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Police have found a woman missing since 1984, who told authorities that her father had kept her in a cellar for almost 24 years and that she had given birth to at least six children after being repeatedly raped by him. **A7**



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A jury will hear statements a former mental patient accused of stalking Uma Thurman made to police after State Supreme Court Justice Gregory Carro denied a defense motion to exclude the material. **A2**



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## Hillary Clinton in Graham today

By Roselee Papandrea  
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GRAHAM — There was a lot of hustle and bustle at Graham Fire Department on South Main Street on Sunday afternoon.

Firefighters typically mop the floor

and keep the place clean, but after getting word Saturday evening that New York Sen. Hillary Clinton was stopping at the fire station Monday morning to give a short speech, there was a little more urgency to get the basic jobs done.

"We are trying to make it look nice — normal station stuff that we do every

Candidates for Board of Commissioners to debate Tuesday  
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Some people are excited and there are some that are not."

Sprucing up a bit was just part of

day," said Graham fire Lt. Trip Ramsey. "It's just a hustle and bustle. It's kind of not like a normal Sunday.

what firefighters, law enforcement officers, rescue workers and Graham city personnel had to do prepare for Clinton's last-minute stop on her campaign to be the Democratic presidential nominee. Her primary opponent, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, will hold a

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## 'We are going to take Germany' — General Patton THE WAR WAS OVER



Photos submitted

Top, Norman Elwood Ray, left, with tank crew. Below, Ray with an Army pal.



**NAME:** Norman Elwood Ray  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Mebane  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** March 12, 1922  
**BRANCH OF SERVICE:** U.S. Army  
**SERVICE DATES:** Oct. 6, 1942, to Jan. 24, 1946  
**HIGHEST RANK:** Sergeant  
**UNIT, DIVISION, ETC.:** C Battery, 494th Field Artillery, 12th Armored

Division, Chief of Section 844  
**LOCATIONS OF SERVICE:** Camp Campbell, Ky., Camp Barkeley, Texas, Camp Shanks, N.Y.; England, France, Germany  
**BATTLES, CAMPAIGNS:** Rhineland, Ardennes, Herrlisheim  
**MEDALS, SPECIAL AWARDS:** Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon World War II, American Theater Group, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, French Croix de Guerre  
**SPECIAL DUTIES, HIGHLIGHTS:** Chief of Section 844, post-war Army of Occupation.  
**PERSONAL:** Married March 14, 1947, to Evelyn Mozett Underwood; three daughters;



Ray

seven grandchildren.

**IN HIS OWN WORDS:** I was born in Mebane, the son of Jesse Clarence Ray and Lillian Rice Ray. I was working at the Glenn Martin Bomber factory in Baltimore, Md., when I received my draft notice, I came home immediately and on Oct. 6, 1942, I was inducted into service at Fort Bragg. I wanted to go into the Air Force and my friend there said it was too late for me to get in, but I did qualify to go to Officers Training School. I made the decision not to do this and wound up at Camp



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## The study of airplane flippers

Andrew Miller's award-winning science project features the unlikely combination of whales and airplanes.

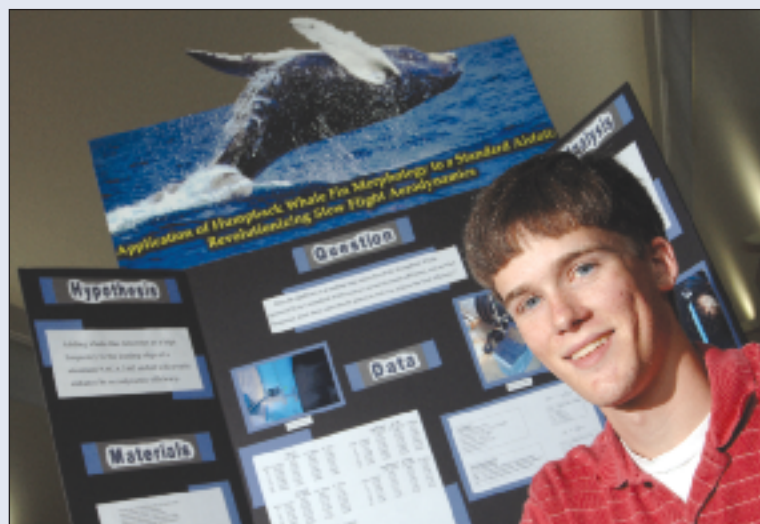
Miller, a junior at Western Alamance High School, used the flippers of humpback whales as a model to determine if the wings of small aircraft can be more efficient.

Miller's project won first place in the high school technology and engineering division of the N.C. State Science Fair. That qualified him for the International Science and Engineering Fair that will be held in Atlanta in May.

Nearly 1,500 competitors from all 50 states and about 45 countries are expected to be at the event.

The whales' flippers have tubercles, which are protuberances that help them move through the water with extra agility. "People noticed that the whales have an uncanny ability to move very quickly," he said. Miller attached similar bumps to foam shapes designed to replicate the wings of small airplanes so he could test whether they would be effective in air flight.

He also created a wind tunnel  
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Andrew Miller, a junior at Western Alamance High School, will enter his project, which compares whales' flippers to airplane wings, into the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta in May.