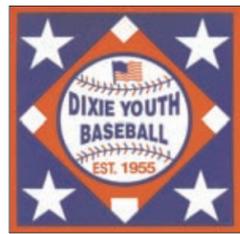


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Emergency personnel transport a victim to an ambulance as Georgia State Patrol troopers examine the scene of a fatal accident Wednesday afternoon in Rocky Face. Norene and Richard Ridley were killed in the wreck.

## 2 killed in Rocky Face wreck

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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A Rocky Face couple is dead, and a 5-year-old girl is in Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga following a two-vehicle collision Wednesday afternoon.

Georgia State Patrol Cpl. Kris

Hemphill said a Ford Explorer attempted to turn left from U.S. Highway 41 onto Old Chattanooga Road in Rocky Face around 4:15 p.m., pulling into the path of a northbound dump truck.

Norene Ridley, 66, a passenger in the Explorer, was pronounced dead at the scene. Richard Ridley, 73, was transported to Hamilton

Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Danielle Caldwell, who was also a passenger in the back seat of the Explorer, was airlifted to Erlanger. Her condition was unknown at press time but she was in intensive care.

Hemphill said the dump truck driver, Matthew Quarles of

Chatsworth, was not seriously injured.

Several people in nearby businesses said they did not see the accident but they did hear it.

One woman, who asked that her name not be used, said she rushed outside to help.

"It was just ... It was just terrible," she said of what she saw.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

City finance director Cindy Jackson, left, and city clerk Bernadette Chattam talk in the lobby of City Hall Wednesday.

## Dalton still without a city administrator

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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Much has changed in Dalton since city administrator Butch Sanders resigned six months ago.

The offices of the McCamy law firm now occupy the third floor of City Hall, where Sanders' office was located, following a bombing late last year. Sanders himself was named one of two finalists for the post of county administrator in Hall County.

When they began advertising the position in August, City Council members said they hoped to have a new administrator by Jan. 1. That didn't happen.

"We sort of stalled a little bit. We were extremely involved in the (2009) budget for the last 60 days and especially the last 30 days (of 2008)," said Mayor David Pennington. "We hope to reopen (the search) some time later this

month and start moving forward."

The city received more than 50 applications by the Oct. 1, 2008, deadline. Pennington says the council has narrowed down the candidates to about 12 or 15.

"Now, we are trying to narrow it down to three," he said. "We've actually interviewed three or four people."

The city did not advertise a salary for the post. Sanders was making \$103,209 annually. Council members have said they would like someone with business experience or a background in economic development as well as government experience.

The city charter doesn't set any deadlines on the search.

The Daily Citizen spoke to about a dozen city residents at various public places Wednesday. None said

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## Program seeks to rid county of blighted housing

BY JAMIE JONES  
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You may see fewer deteriorating houses in Whitfield County in the coming months.

The county's substandard housing condemnation program aims to improve the county by removing dilapidated houses from the community and the tax digest.

"I think any time you can remove blighted structures, then you have lots of positive results not just for the safety, health and welfare of the community but for the tax digest," said Jean Garland, Whitfield County Building and Zoning Department administrator.

Goals of the program also include increasing the percentage of homeowners in the county, lowering the number of

homeless residents and moving residents from substandard mobile homes to houses. The county works with the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp. to help local residents repair their houses.

The program began in July of last year. Through November, the building and zoning department inspected 87 houses, condemned 36 and demolished 14. Garland said property owners overall have had a "positive reaction" to the program.

"I think that they realize what the situation is and maybe some of them needed someone to spur them on to actually do something about it," Garland said.

Crews recently demolished a

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Jeremiah Coffey helps disassemble a house on Sloan Road in west Whitfield County recently.

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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 make a comment.**

"When squirrels move into your attic, chew on your electric wires and start to do all the things squirrels do, THEY AIN'T INNO-CENT!"

**Editor's note: They'll also fall behind a wall, die, stink and make your wife yell at you for not doing something about it. Dang squirrels!**

"What happened to the Sunday Atlanta Journal Constitution?"

**Editor's note: The AJC did not think they were selling enough papers here and chose to end the agreement.**

"Banks need to be open longer hours."

"It's very stupid blaming President Bush for all the foreclosures. They shouldn't have bought them if they couldn't afford them."

"I have family that lives out of town and they love the digital edition of The Daily Citizen."

"If the Murray County school board is so brave why did they make their decision in a closed session and also put somebody in office that had already been voted down?"

"Last week oil closed out at \$48.12 a barrel and it was \$1.57 here in Murray County. Last night it closed at \$39.04 a barrel, but gas is still \$1.57, what's going on?"

"Before animal control was placed under the command of the sheriff's office, they didn't have to answer to anyone and would treat you the way they wanted to and there were a lot more complaints then."

"It was Aunt Jo's birthday Tuesday, and she makes the best banana pudding."

"It would take more than one newspaper to correct everything Bush said in his fantasy press conference Monday."

"Isn't it against the law to turn south on Shugart Road from that RaceTrac on Shugart and 41?"

"Dalton is no longer the Carpet Capital, we need other businesses in Whitfield

County for people to have jobs."

"Wildlife is a form of food; no job, no food."

"Give the city police a raise, \$14 or \$15 an hour is not enough to get killed over."

"God made wildlife for food, not pets."

"People who drive a Cadillac Escalade with 26-inch rims shouldn't have welfare or food stamps."

"If you think there's drug dealings at that unnamed pool hall, you should be calling the police, not the Forum."

"Marriage is a lot like sex, you don't think about the consequences until it's over."

"I want to thank President Bush for all he's done for us. Sometimes I don't think we realized what that job is."

"How about term limits for all elected officials."

"I didn't vote for Obama but I hope he does not fail, in fact I pray that he will succeed."

"Debbie's Drive In has the best biscuits in Murray County, try one."

"Shop Rite in Chatsworth sells bread mix for bread machines."

"We want to applaud Coach Minor at Eastbrook for a job well done coaching the eighth grade boys, he can do it all himself and doesn't need Southeast's help."

"I hope you never stop having this Forum, finally a place for even losers can have a claim to fame."

"The backbone of our economy is real estate, and until that comes back you will not see Wall Street come back."

"I would like Whitfield County and Dalton Utilities come together and put in a walking track around the reservoir."

"Speaking of Roger Williams endorsing term limits, when does his term finally run out?"

"Anything that breathes and is shot, is murdered."

"God help all us North Georgia EMC customers this week, my bill has doubled and we don't even use the heat, we sit here in layers."

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**Dalton: Heads carrying on**

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they had seen any decline in city services or noticed any problems in the past six months. Most said they didn't even realize the city was without an administrator.

Council members give much of the credit to city employees, especially the department heads for stepping up and filling the void.

"We have such good department heads. They have sort of taken over some of the roles the city administrator would have had. But it's time. We are ready to get back into our search now that the holidays are over," said council member Denise Wood. "We will have a work session at our next meeting (on Jan. 20) and we will address that then."

Council members say

they want to get a new administrator as quickly as possible, but they don't want to set a timetable.

"We need an administrator. But we need the right person. We aren't going to do something just to fill a position," Pennington said.

"I don't want to set a timeline because then you might feel you've got to rush to meet your timeline. We need to find the right person for our community," said council member Charlie Bethel.

Amy Henderson, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Municipal Association, says there's not a standard timeline for searches for new city managers or administrators.

"It really depends on the city and what they are looking for and the applications they receive," she

said. It has been 19 years since Dalton last searched for a new administrator, but Whitfield County has done two searches for a new administrator in the past three years. In August 2005, administrator Bradley Arnold announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. The Board of Commissioners began searching for a new administrator in November and offered the job to former Bibb County tax commissioner Jim Davis in January 2006. Davis started in February and resigned in July 2006. The board began a new search in August 2006. They narrowed the search to five and then two candidates in January 2007 and named Robert McLeod the new county administrator in February 2007.

**Center gets upgraded**

The Dalton Welcome Center, housed in the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, has been designated as a Level 3 Visitor Information Center, meaning it may now be featured on the state's tourism Web site, in the Georgia travel guide and on Georgia Department of Transportation signs, officials said.

The designation also makes the center eligible for much-needed funding of up to \$2,500, to be appropriated by the General Assembly.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Julie Dailey  
**AGE:** 48  
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**PLAY:** Riding horses  
**SHE SAID:** "It's not whether you get knocked down. It's whether you get up."



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The City of Tunnel Hill's proposed 2009 budget has been submitted to the City Council. A copy is available for review at City Hall. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 5:30 pm inside City Hall. The budget is expected to be adopted at a meeting on February 10, 2009 at 5:30 pm.

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## GRANT FOR WOODLAWN



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Appalachian Community Bank awarded an \$800 grant to Woodlawn Elementary School to purchase library books for the Reading Oasis in the Woodlawn Media Center. The Reading Oasis is a collection of books that meet the needs of at-risk sixth-grade students. The books cover topics that appeal to sixth-graders and are on a reading level that will allow the students to read the books independently. Principal Jackie Townsend, left, gives the grant money to school librarian Betsy Clem.

## AREA ARRESTS

- Wilma Jane Cochran, 58, 12691 Highway 41, Tunnel Hill, was charged Tuesday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.
- Kareem Donnelle Dixon, 28, 610 Stone St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute, obstruction of an officer and failure to appear (no proof of rabies vaccination).
- Clarence Stephens Jr., 54, 847 Richardson Road, LaFayette, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton

- Police Department with following too closely, leaving the scene of an accident, DUI, open container in vehicle and reckless driving.
- Teddy Doyle McGill, 45, 619 Piney Hill Road, Chatsworth, was charged Wednesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with burglary.
- Mark James Robinson, 45, 525 S. Tibbs Road, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, driving while license withdrawn, driving while tag is suspended, no proof of insurance, failure to dim headlights, failure to drive with a single lane and a tail light violation.

# Bus incident still under review

By MARK MILLICAN  
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The district attorney's office is reviewing a videotape from a Whitfield County school bus that may show an alleged sexual assault, said District Attorney Kermit McManus.

A female student riding a bus that left Southeast High School on Dec. 16 alleged three male students "took turns

holding her down" and "fondled her breasts." She reported the incident to the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office. The county school system turned the videotape from the bus camera over to authorities.

The report said the female student, a juvenile, thought one of the males was a student at the Whitfield Career Academy and the other two attended Southeast. She said she bit one of the

males on the arm.

"The videotape is at the core of that (complaint)," said McManus, "and it has been delivered to our office. It is being reviewed, but no decision has been made."

Maj. John Gibson with the sheriff's office said, "In most cases like this, a decision will be made whether to pursue it criminally or refer it back to the school system."

# Whitfield board upholds tribunal decision

By MARK MILLICAN  
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A Whitfield County student will spend the spring semester at Crossroads Academy after being found under the influence of alcohol at a school function last year, school officials said.

The county school board met in executive session on

Tuesday. The board upheld the decision by a discipline tribunal — made up of three school system administrators — in December that the student, who is a juvenile, attend Crossroads. The tribunal heard the charge against the student, who was present with his parents, the principal, two teachers and three other students as witnesses.

"After carefully considering all of the evidence, the tribunal found that the student was guilty of the offense," said Eric Beavers, spokesman for the school system. "The tribunal considered the issue of appropriate disciplinary action and heard a recommendation from the principal, and also heard from the parents and student regarding the disci-

plinary action."

After the tribunal's decision, the parents appealed to the school board.

Crossroads is a joint effort of Dalton Public Schools and Whitfield County Schools for students who have been removed from the regular school program or who are returning from a Department of Juvenile Justice facility.

# Bridal showcase Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 2009 Bridal Showcase will be Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. Admission is free.

Vendors from throughout the Dalton area will showcase their products and ideas.

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### OTHER VIEWS

## And now a word from bin Laden

Yet another audiotape from Osama bin Laden has appeared on radical Islamic Web sites. Apparently the fugitive terrorist doesn't do video any more, perhaps because he's taken to wearing a blond wig and doesn't want to give away the disguise.

In the tape, he reprises his basic message of "let's him and you fight." He urges Muslims to wage holy war against Israel because of the Gaza offensive. He assures the besieged Hamas, "We are with you and we will not let you down. Our fate is tied to yours in fighting the Crusader-Zionist coalition, in fighting until victory or martyrdom." It seems pretty clear that he means Hamas' martyrdom and not his own.

And he credited the United States' acute financial problems to the tireless efforts of al-Qaida. We would have said the rotten economy was due to reckless speculation by Wall Street and the collapse of the sub prime mortgage market but bin Laden said it was all due to al-Qaida-inspired jihad.

This is bin Laden's first tape since last May. It hasn't been 100 percent verified but the authorities are reasonably sure it is he. But the interesting point is that bin Laden is a little late to the party. The Israeli incursion into Gaza had been under way for 19 days when the tape appeared and the U.S. meltdown really began last spring and then accelerated over the summer.

Wherever bin Laden is, it seems he is having a tough time keeping up with current events.

Scripps Howard News

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Cohutta teachers make a difference

To the editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to a special teacher at Cohutta Elementary.

Lori Lawson has gone above and beyond the call of duty in making sure our daughter is reaching her full potential. She cares about her students and wants to see them excel and does everything she can to make that happen. For that Mrs. Lawson, you receive a gold star.

It is so easy in our busy, fast-paced lives to take for granted the wonderful teachers that are giving of themselves every day to make sure our children are ready to take on the world someday. We also know that behind wonderful teachers there has to be a wonderful leader, and Allyson Millican is that leader. She not only knows each student by name but takes the time to interact with each and every child. Our daughters absolutely loves going to school.

As parents of four children, we have had the opportunity to meet many teachers over the years and we must say, the teachers of Cohutta Elementary are some of the best we have had the pleasure to meet. Keep up the good work.

Roy and Cherie Waters  
Cohutta



### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

1 Corinthians 2:12

**Thought for today:** "One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means."

Martin Luther King Jr.  
(1929-1968)

# Financial mess

News media people, often plagued with little understanding, fail miserably in their duty to inform the public. This is particularly evident in their reporting on the current financial meltdown, suggesting it was caused by deregulation and free markets.

