Shadavia Jackson threw her body over that of a two-year-old child, who could have been shot had she not taken action on Sunday, July 14.

She was commended for her courage and her bravery.

It also approved a proclamation designating Friday, Aug. 1 as a day of prayer in the city and county. Receiving the proclamation was LaFayette Administrative Assistant Diane Perry.

City Attorney Stanley Gray gave a report on items he agreed to check on during the July 15 work session.

The first item he discussed was how the city can recoup money spent on removing dilapidated properties that have been declared as nuisances.

"We have two choices," he explained. "One would be to have the amount of repairs assessed with the revenue commissioner's office and the other option would be to possibly have the property for sale. Most cities would look at assessing it at the revenue commissioner's office."

Gray further explained that the city would have to go through the whole process to have it assessed.

"It would have to come back before the board for it to declare it a nuisance," he said. "We have a long way to go before we can get to that. I don't think we can assess the amount on a claim."

He spoke about listing the property when there is a proceeding on a property.

"It is just listing so anyone checking the title will be aware," Gray said.

Councilman Kyle McCoy asked him for his recommendation.

"I think we need to look at a lot of the houses that need to be torn down," he said. "I think we can go ahead and move forward on our procedures, but we need to be careful concerning knocking down houses without giving the owners notice."

Gray added that some owners do come in and clean up the property.

Councilwoman Rebecca Looser, who served as mayor pro tem Monday, asked about abatement for property it's taking care of.

Gray strongly recommended that the city continue to keep records on the property it takes care of and to make sure proper procedure is followed.

There was also some discussion about putting bullet proof glass at the utility department window and the police department window.

There was some discussion of whether the project had been approved and whether bids should have been taken.

The council also approved a motion to pay the city's bills.

Dems like Birmingham

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The chief executive of the Democratic National Committee says a visit to assess Birmingham's bid to host the 2016 national convention is going great so far.

Party CEO Amy Dacey briefly addressed the crowd at a public event in downtown Birmingham on Monday night. The two-day site visit concludes Tuesday.

Dacey says the city is being considered for the

convention because of the passion and pride displayed by leaders during a meeting to discuss the bid.

But Birmingham is a long way from getting the convention.

The party will also visit potential convention sites in Columbus, Ohio; New York; Philadelphia and Phoenix, Arizona. Officials hope to announce a decision by late this year or early 2015.

Leaders hope the bid will raise Birmingham's profile even if it isn't selected.

OPINION

Primer on race that anyone can understand

Back in the heyday of the British Empire, a man from one of the colonies addressed a London audience.

"Please do not do any more good in my country," he said. "We have suffered too much already from all the good that you have done."

That is essentially the message of an outstanding new book by Jason Riley about blacks in America. Its title is "Please Stop Helping Us." Its theme is that many policies designed to help blacks are in fact harmful, sometimes devastatingly so. These counterproductive policies range from minimum wage laws to "affirmative action" quotas.

This book untangles the controversies, the confusions and the irresponsible rhetoric in which issues involving minimum wage laws are usually discussed. As someone who has followed minimum wage controversies for decades, I must say that I have never seen the subject explained more clearly or more convincingly.

Black teenage unemployment rates ranging from 20 to 50 percent have been so common over the past 60 years that many people are unaware that this was not true before there were minimum wage laws, or even during years when inflation rendered minimum wage laws ineffective, as in the late 1940s.

Pricing young people out of work

Thomas Sowell Creators Syndicate

deprives them not only of income but also of work experience, which can be even more valuable. Pricing young people out of legal work, when illegal work is always available, is just asking for trouble. So is having large numbers of idle young males hanging out together on the streets.

When it comes to affirmative action, Jason Riley asks the key question: "Do racial preferences work? What is the track record?" Like many other well-meaning and nice-sounding policies, affirmative action cannot survive factual scrutiny.

Some individuals may get jobs they would not get otherwise but many black students who are quite capable of getting a good college education are admitted, under racial quotas, to institutions whose pace alone is enough to make it unlikely that they will graduate.

Studies that show how many artificial failures are created by affirmative action admissions policies are summarized in "Please Stop Helping Us," in language much easier to understand than in the original studies.

There are many ponderous academic studies of blacks, if you have a

few months in which to read them, but there is nothing to match Jason Riley's book as a primer that will quickly bring you up to speed on the complicated subject of race in a week, or perhaps over a weekend.

As an experienced journalist, rather than an academic, Riley knows how to use plain English to get to the point. He also has the integrity to give it to you straight, instead of in the jargon and euphemisms too often found in discussions of race. The result is a book that provides more knowledge and insight in a couple of hundred pages than are usually found in books twice that length.

Unlike academics who just tell facts, Riley knows which facts are telling.

For example, in response to claims that blacks don't do well academically because the schools use an approach geared to white students, he points out that blacks from foreign, non-English-speaking countries do better in American schools than black, English-speaking American students.

Asian students do better than whites in schools supposedly geared to whites. In New York City's three academically elite public high schools -- Stuyvesant, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech -- there are more than twice as many Asian students as white students in all three institutions.

So much for the theory that non-whites can't do well in schools supposedly geared to whites.

On issue after issue, "Please Stop Helping Us" cites facts to destroy propaganda and puncture inflated rhetoric. It is impossible to do justice to the wide range of racial issues -- from crime to family disintegration -- explored in this book. Pick up a copy and open pages at random to see how the author annihilates nonsense.

His brief comments pack a lot of punch. For example, "having a black man in the Oval Office is less important than having one in the home."

Letters to the Editor

Former resident wants to reconnect

To the Editor:

As I have gotten older now, I think about my youth growing up in Lanett. At this time in my life, I would like to try and get in touch with friends and relatives I haven't heard from since moving away from the area.

I went to school in Lanett. My name is Larry Mezick. If you remember me and would like to get in touch, please call me at 770-567-8580 or write me at Larry Mezick, 707 Bankston Road, Meansville, Ga. 30256.

Larry Mezick

Conservative writers do well as best seller

On behalf of all liberals -- living and dead -- I'd like to apologize to Adam Bellow. In 1976, Bellow was at a Michigan State University writing workshop when a radical feminist publicly rebuked him for saying she had "balls." He says he meant that as a compliment.

Some formative experiences are forged in the hell of war, others in the crucible of writing class.

Bellow never recovered from his. In a recent piece for National Review, he recounts this 38-year-old hurt as exhibit A for why the right needs to launch its own literary movement to tell its own stories.

"I didn't see why I should be called out in front of the group and angrily chastised as though I were merely an embodiment of the white male heterosexual power structure," complains Bellow, son of the great novelist Saul Bellow.

I don't see why, either, but how about a larger picture? More recently, right-wingers disrupted town hall meetings, shouting down the elected representatives trying to address their constituents. Might that be "a bare-knuckled attempt to enforce an ideological orthodoxy by policing the boundaries of acceptable speech," an accusation Bellow chucks at the left?

Such examples would cloud the simple tale of mannerly conservatives battling the '60s hippies. So down the memory hole they go.

But the long-term memory still

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works fine. For boomer conservatives, the '60s remain fresh material. It matters not that most of today's students barely remember the '90s, much less the '60s.

Anyhow, Bellow complains that when he joined the culture war in 1988 as an editor, "conservatives had little to read." One of the rare examples he cites was "The Road to Serfdom."

"Serfdom" is a classic we all should read. I especially hope its conservative fans will review Chapter 9, where Friedrich Hayek advocates government-guaranteed health care. But I digress.

