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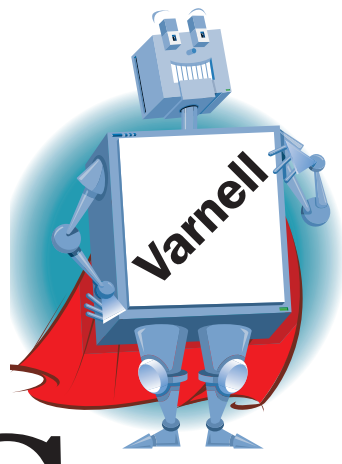

Students compete in Robo Expo, Lego League

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Georgia reduces gas tax

Fuel prices dip even lower

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgians can celebrate a reduction in the state's gasoline tax as they welcome in the New Year. But it will mean less revenue for transportation projects.

The state tax was lowered by 4 cents per gallon to 14.6 cents starting Thursday. Georgia's gas tax is adjusted twice a year based on the average price of gas. When that average price dips — as it has in recent months — the tax goes down as well. Gov. Sonny Perdue rescinded an executive order he issued in June that froze the tax as prices skyrocketed over the summer.

Inside

■ Oregon is among a growing number of states exploring ways to tax drivers based on the number of miles they drive instead of how much gas they use, even going so far as to install GPS monitoring devices

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The reduction cuts millions of dollars for the state Department of Transportation, which had a $456 million budget deficit for the fiscal year that ended July 31, according to an audit report in September.

"Our costs are going up and our revenues are declining," DOT spokesman David Spear said Friday. "We're trying to prioritize our projects and do the things that are most needed."

The price at the pump in Georgia is the lowest in four years — an average of $1.45 a gallon for

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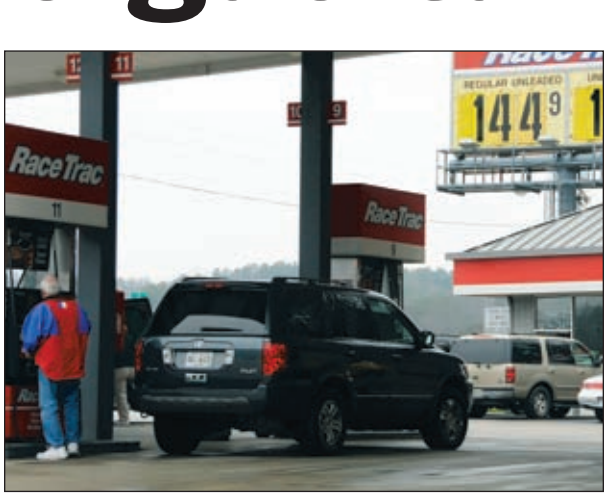

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A customer fuels up at the RaceTrac in Rocky Face Friday. The state has lowered its gasoline tax by four cents per gallon after the average price dropped from record highs.

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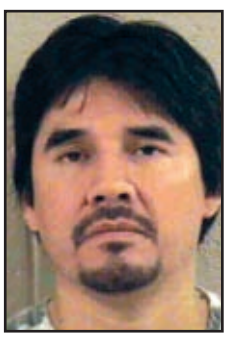
Dealer faces jail, deportation

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A man sentenced to 10 years in prison for trafficking meth is expected to be deported to Mexico after serving at least six-and-a-half years, officials said.

Rolando Vasquez Reyes, 46, of 109 Bridlewood Drive in Dalton, was charged in April 2007 with two counts each of trafficking methamphetamine and violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. His case was set for trial in November of last year but Reyes pleaded guilty to one count of trafficking methamphetamine, said Bert Poston, chief assistant district attorney. Superior Court Judge William Boyett sentenced Reyes.



Reyes

"The state probation department reviews the sentencing," Poston said Friday. "Since it was Mr. Reyes' first offense he was given 10 years to serve."

Reyes was also charged with driving with a suspended license. His sentence includes a $200,000 fine, and he will be deported to Mexico after serving a minimum of six-and-a-half years, Poston said.

"As a practical matter, he won't pay it," Poston said of the fine. "But legally it has to be ordered because the statute requires it."

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, with help from three area sheriff's offices, made four purchases of meth from Reyes. The purchases were videotaped. Reyes pleaded guilty to the largest of the sales, at almost one-and-a-half ounces, and the other three counts were dropped, Poston said.

Reyes' attorney, Mike Corbin, did not immediately return a phone call Friday afternoon.

NORTHWEST ON THE MARCH

JEFF KINSEY FOR The Daily Citizen

The Northwest Whitfield High School Blazing Blue Marching Band joined bands from across the country to perform at half-time of the 2009 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day. The band marched in the Gator Bowl Parade and band members were treated to a New Year's Eve dance. More photos on page 6A.

Standing in line *is* rehearsal at 'Antiques Roadshow'

BY BILL POOVEY
Associated Press Writer

CHATTANOOGA — It's sort of like sending your attic and yard sale finds to Cinderella's ball.

The 13th season of "Antiques Roadshow" starts airing this month on PBS, once again giving everyday people the chance to learn if a particular possession is treasure or trash. But the filming for the folksy treasure hunt happened months ago.

When the reality TV program stopped in Chattanooga, hundreds of ticket holders were waiting at 6 a.m. on a Saturday in July, some with children's wagons and dollies carrying the two items — newly dusted antiques, heirlooms or collectibles — they are allowed to bring for appraisals.

The main requirement: Items to be appraised must fit through a standard door.

The sun rose with dozens of the randomly selected ticket-holders in line outside the downtown convention center, rehearsing over and over, "Welcome to 'Antiques Roadshow'!" and after repeated prompts by the production crew to say it louder for the TV microphones, repetitive screams of "Welcome to Chattanooga!"

ON THE AIR

The new season of PBS' "Antiques Roadshow" begins Monday.
Shows featuring the visit to Chattanooga will air for three straight weeks — March 30, April 6 and April 13.

That frenzy of appraisals will be shown three straight weeks — March 30, April 6 and April 13 — as PBS' highest rated and six-time Emmy nominated series starts its new season Monday at 8 p.m. There are 20 episodes, including a 2008 lineup of stops with host Mark L. Walberg and a cast of thousands that includes collectors from Chattanooga and five other U.S. cities: Palm Springs, Calif.; Dallas; Wichita, Kan.; Grand Rapids, Mich. and Hartford, Conn.

One of the more than 70 appraisers, Shiloh Civil War Relics owner Rafael Eledge of Savannah,

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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.

"There is no drug store being built where the Central Park is in Dalton. That's just a rumor. The Central Park is not coming back. It closed."

"Thanks to the person who found my phone at Hamilton Medical Center and turned it in for me. It's good to know that there are some honest people in this world."

"Haven't heard from that loud Patriots fan lately. Hope he enjoys watching the Dolphins in the playoffs."

"Congratulations to Dustin and Cindy for having the New Year's baby. We are so happy for you."

"It would be safer for the citizens if the law would take the tint off their windows. Then you could see who was stopping you."

"Us boondocks people in Westside like being three miles from nowhere."

"Hobby Lobby is a Christian-based company owned by Christian men and set up on Christian principles. The owner is just trying to express his Christian views on Christmas."

"It's a shame how the housing market has bottomed out, but houses were way too expensive to start with. It was a joke how they were appraising houses."

"The winter solstice is over. Would someone please take all the lights down?"

"I wish I knew how they got a traffic light so quickly on Shugart Road. It's been a long, long time and we still don't have one on Cleveland Highway and North Oaks Drive. We've got doctors' offices, service stations, drug stores and big businesses and we still can't get one here."

"The Israelis are pounding Hamas while Bush is still in office because they know Obama and Clinton would oppose it. But Jews vote Democratic? Go figure.

Editor's note: Maybe Jews think about more than one issue.

"They want to do away with some of the fire stations, but if their house was on fire they would certainly appreciate it. My neighbor's house caught fire and the firefighters did a great job putting it out."

"I'm 88 and still drive. I can see good, am steady and watch where I'm going. It's the idiots who pull out in front of you that you have to worry about."

"Why do people in this area speed up when they're approaching a traffic light that's turning red. It's like a NASCAR start."

Editor's note: Maybe that mentality is why Southerners dominate NASCAR?

"Happy 72nd birthday to Sue Silvers."

"To the woman with five kids on welfare: The city doesn't owe you anything. The city didn't get you pregnant."

"Everybody needs to go to YouTube and check out the cool video about the Dalton trolley."

"To the women with five kids on welfare, it's people like you who are breaking this country."

"Editor, you told the people on Martin Luther King to pick up the leaves and garbage but the people on Waugh Street don't have to pick up leaves and garbage because the street sweepers go there."

Editor's note: My original reply was poor. My point was that if we wait on government to do everything for us, we'll be waiting a long time. We have to do for ourselves. That said, all city citizens should enjoy equal access to basic services. Thanks for calling back.

"The Hobby Lobby ad is one my favorite things in the paper every year. Thanks Hobby Lobby."

"Why do people walk their dogs on our street and let them poop? Why don't they let them poop on their own street?"

"Thanks Daily Citizen for the calendars you supply us every year."

"There are more workers on Corporate Drive and the South Bypass needing a traffic light than at Home Depot."

"I wish the people who worked at Animal Control lived on Reagan Drive and had to put up with all these big old dogs that roam through my yard day and night."

"About the ballfield in Westside: I hope you don't meet someone on a curve. There's nowhere to go but in the ditch. There's going to be too much traffic."

"The Dallas Cowboys are still No. 1, despite losing."

Editor's note: Yes. And the Detroit Lions are No. 1, too.

"Happy birthday to Hubert Scott."

Funny sarcasm alert
"Today at Spring Place Elementary children arrived at school. They ate lunch and later they went home. Numerous pictures to follow in this publication.

Not-so-funny sarcasm alert
"Oh, we're supposed to keep that calendar?"

"Why do people want to blame Dalton Public Works? They come by and pick up all the trash and don't get three miles away before people are piling up plastic and everything else to blow all over the yards and streets. It's the people to blame, not Public Works."

"I don't remember President Franklin D. Roosevelt writing that he was perfect. But anyone who thinks he didn't do good things for the people probably think the moon is purple."

"What do you think about a restaurant that starts charging for mustard and ketchup? I thought that stuff was supposed to be free."

Editor's note: It's not free to the restaurant.

"We need to let some of the candidates know that there are still some signs on Landfill Road that need to be picked up."

Editor's note: Good call. Forum faithful, please call in any standing campaign signs and locations.

"Would the person who published the Green Bible also publish the Green Koran? I don't think so."

Many thanks to the courthouse maintenance crew for getting my daughter and me out after being stuck in an elevator between floors for 37 minutes."

"It's a crying shame that Haig Mill Lake is sitting here only for the elite to fish in when everyone else in Dalton has to go over to Carters Lake."

Call the forum at 706-272-7748.

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Belongings of a family that lives at this house at 102 Prestwood Drive lie in the yard after a fire broke out in the basement Thursday afternoon.

Fire damages house

From Staff Reports

A fire Thursday afternoon left a Whitfield County family homeless, said Fire Chief Carl Collins. Collins said a mother and her two children were reportedly being helped by family members.

The fire, at 102 Prestwood Drive, was called in shortly before 1 p.m. No one was home at the time. Collins said the exact cause of the fire was not known but it started near an electric outlet.

"There was nothing suspicious about it," said Collins. "It started in the basement, and (the house) has got a lot of first-floor structural damage."

Antiques: Taped in July

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Tenn., said between meetings with collectors in Chattanooga that "Antiques Roadshow" is the best gig there is in the antique trade.

"When you make it to this stage and you have your name go across the bottom of the screen with that little 'Antiques Roadshow' chest, that's the pinnacle of what you could hope for in our business," Eledge said.

He said the real reason for the show's success is the makeup of the 3,400 recipients of the two free tickets.

"If you noticed the line, this is one of the few shows that brings out every walk of life," Eledge said. "You'll have somebody in a three-piece suit, you have somebody with a Dale Junior shirt and the next person will have a nose ring and chains hanging off of them. There is no other show that can do that."

Seventy-six-year-old Barbara Barker of Chattanooga coursed slowly through the crowded convention center pulling an antique children's wagon. Her cargo of mask face Santas and a straw-page book — a publication from about 1915 she found in an attic box at an estate sale — did not get her on television. But an appraiser said the book would probably sell in the $800 to $1,200 range to a "very specialist collector."

Barker handled the book as if it was priceless.

"This is written on straw and at that time rags were popular," she said. "You see how well preserved?"

Barker said just attending the show was a thrill.

"I have collected since I was in high school," she said.

Also in Chattanooga, one top-dollar collectible picked for appraisal was Creig Moore's French Louis XV-style clock from around 1850. It appraised for $20,000 to $25,000.

Moore, who owns Sagetown Collectors Gallery in Scottsboro, Ala., said he was shocked that the appraisal was twice what he thought was the value.

A longtime collector and antique dealer, Moore said he had bought the brass with gold overlay clock about six months earlier from a buddy in Birmingham, without even knowing if it works.

"I had gone to his house and saw it in his garage in a huge basket," Moore said. "He said, 'That's an old clock I picked up in New Orleans about 10 years ago...I'll sell it to you.'"

Moore, 45, said the clock "ran perfectly" when he got it home and he thought it was worth about $10,000.

"Once they looked at the clock, they didn't tell me anything about it except to ask if they could put it on the show," Moore said.

Moore said the appraiser told him it was the "best made clock of that era he had ever seen."

He is still trying to sell it.

"I call it my lucky garage sale find because it was in his garage," Moore said.

Moore watches the program regularly and is looking forward to the airing of the Chattanooga shows, which is the first time he'll know if he made the final cut.

"I'll definitely be watching," Moore said.

Tax: Recalculation by state

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regular unleaded, a figure that hasn't been seen since spring 2004.

The state recalculates the gas tax every six months through a formula based on the average price around Georgia. Perdue suspended the recalculation of the tax over the summer, halting what would have been a 2.9 cent per gallon jump in the tax. Gas prices at the time were soaring to $4 per gallon.

The Department of Revenue estimates the suspension saved motorists $60.4 million through November.

It also marked a drop for the DOT. In November, the last month data is available, total motor fuel taxes were down 7.5 percent, from $88.6 million the previous year to $82.1 million, Spear said.

Spear said the trend began in the summer, when sales taxes started falling with the price of fuel and excise taxes dropped due to people driving less because of the previous sky-high prices.

"That's a good thing on balance," Spear said. "It reduces congestion and air pollution, but it reduces funds for us."

He said the DOT is not complaining because "things are hard all over." But whether considering projects to reduce gridlock in metro Atlanta or widen roads in rural Georgia, "we just have to come up with a more precise list and come up with things that produce more bang for the buck, so to speak."

The DOT budget for this year is about $2.3 billion, with about half coming from federal gas tax revenues and a comparable amount from the state. Spending could be padded by a "few hundred million" in bond sales, Spear said.

Transportation funding is a problem nationwide. With motorists driving less and buying less fuel, the current 18.4 cents a gallon gas tax and 24.4 cents a gallon diesel tax fail to raise enough to keep pace with the cost of road, bridge and transit programs.

Today's Citizen

NAME: Barbara Ridley
AGE: "Granny age"
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Spouse, Jimmy; children, Vita and Franky; grandchilden, Noah, Michael, Luke and Sierra
WORK: Hamilton Medical Center
PLAY: Church, singing
SHE SAID: "The answer has already been found. John 3:16. Ultimate love."

Belly dance class debuts at Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

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Lauryn Peterson will teach belly dance at Dalton State.

Belly dancing can change your life.

Women who belly dance are said to experience physical, mental and emotional benefits unlike those received from any other dance or exercise form, says Kelly Snyder, program coordinator for Dalton State College's Center for Continuing Education. The center debuts Introduction to Belly Dance in its winter program.

"All women look beautiful belly dancing," said instructor Lauryn Peterson. "It is truly something that surpasses body type, age and size. I discovered belly dance during a difficult personal time and was thrilled to find a skill that could give me healthy exercise instead of the mundane machines at the gym."

"I found that over time, I wanted to celebrate my curves," she said. "I was having fun, learning something new, and spending time with beautiful women who had better things to do than obsessively count calories. I like to tell people that belly dance is cheaper than therapy and you don't have to join a gym to do it."

Belly dance provides a low-impact workout focused in the torso, hips, thighs and glutes. The resulting core workout will develop muscles you might not even be aware that you have. You also receive the advantage of a cardiovascular workout through movement, as well as muscular isolation benefits. Belly dance increases overall flexibility, especially in the hips and spine, two areas that tend to be among the first to deteriorate for many women.

"Many of the world's best known belly dancers are in their sixties, and they are still going strong," Peterson said. "Belly dance also increases stamina while strengthening, toning and sculpting."

Peterson's belly dance training is extensive and includes studying at the Bard College Belly Dance Collective in New York and the Zanzibar Studio in Chattanooga. She dances professionally with the Dandasha Dance Company, as well as Mirabai Belly Dance, a new trio. She is currently a popular instructor at Zanzibar Studio.

"There is so much to gain from this fascinating and gorgeous art form," Peterson said. "Belly dance teaches women to embrace their femininity and sensuality and gives us a perfect outlet for stress relief — shaking it out, literally. It allows you to focus on the present while getting in touch with your body and learning the amazing things that it is capable of achieving. With belly dancing, self-image and body image will be boosted. To me, belly dancing is a very important gift that women can give themselves that can help erase years of negative conditioning by society about how we should look or should feel or should think."

In recent years, belly dance has been embraced by the mainstream, becoming a quickly growing fitness trend that provides whole-health benefits. Today there are more women belly dancing in the United States than in any other country in the world, she said.

"Belly dance is an ancient beauty secret that fosters physical awareness and emotional strength," Peterson said. "While many exercise forms are designed for the male physique, belly dance is the natural expression of femininity. It stands to reason that movement based on the female body will work women's muscles in a way that male-centered exercises simply can't."

Peterson is looking forward to bringing belly dance and its many benefits to Dalton State College.

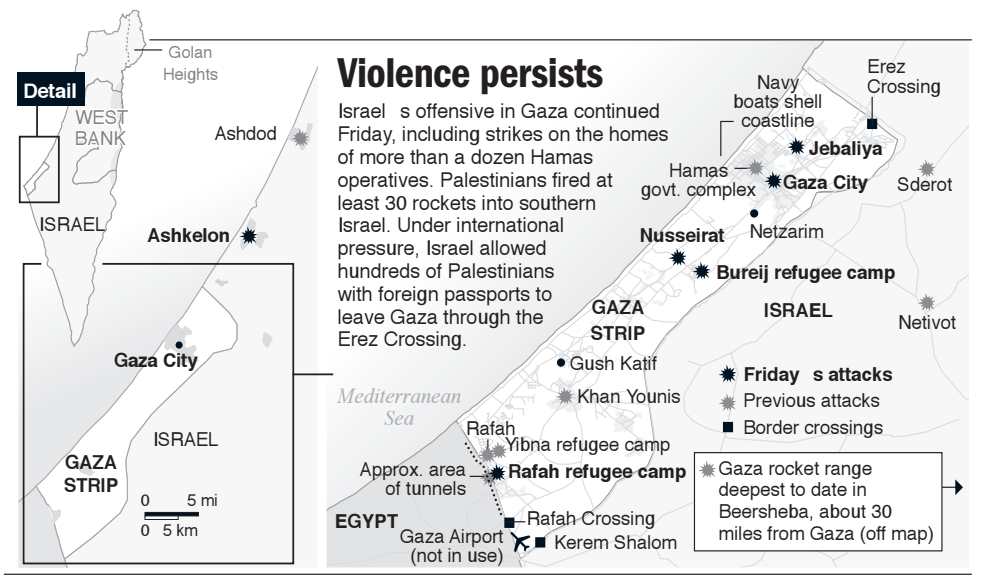
"I will be teaching a classical technique that can be applied to any style of belly dance including folkloric, tribal or cabaret," Peterson explained. "I would describe my teaching style as fun and diverse. I try to cater to multiple forms of learning by breaking down the movements in more than one way since our brains all process information differently. I am open to questions and take my time trying to make sure that everyone understands the movements. My classes are kept upbeat with my sense of humor. My belly dance classes are warm, inviting, nurturing environments where all bodies are welcome."

To get the full experience of belly dancing, students should add costuming and Peterson highly recommends it. On a basic level, all a student needs is comfortable clothes, but street clothes are a no-no. Pants are preferred for the yogic warm-up, although a skirt on top is a welcome and even encouraged addition.

"Part of the fun of belly dancing is letting a different part of your personality breathe for a little while," Peterson said. "Costuming adds so much to the experience. Stick a flower in your hair. Wear jingly earrings. You need to wear something form-fitting on your upper body in order to see your movement but bare bellies are completely optional. Some type of scarf is required for the hips in order to highlight that area. A coin scarf really helps you 'hear' your movement while you are practicing. Scarves and belts are truly available in all sizes, colors and price ranges. Most dancers dance barefoot."

