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By tradition, clock

Obama inauguration order will be similar to past ceremonies

By ANN McFEATTERS
Scripps Howard News

Protocol is a tough taskmaster. Thus, almost every Presidential Inauguration proceeds according to tradition and the clock.

Early on the morning of Jan. 20, a butler will climb the stairs to the main guest suite at Blair House, across the street from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and tap gently on the door of the blue, white and raspberry-chintz-covered bedroom. President-Elect Barack Obama undoubtedly will already have risen from the king-sized, canopied four-poster bed he slept in for five nights.

Presidents later have described the feeling the morning of taking the oath of office as a cross between the excitement of a child on Christmas morning and the nervousness of taking a final exam for which you are not fully prepared. (Reportedly, the only president-in-waiting still asleep when the butler tapped was Ronald Reagan.)

As Obama goes over his speech one last time, Michelle Obama and her mother will be making sure their daughters, Malia Anne, born in 1998, and Natasha or "Sasha," born in 2001, are breakfasted and warmly dressed. The last child younger than 12 (Chelsea Clinton) who went to the White House on a January 20 was Amy Carter, who was nine.

The Obama children will be in the same clothes from the outdoor swearing-in at noon through the parade that ends late afternoon, although the bullet-proof-glass box of comfortable chairs and bleachers in front of the White House where they will watch the parade is heated. The Clinton family reportedly had a brief squabble about what 12-year-old Chelsea was to wear.

At 10:30 a.m., after a prayer service, the Obamas will travel by car the half-block from the church

to the White House, where the Bushes will welcome them inside for coffee.

After 11 a.m. the Bushes and the Obamas will get into the presidential limousine for the 1.2-mile trip to the Capitol, where Obama will take the oath of office at noon on the Bible used by Abraham Lincoln, who also was from Illinois.

The Secret Service, which famously dubs the first family with coded nicknames for security purposes, has chosen its names for the Obamas: Barack is Renegade, Michelle is Renaissance, Malia is Radiance and Sasha is Rosebud.

Obama will be sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. There will be prayers and music performed by the President's Own Marine Corps Band. The weather is expected to be sunny and cold. Obama probably will wear a top coat. (William Henry Harrison died one month after catching cold on inaugural day on March 4, 1841 after delivering an inaugural address that lasted 100 minutes.) Michelle Obama will not wear a fur coat.

The highlight after the oath of office is the inaugural address. Obama is likely to speak for about 15 to 20 minutes. Everyone will be searching for a phrase to remember. (Lincoln talked of "the better angels of our nature." Franklin Delano Roosevelt told Americans "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." John F. Kennedy told Americans to "ask what you can do for your country.")

While the new president is being sworn in as the previous president watches, a miracle of efficiency and change of power takes place. One moving truck drives up to the South Entrance and picks up the Bush family's possessions and furniture. And another

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AP PHOTO

President-elect Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama, arrive at "We Are One: Opening Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial" yesterday in Washington.

Sticking to their guns



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Elizabeth "Betsy" Hoole McArthur, left, a retired educator from Northwest Whitfield High School, speaks to Kathy Smith as she signs copies of her book, "Bound for Glory" following a meeting of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society on Sunday afternoon.

By MISTY WATSON
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Americans didn't seem to think anything bad was about to happen in July of 1861.

Girls dressed prepared for a picnic, followed by a dance. Reporters came eagerly to watch so they could recount the day's activities.

"It was like going to a football game today," explained Elizabeth "Betsy" Hoole McArthur. "It was fun. Everyone was excited. No one expected anything bad."

But when the First Battle of Bull Run at Manassas Junction in Virginia broke out, the reality of war hit, said McArthur, author of "Bound for Glory" who spoke at the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society meeting Sunday.

McArthur, a retired educator from Northwest Whitfield High School, is now spending her time researching history and writing books and articles.

Her book "Bound for Glory" follows the story of the Darlington Rifles, a militia group from South

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Where is Bartlett buried?

By MISTY WATSON
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Capt. Henry Bartlett, who died in the Civil War during Battle of Dug Gap, is somewhat of a local hero for the town of Caldwell, N.J.

"Everyone knows his name," said Beverly Crafasi, historian and vice president of the Historical Society of West Caldwell. "People would like to see... him be honored for a very real sacrifice he made."

Gary Abrams, of Staten Island, N.Y., wants to honor Bartlett by seeing that he receives a "more dignified" burial site. Abrams is a firefighter and a Civil War re-enactor with the 33rd New Jersey Infantry, of which Bartlett was a member.

"I want him in a proper burial spot instead of somebody's front lawn," Abrams said.

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TODAY'S FORUM

Editor's note: Please keep your comments as brief as possible. Get to the point! If you include a name, please spell it. Call 706-272-7748 to comment.

"What are the school superintendents of Whitfield and Murray County doing sending the school kids out to catch the bus in zero degree weather?"

"I'm upset the school systems couldn't delay or close the school when the weather is as poor as it is."

"If the superintendents had to wait by the side of the road to catch a bus, there wouldn't be any school today."

"It has been too cold for children to be at bus stops."

"I can't believe the Whitfield County school superintendent let little kids stand out on the side of the road in 8-degree weather."

"The Challenge students have worked hard to make good grades. As for their trip being a waste of money, let their parents who paid for the trip decide."

"I was just in Hamilton Medical Center for 16 days and while I was there a lady came through and played the harp outside my room for about 30 minutes. It was the most beautiful music I've ever heard and I want to thank her."

"Airport Road widening has been on the SPLOST lists for 10 years."

"In regards to the unnamed pool hall, the police and the sheriff have been notified."

"It was in very poor taste to put the lady's picture in the body bag on the front of the paper."

Editor's note: We felt like the photo told a powerful and tragic story honestly, without being too graphic. Not everyone agrees."

"A Spaniard is someone from Spain, not Mexico."

"My comment for Today's Forum is I hate Today's Forum. All everybody does is complain."

"I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it."

"Happy 21st anniversary to Benjamin."

"During this cold snap please check on the elderly. Don't forget them."

"Two Democratic senators on Thursday introduced legislation that would push the DTV transition date from Feb. 17 to June 12. It doesn't matter when it starts. There will be people that won't be ready."

Lloyd Sez:
Weather like this reminds me of the Blizzard of '93. I couldn't even get up the hill because of the sleet and ice and snow."

"I find it very insulting that a person said he wanted President Obama to fail miserably. We've just had eight years of failure."

"Three cheers to the pilot and crew of the plane that crashed into the Hudson River."

"I think some people are using the forum to advertise their business. They'll write in a question one day and

then the answer the next day. Shame on them."

"I still believe that blighted housing program is just a sneaky way for the county to do a land grab. If they put a lien on somebody's property in this economy, they know they won't be able to pay it back. They're trying to create more homeless, not help them."

"Has anybody noticed that Obama's hiring nothing but crooks for his administration? God help this country."

"The Boys and Girls Club and the DPRD offer many programs for children of all economic backgrounds."

"Trust me, 'Seven Pounds' isn't even worth the rental — worst movie I've seen in a long time."

"Computer says that Obama has raised \$27 million for inaugural festivities. Could reach \$40 million. Spending that kind of money to party when people are losing everything they own is disgraceful."

If you have pets outside, please bring them in during these frigid temperatures we are having."

"It's not stupid to blame President Bush or the Democratic Congress for the foreclosures which started two years ago. They should have done something then."

"Why do all the schools around Whitfield County close while my kid freezes to death waiting on the bus because I have to go to work?"

