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## Officer kills self at station

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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All indications are that a Dalton police officer took his own life Saturday morning in the Police Services Center on Jones Street, said police chief Jason Parker.

But Parker said the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is still investigating the death.

"As a matter of protocol when you have an incident that involves the employees of a public safety agency, you want an independent investigation," he said. "Especially when you have an officer death involved, that's the best course of action. We don't want to take anything for granted, and we want to make sure we gather all the facts."

The police are not yet releasing the name of the officer, who was a

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Parker

## Family struggles with loss of husband, dad

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Even at the end, he still had kids crowded around him.

Glenn Stone, electrocuted in a construction accident in Whitfield County four days before Christmas, is remembered as a man who could never say no to a request for help — and as a youth coach, a mentor to young people.

"There were about 20 kids standing around his casket at one time (at the funeral home)," said

his wife, Lisa Stone. "They flocked to him, just like they did when he was alive. I had boys come up to me and say, 'Glenn always came up to me and asked how I was doing, how things were going.'"

Lisa Stone's brother, Jerry Shelton, had asked Glenn to help him the day they were trying to erect a flagpole at Dalton



Glenn Stone



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Trevor, 13, Lisa, Brooklyn, 4, and Megan Stone look at a scrapbook about the baseball team Glenn Stone coached at their home in Murray County Saturday.

Plaza South in Carbondale. Stone had been laid off from work last year but got a commercial driver's license and was waiting for a truck he owned to be repaired before he began driving.

"As I understand it, when the flagpole hit the (high voltage) lines it knocked Jerry back, and then he

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## ROBO BULBS

Alyson Hannah, 11, looks over a program on her "Robo Bulb" team's robot Saturday at Dalton High. The New Hope team was one of 40 from schools across north Georgia that competed in solving scientific problems and a robotics competition in the FIRST Lego League Super Regional Tournament. See page 3A for the story and more photos.

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## Term limits likely to stay for Whitfield commissioners

BY JAMIE JONES  
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The Whitfield County coroner has no legal limits on how long he or she can serve. Neither does the tax commissioner. Ditto for magistrate judges.

Whitfield County commissioners, however, do have term limits. No one can be a county commissioner for more than three consecutive terms of four years. That state law is not expected to change during the legislative session, which begins Monday morning. Any change to the term limits must be introduced by local legislators. The Legislature approved the term limits in March 1993.

"With the local delegation there wasn't much strong support for it (removing the term limits), which I understand," said state Rep. Tom Dickson, R-Cohutta. "Most of all the input that we had from local citizens was opposed to the idea. And that's, of course, who we represent, the locals."

Term limits currently affect one commissioner. Mike Cowan is serving his fourth term on the board. His first term, which began in 1996, was a two-year term. This is his third four-year stint.

Cowan said he is not behind a move then to lift term limits on commissioners. But if he can't continue on the board of commissioners, Cowan said he may consider running for state office.

"It's not a real frustration," Cowan said. "I just think it does a disservice to the community at large or to the state or to the federal government as far as that goes. When you have someone that is doing a good job and is capable, to have an arbitrary limit set I think it's unfortunate because it doesn't allow the voters to choose for themselves."

In addition to being elected to the board four times, Cowan has been lauded for his work.

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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.**

"Why should we change any stop sign to any other language? Stop signs are made in a shape and we are all supposed to know the shapes of the signs. It's on the test."

"Pot holes are like a dangerous intersection. Whitfield County won't fix them until someone dies from an accident."

"If you are not bi-lingual, you are not employed in this town."

"Bill O'Reilly's column in today's paper was a waste of space."

"If the Dalton Police Department would put a cop over here on Fifth Avenue the city would get rich from all the people running the stop sign or doing a rolling stop."

"Mr. Espy, other people call someone an idiot but when I call in and call someone an idiot you don't use it. Why is that?"

**Editor's note: I guess I'm an idiot.**

*Tired old joke hustle joke*  
 I wonder if Obama can do the hustle?

"Any American who wants Obama to fail is shooting himself in the foot."

"Murray County won't make any more drug arrests. It's not an election year."

"Ann Coulter is a loose cannon and seems to have such built-up rage inside."

"I had a test done at Hamilton Diagnostics today. If all medical facilities were as efficient, quick and had such friendly workers, it wouldn't be so bad to go to the doctor."

"John's Barbecue has the best Brunswick stew and hot slaw. No wonder they have been in business so long. They are super people."

"I'll take the Brunswick stew at the Oakwood any day."

"I wish the portion of Hill Road from the red light at Airport Road to Gillespie had as many potholes as Airport Road from Walnut Avenue to the South Bypass."

"Believe it or not Jimmy, some Hispanics are actually illegal."

"All these people complaining about campaign signs need to get out and pick them up themselves."

"To Dewayne at P and Sons Body Shop, thank you for the beautiful job you did on my Honda."

"With the great National Championship football game we had and all you guys can put at the top of the page is 'Smoltz leaving.' Get with it."

**Editor's note: When the A section of the paper was printed the title game was not over. We stayed up late and gave you a game story, something our print competitors did not do.**

"The county needs to get rid of Bob McLeod and the other carpetbaggers and hire people from here."

"Thanks to the Dalton Police for putting down my 15-year-old cat Sam after he was mauled by two pit bulls running loose in the neighborhood on Harvard Drive."

"I have asked for a red light here at Fifth Avenue for two years and haven't seen one yet."

"No one stops at the Fifth Avenue stop sign because the morning cashier at the corner

store is so beautiful."

**Editor's note: If they are not stopping, they must not be too impressed.**

"I have called 10 times about the pool hall at (address withheld) and you won't print anything. They are selling drugs there like at that other one. What's wrong with old Espy. We need to get rid of him and it's about to happen."

**Editor's note: You offer absolutely no proof of any illegal activity, just a lot of yelling and accusations.**

"Congratulations to the Valley Point Middle School's 7th grade boys. They had an undefeated season in football and won the county championship. With an undefeated season in basketball we're hoping for championship trophy No. 2."

"A person who smokes shouldn't get welfare benefits."

"Atlanta needs to send Frank Wren back to the minors and let John Schuerholtz take over again."

"I got my paper out of the box this morning and it had ketchup on it. They must have stopped at McDonalds when they were delivering it."

**Editor's note: What, no fries?**

"Sorry, we have no Bentley dealer in Murray County."

"The pornography industry needs a bailout. They're down to the bare essentials."

"Talk about being naive. People have gold fever. All they hear is 'quick cash.'"

"We need more traffic lights. We need all the safety we can get."

"People who are concerned about their Georgia Power bill need to be calling the Public Service Commission in Atlanta. They are the ones who determine the rate hikes."

"How long will it take our people to figure out that Obama can't walk on water and Bush couldn't either. It's a tough world out there. We have no change so far."

"Being obese is just as expensive on a health system as smoking."

"So Dick Cheney says no one was smart enough to figure out that the economy was going to collapse? I was smart enough. Maybe I should be president."

"If you want to leave an election sign up in your yard, you should be able to. It's your yard."

"Sounds like the deer hunter is jealous that he has to pay \$19 for a stamp to hunt and hikers don't pay a dime."

"I am glad the Murray County board had some guts and hired a new principal for North Murray High School."

"You can fish free at Prater's Mill, but you can't catch fish there like you could at Haig Mill Lake."

"Thanks to my husband Bennett Langham for taking such good care of me during surgery and chemo."

"The patrons of Hamilton Medical Center's Maternity Wing should realize that Wood Dale Nursing Home's parking lot is not for them."

"Where is Pat Vaughn and her staff doing hair these days?"

"Maybe we should tax fat people, too."

**Editor's note: Bad idea.**

"Has anyone noticed the amount of foreclosures in Dalton these days?"

**Call the forum at 706-272-7748.**



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

**Tucker Carnes dons a Spider-Man costume and mimes shooting web at passers-by at the intersection of Ga. 52 and Third Avenue Saturday in Chatsworth. Spidey and others dressed as superheroes to promote Faith Worship Center's Children's Conference coming up Saturday.**

**Officer: No prior indication**

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member of the force for slightly more than 10 years.

"There is a very close family member out of town. We want to make sure that person has been notified first," Parker said. "We are trying to respect the family and make sure they are aware because the family lives in the community."

Parker said the death happened around 5:40 a.m. Saturday in the area of the men's locker room and restroom.

"This particular officer

went into the restroom and a few minutes later a gunshot was heard and he was found in there," Parker said.

The officer left no note and there weren't any witnesses to the shooting.

Parker said to his knowledge the officer was not having any professional problems and had not been receiving any counseling.

"Our employees said there was no indication he was thinking about something like this," he said.

The officer's body has been sent to the state crime lab for an autopsy.

"We are not taking anything for granted. That's why we want the autopsy to get the exact injuries to the body, exact path of travel of the bullet and so on," Parker said.

Police chaplains have been placed on call for other officers.

"We are planning some briefings for employees (Saturday) evening to be sure that we offer the assistance of counselors if they need them," he said. "Of course, the employees that were here this morning, we have already spoken to them and the chaplains have as well."

**Stone: Family trying to cope**

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got up and ran over to knock Glenn off the pole because the pole had him," Lisa Stone said.

Although Shelton was sent to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta with burns on his arms and legs, he insisted against doctors' orders on returning to Dalton for Stone's funeral. He returned to the burn center a few days later.

"His left arm was badly burned, and he has some heart damage," Lisa Stone said. "He may also have some neurological damage that is affecting his speech, but the doctors believe that may come back to him."

Shelton came home last week, she said.

Lisa Stone and children Megan, 20, Trevor, 13, and Brooklyn, 4, agreed to be interviewed Friday at their home on the Murray County side of Dawnville. They said their husband and dad was

**HOW TO GIVE**

A fund has been set up for the Stone family since they had no life insurance. Checks may be dropped off at any BB&T bank branch made out to "Lisa Stone, in memory of Glenn Stone." No account number is needed.

always in the middle of young people. He was a longtime youth coach who would coach a sport when other adults wouldn't do it, even if he was not familiar with the sport, they said. But his favorite was football.

"A mom told me she didn't know Glenn well, and never realized what an influence he had on these boys," Stone said. "It didn't matter to him whether they were black or white, big or little, rich or poor. Even when they made it up to middle school, he was still offering them tips and pointers."

Stone also taught chil-

dren's church at Resaca Church of God where the family attends.

Family friend Rhonda Young said Stone was a "very good man" who would help anyone who asked. She added that her husband, Michael, and Stone were best friends.

"The Saturday before he died it was raining and he helped us move even though it was pouring down," she said. "I know he had other stuff he could have been doing, but he chose to help us."

Megan said they called her father "Jed Clampett" when they went camping.

"We have a pop-up camper, but you can't put a lot of things in it," she recalled. "So he piled up stuff in his little Nissan pickup so that it looked like the Beverly Hillbillies truck. He said, 'You can call me Jed but I've got anything you need.' And he did — if you needed it he had it in there somewhere."

**Eternal flame only lasts until gas bill arrives**

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. (AP) — An "eternal" flame at Bullhead City's new veterans memorial park that only lasted until city officials received a \$961 gas bill has been re-lit following complaints by veterans groups.

The Medal of Honor Memorial at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Park alongside the Colorado River was lit on Veterans Day in November. When the bill arrived in late December, city officials were stunned.

"It caught us by surprise," City Manager Tim Ernster said Thursday. "What we decided to do for the time being is to turn the flame on ... for special events, for Veterans Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day — those types of activities."

The flame was extinguished on Monday. The Mohave Valley Daily News quoted city officials and disgruntled veterans who had worked to pay for and build the memorial before turning it over to the city.

The flame was back on by mid-morning Friday following a meeting of city officials.

Johnson said the flame is impressive, but city parks officials are looking at ways to put a smaller burner in place and only use the larger one at special events.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Susan Ward  
**AGE:** "Getting older every minute"  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Husband, Ron; sons, Josh, Aaron  
**WORK:** Dalton Middle School, "teach the best kids ever!"  
**PLAY:** Watching football, read, travel  
**SHE SAID:** "Everybody looks better in RED!"



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# New Hope team competes in Legos

## AREA ARRESTS

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Fans packed the stands at Dalton High Schools gym and cheerleaders cheered on their school's teams.

But the crowd didn't come out for a basketball or volleyball tournament. They came to see the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) Lego League Super Regional Tournament, in which 40 teams from schools across north Georgia competed in solving scientific problems and a robotics competition.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to get together with kids from other schools and learn from each other and share," said Marie San Nicolas, a teacher from Marietta's St. Joseph Catholic School.

Each team there had already won a regional competition and was eager to make it through this round to the state finals at Georgia Tech on Jan. 31.

New Hope Elementary School's Robo Bulbs — Jamison Payne, Alyson Hannah, Madison Gowin, Zack Finley, Ty Faulkner and Preston Ausmus — were the only local team in the competition.

"This is our first year (competing), so we are very proud of that," said teacher Donnie Carpenter.

"It feels really good," said Finley. "It's nice to meet everyone else and see what they've done."

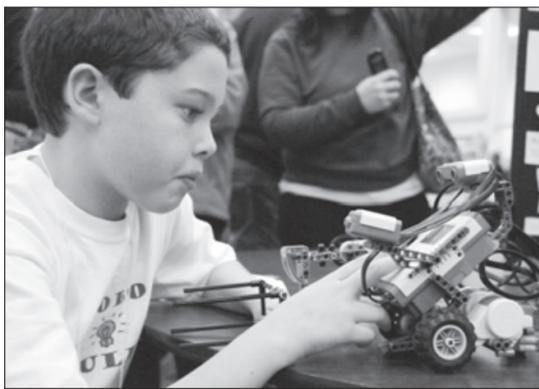
"I feel so great because I never thought we would get this far," said Hannah.

The team has been working together for the past 18 weeks, since contest organizers announced the theme for this year's contests: climate connections.

"When Mr. Carpenter told us about this we thought it would be so



Madison Gowin, left, 10, explains what the robot will do next as judge Bob Flesch listens and other mem-



New Hope Elementary Robo Bulb team member Preston Ausmus, 10, checks the programming on the team's robot Saturday.

cool," said Hannah.

The competition has several parts, including a problem-solving project and presentation. But the part that really seems to excite

everyone is the robotics contest. The teams must design, build and program a robot to accomplish certain tasks.

"There's a lot of atten-

tion paid to this (the robotics), but it's really only 25 percent of the overall score," said Carpenter.

The other 75 percent is based on project presentation, robot design and teamwork.

"This particular group was really close knit. The chemistry was just right," said Carpenter.

"We learned so much doing this," said Payne.

The Robo Bulbs spoke after they had completed two of the three rounds of the robotics contest.

"We did OK. Some of the missions we had didn't work like we planned. But I think this next round will be our best score," said Hannah.

Team members were tinkering with the robot as they spoke.

"Right now, we are fix-



The Robo Bulbs team robot makes its way across the testing table while carrying a toy polar bear during one of the trials.

ing our robot because it is kind of malfunctioning a little bit," said Finley, during a break in the competition.

• David Nathaniel Drain, 20, 234 Orange Drive, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with illegal possession of a controlled substance, aggravated assault and cruelty to children-third degree.

• Zachary Dale Lamon, 48, 434 Cohutta-Beaverdale Road, Cohutta, was charged Friday by the Varnell Police Department with failure to drive within a single lane, DUI, open container in vehicle and possession of marijuana.

• Kimberly Dawn Rowe, 45, 601 Hill Road, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with theft by deception, identity theft and deposit account fraud.

• Claude Travis Simpson, 30, 172 Court St., Calhoun, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a schedule 4 drug and drugs not in original container.

• Skylar Keith Caldwell, 20, 502 Saxon Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, underage consumption and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Gary David Deaton, 43, 3375 Chestnut Gap Road, Blue Ridge, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of Lortab, possession of Xanax and DUI.

• Ashley Lashay Derringer, 18, 2153 Cool Springs-Holly Circle, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, obstruction of an officer and underage consumption.

• Gregory Alex Petrie, 19, 161 Dawnville Meadows, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with underage consumption and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.



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## Dishonesty trumps party affiliation

Corruption in government.

Too bad it isn't as easy to get rid of as simply voting for one political party over the other.

For most of eight years Democrats have pounded the Bush Administration and the GOP for its alleged ethical lapses. Some of this criticism was well aimed.

But Democrats have little reason to be haughty. Not with:

■ the former Democratic mayor of Detroit Kwame Kirkpatrick in jail

■ powerful congressmen Charles Rangel and Christopher Dodd under investigation

■ the now-impeached governor of Ohio ... what more needs be said?

■ an ongoing probe of the incredible disappearing would-be Commerce Secretary, Bill Richardson

■ the latest headline grabber — Baltimore mayor Sheila Dixon, charged this week with a dozen felony counts, including theft, perjury and fraud.

While all of these politicians deserve to be treated as innocent until proven otherwise, it's abundantly clear that corruption knows no party lines.

American voters need to be less concerned about Democrat and Republican and more concerned with honest and dishonest.

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## The worst of times

Ever see one of those nature documentaries where a pack of sharks lays into a dead whale's corpse?

They rip off big chunks of flesh and gobble it down, gorging on the poor critter's remains.

Now, with that in mind, think of our national economy as a big fat, dead whale. Circling it in a frenzy is a pack of the most ravenous, insatiable scavengers on Earth — U.S. congressmen.

It's not a pretty scene, people, and it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better.

Our current national nightmare started under the Bush Administration, as the president ceded his authority to a handful of Wall Street slickers who were brought in to clean up the mess caused by another bunch of Wall Street slickers.

The president's hand-picked Wall Street slickers decided that the federal government must move quickly — "boldly" is the word they keep jamming into our brains — to help the other Wall Street slickers.

No surprise there.

Congress rolled over for it, even many so-called conservatives. Heaven forbid they appear to voters to be "doing nothing" even if "nothing" is preferable to the "something" being slapped together by a handful of non-elected smart guys.

Bad as that was, at least you can cut everyone an iota of slack due to the sheer panic involved.

However, even though



**Jimmy Espy**

Obama and a pack of Vandals are about to storm this economy like the Japanese hit Nanking.

They call it a stimulus package and Obama swears it's needed to save this country. Maybe he believes what he's saying ... maybe ... but once this genie is unleashed it's going to be a mess.

Like hogs to the trough THEY are lining up.

SNORT-SNORT: Locally, Whitfield and Murray County politicians have already said they'll be seeking some of those stimulus bucks. I guess those SPLOST funds voters keep giving them aren't enough.

SNORT-SNORT: The auto industry needs billions in bailout bucks so they can continue to build cars shunned by American consumers.

SNORT-SNORT: Big banks got a pile of cash and now seem reluctant to come off of it, which of course was the justification for giving it to them to start with.

SNORT-SNORT: The porn industry wants \$5 billion. *Daily Citizen* wag Charles Oliver summed that

up nicely: "Unlike the car industry, they actually make a product Americans want to buy."

My favorite would-be looters of the public till are the fine folks of Edwardsville, Ala., who put in a request for \$375 million in stimulus cash.

The 194 residents want to use the money — which works out to roughly \$2 million per resident — for improvements.

How bad can Edwardsville, Ala. be?

Opp I could see, but Edwardsville?

There's even talk of the newspaper industry lining up for some of those fat federal bucks. Oh, that hurts. Hurts deep.

I crack wise on these matters because ... well because I am a wisenheimer. But there are deadly serious issues here.

What the incoming administration proposes is a massive pilfering of the public treasury, an economic kamikaze attack the likes of which this nation has never seen. We will suffer its effects for many years to come.

Our goose is nearly cooked. The Democrats have powerful majorities and are drunk on power and the intoxicating allure of spending billions of other people's dollars.

I hate sharks.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2009. There are 354 days left in the year.

### Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1908, the Grand Canyon National Monument was created with a proclamation by President Theodore Roosevelt. (It became a national park in 1919.)

### On this date:

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extra-territorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

### Ten years ago:

President Bill Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers, with the White House claiming the perjury and obstruction allegations fell short of high crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers rebutting: "If this is not enough, what is?"

### Five years ago:

Democrat Howard Dean defended his record on race in the last debate before the Iowa caucuses, as he was forced to acknowledge that no blacks or Hispanic had served in his cabinet during his 12 years as governor of Vermont.

### One year ago:

Bank of America said it would buy Countrywide Financial for \$4.1 billion in stock in a deal rescuing the country's biggest mortgage lender. Authorities in Jacksonville,

## Error, Atlanta Braves

These are tough days for the Atlanta Braves and their fans. A proud franchise that won 14 division titles in a row and looked like it could do no wrong for years is floundering.

If you need evidence, look no further than this week's shocking news that star pitcher John Smoltz, probably the most beloved player on the team and a likely Hall of Famer, will be suiting up for the Boston Red Sox next year.

Braves fans are still in shock over the loss of Smoltz and are left shaking their heads over how such a needless loss could happen.

Modern professional baseball is marked by personnel change. Free agency and the big-money contracts it has fostered have made roster turnover ubiquitous, but somehow the idea of Smoltz leaving Atlanta seemed too farfetched for even the most cynical sports fan. Smoltz had been with the team for almost 20 years. He was entrenched in the Atlanta metro community and, when healthy, was still an extremely productive pitcher.

Frustrating for most Braves fans is that the amount of money it would have taken to keep Smoltz in Atlanta was small by today's standards. By offering a couple of million dollars more in guaranteed money, Boston pried the cornerstone loose from the penny-wise, pound-foolish Braves.

Could Smoltz have stayed on anyway?

Sure, but Smoltz surely looked at the Braves' offer as a hint that the organization was ready to move on without him.

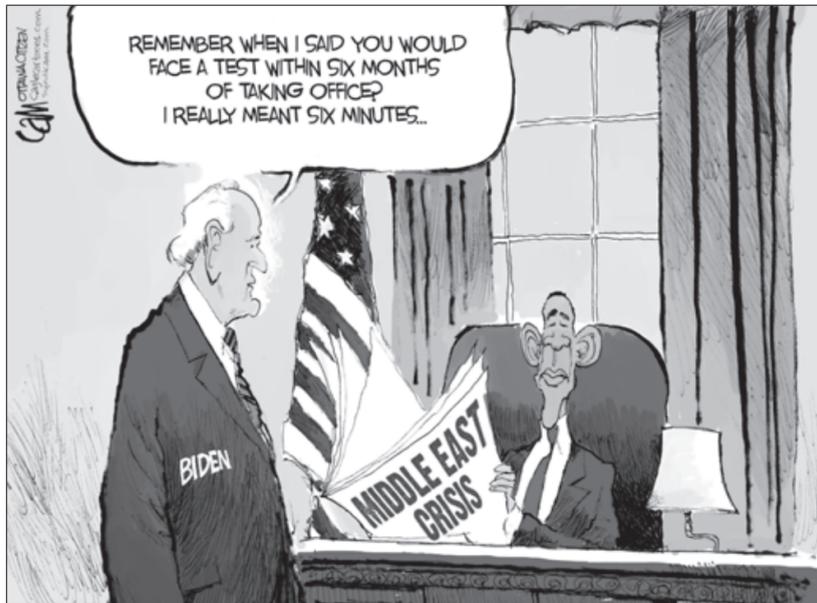
So he made his own decision.

For years the Braves have been THE professional sports franchise for Georgians. They took pride in both the team's on-the-field success and its off-the-field acumen. There has been a special bond between the team and its fans for most of two decades now.

But those days may be coming to a close.