Professor David Henderson, research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, writes about regulation in "Are We Ailing From Too Much Deregulation?" in Cato Policy Report (November/December 2008). The Federal Register, which lists new regulations, annually averaged 72,844 pages between 1977 and 1980. During the Reagan years, the average fell to 54,335. During the Bush I years, they rose to 59,527, to 71,590 during the Clinton years and rose to a record of 75,526 during the Bush II years. Employees in government regulatory agencies grew from 146,139 in 1980 to 238,351 in 2007, a 63 percent increase. In the banking and finance industries, regulatory spending between 1980 and 2007 almost tripled, rising from \$725 million to \$2.07 billion. So here's my question: What are we to make of congressmen, talking heads and news media people who tell us the financial meltdown is a result of deregulation and free markets? Are they ignorant, stupid or venal?

A New York Times article, "Fannie Mae Eases Credit To Aid Mortgage Lending" (9/30/99), reported, "Fannie Mae, the nation's biggest underwriter of home mortgages, has been under increasing pressure from the Clinton Administration to expand



**Walter Williams**

during the Clinton Administration. It required banks to make high-risk loans they would not have otherwise made. Failure to comply meant fines and difficulty in getting approval for mergers and branch expansion.

When questions began to arise about government policy that intimidated lenders into making high-risk loans, we received congressional assurances. At hearings investigating the solvency of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Rep. Barney Frank said, "The more people exaggerate these problems, the more pressure there is on these companies, the less we will see in terms of affordable housing." In a speech to the Mortgage Bankers Association, Frank advised, "People tend to pay their mortgages. I don't think we are in any remote danger here. This focus on receivership, I think, is intended to create fears that aren't there." Protesting against greater controls against lax mortgage lending, Sen. Harry Reid said, "While I favor improving oversight by our federal housing regulators to ensure safety and soundness, we cannot pass legislation that could limit Americans from owning homes and potentially harm our economy in

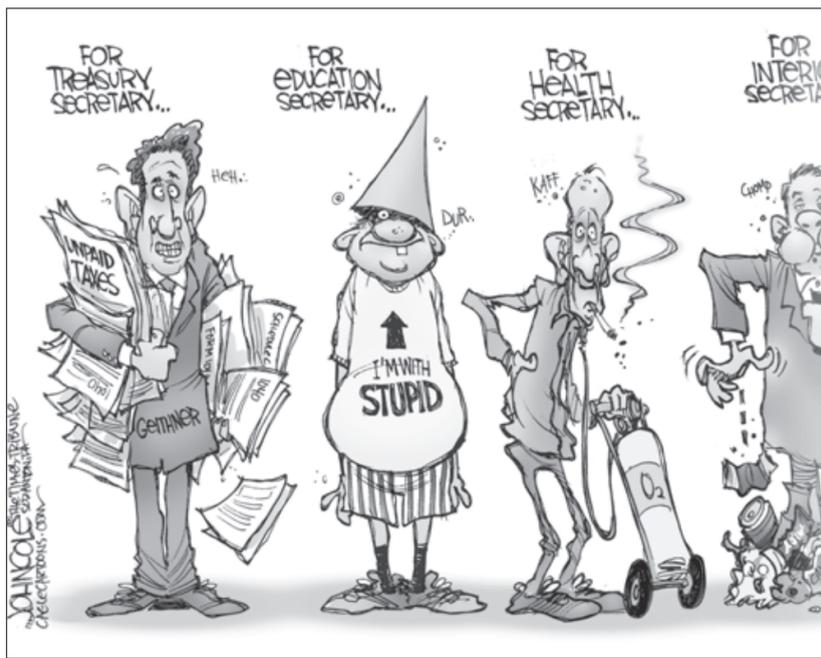
the process."

One-third of the \$15 trillion of mortgages in existence in 2008 are owned, or securitized by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae, the Federal Housing and the Veterans Administration. Wall Street buyers of repackaged loans didn't mind buying risky paper because they assumed that they would be guaranteed by the federal government: read bailout from the taxpayers. Today's housing mess can be laid directly at the feet of Congress and the White House.

Congress and the White House aren't finished with the taxpayers yet. Once a bailout parade gets started, it has a momentum of its own. President Bush, citing danger to the economy, signed a \$17 billion bailout for the auto industry. According to the Wall Street Journal article "Shovel-Ready on Campus" (December 17, 2008), presidents of 36 state government universities have called for bailouts; they call it a "federal infusion of capital." Soon, if not already, state governors and city mayors will descend on Washington seeking bailouts. California is \$15 billion in the hole, Florida \$5 billion and things are so bad in Michigan that the governor has shut down one prison to save money.

What kind of assumptions do politicians and news media make about the intelligence of Americans to expect us to buy the idea that our current mess results from deregulation and free markets? I do not find that assumption flattering.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2009. There are 350 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:** On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

**On this date:** In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress nicknamed the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

In 1973, President Richard M. Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

**Ten years ago:** House prosecutors prodded senators at President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial to summon Monica Lewinsky and others for testimony and "invite the president" to appear as well.

**Five years ago:** The NASA Spirit rover rolled onto the surface of Mars for the first time since the vehicle bounced to a landing nearly two weeks earlier.

**One year ago:** Mitt Romney scored his first major primary victory in his native Michigan. During a visit to Saudi Arabia, President George W. Bush warned that surging oil prices threatened the U.S. economy and he urged OPEC nations to boost their output.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Margaret O'Brien is 72. Singer Don Van Vliet (aka "Captain Beefheart") is 68. Actress Andrea Martin is 62. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 52. Actor James Nesbitt is 44. Singer Lisa Lisa (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 42. Actor Chad Lowe is 41.

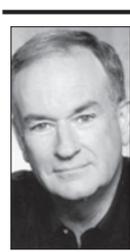
# Barack Obama's big gamble

Who knew Leon Panetta was really James Bond? The 70-year-old former congressman is considered a very nice guy in the political world, a world that is anything but nice. But now President-elect Obama has tapped Panetta to be a tough-guy spy, the head of the CIA.

The choice is perplexing. Panetta is very smart, but has absolutely no intelligence experience unless you count his days as Bill Clinton's White House chief of staff. Some old hands inside the CIA are reportedly aghast at the choice. Former CIA guy Michael Scheuer, who headed the agency's bin Laden unit, put it succinctly: "I think they pulled his name out of a hat."

Besides his lack of experience, Panetta opposes many of the CIA's anti-terror measures. He's against any kind of coerced interrogation, wants the FISA overseas wiretap law repealed, and would completely disband the rendition program whereby the CIA sends captured terror suspects to be held and interrogated in other countries.

Without those tools, which former CIA Chief George Tenet and others say have been very effective in uncovering terror plots, the agency's ability to disrupt potential attacks would be gravely damaged. In fact, it was just last



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February when 68 senators, some of them Democrats, voted the FISA wiretap strategy into law. For the record, Obama declined to vote on the issue.

But now Obama can't sit these things out. He must decide how to wage the war on terror, and by selecting Panetta as his point man he's taking a huge gamble. If terrorists again attacked the United States, Obama's soft intelligence-gathering approach would also come under attack. Simply put: A successful terror mission could bring President Obama down.

was chosen, to appease the left-wing zealots.

It seems to me that common sense, not ideology, is vital in preventing terrorists from killing us. Could Panetta learn on the job to run the CIA? Certainly. Should he be in charge when we are fighting two wars and terrorist bombs are going off all over the world? No way.

As for tapping calls to suspected terrorists overseas, come on. Judges have to see the data after the fact, and federal law still applies to any abuse. A private detective named Anthony Pellicano just got a harsh prison sentence for violating the wiretap law.

It's the same thing with coerced interrogation. The president should have the power to order it when lives are in imminent danger from a terror threat. However, Panetta recently told a newspaper that all interrogations should abide by the Army Field Manual, which prohibits making any captured person "uncomfortable."

Well, that kind of restriction should make you uncomfortable. Because in the war on terror, a lack of quick intelligence could make you dead.

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# Perdue outlines proposed cuts

By **SHANNON McCAFFREY**  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Homeowners could see their property taxes rise. Speeders could face stiffer fines. Health insurance policies might cost more. Teachers and state employees won't get raises.

The slimmed-down state budget plan introduced Wednesday by Gov. Sonny Perdue fills a \$2.2 billion budget hole with some tough cuts and new fees bound to hit many Georgians in their wallets.

But the Republican governor also wants to boost borrowing to stimulate the state's recession-ravaged economy by creating 20,000 jobs building schools and libraries.

In his annual State of the State address before a joint session of the state Legislature, Perdue called for optimism "even in the face of difficult economic cycles."

"We will emerge from these challenging times stronger," he said.

Perdue proposed a \$19.2 billion amended budget for the current fiscal year, down from \$21.2 billion, and a \$20.2 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Monday and are constitutionally required to approve the budget before their 40-day session

ends. They will almost certainly make changes to the governor's budget blueprint, but only Perdue can set the amount to be spent.

He acknowledged the "job of budget cutting is hard right now."

He plans to pull more than \$600 million from the state's reserve over the two fiscal years to blunt the blow of the budget cuts. That's more than half of the \$1.2 billion in the rainy day fund.

"Political mantras aside, cutting more than 10 percent from a budget cannot be achieved by simply cutting waste," Perdue said. "While we have worked for six years to do more with less, at some point, in business or government, it becomes less with less."

To avoid deep cuts to the Medicaid program for the state's poorest residents, Perdue said he wants hospitals and health insurance plans to pay a 1.6 percent fee on their net revenues.

The proposal faces stiff opposition from the health care industry, a powerful lobbying force at the state Capitol, as well as some conservative Republicans who have pledged not to raise taxes or fees to plug the budget hole. Health officials argue it could boost the cost of insurance and discourage the sick from seeking treatment if the costs are passed along.



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Shown following Dalton State College's Licensed Practical Nursing graduation ceremony are, from left, first row, assistant professor of practical nursing Dana Trowell, Sheena Callahan, Tiffany Bowling, Julia Lancaster, Angela Scott, Pam Wilcox, Heather Brown, Rosa Bazan, Rachel Bryant, Aletta Brinkley, India Childers, instructor in practical nursing Karen Lolley and instructor

in practical nursing Carol Bryson; second row, instructor in practical nursing Shelia Coley, assistant professor of practical nursing Joey Pepper, Leslie Parker, Nancy Marquez, Farrah Worsham, Diana Kaylor, Carrie Lewallen, Anna Center, Tina Nelson, Jennifer Langston, Candice Teran, Robin Tate and instructor in practical nursing Lisa Hunt.

## DSC recognizes LPN grads

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Twenty-one members of Dalton State College's Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program completed their degrees in

December and were recognized during a ceremony in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall.

Several of the students, who began their course of study in August of 2007, received awards

during the ceremony. Heather Brown was the recipient of the G.L. Westcott Award; Phillisa Dillard was presented with the Earl T. McGhee Award; and Candice Teran was recognized with the Grace Scholastic Award.



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Matt Leonard helps disassemble a house on Sloan Road in west Whitfield County recently.

## Housing: Substandard

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vacant house on Sloan Drive in Tunnel Hill. The house had become severely dilapidated over the years. The property owner agreed to have it torn down. A nearby resident, who asked not to be identified, said she was glad to see it go.

"You just never know what might be going on in a house that was run down like that one," she said. "I'm just happy to see it come down."

Garland said the program does not aim to kick people out of their houses. She said the department works "hand-in-hand with the property owners."

"We would never put anyone out on the street without having an alternative location for them," Garland said.

The building and zoning department follows a set process. First, staff members determine the property owner. Then, they visit the site to assess the house's condition. Next, staff members prepare a report with pictures and other data. They

notify the property owner by certified mail of the housing condition and how to resolve the situation, whether to complete repairs or have it demolished.

The department uses the International Property Maintenance Code to define procedures for condemning a house if necessary.

Sometimes the property owner is unwilling or unable to remove a dilapidated structure. If that's the case, the department will seek approval from the Board of Commissioners to demolish the house and recoup costs by placing a lien on the property. That step may involve the county attorney or the court system. If property owners disagree with the building and zoning department's findings, they can present their view in court.

Substandard houses can be reported by the Whitfield County's Sheriff's Office, Department of Family and Children Services and neighbors. To report a problem house, contact the building and zoning department at (706) 275-7401.

## Supporters of Sunday sales renew efforts

ATLANTA (AP) — As promised, supporters of Sunday sales of alcohol in Georgia are renewing efforts to change Georgia's law.

A bill filed Tuesday by Republican Sen. Seth Harp of Midland says local governments could call elections to let voters decide if they want to allow Sunday

sales of beer, wine and liquor at grocery, convenience and liquor stores.

Alcoholic beverages already are sold on Sunday in restaurants and bars in much of the state.

Harp and other supporters say the Sunday sales could bring in millions of dollars in additional tax rev-

enues.

The Sunday sales measure has failed to win approval for the past two years in the Georgia Legislature. Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, a teetotaler and Christian conservative, has said he opposes allowing stores to sell alcohol on the Sabbath.

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**10-day Gaza truce proposed**

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt and Hamas are close to a deal for a 10-day cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinian militant group in Gaza, where the death toll from the Israeli offensive exceeded 1,000, officials said Wednesday. Egyptian and Hamas officials expressed optimism that an agreement for a temporary halt in fighting could be sealed soon and presented to Israel. But even if all sides sign on, further talks will be needed to resolve contentious disputes over policing Gaza's borders and ensure a longer-term truce.

**Biden: Afghan war will get worse**

WASHINGTON — Freshly returned from a tour of war zones and global hotspots, Vice President-elect Joe Biden told President-elect Barack Obama on Wednesday that "things are going to get tougher" in Afghanistan. GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham, Biden's partner in the five-day, bipartisan fact-finding mission to Kuwait, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq, predicted that "casualties are likely to increase" in Afghanistan as the number of U.S. troops there goes up this year. The U.S. is rushing as many as 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, seeking to turn the tide in fighting that has seen al-Qaida-linked militants and the Taliban make a comeback after initial defeats in the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

**Obama defends Treasury pick**

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama labeled the tax problems of his choice for Treasury chief an embarrassment Wednesday, but said Timothy Geithner's "innocent mistake" shouldn't bar him from the post leading urgent efforts to revive the economy. Despite the controversy, Geithner's confirmation seemed all but sure — though not by Inauguration Day. Revelations that Geithner had failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes several years ago derailed Senate Democrats' plans to speed him to approval as treasury secretary by the time Obama is sworn in. Bipartisan backing was still strong, but the delay in his confirmation hearing opened the possibility that opposition could build.

