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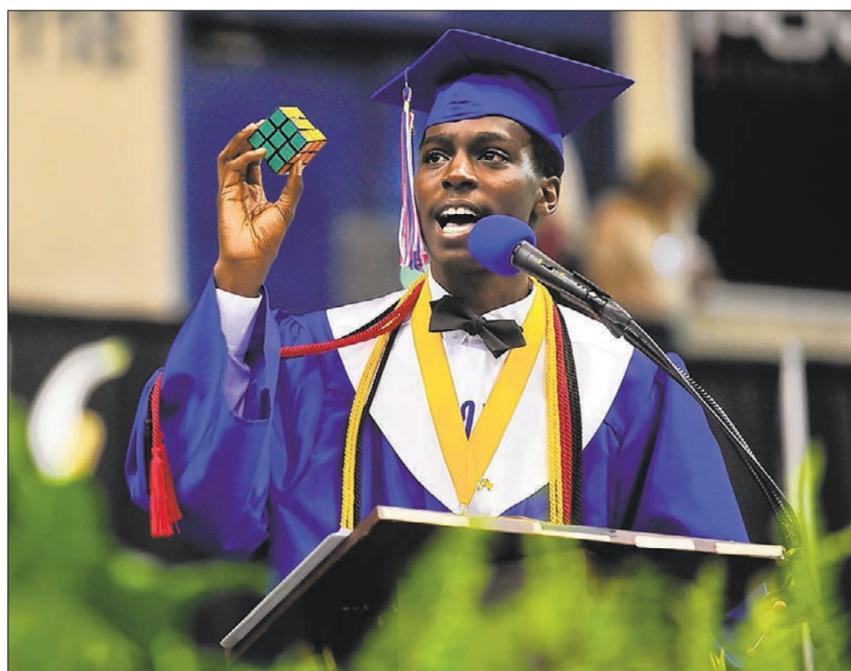
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Valedictorian Eniolufe Asebiomo gives his address, telling his classmates to "solve that Rubik's Cube of life and dare to do the impossible," during Westside High School's commencement.

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Maya Angelou, a renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday at 86.

Author's life was rally cry

'Victim of fate' was voice of the South

By Hector Tobar
Los Angeles Times

Before she sat down to write her first book, Maya Angelou had already pulled off several stunning acts of personal reinvention. The St. Louis-born daughter of an Arkansas sharecropper family, Angelou had been a streetcar conductor, teen mom, a fry cook, a professional dancer, an actress, a journalist and a playwright - all before she turned 40. Angelou died Wednesday at age 86.

By 1969, when she published *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, the autobiography that cemented her place in the U.S. literary canon, Angelou had transformed herself into the consummate cultural networker, bridging the worlds of art and political activism. She worked with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was a friend to Malcolm X during his African sojourn, acted alongside Broadway thespians like James Earl Jones and was a confidant to novelist James Baldwin.

Angelou was a living link between the rural Deep South of Jim Crow (with its rampant illiteracy, segregation and economic oppression) and the literati who took up the legacy of the Harlem Renaissance and the cause of the civil rights movement. She was a victim of childhood rape, a single mother whose great gift was to bring the struggles of the poorest of the American poor, its survivors, into the literary mainstream.

Later, Oprah Winfrey and others made an industry out of the survivor narratives of 20th century America. But it was Angelou who helped show us the depth of human courage and fortitude to be found among the seemingly weak and defenseless.

"Once I got into it I realized I was following a tradition established by Frederick Douglass - the slave narrative - speaking in the first-person singular talking about the first-person plural, always saying I meaning we," she told the *Paris Review* in 1990.

Angelou had grown up among field workers, seeing "fingers cut by the mean little cotton bolls," she wrote in *Caged Bird*. She was educated in schools that taught her Shakespeare but denied her and her people

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Cross Creek graduate gives credit for success to ROTC

By Sean Gruber
Staff Writer

Ask Alexis Dunlap what Cross Creek High School's Navy Junior ROTC program helped her accomplish, and she'll give you a simple and direct answer: "Pretty much everything."

"They've helped me make most of my life decisions," she said.

She will tell you that joining showed her how to use leadership abilities she never knew she had. The program helped her overcome shyness and taught her organizational skills. Dunlap's ROTC instructors tutored her throughout high

school, helping her gain higher Advanced Placement calculus test scores than anyone else at Cross Creek.

And, above all, her experiences in drill teams and working with fellow ROTC members led Dunlap to enlist in the Navy.

"They pushed me to be better at whatever I put my mind to. School grades, drill team, life goals ... everything. My ROTC instructors helped me every step of the way," Alexis said. "I'm prepared now to go where I want to in life. I know I can go into the military and do

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kierra Dunlap (left) surprises her sister, Alexis Dunlap, as she graduates from Cross Creek High School at James Brown Arena. Dunlap has been deployed for the past year and wasn't expected to attend the ceremony.

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Copenhaver to review finalists to replace Russell

By Susan McCord
Staff Writer

Mayor Deke Copenhaver will take an active role in selecting Augusta's new administrator, with input from mayorelect Hardie Davis in a process nearing its end, the mayor confirmed Wednesday.

In a Wednesday e-mail to Augusta Commission members, Human Resources Director Tanika Bryant said she recent-

ly learned the Augusta code assigns to the mayor, not the mayor and commission, the task of presenting as many as three finalists for the administrator job, along with his pick, to the commission for approval.

According to an adjusted schedule of the search process included in the e-mail, the code section attached, that means Copenhaver will meet with John Maxwell, senior vice president for the executive

search firm The Mercer Group, on Friday to discuss 10 finalists culled from Mercer's database of viable candidates.

Copenhaver said the next administrator "should be a strong leader who works very well with our next mayor" and that he'll seek input on the choice from Davis because "a strong working relationship between the city administrator

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Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, left, said he will seek input on the choice for city administrator from his successor, Hardie Davis.



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Alvin Dean, of Martinez, is the first patient in a clinical trial at Georgia Regents University Cancer Center.

GRU testing cancer drug first

By Tom Corwin
Staff Writer

Someone always has to go first in taking a new drug and Alvin Dean of Martinez said he was not afraid to step up.

"I had absolutely no problem with being the first person," said Dean, 66. That the drug was developed from a discovery just across the street from where Dean sat Wednesday at Georgia Regents University Cancer Center is another big part of the story.

Dean is the first patient in a clinical trial at the cancer center for a drug called NLG919 that is an inhibitor of the indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase enzyme, or IDO for short. Cancer center researchers Andrew Mellor and David Munn first reported IDOs role in circumventing the immune system in 1998 as a mechanism by which a fetus is protected from the mother's immune system.

The enzyme's role in helping

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