"Thank Dalton Utilities for the quick response to Jernell Street to our power outage. They were here and had it fixed within an hour and 15 minutes."

"There needs to be an investigation in how North Georgia Electric is coming up with these doubled power bills."

"Thanks to Mimi at Chatsworth Pizza Hut for taking such good care of my 78-year-old dad."

"I'm really glad the birthday wishes are gone. Now what about getting rid of 'Paw Paw loves Sweet Pea.' It's supposed to be a forum, a forum for ideas."

"Happy birthday to the weirdo who hates the birthday comments."

"We don't murder deer. We hunt them for food cause we can't afford the murdered beef in the grocery stores."

"\$19,000 for a sign! What a ridiculous waste of money! Many schools in this area are having to cut jobs, decrease salaries, eliminate substitute teachers, and much more. I think Jenny Jones should have utilized her hard earned money in a less frivolous way."

"If they're going to tax cigarettes, they should tax beer, too."

"Moth balls will keep the squirrels out of your attic."

"Teachers get a STEP raise every year. What they want is an extra percentage raise. Georgia already ranks high in salary and benefits."

"Why does the Dalton Library open at 10? That seems too late to me! There are always people there waiting for it to open. Murray County opens their library at 8!"

Guns

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Carolina, lead by her great-grandfather Axalla John Hoole.

"My father (William Stanley Hoole) is the reason I'm interested in history and writing," McArthur said. "He wrote over 80 books and 130 articles. This was a book daddy had hoped to write. I picked up where he left off."

The Darlington Rifles was that day's version of the National Guard, but by the 1860s, it was more "ceremonial," she said.

"I don't think they ever expected to be called to war," McArthur said. "In 1860, the militia boys were called up. By February of 1861, the South Carolina Unit, Company A of the 8th Regiment (of which the Darlington Rifles had become a part) prepared for 'maybe' war."

When firing began at Fort Sumter in April of 1861 — it took two days for word to reach Darlington, S.C. — all but one of the Darlington Rifles volunteered to go help, McArthur said. By the time the militia arrived, the battle was over, she said.

They returned home to prepare for war.

"They were so excited," she said. "They didn't believe they would get hurt. Most had never left home before. They packed trunks. They thought this was a holiday, like going on a cruise would be to us today."

Thousands of soldiers traveled to Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederacy and "got ready just in case something might happen," McArthur said.

The goal of the Union was to take over Richmond so the war would be over, she said. There were a few skirmishes in mid-July of 1861, but the real battle began July 21.

"They were undisciplined soldiers," McArthur said. "(Union soldiers) began to run. Along with them were all the picnickers and girls in their dresses."

Approximately 5,000 soldiers were killed in the battle, she said. "The destruction was beyond anything they had ever seen," McArthur said.

McArthur said she ends her book at the end of the battle because that's when the Darlington Rifles' identity ended.

But her great-grandfather Hoole became a lieutenant colonel in the 8th South Carolina Infantry and went on to fight in many battles. He was killed in the battle on Snodgrass Hill in Chickamauga.

The last letter he wrote to his wife Betsy came from a camp in Dalton, McArthur said. She is working with local Civil War enthusiast Marvin Sowder to find where the camp was, though they think it's in the Mill Creek area.

Hoole's sword and rifle were passed down through family before being donated to the Chickamauga Battlefield where they are now on display.

Bartlett: Search

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So he is making plans to have Bartlett's body, as well as fellow soldier Lt. Joseph L. Miller's body, moved to Caldwell.

There's only one problem.

No one seems to know exactly where Bartlett and Miller were buried, though historical records and family stories seem to point to present-day Ryman Farm off Dug Gap Road, according to Abrams.

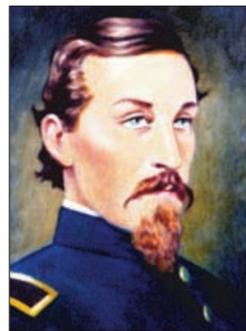
Abrams began working on the project while researching the lives of 50 men who were members of the 33rd New Jersey Infantry. He plans to write their biographies and include photos of towns where they grew up and their grave sites.

"It's always been sad they never had a burial place for him locally," Crifasi said. "It seems like unfinished business when you don't get a burial in your own hometown. They named a street for him. After the war was over, veterans here decided to set up a post of the Grand Army of the Republic and named it for him — Capt. Henry Bartlett of the Grand Army of the Republic, which lasted until the 1930s."

Bartlett, born in April 1830, graduated from Princeton University — then named the College of New Jersey — and went on to become a prominent attorney and banker in New Jersey and New York, Crifasi said. He had apparently made so much money by 1861, he was able to retire, she said.

Bartlett joined the local militia, Company G of the 7th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and was named captain, Crifasi said. He left the war in January of 1863, citing health reasons, but rejoined in September of that year, she said. He was then captain of the 33rd Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, she said.

Bartlett was fatally shot carrying the regiment's colors during the Battle of Dug Gap in May of 1864,



CONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC

Above is a portrait of Capt. Henry Bartlett, painted before he died in the Battle of Dug Gap in 1864.

according to local Civil War enthusiast Marvin Sowder. Miller took up the colors and began to lead the regiment, but was also shot and killed, he said.

The Union soldiers were Masons, which Confederate soldiers would have known because of a pin or button worn by the men, Sowder said.

"Because of that, they were given a Christian burial," he said. "They were buried somewhere on the (160-acre) Freyloch farm. Part of present-day Ryman Farm is on part of the Freyloch farm."

In the 1940s or 1950s, someone requested the Union soldiers be moved to a Confederate cemetery, "but that was not acceptable at that time," Sowder said.

Since then, the exact grave sites seem to have been lost, but Abrams is hopeful someone remembers where they are.

Do you know where he is?

Anyone with information on the burial sites of Union soldiers Capt. Henry Bartlett and Lt. Joseph L. Miller, can contact Gary Abrams by phone at (917) 902-2496 or by e-mail at capt.henryc.bartlett@gmail.com.

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Democrats could help Georgia with money from Washington

BY SHANNON MCCAFFREY

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Georgia officials working to whack \$2 billion in spending from the state's recession ravaged state budget are drooling over a federal stimulus plan loaded with cash.

Working closely with President-elect Barack Obama, Democrats in the U.S. House this week unveiled an \$825 billion plan that would pump money into Medicaid, school districts and road projects.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican, said he isn't counting on any federal funds to balance Georgia's budget. The package's fate on Capitol Hill is far from certain. Still, state officials are keeping a close eye on Washington, just in case.

While conservative Republicans nationally and in Georgia have expressed ambivalence about the costly stimulus plan, Democrats

are by and large on board. And after years out in the cold, it could fall to state's out-of-power Democrats to flex their political muscle in Washington with the incoming Obama administration.

At the state Capitol, Democrats say it's a nice change of pace in a Legislature dominated by Republicans since 2004.

"Several of my more pragmatic Republican colleagues have approached me," state Sen. Doug Stoner, an early Obama backer from Smyrna said. "There is definitely a sense that we'll be more in demand."

State Rep. Calvin Smyre, a veteran Democratic lawmaker from Columbus, had a 45-minute meeting on Monday with Perdue to talk about ways Smyre could help with the Obama administration. As president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Smyre has ties to the Obama transition team.

"Calvin obviously has

connections into some of the personalities in the transition team and the new administration and I believe he's sincere in using those relationships for the benefit of Georgia," Perdue said.

Smyre said he's determined to see that Georgia gets its due from any stimulus package that moves in Washington.