Bellow acknowledges that on the nonfiction lists, the right is doing OK. Actually, more than OK.

A quick check shows that No. 1 and No. 7 are by conservative movement authors. No. 8 is by an evangelical Christian, and No. 10 by a Republican strategist. The only liberal in the lineup is Hillary Clinton at No. 3.

The top book, "Blood Feud," was issued by Regnery, a conservative publishing house. "For the past 15 years," the publisher's website says, "Regnery has boasted one of the best batting averages in the business -- placing more than fifty books on the New York Times bestseller list, including nine

books at No. 1."

The author at No. 7 is Ben Carson, a hero of the right. He's published by Sentinel, a conservative imprint of the Penguin Group. Perhaps, just perhaps, the objective of the media conglomerates now publishing books is to sell books.

But their business interests don't reach into fiction, according to Bellow. In fiction, conservative authors are "embattled and excluded."

The only way to fight liberals' "thought control," Bellow insists, "is by turning their weapons against them and channeling the spirit of the Sixties counterculture."

Conservatives must bypass the establishment. They're already self-publishing their novels through digital technologies, though some are afraid to use their names. "Their resistance and courage are deeply inspiring," Bellow writes.

You've seen those midnight roundups of right-leaning novelists, haven't you?

The publishing houses must have been asleep at the switch when they let conservative Ayn Rand through the barricades. Her novels currently rank No. 1 and No. 2 on the Modern Library reader's list of 100 best novels.

Well, imagination is a good thing. And in that vein, I can almost hear the feminist meanie telling Bellow to "man up."

And don't anyone ask me to take that back. One apology per column.

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reers.

I predict that with the way things are going politically for the White House, which is not good, the government of Kenya will make a formal announcement following a thorough, official examination that it has authoritatively determined that Obama was indeed born in Hawaii.

Like most sports fans I know, I'm happy the dominant professional basketball player of his generation, Akron, Ohio, native LeBron James, is leaving Miami to return to his old hometown team, the Cleveland Cavaliers. A rare victory for the Rust Belt over the Sun Belt.

But let's remember to give credit to the Ohio-based professional who had certainly the greatest single season ever. That would be Oscar Robertson, the "Big O," who, playing for the Cincinnati Royals from 1961-62, averaged 30.8 points per game, 12.5 rebounds per game and 11.4 assists per game -- what is called a "triple-double." For comparison, among the 390 professional basketball players during the entire 2013-14 season of 82 games, there was a grand total of 35 triple-doubles.

Here's the fail-safe test to determine whether you're a little over-

weight: If you're sitting in the bathtub, and the water level in the toilet bowl rises.

Charles Osgood, the superb CBS journalist, recalls that it was while delivering newspapers in his boyhood hometown that he first learned the importance of accuracy in journalism. That was when young Charles was trying mightily at each house to miss the bushes and hit the front porch.

The Reverend Al Sharpton is, hands down, the sharpest-dressing anchor on MSNBC. Yes, the Reverend Al is truly a man of the cloth. And in his case, the cloth is cashmere.

The answer to the sports stumper above: The four schools that have produced both a U.S. president and a Super Bowl-winning quarterback are the University of Michigan (President Gerald Ford and quarterback Tom Brady); the U.S. Naval Academy (President Jimmy Carter and quarterback Roger Staubach); Stanford University (President Herbert Hoover and quarterbacks Jim Plunkett and John Elway); and Ohio's Miami University (President Benjamin Harrison and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.)

Comedian-actor Martin Short is an authentic genius.

In every political campaign or debate you're ever in, there will always be, without fail, somebody on your side you wish devoutly was on the other side.

Suffer the children ...

Every time I see my nine-month-old grandson, I am reminded that long before he was ever conceived, he was unconditionally loved by a huge host of his family and their friends.

Gender didn't matter, hair color didn't matter, disposition didn't matter -- he would enter the world with a support network to cover everything he might ever need.

Nine months after his delivery, that network is stronger and more enduring than ever.

I don't worry about Cyrus. But on the same day he came into the world, other children were born -- in this country and around the world -- who weren't subject to such a broad-based and joyous welcome. Some were born into abject poverty. Some were born in war zones. Some had no family beyond their frightened teen mothers. Some will never know how a full stomach feels. Some will never go to school. Some will never visit a church. Too many will never see their first birthday.

As Christians, we know those unblessed children are our responsibility. This isn't modern liberalism talking. This is the New Testament talking. This is "What Would Jesus Do" in action.

Two issues got me to thinking about children. One is obvious -- the situation on the southern border with Central American children arriving by the tens of thousands to find safety and security in the United States.

The other is a relatively obscure story concerning the Children's Health Insurance Program. If it's not renewed by next year, many American low-income children would lose their access to the health care system.

We've all seen the demonstrators on the U.S. border with their placards demanding the children be sent back where they came from. These are not compassionate people waving their signs and shouting their slogans. They are angry. They are mad about the government's immigration policy, but it's helpless children that have sent them into the streets.

Reading some comments about the CHIP situation brought up a "solution" proposed by more than one reader. They suggested the government should reward people for not having children.

I almost wanted to laugh out loud, but ignorance shouldn't amuse us. This solution obviously involves just a segment of the American population, those who aren't financially or emotionally capable of raising a family. Many years ago I heard someone say that if everyone waited until they could afford to have children, the world be an unpopulated wasteland.

Even now the U.S. is having a hard time sustaining its population through its birth rate. Incentivizing people not to have children would make the situation even worse.

People who think encouraging non-reproduction might consider a shrinking population a good idea, but it would speed the country they already fear -- a country where white people are in the minority. Incentivizing people not to have children would be addressed at poor white families as well, with the result that the population mix shift would continue apace.

Immigration is important to this country in assuring that its population can sustain the American way of life. As more and more Americans retire with Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage, there must be an adequate number of workers to pay the payroll taxes that support those programs. American families aren't having enough children to provide those numbers, so immigration is the only recourse.

One aspect of the immigration debate that gets overlooked by the "secure the border first" and "no amnesty" crowd is that American businesses are crying for more qualified workers to be granted immigration status. They need to bring in skilled workers to take the jobs that enough Americans aren't qualified to fill. Not to mention the additional seasonal workers that agricultural interests need to plant, grow and harvest the food we eat.

Children turning themselves in at our southern border represents just a small sliver of our immigration challenges. It is actually the easiest problem to address and resolve, if we remember our instructions about how we should treat children.

As for paying people not to have children, didn't the Hobby Lobby decision settle that?

What Others Are Saying: Comments from other newspapers

The Dothan (Alabama) Eagle on prison reform:

When he ran for governor of Alabama in 2010, Robert Bentley predictably opposed any new taxes on the people of our state. In due time, the reality of Alabama's funding woes began to sink in, and he began initiating reforms to save money.

That helped, but problems persist, and now he seems to have backed off from his tax opposition, saying state leadership is "looking at all possibilities" to meet the fiscal demands of Alabama's urgent needs, which include fixing the state's overcrowded corrections system -- hopefully before the U.S. Justice Department's ongoing review results in a federal takeover of Alabama prisons.

Here's a good place to start: Put an end to the hemorrhaging payroll created by enormous quantities of overtime.

Because of a shortage of corrections officers in Alabama prisons, the system paid more than \$20 million in overtime to corrections workers last year. That's a jarring figure.

There are numerous reasons for such a scenario, such as the reality that budgets are set in advance with no way to know how many more inmates will come into the system over the budget year.

