

HOMETOWN HEADLINES

GAINESVILLE

MDA telethon begins tonight

The annual Muscular Dystrophy Association's Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon begins tonight at 9 on WAGA, Channel 5, and on cable channels WGN and WWOR. Local pledges can be made in Gainesville by calling (404) 534-8903. The telethon benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which sponsors research into the disease.

Alumnae group plans retreat

The Fair Street-Budler High Alumnae group is planning a Smoky Mountain Retreat for Sept. 26-27. The group will travel by bus to the Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville, N.C., and visit the shopping malls in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The cost is \$100 for double occupancy; \$135 for singles. The deadline is Saturday. For information, call Mary Acree, (404) 536-6883, Pat Hudson, (404) 536-7646 or Wanda Hale, (404) 536-0740.

'Children of Divorce' talk set

'Children of Divorce' is the topic of the next Laurelewood free lecture set for 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Laurelewood gymnasium. Guy W. Jordan has a doctorate in psychology from the University of Georgia. Formerly a school psychologist with Hall County schools, he is now with North Georgia Psychological Services Inc.

Anti-lottery meeting Sept. 15

Hall County School Superintendent H.F. Johnson will speak at an interfaith meeting on the dangers of a state lottery at 7 p.m. Sept. 15, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1224 Riverside Drive. A video, "The Dangers of Gambling," also will be shown. For details, call 534-1424.

HALL COUNTY

Author Shannon on forum

Brenau-News Forum will broadcast an interview with Gainesville native Elaine Shannon, author of "Desparados." She served as a consultant for NBC's "Drug Wars: The Cocaine Cartel." The program will be broadcast at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and at 7:30 a.m. Friday on radio station WBCX-FM 59.1 and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on CableVision Channel 10.

OKWOOD

Police officers are honored

Four members of the Oakwood Police Department recently received Advanced Criminal Enforcement Awards for achieving a sufficient number of arrest points. The officers are as follows:
 • Lt. Randall Moon: 24 felony arrests, two drunken driving arrests, three suspended license services or arrests.
 • Sgt. Kendall Dodd: 16 felony arrests, 24 DUI arrests, nine suspended license arrests or services.
 • Officer Danny Densmore: 15 felony arrests, 30 DUI arrests, five suspended license arrests or services.
 • Officer Robert LaRoque: 19 felony arrests, 17 DUI arrests, five suspended license arrests or services.
 Moon and Dodd are two-time honorees.

CAMPAIGN WATCH

Hood kickoff attracts 500

About 500 people attended a barbecue and campaign kick-off rally for Hall County Commission chair candidate Beth Buffington Hood Thursday night at the Gainesville Civic Center. Georgia Senate Minority leader Tom Phillips was the guest speaker. Hood, a Republican, is running against Democrat Brenda Branch in the Nov. 3 general election.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

Jackpot stands at \$8 million

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Here are the six numbers drawn Saturday night for this week's Florida Lottery Lotto jackpot, currently set at \$8 million:
 1-19-25-11-15-22
 Please see Monday's Times for news about any winners.
 — from staff, wire reports

Goforth security bill tops \$20,000

Murder suspect's medical costs already under fire

By A.J. Banks McKirby
 The Times

The fight to keep from paying the medical expenses of a man accused of killing his wife and daughter is heating up. Robert "Phil" Goforth, 39, is scheduled to be in court today for the first of many hearings on charges that he killed his ex-wife, Shirley Goforth, 38, and his 14-month-old daughter, Lily Goforth. They bodies were found in their mobile home at 4449 Pinyan Road on July 2. He also is said to have turned

the 12-gauge shotgun on himself in a failed suicide attempt, reports show. Since the alleged murders and suicide attempt, Goforth has undergone extensive reconstructive plastic surgery at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta to repair his jaw and face. — But the cost of the medical bills — which could exceed \$100,000 — has raised the question of liability. "All of the elected officials here feel Hall County should not be responsible for payment of the hospital bills since the subject

brought this on himself," said Hall County Sheriff's Maj. Tony Carter. Also, someone will have to pay for the security detail maintained outside his Augusta hospital room since just after the murders and suicide attempt. By law, Hall County already would be required to pick up the tab for the 24-hour surveillance of Goforth during his stay at the hospital, Carter said. He estimates the cost of Goforth's security at between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Under Georgia law, an agency is

required to cover medical expenses if it has custody of a person, said Hall County Attorney Bill Blalock. Goforth, however, was not served with the two arrest warrants until after he was officially discharged from the hospital on Friday. So far, county officials have not received a bill for medical services, Blalock said. It was still unclear if Goforth has insurance that would cover the medical expenses, officials said. Goforth will make his first appearance in Hall County Magistrate Court at 9 a.m. today, said Sheriff's Lt. Art Jetton.