"My message is, let's not miss this opportunity," Smyre said. "This would close some of the holes we have in our budget."

In Washington, Democratic U.S. Rep. David Scott echoed that thought.

"I'll be doing everything we can to make sure Georgia gets its fair share of this stimulus package," Scott said.

Perdue's budget plan avoided steep cuts to Medicaid, the health program for the poor, by proposing a new fee on hospitals and health insurance plans. Conservative Republicans have pledged to fight the fee. An infusion of federal cash for Medicaid could help state

lawmakers avoid a bruising political brawl.

In 2003, during another economic downturn, the state's Medicaid program was rescued by about \$500 million in federal cash for Medicaid.

Georgia school districts likewise have been hit hard by years of cuts to the state's funding formula that pays for day-to-day operating expenses. Those cuts have only intensified as the state's budget woes have worsened. The Democrats plan would funnel \$100 billion to districts around the country.

And road and other infrastructure projects could get a boost from billions of dollars in proposed federal road money. That would be a huge boost for Georgia, with its backlog of road projects.

"It doesn't matter what party you're in if you're sitting in traffic," state Rep. Vance Smith, the Republican chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said. "We'll take the help where it comes from."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Dean's List

■ Megan Dodson attained dean's list honors at the University of West Georgia for the 2008 spring and fall semesters. Dean's list honors require at least a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Dodson is the daughter of Atlas and Judy Dodson of Dalton, and the granddaughter of Buna Treadaway.

■ Joshua Ellison of Cohutta was named to the dean's list for the fall semester for 2008 for North Georgia College & State University in Dahlonega. Students on the list have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or better, with no grade lower than a B, while carrying 12 or more hours of course work.

Master's degree

■ Kyle Baron completed his master's degree in social studies at Converse College of Spartanburg, S.C., in December 2008. He earned his undergraduate degree at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C. Baron was recruited and given a baseball and academic scholarship at North Greenville and won several awards during his collegiate baseball career. He is the son of Bill and Kathy Baron of Dalton.

Merit honor

■ Emily Claire Kisor of Dalton was a merit honor student at Brenau University in Gainesville for the fall 2008 semester. The designation is for students who completed 12 to 14 hours, earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, received a grade no lower than a B, and received no incompletes. She is the daughter of Perry and Kim Kisor of Dalton.

Academic awards

ATHENS — The University of Georgia has announced the names of undergraduate students who were named Presidential Scholars or achieved the dean's list for fall semester.

The Presidential Scholar designation recognizes undergraduates who have scored a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester. Students named to the dean's list earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher out of a possible 4.0.

■ Brandi Demaris Brunner, Cohutta
 ■ Charles Benjamin Clark, Cohutta
 ■ Mimi Elizabeth Ensley, Dalton

■ Tessie Grace Harmon, Rocky Face
 ■ Jordan William Paynter, Cohutta
 ■ Robin Corinne Steele, Dalton
 ■ Lacie Tiffany Tijerina, Chatsworth
Dean's list
 ■ Benjamin Daryl Bagley, Chatsworth
 ■ Charles Andrew Bragg, Dalton
 ■ Jennifer Christine Enck, Dalton
 ■ Jonathan Christopher Harton, Dalton
 ■ Kalen Elizabeth Hayes, Dalton
 ■ Hannah Leigh Henderson, Chatsworth
 ■ Zachary Ryan Robbins, Chatsworth
 ■ Adam Derik Smitherman, Dalton
 ■ John Stephen Williams, Dalton.

Murray County High School alumni

Anne Brindle began her second term as president of the Murray County High School Alumni Association at the group's first meeting of 2009. Pete Adams continues as the association's vice president. Tammy Gold, Tim Howard and Emily Cogburn are other officers for the association.

Annual membership is \$10 per person while lifetime membership is \$100. General membership is open to anyone who graduated from or attended MCHS for at least two years. Current and former faculty/staff with at least 10 years of service are also eligible for membership.

The group's spring project is the awarding of two scholarships to graduating MCHS seniors. One is the Allen Ross Memorial Athletic Scholarship. The other is the association's academic scholarship. Donations are needed to help finance these awards for 2009. Members of the scholarship committee are Pete Adams (chairman), Tammy Gold and Jonathan Howard.

Each fall the association inducts deserving alumni into its Hall of Fame. Members of this committee are past inductees Mary Dill, Trudy Swilling, France Adams, Tim Howard and Carlton McDaniel.

The MCHS Alumni Association meets at the Wright Hotel in Chatsworth on the second Monday of January, April, July and October, at 7 p.m. Memberships, contributions and nominations for the Hall of Fame can be mailed to the association at P.O. Box 2155, Chatsworth, GA 30705.

NTSB: Jet's engines lost power together

BY KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The flight data recorder of the US Airways jet that landed in the Hudson River shows both engines lost power simultaneously, investigators said Sunday.

Information from the flight recorders on the doomed aircraft was released as investigators worked to remove its fuel. After that is completed, officials hope to move the damaged plane off the river by the end of the day.

"Defueling is a pretty intricate operation, not without risk," Kitty Higgins of the National Transportation Safety Board said at an afternoon briefing.

The crippled plane, hoist-

ed from the river late Saturday, remains on top of a barge moored to a seawall in Manhattan a few blocks from the World Trade Center site.

Higgins said the recorders showed that Flight 1549 reached a maximum altitude of 3,200 feet before losing power simultaneously in both engines before its splash-landing Thursday afternoon.

Higgins said the accounts on the cockpit voice recorder were consistent with interviews with the flight crew. She also praised the crew.

"Miracles happen because a lot of everyday things happen for years and years and years," she said. "These people knew what they were supposed to do and they did it and as a result, nobody lost their life."



AP PHOTO

A worker looks into the damaged right engine of the US Airways Airbus A320 that made an emergency landing Thursday in the Hudson River.

Tensions ease as Israel, Hamas cease fire

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK AND CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press Writers

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops, some smiling and dancing, began to withdraw from Gaza Sunday after their government and Hamas militants declared an end to a three-

week war. But neither side achieved long-term goals and the burden of consolidating the fragile calm fell to world leaders.

The truce brought relief to Gaza's citizens, who took stock of the devastation in relative safety for the first time since Israel launched the offensive on Dec. 27. And it brought more trauma,

as rescue workers in surgical masks ventured into what were once no-go areas and pulled 100 bodies from buildings pulverized by bombs.

"We've pulled out my nephew, but I don't know how many are still under there," Zayed Hadar said as he sifted through the rubble of his flattened home in the

northern town of Jebaliya.

Tension eased in southern Israel, the target of Palestinian rocket fire, even though Hamas launched nearly 20 rockets in a final salvo before announcing a cease-fire. Three Israelis were lightly wounded, while two Palestinians were killed in last-minute fighting, medics said.

Protocol: Inauguration like clockwork

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truck unloads the Obama family's furniture and personal goods. While the public rooms are furnished with priceless antiques, the private rooms upstairs at the White House, including the famous Solarium, which is the "family room," are furnished by each president.

After the swearing-in, the Obamas will be honored at a luncheon sponsored by a bipartisan committee in the National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol which has been a tradition for more than a century. The theme is "A New Birth of Freedom," and celebrates the 200th birthday of Lincoln. The guests, mostly

members of Congress, will eat seafood stew, pheasant and duck with sour cherry chutney, molasses sweet potatoes, and apple cinnamon sponge cake and sweet cream -- a menu crafted to include dishes of Lincoln's day. They will drink Duckhorn Vineyards 2007 sauvignon blanc, Goldeneye 2005 pinot noir and Korbel California "champagne," made specially for the inauguration.

