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Bruce Gilbert announces; Lt. Gov. speaks. A most successful 2nd Annual J-J Dinner

In an evening filled with optimism, appreciation, and camaraderie, Madison's former mayor, Bruce Gilbert, announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for Georgia Senate seat in District 25, resulting in a standing ovation and joyous cheers by the audience. If he has opposition in the July primary, the winner of the Democratic primary will face the Republican primary winner in a race for the seat currently occupied by Republican Johnny Grant of Milledgeville.

About 160 attended the Democratic Committee's second annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, named for Democratic Party founders Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson, in James Madison Hall at Parkside Conference Center in Madison the evening of April 20. The committee started the yearly tradition last year as an motivational gathering to honor local Democrats and others who inspire the community.

Georgia's Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, a fellow Democrat, was the keynote speaker. The Young Democrat Award was presented to Binky Arnold-Comper by her former high school teacher, Dr. M.C. Boserup. The See DINNER.....page 4



CORETTA SCOTT KING is remembered by Maya Angelou at King's funeral in February

[singing] I open my mouth to the Lord, and I won't turn back no. I will go. I shall go. I'll see what the end is going to be.

[speaking] In the midst of national tumult, in the medium of international violent uproar, Coretta Scott King's face remained a study in serenity. In times of interior violent storms, she sat, her hands resting in her lap calmly, like good children sleeping. Her passion was never spent in public display. She offered her industry and her energies to action toward righting ancient and current wrongs in this world. She believed religiously in non-violent protest. She believed it could heal a nation mired in a history of slavery, and all its excesses. She believed non-violence protests, See KING.....page 3



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A Message from the Chairman

Our second annual Jefferson/Jackson dinner was a roaring success. Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor gave an inspiring speech outlining his campaign platform and agenda if he's elected



Governor next November. We had an overflow crowd with young and old, black and white... and all, smart and attractive attendees. I am delighted to be a Democrat and to be associated with such a great group of folks.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement by our beloved former mayor, Bruce Gilbert, that he will run for the Georgia State Senate as a Democrat versus Johnny Grant, the Milledgeville Republican hack. We all know what a truly honorable man Bruce is. He is the model of what public service really means. Grant's See MESSAGE.....page 3

Ted Arnold

Madison student describes Capitol Hill internship by Josh Houston



Over winter break I began contacting Congressional offices that had posted intern openings. In addition to contacting two offices I had found, I also passed my resume along to a friend who works in Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz's (D-FL) office. After talking with all three offices and interviewing, I was soon offered a position in Wasserman-Schultz's office and immediately accepted.

Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz is a freshman representative and one of the youngest members in Congress, representing the Weston area. She already has a long and distinguished career in politics, having served several years in

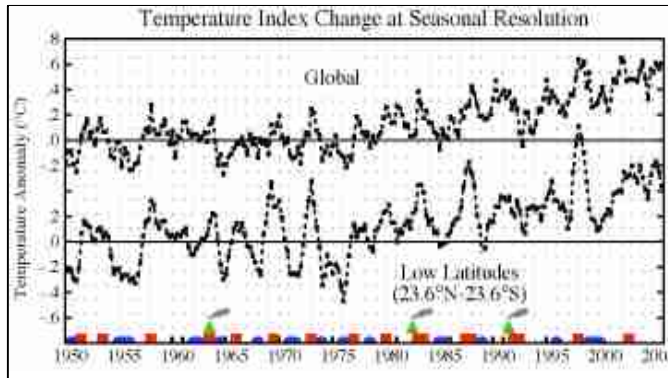
the Florida State Legislature before being elected to Congress. A member of the "30-somethings" working group--an association of 30-39 year-old members--she is also one of the hardest working fresh- See HOUSTON.....page 3

Population, fossil fuels, deforestation combine to change planet. Surprise! Humans to blame.

NASA says greenhouse gas production must be slowed

The highest global surface temperature in more than a century of instrumental data was recorded in the 2005 calendar year in NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Science annual analysis. Record warmth in 2005 was notable, because global temperature did not receive any boost from a tropical El Niño that year. The prior record year, 1998, on the contrary, was lifted 0.2°C above the trend line by the strongest El Niño of the past century.

Global warming is now 0.6°C in the past three decades and 0.8°C in the past century. It is no longer correct to say that "most global warming occurred before 1940". More specifically, there was slow global warming, with large fluctuations, over the century up to 1975 and subsequent rapid warming of almost 0.2°C per decade.



Recent warming coincides with rapid growth of human-made greenhouse gases. The observed rapid warming thus gives urgency to discussions about how to slow greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/2005>

Later this century, rising concentrations of greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere will slow the ocean currents that bring warm waters to the North Atlantic, thereby affecting that region's climate, computer simulations suggest ... (According to Thomas Delworth and Keith W. Dixon of Princeton University, by) the year 2040, the thermohaline* circulation could carry only 80 percent as much warm water to the North Atlantic as it does now. *Science News*, 2/4/2006, from the 1/21/2006, *Geophysical Research Letters*

*Thermohaline - the circulation path of layers of ocean water determined by their temperatures and salt contents.