KKK march can

One arrested for wearing full hood

By Kathy Diez Kusan and Betsy R. Jordan
 The Times

Outnumbered 3-to-1 by law officers, 66 Ku Klux Klan members and others with white supremacist groups marched around Gainesville's downtown square Saturday morning. Among the marchers were 16 robed Klansmen, including two babies in tiny white robes, capes and cone-shaped hats who quietly sucked bottles and pacifiers as they rode in strollers. Six marchers carried Confederate flags, and a group of skin-heads carried a Nazi flag. Marchers came from as far away as New York. About 100 onlookers gathered at three corners of the downtown square — some to protest the racist message, some to sympathize and some to satisfy curious minds. The only person arrested during the march was Hank Pritchard, 34, a KKK member and postal worker from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Pritchard was arrested by GBI agents after he appeared during the rally wearing a full hood — which covered his face. He officially was charged with wearing a mask at a public gathering, which is a misdemeanor in Georgia, said John Jones, the state's senior assistant attorney general. "You can't wear a (hood or mask) in Georgia. We took it to the Supreme Court in 1980 and won," Jones said. Security was tight as officers from five agencies — Gainesville Police, Hall County Sheriff's Department, Georgia Department of Corrections, Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the state patrol — kept onlookers and marchers apart and conducted surveillance from atop downtown buildings. "We were prepared for anything that might happen," said Gainesville Officer R.O. Cosgrove. "All things like this, there's always the possibility of something happening."



A child identified only as Josh plays with the shield of a Georgia State Patrol trooper during Saturday's Ku Klux Klan march in Gainesville.

Klan leader Daniel Carver of Oakwood blamed the GBI for keeping spectators about a block away from the courthouse rally. "The people was supposed to be in here with us," he said. Cosgrove said he had told Carver that spectators would be allowed within earshot of the marchers, but would not be able to mingle with them. Several slurs against blacks and Hispanics were heard, including a brief exchange between a young mother strolling her Klan-robed baby and the only black woman in the crowd. Other than those at the march, the square was mostly deserted. Businesses were closed until noon. Downtown was barricaded to reduce the risk of violence. The local chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had asked area residents to stay home until the march ended.

Those who were on the square had many reactions to the march: "I just happened to be passing through and saw all this going on and stopped," said Bill Bryant, 42, who was visiting friends. "I couldn't believe it still goes on in 1992," said Fish Tinsley, 40, of Gainesville. Tinsley brought several out-of-town relatives to watch the morning march. "I had heard the South was making great strides (in eliminating racism), but to come down here and see this — it's kind of like it's alive and well," said Tinsley's brother, John, of St. Louis. "Civil rights activists who attended T-shirts and buttons showing a robed Klansman inside a red circle and slash." "We monitor every one of these events that we're aware of," said Walter Reeves, committee chairman of Neighbors Network. Staff Writer A.J. Banks McKirby contributed to this report.

2 vie for seat on Buford council

By Andrea Benfield
 Times district staff

Buford — Buford residents will be voting Sept. 15 in a special non-partisan election to fill the city council vacancy created by the resignation of the late Tommy Hughes. He stepped down to make a successful bid for the Gwinnett County Commission. Candidates for the one-year unexpired council term are Steve Merritt and Chris Burgo, both coming from families who have lived in the Buford area for several generations. "It's not what's being done wrong in Buford," said Merritt, who points to the "high quality school system and city services" in making the argument that the city is currently under "good management."

Merritt sees the primary issue facing the city council as working to keep a balance between the industrial and residential growth in the city. "I have been projected for the area. One way he proposes to do this is to try and attract what he calls "clean industry" to the area, citing several businesses that have moved to Buford within the last five years as examples — Makita Corp. of America, Sherrin Williams Distribution Center, Heraeus Amersil Inc. and Tempglass Eastern Inc. "If I'm elected, or my opponent is elected, it's not us that runs the city," said Merritt, who encourages community

Please see Buford, 2B



Steve Merritt Wants to attract 'clean' industry to area



Chris Burgo Says there is need for planning growth

PROFILE

Crozier loves 'anything chocolate'
 • Up close: Julie H. Crozier, 40, recently moved to Flowery Branch from Gainesville. Originally from Bainbridge, she is on staff at Eagle Ranch, a non-denominational Christian home for boys in Chestnut Mountain.
 • Family ties: She has four children: Daughters Beth, 22, and Sara, 6, and two sons, Billy, 20, and Samuel, 9.
 • Hobbies: "I love baking, sewing, needlework, and I love to read."
 • Favorite food: "Anything chocolate."
 • If I had a \$1 million: "I would title the first 10 percent to give 40 percent to Eagle Ranch or a Christian ministry and take a trip."
 — Jeffrey C. Robinson



BUSINESS

Groups meet to face challenges
 For the first time in Northeast Georgia, members of three professional associations in manufacturing will meet jointly Thursday to explore how they might face the increasing challenges to work functionally. The American Society for Quality Control, National Association of Purchasing Managers and the American Production and Inventory Control Society will hold an open house Thursday around a buffet dinner in order to provide a forum for learning "who's who" in area manufacturing and for setting an agenda for change. The open house is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Trumps in Athens. For more information, call (706) 369-5763.
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ENVIRONMENT

Keep up on state's latest reforms
 Georgia has undergone landmark reforms in its environmental laws in recent years, and the 1992 General Assembly passed numerous new ones, including the establishment of a state administration of new clean air requirements. "The Georgia Chamber of Commerce is now offering a new publication, the Georgia Environmental Desk Manual, to help guide business executives and their firms through the maze of federal and state mandates. Copies of the Georgia Environmental Desk Manual are \$40 for chamber member firms and \$60 for non-members. Make checks payable to Georgia Chamber of Commerce, 233 Peachtree St., Suite 200, Atlanta, Ga. 30303-1504; or call (800) 241-2286.

