

**ARMOR**

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officers stormed the house, three of them were shot.

Two officers, David Starling and Craig Burt, were saved by the heavy body armor they wore during their assault, Anniston police Chief John Dryden said. The third officer did not receive a life-threatening injury in the shooting.

Starling and Burt had to retire as a

result of their injuries, including a gouge across Starling's forehead. The bullet traveled along his skull, between the helmet and his gas mask, Dryden said, but the shots to the armored parts of his body were stopped.

But such incidents are rare. The vest most often protects during more mundane events. Sheriff Larry Amerson said he had an officer saved from serious injury in a car wreck by his vest.

Even though there are comfort issues with the vests, the four leaders consid-

ered it vital that their officers wear them. It can be hot, especially in summer, Thompson said, but "couldn't be hotter than a .357 (round) going through your chest."

The sheriff of Graham County, Ariz., was shot in the chest with a shotgun Tuesday morning when he went to check on a vehicle, The Associated Press reported.

His vest was credited with saving his life.

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**PRORATION**

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Schools have been strapped since the beginning of the new fiscal year Oct. 1, with the state sending part of their monthly allotments late.

With planning for the fiscal 2010 budget already looming, some have suggested leaving some money in the rainy day account to help offset future shortfalls, but that plan "needs more discussion," Morton said.

"I like the idea that we went to the polls on Nov. 4 and voted on Amendment One and it was to help schools if there is proration," he said. "So I like the idea of helping them if we've got help to give them."

State Sen. Hank Sanders, chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-Educa-

tion Committee, said it would be best not to drain the fund because tough economic times will continue next year.

"It's a rainy day fund, and I'm afraid the hardest rains having not yet come," Sanders, D-Selma, said.

Legislative fiscal experts have not yet made revenue forecasts for the 2009-2010 school year, but Sanders said he's confident the next budget will be smaller than this year's \$6.3 billion budget.

"I expect we'll be talking about cuts between \$500 million to \$600 million from the budget," he said. "That's a massive amount and there is going to be a lot of pain."

The cuts will mean less travel, longer waits to buy school buses, not filling some personnel vacancies, and not buying new library and text books, Morton said. Each system would then have to assess if additional cuts, such as person-

nel, would have to be made before the last day of school in May.

Alabama Education Association executive secretary Paul Hubbert said he thinks saving some of the rainy day money would be a wise move, but "it's a judgment call."

"If you believe next year the economy is still going to be down, then it would make sense. On the other hand, if you made cuts and the economy turned around, you will have deprived a year's student body of having benefits that supply would bring," he said.

To help improve the 2010 picture, Morton said he'd welcome the Legislature taking another look at taxing gambling in the state to generate more funding. Gambling is not taxed in Alabama.

"That has not fared well in Alabama in the past, but who knows? These are going to be pretty desperate times," he said.

**McClellan ordnance cleanup on schedule**

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Calhoun County officials said Thursday everything is on track for unexploded ordnance cleanup at McClellan.

The commission approved 10 task orders at Thursday's meeting, essentially giving contractors their next jobs at the former fort.

The transition from the McClellan Joint Powers Authority to Calhoun County controlling McClellan threw funding for the cleanup into uncertainty.

Judge Joel Laird in August dissolved the JPA and put the county in charge of McClellan. An agreement for more than \$200 million in cleanup funds was between the Army and the JPA, so it took some time before the Army let Calhoun County access the money.

"Every indication to us from the Army says that everything is on schedule," County Administrator Ken Joiner said. In other action, the County Commission:

■ Approved up to \$50,000 for a Saks Community Center renovation.

■ Lowered the county's mileage reimbursement rate from 58.5 cents per mile to 55 cents per mile.

■ Gave \$3,000 to the Salvation Army.

■ Gave \$1,000 to the Knox Concert Series.

■ Gave \$3,000 to New Beginning Ministries.

■ Gave \$31,000 to the Parrish Home, a group home run by Children's Services.

■ Gave \$5,000 to All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern.

■ Canceled the commission meeting scheduled for Dec. 25.

