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# Afghanistan-bound

## Dalton's Charlie Troop gets sendoff

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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She's been there and done that — managing the household, taking care of bills, keeping the car running and even disciplining the kids — but it still doesn't make her husband's second deployment in the war on terror any easier.

"I'm prepared, but still scared," said Blanca Rodriguez at Saturday's belated "C Troop Christmas Dinner" at Dalton's National Guard Armory. The event was delayed due to the number of troops being trained during the holidays for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

"I know what I'm supposed to be doing, but it's still one-and-a-half years he'll be gone," she said. "The first time it was two months before I ever heard from him. All I saw was what was on TV and it was scary."

Specialist Ramiro Rodriguez was on the ground in Afghanistan the first week of October 2001, less than one month after the 9-11 attacks, but cannot reveal his unit's role there at the time.

"It was rough and ready before," he did say of his first trip to the war zone, before joining Charlie Troop. "Nothing was set up, and we had to build everything up from scratch. I mean, it was just open fields. This time it will be a lot less work."

"Charlie Cobra," as the unit likes to call itself, is not the same outfit that mobilized and deployed to Iraq in 2005. Formerly Charlie Company of the 108th Armor attached to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, they refitted from being part of a tank battalion to become the 108th Cavalry with other northwest Georgia companies in 2006. The "light infantry" unit does reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition, said company commander Capt. Jason Lewis.

"We've been doing a lot of



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Specialist Dana Rice of Chatsworth salutes the flag during the pledge of allegiance as his daughter Avery, 3, looks up at him while saluting as well Saturday at the National Guard Armory.

squad-level and platoon-level training, and will go to Fort Shelby (Miss.) in March to be assessed for deployment readiness before we go to Afghanistan," he said. "It's tough on our families, but we want to make sure our guys come back. You can see the kind of support we have here today."

Approximately 320 people crammed into the armory on Crawford Street, and after the luncheon heard from Mayor David Pennington. He informed the families he had used the power of his office and e-mailed Santa — and on cue the great Claus himself bounded through the door to the

kids' delight. Vera Williamson, whose son Pfc. Jimmy Williamson is deploying, said, "I hate it, but I know it's something they have to do. I just

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Laura Cleary, with the Whitfield County Chapter of the Red Cross, sorts through food in the chapter's food bank this past week.

# Acts of giving dwindle after holidays end

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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You've lost your job. The mortgage on your home is late. And you can't find a job — anywhere. What do you do?

Fortunately, the charities and ministries that worked so hard to meet needs during the holiday season are still here. But people and businesses who give to nonprofits are now having to make hard decisions in light of the slowing economy.

"Donations are down, but requests for help are higher than ever," said Michelle Smith, director of information and referrals for the United Way of Northwest Georgia. Smith said some giving up to this point has been sacrificial.

"A lot of families who are able will help provide for

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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.**

"To the 88-year-old self-assured driver: If it just were not for those convenience stores that happen to pull out in front of you and get in the way."

"I was getting eight stations with my regular antenna but with this converter box I'm getting nothing. Isn't our government wonderful?"

"The obvious answer to the bombing of the Gaza Strip is for Hamas to say, if you'll stop, we'll stop."

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chatsworth Judge Ron Wilson on the passing of his mother, Orlean Wilson."

"I buy The Daily Citizen every day but didn't get a calendar. How can I get one?"

**Please come by our office on Thornton Avenue.**

"The credit card charging high fees is why everyone is bankrupting in our nation. That's like the Mafia to me."

**Editor's note: Personal responsibility?**

"To the boastful Dolphins fan, Don Shula, Bob Griese and Larry Csonka aren't coming back. Good luck in the playoffs."

"C'mon McDonald's. Charging for ketchup packets? What's next, are you going to charge for my tray liner?"

"Congratulations to Kentucky for winning their bowl game. I am sure my dad back in Glasgow, Ky. is smiling."

"Where did all those Georgia Tech hats and shirts go?"

"Whatever happened to those small desk calendars with the tear-off months. They are so handy but I can't find one anywhere."

"Happy birthday to our wonderful pastor and friend, Susan Tankersley."

"That woman with all those babies needs to get fixed or get a job. That's what's wrong with the system now."

"I am really sick of these economists like Walter Williams telling us the free market would save us. When you're on the deficit end of that equation, it ain't free."

"You want a good hamburger, go to Cornerstone Grill. That's a good hamburger."

"Can anyone do anything about the four-way stop on Fifth Avenue. People go through that stop sign like it's not even there."

"I like Baby Blues and Zits in the comics. If I need a chuckle in the morning, I get one when I read them."

"Georgia dropped its fuel tax 4 cents a gallon and yet the price of gas goes up 5-6 cents a gallon in Chatsworth and Murray County. Does the word profiteering mean anything to you people?"

**Editor's note: Like any other business, gas merchants in Murray County can set their prices as they like.**

"Since when did Haig Mill Lake become a posh vacation spot or a hot fishing village?"

"It's ridiculous that merchants are charging us for mustard and ketchup. It's always been free and they could consider that."

**Editor's note: I suspect the cost of food has been included in the overall cost of your food. It hasn't**

**been free.**

"People in the city who are complaining about their garbage should live in the county where you have to pay Super Garbage \$24 a month to pick it up once a week. And it goes up every year."

"If you would print the Forum and obituaries on the front page, my wife wouldn't even have to open the paper."

"What medical purpose do eyebrows serve?"

"Why is someone building a new shopping center on Cleveland Highway when there is a perfectly good shopping center right next to it with many empty buildings."

**Economics 101**  
 "Isn't it ironic how Georgia reduces its gas tax by 4 cents and the next day the service stations raise it by 9 cents. It sounds to me like there's a dadgone yahoo in the woodpile .... named Sonny."

"Just like Reagan one time put a freeze on gas prices, Bush could have done that if he wanted to."

**Editor's note: Reagan never put a cap on gas prices.**

"Who can we call to get an auditor to come in here and check Dalton Utilities?"

"It's very derogatory and demeaning to call someone honey, sweetie or baby. C'mon folks, straighten up."

**Editor's note: I disagree, toots.**

"Mayor Pennington needs to be careful about what services he cuts. These great firemen and police officers are of great necessity and doing a great job."

"We've been waiting 12 years to get that light on Shugart Road. Wait your turn."

"Thanks for that big calendar."

"Sam Little still has two campaign signs in front of Pleasant Grove Elementary School."

"How can my power bill be \$265 when only two people on fixed incomes live in the house? I know we couldn't have used that much power."

"To the person who wants to find something made in America: Go to the maternity ward at the Dalton hospital and you'll find a whole lot made in America."

"The front page of today's paper looked so nice. It was just a joy to open it up and look at it. You're doing a good job."

**Editor's note: News editor Wes Chance says thanks.**

"We don't need another traffic light in this town. The reason people speed up now at red lights is they're tired of stopping every 500 feet to wait on one vehicle or maybe no vehicles to pull out into the highway."

"Maybe the county can take a couple of those loads of gravel they are putting on the ballfields in Westside and fill up chug holes on Airport Road."

"I can't believe anyone would be so naive as to send gold jewelry to anyone in the mail."

"I noticed someone made a smart remark about the free calendar in today's paper. I really appreciate it."

"I agree with the 88-year-old driver who said the problem was people pulling out in front of you. My husband is 80 and drives better than most people in Dalton. At least he doesn't talk on a cell phone or text while he's driving."

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**Guard**

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put it in the Lord's hands and hope that everything will be OK."

She added she was proud of the support of so many military families at the gathering.

"It means a whole lot to the men," she said. "It lets them know we're going to be thinking of them."

First Sgt. Darrell Walker, who will be leaving a wife and seven children behind, said the "outpouring" of support helps relatives meet each other and "stand firm" during the deployment.

"Every unit in the Army is supposed to have a Family Readiness Group," he said. "They vary in their effectiveness, but this one is particularly strong. There are a lot of young moms in this group, and we'll have people from the community like financial counselors come in and work with them, or direct those with financial or emotional hardships to get help. Let's face it, in most cases there will be no help coming from the front lines."

His wife, Kate, says the group makes a difference in the soldiers' lives thousands of miles away. "He's not a safe soldier if he's worried about his family back home, and he's a risk to his fellow soldiers," she said. "We take care of things back home so he doesn't have to worry about it, whether that be emotional or material things. Anyone who wants to join can get on our contact list, and we welcome anyone with deployed family members — they don't have to be



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

**Charlie Troop commander Capt. Jason Lewis speaks to his troops and their families Saturday at the Christmas luncheon.**

training together on week-ends, and it gives the families a chance to get to know each other."

Former Operation Desert Storm vet Rick Brown heads up an effort to help deployed soldiers called Operation Uplift.

"We started with one church and now we have four companies on board," he said. "Those four private companies sponsored this dinner today. It's gotten to be a Christmas effort now. From my time over there I can tell you it's not as much what was sent, but why (the items) were being sent."

A total of 84 men from Charlie Troop will be deploying. The 108th also has companies in Calhoun, Canton, Cedartown and Rome. For more information on the area Family Readiness Group, call (770) 262-6316.

Grant said he is "trying to keep a positive attitude."

"The majority of us have not been deployed, but we've been taught culture, language and terrain along with our other training," he said. "It will be a different ball game from Iraq, from what I've been told. But today, this is more than a Christmas party. This gives us a chance to get to know the guys we'll be spending the next year with, since we've only been



**Dalton Mayor David Pennington speaks to the troops and their families Saturday before introducing Santa Claus.**

**Man's last lotto ticket wins \$10M for widow**

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — On the day that Donald Peters died, he unknowingly provided financial security for his wife of 59 years and their family.

Peters bought two Connecticut Lottery tickets at a local 7-Eleven store on Nov. 1 as part of a 20-year tradition he shared with his wife Charlotte. Later that day, the 79-year-old retired hat factory worker suffered a fatal heart attack while working in his yard in Danbury.

On Friday, his widow cashed in one of the tickets: a \$10 million winner which, in her grief over her husband's death, she had put aside and almost discarded before recently checking the numbers.

"I'm numb," Charlotte Peters, 78, said at Connecticut Lottery headquarters in Rocky Hill.

Donald Peters usually bought the tickets for 10 weeks at a stretch, so the winning ticket he bought Nov. 1 for the Dec. 2 drawing was among several that Charlotte Peters put aside as she, their three children and two grandchildren coped with his sudden death.

"I was in the grocery store and I had it checked and they told me I was a winner," she said. "I had no idea how much it was."

She said she thought she had won \$6 million but was

surprised to learn from lottery officials she'd won \$10 million.

Charlotte Peters has 60 days to decide whether to take a \$6 million pre-tax lump sum payment or stretch the winnings into 21 yearly payments of almost \$477,300 each.

She does not yet know what she will do with the money.

"I've always wanted a Corvette, but I don't think

I'll buy one. I'll stick to a small car. I might go to Mohegan Sun," she said, referring to the casino in Connecticut. "I'm going to go home and sit and think."

The Peters children think their father would have appreciated the irony.

"He'd be very mad, he just passed away and she won a lot of money," said Brian Peters, one of the couple's three children. "He'd say, 'Figures!'"

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Brandi Ellis  
**AGE:** 17  
**HOME:** Chatsworth  
**FAMILY:** Mother, Trina Ellis; father, David Ellis; brothers, Alex and Chace Ellis  
**SCHOOL:** Murray County High  
**PLAY:** Cheerleading, gymnastics, video games, swimming, hanging out with friends  
**SHE SAID:** "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it."



# Dalton police to target speeders near schools

**SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This month, the Dalton Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit, with the help of the Patrol Division, will target motorists exceeding the school zone speed limits near Dalton High School and Roan School.

Motorists traveling in the area of Dalton High School are reminded that the posted speed limit from 7 to 9 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday is 30 mph in the school zone. The zone runs from the flashing yellow warning lights just east of the east end of Manly Drive to just west of the west end of Manly Drive where it inter-

sects with Waugh Street. Motorists traveling in the area of Roan School are reminded that the posted speed limit from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday is 30 mph in the school zone on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The zone runs from just west of Grimes Street to just east of Grade Street.

# Family and Friends of Deployed Soldiers announces meeting dates

The 2009 meeting schedule for Family and Friends of Deployed Soldiers is Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Chatsworth. Meetings are open to any family members or friends of soldiers already deployed or about to be deployed.

The church is on West Cherokee Street. For more information, call Lorri Harrison at (706) 279-4993, the Chatsworth-Murray Chamber of Commerce at (706) 695-6060 or the Murray County chapter of the American Red Cross at (706) 695-7605, or e-mail lrharrison@hotmail.com.

## AREA ARRESTS

- Michael Louis Ramirez, 23, 460 Ellis Circle, Chattanooga, was charged Saturday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of marijuana (less than one ounce).
- Brandon Chad Guinn, 28, 5229 Cohutta Varnell Road, Cohutta, was charged Saturday by the Eton Police Department with possession of marijuana (less than one ounce) and affray (fighting).
- Rigoberto Rangel Barragan, 31, 206 Dycus Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, driving with no license on person, and violation of required position and methods of turning at intersections.
- Bobby Craig Bennett,

- 49, 4004 Walt Madron St., Cohutta, was charged Saturday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, obstruction of an officer, too fast for conditions, driving while license withdrawn, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to provide assistance and report an accident (two counts), failure to drive within a single lane, and violation of duty while striking a fixture.
- Dawn Marie Green, 41, Old Chattanooga Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with possession of methamphetamine, possession of Schedule IV drugs (two counts), violation of drugs to be kept in original container, possession of tools

- for the commission of a crime and obstruction of an officer.
- Gregory Alan Patillo, 28, 2709 Citico Ave., Chattanooga, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, speeding, and driving while license withdrawn.
- Bryce Nathaniel Gibson, 19, 93 Prince Beam Road, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of marijuana (less than one ounce), possession of drug-related object and speeding.
- Jerry Richard Boyd, 24, 640 Ledford Ave. SE, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking (motor vehicle).

# CHECK FOR CANCER



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Marty Ingle, left, and Marilyn Martin, right, owners of Sassi & Co., recently presented a check to Natalie Phipps, community manager of the American Cancer Society. Sassi & Co. donated 10 percent of all wig sales to the local American Cancer Society office for the months of October and November. Sassi & Co. is a wig, accessory boutique, hair and nail salon in Bry-Man's Plaza North.

# E-mail etiquette class offered

**SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Everyone, a half-day workshop designed to help those who regularly use e-mail in their work learn what's appropriate and what's not. Led by instructor Tangel Johnson, the course will also teach participants how to write clearly and use appropriate tone. There will be plenty of group and individual exercises as well as tips that will help participants with their individual and professional communications.



Johnson

A poorly written, unprofessional e-mail can cause unnecessary misunderstanding between individuals and a loss of customers to a business. In the current economic environment, losing valuable customers because of poorly constructed employee e-mails is an unfortunate and avoidable mistake. The Center for Continuing Education at Dalton State College offers E-mail Etiquette for

The course is offered at Dalton State's James E. Brown Center on Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$139. For more information or to register, interested individuals can visit the Web site at [www.daltonstate.edu/cce](http://www.daltonstate.edu/cce) or call the center at (706) 272-4454.

# 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](mailto: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!*

## WINTER LEAGUES NOW FORMING

Southern Combo Doubles and Mixed Doubles Leagues are now forming.

Mixed will play on Sunday afternoons @ 2:00 p.m. beginning Jan. 11

Combo will play on Monday & Tuesday nights @ 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 12

Also, back by popular demand: Flex Singles League.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tobacco tax a good option

To the editor:

The year 2009 is one in which a growing number of children in Georgia's low income families are at risk for adverse outcomes due to reduced access to health care. More than one million children in low income families in Georgia depend on the safety net of Medicaid and PeachCare.

At a time when many parents have lost their job or had their hours reduced, an increasing number of families are applying for Medicaid or PeachCare for their children. Meanwhile, Georgia faces \$2 billion budget deficit. This shortfall threatens all state programs, including Medicaid and PeachCare.

Proposals to bridge the funding gap include raising tax revenues by allowing Sunday liquor sales and the imposition of a Quality Assessment Fee (QAF) on HMOs. Additional state revenues estimated at \$107 million from the QAF and \$5 million from the Sunday sales tax would thereby be raised.

A logical alternative would be to raise the state cigarette tax from its current rate of 37 cents a pack, which ranks 43rd out of 50 states. The national average is \$1.19 per pack.

Raising the cigarette tax to \$1 a pack would bring in approximately \$400 million per year of state revenue. Such revenues could eliminate the threat of reduced access to care for Georgia's children in low income families. National experts believe that increased cigarette taxes can also reduce rates of teen smoking.

Uninsured children from low income families suffer adverse health consequences. They experience preventable ER visits, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions. Coverage under Medicaid or PeachCare is a very cost-effective way to prevent these complications, lessen the burden of uncompensated care on Georgia's hospitals and reduce cost-shifting to private sector payers.

For the health and safety of Georgia's youngest citizens, we encourage the Georgia General Assembly and Gov. Sonny Perdue to give strong consideration to an increase in Georgia's cigarette to \$1 per pack in the 2009 session.

**Martin C. Michaels, MD, FAAP**  
Founding Partner, Peds Care P.C. Dalton

#### Man seeking info on slain Union soldiers

To the editor:

I am writing with regard to my trying to locate the burial locations of two Union officers, Capt. Henry Clay Bartlett and Lt. Joseph L. Miller, both of the 33d New Jersey Infantry.

On May 8, 1864, during the Battle of Dug Gap, the 33d N.J., attached to the 20th Corps., made an assault on the Confederate works just south of Dug Gap. Making the ridge, Capt. Bartlett was mortally wounded, his second in command Lt. Miller took charge of the company, but was shot. He continued to rally his troops, but a final shot would silence him. Because both men wore Masonic pins on their breast they were taken to the bottom of the mountain. Miller was cared for by some Confederate soldiers by a creek near West Dug Gap Mountain Road, he would die later from his wounds. Edward Freylach granted permission for both soldiers to be buried on his farm.

After speaking with Marvin Sowder, he had mentioned that sometime in early part of the 20th century Milton Ryman Sr. had request the Union soldiers be moved to a cemetery. This request was denied. Marvin went on to speak of stories from children walking along Dug Gap Road on their way home from school. They would talk about having to pass the cemetery near the Ryman house.

My hopes are to locate an elderly resident from Dalton or someone whom the story was passed down to. They might remember these stories and know the approximate location of the soldiers. I have spoken with Leona Freylach, wife of David Freylach; now deceased. No one from the family ever spoke of the burials.

Once the remains are found, I plan on removing them to a cemetery in Bartlett's home town in New Jersey. Here he will rest with his family. Lt. Miller has been accepted to the same cemetery. I am in constant contact with the ancestors of Capt. Bartlett and am seeking out the family of Lt. Miller. I have also been in contact with Bobbie Dixon (Whitfield coroner), Milton Ryman Jr., Christine Neil (Georgia Historical Preservation) and Delyn Ellis (president of Ryman Farm Association), just to name a few.

About four weeks ago I had a piece of land just south of the Ryman Farm along Dug Gap Road surveyed using ground penetrating radar. We received some hits, but will need to do another survey. To save money and time I felt it important to reach out to the community for more information.

If anyone has information that could help, please contact me by phone at 917-902-2496 or 718-984-9340 or by e-mail at capt.henryc.bartlett@gmail.com.

**Gary Abrams**  
Staten Island, N.Y.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Titus 2:11-12

**Thought for Today:** "Sometimes history takes things into its own hands."

**Thurgood Marshall**  
U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1908-1993

## Sweet, sweet times

My Aunt Helen died recently.

I spoke briefly at her funeral and botched the job miserably. She deserved better, yet in her day would have forgiven my ineptitude with a laugh, a radiant smile and an invitation to share a libation.

I don't plan on regaling you with stories of my aunt's life. You didn't know her and I didn't know her well enough.

But for me she was a tantalizing part of the intricate tapestry that is my family.

If the Espys — my daddy's clan — were a painting, we would be part Grandma Moses, part Charles Addams (with a Confederate twist.)

We are a family of small town, rural America — in most of the good ways and a few of the not-so-good.

But in my eyes Aunt Helen was a little different.

She hadn't stayed around in Summerville like most of the family. She went off to the big city, married, had two sons and lived her life largely in a different orbit than us.

Aunt Helen worked in Atlanta as a federal court reporter. She became a city girl in many ways.

One thing that brought her back to us was Lake Weiss, the "Crappie Capital of the World." Just over the Georgia-Alabama line, Lake Weiss was an easy drive from Summerville and my family has had ties to it for years.

My grandparents owned a wonderful lot there for many years. Granddaddy had a big pontoon boat anchored in a cove and the fishing nearby was excellent. In fact, that's where I learned to fish and learned to love to fish.

Just down the shore a few hundred yards was another fine lot. Aunt Helen owned it and often spent time there

when she could.

Her two sons, Gary and Dale, were often with her.

It was Gary who taught me how to swim.

He did this in c h o o t s



**Jimmy Espy**

with my older brother. I had more or less learned to swim in a pool but was still unsure of myself. Gary fixed that.

He did so by picking me up and tossing me as far out in the lake as he could lob me.

I went in a non-swimmer and came out the new Johnny Weismuller.

Gary also convinced me that he had a submarine parked under the fishing dock. I had seen some very detailed cut-away drawings of a two-man submarine that his brother had done and Gary insisted they had built the craft and submerged it under the dock.

I chose to believe him.

Aunt Helen later wisened me up, but she said that after seeing the look of disappointment on my face she wished she had gone along with the story.

(If she had, I'd probably still believe that sub was sitting submerged in the crappie-loaded waters of Lake Weiss.)

The older I got the less I saw of my aunt.

She retired to Lake Weiss and lived for years like one of those fine old belles in a Truman Capote novel.

Aunt Helen liked to have a drink — and I don't mean sarsaparilla — and she wasn't shy about it.

That might not have played so well with a lot of Deep South folks. But as I said

before, Aunt Helen did her own thing. I like to think her disinclination to be steam-rolled by the standards of others is a manifestation of a genetic code we share.

We are not the only ones in the Espy family marked by a proclivity for eccentricity. I have in mind my irascible Uncle David, currently serving as commander of the 1st Brigade Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I also think of my fine Uncle Gene, joyfully digging through stacks and stacks of dusty old books, looking for one more good find.