John Smoltz in a Boston Red Sox uniform does not bode well.

The Daily Citizen



## GOP needs shareholder revolt

The first Gallup poll out on President-elect Barack Obama's stimulus plan shows a divided country, with Republicans in a distinct minority and in opposition.

Democrats support the \$750-billion plan (67 percent to 19 percent) as do Independents (54 percent to 37 percent). But Republicans stand in opposition (56 percent to 34 percent).

But taking a look at Republican Party reality inside the Washington beltway, we see a rudderless ship, out of touch with the grass roots of its own party.

Our Republican president — yes, he is still president — has taken himself out of the discussion. And on Capitol Hill, the Republican leadership appears quite comfortable with the initiative in principle, expressing reservations only in regard to its form and content.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell called it an "obvious need" but expressed concern about the massive spending proposal translating into "long-term systematic changes ..." House Republican leader John Boehner appealed to the importance of finding "the right balance."

Pretty tepid stuff, given the severity of the times and the underlying ideological implications of where Obama and his Democratic cohorts in Congress plan to take us.

Where is the Republican leader who is going to challenge the basic premise upon which our president-elect is rationalizing this massive new government intrusion into our economy and our lives?

Mr. Obama said it quite clearly. "...at this particular moment only government can provide the short-term boost necessary to lift us from a recession this

deep and severe. Only government can break the cycle that is crippling our economy..."

The fact that there does not appear to be a single Republican leader who is capable or ready to challenge the assertion that "only government" can put our sputtering economy back on track shows we need a rebirth of the Republican Party. And that this rebirth must come from the grass roots.

Those 56 percent of Republicans that said "no" in this latest Gallup poll are looking for a leader. And that leader certainly does not seem to be in Washington.

The Wall Street Journal tallies up that when all is said and done, with the latest round of bailouts and the spending that Obama is putting on the table, the federal government will be sucking out 28 cents of every dollar produced in the American economy. The word "unprecedented" should be on our minds here.

Since World War II, the federal government take has averaged about 20 cents on the dollar. Now, take the 28 cents and add in state and local government spending and we arrive at about 40 cents of every dollar we produce that will be going to government.

Is this really the formula for restoring American greatness and prosperity? Despite Senator McConnell's stated reservations about this spending tsunami becoming "systematic" and Obama himself saying "I'm not out to increase

the size of government long-term," it's impossible to take these disclaimers seriously.

History shows that every expansion of government stays permanent.

Until now, the greatest expansion was under Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal that our president-elect seems to be taking as his model. At the beginning of the 1930s total government take was about 12 cents from every dollar. By the beginning of the 1940s it more than doubled to 25 cents of every dollar.

As Harvard Economist Greg Mankiw points out, the massive expansion of government during those years was supposedly to deal with temporary problems — the depression and then the onset of World War II.

But there was never a subsequent cut back. The expansion just continued to where we are today.

As the political class in Washington transforms our once great, prosperous, and free country into a lumbering socialist mediocrity, a voice of dissent is needed.

In this sense, I like what Ken Blackwell is proposing in his run for RNC Chairman. Blackwell is calling for a "shareholder revolt" within the Republican Party and to move power, money, and influence to State organizations.

We do need a shareholder revolt in the Republican Party followed by one in the country as a whole.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous."

Romans 2:13

### Thought for Today:

"Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength and his pleasure."

George Sand  
French novelist, 1804-1876

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# This to-do list will save money

Have you done it yet? It's that pesky New Year's resolution list you love to hate. The one you write down and never finish?

I've got a few items that can actually save you money, protect your financial position and help you sleep better knowing you are financially better protected.



**David Colmans**

1. Talk with your agent about the new optional coverage approved by the Georgia General Assembly that goes into effect with your 2009 auto insurance policy. There is additional coverage for a car crash with an at-fault underinsured motorist to provide you with higher coverages.

You may have to pay slightly more for the new coverage, but you don't have to accept it. You must decline the coverage by signing a form your insurer has sent to you with your 2009 renewal billing.

If you don't opt-out by signing the form, you will receive the new coverage automatically, and your insurer may charge more for this specific coverage.

2. In 2009, make it a point to drive more defensively. That means pay more attention to what's going on around you so you can avoid developing problems.

If you want to earn an additional discount on your auto coverage, take an accredited defensive driving course. Ask your insurer about how much you can save on your auto insurance that will be good for three years. You will have to retake the course to continue the discount.

3. Since severe weather is common across the Southeast, develop and practice a home evacuation plan that will come in handy in case of a fire, severe weather or some other catastrophe.

4. If you have a digital camera or video recorder, take pictures or record your belongings in every room of your home or apartment. Include pulling out drawers where you store silverware and other important dishes, glass sets and appliances.

Then create a written home inventory room by room. This is particularly important following the holiday season so you can document anything new that you purchased or were given. Renters should obtain a renters insurance policy to document your belongings since the landlord is responsible for the building. Your policy will cover your personal belongings. The landlord is not responsible for your things inside your apartment or other rented home.

You can download free home inventory software from the Georgia Insurance Information Service Web site at [www.giis.org](http://www.giis.org). Look for the blue button on the upper left portion of your screen.

If you own your home, also take pictures of the exterior of your home all the way around the building to help your insurance adjuster know exactly what your home looked like prior to any damage. Take pictures of your vehicles, too.

These New Year's resolutions will save you time, money and possibly the lives of you and your family.

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# Limits

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Georgia Trend magazine named him one of the state's "Most Influential People" last year. He received the National Association of Counties' 2007 County Courthouse Award for "outstanding governance and strong leadership."

New commission chairman Mike Babb supports eliminating term limits. But after talking to several local legislators, he realized any move for a change this year would be "dead on arrival." He expected legislators "to be more open to the possibility than they were."

"On the board of commissioners, it takes three people to do anything," said Babb, who previously served eight years on the board. "So how much control can one commissioner by himself have as opposed to all the other elected officials in Whitfield County? They basically run their own department and yet have no term limits. I think it's an unfair legislation. I think for whatever reason it targeted the board of commissioners. And I think they took the choice away from the voters at a local level."

Last year, Dickson and state Rep. Roger Williams, R-Dalton, sponsored legislation that would remove term limits from the board of commissioners. The board requested the change by sending Dickson a letter signed by all five members.

Dickson's personal view on term limits?

"The people in the election process is the real term limits," Dickson said. "I know that there are a lot of people who believe term limits is the way to go. I think basically that's a distrust of the electorate, the people who go out and vote. Either you trust them to make rea-



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**Harold Brooker, left, a Whitfield County board of commission member, speaks with county administrator Robert McLeod and commission chairman Mike Babb Monday night before their first meeting since being elected in November. The topic of lifting term limits for commissioners could resurface during this state legislative session, which begins Monday.**

## JUST THE FACTS

- **Mike Babb, chairman:** Elected to third nonconsecutive term in 2008. Term expires at the end of 2012.
- **Harold Brooker, vice chairman:** Elected to fourth nonconsecutive term in 2008. Term is up at the end of 2012.
- **Mike Cowan:** Elected to his fourth term in November 2006. First elected in 1996 to a two-year term. Serving third four-year term. Term expires at the end of 2010.
- **Greg Jones:** Elected in 2007 in a special election to fill the term left vacant by the death of Pete Pangle. Re-elected in 2008. Term is up at the end of 2012.
- **Randy Waskul:** Elected to first term in 2006. Term expires at the end of 2010.

sonable decisions or you don't."

Once the legislation did not make it through the session last year, Dickson heard from several residents who supported term limits. He didn't keep a running tally of calls but said there was "not an overwhelmingly number of phone calls."

Although state legislators do not have term limits, Williams said he would probably vote for them. Williams said most of the constituents he's talked to are for term limits for commissioners.

"I told Mike Babb and them, 'I know y'all are asking for it, but I don't represent just you. I represent the people in my district.' And the people in my district say, no, they want to leave it

alone."

State Sen. Don Thomas, R-Dalton, said he has not talked with Dickson and Williams about lifting term limits for county commissioners. Overall, Thomas does not support term limits.

"I think the voters have pretty good control on term limits," Thomas said. "Whenever they feel like they need a change, they can vote a change in. If the voters have someone they feel like is doing a good job for them, they have seniority to get things done with their colleagues that it will take a new person in the job a while to get built up."

Term limits are needed at a national and state level because of the enormous political and economic advantage incumbents have,

said Ken Ellinger, a political science professor at Dalton State College. Philosophically, he said voters should decide who they want to represent them as long as the playing field is level, but he contends "it's not even close to level." There are many "electoral advantages" for incumbents, such as name recognition and more campaign contributions than challengers.

"Talk about a rigged game," Ellinger said. "You have a better chance of winning the lottery and getting struck by lightning on the same day than beating an incumbent. That's not anybody's idea of how democracy was supposed to work."

Ellinger said the advantages aren't as pronounced on the local level but they still exist. Term limits also seem popular with many voters, he said.

"In my mind, 12 years is plenty," said Ellinger, who wasn't commenting on any local commissioner or elected official. "Whatever mark you want to make on local government or state government you ought to be able to make that mark in 12 years. If you haven't been able to succeed in 12 years, you should probably step aside and let somebody else have a shot at it."

## Presidential favorites featured on site for inauguration food

If you're hosting an inauguration-watching party, why not serve food favored by presidents of the past? The Library of Congress has compiled a guide to the culinary history of the White House, complete with recipes.

There, you can find a

recipe for the deviled-egg casserole served to President James K. Polk; Martha Washington's "Great Cake" (uses 40 eggs); Bess Truman's macaroni and cheese; Mamie Eisenhower's "Million Dollar Fudge"; Lady Bird Johnson's "Pedralles River Chili" and

President Clinton's butternut squash salsa.

Maybe Obama's contribu-

tion will be a recipe for arugula salad.

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Emily Kisor and Ashley Warmack of Dalton were named to the merit list at Brenau University for fall semester of the 2008-09 academic year. Merit list students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while carrying 12 to 14 semester hours of course work.

Holly Snow Lauren Brown of Resaca and Adrienne Lynn Garrison of Rocky Face were named to the LaGrange College fall semester dean's list: To be eligible for this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6 while taking a minimum course load of 12 hours.

Mezzo-soprano Nandani Persaud of Dalton will perform at the annual Wright Scholars Concert at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton.

The concert will be on Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in the Kathy Cashen Recital Hall in the Humanities Building. The event is free and the public is invited.

The concert showcases undergraduate and graduate student performers, all of whom are nominated by their instrumental or vocal instructors.

The students will perform works by several classical composers including Chopin, Debussy, Guillemant, Liszt, Mozart and Saint-Saëns. The students will also perform works by Keiko Abe, L. Viola Kinney, Ryo Noda and Paul Smadbeck.

For more information, call (678) 839-6262.

## Stars prep for Globes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stars are sprucing themselves up, getting gifts and going to galas before tonight's Golden Globes.

Even celebs who may not be Golden Globes-bound will don glamorous duds this weekend. A spate of stars, including Tobey Maguire, Demi Moore, Jake Gyllenhaal and Sting, were expected Saturday at the Art of Elysium's charity gala.

The swanky soiree, held at a former cathedral in downtown Los Angeles, will include dinner, music, a fashion show and special honors for Eva Mendes and Jim Sheridan.

Mendes was chosen to receive the inaugural Spirit of Elysium award for her work with the organization over the past two years. Sheridan, the event's co-chair, was to be presented with the Visionary Award before passing the torch to next year's honoree, Shepard Fairey.

Founded in 1997, the Art of Elysium encourages actors, artists and musicians to share their time and talent at artistic workshops for seriously ill children. Last year's gala raised over \$800,000.

# Guild presents 'Wedding Sampler' Thursday

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The traditional wedding season is just around the corner. To celebrate this momentous occasion the Creative Arts Guild music instructors are offering a sampling of traditional and modern musical pieces.

Performing will be Beth Blackburn on harp, Jim Burdick on violin, Lisa Elders on flute and Christine Pope, accompanied by pianist Peter Einfanger, on French horn.

January's Noon Arts Program will feature "A Wedding Sampler" with selections suitable for performance prior to, during and after the wedding service.

Beth Blackburn has taught piano, flute and recorder since 1975 and has been on staff at the Creative Arts Guild since 2003. She received her bachelor of music in flute performance degree from Georgia Southern University. Ms. Blackburn is a member of the Scottish Harp Society of America and the Ceilidh Celtic Ensemble, which performs annually at the March Celtic Celebrations, Noon Arts and Festival.

Jim Burdick has been a violin and piano instructor at the Guild since 2003 and also plays the guitar. While his degree is a bachelor of science in mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University, he did have the equivalent of conservatory instruction at the Pittsfield (Mass.) Community Music School. Jim is concertmaster of the L'Abri Symphony Orchestra, a member of Ceilidh Celtic Ensemble,



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Performers from left, Jim Burdick, violin; Christine Pope, French horn; Lisa Elders, flute and Beth Blackburn on harp will present "A Wedding

and very active in music at First Methodist Church.

Lisa Elders will perform on flute. Ms. Elders has been with the Guild since 2000 as an instructor in flute, saxophone and piano and became the Guild's music director in 2004. She earned her bachelor of science in music education and bachelor of arts in music from Jacksonville State University and her associate of music in flute per-

formance from Georgia State University. She is principal flutist with the Northwest Georgia Winds and has performed with the Rome Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Players of the South, L'Abri Orchestra and is a member of the Rome Area Flute Ensemble.

Christine Pope will perform on French horn. Ms. Pope has been a brass instruments and piano instructor with the Guild since 2003. She received a

"Wedding Sampler" Thursday at the Noon Art Program at the Creative Arts Guild. The hour-long program is free and open to the public.

bachelor of music theory and bachelor of music performance from Florida State University and her master of music degree from the University of Connecticut. She is a member of the International Horn Society, American Federation of Musicians, and Pi Kappa Lambda National Honor Society. Ms. Pope is also the Guild's piano tuner and technician. Einfanger, music minister of First United Methodist Church of

Dalton, will accompany her. A "Wedding Sampler" is Thursday in the Creative Arts Guild Main Gallery, beginning at noon and concluding by 1 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Those attending may bring their lunch or purchase one from the Guild by calling 706-278-0168 a day prior to the event.

For more information, contact Lisa Elders at 706-259-1822 or music@creativeartsguild.org.

## Series of programs aims to help small businesses

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All classes meet in the James Brown Continuing Education Building at DSC

at 550 College Drive. Pre-register online at [www.daltonsbdc.org](http://www.daltonsbdc.org). Programs may be taken separately at the individual class price of \$69. The schedule is:

■ Jan. 13 from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. — Starting a Business

■ Jan. 15 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. — Small Business Legal Issues

■ Jan. 20 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. — Marketing Your Business

■ Jan. 22 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. — Setting Up Business Records

■ Jan. 27 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. — Tax Tips for the Small Business

■ Jan. 29 from 6 to 8:45

p.m. — Writing an Effective Business Plan

■ Feb. 3 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. — Financing the Business

These programs are jointly sponsored by the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration and offered through a cooperative agreement with DSC. All SBA-funded programs are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Reasonable arrangements for individuals with disabilities will be made if requested two weeks in advance. For information, call (706) 272-2700.

## Moose falls through family's window

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Spokane family got an uninvited visitor when a moose calf fell through a basement window and into a bedroom.

The Spokesman Review reports that the baby moose was apparently foraging in shallow snow near the house when it fell into a deep window well.

As it tried to get out and join its mother and sibling, the moose kicked

in the window and became trapped in the bedroom.

A state wildlife biologist managed to shoot a tranquilizer dart into the moose's rump. Then he and four others used a tarp to haul the 375-pound baby up a narrow stairway.

Wildlife officers tracked down the calf's mother and sibling and trucked the reunited family to a spot near Mount Spokane and released them.

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## ~ Appetizers & Entrées ~

CRAB CAKES ~ \$10  
GOURMET CRAB CAKES  
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OVER CIDER VINEGAR & BLEU CHEESE COLESLAW.

GOURMET MAC & CHEESE ~ \$8  
BOWTIE PASTA TOSSED WITH GRUYERE CHEESE, SMOKED GOUDA, SHARP  
CHEDDAR, & CREAM. BAKED UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN.

BAGEL & LOX PLATE ~ \$11  
BAGELS AND SMOKED SALMON  
SERVED WITH CREAM CHEESE, CHOPPED RED ONIONS,  
HARD BOILED EGG, AND TOMATO

STUFFED FRENCH TOAST ~ \$9  
CINNAMON FRENCH TOAST STUFFED WITH FRESH BERRIES THEN PUFFED IN  
THE OVEN, SERVED WITH WARM VERMONT MAPLE SYRUP  
OR WARM BERRY COMPOTE,  
WITH SMOKED APPLE SAUSAGE OR THICK GEORGIA COB SMOKED BACON

STEAK & EGGS ~ \$12  
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EGG FRITTATA ~ \$8  
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BACON & HOME FRIES. CREATE YOUR OWN FRITTATA  
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SHARP CHEDDAR, AND GRUYERE CHEESE.

## ~ Children's Menu ~

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**BRIEFS**

**Thousands protest Israeli offensive**

BERLIN — Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in cities across Europe and in Lebanon Saturday, shouting protests against the Israeli offensive in Gaza. Protesters burned Israeli flags in Sweden and threw shoes at the U.S. consulate in Edinburgh, Scotland. In central London, three officers were hurt when demonstrators hurled shoes and placards at police outside the Israeli Embassy. One officer was knocked unconscious. Some 180 people were arrested in Paris. A crowd of 12,000 gathered in London's Hyde Park carrying placards marked "Gaza: Stop the massacre" and chanting "free, free Palestine."

**Awesome ship for 'awesome man'**

NORFOLK, Va. — It's the perfect gift for an old Navy flier: 1,092 feet of flattop. "What do you give a guy who has been blessed and has just about everything he has ever needed?" asked President George W. Bush from aboard the Navy's newest ship. "Well, an aircraft carrier." The USS George H.W. Bush, a steel-gray vessel longer than three football fields and built at a cost of \$6.2 billion, was commissioned Saturday with its namesake, the 41st president, and other members of the Bush family on hand for the ceremonies at Naval Station Norfolk. Bush, who took his last scheduled flight aboard Air Force One to get to Norfolk, added: "Laura and I are thrilled to be here to help commission an awesome ship and to honor an awesome man."

**5 Somali pirates drown with loot**

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Five of the pirates who hijacked a Saudi supertanker drowned with their share of a \$3 million ransom, a relative said Saturday, the day after the bundle of cash was apparently dropped by parachute onto the deck of the ship. The Sirius Star and its 25 crew sailed safely away Friday at the end of a two-month standoff in the Gulf of Aden, where pirates attacked over 100 ships last year. Hundreds more kidnapped sailors remain in the hands of pirates. The drowned pirates' boat overturned in rough seas, and family members were still looking for four missing bodies. Piracy is one of the few ways to make money in Somalia. Half the population is dependent on aid and a whole generation has grown up knowing nothing but war.

**Snowstorm grounds flights in Chicago**

CLEVELAND — A powerful winter storm blasted large swathes of the Midwest and Northeast with snow and freezing rain on Saturday, grounding flights and stranding vehicles along icy roads. More than half of the morning flights at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport were canceled or delayed. And 10 inches of snow at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport forced the cancellation of about 100 flights, Chicago's Streets and Sanitation Department reported. The weather service posted storm warnings from Michigan through New England and predicted nearly a foot of snow for some areas. In Michigan, at least 8 inches of snow fell on the southern Lower Peninsula by Saturday afternoon.

— *The Associated Press*

# Plan would create up to 4.1M jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama countered critics with an analysis Saturday by his economic team showing that a program of tax cuts and spending like he's proposed would create up to 4.1 million jobs, far more than the 3 million he has insisted are needed to lift the country from recession.

Congressional Republicans reacted skeptically, just as Obama acknowledged that he would be forced to recant some of his campaign promises given the economic crisis facing the country. Even the

president-elect's own economists acknowledged their two-year estimates could be wrong.

The 14-page analysis, which was posted online, says estimates are "subject to significant margins of error" — because of the assumptions that went into the economic models and because it is not known what might pass Congress.

"These numbers are a stark reminder that we simply cannot continue on our current path," Obama said in his weekly radio and YouTube broadcast address.

"If nothing is done, economists from across the spectrum tell us that this recession could linger for years and the unemployment rate could reach double digits — and they warn that our nation could lose the competitive edge that has served as a foundation for our strength and standing in the world," he said.

Obama has provided few details of his \$775 billion plan so far. This fresh report does not include the specific construction of his tax cuts, the amounts dedicated to state aid or public works — key questions that Obama aides have

closely held.

On Saturday, economic aides and advisers declined to lay out even rough estimates for the plan's components. They said they worked with broad instructions from Obama but didn't want to limit negotiations with congressional leaders by outlining their limits in public.

"I want to be realistic here. Not everything that we talked about during the campaign are we going to be able to do on the pace we had hoped," Obama told ABC's "This Week" for an interview set to air Sunday.

For a second time since his election, Obama increased the number of jobs his jobs program would create, taking the number to as many as 4.1 million jobs saved or created — a benchmark his critics charge cannot be measured. During the campaign, he promised only 1 million new jobs.

The analysis came out one day after news the unemployment rate had jumped to 7.2 percent, the highest in 16 years. The nation lost 524,000 jobs in December, bringing the total job loss for last year to 2.6 million, the largest since World War II.

## TELETHON COMING UP



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**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Georgia Mountains will host its annual telethon Feb. 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on WDNN. The event will be held at the Wink Theater and showcases area talent. In preparation, BBBS is seeking talented individuals**

**or groups who would like to perform. For more information, call Helen Conley at Big Brothers Big Sisters at (706) 278-0702. Shown planning the event are from left BBBS executive director Staci Halyak, Conley and Joy Narvil.**

# TVA grapples with two spills

STEVENSON, Ala. (AP) — Standing on a porch near the Widows Creek power plant Saturday, Charlie Cookston took a drag off a cigarette and ticked off the reasons he distrusts the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Dead mussels in the mighty, meandering Tennessee River. Dwindling numbers of fish. Big, black piles of coal ash that seem to get larger every day.

As nearby residents await lab tests on the safety of drinking water, tempers are unsettled. Electric rates at the nation's largest utility have soared. A dike burst in Tennessee destroyed several homes, and on Friday, as much as 10,000 gallons of waste spilled into Widows Creek in northeastern Alabama.

The nation's largest utility, once viewed as a savior to the region, bringing

lights, thousands of jobs and progress since its creation as a New Deal program in 1933, has a rocky few months.

"We ain't trusted TVA around here since back in the '50s," said Cookston, 59, who runs bulldozers and other heavy equipment for a living.

"Their rates on power are as cheap as anybody," he said, looking toward the plant stacks. But "I think there's a lot more going on down there than we'll ever know."

The back-to-back spills followed a 20 percent rate increase announced in October — the largest spike since 1974 — and a decision to grant CEO Tom Kilgore a pay raise of about \$500,000. On top of that, the utility said

in November it would reduce its weed-control work in two reservoirs.

The rate hike was trimmed by about 6 percent to offer some relief beginning Jan. 1. And TVA spokesman Gil Francis denied that the Knoxville, Tenn.-based utility had any image problem.

"I have not seen any customer frustrations," he said.

But Scott Stout, a spokesman for the Roane County Emergency Management Agency in Tennessee, understands the anxiety. He helped coordinate the response to the huge ash spill at the Kingston Fossil Plant on Dec. 22.

