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## NEW YEAR'S FUN



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Dalton Depot employees Stephanie McBroom, left, and Ashley Bentley hang a "Happy New Year" sign Wednesday afternoon in anticipation of the New Year festivities.

## Tough times, but people still partying

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of revelers packed a frigid Times Square for the descent of the famous Waterford crystal ball on Wednesday, eager to say goodbye to 2008 and hoping to put the nation's economic troubles in the past.

The wind chill made it feel like 1 degree in the area, but that didn't deter the throngs who were cloaked in fur hats and sleeping bags.

"We're worried about the economy but hoping for the best," said Lisa Mills, of Danville, Ohio.

Mills and her husband, Ken, took her 17-year-old daughter, Kara, to Times Square for her birthday.

"We decided, we haven't taken a family vacation yet, and this was a great time to do it," she said. "We're staying positive."

Many other New Year's Eve traditions around the country were in place, but some festivities fell victim to hard times, and those that remained felt somewhat subdued. The nation's economic troubles made many people less interested in giving 2008 an expensive send-off.

Public celebrations were canceled in communities from Louisville, Ky., to Reno, Nev., and promoters in Miami Beach, Fla., reported slower ticket sales than expected for celebrity-studded par-



AP Photo

Fireworks explode over the Boston Common on Wednesday in Boston.

ties that they say would have sold out in past years.

Tourism officials in Las Vegas expected more tourists in Sin City to celebrate New Year's Eve than last year, despite economic worries that have meant fewer visitors in 2008, Mayor Oscar Goodman said Wednesday night. Las Vegas casino-

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## Recession may impact pets

BY CHARLES OLIVER

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Don Allen Garrett says this week began like many weeks recently a man brought a dog to the Whitfield County animal shelter.

"He said he and his wife had both been laid off and they just couldn't afford to keep it," said Garrett, who is director of the shelter.

"They say 'I just can't afford it. My hours have been cut. I've been laid off,'" he said.

Garrett says that "give ups" are up 40 percent so far this year to about 1,900, mostly dogs but some cats.

"We've been seeing an increase in animal give ups since the middle of summer," he said. "It's not anything new. It has been going on for a while."

Garrett calls the situation "terrible."

"We've been seeing more and more good dogs (healthy, trained and with their shots) come through, simply because people can't afford to keep them, and they can't find anyone to take them because everyone is in the same board," he said.

Newspaper reports indicate this is a trend nationwide. But Murray County animal shelter director Pauline Davis says she hasn't seen any increase in people giving up their pets.

"Our surrenders are actually



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> Please see PETS, 2A A hound mix at the Whitfield County Animal Shelter.

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**TODAY'S FORUM**

**Editor's note: Please keep your comments as brief as possible. Get to the point! Longer comments should be submitted as letters to the editor. If you include a name, please spell it.**

"I agree that children are a blessing of God but God also blessed us with common sense. It is your responsibility as a parent to be able to raise that child, not the taxpayers."

"People that are just learning to play golf need to get on golf courses like Tunnel Hill, not your Nob North courses and slow up the crowd. Learn to play and then get on the big course."

"Many thanks for the great calendar with the edition of today's paper."

"I hope everyone has a very happy and safe New Year. God Bless everyone."

"Mayor Pennington will not do anything to curb the excessive expenses at Dalton Utilities. Don and Larry Cope were two of the mayor's biggest supporters. No pun intended."

**Editor's note: None taken.**

"My 87-year-old wife wants to know if Dr. Sherrill can make her look like that picture in the calendar that came out in The Daily Citizen."

"If Mayor Pennington causes a fire station to be closed, then I hope it's the one near his house. I know seconds count when all of my stuff is burning up."

"When registered sex offenders have to give up their privacy passwords and Internet addresses, only unregistered sex offenders will have Internet privacy. Typical politicians."

"To the person who couldn't find a size over 16, remember the Dress Barn at Dalton Outlet Mall. They go up to size 24 and it is a career woman's store."

"God bless the temple here and God bless Israel."

"Israel has every right to fire back at Hamas."

"Whatever you think about Middle East politics

*Old joke of the day*  
"The wind was blowing so hard today I saw a hen lay the same egg three times."

Why don't you ever print any of the comments people say about Hamilton Medical Center? For one thing the cafeteria is terrible.

**Editor's note: We HAVE printed comments criticizing and praising the HMC cafeteria.**

"To the lady with all the children, I hope things improve for you next year and you can get off of that foolish welfare and food stamps."

"To those who have commented on the lady at the store with the kids buying food stamps, shame on you. You never know what someone's circumstances are. Sometimes you need help paying for food."

"I can't blame someone with children for taking advantage of food stamps to feed their kids. But I do think it's reasonable for them to stop breeding until they can pay their bills."

"Love and happiness to Sgt. Eric Hooker who is home from Iraq. Congratulations for learning that you are going to be a drill sergeant."

"Since the city has cut services we've got leaves and garbage all over Martin Luther

King Blvd. because there's nobody to pick 'em up."

**Editor's note: Pick 'em up.**

"I got your calendar and it's very nice. But are you so prejudiced that you can't put Northwest and Southeast on there too. You need to get over being prejudiced."

**Editor's note: We just named Northwest quarterback Dean Haynes our football player of the year. Our cross country runners of the year both came from Murray County. Our softball player of the year, Callie Thomas, goes to Northwest. Prejudiced?**

*Call of the day*  
I am offended by the H&R Block commercials that depict people pulling their hair out. This is called Trichotillomania and it is a stress disorder. The ad depicts these individuals in a negative light. I would appreciate others posting a comment about it."

**Editor's note: They will.**

"With the death of Jim Boring we have lost a truly great fellow. I will be forever grateful for his friendship and just for knowing him."

"The county needs to start making cuts now and not waiting until April."

"Glad to see Arby's has the Southwest Mini Egg Rolls back. They need to have them all the time."

"Why all the protests against Israel? No one protests Hamas firing rockets into Israel."

"Happy birthday to my Sarah Kate. She'll be 14 on Jan. 1."

"Thank you to the person who stopped to see if the guy who fell on Walnut Avenue was OK Sunday."

"Dalton sure looks pretty this New Years, with all the overflowing trash cans waiting to be collected. What a ridiculous idea, once a week garbage service."

"Wylie and Dorothy Kendall will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary Jan. 3."

"We've been on Meals on Wheels for several years and this Valaria Christopher is the best carrier we've ever had."

"If the Republicans had won the election the Democrats would be complaining as much as the Republicans."

"I just went by the new recreation complex in Westside. That thing is three miles from nowhere, in the middle of the boondocks and across from the landfill. I just wonder who's brother or uncle or cousin is making all the money on that deal. It's in a bad place."

"I really like the new digital edition of the newspaper. I can look like I'm working while I sit at my computer and read it."

"Too many things are swept under the rug at Southeast. Nothing is going to change until they seep the house clean."

"I saw a funeral procession on the bypass. There was no police escort and people just passed the procession. Is the southern tradition of honoring the dead and the family no longer going to happen? Very sad."

"Good luck Falcons. It's been a great year. Keep it going against Arizona."

"Why haven't we had garbage pickup in Judd Subdivision in 10 days?"

"Good luck to everyone in 2009. Be optimistic."

**ARRESTS**

• Donnie Edward Chastain, 49, 625 Keeter Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of arms by a convicted felon or first offender probation.

• James Lewis Kilgore, 48, 2710 Pleasant Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of a drug-related object, driving while license withdrawn, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and parole violation.

• Luis Enrique Lira, 17, 3008 Five Spring Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with enticing a child for indecent purposes, statutory rape and aggravated child molestation.

• Douglas Alexander McAtee, 31, 147 George Brock Road, Resaca, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with speeding and DUI.

• Jonathan Eugene Mathis, 24, 409 Vann Circle Apt. 2, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by shoplifting, possession of tools for the commission of crime and transactions in drug-related objects.

• Daron Lavert Ramsey, 22, 700 A Reed Pond Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce.

• Truman Scott Souther, 19, 213 Gwendolyn Lee Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated child molestation.

• Robert Lee Samuel Young, 21, 176 Willow Springs Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with dangerous drug.

• Vernon Lamar Brown, 46, 1012 Doris St., Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with failure to obey a traffic control device, failure to drive within a single lane and DUI.

• Jeremy Lynn Cromer, 28, 100 Deer Run Trail, Calhoun was charged Wednesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of Xanax, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, fleeing or attempting to elude police officers, DUI, no proof of insurance, driving while license suspended or revoked, reckless driving, possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce, removal or falsification of identification number and possession of tools for the commission of crime.

• David Michael Ray, 28, 211 Robbie Drive, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of crime.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Kailee Tipton  
**AGE:** 8  
**HOME:** Chatsworth  
**FAMILY:** Mom, Heather; dad, Chris; brothers, Tyler and Tate; sisters, Korbin and Drew  
**SCHOOL:** Coker Elementary School  
**PLAY:** Basketball  
**SHE SAID:** "Pray everyday."



**Holiday: Celebrate**

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nos were putting on a midnight fireworks display and daredevil acts, including a 200-foot jump over the refurbished volcano at The Mirage hotel-casino by Robbie Knievel, son of the late Evel Knievel.

A spokesman for the biggest player on the Las Vegas Strip, MGM Mirage Inc., said more than 90 percent of rooms were filled, albeit at historically low prices reflective of a down year for tourism and gambling.

Around the world, people paused for a deep breath and a sip of ... perhaps something cheaper than champagne.

"We're not going to celebrate in a big way. We're

being careful," said architect Moussa Siham, 24, as shoppers in the affluent area west of Paris were scaling back purchases for the traditional New Year's Eve feast.

Sydney, Australia, was the world's first major city to ring in 2009, shrouding its shimmering harbor with a kaleidoscope of light that drew cheers from more than a million people.

At the Vatican, in the splendor of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict XVI called for "sobriety and solidarity" in 2009. During a year's end vespers service Wednesday evening, the pope said these times are "marked by uncertainty and worry for the future" but urged people not to be afraid and to help each other.

**Pets: Hard times**

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down. Last year, we had turned in 1,588. This year, our surrenders was 990," she said.

But that may be changing, she added.

She said on Monday a man turned in four puppies and their mother, saying he couldn't afford to feed them.

"Recently, just the past few weeks, I've heard more people say the reason they are bringing them in is because jobs are down and they can't afford to feed them," she said. "Usually, you hear 'I'm tired of it.' 'I don't want it.' 'The kids won't take care of it.'"

Garrett says this was also the only Christmas he can remember where people weren't calling to adopt animals.

Rita Burrows, kennel manager for the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia, says adoptions from that group have plunged since April or May.

"We've also seen a big increase in calls from people asking us to take their pets," she said.

The Humane Society doesn't take pets, she says, because there are so many at the animal shelter that can be adopted.

But many people continue to care for their pets.

Patricia Ferrarini, of Dalton's Patricia's Grooming & More, says she hasn't

heard of any of her customers giving up pets.

"For some people, they are like their children, and they need to be fed and loved and cared for just like human beings do," she said.

Robert Wright, manager of Petland of Dalton, says he hasn't heard of any of that store's customers giving up pets.

There are programs in both Whitfield and Murray counties that can help cut some costs of owning pets.

"We have a low-cost spay/neuter vet that comes here twice a week. That's available to both Whitfield and Murray," Davis said. "We have a program called Puppy Promises for Murray only. If they've got a litter of puppies they want to turn in, we ask them to enter this program. If they do we find homes for the puppies for them, and all those dogs get fixed and all the dogs and cats in their household."

Also, Murray County residents on Medicaid can get two pets spayed or neutered for free, she said.

Garrett says that Leftover Pets offers low-cost spaying or neutering at its Dalton offices next to the post office on Thornton Avenue.

Burrows says the Humane Society sells vouchers for varying amounts that owners can take to local veterinarians to have their cats and dogs spayed and neutered at low cost.

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## Senate pick could help governor

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's choice of a veteran black politician to fill President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat could be a shrewd move, potentially helping win over black lawmakers eyeballing his impeachment and perhaps even jurors in his corruption case.

But is the appointment enough to save the embattled two-term Democrat in the face of nearly universal opposition?

"There's no empathy for him because he's done a good thing," said state Sen. Donne Trotter, a black Democrat from Chicago who would vote whether to convict Blagojevich if the Illinois House impeached him.

Blagojevich's surprising appointment of Roland Burris was officially rejected by Secretary of State Jesse White as expected Wednesday. Burris responded by filing paperwork asking the Illinois Supreme Court to force White to certify his appointment.

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, asked a judge for another three months to indict Blagojevich, saying they have "thousands" of intercepted phone calls and "multiple" people to assess. A 90-day extension would give prosecutors until April 7.

Burris said he planned to show up in Washington when new members are sworn in Tuesday and ask to be seated as the Senate's lone African-American. He said he would not cause a scene if he's turned away, as Democratic leaders have promised to do.

"That is not my style. I am not seeking to be confrontational," the former Illinois attorney general and comptroller said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I'm not in any way seeking to play the race card in this situation," he said. "Under no circumstances."

But in a round of interviews on morning news shows and cable networks, Burris didn't exactly shy away from the race issue. He would not speculate on whether Blagojevich was currying favor with blacks by naming an African-American to replace Obama, and he didn't think the seat necessarily had to be filled by another black lawmaker.

"It is a fact, there are no African-Americans in the United States Senate," he said on NBC's "Today." "Is it racism that is taking place? That's a question that someone may raise."

In Washington, Senate Democratic officials spent New Year's Eve reviewing procedures that haven't been used in decades in anticipation of Burris' arrival on Tuesday. They also were searching for a way to defuse the dispute, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Generally, they expected to make a motion to refer Burris' credentials to the Rules Committee for a review, then to deny Burris floor privileges until the investigation is completed.

That could take months, by which time Blagojevich may no longer be governor.

## LIGHT FOR SHUGART



Matt Hamilton/The Daily Citizen

Workers install a new traffic signal on Shugart Road in front of the Home Depot Wednesday afternoon. A signal at that location had been requested several times by citizens.

## Snow, wind close out 2008

NEW YORK (AP) — Winter storm warnings and plummeting temperatures put a chill on New Year's Eve plans for hundreds of thousands of revelers.

Thousands of homes and businesses in the Midwest had no electric lights for the holiday because of wind damage.

Temperatures in the teens — with wind chills below zero — were forecast for midnight and the annual ball drop in New York's Times Square and for the First Night celebration in Boston. Boston officials canceled the city's traditional midnight display because of a winter storm that brought wind gusts up to 40 mph. Up to 11 inches of snow was also forecast in the region.

Up to a million revelers, jammed tightly together by intense security, were expected to hunker down against the icy wind in Times Square to watch a five-minute blizzard of balloons and more than a ton of confetti.

But the weather put a crimp in the festivities for some. New Bedford, Mass., put its fireworks display off until Jan. 8 and Baltimore pushed its show back to Thursday evening because of high winds and rough harbor waters.

The National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings and advisories for parts of New England, upstate New York, northern Ohio, northern Minnesota and North Dakota, and sections of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

In western New York state, at least 8 inches of snow had fallen by midday in the Buffalo and Rochester areas, and morning rush hour traffic crept at a near standstill on the New York State Thruway south of Albany.

"It's really affecting the entire state," said weather service meteorologist Dave Zaff in Buffalo.

Single-digit temperatures



AP Photo

Pedestrians cross the street during a winter storm in Boston on Wednesday



In this photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, Shelby, a three-year old female snow leopard reclines in the freshly snow covered greenery at the Bronx Zoo's Himalayan Highlands exhibit, on Wednesday in New York.

and sustained wind of up to 20 mph were expected to combine to produce wind chills as low as 25 below zero during the night in parts of New York state, meteorologists said.

A Roman Catholic priest in northern Virginia was killed by a falling tree Wednesday while trying to clear another fallen tree from a road amid wind gusts. Rev. Michael C. Kelly, 53, was

pastor at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville.

Power outages in Maryland, Delaware and the

District of Columbia caused by high winds cut electricity to nearly 50,000 homes and businesses Wednesday. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company says new outages are likely as winds of up to 60 mph continue howling into the night.

The upper Midwest started the day with temperatures as low as 33 below zero at Wahpeton, N.D., and 24 below at Brainerd, Minn.