"I am excited about this belly dance class," Peterson said. "We are going to have a blast!"

Introduction to Belly Dance will meet Jan. 12-March 9 on Mondays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the James E. Brown Center on the Dalton State Campus. Class size is limited. Call (706) 272-4454 or log on to www.dalton-state.edu/cce for more information or to register.



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Israel lets Palestinians flee; U.N. warns of crisis

EREZ CROSSING, Israel (AP) — Israel allowed several hundred Palestinians with foreign passports to flee Gaza on Friday, even as its warplanes bombed a mosque it said was used to store weapons and destroyed homes of more than a dozen Hamas operatives.

The evacuees told of crippling shortages of water, electricity and medicine, echoing a U.N. warning of a deepening humanitarian crisis in the besieged Gaza Strip in the seven-day-old Israeli campaign. The U.N. estimates at least a quarter of the 400 Palestinians killed by Israeli airstrikes on Hamas militants were civilians.

Jawaher Hajji, a 14-year-old U.S. citizen who was allowed to cross into Israel, said her uncle was one of them — killed while trying to pick up some medicine for her cancer-stricken father. She said her father later died of his illness.

"They are supposed to destroy just the Hamas, but people in their homes are dying too," Hajji, who has relatives in Virginia, said at the Erez border crossing between Gaza and Israel.

President George W. Bush on Friday branded the Hamas rocket attacks an "act of terror," while Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice accused Hamas' leaders of holding the people of Gaza hostage.

"The Hamas has used Gaza as a launching pad for rockets against Israeli cities, and has contributed deeply to a very bad daily life for the Palestinian people in Gaza and to a humanitarian situation that we have all been trying to address," she said.

International calls for a cease-fire have been growing, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy is expected in the region next week.

Bush said no peace deal would be acceptable without monitoring to halt the flow of smuggled weapons to terrorist groups.

Muslims protest worldwide

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Thousands protested Friday against Israel's air offensive targeting Hamas at demonstrations in the Middle East and several continents.

Similar protests have been held daily across the Middle East since Israel launched the bombing campaign last Saturday. But these gatherings held mostly after Friday prayers were larger — mainly because Friday prayers are a traditional gathering opportunity for Muslims — and seemed to be more far-reaching in the number of countries where protests occurred.

In Tehran, a crowd of about 6,000 stretching for a half-mile marched from prayers at Tehran University to Palestine Square, chanting "Death to Israel" and "Death to America" and burning Israeli flags.

Iran is a major backer of Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, giving it millions of dollars. The U.S. and Israel accuse Iran of giving weapons and rockets to Hamas, though Tehran denies arming Hamas.

In Egypt, authorities clamped down hard to prevent protests Friday. Hundreds of riot police surrounded Cairo's main Al-Azhar Mosque, where a rally had been called, and scuffled with would-be protesters, keeping most from approaching.

AREA ARRESTS

• Ginger Lynn Morris, 33, Apartment 4, Cleveland Road, Cohutta, was charged Thursday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

• Maximilano De Leon Mendez, 24, 510 Underwood St., Dalton, was charged Thursday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, no insurance and driving without a license.

• Leny Josue Delcid-Munguia, 19, 2682 Chattanooga Road, Rocky Face, was charged Thursday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI.

• Adam Ray Childers, 27, 1000 Autumn Court, Apartment 10, Dalton, was charged Thursday by the Dalton Police Department with aggravated assault (family violence).

50TH ANNIVERSARY

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Wylie and Dorothy Kendall of Dalton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today. They have one daughter, Joyce Kendall of Chattanooga. They also have two grandchildren, Victoria Meyer and Nicholas Meyer, both of Chattanooga.

Group takes annual swim at Lake Lanier

GAINESVILLE (AP) — It's one way to cure a hangover — a New Year's Day dip in frigid Lake Lanier.

About 73 swimmers started 2009 with a chill and a traditional thrill at the Olympic Venue in Gainesville. Water temperature early Thursday was about 48 degrees.

Participants in the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club Polar Bear Swim said it was their 12th annual dip in the lake.

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CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

Sanna Wagner

When little Ethan Skidmore took his first breath on Dec. 30, guiding his arrival was longtime certified nurse-midwife Sanna Wagner, now retired from Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology after 31 years. Her professionalism and spunky personality left patients and family members impressed during the 4,129 deliveries she either helped with or managed solo.

"She's always encouraging and comforting her patients as well as the loved ones of her patients," said Jennifer Adams, Skidmore's grandmother. "She's always excited to bring a new life into this big world. I have watched this woman bring three of my grandchildren into this world and I want to thank her for making the birth of each one of them a wonderful experience."

Wagner will be missed by co-workers.

"Everybody here just loves Sanna," said Melinda Edgeman, director of women's services at Hamilton Medical Center. "She's full of energy, always wide open and always talking about her family. She loves her family. Several patients have named their children after her. People just love her."

Wagner delivered 11 of her 14 grandchildren. Following her retirement, Wagner and most of her children and grandchildren left for a celebratory cruise to the Bahamas. The family will host a party in her honor on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dalton Shrine Club at 514 Chattanooga Ave. Former patients, friends and family are invited.

For her dedication in helping to bring life to thousands of Daltonians, The Daily Citizen names Sanna Wagner Citizen of the Week.

To suggest a Bible verse, call (706) 272-7735

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalm 90:12

Today's quote: "The human body is the best picture of the human soul."

Ludwig Wittgenstein
Austrian philosopher 1889-1951

Glad to be Georgian

Bill Shipp

If you're a Georgian, you are probably still in shock at what has happened in Illinois.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has been arrested on charges of trying to sell President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat. Federal wiretaps suggest that Gov. Rod thought the seat would bring a pretty penny. The FBI eavesdropping device also indicates that Rod and the first lady of the Land of Lincoln are a couple of potty mouths.

The Chicago press has plainly set out to pillory Gov. and Mrs. Blagojevich. I don't believe I have ever seen such an uncouth and ill-mannered mob of reporters. They'll say and ask just about anything, usually at the top of their voices. There's not a lady or gentleman among them.

A new wrinkle in the Illinois story breaks almost daily. Aren't you glad that you don't live in that state and would have to put up with such embarrassing stuff?

Federal prosecutors in Chicago and Springfield ought to be ashamed of themselves. Can you imagine a Georgia governor being collared for trying to sell one of his appointments?

I can't. I don't believe it has ever happened. Come to think of it, selling a state job may not even be against the law in Georgia. Perhaps that is reason that no Peach State prosecutor would dare pursue such a case.

Back in the old days (meaning before my time), a couple of governors (Talmadge and Rivers) were accused of selling prison pardons, but it was just politics. Besides there's a big difference in selling a pardon for a few thousand dollars and offering a Senate seat to the highest bidder. I have never heard of such a thing in Georgia.

Wait. I'm mistaken. I have heard of such a thing.

Back in 1971, when Sen. Richard Russell died, there was talk that then-Gov. Jimmy Carter could sell the appointment of Russell's successor. There was little doubt that Carter needed the money to pay off his gubernatorial campaign debts.

Nothing ever came of the story. Carter handed the Senate appointment over to David Gambrell, an Atlanta lawyer who had been the finance chairman of Carter's successful bid for governor against ex-Gov. Carl Sanders. As it turned out, Gambrell, a plenty smart guy, just wasn't meant to be a politician. A backbench legislator, Sam Nunn, beat him in the next election.

No one, except perhaps a couple of Carter's enemies, ever mentioned that the guv could have traded the Russell chair for gold. Such things just weren't done in Georgia. At least that is what the state's leading lights (all good Democrats) assured us.

No one ever accused Gov. Roy Barnes of trying to sell the Senate seat vacated by the death of Sen. Paul Coverdell in 1998. If the notion of selling the seat even entered his mind, he never would have sold it to former Gov. Zell Miller, who, according to some, went crazy after Barnes gave him the Washington job. Miller won the Senate election of 2000, and got even crazier. But that is another story.

Of course, the talk of selling public offices is not restricted to the U.S. Senate. During Barnes' term as governor, some disgruntled job applicants said the governor favored applicants for judicial posts who had contributed cash to his campaign. However, that is not the same thing as selling an appointment, is it?

In fact, most of Barnes' predecessors as governor appointed their financial supporters to judgeships. After all, nobody but a nut would put one's political enemies on the bench.

It has even been said that the exchange of cash figures prominently in the selection of the Georgia speaker of the House. That must be a joke. Rep. Glenn "Romeo" Richardson would never entertain such a notion.

Yes, it is true that Richardson solicits some of his leading allies for campaign cash to go into a special kitty to help out some Republican legislators who have attracted opposition.

After Richardson parcels out the cash to needy colleagues, he expects their support in his bid to remain speaker. House committee chairmen are always cheerful about chipping into the speaker's pot. Romeo is not a maverick in the cash department. He is simply carrying on an established tradition. The money practices of the House leadership also explain why several leading lawmakers roll their eyes when anyone mentions ethics.

In any case, when you observe the shenanigans in Illinois, it makes you proud to be a Georgian, where publicity-hound prosecutors are rare and rude and ruthless reporters are unheard of.

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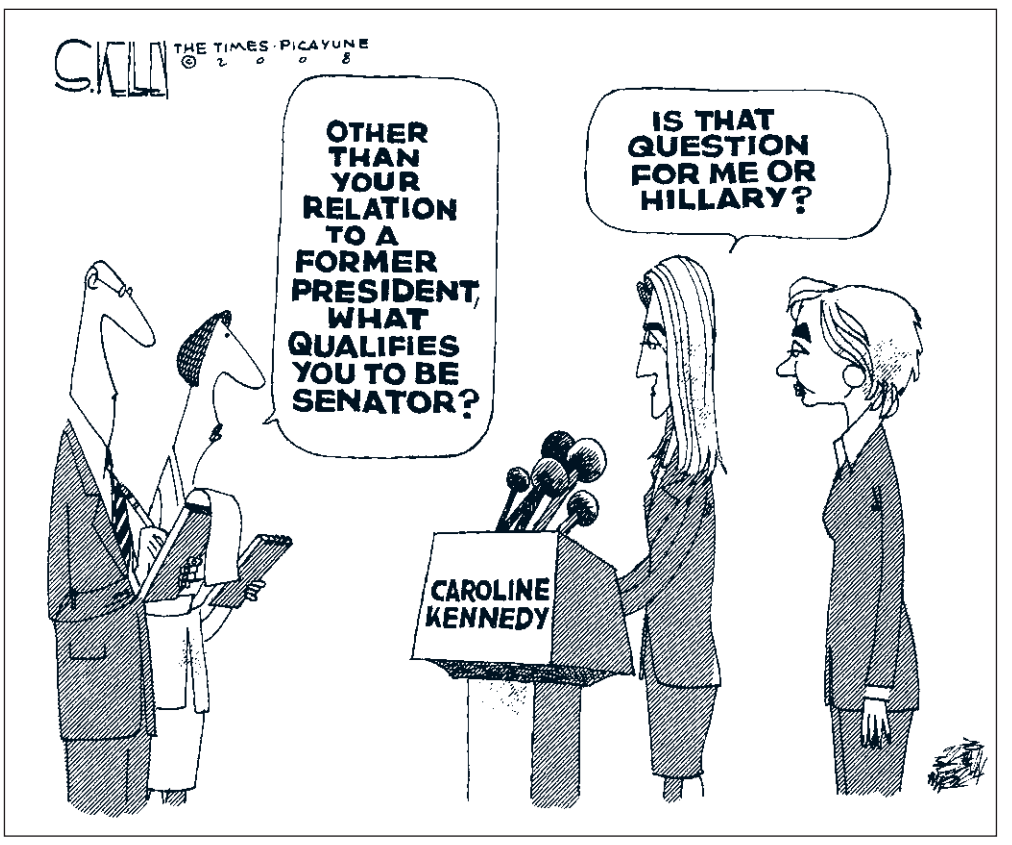
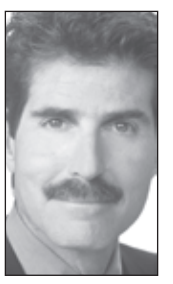


Caroline Kennedy is 'qualified'



John Stossel

If you Google "Caroline Kennedy Qualified," you'll come up with several hundred thousand Web sites. Site after site asks, "Is Caroline Kennedy Qualified?" — to hold Hillary Clinton's Senate seat, that is.

New York Republican congressman Peter King, who wants that seat for himself, says there is "no evidence she's qualified."

New York Democratic congressman Gary Ackerman agrees: "She has name recognition, but so does J.Lo."

Zillions of people may rant that Caroline Kennedy lacks what it takes to be a senator, but I think she's qualified.

After all, what does a senator do?

In theory senators represent the people of the state that sent them to Washington. It's not at all clear what that means. It has something to do with serving the interests of those people rather than the senator's own interests. But it's long been debated whether a representative should do what constituents want or what the representative thinks they should want. Either way we have a problem. New York has 19 million people. We don't have the same interests, and we rarely want the same things. People are diverse.

What's a representative to do? If some in the state want a subsidy for their businesses or farms, and others object, how can the senator serve both groups? Polling is no help, because the minority would be unrepresented.

The idea of a senator truly representing the interests of 19 million people is ridiculous. (This holds for Wyoming's half-million as well.) We pretend that he or she can do it, but no one really believes it. It's just a game we play. The reality is something else.

Caroline Kennedy may indeed be unqualified to be a U.S. senator if she is judged by the job's theoretical duties. But so is everyone else.

On the other hand, she is qualified to perform the actual duties of a senator. Let's look at those:

Senators bloviate on anything and everything, regardless of whether they know what they are talking about. This is an important part of the job. Senators must sound as though they know how to create jobs, what kind of energy the United States should use, how to make health care affordable, how to plan education for 75 million unique children, and so on. They don't have to actually know how to do these things. They just have to *sound* as though they know. I know very little about Caroline Kennedy, but I'm sure she's capable of making pronouncements about how progressive polices will save the world.

Another thing senators do is cast votes to spend other people's money. Caroline Kennedy should be very good at that. She grew up in a wealthy family. Her stepfather was one of the richest men in the world. Now she's married to a wealthy businessman. She's had lots of practice spending other people's money. She'd be good at it.

All this is not to say the job of a senator is easy. Senators do have to figure out which interest groups to reward with subsidies, special tax breaks and pork in order to assure re-election. But with a little work, that's probably not hard to learn.

So by the standard of the actual duties of a U.S. senator, Caroline Kennedy is eminently qualified.

■ **John Stossel is co-anchor of ABC News' "20/20" and author of "Myth, Lies, and Downright Stupidity: Get Out the Shovel — Why Everything You Know is Wrong."**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Saturday, Jan. 3**, the third day of 2009. There are 362 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1909, Danish-American comedian Victor Borge was born in Copenhagen.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed shops.

In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

Ten years ago: Chicagoans dug out from their biggest snowstorm in more than 30 years.

Five years ago: A Boeing 737 owned by Egyptian charter tour operator Flash Airlines crashed into the Red Sea, killing all 148 people aboard, most of them French tourists.

One year ago: Barack Obama won the Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses. After nearly 27 years in prison, Texas inmate Charles Chatman was set free by a judge because of new DNA evidence showing he'd been wrongly convicted of rape.

Today's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 83. Actor Robert Loggia is 79. Actor Dabney Coleman is 77. Musician Stephen Stills is 64. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 63. Actress Victoria Principal is 59. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 53. Actress Shannon Sturges is 41. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 37. Actor Jason Marsden is 34. Actress Danica McKellar is 34. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 33.

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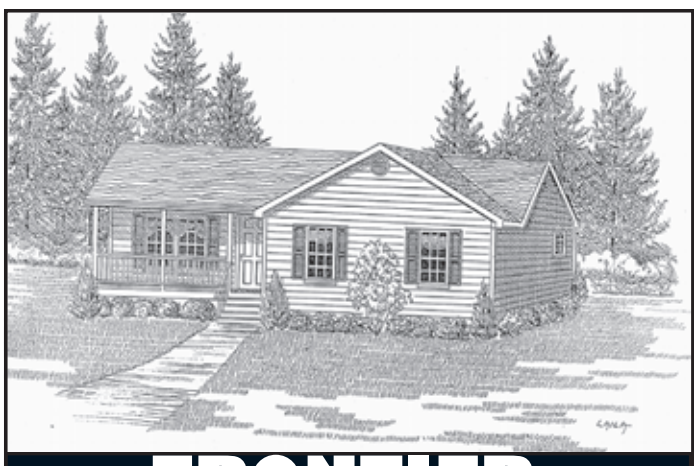

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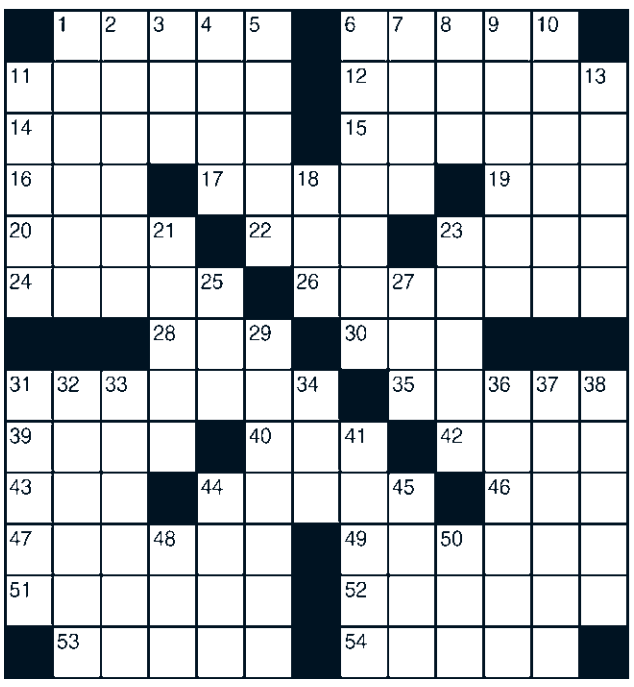
Yesterday's answer 1-3



BRIDGE

When to break a general rule

Let's say, as an abstract proposition, that you as declarer have the K-10-x-x-x of a suit and dummy has the A-x-x-x, and you're trying to win all five tricks in that suit.

Of course, this may not be possible if the opponents' cards are unfavorably divided, but suppose, when you lead low to the ace, your left-hand opponent plays the queen (or jack), and when you lead the suit back, your right-hand opponent follows low.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ A 6 4 3
♦ Q J 9
♣ 8 5 2

WEST
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ Q J
♦ 8 6 3
♣ J 10 9 7

EAST
♠ K 9 7 2
♥ 9 8
♦ 7 4 2
♣ Q 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♥ K 10 7 5 2
♦ A K 10 5
♣ A K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
6 ♥			

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Should you now play the king, hoping to catch the missing honor, or should you finesse in the hope that your left-hand opponent was dealt a singleton?

Mathematically, there is no doubt that you should finesse. The odds are almost 2-to-1 in favor of the finesse in the circumstances stated.

This is a valuable thing to know, and you can gain many points by putting this knowledge to use, but a word of caution is in order. Occasionally, you may encounter a set of conditions where it is right to play for the drop instead of the finesse.

Here is a case in point. West leads a club against your four-heart contract. You win and lead a heart to the ace, on which West plays the jack. You return a heart, and East follows low. Ordinarily, you would finesse the ten, but in this case, for a very good reason, you should play the king.

The fact that you happen to catch the queen is not the issue. The point is that you can assure the contract by playing the king, whether West follows suit or not.

Suppose West shows out, placing East with the Q-9-8 originally. In that case, you cash your other club, cross to dummy with a diamond and ruff dummy's last club.

You then run your diamonds. If East doesn't ruff, you put him on lead with a trump, forcing him to return a spade into dummy's A-Q or give you a ruff-and-discard.

Going up with the king of hearts is a safety play that virtually guarantees the contract.