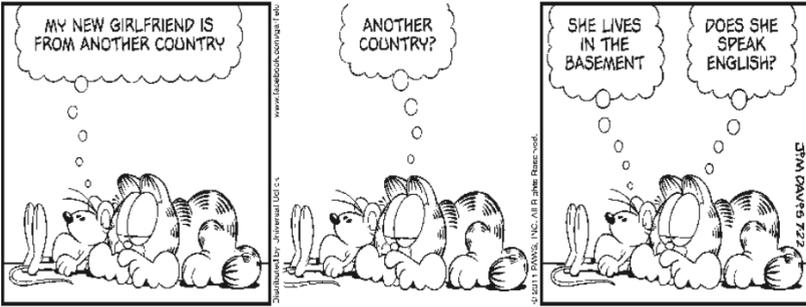
However, prison officials have made no secret of the burgeoning problem with prison overcrowding, and with our state's facilities at roughly double their capacity, it's not much of a leap to deduce that a doubling of inmate population should be met with at least a doubling of corrections staff. Working the existing staff twice as long instead is unfair to workers, less effective and likely far more costly than hiring additional staff.

Lawmakers should make prison reform a top priority. If they don't, it will likely be done for them.

Sizing It Up By Cy Wood Publisher/Editor



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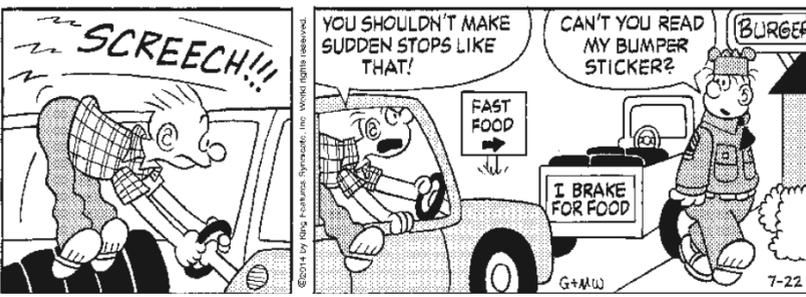
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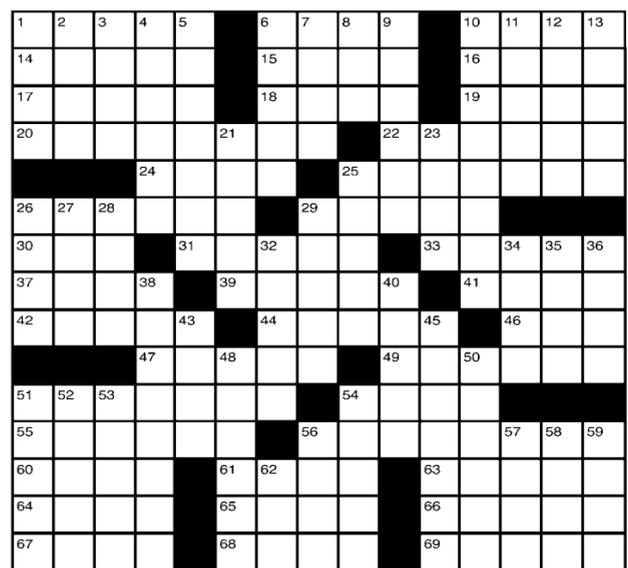
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WRBL	4	4	Jeopardy! ®	Wheel of Fortune	NCIS: "Shooter" (In Stereo)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Fallout" (In Stereo)	Person of Interest "Allegiance" ®	WRBL 11pm News	Late Show With David Letterman ®	Ferguson				
WLTZ	5	8	Family Feud ®	Family Feud ®	Food Fighters "Elisha Joyce" ®	America's Got Talent "Boot Camp" The acts compete. (N) (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)	WLTZ First	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Seth Meyers					
WTVM	7	10	Inside Edition	Entertainment Ton.	Extreme Weight Loss "Georgianna" A woman works to lose 150 pounds. ®	Celebrity Wife Swap (N) (In Stereo)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live (In Stereo) ®	Nightline (N) ®					
WSFA	12	12	WSFA News at 6	Entertainment Ton.	Food Fighters "Elisha Joyce" ®	America's Got Talent "Boot Camp" The acts compete. (N) (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)	WSFA News at 10	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Seth Meyers					
WTBS	23	13	Seinfeld ®	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan & Son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N) ®	Sullivan & Son	Conan			
WGN-A	16		America's Funniest Home Videos ®	*** ½ "District 9" (2009) South Africa assigns a restricted area for extraterrestrial refugees.	Manhattan Project	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother					
WJSP	10	11	The Queen's Mother in Law	Al Capone: Icon (N) (In Stereo) ®	History Detectives-Investigations	Frontline "Poor Kids" (In Stereo) ®	Super Skyscrapers	One57 in New York.	A Program About Unusual Buildings					
WXTX	8	7	News at 7 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	New Girl (In Stereo)	The Mindy Project	FOX 54 News Ten (N)	Big Bang Theory	TMZ (N) (In Stereo)	The Arsenio Hall Show (In Stereo) ®		
WCIQ	9	5	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) ®	Al Capone: Icon (N) (In Stereo) ®	History Detectives-Investigations	Frontline "Poor Kids" (In Stereo) ®	Dugger Mt. Music	After Hours	BBC World News	POV (In Stereo)				
A&E	49	49	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
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BET	52	35	*** "Joyful Noise" (2012) Queen Latifah. Two strong-willed women must work together to win a choir competition.	Apollo Live (N) ®	Apollo Live ®	The Wendy Williams Show ®								
BRAV	50	76	The Real Housewives of New York City	The Real Housewives of New York City	The Real Housewives of New York City	The Real Housewives of New York City	The Real Housewives of New York City	What Happens	The Real Housewives of New York City	Housewives/NJ				
CMTV	60	61	Reba ®	*** ½ "Country Strong" (2010, Drama) Gwyneth Paltrow. A troubled Nashville star embarks on a comeback tour.	Cops Reloaded									
CNBC	42	41	Restaurant Startup	Shark Tank A three-in-one nail polish.	Shark Tank (In Stereo) ®	Restaurant Startup (N)	Shark Tank A three-in-one nail polish.	Shark Tank (In Stereo) ®						
CNN	44	40	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) ®	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight (N) (Live)	Anderson Cooper 360 ®	CNN Special Report						
COM	66	58	The Colbert Report Daily Show	Tosh.0 Saves the Day! Daniel Tosh redeems superheroes. (N) ®	Drunk History (N)	Nathan for You (N)	Daily Show	The Colbert Report	At Midnight (N)	Drunk History				
CSPAN	96	99	(6:00) Key Capitol Hill Hearings	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches. (In Stereo)										
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DIS	63	45	Austin & Ally ®	Liv & Maddie ®	*** ½ "Bolt" (2008) Voices of John Travolta. 'PG' ®	Dog With a Blog	Dog With a Blog	Jessie (In Stereo)	Austin & Ally ®	Liv & Maddie ®	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Dinner course
 - Resting upon
 - ___ in the face; insult
 - Lessen
 - Pleasant
 - Canary's home
 - Plays miniature golf
 - ___ it; understands
 - "___ is not to reason why..."
 - Church spires
 - Dart board
 - Hammered fastener
 - Roosts
 - Thief
 - Evergreen tree
 - Female sheep
 - Happen again
 - Lends a hand
 - Drop of joy or sorrow
 - Diatribes; angry speeches
 - Chess piece
 - Fall flower
 - City leader
 - Jet ___; fast water vehicle
 - Frolic
 - ___ hound; scent dog
 - Harass; plague
 - Bride's accessory
 - Rubber end of a pencil
 - Bury depot
 - Curry & Jillian
 - Farmland unit
 - Escape detection
 - S, M, L or XL
 - Sightseeing trip
 - Geeks
 - Pekoe and oolong
 - Optometrist's concerns
 - Lovers' meeting
- DOWN**
- Gullible folks
 - Lie next to
 - Tardy
 - Be present at
 - Give up hope
 - Heavenly guardian
 - ___ up; binds
 - Sept.'s follower
 - Annoy
 - Very hot day
 - Giggle
 - See eye to eye
 - Nuisances
 - Slightly more than a quart
 - Curved beam overhead
 - Bash
 - Alpha's follower
 - Astounds
 - ___ as a pin
 - Of the moon
 - Desert transport
 - At a ___ for words
 - Job
 - One-act play
 - School day breaks
 - Not smashed
 - Wild overnight dance party
 - Attire
 - Captain Hook or Blackbeard
 - Splinter of wood
 - "Beauty and the ___"
 - Bert's buddy
 - Actor Tony ___
 - Swerves
 - Accurate
 - ___ a one; none
 - Finds a sum
 - In case
 - Playfully shy