More snow fell Wednesday in parts of Michigan as utility crews endured morning temperatures in the teens to restore power to customers still without service since a weekend wind storm knocked down trees and power lines. The state's major utilities said about 11,000 homes and businesses were still blacked out Wednesday afternoon.

## Jobless claims point to slow 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of laid-off workers continuing to draw unemployment benefits bolted to 4.5 million in late December, and even more Americans are expected to join the ranks of the jobless in 2009.

While first-time applications for jobless benefits dropped last week, economists mostly attributed that to the Christmas holiday and cautioned that a more accurate picture of new layoff filings won't become clear until the holiday season is passed — around mid-January.

All in all, though, the picture that emerged Wednesday was largely grim and is not expected to improve any time soon.

"It wasn't a very merry Christmas for most of the labor force and it doesn't look like it will be a very happy New Year, either," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

The Labor Department's report showed that people continuing to draw unemployment benefits jumped by 140,000 to 4.5 million for the week ending Dec. 20, the most recent period for which that information is available. The larger-than-expected increase underscored the difficulties the unemployed are having in finding new jobs.

That left continued claims at their highest since early December 1982, when the country was emerging from a deep recession, though the labor force has grown by about half since then.

A year ago, the number of people continuing to draw jobless benefits was 2.7 million.

The report also showed that the number of newly laid-off workers filing first-time applications for jobless benefits dropped by a seasonally adjusted 94,000 to 492,000 for the week ending Dec. 27.

That decline, however, didn't signal any improvement in labor conditions. The drop — while bigger than economists expected — was mostly related to seasonal adjustment difficulties and reflected some out-of-work people not making it to unemployment offices to file claims over the Christmas holiday, analysts said.

Even with the drop, new filings remained elevated. A year ago, claims stood at 339,000.

Similarly, the four-week moving average of first-time jobless claims, which smooths out week-to-week fluctuations, fell last week to 552,250, a decrease of 5,750 from the prior week. A year ago, this figure was 344,500.

Economists expected so-called "continued" claims to rise to around 4.38 million, and that first-time applications for unemployment benefits would drop to around 550,000.

On Wall Street, investors took some comfort in the drop in first-time unemployment claims. The Dow Jones industrials added nearly 110 points on the last trading day.

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## LETTERS

### Roosevelt left a mixed legacy

To the editor:

If Southern Baptists had believed in bestowing sainthood, President Franklin D. Roosevelt would have been at the top of the list by 1950 for his role in "saving the country" following the Great Depression which began in 1929. My parents revered him just a couple of steps below Jesus. That was the reason I decided to do a high school research paper on FDR in the mid-1950s.

My aim was to list his New Deal programs and "alphabet agencies" and tell how each had served to lighten the effects of the Depression. I was stunned by what I discovered.

Only 10 years after FDR's death, most economists were in agreement that his agencies and programs had prolonged the effects of the Depression, and, in many cases, made them worse, leading to another devastating round of unemployment in 1938. That was especially true of the South, which was the poorest section of the country in the 1930s. The population that was the hardest hit was Southern blacks, who were still mostly farmers.

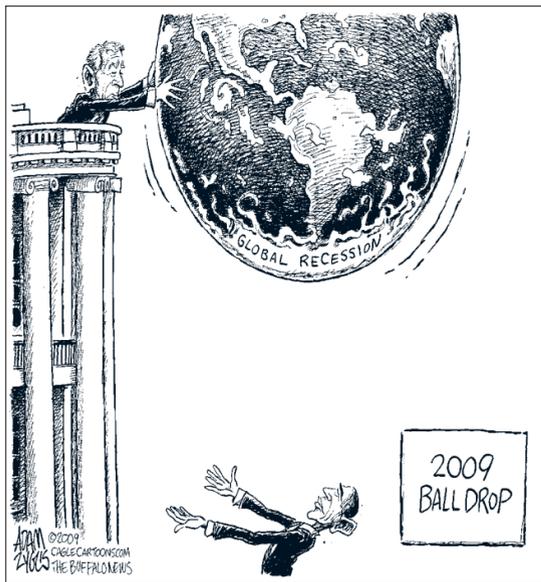
As a politician, Roosevelt couldn't justify spending in the South which overwhelmingly supported him. Instead, most of the money was spent in the West and the North where his New Deal faced opposition and he needed to garner votes. By instituting higher wages, higher taxes and artificially high price controls, small businesses, family farmers, tenant farmers and sharecroppers were left to fend for themselves, unable to afford to buy supplies.

One can still look around today and see results of some of the projects. Schools, roads, dams and bridges were built and electricity was extended to rural areas. These programs put many of the unemployed to work, but to pay for them, excise taxes were added to most goods, food and services, which added the greatest burden to middle and low income families. Since that was still not enough, the government took the country off the gold standard, printed more paper money and resorted to deficit spending.

Some of the programs and agencies have remained stable and in effect today, such as the Social Security Administration, minimum wages, TVA, FDIC, Electric Membership Corporation (formerly REA), Federal Housing Administration, Securities and Exchange Commission and large, powerful labor unions. Historians and economists still do not agree on the effects of the New Deal. Historians in the 1950s supported the idea that the New Deal helped end the Depression, while economists argued that it actually prolonged it. I was able to still do my research paper by listing the most prominent agencies and the reason for their creation without adding what some of the real economic outcomes were. Otherwise, I can assure you I would not have received an "A" for my work.

Historically, Roosevelt is still one of the most revered presidents because he gave the nation hope when things seemed hopeless. The government was doing something immediately to address the dire problems of that time. He had good intentions.

**Ina Fay Manly Dalton**



## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "I will bring trouble on the people. They will trip and fall as if they were blind. They have sinned against me. Their blood will be poured out like dust. Their bodies will lie rotting on the ground. Their silver and gold will not be able to save them on the day I pour out my anger. The whole world will be burned up when my jealous anger blazes out. Everyone who lives on earth will come to a sudden end"

**Zephaniah 1:17-18**

**Thought for today:** "Time has no divisions to mark its passage, there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols."

**Thomas Mann**  
German author (1875-1955)

# Teaching economics

Many professors, mostly on the liberal side of the political spectrum, use their classrooms to proselytize students. I have taught economics for the past 40 years and challenge anyone to find even one student, among the thousands who went through my classes, who can say, "Professor Williams used his class to proselytize students." While acceptable at most universities, it is nothing less than academic dishonesty to do so. Like others I have my own values and opinions, such as those expressed in some of my nationally syndicated columns, but they never become a part of classroom discussion.

Learning how to think straight, as opposed to what values and opinions to hold, is the crucial part of education. Part of that learning is to be able to understand the distinction between subjective statements, for which there are no commonly accepted standards of proof, and positive statements for which there are. For example, the statement "Scientists cannot spit the atom" is a positive statement because if there's any disagreement, there are facts to which we can appeal to settle the disagreement. Just visit Stanford's linear accelerator and watch them do it. By contrast, the statement "Scientists should not spit the atom" is a subjective statement. There are no facts to which we can appeal to settle any disagreement. Disagreement can go on forever. A fairly good proxy for whether a statement is subjective is



**Walter Williams**

the presence of words such as should and ought. This lesson is closed by telling students that it is not being suggested that they purge their vocabulary of subjective terms such as should and ought because they are excellent tools to trick others into doing what you want them to do. However, in the process of tricking others, one need not trick himself.

A related lesson is dealing with terms such as better and best and worse. This lesson might be approached by my asking students which is the best system for resource allocation: capitalist, socialist or communist? After several fall for my bait, I tell them that the correct response is to tell me it's a nonsense question. It is akin to asking their physics professor: Which is the best state: a liquid, gaseous, solid or plasma state? However, if the physics professor were asked: Which is the cheapest state to nail a nail into a board? He could answer the question and probably say that it is the solid state. Going back to the question about capitalism versus socialism and communism, asking which system maximizes personal liberty and societal wealth, the answer would be capitalism, at least

here on Earth.

Another pitfall to straight thinking is sometimes called the cause and effect fallacy. That fallacy is made when a person sees event B coming on the heels of event A and then says A caused B. There may be no causal relationship at all. Such is the case when the rooster crows and shortly thereafter the sun rises. That is easy to see but many historians assert that the 1929 stock market crash caused the 1930s Great Depression. Little is further from the truth. Instead, it was caused by inept fiscal, monetary and regulatory policies of the Hoover and Roosevelt administrations.

There are a number of other pitfalls to straight thinking that I lecture on as introductory material before we begin to explore economic theory. I tell students that if they hear me say something subjective, without my having prefaced it with "in my opinion," they are to raise their hand and tell me that they took my class to learn economics and not to be indoctrinated with my values. Personally, I want students to share my values that personal liberty, along with free markets, is morally superior to other forms of human organization. The most effective means to accomplish that goal is to give them the tools to be tough, rigorous, hard-minded thinkers and they will probably reach the same conclusions as I have.

**Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.**



# Happy New Year, Barack Obama

Put yourself in Barack Obama's sensible shoes. In less than a month, you'll be president of the United States and, upon entering the Oval Office, one of the biggest messes in history will be yours to sort out. So let's make a list and see exactly what the new president will be facing.

On the plus side, the media is still firmly on Obama's side and will continue to blame George W. Bush for everything until at least 2011. The media, in general, has a lot invested in the new president and will spin most events his way. That gives President Obama some public relations room. He'll have a few months before any pressure from the media comes directly at him. Heck, if the liberal press didn't scream about the conservative preacher Rick Warren praying at the inauguration, you know the fix is in.

Also, Congress is now dominated by pro-Obama Democrats, and it will do pretty much what the new president wants, so that will make Obama's life a lot easier.

On the downside, Congress simply does not know what it is doing. The financial crisis caught our lawmakers by surprise, and the continuing chaos clearly demonstrates that these people



**Bill O'Reilly**

Holder to be attorney general. This almost defies belief. In addition to lobbying for the pardon of uber tax cheat Marc Rich, Holder was part of the Janet Reno gang that made it impossible for the feds to investigate terror-related activities inside the USA. You'll remember that then Attorney General Reno, with her assistant General's guidance, actually ordered the FBI not to share information with the CIA. Thus, the 9/11 hijackers were free to roam this country until doing their deadly deeds.

Now, Holder may be running the show at Justice, and unless he has had

have no idea how to deal with the recession. So Americans are just going to have to tough it out and pray the president and Congress don't make things even worse.

On the terrorism front, some Americans, including this one, are worried for a number of reasons, beginning with Obama selecting Eric Holder to be attorney general. This almost defies belief. In addition to lobbying for the pardon of uber tax cheat Marc Rich, Holder was part of the Janet Reno gang that made it impossible for the feds to investigate terror-related activities inside the USA. You'll remember that then Attorney General Reno, with her assistant General's guidance, actually ordered the FBI not to share information with the CIA. Thus, the 9/11 hijackers were free to roam this country until doing their deadly deeds.

Overseas, the military is calling the shots, and Obama will not take on Gen. David Petraeus, the genius behind the Iraq turnaround. So, here, the fight against terror will continue to be waged aggressively. However, the prison at Guantanamo Bay will be shut down, and coerced interrogation will not be allowed on Obama's watch. So the terrorists gain an advantage.

Barack Obama is a brilliant man. He knows his success hinges on getting us out of the recession and preventing another terror attack at home. He also understands that he has to do both of these things if he wants a second term.

And a Happy New Year to you, Mr. President-elect.

**Bill O'Reilly is a nationally syndicated columnist and the host of the top-rated O'Reilly Report on Fox.**

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 1, the first day of 2009. There are 364 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 1, 1959, Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries overthrew Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista, who fled to the Dominican Republic.

**On this date:**  
In 1808, a law prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States went into effect.

In 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

In 1909, five-term Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater was born in Phoenix, Arizona Territory.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, while being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, W.Va.

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

**Ten years ago:** The euro, the new single currency of 11 European countries (later 15), officially came into existence with the start of the New Year.

**Five years ago:** Pakistan's Gen. Pervez Musharraf won a vote of confidence validating his five-year term as president.

**One year ago:** One year ago: Revelers celebrated the new year around the world; a ball dropped for the 100th year in New York's Times Square. Violence claimed scores of lives in Kenya, Iraq and Afghanistan. U.S. diplomat John Granville and his driver were shot to death by Sudanese gunmen in Khartoum.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Author J.D. Salinger is 90. Former Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 87. Actor Ty Hardin is 79. Actor Frank Langella is 71. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 67. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 66. Actor Rick Hurst is 63. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 51. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer is 45. Actress Embeth Davidtz is 43. Country singer Brian Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 43. Actor Morris Chestnut is 40. Actor Verne Troyer is 40.

**GEORGIA****Thieves steal vases from cemetery**

STONE MOUNTAIN. — Police have asked scrap metal dealers to be on the lookout for anyone trying to sell bronzed vases stolen from a DeKalb County cemetery.

Thieves took about 200 of the \$250 vases, used to hold flowers on top of grave markers, from Melwood Cemetery in Stone Mountain last week.

Melwood spokeswoman Cheryl Brown said the theft was discovered Christmas Day, when a family reported that the vase at the grave they visited was gone.

Brown says the crooks "are stealing from the dead, but they're hurting the families, too."

**State sued over legal aid cuts**

ATLANTA — A man who faces a possible death sentence for a Pike County killing has filed suit against officials in Georgia's public defender system, claiming he has been denied representation for months.

Jamie Ryan Weis is charged in the Feb. 2, 2006 death of Catherine King in her Pike County home. Weis's two appointed lawyers were removed from the case in November 2007 when the cash-strapped defender system did not have the money to pay them.

A hearing in the murder case is scheduled for Monday.

Mack Crawford, director of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, and Gerry Word, acting head of the capital defender's office, declined comment on the suit filed Wednesday in Superior Court in Atlanta.

**Carter: Israeli response too much**

ATLANTA — The Carter Center is urging both sides to cease violence in and around Gaza, saying it threatens peace talks and Israel's long-term security.

The center founded by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife — which has offices in Gaza, Jerusalem and the West Bank — said Wednesday that Israel must cease attacks endangering civilians in the densely populated territory and Hamas leaders must halt rocket attacks against Israel.

The Atlanta-based Carter Center released a statement saying Israel has a right to protect its citizens but "these operations are disproportionate and detrimental to the ongoing peace efforts."

**'Baby Bear' dead at 28**

SAVANNAH — The black bear who charmed visitors at a Savannah wildlife attraction for nearly three decades has died.

Oatland Island Wildlife Center director Chris Gentle said "Baby Bear" died Monday. The bear lived to age 28, which is unusual.

He came to Oatland Island in 1981 as a cub.

The Associated Press



AP Photo

Gloria Nesmith, center, and other parents react at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta on Wednesday to the news that Oprah Winfrey donated \$365,000 to the inner-city school.

**Oprah donates \$365,000 to Atlanta private school**

ATLANTA (AP) — A letter from Oprah Winfrey last week seemed like the world's best Christmas present — until teacher Ron Clark noticed an extra piece of paper flutter out of the envelope.

That's when the Atlanta educator saw the \$365,000 check for the innovative private school he opened in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods in 2007. It was, quite literally, an answer to a prayer.

"We teach school all day and fundraise at night," said Clark, who finds private donors to pay most of the \$14,000 annual tuition for each student. "To have an unsolicited gift come like that is incredible."

Clark surprised his students with the news of the donation Wednesday morning in a gathering at the south Atlanta school. The children, parents and teachers erupted in deafening cheers when he showed off the check.

Several cried at the news. "Everything they learn is enhanced because of the teachers' dedication and creativity," said a tearful Gloria

**On the Net**  
Ron Clark Academy: <http://www.ronclarkacademy.com/>

Nesmith, whose son, Cameron, is a fifth-grader at the academy. "And Oprah noticed. I'm just overwhelmed."

The donation, which likely will go to scholarships for students, would pay for 26 children to attend the school for one year, Clark said. The 80-student middle school depends almost entirely on donations to operate.

In her letter, to Clark, Winfrey calls him a role model and applauds the "profound difference you're making with your passion for teaching."

The check was issued by the Oprah Winfrey Foundation, which gave \$4 million to educational programs in 2008, said foundation executive director Caren Yanis.

Clark and his students became overnight stars during the presidential election when a video of the students performing a political rap they wrote grabbed the pub-

lic's attention on YouTube. The children ended up performing the rap, called "Vote However U Like," on national TV shows including CNN and BET.