CRYPTOQUIP

G E J B L Y Z I B Q K P J R G K Q B L A B N G R B J W B B R T Q Z X B B P ' P S T B L I K P Z L , J W B X A B U G Y N G Q Q K Y U W K R E Z L B R G Y Y Z L R G Y .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MY FRIEND DONATED A KIND OF COMPUTER HARDWARE CHIP, I SAID "THANKS FOR THE MEMORY!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals E

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Happy Birthday: You'll be tempted to take on things that you should probably take a pass on this year. Don't let your heart rule your head. There are far better options. Don't let your ego and emotional factors get involved in the decisions you have to make. Your numbers are 5, 13, 16, 21, 25, 32, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sudden, unexpected changes will take you by surprise, so make whatever occurs work for you. By using what you have and not trying to manufacture something new, you will save financially, emotionally and professionally. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get things straight the first time around and spare yourself a lot of aggravation. Covering your back by diversifying will be your best bet. Travel or make a geographical move if it will lead to a better or more profitable position. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't give in to someone trying to take advantage of you. Use your own ideas. New opportunities are heading your way. Change jobs or enlist with a headhunter so you are in the running for a better position. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your anger will mount due to emotional conversations that are a no-win venture. Back away and show your restraint and professionalism. You can make a far greater impression by refusing to take part in a senseless dispute. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be afraid to step into the spotlight and say what you think. You will grab the attention of someone who has plenty to offer someone like you. Be honest about what it will take to get you on board and working on a new project. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be afraid to contribute your opinions. If you say nothing, you will not have the option to complain if things don't turn out as you want. Take care of emotional matters at home before they escalate. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reevaluate your position and consider making a leap to a more lucrative field. You will find an angle that will make your future look brighter and more satisfying if you network with people in an industry that interests you. Don't let negativity at home stand in your way. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have plenty to think about if you want to salvage what you have and move on. There will be debts to deal with, so put pride aside and talk to those who can help you out. An emotional matter will give you the strength and courage you need. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ideas may be a little far-fetched but that's precisely how you will attract someone entrepreneurial enough to see what you have to offer as a viable challenge. Travel will be conducive to romance. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refrain from giving handouts or trusting anyone who is trying to appeal to your emotional side. Treat any financial deal professionally. Lending or borrowing is not likely to turn out in your favor. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Give your assessment of your personal situation to the people involved in your life and you will get respect and the support you need. Change will be difficult but necessary. Be passionate about the way you feel. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may question what you are going to do next. You have to be practical and perhaps support your desire to help a cause by doing what you do best and returning to the industry you are most familiar with. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are stubborn and a bit of a reactionary but you get things done. You are inventive, entertaining, have an open mind and are a trendsetter.

Blazing Blue

The Northwest Whitfield High School Blazing Blue Marching Band performed at half-time of the 2009 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's. The band also marched in the Gator Bowl Parade. The students, under the leadership of band director George Barnett, met band members from Clemson and Nebraska universities and watched those bands perform.

JEFF KINSEY FOR The Daily Citizen

Whitfield Schools earn accreditation from state and regional agencies

SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Whitfield County school district earned full accreditation from two agencies — the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC).

A 10-member SACS Quality Assurance Review Team spent three days in November touring county schools. They interviewed students, staff, administrators and community members. The final review had five strong commendations:

- Strong district and school-based leadership dedicated to improving learning opportunities for all students.
- Schools throughout the district working together to ensure a unified focus on student achievement.
- Tremendous gains in the graduation rate.
- Implementing standards-based reporting system for grades K-2.
- Effectively putting in place highly technical 21st century classrooms.

A consultant with the GAC spent a week in early December reviewing best practices in Whitfield County Schools and reported the school district is "accredited with quality."

The consultant, Morgan Arp, has 32 years in education as a teacher, central office administrator and homebound coordinator. Nine years were spent as superintendent of Fannin County Schools. Arp spent a week reviewing teaching practices in the school district before giving his stamp of approval.

To learn more about SACS' accreditation process, visit www.advanc-ed.org. For more information about the Georgia Accrediting Commission, visit www.coe.uga.edu/gac.

ServSafe food safety certification slated

The Whitfield County Cooperative Extension, University of Georgia, is offering a ServSafe food safety manager certification course Jan. 27-28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This class will train, test and certify attendees in critical food safety practices as well as offer techniques for implementing food safety training in their own operations.

This course is accepted by Georgia Environmental Health for required food safety manager certification. Anyone responsible for food service staff management is required by the state to take a course of this type. Certification is valid for five years.

Advance registration is required by Jan. 23. The cost is $140, which includes the textbook. Registration forms are available online at www.ugaextension.com/whitfield or by calling the extension office at (706) 278-8207.

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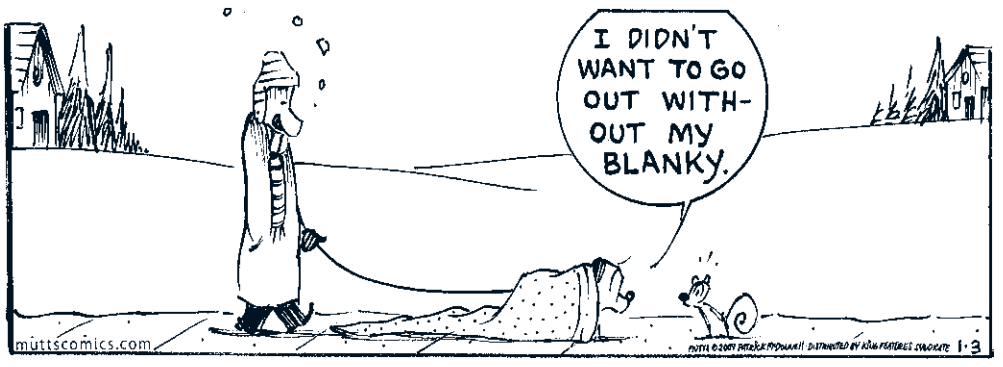

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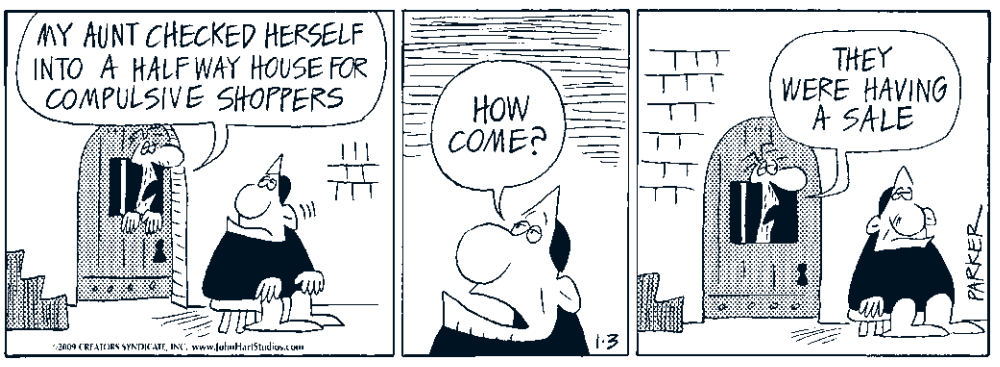

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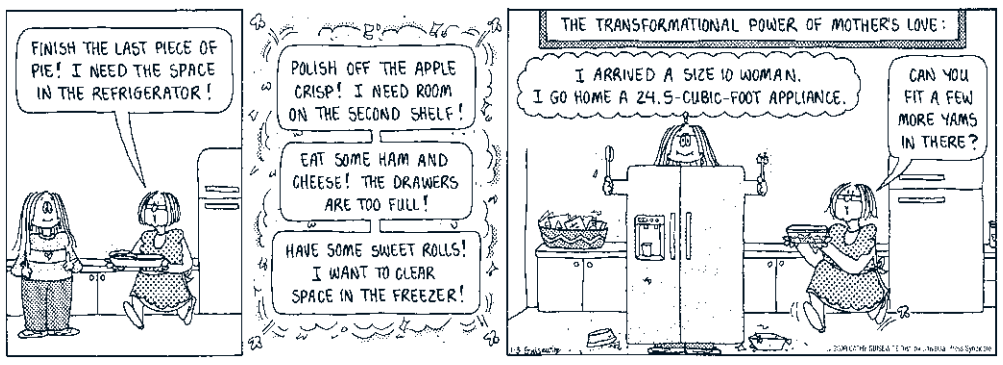

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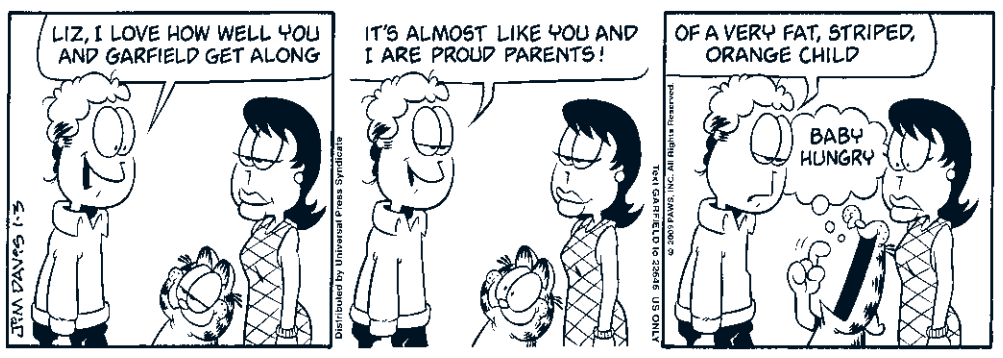

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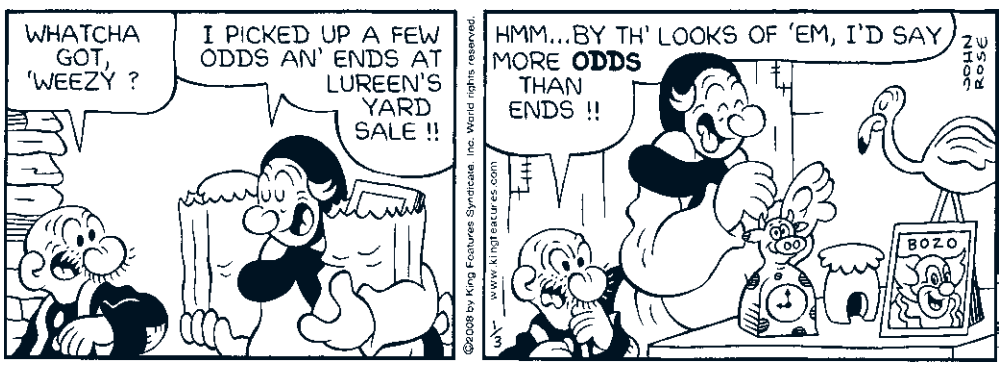

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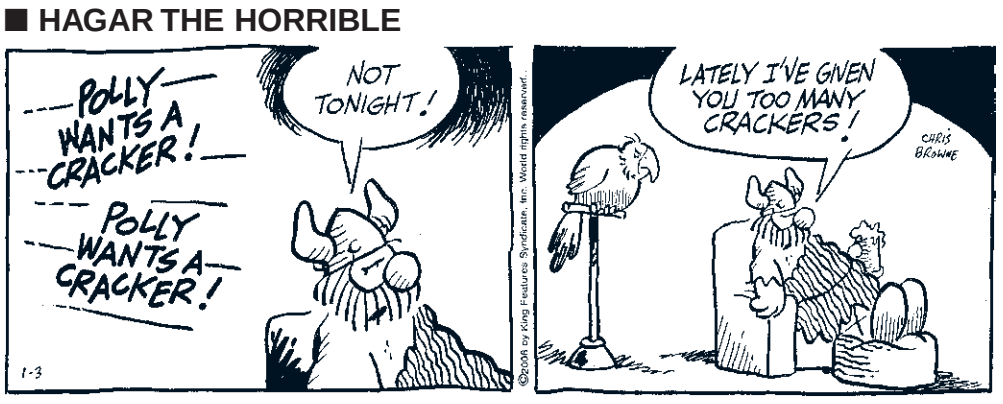

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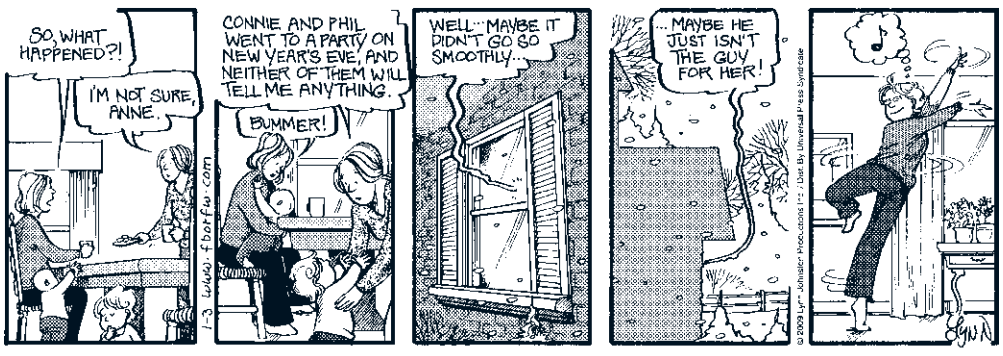

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DEAR ABBY

Relationship up in smoke

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Jasmine," has been seeing a therapist to deal with serious depression and anxiety issues, and I think she has done well for the most part.

I am just upset that she has taken to smoking with her co-workers to deal with stress. I don't like smoking. My mother smokes, and I find it disgusting.

I hate saying these things to Jasmine because when I do, she takes it personally. We have discussed this more than once, and she insists that my asking her to stop is "being controlling." I can't know what stress she is experiencing because of her emotional problems, but I do know that smoking isn't the solution.

I love Jasmine with all my heart, and it's devastating to me to say this, but I can't be with a smoker. Our relationship has been great, but I do not choose to spend my life in a haze of tobacco smoke. I am in college and every day I see kids my age outside freezing their butts off for a smoke because it isn't allowed inside.

Please help me, Abby. This is something I can't compromise on. It's enough that I already have one person close to me who smokes — I don't need another. — ANTI-SMOKER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ANTI-SMOKER: The fellow students you see freezing their butts off for a smoke aren't doing it because they like it. They are freezing their butts off because they're addicted to nicotine, need their fix and are willing to get it in sub-zero weather if they must.

People who reach for a cigarette when they are feeling stressed regard the cigarette as a "friend" they can hold onto. What they don't realize is the cigarette is holding onto THEM — and occasional smokers become dependent not only on the ritual but also the "drug."

Jeanne Phillips

You have a hard choice to make, and so does Jasmine. Perhaps it will be easier if Jasmine does the choosing. Tell her that if you smell tobacco on her hair, skin, breath or clothing, you won't kiss her. If she hasn't quit smoking within 30 days, you'll have your answer.

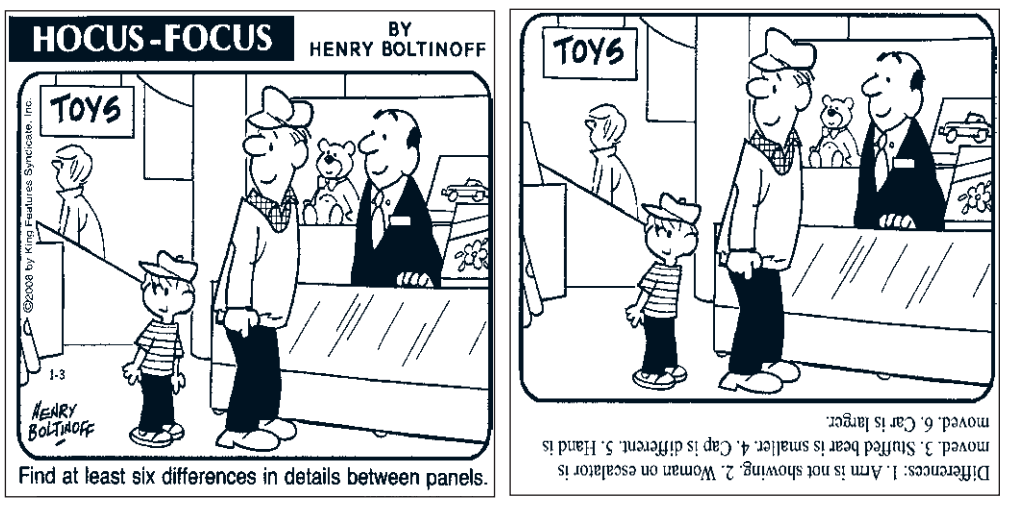
DEAR ABBY: My husband, kids and I fly to the West Coast once a year for either summer vacation or the holidays. As soon as we arrive, my in-laws take me — "the wife" — to the grocery store to shop for food and expect me to pay half the bill.

Abby, my in-laws are not hurting for money, and I have never understood this bizarre custom. I don't appreciate getting off a long plane flight to go grocery shopping and incur yet another expense after paying for air travel, etc. I wouldn't dream of doing it to them.

Would you consider this poor hospitality on their part, or a difference in cultures — East Coast formal versus West Coast casual? — DREADING NEXT TIME, HAMPTON, VA.

DEAR DREADING: What you have described is not a difference in cultures. Your in-laws may not be hurting for money, but they may be on a budget. Because being taken to the grocery store and asked to pay for half the groceries bothers you, on your next visit have them take their son along so he can have the pleasure. You can't change his parents, so don't let it ruin your visit.

■ HOCUS FOCUS



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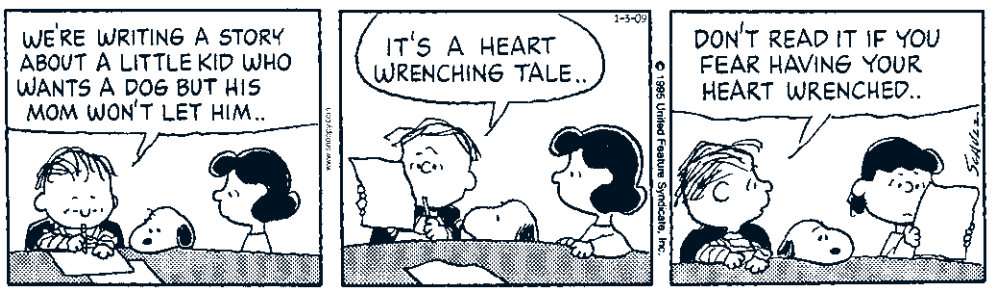

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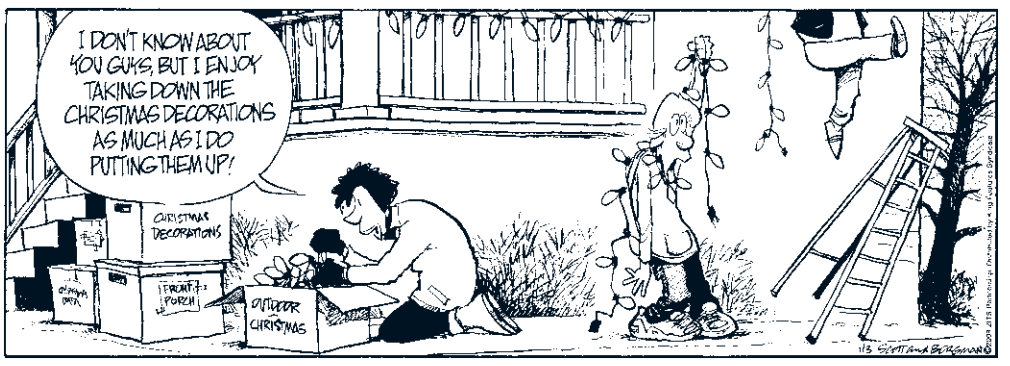

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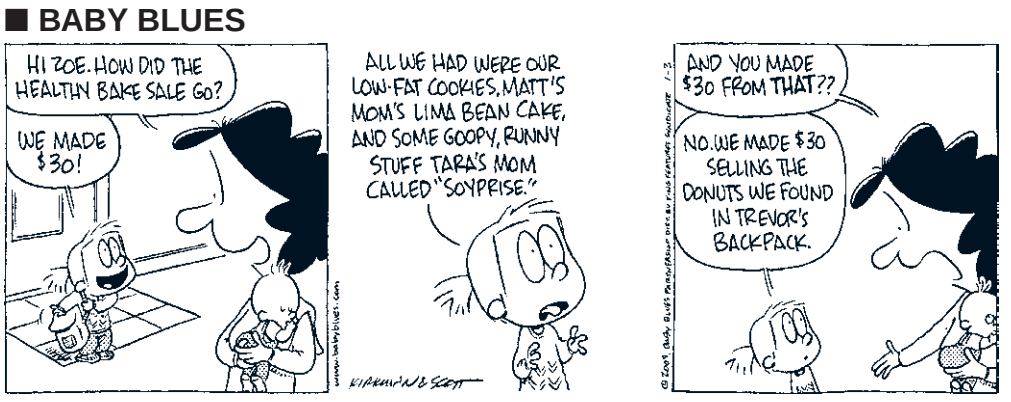
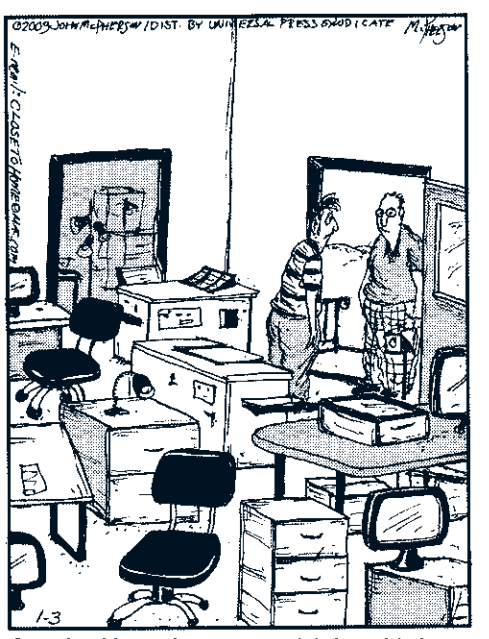


■ FAMILY CIRCUS

"My paper airplane just got grounded!"