**3 with Nazi names taken from home**

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Three New Jersey siblings whose names have Nazi connotations have been placed in state custody, police said. The children, ranging in age from 3 to under 1, were removed from their home Friday. They drew attention last month when a supermarket bakery refused to put the name of the oldest — Adolf Hitler Campbell — on a birthday cake. A family court hearing is scheduled for Thursday. The other two children, both girls, are JoyceLynn Aryan Nation Campbell and Honszlynn Hinler Jeannie Campbell.

**Apple CEO Jobs takes medical leave**

SEATTLE — Apple Inc. co-founder and Chief Executive Steve Jobs said Wednesday he is taking a medical leave until the end of June — just a week after the cancer survivor tried to assure investors and employees his recent weight loss was caused by an easily treatable hormone deficiency. Apple's stock plunged 7 percent. Jobs, 53, said in a letter last week that he would remain at Apple's helm despite the hormone problem, and that he had already begun a "relatively simple and straightforward" treatment. But in an e-mail to employees Wednesday, Jobs backtracked. "During the past week I have learned that my health-related issues are more complex than I originally thought," he wrote.

**House votes insurance for 4M more children**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making a down payment on President-elect Barack Obama's promise of universal health coverage, the House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to expand government-sponsored insurance to 4 million more children in working families with income too high to qualify for Medicaid.

Between 300,000 and 600,000 of the new enrollees could be non-citizen children of legal immigrants who have been in the country less than five years, a sticking point for some Senate Republicans who also will consider a similar bill.

Obama said he hoped the Senate acts with the "same sense of urgency so that it can be one of the first measures I sign into law when I am president."

"In this moment of crisis, ensuring that every child in America has access to affordable health care is not just good economic policy, but a moral obligation we hold as parents and citizens," he said.

Forty Republicans joined Democrats in passing the bill 289-139. Congress passed similar legislation in 2007 but it was vetoed both times by departing President George W. Bush.

The bill would raise the federal

excise tax on cigarettes by 61 cents to \$1 a pack to pay for the \$32.3 billion cost of expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program for the next 4 1/2 years. Other tobacco products would experience a comparable tax increase.

About 7 million children now get government-sponsored health care through SCHIP.

The Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to begin writing a similar bill today. Democrats would like to send a House-Senate compromise to Obama for his signature in coming weeks as an early victory signifying

the party's control of both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994.

"This is only the beginning of the change we will achieve with our new president," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who got a congratulatory call from Obama after the vote.

The Congressional Budget Office projected that nearly 83 percent of the 4.1 million uninsured children who would gain coverage are in families with incomes below current eligibility limits. About 700,000 children would gain coverage because their states broadened eligibility.



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# Big Chill: Bitter cold blast takes aim at South

**BY BRUCE SCHREINER**  
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Homeless shelters braced for an influx of people seeking refuge from a bitter onslaught of Arctic air as Florida farmers plucked ripened berries early, snow covered roads in parts of North Carolina and plunging temperatures sent shivers across the South.

Farmers covered up straw-

berry plants in Louisiana and put cattle into barns in North Carolina. School bus drivers in Georgia switched on heaters, but Miami beachgoers still frolicked in bikinis and shorts as the South awaited the worst of a bitter cold front sweeping in from the North.

Louisville braced for some of the coldest temperatures here in four years, with Friday's lows expected near 3 degrees with wind chills of

zero to 10-below, said meteorologist John Denman at the National Weather Service.

At an emergency men's shelter in Louisville run by St. Vincent de Paul, a 61-year-old homeless man who gave only his first name Chris worked on inflating some 20 air mattresses.

He said he knows what it's like to endure a frigid night on the streets: "It's very uncomfortable. You've got to keep moving.

You're afraid to go to sleep." Other shelters from West Virginia to South Carolina also readied for cold guests.

At the nearly full Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Shelter in Charleston, W.Va., shelter manager Alex Alston planned for extra mattresses and cots, adding, "In this weather you want people to come in the door."

Many Southerners, unaccustomed to such bitter cold, strug-

gled to stay warm.

Atlanta bike messenger Michael Mann donned a ski mask and wool socks to make his deliveries Wednesday. He'll add another pair of socks and long underwear Thursday when the cold blast fully strikes the Deep South.

"I try to hang out in as many lobbies as are friendly to me," he added, his breath frosty.

School districts in the north Georgia mountains braced for

possibly icy roads and some bus drivers readied heaters to keep students warm.

Ice and snow glazed many roads in western North Carolina as more than a dozen school systems closed or delayed openings Wednesday. Weather service meteorologist Blair Holloway said snow accumulations in western North Carolina ranged from a half inch to 1 1/2 inches across the mountains, with more on the way.

## Cold weekend for Georgia

PEACHTREE CITY (AP) — The time to bundle up in Georgia is at hand.

The National Weather Service in Peachtree City says temperatures in the north Georgia mountains and areas outside Atlanta will dwindle to single digits on Friday and Saturday. A hard freeze warning is in the forecast for south Georgia.

Meteorologist Laura Griffith says there's a slight chance of snow flurries in the mountains Sunday morning, but temperatures will rise above freezing during the day. The low Friday morning in the mountains is expected to be 7 degrees and 6 degrees Saturday.

Peachtree City has the low forecast for the Atlanta area — 9 degrees on Friday and 3 degrees Saturday. Downtown Atlanta is expected to see a low of 14 degrees Friday morning and 13 on Saturday.

Lows in the south will be in the 20s on Friday and upper teens on Saturday.

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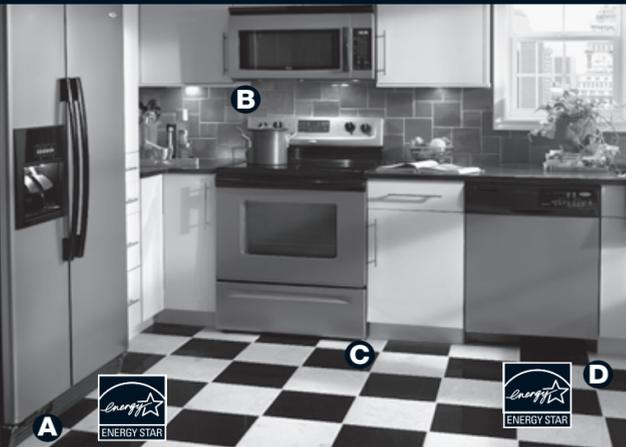
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## Tips to prevent frozen pipes

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■ **Seal leaks:** Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Use caulk or insulation seal the leaks, keeping the cold air out and the warm air in.

■ **Wrap it Up:** If you suspect your pipes are freezing, wrap towels that have been soaked in hot water around cold pipe sections. Keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes, and turn on faucets just enough to let them drip slowly. Keep the water moving to prevent freezing.

■ **Shut it Off:** Know where the water shut-off valve is located. If you turn your faucet on and no water comes out, leave them on and immediately call a plumber. If you've already discovered that your pipes have burst, keep the faucets on, but turn off the water at the main shut-off valve and call a plumber.

■ **Forget the Thaw:** Never try to thaw a pipe with a blowtorch or any other open flame. Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water.

■ **Keep Heat On:** If you're going away for a weekend trip make sure you leave your heat on. Don't set it any lower than 55 degrees or your pipes may be in danger of freezing or bursting.

## NGRDC board to meet

The North Georgia Regional Development Center board of directors will meet at noon on Jan. 22 at the NGRDC offices in Dalton.

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- ACROSS**
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  - 13 Venom-ous viper
  - 14 Arp's style
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  - 16 Long March leader
  - 17 Exile
  - 18 Threaten-ing term
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  - 22 Yogi Bear's home park
  - 26 Winter warmer
  - 29 Type squares
  - 30 Bagel topper
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  - 5 Ship of the desert
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- 21 Foolish sort**
- 23 Minimum**
- 24 Standard**
- 25 Former partners**
- 26 Overly theatrical**
- 27 Hodge-podge**
- 28 Robert Graves subject**
- 32 Faux pas named for**
- 33 Triumph**
- 35 Banned bug spray**
- 36 "CSI" evidence**
- 38 Bridge player**
- 39 U-shaped yoke holder**
- 42 "Young Frankenstein" role**
- 43 Grandson of Eve**
- 44 "Portnoy's Complaint" author**
- 45 Sprite**
- 46 Miss Piggy's pronoun**
- 48 Palindromic title**

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 1-15

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**BRIDGE**

**Resolving a difficult guess**

A good declarer never relaxes just because he has an excellent chance to make his contract. Regardless of how promising his prospects are, he goes a step further and tries to find a way to ensure a favorable outcome against any lie of the opposing cards.

Consider this case where South arrived at six spades and West led a diamond. At this point, declarer could count 11 sure tricks, with a 12th in the offing if a club or heart finesse worked. Since the chance of winning at least one of the finesses was 3-to-1 in his favor, South had good reason to feel confident of success.

But 3-to-1 shots have been known to fail. Indeed, had declarer relied solely on the odds, he would have gone down one on this occasion. Instead, he found an approach that eventually assured him of winding up with 12 tricks.

After taking the diamond lead with the ace, he drew trumps in three rounds, then cashed the jack and queen of diamonds. Declarer now made two key plays: He left the king of diamonds in dummy for the moment and led a heart to the nine.

West won with the ten but could not avoid handing South his 12th trick by returning a heart or a club into one of declarer's A-Q's. The other queen could then be discarded on the king of diamonds.

Observe that if South had cashed the king of diamonds too early, he would not have been able to profit from the discard. If, for example, he discarded the nine of hearts and then tried a heart or club finesse, West would win and return the suit. Sooner or later, the other finesse would have to be attempted, and the slam would be lost.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

C N S N F J C Z P F T M C Q S F P  
M I M T D T L X X N M T P S T C X C T A H  
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"D J S I M C L Z C D T H T D L O P."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU GAVE PESKY CRITTERS OUTFITS TO PUT ON, I RECKON YOU MIGHT CALL THEM VARMINTS' GARMENTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** In this economic time, there are plenty of people looking for a good opportunity and, with your ingenious way of presenting alternatives, you can be at the hub of what's new and exciting. There is money to be made and deals to be finished. Both will be possible if you are swift to make your moves. Your numbers are 1, 5, 16, 20, 31, 34, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep emotional matters from escalating by acting fast and you will avoid havoc that can affect your performance. Think about your future before you say what's on your mind or make promises. Someone from your past may be able to help you. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Avoid making the same mistake over again, especially if it has to do with someone from your past who has taken advantage of you before. Don't let temptation mislead you. Love is hot but, if it can cause economic problems, rethink the relationship or your position. 5 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't overextend or take on someone else's responsibilities for the wrong reasons. You will be faced with a challenge that will cost you financially. Travel to visit someone who inspires you. You can make a difference by making changes and reforms. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It's up to you to do what's required if you want to get ahead. No one else is going to cover for you when the economy is in such dire straits. Caring, sharing and meeting halfway will help hold the family together. 4 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't fear being a little different. Use your imagination and you will have an edge when it comes to closing a deal and getting what you want. Don't make unreasonable promises. Someone from your past may try to use you. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You have to be sure that you haven't left anything to chance or to someone else's discretion. Temptation will challenge you to the point that you make poor choices. Don't mix business with pleasure. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Uncertainty may cause you to waffle and second-guess your own ability. Don't leave your job in the hands of someone else. Use your intelligence to get you through troubled times. Utilize your talents and skills. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Do something nice for a cause or for someone in need. You often give too much but this time you will get something back that will lead to the completion of a project you've longed to finish. Love is on the rise. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Watch your back and you'll stay on top. Someone will want to ruin your day or your plans or even try to steal your glory, if you aren't careful. Don't be too accommodating with friends, relatives and neighbors. 2 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't jeopardize your chances by thinking someone else can do a better job or help you get what you want. You will do fine on your own. Your skills will far exceed that of the competition you face. 5 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Someone from your past will surface — be open and honest as to why you do not want this person in your life. Keep your current partner in the loop to avoid consequences later. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Partnerships will prove to be dicey if you let your emotional side take over and you aren't completely honest about your feelings. A secret about an incident that happened with someone from your past will be revealed. Prepare to accept responsibility. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

**'Prisoner' actor Patrick McGoochan dies at 80**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick McGoochan, the Emmy-winning actor who created and starred in the cult classic television show "The Prisoner," has died. He was 80.

McGoohan died Tuesday in Los Angeles after a short illness, his son-in-law, film producer Cleve Landsberg, said.

McGoohan won two Emmys for his work on the Peter Falk detective drama "Columbo," and more recently appeared as King Edward Longshanks in the 1995 Mel Gibson film "Braveheart."

But he was most famous as the character known only as Number Six in "The Prisoner," a sci-fi tinged 1960s British series in which a former spy is held captive in a small enclave known only as The Village, where a mysterious authority named Number One constantly prevents his escape.

McGoohan came up with the concept and wrote and directed several episodes of the show, which has kept a devoted following in the United States and Europe for four decades.

Born in New York on March 19, 1928,

McGoohan was raised in England and Ireland, where his family moved shortly after his birth. He had a busy stage career before moving to television, and won a London Drama Critics Award for playing the title role in the Henrik Ibsen play "Brand."

He married stage actress Joan Drummond in 1951. The oldest of their three daughters, Catherine, is also an actress.

His first foray into TV was in 1964 in the series "Danger Man," a more straightforward spy show that initially lasted just one season but was later brought back for three more when its popularity — and McGoochan's — exploded in reruns.

Wary of playing the show's lead John Drake, McGoochan pitched to producers the surreal and cerebral "The Prisoner" to give himself a challenge.

The series ran just one season and 17 episodes in 1967, but its cultural impact remains.