"I am not happy about what has happened," Stout said. "But you can't unring

that bell."

TVA has been a friend for years, operating dams that created beautiful lakes for water and recreation. Its response to the Kingston spill has been good so far, Stout said.

"I am happy with what I am seeing them do. Now two months from now, three months from now, I'd love to say the same thing," said Stout.

The utility provides electricity to 8.8 million consumers in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. It's as much a part of the valley landscape as hardwood forests and craggy cliffs overlooking two-lane roads.

## Healthcare Trust meetings set for the year

The following are scheduled dates of upcoming Whitfield Healthcare Foundation Trust Committee meetings for this year:

Feb. 13; May 8; Aug. 14 and Nov. 13.

The meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation Conference Room in the Burkett Building at Hamilton Medical Center.

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## DALTON STATE DEAN'S LIST

Dalton State College has named 507 students to the dean's list for fall semester 2008, including 198 from Whitfield County and 71 from Murray County.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must maintain a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours and achieve an overall grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

Students named to the dean's list from Whitfield County for fall semester 2008 include Michelle Ackley, Gabriel Acuna, Dakota Aft, Matthew Ambrose, Joshua Anderson, Savannah Arnold, Ali Awad, Caitlin Bagby, Danielle Baker, Corey Bain, Ashley Baldrige, Karla Barragan, Michelle Bassett, Shannon Bearfield, Kelly Beck, Kelsey Blevins, April Boggs, Mark Bolding, Samantha Bolt, Melissa Bonifacious, Justin Boone, Katrisha Bratton, Zach Brewer, Stephen Bridges, Joseph Brooks, Alisha Broome, Amy Bryant, Wesley Bullock, Tambra Burch, Hope Burns, Shirley Burns, Francisco Carrillo, Malisa Cawood, Sammy Cervantes, Eric Chance, Olivia Chance, Andrew Chilton, Jessica Cline, Joshua Cook, Cassie Cooper, Jesse Cucksee, Kassie Cudd, Sarah Davidson, Thatcher Davies, Tracy Davis, Rocio De Santiago, Nichole Decker, Lindsey Derrick, Tracy DesRosiers, Diane Dickerson, Elizabeth Dindoffer, John Downing and Eric Dyer.

Also named to the dean's list were Anthony Edds, Regina Edds, Christopher Edwards, Justin Edwards, Sherry Edwards, Nathaniel Ellis, Paul Estes, Reta Fiek, Jared Fowler, Luz Franco, Samantha Frazier, Meghan Gaddis, Brenda Garcia, Melissa Garcia, Leigh Anne Garland, Stacy Garner, Margaret Garrison, Jennifer Gazaway, Stephanie Gentry, Stacey George, Justin Goforth, Christian Goins,

Karen Gonzalez, Rocio Gonzalez, Andrea Gordon, Payton Gordon, Thea Gossett, Alma Green, Jordan Griffin, Laura Griffin, Jennifer Griffith, Scarlett Hales, Bradley Hall, Rhonda Hall, Amy Hammontree, Heather Harden, Jennifer Harrod, Ashley Haws, Amanda Henderson, Sean Hefner, Jessica Helton, Amanda Hill, Jason Holcomb, Sharon Hollen, Janice Hollis, Weston Hughes, Jessica Hunsucker, Joseph Hunt and Guadalupe Hurtado.

Others include Jerred Jesse, Anna Johnson, Mary Johnson, Emily Jones, Whitney Jones, Bridget Kidwell, Breanna Kilgore, April Kinsey, Amber Kresl, Debra Kennedy, Shannon Krech, Jennifer Lamberth, Julia Lancaster, Ragen Lane, Jennifer Langston, Cory Ledford, Carrie Lewallen, Laura Limas Chavez, Katlyn Liszewski, Maria Lopez, Alejandro Lua, Travis Lynch, Ana Maldonado, Bethany Marlin, Kassandra Martin, Lisa Martin, Ashley McBrayer, Tiffany McClure, Stephanie McGahey, Flor Mendoza, George Meza, Julie Miller, Alejandra Molinar, Sandra Moreno, Shaun Mursell, Amber Nelson, Timothy Neundorf, Ngan Nguyen, Morgan Ogle, Nathaniel Owens, Dena Payne, Heather Payne, Cynthia Pacheco, Katie Peeples, Evelyn Pellom, Eduardo Perez, Yulivet Perez, Vallarie Pratt, Consuelo Quintero and Irene Quintero.

Also Nichole Rann, Anders Ravenholt, Valerie Richardson, Crystal Ridley, Sheila Rivera, Lorrie Robertson, Justin Robinson, Dennise Rodriguez, Marlon Romo, Justin Sanford, Rebecca Schilling, Shaun Scott, Kevin Self, Brittney Shelby, Lacy Shook, Whitney Shults, Susan Sinnamon, Angela Sisco, Allison Sissom, Hannah Sissom, Amy Smith, Iman Soliman Mohamed, Sandra

Sosa, Jared Spier, Mary Stanley, Tracy Starks, Kelli Stokes-Palumbo, Rachel Stuckey, Veronica Summers, Malea Sutton, Matthew Tankersley, Kurt Teasley, Gerluce Tertio, Denise Thompson, Laura Toliver, Jose Trejo, Miranda Vasquez, Samya Ward, Amanda Ware, Scott Wheeler, Erin Whitener, Stephanie Wiersma, Lindsey Wiggins, Constance Winter, Matthew Wykoff and Britney Yates.

Students named to the dean's list from Murray County for fall semester were Angela Beavers, Dava Bledsoe, Joshua Boring, Desnie Brookshire, Tyler Brown, Dianelys Camejo, Jairo Chambers, Zacherie Cooper, Bo Coram, Felicia Corbin, Meizhen Culver, Brooke Curtis, Michael Cuthbert, Arlette DeSantiago, Whitney Douglas, Janelle Duff, Valerie Dunn, Joshua Ellis, Emily Elrod, Sandra Esparza, Amber Farmer, Katherine Fields, Mario Figueroa, Jennifer Findley, Joshua Fowler, Jennifer Garcia, Johanna Gladden, Hank Hayden, Mirella Hernandez, Chasidy Hulett, Joshua Humphrey, Katherine Joga, Jennifer Johns and Amber Larue.

Also Jenny Malloian-Stone, Misty McClure, Tricia Miles, Holly Miller, Stasha Mills, Annette Montalvo, Tammy Osborne, Michael Patterson, Whitley Patterson, Pamela Pickett, Lacinda Pierce, Samuel Presley, Lauren Pritchett, Jesus Pulido, Joshua Roberts, Toria Roberts, Luis Rodriguez, Stacy Roland, Michelle Schleifer, Catina Sexton, Kristin Silvers, Kasey Sittton, Leah Slack, Jessica Springer, Jessica Steelman, Candice Teran, Patrick Tisdell, Keisha Trimble, Jimmy Tyler, Nicholas Underwood, Jose Valdovinos, Patchalyn Vick, Christina Victoriano, Michelle Watson, Carl Watts, Larry Wilbanks and Amanda Williams.

## DSC running club back by popular demand

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The most popular Dalton State personal enrichment class of 2008 is back for 2009.

By popular request, Margie Bruner, seasoned runner, running coach and licensed school psychologist, will again lead Four Months to a 5K: Roadrunners Beginners Running Club. The ultimate goal of class members is to successfully complete the Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic on Saturday, May 2.

Using a combination of education and encouragement, this class will also equip students with the tools they need to meet their personal health and weight loss goals.

"Running and walking are my sports of choice because they are both cost- and time-efficient. Other than a good pair of shoes, running doesn't require a lot of fancy equipment. Whether you are new to the sport of running or picking it up after time away, you'll enjoy the format of this class," Bruner said. "It's designed to be low-pressure with fun and fitness in mind."

Club members will meet twice a week in preparation to run the Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic. On Monday evenings, Bruner will be joined by other community experts to instruct sessions in health, nutrition, fitness, running gear, safety measures and correct running technique. Following the Monday classroom instruction, students will participate in a short running exercise.

Sunday afternoons will be devoted to informal runs with other Club members.

"This class progresses at a pace comfortable for everyone," said Bruner. "We'll begin with shorter, lighter exercises and then gradually build up to longer distances. Running provides numerous



**Instructor Margie Bruner, left, and Nancy Kennedy prepare for a run around the Dalton State College track. Kennedy is executive director of the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, which sponsors the annual Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic. Kennedy, who joined the DSC Running Club last year, will be a repeat Roadrunner this year as are several other former class members.**

whole-health benefits. Not only is it terrific for your body, but the mental and emotional advantages are awesome, too.

"Running improves cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, bone health, muscular strength and muscular endurance," Bruner continued. "It slows the aging process, improves coordination, and encourages weight loss. Emotionally and mentally, running improves mood due to the release of endorphins during exercise and reduces stress. Improved body image and decreased depression are also known benefits." Bruner said that it is never

too late to begin a running program, as long as individuals have the blessings of their physicians. The class is specifically paced for beginning runners or runners who have been away from the sport but want to rejoin the running ranks.

"We are going to have a lot of fun in this class while making major healthy lifestyle changes," Bruner said. "Now is the time to do something terrific for yourself. Run!"

The class starts Monday. For more information, call the Center for Continuing Education at (706) 272-4454 or visit online at [www.dalton-state.edu/ccc](http://www.dalton-state.edu/ccc).

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

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**Westwood School, 708 Trammell St.**

Current score: 99  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 98  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Prepackaged potentially hazardous foods that are opened must be used within seven days. Degreaser stored over three-compartment sink. Store utensils in drawers with handles one way.

**Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center, 302 Capps St.**

Current score: 97  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 98  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: All coolers must have thermometer placed inside and toward the door. All utensils must be stored covered to prevent contamination. Looks good.

**Miller Brothers Rib Shack, 606 E. Morris St.**

Current score: 96  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 98  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: All potentially hazardous foods that are prepared or prepackaged and opened must be properly date marked. Store toxic items away from food and food contact items. Label all toxic items properly. Tight line on three-compartment sink and food sink is not permitted; must have minimum 1-inch air gaps.

**Fuji Japanese Steak and Sushi, 1321 W. Walnut Ave., Suite 1**

Current score: 96  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: New business  
 Previous grade: New business  
 Comments: Seal floor sink to floor. Seal barholder to bar. Install walk-in shelving. Seal gap under front door to outside. No outer openings. Need grease container. OK to open.

**Western Sizzlin', 501 Legion Drive**

Current score: 95  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 97  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Potentially hazardous foods must cool from 135 degrees to 70 degrees within two hours and to 41 degrees within six hours. Open box of Oreos. Store utensils with handles up and out of food. Laundry detergent stored under prep table; knife on shelf in stand alone cooler. Store items in designated protected location. Cutting board in prep area scored. Repair leak, broken tile and mildewed tile in silverware washing area.

**Restaurant report card**

**Whitfield County** Environmental Health conducts inspections of restaurants every three months. The inspectors may require a re-inspection. Restaurants are required by law to post their most recent inspection permit.

The state assigns a letter grade for the evaluation and makes recommendations for changes. The Daily Citizen lists areas where the establishments are out of compliance with the regulations.



**Fifth Quarter Pub, 618 S. Hamilton St.**

Current score: 94  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 95  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Several foods in coolers not date marked; all potentially hazardous foods that are prepared or prepackaged and opened must be properly date marked with use by date. Sanitizer too strong; keep between 50 and 100 ppm. Invert single-serve containers. Clean hood vents. Store mops off floor. Ice machine leaks. George Foreman grill must be under hood.

**Burger King, 310 Northgate Drive**

Current score: 92  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 93  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Do not store sanitizer buckets on floor. Need sign over hand sinks telling employees when and how to wash hands. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Employee did not change gloves when changing tasks. Do not leave ice scoop in ice machine. Walk-in cooler door does not properly shut and seal. Light out in walk-in cooler.

**Captain D's, 1236 Cleveland Highway**

Current score: 90  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 93  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: All potentially hazardous food that's prepared or prepackaged and opened must be properly date marked. Do not hang utensils or use magnetic knife strips. Torn gaskets in walk-in coolers. Cabinet shelves in poor repair. Repair walls. Clean ceilings. Light shield missing end caps. Service Ansel system.

**Garcia's, 1205 W. Walnut Ave.**

Current score: 90  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 84  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: Consumer advisory needed for cooked-

to-order steaks. Cut cabbage and dry beans uncovered in kitchen. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Store utensils with handles up and out of food. Store employee personal items in designated area.

**La Media Luna, 1103 Murray Ave.**

Current score: 89  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 91  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Cup with lid from home in kitchen; employee drink containers must be single-service type with lid and straw. Tear down slicer between uses and clean hard-to-reach spaces. Cooked chicken and pork cooling in large containers greater than 4 inches deep; portions divided and placed in ice bath.

**McDonald's, 1523 W. Walnut Ave.**

Current score: 86



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Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 91  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Shell eggs out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. When using time as a control, written procedures must be prepared in advance. Post current inspection sheet in drive-through; post permit. Invert single-serve articles. Paper towels required in restrooms.

**Waffle House, 1520 W. Walnut Ave.**

Current score: 86  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 83  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: Employee not wearing gloves while cutting lemons and radishes. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Dishwasher gauge for rinse cycle reading 165 degrees; final rinse must reach 180 degrees. Water leaking beneath dishwasher area. Clean equipment below grill more frequently.

**Five Guys Burgers and Fries, 1303 W. Walnut Ave., Suites 2-3**

Current score: 90  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 98

Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Observed employee change gloves without washing hands. Sanitizer should be 50 to 100 ppm. Chemicals stored over deli paper. Thermometers required in each cold holding unit or drawer. Protect self-serve lemons from coughs and sneezes of public. Do not sit sanitizer buckets on floor. Post food permit for public view. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Magnetic strips aren't allowed. Seal drink cabinet to wall.

**Tacos Tu Go, 807 N. Hamilton St.**

Current score: 83  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 77  
 Previous grade: C  
 Comments: Observed employee with personal drink in bottle; drinks must be in cup with lid and straw. Do not put equipment in third compartment of three-compartment sink; must be free for sanitizing. Use 4-inch deep containers for rapid cooling. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Must have vegetable prep sink. Post score for public view.

**Centenarian lobster gains its freedom**

NEW YORK (AP) — A 140-year-old lobster once destined for a dinner plate received the gift of life Friday from a Park Avenue seafood restaurant.

George, the 20-pound supercentenarian crustacean, was freed by City Crab and Seafood in New York City.

"We applaud the folks at City Crab and Seafood for their compassionate decision to allow this noble old-timer to live out his days in freedom and peace," said Ingrid E. Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Some scientists estimate lobsters can live to be more than 100 years old. PETA and the restaurant guessed George's age at about 140, using a rule of thumb based on the creature's weight.

He was to be released Saturday near Kennebunkport, Maine, in an area where lobster trapping is forbidden.

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## OBITUARIES

• **Juanita Hudson Adams, Chatsworth**  
 • **Claire Brock King, Columbia, S.C.**  
 • **Elsie B. McCormick, Boaz, Ala.**  
 • **Lena Mae Miller, Kokomo, Ind.**  
 • **Angie Painter, Rocky Face**  
 • **Robert E. Rutland Sr., Dalton**  
 • **Martha Lillie Thompson, Cohutta**  
 • **Clemmie Mae Wimpy**

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

### Juanita Hudson Adams

Mrs. Juanita Hudson Adams, Chatsworth, died at her residence on Jan. 9, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Huston Adams, son, Calvin Adams, and a grandson, Jimmy Dana.

Survivors include her children and spouses, Steve and Tedi Adams, John and Mildred Adams both of Chatsworth, Sheila and Jerry Starks, Regina and Paul Fredrick, all of Cohutta, Robert Adams of Chatsworth, Sylvia Sutton of Cohutta, Beverly and Brent Davis of Rocky Face, James and Nancy Adams of Chatsworth, Barry Adams of Orlando, Fla., Tony and Nina Adams of Cohutta, Jeff and Michelle Adams of Chatsworth, Pam and Ray Knittel of Cohutta, Dale and Regina Adams of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Cindy, Jack, Steve, Stu, Chris, Tracy, Robert Jr., Lisa, Wayne, Tyler, John David, Kevin, Vanessa, Brandon, Franklin, Justin, Katie, Whitney and Nicole. Several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with John Tudor and Jeff Adams officiating.

Burial will be in Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The family will receive friends today after 5 p.m.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home & Crematory, Chatsworth. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Claire Brock King

The funeral for Claire Brock King, 84, of Columbia, S.C., is today at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Mausoleum Chapel with entombment to follow. The family will receive friends

from 1:30 p.m. until the hour of the service. Greenlawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. King passed away on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009. She was born in Anderson, S.C., to the late Herbert Doyle Brock and Myrtle Blanche Boyd Brock.

Surviving are her children, Donna King and Matthew (Sheryl) King; two grandchildren, Katelynn and Jacob; her sisters, Wynna McDaniel and Derrel Miller, and a brother, Doyle Brock.

Greenlawn Funeral Home, 845 Leesburg Road, Columbia, S.C. is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Elsie B. McCormick

Mrs. Elsie B. McCormick, 82, a lifelong resident of the Boaz, Ala., area, passed away in Dalton on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church in Aroney, Ala.

Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery

Etowah Memorial Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Lena Mae Miller

Lena Mae Miller, 84, of Kokomo; formerly of Georgia, died at 2:26 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, in Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo.

Born in Taylorsville, Ga., on April 25, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Floyd Lester Fowler and Lenora Josephine Cagle. In November 1946 in Lexington, Ky., she married Gordon Lee Miller, and he preceded her in death in October of 1982. She was a member of both the Church of God of the Union Assembly in Kokomo and Dalton for more than 60 years. She was active in women's committees and sang.

Survivors include one son, Lester Miller of Charleston, Tenn.; one daughter, Joan L. (husband, Harold) Stout of Kokomo; three stepsons, the Rev. Jerry Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., Robert Miller and G. Edward Miller, both of Jonesboro, stepdaughter, Pauline Miller of Georgia; four sisters, Jeanette (husband, Buddy) Davenport of Kingston, Betty (husband, Lee) Millican of Summerville, Lynn Kurtz of Douglasville, Shirley Flowers of Kingston; three brothers, Buck (wife, Margaret) Fowler of Cartersville, Jack Fowler of Georgia, Thomas (wife, Clemmie) Fowler of

Kingston; grandchildren, Paula (Jody) Burnette, Yna Compton, Ryan (Debbie) Miller, Kim (Randy) Harrison, Stephanie Miller, April (Scott) Miller, Lisa (Bishop Jay) Pratt, and Lee (Amber) Stout. There are also numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren and step-grand and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons, Johnny and Charlie Miller; sister and brother-in-law Virginia and R.L. Benefield; brother-in-law Paul Flowers, nephew Jimmy Benefield; stepdaughter Hulda Mae Miller; and stepson, Mort Miller.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the Church of God of the Union Assembly in Dalton. Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends from 4-8 p.m. today at Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Avenue, Dalton.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [ellermortuary.com](http://ellermortuary.com) and [lovefuneralhome.com](http://lovefuneralhome.com).

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

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### Angie Painter

Mrs. Angie Painter, 43, of Rocky Face, went to be with her Lord and saviour Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at her residence.

She is survived by her daughter, Ciera Paul of Chattanooga; son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Jessica Painter of Douglasville; mother and stepfather, Brenda and Ernie Brown of Rocky Face; father and stepmother, Kelly and Mary Painter of Chatsworth; grandmothers, Minnie Re Painter and Mildred Mallett Johnson both of Dalton; grandson, Jaden Paul of Chattanooga; sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Danny Rhodes of East Ridge, Tenn.; half-brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Karen Painter of Ringgold; half-sister Tracy Sweeny of Dalton; stepbrother and step-sister-in-law, Michael and Vickie Prott of Chatsworth; stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Patty and David Adams of Dalton; special friends, Dariene Cooper and Jan Bruner both of Ringgold; nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Craig Cooper and the Rev. Lonnie B. Starnes officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today after 4 p.m.

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

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### Robert E. Rutland Sr.

Mr. Robert E. Rutland Sr., 89, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Rutland, he was born in Duluth, Ga., and later graduated from Young Harris College prior to serving in the U.S. Army during



Rutland

World War II. Upon returning from the Army, he married Elizabeth Jones, and then settled in Dalton.

He began his banking career with the First National Bank of Dalton and later became the chief executive officer of Dalton Federal Savings and Loan Association, a role he filled for 36 years until his retirement in 1982.

While at Dalton Federal, Bob Rutland was instrumental in developing and growing Dalton's real estate industry. He helped to provide the joy of home ownership to countless people in the Dalton area, and his integrity was above reproach. He supported the community, serving for 10 years on the Board of Education for Dalton Public Schools. As an active member of the First United Methodist Church, he assumed leadership roles on both the local and conference levels. He was a member of the Civitan and Rotary clubs, and provided leadership for a number of community organizations, from the

Community Chest (now the United Way) to the Dalton Chamber of Commerce. He was a strong and caring man, who placed high value on family, church and community.

Mr. Rutland was preceded in death by Elizabeth, his wife of 62 years.

He is survived by his children, daughter Margaret Rutland Dyer and husband Henry Dyer of Roswell; son Robert E. Rutland Jr. and wife Anne S. Rutland of Buffalo, N.Y.; daughter, Laura E. Rutland of Erie, Pa.; his grandchildren, Britt Dyer and wife Mandy Dyer of Cumming, and Alex and Nick Rutland of Buffalo, N.Y.; his sister Mary Alice Brown of Marietta; plus many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday from the chapel of the Dalton First United Methodist Church with Dr. Joe Peabody and the Rev. James Hughes officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 1 til 2 p.m. Monday in the Atrium of the First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to, DOC-UP Ministries, c/o First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 627, Dalton, GA 30722.

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### Martha Lillie Thompson

Mrs. Martha Lillie Thompson, 76, of Cohutta, departed this life Friday afternoon, Jan. 9, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Thompson was born Feb. 7, 1932, in Bleckley County, a daughter of the late J.B. and Ida Walker Farr. She was also preceded in death by her husband, W.C. Thompson and her son, Kevin Brown Thompson.

She was a loving housewife and mother.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha C. Thompson and Edward Bennett; daughter-in-law, Anna Laura Thompson all of Cohutta; grandchildren,

Sarah Carol Bush and Toby Lockridge both of Cohutta, Jennifer Johnson of Elgin, Ill.; great-granddaughter, Breanna Bennett of Chatsworth.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Martha Lillie Thompson are Monday at 1 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Eric Blaylock officiating. Music will be provided by Oris Bennett.

She will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with her family serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home today from 3 until 9 p.m.

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

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; 706-226-4002.

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### Clemmie Mae Wimpy

Clemmie Mae Wimpy, known most of her adult life as Clemmie W. Thomason, 72, died Thursday, Jan. 8.

She was born June 25, 1936, in Ringgold to Thomas A. and Bertie B. Capehart Wimpy.

Clemmie was a kind-hearted and creative person. She was well educated, having earned three college degrees with honors. During her life, she enjoyed teaching art and heading the Sweetwater, Tenn., chapter of the America Red Cross. She was well traveled and enjoyed hosting parties. She had a long association with the Presbyterian Church. In more recent years, she was a home health care provider and enjoyed being a grandmother. She was loved and will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Howard Wimpy.