■ CLOSE TO HOME



Surprised by an impromptu visit from his boss, Danny gets nailed for sneaking office products home.

CHURCH

■ **McFarland Hill Baptist Church** will host a benefit concert for cystic fibrosis patient Stephanie Roberts Jan 10 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Special guests include contemporary Christian rock artist Elite from Atlanta and End of Silence from Dalton. Vince Carr will serve as guest speaker.

The church is at 307 Brickyard Road in Dalton. The public is welcome.

■ Evangelist Shane A. Calhoun of Aiken, S.C. will be in revival Jan. 7-9 at **Bibleway Full Gospel Church**. Services begin at 7 p.m.

The church is at the corner of Tyler Street and Chattanooga Road in Dalton. For more information, call Pastor Jimmy Tyler at (706) 695-8433.

■ Classically-trained pianist Alyosha Ryabinov and his wife, Judy, of the Ukraine will be in concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at **Northwest Christian Fellowship**.

The church is at 100 N. Main St. in Varnell. Pastor Michael Watkins invites everyone.

■ **Riverbend Baptist Church** will have its regular first Saturday night singing today at 6 p.m. with Sacrifice as special guest.

The church is on Riverbend Road in Dalton. Pastor Grady Bartley welcomes everyone.

■ Thankful will be in concert today at 6 p.m. at **Hopewell Baptist Church** in Cohutta.

The church is off Hopewell Loop Road. Pastor John Tudor invites the public.

■ Eight Days After will be **Cedar Valley Church of God Cathedral of Praise** Friday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

■ **Holly Creek Baptist Church** in Chatsworth offers college credit Bible classes through seminary extension. "New Testament Survey: Part 1" will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 8. The course can be taken for three credit hours, two credit hours or audit the course.

For more information or to register, call the church office at (706) 695-8522.

Mom sues school over religion class

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (AP) — School officials in a northeastern Indiana district deny that a religious education program offered during the school day illegally advances religion, as a federal lawsuit claims.

A complaint filed by attorneys with the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana on behalf of an unnamed woman and her 8-year-old son asks a federal judge to shut down the program and bar the school district from providing it with utilities or any other support.

The boy, identified only as "J.S.," attends Horace Mann Elementary School, which offers third- and fourth-grade students a "release time" program for "By the Book Weekday Religious Instruction" through the Associated Churches of Huntington, the suit states.

The Huntington County Community School Corp. argued in a response to the lawsuit that the release time program neither advances nor inhibits religion.

Similar programs at elementary schools have been protected by a 1952 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allowed students to receive religious education during school hours but not on school property.

Huntington's program is voluntary. Classes meet once a week in mobile trailers near school buildings, and children who don't participate remain in their classrooms with school staff, according to a brochure for the program filed with the lawsuit.

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Last year may have been a happy one or a sad one. Happy moments, shared with others – a birth, wedding, anniversary – are times we look back on with joy. Difficulties – illness, bereavement, betrayal – cause us to remember the pain and sorrow.

This New Year, shape the future by what you have learned from the past - the good along with the bad. Live well and do better; spend your time so that it blesses you and everyone around you.

The time God has allotted us on this earth is most precious. Most of all, remember to praise Him for each and every moment.

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Money for TV coupons running out

By Joelle Tessler
AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON — The Feb. 17 transition from analog to digital television broadcasts looms and as many as 8 million households are still unprepared, but the government program that subsidizes crucial TV converter boxes is about to run out of money.

People who still rely on analog TV sets to pick up over-the-air signals — whether it is through rabbit-ear aerials on TVs or antennas on the roof — will see their screens go dark when the changeover happens. To avoid that, those people have to switch to cable or satellite TV, buy a television set with a digital tuner or buy a converter box that can translate digital signals from the airwaves into analog.

To subsidize the converter boxes, most of which cost between $40 and $80, the government has been letting consumers request up to two $40 coupons per home. But any day now, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the arm of the Commerce Department in charge of administering the coupon program, expects to hit a $1.34 billion funding ceiling set by Congress.

Now the NTIA is warning that unless lawmakers step in quickly with more funding or new accounting rules, it will have to create a waiting list for coupon requests. That would mean it could send out additional coupons only as unredeemed ones expire, freeing up more money for the program.

In other words, if Congress doesn't act soon, consumers who apply for coupons in the final weeks leading up to the digital transition might not get them in time.

"If the government invests in just a few million TV converter boxes, which is a drop in the bucket of the enormous amount of money being spent on the stimulus package, it would do more good to keep all households connected," said Gene Kimmelman, vice president for federal policy at Consumers Union.

Airline apologizes to Muslims

WASHINGTON (AP) — AirTran Airways apologized Friday to nine Muslims kicked off a New Year's Day flight to Florida after other passengers reported hearing a suspicious remark about airplane security.

One of the passengers said the confusion started at Reagan National Airport just outside Washington, D.C., when he talked about the safest place to sit on an airplane.

Orlando, Fla.-based AirTran said in a statement that it refunded the passengers' air fare and planned to reimburse them for replacement tickets they bought on US Airways. AirTran also offered to take the passengers back to Washington free of charge.

"We apologize to all of the passengers — to the nine who had to undergo extensive interviews from the authorities and to the 95 who ultimately made the flight," the statement said. "Nobody on Flight 175 reached their destination on time on New Year's Day, and we regret it."

AirTran said the incident was a misunderstanding, but the steps taken were necessary.

BRIEFS

Bush: Attacks an 'act of terror'

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush on Friday branded the Hamas rocket attacks on Israel an "act of terror" and outlined his own condition for a cease-fire in Gaza, saying no peace deal would be acceptable without monitoring to halt the flow of smuggled weapons to terrorist groups. Bush chose his taped, weekly radio address to speak for the first time about one of the bloodiest Mideast clashes in decades. "Another one-way cease-fire that leads to rocket attacks on Israel is not acceptable. And promises from Hamas will not suffice — there must be monitoring mechanisms in place to help ensure that smuggling of weapons to terrorist groups in Gaza comes to an end," Bush said.

Cold shoulder planned for pick

WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders plan to grant few if any privileges next week to Roland Burris, the man picked by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate, even if he arrives on Capitol Hill with the right credentials. Senate officials involved in the tangle of legal and logistical planning said Friday that a Democrat will object to Burris being duly sworn with the rest of his class, and propose that his credentials be reviewed for a period of time by the Rules Committee. The only way Burris will be allowed on the floor is if he possesses a certification of appointment signed personally by his embattled patron, Blagojevich, and Ill. Secretary of State Jesse White. Burris would then be treated as a senator-elect, which by tradition means he'll be allowed on the Senate floor without voting or speaking privileges — and he wouldn't be granted a desk.

Stocks advance

NEW YORK — Wall Street started 2009 with a big rally Friday as investors, brushing aside a disappointing report on manufacturing, sent the Dow Jones industrials up more than 250 points and to their first close above 9,000 in two months. All the major indexes shot up more than six percent for the week. The market lived up to the hopes of many analysts that it would have a fresh start in the new year after a horrific 2008. But many traders were also waiting to see how the market fares next week; they're cognizant of the fact that post-holiday volume was light and therefore Friday's trading might not be the best indicator of market sentiment.

Couple has second set of twins

LONDON — A mixed-race British couple has defied the odds — twice — by producing two sets of twins in which one sibling appears to be black and the other white. Dean Durrant's newborn daughter Miya has dark skin like him. Twin sister Leah has fair skin like her blue-eyed, red-haired mother, Alison Spooner. Their older siblings Lauren and Hayleigh, born in 2001, also have strikingly different skin tones and eye colors. Both sets of twins are fraternal rather than identical, meaning they are the product of two separately fertilized eggs, so it is not unusual that they don't look alike. Miya's skin color was more influenced by her father's genes, while Leah takes after her mother.

Travolta's teen son dies from injury

NASSAU, Bahamas — John Travolta's teenage son, Jett, died in the Bahamas after falling ill and hitting his head at his family's vacation home, police said Friday. A house caretaker found Jett, 16, unconscious in a bathroom late Friday morning. The teenager had last been seen going into the bathroom on Thursday and had a history of seizures.

Ore. looks at taxing mileage instead of gas

BY RYAN KOST
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon is among a growing number of states exploring ways to tax drivers based on the number of miles they drive instead of how much gas they use, even going so far as to install GPS monitoring devices in 300 vehicles.

The idea first emerged nearly 10 years ago as Oregon lawmakers worried that fuel-efficient cars such as gas-electric hybrids could pose a threat to road upkeep, which is paid for largely with gasoline taxes.

"I'm glad we're taking a look at it before the potholes get so big that we can't even get out of them," said Leroy Younglove, a Portland driver who participated in a recent pilot program.

The proposal is not without critics, including drivers who are concerned about privacy and others who fear the tax could eliminate the financial incentive for buying efficient vehicles.

But Oregon is ahead of the nation in exploring the concept, even though it will probably be years before any mileage tax is adopted.

Congress is talking about it, too. A congressional commission has envisioned a system similar to the prototype Oregon tested in 2006-2007.

The National Commission on Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing is considering calling for higher gas taxes to keep highways, bridges and transit programs in good shape.

But over the long term, commission members say, the nation should consider taxing mileage rather than gasoline as drivers use more fuel-efficient and electric vehicles.

As cars burn less fuel, "the gas tax isn't going to fill the bill," said Rep. Peter DeFazio of Oregon, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The next Congress "could begin to set the stage, perhaps looking at some much more robust pilot programs, to begin the research, to work with manufacturers."

Gov. Ted Kulongoski has included development money for the tax in his budget proposal, and interest is growing in a number of other states.

Governors in Idaho and Rhode Island have considered systems that would require drivers to report their mileage when they register vehicles.

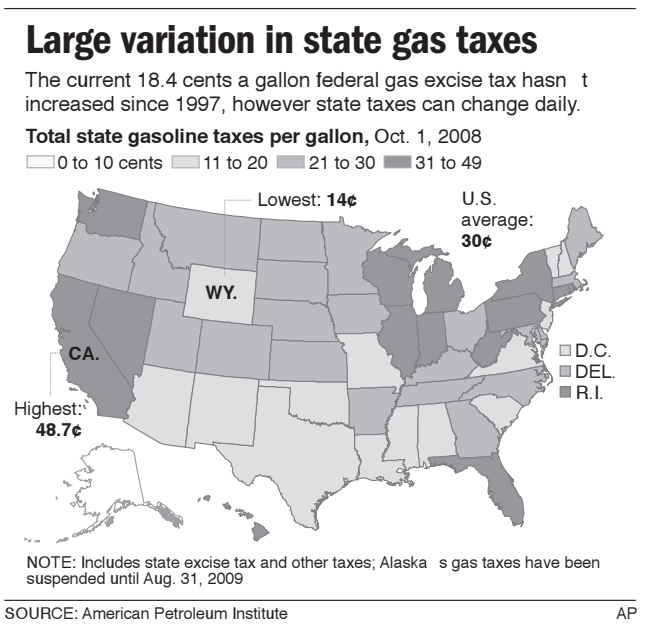
In North Carolina last month, a panel suggested charging motorists a quarter-cent for every mile as a substitute for the gas tax.

James Whitty, the Oregon Department of Transportation employee in charge of the state's effort, said he's also heard talk of mileage tax proposals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Colorado and Minnesota.

"There is kind of a coalition that's naturally forming around this," he said.

Also fueling the search for alternatives is the political difficulty of raising gasoline taxes.

The federal gas tax has not been raised since 1993, and nearly two dozen states have not changed their taxes since 1997, according to the American Road & Transportation Builders Association.



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Clayton sheriff fires 14 deputies

JONESBORO — New Clayton County Sheriff Kem Kimbrough kept his campaign promise to clean up the department on his first day in office by firing 14 deputies. Some of the fired deputies said they were targeted because of their connection to outgoing Sheriff Victor Hill. Kimbrough said Hill "hired outcasts, thugs and rejects from every agency." He said he instituted a new code of conduct built on the foundations of integrity and honesty. On his first day in office, Hill fired 34 deputies and posted snipers on the courthouse roof as he escorted them out of the building. The county spent more than $7 million to settle lawsuits arising from the action.

Man dies jumping from moving car

JEFFERSONVILLE — A Jeffersonville man was killed after he jumped from a moving car in Twiggs County. Twiggs County Coroner Harold Reece Jr., said 30-year-old Tanorrie Stephens was on his way to a New Year's Eve party when he was fatally injured. Troopers said Stephens was hit by another vehicle.

Driver killed, 1 injured in crash

LAWRENCEVILLE — Gwinnett County police say the driver was killed and his passenger severely burned when a yellow Ferrari went off the road on a curve, struck a culvert and overturned. Police say 32-year-old Russell E. Hays of Auburn died in the fiery crash Thursday night outside of Lilburn. The man identified as the car's owner, 36-year-old Todd Willoughby of Lilburn, the founder of a classic car collector Web site, was at Grady Memorial Hospital Friday. His condition was not immediately known.

College to get water turned back on

ATLANTA — The city of Atlanta agreed Friday to turn the water back on for the troubled Morris Brown College in exchange for a $100,000 payment on the college's overdue $380,000 bill. The restored service means the college, on shaky financial footing since a corruption scandal in 2002, can keep its doors open for the 250 students who will be on campus when classes resume Jan. 9. Under a court-ordered agreement, Morris Brown acting president Stanley Pritchett agreed to immediately make the payment from donations collected by the college in the last week. The rest of the bill is set to be paid by Feb. 17. "We never tried to shirk responsibility," Pritchett said after a two-hour hearing in Fulton County Superior Court. "We just needed to be given more time."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Members of the Green Brick Heads with their trophies. The trophy at left is the second place trophy from the regional qualifier. The trophy on the right is the first place trophy from Robo Expo. Seated from left are Bethany Goodwin and Nathan Johnson; second row, Lilly Marcadis, Diana Miranda, Grace Wiggins, Zach Williams, Rosa Esteban and Korban Cooper; third row, Drew Satterfield and Isaac Elrod.

Varnell places first in Robo Expo

The Green Brick Heads from Varnell Elementary were the first place winners from Varnell at the Robo Expo recently at Dalton State College.

The team then participated in the regional qualifier for the First Lego League at Palmer Middle School in Kennesaw. The team placed second out of 28 teams for research/presentation.

The theme for the First Lego League this year is Climate Connection. The students studied drought, comparing Georgia to Hawaii. The students are in the ALPHA (Accelerated Learning Program for High Achievers).

Their teacher/coach is Nellena Smith.

The Green Brick Heads receive the second place trophy for research/presentation at the regional qualifier. On the first row from left are Rosa Esteban, Zach Williams, Nathan Johnson, Korban Cooper, Grace Wiggins, Diana Miranda and Bethany Goodwin; second row, Isaac Elrod and Drew Satterfield.

The Green Brick Heads meet with judges about their robot design at the regional qualifier. Students from left are Drew Satterfield, Zach Williams, Nathan Johnson, Rosa Esteban, Korban Cooper, Grace Wiggins, Isaac Elrod and Diana Miranda. Behind Isaac are Bethany Goodwin and Lilly Marcadis. The students are explaining their robot construction and programming.

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OBITUARIES

• Dorothy Marie Howard Bishop, Chatsworth
• James Marcus "Jim" Boring Jr., Dalton
• Glenn Cooper, Cohutta
• J.T. "Jay" Jordan, Casey Springs community
• Wilford Dennis Pilcher Sr., Dalton
• Justin Lamar Terry, Rocky Face

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Dorothy Marie Howard Bishop

Mrs. Dorothy Marie Howard Bishop, 72, of Chatsworth, went to heaven surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, Dec. 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.

Services are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Danny Cochran officiating.

Burial will be in Spring Place Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today until the funeral hour.

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

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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.

Boring

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, Laura Boring of New York, Johnny and Leslie Boring of Atlanta, Sarah Boyd, Gilbo and Sylvia Boyd all of Texas.

Services are today at 2 p.m. from the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Joe Peabody, Dr. Bill Floyd and Dr. Billy Nimmons officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens with American Legion Post 112 in charge of graveside rites.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Friday.

The family asks that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to Dalton First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 627, Dalton, GA 30722-0627 or to Reinhardt College, 7300 Reinhardt College Circle, Waleska, GA 30183-2981.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomega.com.

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements.

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Glenn Cooper

Glenn Cooper, 99, of Cohutta, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mantilu Bankston Cooper in 1999.

Survivors include a grandson and his wife, Robert Martin Cooper and Julie St. Onge of Austin, Texas; two great-grandsons, Alexander St. Onge-Cooper and Matthew St. Onge-Cooper of Austin; several nieces and nephews, and special thanks are given to the staff at the Gardens Assisted Living for their loving care over the past nine years.

Cooper

The funeral is Sunday at 2 p.m. at Cohutta First Baptist Church with the Rev. Truett Nimmons officiating.

Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peeples.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cohutta First Baptist Church, 5551 Red Clay Rd, Cohutta, GA 30710

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call 706-259-7455.

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J.T. "Jay" Jordan

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

Jordan

Jay was a veteran of the United States Army, in which he served during World War II under the command of Gen. 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, Terresa and Frankie Tomlinson, and Melissa and David Thomas, all of Calhoun; 21 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are today at 1 p.m. at Casey Springs United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenny Bailey and the Rev. Jerry McBrayer officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside rites by the Dalton American Legion Post 112.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home until the funeral hour today. Memorial contributions may be made the Casey Springs Cemetery Fund.

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

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Herbert Mitchell

Mr. Herbert B. Mitchell, 74, of Dalton, departed this life Friday morning, Jan. 2, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Mr. Mitchell was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his children Mike Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Melinda Dawn Mitchell, Norma Angona all of Pontiac, Mich.; special friends Kenneth and Brenda Spurgeon of Cohutta, Jason Carter of Chatsworth, Gary Defore, Fred and Betty Mathis of Dalton, Wesley Bryant, Matt Wilson of Chatsworth.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Herbert Mitchell are today at 7 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

He will be laid to rest at Tellico Plains, Tenn.

The family will receive friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home on today from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with the Mitchell 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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Wilford Dennis Pilcher Sr.

Wilford "Wimp" Pilcher Sr., 80, of Dalton, passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 1, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 22, 1928, son of the late Jeptha and Sara Elizabeth Cook Pilcher, and was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Lee Pilcher; brothers, J.T., Carl, Malvin, and Leonard Pilcher; sisters; Annie Mae Burnette, Arah Hayes, Betty Jo Pilcher, Virginia Fisher and Ovell Smith.

Wilford worked many years in the service station business. He operated "Wimp's" Gulf Pride, located on the corner of U.S. Highway 41 and Burleyson Road. He also worked for Whitfield County Schools as grounds supervisor before his retirement in 1993.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Martha Meeks Pilcher of the residence; children and their families, daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Pilcher, Keith, Tabitha, Cathy and Jeremy; sons, Wilford "Dennis" and Jennifer Pilcher of Dalton, Talyn and Brandon; Wesley A. Pilcher of Dalton, Jennifer and Allison; Jason and Tina Pilcher of Chatsworth and Braden; Tasha Cooper of Dalton and Natasha "Natty"; Tiffany and Bobby Proman and Chandler of Dalton; Marc Pilcher; brother and wife, Trammel and Roma Lee Pilcher of Tunnel Hill; sister and husband, Edra and Sherman Nix of Dalton; brother-in-law, James Meeks of Dalton; sisters-in-law, Rose Meeks of Cohutta, Evelyn Meeks, Carolyn Griffin, all of Dalton, Barbara and Jack Hayes of Alabama, Irene Meeks of Panama City, Fla.; a special niece, Patty Partin and husband Doyle of Dalton; other great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral is today at noon at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Doug Hasty officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home Friday.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peeples.com

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call 706-259-7455.

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Justin Lamar Terry

Justin Lamar Terry, 26, of Rocky Face, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Belle Terry; a grandfather, Lillard Johnson; an aunt, Brenda Terry, and an uncle, Charles Talley.

He is survived by two sons, Hayden and Trayton Terry; mother and stepfather, Kathy and Charles Guess; father, Rickey Terry; two sisters, Tiffany Peden and April Guess; fiancée, Kristen Weaver, all of Rocky Face; grandmother, Elsie Johnson of Dalton; nieces and nephews, Macy Peden, Reagan and Lindsey Guess and Evan Taylor; aunts and uncles, and several cousins.

The funeral is Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Westside Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Clifford Chambers officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. today. Messages of comfort may be sent to the Terry family at www.julian-peeples.com

Burial will be at Dunnagan Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are by Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face.

