

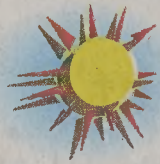


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Man arrested after stand-off with police

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

A man's two-hour stand-off with police ended Sunday morning when he fell through a ceiling while trying to elude arrest. Thomasville Police Department arrested Andrew Joseph Gordon, 35, of 212 Arthur Drive, Apt. 2-A, after responding to a domestic violence call early Sunday morning at his resi-

dence. TPD responded to the call from Gordon's girlfriend at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday morning and found the suspect had barricaded himself inside the apartment and refused to come out. It also was reported that Gordon was in possession of a small handgun and had outstanding warrants on him for several charges, includ-



Gordon

ing domestic assault. "We got a call that an individual on Arthur Drive had barricaded himself inside his residence and had a handgun," Maj. James Mills said. "We got the female victim out and proceeded to try and talk to the victim, but he refused to talk. We had papers on him." According to a TPD press re-

lease, officers evacuated the apartment complex and set up a perimeter while a negotiator tried to get Gordon to surrender. TPD's Special Weapons and Tactics Team arrived as police made telephone contact with Gordon, who said he was not in the apartment but in High Point. Two hours later, police heard a loud noise coming from

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Woodmen to honor first responders on Sept. 11

BY ELIOT DUKE
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, a Davidson County nonprofit organization will be holding a ceremony to dedicate a symbol of American pride on a day remembered for all those who lost their lives nine years ago.

Woodmen of the World, a fraternal benefit organization that was founded in 1890 and has lodges in both Denton and Lexington with nearly 750,000 members nationwide, is partnering with a Central Davidson High School Eagle Scout to dedicate a new flag pole and flag at the Davidson County Hospice Center on Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. The new Hospice center is located at 200 Hospice Way in Lexington, off of N.C. Highway 64, and all first responders are invited to attend.

"We're the second largest purchasers of American flags," Danny Soles, Davidson County field representative for Woodmen of the World, said. "I give American flags out to school houses, fire departments and other nonprofits. Most of the flags you see around town, I've given them out."

Eagle Scout Aaron Springer had a project of putting a flag pole up at the new Hospice center, but found out it would cost around \$1,800, Soles said. Woodmen of the World came in and supplied the pole and the flag, helping Springer complete his project at no cost. Denton Lodge 976 and Lexington Lodge 1069 are sharing the cost of the pole and the flag. Boy Scout Troop 200 already dug the hole and a side company helped them stand the pole.

"We do an honor and remembrance program every year for 9/11," said Soles. "All the lodges around will have stuff go-

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Cyclist stays focused on goal, despite bumps in the road

BY ERIN WILTGEN
Staff Writer

The road certainly hasn't been easy. Since Chris Boone began training for his state-wide bike ride, he has battled tough workout sessions, two illnesses, grieving his father's death, his mother-in-law's cancer diagnosis, his business burning to the ground and the destruction of his bicycle.

But after all the training, all the bumps in the road, Boone approaches his final week before the ride with confidence.

"I've loved the training," said Boone, an avid bike rider from Bakersville, N.C. "I love the idea of getting up in the morning and going out on my own and spending time on the bike. It's been really good, just a few side roads every once in a while."

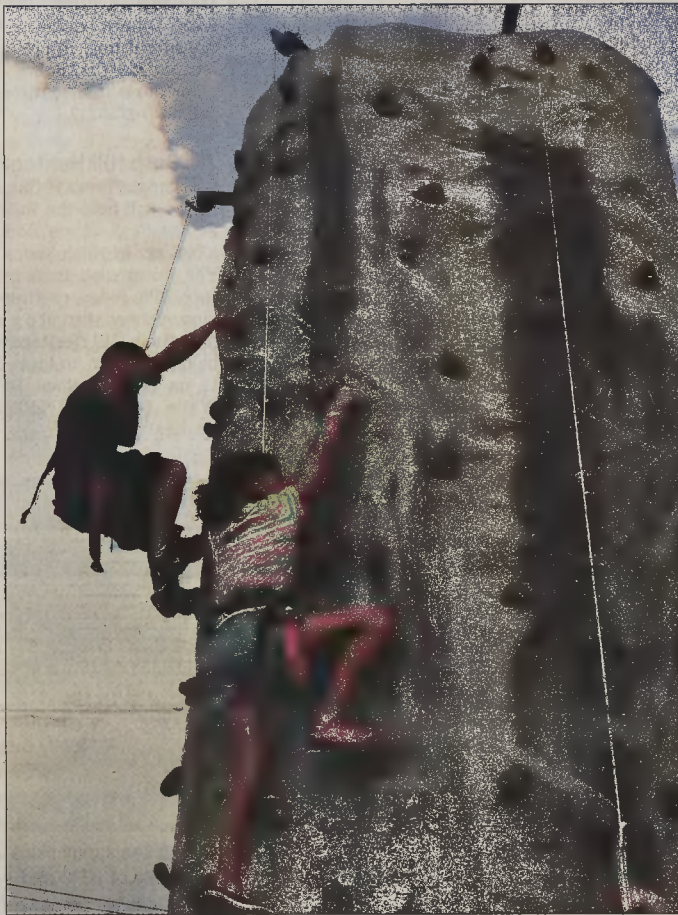
Boone's journey — dubbed RideNC2010 — not only seeks to break the 564-mile cross-state biking record of 40 hours, but also to raise money and awareness for Baptist Children's

Homes of North Carolina (BCH) as part of the organization's 125th anniversary. BCH is headquartered at its original Mills Home Campus in Thomasville. "This is a sacrifice for him," said Blake Ragsdale, director of communications for Mills Home Campus. "This is a tremendous undertaking, to train and prepare for a ride of this magnitude. For some-

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WANT TO HELP?

Chris Boone and BCH hope to raise \$250,000 over the course of the bike ride. BCH has yet to reach that goal and will continue to take donations up to and even after the ride. To become a sponsor, call (828) 421-9300 or donate online at www.rideNC2010.org.



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REACHING FOR THE TOP

Two brave youths make a climb for the top of the rock climbing wall at the annual Family Fit & Fun Fair Saturday at PACE Park. The event is sponsored by the Thomasville Coalition on Alcohol & Drug Abuse.

East Davidson Academy of Finance program recognized

BY ERIN WILTGEN
Staff Writer

Kim Cline sat stunned in her chair. The academy of finance director at East Davidson High School had listened and clapped appreciatively for the various schools standing up to receive one of the National Academy Foundation's (NAF) five awards, just as she had every other year she attended the national conference. To hear her school's Academy of Finance announced the winner of the 2010 Aldo Papone Award for Curriculum and Instruction, however, took her completely by surprise.

"I was speechless," Cline said. "I'm not sure that is normal for me, but honestly, I had no words for it."

Out of 600 academies nationwide, NAF distributes five awards in various aspects of academic prowess at its annual convention, this year in Philadelphia on July 8. The Aldo Papone Award for Curriculum and Instruction — named for the retired chairman and chief executive office of American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. — recognizes excellence in NAF's academies that are on the leading edge of high school reform.

"We worked very hard, and the kids are really learning, and we're really preparing them for the 21st century," said Cline, who added that the program began only nine years ago. "We have re-

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JD Hoye, president of National Academy Foundation, stands with Kim Cline, Academy of Finance director at East Davidson. The school's Academy of Finance recently was awarded the Aldo Papone Award for Curriculum and Instruction.

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