She is survived by son Richard Thomason and his family, and sister Anne Partridge.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday from Lakewood Memorial Gardens South.

The family will receive friends from 8 a.m. until noon Monday.

Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill is in charge of funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

# Israel tells Gazans to brace for war escalation

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel dropped bombs and leaflets on Gaza on Saturday, pounding suspected rocket sites and tunnels used by Hamas militants and warning of a wider offensive despite frantic diplomacy to end the bloodshed.

Egypt hosted talks aimed at defusing the crisis, but war had the momentum on a bloody day on which more than 30 Palestinians, many of them noncombatants, were killed, according to Gaza medics. Hamas fighters launched 15 rockets at southern Israel, injuring three Israelis in the city of Ashkelon, the Israeli military said.

At hospitals, distraught relatives — men in jeans and jackets and women in black Islamic robes — sobbed and shrieked at the loss of family. Flames and smoke rose over Gaza City amid heavy fighting.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas predicted a “waterfall of blood” unless all parties adhere to a United Nations call for a cease-fire.



AP PHOTO

**Weapons fired by Israeli forces explode over Gaza as seen from the Israel-Gaza border Saturday. Israeli forces pounded dozens of targets and edged closer to Gaza City on Saturday while southern Israel came under renewed rocket fire after one of its quietest nights in the two-week offensive against Hamas.**

But Israel has said the Security Council resolution passed Thursday was unworkable and Hamas, the Islamic group whose government controls Gaza, is not recognized internationally, was angry that it was not consulted.

Damascus-based Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal made a fiery speech on Arab news channel Al-Jazeera, describing the Israeli assault as a “holocaust.” Still, Hamas teams were in Cairo to discuss a cease-fire proposed by Egypt.

At least 814 Palestinians, roughly half of them civilians, have died since war broke out on Dec. 27, according to Palestinian medical officials. Thirteen Israelis, including 10 soldiers, have been killed.

Weary Palestinians watched from apartment windows as thousands of leaflets fluttered from aircraft with a blunt warning: Israeli forces will step up operations against Islamic militants who have unleashed a daily barrage of rocket fire on southern Israeli towns.

“The IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) is not working against the people of Gaza but against Hamas and the terrorists only,” the leaflets said in Arabic. “Stay safe by following our orders.”

The leaflets urged Gaza residents not to help Hamas and to stay away from its members. There was no immediate sign of an escalation, though earlier in the day, witnesses said Israeli troops moved to within one mile of Gaza City before pulling back slightly.

Israeli defense officials say they are prepared for a third stage of their offensive, in which ground troops would push further into Gaza, but are waiting for approval from the govern-

ment. Early on Sunday, Israeli tanks were heard moving near the central Gaza border as Israeli artillery pounded the area, indicating the possibility of a larger operation.

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Almanac

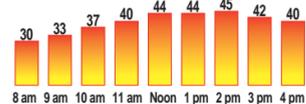
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**Precipitation:**  
 24 hrs. through 3 p.m. yest. .... 0.04"

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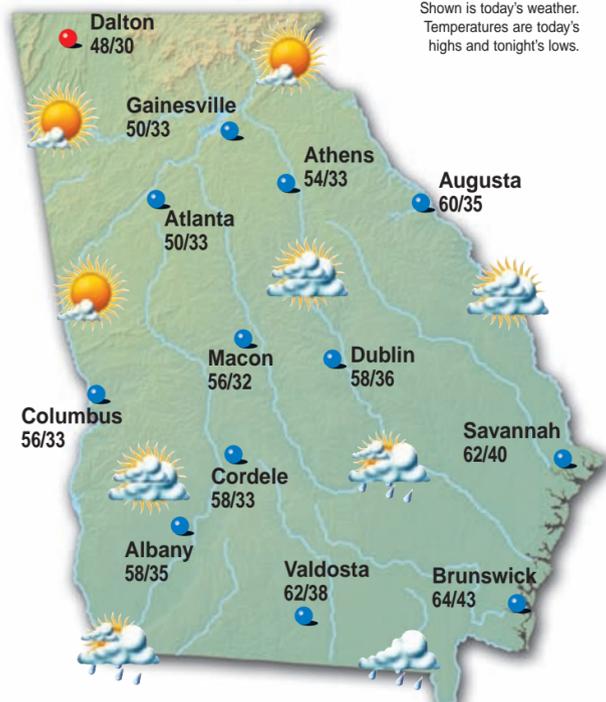
A siege of extreme cold began in the Dakotas on Jan. 11, 1936. Langdon, N.D., failed to reach zero all day. Readings remained below zero for the next 41 days.

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A: They each have six sides.

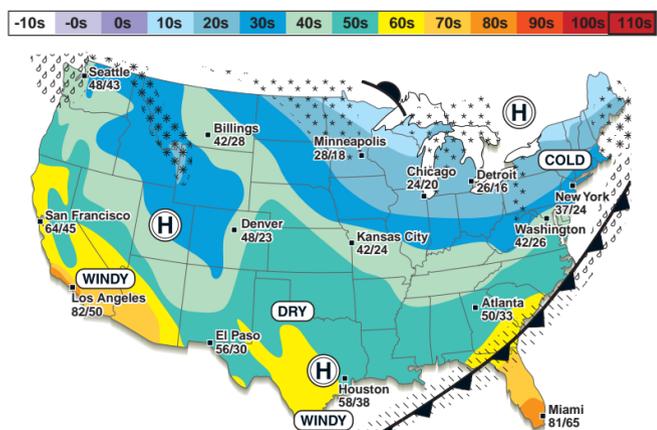
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	58/35/pc	60/30/s	55/31/s	La Grange	54/30/s	53/29/s	46/27/s
Atlanta	50/33/s	54/35/pc	48/29/s	Macon	56/32/pc	60/31/s	51/32/s
Athens	54/33/s	56/35/s	47/29/pc	Marietta	51/29/s	54/28/pc	44/26/s
Augusta	60/35/pc	58/30/s	52/25/s	Newton	58/36/pc	61/31/s	55/31/s
Brunswick	64/43/c	58/37/pc	58/36/s	Rome	50/28/s	54/32/pc	47/27/pc
College Park	50/33/s	54/35/pc	46/29/s	Savannah	62/40/pc	60/35/pc	59/32/s
Columbus	56/33/pc	57/34/s	50/32/s	Sparta	58/34/pc	57/27/s	50/27/s
Gainesville	50/33/s	52/33/pc	44/28/pc	Valdosta	62/38/pc	60/32/pc	60/32/s

National Weather for January 11, 2009



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

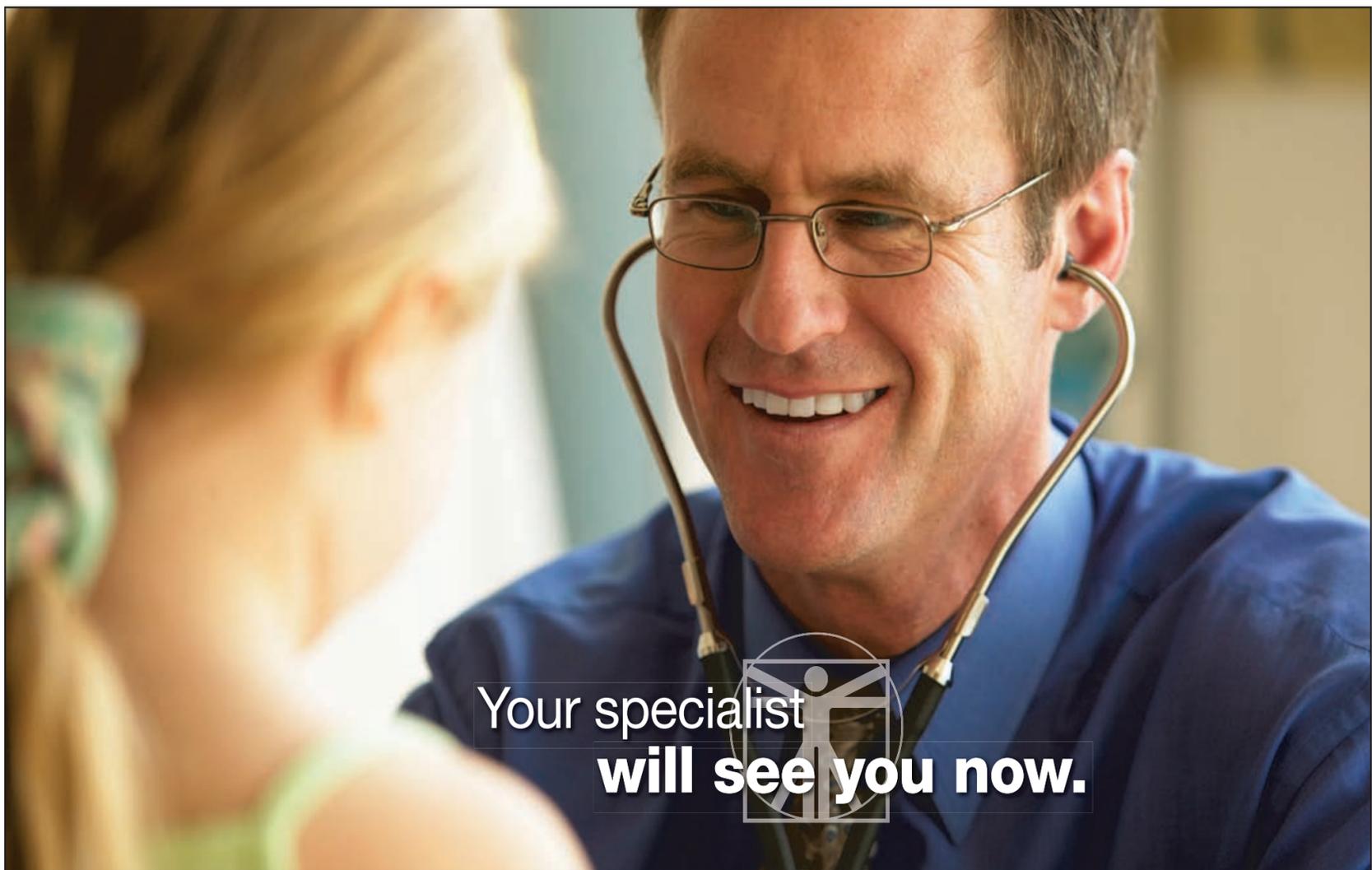
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albany	26/5/sn	22/15/pc	28/9/sn	Memphis	48/33/s	54/35/pc	43/33/s
Anchorage	12/8/c	17/11/c	20/17/sn	Miami	81/65/pc	80/61/pc	74/53/s
Baltimore	40/24/s	40/26/pc	42/20/c	Milwaukee	24/20/sf	28/10/sn	13/3/sf
Billings	42/28/pc	35/28/sn	48/22/sn	Minneapolis	28/18/sn	19/-3/sn	3/-5/sf
Boise	38/30/c	43/28/pc	40/26/pc	New Orleans	54/39/pc	60/42/s	56/42/s
Buffalo	24/17/c	28/18/sf	22/5/sf	New York	37/24/pc	33/25/pc	40/20/c
Charlotte	52/30/s	52/30/s	52/26/pc	Okla. City	56/26/s	55/29/s	45/36/s
Cheyenne	41/28/pc	35/25/sn	49/24/s	Orlando	76/55/pc	64/43/pc	65/40/s
Chicago	24/20/sf	26/11/sn	14/4/sf	Philadelphia	38/24/s	36/26/pc	40/20/c
Cincinnati	36/22/pc	39/24/c	26/16/c	Phoenix	73/47/s	73/47/s	73/48/s
Cleveland	26/20/c	30/19/sf	26/8/sf	Pittsburgh	28/20/sf	31/20/sf	28/6/c
Dallas	58/34/s	66/37/s	54/44/s	Portland, OR	46/38/r	50/36/pc	47/35/pc
Denver	48/23/pc	38/25/sn	55/24/s	St. Louis	40/27/pc	46/20/c	25/20/c
Detroit	26/16/c	28/17/sn	20/6/sf	Salt Lake City	39/25/c	41/23/c	40/22/pc
Indianapolis	34/22/pc	37/18/sn	21/10/c	San Francisco	64/45/s	67/46/s	64/47/s
Kansas City	42/24/pc	41/20/sn	29/22/sn	San Diego	78/48/s	80/50/s	77/51/s
Las Vegas	64/40/s	65/41/s	67/39/s	Seattle	48/43/r	51/40/c	47/37/c
Los Angeles	82/50/s	84/52/s	80/50/s	Wash., DC	42/26/s	40/31/pc	43/22/c

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

The World

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Athens	48/39/c	46/45/c	59/54/r	Jerusalem	60/45/s	58/35/pc	58/32/s
Auckland	75/65/r	73/63/sh	74/60/pc	London	46/43/c	44/43/r	46/34/c
Amsterdam	43/37/c	39/38/r	43/37/c	Madrid	44/21/s	44/26/s	34/30/f
Baghdad	52/41/c	50/28/pc	55/30/s	Montreal	10/3/sn	21/19/pc	27/-4/sn
Beijing	30/9/s	32/12/s	37/14/s	Moscow	26/24/sn	28/20/sn	34/13/pc
Berlin	41/31/s	42/31/s	41/30/s	Paris	46/35/pc	41/36/s	37/36/r
Buenos Aires	86/66/s	90/68/pc	82/72/s	Rio	85/75/pc	89/76/pc	87/75/pc
Cairo	70/57/pc	74/53/s	73/55/pc	Rome	57/45/s	57/45/pc	57/48/c
Calgary	38/24/s	27/20/s	40/25/s	Seoul	23/10/s	27/10/s	30/14/s
Cape Town	86/64/s	84/64/s	77/61/s	Singapore	86/77/c	86/75/pc	84/77/pc
Caracas	88/73/s	88/73/sh	88/73/s	Sydney	77/64/pc	81/66/s	84/69/s
Dublin	52/48/r	49/40/r	41/38/pc	Tel Aviv	66/50/pc	65/43/pc	65/41/s
Geneva	44/27/s	46/27/s	45/29/s	Tokyo	48/36/s	50/34/pc	48/37/s
Hong Kong	63/50/s	63/48/s	61/48/s	Toronto	20/16/c	28/14/c	16/-2/sf
Istanbul	42/37/sh	48/44/s	55/51/pc	Warsaw	34/24/s	39/21/s	34/22/s

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## PREP WRESTLING: AREA 7-4A DUALS

# Cats outmatch Rome for title

By **MARTY KIRKLAND**

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DALLAS — The second day of Area 7-4A duals started with three local teams still contending for the championship, but by late Saturday afternoon, two of them were history.

Then the one left standing made history. Dalton's Catamounts beat Rome, 50-22, for the Area 7-4A duals championship at South Paulding High School, avenging a one-point loss to the Wolves during the regular season and, in the process, earning their first trip to state duals.

Henry Torres, a junior 125-pounder, helped push his team into the 7-4A title dual with a second-period technical fall that gave the Cats a 37-36 victory against Woodland in the championship semifinals.



**Mitchell**

And against Rome, Torres' pin of Rome's Cameron Jones with eight seconds remaining in the second period locked up the first-place trophy the Cats had been dreaming of since the start of the season — Rome injury defaulted and forfeited its final two matches with Dalton holding an insurmountable lead.

"It's history now," Torres said. "And the thing I like about this is it's all team. It's not one person, it was all team."

For Dalton coach Charles Mitchell, it was the realization of one of the major goals he and the Cats began working for when he took over in the summer of 2006.

He became the fourth coach in as many seasons, but from the beginning pledged to restore stability and success to a program that once regularly produced state medalists.

"It's a dream come true," Mitchell said. "Words can't explain how I feel to look at our kids who have been here since I got here ... to see the progression is really beautiful."

Rome — which earlier in the day pushed first Northwest Whitfield, then Murray County out of the championship bracket via wins of 33-29 and 34-28, respectively — still earned Area 7-4A's other berth in this week's state duals in

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### AREA 7-4A DUALS

#### Championship Match — Dalton 50, Rome 22

140 — Angel Cadena (DAL) def. David Guzman (ROM), 16-10; 145 — Juan Holguin (DAL) pin Steven Walker (ROM), first period; 152 — Conor Young (ROM) pin Eric Uriostegui (DAL), first period; 160 — Taylor Duckworth (DAL) pin Stephen Klasson, second period; 171 — Ben Woodard (ROM) pin Carlos Prieto (ROM), second period; 189 — Randy Roden (ROM) maj. dec. Henson Toland (DAL), 14-6; 215 — Dean Menchaca (DAL) def. Clay Wimberly (ROM), 8-6; 285 — Jovon Jackson (ROM) pin Eric Ortega (DAL), first period; 103 — Eduardo Gutierrez (DAL) pin Opelia Felipe (ROM), first period; 112 — Jordan White (DAL) t-fall Edward Shaekel (ROM), 17-2; 119 — Christian Washington (DAL) def. Nicholas Harbison (ROM), 14-10; 125 — Henry Torres (DAL) pin Cameron Jones (ROM), second period; 130 — Renaldo Torres (DAL) inj. def.; 135 — Dontate Washington (DAL) ft.

## PREP BASKETBALL

# Indians go distance to edge Cats

By **ADAM KROHN**

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CHATSWORTH — It's been a long week for Murray County's boys basketball team.

On Tuesday they blew a 15-point second half lead and fell at home to Northwest Whitfield by two points in a non-region game. Then on Friday they traveled to Rome and lost a region game to the Wolves by one.



**Taylor**

On Saturday, the Indians took on Dalton, another area rival in a non-region game.

Again, they built an early lead at 29-7 that appeared insurmountable, but eventually saw the Catamounts make things interesting before finally winning, 66-59.



**Duffie**

Dalton outscored Murray, 22-13, in the third quarter and then pulled within 57-52 with 2:24 remaining in the game.

However this time the Indians closed the deal with two clutch free throws each from Garrick Sanford and John Kiser down the stretch to fend off the Cats.

In girls action, the Lady Catamounts cruised to a 55-36 victory.

Murray (10-4) also got dominant performances in the post from Tanner Long, who finished with a season-high 20 points and Chandler Puryear, who recorded a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"When I hit my first shot I felt pretty confident that throughout the game I could be a presence in the post," Long said.

Murray coach Greg Linder felt the tough week left the Indians with something to prove and they took it out on the Cats, opening a 36-18 halftime lead.

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Murray County's Tanner Long (42) tries to get a shot past Dalton defender Jalen Fields on Saturday. Long had a game-high 20 points and the Indians posted a 66-59 victory over the Catamounts in Chatsworth.

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Bruins take down LFO

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

It could have been the quick turnaround or a bit of a hangover from an upset win over previously unbeaten Hillgrove the night before. Whatever it was, Northwest Whitfield got back into a basketball groove with a strong third quarter to defeat Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 50-31, Saturday afternoon in Fort Oglethorpe.

"We were sluggish and had a 17-12 half-time lead," Northwest coach Ryan Richards said. "I guess both teams were tired from games last night

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(Friday). But we outscored them 18-6 in the third quarter and stretched the lead out pretty good. We had seven different players score in the third and that was because of good ball movement and teamwork."

Richards addressed the Hillgrove victory with the team before leaving for LFO.

"That was automatically a concern, the Hillgrove game," he said. "We challenged them to keep their goals in mind. This was a big game even though LFO has been struggling. We used Boston College as an example. BC beat North Carolina one week and lost to Harvard the next. We didn't want that to happen to us."

Alex Thames paced the Bruins (11-4) with 12 points while Tanner Reno added nine and Baker Chiddister eight. Caleb Tatum had five assists for the Bruins.

Zach Oliver led the Warriors with 10 points and Travis Keith finished with eight.

■ **Northwest girls 59, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe 51:** Quaneisha McCarty continued her dominance for the Lady Bruins (13-2) with 16 points, 15 rebounds and three blocks to help Northwest fend off Kayla Weaver and the Lady Warriors.

Weaver finished with 21 points, including four 3-pointers.

Northwest never trailed, but couldn't put the game away either as the Lady Warriors trailed 42-36 heading into the third quarter. But then Northwest got big free throws from Baleigh Coley and Callie Thomas on a three-

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## PREP WRESTLING: AREA 6-3A DUALS

# LaFayette still the mat king

By **LARRY FLEMING**

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Southeast's stay in the Area 6-3A duals was short on Saturday, but powerhouse LaFayette stuck around until the end and won its fourth consecutive area title by thrashing Heritage-Catoosa, 52-15 at Southeast High School.



**Nichols**

The Raiders lost to Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 48-32, in the single elimination first round and then watched the rest of the action from the sidelines.

"I'm disappointed any time we lose," Raiders coach Neil Nichols said, "but the kids we put on the mat fought hard. We've got no excuses, but we were without two starters and with them they may have made a difference, you just don't know. If one of those two guys win, that's a huge swing. Now I'm going to my other job as tournament director."

Heritage, No. 6 in the latest GaSports.com Class 3A coaches poll, came back to beat Carrollton, 52-24, for second place and earned the area's second spot in the state duals. The two teams split the first eight matches, but the Generals (24-10) won the last five, including three pins.

LaFayette coach Sam Forester issued a warning to teams joining the Ramblers at state.

"They're not through yet," he said.

Forester and Lee Dendy, who share the coaching duties at LaFayette, relaxed, sat back and watched the Ramblers, won won Class 2A state duals titles in 2007 and 2008 and had a first-round bye into the semifinals on Saturday, methodically march to the championship.

The top-ranked Ramblers jumped out to a 36-0 lead and went on to roll past Central Carroll 72-11 in a semifinal dual.

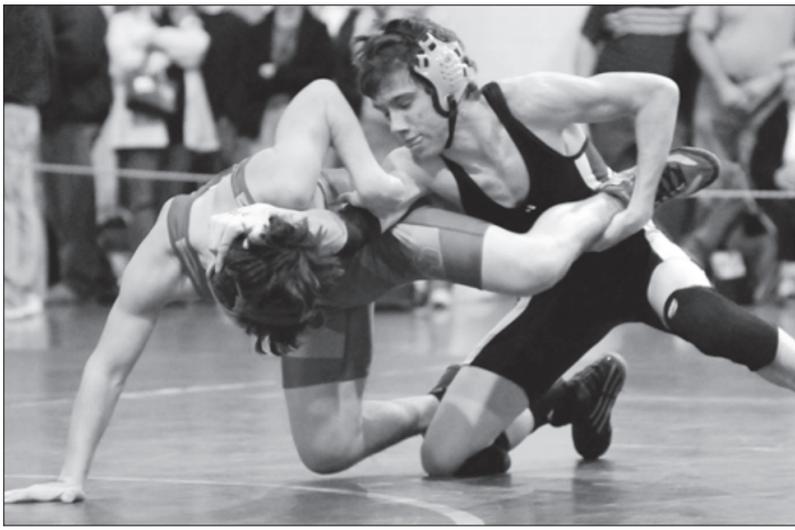
In the championship match against Heritage-



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Southeast's Miguel Jacinto, left, battles his way to an 18-13 decision against LFO's Chase Hale during the Area 6-3A duals on Saturday.

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Southeast 130-pounder Randy York takes down Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe's Cody Wilson during action in the Area 6-3A duals at Southeast on Saturday.

## Ramblers: Four straight titles

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Catoosa, the Ramblers, got the upper hand with four straight wins by Justin Ownby (160 pounds), Will Gilbert (171), Derek Thompson (189) and Kenneth Sartin (215) for an 18-0 lead.