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THE MARKET

Friday's Dow Jones: 9034.7 ▲ 258.3
Friday's NASDAQ: 1632.2 ▲ 55.2

	Tuesday	Friday
Gold	869.75	874.5
Silver	10.9	11.295
Acuity	33.83	34.79
AAir	4.5	4.51
Apple	86.29	90.75
AT&T	28.23	29.42
BAC	13.24	14.33
BB&T	26.6	26.73
BP	45.82	48.45
BristolMyers	22.87	23.88
HP-Compaq	36.19	36.81
Chevron	73.38	76.52
CocaCola	44.93	45.9
ConAgra	16.34	16.8
ColonialBnk	1.93	2.13
Coke Ent.	11.97	12.36
CrackerBrl	19.84	22.05
CrwnCrafts	2.4	2.55
CSX	31.54	34.62
Dell	10.23	10.75
Delta	10.92	12.13
Dixie Group	1.73	1.5501
Dow	15.55	15.41
Duke	14.94	15.4
DuPont	25.11	26.18
Earthlink	6.65	6.88
Ericsson	7.62	8.1
Exxon	78.59	81.64
Ford	2.29	2.46
FSG	4.44	4.55
GE	15.82	17.07
GM	3.8	3.65
Goodyear	5.6	6.51
HomeDepot	23.11	24.13
Intel	14.69	15.2
IBM	83.55	87.37
Interface	4.77	4.95
JCP	18.69	20.51
JNJ	59.17	60.65
Kroger	26.04	26.54
Lowes	21.52	22.64
McDonalds	61.74	63.75
Merck	29.6	31
Microsoft	19.34	20.33
Mohawk	41.82	44.01
Motorola	4.16	4.67
Region-Fin	7.89	8.61
Rock-Tenn.	34.65	34.82
Sara Lee	9.59	10.13
SouthernCo	36.53	37.47
Synovous	8.2	8.2
SunTrust	28.86	29.92
Torchmark	43.57	44.89
Total Sys	13.94	14.86
UPS	54.18	56.11
Vulcan	69.48	69.74
Verizon	33.23	34.64
Wachovia	5.73	NA
Wal-Mart	55.05	57.18
Wendy's	4.8	4.99
Yum	30.91	32
Xerox	7.73	8.38

Stock information as of market closing is furnished by Hilliard Lyons, 511 Benjamin Way, Suite 112, Dalton, (706) 279-1810 or 800-437-6450. Hilliard Lyons is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Think-Off 2009: 'Ever wrong to do right?'

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. (AP) — A tricky question of morality is this year's brainteaser in the annual philosophy competition called the Great American Think-Off.

"Is it ever wrong to do the right thing?" is the theme of the 2009 Think-Off.

The event is organized by Minnesota's New York Mills Regional Cultural Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding the cultural and creative opportunities of rural Americans.

Anyone can enter by submitting an essay of 750 words or less. Four finalists will be chosen to debate the question on June 13 before a live audience.

Last year's question was whether immigration strengthens or threatens the United States. The audience decided Craig Allen, of West Linn, Ore., was most convincing with his argument that the system of immigration and immigration policy is broken, that it encourages illegal immigration and poses a threat to the country.

New York Mills is a farming town of some 1,200 people in central Minnesota, about 170 miles northwest of Minneapolis.

Who is this? Calif. residents getting Ala. calls

BY DESIREE HUNTER
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — There used to be a time when people who called Linda Jahraus' home in Laguna Beach, Calif., were actually wanting to speak to her or her husband.

But for the past several months, the majority of callers have been trying to reach an Alabama unemployment hot line. The call confusion has added to the frustrations of the state's unemployed and has left at least two California households hoping for a little less ringing in the new year.

"We almost didn't pick up the phone," Jahraus said Friday after spotting an incoming Alabama number from The Associated Press on her caller-ID. "It's a pain in the neck, quite frankly. The day after Christmas we had 50 or more phone calls and they started at 5 a.m."

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations administers unemployment benefits and set up a toll-free number for jobless Alabama residents to apply for benefits.

Call centers in Montgomery or Birmingham are supposed to get the calls. But some have been going to California.

Cybil and Harvey Bernash of Irvine, Calif., have also been getting Alabama hot line calls. Cybil Bernash discovered she wasn't alone when she called the hot line number to report the problem — and wound up on the phone with her friend, Jahraus.

"What was really odd is one morning, the phone rang and it was someone I knew," Jahraus said. "It was Cybil Bernash and she said, 'Is this the Alabama unemployment office?' I thought she was kidding. I said, 'Cybil no, it's Linda!'"

Jahraus said she's also reached a family in Newport Beach, Calif., by calling the number.

After making little progress with Alabama officials or her phone company, Jahraus contacted the Montgomery Advertiser, which reported on the story Friday.

Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees said state officials are working hard to resolve the problem.

"I can't explain somebody sitting in north Alabama making a call and it ending up in somebody's private residence in California," he said.

A spokeswoman for AT&T Alabama, which has the department's account, called the problem unusual. Spokeswoman Sue Sperry said the company would be working through the weekend to trace the problem. She said it could involve a number of factors, from the long-distance network to a glitch in the switching center.

Gone But Not Forgotten

AccuWeather.com® 5-Day forecast for Dalton

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
63° 54°	62° 39°	52° 35°	49° 40°	50° 30°
A shower	A shower	Cooler	Chance for rain	Rather cloudy

Almanac

Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.

Temperature:

High . . . . . 44°
Low . . . . . 38°

Precipitation:

24 hrs. through 3 p.m. yest. . . . . 0.03"

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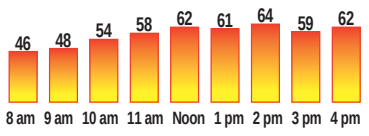


Sun

Sunrise today ..... 7:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight ..... 5:41 p.m.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 4	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 26

Weather History

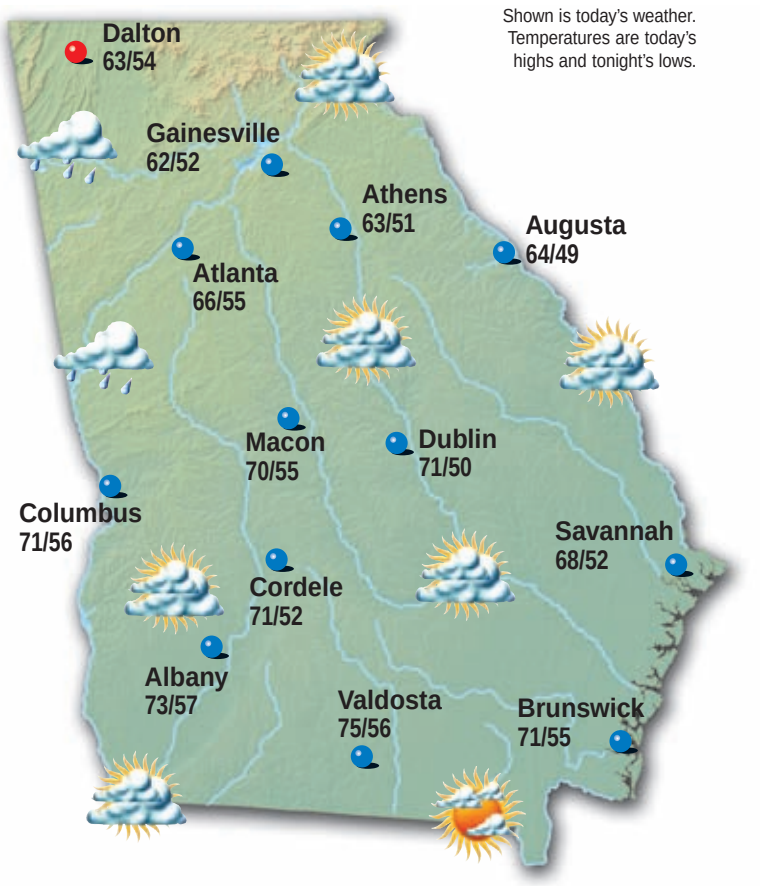
On Jan. 3, 1777, George Washington noticed it would freeze that night. He ordered bonfires built as a decoy. When the ground froze, Washington's men outflanked the British.

Weather Trivia™

Q: What is the record low temperature for the Lower 48 states in January?

A: -70F at Rogers Pass, Mont., set on Jan. 20, 1954.

Georgia Weather

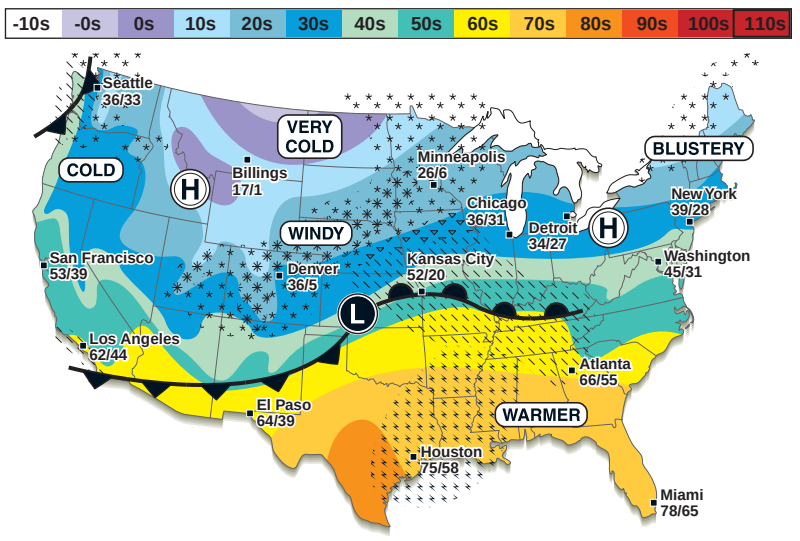


Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	73/57/c	71/54/c	65/47/pc
Atlanta	66/55/c	64/44/c	57/38/pc
Athens	63/51/c	63/47/c	61/38/pc
Augusta	64/49/c	65/46/c	65/40/pc
Brunswick	71/55/c	71/56/pc	66/50/pc
College Park	66/55/c	64/44/c	57/38/pc
Columbus	71/56/c	67/48/sh	63/40/pc
Gainesville	62/52/c	60/43/c	58/36/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
La Grange	65/54/c	63/42/sh	58/32/pc
Macon	70/55/c	69/48/c	61/43/pc
Marietta	64/49/c	62/44/c	56/37/pc
Newton	74/54/c	73/54/t	67/48/pc
Rome	66/54/c	66/38/c	58/37/c
Savannah	68/52/c	72/54/c	69/47/pc
Sparta	68/50/c	65/49/c	65/40/pc
Valdosta	75/56/c	72/54/c	70/49/pc

National Weather for January 3, 2009



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

Cold Front | Warm Front | Stationary Front | T-Storms | Rain | Showers | Snow | Flurries | Ice

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	29/15/pc	27/24/pc	31/18/sf
Anchorage	-6/-11/pc	5/-10/s	4/-7/s
Baltimore	44/28/s	39/33/r	46/25/s
Billings	17/1/pc	20/13/pc	28/21/c
Boise	28/18/pc	30/23/pc	36/29/sn
Buffalo	25/16/sf	35/25/i	30/20/pc
Charlotte	55/41/pc	60/44/c	60/37/pc
Cheyenne	26/3/sn	26/9/s	36/17/c
Chicago	36/31/c	33/12/sn	27/19/s
Cincinnati	48/40/pc	51/25/r	35/23/s
Cleveland	36/29/pc	42/23/i	32/18/s
Dallas	79/38/pc	50/33/pc	41/41/r
Denver	36/5/sn	29/10/s	39/16/c
Detroit	34/27/c	39/19/i	27/17/s
Indianapolis	48/41/pc	43/16/pc	34/24/s
Kansas City	52/20/c	31/13/pc	44/28/s
Las Vegas	58/35/c	53/32/pc	54/34/pc
Los Angeles	62/44/sh	64/44/pc	66/48/s

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Memphis	68/52/c	56/30/pc	46/35/c
Miami	78/65/pc	80/65/pc	80/65/s
Milwaukee	31/28/c	30/10/sn	26/20/s
Minneapolis	26/6/sn	7/1/pc	19/11/c
New Orleans	76/64/t	76/51/t	57/54/c
New York	39/28/s	37/31/pc	43/26/pc
Okla. City	64/28/pc	40/21/pc	46/32/pc
Orlando	77/58/pc	79/56/pc	78/57/s
Philadelphia	40/26/s	37/34/r	45/27/s
Phoenix	67/48/pc	63/47/c	63/44/s
Pittsburgh	36/28/pc	44/32/i	34/23/s
Portland, OR	39/32/c	42/40/r	44/41/r
St. Louis	55/34/c	34/19/pc	41/28/s
Salt Lake City	23/8/pc	16/11/s	32/25/sn
San Francisco	53/39/c	53/42/c	55/46/c
San Diego	61/50/pc	63/46/pc	61/47/s
Seattle	36/33/c	40/38/r	46/40/r
Wash., DC	45/31/s	42/36/r	47/27/pc

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 Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	59/53/r	56/52/pc	55/54/r
Auckland	74/57/t	69/59/s	72/57/s
Amsterdam	32/31/c	34/30/c	31/20/sn
Baghdad	52/30/s	56/34/s	57/37/s
Beijing	34/21/s	34/19/c	33/18/pc
Berlin	27/26/sn	30/25/sn	26/14/sn
Buenos Aires	88/59/s	91/63/s	93/70/s
Cairo	62/44/s	62/44/s	67/50/s
Calgary	4/-13/s	9/3/pc	25/11/sn
Cape Town	74/59/pc	81/60/s	78/60/s
Caracas	89/74/r	88/74/r	88/74/r
Dublin	43/34/s	43/37/r	43/34/c
Geneva	41/27/s	39/23/s	42/31/pc
Hong Kong	64/59/pc	68/59/pc	69/60/s
Istanbul	42/40/r	47/42/r	45/44/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Jerusalem	54/34/s	54/43/s	58/40/s
London	37/30/pc	37/34/c	41/36/pc
Madrid	50/37/r	50/32/c	52/30/s
Montreal	14/5/pc	10/9/pc	27/10/sf
Moscow	14/7/sf	9/-2/sf	9/0/c
Paris	34/27/s	37/29/pc	29/28/sn
Rio	84/70/r	78/68/c	75/70/r
Rome	50/37/r	52/37/pc	52/39/s
Seoul	34/16/s	34/15/s	35/15/s
Singapore	86/77/t	84/77/sh	85/77/r
Sydney	73/63/sh	79/64/s	76/69/pc
Tel Aviv	59/43/pc	59/51/s	64/48/s
Tokyo	48/36/s	50/36/pc	46/34/s
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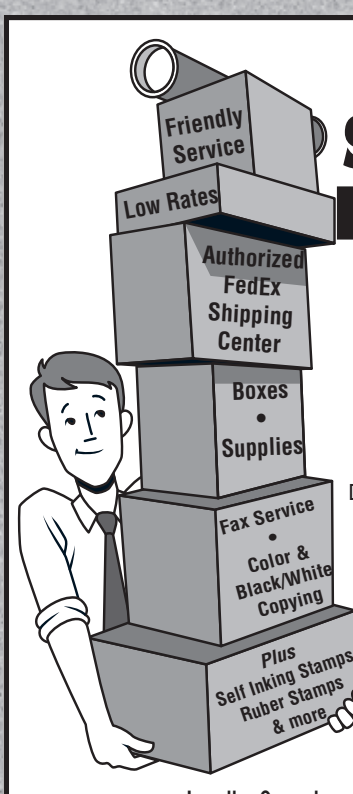

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: GEORGIA

What will Stafford, Moreno do?

By Charles Odum
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — College underclassmen have until Jan. 15 to enter the 2009 NFL draft.

Matthew Stafford says he won't need that much time to make his plans for 2009.

After winning MVP honors in No. 16 Georgia's 24-12 Capital One Bowl win over Michigan State on Thursday, Stafford said he's struggling to decide if he'll return for his senior season, but then the third-year starting quarterback added he expected to have his decision soon.

"I am going to take this next couple of days — it's really not too much time — to think about it and figure out what I want to do," Stafford said.

Georgia's plans for 2009 also await the NFL draft decision of running back Knowshon Moreno.

"I'll celebrate the victory now, and make my decision later, after I've had time and talked to my family, and my coaches," Moreno said after the game. "Walking off the field, I was just happy to celebrate the win. I wasn't thinking about anything else."

Stafford and Moreno are one of the most productive quarterback-running back tandems in school history.

Stafford passed for 250 yards and three touchdowns to lead Georgia (10-3) over Michigan State, capping the Bulldogs' sixth 10-win season in eight years under coach Mark Richt. His 3,459 yards passing this season are the second-highest total in school history, behind Eric Zeier's 3,525 yards in 1993.

Moreno rushed for 1,400 yards this season. The only players to rush for more yards in a season for Georgia are Herschel Walker and Garrison Hearst. As a third-year sophomore, Moreno also is eligible for the draft.

In possibly his last college game, Moreno was held to only 62 yards rushing but he added a career-high six catches for 63 yards, including a 21-yard touchdown reception.

Stafford and Moreno are projected as first-round picks. Stafford could be picked high in the first round.

It would be a surprise if either announces plans to return in 2009.

Even Richt seemed to be thinking of Stafford as a player who was finishing his college career. Richt thanked his seniors after the game, mentioned senior defensive tackle Corvey Irvin and then said "Of course Matt has done great things for us too, and I am proud of him too."

Stafford said his three years in Athens have been "great" and "an awesome time."

"It's something that I am contemplating continuing," he said. "Obviously there is the lure of the NFL but to tell you the truth, I am

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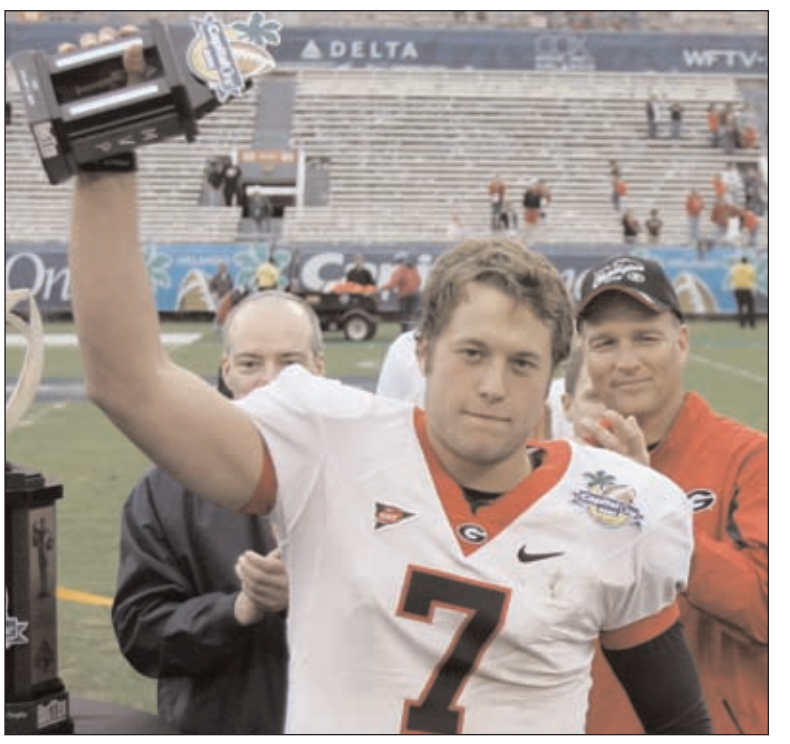

AP Photo
Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford, the Outback Bowl MVP, and running back Knowshon Moreno will have the Bulldogs' plans for 2009 on hold until they decide whether to return next year or enter the NFL draft in April.

PRO FOOTBALL

Manning is selected NFL MVP

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Peyton Manning can tell Brett Favre to move over and make room for him atop the roster of NFL Most Valuable Players.

For the third time, Manning won the award by The Associated Press, tying Favre as the only players in that elite category.

Manning

The Indianapolis Colts quarterback was a landslide winner Friday in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Manning also was the league MVP in 2003, when he shared it with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair, and in 2004.

Favre, then with Green Bay, took MVP honors in 1995 and '96 before sharing it with Detroit running back Barry Sanders in 1997. The award has been given by The AP since 1961.

"I know it's an individual award, but ... truly, in my opinion, a team award," said Manning, who received 32 votes, far ahead of Miami quarterback Chad Pennington (4) and Atlanta running back Michael Turner (4).

"It's been the most rewarding regular season that I've been a part of in my 11 years, and I have to believe a lot of the other players and even coaches might feel the same way."

This has been a most unusual season for the Colts, who normally have the AFC South just about clinched by Thanksgiving. Manning had two operations on his left knee in the preseason, cutting into practice time, blunting his usual precision as a passer and, eventually, leading to a 3-4 start.