As the Bushes fly off to Texas, the parade will begin. After the Obamas arrive at the head of the parade at the White House, they will watch it from the elaborate, heated box it took two months to build in front of their new home. The Obamas may

invite celebrities in town for the festivities, including a free concert on the National Mall on Sunday, to sit with them to watch the inaugural parade.

The parade usually takes at least two hours and is sometimes three. After it is over, the Obamas will walk up the curved driveway to the front door of the White House to find all their things neatly laid out for them. (Each family has to be told to put their inaugural ball clothing (gowns and tuxedos) in a special place at Blair House so they can be pressed and hung to be worn that night.)

Traditionally the new president and his wife make the rounds of each of 10 inaugural balls. The Obamas

like to dance and probably will take a few steps at each. They will probably return to their new home, the White House, shortly after midnight begins.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Maria Smith
AGE: 11
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Parents, Adam and Tanya Smith; sister, Callie
SCHOOL: Pleasant Grove Elementary
PLAY: Basketball, Wii
SHE SAID: "Life isn't always what you expect."



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VIEWPOINTS

Attacks on Bush are unfair

President Bush increased support of important poverty programs, improved the academic achievement of minorities through federal intervention in the schools, enlarged entitlement benefits and got rid of income taxes for millions who had small paychecks.

These are liberal-type programs, and no wonder the left is cheering him — but wait. It isn't. It is savaging him as the worst president history, inventing faults he didn't have, ignoring his accomplishments, exaggerating what he might have done wrong and inventing vile motives that make no sense.

It's not that there are no valid criticisms of this president. He was a real stumble-tongue, utterly incapable of leading by voice, and that's an important failing. He trespassed on civil liberties, if not so wantonly as alleged. As not a few conservatives would tell you, he overspent badly and enlarged the presence of the federal government in our lives. He almost surely could have managed the war in Iraq better prior to the surge. He made some bad appointments.

With all that said — and there's obviously more — this man who kept us safe at home after 9/11 comes nowhere close to deserving the vileness that's been heaped on him. Over time, we will know far more, but we can help set the record straight on some accusations right now:

— The war in Iraq was a colossal mistake. The truth is we just don't know yet. If Iraq can stay out of the hands of another vicious dictator, it could be transformative in the Middle East, helping to end what might have otherwise been a decades-long war with Islamic extremists.

— Bush led us toward a theocracy with his funding of faith-based programs, among other things. Ridiculous. All the theocracy talk was absolute nonsense based on nothing except some citizens with certain religious views trying to win their way on a few issues and mostly failing to do so. The use of faith-based programs to administer federal programs long preceded the Bush administration and his wish to extend their scope met with minimal success.

— Bush did nothing for the poor. In fact, he doubled spending on the homeless from \$2.5 billion a year to \$5 billion. He increased spending on Pell Grants for needy college students. He gave us more health clinics and increased health insurance for children who were not covered. He increased tax credits given to those who pay no income tax.

— Bush did nothing for the middle class. Although his Medicare drug program should have awaited a Medicare restructuring that never came, the program did benefit the middle class as well as the poor. He gave the middle class substantial tax cuts. The rich got tax cuts, too, but they ended up paying an increased share of all income taxes, while the cuts helped stimulate the economy.

— He caused the current recession. Sorry, but no. He could conceivably have done more to have prevented it, but a Democratic-led effort to have banks extend loans to bad risks was a major factor, and Bush did try repeatedly to reform contributing policies at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, running into congressional opposition.

— No Child Left Behind was a failure. The data prove differently. This program to make schools more accountable has improved reading and math scores on standardized tests and narrowed the gap between the achievements of minority and non-minority students.

— He was a divisive president. Bush never attacked his political opponents. They attacked him incessantly. He may have missed some non-partisan opportunities, but he reached out more than the Democrats did. He clearly took positions the Democrats did not like — such as nominating two superb men as Supreme Court justices — but a president is supposed to do what he thinks is right.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Romans 5: 3,4

Thought for Today: "Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality."

Edgar Allan Poe
(1809-1849)

Lawyers who can say no

When Barack Obama takes office on Tuesday, he will promise to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." His predecessor took that oath twice. But judging from his behavior during the last eight years, President Bush mentally appended the phrase "when it's convenient."

We cannot know what unspoken swearing statements will flash through Obama's mind at his inauguration, but there is reason to hope, despite his support for Bush's illegal loans to automakers, that he will take a more modest view of executive power. Perhaps the most encouraging sign so far is Obama's recently announced choice to run the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), which advises the president and other executive branch officials.

During the Bush administration, the OLC's main function seems to have been rationalizing the president's power grabs. If he wanted to allow torture, warrantless surveillance of telephone calls, or unilateral, indefinite detention of suspected terrorists, the OLC was there to assure him that it was well within his constitutional authority as commander in chief of the armed forces.

The administration's legal positions portrayed a country perpetually at war with a shadowy enemy, a struggle in which the whole world was the battlefield, anyone could be a combatant, and illegal measures were not only permissible but mandatory. In light of this ongoing emergency, Bush's supporters implicitly argued, the checks and balances required by the Constitution were an unfathomable luxury.

Congress and the Supreme



Jacob Sullum

president's powers. As Indiana University law professor Dawn Johnsen notes in a 2007 UCLA Law Review article, interbranch rivalry must be supplemented by "internal legal constraints on executive power" because there are limits to the limits that judges and legislators can impose.

Now Johnsen, Obama's nominee to head the Office of Legal Counsel, will have a chance to implement her vision of an OLC that is "prepared to say no to the president." Johnsen, who served in the office for five years under President Clinton, including two years as its acting head, emphasizes that OLC attorneys should view themselves not as the president's advocates, twisting the law to fit his preferred policies, but as intellectually honest advisers, offering guidance based on their "best understanding of what the law requires."

Johnsen has not been shy about criticizing Bush. She has condemned his "extreme view of expansive presidential authority during times of war and national emergency," his promiscuous use of signing statements reserving the right to disregard the law, his "arrogant disrespect for legal constraints and for the coordinate branches' constitutional

Court rejected key aspects of this perspective, but going forward much will depend on how Obama and his advisers understand the

authorities," and his excessive secrecy, which makes it difficult to know when and why the president is breaking the law.

Johnsen's critique cannot plausibly be dismissed as partisan sniping. The Bush administration's abuses of executive power were flagrant enough to draw criticism not only from Democrats but also from many conservatives and libertarians who were inclined to favor Republicans or supported neither major party. Even within the Bush administration, Johnsen notes, dissidents such as former OLC chief Jack Goldsmith and former Deputy Attorney General James Comey drew the line at policies they believed were clearly illegal.

Such episodes suggest it is not completely foolhardy to hope that Democratic skepticism of executive power can survive a Democratic presidency. Last April, blogging for Slate, Johnsen reacted to the latest release of an OLC memo justifying lawbreaking in the name of national security:

"We must regain our ability to feel outrage whenever our government acts lawlessly and devises bogus constitutional arguments for outlandishly expansive presidential power. Otherwise, our own deep cynicism, about the possibility for a president and presidential lawyers to respect legal constraints, itself will threaten the rule of law — and not just for the remaining nine months of this administration, but for years and administrations to come." Let's see how long Johnsen retains her capacity for outrage.