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**FUNERALS TODAY**

- "Huey" Crowson, 2 p.m., Gray Brown-Service Mortuary
- Thomas H. Dempsey, 2 p.m., Asberry Baptist Church
- Robert H. Griffith, 2 p.m., Perry Funeral Home Chapel
- Charlie A. Marable, 1 p.m., Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church
- Jewell H. Draper-McGahee, 11 a.m., Miller Funeral Home
- Frances J. Malinowski, 11 a.m., Gray Brown-Service Mortuary
- Ruth P. Roche, 11 a.m., Anniston Memorial Funeral Home
- Josephine Schlueter, 2 p.m., Usrey Brown Funeral Chapel

**OBITUARIES**

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**JOHNSON**

**Heflin** - Services for Rev. Yulas C. Johnson, 74, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Macedonia Baptist Church in Heflin with the Rev. Charles Caldwell officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Anniston Funeral Services in charge. The body will be at the church one hour prior to services.

Mr. Johnson died on December 7, 2008 at Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Johnson, of Heflin; one son, Yulas (Lavenia) Johnson Jr., of Oxford; nine daughters, Barbara Johnson, of Heflin, Janice (Nolen) Wood, of Carrollton, Ga., Porticia (Jeffery) Henson, of Heflin, Theresa Johnson, of Montgomery, of Alex City, Binky Johnson, of Atlanta, Felisha (Broderick) Ray, of Heflin, Melissa (Michael) Heard, of Andalusia, Nikki (Lawrence) Gipson, of Brunswick, Ga.; twenty-one grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lela Parker, of Eastaboga, and Pauline Wilson, of Anniston; one brother, General (Jerr) Johnson, of Indianapolis, Ind.; four sisters-in-law, and five brothers-in-law and his favorite golfing nephews John Johnson and Samuel Lee Bates.

Rev. Johnson was a Cleburne County native and a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church. He was called into the Ministry in the year of 1968. He was a graduate of Heflin Training School Class of 1955. He was employed at Clegg's Chicken Plant and Southwire where he retired after 33 years of service. During his ministry he pastored several churches, Lake Creek Baptist Church, Cedartown, Ga., New Zion Baptist Church, Heflin, and Mountain Grove Baptist Church, Heflin and loved to play golf.

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**LEE**

**Choccolocco** - Funeral services for Mary B. Sampler Lee, 68, of Choccolocco, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008, at New Prospect Baptist Church with Dr. Sloan Gresham Jr. officiating. Burial will be in the Gaines Cemetery with Goodson Funeral Home directing. Public visitation will be from 2 - 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Survivors include four sisters, Kathelene Sampler, Bennye (Sammy) Brewster, Earnestine Sampler, Jerelene (Olen) Robison; brother, Larry (Carolyn) Sampler. She was preceded in death by husband Johnny Paul Lee; parents Milton and Helen Sampler, brother Milton Jr.; sister, Emma Jean McElmore.

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**NUNN**

**Heflin** - Services for Mrs. Emma Jean Nunn will be announced by Anniston Funeral Services. Mrs. Nunn died on December 10, 2008 at her residence. (256)256-0319

**RICHARDSON**

**Cedar Bluff** - Funeral services for Mrs. Wanda Dell Cromer Richardson, 59, will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Perry Funeral Home Chapel with visitation from 6-8 tonight.

**ROSSER**

**Anniston** - Funeral services for Mrs. JoAnn Rosser, 77, will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at K.L. Brown Memory Chapel in Golden Springs with The Reverend Kenneth Hutto officiating. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. this evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rosser died Thursday, December 11, 2008.

Mrs. Rosser was a native of Blanchester, Ohio and a member of Anniston Bible Church. She taught at Trinity Christian Academy for 20 years and also taught for several years at Gadsden Business College. She is preceded in death by her son, Geoff Rosser.

Mrs. Rosser is survived by her son, Alan Rosser and his wife, Candie, of Ashland; her daughter-in-law, Penny Rosser, of Oxford; brothers, Carmen

Leonard, of Clearwater, Fla. and Bill Leonard, of Blanchester, Ohio; grandchildren, Aaron Rosser, Matthew Rosser, and Shelby Rosser; three great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Shawna Miller and Raenell Baker.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.klbrownmemorychapel.com.

Arrangements by: K.L. Brown Memory Chapel, 620 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

**TERRELL**

**Wellington** - Funeral services for Jack W. Terrell Sr., 70, will be announced by Gray-Brown Service Mortuary. Mr. Terrell died Thursday, December 11, 2008 at his residence.

