

Metro Digest - \$1 million donation endows Tech chair

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First Atlanta Corp. has announced a \$1 million gift to Georgia Tech to endow a faculty chair in the College of Management as part of the university's \$100 million centennial fund-raising campaign.

The gift, which will pay the full salary and basic support for a faculty member, is funded by the First Atlanta Foundation and three other foundations administered by the First National Bank of Atlanta.

The other trusts funding the endowed chair are The Atlanta Foundation, The Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation and the David, Helen and Marian Woodward Fund-Atlanta Trust. Gwinnett imposes outdoor burning ban

The Gwinnett Fire Department on Monday imposed a mandatory ban on all outdoor burning during the current dry and windy weather.

Tim Szymanski, the department's public information officer, said officials decided the ban was necessary after 60 brush fires were reported in the county Sunday.

"The ban will stay in effect until we have a substantial rainfall, I'd say of at least an inch," he said. Violators could receive up to a \$200 fine and 90 days in jail, he said. Young picks economic development chief

Mayor Andrew Young has named Gary Holmes to become director of the city's Office of Economic Development.

Holmes, 42, has served as director of the city's Bureau of Housing and Physical Development for eight years.

If the appointment is approved by the City Council, Holmes would replace Richard Stogner, who left the city government recently to head Fulton County's newly created Economic Development Department. Two are killed in DeKalb traffic accident

Two people died Monday night in a traffic accident at 1455 Moreland Ave. S.E. in DeKalb County, according to DeKalb police.

Police said the accident, which involved an automobile and a tractor-trailer, was reported at 10:13 p.m. Details of the accident and identification of the victims was not available, they said. Towers High senior wins \$5,000 award

A 17-year-old DeKalb County high school student has become one of 20 students across the nation to receive the \$5,000 Horatio Alger Scholarship, designed to encourage students who have overcome obstacles and who exhibit proven character, ability, initiative and exceptional promise.

Richie Cain, a senior at Towers High School, will be flown to New York City to be honored at a dinner to be held May 10 at the Waldorf Astoria.

Cain's mother, Betty, has been in and out of hospitals for treatment of muscular dystrophy. The youth learned to fill in wherever he was needed, helping to raise his younger sister and brother while he raised himself, and working at burger joints and toy stores to earn money for the extra things he needed.

Lettering in football, wrestling and track, Cain is also on the Towers Student Council, in the Key Club and is co-president of the physics club. Cobb woman sues drug treatment center

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court seeking \$500,000 for a Cobb County woman who says she was held against her will and abused at a Marietta drug treatment facility known as Straight Inc.

The suit was filed Monday on behalf of Susan [REDACTED] 19, who says she was the victim of medical malpractice, false imprisonment, fraud and assault during the 11 months she was held in the Florida-based drug rehabilitation program.

The suit also alleges that Straight Inc. is not properly licensed as a drug treatment program in Georgia and that its members are not properly trained to treat drug abusers, said ACLU President Bruce Morris at a news conference.

Dennis Buttimer, director of the Straight Inc. facility in Marietta, said he had no formal notification of the suit and therefore declined to comment. Trucker has fatal heart attack on I-285

A man driving a tractor-trailer suffered a fatal heart attack Monday afternoon while driving along Interstate 285 in northern DeKalb County.

Marshal E. Jones, 44, of 1386 Kimberly Way in Atlanta, was pronounced dead about five minutes after he was transported to Shallowford Community Hospital.

Police said Jones' truck crashed, but his death was attributed to a heart attack. The accident took place at 12:20 p.m.

DeKalb police spokesman Chuck Johnson said the victim's truck swerved across several interstate lanes between Buford Highway and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, striking a median wall. Suspect held in DeKalb robbery attempt

DeKalb police Monday arrested a 20-year-old man and charged him with attempted armed robbery Monday after a gunman fired several shots in a shopping center where a police precinct is located.

Police spokesman Chuck Johnson said Joseph E. Paggett of 2985 Gena Drive in Decatur was arrested in connection with an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Piccadilly Cafeteria at South DeKalb Mall on Candler Road.

Nobody was injured in the attempted holdup, according to police Lt. J.E. Hanson. He said the attempted robbery occurred during the shift change, and officers from both the morning and day watches rushed over to the cafeteria.

By the time they reached the scene, the would-be robber and his companion had fled. "They fled empty-handed after being unable to open a safe," Hanson said.

Paggett was arrested a short time later.

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