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 7/22/14

'Dear Abby' Young couples weigh in on how they handle money

DEAR READERS: On April 11, I printed a letter from "Wondering in Washington," a man asking why young men in general today have the attitude that "any money I earn is mine" in a marriage or live-in situation. He said when he married, he and his wife considered what they earned to be "theirs" -- not his or hers. When I asked my "younger readers" to chime in, I was inundated. Some excerpts:

DEAR ABBY: My husband was 26 and I was 24 when we got married. To me, how young couples handle money says a lot about their attitude toward marriage.

My mother always said, "If you can't trust a man with your money, why would you trust him with your heart?" I kept that in mind when I was dating, so when my boyfriend and I married, we didn't have serious underlying issues like addiction, compulsive spending, etc. -- MOM OF 2 IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: My first husband controlled all the money, my pay and his. He bought what HE wanted, but didn't always pay the mortgage or utilities.

In my second marriage, my money is my money and his money is his. If I earn 60 percent of the income, I pay 60 percent of the shared bills. Whatever is left is up to my own discretion to spend, and the same goes for his paycheck. -- LEARNED MY LESSON IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I'm a man in my mid-30s; my wife is in her mid-20s. Many of our friends keep their finances separate, and the reason usually involves hearing their parents argue over money. What I find interesting is that the wife usually came up with the idea.

I believe the separation of incomes starts with young women embracing messages of empowerment they heard growing up and applying them not only to the workplace, but

home, as well -- plus a healthy dose of entitlement that seems common to their generation. -- JUST SAYING, IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: Male reader here. Gone are the days of the stay-at-home wife who takes care of the house and raises the children. I'm as guilty of those preconceptions as anyone. I thought marriage meant being totally devoted to your spouse and you discussed everything.

I now believe both parties in a relationship have financial responsibilities to the other. In my first marriage, the majority of financial responsibilities fell on me. The financial obligations in my second marriage are different. We have a separate maintenance agreement. I pay only part of our living expenses. I can spend whatever I want, when I want, on whatever I want. This has prevented many disagreements.

I think the way to handle finances in a relationship is a rock-solid legal agreement and a lot of premarital counseling. Then there are no surprises. -- J.G. IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I'm 32, recently married. I earn more than my husband, and I'm better at managing money.

We plan to set up a joint account for household expenses, joint vacations, etc., and maintain individual accounts for whatever money is left. That way, we have a certain amount of independence and freedom.

We don't consider our relationship to be disposable. But when you grow up like we did and don't marry until your 30s, you live a considerable amount of your life independently. We are happy with this arrangement. -- MODERN MARRIAGE IN MICHIGAN

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Martin motorcycle ride set for Aug. 2

Bikers for Christ (BFC) to raise funds for Andy Martin & family

By SCOTT SICKLER
Sports Editor

OPELIKA, Ala. — A benefit motorcycle ride will be held Sat., Aug. 2 from Big Swamp Harley Davidson in Opelika to raise funds and help offset family expenses and help find a cure for Andy Martin.

The ride is in conjunction with the Bikers for Christ (BFC) organization. The cost is \$20 per bike and \$5 for

extra riders.

All proceeds from the motorcycle benefit ride will go to the Martin family.

Registration will take place at 10 a.m. CT and kickstands up at 12 noon.

Sausage dog plates will be sold for \$5 each.

In addition, a 50/50 raffle will also be held and door prizes will be available as well.

For additional information, contact: Karie Dalton at (706) 586-8313.

CA grad Brandi Fuller to lead Lady Rebels

Special to Times-News Sports

LaFAYETTE — Chambers Academy has announced a new but familiar face will lead their girls' athletic programs next season. Last week, the school introduced Brandi Fuller as the Lady Rebels' next basketball and softball coach.

A 1997 graduate of Chambers Academy, Fuller lettered in softball and basketball, and established herself as one of the best athletes to ever walk the

halls at the school.

Following graduation from CA, Fuller went on to play softball at Southern Union State Community College and later earned her degree in education from Auburn University.

In addition to coaching both varsity and junior varsity girls' softball and basketball teams, Fuller will take on the roll as a science and physical education teacher at Chambers.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to come back and teach and coach here at Chambers," Fuller said.



FULLER NAMED TO CHAMBERS ATHLETIC STAFF — Former Chambers Academy standout Brandi Fuller has been named as the new CA Lady Rebels basketball and softball coach. She is shown alongside CA Headmaster John Makhaffey, left, and Jason Allen, CA athletic director. For additional information, see story above. (Photo special to Times-News Sports)

Braves fall to Marlins 3-1 in 10 innings

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Miami Marlins couldn't take advantage of a bases-loaded opportunity with no outs in the ninth inning.

They didn't waste another chance with the bases loaded in the 10th.

Garrett Jones drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning, lifting Miami to a 3-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

It was an important win for a Miami team trying to retain its fading playoff hopes.

"It's a huge series," said Marlins starter Tom Koehler, who allowed one run in 6 2-3 innings.

"I don't want to say it's bend or break, but we're running out of season. These guys are ahead of us, so obviously coming in here we want to play them tough and win these games."

Christian Yelich led off the 10th with a single off Shae Simmons (1-2) and moved to second on Jordany Valdespin's sacrifice bunt. Following an intentional walk to Giancarlo Stanton, Simmons walked Casey McGehee to load the bases.

Jones broke a 1-1 tie with his grounder past Simmons into center field.

The Marlins won despite McGehee and Stanton combining for only one hit and no RBIs. Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit his 10th homer for Miami in the fifth for a 1-1 tie that held until the ninth.

"We've talked about it a lot," Marlins manager Mike Redmond said. "We can't rely on the same guys every single night to get the win. Giancarlo can't hit a home run every single time to win the game. We need other guys."

"We need multiple guys to get it done and tonight was a total team effort. We pitched great

and we got the big hits and played good defense."

Bryan Morris (7-0) stranded two runners in a scoreless ninth for the win. Steve Cishek pitched a perfect 10th inning for his 22nd save.

The Braves began the night one percentage point behind first-place Washington in the NL East.

The Marlins couldn't score after loading the bases with no outs in the ninth against closer

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Stewart riding high from sprint car win

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Tony Stewart heads into the busiest week of his year riding high from a win in his return to sprint car racing.

Stewart raced in a sprint car last weekend for the first time since he broke his leg in an extracurricular race last August. He missed the final 15 weeks of the NASCAR season with the injury.