What is a Greenhouse Gas?

Once, all climate changes occurred naturally. However, during the Industrial Revolution, we began altering our climate and environment through changing agricultural and industrial practices. Before the Industrial Revolution, human activity released very few gases into the atmosphere, but now through population growth, fossil fuel burning, and deforestation, we are affecting the mixture of gases in the atmosphere.

Some greenhouse gases occur naturally in the atmosphere, while others result from human activities. Naturally occurring greenhouse gases include water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone. Certain human activities, however, add to the levels of most of these naturally occurring gases:

- **Carbon dioxide** is released to the atmosphere when solid waste, fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, and coal), and wood and wood products are burned.
- **Methane** is emitted during the production and transport of coal, natural gas, and oil. Methane emissions also result from the decomposition of organic wastes in municipal solid waste landfills, and the raising of livestock.
- **Nitrous oxide** is emitted during agricultural and industrial activities, as well as during combustion of solid waste and fossil fuels.
- Very powerful greenhouse gases that are not naturally occurring include **hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)**, **perfluorocarbons (PFCs)**, and **sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆)**, which are generated in a variety of industrial processes.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/OAR/globalwarming.nsf/content/climate.html>

Once a skeptic concerning the human causes of climate change, the author of new book is now convinced that the effects started 8,000 years ago with agriculture, and then industry, are ruining the Earth.

THE WEATHER MAKERS: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth

By Tim Flannery, 2006

New element found - heavy, inert

Washington, DC - A major research institution has just announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named "Bushcronium." Bushcronium has one neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 224 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 311. These 311 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

Since Bushcronium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Bushcronium causes one reaction to take over four days to complete when it would normally take less than a second. Bushcronium has a normal half-life of multiples

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of four years. It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Bushcronium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming new isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to believe that Bushcronium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass."

When catalyzed with money, Bushcronium activates Foxnewsium, an element which radiates orders of magnitude more energy, albeit as incoherent noise, since it has 1/2 as many peons but twice as many morons.

From Salon.com

In his new book, "Patriots Act: Voices of Dissent and the Risk of Speaking Out," Bill Katovsky interviews 20 Americans who have dared to speak out. A wildly varied group, they include federal whistle-blowers, peace activists, military veterans, members of the media, former government officials and practitioners of nonviolent civil disobedience. What they share is a dedication to defending this nation's civil liberties, a passion for justice -- and a dogged streak that is as American as apple pie. See Salon.com for its five excerpts from "Patriots Act" in the coming weeks, starting with this profile of Ruckus Society leader John Sellers.

The ISSUE: Investing With Your Values

by Terrell Garrard, Madison, GA

This is the title of a book by Hal Brill, Jack A. Brill and Cliff Feigenbaum. It caught my attention when my investment club began analyzing companies in which we might invest.

Before being involved in this process, my main criteria for investing were return on investment or growth of the stock. For many reasons, I personally became interested in investing with a conscience. In an article in the Green Money Journal, socially responsible investing is defined as "an investment process that considers the social and environmental consequences of investments, both positive and negative, within the context of rigorous financial analysis."

Some of the issues considered in screening include health and safety, environment, human resources and diversity policies and human rights. In general, socially responsible investors want to own stock in companies that make a positive contribution to society and are profitable. Companies to be avoided are those whose products and business practices are harmful to individuals, the environment, or communities. The bottom line is that you can make money and make a difference.

For more information go to www.greenmoney.com.

Check out these websites:

www.chancesbychoice.org

www.ncpssm.org

www.afterinnocence.com

www.southprogressive.com

<http://nationalpriorities.org>

www.therealralphreed.com

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Families of War, Monday, May 29, 8 PM.

Hosted by former Sen. Max Cleland. On Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB)

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religiously, could lift up a nation rife with racial prejudices and racial bias.

She was a quintessential African-American woman. Born in the small-town, repressive South. Born of flesh and destined to become iron. Born a corn flower and destined to become a steel magnolia. She loved her church fervently. She loved and adored her husband and her children. She cherished her race. She cherished women. She cared for the conditions of human beings, of Native Americans and Latino and Asian Americans. She cared for gay and straight people. She was concerned for the struggles in Ireland, and she prayed nightly for Palestine and equally for Israel.

I speak as a sister of a sister. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated on my birthday. And for over thirty years, Coretta Scott King and I have telephoned, or sent cards to each other, or flowers to each other, or met each other somewhere in the world. We called ourselves chosen sisters. And when we traveled to South Africa, or to the Caribbean, or when she came to visit me in North Carolina, or in New York, we sat into the late evening hours calling each other "girl"-- that's a black woman thing, you know. And even as we reached well into our 7th decade, we still said "girl."

I stand here today for her family, which is my family, and for my family and all the other families in the world who would want to be here but could not be here. I have here beside me millions of people who are living and standing straight and erect and knowing something about dignity without being cold and aloof, knowing something about being contained, without being unapproachable. People who have learned something from Coretta Scott King, I stand here for Eleanor Traylor and Harry Belafonte and I stand here for Winnie Mandela. I stand here for women and men who loved her.