After Heritage's Chase Duke (285) and Landon Reed (103) recorded back-to-back first-period pins to trim the deficit to 18-12, the Ramblers captured eight consecutive weight-class wins and blew into a 52-15 advantage.

Heritage's Zach Hopkins (152), a defending state champion, posted an 11-5 decision in the dual's final matchup.

"This is four straight area titles for our seniors and they've not lost a single classification match in their four years," Dendy said. "It's a pretty amazing bunch of seniors."

Clearly, the Generals

were no match for the Ramblers, who had a couple of starters watching from the sidelines.

"I'm really tickled because we wrestled great today," said Dendy, who has been with the LaFayette program for 10 years. "The kids did great, but we beat a couple of young teams. We can't let their heads get too big over this."

Against Central Carroll, the Ramblers' Ownby, Ky Hart (160), Will Gilbert (171), Koran Dyer (189), Derek Thompson (215) and Sartin (285) started the match with pins for a 36-0 lead. All those pins came less than one minute into the first period.

Southeast also got off to a fast 9-0 start against LFO, with Adrian Lopez (145) getting a decision and Tanner Phipps (152) notching a first-period pin.

But LFO, which was state-ranked two weeks ago, ran off six consecutive wins

— pins by Dakota Young (160), Greg Burton (171), Madison Parris (189), Derek Laney (215), Brandon Simpson (285) and Chase Hale (103) — to put Southeast in a deep hole.

"The last time we wrestled them we had several kids out," LFO coach Donnie Welborn said. "We had our guys out there today and we had to have that kind of run to win. The 171-pound match was a momentum changer."

Welborn was referring to Burton's pin against Southeast's Josh Wilson that gave the Warriors a 12-9 lead and they never looked back.

The Raiders picked up a hastily arranged match with Central Carroll and won 46-33 following their loss to LFO.

"Now we'll get ready for the traditional tournament," Nichols said.

LaFayette will host that event next month.

## Area: Trion sweeps Southeast

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point play to clinch the win.

"I thought they came out and did a good job to win a non-region game against a good team," Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger said.

Coley, Thomas and Jordi Cook all finished nine points. Emily Trew led the Lady Bruins with five steals and Christy Robinson added four assists.

■ **Trion girls 37, Southeast 34:** The Lady Raiders (5-7) stayed within four to six points of the Lady Bulldogs, but they could never gain enough momentum to grab the lead.

"We could never play our fast-paced game," Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said.

"They slowed us down. And we missed shots every time we needed a point. It was one of those nights you say 'Why me?' If you put us up against a pancake, the pancake would nudge us out."

Briana Sosebee's 10 points led the Lady Raiders.

■ **Trion boys 48, Southeast 44:** The Raiders (3-10) came up short due to what Southeast coach Joey Bryson called a bad shooting night.

"We were probably less than 30 percent tonight," he said.

Bradley Grant led the Raiders with 13 points and 11 rebounds, Trey Parris added 12 points on four 3-pointers and Matt Hall chipped in 10 points and 11 boards.

### JV basketball

■ **Murray County boys 74, Dalton 29:** Chase Jones scored 21 points and Taylor Patterson added 18 for the Indians. Chris Thompson finished with nine.

■ **Northwest Whitfield boys 53, LFO 42:** Jarrett Bruce had 13 points and Daniel

Kubin nine for the Bruins (4-1). J.B. Brown led LFO with 11 points.

■ **Murray County girls 42, Dalton 42:** Kayla Stanley scored 15 points and Alex Hedges tossed in 10 for the Lady Indians.

■ **Northwest girls 46, LFO 14:** Summer Jackson paced the Lady Bruins (7-0) with 16 points and Tori Clemmons added 10 points and seven steals. Sydney Roberts had four rebounds and four assists.

### 9th basketball

■ **Northwest boys 51, LFO 44:** Matt Allen poured in 16 points to lead the Bruins (4-4). J.B. Brown led the Warriors with a game-high 20 points.

■ **Murray County boys 62, Dalton 36:** Tyler Duckett poured in 26 points to lead the Indians while Austin Owen had 15 and Jeremy Smith 10.

Tristan Harrell paced the Catamounts with eight points.

### MS basketball

■ **Bagley seventh girls 42, Chilhowee 17:** Kara Deal led the Lady Braves (6-8) with 22 points and Paige Wilson added 11. Chilhowee's Sidney Taylor had nine points.

■ **Bagley seventh boys 43, Chilhowee 28:** Cody Collins and Markell Harkles led the Braves (7-5) with eight points and Chilhowee's John Simpson scored 13 points.

■ **Chilhowee eighth girls 37, Bagley 35:** Lindsey Ray led the Lady Braves (2-11) with 12 points and Meagan Spivey added nine. Chilhowee was led by Elizabeth Wilson's 16 points.

■ **Bagley 50 eighth boys, Chilhowee 18:** Brady Swilling's 12 points led the Braves (11-2) and Austen Horn added 11. Zach Schultz had seven points for Chilhowee.

## Thrashers can't stop Panthers

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SUNRISE, Fla. — Ville Peltonen scored twice in a five-goal third-period outburst that lifted the Florida Panthers to an 8-4 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday.

Michael Frolik, Jay Bouwmeester, Radek Dvorak, Cory Stillman, David Booth and Nathan Horton also scored for the Panthers, who are 4-0-1 in their last five games. Dvorak also had two assists.

The Panthers set a season high with the eight goals. They have scored 27 goals in their last five games.

Colby Armstrong, Todd White, Erik Christensen and Ilya Kovalchuk scored for Atlanta, which has lost three of four. White and Vyacheslav Kozlov each had two assists. Tomas Vokoun made 28 saves for Florida.

Atlanta's Kari Lehtonen stopped 20 of 27 shots before being pulled after Peltonen's second goal at 12:01 of the third.

Atlanta had a goal disallowed in the first period. Defenseman Nathan Oystriek's slap

shot got past Vokoun, but Thrashers forward Chris Thornburn was penalized for goalie interference.

Peltonen broke a 3-3 tie at 1:34 of the third period, 6 seconds after the end of a Panthers power play. His one-timer off a feed from Dvorak beat Lehtonen to the glove side.

Peltonen's second goal, which made it 7-3, was a carbon copy. The only difference was this time he scored off a pass from Gregory Campbell.

Stillman followed Peltonen's first goal by scoring at 2:42 of the third period to make it 5-3. He beat Lehtonen low to the glove side with a wrist shot from the off wing.

Booth made it 6-3 thanks to some pretty three-way passing involving Nathan Horton and Richard Zednik. Booth carried the puck into the zone on a 3-on-2 and dropped it back to Horton. Horton passed to Zednik to the right of the net, and Zednik sent the puck across the crease to Booth, who tipped it home.

## Indians: Lady Cats post win

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"I think physically we were a little drained," Linder said. "Go back to the way we played against Northwest and coming out the way we played against Rome, I felt like we played really well. It was just very physical and we came out one point short. But we came out tonight like we had something to prove and I think that showed in the first half."

Dalton (5-7) struggled with defending Murray's post game and, as a result, battled foul trouble, with Shaquon Moore fouling out in the third quarter and Watts Dantzler leaving with 3:53 left in the game.

What bothered Cats coach Mike Duffie more than anything was his team's inability to capitalize on the other end when the Indians fouled. Dalton went 11-for-25 from the free throw line while Murray was 16-for-22.

"Of course we needed to defend the post a little better tonight," Duffie said. "There's other things we need to do better, don't get me wrong. But free throw shooting is high on the list because we'll get steals and we're getting nothing out of them because they'll foul us and we'll miss our free throws."

Caz Cole led the Cats with 18 points.

In girls action, the Lady Cats (10-4) opened the game on an explosive 32-0 run with a relentless full-court press led by April Besley and Markisha Washington, who had five steals each.

Dalton also forced the Indians into a dreadful shooting night in which they were 13-for-54 from the field, including 1-for-15 from behind the 3-point line.

"We played pretty good defense," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said. "Mentally, we defeated them early."

With Dalton up 35-4 at halftime and 48-15 after three quarters, McKinney emptied the bench in the second half and the Lady Indians took advantage, pulling to within 48-30 before McKinney went back to his starters with less than two minutes left.

McKinney said he didn't want to go back to his starters but felt that he had no choice.

"It's one of those situations where you're playing subs and all of a sudden, the other



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen  
Kate Houston of Dalton, left, goes up for a shot over Murray County's Brittney Spence in their game Saturday. Dalton won handily, 55-36.

team presses," McKinney said. "If it's their subs against our subs and they press, it's one thing. But if its their starters against our subs and they press, it's one of those coaching tactics that's in question and you wonder why."

Lady Indians coach Traci Rankin took exception to McKinney's comments.

"If I've only got nine points in a half, I've got to do what I've got to do to get the morale back up," said Rankin. "And that wasn't even my starters pressing. I put Kolby Keener, Hilary Harrison and Kayla Stanley, who are all JV players, in to press, so that's not true. (McKinney) needs to look at the personnel."

Dalton was led by Emily Broadrick's 13 points and eight rebounds and Markisha Washington added seven points and 11 rebounds. Amanda Rector had 10 points.

The Lady Indians were led by Tember Marchant's 12 points, and Keener was a spark off the bench, going a perfect 4-for-4 from the floor to finish with eight points.

## Dalton: Menchaca guts it out

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Macon by coming back to beat Cass, 36-27, in the consolation final.

But the Cats were able to look ahead to No. 1 seed status for state duals — the Georgia High School Association added post-season duals to its schedule starting with the 2001-02 season — while still looking back at how a 35-34 loss to Rome on Dec. 18 changed the course of their season.

"We knew we should have won at home the first time we wrestled them," said Dalton senior 160-pounder Taylor Duckworth, who won a major decision and had two pins on Saturday, including one with time running out in the second period against Rome's Ben Woodard. "For an area championship, we just had to wrestle our hearts out."

Dalton coach Charles Mitchell said the Cats were given a further reminder of the need to stay humble earlier this week during the Conasauga Cup, an annual quad meet among the wrestling programs in Murray and Whitfield counties, when they beat Murray County for the first time in the event's history, then tied Northwest only to lose that dual — and eventually, the Cup — on criteria.

While Dalton didn't have to face either of its local rivals at Area 7-4A duals — like the Cats, Murray County and Northwest won their pools during Friday's competition, spreading the three schools out in Saturday's championship bracket — it earned a businesslike 39-28 win against South Paulding before moving on to wage tougher wars with Woodland and Rome.

Dalton's dual with Rome started with a shift in the Cats' favor when 140-pounder Angel Cadena won a "swing match," topping Rome's David Guzman 16-10 in a bout Mitchell said he figured might go either way.

Another highlight was an 8-6 decision in favor of Cats 215-pounder Dean Menchaca, who by the end of the first period against Rome's Clay Wimberly had used almost all of the time allotted a wrestler to attend to bleeding during a match. Menchaca wrestled most of the match with both nostrils plugged with gauze and tape wrapped around his head holding it in place.

By the end, both wrestlers were staggering on their feet, but it was Menchaca who found the strength to cover a

wary Wimberly on the edge of the circle for a takedown with eight seconds to wrestle in regulation time.

"You can go back to Dean in the Woodland match," Mitchell said. "He was on his back, but he just continued fighting and fighting. Woodland was up like 20-6, they're about to run away with the match and Dean just keeps fighting and fighting and he pins the kid. If he doesn't win that match, we're not talking now. He came back big there, then he came back big against Rome. He had good heart."

Menchaca's win gave Dalton the lead briefly at 18-16 with the dual halfway through, but Rome's Jovon Jackson pinned Eric Ortega in the first period to put the Wolves on top 22-18.

But that left much in the hands of Dalton's lightweights, the Cats' most consistent wrestlers for three seasons running, and Eduardo Gutierrez (103), Jordan White (112) and Christian Washington (119) delivered a pin, technical fall and decision to set up Torres' clinching pin.

"We talked about the loss to Rome a couple days after it," White said. "But today we talked about it a lot. We were really trying to boost each other up."

Northwest started the day off with its loss to Rome, a team the Bruins beat 34-24 in December, but bounced back with a 54-21 win against Hiram and a 51-16 win against Woodland in the consolation bracket before being put out for good via a 40-31 loss to Cass.

Fresh off winning the Conasauga Cup for the first time, the Bruins — who finished second at 7-4A duals the past two years — were reminded once more how evenly matched the upper half of 7-4A has been this season.

"Dalton stepped their program up, Cass came in here (from Class 3A), they're a good program," Bruins coach Allen Tucker said. "And Rome did a good job this year. They've really

improved since we've seen them, from Christmas until now. It's disappointing. I feel for my seniors."

Ryan Banks, a 171-pounder, was among the Northwest seniors who won't get another chance to push for a state duals title after finishing fourth in Class 4A the past two years, but the Bruins will no doubt turn their attention to preparation for the Feb. 6 Area 7-4A traditional tourney at Rome, where they'll try to win a third straight title at that event.

"Practice is going to be a whole lot harder now," Banks said. "We've got to step everything up."

Likewise, Murray County will have to find its comfort in the goals still available this season. The Indians started the day well enough, beating Hiram 60-19, but couldn't muster a win down the stretch against Rome and looked at times altogether outmatched during the 45-19 loss to Cass that put them out of postseason duals contention a year after finishing second in Area 5-5A.

"It was a little bit closer than it seemed against Cass, there were some matches we could have turned around there," Indians coach Chris Thornbury said. "Things happened that we can't talk about per Georgia High School Association rules. But we shouldn't have let that bother us and we did ... I'm disappointed for my wrestlers, but I'm proud of them, too. We're in a tough area and we've got a young lineup."

The Indians were forced to injury default at 189 against Cass when Zac Dills hurt his left ankle while trying to plant his foot. Dills was treated on the mat, then was taken by family to the hospital for further examination. Thornbury said he had no details on the seriousness of the injury or if or how long Dills, a junior and returning starter, might be out of the lineup.

(For more results on Saturday's wrestling, visit our Web site at [daltondaily-citizen.com](http://daltondaily-citizen.com).)

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**PRO FOOTBALL: DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS**

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Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Marcus Smith (81) makes a one-handed catch of a pass at Tennessee Titans defensive back Cortland Finnegan (31) looks up after falling down in the first quarter of Saturday's AFC divisional game.

# Ravens kick Titans

By **BARRY WILNER**  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As grudge matches go, this was worthy of the WWE. The Baltimore Ravens survived 13-10 against the Tennessee Titans on Saturday thanks to Matt Stover's 43-yard field goal with 53 seconds remaining.

Two teams with an extreme dislike for each other never stopped pounding it out in the wind and rain.

The difference: Baltimore forced three turnovers and never gave away the ball.

And when Joe Flacco led a 51-yard drive in the dying minutes to set up Stover's winning kick, the Ravens (13-5) were headed to the AFC championship game. Led by the first rookie quarterback to win two playoff games, the Ravens will play at Pittsburgh or San Diego next week for the right to go to the Super Bowl.

Baltimore's postseason run looks eerily similar to when it won the championship after the 2000 season. Back then, it also was a wild card and also won in Tennessee on the way to the title.

This victory was engineered by a brutal defense that forced mistakes by the Titans (13-4), who had the league's best record this season.

It was so rugged that the highlight-reel play was All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis' explosive second-quarter hit on Titans full-back Ahmad Hall near the sideline. Hall's helmet flew off and both players began jawing at each other.

The nasty words never stopped flowing. But the Ravens backed it up with just enough points, climaxed by the winning kick from the last member of the Ravens who played when the franchise was in Cleveland.

The 40-year-old Stover also made a 21-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter for a 10-7 lead.

Rob Bironas kicked a 27-yard field goal with 4:23 left in regulation to tie it at 10.

Then, the unflappable Flacco connected with Todd Heap on a 23-yard pass on third down, eventually leading to the winning kick.

Flacco almost had a major blunder on Baltimore's next-to-last series when he nearly stepped out of the back of the end zone

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while passing. Few replays were shown at LP Field, and Titans coach Jeff Fisher dismissed the play afterward.

"We lost as a result of our own self-inflicted mistakes," he said. "We just didn't take advantage of our opportunities today."

Tennessee, a plus-14 in turnover margin while winning the AFC South, wasted a half-dozen scoring opportunities with errors. One came on Samari Rolle's interception at the Ravens 12 on a popup Kerry Collins threw under pressure from a blitz in the second period. Another was Collins' fourth-down fumble in Baltimore territory, which the quarterback recovered. The third was LenDale White's fumble at the Baltimore 17 in the final minute of the half.

White was in for rookie Chris Johnson, who left with his right ankle wrapped late in the first half. Without Johnson, the Titans moved well through the air, with Justin Gage making 10 receptions for 135 yards.

But they couldn't finish.

When their season was finished, veteran linebacker Keith Bulluck slammed down a few small metal barriers lining the tunnel leading to the Titans' locker room.

Baltimore led the league with 34 takeaways, won the turnover battle last week in a 27-9 wild-card victory at Miami, then did so again Saturday. Perhaps the biggest Tennessee turnover came with about 9 minutes to go when Alge Crumpler fumbled near the Baltimore goal line. Fabian Washington recovered, preventing the Titans from taking a late lead.

And Stover's clutch field goal moved the Ravens within one game of the Super Bowl, and considering how the Steelers and Giants won the big game via that route in recent years, who can bet against them?

(of) probably our own self-inflicted mistakes," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

Remember, these Titans went 13-3 and led the NFL most of the season in turnover ratio, finishing at plus-13. In this game, they didn't force a single turnover yet lost three on White's fumble, Collins' interception and the most costly — veteran tight end Alge Crumpler's fumble a yard away from the goal line with 8:57 left in the game.

A chance at going up 14-10? Gone. Crumpler stood near his locker and quietly answered questions, taking the blame for his fumble after being slammed by Ravens linebacker Bart Scott and safety Jim Leonhard to lose the ball. Crumpler said he knew how important possession was in such a tight game.

"It's a feeling I don't know when I'll ever get rid of," Crumpler said. He wasn't alone.

The Titans had All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth and end Kyle Vanden Bosch back. A defensive line that came up with 39 1/2 sacks could not take Flacco down once.

"We had so many opportunities, and we just let it get away from us," end Jevon Kearse said.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL: ROUNDUP**

# Vols rally past Dogs; Terps topple Jackets

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS — Tyler Smith had 24 points and 11 rebounds, including 13 points in the second half and No. 15 Tennessee rallied from a 10-point deficit and beat Georgia 86-77 on Saturday in each team's SEC opener.

Georgia trailed by 11 in the first half. The Bulldogs found a temporary solution to their turnover problems to pull ahead 54-44 with 12:22 remaining.

Georgia took its last lead at 74-73 with 3:17 left. The Bulldogs were held scoreless for 3 minutes as the Vols scored the next 13 points.

Georgia's Ricky McPhee hit a 3-pointer in the final seconds for the Bulldogs' first field goal since a jam by Jeremy Price with 8:08 remaining.

Three days after seeing its school-record 37-game home winning streak end with an overtime loss to Gonzaga, the Vols snapped a two-game losing streak.

Bobby Maze had 16 points, Cameron Tatum had 13 and Wayne Chism added 11 for Tennessee (10-4 overall, 1-0 Southeastern Conference).

Tennessee continued its domination of Georgia. It has won nine straight and 11 of 12 in the series.

Terrance Woodbury led Georgia (9-7, 0-1) with 18 points. Freshman Trey Thompkins had 14 points and nine rebounds.

■ **Maryland 68, Georgia Tech 61:** At College Park, Md., Eric Hayes scored a season-high 17 points, Greivis Vasquez had 16, and Maryland rallied to beat mistake-prone Georgia Tech.

The Terrapins shot only 32 percent, went 5-for-26 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 49-39. But they pulled out the victory because the Yellow Jackets committed a season-high 28 turnovers.

Trailing by 10 with 9 1/2 minutes left, Maryland (12-3, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored the game's final seven points to earn its seventh straight win over Georgia Tech (9-6, 0-2).

Two free throws by Adrian Bowie put Maryland up 63-61 with 57 seconds remaining, and Vasquez added two foul shots with 17 seconds to go. Another free throw by Hayes with 6 seconds to go clinched it.

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■ **Clemson 63, N.C. State 51:** At Clemson, S.C., Trevor Booker scored 23 points and No. 12 Clemson improved to 16-0 with a victory over North Carolina State.

The Tigers (2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) are within a win of tying the school's best start, accomplished in 1986-87 and matched two years ago.

Courtney Fells had 10 points to lead the Wolfpack.

■ **Duke 66, Florida State 58:** At Tallahassee, Fla., Gerald Henderson scored a career-high 25 points, leading second-ranked Duke past Florida State.

Toney Douglas led the Seminoles (13-3, 0-1) with 18 points.

■ **Marquette 75, West Virginia 53:** At Milwaukee, Jerel McNeal scored 26 points as No. 18 Marquette beat No. 25 West Virginia.

Dominic James added 17 points and Wesley Matthews scored all 13 of his points in the second half for the Golden Eagles (15-2, 4-0 Big East).

■ **Louisville 61, Villanova 60:** At Philadelphia, Terrence Williams scored on a drive with 7.4 seconds left to give No. 23 Louisville the lead, and No. 18 Villanova missed two shots down low in the final seconds as the Cardinals held on for the victory.

Earl Clark had 16 points and 11 rebounds for Louisville (11-3, 2-0 Big East).

■ **Georgetown 82, Providence 75:** At Washington, Austin Freeman scored 18 points, Greg Monroe nearly had a triple-



AP PHOTO

Travis Leslie (22) of Georgia is fouled by Tennessee's Bria Williams in the second half Saturday in Athens.

double, and No. 9 Georgetown held Providence scoreless for more than 6 minutes to rally and end the Hoyas' two-game Big East losing streak.

■ **Michigan State 75, Kansas 62:** At East Lansing, Mich., Kalin Lucas scored 22 points to lead the eighth-ranked Spartans past Kansas.

Michigan State (13-2) has won nine straight since getting routed by North Carolina.

■ **Arizona State 76, Oregon 58:** At Tempe, Ariz., Derek Glasser scored 15 points and had a career-high 11 assists, and No. 20 Arizona State routed Oregon for its 10th win in 11 games.

James Harden scored 19 points for the Sun Devils (14-2, 3-1 Pac-10), whose three conference wins have come by an average of 26 points.

■ **Texas 75, Iowa State 67:** At Austin, Texas, Damion James scored 19 points to lead No. 7 Texas over Iowa State in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Gary Johnson added 17 points and had nine rebounds for the Longhorns (12-3).

■ **Baylor 73, Texas Tech 61:** At Waco, Texas, LaceDarius Dunn scored 20 points, including 11 in a row in the second-half spurt that put No. 23 Baylor ahead for good in a win over Texas Tech.

Alan Voskuil led Texas Tech with 14 points.

■ **Notre Dame 88, Seton Hall 79:** At South Bend, Ind., Luke Harangody scored 30 points to lead No. 13 Notre Dame past Seton Hall. The Fighting Irish tied a Big East record with their 20th consecutive league win at home.

The Irish (12-3, 3-1 Big East) have won 45 straight overall at home. The Pirates (9-7, 0-4) have lost four straight.

■ **Oklahoma 61, Kansas State 53:** At Manhattan, Kan., Blake Griffin had 29 points and 15 rebounds in a rare game against single coverage, helping No. 6 Oklahoma open Big 12 Conference play with a win over Kansas State.

