#### George R. Plagenz

#### Remember Jesus and He will live forever THIS EASTER STORY begins

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Ing to a Bible class that has

I belong to a Bible class that has just begun a study of the Cospel of Luke. In the early verses Luke tells of the birth of Jesus and the appearance of the angel to the shephered in the fields hear Bethlehem — and the singing of the angel choirs.

Bethlehem — and the singing of the angel choirs.
When the shepher's went to Bethlehem and passed the word bethlehem and passed to have been caught up in the joyus occasion pointing in the popular charge pointing and the popular to have been caught up in the joyus occasion pointing in the general replicing. Mary was unusually introspecture and withdrawn While those around her were cestained to ever the news. "Mary kept all cover the news." Mary kept all cover the news. "Mary kept all cover the news." Mary kept all cover the news." Mary kept all cover the news." Mary kept all cover the news."

One member of our study group, an English teacher, said if a student of his had composed the Christmas story and inserted that line about Mary, he would have asked the stu-

story and inserver was a considered to explain. Many, he would have asked the student to explain. The consideration of the christmas message is found more in Mary's reaction than in the reaction of the supervision of the consideration of the supervision of the consideration of the

never ponder and management.

The secret of Easter is like that. It can never be understood by those who come to church only on Easter morning to hear the momentous announcement that Christ has risen

enough. He is truly alive only if we remember him.

In Maeterlinck's lovely fantasy. "The Blue Bird." two little children. Mytyl and Tyltyl, are transported by the fairy into the Land of Memory where they once again see their grandfather and grandmother.

and then forget him ill another Easter rolls around.

To believe — or even to know—

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where they once again see their grandfather and grandmother.

THE CHILDREN are surprised that their grandparents are not dead. When Mysty mentions this to their grandmother. Granny Tyl tells her. "Also logs a you remember me."

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## Letters to the editor

#### Urges citizens of Richmond County to fight for 'stately' oak tree

Editor:
Last year, when Hephzibah Hard-ware was putting in its driveway, a great storm of protest was heard be-cause it was feared the great old oak tree on Highway 88 would be dam-aged or killer.

Lambast criticis

Editor

In response to the letter from

Bonnie Q Adams (March 12) re
garding B J. Annis. let me say

that I have been a close friend of

Annis since she was 16 years old

and can state emphatically that

be is not, and has never been, either an alcoholic or a drug

abuser

In her many years in business, as in her personal life and her 16 years on the Richmond County

Editor:
It is most regrettable when an unknowing person uses the media to stander the character of B.J. Annis, a member of the Richmond County Board of Education

Annis and Bonnie Adams (let-ter, March 12) don't know one an-other personally. Why then did Adams write such a derogatory letter to the editor about Annis? Think about it readers! I have known Annis for over 20 years. I have never known her to

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Editor person has to work a life-time to acquire the stature and the stature and the stature and know her is to love her and re-spect her outstanding work and concern in the area of education. For which she swell-known. Our city can be very product, which is older at thankless one at best. She has raised intelligent and carring family members: who, like her, have contributed to the like her, have contributed to the her, have contributed to the her, have contributed to me display the state of contributed to a daughter who is a teacher, one som who is a lawyer, one son who is a psychologist, and three

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Rips editorial; stands up for unions

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Lambast criticism of B.J. Annis

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As I understand it, even the state became involved in making sure this stately ancient tree would not be damaged.

Now, as I understand it, the state Department of Transportation wants to chop this beautiful landmark

III OI D. J. ANNUS
Board of Education, Annis is well-respected as being fair, considerate and generous...
One must wonder about the religion of Adams which allows her to promote slanderous and unsubstantiated rumors about a person she has never met and obviously has no knowledge of Certainly, it is neither Christian nor Hebrew.
Cors Middleton Schoolcraft Augusta

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Patsy P. Fleming Augusta

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sons who are businessmen.
Religion comes in many dif-ferent ways to each of us. If Annis is an athests as letter writer have been as the second of the second of the 12.1 can assure you her faith his she has come out on top accusation and through her faith, she has come out on top accusation and then asks if it is true? She obviously doesn't have the intelligence or the concern for know that proof should have been her first requirement before write.

her first requirement before writing such a flagrant letter.

Penny Raymond

Augusta

down to widen Highway 88.

Highway 88 should be very low, if that the least one ribbon from each own of the priorities of roads to widened in Richmond County.

