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Ronnie Shepard, left, and Chris Swilling, employees of the Whitfield County School system, install Dug Gap Elementary's new digital sign on Monday while students watch. The sign was paid for by a grant from the Jenny Jones Foundation.

Dug Gap school signs on in style

BY MARK MILLICAN
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She may not have planned to work out Monday morning, but T.K. Cassidy-Fleming's husband made her go anyway.

"I was so excited I couldn't sleep," said Cassidy-Fleming, the media center specialist at Dug Gap Elementary whose application for funding for a new electronic sign at the school was granted by the Jenny Jones Foundation last September. The roadside sign, which cost \$19,000, was installed Monday morning.

"My husband made me get up and go to the gym — he said I had to burn off some energy," Cassidy-Fleming said.

That enthusiasm was contagious, as evidenced by hundreds of schoolchildren who huddled together on a chilly morning to see the sign hoisted off a truck and put into place.

"Move the sign! Move the sign!" the kids shouted. They were herded inside out of the cold after they got their wish.

"Jenny e-mailed me this morning and said she wished she could be here," said Cassidy-Fleming. "She'll be making a tour of schools this year and she will be coming here." Jones is the former host of a nationally syndicated talk show.

Cassidy-Fleming was surprised by a phone call from Jones — set up by the Dug Gap school

staff — to tell her the good news last September. She said she thought her application wouldn't make the final cut and funding would not be available to replace the old sign, which had letters that had to be changed manually and was dangerously close to busy Dug Gap Road.

Cassidy-Fleming said school officials plan a "community fair" when they learn of the date of Jones' visit, similar to a back-to-school fair.

"We'll have food and games and invite community members, including families of different nationalities, and ask them to perform something cultural from their home country," she said.

The sign will be used for messages to parents and students, and also to announce special events.

"I'm very excited," said fifth-grader Iliana Ramirez. "It will mean a lot to our school, and it makes me proud of our school. I will look at it every time we drive by."

Carrie McCutchen, a first-grade teacher, said the kids are "very proud."

"It will give us a new look," she said, "and it's electronic! It will be a lot easier now to get our message out to the community."

Principal Mandy Locke agrees. "Some of our families don't have phones, and now we can get messages out instantly, or even

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Lawmakers promise cooperation

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's legislative leaders sought to project a unified front as they opened the 2009 session Monday at the Capitol.

Facing a huge budget shortfall that's likely to mean billions of dollars in spending cuts, this year's session opened with none of the animosity that dominated the start of 2008.

The House kicked off that bitter session with a revolt against fellow Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue by quickly voting to override a dozen of his vetoes. Relations further deteriorated from there.

This year, the sobering economic news set the tone. State lawmakers — many with their spouses and children in tow — were on their best behavior in a day heavy on ceremony and light on substance.

"We must settle the past," said Benny Tate, pastor of the Rock Springs Church in Milner, has he offered the invocation in the state Senate.

In the House, Democrats decided against offering their own candidate to run against House Speaker Glenn Richardson, whose very name riles up many House Democrats. Instead, the 180-member chamber voted by acclamation to re-elect the Republican.

House Minority Leader DuBose Porter said he decided to support Richardson to "put aside partisan rancor."

"We need to see if we can put partisanship aside and take a page from what our new president is doing," said Porter, the chamber's top Democrat.

Minutes after the session was banged to a close, Republican House Majority Leader Jerry Keen lingered alongside Porter to speak with reporters. The two political rivals are often on opposite sides under the Gold Dome, but Monday's scripted political theater

Chatsworth man killed in wreck

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Chatsworth man died when the truck he was driving ran off the road, hit a culvert and flipped on Highway 225 South in Murray County Monday morning, officials said.

Chad Beckman, 30, was driving south near the Canaanland Baptist Church school, about one-half mile below Volunteer Fire Department Station 5, around 8:15 a.m., said Murray County coroner Larry Ballew.

"It appeared a smaller truck was trying to turn into the school and he (Beckman) couldn't get stopped for whatever reason," said Ballew. "Mr. Beckman was pronounced dead at the scene."

Beckman was the only person in the truck, Ballew said. Two people in the other truck were slightly injured, he said.

aimed to show a bipartisan spirit — at least for now.

"At the end of the day, I'm hopeful we can agree to these difficult choices in a bipartisan manner," Keen said.

In the Senate, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle sought to put a positive spin on the bleak economic news, which has lawmakers facing their largest budget hole since the Great Depression.

Cagle said the budget challenges "create wonderful, wonderful opportunity" to trim Georgia's

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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. Call 706-272-7748 to reach Today's Forum.

"The paper needs to do an article on councilmen and commissioners who serve on authorities and see how many meetings they attend."

"What ever happened to Leona Blevins who used to write for the Dalton Advertiser in the 1990s. I loved her articles."

"Does anyone know a store that sells bread mix for bread machines? Would love to have some."

"The questions Katie Couric asked Sarah Palin were very valid questions."

"I am tired of seeing the arrest reports in the paper. I'd like to see the convictions report."

"I know we can't afford it at this time, but the drawing of the new administrative building is beautiful."

"Who do politicians think pays for these increased fees on hospitals and the necessities? They might as well raise taxes. It's the same thing."

"When it snows or storms, people don't see the work of the Whitfield County Roads Department. They don't see us getting up in the middle of the night to go to work. They just look down their noses at the people who work there."

"I see where the commissioners already have new plans to use SPLOST money to build Whitfield County's Buckingham Palace."

"If our elected officials want to do something brave they should get an economic development team together to diversify our economy over the next 10 from something other than carpet."

"If deer are murdered, what do they do to cows and pigs and chickens, etc?"

"Isn't it amazing that all our three state representatives can come up with is somebody wearing a seatbelt or smoking? We pay them for this?"

"Lower our unemployment rate, send all the illegals home."

"I own two pickup trucks and believe in seatbelts but I think drivers ought to have freedom of choice. If Dr. Thomas wants to save us some money, he can lower the price of his professional services."

"Don 'Nanny' Thomas is at it again. I thought Republicans were for smaller government. Not Nanny."

"I recommend you see 'Seven Pounds' with Will Smith. It's a great movie."

"Congratulations to the Area 7-AAAA wrestling champion Dalton Catamounts. Good luck at state. You can do it."

"Only the human animal can be murdered. All the other animals are harvested like crops as food for humans."

"Pat Vaughn is at Studio 203 on Gordon Street."

"Dillon's Barbecue in Chatsworth has the best Brunswick Stew and good combread to go with it."

"I want to get a plug in for

the Brunswick Stew at Miller Brothers on Murray Avenue."

"In Saturday's paper there were 14 pages of foreclosures. It looks the banks were bailed out while we are being thrown out. Thanks feds."

"You had a boo boo in the Sunday paper. You said the Ohio governor was impeached. It should have said the Illinois governor."

Editor's note: You are right, sir!

"I don't think it's fair that we're supposed to share the road with bikers and yet I have to pay for license, tag and insurance on my car."

Editor's note: Don't most bikers also own a motor vehicle?

"If the dollar a pack tax on cigarettes passes, everyone who voted for it should be charged with a hate crime."

"It's a shame Bush has to leave the White House. He just now learned where the men's room was."

"If Obama extends the deadline for digital broadcasting I hope they stop the advertising."

"I hate to see Smoltz leave the Braves for Boston, but they don't need another situation like the one with Mike Hampton where they paid him all that money and he couldn't play."

"I wish you would quit letting all those restaurants use the forum for advertising."

"Thanks to Rep. Roger Williams for endorsing the term limits on county commissioners. It needs to stay there."

"To the person pulling for a third Clinton Administration: There wouldn't be a Monica there or a Republican Congress."

"I wish they had camera at every major intersection. Maybe then people would pay attention to the lights."

"I have to laugh at the people who call in about fluctuating gas prices. It's obvious that 2/3 of them have no idea what causes the market to fluctuate."

"Everyone has the right to remain silent, but the forum shows that a few don't have the ability to do so."

"If you can pay for cigarettes and tobacco, then you can pay for food for your kids. Any smoker does not deserve any benefits from the government."

"Smoking hasn't got anything to do with welfare. Go crawl in a hole."

"Ann Coulter is hot. There's a lot of jealousy over that good looking Republican."

"You might be able to listen to Ann Coulter if you didn't have to look at her ... that long hair."

"President Bush could settle the Middle East conflict by tossing a coin and giving the winner their choice of Palestine or West Texas. The loser gets what's left."

Editor's note: Gen. Phillip Sheridan once said that if he owned Hell and Texas, he'd live in Hell and rent Texas."

"That's a big 10-4 on Hamilton Diagnostic Center."

It's a breeze. But the emergency room is a different story."

"I am a white American citizen and I don't understand why there are so many negative comments toward Obama. Give him a chance folks."

"I hope Obama fails miserably. He doesn't deserve the job."

"Why are you afraid of Bill O'Reilly? Is he stating some truth that tears you up?"

"Happy 63rd birthday to Paw Paw Gene Shoemaker."

"I saw in ChamberLink Magazine that the Target Recycling System is in effect now. Would someone please put one in the area of Carbondale or Connector 3 where it will be convenient to a lot of people."

"Mr. Espy, you deserve the Congressional Medal of Honor for telling the truth. We enjoy your piece every time you write."

"Mr. Espy, your article in Sunday's paper was right on and I agree with you 100 percent."

"Murray County will make drug arrests. Who do you think keeps the court workers and the lawyers employed?"

"The American government is becoming the enemy within."

"If your power bill went from \$250 to \$75 with the digital meters Georgia Power put in you should have kept your mouth shut."

"I have been at the pool hall the gentleman wrote about and they were selling dope there. I don't know how much more evidence you need."

"I didn't like the comment that fat people should be taxed. That was cruel."

"It's funny that you won't print about the leaks at Eastbrook and about how much the superintendent makes. But if someone calls in about Valley Point boys winning you print it. Kind of sad that you choose schools."

Editor's note: We have printed several past comments about the superintendent and the alleged leaks at Eastbrook school.

Jimmy, your column in Sunday's paper was fantastic as was the editorial "Dishonesty trumps party affiliation."

"Let's have a day of comedy in the forum."

"You guys want to save money on ink? Don't print the weather report. It's never right anyway!"

"Of course there is corruption in all government. But I don't think you'd compare these to the failure of a president."

"Happy 58th anniversary to Irene and Wallace Henderson."

"I'd like to applaud the Eastbrook Mustangs wrestling team for placing second in the Cleveland International this weekend. They worked hard and wrestled."

"Why is it President Bush's fault that people bought houses they couldn't afford."

The forum number is 706-272-7748.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Shannon Miller
AGE: 27
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Son, Cole; husband, Derek; stepchildren, Byshop and Bevan
WORK: House of Beauty
PLAY: Softball, spending time with family and friends
SHE SAID: "If your hair's not becoming to you, you should be coming to me."



Heavy rainfall impacts Carters

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Carters Project Office says Carters Lake and the supporting drainage basin saw heavy rainfall over the past two weeks, with some recreation activities temporarily affected.

Carters Lake normally maintains a full pool elevation of 1,074 mean sea level (msl). However, elevations exceeding 1,090 msl were recorded last week and levels are expected to remain high for about the next week to 10 days.

While water levels are expected to return to normal, some activities have been temporarily affected. Minor flooding has occurred in some day use areas, with some picnic sites submerged

and some boat ramps unusable.

"We like to see the visiting public utilizing these facilities, and while a few sites have been impacted by water levels others remain open for use," said park ranger Oliver Craig.

"Our main concern is public safety," said park ranger Matthew Sheriff. "It is important for every recreational boater to be aware of hazards associated with reservoirs during flood events. Boaters should be aware of floating debris and submerged objects or structures. These unseen hazards pose a real threat to your boat and your safety if an impact occurs."

Call the Carters Lake Visitors Center at (706) 334-2248 for current information on lake levels and closings.

AREA ARRESTS

- Stacy Lynn Nelson, 39, 120 Peoples Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and disorderly conduct.
- Billy Glen Wotring, 58, 1042 Manchester Circle, Winter Park, Fla., was

charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Tony Leeroy Roberson, 51, 541 Edwards Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.



AP Photo

Rep Glenn Richardson, R-Hiram, is sworn in as his mother Myrtie Richardson holds the Bible at the Capitol in Atlanta, on Monday. Richardson was later re-elected as speaker.

Lawmakers: A team

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bloated government. He offered a warning to those proposing tax increases to fill the budget hole: "Make no mistake — I will come down on the side of downsizing state government."

Gov. Sonny Perdue will unveil his budget plan Wednesday and address a joint session of the Senate and the House. Slumping state revenues are expected to mean a \$2 billion budget gap for the current fiscal year. Things could get even worse in the fiscal year set to begin July 1.

Cagle and Richardson clashed repeatedly last year, and as the session wound to a close, Richardson called for Cagle's ouster, accusing the lieutenant governor of blocking his attempts to eliminate the car tag tax.

But on Monday, the two men had something to celebrate together — their birthdays. Each was serenaded by legislators in violation of House and Senate rules.

"We have a lot in common," Cagle said with a laugh.

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D.A. King, head of the Dustin Inman Society, speaks during a news conference as several members of the Georgia General Assembly look on at the Capitol in Atlanta on Monday. King said he will lobby the Legislature this year for stricter enforcement of the Georgia Immigration and Compliance Act which requires companies with government contract to ensure that their workers are eligible to work in the United States.

Group says immigration laws not being enforced

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly three years after the Georgia Legislature passed a sweeping immigration law that was described by critics and supporters alike as one of the toughest in the country, several key provisions are going largely unenforced.

The Georgia Immigration and Compliance Act requires companies with government contracts to use a federal database to screen new employees to ensure they are eligible to work in the United States and to provide a sworn statement to the government. It also requires that new applicants for public benefits be screened to verify their eligibility.

D.A. King, head of the Dustin Inman Society, which pushes for stricter laws to combat illegal immigration, said at a news conference Monday at the state Capitol that local governments are flouting the law. He said he plans to lobby during the current legislative session, which started Monday, for measures to promote enforcement.

"We need to be in the forefront of the nation again," King told reporters. "We passed the law, now we need to enforce it."

Under the law, public employers, including local governments, and their contractors must verify the legal work status of their employees using the federal E-Verify database. Contractors

must provide sworn statements to the government saying they have run the checks. The verification requirement has been phased in gradually. It currently applies to public employers, contractors or subcontractors with 100 or more employees, but will be mandatory for all starting July 1.

An Associated Press review of U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services figures from the end of August, the most recent available, showed that 97 of Georgia's 159 counties, or 61 percent, had not signed up for E-verify, and a large chunk of the state's municipal governments also were not using the database.

Also under the law, every agency or division of government that administers public benefits, such as Medicaid and food stamps, is required to check applicants' eligibility using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, program.

By last week, according to CIS numbers, only 13 governments or agencies — five state agencies, four county governments or departments, and four cities — had signed up for access to that federal database.

Local governments and agencies say one reason they aren't complying with the law is because they don't have the money to train staff.

Access to the E-Verify database is free and registration is quick, but staff have to

learn how to use it and it takes time to run the checks. The SAVE program has a more involved registration process and a fee of at least 50 cents for each check.

"Local governments are given no money, so of course they're not going to enforce it," said Charles Kuck, an Atlanta lawyer and president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "It's just not important to them when they're dealing with other economic issues. These laws cost money and they didn't fund it."

King said that's no excuse. He maintains that illegal immigrants are taking jobs and benefiting from public resources, so the cost of enforcement would ultimately be a savings.

Another reason cash-strapped local governments and agencies are seemingly not worried about complying is because there are no real consequences if they don't.

On its Web site, the state Department of Labor sets forth the rules governing the employment eligibility checks, including a random audit program. But that provision won't go into effect "until necessary funds have been specifically appropriated by the General Assembly."

Labor department spokesman Sam Hall said those funds have never been approved.

Sign: Donated to Dug Gap

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multi-messages — instead of in hours," Locke said.

Third-grader Evan Elrod said he likes the sign "because it's new — I like to look at it."

Jones told Cassidy-Fleming last year that her "Heroes" program received between 5,000 and 6,000 requests for funds, especially since September had an "All Teachers! All Month!" theme. Thirty recipients were selected.

"You're the only one to ask for a sign," Jones said.

Betty Martin, a teacher at Dug Gap, responded to criticism the school should have bought books with the funds instead of a sign.

"The public needs to know that the grant money had to be used for the sign, and could not be used for anything else," she said. "You

can't write a grant for one thing and then use the funds for something else if the grant is awarded."

"It's a 'sign' of things to come," punned fifth-grade teacher Ken Richmond, "and of how we're moving ahead at Dug Gap. It's kind of like a trophy for us."

Asked about the sign, fifth-grader Skyler DuBose said, "It feels pretty good. It's a lot taller and it's electric, and it doesn't have the pencils on it." He was referring to artwork that adorned the former sign.

Classmate Amber Lee wanted some things to stay the same.

"I like it because it's bigger, but I'd like to see the pencils back on it," she said. "I hope it says 'Welcome' and tells everyone about the things going on at our school."

The "Heroes" program (www.jennyjones.com) gave away \$1 million in grants in 2008. No grant was larger than \$25,000.