He voiced his Number Six character in an episode of "The Simpsons" in 2000. The show is being remade as a series for AMC that premieres later this year.



McGoohan

**Ricardo Montalban dies at 88**

By Bob Thomas  
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Ricardo Montalban, the Mexican-born actor who became a star in splashy MGM musicals and later as the wish-fulfilling Mr. Roarke in TV's "Fantasy Island," died Wednesday morning at his home, a city councilman said. He was 88.

Montalban's death was announced at a city council meeting by president Eric Garcetti, who represents the district where the actor lived. Garcetti did not give a cause of death.

"What you saw on the screen and on television and on talk shows, this very courtly, modest, dignified

individual, that's exactly who he was," said Montalban's longtime friend and publicist David Brokaw.

Montalban had been a star in Mexican movies when MGM brought him to Hollywood in 1946. He was cast in the leading role opposite Esther Williams in "Fiesta," and starred again with the swimming beauty in "On an Island with You" and "Neptune's Daughter."

But Montalban was best



Montalban

known as the faintly mysterious, white-suited Mr. Roarke, who presided over a tropical island resort where visitors were able to fulfill their lifelong dreams — usually at the unexpected expense of a difficult life lesson. Following a float-plane landing and lei ceremony, he greeted each guest with the line: "I am Mr. Roarke, your host. Welcome to Fantasy Island."

The show ran from 1978 to 1984.

More recently, he appeared as villains in two hits of the 1980s: "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan" and the

farcical "The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad."

Between movie and TV roles, Montalban was active in the theater. He starred on Broadway in the 1957 musical "Jamaica" opposite Lena Horne, picking up a Tony nomination for best actor in a musical.

"Fantasy Island" received high ratings for most of its run on ABC, and still appears in reruns. Mr. Roarke and his sidekick, Tattoo, played by the 3-foot, 11-inch Herve Villechaize, reached the state of TV icons. Villechaize died in 1993.

**Money manager charged for fake call, wrecking plane**

CHATTAHOOCHEE, Fla. (AP) — An Indiana investment manager who allegedly staged a plane crash to evade personal and financial ruin was charged Wednesday with intentionally downing the plane and faking a distress call, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals said.

The charges came a day after investigators tracked Marcus Schrenker, 38, to a campground in north Florida. He had apparently tried to kill himself by slitting his wrists and muttered the word "die" when federal agents discovered him bleeding from a slashed wrist, investigators said.

Scott Wilson, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals in the Northern District of Florida, said it isn't immediately known when Schrenker will appear on the charges because he is recovering from his wounds in a hospital.

The saga started Sunday night, when military jets intercepted the plane after authorities received a distress call that claimed Schrenker's windshield had blown in. The plane later crashed in a north Florida bayou after traveling 200 miles on autopilot, authorities said.

Schrenker's body was nowhere to be found in the wreckage, and authorities suspect he parachuted out of the plane in Alabama, where he had stashed a red motorcycle with saddlebags in a storage unit. By Monday, the motorcycle was gone and an owner at the unit said his clothes were left behind.

**Transfers announced**

CHATSWORTH — The Murray County Board of Education approved the following transfers recently:

- Karen Harkleroad, from counselor at Murray County High School/Ninth Grade Academy to assistant principal at North Murray High for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Kay Blankenship, from parapro at Bagley Middle School to exceptional student services parapro at Chatsworth Elementary School.
- Keith Swilling, from

assistant principal at Murray County High School/Ninth Grade Academy to assistant principal at North Murray High for the 2009-2010 school year.

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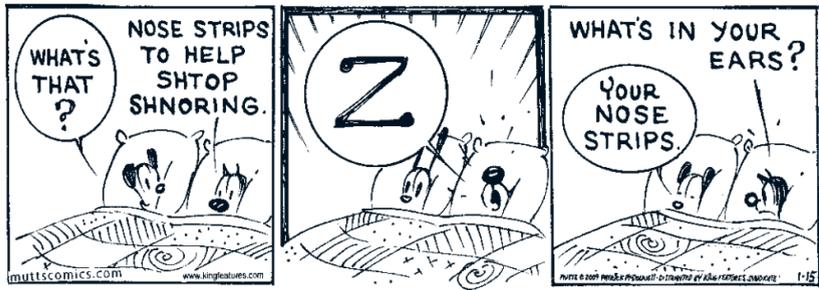
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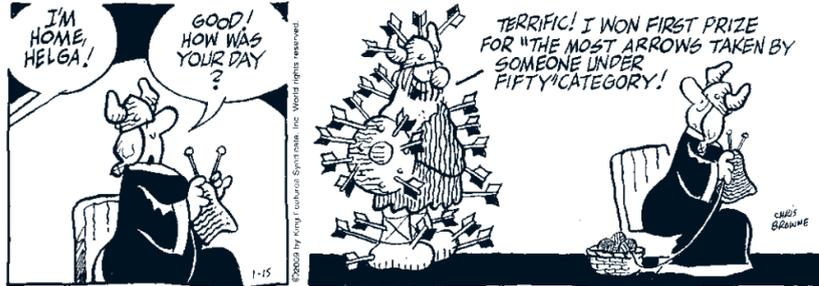
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**DEAR ABBY**

**Mothers of young children need time out**

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a physician and mother of a toddler who understands "New Mom in Las Vegas" (Nov. 4), the woman who is concerned because she finds playing with her 8-month-old tedious. While postpartum depression should be ruled out, it is not uncommon for an adult woman to be bored by endless hours of playing with blocks and rattles.

**DEAR ABBY:** Every mother is different. Some of us were meant to be stay-at-home moms, others need the challenge of a career and the company of other adults. This doesn't make someone a bad mom.

Perhaps "New Mom" should consider returning to her career earlier than she had planned. Although being a working mom is a tough balancing act, it may provide her with what she needs as both a mother and as a woman. — **NEW MOM WITH A PLAN**



**Jeanne Phillips**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 75-year-old mom of four boys, all born 18 months apart. I was bored silly playing with babies, but found a way to make it work for me. I would pack up my babies and walk outside in the morning and after nap time. We walked for miles observing nature

while I got some much-needed exercise. I had the healthiest babies in town and looked pretty good myself! I can't remember "playing" with my boys, but we all have fond memories of hours at the park, walking in the rain and snack time at the convenience store. — **OLD MOM IN TEXAS**

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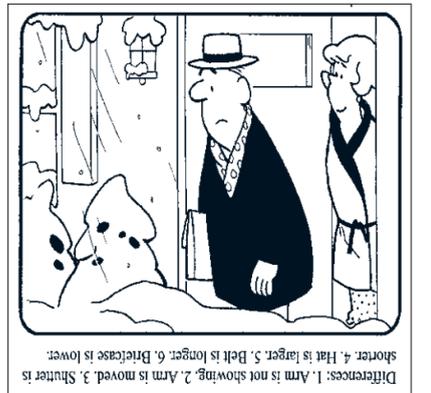
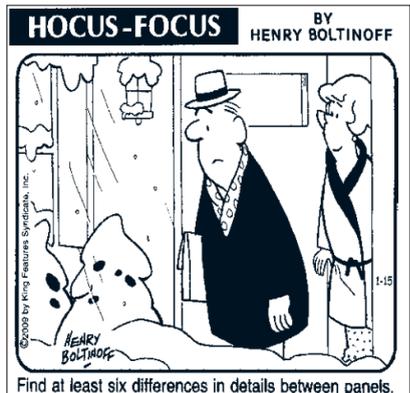
Raising a child is the most rewarding, loving and, yes, sometimes boring job a person can take on. Suggesting that women are good mothers only if they are constantly enthralled with children's activities sets them up for feelings of failure and inadequacy.

Getting out of the house for any activity, such as a walk or a trip to the library or store, helps relieve the tedium. Most experts urge new mothers to take personal time away from their children as a way to maintain their sense of individuality and perspective. If reading or going online recharges "Mom," it should not be considered an unhealthy escape.

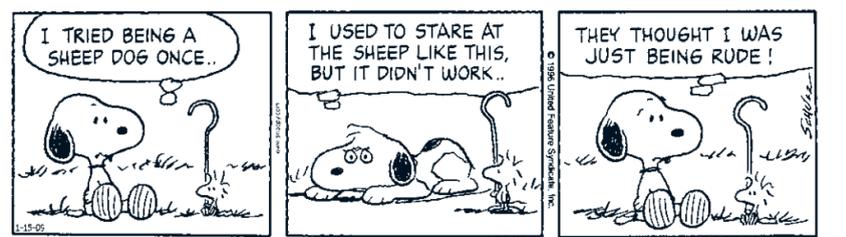
A final word: The new dad should help his partner feel appreciated and practice his own parenting skills by giving her a break from child care. — **HAPPY MOM IN CHESTER, VT.**

**DEAR HAPPY MOM:** Thank you for mentioning that fathers are an important part of the equation. "New Mom," and others like her, will appreciate your letter of support. Read on:

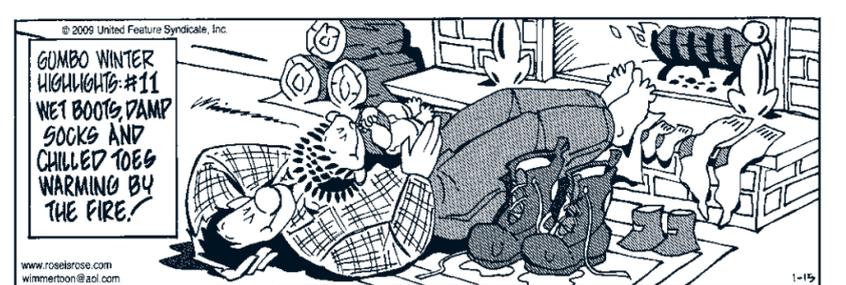
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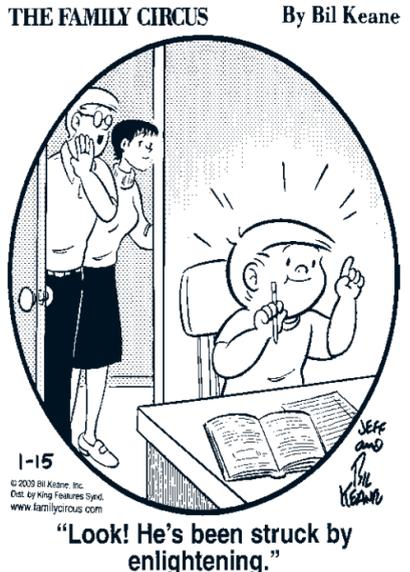
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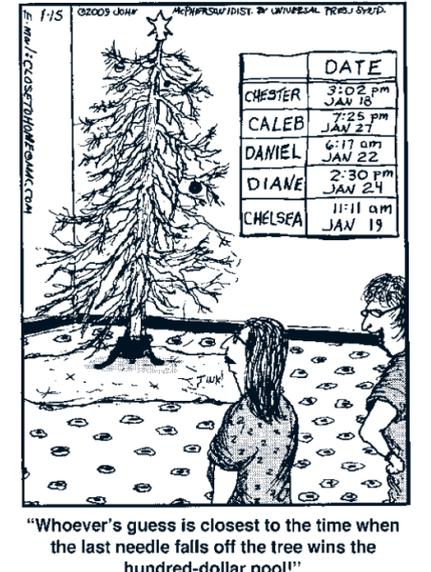
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**Melvin Lake Sr.**

Melvin Lake Sr., of Morris, Ala., and formerly of Sumterville, Fla.; Leesburg, Ala., and Dalton, was born March 9, 1929, in Shelby, Ohio. He passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, in Morris, Ala.



He was preceded in death by parents, Charles and Oneita Lake of Shelby, Ohio; wife and mother of his children, Alice Neis Lake Curtis; wife, Kitty Kent Currier Lake and grandchild, Mallory Lake.

Survivors include his

wife, Frances (Babes) Lake of Morris, Ala.; sons, Michael Lake (Nancy) of Powder Springs, Richard Lake (Janie) of Calhoun, Melvin Lake Jr. (Teresa) of Dalton, Guy Raymond (Dolores) of Gardendale, Ala.; daughters, Linda Lake White Hunter (Ricky) of Calhoun, Debi Lake McBurney (Blake) of Alpharetta, Lori Raymond McManus (Ricky) of Homewood, Ala.; grandchildren, Jason, Josh and Justin Lake, Jamie Bilsky and Allyson Hall (Michael Lake), Ginny and Abby (Richard Lake), Eric White, Amanda Hall and Allyson Hunter (Linda Hunter), Mary-Alice (Debi), Lance and Lincoln (Melvin Lake Jr.), Clark and Emily (Guy Raymond), Abby, Dalton and Hunter (Lori McManus); great-grandchildren, Autumn and Amara (Eric White), Hunter (Amanda Hall), Brock (Jamie Bilsky), Austin and Cameron (Allyson Hall), brother, Cloyce Charles Lake and sister, Angela Arnold both of Shelby, Ohio; and many, many friends.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army Airborne from

1948 to 1953; member of the First Baptist Church of Dalton; Associations: Past Exalted Ruler and Honorary Lifetime Member Dalton Lodge of the BPOE 1267; Lifetime Member Dalton VFW 4985; Lifetime Member Good Sam Club; Past Member American Legion, Dalton; Past Member Mason 105, Dalton; past member Scottish Rite-Mason, Albany; past member Zamora Shrine Temple, Birmingham, Ala.; past president Shrine Club, Valdosta; past member Dalton Bulldog Club; past member Dalton High School Quarterback Club.

He worked in management in the trucking industry for 40 years, including Terminal Transport Inc., American Freight Systems Inc., retiring from Brown Cartage Co. in Rome in 1993.

Services will be at Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m.; burial will be at Whitfield Memorial Gardens in Dalton.

Celebration of Mel's life

will be led by Pastor David Blackwood of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church in Calhoun, special music will be by George Weeks of Gardendale, Ala.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Eric White, Jason Lake, Josh Lake, Justin Lake, Lance Lake and Lincoln Lake; honorary pallbearers will be Jamie Bilsky, Clark Raymond and Dalton McManus.

We wish to thank Dr. James Cantrell, Mel and others of St. Vincent's Hospital and Vicki, Amy, Tommie and others of Hope Hospice for their care, concern and commitment.