From there, with Manning getting sharper by the week, the Colts won nine straight games to secure a wild-card berth and a meeting Saturday night with San Diego.

In that streak, Manning is 209-of-290 for 2,248 yards and 17 touchdowns, with only three interceptions. He extended his NFL record with his ninth 4,000-yard season and finished with 27 touchdown passes, 12 interceptions and a 95.0 passer rating.

Manning called the award emblematic of what others, including owner Jim Irsay, president Bill Polian and coach Tony Dungy, did to help rally the Colts from a 3-4 start to make the playoffs for a seventh straight season.

"I really accept this award on behalf of the team and the organization because there is no way we would be in the playoffs and

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PREP FOOTBALL

Northwest Whitfield defensive end/tight end Nermin Delic, left, pursues Dalton running back Chris White during their Region 7-4A game this season. Delic will wrap up a three-day stay in San Antonio today at the U.S. Army National Combine. Delic was one of about 500 top junior football players in the country taking part in the combine.

Matt Hamilton
The Daily Citizen

Delic holds own at combine

By Adam Krohn
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On Friday, Northwest Whitfield football standout Nermin Delic was among 500 of the top juniors in the country participating as a tight end in the U.S. Army National Combine in San Antonio — a three-day even held in conjunction with the Army All-American Bowl.

And he more than held his own, Bruins coach Mike Falleur said.

"I definitely think he belonged there," said Falleur, who along with Delic's father, Edin, traveled to the combine with Delic. "There are some great players here too. It's unbelievable the quality of athletes here and how big and fast they are."

Falleur

The combine kicked off on Thursday with the basics: submitting a highlight film of Delic's play, registering for the workouts, receiving a jersey, recording height-weight-reach measurements and participating in an optional 185-pound bench press, which Delic declined because of a sore shoulder.

Also during orientation, players received goody bags filled with T-shirts, hats and other items.

On Friday, Delic showcased his skills to a crowd of college recruiters at the combine. He ran the 40-yard dash and the short shuttle and participated in one-on-one drills where he ran receiving routes against a linebacker.

In the vertical, the 6-foot-4-inch, 240-pound Delic cleared 33 inches.

"I would say that's pretty good," said Falleur, based on the position Delic plays.

The 40-yard dash and short shuttle times were recorded electronically, but the results were not made public.

Delic said he worked well with a group of 10 quarterbacks and ran post and corner routes.

"I felt I did real good," he said. "There were

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PRO FOOTBALL: ATLANTA VS. ARIZONA

AP Photo
Running back Jerious Norwood has helped the Atlanta Falcons high-step into the playoffs against Arizona.

Unlikely playoff foes

By Bob Baum
Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — One staged a remarkable one-season turnaround with a smooth, efficient rookie at the controls. The other emerged from a legacy of losing behind the ageless arm of a gunslinging veteran.

The Atlanta Falcons vs. the Arizona Cardinals was not exactly a predictable playoff pairing when the season began. Their wild card matchup on Saturday is yet another example of the parity that prevails in the NFL.

"That's why the NFL is the most popular spectator sport there is," Atlanta coach Mike Smith said. "It's such a fun game and it's such a great game to be around. Each year is a new year and you can't really go by what the prognosticators say."

The Falcons (11-5) flew to Phoenix on Thursday to give them a day to acclimate to the desert. It's the first time all season that Atlanta has not had a full week between games.

"The only thing that concerns us a bit is the recovery time," Smith said. "Usually our players have two days off after a game before they come out on the field."

Arizona (9-7) had to make a quick turnaround twice in November. The first went well, the second not so well. The Cardinals won a Monday night game against San Francisco, then won at Seattle the following Sunday. But they lost at home to the New York Giants on a Sunday, then were blown out at Philadelphia the following

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Dalton goes 5-0 at S. Paulding Duals

Dalton High went 5-0 at the South Paulding duals on Friday, knocking off Ridgeland, 66-12, state-ranked Fayette County, 41-26, Riverwood, 53-26, state-ranked Woodland, 49-25 and Habersham Central, 63-13.

Jordan White (112 weight class), Renaldo Torres (135), Henry Torres (125), Taylor Duckworth (160) and Henson Toland (189) all five matches for the Catamounts.

Eduardo Guiterrez (103) and Christian Washington (119) finished 4-1 while Carlos Prieto (171) went 3-1.

The Cats' sweep of the meet puts their record at 23-5 on the season and 2-1 in Area 7-4A.

"The win over Woodland was big," said Cats coach Charles Mitchell. "Woodland beat Cass, which is supposed to be the best team in the region. This puts us back in the running for the top seed in the region and overall, I'm pleased with our performance."

Moorad has a deal to purchase Padres

PHOENIX — Jeff Moorad has resigned as Arizona Diamondbacks chief executive officer and says he has reached an agreement in principle to buy the San Diego Padres.

Moorad said Friday he heads a "small but significant" group of investors that has an exclusive right to complete the specifics of negotiations with Padres owner John Moores. Moorad hopes the transaction can be completed in three months.

Moorad said he has a long friendship with Moores and his wife, Becky, whose divorce precipitated the Padres' potential sale.

Dodgers' Proctor signs with Marlins

MIAMI — Right-hander Scott Proctor has agreed to a one-year contdract with the Florida Marlins.

The former Los Angeles Dodgers reliever's deal will pay him $750,000 that includes $250,000 in incentives, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday. The person didn't want to be identified because the deal is contingent on Proctor passing a physical Monday.

Proctor, who turned 32 Friday, underwent surgery in October on a partially torn flexor tendon and is expected to be healthy for spring training. He missed two months of the 2008 season and was left off the Dodgers' postseason roster.

Bills' DB arrested for 'hindrance'

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Buffalo Bills safety Ko Simpson was arrested outside a bar in his hometown of Rock Hill after he refused to leave officers alone as they arrested another man, according to a police report.

Simpson was in a car that was speeding through the parking lot of the Celebrations bar around 2 a.m. New Year's Day. The driver and another passenger in the car were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they yelled and cursed at police, according to the report.

Simpson then began yelling at officers, saying "I'm Ko Simpson with the Buffalo Bills. I am worth millions!" Officers asked Simpson to leave and he began to walk away, but turned and started yelling at officers again, police said.

The 25-year-old Simpson was charged with hindering police and released on a $470 bond, according to Rock Hill jail officials.

— Staff, Wire Reports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Son, UT prestige lured Kiffin

BY BETH RUCKER
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Monte Kiffin considered joining the Tennessee staff as defensive coordinator under coach Johnny Majors in 1983. He went to the Green Bay Packers instead.

Now after an accomplished NFL career, Kiffin joins the Vols, leading the defense for his son, Lane Kiffin.

"I went to the Green Bay Packers with Bart Starr, and all due respect to Bart, we got fired after one year. Sometimes you make the right decision, sometimes you don't, but you can't look back," Monte Kiffin said on Friday in his first appearance with the Vols.

Had Kiffin chosen to join Majors' staff, he would have worked alongside Lane Kiffin's predecessor, Phillip Fulmer, who was the offensive line coach at the time. Monte Kiffin said he had become familiar with Fulmer before that when their paths crossed while Kiffin was an assistant at Nebraska and Fulmer at Wichita State in Kansas.

Monte Kiffin's decision in 1983 wasn't exactly a bad one as it was the beginning of a 26-season run in the NFL.

Kiffin went on to stints with the Buffalo Bills, Minnesota Vikings, New York Jets and New Orleans Saints before finally landing with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he won the 2002 Super Bowl and coached units that ranked among the NFL's top 10 in total defense and points allowed in 11 of 13 seasons.

Kiffin said he wasn't looking to leave Tampa Bay — he still has a good relationship with owner Malcolm Glazer and coach Jon Gruden — but he had talked with Lane some in the past about coaching together.

AP PHOTO
Tennessee's new defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin met with the media for the first time in Knoxville on Friday. Kiffin, father of Vols head coach Lane Kiffin, will hit the recruiting trail right away.

The 68-year-old Lexington, Neb., native said he wouldn't have joined his son at just any program. He told Lane that he wouldn't join him if he decided to accept the Washington coaching job for which his son interviewed.

Monte Kiffin was especially impressed by the tradition of Tennessee football, the number of fans that can be packed into Neyland Stadium, the on-campus facilities and the dedication of the program's boosters.

In a way, it reminds him a bit of his alma mater, Nebraska.

"You're talking about big-time football," Monte Kiffin said. "It was about Tennessee. It really was."

Monte Kiffin was introduced on the same day that Tennessee announced the hiring of New Orleans Saints assistant and former Mississippi coach Ed Orgeron as recruiting coordinator, assistant head coach and defensive line coach. Lane Kiffin said the two "are the best in the world at what they do."

"We're going to shoot so high in everything we do: the way we put our staff together, the way that we recruit," Lane Kiffin said.

The elder Kiffin didn't leave any doubt on Friday that he was excited. He showed off his new orange tie to reporters — orange was one of his high school's colors — and made an impassioned speech about his new job, waving his arms in the air as he spoke.

Monte Kiffin and Orgeron will hit the recruiting trail together on Monday, leaving Knoxville on Sunday night so they can be at a high school in Memphis "before the custodian opens the door, to meet the head coach," Monte Kiffin said.

He acknowledges that it's been a while since he's recruited a prospect, but he's not worried about the transition to younger players. A few of his Bucs were 20 years old after leaving college early.

Monte Kiffin also isn't worried about adapting his style of defense from the pros to college. He had to adjust to the single-wing Wildcat formation that gained popularity in the NFL this season, so he's not concerned about spread offenses like Florida's.

Monte Kiffin's last experience at the college level came as head coach at North Carolina State from 1980-82. Before that he worked for three seasons as an assistant at Arkansas and 11 seasons at Nebraska.

"Football's football, you know? It really is. There's more to it than just blocking and tackling, but the field is the same length and wide and all that," Monte Kiffin said.

"The hash marks are a little different, but we'll figure that out."

MVP

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bounced back without those three people creating a winning environment," he said.

The folks in Indianapolis might take for granted having Manning behind center, just as Packers and now Jets fans have assumed Favre would be there every week. Favre has started 269 straight regular-season games, the record for quarterbacks. Manning's string is 176 — every game since he was the No. 1 pick in the 1998 draft.

"In other years, everything started fast," Colts running back Dominic Rhodes said. "He's still breaking records. But this year, there were a bunch of negative things said in the beginning, and he brought his best when we needed his best.

"This is probably the best ball I've seen him play."

Tony Dungy would agree. The Colts' coach said several times he favored Pittsburgh linebacker James Harrison for MVP — Harrison tied with Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson with three votes. But after Manning's flawless work in the second half of the season, Dungy, while admittedly biased, changed his mind.

"I said after we left Pittsburgh (on Nov. 9) that I would vote for James Harrison," Dungy noted this week. "If I was voting today, I'd vote for Peyton Manning."

AP PHOTO
Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, changing a play at the line of scrimmage against Tennessee, finished the regular season on an eight-game winning streak and was named the NFL MVP.

A vast majority of the voters did.

Also receiving votes were San Diego QB Philip Rivers (2), Tennessee rookie RB Chris Johnson (1) and Arizona QB Kurt Warner (1).

"I'm honored to receive this award because of the number of other worthy candidates who had some great years," Manning said. "It was just fun for me, truly, to watch them. I'm just glad to be a part of it."

Giants quarterback Eli Manning, the MVP of last February's Super Bowl, praised his older brother's fortitude.

"To be able to come back and play the way he has, especially the last nine or 10 weeks where they have been winning and getting into the playoffs, I'm very proud of him and the season he has had," he said.

Georgia: Stiff 'D'

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50-50 right now and I really don't know what I want to do. I love playing for Georgia and it has been an outstanding time."

Georgia's hopes in 2009 would be boosted by the return of Stafford or Moreno, but even with the two the Bulldogs suffered key Southeastern Conference losses to Alabama and Florida that crushed the team's championship hopes.

Richt on Thursday called 2008 "a very good football season for us," but even with the bowl win, the 10-3 finish was a disappointment for fans whose hopes were raised by the team's preseason No. 1 ranking.

The high preseason hopes were doomed by defensive breakdowns in big games: a 41-30 loss to Alabama, a 49-10 loss to Florida and a 45-42 loss to Georgia Tech in the final regular-season game.

Georgia gave up 21 points in the second quarter against Alabama, 21 points in the third quarter against Florida and 26 points in the third quarter against Georgia Tech.

Criticisms of the defense and coordinator Willie Martinez reached a peak after the loss to Georgia Tech. The defense regrouped against Michigan State to record six sacks and hold first-team All-American Javon Ringer and the Spartans to 31 yards rushing on 34 carries.

"I thought it was fantastic," said Richt of the defense. "To be sitting there, only down 6-3 at halftime was just a great tribute to our defense. They stopped them at least the first three drives in a row. Even when they got the first field goal, which I think was off of that turnover, they got a stop there. They kept us in it until the offense started to find their way. When the offense did (find their way) we separated a little bit."

Linebacker Rennie Curran said the defense can take momentum from the bowl game into next season.

"We learned a lot about ourselves that we can carry over into next season," Curran said. "This game was huge for the future of this team. We came here and practiced hard, very physical, and it carried right into the game. That's a good lesson.

"Everyone stayed focused all week, and it showed in the game. That's something the young guys can build on. I think the potential here is just great."

If Stafford and Moreno enter the draft, Georgia's losses on offense would be significant. Receiver Mohamed Massaquoi, fullback Brannan Southerland and tight end Tripp Chandler are seniors.

Georgia's championship hopes took a hit even before the season began. Offensive tackle Trinton Sturdivant suffered a season-ending knee injury before the season. Georgia also lost its top defensive tackle, Jeff Owens, for the season with a knee injury. They were only two of 19 players with season-ending injuries.

Delic: His father benefits too

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some great-armed quarterbacks there. I was amazed by how many were so talented. I thought there'd be just a couple of good quarterbacks there, but they're all real good."

With this being Delic's first combine, the day was also a learning experience for him. He struggled with his footing in the short shuttle, partly because he wasn't comfortable in the shoes the combine provided him and partly because he wasn't used to the Field Turn surface of the Alamodome. He fell down during one of his short shuttle runs and there were no do-overs, so he was stuck with the times he ran.

Though Delic was under the impression he was required to wear the shoes provided, the combine permitted players to wear their own shoes so long as they covered the shoe brand logo with tape. Unaware of that option, Delic left his own shoes at the hotel.

"That just goes back to this being a learning experience," Delic said. "I know what to expect now and I'll be more prepared."

The combined went beyond fundamentals, as all players attended a nutrition seminar that instructed them how to condition their bodies and better capitalize on working out.

The experience has been worthwhile for Delic.

"It doesn't hurt to be in San Antonio for New Year's Day," he said. "It was crazy. We walked around and watched the ball drop. There was a lot of fireworks. We were right by the San Antonio river and it was a real nice set up. There were a bunch of little stores and restaurants. It was great."

The combine isn't just designed for the players. Delic's father will attend a recruiting seminar today that will help prepare him for his son's recruiting process, which will heat up considerably in Nermin Delic's senior year.

Delic also took advantage of networking opportunities.

"I talked to a guy who has his own show on CBSSportsline.com," Delic said. "He's from Chicago. He picked out a few of us and got a picture of us. He's going to call us and interview us individually for a national magazine that I think comes out this summer."

Delic's experience will conclude today when he attends the Army All-American Pro Bowl, which has been played every year since 2001 and showcases top high school seniors such as Tim Tebow, Vince Young and DeSean Jackson.

Delic's goal will be to return to the bowl game next year as a participant and having experienced this year's combine knows what needs to be done to achieve that goal.

"I see where I'm at now and what I need to work on," Delic said. "I need to work on my 40-yard dash and the short shuttle."

Falleur believes Delic has a shot at playing at a big-time college if he works hard.

"He's not that far off,' Falleur said. "He needs to improve his speed and I don't think you can ever be strong or big enough. Especially after seeing all these kids here."

Georgia women lose

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Lyndra Littles scored 14 of her 23 points in the final seven minutes to help No. 16 Virginia hold off Georgia 62-60 on Friday night.

Georgia led 58-57 with just over one minute remaining, but Littles' three-point play with 50 seconds left and Enong Stovall's two free throws 30 seconds later made up a 5-2 Virginia run in the final minute to seal the win.

Monica Wright led the Cavaliers (12-2) with 24 points.

Ashley Houts led the Lady Bulldogs (9-5) with 19 points and Porsha Phillips chipped in with 10. Angel Robinson grabbed 11 rebounds.

Georgia outshot Virginia in both halves, finishing with a 40.6 percent mark from the field (23 of 57) compared to just 35.5 percent (20 of 56) for the Cavaliers.

Virginia won the rebounding battle 38-35.

Men

■ **South Carolina 85, Baylor 84**: At Waco, Texas, Zam Fredrick's layup with 5.1 seconds left lifted South Carolina to an upset over No. 19 Baylor.

Devan Downey led the Gamecocks (10-2) with 23 points. Fredrick scored 19, Mike Holmes had 11 points and Dominique Archie and Brandis Raley-Ross scored 10 each.

Curtis Jerrells scored 22 for Baylor (12-2). Kevin Rogers had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP PHOTO
Mississippi wide receiver Shay Hodge (3) catches a pass before being tackled by Texas Tech defensive back Jamar Wall (3) during Friday's Cotton Bowl game in Dallas. The Rebels shook off a slow start and beat the Raiders, 47-34.

Ole Miss rallies to beat Raiders in Cotton Bowl

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Ole Miss isn't just the team that handed Florida its only loss. These Rebels are seriously on the rise.

Behind Jevan Snead's passing, Dexter McCluster's squirming runs and some big returns by Marshay Green, No. 20 Mississippi overcame an early deficit and beat No. 7 Texas Tech 47-34 Friday in the final Cotton Bowl played in the stadium of the same name.

The Red Raiders (11-2) converted a pair of early turnovers into a 14-0 lead, but Snead led the Rebels to touchdowns on their next three drives, followed by a go-ahead field goal shortly before halftime. Once Green returned an interception 65 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter, Ole Miss (9-4) was well on its way to capping coach Houston Nutt's first season in grand style.

"I wish we could keep this team and bring it back," Nutt said. Then, turning to some seniors next to him, he barked, "You can't leave!"

Seconds later, he was so giddy that he told Cotton Bowl officials, "We'll make the announcement we'll come back next year, right now. Let's go!"

This was Mississippi's sixth straight win, matching its longest streak since 2003, when Eli Manning was a senior. That also was the last time the Rebels had been to a bowl.

This roll began when Ole Miss was only 3-4 and coming off consecutive losses following its stunning upset at the Swamp.

Although Texas Tech pulled off huge comebacks in its last two bowls, McCluster ended any such thoughts by barreling into the end zone with 4:34 left. When Rebels fans finished clapping, they began chanting "S-E-C! S-E-C!" They did so again with 1:37 left after Ole Miss snuffed out a 2-point conversion attempt, then again following a recovered onside kick.

A little louder and the chants might've been heard at the Big 12 offices about 12 miles away. Still, the message that the fourth-best team in the SEC, according to the polls, is better than the third-best team in the Big 12 will certainly be noted as schools from these leagues — No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Oklahoma — meet next week in the national championship game.

The Red Raiders had a direct path to playing in that game until getting crushed by the Sooners in late November. At the time, they were unbeaten and ranked second, the highest mark in school history.

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell's consolation was several statistical feats: most career touchdowns in major college football (four in this game made it 134 for his career, breaking the record of 131 set by Hawaii's Colt Brennan) and first player with two 5,000-yard passing seasons. Harrell was 36-of-58 for a Cotton Bowl-record 364 yards, giving him 5,111 yards this season. Only five other quarterbacks have cracked 5,000, including Brennan and two others from Texas Tech.

■ **Utah 31, Alabama 17**: At New Orleans, Utah is the best of the BCS busters.

Brian Johnson threw for 336 yards and three touchdowns, and the No. 7 Utes upset fourth-ranked Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to finish 13-0.

With the victory, Utah became the first team from a non-BCS conference to win two BCS bowls.

Johnson's pinpoint passing led Utah to a 21-0 first-quarter lead and the Utes refused to wilt when Alabama pulled to 21-17 early in the second half.

Utah's defense was equally impressive, intercepting John Parker Wilson twice and sacking him eight times, with the seventh sack forcing a fumble that sent crimson-clad Alabama fans streaming for the exits with just more than five minutes to go.

After surging to No. 1 in the rankings with a 12-0 regular season, Alabama closed the season with two consecutive losses, the first against Florida in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

■ **Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19**: At Memphis, Tenn., Ventrell Jenkins scooped up a fumble and barreled his 285-pound frame 56 yards for the go-ahead touchdown, helping Kentucky win a program-best third straight bowl game with a victory over East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.