He vowed he would continue to live his life, and made good on that promise in Michigan, where on Friday night he climbed into a car at Tri-City Motor Speedway and won. He also raced Saturday night at Crystal Motor Speedway, where he finished third.

"It felt great," said Stewart, who picked a pair of low-profile races to make his return instead of joining the World of Outlaws, home to the top sprint car drivers.

"The Outlaw series was in Pennsylvania, so that's probably the toughest place in the country to try to go back. It's probably the toughest race to go to, period," Stewart said. "I didn't feel like that was probably the best place to try to go back for the first time. But it was neat to get back in the car, finally, in a scenario that was low pressure."

So what's next? More racing, but Stewart said his schedule will be lighter than he hoped.

The three-time NASCAR champion discussed extracurricular racing with his management team and

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SCOREBOARD

AL Standings

National League Standings				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	54	44	.551	—
New York	50	48	.510	4
Toronto	51	49	.510	4
Boston	47	52	.475	7½
Tampa Bay	47	53	.470	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	55	41	.573	—
Cleveland	50	49	.505	6½
Kansas City	48	50	.490	8
Chicago	48	52	.480	9
Minnesota	45	53	.459	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	61	37	.622	—
Los Angeles	59	39	.602	2
Seattle	53	46	.535	8½
Houston	41	58	.414	20½
Texas	40	59	.404	21½

Tuesday's Games

Texas (N.Martinez 1-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Whitley 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 1-8) at Toronto (Happ 7-5), 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-4) at Minnesota (Pino 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Carroll 4-5), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-8) at St. Louis (Wainwright 12-4), 8:15 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 6-4), 9:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 5-7) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 2-7), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholzer 2-7) at Oakland (Kazmir 11-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-5) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-4), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Bauer 4-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 8-8), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 9-5) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 6-4) at Arizona (Cahill 1-6), 3:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 8-8) at Seattle (Undecided), 3:40 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 9-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pheps 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 5-5) at Toronto (Dickey 7-10), 7:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 11-6), 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 7-5) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 10-6), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 3-6) at Oakland (J.Chavez 7-6), 10:05 p.m.

NL Standings

National League Standings				
By The Associated Press				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	54	43	.557	—
Atlanta	54	45	.545	1
Miami	46	52	.469	8½
New York	46	53	.465	9
Philadelphia	43	56	.434	12
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	55	45	.550	—
St. Louis	54	45	.545	½
Pittsburgh	52	47	.525	2½
Cincinnati	51	48	.515	3½
Chicago	40	57	.412	13½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
S. Francisco	55	44	.556	—
Los Angeles	56	45	.554	—
San Diego	43	55	.439	11½
Arizona	43	57	.430	12½
Colorado	40	59	.404	15

Monday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 4
Miami 3, Atlanta 1, 10 innings
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 2
Washington 7, Colorado 2
Detroit 4, Arizona 3
Seattle 5, N.Y. Mets 2

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Worley 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Petit 3-3) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 4-8), 7:05 p.m.

Miami (Ja.Turner 2-6) at Atlanta (Minor 3-5), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego (Stults 3-11) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 8-5) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-8) at St. Louis (Wainwright 12-4), 8:15 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 6-5) at Colorado (Flande 0-2), 8:40 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 6-4), 9:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-5) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-4), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Leake 7-8) at Milwaukee (Lohse 10-4), 2:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 7-7) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 10-6), 3:10 p.m.
Detroit (A.Sanchez 6-4) at Arizona (Cahill 1-6), 3:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 8-8) at Seattle (Undecided), 3:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-7), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-7) at Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Covalevski 5-5) at Atlanta (E.Santana 8-6), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 11-6), 7:15 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 7-9) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Baseball History

This Date in Baseball
Compiled By PAUL MONTELLA
By The Associated Press
July 22

1905 — Weldon Henley of the Philadelphia Athletics pitched a no-hitter, defeating the St. Louis Browns 8-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. It was the highlight of Henley's 4-11 season.
1906 — Bob Ewing pitched the Cincinnati Reds to a 10-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies without a single assist registered by his teammates.
1926 — Cincinnati had four triples in an 11-run second inning as the Reds beat the Boston Braves, 13-1. Curt Walker hit two in the inning to tie an NL record for most triples in an inning.

1962 — Floyd Robinson of the Chicago White Sox had six singles in six at-bats in a 7-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.
1967 — The Atlanta Braves used a major league record five pitchers in the ninth inning of a 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals. The pitchers were Ken Johnson, Ramon Hernandez, Claude Raymond, Dick Kelley and Cecil Upshaw.

2000 — Seattle's 13-5 win over Texas was interrupted for 54 minutes when a rainstorm drenched fans at Safeco Field and the \$517.6 million stadium's roof wouldn't close because of a computer problem. The roof finally began closing about 20 minutes later.
2004 — Jason Schmidt's 12-game winning streak ended as San Francisco fell to San Diego 9-4. Schmidt (12-3) was off from the outset in his worst start of the season, allowing eight runs, nine hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings. It was his first loss in 17 starts since April 21.

2006 — Alfonso Soriano had three doubles, a triple and scored two runs to lead Washington to a 7-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.
2007 — The New York Yankees had 25 hits in a 21-4 rout of Tampa Bay. The Yankees hit six home runs in the game, including two by Shelley Duncan.
2008 — Florida's Rick Vandenberg threw five hitless innings and combined with three relievers for a one-hit, 1-0 win over Atlanta.
2012 — Seth Smith hit a tying homer in the ninth inning, Coco Crisp singled home the winning run in the 12th and the surging Oakland Athletics rallied from four runs down to stun the New York Yankees 5-4 and complete a four-game sweep. The Yankees had not been swept in a four-game series since May 2003 against Toronto.

2012 — Albert Pujols and Bobby Wilson homered, and Mike Trout scored a run in his 14th consecutive game to set an AL rookie record, leading the Los Angeles Angels to a 7-4 win over Texas.
2012 — Ryan Doumit homered from both sides of the plate and drove in four runs to lead Minnesota to a 7-5 win over Kansas City.
2013 — Ryan Braun, the 2011 National League MVP, was suspended for the rest of the season and the postseason, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. The Milwaukee Brewers star accepted the 65-game ban, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test for elevated testosterone because the urine sample had been improperly handled.

Sports Briefs

Monday Sports In Brief
By The Associated Press
CLEVELAND (AP) — Johnny Manziel is No. 2 on Cleveland's depth chart but No. 1 as the NFL's top-selling jersey.
The league said Monday the rookie quarterback's No. 2 jersey outsold all others from April 1 to July 17 on NFLShop.com.
Manziel is followed on the list by three quarterbacks: Seattle's Russell Wilson, San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick and Denver's Peyton Manning. Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman is fifth followed by St. Louis rookie Michael Sam, the league's first openly gay player.
The league did not say how many Manziel jerseys — priced at \$99.95 a pop — sold during the period.
The Browns drafted the former Texas A&M star with the No. 22 pick. He'll enter his first training camp as Brian Hoyer's backup.

*Today's birthday: Ryan Vogelsong 37.

2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup

Sprint Cup schedule
By The Associated Press
2014 Schedule
July 27 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, Aug. 3 — GoBowling.com 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 10 — Cheez-It 355 at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 17 — Pure Michigan 400, Brookline, Mich.
Aug. 23 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Aug. 31 — AdvoCare 500 at Atlanta, Hampton, Ga.
Sept. 6 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 14 — GEICO 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sept. 21 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 28 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 5 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 19 — Camping World RV Sales 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 26 — Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500, Martinsville, Va.
Nov. 2 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
Nov. 9 — AdvoCare 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.