Obama, Calderon talk border security, trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — President elect Barack Obama said Monday that his administration will begin work immediately to strengthen the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

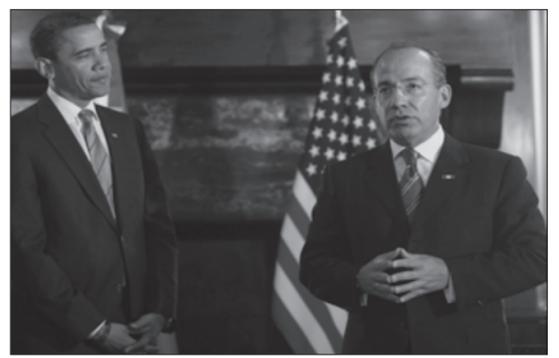
He characterized the existing friendship between the two border nations as strong, but said he believes it can be made stronger. He promised to try to make it so.

A week and a day away from taking over as president, Obama met with Mexican President Felipe Calderon, continuing a long-standing tradition by which new American presidents meet with their Mexican counterparts either before or shortly after they are sworn in.

Emerging from a private lunch at the Mexican Cultural Institute that lasted for 90 minutes, both leaders spoke only in general terms about the substance of their talks.

Obama said they discussed the North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States, border security and immigration. They also talked generally about the Western Hemisphere, he said.

Obama said he aims to build on the commercial, security and cultural ties between the countries, and pronounced himself an admirer of Calderon's stewardship of Mexico's econo-



AP Photo

President-elect Barack Obama listens as Mexico's President Felipe Calderon makes a statement to reporters in Washington on Monday.

my, as well as his efforts to fight deadly drug violence.

Calderon, whom U.S. officials have praised for deploying troops to fight cartels and capturing top drug kingpins, won a multimillion-dollar, anti-drug aid package from Washington last year. Obama supports the plan, known as the Merida Initiative, and has promised to take up another of Calderon's causes: ending gun-smuggling from the U.S. to Mexico.

Obama said the message he brought to Calderon is that his administration "is going to be ready on Day One" to work to build stronger relations with Mexico.

Obama aides said the

meeting was meant to underscore the importance of the relationship.

"The friendship between the U.S. and Mexico has been strong. I believe it can be even stronger," Obama declared after a lunch of tortilla soup.

In a statement after the meeting, spokesman Robert Gibbs said the president-elect pledged to find ways to work with Mexico to reduce drug-related violence, stop the flow of arms from the U.S. to Mexico and upgrade NAFTA with stronger labor and environmental provisions. Obama also said he was committed to working with Congress to fix the "broken U.S. immigration system," Gibbs said.



AP Photo

An emergency worker carries equipment away from a helicopter after it crashed on the campus of Texas A&M University on Monday afternoon on Jan. 12 in College Station, Texas.

Army chopper crash kills 1 at Teaxs A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — An Army Black Hawk helicopter crashed into a field on the campus of Texas A&M University during a field training exercise Monday, killing one person and injuring four others aboard.

The Army UH-60 helicopter crashed Monday near the Corps of Cadets field on the school's College Station campus, about 100 miles northwest of Houston. No students were among the injured.

A crew of four from the Army National Guard and an Army lieutenant assigned to the school's ROTC unit were the only ones aboard the

Black Hawk, Texas A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson said.

Sheila Rinard with College Station Medical Center said two of the crash victims were in critical condition and a third was in stable condition.

Another crash victim was at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan, a spokesman said. That person's condition wasn't immediately known. One person on the ground was hit by flying debris and suffered minor injuries, Stephenson said.

Officials did not release the names of the dead and injured.

Bush pushes for cash

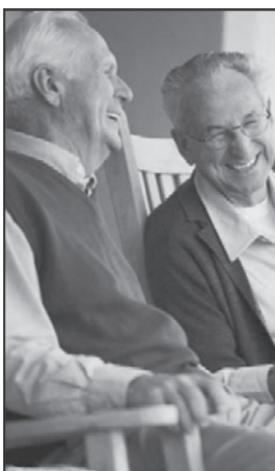
WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting at Barack Obama's behest, President George W. Bush on Monday asked Congress for the final \$350 billion in the financial bailout fund, effectively ceding economic reins to the president-elect in an extraordinary display of transition teamwork.

Obama also sharply criticized Bush's handling of the money and promised radical changes.

Bush's move sets the stage for Obama to get swift access to the \$350 billion and the opportunity to overhaul the much-criticized rescue package after taking office next Tuesday. Obama said that it would be "irresponsible ... to enter into the administration without any potential ammunition should there be some sort of emergency or weakening of the financial system."

Congress, where the use of the money has met stiff bipartisan skepticism, has 15 days to vote to reject the request.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., was considering holding a vote on a resolution of disapproval as early as Thursday in hopes it would be defeated thus making the funds available quicker.



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ISSUES

A Q&A on guns in national parks

BY TONY DAVIS
Arizona Daily Star

A new federal rule took effect last week, allowing people to carry loaded, concealed firearms in national parks in certain cases.

The rule has drawn two lawsuits. It's backed by many gun-rights groups, as well as the Bush administration, but is opposed by several groups representing current and former National Park Service employees.

Here are some answers to what the change means:

Q: What's the new rule?

A: You can carry loaded, concealed guns in a park controlled by the National Park Service or a wildlife refuge controlled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if the state laws where the parks and refuges are located allow concealed firearms and you have the proper concealed weapons permit. The rule change, however, does not allow the guns to be taken into federal buildings in the national parks and refuges. A ban remains on hunting and target shooting in national parks.

The new rule doesn't affect national monuments that are run by the Bureau of Land Management. BLM does not restrict firearms possession.

Since 1983, the federal government had allowed in national parks guns that weren't loaded, or that were in a trunk or otherwise inaccessible while driving. Before, no firearms were allowed in national parks.

Q: Why the change?

A: Interior Department spokesman Chris Paolino cited two letters signed by 51 U.S. senators saying the ban impinges on the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

Q: What does the change mean for the average person?

A: "I think it is impossible to predict" how many people will enter Saguaro National Park with loaded guns, said Sarah Craighead, the Arizona park's superintendent.

Some Saguaro staffers feel that some visitors may put themselves in hazardous situations knowing they are armed, said Bob Love, the park's chief ranger.

They're concerned that people with guns might shoot rattlesnakes and other wildlife, particularly since park staffers have heard a few visitors say things like "the only good snake is a dead snake," Love said.

In a letter to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva of Tucson, who is against the new rule, warned that the change could result in deadly confrontations or more gun accidents. Park Service law-enforcement agents will also be put at greater risk, he said.

Q: Are national parks dangerous?

A: Nationally, their crime rates are lower than many similarly sized communities, said Jerry Case, until recently the Park Service's chief of regulations. In Saguaro National Park, four assaults—but no rapes or murders—occurred from 2003 through 2007. Forty-nine serious crimes occurred then, including burglaries, larcenies, motor-vehicle thefts and robberies.

Q: What about the National Rifle Association?

A: The NRA believes that "law-abiding citizens and those who have gone through legal channels should not be prohibited from protecting themselves and their families while enjoying national parks," said NRA spokeswoman Rachel Parsons.

Q: What's next?

A: Lawsuits have been filed against the rule by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a gun-control advocacy group; and by the National Parks Conservation Association and the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees. They say the Interior Department violated federal law by not doing an environmental review.

Interior Secretary-designate and U.S. Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado didn't sign the letter advocating the new gun rule but told the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel in Colorado last month that he thought it was "sensible."

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100:2

Thought for today: "Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor."

Sholom Aleichem
Russian author-humorist (1859-1916)

Exit interview

Entering the West Wing reception area for my last interview with President George W. Bush is a surreal experience. There is no one there, other than two Secret Service agents, a White House police officer and a receptionist. The place used to teem with people eager for a moment with the commander in chief, now people speak in hushed tones.

Inside the Oval Office, I sit in the chair opposite the president's desk, the one reserved for visiting heads of state, the one, no doubt familiar to television viewers.

President Bush compares the fighting in Gaza to what occurred in Iraq: "As this young democracy (Iraq) was taking hold, terrorists, suicides, killers did what they thought was necessary to shake the will of the people ... to stop the advance of a free society. And yet, over time the Iraqi situation has gotten better and democracy is beginning to take hold."

The president remains optimistic that a Palestinian state can be created that will live in peace with Israel: "The definition of a state was being negotiated by (Israeli) Prime Minister (Ehud) Olmert and (Palestinian) President (Mahmoud) Abbas."

I ask him if the Palestinians in Gaza did not express their will by electing Hamas to lead them? He acknowledges they did, "in a relatively close election. But just remember, that vote wasn't on whether or not it was going to be war or peace. That vote was on who best can provide health and education. And I view that vote as a repudiation of the previous Fatah leadership, as well as a vote that said we are sick and tired of corruption, non-transparent-



Cal Thomas

cy, and we expect to be treated better." The president is convinced that the way to defeat the "propaganda" coming from the extremists is to create free societies and "better efforts on our part to clarify what our position is." I think this ignores a fundamental difference between the West and Islam. They believe we are prisoners of secularism and hedonism and that they are free within the bonds of Islam. But we move on.

Bush defends himself against a charge by a member of the Republican National Committee that he has behaved like a "socialist" because of his massive bailout spending. He says he still believes in less government spending, but when Henry Paulson, secretary of the U.S. Treasury, and Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, tell him that if he doesn't act, the result will be worse than the Great Depression, "you can sit there and say to yourself, 'well, I'm going to stick to principle and hope for the best, or I'm going to take the actions necessary to prevent the worst.'" He says the bigger deficit about which Americans should worry is the one he tried, but failed, to fix: Social Security and Medicare.

The president disagrees with his former secretary of state, Colin Powell, who has said Republicans should abandon the social issues, if they want to win again. "I have ... been a strong ... defender of the culture of life. And I believe

that's an important part of our party's future. I will be the first to concede that laws change only after hearts change." And yet he clearly believes that a GOP committed to conservative social values can help change hearts and, thus, laws.

President Bush suggests that Barack Obama will soon find that he must shift some of his positions from campaign rhetoric, particularly on the Bush doctrine of pre-emption: "I think the new administration will take a sober look at the world in which we live and come to the conclusions necessary to protect the homeland."

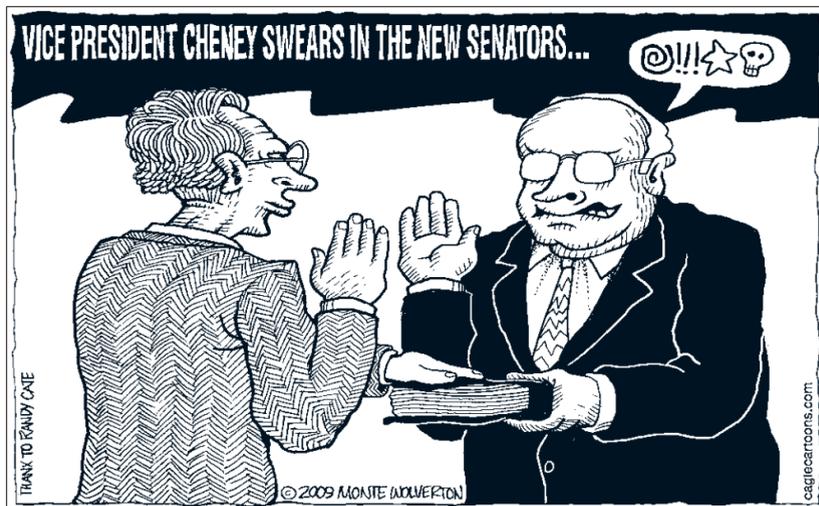
President-elect Obama has not asked him for advice, but Bush is "impressed by his demeanor and impressed by his love of his family. And I told him I'd be available after the presidency if he cared to ask my opinions. ... He's going to have to choose whose voices are most credible, as he sorts through these different issues that he'll face."

President Bush says he hasn't decided whether he will deliver a farewell address. He will, however, write a book. He regrets not tackling immigration reform before Social Security reform.

Saying he has been "strengthened by prayer" (his own and those of others) the president added, "...some days are happy, some days are not so happy, every day is joyous."

With that I leave America's greatest house, as will President Bush soon, to await the judgment of history. I suspect that judgment may be better than many now think.

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What makes for success?

What accounts for a writer who is just deliciously engaging? If Malcolm Gladwell, author of the new book "Outliers," were answering the question, he would say that success is a combination of luck and pluck—with a lot of hard work as the predicate.

We Americans, raised on rags to riches stories, tend to downplay the role of luck in stories of great achievement. We tend to think of success, particularly outstanding success, as the conquest of genius over all obstacles. We build metaphorical plinths for the Bill Gateses or the Bill Joys of the world. We tell stories about them that emphasize their precocity: "Bill Joy got a perfect score on the math portion of the SAT" and "Bill Gates started a computer company in his garage while still in his teens." What Gladwell shows is not that talent doesn't matter, but that great success is nearly always talent matched to good fortune.

He begins with the story of hockey players in Canada. The Canadians are mad for the sport and begin a vetting process for players as early as kindergarten. On the surface it looks like a perfect meritocracy. The kids from the youngest leagues who show ability are chosen for the best teams in the intermediate leagues, and so forth on up to the professional level. Except it isn't. Someone (a hockey mom) noticed a few years back that the kids in the teen league had something in common—more than 80 percent of them had birthdays in the first three months of the year. It turns out that because those kids were the largest and most coordinated at the age of 5, when the first "merit" cut was made for higher leagues, they got chosen. And because they then received better coaching and more ice time, they improved more than later born kids. Their initial lucky advantage was reinforced. The



Mona Charen

But birth dates—years, not months—play a surprisingly large role in other areas of achievement. Gladwell notes that to take advantage of the computer revolution, you had to be born in a year that prepared you to take advantage of the programming revolution. That revolution—from cumbersome cards that had to be hand-loaded to time-sharing multiple terminals connected by phone lines—happened around 1971. Bill Joy was at the University of Michigan at the time, one of the few campuses in the world that had such a computer. Joy spent thousands of hours in the computer center learning programming. He was in the right place at the right time. Those just a bit older were already working for IBM and stuck in an old paradigm. Those still in high school would miss the big moment. You'd need to be 20 or 21 in 1975. Now consider these birthdays: Bill Gates: 10/28/1955; Bill Joy: 11/8/1954; Steve Jobs: 2/24/1955. And many more.

Luck alone is never enough. All of the "outliers" are terrifically hard workers in addition to being smart enough (genius is not necessary).

In fact, if I understand Gladwell correctly, he'd probably put hard work above IQ when predicting success. In his chap-

ter on "Rice Paddies and Math Tests" he examines the cultural roots of the indisputable Asian advantage in math. There's a linguistic angle, but agriculture is central. To summarize, the cultivation of rice is a complex, demanding but rewarding form of farming. Unlike wheat or corn, rice is planted year round. And it requires mental as well as physical attention. The Asian pattern of rising before dawn to work all day all year long is thousands of years old. Now consider this: When students take the TIMSS test, an international test of math proficiency, they are also asked to fill out a questionnaire consisting of more than 120 questions. Many students don't bother to answer all the questions—but different countries have different rates of compliance. A researcher from the University of Pennsylvania noticed that the rate of compliance with the questionnaire and performance on the math test were exactly the same. In other words, as Gladwell explains, "we could predict precisely the order in which every country would finish in the Math Olympics without asking a single math question." The students who had the patience to answer the questionnaire completely also had the persistence to solve the math problems.

If this much hasn't piqued your curiosity, "Outliers" also contains an intriguing chapter on "The Ethnic Theory of Plane Crashes," and a moving story of a true genius, Chris Langan, who dropped out after a single year of college.

This is a great book by a writer who is obviously talented and hard-working. As to his luck, well, we are lucky to have him.

To find out more about Mona Charen and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2009. There are 352 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff during a snowstorm and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Ten years ago:

President Bill Clinton's legal team dispatched a formal trial brief to the Senate, arguing that neither "fact or law" warranted his removal from office.

Five years ago: Hostile fire brought down a U.S. Army Apache attack helicopter in Iraq, but the two crew members escaped injury.

One year ago:

President George W. Bush, visiting the United Arab Emirates, gently urged authoritarian Arab allies to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Liz Anderson is 79. Comedian Rip Taylor is 75. Actor Richard Moll is 66. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 48. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 48. Country singer Trace Adkins is 47. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 45. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 43. Actress Traci Bingham is 41. Actor Keith Coogan is 39. Actress Nicole Eggert is 37. Actor Orlando Bloom is 32.

Bradley will lead N. Murray High

By MARK MILLICAN

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Maria Bradley was named principal of North Murray High School during the first meeting of the new school board this year. A vote last October had ended in a 3-3 tie.

The high school on Mount Carmel Road is expected to be ready in the fall of 2010.

"I'm really excited and looking forward to it," said Bradley, who has been principal at Gladden Middle School since 2002. "I first interviewed for the job in July, so it was time for some closure."

The school board voted 4-0 for a package of personnel moves that included hiring Bradley, with Crystal Felty and Josh Young abstaining. New board members Ricky Mallett, Rebecca Whaley, Kay McCurdy and chairman Greg Shoemaker voted for the package. Elizabeth Gould did not attend the meeting.

Asked about Bradley, Felty said Monday, "I could not vote in support of everything that was in the package."

Young did not immediately return a phone call Monday afternoon.

Felty, Young and Gould voted against naming Bradley principal in October. Felty said then it was "not a personal thing against Dr. Bradley."

"With the new high



Maria Bradley

school, I just feel we have to get the absolute best person," she said then. "Hindsight is 20-20, but we don't always get that option as a board and I feel like we need to look at more options."

Superintendent Vickie Reed, Bradley's sister-in-law, recommended her for the position last fall. Former school board chairman Julius Weyman abstained from voting at that time since his wife worked on the Gladden staff under Bradley, resulting in the tie vote.

Reed did not immediately return a phone call Monday afternoon.

Bradley said she is moving forward in the areas of technology and sports.