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Gaza suffering can't be ignored

The Israeli military invasion and assault on Gaza that began on Dec. 27 "has crushed the military organization of Hamas, killed senior figures of the group, but also killed hundreds of civilians and injured thousands. The basic infrastructure in the Gaza Strip has also suffered a fatal blow. The UNWRA (United Nations Works and Relief Agency) hospital and food agencies that were hit (on Jan. 15) now join a list of population centers and power plants which have already been struck in the operation."

That is not the indictment of the spokesman of a government unfriendly to the Jewish state. That was the Jan. 16 editorial in Israel's oldest newspaper, Haaretz.

Those who care about Israel and its future well-being do that nation harm by uncritically cheerleading — as both American political parties have overwhelmingly done — Israel's unleashing of its modern war machine in Gaza. "Israel, Right or Wrong" is not a strategy, it is a disservice and, potentially, a prescription for disaster.

First, a genuine and deserved denunciation of Hamas, whose "courageous" leaders, such as Khaled Meshal, from their safe havens in Damascus urge the suffering residents of Gaza to suffer more in a futile battle against the Israelis. Hamas' criminal and terrorist actions have rightly earned the censure of so many. And, yes, civilian neighborhoods of Israel had been subjected to Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza.

But just imagine if what has happened in Gaza in the first weeks of January 2009 had happened in the United States. In



Mark Shields

Gaza, 1.5 million exist on what is commonly called "the most densely populated area in the world." As of this writing, some 1,100 Palestinians have been killed, more than 400 of them women and children, and more than 5,000 wounded in less than three weeks of war. There are by actual count only 164 intensive-care beds in all of

Gaza. In this war, deaths and casualties of Palestinians are running more than 100 to one over those of Israelis. If the United States had suffered comparable casualties, the numbers would be mind-numbing: 221,000 dead and more than 1 million wounded.

Life in Gaza is so terrible it could make the survivors envy the dead. Two-thirds of the people are without power; half of the residents are without running water. In peacetime, half the population depends on the UNWRA for its food. In addition to the deprivation, humanitarian and relief workers have reported Israeli forces preventing paramedics and other medical personnel from treating the wounded. Doctors have been denied admission into the territory. The Israelis have imposed a press blackout, effectively keeping out most foreign news coverage. That has meant that the sources of information from the front have been primarily the individuals and officials doing humanitarian work.

That has not been good for Israel. The International Committee of the Red Cross, traditionally dispassionate in its statements, condemned Israeli policy of refusing to allow rescuers to reach a Gaza City neighborhood where wounded civilians were untreated for four days. When Red Cross teams finally gained entrance, they found in one home four small children, too weak to stand up, lying next to the corpses of their mothers. The Red Cross official on the scene concluded, "The Israeli military must have been aware of the situation but did not assist the wounded."

Nine human rights organizations in Israel, including Physicians for Human Rights, charged that Israel's conduct in Gaza "constitutes a blatant violation of the laws of warfare and raises the suspicion, which we ask to be investigated, of the commission of war crimes." Israel responds that it does everything possible to avoid civilian casualties, but that Hamas uses civilian buildings, including schools and private homes, for operations weapons storage.

The question before the world — including most especially the American people, Israel's indispensable and unflinching ally — is this: Does the catastrophic suffering of our fellow human beings in Gaza bother us enough to stop handicapping the Oscars or betting on the Super Bowl or naming the Obamas' new dog in order to end the war and the hurt? Think about it, please.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2009. There are 346 days left in the year. This is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1809, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

On this date:
In 1807, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Va.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Ten years ago:
President Bill Clinton delivered his State of the Union address, in which he proposed to protect Social Security by using huge budget surpluses and announced the government would sue the tobacco industry for smokers' health costs. Hours earlier, at the president's impeachment trial in the Senate, White House Counsel Charles Ruff opened the defense with ringing statements of Clinton's innocence.

Five years ago: John Kerry won Iowa's Democratic caucuses, while John Edwards placed second; Howard Dean, who finished third, delivered a fist-pumping, bellowing concession speech that was viewed as politically damaging.

One year ago:
Republican John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary; Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in the Nevada caucuses.

Today's Birthdays:
Actress Jean Stapleton is 86. Actor Fritz Weaver is 83. Actress Tippi Hedren is 79. Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 78. Movie director Richard Lester is 77. Singer Phil Everly is 70. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 67. Actress Shelley Fabares is 65. Country singer Dolly Parton is 63. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 62. TV chef Paula Deen is 62. Rock singer Martha Davis is 58. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 56. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 27.

Volunteers needed today

SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The United Way of Northwest Georgia is calling for volunteers to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. "Day of Service" today from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center at 218 Frederick St.

Volunteers will paint 24 desks with quotes and pictures depicting the U.S. civil rights movement from the Emery Center, the first public school in Dalton and currently an African-American heritage/multicultural center.

Coordinators suggest bringing children, scout troops, clubs or church youth groups for an educational day for the whole community.

Activity stations and crafts will be available for local children and youth at no charge.

Rod Weaver will deliver the keynote speech at 10:30 a.m. to open the festivities. Freeman Edwards, a National Service member in AmeriCorps VISTA with United Way, will read King's "I have a dream" speech.

Performing will be Southeast High School's Freestyle Dance Team, the Southern Adventist University choir and several other local bands. A soccer shoot will be at 1 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., shuttle buses will take groups to the Emery Center for a tour.

For more information, contact Andrea Dobbins at (706) 876-1580 or andrea.dobbins@unitedway.org or visit www.ourunitedway.org.

Restaurant report card

Murray County Environmental Health conducts inspections of restaurants every three months. The inspectors may require a re-inspection. Restaurants are required by law to post their most recent inspection permit. The state now uses a letter grade for evaluations. The Daily Citizen lists areas where the establishments are out of compliance with the regulations.



Crème Hut, Murray Plaza

Current score: 96
Current grade: A
Previous score: 95
Previous grade: A
Comments: Plastic knife submerged in ranch dressing. Store all clean utensils in safe, covered location, not in food.

Dillon's Barbecue, North Third Avenue

Current score: 84
Current grade: B
Previous score: 89
Previous grade: B
Comments: No certified food safety manager. Gloves not used while slicing food. Green beans out of date. Torn gaskets on cooler.

Do Dah's, 1422 Green Road

Current score: 96
Current grade: A
Previous score: New owners
Previous grade: New owners
Comments: Install thermometers in cooler. Clean vents and walls.

Edna's, 1300 Highway 411 South

Current score: 92
Current grade: A
Previous score: 90
Previous grade: A
Comments: Date mark all fruits and vegetables, as well as canned items after opening. Container of

Pepto Bismol found in prep cooler stored above other foods. Medicines and other chemicals must be stored outside of kitchen prep area.

Los Amigos, North Third Avenue

Current score: 99
Current grade: A
Previous score: Not available
Previous grade: Not available

Comments: Clean hose bibs at soft drink dispensers. Clean frequently to prevent buildup.

Pizza King, Southgate Shopping Center

Current score: 90
Current grade: A
Previous score: 78
Previous grade: C

Comments: Prep cooler out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Broken shield between hand sink and vegetable sink; replace shield to prevent contamination of vegetable area.

Taqueria Ruby's, CCC Camp Road

Current score: 84
Current grade: B
Previous score: 96
Previous grade: A

Comments: No certified food safety manager. Onion not date marked. Glue above hand sink; store with chemicals. Door won't shut.

