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SCALY SITUATION: Melinda Smith, 17, pets Gladys, a 2-year old alligator, at Holt High School on Tuesday. Becky Collier, a wildlife biologist and 4-H center program coordinator for environmental education at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana, was educating students about the protective adaptations of animals. Collier brought various reptiles and birds of prey for the students to touch and learn about.