"I will work for North Murray to become a 'smart showcase' school, which is a school that showcases technology," she said. "Gladden Middle was a smart showcase school, and I will be

making a case to the Smart Technology company that sponsors these schools to come to North Murray. What better place to showcase technology than a new high school?"

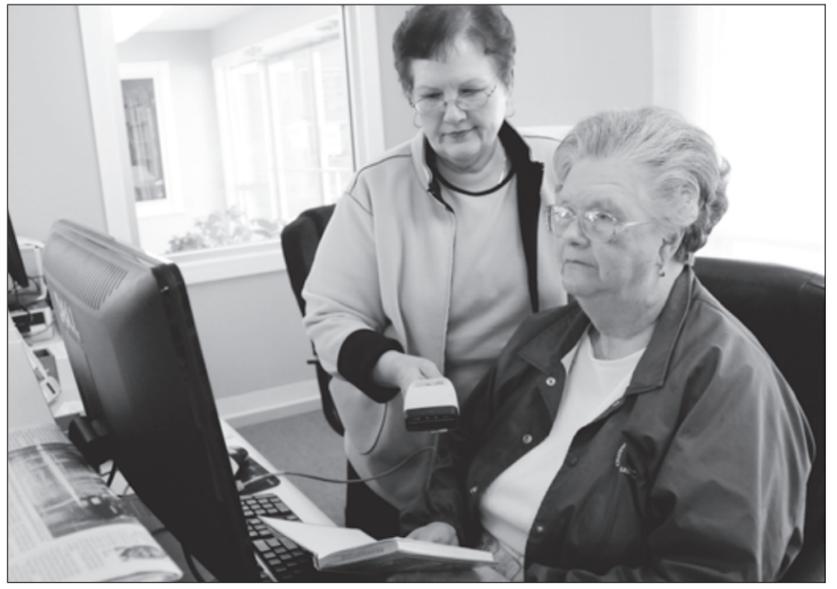
Bradley said she will fill a teacher's position with a person who will also serve as athletics director if the school board approves it.

"I'll be recommending an assistant principal and a guidance counselor, and also a teacher who will double as the athletic director," she said. "I feel like we're behind already, so we need to get moving."

North Murray will actually begin this fall in the halls of the current Ninth Grade Academy, which is in the old Bagley Middle School. Initially it will be comprised of ninth- and 10th-graders. Current Bagley eighth-graders will move into the high school.

"We'll be meeting to work on scheduling soon," said Bradley, "and also choosing (school) colors and a mascot. The first coach to be hired will be a head football coach."

The school is expected to cost around \$35 million. The school system will receive \$9.9 million from the state, and also continue to sell bonds — a total of \$15 million at this point — that will be repaid with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds.



Matt Hamilton/ The Daily Citizen

Pat Ausmus, right, director of the Chatsworth-Murray County Library, scans books with Vicki McDonald.

Murray library opens new genealogy wing

By MARK MILLICAN
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CHATSWORTH — Elaine Poag wasn't ready for what she saw when she entered the expanded and remodeled Chatsworth-Murray County Library.

"When I first walked in, I had to ask if I was really in the Murray County library," she said with a laugh. "I think it's fabulous! Everything is at your fingertips and the staff is eager to help."

Poag said she was especially interested in the Anderson-Anderson History Room, where extensive genealogical records are available for research. The history room is in memory of H.H. Anderson and Thomas Parker Anderson, both prominent figures in Murray County history. H.H. Anderson was a former state representative and Chatsworth city councilman, said librarian Pat Ausmus. Thomas Parker Anderson served on the county's board of education and board of tax assessors, as well as the World War II ration board. They were not related by blood, but H.H. Anderson's son did marry Thomas

For more information, call (706) 695-4200. The library is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. -noon on Saturdays.

Parker Anderson's daughter, said Murray historian Tim Howard.

"It's marvelous to have this information in your own library," Poag said as she pored over the histories of the Morris and Jackson families. Morris is Poag's maid-tips and the staff is eager to help."

The library, at 706 Old Dalton-Ellijay Road, reopened on Monday. A dedication of the new wing is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2:30 p.m. and the public is invited.

The expansion and remodeling, covering 2,000 square feet, took four months and cost \$235,000. It was paid for through the 2006 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). Library director Pat Ausmus is glad to be open with one-third more space than before.

"The original completion date was Dec. 15," she said, "and we've put a lot of emphasis on being open. We had the staff here working just to answer calls and to

help get the inside ready to go. And people could still drop books off. But it would have been a safety hazard to open any sooner."

An entrance way that included a new canopy held up the project, said Martin Horner of Horner Construction in Adairsville.

"It was 99 percent done for four or five weeks," he said. "But we had to wait for the canopy, which came from Cincinnati and was delayed."

Howard also serves as a library board member. He said the library was closed "much longer than we would have liked," but is glad for the expanded space that also includes additional computers along with the research materials.

"The history room was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Turner Warmack, who made a gracious donation to the new library wing," he said, "and will be an area devoted to research and genealogical material."

THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 8473.8 ▼ 125.4

Monday's NASDAQ: 1538.8 ▼ 32.8

	Friday	Monday		14.15	13.79
Gold	847.2	827	Intel	14.15	13.79
Silver	11.11	11.32	IBM	84.70	85.71
Acuity	32.77	31.37	Interface	4.31	4.21
AAir	4.45	4.39	JCP	20.94	20.68
Apple	90.58	88.66	JNJ	59.05	58.34
AT&T	26.88	25.94	Kroger	24.81	24.51
BAC	12.97	11.43	Lowe's	21.19	20.23
BB&T	23.04	22.17	McDonalds	60.07	60.16
BP	47.13	45.7	Merck	28.73	28.5
BristolMyers	22.35	22.15	Microsoft	19.52	19.47
HP-Compaq	37.49	36.98	Motorola	40.61	39.62
Chevron	72.78	70.82	Region-Fin	7.17	7.02
CocaCola	44.60	43.74	Rock-Tenn.	30.26	29.91
ConAgra	16.73	16.53	Sara Lee	10.03	9.96
ColonialBnk	2	1.89	SouthernCo	35.53	35.79
Coke Ent.	12.20	11.77	Synovous	6.67	6.61
CrackerBrl	19.28	17.92	SunTrust	25.56	23.67
CrwnCrafts	2.27	2.28	Torchmark	42.86	41.03
CSX	34.50	32.22	Total Sys	14.23	14.31
Dell	11.12	10.65	UPS	50.93	50.65
Delta	11.76	11.3	Vulcan	61.17	57.17
Dixie Group	2.06	1.89	Verizon	32.15	31.79
Dow	15.81	15.76	Wachovia	NA	NA
Duke	15.27	15.37	Wal-Mart	51.54	51.39
DuPont	25.41	24.93	Wendy's	5.11	5.10
Earthlink	7.11	7.06	Yum	30.63	30.52
Ericsson	7.89	7.53	Xerox	8.73	8.27
Exxon	77.57	76.54			
Ford	2.63	2.64			
FSG	5	4.99			
GE	16	15.83			
GM	4.03	4.15			
Goodyear	7.63	6.74			
HomeDepot	23.86	22.97			

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Grinch back on Wall St.

NEW YORK (AP) — So much for the Santa Claus rally.

A run-up at the end of the 2008 that had some investors hoping the worst was over is crumbling on fear that corporate profit reports arriving this week will signal a recovery in the economy is further off than Wall Street had hoped.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the fourth session Monday as oil prices tumbled and as worries about the financial sector grew. So far this year, the Dow is down 3.5 percent. Stocks are still up sharply from late November but investors are quick to look for subtle shifts in the market after the terrible run for stocks last year.

A drop in oil added to the pessimism Monday. Crude fell 8 percent to a new low for the year as investors bet economic weakness would

curb demand. Wall Street normally welcomes falling oil as a boost for consumers who pay less to put gas in their car, but steep drops can touch off deeper fears in the fragile psyche of the market: if oil falls too much it's a sign that the global economy is showing no signs of improvement.

Stocks have lost ground since the Dow rose 19.6 percent from late November to the first part of 2009 — a year-end advance often referred to as a Santa Claus rally. With so many unknowns about when the economy might recover, analysts say most investors prefer to wait until they get a better read on companies' quarterly numbers and, more important, their forecasts.

Wall Street is expecting fourth-quarter and full-year earnings will be particularly bleak.

Search on for hunters

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Whether it was football or duck hunting, high school classmates Trevor Williams and Tyler Heathcott did it together.

But Saturday, what started as a fun day of hunting on a western Kentucky lake ended when their boat capsized, killing Williams and leaving Heathcott barely conscious when he was plucked from the cold water.

Two other young hunters aboard the boat had not been found as of Monday evening.

Williams and Heathcott, both seniors, started two seasons on the offensive line for the Mayfield High School football team, said head coach Joe Morris. Williams played center, and Heathcott was next to him at left guard. Morris said he was told one of the missing hunters also was a football player.

He called the three good friends who loved the outdoors "quality kids who had a great work ethic."

"We all knew they hunted all the time," Morris said. "That's what they enjoyed doing."

Searchers found the body of the 18-year-old Williams in Little Bear Creek on Kentucky Lake, said Marshall County Coroner Mitchell Lee.

It was Shane James who pulled Heathcott out of the choppy waters onto a pontoon boat about 300 to 400 yards from shore. James was remodeling a house near Kentucky Lake in Gilbertsville when a neighbor alerted him that someone was in the water.

Traffic light unveiled

The city of Dalton public works department will turn on the traffic signal at Shugart Road and Home Depot Drive today between 10 and 11 a.m., city officials said.

King Service set for Sunday

The Concerned Clergy of Greater Whitfield County will hold a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ecumenical Service on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 2014 M.L. King Jr. Blvd. in Dalton. The Rev. Nimm Russell, pastor of Thankful Baptist Church in Rome, will be the preacher.

For more information, call Pastor Erma Raymond, president of the Concerned Clergy of Greater Whitfield County, at (706) 264-

4903.

Library to close on Monday

The Dalton-Whitfield Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The library will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m.

Garbage pickup altered

The city of Dalton public works department will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, Jan. 19. No garbage or recycling will be picked up that day. The department will pick up Monday's garbage and recycling on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's garbage and recycling will be picked up on the scheduled day.

LOCAL BRIEFS

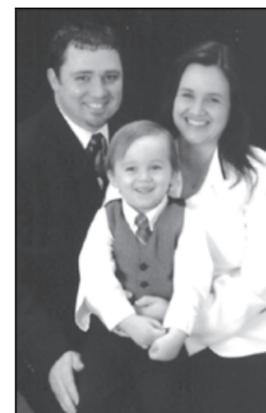
AJC names new publisher

ATLANTA (AP) — Doug Franklin, executive vice president of Cox Newspapers, has been named publisher of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

He succeeds 51-year-old John Mellott, who is retiring after 22 years with Cox, the company said Monday.

Franklin, also 51, is a former publisher at Cox papers.

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(By Frank K. Wood)

If you suffer from bloating, abdominal cramps, chronic constipation or diarrhea, varicose leg veins, digestive spasms, fatigue, or symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), you need *The Complete Guide to Digestive Health*, an informative new book just released to the public by FC&A Medical Publishing® in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Intestinal problems? Learn about important new research discoveries that identify which foods are your allies and which foods are your enemies, including information about what you should avoid drinking. Discover what you can do to clean out your intestines, ease stress, and calm your digestive system. And find out how you can soothe an irritable bowel just by sipping this beverage.

The authors provide many health tips with full explanations.

- ▶ Two-cent colon cleanser!
- ▶ Eat this kind of cereal daily, and help prevent constipation, colon cancer ... even weight gain!
- ▶ Make these simple changes and be rid of gas!
- ▶ Belching and bloating — they could be warning signs of up to 7 hidden health problems.
- ▶ Constipation? Discover a natural cure that's better than fiber!
- ▶ Simple (and free) way to slash your heart attack risk in half!
- ▶ Lower blood pressure ... fewer ulcers ... less colitis ... just some of the benefits of letting yourself do this.
- ▶ 12 ways to ease stress and calm digestion.
- ▶ Sweep artery-clogging cholesterol out of your body with this type of super-absorbent fiber.
- ▶ Put a stop to constipation with as little as one tablespoon a day of this mystery food.
- ▶ Does your digestive system benefit more from savory breads and cereals or from scrumptious fruits and vegetables? The answer may surprise you!
- ▶ Vitamins and minerals may keep you from getting colon cancer, even if this awful killer runs in your family.
- ▶ Drop pounds and ditch heartburn with these good fats.
- ▶ Irritable bowel syndrome? Check here for another common disorder that could be your real problem.
- ▶ Like red meat? You can still lower cancer risks by adding this to your plate.
- ▶ Soothing bedtime drink can help you sleep and relieve digestive problems.
- ▶ One tiny seed protects against constipation and diarrhea; soothes stomachaches; eases indigestion and heartburn; relieves cramps; reduces gas ... plus, it lowers your risk of colon cancer!
- ▶ Heal your body, improve digestion, moisturize skin, help control weight, and it's free.
- ▶ Chew this at every meal for a happy, healthy colon.
- ▶ How to prevent the embarrassment of a leaky bladder!
- ▶ Serve safe spuds ... foil-wrapped potato can spell danger.
- ▶ These herbs may actually be better at relieving gas than some commercial products. Find out what they are.
- ▶ What food should you definitely banish from your table if you are subject to intestinal gases? (And that food isn't beans!)
- ▶ Learn about the secret "sponge" in your
- digestive tract that absorbs water and prevents constipation.
- ▶ Lower cancer risk and reduce polyps ... bone up on this mineral for healthy intestines.
- ▶ Don't poison yourself with over-the-counter antacids, laxatives, or pain relievers. Find out which ones to watch out for.
- ▶ This disease, often misdiagnosed as irritable bowel syndrome, can cause malnutrition, bloating — even cancer! How diet changes can reverse its symptoms.
- ▶ Eyes bigger than your stomach? Find relief with this herb after over-eating.
- ▶ Cinnamon spice is nice ... except to bacteria — nips *E. coli* in the bud!
- ▶ For years, doctors told patients suffering from irritable bowel syndrome — or "spastic colon" — to eat more bran. Now it turns out that bran only makes IBS worse! The good news is that new research affirms the healing power of several other foods for IBS.
- ▶ When eating bananas could be deadly!
- ▶ Oregano a day ... beats an apple. See how much to sprinkle on.
- ▶ Beans are very, very good for you. Economical, too! Now enjoy them without embarrassing side effects.
- ▶ A gentle, natural laxative that works over-night. Get out the orange juice and add this.
- ▶ A food that keeps you regular: It helps you conquer constipation and diarrhea!
- ▶ Bowels too sluggish ... or too speedy? Either way, this super fruit may help.
- ▶ The Biblical fruit that helps beat colon cancer ... it has more antioxidants than green tea, and it's sweet and chewy!
- ▶ Here's a diet plan to reduce constipation, varicose veins, and hemorrhoids.
- ▶ Soothe an irritable bowel just by sipping this beverage!
- ▶ Revamp that "To Do" list ... and shake off stress!
- ▶ Put the lid on muscle spasms with tea. Find out which type to brew.
- ▶ Tiny, tasty warrior against cancer! This "true blue" food may battle colon, esophagus, liver, and stomach cancers. Scientific research!
- ▶ Eat more of this and you'll feel full longer, and eat less fat! Leading researcher confirms it!
- ▶ Sleep on this side to reduce acid reflux.
- ▶ Even heat won't kill this bacteria's toxins ... be alert to be food safe.
- ▶ Small but mighty fruit ... just eat 5 to get more than one third of your daily fiber!
- ▶ Cinnamon relieves digestive problems. Sprinkle it on your favorite pastries to fight upset stomach and diarrhea.
- ▶ Lycopene in citrus and tomatoes fights cancer, but if you can't handle the acid, try these instead.
- ▶ Slow down aging ... in your gut! This cool California snack could do the trick.
- ▶ The ordinary snack to keep your bowels healthier.
- ▶ Say "Bam!" with garlic ... kills bacteria behind this nagging stomach condition.
- ▶ Neutralize stomach discomfort with this safe, natural herb. It's been used for generations in homes that place a high value on natural good health. Fights cancer, too.
- ▶ This condiment is a powerful antiseptic that acts against infectious diseases and relieves the feeling of being bloated.
- ▶ Mix in this fruit to make moister meatballs ... even with ground turkey!

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“HONEY Can Heal WHAT?”

(By Frank K. Wood)

If you want to learn how to use gentle folk remedies to unleash your body's healing power instead of resorting to dangerous prescription drugs or risky surgery, you need *The Folk Remedy Encyclopedia*.

You'll be amazed by how many inexpensive, easy, natural cures you can find all around you — in your pantry, garden, garage, and grocery store.

- ▶ A natural way to rejuvenate your veins and arteries that will have you feeling brand new.
- ▶ That "spare tire" is doing more than just slowing you down ... it raises your risk of many life-threatening illnesses! Burn it off without gut-wrenching sit-ups or grueling fitness regimens.
- ▶ One super vitamin protects your vision, fights infections, keeps skin, bones, and cells healthy, plus fights heart disease, cancer, memory loss, arthritis, liver disease, Parkinson's, and complications of diabetes. Are you getting 100%?
- ▶ Miracle healing seed lowers blood pressure, reduces risk of stroke, plus fights arthritis, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stomach disorders, and even mental problems!
- ▶ Prevent high blood pressure, colon cancer, senility, and fragile bones. All with one — yes, one — inexpensive daily supplement that keeps you healthy and strong.
- ▶ Nature's wonder food for your body — once praised by Gandhi. Fights heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, arthritis, type 2 diabetes, and even protects against breast, colon, and prostate cancer!
- ▶ Clogged arteries virtually disappear when you add this to your life every day.
- ▶ Here's the secret to naturally block out calories from foods. Just add this when you eat — and watch the weight melt away.
- ▶ It protects your heart, lowers your cholesterol, fights cancer, and much more! Researchers take a good look at this "miracle" mineral.
- ▶ Kills cancer cells dead in their tracks! Duke University study proves this tiny

seed packs a powerful punch!

