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HONORED: The Lilburn Business Association will honor local school principals at its November 16 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Killian Hall. Guest speaker will be Berney Kirkland, chief of staff of Gwinnett County Public Schools. The Association recently honored local citizens who were "principal of the day" at local schools. From left seated are Patti-Jo Shapiro, who served at Trickum Middle School; Andrew Bell, at Arcado Elementary; Cheryl Fleetwood, Knight Elementary; Asif Jessani, Mountain Park Elementary; and Jeannie Gustafson, Parkview High. On the back row are principals Kay Sands, Trickum; Penny Palmer Young, Arcado; Mona Roberts, Knight; Valerie Robinett, Mountain Park; Dave Smith, Parkview; Kathy Jones, Camp Creek Elementary; and Todd Cline, Principal of the Day at Camp Creek.

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flow entitlement for the elected officials, special health care for elected officials, and I want complete limits on how much money anyone can spend to get elected to an office. When you see folks spending hundred of millions of dollars to win a position that pays \$200,000 or less, then you must know the huge amount of kickbacks and graft that are sliding in this current system.

We need statewide and federal limits on how much money, from ANY source, that can be spent to win an office.

The future will be interesting, no matter which side we are on politically. Neither party can afford to lose any more with the public and both act like they are too stupid to realize that. We need compromise government legislation that favors ONLY the people of this country. We need to stop all this pork barrel junk on every single bill that runs the cost up so much. I only pray that this message came across to ALL who are now moving into or holding onto power.

– Steve Rausch, Norcross

Dear Steve: I am reminded of the guy who asks, "Why don't you tell me what you really think?" Good to see you let your hair down. --eeb

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UPCOMING

Gwinnett Place area to increase public safety presence

Prior to the start of the holiday shopping season, the Gwinnett Place CID is increasing its public safety presence.



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The CID has contracted with Specialized Intelligence and Security Inc. to provide uniformed security services throughout the remainder of 2010. The added security comes in addition to the CID's daily community patrols and close coordination with Gwinnett County Police, both of which have helped produce double-digit

decreases in crime during the last two years.

The CID is offering a unique media opportunity to discuss community safety efforts with representatives of Specialized Intelligence and Security Inc. on November 15 at 3 p.m.

outside the Gwinnett Commerce Center at 3700 Crestwood Parkway, near the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Interstate 85.

Hudgens waiving admission after major campaign success

The Hudgens Center for the Arts, after its \$30K in 30 Days campaign, coupled with additional contributions, far exceed its goal, gaining over \$90,000 in 30 days.

Stan Hall, chairman of the Board at the Hudgens, was smiling widely when he said: "The community responded when we asked. We are humbled by their support. There has not been a time in many years when the availability and access to the arts has been more important than it is now. These funds will allow the Hudgens to continue to operate in a manner that will bring high quality arts to the community, which it so richly deserves." Hall continued, "We made our appeal