■ **South Carolina 68, Auburn 56:** At Columbia, S.C., Zam Fredrick scored 27 points to lead South Carolina past Auburn.

DeWayne Reed led Auburn with 21 points and Tay Waller added 12.

The Gamecocks forced 24 turnovers and shot 46.4 percent.

■ **Kentucky 70, Vanderbilt 60:** At Lexington, Ky., Jodie Meeks scored 21 points and Kentucky's defense suffocated Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference opener for both schools.

Jermaine Beal led Vanderbilt with 18 points and Jeffery Taylor had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

■ **Florida 78, Ole Miss 68:** At Gainesville, Fla., Nick Calathes had 19 points and eight assists, Walter Hodge added 16 points and Florida used an impressive first half to beat Mississippi in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams. Davie Huertas led the Rebels with 16 points and nine rebounds.

■ **Memphis 73, Central Florida 66:** At Orlando, Fla., Robert Dozier, Antonio Anderson and Tyreke Evans each scored 15 points and Memphis rallied from an eight-point second-half deficit to beat Central Florida.

■ **Syracuse 82, Rutgers 66:** At Piscataway, N.J., Paul Harris scored 26 points and Jonny Flynn had 15 points and nine assists as No. 11 Syracuse beat Rutgers for its seventh straight victory.

# Titans miscues are costly

By **TERESA M. WALKER**  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans turned in the NFL's best record by avoiding mistakes, sacking quarterbacks, forcing turnovers and running the ball.

Then they got to the playoffs. The Titans cost themselves the chance to host their first AFC championship Saturday by seemingly trying to squeeze in every mistake possible into a 13-10 loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

"No question," Titans quarterback Kerry Collins said. "The things we did all year to help us win ballgames we didn't do today. Turnovers, penalties, what have you. To say it's disappointing is an understatement. This is a tough one to swallow.

The Titans didn't sack rookie quarterback Joe Flacco even once after coming up with 44 during the season. LenDale White had lost only one fumble all season until he fumbled at the Ravens 15 — one of three turnovers inside the Baltimore 15. They also had 12 penalties, and the running game evaporated when Pro Bowl rookie Chris Johnson hurt his right ankle and didn't play for most of the game.

"This obviously was a very, very difficult loss, one that was a result, as I should put it,

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# WCRD results

The Whitfield County Recreation Department youth basketball league continued games Thursday, Jan. 9 with 13 games played. All Scores and outstanding players included:

### Mite 9-10 Girls

Cohutta Lady Devils 14, Dawnville Shootin' Stars 12 - (CLD)  
Beaverdale Wildcats 8, Valley Point Lady Wave 4 - (B) Brooklyn Crider 6.  
Pleasant Grove Eagles 25, Westside Wildcats 12 - (PG) Kirsten Deal 14, Bria Clemmons 8. (WS) McCall Carlock 10.

Dug Gap Heat W, Varnell Lady Bruins L - (DG) Taitlyn Chesser 8, Alex Brumbelow 8, Bowen Land 6, Pressley Poag 6.

### Mite 9-10 Boys

Dug Gap Heat 48, Westside Celtics 30 - (DG) Wesley Hagan 19, Tanner McCutchen 10, Micah Ward 8, Thomas Wright 5. (WS) Myles Curtis 13, Hunter Gazaway 12.  
Valley Point Wave 26, Eastside Hawks 8 - (VP)

Dillon Graham 12, Jacob Wyatt 10. (ES) Cody Jones 6.

Midget 11-12 Girls  
Pleasant Grove Rebels 23, Varnell Lady Bruins 14 - (PG) Brileigh Baggett 12. (V) Ashley Cochran 5.  
Westside Chill 28,  
Tunnel Hill Thrashers 13 - (WS) Hannah Locke 8, Erin Orem 7, Jacey Hull 6.  
Beaverdale Lady Wildcats W, Westside Lady Heat L - (B) Cassie Marcus 14.  
Valley Point Lil' Wave W, Cohutta Bulldogs L - (VP) Kristen Wyatt 19.

### Midget 11-12 Boys

Westside Pistons 39, Tunnel Hill Strikers 24 - (WS) Drew Guffey 15, Clay Phillips 11, Blake Ownbey 9. (TH) Seth Hutchinson 15.  
Varnell Tar Heels W, Westside Heat L - (V) Andrew Fisher 12, Alex Fisher 10, Noah Morrison 9.

Pleasant Grove Eagles W, Dug Gap Bulls L - (PG) Kaleb Hill 14, Jack Thomas 10. (DG) David Rockholt 21.

# Sports calendar

### Clinics, camps

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

### Banquets

Murray County's football banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at the high school front office.

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

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

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

### Hoop shoot

The Dalton Elks Lodge's annual Hoop

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

### Travel baseball

A local 8-under travel baseball team made up of players from Whitfield and Murray counties is looking for two or three players that starts in February. Players cannot turn 9 before May 1. Contact Robby Staten at (706) 280-5242.

### Youth wrestling

An informational meeting for a youth wrestling club for ages kindergarten through eighth grade will be held at Northwest Whitfield High School at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12. For information, call Don Sims at (706) 264-4617.

### Umpires sought

North Georgia and Chattanooga Metro USFA girls fastpitch softball is seeking qualified umpires for the 2009 season. Umpire training for anyone interested in umpiring will be offered as well. Contact Rick Hazelwood at (423) 364-6813 or Garry Headrick at (706) 483-1346.

### Add your news

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

For best local sports coverage, pick up The Daily Citizen

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

Monday	
Varsity wrestling	Southeast at Ridgeland, 5:30
Freshman basketball	LFO boys at Murray County, 6
Middle school basketball	Rome at Northwest Whitfield, 6
	Dalton vs. Gladden, 4:30
	Christian Heritage at Excel Christian, 4:30
Tuesday	
Varsity basketball	Christian Heritage at Colonial Hills Christian, 6
	Osborne at Murray County, 6
	Northwest Whitfield at North Paulding, 6
	Allatoona at Dalton, 6
	Southeast at LFO, 6
Varsity wrestling	Murray County at Ringgold
Junior varsity basketball	Christian Heritage boys at Colonial Hills, 4:30
	Northwest Whitfield girls at North Paulding, 4:30
Middle school basketball	Eighth grade tournament
Wednesday	
Varsity wrestling	Bradley Central, Tenn., Lafayette, McEachern at Dalton, 4:30
Thursday	
Varsity swimming	Dalton, Darlington at Rome, 5
Middle school basketball	Rome vs. Gladden, 4:30
	Copper Basin at Christian Heritage, 5
Middle school basketball	Seventh grade tournament
Friday	
Varsity basketball	Christian Heritage at Furth Prep, 6:30
	Dalton at Hillgrove, 7
	Southeast at Lafayette, 7
	Murray County at Allatoona, 7
Varsity wrestling	All classifications, state duals, Macon, 8 a.m.
Junior varsity basketball	Furth Prep at Christian Heritage, 4
	Murray County at Allatoona, 4
Freshman basketball	Murray County boys at Allatoona, 4
Middle school basketball	Eighth grade tournament
Saturday	
Varsity basketball	Christian Heritage at Flint River, 12:30
	Sequoyah at Dalton, 3
	Hillgrove at Murray County, 4
	Northwest Whitfield at Paulding County, 6
Varsity wrestling	All classifications, state duals, Macon, 8 a.m.
Junior varsity basketball	Hillgrove at Murray County, 1
	Northwest Whitfield at Paulding County, 3
Freshman basketball	Hillgrove at Murray County, 10 a.m.
	Northwest Whitfield at Allatoona, 2
Middle school basketball	Gladden at Bagley, 10 a.m.
	Championship games Whitfield County tournament

## TELEVISION

### On Today

BOWLING	
1 p.m.	ESPN - PBA, National Stadium Championship, at Reno, Nev.
EXTREME SPORTS	
4 p.m.	NBC - Winter Dew Tour, at West Dover, Vt.
GOLF	
9:30 a.m.	TGC - European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, final round, at Johannesburg, South Africa (same-day tape)
6 p.m.	TGC - PGA Tour, Mercedes-Benz Championship, final round, at Kapalua, Hawaii
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
1:30 p.m.	CBS - Wisconsin at Purdue
8 p.m.	FSN - North Carolina at Wake Forest
10:30 p.m.	FSN - UCLA at Southern Cal
NFL FOOTBALL	
1 p.m.	FOX - NFC Divisional Playoffs, Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
4:30 p.m.	CBS - AFC Divisional Playoffs, San Diego at Pittsburgh
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
Noon	ESPN2 - Xavier at Charlotte
2 p.m.	ESPN2 - Houston at UTEP
3:30 p.m.	FSN - Washington at California
5:30 p.m.	FSN - Southern Cal at UCLA

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 3	Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
Sunday, Jan. 4	San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
Sunday, Jan. 4	Baltimore 27, Miami 9
	Philadelphia 26, Minnesota 14
Divisional Playoffs	
Saturday	Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10
	Arizona at Carolina, late
Today	
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)	San Diego at Pittsburgh, 4:45 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships	
Sunday, Jan. 18	NFC
	Arizona-Carolina winner vs. Philadelphia-N.Y. Giants winner (FOX), 3 p.m.
	AFC
	Baltimore-Tennessee winner vs. San Diego-Pittsburgh winner (CBS), 6:30 p.m.
Super Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 1	Tampa, Fla.
	AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)
Pro Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 8	

## SCOREBOARD

At Honolulu  
AFC vs. NFC, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

## PRO HOCKEY

### NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	23	10	9	55	140	124
N.Y. Rangers	25	15	4	54	118	117
New Jersey	23	14	3	49	119	105
Pittsburgh	20	19	4	44	130	135
N.Y. Islanders	12	26	4	28	109	154
Northeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	31	7	4	66	154	94
Montreal	25	10	6	56	132	109
Buffalo	21	16	5	47	120	117
Toronto	16	20	6	38	124	152
Ottawa	13	21	6	32	93	119
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	27	13	3	57	139	125
Carolina	21	17	5	47	111	127
Florida	20	16	6	46	120	119
Tampa Bay	12	19	10	34	101	127
Atlanta	14	24	5	33	124	157
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	29	7	5	63	153	113
Chicago	22	9	7	51	139	98
Columbus	20	18	4	44	111	114
Nashville	18	19	3	39	99	117
St. Louis	16	21	3	35	118	136
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	25	12	4	54	130	121
Vancouver	22	16	5	49	125	116
Colorado	22	19	1	45	113	120
Minnesota	20	18	3	43	100	94
Edmonton	19	18	3	41	111	122
Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	30	5	5	65	139	96
Anaheim	21	17	5	47	122	121
Phoenix	20	17	5	45	105	120
Los Angeles	17	17	6	40	102	109
Dallas	17	17	5	39	112	135

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

### Friday's Scores

Columbus 3, Washington 0
Buffalo 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, SO
San Jose 4, Edmonton 1
Tampa Bay 4, Anaheim 3
St. Louis 6, Vancouver 4

### Saturday's Scores

Boston 5, Carolina 1
Florida 8, Atlanta 4
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 3
Detroit 3, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Rangers 2, Ottawa 0
Montreal 5, Washington 4
Columbus 4, Minnesota 2
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 1
Chicago at Nashville, late
Dallas at Phoenix, late
San Jose at Vancouver, late
New Jersey at Los Angeles, late

### Today's Games

Nashville at Chicago, 7 p.m.	
New Jersey at Anaheim, 8 p.m.	
St. Louis at Edmonton, 8 p.m.	
Monday's Games	
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	

## PRO BASKETBALL

### NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	29	9	.763	—		
New Jersey	18	19	.486	10 1/2		
Philadelphia	16	20	.444	12		
Toronto	16	21	.432	12 1/2		
New York	13	22	.371	14 1/2		
Southeast Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Orlando	29	8	.784	—		
Atlanta	22	13	.629	6		
Miami	19	16	.543	9		
Charlotte	14	24	.368	15 1/2		
Washington	7	29	.194	21 1/2		
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Cleveland	29	6	.829	—		
Detroit	22	12	.647	6 1/2		
Milwaukee	18	21	.462	13		
Chicago	16	20	.444	13 1/2		
Indiana	13	23	.361	16 1/2		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
San Antonio	24	11	.686	—		
New Orleans	22	11	.667	1		
Houston	24	15	.615	2		
Dallas	22	14	.611	2 1/2		
Memphis	11	26	.297	14		
Northwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	25	13	.658	—		
Portland	21	14	.600	2 1/2		
Utah	21	15	.583	3		
Minnesota	11	25	.306	13		
Oklahoma City	5	32	.135	19 1/2		
Pacific Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Lakers	29	6	.829	—		
Phoenix	20	13	.606	8		
Golden State	10	27	.270	20		
L.A. Clippers	8	28	.222	21 1/2		
Sacramento	8	29	.216	22		

### Friday's Scores

Orlando 121, Atlanta 87	
Toronto 103, Memphis 82	
Philadelphia 93, Charlotte 87	
Cleveland 98, Boston 83	
Houston 98, Oklahoma City 96	
New Orleans 107, L.A. Clippers 80	
Chicago 98, Washington 86	
Milwaukee 104, New Jersey 102	
Detroit 93, Denver 90	
Miami 119, Sacramento 115, OT	
Phoenix 128, Dallas 100	
L.A. Lakers 121, Indiana 119	
Saturday's Scores	
Charlotte 92, Washington 89	
Minnesota 106, Milwaukee 104	
Houston 96, New York 76	
Oklahoma City at Chicago, late	
Detroit at Utah, late	
Golden State at Portland, late	
Sunday's Games	
Boston at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 2 p.m.	
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.	
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	

Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
Indiana at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

### Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
New York at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Portland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Scores

East	
American U.	76, Lehigh 66, OT
Brown	69, Bryant 56
Cent. Connecticut	St. 91, Fairfield Dickinson 78
Colgate	64, Army 42
Duquesne	98, St. Bonaventure 80
Georgetown	82, Providence 75
Harvard	63, Dartmouth 62
Holy Cross	81, Lafayette 67
Long Island U.	76, Wagner 61
Louisville	61, Villanova 60
Massachusetts	75, Dayton 62
Saint Joseph's	92, Rhode Island 86, 3OT
Syracuse	82, Rutgers 66
UMBC	61, Maine 59
Yale	71, Hartford 63

South	
Ark.-Little Rock	62, New Orleans 46
Austin Peay	58, Murray St. 57
Belmont	87, Campbell 54
Chattanooga	73, Furman 46
Chicago St.	115, N.C. Central 96
Clemson	63, N.C. State 51



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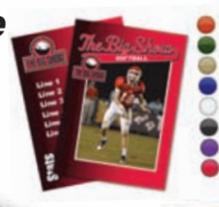
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COMMENTARY

# Running questions? Get the answers here

As we get into the New Year, several often asked questions to me from a running standpoint will be addressed.

"You don't run in this rainy weather, do you?"

Actually yes. Many people obviously observe me from the axiom of "not having sense enough to get out of the rain."

Noah's Ark might seem more applicable with heavy rains that we recently observed. Regarding the precipitation, many people get wet while swimming, right?

One strong piece of advice: Stay away from the lightning.

My personal philosophy: "I run between the raindrops. I don't get wet that way."

In this winter period, temperatures can prove frigid.

"You don't run in this cold weather, do you?"

Yes, again. Simply add an extra layer or two of clothes.

Wearing a hat to cover the ears is important. Otherwise, the wind chill can play havoc. Good gloves are vital, so let's avoid numb hands.

In extreme cold, I do wear a ski mask to cover the face. There are holes for the eyes and mouth.

On one dark morning, blue lights came flashing beside me. A police car had brought my run to a screeching halt. It seems that the officer figured — with that mask — I was a prime candidate for a bank robbery.

"Don't your lungs burn in this cold weather?" No, this long has been a myth.

Having a semblance of fitness usually eliminates this from happening.

Once we reach the summer, the question will arise, "You don't run in this heat, do you?"

Yes, with a stipulation. Running in the middle of the day can be suicide.

Logic says to run in the early morning or at night. I prefer the former to get the day started on a positive note.

Billy Payne, who was instrumental for bringing the 1996 Olympics to Atlanta, insisted that the marathon foot race be the final event because it followed the Games' tradition. That would have meant a mid-afternoon start in the middle of August.

A better-informed medical community pleaded against the 26.2-mile race in likely extreme heat.

Fortunately, runners started in early morning, and any possible suicides were avoided.

"You don't run every day,

do you?" Yes, I do.

Bill Bowerman, the former great University of Oregon and Olympic coach, influenced me years ago with the "hard, easy, hard, easy" workouts. It meant that a hard workout one day was followed by an easy one the next.

Getting into advanced age, it has been more like "hard, easy, easy, easy, easy. . ."

Although no personal streak had been intended, I have run every day for almost two years. When missing in the past, a miss seemed almost sinful.

Running perhaps has been an addiction, but at least it's a good one.

Last year's log showed an average 35-mile week. The minimum session always has been two miles.

From a competitive standpoint, it meant some 25 races — at least one each month. These ranged from one mile to a 13.1-mile half marathon.

There was a time that I warmed up faster than race times now, but Father Time does play a role. The enjoyment still exists.

"How have your knees held up?" No problem.

Weight control over the years has been vital. Carrying the same weight as a senior in high school — after extra poundage following college days — has been important.

Perhaps you can grab something from the aforementioned information to help you enjoy and benefit more in running from 2009.

Annual banquets in any sport can be notoriously dull — particularly those of marathon length. Tommy Scalf recently put things into proper perspective.

Of the Carpet Capital Running Club's annual event, Scalf said, "I never wanted to attend because I didn't know anyone and always hated that standing around, feeling out of place feeling. So last year, I sucked it up, asked my daughter to be my date, and off we went. At least, I would have one person to talk to, right? Wrong, those crazy running people with all that pent up energy just can't stand still and talk to only one person. I had so much fun I couldn't wait until the next function because now I knew a lot of runners."

CCRC's banquet is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 24 (6 p.m.), at the Engine Room on Waring Road.

*Doug Hawley, a competitive distance runner for more than 50 years, can be reached through Dhawley@optilink.us*



**Doug Hawley**

PRO BASEBALL: HALL OF FAME

# Rickey was always a blur

BY BEN WALKER  
Associated Press Writer

From the get-go, Rickey Henderson was in a hurry.

Born in the back seat of a '57 Chevy while his mom and dad rushed to the hospital, he came out blazing.

Fingers twitching inside those neon-green batting gloves, he'd lock his eyes like lasers on the next base and whoosh! He'd blown past the record for steals, pulled up the bag itself and proclaimed himself the "greatest of all time."

Set the mark for runs scored, too, sprinting low to the ground and diving headfirst. A blur, he was.

He turned 50 on Christmas Day. "Rickey could still play," he probably cackled to himself. Maybe he could.

Meantime, the Hall of Fame awaits. He's all but certain to streak in Monday when voting results from the Baseball Writers' Association of America are announced.

"He should get 98 percent, at least," said Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Eckersley, who closed many of the games Henderson helped win for Oakland. "He's the greatest player I ever played with, and I played 24 years."

Henderson already has a foot in Cooperstown, sort of. The Hall has 16



**Henderson**

items documenting his career, including spikes, caps, balls and a pair of sunglasses.

Oh, and the stories. Standing naked in front of the clubhouse mirror, repeating over and over "Rickey's the best." He always referred to himself in the third person.

Stuffing oodles of cash in his pillow. Blowing kisses to the crowd from the on-deck circle, carrying on conversations with fans in left field.

Doubled in his first big league at-bat in 1979, singled and stole second the next time up. He left in fitting fashion — his last step in a major league game came when he touched home plate for the Dodgers in 2003.

He never really announced his retirement, but realized by 2007 that he was done.

"I'm through, really," he said while watching a game in San Francisco. "It's just one of those things. I thank the good Lord I played as long as I played and came out of it healthy."

Born to run, Henderson once stole 20 bases in a high school doubleheader. He

later swiped seven in a Class A game.

He left the majors with 1,406 steals — 50 percent more than Lou Brock, who's in second place — and scored 2,295 runs. He also led in walks until teams became afraid to pitch to Barry Bonds.

Got his 3,000th hit on the day Tony Gwynn played his final game.

Became Nolan Ryan's 5,000th strikeout victim and wanted to run the ball to the mound to congratulate Big Tex. "If he ain't struck you out, you ain't nobody," Henderson said.

The snatch catch. The stutter-step when he homered — the most prolific leadoff man in history started 81 games with home runs.

A 10-time All-Star, the AL MVP in 1990. A career on-base percentage of .401, he once reached safely in the first inning of 15 straight games.

Boy, Henderson made pitchers jittery. Crouching so low in the batter's box, it looked as if his elbows were below his knees, leaving no strike zone at all.

And once he got on base, look out.

"He didn't distract. He destroyed the confidence of pitchers," said Steve Palermo, who became an AL umpire in 1977, two years before Henderson made his debut.

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## Murray rolls past Roddick

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## COLUMN

## Oh, what a gift

It is Christmas Eve as I am sitting down with a cup of coffee and my keyboard. The Kentucky wind is blowing mightily on our mountain farm and the sound of the porch swing beating about, roused me early. I've lowered the porch swing and



**Robin Richmond Mason**

tossed another log on the fire. Rodger and the children are all snug in their beds but the thought of a gift prevents me from

going back to sleep.

When I shake this waking gift box, it first appears to be one thing but as it is unwrapped the real contents emerge. Initially, I thought the gift was parental love. I tucked our youngest children into bed last evening with a gentle Christmas story from my own childhood. The tale featured my devoted parents, homemade ornaments, and the security of always knowing that they loved me unconditionally. Although the bedtime story had a happy beginning, middle, and end it still left me with tears in my eyes. I am so thankful for my parents! I have been so blessed to grow up with a mom and dad who have loved my siblings and myself, each other, and God. They gave me a heritage and foundation that has never been shaken and I wouldn't exchange my childhood with that of Prince Charles.

I'm thinking of those parents in the darkness of this morning as the wind howls and the fire crackles. Those early birds are no doubt awake in their own living room. Their little Christmas tree is twinkling and they too are drinking coffee. Their fireplace is glowing and a cat is probably curled up, nearby. Maybe Mom and Dad are remembering Christmases past and counting their blessings. My parents took the gift of parenthood seriously. They loved us kids and we never doubted it. Maybe they are laughing about some of the gifts that we have shared over the years. I know that the conversation won't progress for long without a recognition of sadness because our oldest brother's image is in all of our wonderful childhood memories. His death several years ago still leaves a lingering emptiness around their tree.

It is a tender appreciation for parenthood that shows me the further contents of this Christmas gift that wakes me. The real contents is a view of another character at the nativity. Dear Reader, you might rightly assume that I already have a few stable favorites all gathered around the crèche. At the top of the list of course is the tiny, red baby all snuggled in swaddling clothes. Just the thought of a newborn makes me want to hug a pillow. I should have raised a dozen children. Forgive me, I digress.

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# Comfort food

## Slow economy favors simple cooking

BY KATHIE SMITH  
Toledo Blade

Food trends will likely take a decided turn from edgy, pricey choices. Because of the slow economy, whether dining out or cooking in, consumers will be leaning toward the comfortable, the safe, the less expensive and the local. High-end selections will be intentional and specific.

Comfort food will be evident on restaurant menus as much as in home cooking.

According to Mintel Menu Insights, which forecasts restaurant trends for 2009, comfort food is often connected to times of economic recession, and it is what people crave when they're feeling down.