This tree was estimated last yet as being the oldest living thing in the least settinated last yet of the physical schools, all residents of Richmond County the 2 yellow ribbon to this tree.

I am asking that all students of the physicals schools, all residents of Richmond County the 2 yellow ribbon.

This would cell the state we do not and our tree chopped down.

Brace IT-referred Hepkinbah.

#### Questions anti-abortionists' position

Editor: Re leaf Saturday's guest editorial by Eileen Spearance:
With the presence of an apathetic majority. It is a pleasure of the saturday o

as the anti-abortion group label to fight for your body's september of settlement and the set of God Therefore, it should be acceptable to fight for your body's set op abortion on a worldwise basis 30.55 million women have abortions ache year it is iglobally and historia an unwanted pregnancy, wemen will ensein to abortion depit felgal relegious or financial sanctions An estimated basis women after each year to the financial sanctions of the problem of the set of the problem of being set of the problem of

If abortion is a moral issue be-cause it alters the plan of God, why

are other medical techniques, such as transplants, not also alterations of God's "calling us home":

Why is abortion is awoman's decision is classified as murder, while war iprimarily a decision made bight for your country's freedom in the mane of God Therefore, it should be accompable to fight for your body's country of the country o

Business
Is this the right choice?
J. Rubino
Augusta

### Backs Corps' lake level management

The continuing attacks on the Corps by your paper, egged on by Tour Datrick Rep Buller Berrick, D. S.C., brought me to this conclusion. The Corps of the Corps of

nevel management other than landowers adjacent to the lake who need and are entitled to the water in those lakes.

Thurmond Lake was built for three things (project purposes) — flood control, navigation on the Savannah River below Augustia of the savannah River below Augustia of 1944 allowed recreation at all Corps of Engineers water resource projects.

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The most important thing the Corps of Engineers could do to improve its drought management would be to do a better public relations job by getting the real story

Thomas A. Waters Pembroke

# In response to your biased editor-nal headed "Union drug coverup." I feel compelled to say something for the good of the most as of trying to expand its testing to non-unclear facilities, as you printed. It was seeking to change from "testing for cause" which all Georgia Power Cause" which all Georgia Power "random testing." It is clear that your paper is anti-unom. You have proved it time and again with your one-aided, irresponsible blasphemy. Union members in the Contral Savansian Sirver Area Claims the Libertarian Party is a 'rational group with real answers'

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grams and the fact that the govern-ment has not yet "officially" de-clared war on drugs. Stupidity.

as arug addicts, greedy zealots, etc.

I noticed you praised the company while you implied union chiefs are covering up for their members.

I'm sure a large part of your circulation is bought by hard-working union members and if they are as disgusted as I arm, perhaps they will let you know where it really hurts—in the pocketbook.

It's just a real shame there's not a competing newspaper in the Au-gusta area. Maybe one day ...

clared war on drugs. Stupidity.

... The number of poor in America has increased in relation to the population since the welfare programs were begun with our tax dol. lars. Obviously, the something-fornothing experiment has been an abject failure. ...

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murders is to legalize all drugs and
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tation of drugs would reduce montation of the service in the
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fringe upon the rights of the individual to bear arms.

The gun owner advocate support-

ed the right to bear arms, but also said that all three-time losers i per-sons convicted three separate times should be executed. Insane....

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do not realize that they aren't required to align themselves with the
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#### Duke wooed 'Bubba' with GOP strategy

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was air error on the part of the priore company.

As for the new organization he heads, it publishes a virulently anti-Semitic newspaper that, among oth-er things, takes the position that the Holocaust never happened. It also takes the position that members of certain races and religions in this country should be forced to live in separate areas.

Duke previously had run for of-fice as a Democrat, he ran for presi-dent as the candidate of the Populist Party. But he says he turned Repub-lican because, "I'm more comfort-able as a Republican, and I'm as much a Republican as Lee Atwa-ter."

ter."
Atwater, the national GOP chairman, has lashed out at Duke as "a charlatan and political opportunist who doesn't represent the Republican Party or anything we stand for."

Since the election, many Republicans have implied that Dake — a smooth campaigner with a made-for-TV image — pulled the wool our the eyes of voters as he eked out in \$27-vote victory. But Dake's background and his recent activities were major news stories locally for weeks both even to be the victory of the pulled by the p

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