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### Whales temporarily moved from aquarium

Expansion of a dolphin exhibit has led Georgia Aquarium officials to ship their three beluga whales to Texas for a few months. Aquarium spokeswoman Meghann Gibbons says the whales were shipped to Sea World San Antonio on Sunday. They are expected to return to Atlanta in December.

Gibbons says the aquarium's animal husbandry department has been monitoring the belugas, which are extremely sensitive to sound, since construction began more than a year ago near their habitat.

She says aquarium officials decided to eliminate the risk and send the whales to a quieter place until the loudest part of the work is completed.

— Associated Press

### BIBB COUNTY

# Kumho delays plant construction

### Global economy helps create delay; construction pushed back to 2012

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Construction of the \$225 million Kumho Tire plant in south Bibb County, which had already been delayed once, has been pushed back

three years. When plans for the 1.3 million-square-foot facility were first announced in January 2008, construction had been expected to begin in May of that year with production beginning this month.

But last October, when the global economy sank, Kumho delayed the project and pushed back construction until this fall or winter. The economy created a shift in its timeline, but the company still plans to build here, Chip Cherry, president

of the Macon Economic Development Commission, said Tuesday. "(Kumho officials said) they were going to honor their commitment and that they would begin production at this facility no later than fourth quarter of 2013," Cherry said. "So

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# Success stories

### Perdue presents Governor's Cup to Northside, Hawkinsville highs



Gov. Sonny Perdue and Northside High School principal Mark Scott hold up the Governor's Cup on Tuesday.



Perdue is greeted by cheerleaders as he enters Northside High School. Perdue and state Schools Superintendent Kathy Cox were at the school to announce that it won the Governor's Cup for Class AAAAA. Hawkinsville High School also was presented the award by Perdue for Class A.

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Visit our Web site to see a photo gallery of Gov. Sonny Perdue's visit to Northside High School.

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**WARNER ROBINS —** Gov. Sonny Perdue awarded Northside High School the Governor's Cup and \$2,000 for its SAT improvement efforts in a surprise assembly for students Tuesday.

Just as Northside has been recognized throughout the state for its achievements on the football field, it is also known for academics, Perdue said.

"The achievements at Northside have been legendary," Perdue said. "This is a lifetime achievement for juniors and seniors."

The Governor's Cup Challenge was announced in 2003 as an initiative to raise SAT scores across the state, according to a news release from the Houston County Board of Education. Schools compete on three-year average gains on the SAT against similarly sized schools, with winners determined by the largest numerical increase in average SAT scores.

Northside, which received

the honor for Class AAAAA schools, improved its SAT score 55 points this year and 56 points last year. Hawkinsville won the Governor's Cup in its classification and was also visited by Perdue on Tuesday; Perry High School won the Governor's Cup in 2007 for Class AAA, the news release stated.

State Schools Superintendent Kathy Cox introduced the governor at the assembly. In her years as a teacher, she said she had never seen so much en-

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### Create a gourmet dish on the go

LIFE & STYLE, 1D



### Bulldogs trying to leave LSU game in the past

SPORTS, 1C

### Hold the mayo? Not when it comes to astute pilots

Running a marathon, grab a carbohydrate bar. Lifting weights, gulp a protein shake. But climbing into a fighter jet? Try butter-soaked lobster.

That was the surprising finding of a new military-funded study that sought to figure out what types of foods were best for pilots if missions restricted when and what they could eat.

University of North Dakota researchers tested student pilots and found that those who ate the fattiest foods had the quickest response times in mental tests. They also made fewer mistakes when flying in tricky conditions.

Those on a high-carbohydrate diet came in a close second and high-protein dieters were third.

Follow-up tests will begin this spring to determine how elements in the food and other factors affected the results.

— Associated Press

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## Small amount of vaccine arrives in midstate

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The first batch of the H1N1 influenza vaccine to reach the midstate is only enough to treat about 2,000 people, and public health experts say it could still be a few weeks before large-scale immunizations begin.

The 2,000 doses shipped to the North Central Health District — a 13-county region with a population of roughly 500,000 that includes Macon and Warner Robins — are earmarked for

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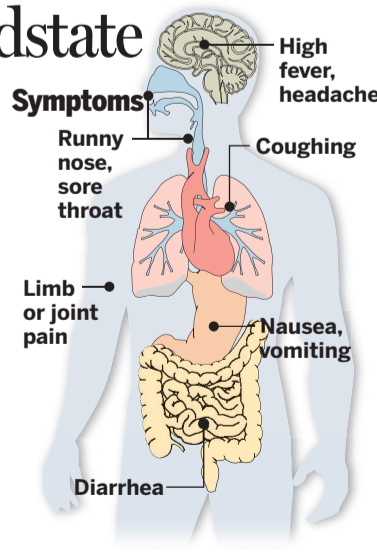
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### SWINE FLU Treatment

Rest, acetaminophen, antiviral medicine (Tamiflu, Relenza — no cure but relief, reduces risk of complications), vaccination.

### Reducing the risk

- Wash your hands often to remove germs
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth
- Cover your nose, mouth with a tissue when sneezing, coughing
- Eat healthy foods, drink plenty of water, get enough sleep, exercise
- Avoid close contact with sick people; if you or your children get sick, stay home.



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## Police: Woman strangled newborn

### 22-year-old charged with murder following release from WR hospital

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**WARNER ROBINS —** A woman is accused of strangling her newborn Thursday in a public restroom at Houston Medical Center, police said Tuesday.

Maria Isabel Torres-Baez, 22, of Warner Robins, was charged with murder in the death of the infant girl estimated at 8 months gestation, said Tabitha Pugh, public information officer for Warner Robins police.



Torres-Baez

Police believe the mother used her hands to strangle the child, Pugh said. The autopsy ruled the cause of death as strangulation, according to a Warner Robins police news release.

Police were dispatched to the hospital at 2:44 a.m. after the discovery of the body of the newborn in a restroom of the emergency room, Pugh said.

Torres-Baez came in earlier and complained of abdominal pain, Pugh said. She apparently slipped into the restroom while she was waiting to be seen and delivered, Pugh said.

While Torres-Baez was being seen by emergency room personnel, the infant's body was discovered.

Torres-Baez denied that the infant was hers when questioned at the hospital, Pugh said.

Torres-Baez, who was being treated in the hospital during the past few days, was arrested Tuesday upon her release.

She was being held without bond at the Houston County jail in Perry, Pugh said.

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