Restaurants will make comfort food new by increasing the use of slow-cooked, slow-baked, slow-grilled, braised and poached foods.

Even fast-food chains are showing this trend — for example, the Long John Silver chain, known for fried entrees, now is advertising Freshside Grille, offering grilled fish including salmon and tilapia.

According to the market research firm Information Resources, 53 percent of consumers said they are cooking more from scratch than they did just six months ago. That's good news for small-appliance firms such as KitchenAid, which makes stand mixers that can be

used for everything from grinding grain and meat to kneading dough, slicing vegetables and even making ice cream.

Eating fresh foods is even ringing true for today's kids and teens. A Mintel survey indicated that 42 percent of children and teens reach for foods that give them more energy. About 35 percent purposefully eat foods that are rich in vitamins and nutrients. Approximately one-fourth try to eat foods that are low in fat, and 22 percent look for low-in-sugar foods.

The National Restaurant Association survey of more than 1,600 professional chefs — members of the American Culinary Federation — seems to concur with this. Local produce, bite-size desserts and healthful kids' meals are among the top trends.

Consumers want to know where their food is from and how it is grown and processed.

The Country of Origin Label bill was put into effect Sept. 30 for vendors and suppliers to list the country of origin on all produce, nuts, meats and fish whether fresh or frozen.

And restaurants are paying more attention to the origin of foods on their menus, also.

Consumers love to eat out. But because of budget concerns, they will be more selective about dining dollars.

At the same time, lower prices are turning up from fast food to family dining. This summer, Subway Footlong subs

for \$5 and TGI Friday's Right Portion, Right Price with smaller servings of regular entrees, value-priced between \$5.99 and \$9.99, were among the many quick-service and family restaurants trying to get their market share.

More recently, McDonald's "gourmet" coffee beverages at more affordable prices are having an impact on the marketplace.

Food manufacturers are always looking for tastes and aromas that consumers favor. Among the new foods are superfruits such as acai and mangosteen, many of which are added to juices.

Watch for chimichurri sauce for grilled meats; the curry trend; lavender to spice up food, chocolate and even beverages; craft and specialty beers; organic wines, and small plates of tapas/mezze/dim sum. Small desserts or bite-size desserts will add a sweet note like the cupcake phenomenon already in full force.

Just as the American plate adapts to international foods, the trends from America will continue to spread around the world.

The North American Blueberry Council reported in October about its efforts to open the Indian market to blueberries. Although blueberries are foreign to the Indian subcontinent, they are in great demand in that area. It is an important market for the blueberry industry, according to the Council.

# From newel post to barber pole

In 1947 when I entered the fine two-story red brick home of retired Postmaster W.M. Denton on South Thornton Avenue, I immediately viewed and admired the attractive stairway to the second floor of what I considered a palatial homestead. I never had the faintest idea that today, some 60 years later, I would retain more than just memories of the rising stairway that began with the customary, but in this instance, an unusually attractive newel post on the first floor level of the stairs.

The Denton private home later was dismantled, and a new structure erected on that location. That newer facility is the office of today's Dalton Citizen, which moved there in 1971. Who would have thought that 24 years after visiting Denton there, while fulfilling the tasks of employment then and later as a newsman, that I would ascend many, many hundreds of times, a flight of stairs in the replaced structure — The Dalton Citizen — that was erected at the site of the former Denton place.

And even more fascinating, if anyone had told me that I would later be presented the newel post that I had so deeply admired in the Denton home, I would have (highly mistaken) evaluated that informer as "nutty."

In 1978, my wife Alva, now deceased, gave me a wooden barber shop pole for a Christmas gift. The pole, I was told on that Christmas morning, was the newel post from the Denton house. Oddly, Alva never knew I had ever seen and admired it as a newel post. Mysteriously, odd things do happen — unexpected but happily appreciated, as in this occurrence.

There are other factors. Mrs. Barry Miller was operating her "Granny's Attic" on Dug Gap Road. Farther south, our first daughter, Peggy, and Frenette Cooper Brown were operating a business, the Raspberry Patch." Oddly, after Miller moved her business to the Westbrook subdivision off North Cleveland Highway, Alva, Peggy and Frenette shopped there one afternoon for Christmas gifts. When Alva spotted the barber pole with its red, white and blue stripes, and knowing my fascination for the revolving colorful strips on the poles, she bought it. When Mrs. Miller saw the old



**Mark Pace**

newel post from the Denton home, she purchased it. Later, with paint brushes and red, white and blue paint she had altered the old newel post into a non-electric and non-glass wooden substitute for the attention-getting colorful poles hanging over sidewalk entrances into barber shops. Inside those shops, the barbers also are known as "tonsorial artists." As some guys like to state, "I'm going to see a tonsorialist," it is their humorous way of then explaining that the non-medical shearer of human heads commonly known as barbers are also known as tonsorialists.

Mrs. Miller's memory remains keen. In a telephone interview with her for the purpose of verifying my own memory, she immediately recalled the episode of her purchasing the stairway newel post and transforming it into a colorful barbershop pole.

Alva liked to write a personal poem on occasions. She wrote the few below and then framed the words to hang on the wall beside the barber pole. They both remain today in the same spot she selected 30 years ago.

Her version in her words:  
"A man who deals in statistics,  
yet, at the same time is very artistic,  
can start a new fad if the times  
become quite bad.

He needn't get in tizzy because  
his barber is busy.

Since he has his own barber pole,  
he can be careless and bold, climb  
out of the well-known rut and fashion a new  
crew cut."

Now, back to the Denton house and the interview in 1947: Denton received a considerable amount of national praise because of his extra effort for his promotion in 1938 of National Air Mail Week and Dalton's participation in it.

He wrote letters to the postmaster of every city by the name of Dalton in the United States.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The newel post of a stairways from the late Postmaster W.M. Denton's home. The post later was fashioned by Mrs. Barry Miller into its present colorful wooden barber shop pole.

A copy of the U.S. Postal Directory of 1938 perhaps would identify each of those states. (The directory of 1947 listed 12 Dalton cities).

Denton's effort resulted in good responses from his letters. As requested, each envelope to him was postal stamped with the word "Dalton," and identified the state

locations. Those envelopes were placed in a glass frame and displayed in the lobby of the old post office in mid-downtown, where Dalton Public Schools' administrative offices are, south of the Gen. Joseph E. Johnston monument. In 1947, during John Ray's reign as Dalton postmaster, the framed letters were in the postmaster's office.

# Linking Internet, TV

## New technology for marriage of mediums closer than ever

BY MATT HARTLEY  
Toronto Globe and Mail

The Internet has proven it can handle television, but is TV prepared to handle the Internet?

For years, technology companies have tried in vain to bring the Internet onto the screen at the center of North American living rooms. Although TV shows have made the migration to the Web, to date, it has been a one-way road.

Now, a new breed of Internet-connected televisions is threatening to shake up both the technology and broadcasting industries while making millions of recently purchased high-definition TVs yesterday's news.

Although the migration of the Internet to television could prove a boon for online video services, chip makers and television manufacturers, the new reality, if successful, could also bring about tough new challenges for cable companies and purveyors of set-top boxes.

This week LG Electronics Inc. unveiled a new line of high-definition TVs at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas that will include software from Netflix Inc. — the largest U.S. mail-order movie service — to allow users to download movies and television programs directly to their TVs over an Internet connection.

Sony Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. have been selling Internet-enabled televisions for a few years now, but users have been reluctant to adopt the technology simply because there wasn't much worth watching.

"They weren't offering much to go with that connection," said James McQuivey, principal analyst at technology research firm Forrester Research Group.



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"Whereas now LG can walk in and say they will give you Internet connectivity so that they can give you Netflix, and it finally starts to make sense to people."

Also this week Yahoo Inc. announced a deal with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. that will see a new line of the South Korean electronics company's televisions come prepackaged with the Internet trailblazer's Widget Engine software, which will allow users to access various services such as the Flickr photo-management application and Yahoo Finance through a launch bar running across the bottom of the screen, similar to a news ticker.

McQuivey said Internet-connected TVs will have truly arrived when we see a major Web video services like Hulu.com start taking viewers away from cable companies.

Hulu — a joint project of NBC Universal Inc. and News Corp., — is ad-supported and offers free on-demand videos, allowing users to watch popular U.S. programs at their convenience.

If broadcaster-backed services such as Hulu become the standard content delivery method for Internet-connected televisions, cable and satellite providers, as well as set-top box companies such as TiVo Inc., could lose subscribers.

"(Cable companies) have the most to lose and it's their business model which is at greatest risk of redundancy in this transition," said Carmi Levy, an analyst with AR Communications Inc. "Their consistent revenue stream will come under attack as new offerings come to the market. ... It's similar to what the telephone companies have faced from voice over Internet telephony (VoIP), cellphones and free instant messaging tools."

Analysts say Yahoo's efforts to be a leader in the Internet on television could open up new advertising opportunities for the company in addition to giving it a head start on a growing business before rivals Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp. make the industry a priority.

Yahoo struck a partner-

ship with chip maker Intel Corp. in August to provide the underlying software architecture for Internet-enabled TVs in a move designed to establish a platform for developers to create new applications that run on these televisions.

Intel's ability to handle the spread of the Internet to new platforms such as television has come to dominate the conversations the company is having with electronics companies, said Bill Leszinske, general manager of the company's digital home group.

Buyers want to know the Intel chips destined for set-top boxes and digital TVs will be able to handle high-definition video streams and downloadable content in addition to Internet capabilities, he said.

"The Internet has driven the growth of the PC platform for the last 10 or 12 years, it's driving huge growth in the cellphone space ... and now we see the usages and the connectivity that users are going to demand are going to create this huge churn and opportunity in the living room."

# Bradley Wellness Center announces classes

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■ **Hiking Club** — The Hiking Club will travel to Bluff Trail on Lookout Mountain Jan. 24. The hike is rated easy/moderate and is five miles long. Hikers will leave BWC at 8 a.m. Sign up by Jan. 17 to participate. There is no fee. The February hike will travel to Fort Mountain Feb. 21. This hike is 9 miles and rated moderate. Register by Feb. 14.

■ **HEAT Boot Camp** — This high-intensity aerobic training class will be held Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 from 7:15 to 8 p.m. emphasizes cardiovascular endurance without the complexity of highly choreographed routines. HEAT is suitable for all fitness levels and guarantees to push your personal limits. Ages 16 and up only. Noticeable changes in cardiovascular and muscular endurance will occur. Using a circuit training class for-

mat, exercises are designed to increase core strength and stamina by physically challenging your heart and muscles. A variety of equipment is used as well as sports-based agility drills to tone up and burn more calories. Be prepared for the unknown. Options include indoor and outdoor workouts. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a bottle of water and a towel. The fee is \$25 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. Sign-up deadline is one week before class.

■ **Basic Yoga** — BWC will offer basic yoga in January and February. A Tuesday/Thursday class will run Jan. 6 to Feb. 12. The class will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and the fee is \$30 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. A Monday/Wednesday class will run Jan. 12 to March 4. The class will meet from 8:15 to 9 a.m. and the fee is \$40 for members and \$80 for nonmembers.

■ **Hiking Workshop** — A free hiking workshop will be held March 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. The workshop is for all levels of hikers and will feature BWC's own hike leaders. Important hiking topics will be covered. Participants will also be able to get more information on the hiking club and upcoming hikes from BWC. Class registration is required by March 1.

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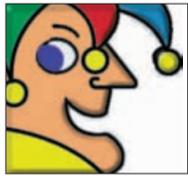
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Better still, bear markets have a tendency to create serious bargain prices in top-quality stocks. After all, the business of most public companies has nothing to do with real-estate speculation. And there are loads of companies that have no leverage whatsoever. Why, we ask, should a company like Netflix see

its stock fall 50 percent just because bankers and a small population of land speculators ruined their financial lives through short-term greed?

In our opinion, if you're making regular contributions to your brokerage portfolio or retirement account, you're now picking up good stocks on the cheap. If retirement is still more than a decade away and you've got extra cash on the sidelines that you won't need for the next three years or so, allocate even more money to stocks during these tough times. Above all else, stick with a plan and keep investing.

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### My Dumbest Investment

#### An Expensive Rumor

I have had several dumb buys. My most recent was trading on a rumor about a big financial company. When news broke that a deal was going down in which banks were going to buy up shares of the firm, I bought 100 shares. When the dust settled and the deal was done, I had lost \$3 per share and the stock was still falling fast.

At one point, I was down 34 percent in one week. It was a good learning experience. Don't trade on rumors. Just buy solid companies and hang in there. — F.L., online

**The Fool Responds:** We agree. Remember that there is always a chance that a rumor has been started by someone who stands to gain from actions people will take in response to it, whether it's true or not. This is especially true with penny stocks, whose prices can be relatively easily manipulated. Even when a rumor is true, it may not pan out. Two companies may be discussing merging, for example, but they may ultimately decide against it.

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#### Best Buy Feels the Pinch

In a "difficult economic environment," Best Buy (NYSE: BBY) reported third-quarter earnings down a whopping 77 percent, though revenue rose 15.8 percent to \$11.5 billion. Gross profit margin increased to 24.9 percent of revenue, and market share advanced by 1.7 percent.

In this tough environment, the company is offering voluntary severance packages to employees, with involuntary layoffs possible later, if needed. In addition, Best Buy plans to slash its capital spending by 50 percent next year. As part of that plan, it will slow the pace of new store openings in the U.S., Canada and China. Cutting spending in response to covering consumers and shrinking demand seems like a must for smart companies right now.

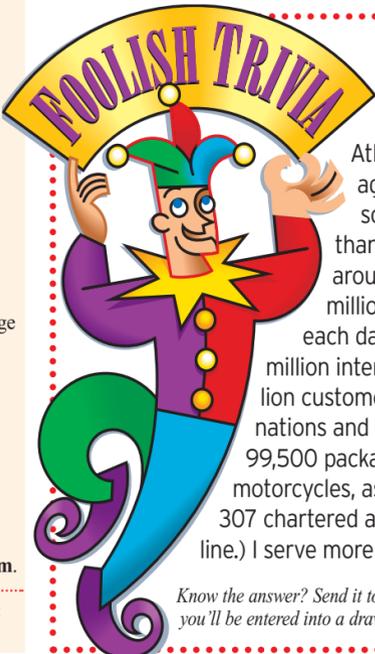
The company stands to benefit from the bankruptcy of competitor Circuit City, but it's also competing with Wal-Mart, which has been slashing prices on its electronics offerings. Meanwhile, Best Buy is expanding its digital music business by buying Napster.

Trading at just nine times earnings, Best Buy is best in its class and tempting at recent prices. Still, shareholders might want to steel themselves for some rocky times in the short term. (The Fool owns shares of Best Buy.)

### Name That Company

I was born in Seattle in 1907 and am now headquartered in Atlanta. The world's largest package delivery company, I rake in some \$50 billion per year, thanks to my 425,000 employees around the world. I deliver 15.8 million packages and documents each day, 2.3 million by air and 1.9 million internationally. I serve about 8 million customers daily, in more than 200 nations and territories, and I operate 99,500 package cars, vans, tractors and motorcycles, as well as 266 jet aircraft and 307 chartered aircraft. (I'm the 9th largest airline.) I serve more than 800 airports. Who am I?

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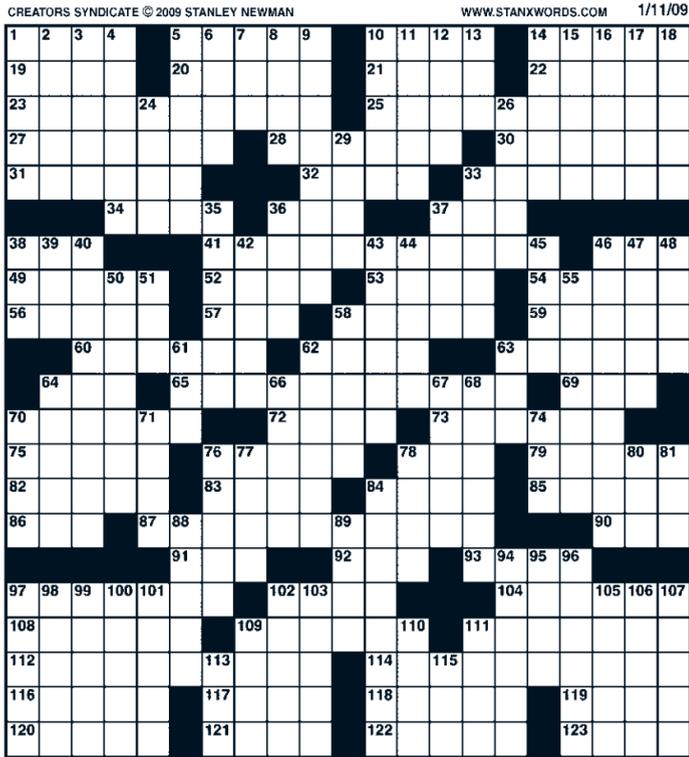
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**Jan. 13**  
 ■ The Carpet Capital Women's Network (CCWN) will meet Jan.

13 at 11:30 a.m. at Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse located on Legion Drive in Dalton. Ruby Couch will be the guest speaker. Membership is not required and all area ladies are invited. For more information, call Susan Swinney at (706) 278-8260 or Clydine Tyson at (706) 275-7509.

**Jan. 18**  
 ■ Dr. Betsy McArthur will discuss her new book, "Bound for Glory" — the story of the Darlington, S.C. Rifles during the Civil War — Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at

Crown Gardens and Archives. Crown Gardens and Archives is at 715 Chattanooga Ave. in Dalton.

**Jan. 19**  
 ■ The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will have its monthly meeting Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

**Jan. 20**  
 ■ The League of Women Voters will have a luncheon meeting Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Western

Sizzlin'. Joe Forsee, director of the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library, will report on library funding and future plans for the regional system. For more information, contact Janis Keener at (706) 278-9650.

**Jan. 22**  
 ■ An organizational meeting for Habitat for Humanity in Murray County will be held Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chatsworth in the family life center. For more information, call Pastor Roger Vest at (706) 695-3211. The church is at 111 W.

Cherokee St. in Chatsworth.

**Jan. 29**  
 ■ A free special chili lunch for caregivers will be held Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office. Dr. Sherwood Jones (Ret.) will answer questions about Alzheimer's and share caregiving tips. Each guest will receive a free book. The office is at 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6 in Dalton. For more information or to register, call (706) 275-0819. Seating is limited.

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**DEAR ABBY**

# Groom's mom reclaims glass wedding favors

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I attended the wedding of two dear friends. The groom's mother, "Millie," made party favors for all the guests — little gift bags containing sugar-coated almonds and, because the bride and groom are animal lovers, a small glass animal. A few days later, a friend brought her teenage daughter to our home. The daughter admired the two glass animals, so I gave them to her.

that we gave them away and we know they cost only 80 cents apiece. What do you say? — **STYMIED IN MARYLAND**



**Jeanne Phillips**

**DEAR STYMIED:** I say Millie is dishonest, and Millie is manipulative, but she's right about one thing: It would create embarrassment if you told the bride and groom what she's been up to.

You were off the hook the minute the bride's sister told you she had a case of the little glass animals. Swing by,

pick up a couple and give them to Millie. She's as transparent as they are, and her story about returning them to buy anything for the happy couple is another fabrication.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have the classic evil stepmom — except she is my mother, and it's my stepsisters that she mistreats. They are 8 and 6 and have suffered enough through their mother's divorce.

I was shocked when, the following weekend, Millie called and asked me to return them. She said she planned to take them back because she would prefer to use the money to buy the couple something they could use. Feeling guilty for "regifting," I responded with the first thing that popped into my head, that I hoped I hadn't "misplaced" them. Millie said she hoped not, too — they had cost \$35 apiece, and she would expect us to reimburse her! Further, we should not mention it to the "happy couple" because of the embarrassment it would cause.

I asked the bride's sister where Millie might have bought the glass figurines under the guise of wanting to get some as gifts for my grad students. I was stunned when she responded that she had purchased an entire case of these inexpensive animals as wedding favors, and that I was welcome to them if I wanted to pick them up from her home.

I'm unclear what motivated Millie to ask for the animals to be returned, or why she would inflate the price and expect to be reimbursed. I understand there was an unpleasant power struggle over the wedding arrangements, but I'm not sure what she hopes to gain from this.

How should this be handled? My husband says I should tell Millie the truth,

My mother treats them as if they are less than human and don't have the right to be in "her" house. I feel terrible about the way she treats them. I want to do something about it, but I can't say anything to her because that would be disrespectful. Please advise. — **SILENT WITNESS IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR SILENT WITNESS:** Your mother's behavior is despicable. She knew the girls were part of the package deal when she married their father, and she has no right to abuse them. Because you feel that talking to your mother would be disrespectful, I urge you to tell the girls' father chapter-and-verse about what's happening to his daughters. No law says your mother has to love them, but at the very least, she should treat them with courtesy and respect.



"Sienna" is a female border collie mix that is approximately 2 years old and weighs 39 pounds. Border collies are known to be the smartest breed of dog, and Sienna seems to be a very quick learner. She does need a fenced yard to keep her safe. For more information about this pet, call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002 and press "2" to leave a message. To see other adoptable cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, visit [www.hsnwga.org](http://www.hsnwga.org) or write HSNWGA, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, GA, 30719.

# Mason: Post-Christmas thoughts

> *Continued from 1C*

Then there is the blessed Mary. Oh what a female role model she provides! The view of her outward simplicity and the recognition of her inward majesty speak volumes. This year the children and I traveled to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and stayed on a working farm with an Amish family. I think that Mary's clean scrubbed face must have radiated something of the pure heart that I saw in the Amish mother we knew.

Mary has called women of all time to virtue, strength, wisdom, and character. Her gentle, young face at the stable allows the viewer a moment of peace within her happiness. This scene is at the beginning of her story. It is the happiest of moments and the height of blessings but we the viewers know the rest of the story. We know that Mary will have to watch the torture and crucifixion of the man child she adores. The manger scene is better. I want to stay there. I want to smile with Mary and watch that baby stir in its sleep for just another moment.

Now, that I've pondered the joys and sorrows of parenthood, the gift is clearer. I see the other visitor at the stable. God the Father is there in the humble gathering. He has given more than

anyone else will ever give and he thoroughly understands the whole story. He too sees the joy on Mary's face, the responsibility on Joseph's shoulders, and the true identity wrapped in a baby blanket.

If we were discussing Biblical history, theology, or the view of the church fathers on literal interpretation we might deserve a silencing at this point. But we are not discussing any of those things. All of those authorities are still asleep this morning. It is only you and I and the crackle of the fire. We can talk about these things.

In "Fatherless America," an astute sociological examination of a very present cultural dilemma, David Blankenhorn examines the role of a father and the void its absence creates. He points out that in our contemporary world, about 40 percent of American children sleep in homes in which their fathers do not live. The whole book documents and discusses the ramifications of a culture that is increasingly fatherless. Blankenhorn points out that our nation is becoming a divided nation. He says that we are divided into two groups, separate and unequal. The two groups work in the same economy, speak a common language,

and remember the same national history. But they live fundamentally divergent lives. One group receives basic benefits, psychological, social, economic, educational and moral, that are denied to the other group. The primary fault line dividing the two groups is not race, religion, class, education or gender. It is patrimony. One group consists of those who grew up with the daily presence and provision of fathers. The other group consists of those who did not. Today those groups are roughly the same size.