Kentucky (7-6) never led until the fourth quarter, when Myron Pryor forced a fumble with about 3 minutes left. In the scramble for the loose ball, Jenkins came up with it and rumbled down the right sideline untouched for the touchdown.

Lones Seiber's extra point attempt was blocked — the third blocked extra point of the game and second off Seiber's foot.

That gave East Carolina (9-5) plenty of time to drive for the win, but the ensuing kickoff was downed at the 1. The Pirates wound up punting four plays later, and Kentucky picked up a first down before running out the clock.

The victory, which came on the heels of two straight wins in the Music City Bowl behind record-setting quarterback Andre Woodson, gave Rich Brooks a distinction in Kentucky history that even Bear Bryant couldn't claim. Bryant was the only other Wildcats coach to lead the team to three straight bowls, but he only won two of them.

Coming off its first Conference USA championship, East Carolina jumped to a 16-3 halftime lead before failing in its attempt to win a third game this season against a team from a BCS conference.

Kentucky's David Jones took the second-half kickoff a Liberty Bowl-record 99 yards for a score. Minutes later, quarterback Mike Hartline gave Kentucky its lone offensive TD when he hit Kyrus Lanxter on a crossing pattern for a 19-yard touchdown that tied the game 16-all midway through the third quarter.

BOWL GLANCE

Friday's Results

- **Cotton**: Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34
- **Liberty:** Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19
- **Sugar:** Utah 31, Alabama 17

Today's Games

- **International:** UConn vs. Buffalo, noon

Monday's Games

- **Fiesta:** Texas vs. Ohio State, 8

'Why you live'

Florida, OU arrive for BCS game

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — For this season's national championship game, Florida coach Urban Meyer is following the plan used when the Gators won the title two years ago.

That's no surprise, considering how Florida dominated Ohio State for that crown.

Also not surprising: Oklahoma is tweaking the way it prepares for a Bowl Championship Series showdown.

Apparently, losing four straight times in college football's showcase bowl games is still grating on the Sooners — who weren't afraid to say so on Friday, when the teams made mid-afternoon arrivals at different South Florida airports to begin final preparations for the Jan. 8 title showdown.

"We're going to change one major thing and that's to get a win," Oklahoma defensive back Nic Harris said shortly after the Sooners' plane landed. "The past couple BCS bowls we've been in, we came out on the other end of the stick. Today we plan to get a win, and that's about it."

With that, the first official bulletin-board fodder of BCS title week in Miami was offered.

Oklahoma's plane touched down in Miami about 30 minutes ahead of schedule, Florida landed in Fort Lauderdale about an hour later, and both teams got the requisite orange-carpet treatment from the Orange Bowl committee. Water cannons were fired as each plane taxied to a stop, players got gifts and the travel parties boarded fleets of specially decorated charter buses.

"This is why you live," Meyer said. "This is what we do."

It's still unclear what Meyer's quarterback, Tim Tebow, will do after this game.

Tebow said Friday that he sent in paperwork to an NFL advisory committee, seeking its input on his potential draft status. Such a move was hardly unexpected, and last season's Heisman Trophy winner — Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford won this season's Heisman — isn't saying yet if he's leaning one way or another about turning pro a year early.

"It's filed. I feel good," Tebow said. "But I'm excited to be here in Miami and I'm ready to go play the Sooners."

AP PHOTO
Florida coach Urban Meyer speaks with reporters after the Gators' arrival in Miami for the BCS championship game against Oklahoma on Thursday at Dolphin Stadium.

There's always a stigma about South Florida for out-of-town teams, that the combination of alluring beaches, balmy weather and a steamy club scene doesn't exactly bring out the best in teams. Some NBA coaches, when their teams come to face the Miami Heat, have referred to the phenomenon as South Beach-itis, where late-night carousing takes a toll on players.

Won't happen this week, say the Gators and Sooners.

"Miami's a great town, but just like any big city, there's another element to it," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "Miami's no different than everywhere else, any other big city and a lot of our guys are from some bigger cities and hopefully we'll conduct ourselves the right way."

Oklahoma's last trip to the Orange Bowl was a night to forget, a 55-19 pounding at the hands of Southern California at the end of the 2004 season. That loss is part of the Sooners' four-game BCS slide.

"Of course we have something to prove," Sooners' wide receiver Manuel Johnson said. "The last four BCS games, we haven't won. This year it's the national championship. Who doesn't want to win that?"

Meyer isn't worried about the Gators' mind-set when it comes to the sun and sand.

There's no shortage of players on Florida's roster from the Sunshine State.

"I trust these guys," Meyer said. "We're going to enjoy ourselves here, but there's no doubt why we got on this plane. I can't say that's true of every athlete on that airplane, because there's some guys who aren't going

ATTENTION
All North Georgia DEER HUNTERS

Georgia State Representative Martin Scott harvested this trophy buck while hunting in Dade County on November 26, 2008. His daughter, Katherine, was there to share in the experience. Obviously the state representative agrees, *"Hunting is a Family Tradition!"*

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, will be holding a public meeting allowing hunters the opportunity to give input into developing hunting regulations for the 2009, 2010, and 2011 hunting seasons.

It is time for a change and your presence is requested: Thursday January 8, 2009 at 7:00pm at Dalton State College, Goodrue Auditorium- Memorial Building. For additional information contact Wes Hixon at 706-657-3527 or Weshixon@weshixon.com

Here are some facts North Georgia deer hunters should know about current regulations…

· The state of Georgia has 159 counties and approximately 91 of these counties are permitted to deer hunt annually until January 15th; 7 other counties have extended archery seasons that permit deer hunting annually until January 31st. Meanwhile, the northern zone counties are NOT permitted to hunt deer after January 1st.

· Current Georgia hunting regulations allow 146 of these counties 76 days to harvest either sex deer during firearms season, leaving only 13 counties that have restricted either sex hunting days. Catoosa, Dade, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Stephens, White and Whitfield counties are allowed only 24 either sex hunting days a year, and Fannin, Rabun, Towns and Union counties are restricted to only 3 either sex hunting days annually.

One example: Walker County has 76 either sex hunting days to manage its deer herd, a very positive approach. However, hunters in the adjoining counties of Dade, Catoosa and Whitfield are allowed only 24 either sex hunting days to manage their deer herds.

Georgia State Representative Martin Scott and Georgia State Senator Jeff Mullis invite all outdoor enthusiasts to come and voice their opinions at the January 8, 2009 meeting. As North Georgia hunters, we should have the same privileges Southern Georgia hunters enjoy. There is strength in numbers… it's your opportunity to help influence a change. Bucks, does, yearlings and fawns are welcome. *Hunting is a Family Tradition!*

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today

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

Gilmer girls vs. Murray County at Gladden Middle, 10 a.m.

TELEVISION

On Today

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Noon

ESPN2 — International Bowl, Buffalo vs. Connecticut, at Toronto

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

ESPN — Pittsburgh at Georgetown

2 p.m.

ESPN — Tennessee at Kansas

4 p.m.

CBS — National coverage, N.C. State at Florida

NBA BASKETBALL

8:30 p.m.

WGN — Minnesota at Chicago

NFL FOOTBALL

4:30 p.m.

NBC — Playoffs, Wildcard Game, Atlanta at Arizona

8 p.m.

NBC — Playoffs, Wildcard Game, Indianapolis at San Diego

PREP FOOTBALL

1 p.m.

NBC — All-American Bowl, at San Antonio

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

CBS — Regional coverage, LSU at Connecticut or Minnesota at Illinois

2 p.m.

CBS — National coverage, Tennessee at Rutgers

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	23	13	3	49	107	107
New Jersey	22	12	3	47	113	95
Philadelphia	20	10	7	47	126	114
Pittsburgh	19	15	4	42	120	114
N.Y. Islanders	12	22	4	28	98	136

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	5	4	62	141	84
Montreal	21	10	6	48	109	95
Buffalo	18	15	5	41	109	109
Toronto	15	17	6	36	116	137
Ottawa	13	17	5	31	83	100

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	25	11	3	53	131	115
Carolina	19	15	5	43	102	114
Florida	16	16	5	37	93	104
Atlanta	13	21	5	31	114	142
Tampa Bay	10	17	10	30	89	117

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	25	7	5	55	138	109
Chicago	20	8	7	47	127	94
Columbus	17	16	4	38	96	103
Nashville	17	17	3	37	91	109
St. Louis	14	21	3	31	107	130

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	22	11	4	48	115	110
Vancouver	21	15	4	46	115	105
Colorado	19	17	1	39	103	107
Minnesota	18	16	2	38	92	84
Edmonton	17	16	3	37	101	111

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	28	4	5	61	128	87
Anaheim	19	15	4	42	107	107
Phoenix	18	15	5	41	97	106
Dallas	16	15	5	37	107	123
Los Angeles	15	16	6	36	95	102

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

Friday's Scores

Carolina 2, St. Louis 1
New Jersey 4, Montreal 1
Atlanta 4, Vancouver 3, SO
Columbus at Colorado, late
N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, late
Philadelphia at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Buffalo at Boston, 1 p.m.
Florida at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 3 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	5	.853	—
New Jersey	16	17	.485	12 1/2
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	15
Toronto	13	20	.394	15 1/2
New York	12	19	.387	15 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	26	7	.788	—
Atlanta	21	11	.656	4 1/2
Miami	17	14	.548	8
Charlotte	11	22	.333	15
Washington	6	25	.194	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	5	.844	—
Detroit	20	11	.645	6 1/2
Milwaukee	16	18	.471	12
Chicago	14	19	.424	13 1/2
Indiana	11	21	.344	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	19	9	.679	—
San Antonio	21	11	.656	—
Dallas	20	12	.625	1
Houston	21	13	.618	1
Memphis	10	23	.303	11 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	22	12	.647	—
Portland	20	12	.625	1
Utah	19	14	.576	2 1/2
Minnesota	7	25	.219	14
Oklahoma City	4	30	.118	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	25	5	.833	—
Phoenix	18	12	.600	7
Golden State	10	25	.286	17 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	23	.258	17 1/2
Sacramento	8	25	.242	18 1/2

Friday's Scores

Orlando 86, Miami 76
Toronto 94, Houston 73
New Jersey 93, Atlanta 91, OT
Indiana 105, New York 103
Cleveland 117, Chicago 92
Boston 108, Washington 83
San Antonio 91, Memphis 80
Denver 122, Oklahoma City 120
Detroit 98, Sacramento 92
Minnesota 115, Golden State 108
Milwaukee 103, Charlotte 75
Dallas 96, Philadelphia 86
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late
New Orleans at Portland, late
Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Houston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, Dec. 20

EagleBank Bowl

At Washington
Payout: $750,000
Wake Forest 29, Navy 19

New Mexico Bowl

At Albuquerque
Payout: $750,000
Colorado State 40, Fresno State 35

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl

Payout: $1 million
South Florida 41, Memphis 14

Las Vegas Bowl

Payout: $1 million
Arizona 31, BYU 21

Sunday, Dec. 21

New Orleans Bowl

Payout: $325,000
Southern Mississippi 30, Troy 27, OT

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Poinsettia Bowl

At San Diego
Payout: $750,000
TCU 17, Boise State 16

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Hawaii Bowl

At Honolulu
Payout: $750,000
Notre Dame 49, Hawaii 21

Friday, Dec. 26

Motor City Bowl

At Detroit
Payout: $750,000
Florida Atlantic 24, Central Michigan 21

Saturday, Dec. 27

Meineke Bowl

At Charlotte, N.C.
Payout: $1 million
West Virginia 31, North Carolina 30

Champs Sports Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $2.125 million
Florida State 42, Wisconsin 13

Emerald Bowl

At San Francisco
Payout: ACC: $750,000; Pac-10: $850,000
California 24, Miami 17

Sunday, Dec. 28

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.
Payout: $1.1 million
Louisiana Tech 17, Northern Illinois 10

Monday, Dec. 29

PapaJohns.com Bowl

At Birmingham, Ala.
Payout: $300,000
Rutgers 29, North Carolina State 23

Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio
Payout: $2.25 million
Missouri 30, Northwestern 23, OT

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl

At Boise, Idaho
Payout: $750,000
Maryland 42, Nevada 35

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego
Payout: $2.3 million
Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31

Texas Bowl

At Houston
Payout: $750,000
Rice 38, Western Michigan 14

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Armed Forces Bowl

At Fort Worth, Texas
Payout: $750,000
Houston 34, Air Force 28

Sun Bowl

At El Paso, Texas
Payout: $1.9 million
Oregon State 3, Pittsburgh 0, 0

Music City Bowl

At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: $1.7 million
Vanderbilt 16, Boston College 14

Insight Bowl

At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: $1.2 million
Kansas 42, Minnesota 21

Chick-fil-A Bowl

At Atlanta
Payout: $3 million
LSU 38, Georgia Tech 3

Thursday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: $3.2 million
Iowa 31, South Carolina10

Capital One Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $4.25 million
Georgia 24, Michigan State 12

Gator Bowl

At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: $2.5 million
Nebraska 26, Clemson 21

Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: $17 million
Southern Cal 38, Penn State 24

Orange Bowl

At Miami
Payout: $17 million
Virginia Tech 20, Cincinnati (11-2) vs. (9-4), 8 p.m. (FOX)

Friday, Jan. 2

Cotton Bowl

At Dallas
Payout: $3 million
Mississippi 47, Texas Tech 34

Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: $1.8 million
Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19

Sugar Bowl

At New Orleans
Payout: $17 million
Utah 31, Alabama 17

Saturday, Jan. 3

International Bowl

At Toronto
Payout: $750,000
Connecticut (7-5) vs. Buffalo (8-5), Noon (ESPN2)

Monday, Jan. 5

Fiesta Bowl

At Glendale, Ariz.
Payout: $17 million
Texas (11-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (FOX)

Tuesday, Jan. 6

GMAC Bowl

Mobile, Ala.
Payout: $750,000
Tulsa (10-3) vs. Ball State (12-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 8

BCS National Championship

At Miami
Payout: $17 million
Florida (12-1) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 8 p.m. (FOX)

NBA

New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter shoots a three-point shot at the buzzer in overtime to beat the Atlanta Hawks 93-91 during Friday night's game in East Rutherford, N.J.

AP PHOTO

Hawks fall short in overtime loss

BY TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer in overtime and the New Jersey Nets rallied from a 20-point halftime deficit to beat Atlanta 93-91 on Friday night, ending the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Devin Harris added 26 points and 11 assists, and Carter finished with 18 points, with the final three coming from just inside 30 feet after he chased an inbound pass into the backcourt and hurried to get his shot off.

Atlanta's Mike Bibby had 22 points, and Josh Smith added 20, with his layup with 11 seconds left in overtime seemingly destined to be the winning basket.

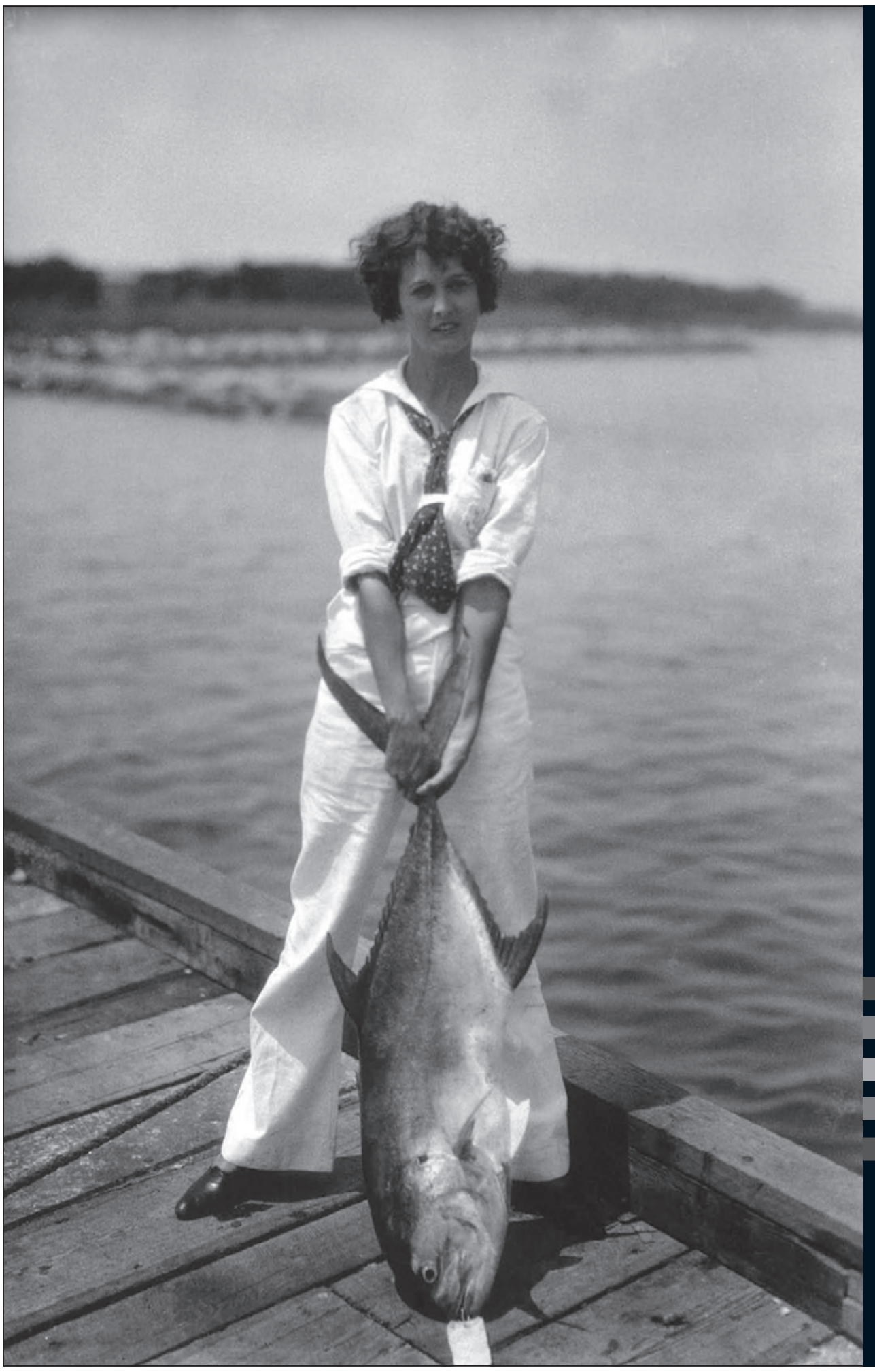
Carter was fouled by Smith with 5.3 seconds to play and that forced the Nets to inbound from in front of their bench. The inbound pass by Jarvis Hayes went into the backcourt and Carter made the play of the game to get the Nets a rare home win in a contest that saw New Jersey coach Lawrence Frank ejected in a dismal second quarter.

Hayes hit a 3-pointer with 1:35 to play to give New Jersey a 90-87 lead, but the Hawks came back, getting within two points when Bibby made two of three free throws after being fouled by Harris on a 3-pointer with 20.7 seconds left in the overtime.

Harris was stripped of the ball seconds later after being double teammed by Maurice Evans and Smith, with Smith finishing off the play for the lead.

The Nets seemed to take control late in regulation after Carter, who was ejected in the second quarter of Wednesday night's loss in Detroit for arguing with official Derrick Stafford, hit a 3-pointer and Brook Lopez followed a Harris miss to put New Jersey ahead 85-80 with 2:30 to go.

It would be the last points the Nets would score in regulation.



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Falcons

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Thursday, on Thanksgiving night.

The Falcons made a quick recovery from a 4-12 finish last season darkened by the legal troubles of Michael Vick and made worse by the abrupt resignation of coach Bobby Petrino.

Smith, Petrino's lead assistant, became interim coach, then was retained by general manager Thomas Dimitroff for 2008. They set about transforming the downtrodden, dispirited team.

"When Thomas hired me, the first step in the process was we had to make some big decisions on the people we had on our football team," Smith said. "We let some good players and some good men go. But we needed to move in a different direction."

The biggest need was at quarterback, and the Falcons drafted Matt Ryan out of Boston College in the first round. Ryan turned in one of the best seasons ever by a rookie, earning him the AP offensive rookie of the year award and admiration of his peers.

"You've got to be really impressed, especially in this day and age," Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner said. "It's a whole different ballgame, picking up the speed, understanding what's going on, understanding your offense, coming into a completely new offense, understanding that and then understanding what the defense is doing."

Don't expect Ryan to be overwhelmed by the playoffs, Warner said.

"What he's done this year has to impress you, and you have to say there must be something different about this guy," Warner said, "to do what he's done and accomplish this much. So why do you think he's going to take a step back in the playoffs? Or why do you think that's going to be too big for him when everything else wasn't?"