Family is a funny thing.

Like most young people I wanted my family to be as ordinary and average as I assumed everyone else's was.

Norman Rockwell normal.

We never were and now I know that a lot of my friend's families weren't so normal as they may have seemed.

But the richer lesson I have learned is to not take comfort in the sameness of my clan, but to revel in our more colorful pursuits.

I like to think of David in his Rebel general's uniform.

I like to think of my grandfather sipping Falstaff and shooting squirrels out of tree-tops with a .22, with my little brother at his side.

I like it that my Cousin Jason and his girlfriend once put on their prom finest ... and went to the mall.

Hell, anybody can be normal.

You gotta be a little different to run with us.

Aunt Helen was.  
Bye, bye sweetie.

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## Bush: Not a tough act to follow

As giddy with anticipation as a schoolgirl, NPR reports that a record 5 million people will attend Barack Obama's inauguration this month.

Ever the inquisitive columnist, I have examined these claims, determined that NPR might be right on this one, and got a nice tote bag from them for my efforts. Worry not about the impact on the economy; even with four or five million Obama supporters in Washington for the inaugural festivities, only 28 of them will be missing work.

NPR, as we all know, is National Public Radio, which will be in an enviable position once the Democrats in Congress silence the free market of ideas which is talk radio. NPR is the monotonous talking points of the left, subsidized with our tax dollars and pressurized pledge drives which seem to take place 365 days a year. If you are wondering what Congress would like your news and information stream to be like in the future, look no further than Castro's state-owned paper that talks about him in every issue, or Oprah's O Magazine, dedicated to her and to her struggles with her

weight.

Please do not misinterpret my view of Obama. I am pulling for him and, I must say, so far so good. He has an easy act to follow in George W.

Bush, who solidified his position with me as perhaps our worst president when he ignored the will of the country and Congress in giving Detroit all that bailout money (better known as "rearranging the deck chairs on Titanic"). Bush, with help from Cheney, has tried to establish an imperial presidency. In doing so, he has always found the desires of Congress and the American people to be quaint and amusing. But W feels he knows best. That would be fine, if he had been right more often.

As a result of bad choices and the betrayal of fundamental principles, W's approval ratings are the lowest of any modern president.

The only thing Bush is still above is the law.

Except for lowering taxes and appointing two good Supreme Court Justices in Roberts and Alito, Bush has been big government disaster. He was the "Outside the Beltway" Texas governor who was going to cut spending and bring Washington under control; instead, he oversaw the biggest expansion of government in modern times. And the most tragic effect of the Bush legacy is that he has set the conservative/libertarian ideology back 20 years. He did so by not being a conservative or a libertarian.

Now all that is left for him is to pardon a few folks and try to burnish his legacy. To date he has pardoned fewer felons than his predecessors. My guess is that even criminals don't want a pardon from W because they don't want to be too closely associated with him.

In retirement, I trust George will begin reading all those security briefing memos that he never got around to, and perhaps he can read a book about why Iraqi Sunnis will never get along with Shiites. Now

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Sunday, Jan. 4**, the fourth day of 2009. There are 361 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:**

Two hundred years ago, on Jan. 4, 1809, Louis Braille, inventor of the Braille raised-dot reading system for the blind, was born in Coupvray, France.

**On this date:**

In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

In 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul.

In 1960, Nobel Prize-winning French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address. Poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Md.

In 2007, Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.

**Ten years ago:** Europe's new currency, the euro, got off to a strong start on its first trading day, rising against the dollar on world currency markets.

**Five years ago:** In Iowa, seven of the nine Democratic presidential hopefuls participated in a feisty, first debate of the election year.

**One year ago:** The government reported that the nation's jobless rate hit 5 percent in December 2007, a two-year high, fanning recession fears.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Actress Barbara Rush is 82. Actress Dyan Cannon is 72. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 72. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 66. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 54. Actress Ann Magnuson is 53. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 53. Country singer Patty Loveless is 52. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) is 49. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 47. Actor Dave Foley is 46. Actress Julia Ormond is 44. Country singer Deana Carter is 43.

would be a good time to understand that, before he wasted a trillion dollars and our worldwide reputation on invading there, he should have had at least a nodding acquaintance with the situation.

Bush might as well bet the hard eight and intercede in the latest Mideast mess again. What with presiding over not finding bin Laden, a real estate meltdown, never vetoing a pork barrel spending bill, meddling in Iraq, blurring the church and state separation, fighting Islamic religious fanatics by each day asking his God what to do, nationalizing businesses, and leaving us with \$3 trillion more in debt and a flat stock market for eight years, Bush can now rest on his laurels.

The White House has been called on to answer for the Iraq War, which has been called the worst foreign policy blunder in history. That seems to me to be unfair and premature; Bush still has two more weeks in office.

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Pfc. Keith Stiles of Chatsworth holds his son Zach, 3, as they wait in line to see Santa Saturday at the National Guard Armory.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Santa arrives at the National Guard Armory Saturday to deliver gifts to children during the C Troop Christmas Dinner. See these and other photos of this event online at [thedaltoncitizen.zenfolio.com](http://thedaltoncitizen.zenfolio.com).



Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Boyles serves up gravy to specialist Patrick Sullivan of Sandy Springs Saturday.

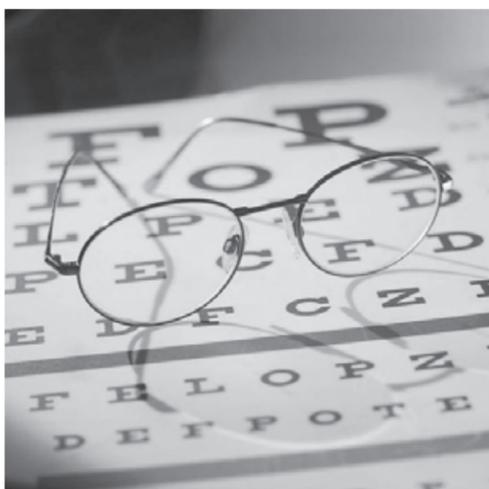
Isaac Mason, 2, seems a little unsure of some cranberry sauce offered by his father Pfc. Wallace Mason Saturday at the National Guard Armory.

Sgt. Jose Ayala, of Cherokee County, feeds his daughter, Abigail, 1, at the National Guard Armory Saturday. Below, soldiers and families gather at the Armory.

More photos of this event are available on line at:  
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**BRIEFS**

**Powerful quakes kill 3 in Indonesia**

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A series of powerful earthquakes at dawn killed at least three people and injured dozens more in remote eastern Indonesia on Sunday, cutting power lines and badly damaging buildings. A 7.6-magnitude quake struck about 85 miles from Manokwari, Papua. It was followed by a strong 7.5 aftershock. Three bodies were found including a 10-year-old girl. Papua police chief Maj. Gen. Bagus Ekodanto said he received reports that a hotel and rice warehouse had been "destroyed," but he did not know if anyone had died.

**Superintendent to fill Senate vacancy**

DENVER — Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter on Saturday named Denver's public schools superintendent as his choice to fill a Senate vacancy that will be created by the promotion of Sen. Ken Salazar to interior secretary in the Obama administration. The move surprised many Republicans and Democrats, who considered schools superintendent Michael Bennet a dark horse candidate for the Senate spot because of his lack of legislative experience. The 44-year-old Democrat has never campaigned for or held public office. Bennet had been mentioned as a possible choice for President-elect Barack Obama's education secretary, but Obama chose 44-year-old Arne Duncan, chief executive officer of Chicago public schools for the Cabinet post.

**Opposition wins Ghana presidency**

ACCRA, Ghana — Opposition leader John Atta Mills was declared Ghana's next president Saturday in a peaceful ballot that secured the West African nation's place as a beacon of democracy on a volatile continent. The country is one of the few in Africa to successfully transfer power twice from one legitimately elected leader to another, proof that Ghana's democracy has truly matured after an era of coups and dictatorship in the 1970s and 1980s. But tensions still ran high in what became the closest vote in Ghana's history, and some feared violence could erupt as it did earlier this year in Kenya — an East African nation that also was a model of stability until a similarly tight 2007 ballot unleashed weeks of tribal bloodshed.

**Marine Corps to improve flak vests**

BAGHDAD — Acting on widespread complaints from its troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Marine Corps has ordered major modifications to its body armor to improve comfort, mobility and safety. The decision results from a survey of more than 1,000 Marines, many of whom reported that their flak jackets, which cost the Marine Corps more than \$100 million, were too heavy and restrictive. Body armor has been an issue since the Iraq war began in 2003. The Army reportedly had a shortage of the ceramic protective plates needed to make vests effective, and lawmakers demanded answers from the Department of Defense after reports surfaced of soldiers' families buying the plates themselves and sending them to Iraq.

# Israelis expect lengthy fight

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Thousands of Israeli troops backed by columns of tanks and helicopter gunships launched a ground offensive in Gaza Saturday night, with officials saying they expected a lengthy fight in the densely populated territory after eight days of punishing airstrikes failed to halt militant rocket attacks on Israel.

The incursion set off fierce clashes with Palestinian militants and Gaza's Hamas rulers vowed the coastal strip would be a "graveyard" for Israelis forces. "This will not be easy and it will not be short," Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said on national television about two hours after ground troops moved in.

The night sky over Gaza was lit by the flash of bullets and balls of fire from tank shells. Sounds of explosions were heard across Gaza City, the territory's biggest city, and high-rise buildings shook from the bigger booms.

Troops with camouflage face paint marching single file. As the

ground troops moved in, Israel kept pounding Gaza with airstrikes. F-16 warplanes hit three targets within a few minutes, including a main Hamas security compound.

Witnesses in Gaza said that in the first phase, Israeli ground forces had moved several hundred yards inside Gaza. Israeli security officials said initial clashes with militants took place in open fields and soldiers did not immediately move into Gaza's crowded cities, where warfare would likely get much deadlier.

"We have many, many targets," Israeli army spokeswoman Maj. Avital Leibovich told CNN. "To my estimation, it will be a lengthy operation."

Israeli leaders said the operation, known as Cast Lead, was meant to quell militant rocket and mortar fire on southern Israel. They said it would not end quickly but that the objective was not to reoccupy Gaza or topple Hamas. The depth and intensity will depend in part on parallel diplomatic efforts that so far haven't yielded a truce pro-



AP PHOTO

**Israel infantry soldiers gather on the border just before leaving Israel for the northern Gaza Strip Saturday. Israeli tanks and infantry entered Gaza after nightfall Saturday, launching a much anticipated ground offensive in a widening war on Gaza's Hamas rulers.**

posal acceptable to Israel, the officials said.

In the airborne phase of

Israel's onslaught, militants were not deterred from bombarding southern Israel with more than 400 rockets — including dozens that extended deeper into Israel than ever before. They fired six rockets into Israel in the first few hours after the ground push began, the military said.

One rocket scored a direct hit on a house in the southern city of Ashkelon earlier Saturday and another struck a bomb shelter there, leaving its above-ground entrance scarred by shrapnel and blasting a parked bus.

"I don't want to disillusion anybody and residents of the south will go through difficult days," Barak said. "We do not seek war but we will not abandon our citizens to the ongoing Hamas attacks."

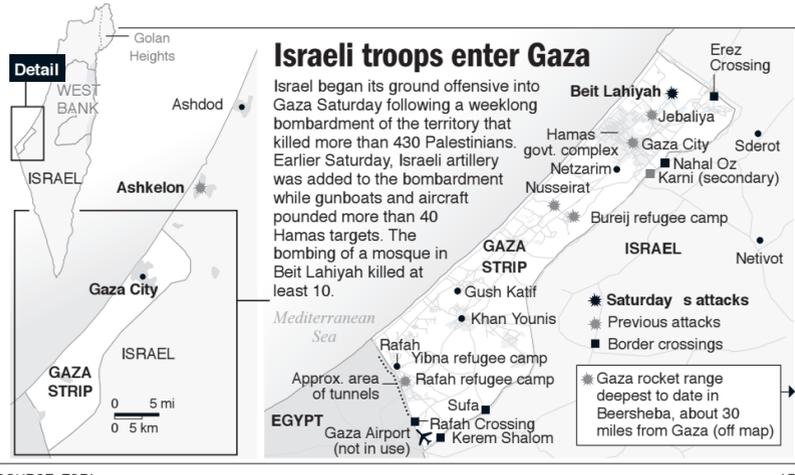
**Arabs call for immediate cease-fire**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Arab nations demanded Saturday that the United Nations Security Council call for an immediate cease-fire following Israel's launch of a ground offensive in Gaza, a view echoed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Libya circulated a draft statement to council members before emergency council consultations began expressing "serious concern at the escalation of the situation in Gaza" following Israel's ground assault and calling on Israel and Hamas "to stop immediately all military activities."

The 15-member council then met behind closed doors to discuss a proposed presidential statement that would also call for all parties to address the humanitarian and economic needs in Gaza, including by opening border crossings.

Council diplomats said the United States opposed the presidential statement because it was similar to a press statement issued by members after Israeli warplanes launched the offensive a week ago that was not heeded. Presidential statements become part of the council's official record but press statements are weaker and do not.



SOURCE: ESRI

AP

## Coping: Fewer donations hurting area agencies

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Christmas for others, then won't have money for other things," she explained.

Smith said the top needs during the winter season for those who have less are food, rent and utilities help, and medicines.

"We're doing a blanket drive soon, because we know not everyone will be able to pay their utility bills and will have to go without heat," she said. "Historically, this increases with layoffs and when work slows down. This year will probably be worse."

The "entry point" for United Way services is the phone number 2-1-1.

Pat Thompson, event coordinator for the Salvation Army on North Thornton Avenue in Dalton, agrees that "the need for rent and utilities increases during the coldest months."

"Donations fall off when Christmas stops, both food and financial contributions," Thompson said. "But we pull through, because normally we have donations of food throughout the year and our (Christmas) kettle campaign helps carry us over. And we put out pleas — that people are still cold and need help — through our local media. We also ask our board (of directors) to tell their friends by word of mouth."

Thompson said requests for help have increased 30 percent "across the board" but that rent and utility requests are "way up."

"We're having to turn away 35 to 100 people a month already," she said.

People requesting help for rent or utilities must have a past due bill or a letter from their landlord saying the payment of the bill will give the renter another 30 days.

"We always call to back up the claim," Thompson said.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

**Brice Johnston, a volunteer with the Whitfield County Chapter of the American Red Cross, sorts through cans for the chapter's food bank.**

**COUNTING HOMELESS**

During the last week in January, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will work with communities around the state to count homeless families and individuals in Georgia. The local partner is the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp. The count will provide data on families and individuals who meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of homelessness.

The Dalton Organization of Churches United for People (DOC-UP) provides utility/rent help and referrals to food banks. Betty Brant

with DOC-UP said the organization is also receiving requests for mortgage help.

"That's almost impossible for us to do," she said. "Most mortgage companies want a full payment, not a partial, and we're not able to do that. There are more people coming in and less money to distribute."

She added DOC-UP has been seeing an increase of 10 families each day needing help at its facility on the corner of Emery Street and Valley Drive.

The Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp. does offer mortgage help. The agency can negotiate with mortgage companies on behalf of homeowners free of charge. But it can't renegotiate once someone is in bankruptcy, and

once repossession has started, it's often too late.

Gaile Jennings, the agency's executive director, said people should call the Development Corp. as soon as they know they will miss their first mortgage payment. The quicker the agency can start to work, the more likely it is something can be worked out.

The Development Corp. is a nonprofit formed in 2003 to help increase home ownership, reduce homelessness and decrease foreclosures. The phone number is (706) 876-1630.

One ministry, Harvest Outreach, is holding a fundraiser for its own utility bill on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the North Georgia Fairgrounds on Legion Drive in Dalton.

"We're continuing to feed people three times a day, anywhere from 75 to 200 meals a day," said director Sheila Reed. "All our donations have been going to food, and the utility bill has gotten away from us — and it's astronomically high."

The all-day fundraiser will include singer Allen Coleman of No Greater Love as well as other gospel groups. Barbecue and hot dog plates will be sold.

Reed said donations of coats, blankets and thermal underwear will be welcome. They will be distributed at Harvest Outreach's storefront ministry at 207 E. Morris St. in Dalton.

Roy Johnson with Providence Ministries in Dalton said the organization is "maintaining right now, but I hope we don't have to make do with less."

Johnson said media and public attention is focused on Thanksgiving and Christmas, but Providence Ministries officials feel compelled to feed up to 500 people each day, while also

helping with transitional housing needs, funding two children's homes, and providing drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

"There's a lot of people who are only a few paychecks away from having a real problem in life and that's not just in the blue collar sector," he said. "We're also seeing more senior citizens on fixed incomes, and with the layoffs we're seeing new faces all the time, people who thought they'd never have to come."

Johnson said 1 Thessalonians 5:24 in the Bible is the "cornerstone" of their faith ministry: "Faithful is he who calls you, and also will do it."

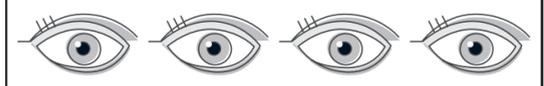
"We work like it all depends on us, and pray like it all depends on God," he said. "This is serious, life and death work, especially in alcohol and drug recovery. Some people are on God's last stop sign in life — and we never know when that is."



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# Rookie Running Club returns for '09

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Registration is under way for Dalton State's most popular fitness course, Four Months to a 5K: Roadrunners Beginners Running Club. For those looking to start an exercise program in the new year, Running Club may be just the ticket. The class starts Monday, Jan. 12.

"Last year, we had 88 rookie runners sign up for this course which culminated with the running of the Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic in the spring," said Pam Partain, director of continuing education for Dalton State. "Instructor Margie Bruner has designed a marvelous class that mixes fun with fitness, encouragement with education, all designed to get former potatoes (and others!) off the couch and onto their feet. It's low pressure and high energy and a lot of fun for everybody."

Area experts will rotate through the Monday evening classes, sharing tips on everything from nutrition to gear to technique to motivation. Exercise sessions will build in intensity over the 16 weeks of the program. Monday evenings will include a short exercise



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**Last year more than 50 Running Club Roadrunners ran the Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic as a team; some even won awards. Registration is under way**

session after class. Sunday afternoons, Running Club members will meet for informal practice runs. On May 2, club members will run the Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic as a team. Every club member gets a team shirt and the

club gathers the night before the Classic for a carbo-loading pasta dinner at the James E. Brown Center.

"For those who are somewhat anxious about launching into an exercise program, Running Club can be an ideal solution,"

**for this year's Running Club which starts Monday, Jan. 12, at Dalton State and culminates with the Gregory Classic in the spring.**

Partain said. "We start slow and build up, and there are plenty who never advance beyond a brisk walk — and that's OK, too. The real point is that there's a lot of support and camaraderie as well as structure and guidance.

Margie is a terrific coach and everybody feels good about their progress."

For more information about the course, call the Center for Continuing Education at (706) 272-4454 or visit online at [www.daltonstate.edu/cee](http://www.daltonstate.edu/cee).

## YouTube tips police to fight suspects

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Investigators in Ohio say they have YouTube to thank for arrests in connection with a large disturbance.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office said Friday it arrested two people and issued warrants for three others for the fight in Twinsburg Township outside Akron.

Sheriff's Patrol Commander Major Roger Kline says people were already leaving the scene when police arrived at the disturbance in October.

But then police got a tip that someone had posted a five-minute, 16-second video of the fight on the YouTube video-sharing Web service.

Police said they were able to identify suspects after watching the video and conferring with Twinsburg High School teachers and administrators.

## Car driven into restaurant

ATLANTA (AP) — Police say an unidentified man became so angry when told in a Chili's restaurant he had to wait for a table that he left and drove his car into the side of the building.

According to a police report, a witness said the man walked into the restaurant and sat down. The man was told to get up and wait to be seated.

According to the report the man said, "I've been waiting for over 30 minutes now."

Authorities said no one was injured and the man fled the scene before police arrived.

The report said he caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to the restaurant.

# Lawyer gets 5-cent IRS bill, 4-cent refund

DETROIT (AP) — James Howarth is a little confused by two letters he has received from the Internal Revenue Service.

The Detroit defense lawyer received one letter in November that said he owed the IRS money — five cents.

He was warned that he should

pay "to avoid additional penalty and/or interest," the Detroit Free Press reported Saturday.

Howarth says he then received a second letter telling him the government owes him money — four cents.

He was told he would have to request the refund since it's less

than \$1.

"When I owe them a nickel, I must pay them. It's not optional," he said. "But when they owe me, I have to ask for it."

Howarth says he's not sure if there is a connection between the two notices, or if the refund represents a recalculation of the

original bill.

The perplexed lawyer says he called an IRS 800 telephone number but gave up after spending a long time on hold.

IRS spokesman Luis D. Garcia says the agency doesn't comment on individual accounts.

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From left are C.L. Dunn, Northwest Elementary School principal; Levi Anderson, fifth-grade student; and Jo Ann Huggins, assistant 4-H program leader.

## Northwest 5th-grader awarded a computer

SUBMITTED BY NORTHWEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Personal computers were on the Christmas wish list of many youth this season, and thanks to the Georgia 4-H program, 50 students got their wish. One state winner is Levi Anderson, a Murray County fifth-grade student attending Northwest Elementary School.

The need-a-computer program began eight years ago in Walton County as a project of the McCarthy family, who still assist with the project today. In 2003, the Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team took the project to the state level. The team accepts computer donations all year, refurbishes them, and stores them in a room donated by StorageMart of Athens.

To apply for the free computers, students must be a 4-H member and a fifth-through twelfth-grade student. The student must fill out an application and write an essay detailing why he or she wants and needs a computer. The students submit letters of reference from their teachers, pastors and community leaders. This year the Youth Technology Leadership Team and its leaders received 160 applications for the 50 computers. They reviewed and ranked each application before selecting the winners.

The winning students must write thank-you letters to the program donors and the 4-H technology leadership team. The program truly touches lives and helps students, while promoting the 4-H motto of "making the best better."

## Comment sought on state hunting regulations Thursday

SUBMITTED BY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division will hold a public meeting in Dalton on Thursday for comments on the development of hunting regulations for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 hunting seasons.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Memorial Building at Dalton State College.

