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**LAW ENFORCEMENT BRIEFS**

**GULFPORT**

**Police chief to retire in February**

Police Chief Steve Barnes, who started with the department in 1983 as a dispatcher, will retire in February.

City leaders learned of Barnes' plan Monday after he placed letters in their mail boxes at City Hall. Former Mayor Ken Combs appointed Barnes chief in January 2004.

Barnes told the City Council Tuesday he needs to move in a different direction. "It was a tough decision for me to make," he said. "I feel honored to have this opportunity."

Council members praised Barnes and his officers for their work since Hurricane Katrina.

**STATEWIDE**

**2 facing felony escape charges**

Two convicted murderers who escaped from a Meridian prison Monday have been transported to the State Penitentiary at Parchman and face felony escape

charges, said Lauderdale County Sheriff Billie Sollie.

Gregory Malone, 26, and Christopher Roy, 24, who are serving life sentences, were taken Wednesday to the Lauderdale County Jail to await transport to Parchman.

Malone and Roy had been held at the Tuscaloosa County Jail after they were captured Tuesday in Alabama, Sollie said.

Malone and Roy had initial appearances before a Justice Court judge Wednesday and face a felony escape charge.

Tomeka Lashae Brown, 24, a corrections officer, is charged with accessory after the fact, Sollie said. She is being held on \$100,000 bond at the Lauderdale County Jail.

The case will be heard by a grand jury, Sollie said.

Corrections officials would not disclose Brown's role in Malone and Roy's escape.

Malone was convicted in 2001 of a 1998 slaying of a Jackson man after an attempted robbery.

Roy was convicted in 2001 of a 1999 killing of a man whose body was found in the Vancleave area on the Gulf Coast.

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**1 hurt in truck accident on I-20**

A wreck involving three 18-wheelers and a large gravel truck resulted in one injury on I-20 in Jackson on Wednesday. ...



Right: Clinton firefighter Karimous Hampton sprays sand on the roadway to clear up the debris left...

**Parson: Space center at crossroads**

GULFPORT — Bill Parson thought he had the Space Center Center would provide a more steady flow of work...

John Katrina III, but also because NASA's senior officer in charge of disaster recovery...

Hancock County when he replaced Ben Dandridge as Senate director Parson said NASA is at a crossroads with its space program...

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