Couples massage class offered

Laura Dyer will teach couples how to recharge in class at DSC

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Just say "ahhhh." Dalton State College invites you to relax, recharge and reconnect in Massage for Couples, a new class instructed by Laura Dyer, licensed massage therapist and owner of Professional Wellness Therapy of Dalton Inc.

Kelly Snyder, program coordinator for personal enrichment, said the class couldn't be offered at a better time.

"Many couples are living excessively stressful lives," Snyder said. "They're stressed about their families, their jobs, their money and their community commitments. It's difficult to find meaningful time to spend together, but Massage for Couples is a treat for couples to experience. And the skills learned in the class can continue to be enjoyed in the intimacy of your home long after the class has ended."

"The physical benefits of massage are numerous and include area-specific pain relief, increased circulation, lowered blood pressure and strengthened immune system," Dyer said. "People also see mental and emotional advantages to massage. Often times, even after their first massage, people will report having enjoyed a restful night's sleep, along with feeling more calm and thinking more clearly."

Massage for Couples will be presented in four ses-

sions, with a different area of focus presented during each class. According to Dyer, each session will include a brief description of the muscles involved in the massage and any applicable precautions. The majority of the class will be a hands-on demonstration of simple, yet very effective, massage techniques for pain relief and relaxation.

"Couples will learn and practice the massage techniques on each other during the class with continued individual instruction as needed," Dyer said. "We will also learn some useful, but perhaps unexpected applications for massage at home such as how to stop a leg or foot cramp and how to relieve congested sinuses. Upon completion of all four sessions, couples will be able to combine what they've learned into a soothing massage routine they can perform at home."

Snyder said the format of Massage for Couples will be relaxed.

"Laura is completely professional and extremely knowledgeable," Snyder said. "She is patient and thorough and her demeanor is kind and calming. She will be an exceptional instructor. The ambiance of the class will be laid back. Laura will present in a conversational, easy-to-understand format. Couples won't be split up and asked to massage strangers, wear name tags or play awkward ice-breaker games. This class is all about what's good for



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Laura Dyer, licensed massage therapist and owner of Professional Wellness Therapy of Dalton Inc., performs a massage therapy technique on her husband, Jimmy, that she will teaching in DSC's Massage for Couples class.

you and your relationship. It has been proven at the Touch Research Institute that massage strengthens and nurtures relationships, not to mention being a pleasurable way to soothe away stress and re-establish rapport as a couple."

Dyer's instruction will focus on the back and shoulders, legs and feet, hands and arms, and neck, face and scalp.

"We can't all have a professional massage therapy session every day," Dyer said. "But upon completion of this class, couples will be

able to enjoy, and provide each other with, some of the calming benefits of massage as often as desired. Couples don't need any prior knowledge of massage therapy to participate. This class is a great gift to give yourselves."

Massage for Couples will meet Jan. 22-Feb. 12 on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the James E. Brown Center on the Dalton State Campus. Class size is very limited. Call (706) 272-4454 or log on to www.dalton-state.edu/cce for more information or to register.



SCOUT VISIT

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The Tiger Cub Scouts from Pack 67 recently visited The Daily Citizen. From left are Barrett Barbre, Matthew Wingate, Ethan Locklear, Samuel Minter, Brian Tison, Jr. and Hunter Lanier. Den Leader Tina Barbre is not pictured.

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Poor economy slows airport project

ATLANTA (AP) — The recession isn't the only problem for Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport that threatens construction on its long-delayed international terminal.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines warns that rising costs at the airport raise questions about the size of the carrier's future operations there. The warning comes as Delta prepares for talks with airport officials on new airline leases.

Hartsfield-Jackson's existing 30-year airline agreements expire next year, and formal talks are expected to begin in the next couple of months.

Airport spokesman John Kennedy says construction may likely be halted anyway in the next few weeks due to tight credit markets.

The \$1.6 billion project is three years behind schedule. The latest projection is for a 2012 opening.

Little Debbie peanut butter crackers recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now it's some Little Debbie peanut butter crackers that are being recalled because there's a chance of salmonella contamination.

That's the word Sunday from McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn.

The voluntary recall covers all sizes of two kinds of sandwich crackers — Little Debbie peanut butter toasty crackers and Little Debbie peanut butter cheese crackers.

The company says no other Little Debbie products are involved in the recall. McKee says it acted because the crackers have the potential to be contaminated.

Federal health officials have urged people to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods that contain peanut butter until more is known about a deadly outbreak of salmonella contamination.

Officials are focusing on peanut paste, as well as peanut butter, produced at Georgia facility owned by Peanut Corp. of America.

King Center honors Hillary Clinton

ATLANTA (AP) — Mere days before Barack Obama is set to make history as the nation's first black president, the woman who battled him for the Democratic nomination was honored by a leading civil rights organization.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. senator from New York and secretary of state designee, received the "Salute to Greatness" award at a fundraiser Saturday night for the King Center in Atlanta. The event came just before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, marking what would have been the slain civil right's leader's 80th birthday.

Clinton echoed King's theme of service and called on Americans to rally behind Obama, the man who defeated her for the Democratic nomination for the White House.

"This is an all hands on deck moment for America," Clinton said.

Costs haven't slowed stadium

BUFORD, Ga. (AP) — Construction on a new ballpark in Gwinnett County for the minor-league Braves is about 70 percent complete. A recession forcing county job cuts hasn't slowed plans for the stadium. Neither has the price tag.

The original price tag of \$40 million now stands at \$64 million. So far, county commissioners have committed \$31 million in taxpayer money for the project.

The project's chief proponent, County Commissioner Bert Nasuti, says the board of commissioners still supports the stadium.

It's too late to back out of the financing for the ballpark. The county's development authority issued \$33 million in bonds for it last year.

County Attorney Karen Thomas says Gwinnett is legally required to spend the proceeds from those bonds on the stadium.

Gwinnett's stadium debt will total more than \$77 million over 30 years.

Mexican collapse?

Drug wars worry some Americans

BY TRACI CARL
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY — Indiscriminate kidnappings. Nearly daily beheadings. Gangs that mock and kill government agents.

This isn't Iraq or Pakistan. It's Mexico, which the U.S. government and a growing number of experts say is becoming one of the world's biggest security risks.

The prospect that America's southern neighbor could melt into lawlessness provides an unexpected challenge to Barack Obama's new government. In its latest report anticipating possible global security risks, the U.S. Joint Forces Command lumps Mexico and Pakistan together as being at risk of a "rapid and sudden collapse."

"The Mexican possibility may seem less likely, but the government, its politicians, police and judicial infrastructure are all under sustained assault and pressure by criminal gangs and drug cartels," the command said in the report published Nov. 25.

"How that internal conflict turns out over the next several years will have a major impact on the stability of the Mexican state."

Retiring CIA chief Michael Hayden told reporters on Friday that Mexico could rank alongside Iran as a challenge for Obama — perhaps a greater problem than Iraq.

The U.S. Justice Department said last month that Mexican gangs are the "biggest organized crime threat to the United States." National security adviser



AP PHOTO

Mexican soldiers stand on guard in a house where marijuana plants being grown were found in Tijuana, Mexico, Jan. 15.

Stephen Hadley said last week that the worsening violence threatens Mexico's very democracy.

Mexico is brushing aside the U.S. concerns, with Interior Secretary Fernando Gomez-Mont saying Wednesday: "It seems inappropriate to me that you would call Mexico a security risk. There are problems in Mexico that are being dealt with, that we can continue to deal with, and that's what we are doing."

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has sent troops across the country to try to regain control. But soldiers and police are outgunned and outnumbered, and cartels have responded

with unprecedented violence.