2014 PGA Tour

PGA Tour Schedule
By The Associated Press
July 24-27 — RBC Canadian Open, Royal Montreal GC, Ile-Bizard, Quebec.
July 31-Aug. 3 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone CC (South Course), Akron, Ohio.
July 31-Aug. 3 — Reno-Tahoe Open, Montreaux Golf & CC, Reno, Nev.
Aug. 7-10 — PGA Championship, Valhalla GC, Louisville, Ky.

Jacksonville State picked to win OVC

By CAROL STUART
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jacksonville State may be the happiest that quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo now is in the NFL. The Gamecocks, who lost the outright league title to Garoppolo and Eastern Illinois last year, are this preseason's favorite in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Gamecocks, with their third head coach in as many seasons, received 118 points and 10 first-place ballots in voting by coaches and sports information directors Monday at OVC media day. Two-time defending champion Eastern Illinois (110 points) and Tennessee State (107) each picked up four first-place votes.

Those three teams reached the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs in 2013 — most ever for the OVC — and won four games. Jacksonville State and Eastern Illinois reached the quarterfinals.

"I think it's at an all-time high as far as national perception of the OVC with what we did in the play-

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Sports Briefs

Handley High Baseball Golf Tournament
-The inaugural Handley High Baseball Golf Tournament benefit will be held Fri., Aug. 1 at Riverside Country Club in Lanett. A 1 p.m. ET shotgun start will open. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Fees include the greens fees, cart, lunch, drinks and balls. Prizes will be awarded to first and second-place teams as well as longest drive, closest to the pin and hole-in-one. For additional information, contact: Todd Cole at (334) 332-3574 or cole@roanokecityschools.org.

Lanett Recreation Summer Activities
-The Lanett Recreation Department has a wide range of summer programs and activities available, including a summer basketball league, swim lessons, gym and game room, Youth Police Academy, church league co-ed volleyball as well as math and reading summer labs and Community Fun Day in August. -SWIMMING LESSON FOR KIDS AND ADULTS. (\$10.) -THE GYM & GAME ROOM IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL AGES. (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) -YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY: July 14-18; and July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Academy is for girls and boys ages 7-15. -CHURCH LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL (coed) League will start now through July 31, games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday, fee \$100 per team. All games will be played at Lanett High School Gym. For more information contact: Lionel Johnson at (706) 645-9419 or Rose Wood (706) 518-4701. -Community Fun Day: Contact in August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact LRD personnel at (334) 644-4316.

NASCAR

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Stewart-Haas Racing competition Greg Zipadelli and mapped out a schedule that Stewart will follow. They decided on tracks with slower speeds out of safety concerns.

"There are some races that I really have my heart set on running," he said. "I'm trying to be smart about where we're going."

On Monday, Stewart was headed to Eldora Speedway, the dirt track he owns in Rossburg, Ohio. He'll be hands-on the next two days as his staff prepares to host NASCAR's Truck Series race on Wednesday for the second consecutive year.

"It's about as close to being a proud father as I can imagine being," he said. "Anybody that thinks that putting on a single NASCAR event is easy ... People think you start working I think a week ahead of time to get ready for stuff like this, and it's been a very large, eye-opening experience for me. It takes months and months of work, and so many details."

When the checkered flag falls on the trucks, Stewart will shift to Indianapolis Motor Speedway to prepare for Sunday's Sprint Cup race. The two-time Brickyard winner returns to his home track winless on the season and 19th in the standings, but hopeful he can get a breakthrough victory on the hallowed Indianapolis grounds.

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offs," new Gamecocks coach John Grass said.

Eastern Kentucky (82) is predicted to finish fourth, ahead of Tennessee-Martin, Murray State, Tennessee Tech, Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay.

Garoppolo was drafted in the second round by the New England Patriots, while Eastern Illinois receiver Erik Lora is a free agent with Minnesota from a team that went 12-2 and beat Jacksonville State 52-14. Garoppolo joined Tony Romo as Panthers quarterbacks to win the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top FCS player.

"He's one of the best players I've ever played against," Grass said. "I think he's going to have a tremendous pro career. I kept telling everybody how good he was."

Grass, a long-time high school coach, was promoted at Jacksonville State after one year as offensive coordinator at his alma mater. His innovative up-tempo yet smash-mouth offense has nine starters returning from a unit that set 49 school records.

Jacksonville State placed eight players on the preseason All-OVC team, with five on offense led by preseason Offensive Player of the Year DeMarcus James. James rushed for a school-record 1,477 yards and OVC-record 29 touchdowns as the Gamecocks went 11-4.

Returning quarterback Eli Jenkins, a dual threat, has fellow sophomore Josh Barge back as his main target.

BRAVES

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Craig Kimbrel.

Kimbrel walked McGehee to open the ninth and he raced to third on Jones' single to right. Kimbrel had two strikes on Marcell Ozuna before throwing four straight balls to load the bases.

Kimbrel struck out Saltalamacchia and Adeiny Hechavarria before pinch-hitter Donovan Solano lined out to second base to end the inning.

Atlanta starter Julio Teheran matched his career high with 11 strikeouts while allowing one run and four hits in seven innings.

"Everything was working today," Teheran said. "One mistake cost me one run. I feel that was the best start I've had this year. I was getting ahead in counts. All my pitches were working and I had the confidence to throw them."

Koehler gave up one run in the second inning when Justin Upton led off with a single up the middle and later scored on Chris Johnson's ground-out.

Teheran retired Miami's first nine hitters before walking Yelich to open the fourth. That set the stage for Andrelton Simmons' defensive play of the game.

With Yelich running from first, Simmons was running toward second base when Valdespin hit a sharp grounder toward shortstop. Simmons stopped and dived back toward his vacated spot to grab the grounder before again quickly reversing his momentum to reach in the other direction and tag second base to force out Yelich.

With two outs in the fifth, Saltalamacchia pulled a homer into the seats in right field for Miami's first hit, tying the game 1-1.

The Braves loaded the bases with two outs in the sixth with the help of shortstop Hechavarria's throwing error to first base after fielding Jason Heyward's grounder. Koehler walked Evan Gattis to load the bases before striking out Johnson to end the threat.

Gattis was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game. He

had been sidelined since June 29 with a bulging disk in his lower back.

NOTES: The season series is tied 5-5. ... Braves C Christian Bethancourt drew a vote of confidence from manager Fredi Gonzalez after the rookie was optioned to Triple-A Gwinnett to clear a spot for Gattis. "This guy's going to be our catcher of the future," Gonzalez said. "He's just got to wait his turn." ... Redmond said RHP Henderson Alvarez will be able to make his scheduled start Thursday. Alvarez left Saturday's game against the Giants with a bruised left shin after being hit by a comebacker. ... The four-game series continues Tuesday night when Marlins RHP Jacob Turner faces Braves LHP Mike Minor.

010 Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, will be received by the East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District until 10:00 A.M. EDT (9:00 A.M. CDT), Tuesday, July 29, 2014, and then publicly opened and read at their office located at 150 Fob James Drive, Valley, AL 36854 for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work for construction of: WELCH AREA WATER IMPROVEMENTS.