**WALKER**

**Roanoke** - Funeral service for Lois Runette Walker, 77, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, from Highway First Cong. Methodist Church, Benefield Funeral Home of Wedowee in charge.

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The Star reserves the right to edit obituaries. In most instances the family's content and style will be published in the form submitted to us. There are no limits on numbers of survivors, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, or any other information the family wants included, so long as good taste and judgment prevail.

**BURTON**

**Anniston** - Services for Rev. Colonial "Pop" Burton, 57, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Macedonia Baptist Church in Anniston with the Rev. Oliver Gaston officiating. Burial will be in Eden Hills Cemetery with Anniston Funeral Services in charge. The family will receive friends from 6-7 tonight at the funeral home. The body will be at the church one hour prior to services.

Mr. Burton died on December 8, 2008 at his residence.

Survivors include his children, Angeneta Burton, Vashawn (Tanisha) Burton Sr., Travis Burton Sr., Travis Burton and Lakrystal Burton, all of Anniston; his mother, Martha A. Burton of Anniston; ten sisters, Shirley (Steve) Chapman, Margaret Dawson, Annie (Kenneth) O'Neal, Phyllis Brock, all of Snellville, Ga.; Brenda Dupree, Cleo (Rev. Anthony) Tyus, Wanda Hall, DelRetta Turner, Sandy Smith, and Alicia Smith; brothers, Josephus (Renda) Burton, Jerry Burton, Rev. Wayne (Maggie) Smith, and Billy Joe Minnifield, all of Anniston; eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Burton was a Calhoun County native and was associate minister at Macedonia Baptist Church and O'nece Baptist Church. He was a 1969 graduate of Anniston High School and served in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his father Colonial Wood Burton Sr. and brother, Willie Ralph Burton.

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**COGGINS**

**Centre** - Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Ruth Coggins, 68 will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Perry Funeral Home Chapel. The

family will receive friends from 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

**FAUSNIGHT**

**Weogulka** - Funeral services for Mr. Kevin Dean Fausnight, 53, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Victory Baptist Church in Millbrook with Brookside Funeral Home directing.



**GLOVER**

**Anniston** - Funeral services for Mr. Phillip Glover Jr., 95, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008, from the Seventeenth Street Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Baxter Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Eden Hills Cemetery with Ervin Funeral Chapel Directing. Public visitation will commence today from noon until 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Glover died Saturday, December 6, 2008, at Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary L. Glover; four sons, Phillip (Barbara) Glover III, of Sugarland, Texas, Leroy Glover, of Anniston; Theodore (Wanda) Glover, of Birmingham, and Dr. Willie J. Glover, of Montgomery; three daughters, Annie G. (Carlton) Brown, of Warner Robins, Ga., Catherine Kirksey, of Detroit, Mich., and Yvonne C. Glover, of Lithonia, Ga.; one sister, Ola Mae Seals, of Pascagoula, Miss.; a host of grand and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the

American Cancer Society.

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**GRIFFITH**

**Centre** - Funeral services for Mr. Robert Harvey Griffith, 93, will be held at 2 p.m. today, December 12, 2008, at the Perry Funeral Home Chapel with visitation from 12 - 2 p.m.

**HOLLAND**

**Anniston** - A Memorial Service for Mr. Donald Paul Holland, 72, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at McCoy United Methodist Church with Pastor Mary Quillin and Sandy Aids officiating.

Mr. Holland died Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Holland was retired from Baptist Health Systems. He was also a member of the Elks Club, a local Alabama fan, and of the Methodist faith. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holland; his sister, Rose White; a brother, Daniel Holland; and a stepdaughter, Angela M. Hill.

Mr. Holland is survived by his wife of 25 years, Gloria B. Holland; daughter, Angela Parton; brother-in-law, Luther L. White; a granddaughter, Paisley Parton; three grandsons, Reid Parton, Jeremy Hill, and James P. Hill and his wife, Ali; great-grandson, Cameron Hill; several nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be E. Witte Aids, Marty White, Luther White, Jimmy Fox, Glenn Jones, Mike Smith, Charles Cox and Jeremy Hill.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.klbrownmemorychapel.com.

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