- ▶ Just 2 glasses a day of (you won't believe this — but it's true!) lowers your cholesterol and prevents heart attacks too!
- ▶ Trick your body into losing weight! Melts off fat safely, naturally, and best yet, easily.
- ▶ Give your brain the nutrients it needs for a better memory. Don't let your brain deteriorate when you can so easily power it up.
- ▶ Discover an antioxidant that's so powerful for your eyes that it fights night blindness, cloudy corneas, and can even successfully treat an eye disorder that leads to blindness!
- ▶ What you should never eat when taking this prescription drug. This is critical news you won't hear from your doctor or pharmacist!
- ▶ You can improve your eyesight without glasses, without contact lenses, surgery, drugs, or medicine of any kind.
- ▶ Tomato juice for high cholesterol? Yes, tomato juice can keep your cholesterol from oxidizing and attaching to your artery walls. A new study shows how much you need to drink each day.
- ▶ Rebuild your joints and relieve arthritis pain. Natural ways to help your body repair itself.
- ▶ Unclog your arteries with purple grape juice! Studies show that purple grapes can reduce blood clotting by 91%.
- ▶ The amazing healing power of honey. It's not just a sweetener anymore. Use it to cure these 4 common problems.
- ▶ Frustrated because you can't lose weight? Forget dieting! Just "fluff" up your foods instead and watch the pounds drop off. Pennsylvania State University study.
- ▶ Keep your arteries clean with this simple bean!

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OBITUARIES

- **Chad Beckman, Chatsworth**
- **John Buckles, Cohutta**
- **Harriett Elizabeth "Betty" Hall, Chatsworth**
- **Edith Mozelle Higgins, Dawnville**
- **James Howard "Johnny" Johns, Dalton**
- **A.C. Kile, Hiawassee**
- **Paul Sparks, Ringgold**
- **Ethel Heartsell Swanson, Chatsworth**
- **Bethel Earl Amonett of Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Chad Beckman

Mr. Chad Beckman, 30, of Chatsworth, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. Arrangements will be made by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory of Chatsworth.

John Buckles

Mr. John Buckles, 64, of Cohutta, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory of Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Harriett Elizabeth "Betty" Hall

Harriett Elizabeth "Betty" Hall, 91, of Chatsworth, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, in Murray Medical Center. Memorial services will be announced.

Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of funeral arrangements. www.legacy.com

Edith Mozelle Higgins Norton Fountain

Mrs. Edith Mozelle Higgins Norton Fountain, 89, of Dawnville, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jobe and Emma Higgins; husbands, Fletcher Norton and Jessie Fountain; brothers, J.W., William, Charlie and

Richard Higgins; sister, Beulah Little; son, Tommy Norton; stepson, Bobby Fountain; grandson, Terry Hasty.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Jo Brown of Chattanooga, Clara and Grady Thomas and Veronica Jewel, all of Dalton; sons, Vincent and Melinda Norton of Resaca and David Johnston of Chatsworth; stepchildren, Scottie Fountain of Chickamauga, Jessie Lee Fountain of Summerville and Bonnie Merrill of Atlanta; sister, Lula Bell Hawkins; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren. Special caregivers were her granddaughters, Linda Johnson of Dalton and Tona Norton of Ringgold.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Ricky Kisor and the Rev. Danny Lowrance officiating.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. in the Carolina Campground Cemetery in Summerville.

The family will receive friends today from 5 to 9 p.m.

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James Howard "Johnny" Johns

Mr. James Howard "Johnny" Johns, 83, of Dalton, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Johns was the founder of John's Barbecue, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Navy for three years and of the Methodist faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Andrew and Sybil Elrod Johns, and a sister, Irene Ridley.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Lillian Hall Johns; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Betty Johns of Eton; grandchildren, Andy and Neicy Johns of Chatsworth and Jill and David Wagner of Dalton; great-grandchildren, Shea, David and Brynna Wagner and Nicole and Drew Johns; great-great-granddaughter,

Bryleigh Nicole Burnett; stepgrandchildren, Tiffany and Corey Roddy; sister, Ora Bell Brogan of Ooltewah, Tenn.; special niece who cared for him in his last days, Brenda Hall; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Services are Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Hall and the Rev. B.W. Ridley officiating.

Burial will be in the Treadwell Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Ned, Randy, David, Tommy and Nelson Hall, Ralph Ridley and Kenneth Brogan.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 4 to 9 p.m.

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A.C. Kile

Mr. A.C. Kile, 83, of Hiawassee, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Kile was born Thursday, April 16, 1925, in Whitfield County to the late John C. and Daisy (Pierce) Kile. Mr. Kile attended Macedonia Baptist Church. He was a WW II Army veteran, serving in the 88th Chemical Mortar Battalion in the Pacific Theater.

Survivors include wife Mabel Kile of Hiawassee; daughters, Helen Christian of McDonough and Jerri Cooper of Dalton; son, A.C. Kile Jr. of Conyers; and sisters, Irene Duckworth of Dalton and Zelma Robinson of Dayton, Ohio. Six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Services are today at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Cochran Funeral Home of Hiawassee with the Rev. Harold Ledford officiating.

Burial will be in Laurel Hills Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers are Ronnie Christian, Spence Kile, Steven Kile, Kevin Cooper, Paul Bell, Duane Chatelain, Jeff Robinson and Mitchell Thomason.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Cochran Funeral Home of Hiawassee is in charge of arrangements. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com. www.legacy.com

Paul Sparks

Officer Paul Sparks, 54, of Ringgold, Ga., and formerly of Dalton, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Sparks.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Suzanne Sparks of Ringgold; sons and daughters-in-law, Paul Bailey Sparks and Martha of Nashville, Tenn., Billy Harton and Kristi of Anderson, S.C.; daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Patrick Perry of Augusta, Ga.; Paul's pride and joy, grandson, Harrison Perry; mother, Vivian Sparks of Dalton; brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Sabra Sparks of Dalton; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Dalton First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Wilson, the Rev. Ray Camp and Officer Randy Evans officiating. The family will receive friends in the atrium of the church Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

The family requests flowers be omitted and Paul's wish is for memorials to be made in his memory for his nephew who was killed in an automobile accident, to the Sam Cox Memorial Scholarship Trust, c/o Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation, P.O. Box 8066, Dothan, AL 36304.

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

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

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Ethel Heartsell Swanson

Mrs. Ethel Heartsell Swanson, 95, of Chatsworth, passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at her residence.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Swanson; a sister, Frances Heartsell; a brother, Starlin Heartsell; and a grandson, David Swanson.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Edna Swanson of Chatsworth; granddaughter, Melinda Baisden and husband Ricky Baisden; step-grandson, Tracy Wheat and wife, Amy Wheat; stepgreat-grandchildren, Isaac Wheat and Cady Wheat; and a sister, Mary Richardson of Chatsworth.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Doug Meyer and Dr. J. Estill Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Murray Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

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Bethel Earl Amonett

Mr. Bethel Earl Amonett, age 86, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Saturday evening, Jan. 10, 2009 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Amonett was born Aug. 16, 1922 in Pickett County, Tenn., a son of the late Arkley Brumlow and Ora Winningham Amonett.

He was also preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Mae Williams Amonett.

Mr. Amonett was retired from Bearden Electric Service and was a member of the West View Baptist Church.

He proudly served his country during World War II

in the U.S. Army, having received the Purple Heart from his injuries in Germany.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Charles Sanford, Ronda and Rathel Daves, all of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Earl and Judy Amonett, of Calhoun, Charles and Wanda Amonett, of Resaca, Don and Judy Amonett, of Dalton, Mike and Shelley Amonett, of Cohutta; sisters, Alene Dean, of Kenova, W.V., Novella Crane, of Monroe; sisters-in-law, Helen Brindle, Grace West, Doris Greene, all of Dalton, and Kathleen Hasty, of Rocky Face; special friend Gerthal Stover, of Dalton; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Bethel Earl Amonett will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Revs. Bob Monroe and Charles Rogers officiating.

He will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens. His grandsons, Scott Amonett, Danny Amonett, Kevin Daves, Monty Sanford, Junior Sanford, Adam Sanford, Nick Amonett, Rham Amonett, John Amonett and Scot Silvers will serve as pallbearers.

Military graveside honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #112. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today.

Please visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with the Amonett family.

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Israeli troops move in

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops advanced into Gaza suburbs for the first time early Tuesday, residents said, hours after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert warned Islamic militants of an "iron fist" unless they agree to Israel's terms to end the fighting.

Hamas showed no signs of wavering, however, with its leader, Ismail Haniyeh, saying the militants were "closer to victory."

Despite the tough words, Egypt said it was making slow but sure progress in brokering a truce, and special Mideast envoy Tony Blair said elements were in place for a cease-fire.

Sounds of the battle could be heard clearly before dawn Tuesday around the city of 400,000 as the Israeli forces, backed by artillery and attack helicopters, moved into neighborhoods east and south of Gaza City. Israeli gunboats shelled the coast from the west.

The Palestinian residents told The Associated Press that Israeli tanks rolled into



Israeli reservists rest near Israel's border with Gaza, in southern Israel on Monday.

public areas of the Tel Hawwa neighborhood, pushing back militants. Tens of thousands of Palestinians live in apartment buildings in the neighborhood south of Gaza City.

One of the residents, Khader Mussa, 35, told The Associated Press by telephone that he saw two apartment buildings on fire. He said he was huddling in the basement of his building with 25 other people, including his pregnant wife and his parents. "The gates of hell have opened," he said. "God help us."

Several other buildings were on fire, witnesses said, including a lumberyard. Thick smoke blanketed the area.

The Israeli military confirmed that a battle was in progress but gave no details.

On Monday, as diplomats struggled for traction in truce efforts, Olmert stood within Hamas rocket range and said Israel would only end military operations if Hamas stops rocketing Israel, as it has done for years, and is unable to rearm after combat subsides.

"Anything else will be met with the Israeli people's iron fist," Olmert said. "We will continue to strike with full strength."

QUILT SHOWS OFF CAR



Misty Watson/ The Daily Citizen

Lois Bradford looks at a quilt made by Myra Holder showcasing the restoration of Hammond Johnson's 1957 Chevy Bel Air during the Family Heritage Quilt Exhibit at the Whitfield County senior center Monday. The quilts will be on display through Thursday.

Mexico auto production up

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's auto production rose in 2008 as new export markets offset falling sales to the United States, but the industry faces a sharp decline this year with the economic crisis taking hold around the globe, industry officials said Monday.

Mexico produced 2,102,801 light vehicles in 2008, up 4 percent from 2,022,241 in 2007, according to the Mexican Auto Industry Association. Exports were up 2.5

percent, to 1,665,133.

Mexico sends 70 percent of its vehicles to the United States, but that reliance has started to ease in recent years. While exports to the U.S. fell 2.4 percent last year, they increased 27 percent to Canada and 10 percent to Europe. Exports to other Latin American countries rose 20 percent.

But association president Eduardo Solis said Mexico's industry will not escape a huge contraction this year.

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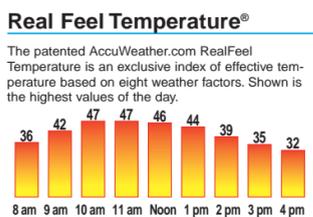
AccuWeather.com® 5-Day forecast for Dalton

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
46° 26°	48° 26°	35° 16°	36° 18°	43° 23°
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Colder	Sunshine; cold	Partly sunny

Almanac
Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.

Temperature:
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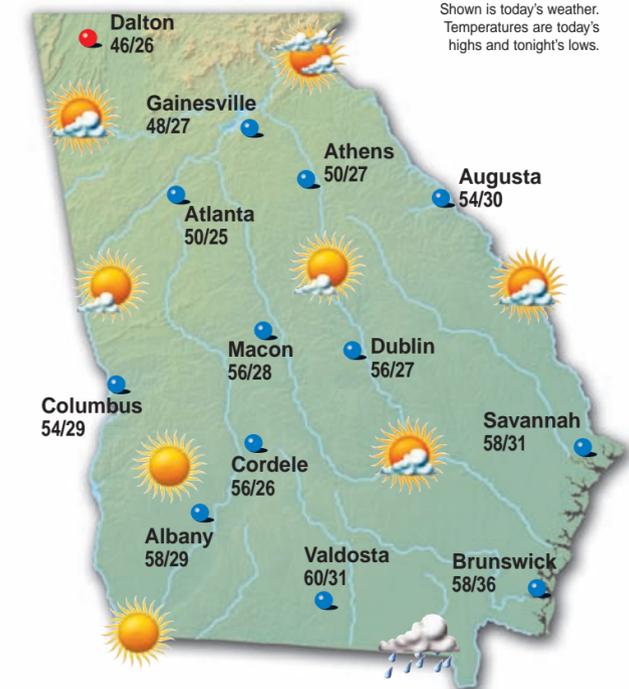
Moon Phases

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Weather History
Temperatures soared to 70 degrees in central Pennsylvania on Jan. 13, 1932. In colder regions, the greatest chance of unseasonable warmth is from Jan. 7-10 and from Jan. 20-26.

Weather Trivia™
Q: What is the lowest temperature ever recorded in Death Valley?

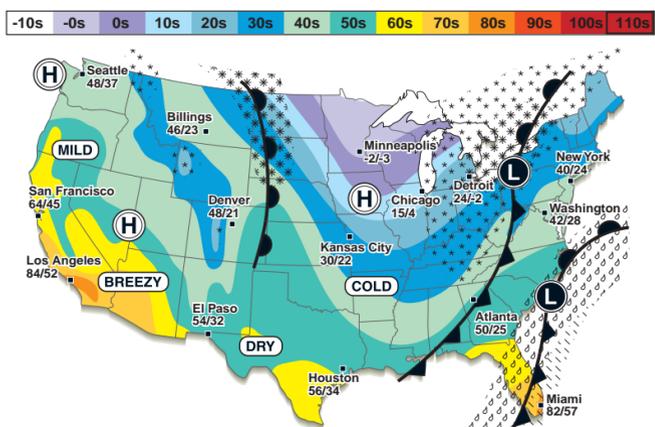
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
Albany	58/29/s	54/26/s	52/17/s	La Grange	50/27/s	48/22/s	42/14/s
Atlanta	50/25/s	48/30/s	42/18/s	Macon	56/28/s	54/29/s	49/18/s
Athens	50/27/pc	50/29/s	48/20/s	Marietta	50/24/s	48/27/s	41/17/s
Augusta	54/30/c	53/27/s	50/16/s	Newton	58/27/s	56/27/s	52/18/s
Brunswick	58/36/r	51/32/s	56/28/s	Rome	46/28/pc	49/25/s	40/16/s
College Park	50/25/s	48/30/s	42/18/s	Savannah	58/31/r	53/30/s	55/21/s
Columbus	54/29/s	52/30/s	49/19/s	Sparta	53/25/s	53/29/s	49/18/s
Gainesville	48/27/pc	46/29/s	41/15/s	Valdosta	60/31/pc	57/24/s	53/21/s