Think with me for a moment about the love of a parent. Remember the irresistible urge to observe our children's every moment. Who didn't grab a video camera to capture those first steps and remember the joy of seeing that bike ride progress for more than two feet? Scripture shows us that the heart of God the Father is similar in many ways to the heart of a loving human father. In this year's Christmas gift I see God the Father at the stable, incognito. He is there, on the outskirts of the scene, right where the lighting fades. See him? He is the bedraggled shepherd, the one who peers most intently at the babe. See him lingering for just another moment as the others tire and leave? He too has

enjoyed the rest of the slumbering child and the joy on Mary's face. He gave a nod of encouragement to Joseph and blinked back knowing tears that no one else could understand.

John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that who so ever believeth on him should not perish but have ever lasting life. How? How? How, can a parent love anything so much that he could give up his only child as a sacrifice? I don't know the how, but I do know the certainty. God, incognito, moved away from the nativity scene knowing that he had given his best and loved with every ounce that was within him. That is the gift that wakes me this Christmas, the image of God at the stable giving his all. The knowing that we all have a father who loves us that much and offers this Christmas gift to each of us.

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## HOROSCOPE

**Happy Birthday:** The changes you make this year will determine your future for many years to come. This



**Eugenia Last**

is not a year to be generous financially but rather in what you can do without cost. You must hold your ground and keep things moving along as if nothing is wrong. It's your strength and courage that will allow you passage into your next phase of life. Your numbers are 8, 11, 18, 21, 26, 34, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Stop worrying about what you cannot change and start working toward the goals that can shape your future. A problem related to youngsters or someone you feel responsible for will catch you off guard. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** If you offer too much, you will have a hard time getting out of your promise. Consider a move if it will help you out professionally

or educationally. Don't sit back when there is so much to do. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Open your mind to new ideas and you will find a workable solution to a problem you have been facing. There is an option that may help you but you will have to get rid of some of your old habits and stale relationships. 4 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Consider a service that you can offer and you will soon have a second income and a viable business up and running. You will enjoy the work involved as much as you do the extra cash. Love is on the rise. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be emotional about your personal relationships if you haven't been getting what you want out of them. Rethink your motives and those of others involved. You can make a money offer that

will help buy you time and set your goals for the future. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get involved in community activities or family fun. Love is looking positive and social gatherings will entice someone to be more affectionate and forthright within your relationship. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put your time and effort into fixing up your place. If you are lazy today, you are likely to face criticism. Plan your actions and prove to everyone how effective you can be. Emotional interaction will solve problems. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Enjoy activities that challenge you mentally and physically. Your ability to go the distance and prove yourself will be impressive. Someone will recognize what you have to offer on other levels and will make a proposal. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Listen to the advice being given but don't

make your mind up based on what you hear. Do the math and figure out what works for you. Think big but keep your costs low. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It may be difficult to separate what you want to do and what you should do regarding a partnership. Look at your situation clearly and base your decision on facts. A tough call will show your ability to take charge. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** It's time to expand your knowledge, your circle of friends and your future goals. You have done the hardest part of your preparation and now it's time for you to jump in and test the water. Don't be afraid of failure. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A lot will depend on the unknown, so dig deep to better understand a situation you face. Go to those with experience and you will get a good idea for coming out on top. A love relationship may limit your chance to get ahead. 5 stars

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# Quiz: What foods have a high water content?

BY SAM McMANIS  
Sacramento Bee

An intriguing new study by the University of Tokyo found that foods high in water content "promote satiety and decrease subsequent intake, thus possibly working to prevent obesity, when (the water is) consumed as an integral component of a food, but not when consumed alone or alongside a food."

So which foods are high in water? Take our quiz and find out.

1. Which of the following foods is NOT high in water content?

- a) broccoli
- b) grapefruit
- c) bananas
- d) radishes

2. Which contains the most water, per 100 grams?

- a) Tabasco sauce
- b) Bud Light
- c) cucumber

3. You can't squeeze blood out of a turnip, of course. But how much water can you squeeze out of it?

- a) 100 grams
- b) 99 grams
- c) 95 grams

4. Which liquid food contains the most water, per 100 grams?

- a) leek soup
- b) vinegar
- c) canned gravy

5. True or false: Soy milk contains more water than nonfat milk.

- a) True
- b) False

ANSWERS: 1: c; 2: c (cucumbers contain 96 grams; Tabasco and Bud Light, 95 grams); 3: c; 4: c (gravy, 94 grams; vinegar, 93; leek soup, 92); 5: a (true)

Source: www.dietandfitnessstoday.com



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Wade Bennett cuts cucumbers off the vine to be sold fresh at a farmer's market. How do they stack up in terms of water content?

## AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:

■ Erin and Phillip Poston, a daughter, Ivy Noel, Dec. 28.

■ Cynthia and Nathan Case, a son, Christopher Ryan, Dec. 29.

■ Andree Robertson, a son, Aidan Lucas, Dec. 29.

■ April and Bradley Shuler, a daughter, Rylee Grace, Dec. 29.

■ Nikki and Ryan Bartenfield, a son, Landon Gage, Dec. 30.

■ Tanya Bryant and Tommy Rogers, a daughter, Breanna Nevaeh, Dec. 30.

■ Bianca Cantrell and Rusty Burnett, a son, Xoan Josiah Jameson, Dec. 30.

■ Suje and Javier Cervantes, a daughter, Merari, Dec. 30.

■ Charlene and Benjamin Hall, a daughter, Sophia Dori, Dec. 30.

■ Holly and Adam Harrington, a daughter, Emily Praise, Dec. 30.

■ Kisha Moran, a son, Kadan Steve, Dec. 30.

■ Brittany and Dustin Phillips, a daughter, Madison Gabrielle, Dec. 30.

■ Monica and Corey Skidmore, a son, Ethan Corey, Dec. 30.

■ Jennifer and Bill Summey, a son, Jacob Quinn, Dec. 30.

■ Shannon and Jonathan Gill, a daughter, Isabelle Danielle, Dec. 31.

■ Amanda Hernandez, a daughter, LeeAnna Renea, Dec. 31.

■ Katy Larmon and Tommy Parker, Tommy Eugene, Dec. 31.

■ Everilda Ramirez and Ismael Perez, a son, Tony Daniel, Dec. 31.

■ Claudia Sajqui and Oscar Reynoso, a son, Alexander, Dec. 31.

■ Jennifer Shoemaker, a daughter, Madison Olivia, Dec. 31.

■ Sandra Esparza and Alejandro Pallares, a daughter, Saily Alexandra, Jan. 1.

■ Cindy and Dustin Martin, a son, Levi Hunter, Jan. 1.

■ Ubaldina Rodriguez and Gustavo Marquez, a son, Angel Aaron, Jan. 1.

■ Mariana Hernandez and Orlando Reyes, a son, Yared Eli, Jan. 2.

■ Beatriz Tamayo and Jose Garcia, a son, Max Garcia, Jan. 2.

■ Dulcinea and Mario Valcural, a son, Mariobel, Jan. 2.

■ Heather and Timothy Blalock, a daughter, Haley Grace, Jan. 3.

■ Jovvonna Braveheart and Jesus Zuniga, a son, Amando Chaske Jesus, Jan. 3.

■ Lori and Shawn Giles, a son, Preston David, Jan. 3.

■ Yazmin Zoniga and Rafael Martinez, a daughter, Yatziry Yamileth, Jan. 3.

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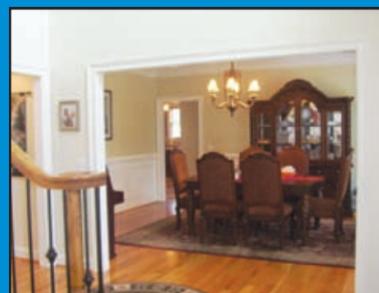
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## REAL ESTATE WATCH

# Mortgage rates approach record low

Mortgage rates continue to plunge toward record territory.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 31 basis points, to 5.33 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.39 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 5.88 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.8 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 31 basis points, to 4.85 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 14 basis points, to 5.72 percent.

These benchmark rates are averages. Rate shoppers with excellent credit and plenty of equity (or a big down payment) can do better.

"Right now, the 30-year (fixed) I have this morning — I have 4 5/8 on a regular conforming and I have 4 3/8 on a 15-year today," all with 1 discount point plus fees, says Jeff Lazerson, president of

MortgageGrader.com, a brokerage in Southern California. Minutes later, he sends an update by e-mail — the 15-year fixed is available at 4.25 percent.



**Holden Lewis**

For Lazerson, business is better than it's been since summer 2003, the last time rates dropped so low. In Bankrate's weekly survey going back to 1985, the 30-year fixed hit a record low of 5.28 percent on June 11, 2003, and was 5.31 percent two weeks later. This week's rate of 5.33 percent is the third-lowest in the 23-plus-year history of Bankrate's weekly survey.

About four in five applicants today are homeowners who want to refinance their current loans, according to the Mortgage Bankers

Association. In formerly hot real estate markets, a lot of those applicants are turned away because house values have fallen and they don't have enough equity in the home to refinance.

"Maybe 30 percent of the people we can actually help, and 70 percent we cannot help, and the primary driver is they don't have any equity," Lazerson says. "The secondary issue is their income and debt ratios won't fly, and the third issue is credit score."

When Lazerson mentions income and debt ratios, he refers to guidelines that limit borrowing ability to ensure that mortgages are affordable. Generally, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac want to keep borrowers' total debt payments to 36 percent of before-tax income. That's total debt payments — house, vehicles, credit cards, student loans. The FHA is more lenient, and likes to limit total debt payments to 41 percent of gross income. Lenders can make exceptions, but they're not inclined to

during this credit squeeze.

While it can be hard to qualify for a refi, the picture is brighter for home buyers. They can get Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages, which require down payments as low as 3.5 percent. "I would say that most of the first-time buyers calling in, 75 percent of those people we can actually help because FHA is more lenient about credit scores," Lazerson says.

The reasons for this week's drop in rates are complicated. First of all, Bankrate surveys the same 100 lenders each week — 10 lenders in 10 large markets — and some of those lenders had been quoting high rates because they already had as much business as they could handle.

During this downturn, lenders "whacked (operational) staff en masse and simply can't handle intense volume today," writes Jim Sahnger, mortgage planner with Palm Beach Financial Network, in an e-mail from his office in Stuart, Fla. "So, if you are already at

capacity, (you) increase rates and then you can concentrate on getting your loans closed without being bombarded by new apps."

Certain lenders in Bankrate's survey — Bank of America, most prominently, and also Chase and Citi — had kept rates high for the past few weeks. But they dramatically cut their rates on the 30-year fixed this week, and that's partly what's behind this week's decline in the Bankrate survey.

And then there's the Federal Reserve, which last week opened the checkbook for the first time on its promised shopping spree for mortgage-backed securities. The Fed plans to buy up to a half-trillion dollars' worth of mortgage-backed securities in the first half of the year. Think of the Fed as an extremely deep-pocketed bank, competing with other banks to provide money for mortgages. When banks compete, you win: Rates go lower.

■ Reach Holden Lewis at editors@bankrate.com.

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2 BR, 1 BA. 116 Fernwood Ave., \$550/mo + \$250/dep. All utilities included. W/D Conn., C/H/A. 706-226-0503

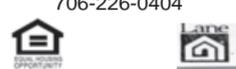
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**751 Apartments**

For Rent: **843 Carbondale Rd.** South - 2 bdrm 2 bath.  
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**Duplex**  
1BR off S. Bypass on Collins Rd. near SE High. New carpet & paint. \$150dp. \$125wk. power & water furn. 706-463-0672

319A Mill Trace, duplex, 3BR 2BA, new paint & carpet, Pleasant Grove School dist. \$550 per month, \$600 security deposit. 706-226-1487 or 706-313-7494

**DUPLEX. McCARTY HISTORIC AREA LOCATION.** 2br, 1ba. \$450/mo. \$300/dep. Available now. W/D hookup, No pets. 706-226-5400 ext 233

**752 Homes For Rent**

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

\*5 year old home, 2 br, 1 ba. 900 sq. ft. \$575/mo., \$300/dep. 2289 Mill Creek Rd. 706-226-2508

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1 BR home 2 miles S. on 41 off Walnut Ave. Private lot. Heat, water, garb & lawn svcs, washer/dryer furnished. No pets. Great for single/ couple. 706-277-2631

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2 bedroom 1 bath home, large lot, garage and carport. \$500 month plus deposit. Haigmill Rd off Reed Rd. 706-673-7716

2008 Abutment 4 BR 2 BA, Sunporch & garage. \$165 wk mon \$330 dp. 706-279-1380 wky 9-5:30

3 BR 2 BA, brick home in the country. CHA, gas logs, eat in kitchen, living rm, den, screened porch, big level yard. \$750 mon. \$550 dep. References required. 706-277-9096

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

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Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home for rent, Spring Place. 1 car garage, \$725 month \$500 deposit. Call 706-695-6156.

Real nice 3 bdrm 1 ba home in nice area \$595 per mo w/ \$300 Dep. We have more at: www.affordableofdalton.com or call 259-8170

Rocky Face, behind Foodlion. 3 bdrm CHA, appl. Water & lawn svcs furn. \$175 wk, \$300 dep. 706-673-9756 or 706-463-2270

**752 Homes For Rent**

**ATTENTION!**

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

**753 Condos For Rent**  
2 & 3 bd. New Luxury condo/aprt for rent or sale 2 bd starting at \$795 per mo. senior disc. avail. 1 level, large rooms cable/int wired, walk in closets Crow Valley Rd area Appointment Avail 706-259-7474

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

**778 Mobile Homes For Rent**

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

3 BR 2 BA - 214 New Dr. CHA, \$145 wk, \$290 dep. 706-279-1380 weekdays 9-5:30

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

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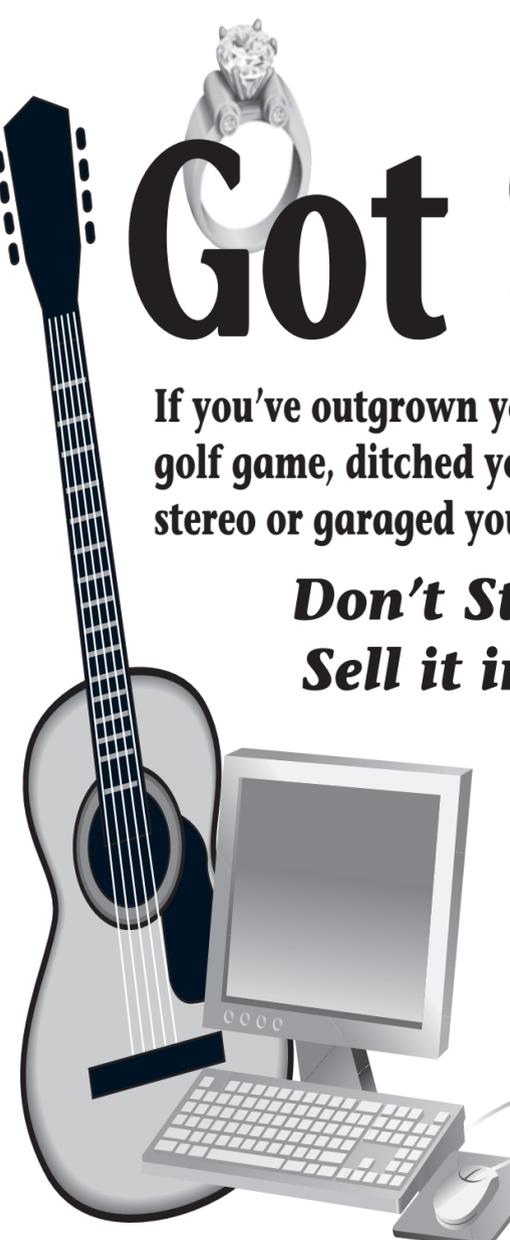
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**103 Found**  
Found a ring at the Medical Plaza on Wed. Jan. 7th. Please call to identify 706-673-6072

Found brown & black Rottweiler pup on Dec. 24th on Dug Gap/Threadmill Rd. Approx. 8 weeks. Call 706-483-4524.

Found red color puppy with dark red spots. Looks to be 4-6 mos. old on Castle Dr. Call 706-980-2771.

Found Tues. on Houston Valley Rd. black lab mixed with white markings (had been hit by car) Need to find owners! 706-581-1063 or 706-673-4252.

**104 Lost**  
REWARD! Lost @ Civitan Park Canon PowerShot SD750 digital camera; photos of red haired child, Christmas, Key West, dogs, CA; extra added to reward if photos are NOT erased. 706-226-9153 or 706-280-2714

**105 Special Notices**  
*Broken into at Dalton Depot:* 12/26 -Red 4-Runner w/ TX tags. Taken: Sterling silver (Gorham/Camellia) towels by "Home" in pale aqua & another set in aqua/brown, many UoFA items including a pillow, teva tumbler; crimson Cross roller ball pen, men's clothing sz. LG, womens clothing sz MD, Black & Decker tools (stud finder, level, many more) Garmen GPS. 706-226-9153 or 706-280-2714 Kathy - **REWARD!!**

**106 Travel**  
Affordable/ Deluxe Chalet & Cabin Rentals Pigeon Forge in the Smokies Free brochure. **VACATION SPECIALS** www.firesidechalets.com Toll Free: 800-876-1773

### FINANCIAL

**252 Business For Sale**  
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### EMPLOYMENT

**301 Accountants Bookkeeping**  
Needed: An Accountant Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in accounting, bookkeeping, business or related field and two years experience in computerized accounting with exposure to double entry fund accounting, or 5 years of working experience OR Have at least two semesters of college accounting and at least three years experience in computerized double entry accounting. Full time position with benefits. Please send resume to: PO Box 1463 Dalton GA 30722

**310 General**  
Primerica- Flexible schedule. Full or Part time career. Call Fred 706-659-4069.

### 310 General

**CAGLE'S FARMS** is now accepting applications for Hatchery Maintenance in Dalton. MUST have some knowledge of HVAC, electrical, pneumatic, and general maintenance. We offer competitive pay, benefits, 401(k), and paid holidays. Local applicants only. Apply in person at 1300 S. Dixie Hwy. Dalton, GA 30720.

**CANCER REGISTRY SPECIALIST** at the North GA Hlth District, in Dalton to provide technical assistance and training to hlth care providers in North GA. Must have Bachelor's degree in a related field and 3 yrs of exp performing work related to cancer registration Or Master's degree in a related field and 1 yr exp performing work related to cancer registration Or 7 yrs of related exp. Certified Tumor Registrar required and strong organizational skills. Prefer exp reporting to central cancer registry. Full time, state benefits pkg. Salary negotiable based on t/e. To apply fax resumes to Susan Brewster at 706/272-2704. www.nghd.org/jobs EOE

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Dalton State College is accepting applications for a full-time public safety officer. Applicants should have the ability to obtain P.O.S.T. certification. Excellent benefits. Interested applicants should complete a Dalton State College application and submit it to the Director of Human Resources, Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720. Review of applications will begin January 16, 2009. A background check will be processed for any candidate to whom an offer of employment is made. AA/EEO

**Friends, family or coworkers clinically diagnosed with back pain or diabetes??** If you answer yes, you qualify for great supplemental or part time income. Provide two new FDA and insurance approved medical equipment devices for easy commissions. Some sales experience preferred but not necessary if easily adaptable. Send resumes to ngamed@yahoo.com or fax 706.629.3796.

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### 310 General

**PROPERTY MANAGER** Excellent Atlanta based Property Management Company is seeking a Property Manager for a community located in Dalton, GA. A minimum of 3 years Property Mgmt exp is required, professional designation desired. Excellent pay and benefit package including bonuses, medical, dental & disability insurance, 401k & paid vacations. Please fax resumes to (770) 952-0029.

### 311 Health Care

Immediate full time 2nd shift opening for an Instructor at our Dalton women's residential center. Direct care of consumers, supervise self administration of meds, document consumer activities during shift, transport as needed. Must have a high school diploma/GED, clean driving record and criminal history and a minimum of 6 months experience in a residential setting. Experience in mental health field is preferred. To apply please call Kim @ 706-428-0121, fax resume to 706-428-9611, email kcochran@healthcare-staffing.com or apply in person at HealthCare Staffing, 1506 N. Thornton Ave., Suite C Dalton 30720

### 315 Office & Clerical

Firm seeks secretary-receptionist qualifications consist of computer knowledge, multi line phone, customer service, multi tasking, and general office duties. Please send resume to: sent2myfirm@yahoo.com

Local company accepting applications for experienced customer service rep. Applicant must have an outgoing phone personality, pay attention to detail, be able to handle multiple task in a fast pace environment, have a minimum of 3 years experience in the customer service field, have the ability to acquire product knowledge & sell over the phone. Knowledge of QuickBooks, Mappoint, PowerPoint, Word & Excel a plus. Email resume' along with a brief summary of your abilities and success of selling product over the phone, salary requirements and why you should be hired for the job. Email: resume100158@yahoo.com

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### 324 Positions Wanted

Wanted Job: Working in any carpet mill pertaining to tufting dept. I have 30 yrs experience working on tufting machines & supervisor position. For more info 706-263-4275 or 706-625-2307 ask for James.

### SERVICES

**401 General Services**  
**Personal Housecleaning** with Professional Reliability and Results. References Available. Call 706-229-0030

### PETS/LIVESTOCK

**501 Pets for Sale**  
8 week old Lab mixed puppies. \$35.00 each to cover 1st shots. Blond, Black and black and tan. Call 706-280-8070.

Yorkies, 2 females! \$800 each. Vet checked & shots. 706-695-6968 after 5pm or 706-260-8214. Parents appr. 5 pounds.

### 502 Free Pets

Found Blue Tick coon hound, Call 706-217-7554.  
Found Blue Tick coon hound, male. Free to a good home. Call 706-217-7554.

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**504 Pet Services**  
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Tractor for sale. Farmall Cub (red) Good for parts or to restore. Belly turning plow, cultivator plows and drag behind harrows included. \$1000. 706-483-7204

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**602 Apparel**  
Strapless Wedding Dress for sale, sz 12 (includes flower girl dress) Beautiful, a must see. \$300.00. Call 706-581-7544.

**605 Computers**  
Used Dell Laptops \$399  
Used Dell PCs \$195  
New PCs w/XP \$429  
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**611 Misc. Items For Sale**  
2 Rug racks \$25.00 each. Small to medium rugs with clips. Rug binder - rebuilt and never used. \$1,250. Call 828-321-4770 Andrews, NC.

Electric Jazzy Chair, only 3 weeks old! (can be used outdoors always) \$4,000. Call 706-529-6029

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**615 TV & Stereo**  
Sony 50" LCD TV. Works great \$275.00. Call 706-226-5859 after 6pm

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 6D of the classifieds.

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

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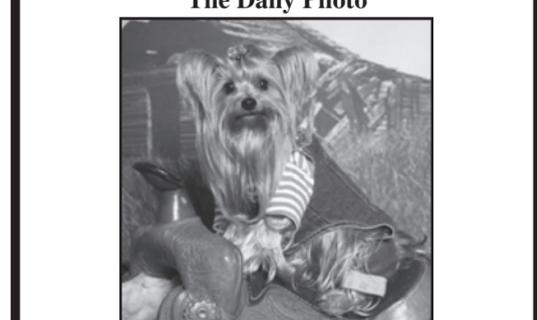
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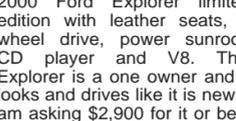
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