Proposed changes to hunting regulations will be considered by the Board of Natural Resources in May 2009.

Participants may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing. Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak, officials say.

Participants must register upon arrival and indicate if they plan to give a statement. Those unable to attend may submit written statements by Jan. 16. Statements should be mailed to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, Game Management Section, Attn: John Bowers, 2070 U.S. Highway 278 S.E., Social Circle, GA 30025.

The meeting site is accessible to people with physical disabilities. For more information, visit the Wildlife Resources Division Web site at [www.gohuntgeorgia.com](http://www.gohuntgeorgia.com) or contact Hunter Services at (770) 761-3044.

# Size no object for short cop

BY EMILY NIPPS  
St. Petersburg Times

When the Tampa Police Department needs a touch of compassion — someone who can roll into any situation and defuse it with a calm, tolerant demeanor — they know just the guy.

He's like a superhero of sorts, a man of many powers. His specialty is children, especially those who have been abused, as he has a knack for dealing with them, literally, eye to eye. His mere presence can calm a thrashing, fighting criminal. Thugs just don't feel like taking a punch when they see him.

His supervisor says he's great for crawling through small windows or tossing on roofs or over fences. He can do it all, it seems ... except maybe put you in a standing headlock. Or dunk a basketball.

Go ahead and make a wisecrack. Officer Mike Ruiz, not quite 4 feet 11, has pretty much heard it all.

For someone who stopped growing in middle school, "Mikey" (as some of his friends and colleagues call him) picked a tough job. Fighting the bad guys isn't always easy when you're half their size.

But by the time he joined the Police Department 15 years ago, Ruiz, now 38, had become used to proving people wrong.

He was among the smallest kids at Robinson High School, where he wrestled for three years. His parents sent him to the doctor for a series of tests to find out why he wasn't growing, but his doctor determined it was genetics. (Ruiz also had a small uncle.) He doesn't have dwarfism, which is characterized by short limbs and other physical traits. He's just short.

After high school, Ruiz wasn't sure what he wanted to do for a living. He spent a couple of years in the Army, deflecting the taunting of his supervisors. When he got out, a police officer friend of his suggested he try law enforcement.

He spent a few years as a reserve officer when Tampa police had a hiring freeze. It was the only time he wondered if his size was holding him back. A veteran police officer once told him to think about another line of work as Ruiz applied to 37 law enforcement agencies around the state. But Ruiz, who now lives in



SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS PHOTO

Police officer Michael Ruiz, left, compares written statements with Sgt. Mark Delage outside a home where they responded to a disturbance call.

Brooksville, held strong to something his mother once told him.

"Consider the source," she said.

It's his mantra when anyone says something unkind, and really, his approach to people in general.

Ruiz has a policy to "be the nicest guy in the world to you" until he has a reason to treat you otherwise. Everyone is a ma'am or a sir. Everyone deserves to tell his side of the story.

"Interestingly, (his size has) caused him to be a really good communicator," said Sgt. Mark Delage, Ruiz's supervisor. "He's learned a lot of different techniques to make up for his lack of height and, a lot of times, the big bad guys don't feel as threatened by him as they would by someone my size (5-feet 9 inches). I probably don't speak to people as compassionately as he does."

Sometimes killing with kindness doesn't do the trick. That's when having a gun, Taser, baton and handcuffs — the utility belt, as Ruiz calls it — comes in handy.

"I may not be as big as the bad guys, but when it's time

to go to jail, it's time to go to jail," Ruiz said.

"This," he said, pointing to his utility belt, "makes me as big as I need to be."

Edward Vance Davis Jr. has called on Officer Ruiz a few times to fight crime in his Tampa neighborhood. Davis remembers his first meeting with Ruiz after someone stole his son's handheld video game device.

"I remember thinking, 'How can he be a cop? He's so little,'" the 6-foot-1 Davis said. "My son's bigger than him, and my son's 12."

Davis barely notices Ruiz's size now.

"He's an excellent officer," he said. "This neighborhood used to be one of the quietest neighborhoods but got bad after people started stealing and drug dealing. When he started patrolling this area, things started getting back to normal."

His colleagues have noticed that criminals are less likely to attack or fight with Ruiz.

"There's not that challenge factor with him," Sgt. Delage said. "People who are prone to violent behavior, with that alpha personality,

thrive on the challenge of taking on someone their size or bigger."

Still, Ruiz has gotten into his share of scuffles, like the time a 14-year-old girl attacked him early in his career, and when he got a concussion after trying to take down a relentless thief. (The girl was apprehended, and the thief wound up with a broken leg.) He has learned special techniques to physically restrain people larger than he.

But his most helpful techniques — by far — have nothing to do with strength or size.

### Horse Liniment Erases Pain

HALEAH, FL — An ingredient often used to treat inflammation in racehorse legs, is now back on the market in its original doctor recommended formula.

According to a national drug store survey, the formula at one time became so popular that it rose to the top of pharmacy sales for topical pain relievers. But the company marketing the product at the time changed the formula and sales plummeted. One of the inventors of the original formula has brought it back to the market under the trade name ARTH ARREST and says it can relieve pain for millions.

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## Preservation Commission cancels meet

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The commission will hold its next meeting on Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the West Hill Chapel.

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## OBITUARIES

• **Glenn Cooper, Cohutta**  
• **Otis T. Dyer, Dalton**  
• **Mark Brent Muse**  
• **Raymonia Spivey, Chatsworth**  
• **John Frank Williams, Dalton**  
• **Nelia Burchfield Wehunt, Dalton**  
• **Gilford W. Woods, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com)

### 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; son Jack H. Cooper.

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.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at Cohutta First Baptist Church with the Rev. Truett Nimmons officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at [www.julian-peeples.com](http://www.julian-peeples.com).

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



Cooper

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call 706-259-7455. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Otis T. Dyer

Mr. Otis T. Dyer, 76, of Dalton, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was a member of East Side Baptist Church.

He was the son of the late Clay Dyer and Virgie Dyer Huggins and was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Dyer and Wesley Dyer; sisters, Pearl Teasley and Barbara Dyer.

Otis is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Betty Gravley Dyer of Dalton; daughter, Linda Meaux of Dalton; son-in-law, Carl "Moe" Meaux of Dalton; sister, Gwen Miller of Dalton; brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Jackie Dyer of Calhoun, Arthur and Tootsie Huggins, LeRoy and Mary Huggins, all of Dalton; grandchildren, Shana Findley Gomillion and Billy, Shane and Leah Meaux all of Dalton; great-grandchild, Drew Gomillion of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. James Brownlee officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the Love Funeral Home today after 5 p.m.

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

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

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### Mark Brent Muse

Mr. Mark Brent Muse, 39, of Monroe and formerly of Resaca, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Walton Medical Center.

Mr. Muse was born on July 5, 1969, in Whitfield County, the son of Douglas Howard Muse and Mildred Burger Muse. He was a graduate of Gordon Central High School, Class of 1987, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was employed in the avionics industry.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Truman and Annie Burger, and Edgar and Velma Muse.

Mr. Muse is survived by his wife, Beth Muse of the home; one daughter, Ashley Muse; a son, Mason Muse; mother, Mildred Muse of Resaca; father and stepmother, Doug and Zannie Muse of Resaca; sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Ed Williams of Calhoun; nephews, Tyler and Emmie Williams of Ringgold; niece, Lauren Williams of Calhoun; four step-sisters and their husbands, Shirley and Paul Wilkey of Calhoun, Nena and Danny White of Resaca, Sue and Kerry Hix of Chatsworth, Pamela and Boyd Kimbrell of Dalton; two stepbrothers, Jimmy Fennell of Resaca, Danny Fennell and his wife, Deborah, of Dalton; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home in Calhoun with the Rev. Eugene Williams, the Rev. Trammell Campbell and the Rev. Dwaine Shadix officiating. Pallbearers serving will include Nathan Fennell, Jay Burger, Ben Staten III, Lee Burger, Jeff Burger, Norris Burger, Danny Fennell and Anthony White.

Burial will be in Haven of Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guestbook may be signed at [www.maxbrannonandsons.com](http://www.maxbrannonandsons.com)

Family owned and operated Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Raymonia Spivey

Raymonia Spivey, 89, of Chatsworth, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at her home.

She was of the Baptist faith, an avid gardener, and she loved to fish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Spivey; infant daughter, Beverly Spivey; parents, Tinker and Sula Dixon Headrick; stepmother, Nola Dunn Headrick; sisters Mildred Cline Rich, Mary Jo (Tootsie) Cox, Jeanette Kersey Cox; and brother, Leroy Headrick.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Betty Spivey and Gary and Jean Spivey of Chatsworth; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gary Green of Clayton; brothers, Jimmy Headrick of Benton, Tenn., Tommy Headrick and Billy Headrick of Cleveland, Tenn., Steve Headrick of Crandall; sisters, Betty Morris, Emma Mae Cox, Aline Bandy and Bobbie Hawkins of Dalton and Wanda Baggett of Chatsworth; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; special caregivers, Connie Hill and Sandra Davis. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Heartlite Hospice.

Services were Saturday from the chapel of Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth with Gary Lewis and Randall Massengill officiating. Burial was in Murray Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends Friday.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Heartlite Hospice and to the Murray County Senior Center.

Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of

the funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### John Frank Williams

Mr. John Frank Williams, 64, of Dalton departed this life Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Mr. Williams was born May 6, 1944, in Whitfield County, son of the late Charlie and Beulah Williams. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Bobby, Emit and Horace Williams.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife Ruth Williams of Dalton; sons Samuel John Frank Williams, Jeremiah Samuel Williams; daughters and sons-in-law Tammy and Mark Sullivan, all of Dalton, Sherry Lorene and Russell Whyder of Cleveland, Tenn.; sisters and brothers-in-law Marcel and the Rev. John Nicholson, Faye and Billy Greene, all of Dalton, Gladys Jackson of Resaca, Nellie Shoemaker of Chatsworth; seven grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. John Frank Williams will be on Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. John Nicholson and Billy Greene officiating. He will be laid to rest in the church cemetery.

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

Visit [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com) to share words of comfort and memories with the Williams 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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### Nelia Burchfield Wehunt

Mrs. Nelia Burchfield Wehunt, 92, of Dalton died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at her residence.

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

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### Gilford W. Woods

Mr. Gilford W. Woods, 82, of Dalton, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at his residence.

He was the son of the late Ruben and Nellie Corn Woods and was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Lewallen Woods and his brothers and sisters.

Gilford was of the Church of God faith.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Lavada and David Williams of Dalton; uncle, Wilburn Woods of Chattanooga; nieces and nephews.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Junior Clayton officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 4 to 8 p.m.

The family asks that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to the Valley Brook Church of God, 722 Mineral Springs Road, Dalton, GA 30720.

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

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## Study: Women worry more, spend less

By JENNIFER WELLS  
Toronto Globe and Mail

As the great baseball philosopher Satchel Paige once said, "Money and women. They're two of the strongest things in the world." Paige got that right.

And the thing about women is, they see money differently than men do.

Make that starkly differently.

In assessing consumer attitudes toward the economic downturn, The Boston Consulting Group found that women are far more likely than men to worry about debt levels and job loss and are suffering a greater emotional toll as a result. Concretely, 65 percent of women say they plan to decrease spending in the next 12 months, versus 58 percent of men.

"In general we find that women do have more concern, more anxiety about economic health," says Nan DasGupta, Boston Consulting partner and managing director. "But this striking difference in this downturn is something really not to be ignored."

Consider that in a survey of 1,000 Canadian households, 30 percent of women responded that they feel insecure about their current finances while only 19 percent of men do. Forty-one percent of women responded that they feel like they are carrying too much debt while only 27 percent of men expressed the same view.

"That's a big difference when objectively it's the same house you're speaking to; it's just people's different perceptions of their debt levels," said Cliff Grevler, who heads Boston Consulting's consumer-goods practice in Canada. "This emotional toll that women are suffering during the downturn, to a much greater degree than men, is very significant."

The impact of the divergent sentiments between the sexes could be profound.

"What we think is less understood, or less talked about but is becoming an important force, is more the power of the influence of women in how money is spent," DasGupta said.

Since 1980, the overall per-

capita earnings of Canadians have gone up and that, she said, has been solely attributable to the impact women have had in the earnings force.

"What we think that means is — and we've seen it in our discussions with women — women now actually have more control and more say as to what the money gets spent on."

Boston Consulting projects that within 20 years the mean income of women will surpass that of men.

Mix financial decision-making with women's feeling stressed about the economic downturn and what do you get? "I think companies are in for some unexpected behavior," says DasGupta, particularly those tracking data that do not account for gender differences. "I think companies have not in the past really thought specifically about what the concerns are emotionally of their women customers."

DasGupta particularly cites the financial-services industry, where she focuses much of her practice at Boston Consulting, as a sector that has failed to

effectively address this key consumer.

"Companies have known for a long time that this shift has been under way, but somehow have not managed to change their business models to really go after those unaddressed needs of women," she says. "What women are looking for, more so than men, in their financial relationships is much more of a personal connection, much more listening. They're looking for much more education versus condescension. And they're looking to have those types of discussions with their advisers in a very safe environment."

Other industries are not left off the hook. In a global study to be released next fall on women's driving the Canadian economy, Boston Consulting will add cars, life insurance and car insurance to the top of the list of industries with which women feel the least satisfaction. Grevler added that women are "feeling the emotional toll of the economic downturn. And they're at the rock face trying to deal with it."

## Assembly preview Thursday

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will host a "Good Morning, Dalton, Legislative Preview Breakfast" on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. Area legislators will give an overview of the upcoming General

Assembly. Tickets must be ordered by noon on Monday and space is limited.

Doors will open at 7:15 a.m. The cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$23 for non-members. To purchase tickets, log on to [daltonchamber.org](http://daltonchamber.org) or call (706) 278-7373.

## Dalton City Council to meet Wednesday

The mayor and council of the city of Dalton will hold their first meeting of 2009 on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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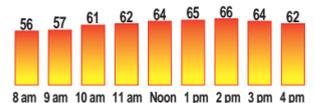
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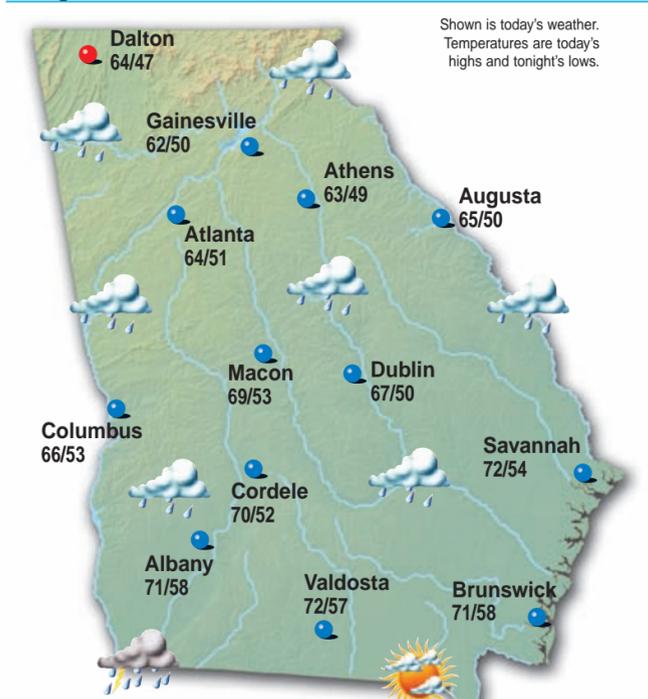
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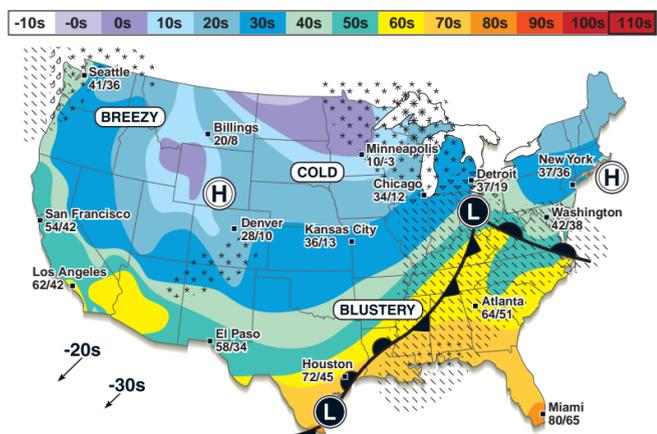
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Georgia Weather



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Augusta	65/50/sh	71/47/sh	60/49/r	Newton	74/56/t	71/54/sh	75/48/r
Brunswick	71/58/pc	73/57/sh	71/57/pc	Rome	68/45/sh	58/40/c	56/45/r
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National Weather for January 4, 2009



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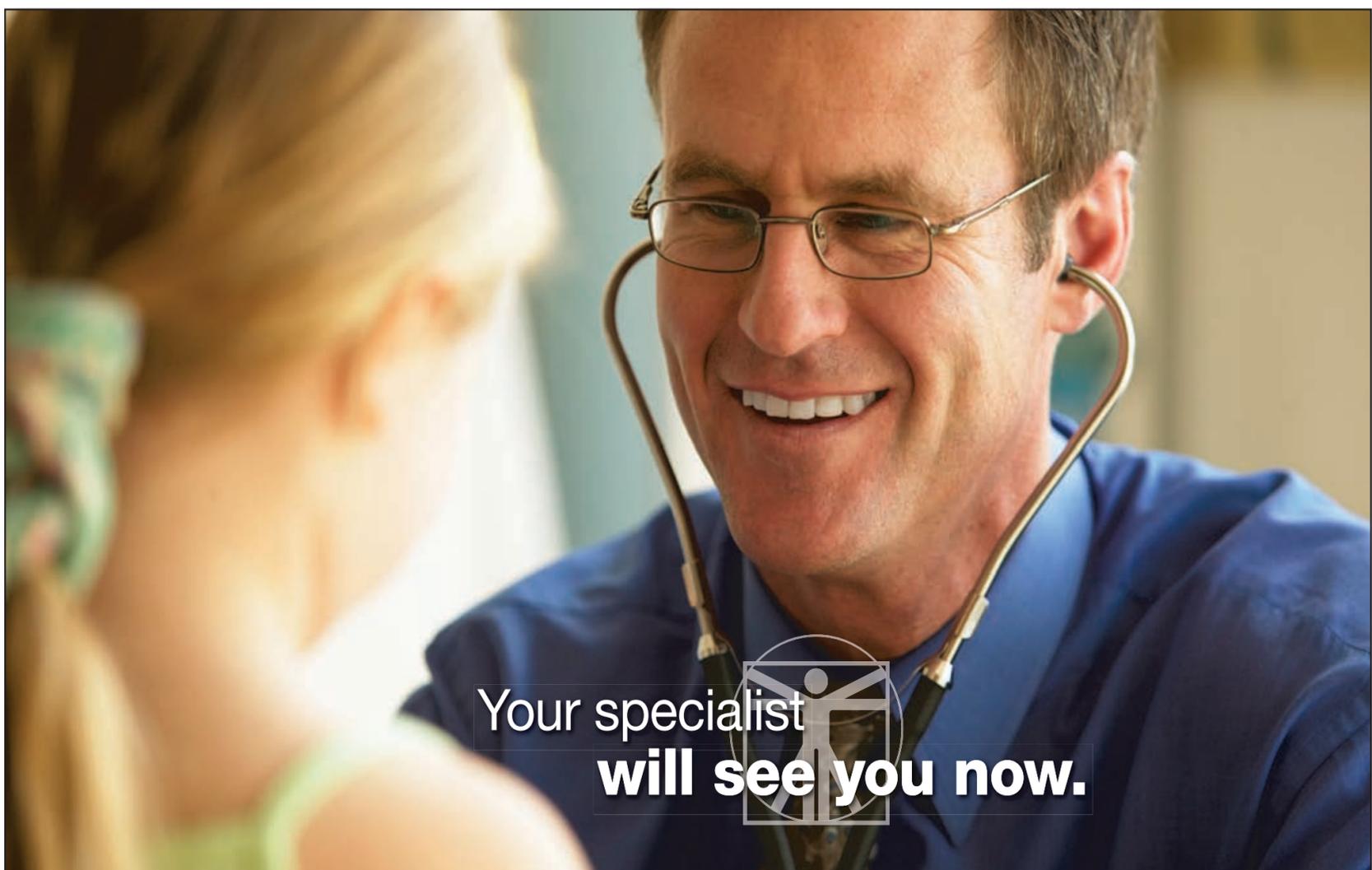
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Anchorage	0/-12/s	0/-12/s	4/-6/s	Miami	80/65/pc	80/65/s	81/69/s
Baltimore	41/33/sh	46/25/pc	38/32/c	Milwaukee	30/10/sn	23/20/s	28/21/c
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Detroit	37/19/i	24/17/s	31/24/c	Salt Lake City	16/8/s	30/22/sn	40/28/sn
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Las Vegas	53/32/s	53/32/pc	59/37/pc	Seattle	41/36/r	46/37/r	48/41/r
Los Angeles	62/42/pc	61/46/pc	66/50/s	Wash., DC	42/38/r	47/29/c	37/32/c

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Berlin	27/21/pc	23/14/sn	24/16/s	Paris	35/31/pc	37/19/sf	25/19/pc
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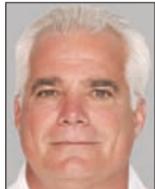
# Falcons lose battle of birds

## Cards shut down Atlanta's season

By **BOB BAUM**

Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have consecutive home playoff victories — 61 years apart.



Smith



Ryan

win the NFL championship in 1947.

"A lot of people coming into this game said we were the worst playoff team ever to get in," Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "... I think we rallied around that."

Atlanta rookie Matt Ryan was intercepted twice, was tackled in the end zone for a safety and fumbled the ball away on a botched

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handoff. That fumble was returned 27 yards by Antrel Rolle 52 seconds into the second half to put Arizona ahead for good.

Everyone knew the Cardinals could pass, but a stout defense and effective running game were a bonus.

"You have to really give credit first to their defense," Falcons guard Harvey Dahl said. "They did an outstanding job. They were flying all over the place."

Atlanta's 60 yards rushing represented a season low.