National Weather for January 13, 2009



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

City	Today			Wed.			Thu.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Albany	33/14/sn	17/3/pc	12/2/sn	38/27/s	49/22/s	29/12/s	38/27/s	49/22/s	
Anchorage	21/19/sn	28/23/sn	29/26/sn	21/19/sn	28/23/sn	29/26/sn	21/19/sn	28/23/sn	
Baltimore	45/24/c	30/18/pc	33/10/pc	45/24/c	30/18/pc	33/10/pc	45/24/c	30/18/pc	
Billings	46/23/c	27/12/sn	36/26/pc	46/23/c	27/12/sn	36/26/pc	46/23/c	27/12/sn	
Boise	40/26/pc	35/27/s	46/28/s	40/26/pc	35/27/s	46/28/s	40/26/pc	35/27/s	
Buffalo	32/6/sn	12/4/sn	5/0/sf	32/6/sn	12/4/sn	5/0/sf	32/6/sn	12/4/sn	
Charlotte	48/26/c	46/26/s	46/17/pc	48/26/c	46/26/s	46/17/pc	48/26/c	46/26/s	
Cheyenne	42/24/pc	35/14/c	37/22/pc	42/24/pc	35/14/c	37/22/pc	42/24/pc	35/14/c	
Chicago	15/4/sf	14/3/sn	3/-3/pc	15/4/sf	14/3/sn	3/-3/pc	15/4/sf	14/3/sn	
Cincinnati	32/13/sf	30/14/sn	14/1/c	32/13/sf	30/14/sn	14/1/c	32/13/sf	30/14/sn	
Cleveland	32/8/sn	20/10/sn	11/2/sf	32/8/sn	20/10/sn	11/2/sf	32/8/sn	20/10/sn	
Dallas	52/31/s	57/28/s	38/21/pc	52/31/s	57/28/s	38/21/pc	52/31/s	57/28/s	
Denver	48/21/pc	44/13/pc	40/21/pc	48/21/pc	44/13/pc	40/21/pc	48/21/pc	44/13/pc	
Detroit	24/-2/pc	13/4/sn	5/1/sf	24/-2/pc	13/4/sn	5/1/sf	24/-2/pc	13/4/sn	
Indianapolis	27/11/sf	24/7/sn	7/-3/c	27/11/sf	24/7/sn	7/-3/c	27/11/sf	24/7/sn	
Kansas City	30/22/c	29/0/sf	14/2/pc	30/22/c	29/0/sf	14/2/pc	30/22/c	29/0/sf	
Las Vegas	65/39/s	66/41/s	69/41/s	65/39/s	66/41/s	69/41/s	65/39/s	66/41/s	
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Memphis	38/27/s	49/22/s	29/12/s	38/27/s	49/22/s	29/12/s	38/27/s	49/22/s	
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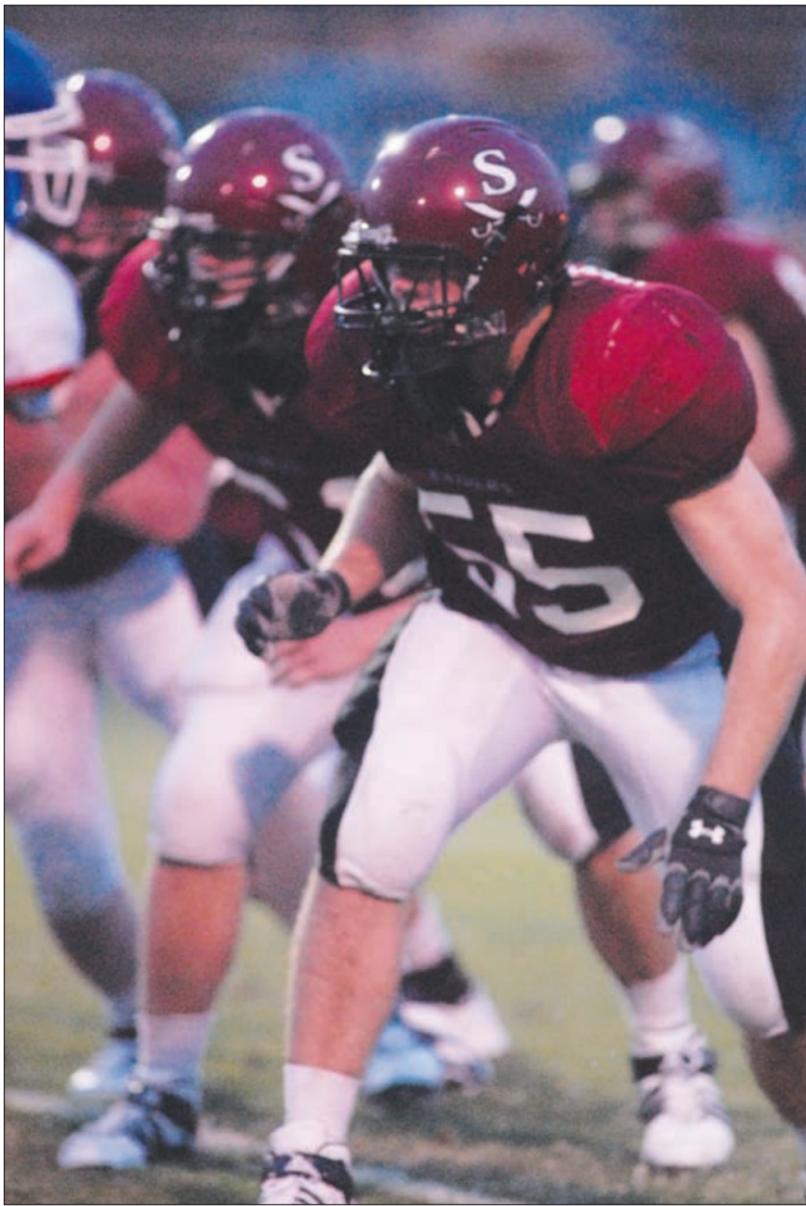
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AREA SPOTLIGHT: JIMMY NUSSBAUMER



Southeast senior lineman Jimmy Nussbaumer (55) won't play football when he attends the U.S. Military Academy at West Point later this year, but he said the sport taught him leadership skills he believes have prepared him for his time at the academy. Nussbaumer went through a rigorous application process to earn his spot at West Point.

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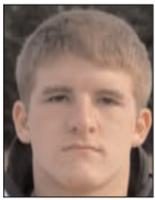
SE lineman takes leadership, lessons of sport to West Point

BY ADAM KROHN

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If you're pursuing a spot at the U.S. Military Academy, you face an obstacle course of tough qualifications.

Simply put, it's a lot harder to get into West Point than most colleges.



Nussbaumer

The academy, located on the west bank of the Hudson River and 40 miles north of New York City, has higher standards than simply an outstanding grade point average or test score. The people who decide whether you'll be admitted want to know what your leadership credentials are, how many push-ups you can do and how fast you run a mile.

And here's one more big requirement: Which United States senator or congressman nominated you?

According to the academy's official Web site at www.usdma.edu, more than 13,000 candidates open files for admission into the academy each year; only 5,000 receive congressional or service-connected nominations.

The bar for admission into West

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Point is high, but a local athlete from Dalton — Southeast High football standout Jimmy Nussbaumer, who started at offensive lineman for the Raiders from 2006-08 — had all of the credentials required and earned acceptance into the academy. Nussbaumer learned of the news last Thursday.

While going through the application process, Nussbaumer secured not only one coveted legislator's nomination, but two — the first came from Senator Saxby Chambliss in October and the other from Congressman Nathan Deal in December.

Though Nussbaumer is honored to have the opportunity of attending West Point, he will have to make some sacrifices, one of which is walking away from football. The door to playing football at the academy wasn't completely closed to Nussbaumer, but he decided to focus solely on his studies.

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PRO FOOTBALL: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Dungy walks away, asks for 'no tears'

BY MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy always considered football just a career path.

Not his life's mission.

On Monday, Dungy began the transition from head coach to full-time dad and devoted volunteer by announcing his retirement after seven years leading the Indianapolis Colts.

"We just felt this was the right time," Dungy said. "Don't shed any tears for me. I got to live a dream most people don't get to live."

The move triggered a succession plan Indianapolis put in place a year ago, making Jim Caldwell, the associate head coach, Dungy's replacement.

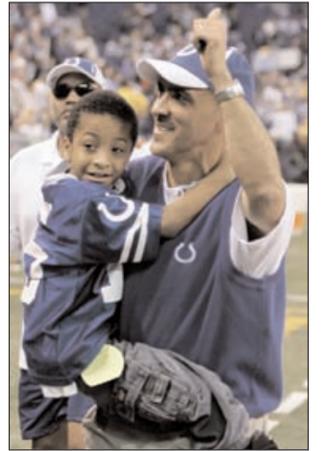
But the culmination of a 31-year NFL career — which started with Dungy winning a Super Bowl ring as a player in Pittsburgh and ended two years after he became the first black coach to hoist the Lombardi Trophy — brought out some rare emotional moments from the usually stoic Dungy.

"My wife Lauren told me to bring some Kleenex. I thought I would make it a little farther than the first sentence," Dungy said, his voice cracking.

He told owner Jim Irsay of his decision Sunday.

"And we spent about 2 1/2 hours crying," Dungy said. "But I had a real peace about it."

The 53-year-old Dungy



AP PHOTO

Tony Dungy retired as the coach of the Indianapolis Colts two years after leading them to a Super Bowl title.

informed his staff of the decision Monday morning, then met with some players after the traditional one-week waiting period ended. Dungy and his wife, Lauren, spent the last five years discussing whether he should continue coaching.

Receivers coach Clyde Christensen, who served as Dungy's assistant the last 13 years, said he was 95 percent certain Dungy would return as recently as Friday. Others, like safety Melvin Bullitt, were still hopeful Monday afternoon that Dungy would change his mind.

PRO BASEBALL



The Braves are expected to soon sign Japanese all-star pitcher Kenshin Kawakami, who was in Atlanta on Monday for a physical.

AP PHOTO

Braves inch toward deal with Kawakami

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Japanese all-star pitcher Kenshin Kawakami was in Atlanta on Monday for a physical needed to finalize an agreement with the Braves, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

Kawakami, the 2004 Central League MVP, has won 112 games in 11 seasons in Japan and was regarded as one of the top free-agent pitchers from Japan avail-

able this offseason. The 33-year-old was 9-5 for the Chunichi Dragons last year, when he missed several weeks because of a back strain.

The Braves did have one signing on Monday. Omar Infante, who started 77 games at five positions for Atlanta last season, agreed to a \$4,325,000, two-year contract. The deal with the 27-year-old, who had been eligible for salary arbitration, includes a club option for 2011. Infante, who appeared in 96 games last year, had been eligible for free agency after next season.

AREA ROUNDUP

Top seeds will stay on upset watch

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Top seeds are nice but they're not a guarantee for victory.

Nobody knows that better than Burt Ridley, the coach of New Hope's top-seeded and undefeated eighth-grade Kodiaks, who start the Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League basketball tournament today as a favorite to capture the championship.

Ridley's seventh-grade Kodiaks were in the same position and were upset by Eastbrook, 44-43, in an overtime heartbreaker in the title showdown at Northwest Whitfield High School.

"We went into the tourney as the No. 1 seed and had beaten Eastbrook twice by 17 and 27 points," Ridley said Monday.

"Eastbrook's Josue Quintero got 27 points against us and hit a bunch of free throws in overtime, and that's about as much pressure as you can put on a kid at this level. We had no answer for him."

That stunning loss has lingered with the Kodiaks who were on that team for a year. And it has served as motivation throughout this season.

"There were a lot of tears in that locker room last year," Ridley said. "I didn't have to say anything to them and they talked about not letting it happen to them again this year. That loss motivates them to this day."

New Hope (8-0) hosts No. 4 seed Westside (1-7) today at 5:45 p.m., immediately after the second-seeded New Hope Lady Kodiaks (6-2) play No. 3 North Whitfield (5-3).

In the other eighth-grade semifinals, No. 2 Eastbrook (6-2) entertains No. 3 North Whitfield (4-4), while the No. 1 Westside girls (7-1) play at home against No. 4 Valley Point (4-4). Those games are also scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Seventh-grade games will be played Thursday.

Ridley said the Kodiaks' perimeter hotshots, Tanner Quarles and Silas Ledford, each of whom have made 20-plus 3-point shots on the season, are two-thirds of the team's strong offensive attack. Post player Blake Heard is averaging 15 points and "about as many rebounds," the coach said.

"That inside-outside play has

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McKenzie Mastin (11) and the New Hope Lady Kodiaks are the No. 2 seed for the Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League's eighth grade tournament, which starts today. The Lady Kodiaks host No. 3 North Whitfield.

COMMENTARY: PRO FOOTBALL

Is that all? Postseason's stuck in middle of road

Give me your tired, your weak, your huddled underdogs. . . Well, at least the 8-8 San Diego Mediocres are no longer playing for a trip to the Super Bowl. That would have been too much, a team that was Denver's proxy -- oh, pick any little thing that would have put the Broncos in the Chargers' place.

Still, looking at the Final Four for the NFL, things seem entirely out of whack. No one would

have figured that whole thing has a chance of being the Battle of Pennsylvania. Or maybe Cactus and Crabs. However the Super Bowl shakes out, it is going to be The Flukes against The Fortunes. And not a Manning in sight.

The argument that the Arizona Cardinals were the worst team to ever make the NFL playoffs was not made as much as agreed to by unanimous consent, and yet they get the home game to go to the Super Bowl. This is like the pickpocket getting to choose his own jury.

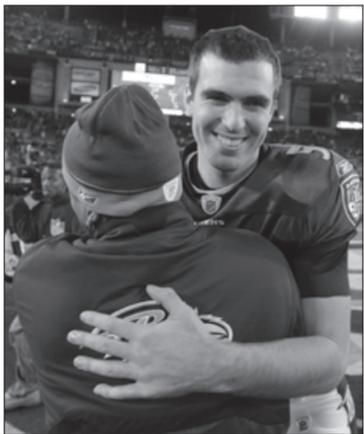
But there they are, as if they belonged, having passed through more American cities than Route 40.

Not to overstress a point, but one cannot help but bring to mind the parallel fortunes of those highly regarded quarterbacks that came out of the same draft — Matt Leinart to the Cardinals, Vince Young to the Titans and Jay Cutler to the Broncos.

Two of those teams were in the playoffs and the Broncos not, the obvious difference being that the Cardinals benched young Leinart for old pro Kurt Warner, the Titans replaced young Young with creaky Kerry Collins and Cutler was given the keys to the Bronco(s) and expected to drive without mishap.

For the choice Mike Shanahan made, to not provide Cutler with any job competition once he named him the starter, the result is a Broncos team beginning again at almost every position, including coach.

If the Cardinals were to get to the Super Bowl, it would be the most surprising entry since . . . well, probably the Atlanta Falcons, patsies for the Broncos' second title 10



Joe Flacco and the Baltimore Ravens may be happy with their postseason run, but their presence in the AFC title game might leave the average fan wanting more from the NFL playoffs.

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years ago. Warner would clearly be the most famous Cardinal, having won with the Rams in one of the Cardinals' former cities.

The identity of anybody else would be formed from an anagram of the coach's name, which will come to me in a moment. Ken Whisenhunt.

If not the Cardinals, then the Eagles, more accomplished and famed, but yet a surprise survivor of maybe the best division in football. No Giants. No Cowboys. No Redskins.

The Eagles were all but declared dead, or at least declared terminally stupid after Donovan McNabb expressed surprise NFL games could end in a tie. A good thing, too, because that's how the Eagles edged into the playoffs instead of Dallas, the Bears or the Bucs.

This tie was not a case of kissing anyone's sister but more like stealing the silverware.

As the last seed in NFC, the Eagles must travel while the Cardinals get to remind the locals that a game in the great American desert this late in January involves the local team and that the stadium is being used for a home game and not as its usual rental.

And speaking of larceny,

we have the Baltimore Ravens, a team without any other explanation for winning.

The Ravens couldn't make a first down if they had a paper pattern and a pair of sharp scissors, but that was also true the year they won the Super Bowl.

Here they are again doing things as usual, knocking people down and giving Ray Lewis credit for it.

Otherwise there is no way to explain why they are where they are, since otherwise credit would have to go to a first-year coach, John Harbaugh, and a rookie quarterback, Joe Flacco, who has yet to complete half his passes in the playoffs, and only one of those for a touchdown.

Never has a rookie coach and a so raw quarterback gone so far together, remarkable since both are still using training wheels. Harbaugh is from a football family, coach's son, quarterback's brother, and Flacco is a former Delaware Fightin' Blue Hen, a fact generally hidden on most football resumes.

The Steelers and Ravens share the same division, assuring no surprises. Pittsburgh brings pedigree (five Lombardi trophies) and actual skill to the final mix, the best season record of all the teams, the only chalk among the bunch.

Had the Steelers somehow lost in the snow and cold to San Diego, a team that can't tackle any better than the Broncos, all faith in football would have been lost.

As it is, trust has at least been mislaid.

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Service: 'Basic' starts in July

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"It was one of those personal decisions," Nussbaumer said. "I was realistic about it. I know I'm not good enough to play in the NFL and I knew it would end some time.

"When I took trips to the Air Force Academy and started looking at colleges, I realized it would be extremely tough to do both football and the academy. So I started trying to get into schools through regular admissions."

Nussbaumer's older brother, Robert, graduated from West Point in 2005. After a successful prep career at Southeast, he had planned on playing football for the academy and had a spot on the team as a long snapper. An overflow of long snappers on the roster left Robert the odd man out, but he got to stay in the academy.

"Robert said it was a blessing in disguise," Nussbaumer's said. "He didn't know if he could have kept up with football and his studies."

Nussbaumer's football days may be finished, but he said what he has learned from the sport will help him succeed in the academy.

"I learned leadership," he said. "That's the No. 1 thing. Coming off being a captain my junior and senior year and being a three-year starter taught me a lot. I was always guiding others around me and got a new perspective on the leadership role. I think that will translate well to a place where teaching leadership is the whole goal."

Raiders coach David Crane, whose first year at Southeast was Nussbaumer's senior season, said he's sad, in a way, to see Nussbaumer's football career end, but he wasn't surprised or disappointed at his decision to fully commit to school.

"I knew that this was his goal to be accepted into the academy," said Crane, who nominated Nussbaumer as team captain. "I'm happy for him because, at 17 (years old), think about all the doors that will be open to him for the next 10 to 20 years. I'm excited for him and I feel good about him protecting our country in the future, no doubt."

Nussbaumer said he plans to major in either in linguistics or history while in the academy. After he graduates, he'll serve his five-year com-

mitment in the military, though he hasn't decided which branch he'll go into yet.

He wants to have a career in the military, he said, because he grew up in that environment with his dad a member of the U.S. Army.

"I've always had an interest in the military since I was a kid," Nussbaumer said. "I think I could be happy waking up early and going to work every day to serve this country."

While Nussbaumer is at the academy, he'll have everything provided for him from food to boarding.

"My brother always joked that you could show up in your underwear and they'd give you everything else you'd need," Nussbaumer said.

He'll start cadet basic training — referred to by the nickname "Beast" — for a few weeks in July, then begin classes in August.

Though acceptance into West Point is a high honor, Nussbaumer remains humble.

"All the honor and glory goes to the (accomplishment) goes to God," he said. "This is not of my doing, I've just been a beneficiary of it."

FIRST IS A FIRST FOR CATS



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Dalton High's wrestling team finished first at the Area 7-4A duals tournament on Saturday at South Paulding High School to earn the school's first trip to state duals. The Catamounts, who are coached by Charles Mitchell, far left, will be the top seed for the Class 4A duals tourney, which begins on Friday at the Macon Centreplex and runs through Saturday. All four other classes will also compete in Macon.