Teachers at the school frequently use rapping, dancing and drumming to help students learn.

Clark, who taught in one of New York City's toughest schools and wrote the best-selling teaching book "The Essential 55," opened the school last year with proceeds from his book and private donations.

Nearly all of its 80 students are from middle- and low-income households. Parents pay a small part of the tuition and the rest is paid by donors.

Clark has appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" twice — once when he was named Disney American Teacher of the Year in 2000 and again when his book made the New York Times best-seller list.

**Insurers get 2009 'bonus'**

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's budget woes aren't stopping the state from ringing in the new year with a hefty tax break for the insurance industry.

Among the new Georgia laws that will take effect Jan. 1 is one that will eliminate the state and local taxes for insurance carriers that offer high-deductible health plans.

The tax break is expected to save insurers \$146 million over five years. They lobbied hard for the measure, which passed on the final day of the 2008 session. It was derided by critics as a "sweetheart deal" for the industry.

Georgia is facing a budget shortfall that could top \$2 billion for the current fiscal year and has been slashing programs, furloughing state employees and boosting fees for college students.

The tax break will reduce the money flowing into state coffers during tough economic times. Still, Gov. Sonny Perdue isn't pulling his support. The law was part of his legislative agenda last year. A Perdue spokesman

said the governor continues to believe it will provide cost savings down the road by covering some of the roughly 1.7 million Georgians who lack health insurance.

"The whole thought behind this is that if we make these plans more affordable and that we get more folks insured," spokesman Bert Brantley said.

High-deductible health plans are a favorite of Republican health policy. Participants typically put money in tax-free health savings accounts to pay medical expenses out-of-pocket until they meet a high yearly deductible, which can be several thousand dollars. Some preventive care — like annual pap smears and "well baby" visits — are covered by the plans before the deductible is reached.

Such plans are particularly attractive to people in their 20s and upper-income residents. Participants are likely healthy and don't expect big medical costs but are worried about catastrophic coverage for something like an accident or cancer.

**States struggle to pay bills**

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Columbia runs one of the programs.

Worsening budget shortfalls will prompt many state lawmakers to ask a basic question when they return to work in January: What must government provide its citizens?

In all but a handful of states, that list is already growing shorter, resulting in fewer health benefits for the poor, the closure of parks and recreation centers and more inmates being crammed into ever-more crowded prisons.

Demand is simultaneously on the rise for Medicaid, food stamps and unemployment benefits even as the delivery of these and other services is complicated by recent layoffs or furloughs for tens of thousands of state employees.

In addition to deep spending cuts, legislators are enacting or considering higher fees for public colleges, new tariffs on everything from soda to strippers, and other measures intended to offset shrinking revenues from sales, real estate and income taxes.

"This is shaping up as the worst year for the states since the (Second World) War," said Arturo Perez, a fiscal analyst for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In many cases, programs already hit by cuts can, at best, expect these reductions to stay in place through fiscal year 2010. That is because lawmakers crafting budgets typically allot the same amount as was committed at the end of the previous year.

Those dependent on services facing cutbacks are expressing feelings ranging from vulnerability to anger:

■ Activists in South Carolina, where steep health care cuts already are being made, fear lawmakers will cut a \$1 million HIV prevention program that pays for 39 church-based education initiatives.

"I know the state has to cut, and we're in a tough time, but ... in 10 years, we're stuck with a problem that's unbelievable if they put that particular dilemma on the back burner," said the Rev. Thurmond Bowers Jr., whose 650-member Trinity Baptist in

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire wants to shrink a \$5.7 billion budget gap projected for the next two fiscal years. Among the cuts Gregoire wants to make is \$20 million in state funding for programs that provide part-time care to those with Alzheimer's and other chronic health conditions.

■ In Georgia, Taiye Oladipo, a senior at the University of Georgia, is scrambling to come up with an additional \$100 spring semester fee tacked on by the Board of Regents to help with that state's budget shortfall.

"The student fee will definitely come out of my pocket," she said.

The roots of states' budget woes include: plunging real estate values and home sales; a near collapse of the auto industry; a devastated stock market; and rising unemployment.

Forty-one states and Washington D.C., faced combined budget gaps exceeding \$42 billion after fiscal year 2009 spending plans were approved, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The situation could be almost twice as bad the following fiscal year based on early estimates 38 states provided to the center.

Six states — most of which benefited from oil and natural gas production — projected no budget gap for the current or next fiscal year, according to the center. However, falling energy prices could alter that equation.

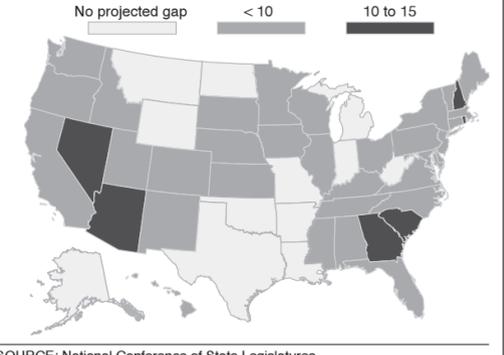
The challenge facing governors will be made easier by a federal stimulus package that President-elect Barack Obama has said would deliver hundreds of billions of dollars in transportation and infrastructure funds. However, that will not eliminate the likelihood of significant cutbacks in a wide range of services.

In Georgia, Gov. Sonny Perdue has said he'll borrow more money for road projects and school construction, while state legislators are considering a tax on the adult entertainment industry, dubbed "the pole tax."

**Most states facing budget gaps**

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**Budget gap as a percentage of general fund, FY 2009**



SOURCE: National Conference of State Legislatures

**Bredesen vows oversight**

KINGSTON, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's governor promised greater oversight of coal ash retention ponds Wednesday after viewing damage from a spill that released more than a billion gallons of ashy sludge.

Gov. Phil Bredesen said he had no complaints with the cleanup process by Tennessee Valley Authority, which operates the Kingston power plant where a pond burst last week and poured a mix of fly ash and water over 300 acres and into a river.

But Bredesen vowed state environmental regulators will be "looking over their shoulder."

"Burning fossil fuel for electricity is a dirty business," he said. "Everywhere this happens there are huge ash piles, there are environ-

mental issues. My dream out of all of this is maybe this is an epiphany for TVA and for the country that some things have got to change."

Congress will hold a hearing on the spill next week. The Senate Environment Committee is scheduled to hear testimony Wednesday from TVA President and CEO Tom Kilgore, environmental advocates and local officials who responded to the disaster.

Bredesen said the state is launching immediate inspections of all other TVA retention ponds and a review of state regulations for the ponds.

"The regulations we operate under now were written in the '70s; 2009 is a different world in terms of environmental regulation than

the 1970s," he said.

The state will conduct daily tests of water sources for the cities of Kingston and Rockwood until the threat of contamination from arsenic and heavy metals in the sludge has passed.

Bredesen spoke briefly to the media Wednesday after flying over the site of the spill, taking a short walking tour in the affected area and visiting with some of the families displaced by the incident.

The Kingston Steam Plant sits on the confluence of two rivers, about 35 miles west of Knoxville.

The deluge destroyed three houses, displaced a dozen families and damaged 42 parcels of land, but there were no serious injuries.

**Public Hearing Notice**

Whitfield County is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant. Whitfield County will be submitting a regional application partnering with Gilmer, Pickens, Murray and Fannin Counties. The application will be requesting funds in the amount of \$1,236,472. These funds must be used to primarily benefit low, moderate and middle income persons.

The activities for which these funds may be used are the following:

- establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes and residential properties, including such mechanisms as soft-second, loan loss reserves, and shared-equity loans for low- and moderate-income homebuyers;
- purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent, or redevelop such homes and properties;
- establish land banks for homes that have been foreclosed upon
- demolish blighted structures; and
- redevelop demolished or vacant properties.

More details regarding eligible activities, plans to assist displaced persons (if any), the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities to benefit low, moderate and middle income persons will be provided at a public hearing and a public meeting which will be held at **Whitfield County Judicial Building, Annex 2, 214 W. King Street, Courtroom A, Monday, January 5th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., and at the Whitfield County Courthouse, 205 N Selvidge Street Lower Atrium, January 8th, 2009 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M..**

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact Gaile Jennings between the hours of 8 – 4:30 pm at 1-706-876-1630, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities may contact the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.

## BUSY SCOUT



AP Photo

In this family photo, Eagle Scout Shawn Goldsmith poses with all the merit badges he earned as a member of the Boy Scouts of America in New York, on Monday. Earning all 121 merit badges is an accomplishment the local arm of the organization calls "an almost unheard-of feat." The Binghamton University freshman was awarded his final badges on Dec. 19. He says he hopes to become a businessman and politician

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel sent more troops to the Gaza border Wednesday, rapidly moving forward with preparations for a possible ground offensive as the next stage of its military assault on the coastal territory's Hamas rulers.

Israel rebuffed calls by world leaders for a truce, and Hamas also was cold to a cease-fire.

Instead, both intensified their fire. Israel bombed a mosque that it said was used to store rockets as well as vital smuggling tunnels along the Egyptian border, and the Islamic militants hammered southern Israeli cities with about 60 rockets.

Israeli troops trudged between dozens of tanks in muddy, rain-sodden fields outside Gaza, assembling equipment, cleaning weapons and scrubbing out tank barrels. Their commanders moved forward with preparations for a ground operation, said an Israeli defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled emergency consultations Wednesday night to discuss an Arab request for a legally binding and enforceable resolution to ensure an immediate cease-fire in Gaza. Egyptian Ambassador Maged Abdelaziz said he was on instructions from Arab League foreign ministers who met in Cairo.

Diplomatic efforts by U.S., European and Middle Eastern leaders appeared to be having little effect. A French proposal for a 48-hour cease-fire to allow humanitarian supplies into Gaza failed to gain traction. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said the time was not ripe to consider it.

A separate proposal by Turkey and Egypt, two of



AP Photo

A Palestinian man places a green Islamic flag used by the militant group Hamas on the rubble of a destroyed mosque after an Israeli air strike in Gaza City on Wednesday. Israel rejected mounting international pressure to suspend its devastating offensive against Palestinian militants.

## Club fire kills dozens

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A fire swept through a high-class nightclub jammed with several hundred New Year's revelers early Thursday, killing at least 59 people and injuring about 130, officials said.

A number of foreigners were among the casualties from the blaze that erupted shortly after midnight at the Santika Club in Bangkok's entertainment district.

Victims died from burns, smoke inhalation and injuries during the stampede to escape from the club, which had only one door for the public, police Maj. Gen. Chokchai Deeprasertwit said. Firefighters said a door at the rear was known only to the staff, while an Associated

Press reporter saw a third door at one side of the building.

Video footage of the disaster showed bloodied, bruised and burned victims being dragged out of the burning club or managing to run through the door or shattered windows. The video — provided to AP Television News by rescue workers — showed flames racing through the entire building even as the rescue operation was going on.

Police Gen. Jongrak Jutanont put the death toll at 59, which included an undetermined number of foreigners. He said that among the injured were nationals of Australia, Nepal, Japan and the Netherlands.

Israel's few allies in the Muslim world, also seemed to be attracting little serious study in Israel or Gaza, where Hamas leaders dismissed talk of a truce.

With a shrinking number of targets to hit from the air and top Hamas leaders deep in hiding, a ground operation seemed all the more likely. In five days of raids, Israeli warplanes carried out about 500 sorties against Hamas targets and helicopters flew hundreds more combat missions, a senior Israeli military officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

The government has approved the call-up of more than 9,000 reserve soldiers. Heavy rain clouds cover that

could hinder ground forces were expected to lift Thursday.

U.N. humanitarian chief John Holmes said the death toll was estimated at 320-390 and the number of injured at 1,500-1,900. Between 20 percent and 25 percent of the dead are either women or children, said Karen Abu Zayd, U.N. Relief and Works Agency commissioner.

Hamas says some 200 uniformed members of its security forces have been killed, and the U.N. says at least 60 Palestinian civilians have died.

In Israel, three civilians and a soldier have been killed by rocket fire, which has reached deeper into Israel than ever. The sites of

the missile hits have drawn curious crowds.

In the Negev desert city of Beersheba, people visited a school where a rocket made a direct hit Tuesday evening, slamming through the ceiling and showering debris on students' desks.

A visitor illuminated by a shaft of light through the hole in the roof said with some astonishment, "This is my daughter's seat."

In Gaza, the sites of airstrikes have also attracted the curious and the defiant, including a Palestinian man who planted a green Hamas flag atop a mound of debris at a flattened mosque, its minaret still thrusting toward a stormy sky.



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### James Marcus 'Jim' Boring Jr.

Mr. James Marcus 'Jim' Boring, Jr., 86, of Dalton, passed away, Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II under the command of Gen. George C. Patton. He was also a longtime member of the Dalton First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joann Boring Boyd.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Syble Estes Boring of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Marc and Susan Boring of Dalton; granddaughter, Rachel C. Boring of Dalton; brothers and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Dottie Boring and Harold Boring all of Dalton; brother-in-law, Gil Boyd of Texas; nieces and nephews, Janet Bandy of Dalton, Leah and Jay Hill of Chattanooga, TN., Laura Boring of New York, Johnny and Leslie Boring of Atlanta, Sarah Boyd, Gilbo and Sylvia Boyd all of Texas.

Services will be Saturday at 2 P.M. from the First United Methodist Church with the Dr. Joe Peabody, the Dr. Bill Floyd and the Dr. Billy Nimmons officiating. Burial will follow in Whitfield Memorial Gardens with the American Legion Post #112 in charge of graveside rites. The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Friday from 5 to 8 P.M. The family asks that flowers please be omitted and

memorials be made to the

Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Frank Abernathy

Frank Abernathy, 76, of Dalton departed this life Wednesday afternoon at Hamilton Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Ponders Funeral Home-Melrose Chapel, Dalton, Ga.

### John Edward 'J.E.' Burton

Mr. John Edward 'J. E.' Burton, 61, of Dalton, passed away, Monday Dec. 29, 2008 at Hamilton Medical Center due to complications from diabetes and chronic renal failure.

He was the son of the late Aster and Edna Dixon Burton and was preceded in death by many, many aunts and uncles.

J. E. retired after 36 years of service to Whitfield County and the state of Georgia. He was also a member of the Dalton Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Mary Lynn Hooper Burton of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Tara and Terry Bates, Caycie and Chris Sand all of Dalton; sister, Patricia and Johnny Jones of Dalton; grandchildren, Evan Bates, Katie Wilson and Mollie Sand; niece, nephews and cousins also survive.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Saturday from 4 to 7 P.M. followed by a short celebration of his life, which will be led in prayer by the Reverend Ed Pippin.

The family ask that flowers please be omitted and memorial be made to the

Conasauga Kidney Care, 1506 Broadrick Dr., Dalton, GA. 30720.

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### J.T. Jordan

Mr. J.T. "Jay" Jordan, age 84, of the Casey Springs Community, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at his residence.

Jay was a veteran of the United States Army, in which he served during World War II under the command of General George S. Patton. He was also a member of the Casey Springs United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Rachel Dalton Jordan; sons, Jerry and Winston Jordan; and parents, Pardue and Lattie Jordan.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, James and Sheree Jordan of Chatsworth, Troy and Sharon Jordan, and Betty Jordan, all of the Casey Springs Community; daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jackie Brooker of Dalton, Kathryn and Tony McBrayer of the Casey Springs Community, Teresa and Frankie Tomlinson, and Melissa and David Thomas, all of Calhoun; 21 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 3, 2009, at 1 P.M. at the Casey Springs United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenny Bailey and the Rev. Jerry McBrayer officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with graveside rites by Dalton American Legion Post # 112.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday after 5 P.M. until the funeral hour on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made the Casey Springs Cemetery Fund.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

### Dorothy Marie Howard Bishop

Mrs. Dorothy Marie

Howard Bishop, age 72, of Chatsworth, went to heaven, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Lee Bishop; father, Lee Howard; mother, Jesse Mae Elrod Webb; and a brother, Jr. Howard.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Jerry Allmon of Dalton, Gloria and David Chamblee of Ranger, Georgia, Kathy Teasley of Chatsworth, and Lois Williams of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cheryl Coker of Dalton; step-children, Larry Bishop, David Bishop, and Roy Bishop; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Steve Howard, William Howard, and David Howard, all of Chatsworth; sisters, Betty Elrod and Pat Flood of Chatsworth, and Marilyn Ramirez of Dalton; step-mother, Evelyn Howard of Chatsworth; nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:00 P.M. in; the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Danny Cochran officiating. Interment will follow in the Spring Place Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday after 5:00 P. M., Friday, and Saturday until the funeral hour.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Phillip Edward Gillean

Mr. Phillip Edward Gillean, age 70, of Spring Place, GA, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at his residence. He was an active member and past master of the Dalton Masonic Lodge #105 of Dalton, Ga. He was also a member of the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Chatsworth.