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

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

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**Charles 'Hurk' Mealer**

Charles "Hurk" Mealer, 54, of Rocky Face, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Christine Brookshire Mealer; one sister, Ethel Mealer.

Mr. Mealer was a deacon of Mill Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Mary Mealer of the residence; daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Chuck Holstrom, Ann and Larry Kendall, Wanda Mealer and fiancé Jerry Cross all of Dalton, and Leslie and Randy Millsaps of Benton, Tenn.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Morris Gowin of Dalton, Trease and Rick Morgan of Whartburg, Tenn., and Diane Mealer of Dalton; brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Gail Quarles, Steve Mealer, Jesse Mealer and Ida Boyd all of Ringgold and David Millsap of Chatsworth; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; spe-

cial friends, Sonya Vaughn Cleveland, Henry Ledford, all his girlfriends at Mill Creek Baptist Church, and the living members of "The Rat Hole Gang"

The funeral is Friday at 2 p.m. at Mill Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Dewy Boyd officiating. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday.

Burial will be at Mill Creek Cemetery with Steve, Michael, and Daniel Mealer, Dustin and Dwayne Goad and Chip Lloyd will be serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the living members of "The Rat Hole Gang".

Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made to Mill Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 178, Rocky Face, GA 30740.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the Mealer family at [www.julianpeeples.com](http://www.julianpeeples.com)

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

[www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

**Shaw Hospitality gives design awards**

SUBMITTED BY SHAW HOSPITALITY GROUP

Shaw Hospitality Group, a division of Dalton-based Shaw Industries, recently selected four Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) students in New York City as the top award winners in the first "The Language of Design Competition."

- First place: "Tribal Chic" by Alyssa Rossi
- Second place: "Rhapsody in Blue" by Hyun-Jin Park
- Third place: "La Illusion" by Silvia Cruz Palomares
- Honorable mention: "Lily Pads" by Sunjin Seo

The winning designs will be launched as full collections from Shaw Hospitality Group in the coming months. The competition began in April 2008 when students were given competition guidelines. Their entries were submitted in December 2008 and judged on creativity, color, pattern and scale as related to floor-covering in the hospitality industry.

The competition was judged by leaders in the



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**Interior designer Thom Felicia was a judge for the Shaw Hospitality Group's "The Language of Design Competition" at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Felicia speaks with students during the competition.**

design community. Judges were Michael Adams, Hospitality Design magazine editor-in-chief; Thom Felicia, interior designer on the television program "Dress My Nest" and author of "Thom Felicia Style"; Teresa Viserious, principal of Viserious Design; Catherine Stein, president of

The Color Council; Karen Gentile, department chair and assistant professor of textile/surface design; Deborah Hernandez, FIT textile/surface design adjunct professor; Desiree Worsley, Shaw Hospitality Group vice president of marketing; and Pamela Rainey, Shaw Hospitality Group

design manager.

"The need for great design never ceases," Worsley said. "The FIT winners' designs reflected fresh ideas and creative thinking. This competition provided a unique opportunity to expose the FIT students to careers in pattern design in the flooring industry."

**Federal panel upholds Ga. voter ID requirement**

BY GREG BLUESTEIN  
 Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — An oft-challenged Georgia law that requires voters to show photo identification before they cast their ballots was again upheld Wednesday, this time by a federal appeals panel.

The three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected critics' attempt to block the law, concluding that concerns about the new requirements are "outweighed by the interests of Georgia in safeguarding the right to vote."

It comes after a series of federal and state judges have upheld the voter ID law or refused to stop it from taking effect.

The Georgia Democratic Party has long tried to block the law, claiming it places an undue burden on the poor, disabled people and minorities. The National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which filed this challenge, also claims the state never proved a valid reason for the new requirements.

State elections officials say the law helps prevent voter fraud and are quick to note that some 5 million residents cast ballots this year with the new restrictions in place.

The law, first enacted at the urging of Republican leaders in 2005, has been in effect since a federal judge in September 2007 said it passed constitutional muster. The U.S. Supreme Court has since upheld a similar photo ID law in Indiana.

Democrats and other critics filed a flurry of lawsuits challenging the requirements in the run-up to the November election, but judges refused to block the law from taking effect.

**THE MARKET**

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 8200.20 ▼ 248.30  
 Wednesday's NASDAQ: 1489.60 ▼ 56.80

	Tuesday	Wednesday		10.50	13.08
Gold	NA	821.5	IBM	85.34	83.19
Silver	NA	10.75	Interface	4.19	3.96
Acuity	31	29.27	JCP	20.30	18.76
AAir	4.39	4.02	JNJ	58.84	57.95
Apple	87.71	85.33	Kroger	24.72	24.23
AT&T	25.99	25.41	Lowes	20.30	19.56
BAC	10.56	10.20	McDonalds	59.32	57.33
BB&T	22.35	21.78	Merck	28.44	27.82
BP	45.22	43.19	Microsoft	19.82	19.09
BristolMyers	22.01	22.21	Mohawk	39.40	38.08
HP-Compaq	35.83	35.39	Motorola	4.32	4.11
Chevron	71.82	69.69	Region-Fin	7.21	6.85
CocaCola	44.02	42.62	Rock-Tenn.	30.11	28.80
ConAgra	16.89	16.76	Sara Lee	9.94	9.80
ColonialBnk	1.89	1.75	SouthernCo	34.86	2.27
Coke Ent.	11.90	11.29	Synovous	6.53	6.43
CrackerBrl	17.43	16.13	SunTrust	24.07	23.12
CrwnCrafts	2.25	2.25	Torchmark	40.53	38.47
CSX	31.64	30.10	Total Sys	14.27	13.69
Dell	10.76	10.31	UPS	49.74	48.15
Delta	11.11	10.29	Vulcan	58.18	55.80
Dixie Group	1.77	1.78	Verizon	31.50	30.56
Dow	15.55	15.11	Wal-Mart	52.12	51.56
Duke	15.16	14.99	Wells Fargo	24.38	23.07
DuPont	25.21	23.88	Wendy's	5.19	4.90
Earthlink	7.42	7.39	Yum	29.89	28.70
Ericsson	7.30	6.89	Xerox	8.41	7.92
Exxon	77.92	75.10			
Ford	2.48	2.26			
FSG	NA	4.92			
GE	14.94	14.11			
GM	4.02	3.85			
Goodyear	6.21	6.06			
HomeDepot	22.51	21.91			

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

**Dalton State welcomes Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band**

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State College will welcome the world-famous Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band is a family group that plays a repertoire of music that ranges from classical to rock and roll — using oil drums.

"This feat has astounded audiences not only because of the unusual use of oil drums as instruments, but also because of the group's artistic versatility in playing modern, classical and Calypso music," said Jane Taylor, director of public relations for Dalton State College. "The group plays

many calypso and reggae numbers, and they use dancing and chanting in their performances."

During post-World War II days, natives of Trinidad discovered that abandoned oil drums could be used for playing musical tunes. The original band was formed several decades ago. It has grown into an organization that has played for "sophisticated" audiences at the Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park and Lincoln Center Mall, among many others.

In 1972, the group won an award for its gold album "Liberace Presents." Over the years, the group has achieved a number of career highlights including an 18-month engagement as an attraction at Expo '67; two command performances for the Queen of England; a two-



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**The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will be performing at Dalton State College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall. The concert is free to the public.**

year tour with pianist Liberace; a one-year tour with Sergio Franchi; and major television appear-

ances. For more information about the concert, please call (706) 272-4469.

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# EMPLOYEE OF MONTH



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Jacelyn O'Neal, right, received the November 2008 Employee of the Month award for Whitfield County Emergency Services. O'Neal serves as a day shift telecommunicator with 911. Officials say she is always eager to help with new projects and often volunteers to help with public relations. She started with the department in May 2007. She was nominated for the November 2008 Whitfield County Employee of the Month award for her service and contribution to 911. With her is Jeffrey Putnam, Emergency Services director.

# College tuition going up

BY JUSTIN POPE  
AP Education Writer

Most high school seniors and their families have not made final college plans for next fall. But they know this: It's probably going to cost more than they had planned.

Even in good economic times, states and colleges have largely failed to hold tuition increases in line with inflation. Now as the slumping economy forces states to slash spending, students can expect the sharpest increases in years.

Families are calling on colleges to absorb as much of the burden as possible instead of passing the extra costs on to students.

"In my business, my customers are asking me for price concessions," said John Schock of Raleigh, N.C., who works in sales for a company in the automotive industry and whose son is looking at colleges. He said colleges "have an obligation as well."

Final prices will not be set until state budgets are finished in the coming months, but the trend is clear. In California, the governor's proposed budget would raise university fees around 10 percent. Florida's governor is trying to give several state schools more power to raise prices. And universi-

## Costs jump in lower income groups

Nationally, paying for college has increased in all income groups when compared to 1999-2000.

### College costs as a percent of median family income

Lowest Lower-middle Middle Upper-middle Highest

Public four-year colleges and universities ...	CHANGE	... and two-year
1999-2000 39%	16%	40%
2007-2008 55	10	49
23	18	22
33	7	29
18	12	15
25	16	20
12	7	10
16	4	13
7	3	6
9		7

NOTE: Costs include tuition, room and board without financial aid; figures don't add to 100 due to rounding.

SOURCE: The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education AP

ties in both states plan to cut enrollment slots.

Other states could not wait until fall and have passed unusual midyear increases, including a whopping 14-percent increase in New York.

In previous recessions, state-supported institutions have raised tuition between 8 and 10 percent annually for several years running, said Nick Johnson of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington.

"This recession is worse. This state fiscal crisis is worse than last time, so we would expect state tuition increases to be larger than in past years," Johnson said.

Students could see some relief at private universities,

which may have less room to raise prices without losing business or looking greedy. Augustana and Princeton are among schools that have already announced their lowest tuition increases in at least 25 years. Merrimack College and Benedictine University have announced freezes for next year.

But four in five American college students attend public schools.

Many colleges are making budget cuts, but that's hardly good news for students. It means larger classes and, in states like California, fewer admission slots in the state system.

Jim Boyle, president of the membership and advocacy

group College Parents of America, said next year will be especially painful because so many families have lost college savings in the stock market, or can no longer tap home equity loans because of the real estate crash.

Donna Kopec, who lives in the Chicago suburb of Palatine, Ill., planned to use a mutual fund her parents opened for her daughter to help pay expenses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. But that fund has lost one-third of its value, and an e-mail from the school about economic conditions left her alarmed — particularly because she has three younger children.

"We're probably going to have to take some options off the table (for the other children) unless things change," said Kopec, who works in book publishing. "It's not easy." She hopes President-elect Barack Obama will implement campaign promises such as offering college grants in exchange for community service.

Low-income students in particular could also get help from Obama's proposed economic stimulus package, which may include measures to improve college affordability, such as increasing the amount of Pell grants.

## IRS expands free online filing program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Want a quick tax refund? File your federal tax returns electronically.

With tax season approaching, the Internal Revenue Service said on Wednesday it is expanding a program that enables taxpayers to file returns online at no charge, promising refunds much faster than for those who mail in paper forms.

Taxpayers who file electronically can receive refunds in as few as 10 days, compared to six to eight

weeks for those filing paper returns, according to the IRS. The IRS e-file system becomes available Friday.

"Pretty much anybody at any income level can take advantage of these services," said David Williams, the IRS director of Electronic Tax Administration.

Taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$56,000 or less, or about 70 percent of all taxpayers, can use a Free File computer program that walks them through the filing process step by step, much

like a tax preparer would, Williams said.

Taxpayers with higher incomes can fill out and file their tax forms online, just like they would on paper, he said.

Nearly 90 million taxpayers filed online last year, about 58 percent of all returns. The IRS Oversight Board, which oversees the IRS, has set a goal of having 80 percent of taxpayers file online by 2012.

The IRS e-file system can be found at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Open house at Murray library

CHATSWORTH — The Chatsworth-Murray County Library will have an open house on Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m. The library

is on Old Ellijay Road in Chatsworth. The library is now having story time on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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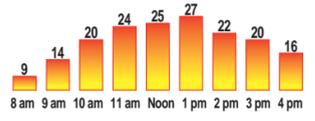
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Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
37° 10°	35° 9°	39° 29°	44° 25°	42° 24°
Colder	Sunshine; cold	Partly sunny	Low clouds	Mostly cloudy

Almanac

Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.  
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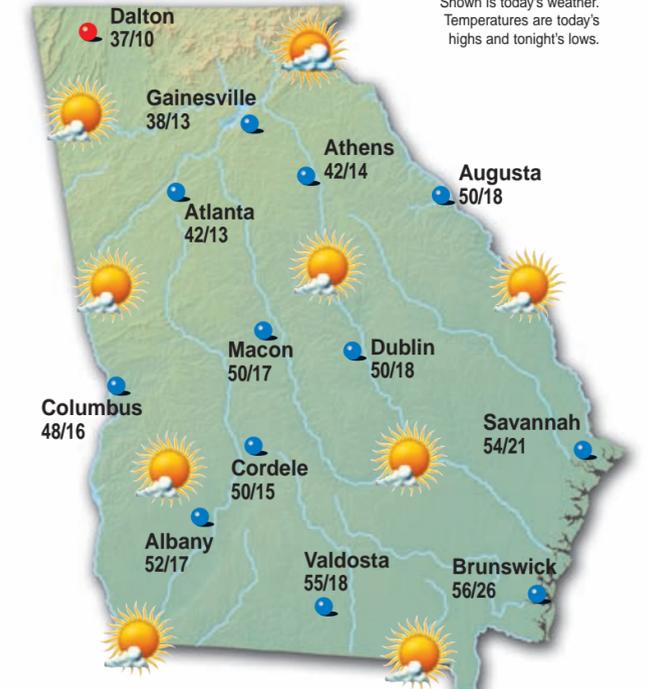
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 Sunset tonight ..... 5:52 p.m.