COMMENTARY: JIM SUTTIE'S GOLF WORLD

Get a grip, play better

I love getting responses from readers to my golf column. I believe golfers will find some useful information in my response to this e-mail from David Garland in Scarborough, Maine:

"... Being stuck here in the frigid Northeast (Maine), I use (your) articles, along with my copy of 'Your Perfect Swing' to work on my swing indoors during the long winter months.

"Finding the swing that best fits me continues to be a challenge, but I did find one key element that may be a great topic for one of your columns: grip adjustments. I'm 55 with very small hands (average strength). I had trouble releasing the club, so I employed the 'long thumb' and stronger grip you discuss on Page 187 of your book.

"Although it was in the women's customization section, I ignored my gender and found using the long thumb produced much better golf shots. The club seemed to square up during impact much better.

"Maybe others (women and men alike) can benefit from this grip adjustment if they are having difficulty with the club not squaring up (releasing) naturally through impact ..."

Some day I hope to attend your golf school in Florida, but for now it's your book and articles I can find (like *Naples Daily News*). Thank you, and I hope 2009 is a healthy and successful year for you."

David, I hope you find this information helpful.

I am often asked what is the most important fundamental in golf. My answer is the same all the time, "the grip." The grip controls the face angle at the bottom of your swing. What else could be more important?

Grip types are divided into three different areas: strong, neutral and weak.

A strong grip would have the hands rotated slightly to the right. This grip would be well-suited



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Not every grip is alike when it comes to golf and picking the right one for you can make a big difference in how you play on the course.

to women, juniors and anybody with small hands and fingers.

Sometimes we might call this a "hook" grip because it does encourage a hooking ball flight. The left thumb will rest down the right side of the shaft in an "extended" or "long" position, as the right palm will face the left at address.

The long left thumb that is positioned to the right side of the shaft will allow your hands to stay behind the shaft at impact.

This is very important if you are to compress the ball. The stronger left hand and the longer the left thumb the easier it is to hit that nice little right-to-left hook shot.

The other two grip types, the weak and neutral, will find the hands placed more on the club in a way where the left thumb is at the 12 o'clock position. Only players with big or very strong hands should use this grip.

Honestly, I do not feel that the average golfer should even consider the neutral or weaker grip because they encourage an earlier release of the club-head with the hands and arms and less body motion on the downswing.

In summary then, if you really want to improve your

entire golf swing and your ball-striking ability I would do the following:

- Commit to a stronger left hand grip with the left thumb placed on the right side of the shaft. The left thumb should always rest behind the shaft for the average player.
- Put your left thumb in a "long" or extended position on the club.
- Match up your right hand to your left so that both palms face one another.
- Make sure to hold the club in the fingers and never in your palms.
- Hold the club very lightly so you can let it release. By holding it with lighter pressure and a stronger grip, you'll hit your drives farther.

Dr. Jim Suttie, the 2000 PGA Teacher of the Year, is director of instruction at *The Club at TwinEagles* in North Naples, Fla. and at *Cog Hill Golf Club* in Lemont, Ill. He also is a *Golf Magazine* Top 100 Teacher, rated No. 15 by *Golf Digest* and coaches the *Florida Gulf Coast University men's golf team*. *Golf World* is a feature of the *Naples Daily News* in Florida, distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.

Ronaldo named FIFA's top player

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo won the FIFA World Player of the Year award Monday for a sweep of soccer's top individual honors for 2008.

The Portugal winger led Manchester United to the Premier League and Champions League titles, scored 42 goals in all competitions last season and

became the first Premier League player to win the honor in its 18-year history.

Brazil's Marta won the women's award for the third year in a row.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rice, Henderson elected to HOF

NEW YORK — Rickey Henderson sped his way into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot Monday, and Jim Rice made it in on his 15th and final try.

Henderson, baseball's career leader in runs scored and stolen bases, received 94.8 percent of the vote from the Baseball Writers' Association of America, well above the 75 percent needed. Rice, among baseball's most feared hitters in the late 1970s and early 1980s, got 76.4 percent of the vote after falling just shy with 72.2 percent last year.

"The only thing I can say is I'm glad it's over with," Rice said. "I'm in there and they can't take it away."

The pair will be inducted into the Hall during ceremonies on July 26 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Tech women win ninth in 10 tries

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jacqua Williams and Alex Montgomery each scored 18 points to lead 24th-ranked Georgia Tech to a 68-50 win over Miami on Monday.

Iasia Hemingway added 11 for Georgia Tech (13-3, 1-1), which has won nine of its last 10 games. Georgia Tech used a 15-0 run in the second half to take a 51-39 lead. During the run, the Yellow Jackets hit three consecutive 3-pointers, including two by Montgomery, while holding Miami scoreless for over five minutes.

Miami (10-7, 0-3) pulled within 51-48 on a basket by Epiphany Woodson with 6:36 left, but that's the closest the Hurricanes would get the rest of the way.

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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 Ringold
Junior varsity basketball
 Christian Heritage boys at Colonial Hills, 4:30
 Northwest Whitfield girls at North Paulding, 4:30
Middle school basketball
WCMSAL eighth grade tournament
 Westside boys at New Hope, 4:30
 North Whitfield boys at Eastbrook, 4:30
 Valley Point girls at Westside, 4:30
 North Whitfield girls at New Hope, 4:30

Thursday
Varsity swimming
 Dalton, Darlington at Rome, 5
Middle school basketball
 Rome vs. Gladden, 4:30
 Copper Basin at Christian Heritage, 5
WCMSAL seventh grade tournament
 North Whitfield boys at Valley Point, 4:30
 Westside boys at New Hope, 4:30
 Valley Point girls at North Whitfield, 4:30
 New Hope girls at Westside, 4:30

Friday
Varsity basketball
 Christian Heritage at Furtah Prep, 6:30
 Dalton at Hillgrove, 7
 Southeast at LaFayette, 7
 Murray County at Allatoona, 7
Varsity wrestling
 Dalton High at Class 4A state duals, Macon, 8 a.m.

Junior varsity basketball
 Furtah Prep at Christian Heritage, 4
 Murray County at Allatoona, 4
Freshman basketball
 Murray County boys at Allatoona, 4
Middle school basketball
 WCMSAL tournament, second round

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.
 WCMSAL tournament, championship round

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms C Kelly Shoppach on a one-year contract. Sent INF Michael Aubrey outright to Columbus (IL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Re-signed RB Alvin Pearson, OT Charles Spencer and TE Charles Davis.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Casey Bradley defensive coordinator and Dan Quinn defensive line coach and assistant head coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled G Kevin Regan from Providence (AHL).
 COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed LW Rick Nash on injured reserve retroactive to Jan. 6.
 PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled LW Daniel Winnik from San Antonio (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Vladimir Mihalik from Norfolk (AHL). American Hockey League.
 SYRACUSE CRUNCH—Announced C Derek MacKenzie has been recalled by Columbus (NHL).
COLLEGE
 CURRY—Named John Ostrowski athletic trainer.
 MISSISSIPPI—Announced the resignation of Tracy Rucker, defensive line coach, to take the same position at Auburn.
 SHENANDOAH—Promoted Joe Jacoby to full-time assistant football coach.
 UTAH—Announced DE Paul Kruger is entering the 2009 NFL draft.

TELEVISION

On Today

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Indiana at Ohio St.
 7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Memphis at Tulsa
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Kentucky at Tennessee
NHL
 7 p.m.
 VERSUS — Montreal at Boston

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	9	.775	—
New Jersey	19	19	.500	11
Philadelphia	17	20	.459	12 1/2
Toronto	16	23	.410	14 1/2
New York	14	22	.389	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	30	8	.789	—
Atlanta	22	14	.611	7
Miami	19	17	.528	10
Charlotte	14	24	.368	16
Washington	7	30	.189	22 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	29	6	.829	—
Detroit	22	13	.629	7
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	12 1/2
Chicago	16	21	.432	14
Indiana	13	24	.351	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	12	.667	—
New Orleans	22	12	.647	1
Houston	24	15	.615	1 1/2
Dallas	22	15	.595	2 1/2
Memphis	11	26	.297	13 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	25	13	.658	—
Portland	22	14	.611	2
Utah	22	15	.595	2 1/2
Minnesota	11	25	.306	13
Oklahoma City	6	33	.154	19 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	30	6	.833	—
Phoenix	21	13	.618	8
Golden State	11	28	.282	20 1/2
Sacramento	9	29	.237	22
L.A. Clippers	8	29	.216	22 1/2

Sunday's Scores
 Boston 94, Toronto 88
 Philadelphia 109, Atlanta 94
 Phoenix 109, L.A. Clippers 103
 Orlando 105, San Antonio 98
 Sacramento 102, Dallas 95
 Golden State 120, Indiana 117
 L.A. Lakers 108, Miami 105
Monday's Scores
 Milwaukee 97, Washington 91
 Boston 115, Toronto 109, OT
 New Jersey 103, Oklahoma City 99, OT

SCOREBOARD

New York 101, New Orleans 95
 Portland at Chicago, late
 Indiana at Utah, late
Today's Games
 Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Columbus	20	18	4	44	111	114
Nashville	19	20	3	41	104	121
St. Louis	18	22	3	35	119	138
Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	25	12	4	54	130	121
Vancouver	22	17	5	49	127	120
Colorado	22	19	1	45	113	120
Edmonton	20	18	3	43	113	123
Minnesota	20	18	3	43	100	94
Pacific Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	31	5	5	67	143	98
Anaheim	22	17	5	49	126	124
Phoenix	21	17	5	47	106	120
Dallas	18	17	6	42	117	140
Los Angeles	17	18	6	40	103	114

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

Sunday's Scores
 Chicago 3, Nashville 1
 Anaheim 4, New Jersey 3
 Edmonton 2, St. Louis 1

Monday's Scores
 Dallas 5, Detroit 4, OT
 Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
 Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Ottawa at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL Postseason

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
 Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
 San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
Sunday, Jan. 4
 Baltimore 27, Miami 9
 Philadelphia 26, Minnesota 14
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10
 Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10
 Arizona 33, Carolina 13
Sunday, Jan. 11
 Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 11
 Pittsburgh 35, San Diego 24
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
NFC
 Philadelphia at Arizona (FOX), 3 p.m.
AFC
 Baltimore at Pittsburgh (CBS), 6:30 p.m.
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
Tampa, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)

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

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	23	10	9	55	140	124
N.Y. Rangers	25	15	4	54	118	117
New Jersey	24	15	3	51	127	110
Pittsburgh	20	19	4	44	130	135
N.Y. Islanders	12	26	4	28	109	154

Northwest 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	6	64	157	118
Chicago	23	10	7	53	143	103

total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Connecticut (45)	15-0	1,125	1
2. North Carolina	16-0	1,080	2
3. Oklahoma	12-2	1,003	4
4. Duke	13-1	946	5
5. Baylor	13-1	921	6
6. Auburn	17-0	858	9
7. Louisville	16-1	827	10
8. Texas A&M	13-1	819	3
9. Stanford	13-3	776	11
10. Notre Dame	14-1	758	12
11. California	13-2	647	13
12. Maryland	13-2	630	14
13. Tennessee	12-3	626	7
14. Virginia	14-2	512	15
15. Ohio St.	13-2	501	16
16. Texas	12-3	498	8
17. Kansas St.	14-0	410	20
18. Vanderbilt	13-4	330	24
19. Florida	15-2	329	18
20. Iowa St.	13-2	208	—
21. Marist	15-1	157	25
22. Oklahoma St.	11-3	139	21
23. Rutgers	8-5	115	17
24. Georgia Tech	12-3	86	22
25. New Mexico	13-2	62	—

Others receiving votes: Pittsburg 56, S. Dakota St. 50, Florida St. 45, Boston College 29, DePaul 22, Wake Forest at Boston College, 9 p.m.
 No. 2 Wake Forest at Boston College, 9 p.m.
 No. 3 Duke at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
 No. 7 Michigan State at Penn State, 6:30 p.m.
 No. 8 Syracuse at No. 13 Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
 No. 21 Baylor at Texas A&M, 9:30 p.m.
 No. 25 Michigan at Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

Men's Top 25 Schedule

Today's Game
 No. 24 Tennessee vs. Kentucky, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 No. 1 Pittsburg vs. South Florida, 7 p.m.
 No. 2 Wake Forest at Boston College, 9 p.m.
 No. 3 Duke at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
 No. 7 Michigan State at Penn State, 6:30 p.m.
 No. 8 Syracuse at No. 13 Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
 No. 21 Baylor at Texas A&M, 9:30 p.m.
 No. 25 Michigan at Illinois, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 No. 4 Connecticut vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 7 p.m.
 No. 5 North Carolina at Virginia, 9 p.m.
 No. 9 UCLA vs. Arizona, 11 p.m.
 No. 15 Xavier at Rhode Island, 8 p.m.
 No. 16 Arizona State at Southern Cal, 10:30 p.m.
 No. 17 Butler at Loyola of Chicago, 8 p.m.
 No. 18 Minnesota at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
 No. 19 Purdue at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 No. 1 Pittsburg at No. 20 Louisville, 6 p.m.
 No. 2 Wake Forest at No. 10 Clemson, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 3 Duke vs. No. 13 Georgetown, 1:30 p.m.
 No. 5 North Carolina vs. Miami, 9 p.m.
 No. 6 Oklahoma at Texas A&M, 2 p.m.
 No. 7 Michigan State vs. Illinois, 9 p.m.
 No. 8 Syracuse vs. No. 12 Notre Dame, Noon
 No. 9 UCLA vs. No. 16 Arizona State, 3:45 p.m.
 No. 11 Texas at Texas Tech, 4 p.m.
 No. 14 Marquette at Providence, 9 p.m.
 No. 17 Butler at Illinois-Chicago, 1:45 p.m.
 No. 22 California at Stanford, 8 p.m.
 No. 24 Tennessee vs. South Carolina, 6 p.m.
 No. 25 Michigan vs. Ohio State, 8 p.m.

AP SPOTLIGHT

Jan. 13

1962 — Witt Chamberlain scores an NBA regulation-game record 73 points to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to a 135-117 triumph over the Chicago Packers.
 1971 — Lenny Wilkens of the Seattle Supersonics, at 33, becomes the oldest All-Star MVP as he scores 21 points to give the West a 108-107 win.
 1974 — The Miami Dolphins win their second straight Super Bowl in their third straight appearance with a 24-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.
 1991 — Phil Mickelson overcomes an 8 on the 14th hole to become the second amateur since 1954 to win a PGA Tour event as he posts a one-shot victory in the Northern Telecom Open.

Area: Dalton MS gets sweep

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proved just about impossible for the other teams to deal with," Ridley said.

Coach Chris Woods' Lady Rockets are trying to win the school's second straight championship. They're coming off a big win over North Whitfield, mainly due to the team's defense, which pretty much smothered the last four opponents during the season, Woods said.

"I hope that continues through the tournament," Woods said. "We've really stepped up on defense and shut people down."

That defense is led by Karlie Henson, Katie Kirk, Fran Wood and Autumn Blackwell. Henson and Blackwell paced the Lady Rockets offense throughout the season. But like other coaches of top-seeded teams, Woods takes nothing for granted.

"It's a tough league," he said. "There are some good teams in the league and just because we're No. 1 doesn't mean it's going to be easy."

The Valley Point Green Waves (8-0) are top-seeded in the seventh grade portion of the tournament, but by Thursday will have been idle for a week.

"That's not really a concern," Green Waves coach Craig Brock said. "The eighth-grade boys have been practicing with us so we can scrimmage and stay sharp."

Brock's boys have relied on a tenacious defense all season to gain the top-seeded position. The Green Waves led New Hope 15-12 at halftime earlier in the season and outscored the Kodiaks, 26-6, in the second

half for the victory.

"We create turnovers," Brock said. "We score most of our points off turnovers and steals. We put in different type trapping defenses every week because we want to force people to make quick decisions and get turnovers."

Brock said having three players on the floor — Damian Manning, Rhett Harper and Alex Clowers — who are each about 5-foot-10-inches tall makes it difficult for opposing teams to throw "over their heads" and beat the press.

Harper, Clowers and Blake Foster are the team's leading scorers, and all three usually supply double-figure offensive production.

Penny Turso at North Whitfield, back in coaching after a 15-year hiatus to get married and have three children, has led the Lady Pioneers back into a familiar spot as a pre-tournament favorite.

North Whitfield is led offensively by Macy Weeks, Ashley Cox and Colbie Thomas, said Turso, sister to Allen Carden, the former Northwest Whitfield stand-out who's now coaching in Florida, and to Carrie Brown, an assistant at Northwest Whitfield.

"This is a balanced league and we've had some games that could have gone either way," Turso said. "But we're playing pretty good right now and we're focused on Valley Point because they played us tough during the season."

Varsity wrestling

Southeast accepted several forfeits but also earned several pins in a 51-27 win

at Area 6-3A foe Ridgeland on Monday night.

Chris Cardoso (285 pounds) and Andy Pichardo (140) each earned first-period pins, with Pichardo's coming in just 37 seconds, while Tanner Phipps (152) pinned his opponent in the second period and Jon Wilbanks (135) did so in the third. Randy York (130) won a 3-2 decision, while Jeremy White (103), Chris Dodson (119), Adrian Lopez (145) and Rafael Guzman (160) each accepted a forfeit.

9th basketball

■ **Murray County boys 61, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe 35:** The Indians (7-1) were led by Jeremy Smith, who scored 20 points, and Tyler Duckett, who added 14 points. Kane Brown led the Warriors with 10 points.