"We couldn't run the ball," Falcons wide receiver Roddy White said. "We had to throw it around a little bit more than we're used to. Things like that kind of put us behind the 8-ball."

Arizona's Edgerrin James outgained Atlanta's Michael Turner, the NFL's No. 2 rusher.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage," Falcons coach Mike Smith said of the Cardinals' defense.

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AP PHOTO

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald hauls in a 42-yard touchdown pass from Kurt Warner as Atlanta's Lawyer Milloy (36) and Chris Houston (23) defend during the first quarter of their NFC wild card playoff game in Glendale, Ariz., on Saturday. The Cardinals won, 30-24, to claim their first franchise playoff victory in 61 years. Atlanta's season ended at 11-6.



AP PHOTO

San Diego running back Darren Sproles slips past Indianapolis' Bob Sanders (21) and Antoine Bethea during the second quarter of their AFC wild card playoff game on Saturday.

# Sproles, S.D. move on

By **BERNIE WILSON**

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Peyton Manning has his MVP award and nothing more, outdone again in January by the San Diego Chargers.

Speedy little Darren Sproles scooted 22 yards for the winning score 6:20 into overtime and the Chargers beat the Colts 23-17 in an AFC wild-card game Saturday night, ending Indianapolis' nine-game winning streak a day after Manning won his third Associated Press NFL MVP award.

Sproles came up big on a night when the Chargers played the final 2 1/2 quarters without LaDainian Tomlinson, who stood on the sideline in obvious discomfort from a groin injury.

Fifty years after the Baltimore

Colts won the first overtime game in league history by the same score over the New York Giants for the NFL title, Indianapolis wasn't so fortunate. It was victimized by Sproles, who rushed 23 times for 105 yards, caught five passes for 45 yards, had 106 yards on four kickoff returns and 72 on three punt runbacks.

The Chargers (9-8) won the overtime toss. Indy's Darrell Reid called heads, but referee Ron Winter's flip came up tails. Sproles sent the Chargers into the second round of the playoffs, either at Tennessee or Pittsburgh, by finishing off the only series of overtime with his TD run around left end against an exhausted defense for the Colts (12-5).

It was the 25th overtime game in

the postseason, including one game in the AFL. The last overtime game in the playoffs was last season's NFC title game, won by the New York Giants and Manning's little brother, Eli, against Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

San Diego's Nate Kaeding kicked a 26-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining, tying the game and sending it into overtime.

Manning, the league's Most Valuable Player for the third time, passed for 266 yards in the first three quarters, while Rivers threw for 150 yards.

The game was the fourth between the teams in the last two seasons and their second straight playoff matchup. San Diego won a 28-24 decision last January at Indianapolis.

## PREP SPORTS: ROUNDUP

# Familiar finish for Murray basketball

By **ADAM KROHN**

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FORT OGLETHORPE — For the second time this season, Murray County's basketball teams took on Region 6-3A's Lakeview Fort-Oglethorpe.



Linder

Although they were the road team this time around, the Indians and Lady Indians got the same mixed results.

The boys won, 85-57, and the girls fell, 75-61, on Saturday at LFO. On Nov. 21, the two teams opened the season against each other in Chatsworth with the Indians winning, 72-39, and Lady Indians losing, 74-45.

In Saturday's non-region game, the Indians (8-2) picked up right where they left off against the Warriors, opening with a 17-0 run thanks to easy baskets off their

full-court press. LFO didn't score its first points until Seth Weaver made a free throw with 2:52 left in the first quarter, but the Warriors went on a 10-0 run to end the period down 21-12.

The Warriors stayed on Murray in the second quarter and closed to within 21-16 before the Indians upped the lead to 40-28 going into halftime. LFO's final basket of the half was LaGreg Burns' 35-foot 3-pointer that banked in as the buzzer sounded.

"That was the only thing that concerned me," Indians coach Greg Linder said. "We got a little bit lackadaisical in the second quarter. Really after that 17-point run, we kind of let them back in the game. We didn't defend very well and we have to do a better job, when we have a team down, of keeping the pressure on them."

With the luxury of a 12-point lead, the Indians paced the

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Murray County Lady Indians point guard Tember Marchant splits LFO's Maddison Smith, left, and Haley Gilbert as she passes from underneath the basket during a non-region game in Fort Oglethorpe on Saturday. The Lady Indians lost 75-61, but the Indians won 85-57.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Gators DBs have come a long way

By **MARK LONG**

Associated Press Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Florida cornerback Joe Haden arrived in Miami with a new haircut, a fitting style for the Bowl Championship Series title game.

He had "BCS 1" shaved into the left side of his head and a star along with his number, 5, on the right. It could be considered a bold move, especially since the Gators are getting ready to face high-scoring Oklahoma in the championship game Thursday.

But given the way Haden and the rest of Florida's secondary have played this season, they have reason to be confident heading into their toughest test.

"It's definitely not guaranteeing victory," Haden said Saturday. "It's not like that. We made it to the championship game."

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: ALABAMA SEASON WRAPUP

## Tide's quick turnaround surprised



AP PHOTO

Running back Glen Coffee, left, and senior quarterback John Parker Wilson were two of the biggest factors in Alabama's surprisingly successful 2008 season, its second under coach Nick Saban.

BY JOHN ZENOR

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — It wasn't supposed to happen this fast.

Sure, there were signs that Nick Saban had Alabama on its way back, with the big-time recruits making their way into the fold giving hope for a bright future and a fan base adopting the attitude that it was just a matter of time.

Turns out those newcomers provided the few missing pieces to the Crimson Tide's roster. The result was a 12-0 regular season and more than a month spent atop the national rankings, before the dream season crumbled with losses to Florida in the Southeastern Conference championship game and No. 7 Utah in the Sugar Bowl, 31-17 Friday night.

Alabama still went from 7-6 to 12-2, the most dramatic improvement for a coach's second year in school history. Senior center Antoine Caldwell figures the 2008 group should be remembered as "the team that kind of turned the corner for Alabama."

The Tide's loss to the Utes showed maybe Saban & Co. haven't arrived just yet as worthy national title contenders, the kind of team with not just a strong starting group but the depth to overcome key losses. Alabama navigated the season with no costly injuries or significant off-the-field issues until the end.

Star left tackle Andre Smith was suspended for the Sugar Bowl for alleged dealings with an agent and replacement Mike Johnson — normally a starting



Saban

guard — exited early with a right ankle injury and didn't come back.

That thrust freshman tackle John Michael Boswell and sophomore David Ross into the fire; Alabama wound up yielding eight sacks and managing just 31 yards rushing.

"We're still building quality depth on our team," Saban said.

The Tide also fell 31-20 to the Gators in the SEC title game with a shot at the BCS national championship on the line. It was still marked progress for a team that had hovered around .500 the previous two seasons.

"I think we have kind of turned things around from the first few years I was here," senior quarterback John Parker Wilson said. "I think we changed the attitude, the mentality of the team, that we can go out there and play with everybody."

The Tide offered an indication of that with a 34-10 thrashing of preseason Top 10 team Clemson in the opener. 'Bama gave the regular season a nice bookend with a 36-0 win over Auburn to end a six-year losing streak in the rivalry.

Junior nose guard Terrence Cody figures the coaches will make sure he and his teammates remember the final two games during the offseason as much as the big wins.

"When we're running and doing all our workouts they're probably going to hang these losses up to make us work harder," the All-America junior college transfer said. "Two losses in a row and a loss in the Sugar Bowl to Utah is kind of upsetting."

Even though the Tide had only nine scholarship seniors, the losses will be significant for next season. Gone are three-year starting quarterback Wilson,

All-America center Antoine Caldwell and All-America safety Rashad Johnson.

Plus, All-SEC tailback Glen Coffee and the Outland Trophy-winning Smith were exploring moves to the NFL instead of returning for their senior seasons. The All-American Cody has already said he's coming back.

Saban has traced his team's evolution to last year's Independence Bowl victory, when the players started to buy into his way of doing things. Now comes the next challenge: Sustaining success.

"I think the circumstances are entirely different now," Saban said. "We're going to have to have a little different approach to be able to continue to grow and develop the culture of success we want to have and the standard of excellence we're trying to aspire to. Players are going to have to make a different kind of commitment because they can't be satisfied."

The biggest spring battle will be to replace Wilson, the school's all-time leading passer. Backup Greg McElroy has played in eight games the past two seasons, completing 16-of-20 passes for 196 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

Freshman Star Jackson redshirted this season. He was rated as the nation's No. 2 scrambling quarterback by Rivals.com coming out of Lake Worth (Fla.) High School.

"I think this will be a great spring for us from the standpoint of competition," offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Jim McElwain said. "I think each one of them, we've got to find out exactly what they do best and then how it's going to fit with the rest of our offense."

## BCS: The big one

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"It's the No. 1 game. I just wanted to do something different."

The Gators (12-1) would like to do something different on the field, too. They want to be the first this season to slow down the Sooners (12-1), who have set all sorts of offensive records while becoming the first major college team in 89 years to score at least 60 points in five consecutive games.

Although Florida believes getting pressure on Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford is the key to keeping Oklahoma out of the end zone, there's little doubt the secondary will play an equally vital role.

"It's definitely the way we want it," Haden said. "We wanted it like that the whole season. We feel like the way we practice and the way we've been playing, we're confident we can get the job done."

That wasn't always the case. The Gators struggled most of last season in coverage. Haden and safety Major Wright started as freshmen, and their inexperience showed. Florida gave up 260 yards a game through the air, more than defensive coordinator Charlie Strong wanted and more than any of the players expected a year after the Gators won the 2006 national championship with defense.

LSU, Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina pretty much threw the ball at will against Florida's secondary.

Troy and Florida Atlantic also had success, but the real eye-opener came against Michigan in the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day.

The Wolverines racked up 524 yards of offense and scored on seven of 13 possessions. It could have been worse, too, had it not been for four Michigan turnovers.

The Gators couldn't tackle Mike Hart, couldn't pressure Chad Henne and couldn't cover Adrian Arrington or Mario Manningham. The 41-35 loss haunted defensive players throughout the off-season.

It also served as motivation. "We (stunk) that game," Wright said. "We knew we couldn't have another game like that. Now, we're more dedicated. We don't want to let the man beside us down."

Although the Gators have been considerably better this season — they allowed 85 fewer yards passing a game — things haven't been perfect. The secondary shouldered much of the blame for a 31-30 loss against Mississippi, Florida's only defeat on the way to Miami.

With the game tied at 24 and the Rebels facing a third-and-7 from their 14, Jevan Snead found Shay Hodge open behind Wright for an 86-yard touchdown with about 5 minutes to play. That proved to be the difference, and it reminded players, coaches and fans of the meltdown against Michigan.

"We're not going to let ourselves play like that anymore," Haden said. "This is a whole different team."

## Brown pounds out 261 in UConn bowl victory

BY JOHN WAWROW

Associated Press Writer

TORONTO — The University of Connecticut's Donald Brown showed he has nothing left to prove at the college level.

Brown ran for a career-best 261 yards in his final college game, helping the fumble-prone Huskies overcome a mistake-filled first half and defeat Buffalo 38-20 in the International Bowl on Saturday.

After becoming the 14th player in major college history to run for 2,000 yards in a season, the junior running back broke the bad news to UConn fans.

"OK, tell them, bud," coach Randy Edsall said,

slapping Brown on the back at the postgame interview table.

"I'm not coming back," Brown said. "I'm going to pursue the NFL."

He then apologized for saying three weeks ago that he planned to return to Connecticut for his senior season. The nation's leading rusher said he made the commitment to return to stop speculation and negate a potential distraction for his team heading into the game at Toronto.

"I apologize for quote, unquote lying, but I did it to protect my team," Brown said. "They mean the world to me, so I'm willing to put my neck on the line for them."

## Roundup: Dalton wins duals tourney

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Warriors in the third quarter, outscoring them 22-19 to open up a 15-point margin.

In the fourth, Murray finished the game the way it started, with the defense pressuring LFO into turnovers that translated to easy baskets, and the Indians went on a 10-0 run in a three-minute span toward the beginning of the fourth.

That led to Linder resting the starters with four minutes left, and the bench held its own, outscoring the Warriors starters 8-3 to close the game.

Garrick Sanford led the Indians with 25 points — 15 in the first half — on 4-for-9 3-point shooting and added five rebounds and two steals.

"We came out from our last game against Dade County at the (Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center) with a bad taste in our mouth," Sanford said, "and we just wanted to come out and put LFO away real quick and go in and play Northwest (Whitfield) on Tuesday in a (Region 7-4A) game."

Tanner Long chipped in 16 points and Chase Sanford added 12. Chandler Puryear scored six points and pulled down six rebounds.

In girls action, the Lady Indians (6-5) shot a remarkable 20-for-24 from the foul line — including Tember Marchant's 8-for-8 performance — but it wasn't enough to stop LFO's Kayla Weaver, who topped her 25-point performance in the season opener with 30 points. As in the first meeting, Weaver made five 3-pointers.

The senior's eight first-quarter points helped the Lady Warriors to a 22-9 lead. Jasmin Carey's eight second-quarter points — she finished with 20 — propelled LFO to a 40-21 half-time margin.

But the Lady Indians went to their full-court press in the third quarter, changing up the game



Murray County's Garrick Sanford, left, and LFO's Justin Walker scramble for a loose ball during their game on Saturday. Sanford scored a game-high 25 points.

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tempo and disrupting LFO's rhythm. Murray outscored the Lady Warriors 21-16 to make it a 14-point game.

In the fourth, the Lady Indians never got any closer than 13 as Weaver again burned them from the outside, hitting three more 3s to keep Murray at a distance as both teams put up 21 points.

"I told the girls at half-time to play it quarter by quarter and come back in this ball game," said Lady Indians coach Traci Rankin. "And that's exactly what the girls did. We outscored them in the third quarter and we tied them in the fourth and that's what we've got to do."

Rankin has confidence in her team moving forward during the region schedule.

"I think we feel strong," Rankin said. "I know we're going to be up against Northwest and Osborne, which hasn't lost any games. We're in a tough region, I never said that we wouldn't be, but I think we're going to be right in the thick of things."

"We're not going to sink to the bottom, we're going to be right in the middle of it. We know that and that's where we want to be."

Marchant finished with 15 points, while Lindsay Watts added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Brittney Spence had nine points.

■ **Murray County JV boys 45, LFO 30:** Chase Jones scored 10 points and Chris Thompson added eight and Noah Bishop seven for the Indians (4-0).

All nine Indians that played scored. Jordan Tamer led the Warriors with 11.

■ **Murray County JV girls 33, LFO 30:** Kolby Keener and Kellie Newport scored eight points each for the Lady Indians (2-2), while Kayla Stanley finished with six.

■ **Murray County 9th girls 38, LFO 36:** Kellie Newport tossed in 10 points and Megan Bramlett had nine for the Lady Indians. Savannah Summers had a 13 points for Gilmer.

## Wrestling

■ Dalton High finished first at the South Paulding Duals, winning its final two matches in its original tourney pool before going 1-1 in the championship pool against Henry County and Grissom, Ala.

The Catamounts (25-6), who finished 7-0 in their pool to advance to the championship round, wrapped up the first portion of the two-day duals event with a 44-30 victory against Heritage-Catoosa and an 84-0 win against Villa Rica.

Dalton lost 47-28 to Henry County, but beat Grissom 42-31. Grissom beat Henry County, creating a three-way tie for first in

the pool, but the Cats earned the title via their total points in the championship pool matches. Henry County was second and Grissom third.

For the Cats, Jordan White (112-pound weight class), Christian Washington (119), Henry Torres (125), Renaldo Torres (135), Taylor Duckworth (160) and Henson Toland (189) all went 4-0 on Saturday.

■ Northwest placed second at Woodland's junior varsity tournament, finishing with 153.5 points and 16 medalists at the event, which was won by Creekview with 173 points. Blessed Trinity (73 points) was third, Sonoraville (68) fourth and Woodland (53) fifth in the 10-team field.

The Bruins' Dustin Pendergrass, a freshman, claimed outstanding light-weight wrestler honors while finishing first in the 135-pound weight class. Other first-place finishers for Northwest were Brett Burnett (140) and Hunter Guinn (145).

James Carter (103), Steven Riner (130), Brian Whitmire (145), Connor Hayes (152) and Oscar Marchan (285) were second, while Jake Cruse (130), Hunter Martin (160) and Kerry McElroy (189) were third. Alex Holt (119), Elliot Bagby (140), Jared Haws (145), Brandon Hooker (189) and Marshall Pritchard (215) were fourth.

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## PRO FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Now it's either win or go home

## Dolphins, Ravens on nice rides

BY STEVEN WINE

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Six weeks into the season, the Miami Dolphins still looked a lot like a punch line.

They were 2-4, last in the AFC East and licking their wounds after being manhandled by the Baltimore Ravens. That defeat made it 22 losses in 25 games, and as coach Tony Sparano bemoaned deficiencies in blocking and tackling, it seemed the rebuilding project under the new Bill Parcells regime might take several seasons.

Now, Miami is the NFL's most improbable playoff entrant and three wins from the Super Bowl. With a rookie coach, a castoff quarterback and a roster low on star power, the Dolphins (11-5) have won nine of their past 10 games to claim the AFC East title and make the postseason for the first time since 2001.

Their reward in the first round today: another crack at Baltimore.

This is a rematch in more ways than one, because the Ravens (11-5) are making their third trip to Miami in 13 months. The Dolphins earned their only victory of 2007 by beating Baltimore 22-16 in overtime; the Ravens exacted revenge by winning 27-13 on Oct. 19.

Everyone agrees the Dolphins have improved greatly in the past 2 1/2 months. Blocking and tackling are no longer problems, the offense has become a model of efficiency and the defense can be stingy for long stretches.

Baltimore is better, too. Starting with the victory at Miami, the Ravens have won nine of their past 11 games.

"Everybody talks about the Dolphins being on this ride," Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis says. "We don't care about the Dolphins' ride. We're on our own ride."

At the wheel for the Ravens is rookie Joe Flacco, who in the past 11 games has thrown only five intercep-



AP PHOTO

**Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis (52) will be hoping for a few turnovers like this fumble recovery against Jacksonville today when the Ravens play the Miami Dolphins in Miami today. The Ravens, Lewis says, are not worried about the Dolphins having won nine of their last 10 games en route to the AFC East title.**

tions with 13 touchdown passes. He has helped the Ravens win by such scores as 34-3, 36-7, 41-13, 27-7 and 29-10.

"Where they've grown the most is at the quarterback position," Sparano says. "He has total command of the entire playbook. He can keep the play alive, kind of Tony Romo-like. I just see a completely different kid back there right now from the first time we played."

To the astonishment of Miami fans, Flacco has apparently benefited from the tutelage of offensive coordinator Cam Cameron, who went 1-15 in his only season as Dolphins head coach last year.

The Ravens gave an emotional Cameron the game ball after their October victory in Miami. Baltimore mounted four long scoring drives, allowed Flacco plenty of time to throw, scored on an interception return and even stuffed the Wildcat, Miami's variation of the single wing that has produced eight touchdowns this season.

Against the Ravens, the Wildcat netted 4 yards in five plays, but they figure they'll see it again Sunday. The

Dolphins gained 55 yards in 10 plays from the formation in Sunday's showdown victory over the New York Jets.

"They have expanded that package," Baltimore coach John Harbaugh says. "It looks more and more like the complete package, so it's tougher to defend than it was earlier in the year."

While Miami's trickery failed to work in the earlier meeting, Baltimore was physically superior in that game, bruising more than just the Dolphins' egos.

"That's kind of their M.O.," Miami cornerback Andre Goodman says. "They do their best to intimidate you. They did a good job of it the first game. But this is a different team."

It's a team that belongs in a fantasy league, considering the storybook nature of the Dolphins' transformation. Leading the turnaround has been quarterback Chad Pennington, released by the New York Jets in August and now the AP Comeback Player of the Year.

The Dolphins are the year's comeback team — their 10-game one-year improvement matches the best in NFL history. While a soft schedule has

made it easier for them to hide flaws, they're no longer a laughingstock.

"We went from the outhouse to the penthouse," says linebacker Joey Porter, the AFC sacks leader.

Porter and his band of overachievers will be underdogs Sunday, even playing at home, because doubts persist that Miami belongs in the postseason. Only 11 Dolphins have started a playoff game. One is Pennington, who led the Jets to the postseason three times.

"The playoffs are a little bit more emotional. The electricity in the crowd is a little higher. The play on the field is a little faster," Pennington says. "It's just different, because now you're playing for that special prize."

The Dolphins contend they can overcome postseason inexperience by drawing on what they've learned in recent weeks. They came from behind in the race for a playoff berth by winning their final five regular-season contests, four on the road, and four by a touchdown or less.

"Before, it was win or go home," Sparano says. "It's still win or go home."

## Reid, Childress are friendly foes today

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS

Their bushy mustaches look about the same, and their approaches to building and organizing their teams are similar. Heck, most of their team's fans want them fired, too.

But Andy Reid and Brad Childress have different personalities and divergent styles, and this branch of the NFL's coaching tree has several variations and twists.

"He's maybe a little bit more, if you can imagine this, flat line than I am," Childress said. "Hard for you to see that, right?"

The football staff at Northern Arizona University in 1986 spawned four future NFL head coaches. The bond formed between Reid and Childress during that season together in the high desert of Flagstaff and the high-scoring Big Sky Conference was strong enough that, 13 years later, Reid chose Childress as his offensive coordinator when he was hired to lead the Philadelphia Eagles.

Childress' chance to be in charge at Minnesota came seven seasons later, and he has guided the NFC North champion Vikings to a wild-card game at the Metrodome today against Reid and his old team.

"Well, I wish I wasn't seeing Brad in the first round," Reid said, "but I am proud of him."

Childress was the offensive coordinator at NAU, and Reid was the line coach. Future NFL head coaches Bill Callahan and Marty Mornhinweg, now Philadelphia's offensive coordinator, were also assistants with the Lumberjacks that year. Reid cracked the NFL in 1992 with Mike Holmgren

and the Green Bay Packers and brought Childress with him to Philadelphia after his old buddy spent eight seasons running the offense at the University of Wisconsin.

They've shared plenty of anecdotes and advice about coaching, and their families remain friendly. Despite their attempts to downplay the personal significance of this game, it's surely a source of pride for them — especially considering the hurdles their teams have cleared to get here, as well as the public skepticism they've endured about their ability and performance.

Vikings defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier, who spent four years on Reid's staff, recalled Eagles defensive coordinator Jim Johnson telling him he had "the greatest job in the NFL" because of the latitude and trust he had from the boss to lead the defense. Frazier said he feels the same way working under Childress.

Childress adopted much of Reid's practice schedules, philosophies and routines, both during the season and not.

The expertise of both Reid and Childress is on offense.

The comparisons quickly turn to contrasts, though. "Once you start talking about personal aspect, they are nothing like," said Vikings offensive lineman Artis Hicks. "They are night and day."

Reid? "He hardly talks. You've got to punch him, threaten him, or do something to get him to say a couple of words," Hicks said. You've got to punch him, threaten him, or do something to get him to say a couple of words," Hicks said. "When he does talk, of course you take heed."



Reid



Childress

## Falcons: Cardinals have confidence going into second round

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James, who has made it known he will not be back with the Cardinals next season, carried 16 times for 73 yards. Turner, who rushed for 1,699 yards in the regular season, had 42 yards in 18 attempts.

Warner, in the playoffs for the first time since leading St. Louis to a second Super Bowl in 2001, was 19-of-32, 13-for-17 in the second half, for 271 yards. He was intercepted once.

"I hope this gives us a lot of confidence," Warner said. "I knew we thought we could win this game. Hopefully we can parlay this into some more confidence and know we can win wherever we have to go."

Arizona will play at either the New York Giants or Carolina Panthers next weekend. Arizona has played both teams this season, losing 27-23 at Carolina on Oct. 26, and 37-29 at home to the Giants on Nov. 23.

Ryan, the AP Offensive Rookie of the Year, completed 26 of 40 passes for 199 yards and two scores.

"I think you have to



AP PHOTO

**Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan is sacked by an Arizona defender in the second quarter of Saturday's wild-card playoff game in Glendale, Ariz.**

remember what we did as a team this year and we did some things well," Ryan said. "We made some strides as a team as the year went

on. But you have to use this as motivation. You don't want to be here."

The Cardinals went 9-7 to win a weak NFC West and

make the playoffs for the first time in a decade. After clinching the division, they were blown out by Minnesota and New England in the two weeks preceding their regular-season finale victory over Seattle.

Atlanta (11-5) finished a game behind Carolina in the tough NFC South and came in a winner of five of its last six. But from the start Arizona showed that, at least on this afternoon, it belonged in the postseason.

"A lot of people in Atlanta were giving us no chance," Arizona safety Adrian Wilson said. "There was a lot of talk in the paper from them about how it was a blessing for them to come out here — but it's not sweet out here."

Antonio Smith's tackle of Ryan for a safety put Arizona ahead 30-17 with 12:37 to play.

The Falcons, who rebounded from a 4-12 season to make the playoffs, made it close after that. On fourth-and-6, Ryan connected with Jerious Norwood for 28 yards to Cardinals 26. That led to Ryan's 5-yard scoring pass to Roddy White that cut it to 30-

24 with 4:15 left.

But Warner completed passes to Fitzgerald, Steve Breaston and Stephen Spach, then the Cardinals ran out the clock.

When it was over, Whisenhunt ran along the front row of the stadium, exchanging high-fives with fans. The Cardinals didn't sell out the game until Friday, but the throng was loud and boisterous throughout.

Ryan's first pass of the playoffs was intercepted by Ralph Brown, leading to Warner's 42-yard TD to Fitzgerald on a flea-flicker. Early in the second quarter, Warner threw short to Boldin, who beat safety Lawyer Milloy and ran down the sideline on a 71-yard scoring play.

Boldin hurt his left hamstring on the play. He played the next series, then left for good.

Atlanta scored twice in the final 2:55 to take a 17-14 halftime, then got the ball on

the second-half kickoff.

Defensive tackle Darnell Dockett was the disruptive force on the crucial fumble.

"I just jumped the snap count, man," he said. "I needed to make a play. We needed a spark. We were down and that was the play that turned this whole thing around."

Dockett hit Turner just as Ryan was trying to hand off the ball. The ball bounced off Turner's forearm and into the hands of Rolle, who raced to the end zone.

The Cardinals mustered their first extended drive of the game later in the third quarter. Moving the ball with James' running and Warner's short passes, Arizona used up 7:43, going 76 yards in 14 plays. Warner's 14-yard pass to Breaston on third-and-3 set up Tim Hightower's 4-yard run that made it 28-17.

Notes: The Falcons had the ball for 21:19 in the first half, the Cardinals had it for 21:21 in the second.

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The 11-12-year-old Antioch Runnin' Crusaders won the Southeast Holiday tournament by beating the Valley Point Tar Heels, 32-31. Team members are front row, left to right, Rodolfo Flores, Ricky Salaces, Abel Gonzalez and Alex Pangle. Second row, Gustavo Diaz, Chaz Payne and Jose Loyola. Back row, coach Chuck Payne. Not pictured, coach Bruce Chastain.

## PRO BASKETBALL

# Bibby's clutch 3 leads Hawks win

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Mike Bibby made a 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds remaining, and Josh Smith scored a season-high 29 points in the Atlanta Hawks' 103-100 victory over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night.

Joe Johnson had a season-high 14 assists, the last when he drove from the perimeter and into the left side of the lane before passing to Bibby for the winner.

Flip Murray finished with 17 points for Atlanta, which snapped a three-game losing streak to Houston. The Hawks won their sixth straight at home, improving to 15-2 this season at Philips Arena. Overall, Atlanta has won six of seven.

Reserve Carl Landry scored 18 points, and Yao Ming had 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead Houston, which has dropped two straight and five of seven. Aaron Brooks missed a 3 from the left corner at the buzzer that would've forced overtime.

Von Wafer had 17 points for Houston, and Brent Barry added 16.

**■ Pacers 122, Kings 117:** At Indianapolis, Danny Granger scored 13 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter to help Indiana beat Sacramento.

Kevin Martin led Sacramento with a season-high 45 points, making 13 of 24 shots and a career-high seven 3-pointers.

T.J. Ford had 16 points and seven assists, and Troy Murphy had 12 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana, which won its second straight.

Bobby Jackson had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Brad Miller had 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Kings, who have lost eight of nine.

**■ Bobcats 102, Bucks 92:** At Charlotte, N.C., Gerald Wallace scored 24 points, Boris Diaw added 21 and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Milwaukee Bucks 102-92 on Saturday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

The league's lowest-scoring team shot 47 percent and took advantage of



**AP PHOTO**  
Atlanta forward Josh Smith (5) shoots against two Houston defenders Saturday. The Hawks pulled out a 103-100 win on Mike Bibby's 3-point shot with 1.5 seconds remaining.

Bucks center Andrew Bogut's absence to coach the inside and average a Friday loss in Milwaukee.

Richard Jefferson scored 19 points, and Michael Redd added 17 to go over 11,000 points in his career for the Bucks.

**■ Heat 101, Nets 96:** At Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 29 points, had three key blocks in the closing minutes and the Miami Heat overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the New Jersey Nets 101-96 in overtime Saturday night.

Wade did it all in the Heat's biggest comeback victory of the season.

The superstar went up high for two blocks on 7-footer Brook Lopez, including one in overtime, and swatted a jumper by Vince Carter into the stands in the final minute of regulation. Wade's 3-point play with 37.2 seconds left in overtime stretched Miami's lead to eight at 96-88.

Trailing by 16 points in the first quarter, the Heat rode a season-high 19 points from Yakhoubia Diawara and 17 points from Michael Beasley.

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Monday**  
Junior varsity basketball  
Dalton boys at Carrollton, 4

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

**Varsity swimming**  
Cherokee, Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 6

**Junior varsity basketball**  
Northwest Whitfield girls at Murray County, 4

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

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

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

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

**Junior varsity basketball**  
Harvester Christian at Christian Heritage, 4  
Murray County at Rome, 4  
Northwest Whitfield boys at Hillgrove, 5:15

**Middle school wrestling**  
Westside at Ocoee JV tournament, 4:30

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

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

**Junior varsity basketball**  
Murray County at Rome, noon  
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 11:30 a.m.

**Freshman basketball**  
Northwest Whitfield boys at LFO, 10 a.m.  
Dalton boys at Murray County, 10:30 a.m.

**Middle school basketball**  
Seventh grade tournament

**Middle school wrestling**  
Westside at Cleveland, Tenn., tournament

## TELEVISION

**On Today**  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
4:30 p.m.  
CBS — National coverage, Kentucky at Louisville

**NFL FOOTBALL**  
1 p.m.  
CBS — Playoffs, AFC Wildcard Game, Baltimore at Miami

4:30 p.m.  
FOX — Playoffs, NFC Wildcard Game, Philadelphia at Minnesota

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — All-America Game, at Orlando, Fla.

## FOOTBALL

### Playoff Glance

**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday**  
Arizona 30, Atlanta 24  
San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17

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

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

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

**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
**NFC**  
TBD, (FOX), 3 p.m.  
**AFC**  
TBD, (CBS), 6:30 p.m.

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
**Tampa, Fla.**  
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)

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

### Playoff Statistics

	Atl	Ari
First downs	20	15
Total Net Yards	250	357
Rushes-yards	24-60	28-86
Passing	190	271
Punt Returns	3-31	2-(1)
Kickoff Returns	2-54	5-86
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-3
Comp-Att-Int	26-40-2	19-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-9	0-0
Punts	5-42.4	6-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	6-47
Time of Possession	29:58	30:02

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, Turner 18-42, Norwood 2-12, Ryan 4-6, Arizona, James 16-73, Hightower 6-23, Warner 4-0, Arrington 1-(minus 2), Breaston 1-(minus 8).  
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 26-40-2-199, Arizona, Warner 19-32-1-271.  
RECEIVING—Atlanta, White 11-84, Jenkins 5-51,

# SCOREBOARD

Peelle 3-11, Finneran 2-11, Pollard 2-7, Norwood 1-28, Turner 1-7, Douglas 1-0, Arizona, Fitzgerald 6-101, Spach 3-34, Boldin 2-72, Breaston 2-39, Urban 2-7, James 1-9, Patrick 1-8, T.Smith 1-4, Arrington 1-(minus 3).  
MISSED FIELD GOAL—Arizona, Rackers 51 (WL).

### College Bowl Glance

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

**Monday**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
Payout: \$17 million  
Texas (11-1) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 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)

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
**At Houston**  
West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

**Saturday, Jan. 24**  
**Senior Bowl**  
**At Mobile, Ala.**  
South vs. North, 7 p.m. (NFLN)

**Saturday, Jan. 31**  
**Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Challenge**  
**At El Paso, Texas**  
Texas vs. Nation, 1 p.m.

### Bowl Statistics

	Buff	Conn
First downs	3 17 0 0	20
Connecticut	7 10 7 14	38

**First Quarter**  
Buff—FG Principe 38, 4:26.  
Conn—D.Brown 45 run (Teggart kick), 4:07.

**Second Quarter**  
Conn—FG Teggart 32, 14:11.  
Buff—Long recovered fumble in end zone (Principe kick), 11:36.  
Buff—FG Principe 29, 8:22.  
Buff—Starks 4 run (Principe kick), 7:55.  
Conn—Lorenzen 13 run (Teggart kick), 4:01.

**Third Quarter**  
Conn—Brouse 4 pass from Lorenzen (Teggart kick), 5:22.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Conn—Lorenzen 15 run (Teggart kick), 4:44.  
Conn—Deleston 100 interception return (Teggart kick), 2:15.  
A—40, 184.

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, Starks 13-25, Thermilus 3-5, Wiley 3-(minus 6). Connecticut, D.Brown 29-261, Todman 7-62, Lorenzen 12-52, Sherman 1-3.  
PASSING—Buffalo, Wiley 29-43-1-213.  
Connecticut, Lorenzen 4-6-0-49.  
RECEIVING—Buffalo, Starks 11-21, Roosevelt 8-90, Hamlin 4-54, Rack 3-22, E.Jackson 2-17, Rice 1-9. Connecticut, K.Moore 1-18, Butler 1-16, Sherman 1-11, Brouse 1-4.

## HOCKEY

### NHL Glance

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	23	14	3	49	108	109
Philadelphia	21	10	7	49	131	118
New Jersey	22	12	3	47	113	95
Pittsburgh	19	16	4	42	121	120
N.Y. Islanders	12	23	4	28	102	141

**Northeast Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	6	4	62	143	88
Montreal	21	10	6	48	109	95
Buffalo	19	15	5	43	113	111
Toronto	16	17	6	38	119	138
Ottawa	13	18	5	31	84	103

**Southwest Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	26	11	3	55	133	116
Colorado	20	15	5	45	105	116
Florida	17	16	5	39	99	105
Atlanta	13	21	5	31	114	142
Tampa Bay	10	18	10	30	91	120

**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	18	16	4	40	102	104
Nashville	17	18	3	37	93	112
St. Louis	14	21	3	31	107	130

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	23	11	4	50	118	112
Vancouver	21	15	4	46	115	105
Colorado	19	18	1	39	104	113
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	5	43	111	112
Phoenix	19	15	5	43	102	110
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.

### Saturday's Games

Buffalo 4, Boston 2  
Florida 6, Pittsburgh 1  
Calgary 3, Nashville 2  
Toronto 3, Ottawa 1  
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Detroit at Minnesota, late  
Columbus at St. Louis, late  
Dallas at Edmonton, late  
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, late  
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, late

**Today's Games**  
Florida at Montreal, 2 p.m.  
Ottawa at New Jersey, 5 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 5 p.m.  
Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Phoenix at Anaheim, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Glance

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	5	.853	—
New Jersey	16	18	.471	13
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	15
Toronto	13	20	.394	15 1/2

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	19	.387	15 1/2

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	26	7	.788	—
Atlanta	22	11	.667	4
Miami	18	14	.563	7 1/2
Charlotte	12	22	.353	14 1/2
Washington	6	25	.194	19

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	5	.844	—
Detroit	20	11	.645	6 1/2
Milwaukee	16	19	.457	12 1/2
Chicago	14	19	.424	13 1/2
Indiana	12	21	.364	15 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	20	9	.690	—
San Antonio	21	11	.656	1/2
Dallas	20	12	.625	1 1/2
Houston	21	14	.600	2
Memphis	10	23	.303	12

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	22	12	.647	—
Portland	20	13	.606	1 1/2
Utah	19	15	.559	3
Minnesota	7	25	.219	14
Oklahoma City	4	30	.118	18

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	5	.839	—
Phoenix	19	12	.613	7
Golden State	10	25	.286	18
L.A. Clippers	8	24	.250	18 1/2
Sacramento	8	26	.235	19 1/2

### Saturday's Games

Indiana 122, Sacramento 117  
Atlanta 103, Houston 100  
Charlotte 102, Milwaukee 92  
Miami 101, New Jersey 96, OT  
Minnesota at Chicago, late  
Philadelphia at San Antonio, late  
New Orleans at Denver, late

**Today's Games**  
Orlando at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Memphis, 4 p.m.  
Boston at New York, 6 p.m.  
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

### College Results

**EAST**  
Connecticut 80, Rutgers 49  
Pittsburgh 70, Georgetown 54  
Princeton 65, UNC Greensboro 55  
Vanderbilt 78, Massachusetts 48

**South**  
Alabama 88, Georgia Tech 77  
Alabama A&M 66, Grambling St. 64  
Alabama St. 66, Jackson St. 60  
Auburn 78, Tulane 53  
Belmont 82, Stetson 57  
Berry 71, Loyola, N.O. 64  
Campbell 72, Mercer 57  
Clemson 79, East Carolina 66  
Davidson 76, Samford 55  
E. Mennonite 70, Hampden-Sydney 69  
ETSU 84, Jacksonville 82  
Emory 77, Huntington 70  
Florida 68, N.C. State 66  
Florida Southern 99, Florida Tech 86  
Florida St. 69, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 48  
George Mason 101, UNC Wilmington 50  
Georgia Southern 78, Chattanooga 74  
Georgia St. 55, Old Dominion 54  
Kent St. 68, Hampton 43  
Lane 95, Kentucky St. 66  
Lee 89, Brewton-Parker 63  
Lenoir-Rhyne 77, Tusculum 60  
Lipscomb 82, Florida Gulf Coast 76  
Longwood 80, George Washington 78  
Louisiana-Lafayette 63, Denver 62, 2OT  
Louisiana-Monroe 97, Union, Ky. 43  
Maryland 85, Charlotte 75  
Miami 76, N.C. Central 42  
Mississippi 53, Nicholls St. 41  
Mississippi St. 82, Houston 65  
Missouri 83, Georgia 76  
Radford 65, Presbyterian 55  
Richmond 74, Rice 43  
S.C.-Upstate 69, North Florida 64  
Southern Poly St. 86, Reinhardt 76  
Southern U. 61, Texas Southern 51  
Southern Wesleyan 62, Faulkner 57  
St. Augustine's 88, Pfeiffer 86  
The Citadel 58, Bethune-Cookman 57  
UAB 63, Savannah St. 37  
UCF 86, Sam Houston St. 70  
VMI 96, Gardner-Webb 92  
W. Carolina 68, Furman 57  
Winthrop 59, Liberty 57  
Xavier 84, Virginia 70

**MIDWEST**  
Kansas 92, Tennessee 85  
Kansas St. 83, Idaho St. 57  
Michigan St. 77, Northwestern 66  
Minnesota 68, Ohio St. 59

### Boxscores

**ALABAMA 88, GEORGIA TECH 77**  
**GEORGIA TECH (8-5)**  
Lawal 8-13 7-9 23, Peacock 2-7 0-0 4, Aminu 9-10 3-7 21, Clinch 3-11 3-4 10, Shumpert 4-12 2-4 12, Foreman 0-0 1-2 1, Stors 2-6 0-0 6, Dieng 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-59 16-26 77.

**ALABAMA (10-3)**  
Green 5-9 3-12, Knox 2-4 6-10 10, Gee 5-10 3-5 15, Hillman 9-14 3-5 18, R.Steele 7-12 4-4 23, Hollinger 1-2 1-2 4, Jemison 0-0 0-0 0, A.Steele 0-2 0-2 0, Coleman 3-4 0-2 6. Totals 30-57 19-33 88.

Halftime—Alabama 44-25. 3-Point Goals—Georgia Tech 5-17 (Shumpert 2-5, Stors 2-5, Clinch 1-6, Peacock 0-1), Alabama 9-18 (R.Steele 5-8, Gee 2-3, Hollinger 1-2, Hillman

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: MEN

# Missouri edges sloppy Bulldogs

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ATHENS — Missouri forced 23 turnovers and the Tigers beat Georgia, 83-76, on Saturday for their best start in 10 years.

"It wasn't the first time we've had some trouble taking care of the ball against teams," Felton said. "We've got to do a better job at that."

DeMarre Carroll and Zaire Taylor each scored 17 points and the Tigers outscored the Bulldogs 30-14 in points off turnovers.

Missouri (12-2) has its best record after 14 games since a 12-2 start in 1998-99, coach Norm Stewart's last season.

Georgia (9-5) held its last lead at 46-45 early in the second half, but the Bulldogs wilted under Missouri's constant defensive pressure. Missouri took command with a 26-10 run for a 71-56 lead.

Missouri won its first nonconference game on an opponents' home court since Dec. 6, 2003, when the Tigers won at Indiana.

Georgia senior captain Terrance Woodbury scored a career-high 27 points after missing four games with an ankle injury. Freshman Trey Thompkins added 18.

■ **Alabama 88, Georgia Tech 77:** At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Ronald Steele scored 23 points and had 10 assists to lead Alabama past Georgia Tech.

Alabama (10-3) used the fast break to jump out to a 19-point halftime lead and led by as many as 30, before the Yellow Jackets (8-5) used a full-court press to rally in the final 10 minutes.

Steele was 5 of 8 from behind the 3-point line and used his speed to spark fast breaks, particularly in the first half.

"He's a veteran player. He understands how to play," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "If he gets healthy, they'll be a good basketball team. He's the

quickest I've seen him all year."

Senario Hillman scored 18 points for Alabama, while Alonzo Gee had 15 points and 18 rebounds. JaMychal Green had 12 points for Alabama and Justin Knox scored 10. Lawal Gani had 23 points to lead Georgia Tech. Aminu Alade scored 21 points, Iman Shumpert had 12 and Lewis Clinch added 10 for the Yellow Jackets.

■ **Kansas 92, Tennessee 85:** At Lawrence, Kan., Sherron Collins had 26 points and nine assists, and Cole Aldrich had 22 points and 10 rebounds to help Kansas knock off No. 14 Tennessee.

Needing a win against a big-name school, Kansas (10-3) fed off the energy of a rowdy crowd to build an early 16-point lead, then held off the Vols down the stretch for its 32nd straight win at Allen Fieldhouse.

After a series of missteps against bigger schools, the young Jayhawks held their composure against Tennessee's defensive pressure, pulling out the kind of win that should look good come NCAA tournament time.

Poor shot selection and defensive breakdowns put Tennessee (9-3) in a big hole early and the Vols never recovered, ending their three-game winning streak. It doesn't get any easier, either: The Vols face No. 16 Gonzaga on Wednesday, their final game before starting Southeastern Conference play.

Tyler Smith led the Vols with 21 points and Wayne Chism had 17 points and six blocked shots.

■ **Oklahoma 93, Coppin State 62:** At Norman, Okla., Tony Crocker scored 20 points to lead No. 4 Oklahoma past outmanned Coppin State.

Crocker hit five 3-pointers, including four in the opening half when the



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**Alabama's Ronald Steele, left, passes the ball against Georgia Tech on Saturday. Steele didn't pass much. He scored 23 points, including hitting 5-of-8 3-point shots in the Crimson Tide's 88-77 victory.**

Sooners (13-1) raced out to leads of 20-6 and 34-13 over the Eagles.

Tywain McKee scored 20 points to lead Coppin State (2-11).

■ **Pittsburgh 70, Georgetown 54:** At Washington, DeJuan Blair had 20 points and 17 rebounds to win his duel with Georgetown standout freshman Greg Monroe, and the No. 3 Panthers never trailed in beating the No. 11 Hoyas.

DaJuan Summers scored 22 points to lead Georgetown.

■ **Minnesota 68, Ohio State 59:** At Minneapolis, Lawrence Westbrook led a typically balanced Minnesota offense with 15 points, and the 21st-ranked Gophers defeated 24th-ranked Ohio State.

The Gophers (13-1, 1-1) bounced back from their loss to No. 10 Michigan State three days earlier by rebounding better. Damian

Johnson scored 12 points, and Minnesota held a 42-30 advantage on the boards over the Buckeyes (10-2, 1-1).

Missing junior guard David Lighty, Ohio State got 21 points from Evan Turner and 15 from Jon Diebler. But the Gophers held off a late charge and were in command most of the game.

■ **UConn 80, Rutgers 49:** At Storrs, Conn., Haseem Thabeet led a balanced Connecticut attack with 15 points and eight rebounds, and the second-ranked Huskies routed Rutgers.

■ **Davidson 76, Samford 55:** At Davidson, N.C., Stephen Curry scored 21 points, surpassing 2,000 in his career, and Davidson beat Samford to continue its dominance in the Southern Conference.

Curry hit 5 of 6 3-pointers, added eight assists and got plenty of help from his teammates as the Wildcats (10-2, 3-0) cruised to their 33rd straight league win.

■ **Vanderbilt 78, UMass 48:** At Amherst, Mass., A.J. Ogilvy had 14 points and 8 rebounds as Vanderbilt blew things open in the second half and coasted to a 78-48 win over Massachusetts on Saturday.

Lance Goulbourne added 10 points and 8 rebounds, Jermaine Beal had 10 points and 6 assists, while Darshawn McClellan bagged 10 points to help Vanderbilt (11-3) to its fifth straight win.

■ **Florida 68, N.C. State 66:** At Gainesville, Fla., Nick Calathes scored 32 points and Dan Werner added 10 as Florida rallied to beat North Carolina State.

Calathes scored 24 points in the second half as the Gators overcame a 10-point halftime deficit.

The win was the sixth in a row for Florida (12-2), while the Wolfpack dropped to 9-3 heading into Atlantic

Coast Conference play next week.

■ **Ole Miss 53, Nicholls State 41:** At Oxford, Miss., David Huertas scored 14 points to lead Mississippi to past Nicholls State.

The Rebels (9-5), who trailed 28-25 early in the second half, dominated the final 15 minutes with scoring runs of 13-2 and 12-2 to pull away.

■ **Arkansas 86, North Texas 75:** At North Little Rock, Ark., Michael Washington scored a career-high 34 points, and Arkansas went on a 21-2 run in the second half to defeat North Texas.

Stefan Welsh added 19 points for Arkansas (11-1), which won its ninth straight. Washington also added 11 rebounds.

■ **Michigan State 77, North Texas 66:** At Evanston, Ill., Raymar Morgan scored 22 points and grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds to lead No. 10 Michigan State over Northwestern and the Spartans' seventh straight win.

Kalin Lucas scored 18 points for the Spartans.

■ **Ole Miss 53, Nicholls State 40:** At Oxford, Miss., David Huertas scored 14 points to lead Mississippi past Nicholls State.

Huertas and Murphy Holloway, who each scored 10 points, combined to go 8 of 12 from the field.

■ **Ga. Southern 78, Tenn-Chattanooga 74:** At Statesboro, Antonio Hanson scored 22 points as Georgia Southern defeated Tenn.-Chattanooga.

■ **Auburn 78, Tulane 53:** At Auburn, Ala., DeWayne Reed scored 20 points in Auburn's win over Tulane.

Korvotney Barber added 15 points and 10 rebounds, as the Tigers (10-4) won their seventh consecutive game.

Asim McQueen led Tulane with 16 points and, Kevin Sims added 14.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: WOMEN

# UT wipes out school's biggest deficit for win

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PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Shekinna Stricklen scored 16 points and No. 8 Tennessee rallied from the biggest deficit in school history to beat No. 15 Rutgers 55-51 on Saturday.

The Lady Vols trailed 33-13 at the break, scoring the fewest points ever in a half, then regrouped to give coach Pat Summitt her 994th career win.

Tennessee turned the ball over on 11 of its first 14 possessions and Rutgers took a 14-0 lead.

The loss ended a 20-game home winning streak for the Scarlet Knights (8-3), who were led by Epiphanny Prince with 25 points.

Trailing 49-40 with 6:40 left, Tennessee (11-2) went on a 13-0 run. Angie Bjorkland's jumper with 1:30 left gave the Lady Vols their first lead of the game at 51-49. Prince missed a floater on the other end and Stricklen hit two free throws to make it 53-49 with 39.8 seconds left.

Prince made a tough jumper in the lane to cut it to 53-51 with 21.8 seconds left. She then forced a jump ball, give Rutgers a chance to tie the game, but Kia Vaughn missed underneath.

Bjorklund, who scored all 12 of her points in the second half, sealed the game from the free throw line.

The rivalry between the two schools has become more intense over the last two seasons. Tennessee beat Rutgers for the 2007 national championship. Last season, the Lady Vols topped the Scarlet Knights in a controversial game when Tennessee's Nicky Anosike made two free throws with two-tenths of a second left.

■ **UConn 76, LSU 63:** At Hartford, Conn., Renee Montgomery scored 21 points and top-ranked Connecticut beat LSU 76-63 Saturday in a matchup of programs that made the Final Four last season.

Maya Moore added 17 points and 13 rebounds for UConn (13-0), and Tina Charles chipped in 16 points and six boards. Five Huskies scored in double figures.

Junior guard Allison Hightower led the Tigers with 14, her sixth consecutive double-figure game. Lassandra Barrett, one of three freshmen to start for the Tigers, added 13.

UConn returned four starters from a year ago, while LSU (6-5) lost five seniors

including All-American Sylvia Fowles and 85 percent of its offense.

■ **Notre Dame 66, Seton Hall 60:** At South Orange, N.J., Ashley Barlow scored 14 points, including a clutch jumper with 90 seconds left, leading No. 12 Notre Dame to a victory over Seton Hall.

The win was the fifth straight for the Fighting Irish (12-1) and the third straight on the road. Seton Hall, off to its best start since the 1994-95 season, dropped to 11-2 overall.

Notre Dame scored the first two points of the game and never trailed, surviving a few late scares to come away with the victory.

■ **Louisville 78, DePaul 60:** At Louisville, Ky., Angel McCoughtry scored 25 points to lead No. 10 Louisville past DePaul.

McCoughtry added eight rebounds and Candyce Bingham had 15 points and 12 rebounds in lifting the Cardinals (14-1, 1-0) to their ninth straight win.

Deirdre Naughton scored 21 points and Natasha Williams had 19 points for DePaul (12-3, 0-1).

■ **Auburn 79, Stephen F. Austin 56:** At Auburn, Ala., Sherell Hobbs scored 19 points to send No. 9 and undefeated Auburn past Stephen F. Austin.

Wanna Bonner scored 17 points and Trevesha Jackson had 12 for Auburn (15-0), which outscored Stephen F. Austin 40-22 in the paint.

The Tigers are off to their best start since winning their first 29 before losing to Tennessee late in the 1988-89 season. Auburn went on to win the SEC and reached the Final Four that season. Tammara Marion led the Ladyjacks with 19 points.

■ **Iowa State 55, Vanderbilt 51:** At Ames, Iowa, Alison Lacey scored 20 points, Heather Ezell added 18 and Iowa State survived a long first-half scoring drought to beat No. 20 Vanderbilt.

Iowa State (11-2) went 7:15 without a point and fell behind 12-6, but put together a 23-5 run spanning halftime to open a 29-17 lead. The Cyclones led the rest of the way but had to hold off a late Vanderbilt rally.

The Commodores (11-4) was led by Jessica Mooney's 17 points.

The Commodores committed a season-high 27 turnovers.



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Stoops shoots down Denver rumors

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MIAMI SHORES, Fla. — It's becoming an annual event: A prime coaching job opens up, Bob Stoops' name lands on the supposed short list of candidates, only for him to say he's happy at Oklahoma.

The latest supposed will-he-or-won't-he scenario: Stoops to the Denver Broncos?

Not happening, Stoops said Saturday after his team practiced at Barry University, just a few miles south of the site of Thursday's Bowl Championship Series title game between his

Sooners and the Florida Gators.

"What situation? That's a rumor that I have not heard and no one has contacted me about that so I don't know anything about it," Stoops said. "We're preparing for a national championship, that's all my focus, all my concentration is on that, so obviously I'm not a candidate. I'm sure someone might have told me ... if I was."

The Broncos fired Mike Shanahan after 14 seasons on Tuesday.

"There's no story," Stoops said. "I'm not a candidate. This is the first I've heard of it."

Maybe so, but Oklahoma offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson — who's from Colorado — said he heard rumblings of Denver having interest in his boss, who just completed 10 years with the Sooners and earned a \$3 million bonus for lasting a decade at the school.

"I love Colorado, but I don't know if that's for him," Wilson said.

Denver already has put together a list of strong candidates, including New York Giants defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Tampa Bay

Buccaneers defensive coordinator Raheem Morris and Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. Also, Rick Dennison — the offensive coordinator under Shanahan — wants an interview as well.

Stoops indicated that he would try to shoot down the rumor with his players.

"It won't take long," he said.

Still, even if there really is no interest in the Denver job, Stoops hasn't closed the door on one day giving the NFL a try.

"At some point in my life or career, that may be the case,"

Stoops said.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Bill Parcells will have his attention solely directed toward the Miami Dolphins today, when the AFC East champions host the Baltimore Ravens in an NFL wild-card matchup.

But Saturday, Parcells watched Oklahoma practice.

"It was great. He's just evaluating our players, I'm sure, but it was great to have him here," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "I've always been a big fan of the way he coaches."

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## PRO FOOTBALL

# Full-time officials not a solution

BY RACHEL COHEN  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The gripes pour in from teams to the NFL office whenever a disputed call happens in a game.

And inevitably Mike Pereira, the league's vice president of officiating, will hear this refrain: "Why aren't the officials full-time?"

It's an issue that comes up any time a questionable call influences a game's outcome, and this season has certainly had its fair share of those. Pereira understands why people wonder that.

"It just doesn't sound right," he said. "It just doesn't ring right that you have the NFL and you have full-time players and coaches, and you have part-time officials."

NFL officials are part-time in the sense that most hold other jobs during the week. In the opinion of Pereira's counterpart in another sport where the group is full-time, Major League Baseball vice president for umpiring Mike Port, it's more a case of semantics than a reflection of their ability to operate effectively.



AP PHOTO  
Washington Redskins coach Jim Zorn argues with officials during a game earlier this season. The NFL doesn't think having full-time officials would be different from the part-timers.

"Their folks may be designated as being part-time, but by the nature of the sport, they're about as full-time as they're going to get," Port said.

In baseball, umpires are full-time for the simple reason that there are games nearly every day of the week for them to work. NBA referees work 3-4 games a week.

NFL teams, of course, play just once a week.

"Full-time doesn't necessarily mean you're going to be any better," Pereira said. "Other sports have other problems with their umpires or officials or whatever they are. I'd love to have full-time guys, but give me five games a week to work. That's the only way you get better is having more repetition."

NFL officials' work for the league doesn't stop during the days between games when they're at their "regular" jobs, which must be flexible enough to allow for the double-duty.

"I think most people think they show up an hour before kickoff, and an hour after kickoff, they're at the bar having a beer," Pereira said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. It's surprising, really, how many hours they put (in)."

Officials are provided laptops by the NFL; after every game, they receive a DVD of the action and are expected to review it. The league then compiles a report on each game, given to officials by noon Tuesday. It may include questions

about a particular call, and officials are asked to respond by that night.

Crews generally hold conference calls on Tuesday or Wednesday night to discuss the report. Officials also must complete a weekly quiz of about 50 questions testing their knowledge of obscure rules by the end of each Sunday's game.

The NFL actually has a more structured process for reviewing games and calls than other leagues because of the infrequency of its games, Port said.

"We do so much more than any other sport does, but that's not to knock them," Pereira said. "They're playing every night. It's such a completely different model."

Officials take the first flight out Saturday morning to the site of their game. They meet with their crews for 3-4 hours later that day, then arrive at the stadium 2 1/2 hours before the game Sunday.

Pereira can't imagine how their weekly routine would be different even if they were full-time employees of the league.

"They'd do what they do now," Pereira said.

## Sports calendar

### Clinics, camps

• The Northwest Whitfield baseball coaching staff will conduct winter hitting and pitching training sessions on Jan. 11, 18 and 25. The clinics will be for boys in the third through seventh grades. Cost is \$30 per session. Sessions are limited in numbers to keep player-coach ratio favorable. Hitting sessions are scheduled each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and pitching sessions start at 4:30; both will be held at the high school field or in the auxiliary gym. Contact Todd Middleton at (706) 581-2203 or nwdiamondcoach@yahoo.com.

### Football banquets

• Murray County's football banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the school cafeteria.

• Northwest Whitfield will hold its football banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale in the athletic office beginning Jan. 6. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Katie Sanders at (706) 516-2217.

• Southeast will hold its football banquet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$10 and go on sale Jan. 6 at the January Quarterback Club meeting and at the school office after that.

• Dalton will hold its football banquet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the school commons. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale Jan. 6 at the school's business office.

### Hoop shoot

• The Dalton Elks Lodge's annual Hoop Shoot

is scheduled Jan. 11 at New Hope Middle School at 1:30 p.m. Registration for boys and girls in age groups 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Contact Eddie Henderson at (706) 217-7574.

### Adult basketball

• Dalton Parks and Recreation Department is offering adult basketball leagues in men's open "A," men's open "B," women's open, coed (Mondays only) and church (Mondays only) divisions. Cost is \$385 for men's and women's open (10 games and includes playoffs) or \$300 for church and coed (six games, includes playoffs). Registration concludes on Jan. 5, when meetings are also scheduled for each league: men's open, 6 p.m.; church, 6:45 p.m. and women's and coed, 7:30 p.m. Contact Alex Sullins at (706) 281-1222 or asullins@cityofdaltonga.gov for information.

### Seek players

• A local travel baseball team made up of players from Whitfield and Murray counties is looking for two or three players for the upcoming season that starts in February. Contact Robby Staten at (706) 280-5242.

### Add your news

• If you have a tournament, registration, camp, meeting or other local sports event you'd like to have listed, we're happy to include it in our sports calendar. E-mail the details to larryflaming@daltoncitizen.com or send a fax to (706) 275-6641.

## Murray beats Nadal in Capitala tourney

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — In a strong statement leading to the Australian Open, Andy Murray has beaten Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal on consecutive days.

The Scotsman defeated the top-ranked Nadal 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 Saturday to capture the Capitala World Tennis Championship exhibition and \$250,000 winner-take-all prize. A day earlier in the semifinals, he topped the No. 2-ranked Federer 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

The tournament, not part of the ATP Tour, included six of the world's top 10 players. Murray, who put on more muscle during the offseason, is ranked No. 4 and has yet to win a Grand Slam. He has a chance to change that at the Australian Open.

"This victory was good before I go to Australia," said Murray, who will first defend his Qatar Open title in Doha. "I have never been past the fourth round there. I trained hard over the break and the victories over

the past three days have given me confidence."

In the final set, Murray broke after a long seventh game and then held serve to go up 5-3. Murray covered the court well, running down every shot and breaking serve one more time.

"He has carried his form over the last four months and he has a good chance to win in Australia," Nadal said.

Murray's only previous victory over Nadal in six matches was at the U.S. Open semifinals in September. The Spaniard played 111 matches in 2008 and pulled out of the Davis Cup final against Argentina in November because of an injured knee.

Nadal called this an "amazing three days" and insisted he played well despite the loss.

"For me it was a very good test," he said. "Playing 2 hours, 45 minutes at the best level is good. I forgot about my knee and my injury. I am looking forward to the year."

Washington Redskins head coach Jim Zorn, left, talks with officials after the Cincinnati Bengals scored a touchdown in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, in Cincinnati. (AP Photo/stf)



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## COLUMN

## New hope for a New Year

We live in a society that has seemingly lost faith in the government and politics, in the stock market and financial institutions, in industry and the cooperate world, in marriage and the family unit, and in religion and the church today.

There is an old Christian



**Gary Mimbs**

hymn that says, "Have faith in God. He's on his throne. Have faith in God, He watches over his own. He can not fail. He must prevail. Have faith in God. Have faith in God."

More than 2,000 years ago the world was somewhat in the same mess that it is in today. Most people didn't trust the government. Many people were poor, unemployed and disillusioned with the rich. There was corruption, greed and disrespect for fellow man. Morale was low and selfishness abounded.

Into that mess, God sent his only Son Jesus to be born to restore the faith and hope that can only come from God. The Bible says that God sent Jesus at the most perfect time. Through Jesus, God became flesh and walked the earth to give the people a reminder that God did still love them and he did care about their problems. Jesus brought hope and restored faith that first Christmas and that is what he can do this coming year.

Many people are unemployed, sick, discouraged and feel hopeless as this new year begins. They don't sense the joy and happiness that a new year is suppose to bring. May I suggest that we stop counting on the government to bail us out and stop looking to worldly things for our hope.

May this new year, like never before, we focus on the real meaning of hope — Jesus Christ who came to be the savior and deliverer of mankind.

God is the only one who can get us personally, this nation, and even the world out of the mess that it is in. It all starts with us placing our faith and hope in him. God gave his son as the greatest gift of all time and he has promised to watch over his own.

Have you accepted God's gift to you? Have you received his son into your life? That is how you become one of God's own and how you can have a new found faith and hope to make it through the tough times of life.

**■ Gary Mimbs is senior pastor of the Dalton First Church of the Nazarenes.**

# Bringing out the best, one student at a time

## Local parents develop mentoring/tutoring program

SUBMITTED BY DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

When Vignesh "Vinny" Ramachandran was chosen as Dalton High School's STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) student back in 2003, he helped inspire the idea for an educational pilot program that came to life in November at Dalton Middle School.

"Vision S Star" is an educational tutoring and mentoring program designed in part by Vinny's parents, Dr. Ramji and Uma Ramachandran.

The Ramachandrans have always believed in the importance of education. Vinny and his older siblings, Suja and Vijay, excelled in Dalton Public Schools, and their parents credit the children's academic success to several teachers and other adults in their children's lives who served as mentors.

One important component of the "vision" of this program is to help every student strive to excel academically, aspiring to become a "Star Student," thus the name "Vision S Star."

Equally important, the mentoring component includes developing a cadre of volunteers from local pools of talent in the community so that every student may have a mentor — a "personal trainer" for academics — to bring out the student's best potential and build a firm foundation for career and business success.

"The future of our country's business and economic viability depends on workforce competency and a skilled labor force, especially during these times of tough global competition," Dr. Ramachandran said.

The Ramachandrans took their ideas to Dalton Public School's administration and the "Vision S Star" program was born.

"Mr. Don Amonett (a DPS assistant superintendent) has been very helpful in developing this initiative," Dr. Ramachandran said. "Our initial ideas were like building 'castles in the air.' We had these grand, global dreams, and Mr. Amonett is helping to build a solid foundation for this 'castle,' to make these dreams become reality."

Amonett suggested starting a pilot program focused on math, with a small group of students, to show how the "Vision S Star" concept can work. This pilot program began last month with approximately 35 Dalton Middle School (DMS) eighth-graders.

"Gaining a deep understanding of math concepts is vital to our students as they progress from grade to grade," said DMS principal Brian Suits. "The specific goal of this pilot version of the Vision S Star program



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Dr. Ramji Ramachandran and his wife, Uma, drop by Dalton Middle School during a recent math tutoring session. The Ramachandrans have been instrumental in developing the "Vision S Star" tutoring/mentoring pilot program that began at the school earlier this year.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community volunteers are needed to serve as mentors to Dalton Middle School students, one hour per week on Fridays at 8 a.m. Big Brothers Big Sisters is a partner in this endeavor. Persons interested in volunteering as mentors in the program are asked to call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 706/278-0702.

is to improve students' math skills using focused, weekly tutoring sessions. I anticipate these individual- and small-group tutoring sessions will provide the additional support that these students need, to not just memorize the steps to complete math problems, but also to deepen their understanding of core concepts that will help them now and at the high school level."

During the 14-week program, students receive an hour of instruction at Dalton Middle School on Friday mornings during the extended homeroom time.

University instructors, a professional tutoring company, is contracting with Dalton Public Schools to provide the initial tutors for the pilot program.

"Contracting with University Instructors is a temporary solution," Suits noted. "Our goal is to gradually increase the number of local tutors and mentors from the community. Hopefully, we will be able to successfully recruit local company employees and community members so the pilot may expand to cover other subjects, reach more students and broaden to other grades and schools."

The Vision S Star design team plans to have at least 25 percent of the tutors coming from the local community in the first year of the program, then 50 percent in the second year and 100 percent by the fourth year, so that the program can become self-sustaining in the long run.

The cost for this pilot program is estimated to be \$12,000 for the 2008-2009 school year. Shell Oil Co., Dr. Ramachandran's employer, has given a "seed grant" to launch the Vision S Star program.

"Shell considers programs like this as a social investment," he said. "This program can help improve the academic skills of the future workforce from the local community. We are hopeful that other local companies will provide sponsorships for student tutoring (\$100 per student per year), help

### TO CONTRIBUTE

Dalton Education Foundation (DEF) has set up a fund to accept tax-deductible contributions to this program. For more information, please contact the DEF's executive director Jean Lowrey at 706/278-5427, or send an email to [def@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:def@dalton.k12.ga.us).

with the incentives program for students, and/or provide interested employees with paid time (1 hour per week) to serve as volunteer mentors or tutors. This mentoring opportunity can help the volunteers also in improving their training skills which will be beneficial in their work teams."

In addition to the strong academic focus, the Vision S Star program is designed to build relationships between the students and their mentors. Children who do well in school usually have a mentor-type relationship with someone, whether it is a parent, teacher, family member or other adult. Ensuring "a mentor for every child" will help bring out the best in every student, benefiting the student as well as the community overall.

# Exhibit worth a special trip to Atlanta's High

BY CHRISTINE TIBBETTS  
CNHI News Service

ATLANTA — Surround me with tall, strong handsome men when I die — thousands of them — and I'll live forever. Graceful birds, musicians and acrobats will help too, plus at least 1,000 horses and a small chariot to help me get about.

Doubt if that will work for me but China's first emperor believed it and he's the reason we can see ancient terracotta warriors today in Atlanta.

It's a remarkable opportunity to get closer to them than National Geographic photos.

Ying Zheng was only 13 when named King of the state of Qin (pronounced chin) in 246 B.C. Remarkable kid apparently because by the time he named himself First August and Divine Emperor in 221 B.C. he had conquered neighboring lands, and standardized weights and measures, coinage and script for all the lands he claimed and

started building his own version of the Great Wall.

Intending to rule the afterlife with the same absolute power he fashioned for his earthly years, First Emperor built a vast tomb complex guarded by an enormous terracotta army.

Most of the 7,000 warriors are standing guard in Xi'an, China today, and First Emperor lies undisturbed deep in his complex.

Fifteen of them are at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta until April 19, 2009, along with two horse-drawn chariots, a suit of stone armor, a swan and a crane, two musicians and at least 100 artifacts and works of art all telling the story of this boy-turned-ruler.

He saw himself as a mythical figure of grand proportion for time and eternity, and we get to experience his legends wrapped all around the terracotta figures.

The exhibition moves to Houston next, but won't feature the Emperor's story there, just

the warrior figures, according to British Museum curator Hiroshi Kinoshita who consulted with the High and who will present a seminar Feb. 28 at the Museum.

While they are exciting enough on their own to be worth the trip, getting a handle on their purpose and production through First Emperor's personality made them even more spectacular to me.

Think ancient people, and Chinese people were small? Not in this ruler's eyes as he prepared for his life in eternity. These protectors are tall, ranging from six feet to six feet five inches.

He conscripted at least 1,000

➤ See **ARMY, 8C**

One of the Chinese emperor's guards, part of the terracotta army now on exhibit at the High Museum of Art.



# What will be hot for 2009?

Economic condition may provide opportunities for travel

By SALLY KALSON  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

To predict the hot travel destinations for 2009, just follow the money. Wherever Americans can get good value for their bucks, that's where travel experts expect them to be flocking in the new year.

For example: Iceland, which was so hard hit by the global credit squeeze that its financial system collapsed and the government wound up taking control of the major banks. The value of the krona has dropped precipitously — a terrible turn of events for Icelanders, but their misfortune means Iceland is now one of the best travel bargains in Europe.

The country also happens to offer a bonanza of natural wonders — glaciers, geysers, mountains, volcanoes, the midnight sun and the Northern Lights — as well as picturesque fishing villages and the modern city of Reykjavik.

There's never been a better time to take it all in, said travel author Pauline Frommer.

"Icelandair is desperate because their own citizens can't afford to fly right now. They are offering great deals," Frommer said, and once travelers arrive, their dollar will buy a lot more than it did a year ago. As of this writing the dollar is worth twice as much as the krona.

The U.S. dollar is also doing much better against other currencies than it has in recent years. The exchange rate is more favorable for the euro, British pound, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar and South African rand, so those countries will be seeing more American tourists.

Even the Mexican peso, which has always been weak against the dollar, has been devalued.



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"Literally, if you go anywhere except Japan, the dollar is going to go further," said Frommer.

Her other picks for up-and-coming hot spots:

■ Nicaragua. "It's been getting a lot of buzz as the new Costa Rica. It has rain forests, volcanoes and beaches, and it's less expensive and touristy."

■ Acapulco is seeing a resurgence. "Cancun feels like it might as well be in the U.S. at this point. Acapulco has more Mexican flavor, and they've been able to bolster their police force, so crime is down."

■ Spain. "A lot of interest is being drummed up by the new PBS series with Mario Batali and Gwyneth Paltrow," Frommer said, referring to "Spanish Road Trip," in which the two stars basically eat their way across the country in 13 episodes. Woody Allen's "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," which opened here in August, didn't hurt, either.

■ New Orleans. "Things are really opening up there now," she said. The city is getting back on track and opening some new attractions, notably the Insectarium and the American Cocktail Museum.

The food is still great, she said, and tourists can also visit the Ninth Ward and some other places that aren't coming back. "It's still shocking to see," she said.

■ Alaska is another domestic spot drawing more attention, mostly due to Gov. Sarah Palin's vice-presidential candidacy. However, it's too soon to know how much of the interest will translate into actual travel, said Ron Peck, president of the Alaska Travel Industry Association, a trade group that also handles tourism for the state of Alaska.

"Prior to her becoming a candidate, we had begun a direct mail campaign with a letter from the governor," he said. "The initial response was up 25 percent over the previous year."

But then, he said, they stopped the mailings at the request of the Federal Elections Commission, which said the letter could be construed as campaigning.

"Given the economic uncertainty of our country, I don't project travel prices will go up, due to the Palin effect," Peck said.

United Airlines canceled its twice-daily flights out of Alaska, and the major carrier, Alaska Airlines, doesn't

expect its capacity to change, he said.

Of the state's 1.7 million visitors from May to September of this year, 1 million came on a land-tour and cruise package.

"We're very concerned about overall lift and air fares, but the cruise prices have actually dropped," he said. "Some of the sales are in the \$499 to \$600 range for seven days."

Paul Busang, president of Gulliver's Travels in East Liberty, Pa., said his clients were expressing interest in India (before the terrorist attacks in Mumbai), Dubai, southern Africa and eastern Europe.

"People are expanding where they're going," he said. "We're seeing requests for central and eastern Europe — Prague and the Czech Republic, Budapest and Hungary, Poland, Romania. They're not on the euro yet. I've been telling people to get there before they make the change."

Busang also is seeing more travel to Russia — not just getting off a cruise ship for a few days but going there to stay there. "They're looking at four nights in Moscow, four in St. Petersburg, going to the Hermitage and other palaces."

## Bradley Wellness Center announces classes

Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

■ Healthcare Provider CPR — This class is medically oriented and recommended for those in the health field. Class will be held Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Child, infant and adult CPR and foreign body airway obstruction are covered along with AED, oxygen and ambu-bag use. It is recommended to check with the BWC service desk to make sure this is the right class for you. The cost is \$40. Materials are available for checkout at BWC.

■ Hiking Club — The Hiking Club will travel to Bluff Trail on Lookout Mountain Jan. 24. The hike is rated easy/moderate and is five miles long. Hikers will leave BWC at 8 a.m. Sign up by Jan. 17 to participate. There is no fee. The February hike will travel to Fort Mountain Feb. 21. This hike is 9 miles and rated moderate. Register by Feb. 14.

■ HEAT Boot Camp — This high-intensity aerobic training class will be held Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 from 7:15 to 8 p.m. emphasizes cardiovascular endurance without the complexity of highly choreographed routines. HEAT is suitable for all fitness levels and guarantees to push your personal limits. Ages 16 and up only. Noticeable changes in cardiovascular and muscular endurance will occur. Using a circuit training class for-

mat, exercises are designed to increase core strength and stamina by physically challenging your heart and muscles. A variety of equipment is used as well as sports-based agility drills to tone up and burn more calories. Be prepared for the unknown. Options include indoor and outdoor workouts. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a bottle of water and a towel. The fee is \$25 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Sign-up deadline is one week before class.

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■ Hiking Workshop — A free hiking workshop will be held March 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. The workshop is for all levels of hikers and will feature BWC's own hike leaders. Important hiking topics will be covered. Participants will also be able to get more information on the hiking club and upcoming hikes from BWC. Class registration is required by March 1.

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# WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



**Laura Pace and Benjamin Madsen**

## Pace, Madsen

Mrs. Palmer Sherer of Dalton is pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter Laura Sherer Pace to Benjamin John Madsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles Madsen of Ottertail, Minn. Miss Pace is also the daughter of the late Tullis Edward Pace.

Miss Pace is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson Sherer of Birmingham, Ala. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pace of Greensboro, N.C. She is the sister of Charlotte Pace Summerlin of Dalton and Catherine Pace Daugherty of Oxford, Miss.

Miss Pace is a graduate of Dalton High School. She attended Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Va. and graduated with a Bachelor of Science of Ecology from the University of Georgia. She also received a Master of Science in Physician

Assistant Studies from the University of Utah. She is employed as a physician assistant with the Foothills Family Clinic in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Madsen is the grandson of Mrs. Robert Barton Parke, and the late Mr. Parke of Houston, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Knud Madsen of Ottertail, Minn. He is the brother of Nicole Madsen Mayer of Duluth, Minn., and Erin Lynn Madsen of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Madsen is a graduate of Perham High School in Perham, Minn. He received a Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of Minnesota at Duluth. He also received a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Utah. He is employed as a surgical physician assistant, transplant services, with Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The wedding will take place on April 18, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Dalton.

## Burns, Crahan

Laura Suzanne Burns of Dalton and Marc Kevin Crahan of Louisville, Ky. announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The wedding is scheduled for May 9 at 6 p.m. at the Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head, S.C.



**Laura Burns and Marc Crahan**

## Gowan, Miners

Jan Gowan and Shannon Miners were united in marriage Dec. 20 at Ringgold Wedding Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Eber and Glynda Gowan of Dalton. The groom is the son of the late Dewey and Gaye Miners. The couple resides



**Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Miners**

in Ringgold and are proud parents of Shan Miners.

# Picking drinks that pack the most punch

BY SAM McMANIS  
Sacramento Bee

People concerned with their health are always on the lookout for lower-sugar alternatives in their beverages. Then again, people seeking that ultimate buzz want to know which drink packs the most punch.

Take our multiple-choice quiz and pick the drink that contains the most grams of sugar per ounce.

1. (a) Coca-Cola Classic; (b) Jamba Juice Banana Berry smoothie; (c) McDonald's Sweet Iced Tea  
2. (a) Amp Energy Drink; (b) 5-Hour Energy Drink; (c) Hype Energy Drink  
3. (a) Starbucks Tall Caffe Mocha; (b) Starbucks Bottled Frappuccino; (c) Starbucks Double Shot

4. (a) Tonic water; (b) Vitamin-Water Energy Citrus; (c) VitalLifestyle Water-Energize

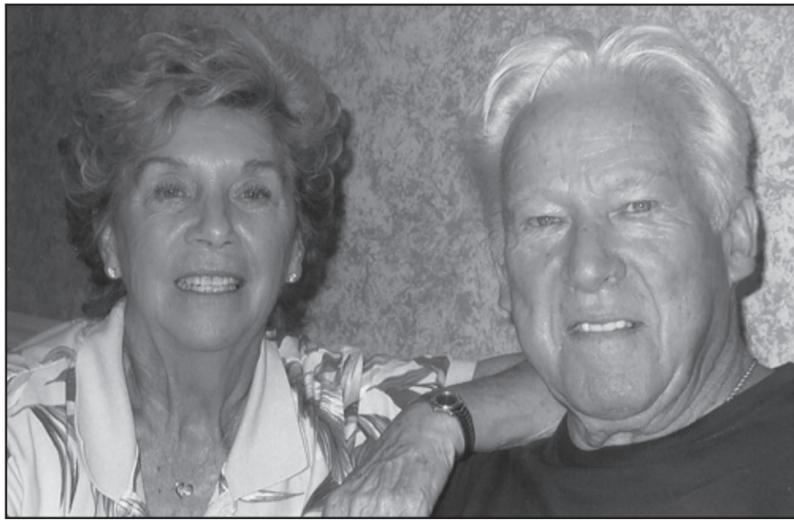
5. (a) Hot cocoa; (b) Yoo-Hoo Chocolate; (c) Godiva Belgian Blends

**Answers:** 1. b. (Jamba: 3.68 grams per ounce; Coke: 3.37; McDonald's: 1.58). 2. c. (Hype: 8.04 grams per ounce; Amp: 3.69; 5-Hour Energy: 0). 3. b. (Frappuccino: 3.47 grams per ounce; Double Shot: 2.62; Caffe Mocha: 2.08). 4. a. (Tonic: 2.49; VitaminWater: 1.65; VitalLifestyle: 0.50). 5. c. (Godiva: 3.68; Yoo-Hoo: 2.50; hot cocoa: 3.00)

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# 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**  
Jerry and Deanna Roberts of Cohutta and formerly of Coral Springs, Fla. are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today. They have two daughters, LaDonna and Neil Austin of Mechanicsville, Va. and John and Rhonda Moshier of Coconut Creek, Fla. They also have two grandchildren, Morgan Austin and Jared Austin of Mechanicsville. A family dinner party is planned.

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## Ex-patient, doctor now colleagues

DETROIT (AP) — When Dr. Trevor Banka treats cancer patients alongside Dr. Michael Mott he is working with not only his mentor, but the physician who helped save his life.

"I wanted to work next to Dr. Mott and I wanted to train with him," said Banka, a 28-year-old second-year oncology resident at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital. "We have a very special relationship."

That relationship started in 1993 when a 12-year-old Banka was diagnosed with bone cancer in his right knee.

Mott and his former partner performed the surgery, removing the cancerous bone and replacing Banka's knee with a prosthetic.

Mott continued to treat his patient throughout high school, college, and even periodically while Banka attended medical school at Michigan State University.

Shortly after Banka joined Henry Ford, Mott transferred to the hospital. They now work together occasionally.

"He's very thorough and very meticulous," Banka said recently. "He has great technique. It's fun being on the other side of the stethoscope, being his patient and being his colleague."

It's not unusual for some patients to gravitate toward the medical field, Mott said. He said some of his former patients have gone on to become nurses or physical therapists, but Banka is the only one who moved into oncology.

"Every now and then, he would say, 'I might do this stuff,'" said Mott, 45. "It certainly takes a lot of hard work and dedication, and he had to come up with that all on his own. He's a remarkable individual in that regard."

Banka said Mott had a lot to do with his decision to become a doctor.

"Going through this, I saw the ability the physicians had with, not only saving my life, but to give my life back," he said.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Jan. 5**  
 ■ The Conasauga Chapter

**Jan. 18**  
 ■ Dr. Betsy McArthur will discuss her new book,

**Jan. 20**  
 ■ The League of Women Voters will have a luncheon meeting Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Western Sizzlin'. Joe Forsee, director of the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library, will report on library

"Bound for Glory" — the story of the Darlington, S.C. Rifles during the Civil War — Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Crown Gardens and Archives. Crown Gardens and Archives is at 715 Chattanooga Ave. in Dalton.

funding and future plans for the regional system. For more information, contact Janis Keener at (706) 278-9650.

**Jan. 22**  
 ■ An organizational meeting for Habitat for Humanity in Murray County will be held Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chatsworth in the family life center. For more information, call Pastor Roger Vest at (706) 695-3211. The church is at 111 W. Cherokee St. in Chatsworth.

**Jan. 29**  
 ■ A free special chili lunch for caregivers will be held Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office. Dr. Sherwood Jones (Ret.) will answer questions about Alzheimer's and share caregiving tips. Each guest will receive a free book. The office is at 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6 in Dalton. For more information or to register, call (706) 275-0819. Seating is limited.

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# Flies may improve lives

## Pesky fruit flies may lead to genetic discoveries

BY EVAN PELLEGRINO  
Arizona Daily Star

When most people see a fly, they try to shoo the pesky insect away — but not Linda Restifo. She sees a test subject that she hopes will lead her to a successful treatment for autism and other neurological disorders.

Fruit fly brains have similar proteins and mechanisms to human brains. Because of the similarity, fruit flies are an important model for studies in genetics, physiology and pathology.

"Fruit flies have led people to some of the central discoveries in genetics," said Restifo, a University of Arizona professor of neurobiology and neurology and a researcher with the Arizona Research Laboratories.

"They look quite different, but at a core level, genetically, we're really quite similar," she said.

Restifo uses common fruit flies to screen drugs that may increase brain function in children with mental disorders such as autism, a developmental disability that typically involves delays and impairment in social skills, language and behavior. Estimates vary, but it could affect as many as one in 150 people in the United States.

When Restifo began her research in 2001, the first question she set out to answer was how similar are the genes that control thinking, learning and memory in fruit flies and humans.

She found that about 70 percent of the human genes that can mutate or curl, found in people with autism, have counterpart genes in fruit flies.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS PHOTO BY ANDRÉ KARWATH

### Fruit flies may hold keys to successful treatment of neurological disorders.

"It was an important result. It gave me confidence that I was on the right track with the fly system, and it was a green light to go forward," she said.

Next, she set out to discover what's wrong with the shape and size of brain neurons, cells that process and transmit information, in people with autism.

"If you have gene mutations, it will affect the size and shape of neurons," Restifo said.

Because a researcher can't go around taking brain biopsies from people, there is limited brain tissue for research, Restifo said.

"You have to be more clever," Restifo said, such as using fruit fly brains.

While flies obviously don't talk, some exhibit behavior and social interactions similar to autistic behavior, Restifo said.

"We can imagine something approaching autism in fruit flies," she said. "It's not all that far-fetched."

Restifo takes single mutated brain neurons from a fruit fly and tries to figure out what's wrong with them

and, more importantly, what can be done to correct it.

"The idea got stuck that there's nothing you can do about mental retardation or autism, that it's a fixed deficiency, and it can't be fixed," Restifo said. "I just don't believe that."

The brain has an enormous capacity for change, she said, using education as an example.

"Education can change the brain, and drugs can do the same."

And Restifo thinks there may be a drug to improve brain function in people with autism that's already been discovered and is waiting in the pharmacy.

She tests drugs that already have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for a purpose other than improving brain function to see if they also may correct mutated or curly neurons.

For example, the hair-growth medicine Rogaine was originally used as an anti-hypertension drug, Restifo said.

"It's entirely possible drugs to treat autism are already out there," she said.

## FIVE GENERATIONS



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Five generations of the Bell Merritt family recently gathered for a photo. Shown are (seated) Gerald Merritt, Bell Merritt holding Emery Merritt, (standing) Lance Merritt and David Merritt.

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**A** A share of stock represents a (small) chunk of a real company. If a firm has a million shares outstanding and you buy 100 of them, you own one ten-thousandth of the company. The company does get its money at the one-time issuance of the share, but as shares fluctuate in the open market, companies do care how they fare. A falling stock can make it easier for the firm to get bought out. A rising stock can help insiders with stock or stock options get richer.

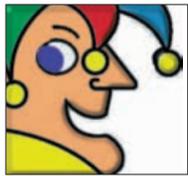
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**Q** What are REITs? — R.B., Hickory, N.C.

**A** Real estate investment trusts (REITs) let you invest in real estate without actually buying any property. They're organizations that combine the capital of many investors to acquire or finance all kinds of real estate, such as offices, hotels or apartments. A REIT is a little like a mutual fund, as its portfolio is professionally managed and diversified, holding many properties, generally income-producing ones. Many REITs trade publicly on major stock exchanges.

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#### What Buffett Meant

I took a position in Warren Buffett's company, Berkshire Hathaway, a few years ago, buying one share of his class-A stock for around \$20,000 (yes, one share: \$20,000). A while later I was reading the annual letter to shareholders, and Buffet said he did not think the business would keep growing as it had in the past. I assumed that since the CEO of the company did not have faith, why should I? I sold the stock around \$30,000, and it's recently been trading around \$100,000. Next time I need to read the stock research. — Lloyd F., Raymore, Mo.

**The Fool Responds:** Shares actually topped \$150,000 earlier in the year! You didn't quite understand Buffett. Since Berkshire has grown so big, he simply doesn't expect the company to be able to keep growing as quickly as it has in the past, when it was smaller. He does still expect long-term growth, though. Those interested in the stock should know there's a class-B version, selling for around \$3,500 recently.

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#### Monsanto's Yields

Monsanto (NYSE: MON) won't be selling its Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybean seeds in Europe, but at least the U.S. farmers it sells them to will be able to hock their final product there. The European Union recently approved the genetically modified soybeans for import. The E.U. buys about 10 percent of U.S. soybean exports, so the approval should boost the launch of the Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans, which are now approved for import in 10 countries or regions. Monsanto expects to make a small launch next year, with a much larger push the year after.

Although 2010 may seem like a long way off, a long-term view is needed. Seed and fertilizer producers have been punished hard this year. But it's not as if people will stop eating just because there's a global recession. And the recession will end — eventually.

Investors who buy agricultural companies at current levels could see further dips — the bottom is hard to predict, after all — but overall prospects for the agriculture industry are pretty strong. Monsanto is looking to double yields by 2030. With each small increase in yield comes the ability to increase prices. And of course, the Roundup Ready products end up boosting sales twice over — once for the seed and another for sales of Monsanto's Roundup herbicide. Monsanto will grow again, eventually.

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Founded in Milwaukee in 1948, I'm a world leader in employment services, specializing in recruitment, assessment, training and more. I've got 4,500 offices worldwide and serve 400,000 employers annually. My largest market is France, followed by America. I helped get women employed in the 1960s with my "White Glove Girl" marketing campaign. My brands include my own name as well as Elan, Jefferson Wells and Right Management. In 2007, I placed more than 5 million people in temporary or contract jobs and raked in more than \$20 billion. You might call me Personbrawn or Humanenergy or Beingforce. Who am I?

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### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Based in little Rhode Island, I'm a global toy and leisure giant. I was founded in 1923 by the Hassenfeld brothers and began by selling textiles, but soon moved on to pencil boxes and school supplies. I bought Milton Bradley in 1984 and Parker Bros. in 1991. I introduced GI Joe, the world's first "action figure," in 1964, and Mr. Potato Head in 1952. My brands today include Playskool, Tonka, Transformers, Monopoly, Cranium, Magic: The Gathering, My Little Pony, Nerf, Easy Bake Oven, FurReal Friends, Baby Alive, Trivial Pursuit, Candy Land, Life and Clue. Who am I? (Answer: Hasbro)

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# Now can't compare to 1929 depression

BY DON WADE

Scripps Howard News

There was then ... and there is now.

Then, around 75 years ago in Tipton County, Tenn., times were tough — do without, share a bed with your siblings, work all day in the fields and the woods, make your own soap, get one toy for Christmas.

Now, those who lived through the Great Depression in Tipton County shake their heads at the billions in bailouts, the spend-from-the-hip credit card mentality and the drive-through ease of declaring bankruptcy.

So while in cyberspace the verdict has been rendered — that the Great Depression is first a phenomenon of 2008 and second a history lesson that began in 1929 — those who were there deign to disagree.

“They ain’t tough enough to make it back yonder,” says 94-year-old Beatrice Boyd, who had seven sisters, six brothers, and was the daughter of a



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Covington sharecropper. “They talk about hard times now? It ain’t no hard time now.”

Dale Bails, dean of business at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, agrees.

“She’s right,” he said. “There’s no comparison. None. It’s not even close.”

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke used virtually the same words — “no compar-

son”—when asked to compare the Great Depression that extended into the 1930s with today’s chilled economic climate.

The current national unemployment rate is 6.7 percent, well below the peak of almost 25 percent during the Great Depression.

“Most of the difficulties you see now,” said Bails, “are concentrated in the financial and related sectors. Even the auto industry — it’s not automobiles (that are a problem), it’s getting credit for automobiles.”

“Conversely, what you had in the Depression was a huge percentage of the economy was agriculture-based. That’s not the case today.”

George Twisdale, 86, grew up in tiny Gainesville in Tipton County. To hear him tell of his childhood is to visit the farm, to see Grandmother and her dairy cows.

“We got good teeth,” Twisdale said, smiling.

Twice a year, his father would kill a hog. That was the year’s meat.

“You raised almost anything you’d eat,” he said. “You made your molasses out of sorghum.”

The family had chickens, so they had plenty of eggs — enough to trade for coffee at the general store: “I could carry them on my bicycle and not break a one.”

Willola Carson, 80, recalls her father, who was a sharecropper, was always in motion.

“Seemed like he worked all the time,” she said. “When he wasn’t in the field, he was cutting wood for the stove.”

Ola Mae Hines, 75, was born in 1933. Only when she looks back does she realize how much they didn’t have.

“We was happy,” she said. “Always loved by mother and father, always had plenty to eat.”

Boyd recalls how they made their own baseball equipment, wrapping a rock inside a sock and “cutting us a stick and batting that ball.”

It’s a far cry from today, where Hines defines most people as “spenders,” who

“got to have the car, the boat, the truck, the jewelry.”

Twisdale agrees.

“They buy too much,” he said. “There wasn’t such a thing as bankruptcy in those days. And if you went bankrupt, it was terrible. Now you can be bankrupt one day and come back the next.”

Margaret Fleming, director of the Tipton County Council on Aging, says the biggest problem is finding the people in their area who need their help the most.

“Most of the folks we see grew up in a very frugal environment,” she said. “And in a rural community, people have a tendency to take care of their own and do with less.”

It’s how they lived then: It’s how they live now.

It’s why the economic crisis of 2008 is a little difficult for them to understand.

“I just look at it as mismanagement of money,” Carson says of the billions in bailouts being handed out by the federal government. “If we could survive on so little, I don’t know how they could even get to such a place.”

## AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:

■ Amber and Donald Davis, a daughter, Skylar LaShay, Dec. 22.

■ Ana Deigadillo and Gerardo Sanchez, a daughter, Kayla Paola, Dec. 22.

■ Ana Calderon and Javier Fuentes, a son, Adrian Elias, Dec. 22.

■ Maria Henriquez and Fidel Machado, a daughter, Zuleyma, Dec. 22.

■ Alejandra and Anvar Nuno, a daughter, Atziry Alexandra, Dec. 22.

■ Stephanie Albarran and Avel Plaza, a son, Caiden Santiago, Dec. 23.

■ Brenda Arrellin and Armando Sanchez, a daughter, Ashley Jaqueline, Dec. 23.

■ Renee Huber and Joseph Thornton, a daughter, Alithia Rayne, Dec. 23.

■ Cecilia Jackson, a daughter, Trinide Taylyn Shelbra, Dec. 23.

■ Misty Johnson and Timothy Roberts, a daughter, Brianna Michelle, Dec. 23.

■ Allison and Josh Peek, a daughter, Kyleigh Ray, Dec. 23.

■ Britney and Russell Romans, a daughter, Capri Alexis, Dec. 23.

■ April and Jeremy Pressley, a son, Camryn Ashtian, Dec. 24.

■ Genesis Zelya, a daughter, Dara Zurisadai, Dec. 25.

■ Maria Gabriel and Fernando Ramirez, a daughter, Diana, Dec. 26.

■ Carla Michael and Tony Hasty, a son, Ayden Jacob, Dec. 26.

■ Amy Vance and Brandon Hooper, a son, Leland John Ray, Dec. 26.

■ Tara Whitehead and Josh Randolph, a son, David Joshua, Dec. 26.

■ Tiffany Brendel, a son, Hayden McKenley, Dec. 27.

■ Brittney Doubet and Sergio Rodriguez, a son, Jose Rhyden, Dec. 27.

■ Jennifer and Josh Robinson, a son, Paxton Bryce, Dec. 27.

■ Maria and Jaime Barraza, a son, Carlos, Dec. 28.

■ Tiffany Hixson and Charles Crain, a son, Charles Hunter, Dec. 28.

■ Dulcinea and Edgar Puebla, a son, Ivan Luis, Dec. 28.

Also, Stacy and Aniceto Gomez, a daughter, Paulina Louise, Dec. 22 at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga.



## PUPPET SHOW

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Faith Christian Academy students Syd Goble, Kaitlyn Chastain and Lilly Harris (foreground) recently performed a puppet show at the senior Christmas dinner at Faith Worship Center in Chatsworth.

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**DEAR ABBY**

**Parents object to being shut out by daughter bound for surgery**

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter, "Giselle," is scheduled to have serious surgery soon, and she has forbidden us to come to the hospital. She wants only her husband to be there.

age — so the giving would continue all year long. For January, she gave me a calendar. For February, a heart-shaped pin; for March, a leprechaun figurine; for April, a bag of candy Easter eggs. A kitchen utensil holder with "Mom" on it was her gift for May; for June she gave me sunglasses; Fourth of July candles were the July surprise; my birthday gift in August was a candy dish. September is Grandparents' Month, so she gave me a grandmother plaque. Her October gift was a small jack-o'-lantern to hang up in my window. November was a decorative wall hanging, trimmed with nuts and berries. And in December, there were two housedresses.



**Jeanne Phillips**

She has gone so far as to call us and make me promise that we will not come. She says we need to respect that she is a grown woman in her late 40s, and this is her decision and her way of dealing with the situation. Giselle lives two hours from us, and she said she will let us know when we can visit for a few days. Her husband will contact us as soon as the doctor talks to him after surgery. But Giselle says that she simply "does not want to be surrounded by family."

I feel like we are being treated like family pets — come when you're called; otherwise, stay out of the way. Up to this point we had a close relationship with her. We cannot understand her attitude. What do you think, Abby? — **BAFFLED IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR BAFFLED:** This isn't about you or the family pet. It is about your adult daughter facing what might be a life-threatening or life-changing operation and what will make her most comfortable. I know you love your daughter, and I'm sure it is reciprocated. But I think it is imperative that you abide by her wishes and not impose your own on her at this time.

**DEAR ABBY:** When taking public transportation and you are seated on the aisle, is it customary and polite to get up so that someone can sit down near the window, or is it OK to just swivel to the side and let them "squeeze in"? — **SEAT SITTER IN DALY CITY, CALIF.**

**DEAR SEAT SITTER:** It is better manners to stand and sometimes the better part of wisdom — to stand and allow the person to be seated.

**DEAR ABBY:** A year ago I received such a thoughtful Christmas gift from my daughter-in-law that I can't resist telling you about it. First, she sent a card instructing me to open my gifts according to the month written on the pack-

Abby, I loved the series of gifts. They reflected affection, ingenuity and generosity — qualities my daughter-in-law has in abundance. Sign me ... **A VERY HAPPY MOTHER-IN-LAW**

**DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW:** It's clear from your letter that you and your daughter-in-law have a special relationship, and it's a credit to both of you. "Gifts that keep on giving" — meaning gifts that continue throughout the year — are an excellent idea. That's why magazine subscriptions, boxes of fruit and monthly arrangements of flowers are so popular. However, your daughter-in-law's gift was tailored just for you — a very clever concept.

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**Run for the body, walk for the brain**

**BY LEE BOWMAN**  
Scripps Howard News Service



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Whether it's to detox the brain from holiday excess or just to start a new routine, many people took a walk on New Year's Day or will soon.

As far as your body's concerned overall, exercise of most any sort, anywhere (short of jogging behind a bus), is a plus.

To be sure, running can and does send some folks to the ER for assorted orthopedic reasons. But research suggests most people take more benefit from regular exercise than not.

Earlier last year, researchers at Stanford University reported the results of a 21-year study that tracked more than 500 runners who were in their 50s or 60s, and are now in their 70s and 80s.

The joggers, who put in an average of 4 hours a week on the trail, were matched for comparison with an otherwise similar group of people who did not run.

Nineteen years into the study, 34 percent of the non-

runners had died, versus 15 percent of the runners.

Of course, time still caught up with the runners — with many of them reporting disability such as difficulty dressing or grooming or getting out of a chair. But on average, runners' initial report of a disability came 16 years later than that reported by the non-runners on annual questionnaires.

But for the brain, walking may actually be better than running, since there's more oxygen left in the blood to reach the brain than from most vigorous exercise. Studies in the elderly have found that

stroke risk can be cut by as much as 57 percent in those who walked as little as 20 minutes a day.

Another study of older women found that those who walked 17 miles or more a week were about 40 percent less likely to experience mental decline than those who walked a half mile or less a week.

Brain imaging studies have shown that walking versus not walking tunes up specific regions of the brain related to spatial relationships and keeping focus on specific tasks.

However, another study

just published in December in the journal Psychological Science, suggests that where we walk may be as important as how much when it comes to brain benefits.

Researchers at the University of Michigan ran two experiments with a group of volunteers, testing them for memory and attention, then sending them out on a walk either in a park or through downtown Ann Arbor, then back for a re-test.

Performance on the memory and attention test improved greatly for the group that took a walk in the park, but did not improve for the group that walked downtown. A similar result was seen when the two groups sat for a while and viewed photos of nature or urban scenes.

The scientists suspect that walking around an urban setting presents the brain with a relatively complex, even confusing pattern of stimulation, while a walk down a tree-lined path takes less mental effort and has a more restorative effect for the brain's attention centers.

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**H a p p y Birthday:** Concern about your financial position will lead you to take unusual steps to get back on track. The ways of the past will not work for you. Adjust your lifestyle to fit your current position so you can advance. You'll have to be the pioneer — aggressive, forthcoming and prominent among your peers. Your numbers are 3, 9, 14, 20, 23, 36, 44



**Eugenia Last**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Brace yourself and prepare for change. Good things will come from an unusual source. Give-and-take will be necessary even if it doesn't appear to be fair or equal at the moment. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Watch out for anyone trying to pull rank on you. Problems while traveling or with authority figures are apparent. A secret matter will be revealed and is likely to make you angry. Try not to show your feelings. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Uncertainty about someone from your past or someone you want to be with should be looked at closely. Talk to

someone who knows you both and you will get answers you need to decide your next move. 4 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** If you let your emotions take over, you will end up in a fight with someone you wanted to spend time with. Jealousy and pig-headedness must be put aside. Don't overspend thinking it will make you feel better or make amends. 2 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Say what you mean and get matters over with. You cannot move ahead until you clear the air. You may not like the initial outcome but it will leave you open to do as you please. Don't rule out someone from your past. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Prepare to enjoy your friends and family. Ideas will fly and topics of conversation

will lead to new and exciting prospects. There is plenty to consider, so don't make a financial commitment you may not want to live up to. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let someone's attitude stop you from following your dreams. Open discussions may help but, if someone gets angry, call it a day and go it alone. You have to satisfy your needs if you want to be happy. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Trust in yourself, not in someone who makes comments but doesn't take action. If you are passionate about what you are trying to do, you will find a way to turn things in your favor. Don't give in or up because someone places an obstacle in your way. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may be torn between what you want and what you are saddled with. Making impulsive moves will add to your problems. Think

matters through and do what's expected and required of you. 5 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may want to reevaluate what you have done in the past so you don't make the same mistakes again. Problems with friends, relatives and neighbors will crop up if you have been less than fair in your dealings with them. 2 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** An opportunity appears to be heading your way so jump in with both feet and give your all. Use your inventive mind to come up with an idea that will meld nicely into the plans being presented to you. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Push yourself a little harder and you will make it impossible for others to ignore your talent and the possibilities you bring to the table. Listen to what's being offered but, before you decide, take your time and read between the lines. 3 stars

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# Army

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men and put them in what may have been the world's first assembly line to produce 7,000 terracotta figures for his afterlife neighborhood.

I started to grasp the enormity of the 2,000-year-old craftsmanship in the High Museum exhibit thanks to a Fiberglas replica of this assembly line.

On loan from the Museum of the Terracotta Army in Lintong, China, the replica shows workers stamping on clay to get rid of air bubbles, pressing clay into molds to make arms, feet, legs, heads and torsos and then assembling them.

Faces and armor were detailed individually. I can testify to that because I sensed completely different expressions and personalities when I gazed into the faces of the 15 in Atlanta.

Couldn't do that if I visit them in China where I'd have



A horse-drawn chariot is one of the larger displays on exhibit.

to stand some 30 feet above to see them all in the burial pits. I kind of like the personal style of the High exhibit.

A kneeling archer greeted me, alone in the center of the first large exhibit room. His colleagues rose up suddenly several rooms later after I got acquainted with the young king and looked at his weapons — arrowheads still sharp, crossbow trigger mechanism, sword, spearheads and dagger-axe, and his coins,

weights and measures.

Even though I made the trip specifically to see the terracotta army, the figures startled me when I came upon them, perfect posture, standing in two rows, with chariots and horses behind. Pretty sure I gasped out loud.

They're imposing. Apparently guarding a 22-square-mile tomb called for bigger-than-life protectors. Different tasks they had too. I gazed into the eyes of an

armored general and a cavalryman with his horse, a charioteer and a standing archer, an unarmored general and an armored officer.

Distinctly different, one from the other. Arms and legs came from molds, but faces and uniforms are individual art.

Nine armored generals have been found, each one near a chariot, British Museum Curator Kinoshita said, and one is in Atlanta. You can pick him out of the lineup by his hat, sort of a bird with a double tail, the ribbons on his plated armor and his height, taller than the rest.

One separate suit of stone armor is on display; 87 sets were found in a pit presumably representing an armory.

The 600 small pieces of stone held together with hammered copper strands weigh 40 pounds. While it represents the armor worn by Qin warriors, Museum curators believe its impossible-to-wear weight was intended for after-life protection against a spirit army.

First Emperor worked on

spirit relationships during his earthly years, visiting sacred mountains as mythical emperors were reported to have done.

Sacrificing to the gods, communicating with powerful spirits and inscribing his view of his achievements and character on the mountain were his approach.

The exhibit recreates his 219 B.C. carving on Mount Yi, in today's Shandong province, both in Chinese characters, and in English. His concluding lines give a solid clue to his self-perception:

"Now today, the August Divine Emperor

Has unified all under heaven under one lineage...

Benefits and blessings are lasting and enduring."

Give yourself several hours to appreciate the terracotta army; you can walk through the displays faster than that, even reading all the signage and watching the video about First Emperor's warring methods.

Curator Kinoshita says unifying the money and weights

and measures provided consistency, a "continuous cultural history" of China.

First Emperor considered his palaces the earthly equivalent of the stars and living in them showed he was the ruler of the heavens too. Stars adorn the wall in the High near the two chariots and their horses.

His coin design demonstrated his vastness too. Called a banliang, the coin is round with a cut out square center. Chinese cosmology, exhibit research shows, considers the earth to be square and the heavens domed.

Quality mattered to First Emperor; craftsmen were ordered to inscribe their names on their work in an early display of accountability.

"Perhaps," Kinoshita says, "that is why the arrowheads are still sharp, and the sword in perfect condition."

And perhaps why 7,000 terracotta soldiers and 1,000 horses stand tall in the pits of the tomb today, able-bodied enough to travel to Atlanta.

Christine Tibbetts writes for *The Tifton (Ga.) Gazette*.

## PET OF THE WEEK



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The next Humane Society meeting will be Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Charles and Evelyn Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

Adoption days at the facility are on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

## Crossword answers from 4C

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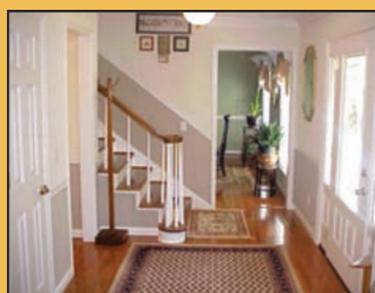


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**DUG GAP AREA**  
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**3 BR 2 BA**  
**490 Lennox Way \$149,900 VERY NICE 3 BR, 2 BA.** 2 car garage, large LR with fireplace. Deck off kitchen. Hardwood through most of house. Large master BR and BA. Fenced backyard. Jerry Gibson (706) 218-4912 41 N. to Old Chattanooga Rd., L in Cambridge Heights, L on Danbury L on Lennox Way House on L. For additional photos and listings go to [www.kinardrealty.com](http://www.kinardrealty.com). MLS # 85500



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**LIKE NEW**  
**3057 Sidney Way \$142,900 BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME** with 9 ft. ceilings throughout. Charming kitchen with pantry & breakfast room. Formal DR with hardwood floors. Split bedroom plan. Large 2 car garage. Nice deck. Ready to move in! Sherry Southerland (706) 537-0301. N. Cleveland Hwy, L Maple Grove, R Rauscheberg, L Durgan, L Sidney Way, house on L. For additional photos and listings go to [www.kinardrealty.com](http://www.kinardrealty.com). MLS # 91456



**PRICE REDUCTION**  
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**NEW LISTING**  
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**GREAT PRICE**  
**402 Beulah Dr. \$125,000 ALL BRICK HOME WITH 2 BR, 2 BA.** Formal LR and DR, kitchen with fireplace, laundry room. One car garage. Corner lot with outdoor building. Donna Hill (706) 270-1733. N on Cleveland Hwy- pass Dalton Golf and CC, turn R on Beulah DR, house on corner of Beulah and Diane. For additional photos and listings go to [www.kinardrealty.com](http://www.kinardrealty.com). MLS #91061



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## REAL ESTATE WATCH

# Tips for home buyers, sellers in 2009

BY STEVE MCLINDEN  
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In residential real estate, 2009 arrives much the same way that 2008 did: via a rocky road with deepening potholes. While more homebuyers are swooping in and picking up great deal, and sales are slowly increasing in many markets, the ongoing excess of inventory of foreclosed homes continues to depress the market.

While potential buyers are now getting very low mortgage rates, they are also facing much tighter credit standards and demands for significantly larger down payments. And we haven't even started absorbing the financial fallout from adjustable-rate mortgages slated to ratchet up in 2009.

No one can really say quite when this downward spiral will cease. If former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and current Chairman Ben Bernanke were surprised by the depth of this housing crisis, who among us can accurately make the call?

There are growing sentiments out there that this darkness directly precedes a new dawn. A late-2008 consensus survey by

PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Urban Land Institute, based on input from more than 600 industry experts, projects the U.S. residential market should start rebounding appreciably in 2010.

But what about now? This new economy has added some new wrinkles to home-buying and home-selling strategies, while reintroducing some of those old-school favorites like sound fundamental fiscal practices. So here are some tips for homebuyers and sellers to help them survive, and even thrive, in the transition year of 2009.

### Tips for homebuyers:

Cash is the new king. If you can spare the cash, brother, it has a heck of a lot more buying clout now. In the past, we've tried to persuade people to seek out more liquid investments for their cash on hand and grab an easy-to-get, low-interest mortgage. Now, with the equity markets depressed at the same time that mortgage loans are hard to find, the tables have turned. Those wielding ready cash in a recession are always ahead of the game.

Negotiate extras ... and more extras. This is a no-brainer in the current market. But while sellers

continue to offer throw-ins such as built-in appliances, flat-screen TVs and even cars, the best throw-ins are always the ones that take monetary form. Think paid closing costs, a year's worth of property taxes, repair credits and paid homeowners association dues, to name only a few.

Determine your own home-buying budget. Do this before you start talking with lenders. They will tell you what you qualify for, but only you can determine what you can really afford.

Research equals savings. Agents will almost always tell you that the time to buy is now. But do your own research. Go online to scour newspapers and other local sources, and look for housing inventory backlogs, the average "for sale" time that the home is on the market and average selling prices.

Watch for foreclosed-property inventory to loosen. Banks will soon be under greater pressure to cut their losses on property they own through foreclosure and to increase revenues. With a smaller percentage of distressed homes selling at auction, banks are loaded up with more of these "nonper-

forming assets."

### Tips for home sellers:

Price correctly from the get-go. Unless you're living in a handful of relatively stable U.S. markets, don't start out too high-priced just to "test the waters." Your backup plan of adjusting on the fly may prove futile. Keep that window of opportunity open from the first time the "for sale" sign appears on your lawn. The first 30 days a home is on the market are when it gets the most attention from potential buyers and their agents.

Looks do matter. Don't underestimate the importance of curb appeal. Not only is there an acute price war going on out there, there's also a beauty contest being staged. You may be strategically located in a quiet cul-de-sac, near great schools, great health-care facilities and fabulous shopping, and you may have easy highway access for that morning commute, but unless your exterior is well coifed and in sparkling condition, other offerings will outshine it.

Don't overdo it. By contrast, if you go too far in improving your place, you likely will not be able to recoup your remodeling investment.

Don't be an ambiguous seller. Either you are going to sell or you aren't. Why waste everyone's time, including yours? If you manage to fetch a decent offer with a test listing in this market, commit to sell. You may be able to buy a better replacement house at a disproportionately lower price with so many steals still out there.

### Rates this week:

■ Mortgage rates fell across the board this week. The average 30-year fixed-rate sank 20 basis points, to 5.64 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point. The average 15-year fixed — a popular option for refinancing — plunged 30 basis points, to 5.16 percent. The average jumbo 30-year fixed dropped 9 basis points, to 7.14 percent. Adjustable-rate mortgages also fell. The one-year adjustable-rate mortgage slipped 8 basis points, to 5.97 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM slid 9 basis points, to 5.86 percent.

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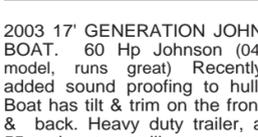
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