The project consists of the installation of approximately 15,420 LF of 8" water main; 3,320 LF of 6" water main; 6,270 LF of 3" water main; 2,130 LF of 2" water main; 350 LF of 10" HDPE directional drill water main; and related appurtenances in the Welch community in northern Chambers County, AL.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND PLANS may be examined at the office of the East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District in Valley, AL; at the office of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. in Montgomery, AL; at the AGC/ISOFT Plan Room in Montgomery, AL; and in the McGraw-Hill Construction Network's 88.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND PLANS may be obtained at the office of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. upon payment of \$75.00 for each set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, **therefore no refund will be granted.** No partial sets, individual pages or drawing sheets will be provided. No documents will be issued within 48 hours prior to bid opening.

All bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Workhours Act. The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

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All Contractors preparing Bids for the referenced project shall submit a list of similar projects "successfully completed" in the last 5 years, having the same scope of work with construction cost similar to or greater than this project. All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Alabama General Contractor's License, evidence (with original seal of the State of Alabama) of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Bids submitted by a nonresident contractor without these documents included will be rejected.

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the East Alabama Water, Sewer & Fire Protection District. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the opening thereof. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidders prior to awarding the contract. This project is being funded in part by CDBG Project No. CY-CM-PF-13-011.

The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds or an irrevocable "Letter of Credit" which is acceptable to the Owner. All bonds and letters of credit shall be for 100% of the contract price. Attention of Bidders is called to the license required by Title 34, Chapter 8, of the code of Alabama, 1975, and amendments thereto, relating to the licensing of General Contractors. No bid will be accepted from anyone, except a qualified Contractor, licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, unless otherwise required by the State Licensing Board.

All bids **SHALL** be submitted in the Contract Specifications Book as issued by the Engineer. All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, license expiration date, category, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows, and delivered to Mr. Terrell E. Bishop, Chairman, East Alabama Water, Sewer & Fire Protection District, 150 Fob James Drive or P.O. Box 37, Valley, AL 36854: "BID FOR WELCH AREA WATER IMPROVEMENTS" - CDBG PROJECT NO. CY-CM-PF-13-011".

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Briefly Told

Briefly told items may be emailed to reporter@valleytimes-news.com. Please keep brief. Announcements are published twice a week.

•**The Shawmut Reunion Committee** will meet Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Charles Hall's backyard, 2104 35th St. for a fish fry. All memberS are encouraged to attend. Visitors will be welcome. Please RSVP, 768-2895.

•Join us for a couples dance and a beginner dance lesson on Friday, August 8, at the LaFayette Christian School Gym, 1904 Hamilton Road in LaGrange. The dance lesson is at 7:30 p.m. and the dance is from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Attire: smart casual. Visitor couples are welcome, \$20 per couple. For more information call **Moonlight Ballroom Dance Club:** 706-881-2734.

•**Long Cane Middle School Early Cougar** pre-registration will be held from Monday, July 21 through Thursday, July 24 beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. each day with no lines, no waiting (not much anyway) and no stress.

•**W.O. Lance Elementary School** will hold registration for kindergarten and new students for the 2014-2015 school year beginning July 21. Come to the school between 8 a.m. and noon or 1 to 4 p.m. to register. Original birth certificate or other document, Alabama blue immunization record and proof of residence(light bill, lease agreement, rent receipt, etc.) are required. Students must be five years old on or before Sept. 2 to start kindergarten.

•**W.O. Lance Elementary School** will hold meet the teacher day on Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be two orientation meetings for parents on Aug. 12. The first is from 11 a.m. to noon and the second will be from 1 to 2 p.m. For information concerning orientation meetings, call the school at 334-644-5915.

•**Five Points Elementary School** registration will be held Monday, Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. CDT. All parents of returning and new students must attend registration. Parents, who have students attending kindergarten this school year will need to attend orientation on Aug. 11 at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. For questions, call the school at 864-7515.

•**"Join Us on the Journey"** will be presented by the Pastoral Institute as its annual fundraising event on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at noon at First United Methodist Church of West Point. Tickets are \$35 or \$375 to sponsor a table of eight. Food, fun and door prizes. Call 334-768-2341 for a reservation.

•**Operation Backpack Impact 2014** will hold an event for West Point residents to help West Point children with school supplies on a first come basis on Sunday, Aug. 3 from, 5 until 7 p.m. at the West Point Recreation Football Field in West Point. Residents must register on Friday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Point Housing Authority Computer Lab or on Tuesday, July 22 at the West Point Housing Authority Computer Lab from 3 to 6 p.m. For information on volunteering or donation information, go to www.operationbackpackimpact.weebly.com.

•**New Horizon Theatre**, 411 W. Eighth St., West Point, will hold auditions for the musical, Disney's "My Son Pinocchio Jr.," on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. at the theater for actors ages six to 16. No preparation required.

•**Lanett Housing Authority Board of Commissioners** will hold its August meeting Monday, Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. at the administrative office building, 506 N. First St. in Lanett. The public is welcome to attend.

•**The LaFayette Class of 1979** will meet Saturday, July 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the LaFayette Library to discuss Homecoming 2014. All interested classmates, please attend.

•**The Active Life** will host a special gospel concert and dinner, featuring Hope's Journey and Higher Hope with a special appearance by the Shiloh Baptist Church Praise Choir, Saturday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at The Active Life Recreation Center, 140 Ragland St., LaGrange. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m. Limited seating. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. For ticket information, call 706-883-1681.

•**A Cure for Andy Car Wash** will be held Saturday, July 26 at Title Bucks, 1318 Gilmer Ave., Lanett. All cars and trucks will be washed and vacuumed for a donation of \$10. Hot dogs and hamburgers, with all the trimmings, will be sold and there will be a jumper, dunkin' booth and carnival games. For details, call 706-326-5135. Proceeds will go to the family of Andy Martin, who has pancreatic cancer.

•**Powell Chapel's PHYRE** (People Helping Youth Reach Excellence), in partnership with the Chambers County School District, will be holding a countywide Back to School Bash Saturday, July 26 at LaFayette High School's band field. There'll be free school supplies for students of all ages, free food, games, motivational speakers, live music, a spirit stick competition and much more. For information, contact Adrian Holloway 334-497-0731.

•**Descendants of Allen Buckner and Martha Grant Earnest** will hold their 105th family reunion Saturday, July 26 at Shady Grove Christian Church near Opelika beginning at 10 a.m. EDT in the church family center. A covered dish luncheon will be held. To get to the church, turn off I-85 at exit 66. Go to U.S. Highway 29 on Andrews Road then go north on Highway 29 (West Point Parkway) and watch for the Shady Grove Church sign.

•Descendants of the late **Thomas and Nancy Winn Terry** of the Antioch Community in Troup County will gather in the family life center of the First Baptist Church of Shawmut Saturday, Aug. 2 for the 91st Terry Family Reunion.

•**A support group for people with lupus**, who live in Lee, Chambers Macon, Elmore and Tallapoosa counties, will meet the third Monday of each month from 6 until 8 p.m. at East Alabama Medical Center Health Resource Center on Pepperell Parkway. For information, call 334-749-9974.

•**Celebrate Recovery** meetings will be held every Thursday evening starting May 15 at Refuge Point Church in West Point, 503 W. Eighth St. Dinner (\$5 donation) at 5:30, large group at 6:30, share groups at 7:30, then coffee (free) and fellowship. Free child care available from 6:30-8:30. For information, call Pastor Matthew Thrower, 706-773-0508; Jennifer Graves at 334-434-9709 or Stan Scroggins at 334-750-1717. Anyone dealing with addiction (to drugs, alcohol, smoking, food, gambling, pornography, etc.), codependency, divorce, grief, anger, fear, shame, abuse, unforgiveness or any hurt, habit or hang-up is encouraged to attend.