MS basketball

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
 1 Help a law-breaker
 5 James Bond, e.g.
 8 Pitch
 12 Note to self
 13 UN work agcy.
 14 Top-rated
 15 Hotel employee
 16 Lefty
 18 Do better at the box office
 20 Thready streaks
 21 Chat room
 22 Suitable
 23 Westminster, for one
 26 Michigan city
 30 Tavern
 31 Carton
 32 Wool provider
 33 Louisiana tribe
 36 Cell, perhaps
 38 Glutton

DOWN
 1 Bullets, arrows, etc.
 2 Suitor

39 Festive
 40 Light bulb gas
 43 Carpenter's tool
 47 Saskatchewan
 49 Hindu noble
 50 Rim
 51 Wapiti
 52 Somewhere out there
 53 Night light?
 54 Plaything
 55 Alluring

3 Dis-charge
 4 Walk unsteadily
 5 Twine fiber
 6 Turn the soil
 7 Ad-dressee
 8 Pa-peete's island
 9 "My bad"
 10 Break suddenly
 11 Stitches
 17 Tiny branch
 19 Trigger's rider
 22 —
 23 "Lost" network

24 Scrooge's cry
 25 Family guy?
 26 Spread seeds
 27 Ultra-mod-ernist (Pref.)
 28 Grain
 29 Teensy
 31 Satchel
 34 Selected
 35 Color
 36 Skillet
 37 Problems that multiply
 39 Maladroitness
 40 Prayer end
 41 Took the train
 42 Spirited and aggressive
 43 Head light?
 44 Secure
 45 Trojan War hero
 46 Cautious
 48 Lustrous black

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-13

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47						48			49		
50						51			52		
53						54			55		

BRIDGE

Triumph of mind over matter

Assume you've reached three notrump on the bidding shown and West leads the six of spades, which you win with the ten. How would you continue?

At this point, you can count six top tricks — four clubs, the ace of diamonds and the spade already won. In the fullness of time, you can also count on three others — a heart, either the queen or jack of diamonds, and another spade.

The trouble is that you have to lose a trick in each of these suits before you can collect the three additional tricks, and by that time, West will probably have collected three spades, the ace of hearts and the king of diamonds — all of which he presumably has for his opening bid.

Another possibility is to try to establish a second heart trick, but this means depending on a favorable position of the heart jack (a card West doesn't need for his opening bid) or a 3-3 split.

When the deal occurred, South found the right answer. At trick two, he led a low diamond toward dummy's jack! This put West in an impossible position. If he took his king, he would hand declarer three diamond tricks to bring South's total to eight, with an easy ninth to come from either hearts or spades.

So West ducked the diamond, and when the jack won, declarer had his seventh winner. A heart was next led to the queen and ace, and South was up to eight tricks. Since he had another trick in spades yet to come, nine tricks were now assured.

As the cards lie, declarer would have come up a trick short had he finessed West for the jack of hearts or taken a diamond finesse by leading the suit from dummy. But given West's opening bid, South rejected both of these alternatives in favor of the virtual certainty offered by leading a low diamond toward dummy at trick two.

Tomorrow: The one and only way.

CRYPTOQUIP

V E T A R J O P C T A O J R X J

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O V T W Z O E U M R C T ! , " D U P T J J

O E R O ' J R J T A D Y M B Y B T A O .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EVERYBODY STARTED TO CALL THE CITY'S BRAVEST ICE CREAM PARLOR EMPLOYEE A SCOOPER HERO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You must be strong this year, if you want to maintain your status quo. Unusual changes regarding work will take you on an adventure that, in the end, will have positive results. Keep your ideas and your plans on a small scale for now; there will be time to expand when the economy is better. Your numbers are 9, 13, 18, 28, 34, 39, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't spare any expense when it comes to what you really want. You can budget elsewhere. You can make a great impression by doing a first-class job in both your personal and professional life. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do things you enjoy instead of taking on what others request you to do. You will meet people who interest you and who make better friends and companions. Physical activity may not be your first choice but it will get you moving and stimulate your senses. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to reevaluate your situation and do something about it. If your relationships are dragging you down, discuss the problems you are experiencing and, if you do not get any cooperation, it is probably time to move on. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be shy when there is so much to be done. A change at work will be to your benefit in the end, so don't make a fuss. Getting involved with someone unusual will give you a new lease on life. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of responsibilities and you will be praised for your ability to get things done. Once you put your duties behind you, you can enjoy a pastime that will allow you to feel free and easy about your life and your future. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A personal message

can be sent if you are prompt and focused on getting what you want. Honesty and sincerity will be what count in the end. Love is in the picture and a social evening will pay off emotionally. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you mix business with pleasure or share your thoughts, you may be taken advantage of or used for someone else's benefit. Focus quietly on your work until you are in a position to take a piece of the action. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be very secretive about your plans. If someone gets wind of what you are doing, he or she will steal your ideas and run with them. Protect your interests and your future. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have to draw the line between thrill-seeking and experiencing a little adventure. Don't take a risk or you may end up in a very uncertain position. Travel can be interesting but is not necessary this time around. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on what you are told. Dishonesty is prevalent. Do your own research and you will avoid an unsavory situation. It's best not to take on a partner if you can get a job done on your own. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not overdo it in any way. You'll be tempted to overspend, overindulge and make unrealistic promises. Back off before you let your emotions take over and lead you into difficult situations. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get dragged into something you aren't ready to deal with yet. You don't want to be put in a position where you have to make a decision you are not prepared to make. Someone isn't likely to be honest with you. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

'Slumdog' hits jackpot

Bollywood fantasy takes four awards at Golden Globes

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Heath Ledger was honored with a Golden Globe, and Kate Winslet came away with two. But the top dog was "Slumdog Millionaire," the Bollywood fantasy that took four awards, including best drama.

With its awards Sunday, "Slumdog Millionaire" emerged as the potential film to beat at the Academy Awards, an unexpected position for a movie with a cast of unknowns and a story set among orphans and criminals on the streets of Mumbai.

"Is this really happening to me? My first film wins four Golden Globes? I just can't believe it," co-star Freida Pinto gushed to reporters backstage as she stood among her collaborators, including Danny Boyle, who won the best-director prize.

A critical darling and solid box-office success, "Slumdog Millionaire" knocked off best-drama nominees that included Brad Pitt's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio's "Revolutionary Road" and Ron Howard's "Frost/Nixon."

"They have this expression — which I hope I pronounce correctly — in Hindi, which is when you do something, you should do it from the heart," Boyle said backstage. "The film was made from the heart, and we never expected to be here, and it's incredible that we are."

Best screenplay and musical score prizes also went to "Slumdog Millionaire," the story of an orphan boy who rises from terrible hardship to become a



AP PHOTO

Director Danny Boyle, far left, and actors Freida Pinto and Dev Patel, right, pose with the award for best motion picture drama for "Slumdog Millionaire" backstage at the 66th Annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

champ on India's version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," all the while trying to reunite with a lost love from his childhood.

"Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon" and Meryl Streep's "Doubt" all tied for the lead with five nominations and all went away empty-handed.

The night belonged mainly to non-A-listers and films below the radar.

There was little surprise in the supporting-actor category. Virtually since he died nearly a year ago, Ledger has been the name on everyone's lips for that award.

Ledger won the prize for his diabolical turn as the Joker in the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight," raising his chances to become only the second actor to win a posthumous Oscar. The first was Peter Finch, who won the best-actor Oscar for 1976's "Network."

"Dark Knight" director

Christopher Nolan accepted the Globe for Ledger, who died Jan. 22 from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs. Oscar nominations come out on the anniversary of Ledger's death.

"All of us who worked with Heath on 'The Dark Knight' accept with an awful mixture of sadness but incredible pride," Nolan said. "After Heath passed, you saw a hole ripped in the future of cinema."

Award winners were:

Motion pictures

Picture, Drama: "Slumdog Millionaire."

Picture, Musical or Comedy: "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

Actor, Drama: Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler."

Actress, Drama: Kate Winslet, "Revolutionary Road."

Director: Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire."

Actor, Musical or Comedy: Colin Farrell, "In Bruges."

Actress, Musical or Comedy: Sally Hawkins, "Happy-Go-Lucky."

Supporting Actor: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight."

Supporting Actress: Kate Winslet, "The Reader."

Foreign Language Film: "Waltz With Bashir."

Animated Film: "WALL-E."

Screenplay: Simon Beaufoy, "Slumdog Millionaire."

Original Score: A.R. Rahman, "Slumdog Millionaire."

Original Song: "The Wrestler" (performed and written by Bruce Springsteen), "The Wrestler."

Television

Series, Drama: "Mad Men."

Actor, Drama: Gabriel Byrne, "In Treatment."

Actress, Drama: Anna Paquin, "True Blood."

Series, Musical or Comedy: "30 Rock."

Actor, Musical or Comedy: Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock."

Actress, Musical or Comedy: Tina Fey, "30 Rock."

Miniseries or Movie: "John Adams."

Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Laura Linney, "John Adams."

Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Paul Giamatti, "John Adams."

Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Laura Dern, "Recount."

Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie: Tom Wilkinson, "John Adams."

Cecil B. DeMille Award: Steven Spielberg.

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Beyonce, Wonder, Springsteen at inaugural event

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Judging by the lineup, Sunday's inaugural celebration for Barack Obama at the Lincoln Memorial is a coveted gig for music's top names.

Beyonce, Bono, Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, Usher, Shakira, Sheryl Crow, Josh Groban and James Taylor are among the musicians scheduled to perform Sunday afternoon. The president-elect and his family are due to attend, with Obama expected to speak.

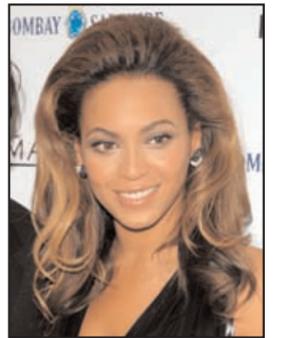
Other performers include Stevie Wonder, Renee Fleming, Garth Brooks, Mary J. Blige, Herbie Hancock, Heather Headley, John Legend and Jennifer Nettles. Historical passages will be read by Jamie Foxx, Martin Luther King III, Queen Latifah and Denzel Washington, with other celebrities expected to join them.

HBO will televise the show at 7 p.m. EST.

After getting the go-ahead from the Presidential Inaugural Committee two and a half weeks ago to put the show together, executive producer George Stevens Jr. said he quickly learned it would not be like any other special event he's tried to book.

"On that first day, we asked Springsteen, Bono and Garth Brooks within a period of 45 minutes and got three 'yeses,'" Stevens said. "We said, 'This is going to be fun.'"

Stevens said he tried to reach out to a diversity of artists. The theme for the show, titled "We Are One: The Obama Inaugural



Beyonce Knowles

Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial," is less about celebration than national unification.

"The list of stars is impressive," he said. "But this is not a show biz, glitzy occasion. It's going to be rooted in history, remembering the great president (Lincoln) who led us through difficult times."

The artists won't be performing their big hits, but will be asked to perform material appropriate to the occasion. One musician will be asked to perform "A Change Is Gonna Come," the song made famous by Sam Cooke.

Stevens is a producer of "The Kennedy Center Honors" and will be working Sunday with Don Mischer, who has produced Olympics ceremonies in the past. Stevens is a longtime Obama supporter. HBO televised a similar inaugural concert in 1993, for President Clinton's first term in office.

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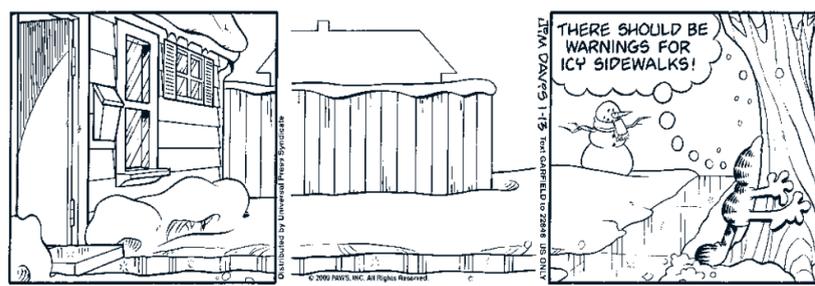
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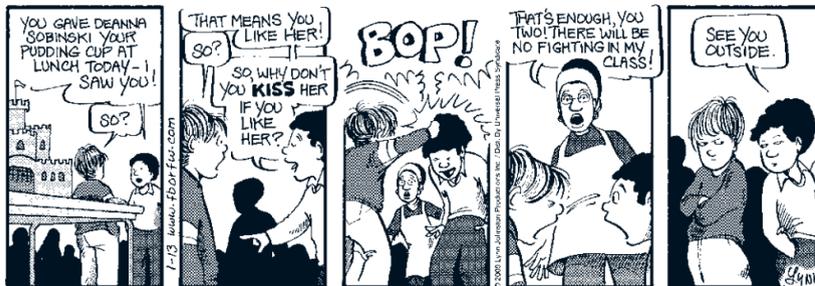
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I work for a large multinational company, and I am often shocked at the way people dress. Although there are clear business/casual guidelines, these lines are crossed by men and women alike. Talks behind closed doors have no effect. Sending out the corporate dress code to the staff has yielded no change in behavior.

I finally consulted the HR department and came up with an approved solution. The dress code was again sent out to all employees in my department, with the warning that the next violation would mean being sent home and deducting the time as a vacation day.

If you want to be regarded as a serious professional, dress like one! Some "suggestions":

- 1. DRESS FOR SUCCESS,** not sex. Women should not dress like streetwalkers. Leave the sexy, short, filmy dresses, cleavage-baring blouses and spaghetti straps for your personal life. This is an office, not a cocktail party.
- 2. COVER UP.** No sandals or designer flip-flops. We don't want to see your pedicure, toe rings, crust on your heels, or smell your feet.
- 3. MAKE IT FIT.** Anything that hugs the body too tightly is not right for the office. We have a woman working here who looks like a

sausage stuffed in a floral polyester casing. It's hard to take her seriously. The same goes for a man whose pants are so tight that you can tell his religion. Ditto for pants that are so loose and low-slung you can see underwear or a thong.

4. DON'T POLLUTE. By this I mean go easy on the fragrance. Some people have breathing problems and allergies. Do not pollute the office with a scent that arrives 10 minutes before you do and lingers hours after you've gone. This applies to men and women.

5. BATHE. There seems to be a new "natural" cult popping up whose adherents believe that washing removes vital oils from the skin and should be avoided. This phenomenon is more often, but not always, a male habit. Anyone in close contact with others should bathe or shower DAILY.

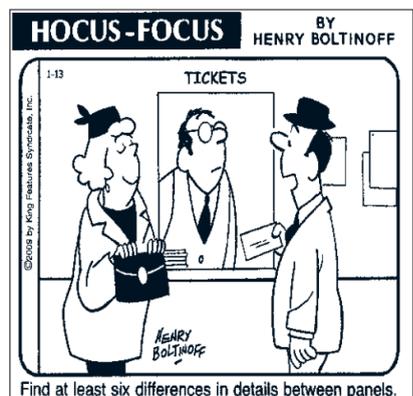
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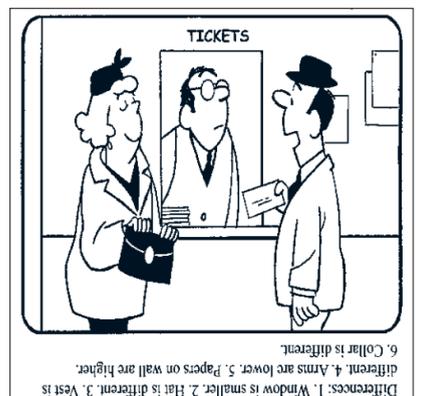
Jeane Phillips

DEAR TRYING: I'm willing to wager that your letter will be posted on millions of bulletin boards in the business world. Your "suggestions" make good sense. While many companies allow employees to dress down on "casual Fridays," any business that wants the people it hires to be taken seriously should impress upon them that they must present themselves in a professional manner. Some companies do this in the form of an employee manual that lays it out in black and white. Because your directive was ignored, you were right to let "Disco Dolly" know there would be a penalty for noncompliance.