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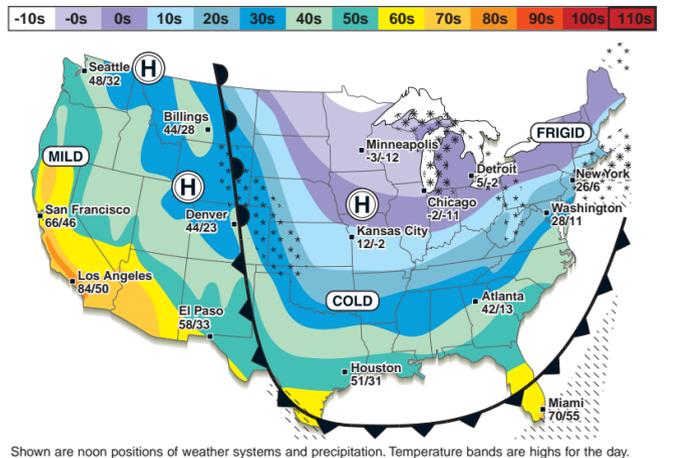
**Weather Trivia™**  
 Q: One inch of rain is equivalent to how much snow?  
 A: 10 inches if the temperature is between 25F and 30F.

Georgia Weather



City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	52/17/s	46/15/s	53/28/s	La Grange	44/14/s	38/11/s	47/24/s
Atlanta	42/13/s	35/10/s	42/30/pc	Macon	50/17/s	42/16/s	49/30/s
Athens	42/14/s	38/9/s	38/30/s	Marietta	40/12/s	32/10/s	40/28/pc
Augusta	50/18/s	42/12/s	46/24/s	Newton	52/19/s	47/16/s	55/29/s
Brunswick	56/26/s	45/25/s	48/33/s	Rome	34/10/s	34/6/s	43/30/pc
College Park	42/13/s	36/10/s	42/30/pc	Savannah	54/21/s	45/19/s	49/26/s
Columbus	48/16/s	42/18/s	47/31/s	Sparta	48/17/s	43/15/s	46/30/s
Gainesville	38/13/s	33/9/s	35/29/pc	Valdosta	55/18/s	48/13/s	54/27/s

National Weather for January 15, 2009



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

City	Today			Fri.			Sat.		
	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	7/-13/sn	8/2/pc	17/8/c	Memphis	29/6/s	30/24/s	49/33/pc		
Anchorage	34/29/sn	34/26/sn	34/25/sn	Miami	70/55/pc	68/50/c	68/56/pc		
Baltimore	29/10/pc	20/7/s	25/19/pc	Milwaukee	-2/-6/pc	7/6/pc	28/13/c		
Billings	44/28/pc	46/27/s	48/28/s	Minneapolis	-3/-12/s	13/13/sn	25/11/c		
Boise	36/23/s	38/25/pc	40/28/pc	New Orleans	52/29/s	45/34/s	55/41/pc		
Buffalo	6/-2/sf	7/3/sf	20/14/sn	New York	26/6/sn	16/10/s	24/20/pc		
Charlotte	40/12/s	30/10/s	35/25/pc	Oklahoma City	27/14/pc	47/32/s	56/31/pc		
Cheyenne	36/24/c	54/24/s	47/23/s	Orlando	62/37/s	55/35/c	63/37/s		
Chicago	-2/-11/pc	7/7/pc	29/14/c	Philadelphia	28/9/sf	18/6/s	22/18/pc		
Cincinnati	10/-8/sf	10/6/pc	33/21/pc	Phoenix	73/49/s	73/48/s	75/50/s		
Cleveland	8/-2/sf	10/6/c	28/18/sn	Pittsburgh	13/-2/sf	7/0/c	18/15/sn		
Dallas	38/21/pc	47/36/s	61/38/c	Portland, OR	50/29/pc	45/32/pc	52/35/pc		
Denver	44/23/s	55/28/s	52/22/pc	St. Louis	10/-4/s	26/25/pc	42/24/c		
Detroit	5/-2/sf	6/6/c	25/17/sn	Salt Lake City	40/22/pc	39/21/s	40/23/s		
Indianapolis	5/-11/c	11/9/pc	33/19/sn	San Francisco	66/46/s	66/45/s	63/45/s		
Kansas City	12/-2/pc	31/28/c	41/20/pc	San Diego	78/49/s	74/49/s	70/48/s		
Las Vegas	65/40/s	65/41/s	64/42/s	Seattle	48/32/pc	48/32/pc	48/39/pc		
Los Angeles	84/50/s	82/50/s	80/48/s	Wash., DC	28/11/pc	18/10/s	33/25/pc		

**The World**

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	61/53/pc	60/51/pc	55/47/pc	Jerusalem	69/43/s	73/49/pc	57/45/s
Auckland	74/65/s	77/66/s	72/60/pc	London	45/39/c	46/39/pc	46/37/sh
Amsterdam	38/28/s	37/31/c	39/32/r	Madrid	44/30/pc	48/30/pc	48/32/s
Baghdad	59/39/s	66/42/s	67/42/pc	Montreal	-9/-17/pc	-6/-8/pc	3/0/pc
Beijing	36/20/s	34/23/pc	32/19/c	Moscow	28/23/sn	28/21/sn	25/14/sn
Berlin	34/24/sn	32/21/c	34/28/sn	Pasco	39/34/pc	41/36/c	43/37/r
Buenos Aires	88/73/pc	90/77/pc	93/70/t	Rio	86/73t	84/73r	86/74r
Cairo	75/59/pc	79/55/pc	67/51/pc	Rome	52/41/sh	54/39/s	52/43/s
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Cape Town	82/59/s	83/59/s	81/61/s	Singapore	84/77/sh	86/75/sh	84/75/pc
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## PREP WRESTLING

# Starting from the top

## No. 1-seed Cats in first state duals

By LARRY FLEMING

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Dalton's top-seeded Catamounts are not focused on just making it to their first-ever Class 4A state duals in Macon on Friday.

"We want to go down there and do the same thing we did at area," Cats coach Charles Mitchell said Wednesday. "And that's to win. I don't care about the draw, who we're wrestling. We're going down there to win and that's that. I don't care who's on the mat with us, we're going to take it to them. They better be ready for us."



Mitchell

The Cats, who moved down South Paulding, Woodland and Rome to win the Area 7-4A title, take on Jones County's Greyhounds on Friday at 8:30 a.m. in their first-round match at the Macon Centreplex. The Greyhounds finished second in Area 1-4A to earn a spot in the bracket opposite Dalton. The Dalton-Jones County winner advances to wrestle the Loganville-Marist winner in the second round scheduled to start at 10:15 a.m.

Semifinals in all classifications are slated at 7 p.m., with the championship matches starting at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

At a Sunday seeding meeting in Thomaston, site of the Georgia High School Association headquarters, Mitchell had "to fight" for the Cats' No. 1 seed for the duals. In the end, it came down to Dalton's strength of schedule that earned the top spot, Mitchell said.

"Our schedule was just tougher than other



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton wrestler Henson Toland, right, tries to take down Taylor Duckworth during Wednesday's workout at the high school. The Catamounts will compete in the Class 4A state duals starting Friday morning in Macon.

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## COMMENTARY

# Mitchell's sermon has gotten through

New coaches almost always preach a similar sermon. Their message of hope typically marks off a checklist about growing stronger, becoming tougher, getting back to fundamentals, building trust among their team and gaining the confidence to reach the high goals they have (or eventually plan to) set.

In other words, when a coach takes over a program he believes anything is possible with the right attitude and the work to back it up — and really, who would want one that didn't have that type of ambition?

But while almost all coaches believe, and a good portion of those have a rough plan in place, sometimes the details escape that plan.

Naturally, there are also times when the coach just doesn't mesh with the program or players or the situation is so dire the desired changes can't be met on the timeline set by a coach or his superiors. Sometimes the goals are simply unrealistic. It happens.

However, Dalton High's Charles Mitchell has provided as good an example of living his own gospel as any area coach in recent memory.

When he took over the Catamounts wrestling program in the summer of 2006, there was little to suggest that he had much of a shot at a quick fix. Dalton had a proud tradition to look back to — the Cats finished among the top 10 teams at the state traditional tournament from 1996-2001 and had 19 top four individual finishes from '96-04 — but things fell apart, and a series of coaching changes left the Cats without much stability at the top or otherwise.

Mitchell, who before coming to Dalton was an assistant at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, an Area 7-4A school at the time, knew what he faced.

"You know how it was, I don't have to tell



Marty Kirkland

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## YOUTH SPORTS

# WCRD affiliates with Dixie Youth sports

By LARRY FLEMING

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Whitfield County Parks and Recreation director George Page's past working relationship with the Dixie Youth Organization's baseball and softball programs has followed him to Dalton.

Page, hired in October, is a former district, state and national director for Dixie Boys baseball. In 2005-07, he was deputy commissioner of Dixie Boys baseball and tournament director for the 13-year-old World Series.

It was no surprise when Page worked out an affiliation for WCRD with Dixie baseball and softball that will officially begin this spring.

"In the past, our kids in Whitfield County were playing strictly rec ball," said Page, who came to Dalton from North Carolina, "without the opportunity to advance to district, state and national tournaments. This move to Dixie baseball and softball allows our kids to play just as many regular season games but with the opportunity to play in postseason tournaments, including World Series."

Dixie baseball for boys and softball for girls range in age from 4 to 19.

Dixie baseball is 4-12, softball 5-18, and Dixie Boys and Dixie Majors baseball from 13 to 19. Dixie Majors is for high school age players.

"WCRD already had great basketball, baseball, football and softball associations, and it has a great volunteer base with all the local communities," Page said. "With Dixie baseball and softball, we'll set the schedules and partner with community associations to facilitate them. There will be no changes in that respect."

Page said regular-season play in baseball and softball would be in a four-division setup built around community associations. Preliminary plans call for North, South, East and West divisions, although the alignments are not set in stone.

The alignments:

North — Westside and Tunnel Hill.

South — Dug Gap, Antioch, Eastbrook, Valley Point and Dawnville.

East — New Hope, Beaverdale, Pleasant Grove.

West — Varnell, Cohutta.

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Phil Hawkins, left, and Patrick Douglas, center, of the Beaverdale Athletic Association, discuss plans for the Whitfield County Recreation Department to join Dixie Youth Organization with WCRD director George Page.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: ROUNDUP

Georgia Tech's Gani Lawal (31) blocks the shot of Duke's Brian Zoubek in the first half of their Atlantic Coast Conference game Wednesday night in Atlanta. Despite its worst shooting night of the season, third-ranked Duke managed to defeat the Yellow Jackets, 70-56.

AP PHOTO



# 'Cold' Duke beats Jackets

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Duke picked the right opponent to have a miserable night shooting.

Gerald Henderson and Kyle Singler scored 19 points each and the third-ranked Blue Devils overcame their worst shooting game of the season for its seventh straight victory, pulling away for a 70-56 win over sloppy Georgia Tech on Wednesday night.

Duke (15-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) was just 23-of-59 from the field, a 39-percent performance that would have been enough to get them beat on many nights. Not this one.

Georgia Tech (9-7, 0-3) turned it over 18 times, went only 7-of-19 from the free throw line and started with three straight ACC losses for the second straight season.

Lewis Clinch hit a 3-pointer that pulled the Yellow Jackets within 46-41 with just over 8 minutes remaining. But Jon Scheyer hit twice from beyond the arc and

Henderson also swished a 3, stretching the margin far beyond comeback range for a team of Georgia Tech's limited offensive skills.

Zachery Peacock, with 13 points, was the only player in double figures for the Yellow Jackets, who were a little more accurate from the field (41 percent) than they were from the line (37 percent).

Duke's previous worst shooting effort was a 41 percent against Virginia Tech on Jan. 4. But the Blue Devils, who also started dismally at the line, hit enough free throws down the stretch to bury the Yellow Jackets.

One bright spot for the home team: Top high school prospect Derrick Favors announced earlier Wednesday that he would attend Georgia Tech next season, picking the Yellow Jackets over Georgia and North Carolina State. He attended the game and

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# Dixie

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Page presented his Dixie baseball and softball plan to community association leaders during a two-hour meeting in December.

"It was well-attended," he said. "Our staff got all the information together so the community associations would be informed. Everyone asked all the right questions and they got the answers they needed."

Page said he already has received commitments from Dixie baseball to hold two state tournaments — Junior Boys (13 year olds) and Dixie Boys (14 year olds). There is a verbal commitment for "two or three" state softball tournaments, he said. Page said that if Whitfield County hosts a 16-team state tournament in either sport, 14 teams will be coming from out of town.

"Every year we're going to have six Dixie Youth baseball district tournaments, five Dixie softball district tournaments and four automatic state tournaments for Dixie Boys and Dixie Major baseball in Whitfield County," Page said. "That's going to be amazing and I'm so excited about how our community has come together and come up with the best situation for our kids in Whitfield County."

"In the first year of this affiliation we're going outside our comfort zone and there may be some bumps along the way. But we're going to smooth out those bumps. It might not even be exactly what Whitfield County needs, but you won't know unless you try."

Patrick Douglas, president of the 3-year-old Beaverdale Athletic Association that works with 100-plus youngsters in the spring, agrees with Page.

"This first year will be a learning curve," Douglas said. "But I think it's a good thing. We went through all-stars in football for the first time this year and I think that worked out well. There are still a lot of questions but that's just because of the unknown. As long as the kids get more games, I don't see that as anything but positive."

Page said Dixie Youth is a national all-volunteer organization and local organizations pay nominal fees to join.

"To franchise a league, it's \$25," Page said. "The cost per team in a Dixie league is \$8. That's the cheapest deal in town."

Dixie baseball and softball annually gives about \$200,000 in scholarships grants to high school seniors, Page said.

"Kids in Georgia benefit from that," he said. "To be eligible you only have to play one year in Dixie ball. This whole thing is all about the kids."

## Some owners says it's time for salary cap

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. (AP) — Some baseball owners say it may be time to reconsider a salary cap after the New York Yankees spent nearly a half-billion dollars on free agents during a recession that may cause some teams to retrench.

"I would ask, if it's such a bad idea, what sport doesn't have a salary cap other than us?" Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio said Wednesday.

A salary cap isn't on the agenda of the major league owners meetings this week. But it could become an issue when the present collective bargaining agreement expires after the 2011 season — especially if the economy worsens.

