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Housing authority announces grant

From staff reports

MARIETTA — Marietta Housing Authority has announced a $213,408 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue the Shelter Plus Care program. The program, a joint venture between the Housing Authority and the Cobb County Community Service Board, provides housing assistance and mental health support to individuals who would otherwise be homeless. Up to 41 people can be served through the program.

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Ga. authorities to exhume unidentified remains

From wire reports

LaFAYETTE — Authorities are planning to exhume an unidentified body in Walker County this week to determine if it matches the DNA of a 19-year-old Ohio college student missing for nearly 55 years.

The Georgia sheriff's department reopened the case in January in hopes that new technology could solve the mystery of the remains found in the woods in 1953 and later buried in the city of LaFayette's cemetery. The remains turned up about a month after the disappearance of **Ronald Tammen**, a student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, last seen in his dorm room.

The exhumation will be done on Friday at 10 a.m. Authorities from Georgia and Ohio are expected to attend.

The DNA extracted from the remains will be compared to Tammens' siblings.

Gwinnett County man charged with animal neglect

LAWRENCEVILLE — Authorities have charged a Gwinnett County man with 30 counts of animal neglect after seizing animals from his property that they say were under weight and infected with worms and lice.

Gwinnett County Police Department spokeswoman Corporal **Illana Spellman** says authorities arrested **George Ellis Pugh** on Monday after receiving numerous complaints about possible animal neglect at his property in Sugar Hill.

She says police investigators, animal control officers and members of the Georgia Department of Agriculture searched the property. She says authorities seized 17 horses, nine cows, three pigs and a goat because of insufficient sanitary conditions and suspected neglect.

A veterinarian examined the animals.

Pugh was taken to the Gwinnett County Detention Center, where he later bonded out. He is awaiting a court date.

Defendants sentenced to up to 20 years for cocaine

STATESBORO — A federal judge has sentenced 33 members of a cocaine ring centered in southeast Georgia to prison terms ranging from 15 months to 20 years, U.S. Attorney **Edmund A. Booth Jr.** said Tuesday.

September, and the other five were convicted after a jury trial in October.

Prosecutors said the ring, led by **Julius Pinkston** of Atlanta, who is still a fugitive, shipped 2 to 4 kilograms of cocaine a week

VININGS — In 1983, the