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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Harp speaks in support of metro police

BY LISA ROGERS
 Times Staff Writer

District Attorney Jimmie Harp said he believes a combined metro police department for Gadsden and Etowah County would be a positive move.

"I think if they use the Drug Enforcement Unit as a model, it's a great idea," Harp said Wednesday during a speech to the Kiwanis Club of Gadsden.

Harp said all municipalities and the county government are spending the same dollars and duplicating services.

"They're all doing a great job, but combining their resources is a good thing," he said.

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— JIMMIE HARP
 District attorney

However, Harp said much more research needs to be done to make sure combining services is the right thing to do in this case.

"At this point, it seems like a good idea," he said. "We'd have to make sure it's a win-win situation for everybody."

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Attalla Elementary's 'pumpkin painters'



Above, third-graders in Carol Fulgham's class wait their turn Wednesday to spray paint their class pumpkin the color of the Statue of Liberty. Attalla Elementary School students have been working on pumpkins to display at Attalla Heritage Day.



Above, third-graders in Carol Fulgham's class at Attalla Elementary School line up Wednesday to head outside with their pumpkin supplies.

Times photos by Sarah Dudik

POLITICS

Foreclosure anger now hitting election campaign

BY LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ AND TOM RAUM
 Associated Press

MIAMI — Three weeks before the election, anger over tainted home foreclosure documents is bursting into the battle for control of Congress, especially in hard-hit states such as Nevada and Florida. Democrats in tight races in the worst housing markets are pressing for a national moratorium, putting a reluctant White House on the spot.

Leading the call for a nationwide time-out on kicking people out of their homes is Democratic Senate Major-

On Wednesday, attorneys general and bank regulators in all 50 states announced a joint investigation into questionable foreclosure practices ...

ity Leader Harry Reid, who is locked in a neck-and-neck re-election contest with tea party-endorsed Sharron Angle in Nevada, which has the highest foreclosure rate in the country. Reid is decrying "reports of shoddy and defective affidavit preparation."

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To view more pumpkin photos, please visit www.gadsdentimes.com.

Third-graders in Tabatha Maples' class debate Wednesday about what kind of face their "grouchy ladybug" should have.



INTERNATIONAL

All miners raised safely in Chile

BY MICHAEL WARREN
 Associated Press

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — The last of the Chilean miners, the foreman who held them together when they were feared lost, was raised from the depths of the earth

INSIDE
 Shift leader helped Chilean miners stay calm, alive
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Wednesday night — a joyous

ending to a 69-day ordeal that riveted the world. No one has ever been trapped so long and survived.

Luis Urzua ascended smoothly through 2,000 feet of rock, completing a 22½-hour rescue operation that unfolded with remarkable speed and flawless execution.

Before a jubilant crowd of about 2,000 people, he became the 33rd miner to be rescued.

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STATISTICS

In U.S., Hispanics outlive whites, blacks by years

BY MIKE STOBBE
 Associated Press

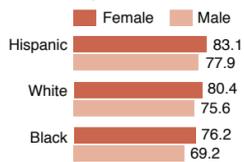
ATLANTA — U.S. Hispanics can expect to outlive whites by more than two years and blacks by more than seven, government researchers say in a startling report that is the first to calculate Hispanic life expectancy in this country.

The report released Wednesday is the strongest evidence yet of what some experts call the "Hispanic advantage."

Latino longevity

Hispanics born in 2006 can expect to live longer than their black and white counterparts in the U.S.

U.S. life expectancies, 2006



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



In this screen grab taken from video, rescuers inside the San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile, hold a sign that reads "Mission Complete Chile" after all 33 trapped miners were rescued Wednesday after a 69-day stay underground. No one has ever been trapped so long and survived.

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TAKE A HIKE!

Dogs have the ability to go along on hiking trips, but their owners need to be prepared.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



A mostly sunny day with a pleasant afternoon in store. High 73 Low 37 For details, see A12



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