"I think there's a lot of owners that would like to have that right now," Oakland owner Lew Wolff said. "I think the parity is what we're looking for, and the more ways you can get to parity the better. I think it's pretty good now, but I think it could be better."

"It's a very good question, because maybe this recession, depression, whatever we're in may be a change for a lot more years," Wolff said.



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**Dalton High wrestlers pay close attention as assistant coach Michael Keefe (face hidden) demonstrates a move on his brother, Josh, at Wednesday's practice session in preparation for the Class 4A state duals on Friday.**

## Dalton: Seed is validation

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schools," the coach said. "Not just in our area, but we wrestled teams like McCallie (Chattanooga), Grissom, Ala., and Larue, Ky. We also wrestled Jefferson, No. 1 in Class 2A, and LaFayette, No. 1 in Class 3A, and Murray County, Northwest Whitfield, Cass and Rome in our own area. Our five losses in Georgia were to teams at the state tournament."

"When the committee looked at all that, we got the No. 1 seed, and that validated us."

The Cats will leave this morning and arrive at the Centreplex in time for about a 90-minute workout prior to weigh-ins at 6 p.m.

Dalton heads to the state duals in a confident mood despite the pressure of being the tournament's No. 1 seed.

"I don't think that really matters," 140-pound sophomore Juan Holguin said. "Even if we do have a bull's-eye on our back, I think we can go out there and dominate everybody."

"We've been wrestling great. We're more like a team and that has helped us win more

matches and get better."

Senior 285-pounder Dean Menchaca is pumped to make his first appearance at state.

"I've been ready since we won area," he said. "It doesn't matter who we wrestle, we're all prepared and ready to take on three opponents and get to the finals. We would all be happy and excited to win our first state championship. That would be amazing and I can't wait to see what we can do."

Mitchell is keenly aware of the Cats' confidence level, but he's working to keep his wrestlers minds focused on the challenge ahead.

"I'm keeping them humble," said Mitchell, who has given the program much-needed stability after the Cats went through three coaches in the three seasons before his arrival in 2006.

"We've been hard on them in practice. Nobody is going to give us anything. Now that we're the No. 1 seed, we're going to get everybody's best shot. We've been putting them in adverse situations in workouts so they can respond to what they might face this week."

### PRO BASEBALL

## Smoltz: Braves took him for granted, so he bolted

By CHARLES ODUM  
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ATLANTA — John Smoltz returned to Atlanta on Wednesday to make it clear he'll always cherish the city that has been his home since 1988.

"Twenty-two years is a long time and I don't think you ever take it for granted and I never will," he said.

But the pitcher said Braves management took him for granted this offseason, and that helped push him to accept a \$5.5 million, one-year contract from the Boston Red Sox as he recovers from major shoulder surgery.

"They had a plan," Smoltz said of the Red Sox, "and the plan here was, 'We just always assumed he wouldn't leave.'"

The 41-year-old Smoltz was back in Atlanta one day after his first news conference in Boston. He said the offers between the Braves and Red Sox were "not even close" and said the performance bonuses that pushed the potential value of Atlanta's offer close to \$10 million "were impossible" to reach.

"In all my greatest accomplishments, I couldn't have reached what they were talking about," he said. "It sounds good. The numbers sound good. It sounds like, 'Oh, they're close. Why would he leave?'"

Smoltz said "we wouldn't be having this discussion" if the Braves' offer had been close to Boston's.

"I have no ill feelings toward anybody or harbor any bitterness," he said. "I want the Braves to go to the World Series and certainly now I want them to play against the Boston Red Sox and then let fate take care of the rest after that."

The Braves finished far out of playoff contention last season, when they lost 90 games and came in fourth in the NL East.

This winter, general manager Frank Wren has had to rebuild Atlanta's rotation.

Tim Hudson is expected to miss at least the first half of the 2009 season after elbow ligament replacement surgery. Tom Glavine remains unsigned as he recovers from surgery to repair a torn tendon in his left elbow. Mike Hampton signed with Houston. And now Smoltz is with Boston.

Wren on Tuesday reached a preliminary agreement on a \$60 million, four-year contract with right-hander Derek Lowe and finalized a deal with Japanese all-star pitcher Kenshin Kawakami. Wren traded for Javier Vazquez earlier in the offseason.

Wren has been looking for starting pitchers he can count on from the start of the season. Boston, meanwhile, looked at



AP PHOTO

**Pitcher John Smoltz said Atlanta always assumed he wouldn't leave the Braves, but he did for Boston.**

Smoltz as a pitcher it can bring along slowly with hopes he'll be a factor in the postseason.

Boston's approach quickly won over Smoltz.

"If you're looking at the World Series, if you're looking at the upside of what can potentially happen, my gosh!" Smoltz said.

"If people asked me to pitch 220 innings or 30 starts, certainly I would never even think about signing John Smoltz because certainly the odds way outweigh the reward. But it was never approached to me that way from Boston's standpoint. They saw the value of everything. They were going to be able to slow me down, get me at my strength and be able to deliver something — that they're trying to get to a World Series."

Smoltz said he's motivated in his rehabilitation by the goal of returning to the playoffs and World Series.

"It's what I want," he said. "It's what I love. It's what, if you gave me that opportunity and I never pitched a regular-season game and that's all I did, that is what it's about."

Smoltz was generally upbeat as he spoke with Atlanta-based reporters in the offices of his agent, Lonnie Cooper. The right-hander emphasized his intent to remain part of the Atlanta community.

"I want to say I've loved every second, every minute," Smoltz said. "I'm not dying. I'm not leaving. I'm just playing for a different team."

# Kirkland: Cats back

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you," Mitchell said. "The program was a laughing-stock, nobody really believed in it. To see that from the outside in, to see how bad it was and see things progress, that's pretty good."

The progress has now reached a point where the Cats are preparing for their first trip to state duals after beating Rome last weekend for the Area 7-4A duals championship.

Jordan White, now a senior 112-pounder, had an even longer view of the ups and downs for the program than Mitchell. A part of Dalton wrestling since, as a kindergartener, he joined the kids club that was once attached to the program, White was the team's only qualifier for the state traditional tourney as a freshman, the year before Mitchell arrived.

The look of joy/relief on White's face after the Cats beat Rome for the area duals title last weekend told plenty about what he's witnessed over the years.

"It gives me chills," he said moments after the win. "I'm not used to seeing something like that."

So what's been the difference for Dalton?

Mitchell preaches a good pre-match sermon — after the Cats beat Woodland-Bartow in the semifinals on Saturday, with his team huddled up in a narrow side hall of the South Paulding High gym, he captured what had been accomplished and the opportunity ahead perfectly as his wrestlers listened intently — and Dalton's transformation may look like something akin to a miracle.

But it took a clear plan and plenty of hard work from within the program to make the change happen.

"I think if you take care of the little things," Mitchell said, "then the big things will take care of themselves."

A few little things stick out that Mitchell and the Cats did on the road from forgotten program to feared opponent:

■ Mitchell dared to dream big. This isn't exactly original — see the first paragraph for new coaches' love of the ambition plus work equals success formula — but it was something the Cats needed immensely. After going through so many coaching changes in such a short stretch, they required a clear, focused message and Mitchell delivered that: We're going to shoot for the top and we're not going to wait to be told when that's a reasonable goal.

■ The Cats got on the mat. It sounds simple, but one of the smartest, most

practical things Mitchell did for the Cats was also one of the simplest. He got them wrestling. Their schedule had grown so slim during the coaching changes that Dalton went a season without hosting a dual meet. Practice is great, but as in all sports, wrestlers thrive on the lessons learned from live matches against another team. Mitchell stuffed the schedule — this year, some of Dalton's top wrestlers have already crossed the 50-match threshold — and didn't make it easy, either. By facing tough programs in tough tournaments, Dalton became tough.

■ Humility was preached from the beginning and, even as champs, that mindset's unlikely to change for the Cats. Dalton picked up a breakthrough win when it beat Chattanooga's McCallie in early December, but a little more than a week later the Cats were knocked back by a one-point loss to Rome. Mitchell used that to remind the Cats of the need to be at your best at all times and he's done the same with losses since then. Defeats can be simply suffered or they can be constructive. It's clear what Dalton has done with its setbacks.

■ Mitchell remains willing to have other voices in the mix. While the Cats coach might have taken the burden of rebuilding the program onto his shoulders alone, from the start he's instead been willing to listen to others.

Even before his first season in Dalton started, he credited parents and other boosters for their help. And prior to this season, the addition of former University of Tennessee-Chattanooga wrestler Michael Keefe gave Dalton another boost in leadership. During the preseason, Mitchell talked about what a help it was to have Keefe in the practice room to back up the message he's been preaching all along.

White talked about the extra push the Cats have been given by Keefe, too.

"He drills us harder than we've ever drilled," White said. "He shows us all sort of new stuff, takes us in the room the day after a match and shows us what we need to work on."

The details have been the difference for Dalton. In three years, championships have gone from dream to reality for the Cats.

That sermon Mitchell preached from the start about believing?

The Cats' faith is apparent — not just in their words, but their actions.

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## Bradford to stay at OU

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford wasn't ready to give up the life of a college quarterback — not without a national championship.

The third-year sophomore quarterback will return to Oklahoma next season, passing on a chance to be a high NFL draft pick.

"I've dreamed about playing at Oklahoma since I was little, and my three years here have been probably three of the best years of my life, and I really feel that there's no need to cut this experience short," Bradford said Wednesday at a news conference.

His return also means another shot at a Heisman Trophy. Archie Griffin of Ohio State is the only player to win two Heismans. Florida quarterback Tim

Tebow, the 2007 winner, finished third behind Bradford in the Heisman voting this season.

For the first time, the top-three vote-getters for the Heisman Trophy will return to college football. Tebow announced his intentions Sunday and Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said he'd be back for his senior season long before the Longhorns won the Fiesta Bowl.

Bradford led the nation with 50 touchdown passes and a quarterback rating of 180.8. He likely would have been one of the first quarterbacks taken in April's draft.

Instead, Bradford will take another run at a national championship with Oklahoma, which lost to Florida, 24-14, in this year's title game.

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# Hoops: Dogs lose

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received a rousing ovation when shown on the video board during the second half.

■ **Vanderbilt 50, Georgia 40:** At Nashville, Tenn., A.J. Ogilvy scored 18 points and Vanderbilt beat Georgia in the lowest scoring game for both teams this season.

The preseason All-SEC player had missed two of the past three games for Vanderbilt with a bone bruise in his right heel. But Ogilvy started, played 29 minutes and helped Vanderbilt (12-4, 1-1) win for the seventh time in eight games.

Georgia (9-8, 0-2) lost its fourth straight overall. The Bulldogs had leads in each of the previous three games, blowing big leads in the second half of two of those including last weekend's loss to Tennessee. This time, they led only briefly in the opening minutes.

Terrance Woodbury scored 10 points for the Bulldogs.

■ **Georgetown 88, Syracuse 74:** At Washington, DaJuan Summers scored 21 points and No. 13 Georgetown had its best 3-point shooting game of the season to beat No. 8 Syracuse.

Austin Freeman scored 19 points and was 4-of-5 on 3-pointers as the Hoyas (12-3, 3-2 Big East) went 12-for-21 from behind the arc.

Eric Devendorf had 20 points and four 3-pointers for the Orange (16-2, 4-1), who had won seven straight.

■ **Florida 68, Auburn 65:** At Auburn, Ala., Nick Calathes had 17 points and made three free throws in the final seconds to lift Florida over Auburn.

The victory was Billy Donovan's 300th and the ninth in a row for the Gators.

Calathes also had nine rebounds and five assists for Florida (15-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference). He made 3 of 4 free throws in the final 19 seconds as Florida (15-2, 2-0) overcame a late Auburn surge.

Rasheem Barrett led the Tigers with 15 points.

■ **Ole Miss 74, Arkansas 65:** At Oxford, Miss., Terrico White scored 18 points as Mississippi placed four players in double figures on Wednesday night to defeat Arkansas 74-65.

David Huertas added 16 points, while Zach Graham had 12 points and Murphy Holloway chipped in 11 for the Rebels (10-5, 1-1).

Courtney Fortson scored 24 points and Terrance Henry had 19 for Arkansas (12-3, 0-2).

■ **Miss. State 83, Alabama 74:** At Starkville, Miss., Phil Turner scored 17 points and blocked three shots to lead Mississippi State past Alabama.

MSU (12-5, 2-0) shot 66.7 percent from the field in the second half to erase a three-point halftime deficit.

Mikhail Torrance scored 20 points to lead the Tide (11-5, 1-1).

■ **Pittsburgh 75, South Florida 62:** At Pittsburgh, Tyrell Biggs was Pitt's leading scorer the first time in his career with 16 points, and No. 1 Pittsburgh struggled again before pulling away to beat South Florida.

Dominique Jones and Augustus Gilchrist scored 22 points each

■ **Davidson 83, Elon 68:** At Davidson, N.C., Stephen Curry scored 39 points and Davidson weathered a second-half rally to beat Elon 83-68 on Wednesday night.

Max Paulhus Gosselin added 10 points for the Wildcats (13-3, 6-0 Southern Conference).

