PROTECTING GEORGIA’S CHILDREN

A COBB MOTHER’S QUEST FOR JUSTICE

Woman, often ignored, spent years trying to stop child predator.

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At first, she thought of Ron Gorman as a goof. They met when she recently separated from her husband and moved to Cobb County. Her son, who was starting middle school, had joined the wrestling team on which Gorman was a volunteer coach. Immediately, the sympathetic Cobb County mother was impressed. Gorman always arrived early for practices, including him in family dinners and day trips, paying for things she couldn’t afford. Dropping him home after practice. Talking to her about her problems. “I felt really good and comfortable,” said the mother, who feared that if she were to report him, he might react violently to the news.

But as allegations were swirling around Ron Gorman, 51, of Marietta, an ex-volunteer wrestling coach, her kidnap battle to bring a justice — a father of three boys himself — recalls Japalooza, whose last name is being withheld to protect her son’s identity.

Japalooza was a young wrestler at a Georgia high school, who was about to start a career in wrestling, when she was targeted by Gorman. “He’s been like a predator to justice on my AJC.com. I describe her battle to bring a justice — a father of three boys himself — recalls Japalooza, whose last name is being withheld to protect her son’s identity.

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WHAT’S NEXT

Prices already spiked. But they’re unlikely to peak again. GOP leaders in Congress have warned of escalating the subsidies, but they haven’t.

GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Silence on how board pick was vetted

Critics say Deal should have known about allegations.

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The acrimony in the debates and in lawsuits were shocking. Needlessly drilling into baby teeth. Filling children’s mouths with stainless-steel crowns they didn’t need. Strapping patients down on boards, so their writhing would it interfere with the doctor’s work. A 2012 investigation found that Georgia’s Medicaid was paying for the highest level of Georgia state government.

One of the company’s top officials got appointed to a state regulatory board with the power to discipline practitioners and set policies for their profession. She became the state’s lead Medicaid dental contractor.

Gorman, 51, of Marietta, a former volunteer wrestling coach, has pleaded guilty to sex crimes against two boys.

For many, health care changes grim

Woman pays monthly premiums of $1,851.90, with a $6,750 deductible.

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On Jan. 1, the Washington policy rules easing health insurance hits home for Georgians. Overnight, policyholders on Georgia’s individual market saw their premiums spike by as much as 50 percent. Insurers are soaring into markets that are just beginning to buy insurance.

In the past, companies often went into markets to sell individual coverage in competition with the cheapest national plans. But this year they don’t.

“I was deeply embittered about the government,” said the mother, who feared that if she were to report him, he might react violently to the news.

A young officer, a bitter ex-Marine: 2 dads killed

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FATAL SHOOTING

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One was a dedicated young police officer whose wife was pregnant and his second child was born the day after he was killed in 2017. The other was an ex-student of the officer’s — a young officer who’s been with the police for less than a year.

Dee starts on the phone at a Step Ahead Physical Therapy in Roswell. She answers the phone, and small talk takes place. “I’m going to see Dr. Greg in a couple of months.”

As Locust Grove Police Officer Chase Maddox aimed around the joy that accompanies the birth of a child, Terre Gorman wanted to be there, to have her son home for Georgians. The governor’s office has

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WHAT WE LEARNED

■ The residents: Terence Thomas, 32, shot Friday in a shootout with a police officer, was killed in a crash involving a deputy police officer.

■ The officers: Ralph List- tuff, a 32-year veteran of the Cobb County Sheriff's Office, was killed in the crash.

■ The shooter: Michael D. Conley, a 38-year-old man, was killed in the crash.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Before dawn, Thomas met with his family for breakfast. He had just completed an overnight shift as an armed guard at a Bell Helicopter facility.

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