On those late nights when Coretta and I would talk, I would make her laugh. And she said that Martin King used to tell her, "You don't laugh enough". There is a recent book out about sisters in which she spoke about her blood sister. At the end of her essay she said I do have a chosen sister-- Maya Angelou, who makes me laugh even when I don't want to. And it is true. I told her some jokes, jokes only for no mixed company. Many times on those late evenings, she would say to me, "Sister, it shouldn't be an either/or, should it? Peace and justice should belong to all people everywhere all the time. Isn't that right?" And I said then and I say now, "Coretta, you are absolutely right". I do believe that peace and justice should belong to every person, everywhere, all the time.

Those of us who gather here, principalities, presidents, senators, those of us who run great companies, who know something about being parents, who know something about being preachers and teachers, those of us, we owe something from this minute on. So that this gathering is not just another footnote on the pages of history. We owe something. I pledge to you, my sister, I will never cease. I mean to say, I want to see a better world. I mean to say, I want to see some peace somewhere. I mean to say, I want to see some honesty, some fair play. I want to see kindness and justice. This is what I want to see. I want to see it through my eyes and through your eyes, Coretta Scott King. [singing] I open my mouth to the Lord, and I won't turn back. No I will go. I shall go. I'll see what the end is going to be.

UP FOR GRABS in 2006

Local, State, Nat'l Races

Morgan County Commission

Dist. 1 - Currently held by Walter Curtis Butler Jr. (D)

Dist. 2 - Currently held by Ricky McGinnis (R)

Morgan County School Board

Dist. 4 - Currently held by Bob Prior (D)

Dist. 5 - Currently held by Sally Stephens (R)

State of Georgia

House Dist. 112 - Currently held by Doug Holt (R)

House Dist. 113 - Currently held by Bob Smith (R)

Senate Dist. 25 - Currently held by Johnny Grant (R)

Governor - Currently held by Sonny Perdue (R)

Lt. Governor - Currently held by Mark Taylor (D)

United States House of Representatives

Currently held by Charlie Norwood (R)

Regular Meeting of the

Morgan County Democratic Committee

May 11 7 PM

Place: TBA

Website of the

Morgan County Democratic Committee

www.geocities.com/morgancodems/index

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one-term record is embarrassing. He has interfered with local issues in Milledgeville, Putnam and Morgan Counties and followed Sonny Purdue's extreme agenda in lock-step. The comparison between Gilbert and Grant is so obvious. The guy in the white hat is clearly Bruce.

It has been too long since Morgan County has had a resident representing us in the State Senate. Now is our opportunity to take back the Senate seat and return straightforward leadership to our area. The Democratic Party of Morgan County is prepared to get behind Bruce's campaign in whatever ways he needs. Anyone interested in helping out is welcome. Your contributions in time and money will be appreciated. Once Bruce announces his campaign plans, we'll forward info on how you can help.

Thanks, Bruce! You make us proud.

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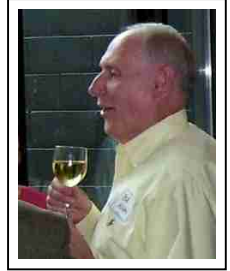
men and considered a rising star in the Democratic Party. She first made her name during the Terry Schiavo case as a strong advocate against Congressional intervention, even appearing on shows like "Face the Nation." Recently she was in the news again testifying at the nomination hearings of Judge Alito. On legislative issues, she won passage in the House on a resolution to establish January as national "Jewish History Month"; it is now up to the White House to sign off on the measure. She is also working on legislation to prohibit insurance providers from discriminating against applicants based on a person's foreign travel. This issue is especially important to her constituents as many of them have contacts in Israel and travel there frequently. With the continued violence in that region, some insurance providers have stopped covering people who travel to the Middle East.

My responsibilities as an intern include answering phones, sorting mail, filing documents, and handling constituent correspondence. Also, I was recently trained to give tours of the Capitol. The office moves at an extremely fast pace, as one might imagine, and it's been a great experience to see how Congress really works.

Yellow Dog Democrat Award was presented to Hank Jones by Beth Scott. The Spotlight Award was presented to Walter Curtis Butler Jr. by Ellen Warren-Jones. The Spirit Award was presented to Patsy Harris by Babs Johnston.

The coveted Roy Lambert Public Service Award, last year given to Marshall "Woody" Williams, was presented to Bruce Gilbert by City Manager David Nunn.

Ruth Bracewell chaired the dinner committee, which also included Ted Arnold, Rick Crown, Patsy Harris, Babs Johnston, and Emmie Smock.

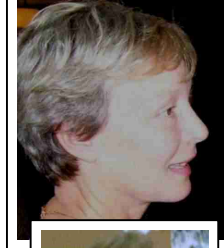



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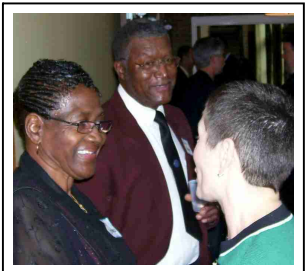
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