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Today**  
Varsity swimming  
Dalton, Darlington at Rome, 5  
Middle school basketball  
Rome vs. Gladden, 4:30  
Copper Basin at Christian Heritage, 5  
Whitfield County tournament  
**Seventh grade**  
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 Furthah Prep, 6:30  
Dalton at Hillgrove, 7  
Southeast at LaFayette, 7  
Murray County at Allatoona, 7  
Varsity wrestling  
All classifications, state duals, Macon, 8 a.m.  
Junior varsity basketball  
Furthah Prep at Christian Heritage, 4  
Murray County at Allatoona, 4  
Freshman basketball  
Murray County boys at Allatoona, 4

**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.  
Whitfield County tournament  
Championship games at Eastbrook Middle, 9

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**GOLF**  
6:30 p.m.  
TGC — PGA Tour, Sony Open, first round, at Honolulu

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN — Connecticut at St. John's  
ESPN2 — Purdue at Northwestern  
9 p.m.  
ESPN — North Carolina at Virginia  
FSN — Washington St. at Oregon St.  
11 p.m.  
FSN — Arizona at UCLA  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
8:15 p.m.  
TNT — Cleveland at Chicago  
10:30 p.m.  
TNT — Phoenix at Denver

## FOOTBALL

### NFL Playoff Glance

**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.

# SCOREBOARD

**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)

## HOCKEY

### NHL Glance

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
N.Y. Rangers 26 15 4 56 120 118  
Philadelphia 23 11 9 55 142 128  
New Jersey 25 15 3 53 132 113  
Pittsburgh 21 20 4 46 137 143  
N.Y. Islanders 12 27 4 28 110 156

**Northwest Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Boston 32 7 4 68 157 95  
Montreal 25 11 6 56 133 112  
Buffalo 21 16 5 47 120 117  
Toronto 16 21 6 38 124 154  
Ottawa 15 21 6 36 101 122

**Southeast Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Washington 28 14 3 59 147 133  
Carolina 21 18 5 47 112 132  
Florida 20 16 6 46 120 119  
Tampa Bay 13 20 10 36 105 135  
Atlanta 14 25 5 33 126 160

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Central Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Detroit 29 7 6 64 157 118  
Chicago 23 10 7 53 143 103  
Columbus 21 18 4 46 115 117  
Nashville 20 20 3 43 106 121  
St. Louis 16 23 3 35 120 141

**Northwest Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Calgary 26 12 4 56 133 122  
Vancouver 22 18 5 49 130 125  
Colorado 22 20 1 45 116 124  
Edmonton 21 18 3 45 118 125  
Minnesota 21 18 3 45 106 97

**Pacific Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
San Jose 32 5 5 69 150 99  
Anaheim 22 17 5 49 126 124  
Phoenix 21 18 5 47 109 126  
Dallas 18 17 6 42 117 140  
Los Angeles 17 19 6 40 104 117

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

**Wednesday's Games**  
Ottawa 3, Atlanta 2  
Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3  
Buffalo at Chicago, late  
Detroit at Anaheim, late

**Today's Games**  
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Buffalo at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Glance

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Boston 32 9 .780 —  
New Jersey 19 20 .487 12  
Philadelphia 18 20 .474 12 1/2  
New York 15 22 .405 15  
Toronto 16 24 .400 15 1/2

**Southeast Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Orlando 31 8 .795 —  
Atlanta 22 15 .595 8  
Miami 21 17 .553 9 1/2  
Charlotte 15 24 .385 16  
Washington 7 31 .184 23 1/2

**Central Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Cleveland 30 6 .833 —  
Detroit 22 15 .595 8 1/2  
Milwaukee 19 22 .463 13 1/2  
Chicago 17 22 .436 14 1/2  
Indiana 14 25 .359 17 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**  
W L Pct GB  
San Antonio 24 12 .667 —  
New Orleans 22 12 .647 1  
Houston 24 16 .600 2  
Dallas 22 16 .579 3  
Memphis 11 27 .289 14

**Northwest Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Denver 26 13 .667 —  
Portland 23 15 .605 2 1/2  
Utah 23 16 .590 3  
Minnesota 11 26 .297 14  
Oklahoma City 7 33 .175 19 1/2

**Pacific Division**  
W L Pct GB  
L.A. Lakers 31 6 .838 —  
Phoenix 22 13 .629 8  
Golden State 11 28 .282 21  
Sacramento 9 30 .231 23  
L.A. Clippers 8 29 .216 23

### College Results

**Wednesday's Games**  
Chicago 102, Toronto 98  
Indiana 110, Detroit 106, OT  
Philadelphia 100, Portland 79  
Boston 118, New Jersey 86  
New York 128, Washington 122  
Miami 102, Milwaukee 99  
Oklahoma City 114, Utah 93  
New Orleans at Dallas, late  
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, late  
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, late  
Sacramento at Golden State, late

### Today's Games

Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

**EAST**  
American U. 69, Bucknell 55  
Drexel 70, Hofstra 52  
Duquesne 88, George Washington 83  
Georgetown 88, Syracuse 74  
Hartford 76, Maine 71  
Holy Cross 47, Army 36  
Lafayette 69, Colgate 62  
Michigan St. 78, Penn St. 73  
Navy 63, Lehigh 58  
New Hampshire 65, UMBC 47  
Pittsburgh 75, South Florida 62  
Saint Joseph's 62, St. Bonaventure 51  
Temple 78, Penn St. 53  
Va. Commonwealth 78, Towson 71  
Vermont 70, Boston U. 56

**SOUTH**  
Davidson 83, Elon 68  
Duke 70, Georgia Tech 56  
Florida 68, Auburn 65  
Gardner-Webb 64, Winthrop 49  
George Mason 61, William & Mary 57  
James Madison 79, UNC Wilmington 58  
La Salle 68, Charlotte 61  
Mississippi St. 83, Alabama 74  
SE Louisiana 84, Northwestern St. 59  
Southern Miss. 61, Tulane 54  
Texas-San Antonio 62, Nicholls St. 55  
Vanderbilt 50, Georgia 40  
Virginia Tech 62, Richmond 48

**MIDWEST**  
Cincinnati 71, Rutgers 59  
Dayton 72, Fordham 71  
Illinois St. 65, Drake 61  
Kent St. 72, Bowling Green 48  
Ohio 66, Miami (Ohio) 62  
Saint Louis 69, Massachusetts 64  
W. Michigan 70, Toledo 52

**SOUTHWEST**  
Rice 69, SMU 57

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Gladden Middle girls defeat Rome

Caitlyn Sims and Megan Pittman each scored six points as Gladden Middle School's seventh-grade girls defeated Rome, 27-26, to improve to 13-3 on the season.

On Monday, Gladden's boys and girls defeated Dalton on Monday.

The Warriors won 40-35 as Austin Johnson and Zach Crumley each scored 16 points. The Lady Warriors got 10 points from Grace Phillips in a 33-25 win.

### Siegel set to head diversity program

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Max Siegel will leave Dale Earnhardt Inc. at the end of the month to manage the Drive for Diversity program, which aims to develop minority and female drivers in NASCAR.

Siegel spent the last two seasons as head of global operations for DEI, which was run by the late Dale Earnhardt's widow, Teresa. But his role diminished when DEI agreed to merge with Chip Ganassi Racing.

### Pitt running back enters NFL draft

PITTSBURGH — LeSean McCoy, the running back who broke some of Tony Dorsett's records at Pittsburgh, is leaving school after two seasons for the NFL draft.

McCoy, who led Pitt to a 9-4 record and Sun Bowl appearance this season, told coach Dave Wannstedt on Wednesday. The two met Friday at which time McCoy agreed to weigh his decision for a few days. Scouts project him as a late first-round to early second-round pick.

— Staff, AP

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## Future business leaders

Dalton High School students are celebrating National FBLA Week

This week is National FBLA Week. The 148 members of the Future Business Leaders of America Dalton High School will participate in daily activities to recognize their support and participation in the co-curricular organization.

Monday the students recognized teachers and administrators at the school. Tuesday was March of Dimes Awareness Day. Wednesday, members participated in an appreciation breakfast. Professional Dress Day is today. Students will also compete in

Region competition at Armuchee High School in Rome today.

The culminating event for FBLA week is the 4th annual FBLA Sweetheart Fashion Show. The fashion show is a chance for students to organize, promote and implement an event.

"It is a fun, hands-on experience for students," says FBLA Advisor Doug Shults. "They get to see something through from idea, execution and evaluation."

It is also a fundraiser for scholarships and to defray expenses for members to attend

FBLA conferences at state and national levels.

Brides of Dalton and Tease Hair Salon donate their services to make this event possible. Hailey Brock is also an advisor for the FBLA organization at Dalton High School.

## Good habits make good students

For the second year, Dalton High School is recognizing students for their character.

The Catamount Habits of the Mind program was developed by the Student Council in 2006 to encourage students to strengthen their character. The Habits include: Thinking Interdependently; Managing Impulsivity; Practicing Self-Management; Listening with Understanding and Empathy; Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations; Possessing Humility; Striving for Accuracy; and Thinking Flexibly.

The following students were selected to participate: Eric Abernathy, Jose Acevado, Edgar Alvarado, Lizzie Baker, Hunter Bright, Hillary Brock, Andrew Bruner, Mayra Cisneros, Courtney Creswell, Robert Curtin, Rachel Czyz, Zac Daud, McLean Davies, Gloria Estrada, Janet and Erica Figueroa, Jose Fraire, Michelle Fuller, Sereena Gallani, Mariel Garcia, Stephanie Garcia, Alejandra

Gonzalez, Eunice Guerrero, Eduardo Gutierrez, Alexa Harrison, Tate Howell, Guadalupe Hurtado, Miguel Hurtado, Luis Juan, Kanza Kabir, Tanner Karr, Emily Liner, Kathryn Lutrick, Maria Maldonado, Lilian Sarah Lovingood, Martinez, Marisela Martinez, Sophia Mendoza, Maria Moreno, Emily O'Brien, Oscar Paredes, Jin Park, Carter Patterson, Maria Pena, Tania Pena, Lorena Quintero, Brandon Ramos, Maria Rendon, Fernando Resendiz, Erin Rogers, Jose M Rodriguez, Joana Rosales, Gloria Sandoval, Meg Scalise, Tiffany Seals, Alexis Smith, Gerardo Soto, Taylor Spahn, Judy Tat, Colton Taylor, Henson Toland, Maria Trejo, Kenny Vargas and David White.

The Oakwood Café hosts the event. Teachers from the Math, English and Science Departments have the opportunity to nominate and invite a student that exemplifies the Habits. In the spring, another breakfast will be held for other departments in the school.



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Above, Principal Debbie Freeman recognizes Carter Patterson and Rachel Czyz at the Catamount Habits of the Mind breakfast Tuesday. Below, Freeman recognizes Erika and Janet Figueroa.



## Is it just a day off?

BY KAREN SANCHEZ

Every third Monday in January is always a day off for students. After two weeks of hard work after the holidays, it feels great to have a three-day weekend. But how many of us really stop to think about what we're celebrating? How many us, especially the newest generations, think about Martin Luther King Jr., his sacrifices and his triumphs, his hard work and his impact?

An African American clergyman, Martin Luther King Jr., was an activist and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement. His main legacy was to secure progress on civil rights in the United States and he is referenced as a human rights icon today. He became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he raised public con-

sciousness of the civil rights movement and established himself as one of the greatest orators in U.S. history. In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other non-violent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and opposing the Vietnam War, both from a religious perspective. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2004; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. national holiday in 1986.

With so many accomplishments, it seems a wonder that many forget to acknowledge the achievements of this great man. So now, let us stop and think. Martin Luther King Jr. day, Jan. 19 — day off from school, or a celebration of a prominent leader in civil rights?

## DHS freshman get a taste of reality

BY ALEXANDER PATTERSON

Recently the newcomers to Dalton High School got a glimpse of what a life of responsibilities will entail. In the "Reality Check" program, each freshman was randomly assigned a certain yearly income and was then asked to purchase things like housing, health insurance, childcare and clothes. These chances to purchase things were represented in the form of booths that the students would move around to visit. The students quickly learned that they would need to strategize where and how they would spend their money in order to avoid hypothetical homelessness.

One wide-eyed freshman, Zachary Keen, eager to set out into the world of responsibilities with his \$26,000 a year made his first purchase of child care. He then took interest in the Chance Booth. Just like in real life this booth provides the freshmen with a random occurrence that could just as easily hurt them as benefit them. Keen was fortunate to win a fishing



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Dalton High School newcomers got a taste of financial reality recently.

tournament which earned him \$500. He then used his extra money and took his family of four out to a baseball game.

On the flip side, some students were disappointed with their predestined annual earning and realized they were unable to get everything they need to survive. Will Chapman never attended to

college so only made \$20,000 a year. To make things worse his spouse would not work. At the end of the time given, he was left without food or clothes. Naked, hungry and discouraged, Chapman exclaimed, "This paper cannot tell me who I am." He did however learn that without college, chances of being highly pros-

perous are pretty doubtful.

Although many students squandered their money away with concerts and baseball games, freshmen Jake Brown took his \$23,000 and high school education and still managed to afford everything he needed. This Reality Check truly showed students the value of a dollar, or rather \$25,000.

## STAR Student and STAR Teacher named

Senior Daniel Zhan is named the STAR Student for 2009. One student from each high school in Georgia is selected for the STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) honor.

Zhan selected social studies teacher Susan Brigman as his STAR teacher.

"Mrs. Brigman is an outstanding teacher," said Zhan.

To qualify, the student must have the highest SAT score in one test sitting and be in the top 10 percent of their class. The Professional Association of Georgia



Zhan

Educators (PAGE) has coordinated this recognition since 1994. A banquet to honor the STAR students will be held in Atlanta.

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**105 Special Notices**  
*Broken into at Dalton Depot; 12/26 -Red 4-Runner w/ TX tags. Taken: Sterling silver (Gorham/Camellia) towels by "Home" in pale aqua & another set in aqua/brown, many UoFA items including a pillow, teva tumbler; crimson Cross roller ball pen, men's clothing sz. LG, womens clothing sz MD, Black & Decker tools (stud finder, level, many more) Garmen GPS. 706-226-9153 or 706-280-2714 Kathy - REWARD!!*

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**\*\*DALTON** - 609 E. Cuyler St. 3 BR / 1 BA \$1000 Down, \$650 a Mth, \$85,000  
**\*\*COHUTTA** - 4036 Parliament Dr. 5 BR / 3 BA \$2500 Down, \$1200 a Mth \$160,000.

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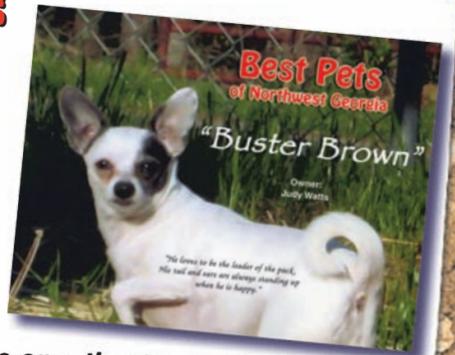
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