Georgia Lottery Numbers

PowerBall Jackpot \$40 million	Cash 3 - Yesterday 5-5-7 (PM)
Mega Millions Jackpot \$58 million	Cash 4 - Yesterday 1-8-5-9 (PM)
Fantasy 5 01-05-13-26-36	GeorgiaFive 7-3-2-3-5 (PM)

BUDGET

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had to supplement 105," Dendy said.

As far as raises are concerned, Dendy said he didn't think the county could manage another five-percent raise like it did in the current year, but the commissioners and department head might want to discuss whether raises should be across the board or merit.

He said that security will continue to be a major budget consideration. Probate Judge Brandy Easlick and Commissioner Debbie Wood expressed concerns about security at the Lanett Annex. Easlick said the Lanett Police Department is very cooperative and comes when called, but it would be better to have full-time security.

Sheriff Sid Lockhart suggested that the county might look at retired law enforcement officers as a source of security at the annex.

Easlick said she really needed another em-

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his name throughout the 1950s and became nationally famous with "Last Date" in 1960, a piano classic that peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard chart. Elvis Presley's "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" kept it of the top spot.

Jason inherited his grandfather's skill on the piano, performing with him on television and in concert at a young age. At 17, Jason played "Please Help Me, I'm Falling," the first song to have featured Floyd Cramer's signature slip notes, with Hank Locklin at the Grand Ole Opry. Two years later, he played piano for the Medallion Ceremony at his grandfather's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Jason today carries on his grandfather's legacy with recordings and a touring tribute concert, The Legacy of Floyd Cramer, sharing the piano arrangements and story of Cramer's contributions to American music.

In addition to lead performer Jason, other members of the touring group include his younger brother, Josh Coleman, who will be playing strings via a keyboard; lead guitarist Meagan Taylor, who's the niece of the late, great Chet Atkins; Kyle Covington on drums; and Don Dunham on the bass. Accompanying them will be a string section from LaGrange College.

In a local appearance some five years ago now, Jason recorded a live double CD entitled "Live at Langdale," which became a steady seller for him in performances all over the U.S.

"In addition to the familiar Floyd Cramer classics, Jason will be playing some of his grandfather's songs he hasn't played here before," said promoter Bill Gilbert. "There will also be some beautiful video footage of Jason, when he was a little boy, playing the piano with his grandfather."

Tickets are now on sale, and an early sell-out is expected. For tickets, or more information, contact Gilbert at (334) 768-3410.

The theater now has all cushioned seating both on the main floor and in the balcony. The main floor seats are sold out, but some good seats are still available in the balcony.

ANDERSON

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dustry, but his commitment to manufacturing sustainability has proven that good environmental stewardship is good business."

Once convicting himself as a "plunderer of the earth," Mr. Anderson was the founder of the largest global manufacturer of modular carpet who became a sought-after speaker and the author of two books.

"Ray never settled for status quo, and we don't intend to either," said Harriet Langford, foundation trustee and Ray Anderson's daughter. "We have achieved the first step by getting the highway named for Ray, and we are partnering with Interface to go much further. We seek to make this section of I-85 a sustainable, restorative highway. Just as Interface is committed to Mission Zero, the Foundation hopes this highway project will become a legacy project that fully restores Ray's vision."

Mr. Anderson, a small-town Georgia boy from West Point who played football on scholarship at Georgia Tech, began Interface in 1973. In 1994, he challenged his publicly-traded company to reimagine its petroleum-dependent manufacturing company based on sustainability principles. Before Mr. Anderson died in 2011, he created a foundation in his name dedicated to environmental sustainability and responsibility.

"Mr. Anderson's impact on industry continues," said John Wells, president and CEO of Interface Americas and member of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation's advisory board.

"Ray's legacy rests not only on the shoulders of the 3,500 people of Interface who are bringing sustainability to life every day in our factories and in their communities," said Mr. Wells. "His far-reaching influence includes all of industry and the next generation of leaders, via his influence on higher education."

Since its public launch in 2012, the Ray C. Anderson Foundation has funded major research initiatives at Georgia Tech, Emory, Georgia State, and Clark-Atlanta, all located in Atlanta.

A dedication ceremony will be held Monday, July 28 in LaGrange.

About Interface

Interface Inc. is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial carpet tile. For 41 years, the company has consistently led the industry through innovation, and now leads the industry in environmental sustainability. It is setting the pace for development of modular carpet using materials and processes that take less from the environment and is well along the path to Mission Zero, a 20-year-old company-wide promise to eliminate any negative impact it has on the environment by the year 2020.

ployee to work the windows at the courthouse and annex, and that if the drive-in window is opened, that would require additional staffing.

Long waits at her office are a regular complaint, she said, and it's especially bad at the end of the month. Wood noted that proceeds from the \$50 court cost the county levies to pay for the courthouse bonds has started declining again, and said the commission needs to remind judges of the importance of that fee.

Dendy said the county will have some additional funds from the county lodging tax, and Wood suggested the county might work with the cities on disposing of dilapidated housing by paying the tipping fees for the municipalities at the county landfill from those funds.

"There are a lot of things we can do with that money," she said, "but we need to know how much is there."

Dendy said the lodging tax proceeds could be set up in a special account rather than being part of general fund revenue.

Dendy told the commissioners they need to be thinking in terms of a capital improvement budget as well. The county faces big expenditures at the jail, the old courthouse needs extensive renovations and the county should be looking for property to expand the Lanett Annex, he said.

SCHOOL TAX

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The system will be installing double-pane windows, one-gallon-flush toilets and other energy-saving moves, she said. Wells will be drilled to save money on watering athletic fields, and the system will be upgrading its server system. With the improvements in place, energy usage can be monitors, thermostats changed and other actions taken from a central location, she said, instead of having to go to each individual facility to perform those tasks.

The county school system and the Lanett school system share the sales tax revenue based on enrollment.

Commissioners were advised by County Engineer Josh Harvill that the county had realized \$10,563.12 from its recent sale of surplus equipment and scrap, with \$413.01 of that for the sheriff's office. Twenty-five lots ranging from equipment no longer used to old pipes removed from roadways were sold to the highest bidders.

Harvill presented two paving projects for the commission to approve.

County Road 211 from County Road 289 .22 miles to County Road 212 will be resurfaced at a cost of \$127,980, of which the county will pay \$25,596 under the state ATRIP program.

County Road 177 from County Road 388 north 3.1 miles to County Road 290 will be resurfaced at a cost of \$710,580, of which the county will pay \$142,116 under the state ATRIP program.

East Alabama Paving was the low bidder on the projects, Harvill said.

He also reported that the paving work on Providence Church Road is completed and the project will be restriped in the near future.

In other action at Monday's meeting the commissioners:

- Approved a revised employee manual for the county.
- Amended the budget to provide \$30,000 to repair a bulldozer at the county landfill.
- Approved payment of a one-time bonus for county employees to be paid in October at a cost of \$31,104.
- Agreed to hold a public hearing on the county's solid waste plan Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 4:30 p.m. at the courthouse, prior to the commission's regular meeting.
- Reappointed Mack Lett and Tommy Weldon to the Chambers County Recreation Board.
- Were advised by County Manager John Dendy that work on the 2015 budget is continuing and will be reviewed at a Rules, Ways and Means Committee meeting Monday, July 28 at 3 p.m.
- Scheduled regular meetings for August on Monday, Aug. 4 and Monday, Aug. 25.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.