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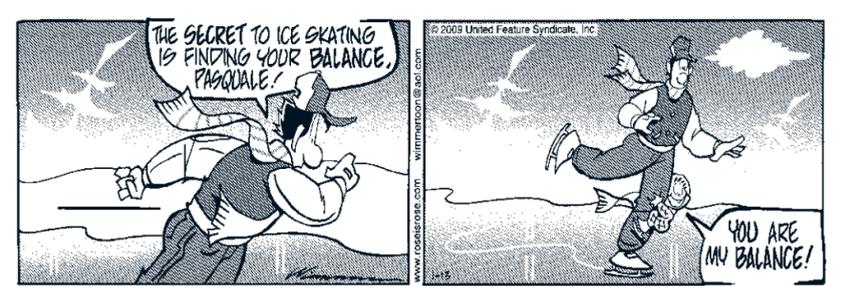


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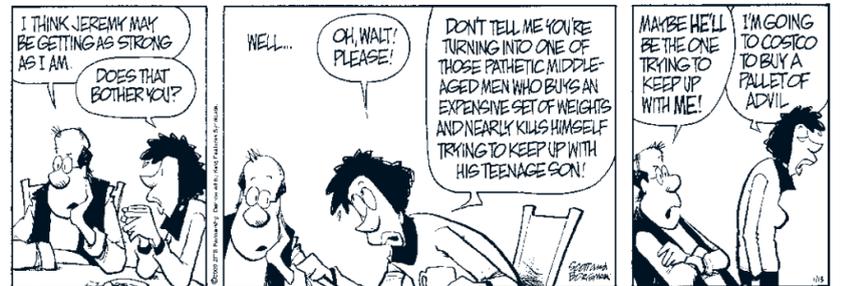
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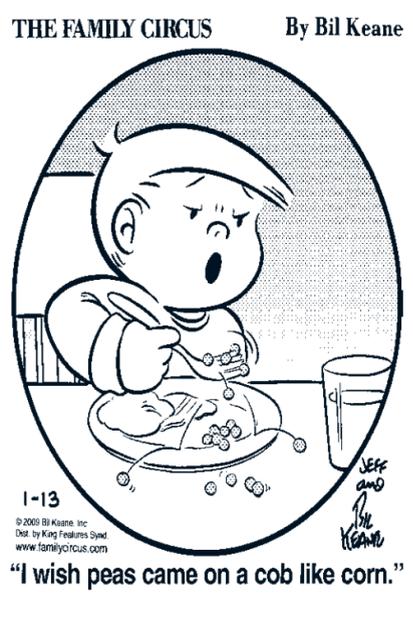
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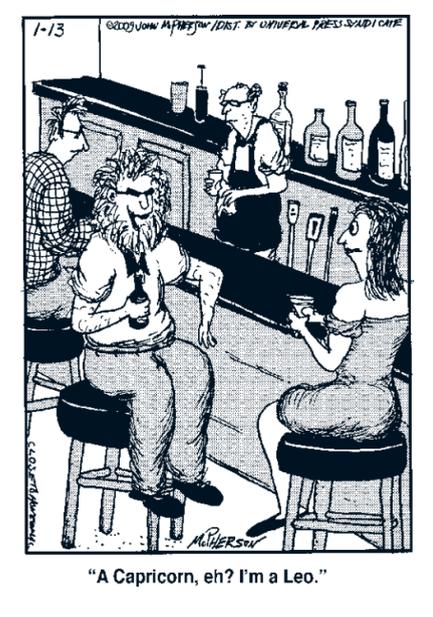
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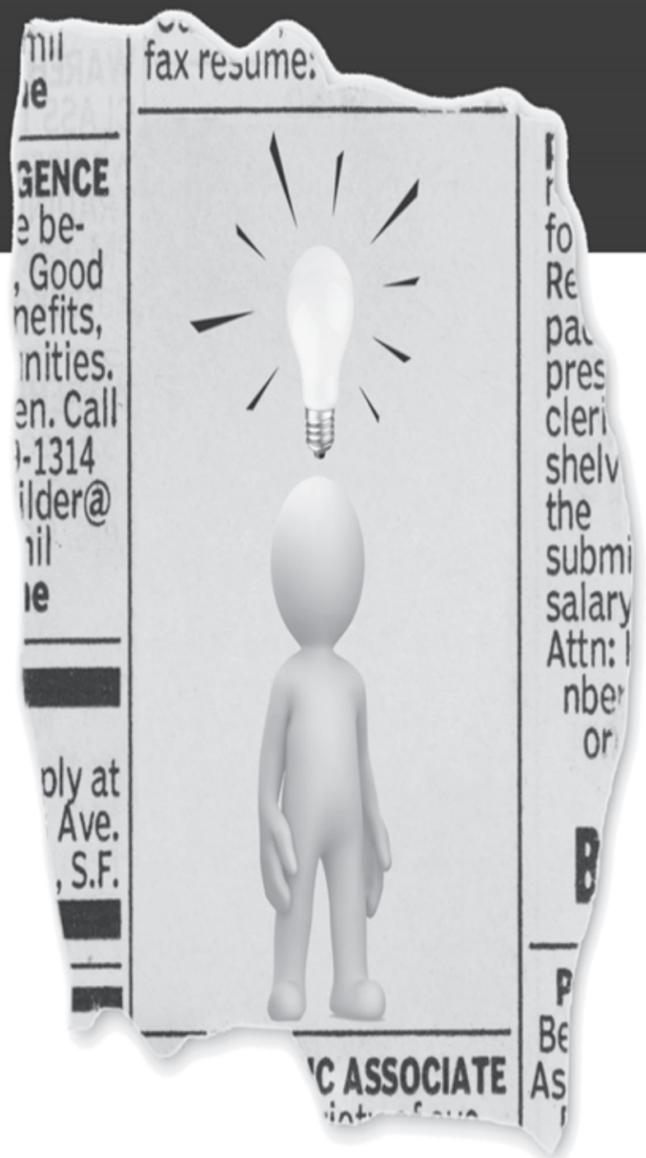
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AFC CHAMPIONSHIP: BALTIMORE-PITTSBURGH

History on Ravens side

By **ALAN ROBINSON**

Associated Press Writer
PITTSBURGH — Tom Brady. Tom Brady. John Elway.

Detect a trend?

No NFL team has lost more conference championship games at home in less time than the Pittsburgh Steelers did during the 1994-2004 seasons — four of them in five tries, repeatedly costing them the opportunity to build an addition onto their already spacious Super Bowl trophy case.

The numerous January home-field losses defined former coach Bill Cowher's career for a decade, and left Steelers fans constantly wringing their Terrible Towels amid cries of "Why can't we win a big one here?"

There's something to remember from all those defeats, though: The other team's quarterback generally was pretty good.

And the opposing quarterback Sunday in the Steelers' seventh AFC championship game in 15 seasons won't be Brady or Elway, but Baltimore rookie Joe Flacco, who did little in two regular season games against them.

If any Steelers team of recent vintage appears equipped to cast aside the bad memories all of those January home-field losses, it may be this one — a team that, unlike those of the 1990s, has numerous players who have already won a Super Bowl in black and gold.

"To me this is the Super Bowl," Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward said of the third Ravens-Steelers game in less than four months. "You don't want to have a bad taste in your mouth by losing and watching that team go to the Super Bowl."

When the Steelers finally

won a fifth Super Bowl three years ago, they clearly thrived on playing every game away from home and dodging the constant questions of why they couldn't win big playoff games at home.

Now, because many of them already own Steelers Super Bowl rings, there are no expectations inside their locker room there will be a letdown to match that of, for example, the January 1995 loss to San Diego in which defensive back Tim McKyer was so disoriented after allowing the game-winning touchdown catch that he was carried off the field.

Then there were all those interceptions Kordell Stewart threw into the Broncos' arms in January 1998. The Patriots losing Brady to injury in January 2002 but still winning with Drew Bledsoe at quarterback in the second half. The Steelers squad with the best record in club history, the 15-1 team of 2004, losing to the Patriots again in a bitter-weather blowout.

Ancient history, these Steelers say. After all, they were the only home team to win during the divisional round last weekend, beating the Chargers 35-24 on Sunday.

How about that: the home-field advantage paying off for the Steelers in January.

"It's big," quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. "The last time we were here (for the AFC title game) my rookie year, I didn't play so well, so I'll be looking for a little redemption. It's going to be a great battle."

If anyone can relate to what Flacco is going through this week as a rookie quarterback about to play for the AFC championship, it's Roethlisberger.

No rookie came close to



AP PHOTO

Willie Parker (with ball) and the Steelers will look to avoid losing their fifth home conference championship game in their last six tries.

accomplishing what Roethlisberger did by going 13-0 during his rookie season, then beating the Jets in the divisional round. But in the AFC championship game rematch against the Patriots, who had lost earlier in Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger looked like an ordinary Joe while going 14-of-24 for 226 yards and three interceptions.

Brady, as usual, was exceptional, throwing for 207 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions as the Patriots rolled to a 41-27 victory in a game they led 41-20 until the final minute. They went on to win their third Super Bowl, and their second after beating Pittsburgh to get there.

Flacco probably can't be just any old Joe if the Ravens are to win in Pittsburgh, where they have dropped seven of their last eight. Yet he was exactly that against the Steelers this season, going 27-of-59 for 307 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions in two close losses.

For comparison's sake, Flacco is 257-of-428 for 2,971 yards, 14 touchdowns

and 12 interceptions as a rookie. Roethlisberger was 196-of-295 for 2,621 yards, 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions in 2004.

Flacco couldn't get the Ravens into the end zone in last month's 13-9 loss to Pittsburgh in Baltimore, completing only 11 of 28 passes for 115 yards and two interceptions in perhaps his worst game all season.

"That's what games are going to be in December in the NFL," Flacco said.

Now he'll find out what these games are like in January. He hopes the experience isn't as deflating as it was to Roethlisberger four years ago.

If it is, the Steelers may discover again what it's like to win a conference championship game on their home field, something they've done only once in 29 years.

"I'm going to my fourth championship game," Ward said. "I'm 0-2 at home. So I want to win this one — I'm tired of losing at home."

A couple of million Pittsburghers probably feel the same way.

COMMENTARY

'Underdog'? Except for the Cardinals, no surprises, really

It's time for everyone shocked by three road underdogs winning NFL playoff games this weekend to take a step back and reflect.

Was any result other than Arizona's blowout win

Dave Goldberg

in Carolina really so shocking?

Yes, sixth-seeded teams beat top-seeded teams in both conferences, with Baltimore beating Tennessee on Saturday, then Philadelphia defeating the New York Giants on Sunday.

But the Ravens and Eagles were hardly true No. 6 seeds. Philly had won five of six going into its game at the Meadowlands, where it won five weeks ago. And Baltimore would have been a second seed if not for referee Walt Coleman's ability to discern that Antonio Holmes had two feet down and the ball an inch or so over the goal line on what turned out the touchdown catch that decided the AFC North.

That was the second of two close losses to the Steelers, the team the Ravens will face in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

So the only shock is that Arizona, a team that a lot of folks didn't think was worthy of being in the postseason, is a win away from the Super Bowl.

Give credit to coach Ken Whisenhunt for getting his team refocused after some awful late-season results, including a 47-7 loss in New England and a 48-20 Thanksgiving night defeat in Philadelphia against the team it will face Sunday.

Until that 33-13 win in Charlotte, the Cardinals had been the only NFC franchise not to make it to the conference title game since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970. Yes, even Detroit got there after the 1991 season.

Their last title of any kind was in 1947 — as the Chicago Cardinals — when Charley Trippi, wearing basketball shoes on an icy Comiskey Park field, totaled 206 yards, 102 on two punt returns and the Cards beat Steve Van Buren and the Eagles 28-21. The Eagles returned the favor the next season, beating the Cardinals 7-0 in Philadelphia for the title.

"I've been an underdog forever," said Antonio Smith, a member of the Cardinals for his entire five-year career. "It's about time we finally proved to everybody what we have."

Smith started the turnover festival by Jake Delhomme by stripping the ball from the Carolina quarterback, then falling on it to set up Arizona's go-ahead touchdown.

Delhomme followed with five interceptions, one of the most futile QB performances in playoff histo-

ry — even Ryan Leaf never did that in a career in which he finished 4-21 as a starter.

The other two upsets? Yes, the home teams were favored and, yes, both could have won.

Tennessee outgained Baltimore 391-211 but lost rookie RB Chris Johnson, the spark to their offense with an ankle injury in the second half and turned the ball over three times in what turned out to be a 13-10 loss. Then the Ravens got a break when a flag wasn't thrown after the play clock ran out before the 23-yard third-down pass from Joe Flacco to Todd Heap that set up Matt Stover's winning field goal.

The Giants, who lost three of their final four games, held Philly to 34 yards in the first 28 1/2 minutes but led only 8-7. Blame that on some dubious offensive playcalling and Eli Manning's continued inability to play well in the Meadowlands wind.

Then Donovan McNabb then got himself into rhythm on a 68-yard drive after New York left too much time on the first-half clock and Philly ended up winning 23-11.

Even the Giants weren't too surprised.

"Obviously, you would like to come into this time of year playing your best ball and obviously we didn't do that," defensive end Justin Tuck said Monday. "Philadelphia came in here and they played a great game, they beat us, and they earned the right to go on and play Arizona."

In fact, the Giants of last year are the perfect example of why there are no real upsets in the playoffs.

They were 10-6 in the regular season and seeded fifth, then won three road games and upset unbeaten and presumably unbeatable New England in the Super Bowl.

As for Philadelphia, the Eagles have never won a Super Bowl, something the residents of southeastern Pennsylvania know all too well.

But they also have been one of the league's most consistent winners in the 10 seasons that McNabb has been their quarterback — this will be their fifth NFC title game in that span. They are three-point favorites on the road in Arizona, in part because of that 28-point Thanksgiving win, in part because their history is so much more distinguished than the Cardinals.

But history tells you that Arizona can win.

All you have to do is look at those Eagles-Cardinals games 60 years ago.

The home team won on both occasions.

Dave Goldberg is a columnist for the Associated Press.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP: PHILADELPHIA-ARIZONA

Eagles look to follow in footsteps of Phillies

By **ROB MAADDI**

Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA — Just 2 1/2 months after the Phillies ended Philadelphia's 25-year championship drought by winning the World Series, the Eagles are two victories away from capturing their first Super Bowl title.

"The city of Philadelphia is buzzing; this team is buzzing," Donovan McNabb said after leading the Eagles to a 23-11 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants on Sunday.

An estimated two million people packed downtown sidewalks to witness the Phillies' victory parade on Broad Street on Halloween. Who would've thought that might be a dress rehearsal?

"The Phillies got it started. The Eagles are next," said Joe Swanski, one of the many fans who made the trip to Giants Stadium. "Everything happens in threes, so the Flyers will win the Stanley Cup."

Actually, the Eagles would make it three if you count the Soul winning the Arena Football League championship last summer. Hardly anyone cared, however.

Considering the Flyers reached the Eastern

Conference finals last year and currently lead the Atlantic Division, it could happen. The Eagles (11-6-1) have to do their part first. They meet the Arizona Cardinals (11-7) in the NFC championship game on Sunday.

No one expected the Eagles to be in this position when they were 5-5-1 in late November. People wanted coach Andy Reid fired and were ready to move on without McNabb, who was benched at halftime of a lopsided loss at Baltimore.

But the Eagles rallied around their quarterback, took the familiar us-against-the-world mentality and sneaked into the playoffs after getting help from other teams and dominating Dallas 44-6 in the regular-season finale.

Few people gave the Eagles much of a chance as a No. 6 seed. But they've embraced the underdog role.

"We've got another week of work," McNabb said. "Everyone believes in one another and given the opportunity, we feel like we can take full advantage of it."

The Eagles won two straight road games to reach the conference title game for the fifth time in eight years. They'll have to win another to return to the Super Bowl



AP PHOTO

Eagles' Brian Dawkins (20), Quintin Mikell (27) and Mike Patterson (98) celebrate after stopping the New York Giants on a fourth down play during the fourth quarter of Sunday's divisional playoff game.

for the second time in four years.

A 48-20 rout over Arizona on Thanksgiving is one reason the Eagles are 3-point favorites on the road. But these Cardinals clearly aren't the same bunch that played so poorly in Philly six weeks ago.

"I didn't think we got their best shot when they were here," Reid said. "I didn't think that was their best game. They had been playing good football and they were coming off a tough game, it was Thanksgiving Day, they had to travel all the way back here. This will be a different football team that we will see out there."

Only two times has one city celebrated World Series and Super Bowl titles in the same season. In 1979, the Pirates and Steelers gave Pittsburgh multiple championships. And in 2004, the Red Sox ended Boston's

curse and the Patriots beat Terrell Owens and the Eagles in the Super Bowl.

Now the most unlikely city has a chance to join the list. A town more famous for its rowdy fans, cheesesteaks and the Liberty Bell is becoming known for winners.

It used to be like that around here three decades ago. In 1980, all four major teams played for the championship. Only the Phillies won, beating Kansas City for the only World Series title in franchise history until this season.

The Flyers lost to the New York Islanders. The 76ers lost to the Los Angeles Lakers. The Eagles lost to Oakland.

"Our goal is to keep winning, get to the Super Bowl and win it," Eagles running back Brian Westbrook said. "We have to do everything we can to do that."

NFL NOTEBOOK: TENNESSEE

After 10-0 start fizzles, Titans face offseason decisions with free agents

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

Associated Press Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Stunned. Numb. Disappointed.

They were all emotions still being felt by the Tennessee Titans on Monday after squandering a chance to host the AFC championship for the first time, and knowing they had only themselves to

blame.

Three turnovers, a botched fourth-down conversion and a missed field goal added up to a 13-10 divisional playoff loss to Baltimore on Saturday. That overshadows an NFL-best 13-3 record, a defense that ranked second in points allowed and a franchise-record 12 sacks allowed.

This is the second straight

season that Tennessee has reached the playoffs only to lose that first game. A year ago, the Titans were the AFC's sixth seed and lost in San Diego. This time, they held the No. 1 seed and rolled up 391 yards on the Ravens, giving up just 211.

The Titans have lots of work to do before starting that program in mid-March start-

ing with trying to keep two-time All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth from hitting free agency on Feb. 27 after a career-high 8 1/2 sacks. Defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz also had a second interview Monday in Detroit for the Lions' head coaching job.

The biggest offseason decision revolves around the quar-

terback position.

Kerry Collins, who went 12-3 after replacing Vince Young in the season opener, is a free agent. He said Monday he wants to be a starter and believes he has several more years left after posting the third-highest passer rating of his 14-year career. He was sacked just eight times and intercepted only seven.

Opportunity, not money, will influence his decision. Collins said he is comfortable retiring.

"I certainly have made my case known that I want to be here," Collins said. "If it works out, which I hope it does, I'll be ready to go. But it basically falls in their court. They've got to decide what they want to do."