Phillip was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Gillean; parents, L.E. and Ruby Nell Gillean.

Survivors include his sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Ronald Mauldin, Diane Rhodes, Karen and Marshall Brown, all of Rocky Face, Aletha and John Fullbright of Cartersville, and Janice and Phillip Brown of Edgar Springs, MO; brother-in-law and his wife; James and Lillie Smith of Spring Place; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Sandi Gillean, Dot Reeve, all of Calhoun, and Ronald and Georgia Gillean of Dalton; aunt, Susie

Gillean of Dalton; and special cousins and caregivers, Jennifer and Michael Taylor of Chatsworth. Nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service will be Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Spring Place Cemetery with graveside rites by the Dalton Masonic Lodge 105.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

National Kidney Foundation of Georgia  
2951 Flowers Road South Suite 211  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341  
Peoples Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the funeral arrangements for Mr. Phillip Edward Gillean. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Tom E. 'Frances' Swift

Mrs. Tom E. 'Frances' Swift, 91, of Dalton, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Louise Wheat Luffman

Mrs. Louise Wheat Luffman, age 93, of Calhoun, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Whitfield County on Aug. 26, 1915, daughter of the late Berry Wheat and Jenny Mae Sailors Wheat.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Luffman was also preceded in death by her first husband, James Walter Pinion, her husband Robert Lee Luffman; brothers, Pete Wheat, J.B. Wheat, and Berry Wheat, Jr.; a sister and brother-in-law, Lula Bell and Joe Kersey, a brother-in-law, Paul Defore; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Sue Pinion of Dalton, Ronnie and Charolette Luffman of Rome, and Ricky and Debbie Luffman of Calhoun; four daughters, Mary Ann Schild and her husband Wayne of Douglasville, Devon Wofford and her husband Earl of Dalton, Carolyn Bonlinger and her husband Eddie of Colorado, and Jackie Pinion of Florida; two sisters, Robbie Defore of Calhoun, and Genevia Fisher and her husband Bernard of Dalton; sisters-in-law, Doris Wheat and Hattie Wheat of Dalton, and Doris Wheat. Fifteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise Wheat Luffman will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 1 at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, with Rev. Eddie Brannon officiating. Interment will follow in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Whitfield County. Active pallbearers will included Chris Schild, Josh Wofford, Jeff Wofford, Richard Luffman, Jr., Terry Kendrick, and Kenny Pinion. These gentlemen are asked to meet at the funeral home Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Honorary pallbearers are Dennis Waldon, Michael Robertson and Avery McFalls, and they are asked to meet at the funeral home Thursday at 10:45 a.m. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday after 6 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guest-book signed at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com). Family owned and operated Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home is conducting the funeral services for Mrs. Louise Wheat Luffman, of Calhoun. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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### Roger Houston Keith

Mr. Roger Houston Keith, 53, of Bremen, departed this life Monday morning, Dec. 29, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Keith was born March 3, 1955, in Whitfield County. He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Houston and Gladys Dean Keith, and sister Patricia Seay.

Mr. Keith is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, April and Clay Pangle, Kim and Tony Jones, Holly Keith and Brandon Cross, all of Dalton; sister and brothers-in-law, Linda and Terry Bowen of Chatsworth, Frank Seay of Dalton; six grandchildren; several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Roger Keith will be on Thursday at 1 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at Tilton Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home today after 5 p.m.

Visit [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com) to share words of comfort and memories with the Keith family.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home.

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# Wall Street expects a calmer 2009

NEW YORK (AP) — The last trading day of 2008 on Wall Street provided a merciful end to an abysmal year — the worst since the Great Depression, wiping out \$6.9 trillion in stock market wealth.

Six years of stock gains disappeared as the economy crumbled and markets crashed around the globe, shaking the confidence of professional and individual investors alike.

But the year's chaos went far beyond the stock market. Credit markets that drive lending became paralyzed, plunging the country further into recession and touching off an unprecedented rush for the safety of Treasury bills, notes and bonds. Commodities markets, usually ignored by most investors, soared on speculative buying and then collapsed when it became clear that the world economy was in trouble and that record high prices, including oil's peak above \$147 a barrel, were unjustified.

"It was a feeling of flailing," said Jerry Webman, chief economist at Oppenheimer Funds Inc. "People couldn't get a grasp because there were not obvious his-

torical precedents."

By the year's end, many market analysts were predicting that 2009 would be better, but that recovery would be slow as investors, shaken by the devastation to their portfolios, U.S. companies and the overall economy, remain reluctant to buy.

"I think this may be much more of a show-me market than we're used to. The market is going to be looking for some stabilization, increases in earnings, a few more positives before it begins to recover," said Webman.

Wall Street's stats for 2008 provide evidence of how stunningly terrible the year was:

■ The average price of a share listed on the New York Stock Exchange plunged 45 percent to \$41.14 by the end of the year from \$75.01 a year earlier.

■ The Dow Jones industrial average fell 33.8 percent for the year and 38 percent from its record close of 14,165.53 in October 2007, making it the Dow's worst year since 1931, when the country was in the midst of the Great Depression.

■ The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the indicator most watched by market pros, slumped 38.5 percent in 2008 and 42.3 percent from its 2007 high of 1,565.15.

■ Investors lost \$6.9 trillion as relentless selling reduced the value of stocks across the market. That amount, measured by the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, represented 38 percent of the total value of U.S. stocks at the start of 2008.

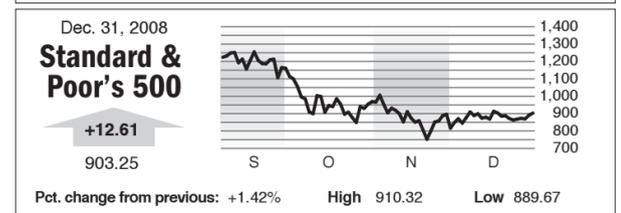
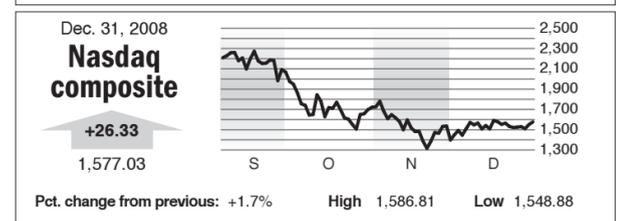
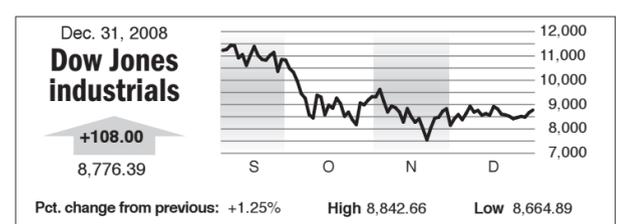
Yet the last week of the year was almost serene.

On Wednesday, the Dow rose 108.00, or 1.25 percent, to 8,776.39.

The tranquility was a welcome change in a year that was rocky from the start as worries about the financial system were fed by reports that banks had suffered billions of dollars in losses on securities tied to defaulting mortgages. The forced-sale of Bear Stearns Cos. in March unnerved Wall Street, yet it still managed to right itself through the spring.

The surging price of oil and other commodities dealt another blow to the market.

## A DAY ON WALL STREET



SOURCE: SunGard

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Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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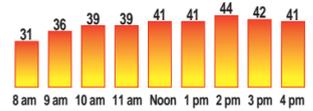
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**Precipitation:**  
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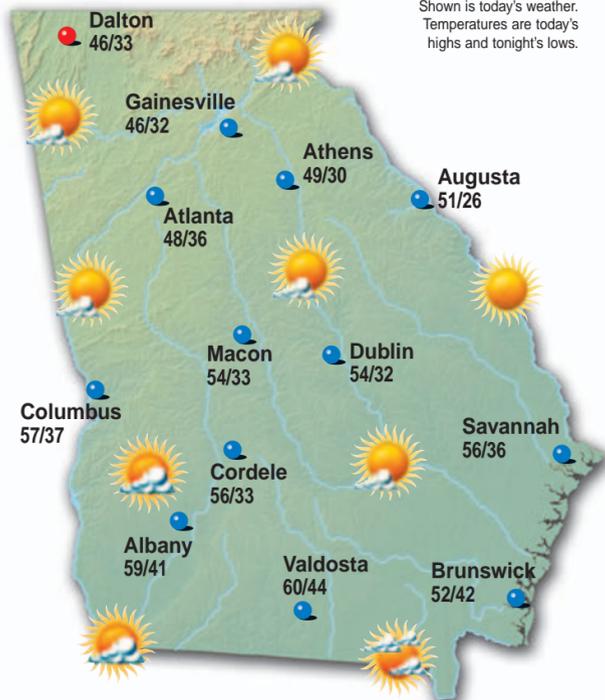
On Jan. 1, 1864, an arctic blast caused the temperature in Louisville, Ky., to drop from 47 to -19 in just 21 hours.

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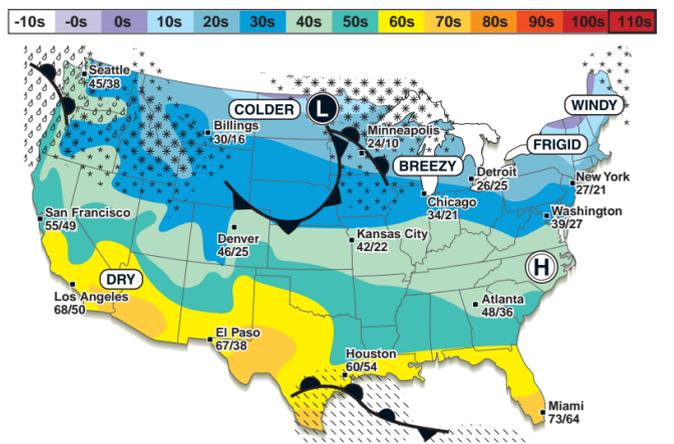
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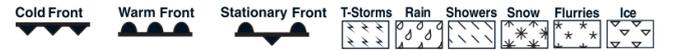
Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	59/41/pc	64/47/c	67/53/pc	La Grange	55/33/s	54/34/c	59/45/pc
Atlanta	48/36/s	53/37/c	55/47/pc	Macon	54/33/s	61/38/r	62/48/pc
Athens	49/30/s	50/35/r	54/43/s	Marietta	48/28/s	52/32/c	55/38/pc
Augusta	51/26/s	55/36/r	64/44/s	Newton	58/40/pc	67/48/c	66/49/c
Brunswick	52/42/pc	67/50/c	63/53/pc	Rome	48/30/s	51/31/c	58/45/pc
College Park	48/36/s	53/37/c	55/47/pc	Savannah	56/36/pc	65/46/c	63/50/s
Columbus	57/37/s	57/41/c	60/50/pc	Sparta	48/28/s	54/32/r	58/38/s
Gainesville	46/32/s	45/35/c	54/41/s	Valdosta	60/44/pc	69/49/c	70/54/c

National Weather for January 1, 2009



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



City	Today			Fri.			Sat.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	16/11/pc	27/17/sf	29/13/pc	Memphis	56/37/pc	52/41/pc	55/48/c		
Anchorage	1/-6/c	4/-8/pc	2/-8/s	Miami	73/64/c	76/63/pc	79/65/pc		
Baltimore	36/22/s	40/26/c	41/26/s	Milwaukee	29/19/sn	23/14/c	33/21/c		
Billings	30/16/c	40/15/c	21/5/pc	Minneapolis	24/10/sn	17/11/c	24/6/sn		
Boise	39/34/sh	39/26/sn	28/21/pc	New Orleans	62/55/c	73/59/c	72/58/r		
Buffalo	26/23/pc	33/19/sf	26/19/c	New York	27/21/s	36/28/sf	35/27/pc		
Charlotte	46/28/s	49/29/f	52/34/s	Okla. City	53/31/s	54/39/s	57/31/pc		
Cheyenne	36/27/c	54/24/pc	31/9/pc	Orlando	65/52/pc	74/52/c	77/56/pc		
Chicago	34/21/c	31/18/c	35/22/c	Philadelphia	30/18/s	38/29/c	38/28/s		
Cincinnati	42/24/pc	41/20/sf	37/27/pc	Phoenix	72/45/s	70/46/s	66/48/pc		
Cleveland	28/26/pc	35/21/sf	32/26/c	Pittsburgh	28/26/pc	36/24/pc	33/26/c		
Dallas	60/43/pc	65/53/pc	71/43/pc	Portland, OR	46/41/r	44/32/r	41/30/c		
Denver	46/25/pc	57/26/pc	39/10/c	St. Louis	44/28/pc	46/29/pc	44/30/c		
Detroit	26/25/c	33/18/sf	30/22/c	Salt Lake City	39/29/sn	43/23/c	26/11/pc		
Indianapolis	40/27/pc	39/19/c	38/29/pc	San Francisco	55/49/pc	54/43/sh	53/41/sh		
Kansas City	42/22/pc	43/32/s	43/23/c	San Diego	63/50/pc	61/52/pc	61/50/pc		
Las Vegas	61/38/pc	63/40/s	58/37/c	Seattle	45/38/r	42/30/r	41/33/c		
Los Angeles	68/50/pc	66/48/pc	60/46/sh	Wash., DC	39/27/s	43/28/c	43/31/s		

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

The World

City	Today			Fri.			Sat.		
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Athens	50/41/s	54/51/pc	53/44/c	Jerusalem	47/30/c	47/29/s	54/34/s		
Auckland	77/67/s	77/67/c	70/57/r	London	39/30/pc	41/30/pc	37/28/s		
Amsterdam	37/28/s	31/26/sf	32/31/pc	Madrid	50/37/r	54/37/pc	50/39/r		
Baghdad	53/32/pc	47/24/s	51/29/s	Montreal	7/3/pc	16/14/sn	19/7/sf		
Beijing	39/21/s	39/23/s	35/18/pc	Moscow	27/16/sf	18/10/sf	12/0/c		
Berlin	34/23/s	30/19/sn	28/22/sn	Paris	42/30/pc	38/32/c	36/28/s		
Buenos Aires	75/61/pc	79/59/pc	86/61/s	Rio	85/75/sh	84/71/r	81/67/r		
Cairo	59/48/pc	58/39/s	60/42/s	Rome	54/45/r	55/43/pc	54/39/c		
Calgary	8/-8/c	1/-18/sn	-4/-10/s	Seoul	32/15/s	34/18/s	29/11/s		
Cape Town	79/57/pc	72/59/pc	75/59/pc	Singapore	88/77/r	86/77/r	84/77/r		
Caracas	91/75/pc	90/74/sh	89/74/sh	Sydney	82/64/s	75/63/r	69/60/pc		
Dublin	47/39/pc	42/36/s	41/34/s	Tel Aviv	54/41/pc	55/38/pc	59/43/s		
Geneva	37/27/pc	40/31/c	38/29/pc	Tokyo	50/36/s	50/36/s	48/37/s		
Hong Kong	63/54/pc	63/57/pc	61/59/c	Toronto	24/19/pc	33/17/sf	27/18/pc		
Istanbul	41/36/pc	46/41/r	44/36/r	Warsaw	28/20/s	28/21/sn	27/19/sn		

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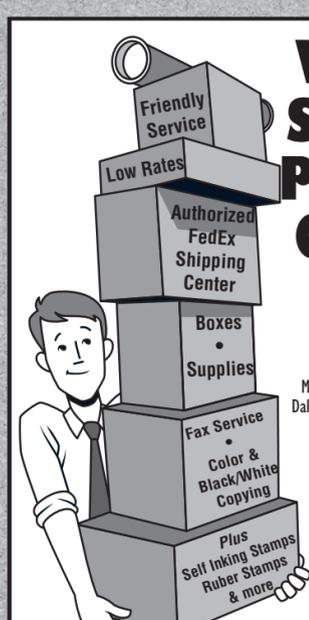
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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# No Dome advantage

## GT ends year on bad note

BY CHARLES ODUM  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Charles Scott ran for three touchdowns and LSU took advantage of Georgia Tech's special teams mistakes in a surprisingly easy 38-3 victory win over the Yellow Jackets in the Chick-fil-Bowl on Wednesday night.

LSU outscored the No. 14 Yellow Jackets 28-0 in the second quarter and led 35-3 at halftime. Scott, who had 65 yards rushing, had two touchdowns in the decisive quarter.



Johnson

A year after winning the national championship, LSU (8-5) lost three of its last four regular-season games but regrouped for its dominant bowl victory.

The biggest special teams plays all fell in LSU's favor. LSU recovered an onside kick and a Georgia Tech fumbled punt return and made a fourth-down stop on the Yellow Jackets' surprising fake punt from Tech's 22.

LSU turned the fumbled punt and stop on the fake punt into quick touchdowns while outscoring Georgia Tech 28-0 in the second quarter.

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AP PHOTO  
LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson (9) leaps over Georgia Tech's Mario Butler (2), Michael Ray and LSU's Charles Scott (32) during the first quarter of the Chick-fil-A Bowl on Wednesday in Atlanta. The Tigers beat the No. 14-ranked Yellow Jackets 38-3, leaving Georgia Tech with a 2-1 record against SEC teams this season. On Nov. 29, Georgia Tech beat Georgia, 45-42.



AP PHOTO

Georgia running back Knowshon Moreno (24) and quarterback Matthew Stafford (7) during practice.

## Passing game key for UGA

BY MARK WANGRIN  
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — A matchup of two All-American running backs could well come down to the quarterbacks in the Capital One Bowl.

Either No. 16 Georgia's Matthew Stafford or No. 19 Michigan State's Brian Hoyer could have to make a difference if his top rusher gets thwarted — or if both run wild.

"I am very confident that if Georgia tries to stack the box against us, Hoyer will have one of the best games he's had," Spartans running back Javon Ringer said. "All of this preparation we've had for Georgia, Hoyer has been tremendous."

Stafford, projected as a possible first-round NFL pick, is no slouch either.

"He does a good job of feeling pressure and stepping up in the pocket," MSU linebackers coach Mike Tressel said. "He's

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## PREP WRESTLING

# No Invitational for first time since '95



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Wrestling fans watch the action during last year's Murray County Invitational. An annual tradition in the first week of January since 1995, this year's event has been cancelled due to multiple teams opting to focus on next week's state qualifying meet.

BY ADAM KROHN

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Every year since 1995, the first week of January meant one thing — it was time for the Murray County Invitational, a one-day wrestling tournament at Murray County High School.

But Indians wrestling coach Chris Thornbury, who along with his wife Beth organizes the tournament, decided to call the invitational off for 2009 due to numerous schools pulling out.

What had once been a 16-plus team event has been cut in half over the past two years because area meets — which serve as qualifiers for the state meet — have been moved up to the second week in January, just a week after the Murray Invitational.

With Thornbury selecting from a pool of teams that routinely includes perennial state contenders, coaches of schools who usually participate would now rather focus on the area and state meets. What was originally

slated to be an eight-team invitational field on Saturday was reduced to four as the tournament drew close, so Thornbury decided to pull the plug.

"I understand why folks are pulling out and I'm not upset about it," Thornbury said. "We've got a ton of schools who have committed to next year, and the schedule is more favorable then, so we'll get it going good again next year. For right now, I'm just worried about getting our kids ready for the region duals. That's my concern."



Thornbury

The tournament does have sentimental value to Thornbury and the Indians because it was started the same year that Todd Granger — Thornbury's first state champion as coach of the Indians — was tragically killed in a car wreck. To commemorate Granger, the top wrestler of each invitational is give the Todd

Granger Memorial Award.

"My biggest disappointment is that award won't be handed out this year," Thornbury said. "We (Indians wrestlers) always try to win that award and keep it in house, and it's tough knowing that won't happen this year."

Though there will be no invitational this year, Tuesday's Conasauga Cup — an annual competition between area schools Dalton, Murray, Northwest Whitfield and Southeast — will be held. The event, originally started by former Indians coach Tony Plavich, was resumed during the 2005-06 season as a way to keep the Indians' rivalry with area schools alive after Murray County moved to Region 5-5A.

After the Conasauga Cup, it's on to the area meet, which Thornbury said is the team's main focus.

As for 2010, Thornbury looks forward to the Murray County Invitational coming back on the area wrestling schedule.

"We're going to shoot for 10 teams next year," he said.

## NFL

# Road teams favored to win in playoffs

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
Associated Press Writer

Talk about statistical oddities. The wild-card round of the NFL playoffs this weekend has all four road teams as favorites. That's about the same number of road favorites there have been in playoff games this decade.

The odds reflect what a strange season it's been.

There are wild-card teams clear-

ly better than the winners of weak divisions, and even non-playoff teams in that category: New England is only the second 11-5 team to miss the postseason.

That's because of the odd way the divisions broke down this season. The NFC East and NFC South, for example, didn't have a team finish under .500; the AFC West was won at 8-8; and the NFC West by an Arizona team that was 6-0 inside

the division, but 3-7 outside it.

Despite that, the most interesting game involves a team from the AFC West, San Diego, which won its last four to squeeze out the division title over Denver, which lost its last three, costing Mike Shanahan his job. Considering the Chargers were one of the preseason

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Before the season started, the Falcons were picked to be among the league's worst. Now that they're in the playoffs, they're picked to win in Arizona.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### DHS places 5th in wrestling event

The Catamounts took fifth place at the two-day War Eagle Classic tournament at Woodward Academy in Marietta on Wednesday and finished the event with nine medalists, including three individual tournament champions.

Champions for Dalton were Jordan White (112 weight class), Henry Torres (125), and Taylor Duckworth (160), with Torres and Duckworth finishing the event a perfect 8-0.

The remaining medalists were Christian Washington (125, second place), Renaldo Torres (135, sixth), Juan Holguin (145, sixth), Carlos Prieto (171, sixth), Henson Toland (189, fourth) and Dean Menchaka (285, fourth).

Lovett won the event with 357 points followed by Hillcrest, S.C. (348.5), Marietta (274.5), Woodward (273.5) and Dalton (263).

### Cowboys fire ST coach Read

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have fired special teams coach Bruce Read, making him the first assistant ousted in the wake of a disappointing 9-7 season.

Read's special teams unit made costly gaffes, including a blocked punt in overtime at Arizona that ended in a game-winning Cardinals touchdown. Breakdowns in kick coverage also beset Dallas, and Adam "Pacman" Jones fizzled as a return man.

Read spent two years with the Cowboys under coach Wade Phillips, who owner Jerry Jones has said will return next season. Read was previously an assistant with the New York Giants and San Diego Chargers.

### Vikings, Cardinals can't sell tickets

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The NFL has given the Minnesota Vikings and the Arizona Cardinals extensions to sell more tickets and avoid local TV blackouts of their playoff games this weekend.

Arizona hosts the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday, and the Philadelphia Eagles play at Minnesota on Sunday.

The Cardinals have until 4:30 p.m. EST Thursday to sell their remaining 5,600 tickets.

As of midday Wednesday, the Vikings had 11,000 tickets to sell by 4:30 p.m. EST Friday to satisfy the league's sell-out requirements and ensure the game will be broadcast. Help from the Fox affiliate and corporate sponsors is possible.

The Vikings haven't been blacked out since 1997.

The Eagles are encouraging their fans to take advantage of the supply and travel to the game.

### Bail reduced for ex-NFL player

DEDHAM, Mass. — Bail for a former NFL lineman and high school football coach charged with raping a 15-year-old female student has been reduced to \$7,500.

Kevin Bowe, a spokesman for the Norfolk district attorney's office, said a judge in Norfolk Superior Court on Wednesday reduced Daniel Villa's bail from \$100,000. But Bowe said the 44-year-old Villa will remain in custody pending the installation of a GPS monitoring system. His next court date is Jan. 7.

Villa played six seasons for the New England Patriots during a 12-year NFL career and was coach at Walpole High School. He pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges including three counts of rape of a child over 14.

— Staff, AP Reports

# SCOREBOARD

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Friday**  
Varsity wrestling  
Dalton at South Paulding Duals, Dallas

**Saturday**  
Varsity basketball  
Murray County at LFO, 4  
Varsity wrestling  
Dalton at South Paulding Duals  
Junior varsity basketball  
Murray County at LFO, 1  
Junior varsity wrestling  
Northwest Whitfield at Woodland-Bartow, 8 a.m.  
Freshman basketball  
Glimer girls vs. Murray County at Gladden Middle, 10 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 5**  
Junior varsity basketball  
Dalton boys at Carrollton, 4

**Tuesday, Jan. 6**  
Varsity basketball  
Ridgeland at Southeast, 6  
Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 6  
Varsity wrestling  
Conasauga Cup  
Dalton, Murray County, Southeast at Northwest Whitfield, 5:30

Varsity swimming  
Cherokee, Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 6  
Junior varsity basketball  
Northwest Whitfield girls at Murray County, 4

**Wednesday, Jan. 7**  
Middle school basketball  
McCallie boys at New Hope, 4:15

**Thursday, Jan. 8**  
Varsity basketball  
Christian Heritage at Collegedale, 6  
Freshman basketball  
Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 6  
Middle school basketball  
Berry at Christian Heritage, 5  
New Hope girls at Valley Point, 4:15  
Valley Point boys at New Hope, 4:15

**Friday, Jan. 9**  
Varsity basketball  
Harvester Christian at Christian Heritage, 6:30  
Southeast at Heritage-Catoosa, 7  
Hillgrove at Northwest Whitfield, 7  
Murray County at Rome, 7

Varsity wrestling  
Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Area 7-4A duals at South Paulding, 5  
Area 6-3A duals at Southeast, 5

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Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Area 7-4A duals at South Paulding, 5  
Area 6-3A duals at Southeast, 7 a.m.  
Junior varsity basketball  
Murray County at Rome, noon  
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
Varsity basketball  
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 2:30  
Dalton at Murray County, 3  
Southeast at Trion, 6

Varsity wrestling  
Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Area 7-4A duals at South Paulding, 5  
Area 6-3A duals at Southeast, 7 a.m.  
Junior varsity basketball  
Murray County at Rome, noon  
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 11:30 a.m.  
Freshman basketball  
Northwest Whitfield boys at LFO, 10 a.m.  
Dalton boys at Murray County, 10:30 a.m.  
Middle school basketball  
Seventh grade tournament  
Middle school wrestling  
Westside at Cleveland, Tenn., tournament

## TRANSACTIONS

### Wednesday's Moves

**BASEBALL**  
American League  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Hendrickson on a one-year contract.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded RHP Jeff Stevens, RHP Chris Archer and LHP John Gaub to the Chicago Cubs for INF Mark DeRosa.  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Fuentes on a two-year contract.  
National League  
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with INF Aaron Miles on a two-year contract.

**American Association**  
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES—Signed RHP/INF Ryan Grant.

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Named Ron Adams assistant coach.

**GOLF**  
PGA TOUR—John Daly announced he has been suspended for six months for conduct that brought unwelcome publicity.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
BOSTON BRUINS—Placed F Patrice Bergeron on injured reserve. Assigned F Martin St. Pierre to Providence (AHL).  
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Josh Tordjman from San Antonio (AHL).

**American Hockey League**  
SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Announced Columbus (NHL) assigned D Kyle Wharton to the team from Johnston (ECHL).

**COLLEGE**  
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE—Terminated the contract of men's basketball coach Scott Edgar.

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
11 a.m.

ESPN — Outback Bowl, South Carolina vs. Iowa, at Tampa, Fla.

1 p.m.  
ABC — Capital One Bowl, Georgia vs. Michigan St., at Orlando, Fla.  
CBS — Gator Bowl, Clemson vs. Nebraska, at Jacksonville, Fla.

5 p.m.  
ABC — Rose Bowl, Penn St. vs. Southern Cal, at Pasadena, Calif.

8:30 p.m.  
FOX — Orange Bowl, Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech, at Miami

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
2:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Villanova at Marquette

**NHL HOCKEY**  
1 p.m.  
NBC — Detroit vs. Chicago, at Wrigley Field, Chicago

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoffs

**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday**  
Atlanta at Arizona, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)  
Indianapolis at San Diego, 8 p.m. (NBC)

**Sunday**  
Baltimore at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)  
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)

**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
San Diego, Indianapolis or Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)  
Minnesota, Arizona or Atlanta at Carolina, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
Philadelphia, Arizona or Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)  
San Diego, Indianapolis or Miami at Pittsburgh, 4:45 p.m. (CBS)

**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 18**

NFC  
TBD, (FOX), 3 p.m.  
AFC  
TBD, (CBS), 6:30 p.m.

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 1**

Tampa, Fla.  
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)

**Pro Bowl**  
Sunday, Feb. 8  
At Honolulu  
AFC vs. NFC, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

## PRO HOCKEY

**NHL**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	23	13	3	49	107
Philadelphia	20	10	7	47	126
New Jersey	21	11	3	45	107
Pittsburgh	19	14	4	42	118
N.Y. Islanders	12	22	4	28	98

**Northeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	28	5	4	60	137
Montreal	21	9	6	48	108
Buffalo	17	15	5	39	105
Toronto	15	16	6	36	115
Ottawa	13	17	5	31	133

**Southwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	24	11	3	51	124
Carolina	17	15	5	39	97
Florida	16	16	5	37	93
Tampa Bay	10	16	10	30	85
Atlanta	12	20	5	29	109

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	24	7	5	53	132
Chicago	20	7	7	47	123
Nashville	17	16	3	37	90
Columbus	16	16	4	36	94
St. Louis	14	20	3	31	106

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	21	11	4	46	109
Vancouver	20	15	3	43	110
Colorado	19	16	1	39	102
Minnesota	18	16	2	38	92
Edmonton	17	15	3	37	97

**Pacific Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	28	4	5	61	128
Anaheim	19	14	4	42	107
Phoenix	17	15	5	39	94
Los Angeles	15	16	6	36	95
Dallas	15	15	5	35	103

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

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# NFL: Falcons will beat Cardinals by seven

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favorites to represent the AFC in Tampa on Feb. 1, it probably makes them the most dangerous of those home dogs.

## ■ Indianapolis (minus 1 1/2) at San Diego

"This almost feels like a division game. We play them every year," says Tony Dungy, whose Colts have a nine-game winning streak entering the playoffs. That followed a 3-4 start that killed any hope of winning their sixth straight AFC South title.

So now they go against a San Diego team that had won three straight against Indy until the Colts edged the Chargers 23-20 on Nov. 23. One of those was in the second round of last season's playoffs, when San Diego won in Indianapolis 28-24.

In its four straight wins that ended the season, San Diego finally looked like the team that was so highly regarded in August. But

Indianapolis was one of the favorites, too, its slow start due mostly to the knee problems that kept Peyton Manning out of training camp and rendered him relatively inefficient during the first part of the season.

But without star linebacker Shawne Merriman, a huge factor in those San Diego wins, the Chargers probably won't get the pressure on Manning they've had in the past.

**COLTS, 28-24**

## ■ Atlanta (minus 2 1/2) at Arizona

The only thing the Cardinals have going for them is home field. It's the franchise's first home playoff game since 1947, which tells you how bad the team's history is. The Cardinals' stretch run was almost as bad — they lost four of six and allowed an average of more than 40 points a game in the four losses.

Those games were



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**Seven years after his "Greatest Show on Turf" made its second Super Bowl appearance, Arizona Cardinals quarterback Warner is back in the playoffs. The Cardinals host the Falcons on Saturday.**

against the Giants, Patriots, Eagles and Vikings, demonstrating that they are over their head against winning teams. Maybe they can win on QB experience: Matt Ryan is a rookie and Kurt Warner is not, the MVP of the 2000 Super Bowl and a

two-time league MVP.

But who protects Warner from John Abraham?

**FALCONS, 34-27**

## ■ Philadelphia (minus 3) at Minnesota

Watching the Vikings beat the Giants' JV on a 50-yard

field goal on the final play hardly inspires confidence in Minnesota. But the Vikings do have a couple of advantages beyond the home dome: Brad Childress was the Eagles' offensive coordinator and knows what they do. And last week, the Vikings saw Steve Spagnuolo's defense, which is the same as the defense run by Spagnuolo's mentor, the Eagles' Jim Johnson.

The Vikings may have Pat Williams back in the middle of the DL, but it's hard to see them stopping Brian Westbrook from breaking loose a few times. And it's hard to see Tarvaris Jackson standing up to Johnson's blitzes without a couple of turnovers or more — the Eagles got two TDs returning fumbles in the win over Dallas that put them in the tournament.

OK, the Eagles have been up-and-down — notably in their tie in Cincinnati and a bad loss in Washington in Week 16. Time to be up.

**EAGLES, 23-13**

## ■ Baltimore (minus 3) at Miami

The Dolphins exude the "just glad to be here" vibe and why not? A team that went 1-15 a year ago finished 11-5 and won the AFC East.

Miami certainly won't take the field Sunday without some zest in its step. But it's also difficult to envision the Dolphins moving the Baltimore defense very much. As with Atlanta-Arizona, it's a rookie QB, Baltimore's Joe Flacco, against a veteran with playoff experience: Chad Pennington, the AP Comeback Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

The Ravens won 27-13 in Miami in October.

Reprise.

**RAVENS, 27-13.**

**LAST WEEK:** 8-7-1 (spread); 14-2 (straight up)

**SEASON:** 121-128-7 (spread); 162-91-1 (straight up)

# UGA: Dantonio given raise

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not necessarily going to take off and run, but he can buy himself a couple more seconds on just about any play.

"He can make the throw when he doesn't necessarily have the time to step up into it, when he's off-balance, when he's going one way and then sliding another way. He can make accurate throws in all of those situations."

Hoyer knows this game is his chance to outshine Stafford but he also knows that's not what it will necessarily take to beat Georgia, which has been erratic at best this season.

"Whether or not he comes out, he's a top draft pick," said Hoyer, currently considered a middle-round pick. "I want to be a high draft pick too, so I'm going to go out there and show what I can do. When it really comes down to it, I'm going to play for a win, so if I hand the ball off 50 times and we

win, I couldn't care less."

If he does hand the ball off 50 times, it'll be mostly to Ringer.

Ringer, a first-team Associated Press All-America, became the Spartans' first first-team pick since Lorenzo White in 1985. He led the nation in scoring and carries, his 370 being more than 32 more than the next highest total. He led the nation in scoring (12.5 points a game) and was third with 132.5 yards rushing per game.

Ringer said whether he shines or Hoyer takes the spotlight will depend on the line.

"The battle is going to come with our guys up front," he said. "I'm going to need holes to run through and Hoyer is going to need time to throw, and that all starts up front."

Said Hoyer, "If they try to take away Javon, then it's pick your poison."

The same can be said for Georgia. The Bulldogs fea-

ture the explosive Knowshon Moreno, a second-team All-America and one of three finalists for the Doak Walker Award. He ran for 1,338 yards and 16 TDs, becoming only the second Georgia player after Herschel Walker to have-back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons.

The Spartans will not only be trying to stop Stafford and Moreno, but also to uphold the honor of the Big Ten — which lost its first two bowl games heading into Wednesday night's matchup between Minnesota and Kansas in the Insight Bowl.

For MSU, there is the issue of staying hungry after the Spartans' best season since Nick Saban led them to 10-2 record and second-place tie in the Big Ten in 1999.

Last week Coach Mark Dantonio was given a new contract that will boost his pay from \$1.13 million to \$1.8 million, a reward for the Spartans' making their first New Year's Day bowl game in nine seasons.

# PGA suspends Daly 6 months

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press Writer

John Daly smashed one tee shot off the top of a beer can during a pro-am. At another tournament, he returned from a rain delay with Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden as his caddie. And his most memorable photo this year came in an orange jail suit, eyes half-closed.

Daly said Wednesday that such unwelcome publicity is why the PGA Tour suspended him for six months.

The two-time major champion confirmed his suspension to The Associated Press, calling this the low point of an 18-year career during which he has made as much news off the course as he has with his prodigious game.

"Is it fair that I got suspended?" he said. "It's not fair in reality, but it's probably fair in perception."

Daly said he wanted to go public to let fans and tournament know that he wasn't abandoning them by taking his game to the European tour. At least until the spring, he simply didn't have much of a choice.

"I'm not sure this is the smartest thing to do, but I'd rather be honest, especially with the fans," he said. "It's hard for me not to play on the West Coast. I love it out



Daly

there."

PGA Tour spokesman Ty Votaw declined comment, even after seeing Daly's remarks, citing the tour's longtime policy of not discussing fines or suspensions.

This is the second time the tour has suspended Daly, along with at least two other times when he agreed to sit out the final few months of a season to get his life in order.

He has not played on the PGA Tour since he missed the cut Oct. 17 in Las Vegas. Ten days later, police in Winston-Salem, N.C., said he appeared intoxicated outside a Hooters restaurant, and Daly was taken to jail to sleep it off. That led to his photo in the orange jail suit, which became an Internet sensation.

# Pennington comes back a winner

NEW YORK — Chad Pennington has mastered NFL quarterbacking. And personal comebacks.

For the second time in three years, Pennington is The Associated Press 2008 NFL Comeback Player of the Year. The Miami Dolphins star is the first player in the 11 seasons of the award to win it twice.

"This time last year, I'm getting ready to watch the ball drop in Times Square. No playoffs, no starting job, no anything," Pennington said Wednesday, reflecting on the end of his 2007 season with the New York Jets.

"Now here we are playing in a wild-card playoff game with a team that was 1-15 the year before," he



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**Chad Pennington won The Associated Press 2008 NFL Comeback Player of the Year award on Wednesday. He also won the honor in 2006.**

added. "We were able to move the dash over one and be 11-5, so it's pretty special."

As special as the way Pennington turned around his fortunes.

This time, Pennington was coming back from being benched in New York last season, then discarded this summer when the Jets acquired Brett Favre. Two years ago, Pennington returned from two rotator cuff operations in eight months in 2005 and led the

Jets to the playoffs to grab comeback honors.

What's his secret?

"Get hurt the following year and then come back," he said, laughing.

Porter was among Pennington's biggest supporters for the award.

"He was our savior," Porter said. "He changed this whole team. He's not the one that's going to brag about it. He's just an old, humble country boy. So I'm going to brag for him."



**Vanderbilt quarterback Chris Nickson (3) is brought down by Boston College cornerback Donnie Fletcher, right, during the first quarter of Wednesday's Music City Bowl.**

AP PHOTO

# Vandy wins 1st bowl in 50 years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt won a bowl game — the Music City Bowl — for the first time in exactly 53 years by beating Boston College, 16-14, after Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked a 45-yard field goal with 3:26 left. Vanderbilt hadn't even played in a bowl since 1982 and the win gave the Commodores (7-6) their first winning season since then, too.

Boston College (9-5) snapped the nation's longest bowl winning streak after eight straight games in its 10th consecutive bowl appearance. The Eagles also missed a chance at finishing with at least 10 wins for a third straight season.

The Eagles got the ball twice after Hahnfeldt's third field goal, but had to punt the first time, then Myron Lewis picked off Dominique Davis with 1:36 left.

**■ No. 24 Oregon State 3, No. 18 Pittsburgh 0:** In El Paso, Texas, in the lowest-scoring major bowl game in a half-century, Oregon State shut down Pittsburgh in the Sun Bowl on Justin Kahut's 44-yard field goal late in the first half.

The defensive struggle included 20 punts and nine sacks. Pitt kicker Connor

Lee tried a 58-yard field goal in the closing minutes but the ball, helped by a steady wind, dropped just short of the crossbar.

Not since Air Force and TCU played to 0-0 standoff in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1, 1959, had a bowl produced so few points.

The Beavers (9-4) improved to 5-0 in bowls since coach Mike Riley began his second stint as their coach in 2003. Pitt (9-4) managed just 178 total yards.

It was the lowest-scoring Sun Bowl since a scoreless tie in 1940 between Catholic and Arizona State.

**■ Houston 34, Air Force 28:** In Fort Worth, Texas, Houston coach Kevin Sumlin doesn't have to hear any more about that nearly three-decade postseason winless drought for the Cougars.

It's finally over. Case Keenum ran for two touchdowns and threw for another and the Cougars wrapped up Sumlin's first season by beating Air Force (8-5) for their first bowl victory since 1980.

Houston (8-5) ended an eight-game bowl losing streak, avoiding a record the Cougars didn't want to share with Notre Dame. The Irish won the Hawaii Bowl

last week to end their NCAA-record bowl losing streak at nine.

In a rematch of a hurricane-disrupted game 3 1/2 months ago that Air Force won, Houston never trailed after the Falcons fumbled the opening kickoff and Bryce Beall scored on a 1-yard run only 1 1/2 minutes into the game.

**■ Kansas 42, Minnesota 21:** In Tempe, Ariz., Dezmon Briscoe caught a game-record 14 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns, and Todd Reesing threw for four scores in Kansas' 42-21 victory over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl on Wednesday.

Reesing completed 27 of 35 passes, hitting on a school-record 14 straight passes in the first half. He threw for 313 yards and improved to 20-6 as a starter, and he was intercepted once.

Kerry Meier caught one touchdown pass and threw another for the Jayhawks (8-5), who have won three straight bowl games for the first time.

Eric Decker caught eight passes for 149 yards and a touchdown for the Golden Gophers (7-6), who finished the season on a five-game losing streak and have lost their last three bowl games.

# Doraville Falcons a possibility?

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have had "preliminary discussions" with a developer that wants to build a \$1 billion retractable roof stadium at the sprawling site of a closed General Motors plant in suburban Atlanta, the team's president said Wednesday.

"We'd owe it to ourselves to do the due diligence, to see what would be involved," said Rich McKay, the team's president. "It's certainly a fantastic location."

The Sembler Co. has proposed building the stadium on a 90-acre plot at the closed factory site, said Luke Howe, an aide to Doraville's mayor. The rest of the site, which is in Atlanta's northeast suburbs, would be developed into retail and residential properties.

GM closed the 60-year-old plant in September and has since considered proposals from companies seeking to redevelop the 165-acre

site. GM spokesman Dan Flores said the company has narrowed its options to one finalist, but he would not name the company.

"Certainly, we are interested in completing a deal," he said. "But speculating on when a deal may be done and what the property may be used for is speculation at this time."

Sembler, known for building mixed-use developments around the Southeast, would not confirm whether a stadium was part of its pitch. But spokesman Angelo Fuster said Sembler has "a very creative proposal before them and we're discussing it with GM."

The Falcons are bound by a lease to play in the Georgia Dome in downtown Atlanta through 2020, but team owner Arthur Blank said in 2006 he wanted to start negotiating a new downtown Atlanta stadium.

"The dome is beginning to show its age," Blank told The Associated Press at the time.

"We need to think about this far enough out so we can make a thoughtful decision."

McKay said the team has since made some progress in talks with Atlanta officials, and he said the team will continue to discuss a new stadium in downtown. But he said the Falcons must also consider other options.

The proposal has Doraville's officials, who would have to sign off on any zoning change, abuzz about the possibility of becoming the new home for the Falcons.

"It's very possible," Doraville Mayor Ray Jenkins said of the city's chances of landing the new stadium.

He said the plant's site would make an enticing home for the Falcons. The development has ready access to Atlanta's public transportation system and sits near the intersection of two of the city's busiest highways.

"It's the best location anywhere," said Jenkins.

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BRIDGE

A hard look into the future

This deal occurred in a national pair event, and it may be of only academic interest to some readers. The principle question was whether declarer could score an additional overtrick, not whether he could make the contract.

In duplicate bridge, the primary goal is to score more points (or lose less) than the others playing the same hand. So the problem for South in this hand was how to make 12 tricks, since he could have thrown his cards into the air and 11 tricks would have come tumbling down.

At first glance, it seemed certain he'd eventually lose a diamond and a club. But appearances can be deceiving, as South proceeded to demonstrate. The way he played the hand, 12 tricks blossomed just as naturally as the flowers that bloom in the spring.

West led the club king and shifted to the jack of diamonds. After studying the situation thoroughly, declarer won in dummy, ruffed the jack of clubs and cashed the A-K of trumps. He then played the spade ace, ruffed a spade and ruffed the queen of clubs with his last trump. Next came another spade ruff, producing this position:

Dummy's heart nine was now led, East discarding a

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J  
♥ 9 8 7 4 3 2  
♦ A 6 5  
♣ Q J 7

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 5  
♥ Q 5  
♦ J 10  
♣ A K 10 9 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 9  
♥ 10  
♦ Q 9 8 3  
♣ 8 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 3 2  
♥ A K J 6  
♦ K 7 4 2  
♣ 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 2♣ 4♥ All P.  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

North  
♥ 9 8  
♦ 6 5

West  
♦ 10  
♣ A 10 9

East  
♠ 10 9  
♦ Q 9

South  
♠ 8  
♦ K 7 4

spade, South a diamond and West a club. When the heart eight was next played, East found himself in a hopeless position. If he discarded a spade, South's eight of spades would become a trick. If East discarded a diamond, declarer would discard his spade and score the last two tricks with the K-7 of diamonds. Either way, South would wind up with 12 tricks. Mission accomplished!

**Tomorrow:** Test your play.

CRYPTOQUIP

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HOROSCOPE

**Happy Birthday:** This will be an emotional year. Overreacting or taking on too much in the early stages of whatever you plan to do will saddle you for the entire year. Keep your plans within budget. Leave nothing to chance and don't fear change or failure. Your numbers are 6, 8, 19, 21, 27, 39, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Compromise and get along if you want to gain ground, make friends or obtain allies. Arguments will get blown out of proportion and could end up causing a family feud. Take a back seat today and avoid opposition. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Visit friends or relatives and catch up on the past and discuss the future. Today is about reviewing and renewing, getting your priorities straight and realizing who has got your back. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Consider your dreams, hopes and wishes and set your goals for the year ahead. You have all sorts of opportunities heading your way. Love looks promising and a creative change to your status is in the works. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** If you didn't manage to deal with the changes that befuddled you last year, do so now. You have another chance to rectify things. Don't let anger and ego stop you from enjoying someone you miss but are upset with. 5 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Spend time discussing your future plans with the person most likely to be by your side. A lot can be accomplished to ensure you get what you want when the time comes. Preparation will be the key to your success. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Bring the old and the young together for a mix of people who can offer you good conversation and lots of interesting ideas. Open your doors to friends, neighbors and relatives, starting the year off on the right foot with the support you need. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't count on getting the help you need from the people closest to you. Personal problems are likely to mount at home if you allow overindulgence mentally, physically or emotionally. Do not get in over your head. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Problems with your lover or best friend will leave you feeling emotional. Visit someone who can help. Straight talk may not bring you the results you want but it will put an end to the ongoing troubles you have been facing within a relationship. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll be oblivious to the troubled waters surrounding you. You can only hide from emotional turmoil for so long before you are forced to deal with matters head on. Start the year off on the right foot by clearing your emotional debts. 2 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may want to lay down the ground rules this year to maintain and gain ground financially, personally and professionally. Change is upon you and to recognize it before it broadsides you will be half the battle. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't allow anyone to make you angry or put words in your mouth. Your actions will count, so be careful how you treat the people you want in your life. Be honest about your motives. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be emotional, sensitive and passionate about what you want to accomplish in the future. Sharing your thoughts may not be in your best interest. Secrets will not be kept and unusual circumstances will lead you down the wrong path. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

New DVD releases include 'Pineapple Express'

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
AP Movie Writer

Selected home-video releases:

"Pineapple Express"

Seth Rogen and James Franco take the high road as potheads on the lam in this action comedy hit. Rogen's a stoner who witnesses a murder and winds up running from a crime gang that targets him and his clueless marijuana dealer (Franco). The movie is available in single-disc and two-disc DVD releases and on Blu-ray, with extended and alternate footage, a making-of segment and commentary with producer Judd Apatow and Rogen, who also co-wrote the screenplay. The two-disc DVD set and Blu-ray disc have both the R-rated theatrical release and an unrated extended version, along with a digital copy of the movie for portable video players. Other extras on the Blu-ray and two-disc DVD set include deleted scenes and about a dozen behind-the-scenes segments. Single-disc DVD, \$28.96; two-disc DVD set, \$34.95; Blu-ray, \$39.95. (Sony)



"Pineapple Express" is available in single- and two-disc sets.

digital copy of the movie. DVD, \$29.98; Blu-ray, \$39.98. (Anchor Bay)

"Righteous Kill"

"Heat" adversaries Robert De Niro and Al Pacino reunite, this time on the same side of the law as veteran New York City police detectives tracking a vigilante serial killer whose methods force the cops to re-examine a case they thought they'd solved years earlier. The DVD and two-disc Blu-ray set have two background featurettes and commentary with director Jon Avnet. The Blu-ray release also comes with a

"Babylon A.D."

Humanity's future isn't pretty in this post-apocalyptic thriller starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Yeoh. Diesel plays a mercenary battling his way from Europe to New York City as he smuggles a mystery woman at the center of an Earth-shattering secret. Single-disc and two-disc DVD versions and the Blu-ray release feature a handful of behind-the-scenes segments. The two-disc DVD set and Blu-ray have extra segments on stunts and chase sequences, plus a digital copy of the movie. Single-disc DVD, \$29.98; two-disc DVD set, \$34.98; Blu-ray, \$39.99. (20th Century Fox)

"Bangkok Dangerous"

Nicolas Cage finds work as an assassin in Hong Kong filmmakers Oxide and Danny Pang's English-language remake of their 1999 thriller. Cage stars as a

Blu-ray, \$39.99. (Lionsgate)

TV on DVD:

"Battlestar Galactica: Season 4.0" — The remnants of humanity find more enemy Cylons in their midst and forge an uneasy alliance with their foes as they continue their search for mythical Earth. With the final run of the sci-fi series ready to air, the first 10 episodes from the fourth season arrive in a four-disc set, along with deleted scenes, commentary and cast interviews. DVD set, \$49.98. (Universal)

"The Tudors: The Complete Second Season" — King Henry VIII (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) divorces one wife, beheads another, takes on a third and is excommunicated by the pope (Peter O'Toole) in his continuing quest for a male heir. A four-disc set packs year two's 10 episodes, along with segments on the Tower of London and Henry's descendants. DVD set, \$42.99. (Paramount)

"The Waltons: The Complete Eighth Season" — With the Depression behind them, the Walton clan learns that eldest son John Boy is missing in action during World War II after his plane is shot down. A three-disc set has all 24 episodes from year eight of the family drama that launched in the early 1970s, along with a retrospective special about the long-running series. DVD set, \$39.98. (Warner Bros.)

"Mannix: The Second Season" — Mike Connors returns as a tough Los Angeles private detective in the crime show that debuted in the late 1960s. The six-disc set includes season two's 25 episodes. DVD set, \$54.99. (Paramount)

From a jungle hut  
Castro led push to power in Cuba while living in a primitive hut

BY WILL WEISSERT  
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COMANDANCIA DE LA PLATA, Cuba — Before he was Cuba's unchallenged "Maximum Leader," Fidel Castro was a guerrilla warrior who slept in a hut made of sticks and palm leaves, with a hole-in-the-ground outhouse at the bottom of a hill.

Castro was 31 when he arrived in 1958 at this hide-out deep in the cloud-forest jungles of eastern Cuba's Sierra Maestra mountains, and led a rebellion that would topple dictator Fulgencio Batista as New Year's Day 1959 dawned.

Among his few luxuries, in a camp where 250 fighters slept on the soggy ground, were his double bed, kitchen and deck.

His hut had a writing desk under wooden shelves lined with photographs of his childhood and books including Machiavelli's "The Prince." It was at this desk that he scrawled a note to Celia Sanchez, a top rebel fighter and his rumored mistress, after Batista's air force bombed a nearby village. "The Americans will pay dearly" for supporting Batista's military, he wrote.

"Once this fight is finished, I'll begin the real struggle of my life, the fight I will wage against them," he wrote, calling it his "true destiny."

The area is now a museum, and on display in the hut is a kerosine refrigerator that supporters brought to him — with a bullet hole inflicted during an ambush by government troops on the way up.

"Some say Fidel used it for beer, but he only used it for medicines," insisted Ebert Cartaya, 33, one of the government-mandated

guides who leads visitors to the hut up a muddy, two-mile trail cluttered with sharp rocks and smelly mule droppings.

A trained lawyer, Castro performed two marriages for rebel couples at the camp.

Batista flooded the Sierra Maestra with 10,000 troops, but the guerrillas knew the terrain better and could prevail in battle, bolstering their arsenal with captured weapons.

They continued to gain ground throughout the island until Batista, having just hosted a New Year party at Havana's presidential palace, fled to the Dominican Republic with \$40 million stolen from Cuba's treasury.

Behind the hut is a babbling creek from which only Castro was allowed to drink. Today, Cubans joke that it was his fountain of youth, given that Castro is 82 and was still making public appearances until nearly two years ago when he took ill and dropped out of sight. In February, he ceded the presidency to his younger brother, Raul.

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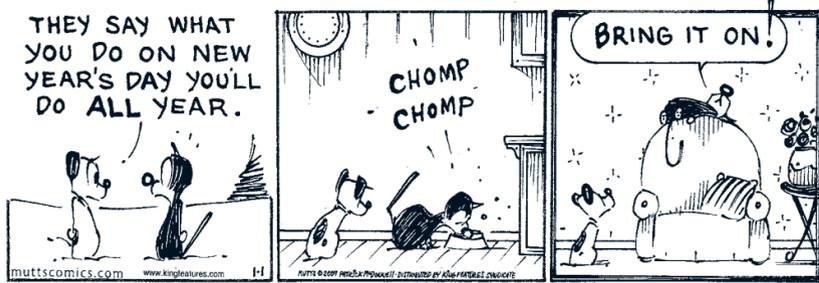
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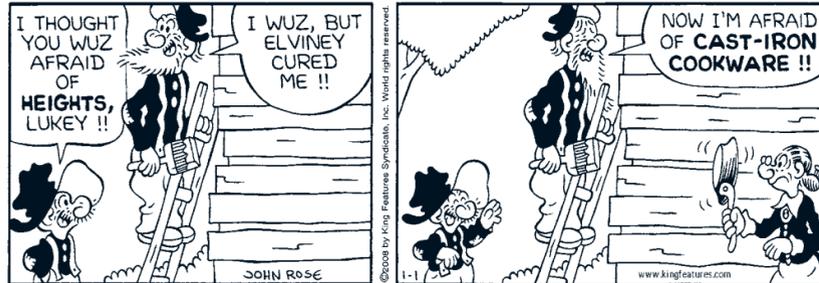
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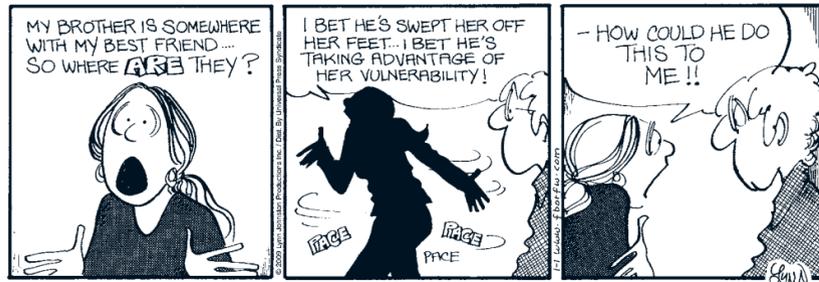
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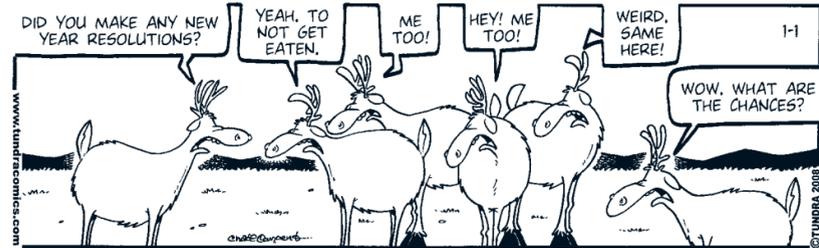
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DEAR ABBY

One-day resolutions set examples for year

DEAR READERS: Rise and shine, everyone! Welcome to a brand-new year. Today is our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's oft-requested list of New Year's resolutions — adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthily — if only just for today. And not only that, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share a prayer of St. Francis that was sent in by I.J. Bhatia, who lives in New Delhi, India:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

"Where there is injury, pardon;

"Where there is doubt, faith;

"Where there is despair, hope;

"Where there is darkness, light;

"Where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

"To be understood as to understand;

"To be loved as to love.

"For it is in giving that we receive;

"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

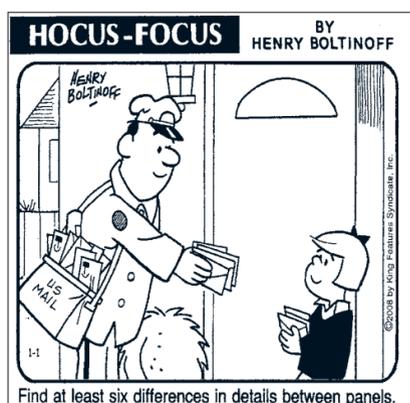
May this New Year bring with it peace and joy. And to one and all — a happy, healthy 2009.

With love, ABBY



Jeane Phillips

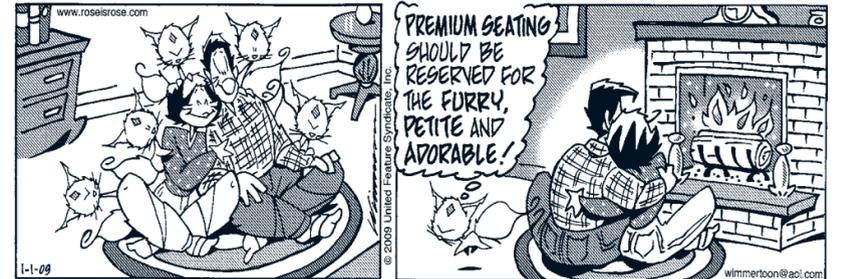
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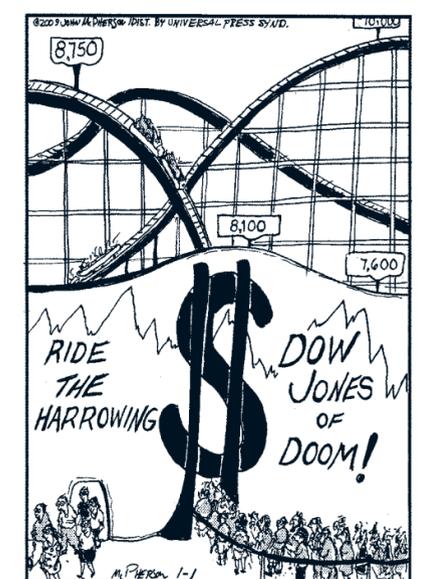
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### FINANCIAL

**252 Business For Sale**  
Turn Key business for sale, downtown Dalton location. Fully furnished, including kitchen & sec. equip. Call for specific details 1-717-383-2787 lve msg.

### EMPLOYMENT

**311 Health Care**  
**C.N.A. PRIVATE Home Caregivers**. We are currently interviewing for private duty contract caregivers in the Dalton area. We are looking for caregivers interested in work 2-12 hour shifts as well as live-ins. Please call 770-643-1712 for more information.

**316 Part-Time Employment**  
3rd shift am delivery driver. Must provide own transportation. 5 nights per week. Call 706-529-7889

**318 Restaurants**  
Cornerstone Grill now taking applications/resumes in person only for lead positions in the dining room. Experience a must. 2311 Chattanooga Rd.

### YARD SALES



**TIP OF THE DAY**

**Before Your Sale**

- Prepare to start early. Collectors and antique dealers like to show up early in the morning
- Spruce up. If your sale is in the garage, clean it out and sweep. If it's outside, mow the lawn.
- Gather lots of shopping bags. Most people underestimate how many they will need.
- To place an ad in the Yard Sale Section of this newspaper: Call Jennifer 706-272-7703 or Laura 706-272-7707

### PETS/LIVESTOCK

**502 Free Pets**  
FREE German Shepard puppies. Female, about 9 or 10 months old. Must find good home. Call 706-847-5780

Free to a good home. Rottweiler / Lab mix puppies. (Beautiful sweet momma yellow lab also free) Call 706-313-3362 or 706-313-1201

Loving home needed for adorable 8 week old male kitten. Litter box trained. Call 706-694-8614.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**615 TV & Stereo**  
FREE! 50" RCA TV, needs repairs. Call 706-281-4573 leave message.

### Auctions

**MEER'S AUCTIONS**  
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### 705 Homes For Sale

**\$2,000Dn.** Starting at \$700/mo. **OWNER FINANCING.** Several 3Bd/2 Ba. homes in Whitfield & Murray Remodeled, very nice. Owner/Broker 706-529-0650

4 BR 2.5 BA split level in Spring Place, Wellington Sub, 587 Daisy Ln. built 2007. FSBO. \$149,000. 706-260-1805.

Lease Purchase. \$1000 down \$700/month. 3 bedroom / 2 baths. New Construction. 706-260-9183.

**NEW YEAR SPECIAL.** Great Westside location. 3BR 1.5BA. Newly remodeled. \$94,700. 706-673-2615, 706-280-9246

**No Credit Check. Owner Financing. Rent to Own or Lease Purchase. STOP RENTING TODAY MOVE IN TOMORROW!!!!**  
Don Babb 706-463-2333 hhf@vol.com or Mark Burnett 706-529-5901  
**DALTON**

Near Hamilton Med Dead End Street very quiet 4BR 3 BA brick home 1204 Tacoma Dr. \$174,000 \$1,000 down, as low as \$995 month.  
126 Magaughey Chapel RD 2BR 1BA, \$79,900, \$1,000 down as low as \$550 month  
4405 Trailwood- \$120,000 3BR 2BA, \$1,000 down as low as \$995 month  
225 Dogwood Dr. close to Mall but very quiet setting. 1 BR 1 BA new kitchen & hrdwd floors \$79,900, \$1,000 dn, as low as \$692 mon.

**Rocky Face**  
3968 Hurricane Rd. 3 or 4BR 2BA w/fireplace \$107,000 or as low as \$795 mon or \$930 mon long term w/ \$1000 dn  
2715 Old Chattanooga Rd, 2 BR 1BA, \$89,900, \$1,000 down, as low as \$750 month.  
2701 Old Chatt. Rd 2BR 1BA fixer upper \$65,000 as is \$1000 dn, as low as \$550 mon

### 726 Commercial Buildings

**check this out**  
\*19,000 sq.ft. - 2105 E. Walnut Ave. Retail space, Next to Hobby Lobby, across from Mall.  
\*97,000 sq. ft., 454 Hwy 225 (Bretlin)  
\*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail. 706-279-1380 Wkdys 9-5:30

1 -12,500 sf & 1 -10,000 sf bldgs for sale by owner. Dalton. Docks. Suitable for light manfg. or whrg. offices w/ c/h/a. Perry 706-275-0862

### 728 Commercial Rental

**LOOK!**  
\*302 S. Thornton 5,500 SF, includes utilities, between Newspaper office & Bank of Am.  
\*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut  
\*Camelot Bldg, Near I-75, 1514 W. Walnut Ave. Between Long John Silvers & Burger King. 5,500 S/F. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30.

**Doctor's Offices for Rent**  
Medical Suites, 2500 SF avail. 1008 Professional Blvd., Dalton. Distinctive Modern Bldg., 3rd floor w/elevator. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30

**Office space for lease. Available Now!** 1400 sq. ft. suite and 2,500 sf. suite. 800 College Dr. 706-226-6245 8:30a-5:00p

Restaurants for rent: \*410 S. Hamilton (fmrly Bailey's Diner) Incl. equipment \$3,495 mo. \*801 E. Walnut Ave. Barrett Marketplace \$2995/Mo. \$2000 dep. (fmrly El Taco) fully furnished. 706-279-1380 wkdy 9-5:30

### 728 Commercial Rental

Retail Shop for Lease. 3000 SF total. \$1375.00 mth \$500.00 Deposit. Chatsworth Area, Great Location. 706-483-9187

### RENTAL HOUSING

### 751 Apartments

**!! TWO MONTHS FREE !!**  
**HUGE TOWNHOME SUPERIOR AMENITIES**  
**706-279-1801**

\$25 off every wk for 3 months to qualified tenants. Ask about other specials. 1 & 2 bdrm units in Dalton. 706-264-8867

**LOOK HERE!**  
\*\*1130/1132 Burleyson 2 BR, 1 BA \$485/mon, \$240/dep.  
\*\*707-2 Lance 2 BR, 1.5 BA, Newly remodeled. 1st week FREE w/1 yr. lease. 706-279-1380 wkday 9-5:30

\*2 bd 1 ba, lrg kit & living area. on cul-de-sac, CHA, separate wash room, kit. appl. furnished. \$500 month. 706-280-7161.

1 & 2 bedrooms available, we have apartments in Dalton, Chatsworth, Spring Place & Eton. Call now 706-278-3776 or 706-695-4880.

1 STORY completely furn. effic. Cable TV, phone, microwave, kitch. supplies, linens, utilities furniture North Tibbs Road. \$149/weekly, 278-7189.

**1, 2, & 3 Bd Apt's & Luxury Townhomes. Starting at \$100/week. Power, water, cable, furnished.**  
For details. 706-463-0672, 706-463-0671 & Espanol 706-463-0945

**1/2 Off 1st Mo., 2BR, 1B, C/H/A, W/D connection, Conn III & Westside areas. Monthly or weekly rates. 706-673-4808 or 706-264-6786.**

**1st week free w/ deposit!** 2 bd. 1 ba, laundry room close to downtown. Utilities furnished. \$175/wk or \$650/mo., \$200/dep. 706-581-4615

**1st WEEK FREE!!** 2 bdrm, 2 ba. A/C, cable, parking, on-site laundry. \$155 week. No Pets! Renovated. **706-370-5705**

**2 BR 1 BA - 603 Wills,** \$465 month, \$230 dep. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30  
271 Broadacre NW Rd. 2 br, 2 ba., Central H/A, W/D hook ups, water furn. \$450/mo \$100/dep. Call 706-508-4158.

2BR 1.5BA Townhouse. Washer/ dryer conn., c/h/a, utilities & cable furn. \$175/wk or \$660/mo No Pets. 706-463-3171

2Br/1Ba Duplex, Washer/dryer hkps, c/h/a, kitchen appl's furn., 5min. from N.Bypass. \$450/mo, \$300/dep. 706-537-6584.

**A Home For The Holidays!**  
**No Rent till December 2008**  
Large 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms. Call Today  
**Chalet Valley Apartment Homes**  
**706-226-6424**

Apartment for Rent. 2BR/1 BA located in Chatsworth. \$435.00 mth \$300.00 Deposit. NO PETS 706-483-9187

**Awesome apartment you can afford!** Well maintained. Convenient location! Call 706-226-6054 Email: parkcanyon@optilink.us

**Brand New** 2 bdrm 1 bath Apartments \$125 wk. \$0 dep. 1-2 BR 1 BA - \$75wk, \$0 dep **706-278-6485**

**Motel Rooms For Rent:** 2107 S. Dixie Hwy. 41. Standard - \$95/wk. Lg. - \$125/\$135wk. Dep. = 2 wks. rent. Furnished + TV, basic cable, private phone. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30

### 751 Apartments

**Autumn Ridge APARTMENT HOMES**  
**CHECK US OUT!**  
1, 2, & 3 Bdrm Units available, but going fast!  
Pool - Fitness Center - Laundry. FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM All units: Sunroom & W/D hookups 706-226-0404

City west near Creative Arts Guild. 2bd 2ba, CHA, WD conn. Lease, references req'd \$600 mon \$300 dep. 706-463-3171

For Rent: **843 Carbondale Rd.** South - 2 bdrm 2 bath. **107 Marla Dr.,** North - 2 bedroom 1 bath. Call **706-277-2595**

**Luxurious Townhouse in Eton,** newly renovated, ceramic tile, wood flrs, new carpet. 2 bd, 1.5 ba. move in special 1st mon \$250, no deposit 706-980-3361

**Luxurious Townhouses, Dalton,** newly renovated, ceramic tile, wood flrs, new carpet. 2 bd, 1.5 ba. move in special 1st mon \$300, no dep. 706-980-3361

**MOVE RIGHT IN,** 1 & 2 BD efficiency apts, furnished, all util's, w/d furnished, TV, In Chats., & Dalton, near hospital. 706-313-1733 or 695-0625

### MUST RENT THIS WEEK!!

**\$99 MOVES YOU IN**  
Super Deluxe Townhome 2 BR 1.5 Bath, Huge Closets Woodburning Fireplaces, Best Deal in Dalton  
**706-934-3787**

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**STAYLODGE - WILLOWDALE MOVE IN SPECIAL**  
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**UNDERWOOD LODGE**  
Furnished Efficiency with kitchenette. All Utilities & Cable!! Laundry Facility Available. Deposit Specials \$50.00!  
Only \$85-\$115 per week! 706-226-4651  
Upgraded spacious 2 bd @ 900 Vernon Ave. Call for rates! 706-279-3998

**752 Homes For Rent**  
\*2 and 3 bedroom homes for rent starting at \$495 month. Call 706-463-2332 or 706-397-2087 hhf@vol.com

2, 3, & 4 bedrooms houses and apts. Starting at \$80/week. Some w/utilities. 706-260-9183.  
2111A Dixie Hwy. 3BR 1 BA \$525 mon or \$130 wk, \$260 dep. 706-279-1380 wky 9-5:30  
3/ 3 home on Fort Mtn. for lease. \$1100 month. David-witt.com. Call 706-537-6523

3Br 2Ba home on Keith Valley Rd. (NE Whitfield Co.) \$500 mon, \$500 dep., references required. 706-694-3522 - 706-260-0012.  
**MILL CREEK** Lg. brick 3BR 2.5BA home for rent w/ lg. kitchen, dining, utility, living & family room. 2 car garage. No pets. \$795/mon. \$500/dep. 706-673-4000.

**Owner Finance.** Lake front home 3/2, fireplace, \$139,900. \$2,000 dn, \$800 mon. 706-264-0832. Look4YourNextHome.com

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 7B of the classifieds.

### 752 Homes For Rent

**ATTENTION!**  
**Winter Special - 1st wk. FREE + pay only 1/2 dep. w/1 yr. lease - Sweetwater Road** 3 BR 2 BA, \$145wk, \$290dep. South end of Murray Co. off Hwy 225 S. 1/2 + acre lots, beautiful country setting. Several to choose from. Sweetwater Rd., Chatsworth Hwy. 225 Fm Chats Hwy. Take Hwy 225 S 13 mi. Fm Calhoun, take Hwy 225 N, 6 mi past Elks Golf Course, 1 mi N. of 4-way at Nickelsville. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30

### 753 Condos For Rent

2 bedroom, 2.5bath Condo in Dalton city. Hardwood & ceramic floors., fireplace, appliances furnished. \$750/mo \$350/dep. Also, 2 bdrm w/garage \$800 mon. \$500 dep. 1-706-397-9987 or 706-264-2976

### MOBILE HOMES

**778 Mobile Homes For Rent**  
2 bd trailer \$85/wk. Also 3 bd trailer \$125/wk. Range & refrig., 2 ba. Hwy 225 N. Chatsworth 706-280-2618 or 706-694-3388

2 BR 1 BA - 2012 -1 Abutment 122 Fields - Rocky Face. \$100 wk, \$200 dep. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30.

3 bd 2 ba. 968A Beaverdale Rd. Quiet. Water, lawn maint. furnished, CHA, hrdwd floors, refrig & stove. \$125 wk, \$200 dep. No Pets. 706-271-6718.

**Down Sizing? Owner Finance.** Flexible down payment. \$650/mo. 3 bdrm 2 bath, 1 acre lot in Tunnel Hill. Will go quick. Call Steve 706-270-1342.

### 778 Mobile Homes For Rent

For sale or lease 08 mobile home Cohutta area, 2 bdrm 1 bath. Large deck on back, 2-car carport, 10x20 storage bldg. 706-226-3517 - 706-260-6552.

**Holiday Discounts!** 2 & 3 BD homes, many w/ hrdwd floors. Country setting. Large lots & private pond. Carbondale area. \$110-\$135/wk. 706-217-2385.

**Move in Special!** 1/2 Price. Quiet community. From \$95 to \$135 week. Utilities included. 706-506-3561 or 678-910-5776

Very nice 2 bd, 1 bath off Connector 3 and I-75. 2 covered porches, \$150/wk includes all utilities. Call Leo 678-641-9685

Westside Area: 1 and 2 bedroom mobile homes. Beginning at \$65/weekly and \$240/monthly. Call 706-673-4000

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### 801 Antiques & Classics



1966 Mustang Conv., black w/red interior. New top, new brakes, 68K miles, two family owned. Serious Inquires 706-271-6224. Christmas Special \$19,995.



1968 Dodge Charger, Vibrant Red, Completely Restored, 454 High Perf. Engine, Very Sharp \$29,500. Call 706-618-7899 or 706-695-8643.

The Daily Photo



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To submit your photo, email photo, name and city to: lauramartin@daltoncitizen.com

**801 Antiques & Classics**



1971 Chevelle SS454, very nice car, completely restored, strong runner, A MUST SEE! \$18,000. Call 706-618-7899 or 706-695-8643

**807 Import Autos**

2000 Mercedes Benz E320. Silver, auto, leather, clean condition, like new. Great on gas. 35K miles. \$10,500. 561-512-7521.

2000 Mercedes SLK 230 hardtop convertible, low miles, excellent condition, service records, \$12,000. 706-280-4552

**806 Domestic Autos**



2001 - Jaguar, 4.0, S-Type. 67,458 Miles. \$ 12,200. Call: 706-217-8171



2005 BMW M3 Cabriolet, 36k miles, 6 sp., still under factory warranty, carbon black on black, Harman/Kardon sound, navigation, heated seats, xenon headlights, garage kept, one owner, asking \$43,000. Call: 706-260-1673

**806 Domestic Autos**



1999 Lincoln Towncar Exec. Series. Very nice car. 24MPG. 127,700 miles. \$3600.00 Call 706-637-2461



2006 Cadillac STS, 6 cycl, nav, sunroof, heated & cooled seats, fully loaded, white diamond. 29,000 miles. \$21,900. 706-277-3729

**807 Import Autos**



04 Nissan 350Z, Touring & Rdster, Red, automatic-5-speed. 71,000 miles, leather, heated seats, many extras! \$23,800. 706-217-9326.



1995 BMW, 325i. 4 door, automatic, white with tan leather interior. One owner. 100k miles. \$6,500. OBO. 706-581-8465



1999 Mercedes E430. Sedan. V-8. Silver, leather, all records, excellent condition. Sunroof, 94k miles. Asking \$9,700. Call: 706-673-1902 or email danny@herbshop.com



2005 Super Charged Mini Cooper. 6 speed. Convertible. Premium Sport Package. One owner, 40,000 miles, Harmon/Kardon parking sensors, cruise control, auto air. Price \$21,000. Call: 706-313-1119.



2006 Honda Accord EXL. Like new. Gray. Full warranty. 30k miles. Loaded. Leather seats, XM radio, sunroof, 34mpg. Like new. Great Cond. Must sell! No tax! \$18,495. obo. 706-614-7719



2007 LEXUS IS-250, 11,500 mi., loaded, \$25,900, 706-673-4808.

**807 Import Autos**



Well Maintained! 2004 Mercedes CLK 320 Coupe with 69,500 miles. Black ext., Beige int., 2DR, Semi-Automatic, Rear WD, 6 Cylinder, Sunroof, 6 Disc Changer, Push Button Start/Stop, ASKING: \$24,500/obo. Call 706-459-0326

**809 Trucks**



1997 Ford F250 Service Truck A/C, automatic, V8 diesel 243,001 miles. \$3,500. Call Pat Weller 706-259-3394 ext: 1268



2003 F-250, 4 door- crew cab. 6.0 diesel, 94k miles. 4x4. Automatic, Excellent condition. Asking \$18,500. 706-264-7883 or 706-629-4000.



2006 GMC 16 ft box truck Yellow. 6.0 V8 Unleaded engine w/ 300 hp. Auto. Transmission, A/C, ABS brakes, Power Steering, 2 Bucket Seats, AM/FM radio, 10 ft loading ramp w' 1000lb capacity. Mileage ranging from 40,000 - 75,000 miles. Sale price is \$12,000 - \$14000. Only method of payment accepted is certified check or money order. Sorry no financing Contact Josh Hall @ Penske, Day-706-277-9477, Night- 423-304-6669

**809 Trucks**



**A GREAT CHRISTMAS SURPRISE!**  
2006 Ford F150 - GTR Red, gray leather, 4-door full size cab, 5.6 liter, V-8, female driven, loaded, sunroof, 6 disc CD changer, XM radio, bedcover, dual exhaust, LA West conversion, towing package. 26K miles. Excellent condition. MSRP \$48,000. Call for price 706-695-9095 leave



**811 Utility Trailers**  
Mobile Concession stand (log cabin), great for carnival or fair, completely self contained, AC, Espresso cart, \$15,000. Call: 706-581-4122 for details.

**812 Sport Utility Vehicle**

04 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer, all leather, sunroof, 3rd row, excellent condition. 84K miles. \$14,800. 706-271-6109.



2000 Ford Explorer limited edition with leather seats, 4 wheel drive, power sunroof, CD player and V8. This Explorer is a one owner and it looks and drives like it is new. I am asking \$3,500 for it or best offer. Call 762-201-5483.

2005 GMC Envoy SLT. Loaded with every option available. 47K miles, 1-owner, garage kept, non smoker, \$15,500. Call 706-280-8268



2006 FORD Expedition - Eddie Bauer 2WD, leather, 3rd row power fold down, 6 disc CD changer, 22K miles, like new. Excellent condition. \$24,900. 706-422-8617 - 706-260-1029

**812 Sport Utility Vehicle**



2007 Volvo XC90, 3.2 sport utility, white, 30K miles, immaculate condition. \$21,000. 706-217-9608 - 706-537-9608



Dodge Durango SLT. 1999. 4x4. Excellent condition. 149K miles. \$2,900. Call: 706-229-0758 or 706-270-4198



Like new. 2004 Explorer. V8 engine with 3rd row seat. Well maintained. Many extras. Only \$9,500. Call: 706-280-1431

**RECREATION**

**851 Boats**



2001 21' Bullet Bass Boat. 225 Optimax. \$17,000. Call: 706-226-2161

2003 17' GENERATION JOHN BOAT. 60 Hp Johnson (04' model, runs great) Recently added sound proofing to hull. Boat has tilt & trim on the front & back. Heavy duty trailer, a 55 thrust trolling motor, paddles, & a depth finder GPS included. PRICE REDUCED TO: \$4,500 obo. 706-934-4757 Email: Tathazar@yahoo.com



Great Family Fun!! 1996 Ebbtide 182. Bow rider. With trailer. \$6,900. OBO. Call: 706-463-2529

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**856 Motorcycles & Bikes**

\*03 Yamaha TTR 125, electric start, like new \$1100. \*97 Yamaha, PW80, good condition \$500. Call 706-260-9664.

07 Yamaha Virago 250 V-star. \$3,200 make offer. 715 miles, (looks like a Harley Sportster) Engine guards. 706-694-8718

2006 CBR 600 F4i, blue, 5,300 miles, jardine slip on pipe. 2 years warranty remaining. Never been laid down. Excellent condition. \$5,400 or best offer. Call: 706-508-3955

2006 Honda CRF230, electric start, excellent condition, like new, rode very little. Aftermarket pipe and stock pipe. \$2,100. Call day 706-673-3500 or evening 706-259-9584.



2007 Harley Road King Classic, chrome forks, Vance & Hines true duals, detachable, touring pack, handle bars, extra chrome, etc... \$15,900. Call 706-280-4554

JUST LIKE NEW!! 2006 FLHXI Harley Davidson Street Glide, vivid black, full Rinehart exhaust, passenger detachable back rest, AM/FM radio & CD player, security system, garage kept, only 4,300 miles. Please call 706-581-3516.



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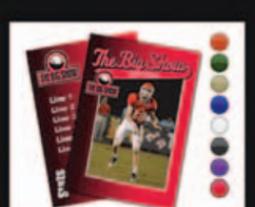
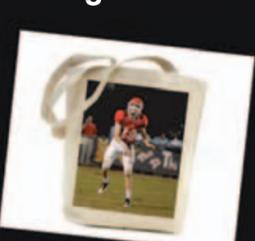
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