The U.S. government is extremely supportive of the Mexican president, recently handing over \$400 million in anti-drug aid. Obama met briefly with Calderon in Washington last week and promised to fight the illegal flow south of U.S. weapons that arm the Mexican cartels.

The grim assessments from north of the border got wide play in the Mexican media but came as no surprise to people here. Many said the solution lies in getting the U.S. to give more help and let in more migrant workers who might otherwise turn to the drug trade to make a living.



PIGS AT REST

AP PHOTO

Two piglets sleep next to their mother at the agricultural fair 'International Green Week 2009' in Berlin, Germany, yesterday.

Chatsworth-Murray County Library to hold open house, dedication

Local author Faye Gibbons to visit

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Twenty-nine years ago this month the Murray County Public Library opened its doors in a new location on Old Ellijay Road in Chatsworth. On Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. the facility will have another Open House and formally dedicate its most recent addition. Patrons, friends and officials will be on hand to celebrate the growth and expansion of library.

The library had its beginnings many decades ago when the ladies of the Chatsworth Women's Club saw the need for such a place to expand the horizons for Chatsworth residents. For many years the Women's Club members operated the library themselves. They continued to volunteer and support the library even after a paid librarian, Johnnie Hartley, was hired.

Eventually the library found a home in a small building at the corner of Market Street and First Avenue in Chatsworth. "Miss Johnnie," as she was known, retired, and Edna Dunford became librarian.

In the late 1970s then-county commissioner Kirby Patterson, still working with

the ladies of the Women's Club, began planning for a new library, by then a part of the North Georgia Regional Library System, headquartered in Dalton and led by director Eugenia Cavender. This building was dedicated on Jan. 20, 1980, with Theda Sampler as librarian. The Murray County Board of Education provided the land for the new structure.

In the almost three decades since, the library has grown tremendously. Today, there are more than 10,000 patrons and circulation continues to increase as the library now includes videos, newspapers, magazines, recordings, computers and a genealogy room.

The staff consists of manager Pat Ausmus, long-time employees Vicki McDonald and Lindy Cox, technology person Diane Davis and Kenli Brandenburg, who has just come on board as a part-time shelver. Setting policy is a library board appointed by the governments that provide funding for the operation — Murray County and the cities of Chatsworth and Eton. Board members are Marsha Kendrick, Tim Howard, Brenda Sanford, Virginia Jones, Jonathan Howard, Judy Bostic and Emily Cogburn. The library continues to receive funding

from the state of Georgia as a part of the North Georgia Regional Library, directed by Joe Forsee.

An addition a few years ago under then-sole commissioner Tyson Haynes allowed the library to expand its Children's Collection and weekly story hours. Former sole commissioner Jim Welch included library expansion in the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) referendum which has funded the current expansion. While the work did take longer than anticipated and the library was closed much longer than expected, it has been worth the wait, especially since another special gift came along late last year that will

allow complete furnishing and expansion of special collections.

Turner and Joann Anderson Warmack, who have lived in Atlanta for many years, have not forgotten their hometown of Chatsworth. Their families have lived here for many generations and in 2008 they made a \$50,000 gift to the library to create the Anderson-Anderson Genealogy Room at the library. Interest in genealogy and local history has increased dramatically in recent years and brings numerous researchers to the library annually, many from out of state. The library definitely needed more space, more equipment and more

resources to meet this need. The Warmacks' gift will allow this to happen and they will be on hand when the Research Room will be formally dedicated on the 25th.

The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments following a brief program that will include remarks by local officials and library representatives. To complete the celebration, local author Faye Gibbons will visit to sell and sign copies of her children's books and young adult novels, most of which are set here in Murray County and North Georgia.

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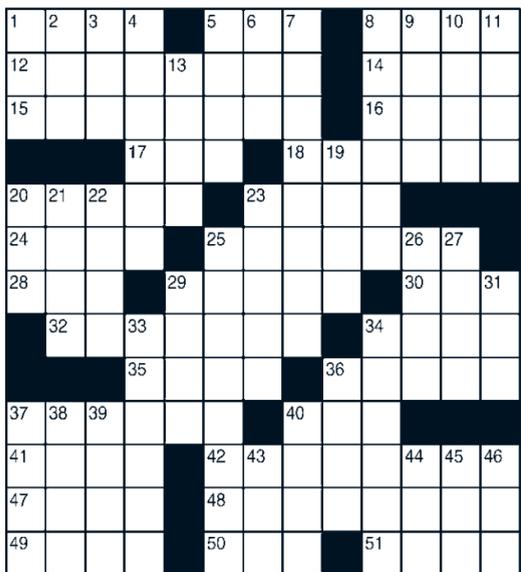
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Saturday's answer 1-19



BRIDGE

Famous hand

This deal arose in the final of the 1997 World Women's Team Championship, which saw the U.S. defeat China by 60 International Match Points. It occurred at a point when the Chinese were holding a 12-IMP lead over the Americans.

With Mildred Breed and Tobi Sokolow North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown, and West, Lu Yan, led the nine of hearts. Sokolow won with dummy's king, crossed to the diamond ace and led her singleton club. Lu put up the ace and returned a second heart to dummy's ace. Declarer discarded a diamond on the king of clubs and then crossruffed clubs and diamonds until Lu ruffed a diamond with the jack of spades, the defenders' last trick. Making five, plus 450.

This result seemed likely to be repeated at the second table, where the Chinese pair of Gu Ling and Zhang Yu also reached four spades. But Marinesa Letizia upset the apple cart when she found the far more effective opening lead of a spade.

Zhang won with the ten, and, with an eye toward ruffing two diamonds in dummy before the opponents could regain the lead and play a second trump, she cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond. Zhang then played the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart, but Letizia overruffed the five with the jack and returned her remaining trump.

With no trumps left in dummy and no way now to reach dummy's king of clubs after it became established, Zhang eventually lost a club and two diamonds in addition to the overruff and so finished down one.

Obviously, if declarer had known the club ace was onside, she could have made her contract by leading a club toward dummy at trick two, winding up with five spades, two hearts, a diamond, a club and a diamond ruff in dummy. As it was, the trump lead presented her with a chance to go wrong, and when she did, the U.S. gained 11 IMPs.

Tomorrow: Eliminating all doubts.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 9 7 6
 ♥ A K 7 2
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K 10 9 6 2

WEST
 ♠ J 4 3
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ J 7 3
 ♣ A J 8 7 4