Atlanta's other big need was at running back, and the Falcons signed free agent Michael Turner to fill that role. He finished as the NFL's No. 2 rusher, behind only Adrian Peterson.

AP PHOTO

Arizona's All-Pro wideout Larry Fitzgerald is one of three 1,000-yard receivers for the Cardinals.

"Jerious Norwood is a great change-up, so we've got two guys who we feel can run the ball," Smith said.

The Cardinals know all about throwing the football, usually without the help of any kind of ground game. Arizona was second in passing in the NFL and last in rushing.

The Cardinals have three receivers — Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Steve Breaston — that topped 1,000 yards receiving. Fitzgerald and Boldin are going to the Pro Bowl.

The 37-year-old Warner established six franchise records, including 30 touchdown passes.

Coach Ken Whisenhunt prefers an offense anchored by a strong running game, but he adapted to the personnel at hand. The result was a team that set a franchise record for points scored (427). Atlanta's game more resembles what Whisenhunt envisioned when he was hired prior to the 2007 season, but he's making no apologies.

"I'm excited about setting a franchise record in points. I'm excited about some of the things we've done here offensively this year," Whisenhunt said. "As we continue to grow, we're going to get better."

The Falcons made it as a wild card team in the NFC South, arguably the toughest division in the conference. Arizona dominated the weak NFC West for its first division championship in 33 years. The team was 6-0 against division foes, 3-7 against everybody else.

That makes the Cardinals an underdog, even though they are playing at home. It's a measure of the franchise's sorry history that this is its first home playoff game since the then-Chicago Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Eagles to win the NFC championship in 1947.

PRO FOOTBALL

It's all business

Cameron goes back to Miami

BY DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The last time Cam Cameron visited Miami with the Baltimore Ravens, he received a Gatorade bath and the game ball after an emotional win over the franchise that ran him out of town.

The rematch Sunday will be far less personal for Cameron, who joined the Ravens as an offensive coordinator after going 1-15 as head coach of the Dolphins in 2007.

"It's a new year. It's a new season," Cameron said this week.

Cameron's focus is to prepare the rejuvenated Baltimore offense for another smooth performance in Miami, this time in the opening round of the NFL playoffs. In the first game, on Oct. 19, the Ravens amassed 357 yards, rookie quarterback Joe Flacco completed 17 of 23 passes and Baltimore cruised to a 27-13 victory.

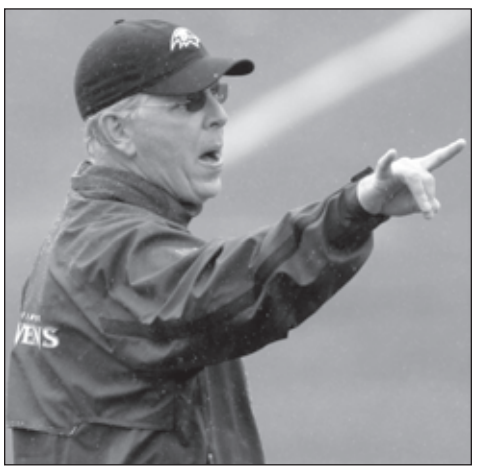
In the game's waning moments, the Ravens celebrated by emptying a Gatorade container onto their offensive leader. Then, after receiving the game ball, Cameron became misty-eyed upon recalling the criticism he received during his lone season as an NFL head coach.

"This is going to go home to my wife Missy and to my kids, because it's a lot tougher on them than it will ever be on us coaches," Cameron said. "That's why it's a little emotional. When you give your heart and soul to something and it doesn't work out, some of that pain comes back. But that's minimal compared to what it was like for my wife and kids. I guess that's why maybe it's a little sweeter."

Cameron's insightful, innovative approach has enabled the Ravens offense to soar to a new level. One of his first moves was to insert 260-pound fullback Le'Ron McClain into the tailback slot. McClain ran for 902 yards and Baltimore finished the regular season with the NFL's fourth-ranked running attack.

Cameron also installed his own version of the Wildcat offense, which puts Flacco and backup quarterback Troy Smith on the field at the same time. Thus far, Smith has completed a pass to Flacco, and Flacco completed a pass to Smith.

There are no limits to what Cameron might try, including lining up 345-pound defensive tackle Haloti Ngata as a blocker and eligible receiver.



AP PHOTO

Colorado second baseman Kazuo Matsui, left, talks with Boston pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka during pract

"He knows the athletes he has on his team," Ngata said. "He's willing to do whatever it takes for his offense to be successful."

Ngata appreciates the chance to play offense, but is even more grateful to Baltimore's offense for dominating the clock. The Ravens lead the NFL in time of possession (33 minutes, 10 seconds) and have outscored the opposition 115-60 in the fourth quarter.

"We get to rest so much now," Ngata said. "That's why our defense has been able to close off teams."

The Ravens are delighted to have Cameron, and several Dolphins who played under him last season are glad he's gone. Many of them attribute their 11-5 record to the leadership of current head coach Tony Sparano.

"The guys that were here and went through 1-15 and went through Cam Cameron's (stuff) ... they did an amazing job," linebacker Channing Crowder said. "We proved to the league and the world we're a different team."

Defensive end Vonnie Holliday said, "Last year at times we really didn't have a sense of direction, a clear plan. We don't have the distractions we had last year."

When the Ravens headed to Miami in October, the "Cam Cameron Returns" angle was much of the attraction. This game, however, is all about advancing in the playoffs.

"I don't think Cam looks at it any other way," Baltimore tight end Todd Heap said. "Our season is riding on this game."

Ditto for the Dolphins.

"I don't say 'Cam Cameron is on the other sideline. Let's go!' This is a playoff game," cornerback Andre Goodman said. "I don't care who's on the sideline."

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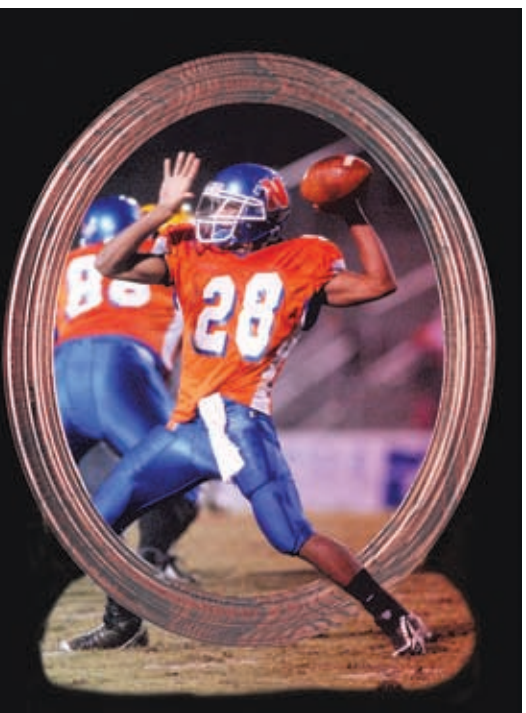

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

104 Lost

Missing Chinese pug in the Beaverdale area. Beige, only has 1 eye, male. $100 Reward!! 706-259-8637 - 706-980-9022.

EDUCATION

201 Schools and Classes

Tax Prep Training. Dalton, Georgia area. Learn computer tax preparation during free **week**-long class starting January 5, 2008. Take day or evening classes. Apply to work at fastest growing tax service ever! Call Don at 803-270-1120.

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.

254 Money to Lend

Low Rates, Affordable Payments. CASH LOANS COMPANY 706-278-7600 Subject to our liberal credit policies

EMPLOYMENT

310 General

2 people to live on chicken farm. Husband & Wife preferable. Pick eggs 7 days a week. 706-629-2636 - 706-217-5690 before 9pm

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.

Medical Assistant / LPN
A busy medical practice with Surgery Center in Dalton, GA has immediate openings for a full or part time
MEDICAL ASSISTANT / LPN
1 year of experience required. No weekends or Holidays. Excellent benefits! Please email or fax your resume to: resumes@cspmpain.com OR 706-279-2679

315 Office & Clerical

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Dalton, Georgia area. Bring your strong customer service skills to the tax industry! Learn the marketable skill of computer tax preparation **free** in one week class starting January 5, 2008. Seasonal opportunities available with fastest growing tax service! Call Don at 803-270-1120.

318 Restaurants

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

SERVICES

401 General Services

DATA PROCESSING
Dalton, Georgia area. **Free** classes now forming in data entry instruction with focus on income tax preparation. Day and evening classes available. Starts January 5, 2008. Apply for seasonal job opportunities. Call Don at 803-270-1120.

411 Elderly Care

Caregiver Available. Part or full time. Dependable, honest & experienced. References. 706-673-6848 or 706-410-5483

YARD SALES

Yard Sale Pick- Up Providence ministries needs your left over items to support the Providence rescue Mission and their Boys home. Drop Off or call before sale for pick up. Dalton 711 S. Hamilton St 275-0268, Calhoun 289 Hwy. 53 East 629-1613 Ft. Oglethorpe 291 Battlefield Pkwy. 858-7974

Dalton

Huge Yard Sale. Sat. 7am-? 2231 Dawnville Beaverdale Rd. Name brand clothing, shoes, toys, appl., household goods, comforter sets & more.

YARD SALE at 204 Carbondale Road, Dalton (NJ Tax Service & Southern Rock Landscape bldg) 706-270-9555. Sellers WELCOME to come setup. Starts at 8am til ?.

PETS/LIVESTOCK

501 Pets for Sale

Humane Society of Northwest Georgia Pet Adoptions
every Sat.
12pm-4pm at the
Wade Adoption Center
@ 1703 Cleveland Hwy.
Call 706-226-5002.
Adoption fee is required.

502 Free Pets

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

ITEMS FOR RENT

701 Auctions

MEEK'S AUCTIONS
Chattanooga, Tn
SUN JAN 4th 1pm
Fabulous Antique Auction
Oil paintings,Baby grand piano,Lots Barley Twist,
Far too much to list
WWW.LESMEEKSAUCTIONS.COM for Photos
423-875-9828 L.Meek
TAL#2730 FL#2388a

705 Homes For Sale

$2,000Dn. Starting at $700/mo. **OWNER FINANCING.** Several 3Bd/2 Ba. homes in Whitfield & Murray Remodeled, very nice. Owner/Broker706-529-0650

****17 ac. 3 br, 2.5 ba home** in Cohutta. Full bsmt, deck, storage blg. CHVAC w/ dual furnaces (propane & wood), attic fan. Generator backup electrical system. New paint, carpet, laminate & vinyl. Priced well below appraisal. 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.

HUD ACQUIRED PROPERTIES
www.LisaBurgee.com
Response Realty
706-537-0083

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

705 Homes For Sale

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
208 Goldenrod Ln (off of Dawnville Rd in Amberfield) - 3BR 2 BA, $111,000, $1,500 down, as low as $750 month.
1481 Heather Way $105,000 3/2 in Amberfield $1000 down & as low as $750 month.
2860 Old Grade RD, 3BR 1 BA, $75,000, $1,000 down, as low as $535 month
1102 Brookwood #9 -3 BR 2BA Condo, $84,900, $1,000 down $600 per month

706 Condos For Sale

LEASE PURCHASE
MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEW IN DALTON

"NORTH SUMMIT CONDOS"

Introducing our newest floor plan. 2,150 sq. ft. master on main level, vaulted ceilings, 2 car garage, fireplace, formal dining. **MUST SEE!** All of our popular 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms are still available. Starting at $127,000. to $205,000. Developer pays $2,500 closing. N. on Cleveland Hwy 1/2 mile from, By-pass, left onto North Oak Dr., right onto N. Summit Dr. 706-278-3413 or 706-226-2378:
www.northsummitcondos.com
OPEN HOUSE SAT. & SUN. 2PM-5PM

726 Commercial Buildings

check thisout

*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 wrhg, 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 wkdays 9-5:30

Office: 2700 S.F. Excellent condition. 1143 E. Walnut Ave. Call: 706-581-1037

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

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

$100 off 1st month rent. 3 BR, $580/mo., $300/dep. 2 Br, $480/mo., $250/dep. 1 BR $400/mo. Appliances, c/h/a, W/D hookup, close to mall, no pets. 706-278-4209 or 706-463-1344 or 706-280-9861

$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

1 STORY completely furn. effic. Cable TV, phone, microwave, kitc. 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 & Español
706-463-0945

1/2 off 1st Mo.- 2BR, 1BA, C/H/A, W/D Connection, Near Conn 3 & I-75. Lafayette Hwy.-2BR, 2BA, Mobile Home. Monthly or wkly rates. 706-673-4808 or 706-264-6786.

1st week free w/ deposit! 2 bd. 1 ba, laundry room close to downtown. Utilities furnished. $175wk 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 wkdays 9-5:30

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

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

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

751 Apartments

Clearview Estates: 2br duplex, N. Clevland Hwy area, all kitchen appliances, w/d hook up, no pets, $495/mo. 706-694-8425.

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

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

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
Best Location, True Luxury
706-934-3787

NICE 3 BR 2 BA duplex. Pleasant Grove area. Yard work furnished. 706-259-4067 or 407-314-4195

Townhouse for Rent. 2BR 1.5 BA WM/Dryer $475.00 mth $300.00 Deposit NO PETS. 706-483-9187

751 Apartments

STAY LODGE
Effic. Apt. with kitchen. Furn w/all utilities. Laundry fac., basic cable. Private phones furn. Starting at $129.99/wk plus tax **Suite Deals** 1BR $175.00 per week. Call 706-278-0700

STAYLODGE - WILLOWDALE
MOVE IN SPECIAL
1st Week $100.00
706-278-0700

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! Partial utilities included. 706-279-3998

Duplex

Near connector 3. Furnished1 bd. Utilities & cable furnished. $140 per week, deposit req'd. 706-537-2309.

Unfurnished

2BR/1.5BA Townhouse. Free rent through Christmas! In the city. C/H/A, kitchen appliances, W/D hookup. $530/month. 706-280-6478 or 706-264-3267.

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.

The Daily Photo

Submitted by:
Emily Brandenburg of Rome, GA
To submit your photo, email photo, name and city to: lauramartin@daltoncitizen.com

752 Homes For Rent

2008 Abutment 4 BR 2 BA. Sunporch & garage. $185 wk mon $370 dp. 706-279-1380 wky 9-5:30

3/ 3 home on Fort Mtn. for lease. $1100 month. Davidwitt.com. Call 706-537-6523

5 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining room, bonus room, sun room, 2935 sq. ft. Lease with option. $1200/mo. $1000/dep. 423-596-1465

Clean, 2 bd house w/appliances. On a 1 acre lot in Chatsworth. $575/mo. + deposit No Pets! Call 706-695-7087

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.

NGEMC area, 3br. $575/mo. cable & water. **Also** 1br. Furnished, utilities, cable. $140/wk. $140/dep. 706-694-8010

Quiet 3bd, 1ba, lg. kit. Hdwd flrs., firepl., C/H/A. $650/mo. $500/dep. 5 pymts. 706-218-8811, 278-6886, 706-218-8812

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

Executive style condo for Rent or Sale. Best location. 2 bdrm 2.5 bath. $1000 month to rent or buy for $113,900, below appraisal. Call 706-483-4009.

Lease luxury, gated (CrowValley) 3BD 2BA single level, 2 car garage. Gas fireplace, hardwood flrs, pool, clubhouse, lg fenced patio, private end unit. $1100. per mo. $1000. deposit. 706-537-9274 or 706-217-8437

Lease or Lease Purchase. New condo's. N. Summit. 2 & 3 bedr, single level w/garage. Gas fireplace, hardwood floors, pool, clubhouse, fenced yard. $850 - $1050/mo. $800/dep. 706-463-1139 or 706-278-3413.

New Condos in Hammond Creek, lease w/option to buy. 2 bd, 2.5 bath. Gated community & swimming pool. Starting $900 mon (includes monthly fees) daltoncustomhomeconstruction.com 706-673-2121 or 706-581-2778

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.

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/ hdwd 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

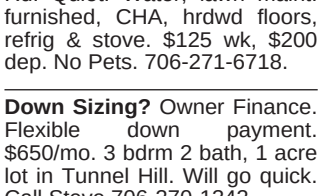
Move In Specials Avail. 2 & 3 bdrm 2 bath, Northwest High area. No pets! Weekly or Monthly. 706-280-7009

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

TRANSPORTATION

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.

801 Antiques & Classics

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

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

806 Domestic Autos

1999 Lincoln Towncar Exec. Series. Very nice car. 24MPG. 127,700 miles. $3600.00 Call 706-537-2461

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

Well maintained 2004 Buick Lesabre custom w/101k miles. White ext., Gray int., 4dr, automatic. Front WD, 6 Cyl., Gas engine. $5,200. Call Roy: 706 673 2209 - 706 618 8076.

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

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

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

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.

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807 Import Autos

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.

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.

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809 Trucks

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

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 msg

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 $2,900 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

812 Sport Utility Vehicle

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

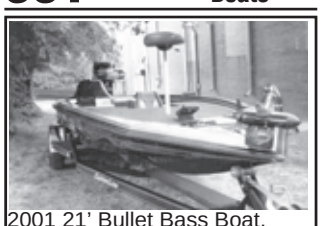
2007 Volvo XC90, 3.2 sport utility, white, 30K miles, immaculate condition. $21,000. 706-217-9608 - 706-537-9608

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

ATTENTION! Buyers & Sellers

SOLUTION:

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851 Boats

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

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.

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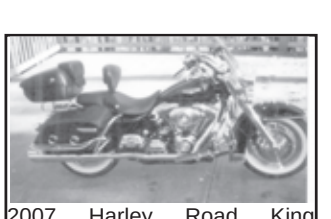

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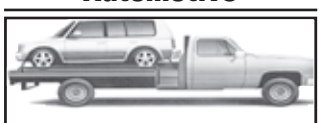

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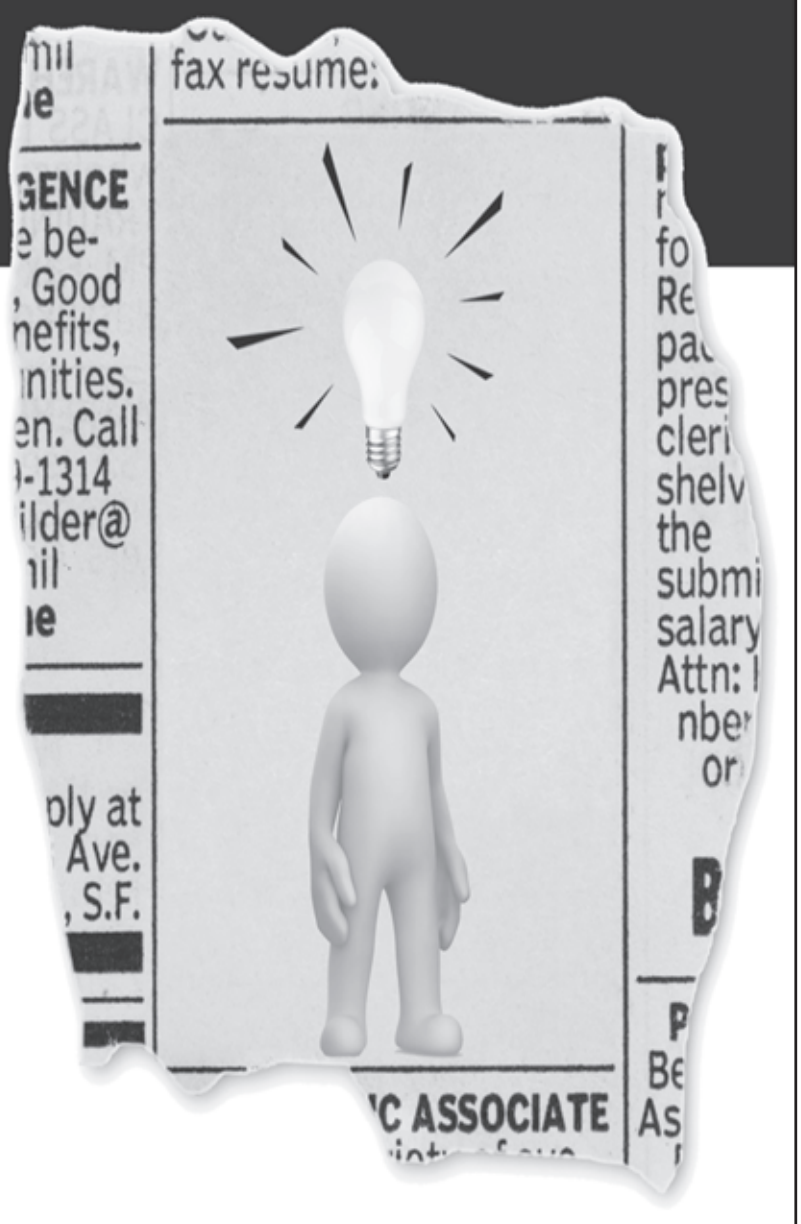

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