

seas, and we're hoping it will shake something loose."

Walker said some problems have arisen in tracking the suspect across the U.S. border, which has hampered the investigation.

America's Most Wanted profiles various fugitives wanted for severe crimes, such as murder, terrorism and robbery, for the purpose of aiding law enforcement in the apprehension of the fugitives.

"We want to get him back in the United States and close this case. We feel like he's the guy," said Walker.

The show first aired in 1988, and its website claims it has had a hand in the capture of 1,143 fugitives.

### VFW meets Sunday

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10250, which meets in Fultondale has changed its meeting dates to the fourth Sunday at 2 p.m., effective in February. Meetings are held at 1425 Stouts Road

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# Goody's returns to Gardendale

BY MELANIE PATTERSON  
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A popular store will return to Gardendale in two weeks.

Goody's is set to open March 9 at 1022 Main Street, where Peebles is currently located.

Stage Stores, the parent company of both stores, purchased the rights to the Goody's name in 2009. The Goody's in Gardendale, formerly located at the Northgate Village

Shopping Center, closed in February 2009, according to a spokesperson at Gardendale City Hall.

"When it was here, the store did great," said Gardendale Mayor Othell Phillips. "We're excited to see the Goody's name come back and some of the Goody's merchandise."

Alan Hall, executive director of the Greater Gardendale Chamber of Commerce, said Peebles

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Bob Braswell, left Gardendale. After Cardwell.

## Beason aims to change budgeting, immigration laws

BY BRITTANY HARRISON  
Special to The North Jefferson News

Sen. Scott Beason, R-Gardendale, said he wants to change immigration laws and state budgeting with a new "Alabama version" and "15-year rolling average."



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Beason said Alabama's

political leadership in recent years has held it back.

In November, Republicans took control of the Legislature for the first time in 136 years.

People are going to see a more open and honest Legislature because the Republicans are going to do what they said they would do, Beason said.

"I believe people are going to be surprised how differently it's going to be run. We have unbelievable

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## Pasquale reigns

BY BEN MONTGOMERY  
The North Jefferson News

Pasquale's first Pasta in Gardendale is changing its first management in 37 years. They're still keeping the family.

Loyal Pasquale's customers may know Bob Braswell, who is most of the responsibilities to Patti Cardwell.

"He's made friends. Most of our customers know him. Nicole Mitchell, granddaughter.

Cardwell owned a Pasquale's

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opportunities in Alabama and if political leadership do what they're supposed to do, then we could do it all."

Beason said he plans to continue working on legislation that he has supported through the years.

He said the number one such issue is illegal immigration.

The federal government is not doing anything about immigration laws, and is leaving the problem to the states, he said.

"We're looking at what has worked for other states in the country and what has not worked," he said.

He said he plans to look at what has worked for Arizona, Oklahoma and Missouri and create an "Alabama version," with different angles and employment restrictions, to eliminate illegal immigration.

Alabama has two budget funds, the General Fund and the Education Trust Fund.

For fiscal year 2011, the General Fund is \$1.6 bil-

lion, and the Education Trust Fund is \$5.5 billion, with \$2.9 billion for all other state funds bringing the total to \$10 billion, according to the Alabama Legislative Fiscal Office website.

The Alabama legislative fiscal officer, Norris Green, discussed the budget on Feb. 8 at the legislators' orientation and talked about where Alabama stands in light of the recent economic downturn, often called the Great Recession.

According to Green, a good sign is the 11 consecutive months of growth in gross sales tax receipts, and a bad sign is that gross income tax receipts are still lagging behind the past.

Beason said the state has the opportunity because of the budget crisis to pass reforms that probably could not pass if there were plenty of money.

"We are facing budget difficulties, but the reality is, it is giving us the opportunity to realize the size and

scope of state government," Beason added.

Beason said he is against budgeting based on the prior year, and he is working on a "15-year rolling average," which is the average percentage growth budget of the past years and that is the amount the state will work with for different agencies. The rest would be put into a savings account.

"They usually say, 'We have this much money' and think we are going to get it, and when we don't get that money, we have proration," he said.

Proration is an across-the-board reduction of spending by a percentage.

The 2011 regular legislative session is scheduled for March 1, and the committees will meet Feb. 28.

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in the southeast, have no idea who currently owns the franchise. All of Cardwell's family buys their ingredients from the same grocery company, which is largely why the restaurants are similar.

"It just got better and better and better," said Braswell. "The best part of

owning a restaurant is making something that's up to you, and not what some company says."

Cardwell has done some rearranging at Pasquale's, and is planning some remodeling. Although she's keeping many of the classic decorations at the restaurant,

like the wrought-iron booths, she's replaced the chairs and some of the table televisions.

"The reason we've stayed open is we have such a good product for such a cheap price," said Cardwell. "We have consistently good food and service."

# Walker Chapel

*Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens*