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Making the cuts

Education, health care, historic sites to take budget hit

By CHARLES OLIVER
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Together, health care and education take up about 75 percent of the state budget. When lawmakers gather later this month to cut spending, those areas will take a hit, say local lawmakers.

The state is looking at a deficit of at least \$1.6 billion in its \$21.1 billion 2009 fiscal year budget. The fiscal year ends June 30. Legislators will have to find ways to cut that red ink while also preparing the 2010 budget.

"With 50 percent of the budget in education, and 25 percent in health care, it's going to be very difficult," said Sen. Don Thomas, R-Dalton. "But the cuts are going to have to be made."

"It's going to be impossible for education to not be a part of those cuts," said Rep. Tom Dickson, R-Cohutta, a former schools superintendent.

Dickson said lawmakers might be able to ease the impact of some of those cuts on local school systems by reducing some of the mandates it places on them, such as maximum classroom sizes.



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Chase Parker, left, gives Wendell Vandine and his wife Edith a tour of the Chief Vann House on Sunday afternoon. The Department of Natural Resources has said that budget cuts could mean closing or cutting hours at up to seven of the state's 15 historic sites, which includes the Vann House in Spring Place.

"I anticipate we will be taking a close look at several of the mandates, and obviously one of them has to be maximum class size," Dickson said.

Gov. Sonny Perdue has already asked all state agencies to prepare budget cuts for both the current fiscal year and the next.

The Department of Natural Resources, for instance, has already said that, depending on the size of the cuts it is asked to make, it could close or cut the hours of up to seven of the state's 15 historic sites, such as the Chief Vann House in Spring Place. The Vann House was the home of Cherokee chief

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Preview breakfast

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 today 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 or call (706) 278-7373.

Out of the comfort zone

Hope Mayes will travel to Belize for the semester to teach

By MISTY WATSON
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Hope Mayes wants to be "culturally shocked."

"With the diversity in our community, I felt like I need that firsthand experience — feeling what children do coming into our culture," said Mayes, a 22-year-old from Rocky Face studying early childhood education at Kennesaw State University.

She is traveling to Belize for the semester to do her student teaching at the Sacred Heart Primary School in San Ignacio. Belize is an English-speaking country south of Mexico. Mayes leaves this week and will be gone until mid April.

"I think (student teaching abroad) will make me a much better teacher," she said. "I need to feel that culture shock and be put into a new situation where I don't know what's going on."

Mayes also had the option of doing her student teaching in Ecuador, but said she chose Belize because the schools are less "Americanized" there.

"If I'm going to go somewhere far away, I don't want it to be an Americanized school," she said. "I will be in a really poor community at a Catholic school. It will be a lot different than here. I felt like it's where God wanted me to go."

Mayes admits she might get homesick during the next four months, but "this will be an amazing experience that is going to change my life and make me better in the end."

As a teacher, Mayes should be



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Hope Mayes, left, looks over music with her mother Karen Mayes at New Hope Baptist Church in Tunnel Hill on Sunday evening. Mayes is leaving this week to do a semester of student teaching in Belize.

able to relate to her students, according to her mother Karen Mayes, who teaches at Westside Elementary School.

"I think this will be a great opportunity for her," Karen Mayes said. "She'll be more open to all the kids in her class. Things like language and culture can get in the way of teaching. You have to be able to meet the kids where they are."

Mayes didn't think she would ever follow her mother — and two older sisters — into the teaching field.

"I knew how much hard work it was to be a teacher," she said. "I

don't think people realize how much teachers really do. I was like 'I'm not going to be a teacher.' I was pursuing biology and going toward the dental field, but I didn't feel right in biology."

Mayes wanted to specialize in children's dentistry.

"I want to impact kids, but only seeing them every six months, you can't do much," she said. "I kept thinking about it and praying about it."

After two years and a half years of biology classes, Mayes changed her major to early childhood education. She expects to graduate after this semester.

Stimulus unlikely before new term

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats said Sunday that President-elect Barack Obama probably will have to wait until next month before getting the chance to sign an economic aid bill his team once hoped would be on his desk by his swearing-in Jan. 20.

"It's going to be very difficult to get the package put together that early," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland said. "But we certainly want to see this package passed through the House of Representatives no later than the end of this month, get it over to the Senate, and have it to the president before we break" in mid-February.

Obama planned to meet with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on Monday to talk about enacting a massive spending plan. The president-elect also scheduled a separate meeting with the entire Democratic and Republican leadership teams.

Reid said they will do their "very best" to get a package finished as soon as possible, but he was unwilling to set an artificial deadline for completion.

"We're going to get it done as quickly as we can," Reid said.

Added Hoyer: "We're going to move as quickly as possible, given our responsibilities to make sure that we're passing a package that will work."

Obama said Congress should pass a plan designed to create 3 million jobs. The Democratic president-elect hasn't announced a final price for it, but aides said the cost could be as high as \$775 billion.

Congressional aides briefed on the measure say it probably would blend tax cuts of \$500 to \$1,000 for middle-class individuals and couples with about \$200 billion to help revenue-starved states with their Medicaid programs and other operating costs. A large portion of the measure will go toward public works projects and include new programs such as research and development on energy efficiency and an expensive rebuilding of the information technology system for health care.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky warned Democrats against trying to move quickly without the GOP's input.

"This is an enormous bill. It could be close to a \$1 trillion spending bill," McConnell said. "Do we want to do it with essentially no hearings, no input, for example, in the Senate from Republican senators who represent half of the American population? I don't think that's a good idea."

Instead of giving all that money to states as grants, McConnell suggested it go as loans.

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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.

"Bear Bryant must be turning over in his grave."

"The Hamilton Medical Center cafeteria has good food. I eat there and I know other people come to eat there because the food isn't too high."

"All of you people judging the woman with five children: I hope you aren't Christians and I hope you don't get put in a position where you need help and can't get it."

"Sanna Wagner was with me over 30 years ago when my son was born. Congratulations. We love you."

"I wish someone would inform Mitch Hasty that the election is over, because I don't think he's taken one of his signs down."

"Customer service. Customers are always right. And don't work employees too hard."

"The governor has lowered the state gas tax by 4 cents several days ago, but this morning gas is up from 3 to 4 cents in Murray County."

"For the person who hooked up the converter box to the TV and could only get channel 14 and 18. It's because those are the only two channels that are digital at this time."

"I am amazed at the collective wisdom and problems solved by the Forum with the esteemed editor Espy at the helm."

"Please turn your vehicle lights on when it rains."

"God still performs miracles. I was at the Greenspot Saturday afternoon and saw Mr. Jim Phillips (Mr. Phillips was badly burned in October). I sure was glad to see him back home. Welcome home, Jim, and God bless you and your family."

"Haig Mill Lake is a private-owned lake, used by the owners and their guests."

"Thanks to Jeff Kinsey and The Daily Citizen for the pictures in Saturday's paper of the Blazing Blue Marching Band."

"Let me get this straight. Governor Perdue announced that we had a 4-cent gasoline tax that was goin' off the pumps. So we raise the gas prices here to a dollar fifty something cents. Who in this town is getting rich off of gas?"

"All these bicycle riders need another place to ride beside Dug Gap Mountain, especially like today when it's foggy and raining. There were bicycle riders all up and down through there, no reflective gear. People were having to dodge them."

"Whatever happened to the old saying, 'You breed 'em, you feed 'em?' The government messed it up by givin' them welfare."

"Great season for the Atlanta Falcons. I think if they would have had Michael Vick there, they probably would have won this game."

"Hamas reminds me of a neighborhood bully when I was growing up. He never would quit pestering all the kids in the neighborhood until I had to put him in his place. I hope Israel does that to Hamas and doesn't look back."

"No one ever wins in a war. Lives are taken on each side and it's unnecessary. Our nation has become so numb to war. It's a shame. Where is our patriotism in America anymore, the flags and the pins that we used to wear?"

"I believe most merchants give us receipts that are printed with invisible ink. By the time you get home to look at, it's almost disappeared. And if you need it for tax time, it's just a white piece of paper."

"Restaurants need to sit down and get their prices fixed to cover the price of condiments, like mustard, ketchup, etc., rather than to be so tacky and arrogant to charge a quarter each for extra. Most people have figured out they're not going to be eating out. They can't afford it."

Editor's note: Try to get a seat in a good restaurant during the busy dining hours.

"Happy birthday, Lucius Stout."

"They're building another shopping center on Cleveland Highway so they'll have to pass another SPLOST tax to get a red light put up there."

"McDonalds has never charged me for ketchup. The only time I've seen them charge someone is when someone wants 10 or 15 packets for one little hamburger."

"Well, we got that light at Shugart Road now at Home Depot. So, whoever wanted it can now get in line and sit there while everybody moves."

"Will we get a camera at the new traffic light on Shugart Road?"

"Happy birthday Rhonda Denton, with all of our love."

"To all you sorry, lazy people who throw trash out on the road, how would you like people to throw it in your yard? Keep it in your car until you get home."

"Would you people please quit whining about gas prices? You whined when they went up and now you are still whining. Nobody owes you a cheap tank of gas, whatever you consider cheap to be."

"The price of gas is set in part by local competition. If they can sell it for more, they will. If not, the price comes down."

"To the 88-year-old-driver: When the building jumps out in front of you, are your reflexes good enough to hit the brakes instead of the gas?"

"I firmly agree with Dr. Michaels' letter. We need to tax smokers out of existence."

"The person complaining about the holes on Airport Road's problem is with the Road Department, not the Recreation Department, which is putting the fields out at Westside."

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Cuts: Education to take hit

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James Vann and his son Joe before the state of Georgia drove the Cherokee from their lands.

Local lawmakers say they are waiting to see what Perdue proposes, but that will just start the budget process.

Will the budget be balanced solely with spending cuts?

Thomas said the state could qualify for about \$20 million in federal transportation funds if it required adults riding in pickup trucks to use seat belts. Thomas has introduced a bill that would do that in the past. It passed the state Senate but did not come up for a vote in the House.

"I don't think anyone is in

the mood right now for tax increases," said Rep. Roger Williams, R-Dalton.

But that doesn't mean there won't be any tax increases introduced.

"The tobacco tax — some increase in it will come up," said Thomas.

Lawmakers said they also believe a bill that would allow counties to band together to ask voters to approve special transportation sales taxes for regional projects will be introduced. A similar bill came close to passing last year.

But lawmakers said they also expect to consider some tax relief measures. Williams said legislation has already been filed that would cap the growth of property tax assessments. Williams said

he isn't familiar with all the details of that bill but it would cap reassessments at 3 percent each year.

Perdue has already said he will ask for a bond measure to fund infrastructure and transportation projects. He hasn't said how much he will ask for but has indicated it will be a large amount.

"That will help our state labor force to rebound," said Thomas.

But is it wise to run up more debt during a recession?

"I don't think so," said Williams. "We've already increased our bond obligations, and that's going to be a long time to pay back. That will affect future budgets — the debt service on those things."

Stimulus: Not until new term

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"It will make them spend it more wisely," McConnell said. "The states that didn't need it at all wouldn't take any."

Democrats understand that the GOP has to be involved in anything they do, said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat.

"Mitch McConnell and Harry Reid both know that we can't pass the economic

recovery plan that this nation desperately needs without bipartisan cooperation," Durbin said. "We've got to put aside a lot of the squabbling that in the past and come together under this new administration and new leadership, to get the American economy back on line."

Hoyer said they have only two criteria for passing an economic package.

"Do it as quickly as possible, but do it right, and do it so the American people know

what we're doing, do it so that members of Congress are confident of the action that we're taking," Hoyer said. "So those are the two criteria — do it as quickly as possible, but do it right. I think that time frame is hopefully certainly by the end of the month."

Hoyer spoke on "Fox News Sunday," Reid appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," while Durbin and McConnell were on "This Week" on ABC.

Correction

The photos Web site for The Daily Citizen was printed incorrectly in yesterday's paper. To see and/or purchase photos, visit thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

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BRIEFS

Richardson withdraws bid to be commerce secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson on Sunday announced that he was withdrawing his nomination to be President-elect Barack Obama's commerce secretary amid a grand jury investigation into how some of his political donors won a lucrative state contract.

Richardson's withdrawal was the first disruption of Obama's Cabinet process and the second "pay-to-play" investigation that has touched Obama's transition to the presidency.

A federal grand jury is investigating how a California company that contributed to Richardson's political activities won a New Mexico transportation contract worth more than \$1 million.

British PM pledges to create jobs

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Gordon Brown pledged Sunday to create 100,000 jobs through a public works program and said he would press banks to resume normal lending as Britain faces its sharpest economic downturn in decades.

Britain is starting 2009 with rising unemployment, plummeting house prices and a drying-up of lending by cash-strapped banks.

Illinois governor allies vanish

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich doesn't have many friends these days, particularly among the lawmakers who will decide whether to throw him out of office.

The vote to begin impeachment proceedings was unanimous. Former allies have fallen silent since his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges. Members of a special impeachment committee are uniformly negative in their comments and questions.

"Isn't anyone here going to stand up for the governor?" Blagojevich attorney Ed Genson asked the committee last week.

The response was silence. Blagojevich even has trouble finding support closer to home. His circle of aides and informal advisers has fallen apart due to arrests, resignations and the pressure of a federal investigation that dates back six years. His chief legislative ally is retiring next month.

Jefferson facelift to stress historic charms

JEFFERSON, Ga. (AP) — Downtown Jefferson is getting a facelift that will stress its 1800s charm.

City officials will start the Jefferson Streetscapes Project next month. The \$600,000 project aims to restore some of the city's charm of the 1800s.

The targeted area of Washington, Lee and Sycamore streets will include the addition of crosswalks, wider sidewalks and more plantings.

Officials plan to remove the overhead traffic signals, replacing them with signals mounted on wrought-iron styled poles with matching street lights along the nearby sidewalks.

In March, the Crawford W. Long Museum reopens after \$200,000 worth of renovations.

Israeli troops, tanks slice deep into Gaza

By **IBRAHIM BARZAK AND JASON KEYSER**
Associated Press Writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Israeli troops backed by tanks and helicopter gunships surrounded Gaza's largest city and fought militants at close range on Sunday, in the first full day of an overwhelming ground offensive in the coastal territory.

Israel said it has inflicted a heavy blow against Hamas as it expands a weeklong offensive meant to stop rocket fire on southern Israel. But spiraling civilian casualties among Palestinians fueled an international outcry, even as the U.S. blocked approval of a U.N. Security Council statement Saturday night calling for an immediate cease-fire.

Israel's ground forces moved in after nightfall Saturday following hours of intense, fiery artillery shelling to clear the way, and Hamas warned that its fighters would turn Gaza into an Israeli "graveyard."

On Sunday, Israeli soldiers continued to fight primarily in open areas in the launching zones used by Gaza's militants to send rockets raining down on Israeli cities. As the troops in three brigade-size formations moved in, residents of those Israeli cities began emerging from bomb shelters in hopes that the rocket fire would taper off.

Backing up the troops, mobile artillery units fired shells that exploded in veils of white smoke over Gaza's urban skyline. Tanks pushed south of Gaza City as deep as the abandoned settlement of Netzarim, which Israel left along with other Israeli communities when it pulled out of Gaza in 2005.

That effectively cut off Gaza City, the territory's largest population center with some 400,000 residents, from the rest of Gaza to the south.

Israel's military chief said Hamas fighters were trying to draw soldiers deeper into Gaza's sprawling, densely



AP PHOTO

A Palestinian demonstrator uses a sling-shot to hurl stones at Israeli troops during clashes which erupted following a demonstration against Israel's military operation in Gaza, at the Kalandia checkpoint between the West Bank city of Ramallah and Jerusalem, Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009. Israeli ground troops and tanks cut swaths through the Gaza Strip early Sunday, bisecting the coastal territory and surrounding its biggest city as the new phase of a devastating offensive against Hamas gained momentum.

packed urban areas, where the military said Hamas was shielding itself behind civilians.

"You entered like rats," Hamas spokesman Ismail Radwan told Israeli soldiers in a statement on Hamas' Al Aqsa TV. "Gaza will be a graveyard for you, God willing," he said.

Israeli forces have not yet entered urban areas, said Brig. Gen. Avi Benayahu, the chief army spokesman. He warned, however, that the operation was not a "school trip" and would be long and demanding.

The ground invasion risks turning into intense urban combat, with house-to-house fighting, sniper fire and booby-traps. Hamas is believed to have some 20,000 gunmen and has had time to prepare.

To guard against hidden explosives, Israel's ground forces moved through fields and orchards with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Gaza officials said at least 31 civilians were killed in the onslaught, which also continued from the air.

At one hospital, in the

northern village of Beit Lahiya, medics carrying three injured children in their arms rushed them to treatment. One of the children had a blood-soaked bandage wrapped around his head and covering his eyes.

An Israeli airstrike close to Gaza City's main market showered the area with shrapnel, killing three children, all of them siblings, medics said. Militants were using empty land next to the Firas market to fire rockets.

Israeli forces killed dozens of armed Hamas gunmen, an army statement said, but Gaza officials could confirm only a handful of dead fighters — in part because rescue teams could not reach the battle zones.

The new deaths brought the death toll in the Gaza Strip to more than 512 since Dec. 27. The tally is based on figures from the U.N. and Palestinian health officials as well as a count by The Associated Press.

One Israeli soldier died — the first to be killed in the ground operation — and 30 others were wounded, some of them in heavy exchanges

of fire near the militant stronghold of Jebaliya, a town on Gaza City's northern outskirts, the army said.

Condemnation of Israel's ground operation poured in from around the Middle East and Europe.

Support for Israel remained firm from U.S. officials, who squarely blame Hamas.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Israel "didn't seek clearance or approval from us, certainly" before thousands of soldiers pushed into Gaza after nightfall on Saturday.

Sens. Harry Reid and Dick Durbin — the top two Democrats in the chamber — and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell all described Israel's actions as understandable. "I think what the Israelis are doing is very important," Reid said. "I think this terrorist organization, Hamas, has got to be put away. They've got to come to their senses."

Israeli President Shimon Peres said that Israel had to push forward despite the calls for a halt to the ground offensive and that a cease-

fire was pointless without a stop to Hamas rocket fire.

"Well, clearly, if there is somebody (who) can stop terror with a different strategy, we shall accept it," he said on ABC's "This Week."

"We shall not accept the idea that Hamas will continue to fire and we shall declare a cease-fire. It does not make any sense."

Peres said Israel is not aiming to reoccupy Gaza or even to crush Hamas, but to "crush terror." Under Israel's blistering assault, he said, Hamas was "now beginning to feel the weight of their mistakes."

The ground operation is the second phase in an offensive that began as a week-long aerial onslaught aimed at halting Hamas rocket fire that has reached deeper and deeper into Israel, threatening major cities and one-eighth of Israel's population of 7 million people.

More than 30 rockets and mortar shells fell in Israel on Sunday morning, sending Israelis scrambling for bomb shelters. Two Israelis were lightly wounded. Four Israelis have been killed in the attacks since the offensive began.

In Gaza City, civilians covered inside as battles raged, while terrified residents in other areas fled in fear. In the southern town of Rafah, one man loaded a donkey cart with mattresses and blankets preparing to flee.

Lubna Karam, 28, said she and the other nine members of her family spent the night huddled in the hallway of their Gaza City home. The windows of the house were blown out days earlier in an Israeli airstrike, and the family has been without electricity for a week, surviving without heat and eating cold food.

Israel on Sunday approved the mobilization of thousands of reservists, in addition to tens of thousands called up on Saturday. Defense officials said the extra forces could enable a far broader ground offensive.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Shawna Ellis
AGE: 16
HOME: Chatsworth
FAMILY: Mom, Donna; dad, Jeff; brother, Alex
SCHOOL: Murray County High School
PLAY: Cheerleading, gymnastics, riding horses, watching football
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VIEWPOINTS

Gaza awaits Hillary Clinton

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will become the second member of her family to have a crack at reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement.

Bill Clinton came achingly close in 2000 only to have the clock run out on his presidency even as the indefatigable president seemed close to wearing down the intransigent Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat.

President Bush took office with a promising "road map to peace," but he was soon distracted by Iraq and, in any case, his heart never seemed to be in pressuring the Israelis to stop the expansion of West Bank settlements or to grant confidence-building concessions to Arafat's successor, Mahmoud Abbas.

Unhappily for Hillary Clinton, when she takes over as secretary of state the status of her No. 1 foreign-policy problem is infinitely worse than when her husband left office.

Gaza is now in the control of the hard-line group Hamas, which ousted Abbas' ineffective Palestine Authority. The authority backed a two-state solution. Hamas unambiguously wants the Israeli state destroyed and the Jews gone.

Since taking over, Hamas has shot over 6,400 largely ineffective missiles into Israel, hoping to hit random civilian targets. It continued to do so despite a cease-fire and now seems to have come into possession of longer-range, more-accurate Iranian-supplied missiles, jeopardizing ever-larger swaths of Israel proper.

The Israelis retaliated with a weeklong air campaign, but they face fearful obstacles. The Gaza Strip, with 1.5 million people in 130 square miles, is one of the most densely populated places on Earth and, with one of the world's highest birth rates, one of the youngest — an average age of just over 17 and a median age perhaps as young as 15.

Even precision weapons are likely to hit civilians, and young ones at that. But Hamas seems to take almost indecent delight at the more than 400 civilian casualties and is seemingly deliberately provoking Israel into a ground incursion.

Hamas, whose senior-most leadership is safely in Damascus, Syria, seems to believe that the civilian casualties will cause the world to rally around its cause, but the world has been slow to rally other than to call for a cease-fire that neither Hamas nor Israel seems prepared to accept just yet.

The problem is exacerbated because a new U.S. government is taking office, the current Israeli government is about to leave office and the two Palestinian governments don't recognize each other as legitimate.

Maybe the second Clinton will be a charm.

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LETTERS

Christmas Dreams 2008 a success

To the editor:

Christmas Dreams 2008 was successful and all 152 children and 13 seniors received their Christmas Dream gifts. The program was started 16 years ago by a Whitfield County Department of Family and Children's Services caseworker who saw the families in DFCS care in such need that they had nothing for Christmas. We have provided beds, bedding and pillows, doors, food, toys, bicycles (with helmets), and clothes to these children.

Thanks to so many people who made it happen. The team of DFCS caseworkers, the volunteers for Christmas Dreams, the people who took a name from the tree and the companies who took families and bought gifts, and people who donated money so we could shop for things they needed.

We could never thank everyone, but to all of you who made a child's or senior citizen's Christmas brighter, thank you and God bless.

Wanda Legg, Carol Bartolomucci and Jane Harrell Dalton

To suggest a Bible verse, call (706) 272-7735 or e-mail jimmyespy@daltoncitizen.com

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 4:24

Thought for Today: "The most certain sign of being born with great qualities is to be born without envy."

Francois de La Rochefoucauld French author (1613-1680)

Buck keeps moving



Jacob Sullum

Ohio recently became the sixth state to ban *Salvia divinorum*, a psychedelic member of the mint family native to Mexico, where it has been used for centuries as an aid to healing and divination. The legislator who introduced the ban said he did so after hearing from constituents who blamed their 12-year-old son's death on the drug.

The boy was killed by a friend who apparently had tried salvia, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reports, "although it isn't clear whether the friend was on the drug when he shot and killed the 12-year-old." The Columbus Dispatch notes, "there was no direct evidence ... that the shooting was drug-related."

Clearly there is something magical about salvia, since it can make questions about an adolescent killer's motives, state of mind and unsupervised access to a loaded gun disappear.

The wicked weed was one of the year's highlights in blame shifting. Here are a few more:

— **Stop Me Before I Borrow Again.** Except in cases of fraud, people who took out risky mortgages and later had trouble making their payments should have known what they were getting into. Perhaps they were careless, or perhaps they miscalculated, assuming that home values would keep rising. In many cases they misrepresented their assets or income.

Yet when asked whether "greedy lenders" or "risky home buyers" were "at fault" in the "subprime lending meltdown," Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin replied, "Darn right it was the predator

lenders, who tried to talk Americans into thinking that it was smart to buy a \$300,000 house if we could only afford a \$100,000 house."

She was notably easier on the reckless borrowers: "I think we need to band together and say never again. Never will we be exploited and taken advantage of again by those who are managing our money and loaning us these dollars."

— **The Litigatable Lightness of Cigarettes.** — The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that smokers in Maine can sue the major tobacco companies for misleadingly implying that "light" cigarettes are safer than regular cigarettes. The same charge figures prominently in a Justice Department lawsuit against the cigarette makers.

Yet if the tobacco companies have committed fraud by highlighting the tar and nicotine yields of their cigarettes, it's a fraud in which the federal government participated from the beginning. In 1966, the Federal Trade Commission approved the machine-based "FTC method" for measuring tar and nicotine.

The FTC conceded at the time that people do not smoke the way machines do, and research later confirmed that smokers tend to compensate for lower nicotine yields by taking more puffs, inhaling more deeply and holding the smoke longer.

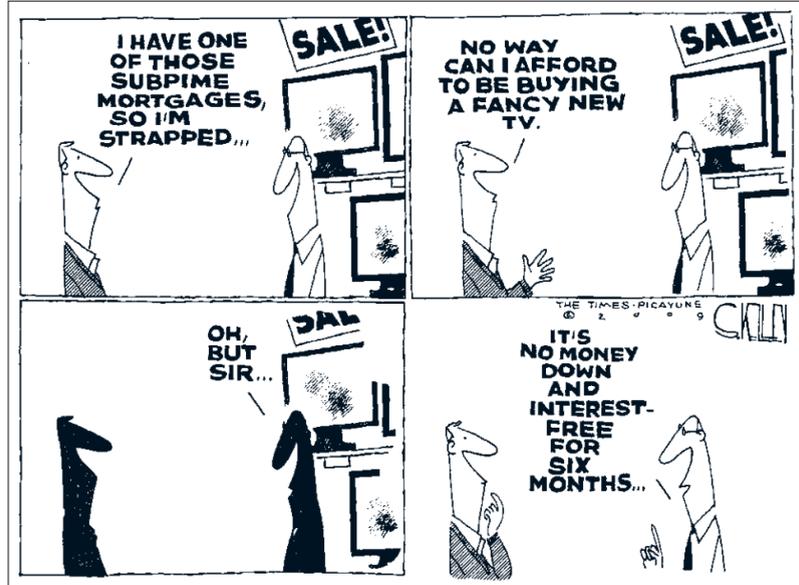
Yet the FTC waited 42 years, until last July, to propose withdrawing its blessing from the machine-generated numbers, saying they are not good indicators of what smokers absorb.

Even while implicitly admitting its error, the commission disclaimed responsibility for it, saying its endorsement of the FTC method "does not require companies to state the tar and nicotine yields of their cigarettes in their advertisements or on product labels." It neglected to mention that in 1971, it threatened to require the tobacco companies to advertise the yields unless they did so "voluntarily."

— **San Andreas Fault.** Take-Two Interactive tentatively settled a class action lawsuit over Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas, agreeing to pay customers offended by hidden sex scenes in the video game up to \$35 each. Under the deal, which a federal judge rejected in July, the lawyers would have received \$1.3 million, while payments to the plaintiffs would have totaled less than \$30,000, since only 2,676 had filed claims.

It's impressive that even that many people signed up, since only players who deliberately used third-party software to reveal the scenes were able to see them. Theoretically, parents who bought the M-rated game (aimed at players 17 and older) for their children might have objected, assuming they think it's OK to murder fictional prostitutes as long as you don't have sex with them.

■ Jacob Sullum is senior editor at Reason magazine.



Year-end odds and ends ...

Here are some year-end observations:

New Year's Day hangover sufferers usually fail to understand that drinking is not a spectator sport — the whole family gets to play, whether it wants to or not.

Going to a post-season college football bowl game used to be quite an honor back when there were basically just the Rose Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Sugar Bowl and the Orange Bowl.

But this year's college bowl games total 34, which include, among others, the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., and the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

The problem with 34 bowl games is that there are not 68 college football teams with bowl-worthy win-loss records. At least seven teams in those bowl games had lost as many games (six) as they had won. There was a time when a college football coach whose team had lost six games that autumn would have been well-advised to begin immediately exploring employment opportunities in the aluminum siding business. Now, that coach could boast of having led his team to the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, or the GMAC (who's underwriting this one?) Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Sean Penn is a terrific actor whose performance as San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official in



Mark Shields

California, in "Milk" has been almost universally praised. But, for my money, Philip Seymour Hoffman in "Doubt," as the ecumenically minded Father Flynn at a Bronx Catholic school in the post-Vatican II '60s, and Clint Eastwood, as an embittered and widowed Walt Kowalski of Detroit in "Gran Torino," are the two finalists for the 2008 Academy Award.

I would pay to see Dustin Hoffman as Rumpelstiltskin.

After he ran unsuccessfully for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination, the late and, yes, great Arizona Rep. Morris K. "Mo" Udall used to joke that, after his own losing campaign and his home-state Republican colleague Barry Goldwater's 1964 loss to Lyndon Johnson, Arizona was the only state where mothers did not tell their sons they could grow to become president.

Since then, Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt tried and failed to win the 1988 Democratic nomination and Republican Sen. John McCain, having lost the GOP nomination to George W. Bush in 2000, lost the White House to Barack Obama in 2008.

If you or anyone you know has

presidential ambitions, Phoenix and Tucson and Tempe may not be the best places to launch your campaign.

A prediction for 2009: Sometime in the next several months in an Illinois prison, one convict will turn to his cellmate and say, "The food was a lot better here when you were governor."

After this disastrous year, when my 401k shrunk into a 201f, I have narrowed my financial advisors down to just two: Sealy and Simmons.

Baseball has to be a truly great game in order to survive the men who own the teams and run the sport.

I pray every day that no grandchild of mine will ever grow up to be a New York Yankees fan. Rooting for the Yankees is like rooting for OPEC against the destitute and frostbitten New England widow with no oil in the furnace or cheering for the big-city bankers foreclosing on the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In a year of many good lines, none was better than that of political guru and Louisiana native Charlie Cook, who attributed to a home-state Democrat this most flattering description of the state's cerebral, reform-minded Republican governor, Bobby Jindal: "We've tried smart. We've tried honest. We've just never tried both smart and honest."

■ To find out more about Mark Shields and read past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web site at www.creators.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2009. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as "X-rays."

On this date:

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

Ten years ago: Four U.S. Air Force and Navy jets fired on, and missed, four Iraqi MiGs testing the "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq in the first such air confrontation in more than six years.

Five years ago: Foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country. NASA released a 3-D, black-and-white panoramic picture of the bleak surface of Mars snapped by the newly landed rover Spirit. China confirmed its first SARS case since an outbreak was contained in July 2003. After 14 years of denials, Pete Rose publicly admitted that he'd bet on baseball while manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Baseball pitcher Tug McGraw died near Nashville, Tenn., at age 59.

One year ago: Republican Mitt Romney won the Wyoming caucuses, picking up eight delegates; in a debate three days before the New Hampshire primary, Romney clashed with Mike Huckabee on foreign policy and John McCain on immigration. In a Democratic faceoff, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused campaign rival Barack Obama of changing his positions on health care and "a number of issues."

Today's Birthdays:

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 81. Actor Robert Duvall is 78. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Chuck Noll is 77. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 63. Actor Ted Lange is 61. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 56.

Bank honors UGA soldier

By **CHRIS STARRS**
Athens Banner-Herald

ATHENS, Ga. — It should come as no surprise that someone who values his University of Georgia diploma as much — if not more — than his Purple Heart and Bronze Star would be recognized as a top-drawer alumnus.

Griffin native Scott Parker, a U.S. Army reservist who sandwiched tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan between obtaining his cherished diploma in 2006, recently was honored by Bank of America in its “My Expression Search for Alumni Passion” contest.

Parker wrote a 100-word essay detailing his devotion to country and university to pick up the prize, which included a \$500 cash award and a \$10,000 donation — in his name — to the UGA Alumni Association.

“Nothing was going to stop me from getting my degree,” says Parker, 27, who in early January will return to Fort Rucker, Ala., for continued training at Warrant Officer Candidate School. “I had to get it while I was juggling all these tours.”

With an interest in law enforcement, Parker realized a long-held dream when he enrolled at UGA in 2001 after earning associate degrees in political science and pre-law from Middle Georgia College in Cochran, where he was also named “Mr. Middle Georgia College.”

Parker was determined to earn his bachelor’s degree to fulfill his late father’s wishes, and he wanted to earn that sheepskin from Georgia, the college he’d dreamed and schemed about attending.

“My father died about three months before I graduated from high school,” says Parker of the late Jerry Parker, whose military career included a tour in Vietnam. “My father wanted me to go to college, not into the military. I was the first person in my family to go to college. I was just an average student,



AP PHOTO

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but I always wanted to go to Georgia. Most people who knew me then might not have thought that this would happen, but nothing would stop me from getting there.”

Realizing he’d “need an edge” for his future career, Parker joined the Army Reserves after his first year at Georgia and temporarily suspended the pursuit of his education when he left school in spring 2003 for basic training. He went into psychological operations, a division of special forces, and after a year of training was deployed for a 15-month tour of Iraq.

Parker earned the Purple Heart in Iraq (“It was Thursday, Oct. 13, 2004, at 9 p.m.,” he says) when a vehicle he was driving was hit with a roadside bomb. He suffered an injured shoulder, ribs and collarbone, as well as receiving shrapnel in his left leg. He remained in the hospital for more than a month before returning to his team.

During his time in Iraq, Parker’s devotion to UGA only increased as his teachers and classmates in criminal justice favored him with care

packages that included plenty of mementos from home.

“Dr. (Susette) Talarico took such an interest in me,” Parker says of Talarico, a longtime UGA professor who died in May. “And Doris Porter, Elaine Weeks and Ed Thares from criminal justice sent care packages to me and my guys the whole time I was deployed. I knew about football and everything else that was going on at Georgia because they’d send me copies of the Red & Black and my friends would keep me informed. Downrange, everybody (in Iraq) knew I was a huge Georgia fan.”

As soon as his Iraqi deployment was completed, Parker hustled back to UGA to complete credits for his degree.

“Thanks to the folks at criminal justice, who helped me out immensely, my dorm room, books and schedule were all taken care of,” he says. “The day I got off the plane, I headed right back to Georgia and literally picked up where I left off.”

The day after his graduation in 2006, Parker returned

to military life and was soon in Afghanistan, where he remained until February 2008, and where he earned the Bronze Star for his meritorious service as a team leader in two combat engagements. When he returned from Afghanistan, Parker considered a post-military career, but an old friend convinced him to apply to flight school, which he did successfully.

“I always wanted to fly, so this was something I couldn’t pass up,” he says. “The Army and Georgia provided a lot for me and it was all in my packet, so I decided to go for it. I got accepted and now I’m in the Warrant Officer program.”

Parker says that while he was overseas, he always seemed to figure out a way to see or hear nearly every Georgia football game. During his deployments, a UGA flag flew prominently on his vehicle and there were no questions about his loyalty to the Bulldogs.

“I’ve always wanted a college degree and not even a war could stop me from getting it,” he says. “I hold my degree to the highest standard and it means as much to me as the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. (Earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart) happened by chance, and I’m glad to say I did it, but graduating from college was a huge achievement.”

“Part of what my essay was about was how can I not support a university that did so much to support me? How can you not be proud to be part of something like that?”



AP PHOTO

Lun Lun holds her 4-month-old cub, Xi Lan, the newest panda cub at Zoo Atlanta on Saturday. He has just learned to walk and zoo officials say he’ll learn to climb soon.

Zoo Atlanta hopes to bring back PandaCam

ATLANTA (AP) — Zoo Atlanta officials are trying to find a way to turn the PandaCam back on. The online PandaCam gave close-up views of Atlanta’s panda family. Officials turned it off Dec. 31 to save money.

Spokesman Marcus Margerum says officials will know within two weeks whether it’s possible to bring back the PandaCam.

Visitors making the trip

to the zoo can get a look at the 4-month-old giant panda cub, Xi Lan (SHE LAHN). Mei Lan got all the attention until baby brother Xi Lan was born.

Xi Lan wobbled into public view last week.

In 2007, the year following Mei Lan’s birth, the zoo drew 830,000 visitors.

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By Jonathan M. Moorhead
Universal Media Syndicate

Now anyone can join the 6 million plus people who have already made the selection and are now getting access to the affordable health care they need.

These health care programs are now being provided by the Universal Health Card.

So, how is everyone getting the Universal Health Card? "It's easy; for the next 30 days we're letting everyone use it free," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, a senior health care advisor for the Universal Health Card. "Just call the National Hotline before the 48-hour deadline and cover only the \$18 registration fee. It's that simple," Dietz said.

Since no one can be refused, everyone can benefit from the savings. There are no medical exams required, no health questions to answer, or forms to fill out.

The Universal Health Card can now be claimed by anyone regardless of past or current health conditions. So anyone at any age can save on health care protection and prescription drugs without any confusion or red tape.

"We're all one illness away from poverty ... But now the Universal Health Card helps ensure full access to quality medical care so patients get the affordable care they need when they need it."

-Dr. Philip Howren
Emergency Room Physician

For the next 48 hours, the new Universal Health Card is available to individuals and entire families and you don't have to be over 65 or have low income to get the new card.

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Eye Masters, LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, J.C. Penney and even Target.

But when an accident or serious illness strikes Universal Health Card holders are far better off than those without any health insurance because there are hospitals nationwide that now accept this health card.

"We're all one illness away from poverty ... But now the Universal Health Card helps ensure full access to quality medical care so patients get the affordable care they need when they need it," said Dr. Philip Howren, Emergency Room Physician.

With the high cost of health care, some families are rolling the dice hoping that an accident or catastrophic event will not occur.

That's why the Universal Health Card is saving the day for so many people. It is not health insurance. It's like a safety net of savings that gives everyone and their family protection when none is available or

they have too little protection.

Long term protection will also be extended to card holders at just forty-nine dollars a month, but now that everyone can get the card for free, it's so important that everyone in need of protection calls now and beats the 48-hour deadline. All that is needed is to cover just the registration fee that will provide the first thirty days of complete, affordable protection with the Universal Health Card for free.

"There are over 47 million people in the U.S. who don't have health insurance so we know the phones will be ringing off the hook," said Kenneth J. Geis, Director of the National Hotline. Our reason for the 48-hour deadline is simple; we want

to make sure that everyone gets to speak to a real person who can instantly register and then issue the free card.

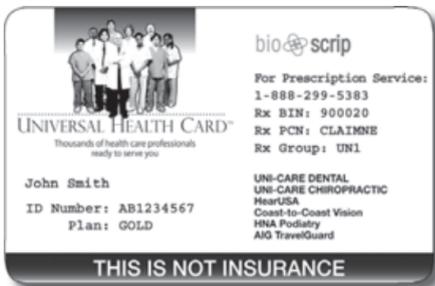
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deadline will have to wait until free sign-up periods are announced to the public again sometime in the future," said Geis. ■

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Above is General Motors' 2010 Cadillac SRX. The redesigned vehicle was unveiled yesterday and is set to go on display at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in Detroit later this month. It replaces the SRX model first launched in 2004. The 2010 SRX is expected to be in showrooms in mid-2009. Pricing hasn't been announced.

Cadillac unveils sleeker SRX

BY **KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON**
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is counting on the 2010 Cadillac SRX crossover vehicle to lure luxury car buyers with new design and performance features.

The redesigned vehicle was unveiled Sunday and is set to go on display at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in Detroit later this month. It replaces the SRX model first launched in 2004.

To help compete with better-selling rivals like the Lexus RX, Acura MDX, and the BMW X3 and X5, the SRX's designers took elements from other Cadillac models and melded them into this one. The new SRX looks faster than its boxy predecessor, with a curving roofline and a more rounded nose that still retains an aggressive look.

"For GM, it's our most aggressive brand," said Clay Dean, GM's global director for Cadillac design. "We want to appeal to people that set the trends."

Cadillac put more energy into improving the interior quality and exterior design of the car, Dean

said. A 3-liter direct-injection V-6 engine comes standard, with the option for a 2.8-liter turbocharged V-6. Although fuel economy testing wasn't complete, GM estimates highway miles per gallon will fall in the mid-20s.

Cadillac has a strong following among luxury car buyers, and the brand remains an important one for GM.

Cadillac sales fell 24 percent in the first 11 months of 2008, about on par with U.S. light truck and SUV sales overall. The automaker sold nearly 148,000 Cadillacs in January through November, including about 14,800 SRXs. But Toyota Motor Corp.'s Lexus division sold five times as many RXs.

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The public got its first peek of the SRX at a California auto charity event in August. The model is one of three launches GM has planned for the Detroit show that starts next week. There's a new Chevrolet Equinox crossover that the automaker unveiled in December, and a redesigned 2010 Buick LaCrosse sedan will make its debut.

RV owners love their lifestyle

BY **ANDREW MEACHAM**
St. Petersburg Times

Michael Dautel's life was a model of success. He was married, held a \$200,000-a-year job with a fiber optics company and owned a four-bedroom home in a pricey Atlanta suburb.

There was just one problem. He hated it. "I was living in an airplane and hotels," said Dautel, 58. "I decided I'd had enough of that rat race." So when his fourth marriage ended in divorce in 1999, Dautel put all his furniture into storage.

He bought a 30-foot trailer and hit the road.

Nine years later, he's still on the road.

"My family wanted to have me committed, because they knew what I walked away from," said Dautel, who for the past several months has parked his newer, 40-foot fifth-wheel at Tampa East RV Resort.

"The funniest thing was, I didn't miss a bit of it."

Dautel is part of a nomadic class of "full-timers," as insiders call people who live exclusively in their recreational vehicles and travel trailers. About 1 million Americans fall into that category, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association.

Increasingly, they are composed of early retirees who are often supplementing fixed incomes by working at the parks where they stay.

They might winter in Florida or Arizona, then head to Maine or the West Coast. The lifestyle, which Dautel calls "the last friendly refuge," appeals to several generations, from the elderly to aging hippies to newly retired yuppies looking for more.

A 2008 annual survey by Workamper News, a magazine devoted to the RV lifestyle, found a majority of readers within the expected older age groups, including 53 percent between 61 and 70 and 8 percent who are 71 and older.

The survey also found 33



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Mike Dautel, 58, a retired Air Force vet who lives at Tampa East RV Resort and works across the street at Bates RV in sales. Fulltime RVers and other RV park dwellers aren't homeless, they just don't have a permanent address.

percent between 51 and 60 and 5 percent ages 41 to 50.

"You've got a lot of Type A personalities, a lot of folks who have had successful careers, whose dream was to call it quits in their 50s," said Mike Gast, a spokesman for KOA Campgrounds of America.

Younger full-timers, Gast said, relish the community of others in the RV lifestyle.

"This is a generation that has a desire to belong," he said.

It took Dautel five years to get rid of his storage locker, the last vestige of his former life. He has traveled across the country but often returns to Florida.

He typically supplements an Air Force pension with work, either for the parks where he stays or outside. He spent three years managing a restaurant in the Keys, despite having no experience.

Lately, he sells RVs at Bates RV, next door to Tampa East. "I sell the lifestyle," he said. "I love the lifestyle."

A recent trend backed by KOA and other RV parks encourages RV dwellers to work off all or part of lot rentals by doing seasonal work at RV parks or theme parks.

Those living the RV lifestyle tend to make good employees, said Steve Anderson of Workamper News, which posts job openings online. "A lot of it has to do with the maturity of the individual," Anderson said. "They've worked in positions where they have longevity. They understand what it means to say, 'If I tell you I'm going to be here for six months, I'll stay for six months.'" "With the RV people, it's a pretty mobile crowd," Dautel said. "So you end up running across each other all the time. It's like boat people. They know other boat people all around. RV people are the same way."

The network affords opportunities for singles to get together.

"Look on the Web sites," Dautel said. "You see the people looking to hook up. Some have the ride, others are looking to latch on with someone. Some say they are looking for companionship; some want considerably more."

Take, for example, the following posting from "orphan" on workamper.com: Attractive SWF, young 60s, good cook/co-pilot/fun com-

panion. LOVES sightseeing, workamping, music and outdoor activities. Seeking active SWM - NS 50s-60s for travel/work/possible LTR. Travel anywhere in your RV — mine is too small.

Full-timer Bill Weschler also enjoys the lifestyle. A former Texaco executive, he sells vehicles at Bates RV. He shares a 40-foot motorhome in Zephyrhills with his wife Terry.

Since going full-time in 2002, they have enjoyed stays in Oregon, living in sight of the Pacific Ocean, and Pennsylvania near Lake Erie.

"It's sort of like a motorcycle," said Weschler, 57. "It doesn't matter where you're going, as long as you're going."

A Texas mail service that caters to full-timers forwards his mail for \$4.35 a week. Many full-timers use cell phones, and put up with "dead zones" when they travel out of range from any tower. The Workamper survey found that the majority (43 percent) of respondents connected to the Internet through wireless (WiFi) networks, followed by cellular air cards, DSL and dial-up and satellite modems.

AREA ARRESTS

■ Harold Junior Bartlett, 65, 421 Florence Ave., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, driving without a license and a head light violation.

■ Humberto Archan Cervantes, 21, 1207 Davenport Road, Lot J, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.

■ Jose Guadalupe Herrada, 222 Overland Trail, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.

■ Jeremy Keith McGill, 39, 444 Dawnville Road, Apartment A, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

■ Jason Brent Bagby, 28, 2748 Landfill Road, Rocky Face, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

■ Timothy Dewayne Boling, 46, 112 Wiltshire Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, diving without a license, a headlight violation and a probation violation.

■ Steven Anthony Snowden, 44, 1021 Groves Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with theft by receiving stolen property and burglary.

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BRIDGE

Famous hand

This deal occurred in a match between Canada and Mexico, and features a brilliant defensive play by Miguel Reygadas of Mexico, who held the West hand.

The Canadian North-South pair reached four hearts as shown. As played by them, North's notrump response was forcing for one round, and South's two-heart rebid guaranteed at least a six-card suit.

Reygadas led his singleton club, taken by dummy's ace. Because declarer couldn't afford to play trumps before doing something about his three spade losers, his next move was a low diamond to the king.

Reygadas took the king with the ace, led a low spade to East's ace and ruffed the club return. It was the third trick for the defense. He then exited with a diamond to dummy's queen. After discarding the 10-4 of spades on the Q-J of diamonds, declarer next led the heart ten and, when East followed low, finessed the queen.

Since the heart finesse succeeded and the jack and king of hearts were about to fall under the ace on the next round, it might seem that South was sure to take the rest of the tricks. But a funny thing happened on the way to making the contract.

Visualizing perfectly what was about to take place, Reygadas refused to make life easy for declarer. When the heart ten was led to South's queen, he played his jack instead of woodenly following with the four.

Declarer cannot really be blamed for what happened next. To him it appeared, naturally enough, that West had no more trumps, which in turn meant that a second finesse would be necessary to trap East's "marked" K-4 of hearts. But when declarer tried to cross to dummy with a club to repeat the finesse, Reygadas trumped with the four of hearts, and the seemingly certain contract went down one.

Tomorrow: Like taking candy from a baby.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: AFTER NOVELIST MAILER BECAME THE EMPLOYEES' SUPERVISOR, THEY BEGAN CALLING HIM FOREMAN NORMAN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Your discipline and honesty will set a great example for someone wondering what to do next. A change will do you good. Emotional matters will have to be dealt with in order to move forward. Times are tight but your ability to take a little and turn it into something great will motivate everyone around you, enhancing your life. Your numbers are 6, 9, 17, 22, 29, 35, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will be as open or giving as you are. Hold on to what you have. Caution while working is a must to avoid injury or arguments that will set you back. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are in a position to show your talent, not talk about it. You can make a greater impact by taking action and the impression you make on someone you really like will certainly pay off. Your strength will come through your actions. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can convince anyone of anything, so put on your best show and go out and sell yourself. A change of jobs, switching from one course to another or looking into a business deal will all be attainable if you act fast and with finesse. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are passionate and precise, you will get ahead. Change may not be welcome at home but it will be necessary. Don't fight the inevitable but work with what you've got and you will succeed. Don't overspend. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be confused. Don't let emotional matters cloud your vision or lead you in the wrong direction. Making unreasonable promises will come back to haunt you. Focus on what you can accomplish and you will avoid pitfalls. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can do whatever

you set your mind to. Don't give in when you don't have to. Play to win and you will. Love is on the rise, so pay proper attention to someone special and you will enjoy the comforts of a close relationship. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful not to go overboard. Protect what you have instead of being left wide open for criticism and letting someone take advantage of you. Put your life in order instead of taking an unnecessary risk. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Not everyone will understand what it is you are trying to accomplish. Listen to suggestions and brace yourself to take on some challenges you weren't expecting. Love will conquer all and will keep your faith and strength intact. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be tempted by what others are doing and saying but, if you really look at the situation, you should recognize that talk and reality are not always the same. Think any ideas and plans through before taking a leap. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think before you speak, act or make promises. You have to be sure about what you can and cannot do. Question what others promise as well. Now is not the time to make changes to your personal life. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think about what you can do to get ahead. If that means picking up an extra project or job or even a skill, get busy doing so. You have to start somewhere, so work through whatever problems you face. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's what you do behind the scenes that will pay off. A partnership you cherish should be nurtured and treated with respect. Your knowledge of what others may be up to will guide you to a positive course of action. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

'Marley & Me' remains top dog

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Jennifer Aniston, Owen Wilson and their little dog have not lost their box office bite.

The family tale "Marley & Me," starring Aniston and Wilson as owners of an adorably mischievous pooch, took in \$24.1 million to finish as the No. 1 movie for a second-straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The 20th Century Fox flick raised its total to \$106.5 million since opening Christmas day.

With no new wide releases, the weekend shaped up largely like the previous one, with Disney's Adam Sandler comedy "Bedtime Stories" in second place with \$20.3 million.

ThinkFilm's "Good" opened with \$9,300 in two theaters, averaging \$4,650. The film casts Viggo Mortensen as an upright German academic gradually seduced into the Nazi fold as World War II approaches.

Hollywood finished 2008 with solid returns. Domestic movie revenues totaled \$9.63 billion for the year, just shy of the \$9.68 billion record set in 2007, according to box-office tracker Media By Numbers.

Factoring in 2008's higher admission prices, the

number of tickets sold fell to 1.35 billion, down 4.3 percent from the year before.

That was a solid result given hard economic times, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Media By Numbers.

"The movie industry is totally holding its own in the face of the recession, increased competition from other entertainment options and emerging technologies," Dergarabedian said.

The new year was off to a good start, with the top 12 movies taking in \$130.1 million, up 7.4 percent from the same weekend in 2008.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Media By Numbers LLC. Final figures will be released today.

1. "Marley & Me," \$24.1 million.
2. "Bedtime Stories," \$20.3 million.
3. "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," \$18.4 million.
4. "Valkyrie," \$14 million.
5. "Yes Man," \$13.9 million.
6. "Seven Pounds," \$10 million.
7. "The Tale of Despereaux," \$7 million.
8. "Doubt," \$5 million.
9. "The Day the Earth Stood Still," \$4.9 million.
10. "Slumdog Millionaire," \$4.8 million.

To Your Good Health
Difficult to correct potassium deficit with food

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: All my blood tests have come back normal except for potassium. It's low. Why? My doctor told me to drink orange juice and eat bananas. How much orange juice and how many bananas? How does low potassium affect you? I don't feel any different than I ever did. — G.G.



Paul G. Donohue

ANSWER: The mineral potassium has many roles. It keeps the heart beating, nerves firing and muscles contracting. Significant loss of potassium brings on fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle cramps, nausea, vomiting and abnormal heartbeats. With a significant potassium deficit, it's close to impossible to restore a normal potassium level with potassium-rich foods like bananas and oranges; it's necessary to take potassium supplements. Potassium foods can restore a normal level if the deficit isn't all that great.

The key to low potassium is finding out why it's low and correcting that problem.

A leading cause of a potassium deficit is potassium loss from vomiting or diarrhea. You don't mention suffering from either, so this can't apply to you.

Kidney disorders are another cause. The kidney keeps a close watch on the body's potassium stores. It

adjusts how much it eliminates in the urine according to how much the body has on hand. Many kidney illnesses ruin the kidney's ability to regulate body potassium levels. I can't believe you have serious kidney problems, or your doctor would have mentioned them and they would have shown up on your lab tests.

Adrenal gland problems also can upset body potassium balance. Other signs of such problems are obvious, and you have none of them.

Do you take a diuretic (water pill)? Many water pills deplete body potassium stores. If you do, call the doctor and ask if a different one would be better for you. If you don't, ask the doctor what's causing your low potassium.

The booklet on sodium and potassium discusses these important minerals in detail. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 202, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Last month, after a number of tests, my doctor put me on Provigil. I felt like my life had been handed back to me. It was wonderful. I had to take a sleep test before I started it, and the test showed I had sleep apnea. But it does have a side effect — edginess. Today, for example, trying to cash a CD became an ordeal because of the bureaucratic rules the bank demanded for identification. I got so angry that I thought I would have a heart attack. This is something I normally would have passed over. I've told my doctor, but I haven't told him the extent because I don't want to stop the Provigil. I suppose I could cut the dosage or get these matters taken care of early in the day, before taking it. Do you have any suggestions? — L.J.

ANSWER: What a pleasure to hear the endorsement of a medicine. Most letters recount the exact opposite: They're about the terrible things that happen from taking medicine. Both of your solutions sound sensible to me. Or you might try making a hasty exit when you feel your anger rising. Frankly, I respond with the same vehemence you do when con-

ASK THE DOCTOR

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

fronted with similar situations, and I'm not on Provigil.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For osteoporosis, I take calcium pills. I also have aortic stenosis, which, I understand, is associated with calcium deposits. Should I cut back on my calcium intake? — S.R.

ANSWER: The calcium you get from your calcium tablets isn't going to add to the calcification of your aortic valve. That's something the body does on its own, with or without calcium supplements. It's trying to patch up a valve deformity, and it takes calcium from the body's calcium bank — bones. Your oral calcium isn't going to affect valve calcification one bit.

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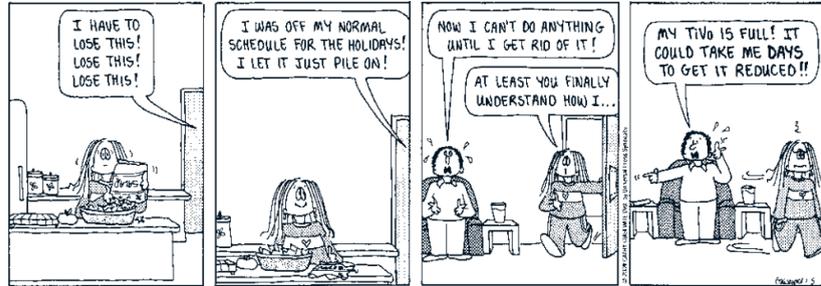
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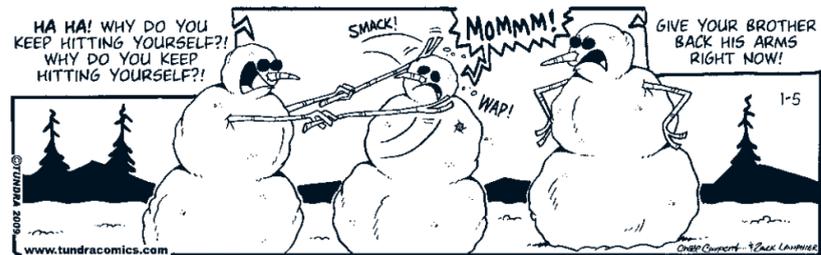
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DEAR ABBY

Bumbling behavior is sore point between mother and son

DEAR ABBY: My son says I scold him so often it has given him a complex. He constantly loses things and damages property such as computers, my furniture, etc. He doesn't do it on purpose. It "just happens" (I think) because he is clumsy and heavy-handed, sort of a bull in a china shop.

clumsiness, has his vision — specifically his depth perception — been checked by an eye-care specialist? Yes, accidents happen, but when they happen repeatedly, there may be another explanation.



Jeane Phillips

He often bumps into people — including me — and never says "Excuse me," or even appears to notice. At first I would speak to him about these incidents and make him apologize, but after a while I lost my patience and started getting angry.

My son is now 19 and still living at home, and these things are still happening. What am I supposed to do? Sit back and say nothing? This morning we were getting into the car to go to work, and he swung his lunch bag around and hit me in the head with it. When no reaction or apology was forthcoming, I said, "You hit me in the head with your lunch bag," and he went off again about always being a failure and everyone always finding fault with him. — FRUSTRATED MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a man my family and friends, and I, all thought was the perfect man/husband for me — or anyone, for that matter. We have been married less than two months, and I have undeniable proof that he is married to another woman in another state.

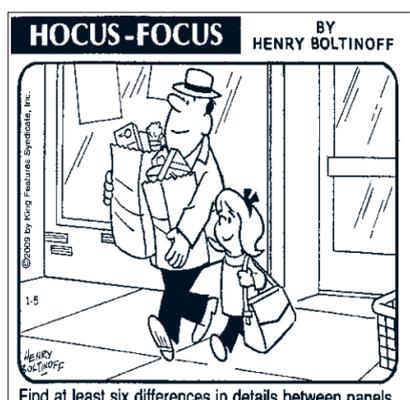
We received gifts from two showers — one given by some friends and another given by my co-workers. Should I give them back? I want to do the right thing. There are about 20 gifts and a small gift certificate.

So far, people who know my situation say I should keep them, but are they just being polite? — EMBARRASSED AND HEART-BROKEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

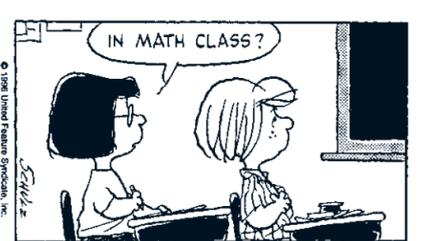
DEAR EMBARRASSED AND HEART-BROKEN: If they have not been used, the gifts should be offered to the people who gave them to you. However, if you have already done this and were told to keep them, then that's what you should do. The gifts are yours to keep or dispose of as you wish, if you would prefer not to have hurtful reminders around.

DEAR FRUSTRATED MOM: It may seem a little late to suggest this, but have you ever had your son evaluated for a psychological or neurological disorder? There may be a reason for his constantly losing things. As to his

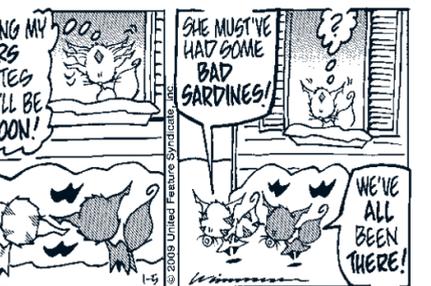
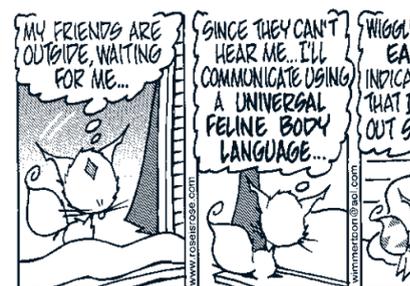
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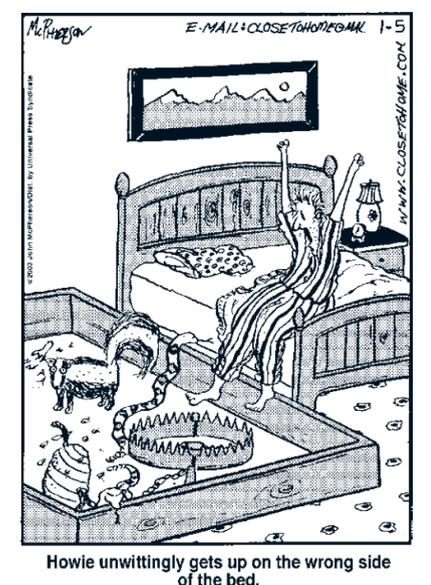
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OBITUARIES

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- **Herbert Mitchell**
- **Bernice "Bunny" Craig Strain**
- **Nelia Burchfield Wehunt**
- **John Frank Williams**
- **Gilford W. Woods**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.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, Pearlte 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.

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Herbert Mitchell

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

Mr. Mitchell was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Tellico Plains, Tenn., a son of the late Fred and Willie Mae Daugherty Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his children Mike Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Melinda Dawn Mitchell, Norma Angona all of Pontiac, Mich.; grandchildren, Randy Angona Jr. and Jordan Angona; special friends Wilma Jones, of Pontiac, Mich., Kenneth and Brenda Spurgeon of Cohutta, Jason Carter of Chatsworth, Gary Defore, Fred and Betty

Mathis of Dalton, Wesley Bryant, Matt Wilson of Chatsworth.

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

He was laid to rest at Tellico Plains, Tenn.

The family received friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home on Saturday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with the Mitchell Family.

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Bernice "Bunny" Craig Strain

Mrs. Bernice "Bunny" Craig Strain, 91, of Decatur, Ga., and formerly of Dalton, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 in Atlanta.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. www.legacy.com

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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

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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



Williams

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.pordersfuneralhome.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. 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, Willburn 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.

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'Gaming for Good' ties online gaming to charity

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
 Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — If kids are playing video games, why not do some good while they're at it?

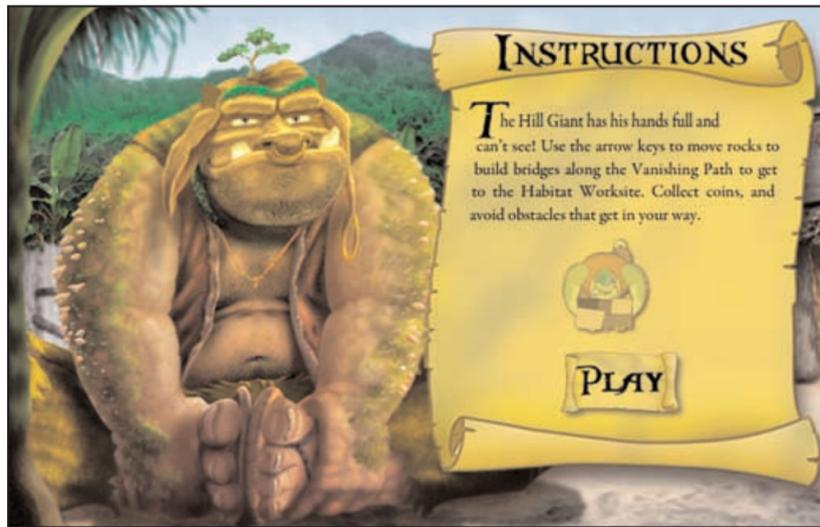
Elf Island, a virtual world created by Atlanta-based Good Egg Studios, ties online games to charity construction in the real world by teaming up with Habitat for Humanity. The more "virtual" homes the kids build by completing mini-mazes, the more real homes that are built.

"We're really giving kids the proper motivation and the right tools to empower them to make a difference in the real world," said Liz Kronenberger, who founded the company with her husband, Craig.

The couple unveiled the virtual world's first "GoodQuest" this month, challenging gamers to build 10,000 virtual homes in a month. If they do so, the developers will pay for four new homes to be built in a dilapidated community in Honduras.

More quests will follow in the months to come, aiding charities that build playgrounds, preserve endangered species, promote green initiatives and boost music education. Kronenberger said much of the site's direction will depend on what the gamers decide.

"Elf Island's vision will



AP PHOTO

In this screen shot provided by Good Egg Studios, a scene from Elf Island, a virtual world created by Atlanta-based Good Egg Studios that ties online games to charity construction in the real world by teaming up with Habitat for Humanity, is shown. The more "virtual" homes the kids build by completing mini-mazes, the more real homes that are built.

be run by the kids," she said.

The site is averaging about 2,000 new users a day, and membership is now free. But the developers hope to raise revenue early next year to help pay for the good deeds with a monthly fee that will likely hover around \$6.

Kronenberger said she started the site because she saw a void in the online gaming community. Elf Island, she said, is the only online community designed

to promote a message of positive social values among young gamers.

"We really saw this as creating the future stewards of our world," she said. "By instilling them with social responsibility, we want them to carry this throughout their lives."

The "GoodQuest" is part of a much broader online realm that includes chat rooms, scores of games and secrets that encourage gamers to spend time online. But gamers get the

biggest reward for completing the online good deeds.

It's harder than it looks. It took about 30 minutes — and several heart-pounding attempts — to lead the lumbering giant through a series of timed mazes and around pesky bad guys to build the virtual home.

It turns out that charity — even the virtual variety — isn't always easy.

FOSTERING A KANGAROO



AP PHOTO

Michele Mauldin, 57, feeds Sydney, an 8 1/2-month-old kangaroo with a milk bottle Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. She said she acquired the kangaroo after its mother, who used to live at the zoo in Alamogordo, N.M., died and was asked if she could raise it until it becomes healthy enough to live in the zoo in Dallas.

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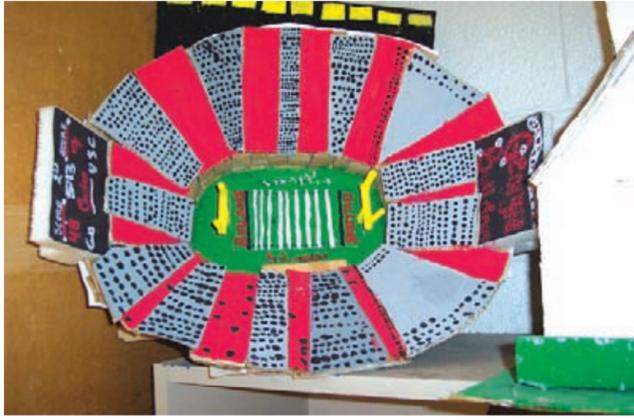
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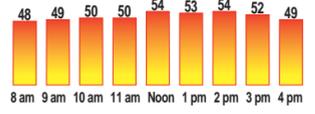
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Mostly cloudy	Thundery rains	A shower	Partly sunny	Partly sunny

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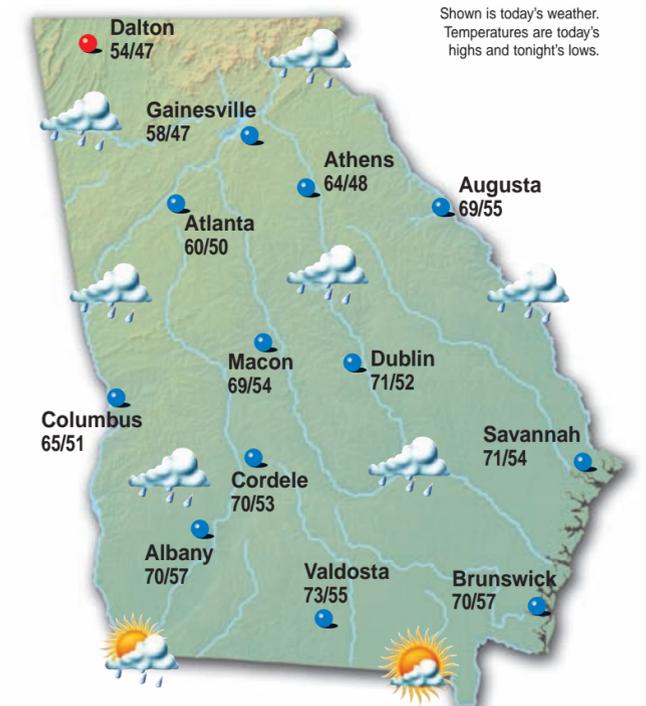
When rain falls and freezes on cold objects, it is called freezing rain. Freezing rain on Jan. 5, 1983, tied up morning traffic from North Carolina to eastern Pennsylvania.

Weather Trivia™

Q: What is the record high temperature for January in the United States?

A: 98°F at Laredo, Texas, on Jan. 17, 1954.

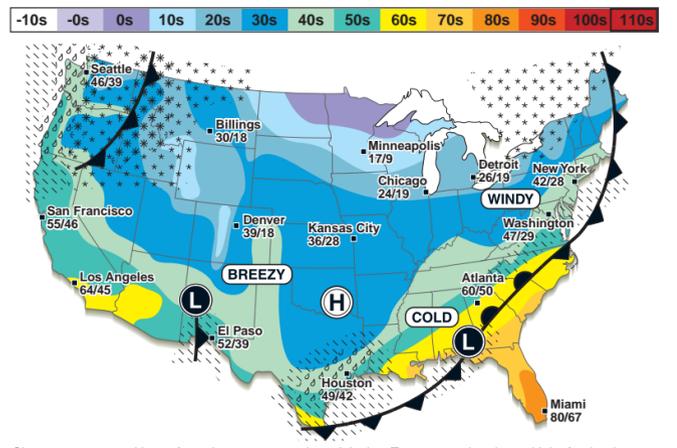
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	70/57/sh	78/57/c	63/35/r	La Grange	60/50/c	67/47/r	56/33/s
Atlanta	60/50/c	62/48/r	53/36/pc	Macon	69/54/sh	73/53/c	58/38/s
Athens	64/48/c	60/48/r	54/34/pc	Marietta	58/44/c	60/46/r	53/31/c
Augusta	69/55/sh	64/52/c	61/35/r	Newton	73/54/sh	78/53/c	64/34/s
Brunswick	70/57/pc	73/59/pc	70/43/r	Rome	57/46/c	63/49/r	58/36/c
College Park	60/50/c	62/48/r	53/36/pc	Savannah	71/54/sh	75/59/pc	64/39/r
Columbus	65/51/sh	72/51/c	57/37/s	Sparta	68/51/sh	69/50/c	57/31/r
Gainesville	58/47/c	61/46/r	51/33/c	Valdosta	73/55/pc	78/58/pc	64/38/r

National Weather for January 5, 2009



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



City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	38/20/pc	31/21/c	30/23/f	Memphis	43/39/r	53/43/r	54/39/pc
Anchorage	-5/-16/s	-5/-12/s	0/-6/s	Miami	80/67/s	81/69/s	80/59/t
Baltimore	48/25/c	38/32/f	44/28/r	Milwaukee	28/20/s	28/21/sf	30/15/sf
Billings	30/18/c	35/17/pc	39/19/sn	Minneapolis	17/9/pc	28/14/sf	19/5/sf
Boise	33/29/sn	41/35/sn	43/35/c	New Orleans	70/63/r	75/54/t	64/47/s
Buffalo	28/20/pc	34/27/pc	37/21/sf	New York	42/28/c	38/31/pc	41/29/r
Charlotte	64/43/c	46/45/r	56/32/r	Okla. City	35/32/c	51/27/pc	57/35/s
Cheyenne	32/21/pc	39/26/c	43/28/sn	Orlando	80/57/s	80/62/pc	74/46/pc
Chicago	24/19/s	32/25/sf	29/16/sf	Philadelphia	45/25/c	38/34/sn	43/29/r
Cincinnati	38/26/c	43/31/f	38/20/sf	Phoenix	61/44/pc	63/45/pc	67/47/s
Cleveland	29/18/pc	37/31/sn	36/21/sf	Pittsburgh	34/18/pc	38/33/sn	39/21/sf
Dallas	37/35/r	60/38/s	64/42/s	Portland, OR	44/39/r	46/43/r	49/42/r
Denver	39/18/pc	40/21/pc	48/27/c	St. Louis	38/32/c	40/28/c	37/25/sf
Detroit	26/19/pc	33/27/sn	34/20/sf	Salt Lake City	30/22/sn	38/28/sn	41/28/c
Indianapolis	38/24/pc	40/30/f	33/20/sf	San Francisco	55/46/r	57/47/pc	57/47/s
Kansas City	36/28/pc	39/24/c	41/21/sf	San Diego	61/47/s	61/49/s	66/50/s
Las Vegas	50/32/pc	61/37/pc	63/38/s	Seattle	46/39/r	45/41/r	49/41/r
Los Angeles	64/45/pc	66/49/s	70/50/s	Wash., DC	47/29/c	38/35/f	46/32/r

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

The World

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Athens	52/48/r	53/45/r	55/43/c	Jerusalem	60/40/s	63/43/s	62/45/s
Auckland	73/59/s	75/63/s	78/65/s	London	37/28/pc	36/28/pc	37/30/pc
Amsterdam	35/22/pc	32/31/s	33/31/sn	Madrid	50/28/s	45/25/s	41/25/s
Baghdad	55/36/s	62/39/s	64/41/s	Montreal	23/16/sf	23/16/pc	28/16/sn
Beijing	36/16/s	37/14/s	34/10/pc	Moscow	9/2/c	8/7/c	18/10/sn
Berlin	26/14/pc	22/18/s	27/17/sf	Paris	34/19/sn	28/19/pc	29/21/s
Buenos Aires	93/70/s	95/68/s	81/71/pc	Rio	73/68/r	77/70/sh	77/70/r
Cairo	68/50/s	69/49/s	69/52/pc	Rome	48/39/s	52/44/c	51/44/r
Calgary	28/15/c	19/3/pc	15/3/c	Seoul	34/16/s	37/18/s	37/18/s
Cape Town	82/66/s	79/64/s	84/63/s	Singapore	86/77/pc	86/75/t	84/75/c
Caracas	88/74/pc	90/73/sh	89/73/pc	Sydney	86/70/s	90/72/s	93/68/s
Dublin	39/30/pc	37/32/pc	39/32/pc	Tel Aviv	68/46/s	69/51/s	68/55/s
Geneva	32/26/sn	31/21/c	32/20/pc	Tokyo	50/41/s	50/41/pc	50/39/s
Hong Kong	73/59/s	73/61/s	73/59/pc	Toronto	25/18/pc	30/24/pc	32/19/sn
Istanbul	40/38/r	49/41/r	44/38/sh	Warsaw	23/11/s	21/19/c	23/20/sn

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MINNEAPOLIS — All but forgotten as a postseason contender just one month earlier, Andy Reid, Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles have a playoff win.

Next up: the Super Bowl champions. Brian Westbrook caught a short pass out of the backfield and zig-zagged through the Minnesota defense for a devastating 71-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, and the Eagles spoiled the Vikings' first home playoff game in eight years with a 26-14 victory Sunday.

Asante Samuel's 44-yard interception return of Tarvaris Jackson's errant pass in the second quarter set the tone for the kind of game most Vikings fans feared from the unpolished quarterback.

Reid improved his playoff coaching record to 9-6, including at least one win each time the Eagles have qualified in his 10 years. He bested his buddy and former offensive coordinator Brad Childress in this one, and they spoke for several moments on the field after the game.

Philadelphia will play next Sunday in New Jersey against the top-seeded Giants, sending Arizona to play Carolina in the other NFC semifinal Saturday.

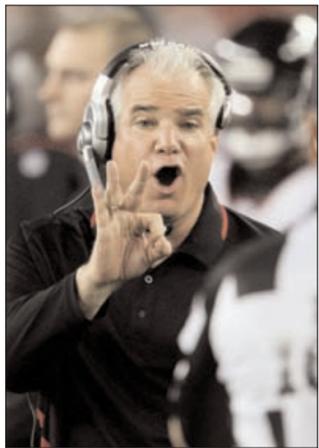
■ **Ravens 27, Dolphins 9:** In Miami, the Baltimore Ravens had Chad Pennington spinning, ducking, on his heels and on his back. When he did manage to get a pass away, they were often there to snatch it.

The Ravens came up with four interceptions, including one returned 64 yards for a touchdown by Ed Reed, spoiling the Miami Dolphins' first playoff game in seven seasons.

Baltimore stuffed Miami's ground attack and negated the Wildcat, but most of all the Ravens harried Pennington into uncharacteristic mistakes. After throwing only seven interceptions during the regular season, he had four during a 22-minute flurry midway through the game.

With a rookie coach in John Harbaugh and a rookie quarterback in Joe Flacco, wild-card entrant Baltimore won for the 10th time in 12 games and will play Saturday at AFC South champion Tennessee.

Reed had two interceptions, and Jim Leonhard and Fabian Washington made one apiece. Terrell Suggs recovered a fumble by Patrick Cobbs early in the second half at the Miami 19, and four plays later Le'Ron McClain scored on an 8-yard run for a 20-3 lead.



AP PHOTO
Atlanta coach Mike Smith guided the Falcons to an 11-5 record in his rookie season.

Smith earns AP honors

BY BARRY WILNER

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Mike Smith and Tony Sparano performed so brilliantly as rookie head coaches it was almost impossible to separate them.

Atlanta's Smith edged Miami's Sparano by one vote Sunday for The Associated Press 2008 NFL Coach of the Year award.

Both coaches oversaw sensational turnarounds, leading their teams from last-place finishes in 2007 to playoff berths this year. Their achievements were reflected by the closeness of the balloting, with Smith getting 23 1/2 votes and Sparano 22 1/2 from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

➤ Please see **SMITH, 3B**



AP PHOTO
Baltimore Ravens fullback LeRon McClain scores a touchdown in the third quarter against the Miami Dolphins during an AFC wild-card playoff game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami on Sunday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big 10-Big 12 showdown

BY ANDREW BAGNATO

Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Texas coach Mack Brown has a theory about bowl games.

"If the teams are fairly even, the team that wants to be there the most and has the edge and is more motivated usually wins," Brown said.

If third-ranked Texas had a choice, it would be in Miami preparing to face Florida for the BCS title. But the Longhorns still have plenty of motivation against No. 10 Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night.

Snubbed in their bid for a slot in the Bowl Championship Series title game, the Longhorns (11-1) will try to take their frustrations out on the Buckeyes (10-2), who have made their fifth bowl trip to Arizona since 2002.

"Really, what's going through our minds is, 'Let's just put on a show, basically,'" Texas defensive end Brian Orakpo said.

The Longhorns finished in a three-way tie atop the rugged Big 12 South and thought their 10-point

victory over Oklahoma should have put them in the Big 12 title game. But Oklahoma was declared the division winner on a BCS standings tiebreaker, and the Sooners ripped Missouri in the Big 12 playoff to earn a trip to the national title game.

The Longhorns still have a shot at a national title, but it's slender.

Either Oklahoma or Florida will claim the BCS national title. But the 65 pollsters who vote in The Associated Press Top 25 are free to select the Longhorns No. 1.

Six AP voters have the Longhorns atop their ballots, and that number could swell if the top-ranked Gators lose and their 50 first-place votes go up for grabs. Some voters might choose Texas because it beat Oklahoma.

"I don't know what needs to happen," Texas tailback Chris Ogbonnaya said. "Right now, our focus is Ohio State and really that is all that matters. We can't talk about being in the national championship picture without having a victory against them."

The Buckeyes haven't been in the national title discussion since a 35-3 walloping at USC on Sept. 13. But the Big Ten co-champs say

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AP PHOTO
Florida coach Urban Meyer watches during practice at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla. on Sunday. Florida plays Oklahoma in the BCS Championship Thursday.

OU's Frank runs mouth about Florida's Tebow

BY MARK LONG

Associated Press Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Florida Gators may have some bulletin-board material, a little extra motivation heading into the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Oklahoma cornerback Dominique Franks, a sophomore from Tulsa, Okla., called Florida's Tim Tebow the fourth-best quarterback in the country Sunday.

Franks said Tebow, who is already miffed he finished third in Heisman voting last month, ranks behind Sooners teammate and Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, Texas' Colt McCoy and Texas Tech's Graham Harrell. Franks added that preparing for McCoy and Harrell was tougher than getting ready to face the 6-foot-3, 240-pound Tebow.

"If you look at the three best quarterbacks in the country, (they) came from the Big 12," Franks said. "The three best receivers in the country came from the Big 12. The three best tight ends came from the Big 12. So we've faced some great offenses, and a lot of people don't understand that other conferences don't have what we face."

Franks then acknowledged that Tebow would be fourth on his QB list.

"Yup. I think our quarterbacks

are better," Franks said. "Just the way they conduct themselves and how they play on the field. I just think, playing against those guys, it's a lot harder to prepare for those guys than it is for Tebow."

Franks said devising a game plan for a quarterback who is going to throw the ball 40 or more times a game is more difficult than getting ready for someone like Tebow, who likely will throw the ball far less.

Defensive coordinator Brent Venables defended his player, saying Franks was "going to bat for the guys he has a lot of respect for."

"I think he's just a young guy that doesn't know any better, too," Venables said. "He hasn't watched enough tape. And I really mean that. ... Not that he doesn't have (respect for Tebow), but guys that he's familiar with."

"We're in a situation to answer questions about how this guy compares and how the conference compares. But it really doesn't matter. It's how you match up on Thursday. It's not the SEC vs. the Big 12. It's not the defense vs. the offense. It's this team vs. this team, Florida against Oklahoma."

Tebow has played some of his best games against opponents who got chatty before the game.

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Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, left, and Texas coach Mack Brown pose after a news conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Sunday. Texas and Ohio State play in tonight's Fiesta Bowl.



AP PHOTO

COMMENTARY

Richards, Linder started as teammates

Each time the Murray County and Northwest Whitfield boys basketball teams play each other, it's a reunion of sorts for Bruins coach Ryan Richards and Indians coach Greg Linder. The two were teammates throughout high school and formed a back-court tandem on the 1990 team that went 16-8.

Linder played the point and ran the offense and Richards was the shooting guard for the Indians under coach Jim Gaylor. The two were team leaders on a team that Richards believes exceeded expect-



Adam Krohn

tations.

"No one was banking on us because we had lost some seniors to graduation," said Richards, who was one of eight seniors on the 1989-90 team. "But we won a Christmas tournament that year and finished with a good record."

As a senior, Richards had no plans to become a coach.

"Coach Gaylor told me I would be a coach one day," Richards said. "I told him he was crazy because I was going to start a business and make money. But after a business course or two I decided it wasn't for me. That's when my girlfriend at the time, she's now my wife, encouraged me to be a coach and get into education. When she told me that, I

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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
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
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, 5

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

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	21	10	8	50	132	120
New Jersey	23	12	3	49	117	98
N.Y. Rangers	23	14	3	49	108	109
Pittsburgh	19	16	4	42	121	120
N.Y. Islanders	12	24	4	28	105	146

Northeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	29	6	4	62	143	88
Montreal	22	10	6	50	115	100
Buffalo	19	15	5	43	113	111
Toronto	16	17	6	38	119	138
Ottawa	13	18	6	32	87	107

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	26	11	3	55	133	116
Carolina	20	15	5	45	105	116
Florida	17	16	6	40	104	111
Tampa Bay	11	18	10	32	95	121
Atlanta	13	22	5	31	115	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	26	7	5	57	141	111
Chicago	20	8	7	47	127	94
Columbus	18	17	4	40	104	109
Nashville	17	18	3	37	93	112
St. Louis	15	21	3	33	112	132

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
Edmonton	18	16	3	39	105	112
Minnesota	18	16	3	39	94	87

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	29	4	5	63	133	90
Anaheim	19	15	5	43	111	112
Phoenix	19	15	5	43	102	110
Los Angeles	16	16	6	38	97	103
Dallas	16	16	5	37	108	127

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

Saturday's Scores

Buffalo 4, Boston 2
 Florida 6, Pittsburgh 1
 Calgary 3, Nashville 2
 Toronto 3, Ottawa 1
 Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
 Detroit 3, Minnesota 2, SO
 St. Louis 5, Columbus 2
 Edmonton 4, Dallas 1
 San Jose 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
 Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1, SO

Sunday's Scores

Montreal 6, Florida 5, SO
 New Jersey 4, Ottawa 5, OT
 Tampa Bay 4, Atlanta 1
 Calgary at Chicago, late
 Phoenix at Anaheim, late
 Minnesota at Colorado, late
 Dallas at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Florida at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 San Jose at Calgary, 10 p.m.

New York	13	19	.406	14 1/2
Philadelphia	13	20	.394	15

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	26	8	.765	—
Atlanta	22	11	.667	3 1/2
Miami	18	14	.563	7
Charlotte	12	22	.353	14
Washington	7	25	.219	18

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	27	6	.818	—
Detroit	21	11	.656	5 1/2
Milwaukee	16	19	.457	12
Chicago	14	20	.412	13 1/2
Indiana	12	21	.364	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	22	11	.667	—
New Orleans	20	10	.667	1/2
Dallas	20	13	.606	2
Houston	21	14	.600	2
Memphis	11	23	.324	11 1/2

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	23	12	.657	—
Portland	20	13	.606	—
Utah	19	15	.559	3 1/2
Minnesota	8	25	.242	14
Oklahoma City	4	30	.118	18 1/2

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	25	.242	19
Sacramento	8	26	.235	19 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Indiana 122, Sacramento 117
 Atlanta 103, Houston 100
 Charlotte 102, Milwaukee 92
 Miami 101, New Jersey 96, OT
 Minnesota 102, Chicago 92
 San Antonio 108, Philadelphia 106
 Denver 105, New Orleans 100

Sunday's Scores

Toronto 108, Orlando 102
 Washington 80, Cleveland 77
 Detroit 88, L.A. Clippers 87
 Memphis 102, Dallas 82
 New York 100, Boston 88
 Portland at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 New York at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, Dec. 20

EagleBank Bowl
 At Washington
 Wake Forest 29, Navy 19

New Mexico Bowl

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

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl

Payout: \$1 million
 South Florida 41, Memphis 14

Las Vegas Bowl

Payout: \$1 million
 Arizona 31, BYU 21

Sunday, Dec. 21

New Orleans Bowl
 Payout: \$325,000
 Southern Mississippi 30, Troy 27, OT

Tuesday, Dec. 23

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

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Hawaii Bowl
 At Honolulu
 Payout: \$750,000
 Notre Dame 49, Hawaii 120

Friday, Dec. 26

Motor City Bowl
 At Detroit
 Payout: \$750,000
 Florida Atlantic 24, Central Michigan 21

Saturday, Dec. 27

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

Champs Sports Bowl

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

Emerald Bowl

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

Sunday, Dec. 28

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

Monday, Dec. 29

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

Alamo Bowl

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

Tuesday, Dec. 30

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

Holiday Bowl

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

Texas Bowl

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

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Armed Forces Bowl
 At Fort Worth, Texas
 Payout: \$750,000
 Houston 34, Air Force 28

Sun Bowl

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

Music City Bowl

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

Insight Bowl

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

Chick-fil-A Bowl

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

Thursday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Payout: \$3.2 million
 Iowa 31, South Carolina 10

Capital One Bowl

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

Gator Bowl

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

Rose Bowl

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

Orange Bowl

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

Friday, Jan. 2

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

Liberty Bowl

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

Sugar Bowl

At New Orleans
 Payout: \$17 million
 Utah (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), late

Saturday, Jan. 3

International Bowl
 At Toronto
 Payout: \$750,000
 Connecticut 38, Buffalo 20

Today

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

Tuesday, Jan. 6

GMAC Bowl
 At 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.

GT women beat Tulane

ATLANTA (AP) — Jacqua Williams and her Georgia Tech teammates are ready for the start of ACC play.

The senior point guard scored a career-high 23 points as No. 23 Georgia Tech (12-2) won its eighth straight game with a 69-52 victory over Tulane on Sunday.

Williams was 8-for-12 from the floor, including 3-for-4 on 3-pointers, and hit all four of her free throws.

Isasia Hemingway added 15 points for Georgia Tech, which opens ACC play Thursday against Boston College. The Yellow Jackets' only losses are to No. 1 Connecticut and No. 4 Texas.

"This was the toughest schedule we've played since I've been here," Williams said. "It has really prepared us for ACC play."

Williams had four assists, four rebounds and four steals to go with her 23 points — a season high for Georgia Tech.

"We moved her to point guard after the fifth game and her offensive production has really increased since then," Georgia Tech coach MaChelle Joseph said. "She has the ball in her hands, so she is getting more shots and staying more active in the offense."

Brittany Lindsey scored 20 points, 14 coming in the second half, to lead Tulane (9-6). Chassity Brown added 11 points.

Georgia Tech scored the game's first eight points and led by as many as 21 in the first half. The Yellow Jackets scored 15 points off 11 Tulane turnovers before halftime.

The Green Wave were 0-for-14 from behind the 3-point arc.

The Yellow Jackets were 13-1 going into ACC action last season, but not against as difficult a schedule. Georgia Tech finished 7-7 in the ACC and lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

TELEVISION

On Today

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 8:15 p.m.
 FOX — Fiesta Bowl, Texas vs. Ohio St., at Glendale, Ariz.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Georgetown at Notre Dame

NHL HOCKEY
 7 p.m.
 VERSUS — Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Texas at Purdue

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	29	6	.829	—
New Jersey	16	18	.471	12 1/2
Toronto	14	20	.412	14 1/2

Krohn: Tuesday night

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knew a burden had been lifted off of me and that would be my future."

In the fall of 1995, Richards, who had attended Tennessee-Chattanooga, became an assistant on the Southeast coaching staff, as well as the coach of the Eastbrook Middle School basketball team. He found early success, leading the Mustangs to an undefeated season.

In 2002, Richards became the Bruins' coach.

Linder, on the other hand, knew going into college that he wanted to coach. He attended West Georgia and stayed in close touch with Gaylor. When Linder graduated from West Georgia, he returned to Chatsworth to help Gaylor with summer basketball camps and scouting.

In 1996 — two years after graduating college — Linder got his opportunity to join the Indians staff, starting out as a freshmen coach. He worked his way up the ladder as a junior varsity coach and an assistant on the varsity team and was named varsity coach for the 2004-05 season.

Richards and Linder remained in contact through their college years and that didn't change when the two began coaching in high school. In fact, in a lot of ways, they helped each other's programs get better.

During the Indians' Region 5-5A years, Murray and Northwest would scrimmage each other during the summer.

"It made for some good

competition that was better than a regular practice," Linder said. "Now that we're in the same region (7-4A), we don't scrimmage as often."

In addition, the two help each other scout opponents, keeping in constant contact throughout the season.

Last season, the Bruins swept the two-game regular-season series with the Indians, winning 58-50 on Nov. 30 and 64-52 on Jan. 12.

On Tuesday, the Indians and Bruins meet for the first time this season in Chatsworth and Murray County will be out to get a little friendly revenge for last year's losses.

"Our players remember that," Linder said. "It's a pride thing for the players anytime you play Northwest, Dalton or Southeast because the players see each other off the floor. When they're in the restaurants and malls, they remember who won the last game, and they look forward to the next one."

For Richards, coming back to his alma mater always raises his competitive juices.

"I get nervous" Richards said. "I want the kids to play great because it's going back home for me. It's odd in a way, because of the many faces I recognize. And now their kids are starting to go to school there. (Indians guard) Luke Mealer is on the team. He's my cousin. There's all kinds of connections like that, so I just want us to play our hearts out and come out with a win."

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BCS

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Remember Florida State linebacker Geno Hayes? How about LSU defensive tackle Ricky Jean-Francois?

Hayes said Tebow was "going down" a few days before the Seminoles played Florida in 2007. Tebow responded on the field, running for 89 yards and two touchdowns and throwing for 262 yards and three scores as the Gators rolled 45-12. Hayes, meanwhile, had a meaningless tackle in the fourth quarter.

Jean-Francois has even less success when he said the Tigers would try to knock Tebow out of their matchup this season. Tebow laughed it off, then accounted for three touchdowns in Florida's 51-21 romp. Jean-Francois, meanwhile, missed the game because of an injury.

Tebow was unavailable for comment following Franks' remarks Sunday. Franks wasn't the only Sooners player feeling confident about the facing Tebow, either.

"He's a great player, but I think we'll be able to handle him," defensive tackle Gerald McCoy said.

HEISMAN JINX?:

Florida has experienced both sides of the so-called "Heisman Jinx" the last two seasons. The Gators would like to see it happen one more time.

Ohio State's Troy Smith struggled mightily against Florida in the 2007 BCS title game, completing four of 14 passes for 35 yards, throwing an interception and getting sacked five times in a 41-14 rout.

Florida's Tim Tebow had better numbers against Michigan in the 2008 Capital One Bowl — he threw for 154 yards and three touchdowns and had 19 yards rushing and a score — but still ended up on the losing end. The 41-35 loss dropped former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks to 5-8 in bowl games since 1980.

Could Oklahoma's Sam Bradford be next?

"It's really hard for me to talk about previous winners and the difficulties they've had in their bowl games because I wasn't there when they were on their trip, so I don't know what they got caught up doing and how they prepared for the game," Bradford said. "I know as soon as I got back from New York I forgot about that experience, got back to business, getting ready to prepare for this game and help my team win."

Doug Flutie (Boston College, 1984), Charlie Ward (Florida State, 1993), Danny Wuerffel (Florida, 1996), Carson Palmer (USC, 2002) and Matt Leinart (USC, 2004) are Heisman quarterbacks who won bowl games.

Vinny Testaverde (Miami, 1986), Ty Detmer (BYU, 1990), Gino Torretta (Miami, 1992), Chris Weinke (Florida State, 2000), Eric Crouch (Nebraska, 2001), Jason White (Oklahoma, 2003), Smith and Tebow helped foster the notion of the Heisman jinx.

WHITE HELPS: If Oklahoma snaps its four-game losing streak in BCS bowl games, the Sooners might want to thank West Virginia quarterback Pat White.

After White threw for 176 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 150 yards against Oklahoma in last year's Fiesta Bowl, he proclaimed that the Mountaineers "wanted it more" than the Sooners. Oklahoma coaches placed White's quote on a huge poster in the weight room to serve as a motivational reminder during the offseason.

"They wanted it more than us," receiver Juaquin Iglesias said. "I believe that's true. I believe that's the reason why they won the game. We just want to win a BCS game and quiet all that talk. ... It's still in the back of your mind. That's what this team was."

BRADFORD SAYS: "I wish I was 240 and could run over people sometimes." — Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford when asked what he liked most about Tim Tebow's playing style.



Ohio State quarterback Todd Boeckman throws during team practice Wednesday.

AP PHOTO

Fiesta

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they have plenty of motivation, and, like Texas, it springs from a bad experience in the BCS.

After absorbing lopsided losses to Florida and LSU in the last two BCS title games, the Buckeyes have grown tired of hearing that they are a product of a soft conference and don't belong among the national elite.

"It would be nice to win that big game," linebacker James Laurinaitis said. "We will be remembered about how this game comes out. It is just a real fact."

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel brushed aside suggestions that the Buckeyes might be bored by another trip to Arizona.

"It wasn't real hard for our guys to be excited when they were named to come to the Fiesta Bowl," he said. "And then they get to know it will be against Texas, who could be the best team in the country. They wanted to go to work."

Questions about motivation aside, the Fiesta Bowl presents an interesting clash of conference styles. It pits the freewheeling Big 12, where tackling often seems optional, against the staid, conservative Big Ten.

With Heisman Trophy runner-up Colt McCoy directing the attack, the Longhorns average 43.9 points per game. That was fifth in the nation — but only third in the loony Big 12 South, where Oklahoma scores a national-best 54 points per game and Texas Tech averages 44.5 points, fourth in the country.

McCoy has completed 77.6 percent of his passes for 3,445 yards and 32 touchdowns, and he has thrown seven interceptions. McCoy, a junior who plans to return for his senior year, has also rushed for 576 yards and 10 more scores.

"McCoy is extremely good," Buckeyes defensive coordinator Jim Heacock said. "He has a great chemistry between him and his receivers."

The Buckeyes allow 13 points per game, seventh in the nation. But last year they brought the nation's top-rated defense — conceding 10.7 points per game — into the BCS title game and watched LSU romp to a 38-24 victory.

The year before that, in another BCS title game, Florida hung 41 points on the Buckeyes on the same field where Ohio State will face Texas on Monday night.

Smith: Reeves

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After improving from 4-12 to 11-5 and making the NFC playoffs as a wild card, the Falcons fell 30-24 at Arizona on Saturday night. That should not detract from a memorable season that bodes well for the football future in Atlanta.

"I'm honored individually, but more so for our coaching staff and our players," Smith said. "I think we have tried to establish that we'd be very systematic in how we did things, that we were going to have a plan."

"We laid that plan out from the very beginning how we were going to practice, how we were going to travel, how we were going to meet, how we were going to communicate, and I think the guys really appreciated definitely how we presented the plan in the framework for us to start the season."

Smith helped guide quarterback Matt Ryan to the AP Offensive Rookie of the Year award. Smith also had a first-time starter at running back, Michael Turner, who rushed for 1,699 yards and 17 touchdowns.

That certainly helped as Smith had to deal with a

makeover of the Falcons organization and its image following the incarceration of quarterback Michael Vick for dogfighting and the resignation after 13 games last season by coach Bobby Petrino. He left Jacksonville, where he was the defensive coordinator, to take on one of the biggest rebuilding challenges in sports.

"We went through every bit of pain last year that an NFL owner or a franchise or a community of fans could imagine," said Falcons owner Arthur Blank, who hired Thomas Dimitroff away from New England to be general manager before hiring Smith. "At least that's my viewpoint. On the other hand, to see things come around this year as well as they have, it's just a tribute to the men involved who are making these decisions."

The Falcons should have learned from their wild-card loss on Saturday, Smith added.

"This is all part of the process," he said. "It's just another step in the process. We're going to remember how we feel as a football team because we plan on being back in this situation and we want to remember

how this feels."

Sparano, a former offensive line coach in Dallas, joined Bill Parcells with the Dolphins and the makeover in Miami was just as impressive as in Atlanta. The Dolphins were 1-15 a year ago before cleaning house, and Sparano guided them to an 11-5 mark that won the AFC East. They were hosting Baltimore on Sunday in a wild-card game.

Sparano echoes Smith's philosophy on establishing a winning identity.

"You have to have some kind of luck," Sparano said. "But I think part of it is a philosophy you try to put into place. You want to make sure they understand from Day 1 that if you're a guy who thinks being in the training room is a good habit, it can get you beat. Not being on the practice field, we don't get better at fundamentals and our techniques."

Only one team has ever improved as much as Miami's 10-game turnaround: the 1999 Indianapolis Colts.

Smith is the second Falcons coach to win the award; Dan Reeves got it in 1998 — when the Falcons went to the Super Bowl.

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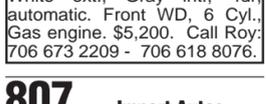
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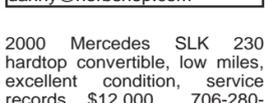
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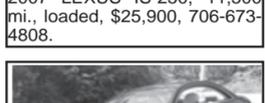
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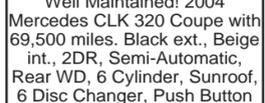
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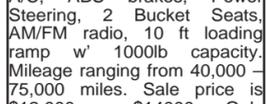


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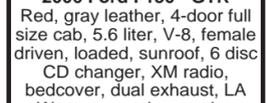
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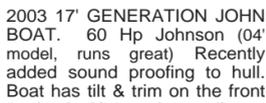
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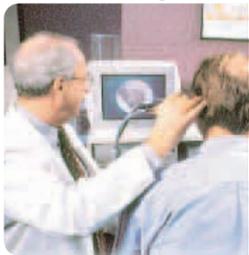
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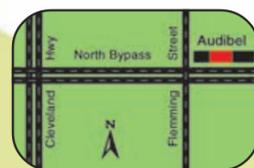
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