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The show will run Bradley and BT will be pormunity Theater would like Thursdays – Saturdays at 7:30 traying the male and female to once again thank BT Bean population of Tuna, Texas, PM and Sundays at 2:00 pm and Bradley Bemboom, the until July 22. "...finding tall, outraactors for our production of The show is popular geous female clothes to fit a 6' Greater Tuna, who sat down and has sold out in our previ-4" man is not easy ." Bradley, with us for an interview. This who also made his own outfits ous productions, so grab your week we feature Bradley Befor his role in Leading Ladies, tickets soon. Tickets can be mboom, a regular at the Blue purchased through our box has used his talents again in Ridge Community Theater, office at: Blue Ridge Comcreating his own costumes. having recently appeared in munity Theater, 2591 East This will be Bradley's our productions of Caught in First Street, Blue Ridge, Ga. the Net, Run for Your Wife, first time in a production of 30513, 706-632-9223(across Greater Tuna, which is very and A Christmas Carole. Bradfrom Swan Drive-In). different from most producley is also the owner of Fezzi-Also feel free to visit tions even experienced actors wigs and Penelope's Garden our web site at www.Bluare used to. He talked about in downtown Blue Ridge. eRidge Community Theater.the fun of playing the female Originally from Minneparts, particularly Bertha, the oppressed housewife, and sota, Bradley got into theater at the age of 11, when he saw a Pearl, her elderly aunt who, production of Guys and Dolls, (as audiences familiar with TC Historical which prompted him to audition for a production the next Tuna will know), is fond of **Society meeting** her chickens. When asked year. He also worked in prohow he keeps track of which fessional theater in Orlando Towns County Historicharacter he is playing, Braduntil he moved to his second cal Society meets at 5:30 p.m. ley replied, "Ask me in a few home in Blue Ridge. He got the second Monday of each weeks when I figure it out." involved with BRCT through, month at the Senior Center in Greater Tuna opens as he puts it, "guilt", and after Hiawassee. Annual dues \$15, on Thursday July 5 with our PO Box 1182, Hiawassee, GA seeing the original production of Greater Tuna featuring BT Opening Night Benefit, were a portion of the ticket and 30546, 706-896-1060 www. Bean and Pat Ashton. townshistory.org. NT(Jul4,Z1)CA Bradley's theatrical tal- concessions sales go to Fan-**UNION COUNTY** OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY AND NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA JULY 31, 2012 To vote, blacken the Oval () next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval () next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (). Use only blue or black pen or pencil. Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count. If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be per I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election of an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [OCGA 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)] For Public Service For Sheriff Commissioner (To Succeed Chuck Eaton) (Vote for One) Do you support ending the current practice of unlimited gifts from lobbyists to state MACK MASON **CHUCK EATON** legislators by imposing a \$100 cap on such For Tax Commissioner MATT REID LEE KNIGHT For Public Service Commissioner For Coroner (To Succeed Stan Wise) (Vote for One) - 3 -PAM DAVIDSON Should active duty military personnel who are under the age of 21 be allowed to STAN WISE For Sole County Commissioner (Vote for One) obtain a Georgia weapons license? ___ YES For U.S. Representative in 113th CHARLES F. RICH Congress From the 9 \bigcirc NO Congressional District of For County Board of Education Georgia (Vote for One) District 1 DOUG COLLINS Should Citizens who wish to vote in a primary election be required to register by their political party affiliation at least thirty (30) days prior to PATRICIA BERTUNA ROGER D. FITZPATRICK such primary election? For County Board of Education MARTHA ZOLLER

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Should the Constitution of Georgia be amended

so as to provide that the paramount right to life is vested in each innocent human being from

his or her earliest biological beginning without regard to age, race, sex, health, function, or

condition of dependency?

CYNTHIA "CINDY" BYERS

REPUBLICAN PARTY

QUESTIONS

Should Georgia have casino gambling with

NOTE: The Nonpartisan candidates and the TSPLOST Special election

are on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

funds going to education?

___ YES

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For State Senator From

51st District

(Vote for One)

For State Representative in the

General Assembly From

8th District

STEVE GOOCH

STEPHEN ALLISON

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ty high schools will be determined approximately around

the first week in April. Fall break is Oct. 22

through Oct. 26 and Nov. 21 through Nov. 23 is the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Christmas holidays will be Dec. 21 through Jan. 2.

Spring break is April 1 through April 5 and most importantly, the last day of school is May In other business, the board approved its 2012-2013

Fiscal Budget, coming in at \$24.424 million. The board had to eliminate 19 positions and make

significant cutbacks to bal-

ance the budget. The board faced a shortfall of \$1.762 million prior to preparation of the final budget. Superintendent Steppe was faced with the task of making major cuts to the budget and

The tentative budget

that's exactly what he did.

comes in with \$3,966.88 to spare when expenditures are county records show.

subtracted from revenues, The budget includes money from state, federal and Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that is not included

in the final \$24.424 million budget, county records show. The state, federal and SPLOST dollars must be spent on specific items and cannot be used to pay salaries. BOE Commission Chair Gary Davenport said the budget

"But we certainly didn't

want to go back to the taxpayers and ask for more money,' he said. "Times are tough and we've got a lot of folks that are hurting. "We've heard from them loud and clear and

cuts were difficult.

they're hurting themselves," he said. A shortfall of revenues combined with increased fi-

mandated salary requirement have impacted the 2012-2013 budget set by the board. Health care increases also im pacted the budget. The county's Tax Di gest continues in a downward

nancial burdens imposed by

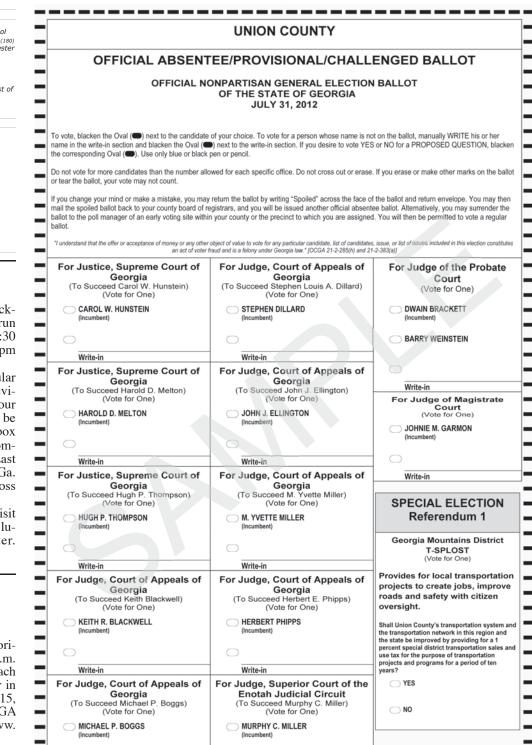
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cal Fair Share obligations and

spiral. The digest brought in less money in 2012 than it did in 2006, county tax record

In addition to the Tax Digest woes, the board is faced with state of Georgia Austerity cuts of more than \$1.63 mil lion. On top of that, based or the state's Quality Basic Edu cation formula, Union County must surrender more than \$5,3 million in what is termed the "Local Fair Share" by the state of Georgia.

"It hasn't been pleas ant," Superintendent Steppe said.



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YES

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