EAST
 ♠ 8 2
 ♥ Q J 10 6 4
 ♦ K 10 9 2
 ♣ Q 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 10 5
 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ A 8 6 5 4
 ♣ 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣
 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♠
 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — nine of hearts.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Stick to your game plan this year and don't let emotional or personal issues sidetrack you. It's vital that you focus on what will keep you afloat and out of the economic debauchery. If you are smart and conservative and ready to take advantage of opportunities, you will end up in a very good position with lots to look forward to as the year progresses. Your numbers are 2, 9, 16, 21, 34, 37, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money is heading your way from an unexpected and unusual source. Your help will be recognized and rewarded by someone from whom you have been trying to earn respect. Don't be aggressive, just proactive. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be pulled between work and personal responsibilities. Organize your time well and no one, including you, will be disappointed in your performance. A tempting partnership will get you thinking about future possibilities. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You need to expand your knowledge and skills by attending courses or spending time with someone who can show you what to do. Don't let a love problem cloud your vision or stand in the way of your advancement. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be fooled by an offer someone makes. If the venture will cost you, consider going it alone or backing out completely. Love is looking good and the possibility of mixing business with pleasure should turn into a rare event. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful not to take on too much professionally or educationally. You will disappoint someone you love if you don't have time for him or her. A change will be as good as a rest so try new things or go to new places. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Brace yourself and prepare to be practical, no matter

what is thrown your way. You have to think before you act if you want to come out on top. Don't let your emotions get involved in your decisions. A mistake will be hard to rectify. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get angry or even share your feelings with someone who you know will oppose your decisions. Deception is apparent but, if you question the information being given, you will see the truth and can act accordingly. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone is likely to give you false information. Focus more on love and finding

common ground with whoever you spend the most time with. If you are on the same page, you can fight whatever battles you face together. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too sure that things will pan out the way someone has suggested. Last minute changes may leave you in a bind. Turn on the charm and use past experience to alter the course of the changes being made. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A career change may be offered that gets you thinking. However, once you weigh the pros and cons, you may want to renegotiate before you proceed. A good friend or lover will point out some very interesting underlying clauses. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get overly emotional or let anyone back you into a corner or an argument. Stay calm and handle whatever comes your way with class, dignity and restraint. Get all the facts; emotional deception is apparent. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): As long as you don't trust anyone with your money you will survive. Settlements, legalities and investments will all be subject to deception and poor management. Stay in the loop at all times if you want things to turn out in your favor. 5 stars



Eugenia Last

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FUNNY SONG ABOUT A PLACE IN WHICH FOLKS DESTROY PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES: "ART BREAK HOTEL."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals B

To Your Good Health

Crohn's Disease often strikes young adults

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 28-year-old, single woman who has just been told that I have Crohn's disease. For the past year or so I had constant diarrhea, but no doctor could figure out why. Then I began to lose a great deal of weight and have awful stomach pain. A gastroenterologist finally made the diagnosis. I'm on medicine, which has helped. Could I become immune to this medicine? Am I able to have children? I want to raise a family. — K.J.



Paul G. Donohue

but most frequently it's found in the small intestine. With Crohn's, it disrupts the entire digestive tract wall, from the surface through its muscle layer. That, in turn, leads to fistula formation — tunnels that connect the intestine to other structures like the bladder, vagina and skin. Diarrhea is a feature of both illnesses. With ulcerative colitis, the diarrhea often is bloody. Crampy abdominal pain and weight loss are common to both.

Crohn's and ulcerative colitis share some medicines. You don't have to worry that the medicine you're taking will lose its potency. There are many others to choose from, should that happen. The first medicine chosen for treatment usually is sulfasalazine or closely related drugs like Asacol, Pentasa or Dipentum. For more severe illness, cortisone drugs such as prednisone or budesonide come into play. A new treatment has been most effective in instances where the older medicines are not controlling symptoms. It is infliximab (Remicade), a drug that inactivates the inflammatory body chemicals responsible for changes of intestinal inflammation.

If the disease can be controlled — and it can be, in most cases — fertility is not affected. You can look forward to having a family.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Does ulcerative colitis always lead to colon cancer? I have a young adult nephew who has it. He is a hard worker and the father of two young boys. I just heard of the cancer connection with ulcerative colitis, and wonder if everyone with it gets cancer. — M.J.

ANSWER: People with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease have a higher incidence of colon cancer than does the general population. The cancer risk is greatest eight to 10 years after the diagnosis has been made. At that time, the doctor gives the patient a schedule for colonoscopies so that any suspicious changes can be detected early.

The answer to your question is: no, not every person with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease comes down with colon cancer.

The booklet on colon can-

cer explains how this common cancer is detected and treated. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 505, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband claims he cannot eat turkey because it makes him groggy. Our entire family eats turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but no one else complains of feeling groggy. I know he heard this on the radio because I heard the same thing. I can't shake this out of his head. Can you? — R.D.

ANSWER: Turkey has a good supply of the amino acid tryptophan. It's a precursor of serotonin and melatonin. Serotonin is used in the treatment of depression. Melatonin is used for insomnia. That's how this connection was made.

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

Only a very few people are affected this way by turkey. If your husband never suffered from turkey-related grogginess before he heard the radio information, then I would think his newfound grogginess is more the result of a powerful suggestion than an actual reaction to turkey.



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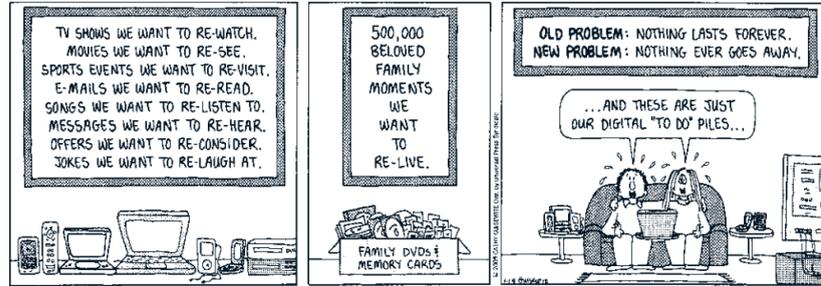
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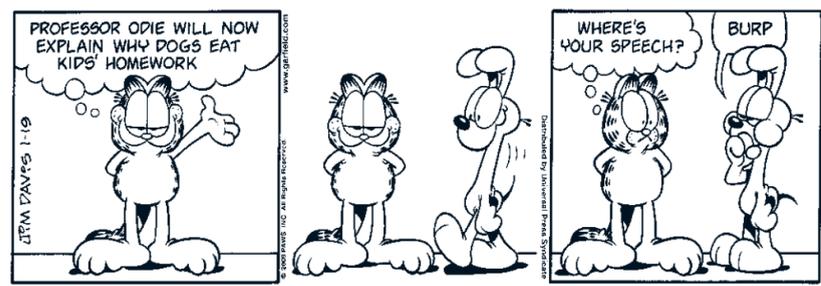
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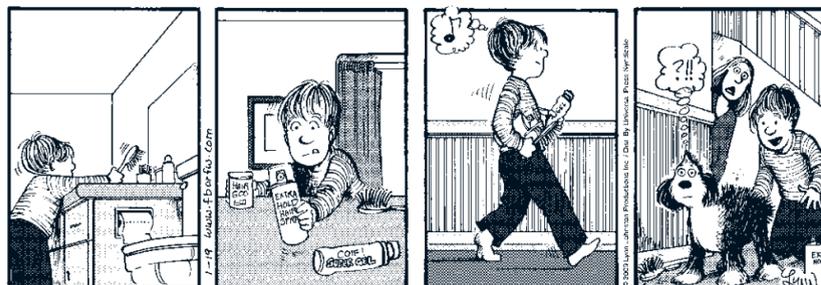
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DEAR ABBY

Dr. King's prayers for peace resonate in a troubled world

DEAR READERS: Today we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — the great American civil rights leader, martyred in 1968, who dedicated his life to furthering equal rights for all Americans.

When Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he said: "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

With bloodshed and violence still such destructive forces in this world, there is much to be learned from his insight, his wisdom and his example.



Jeane Phillips

preceding the feast of Christmas. If one wants to honor the quiet anticipation of Advent, a simple wreath or an undecorated tree makes a wonderful December home addition. The household can gradually adorn the tree in the last week before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, when darkness falls, the tree is lit for the first time. It is lit every night through Epiphany, which is also called the Feast of Lights. Jan. 7 might be a good time to take down the tree, though many Christians wait until the following Sunday evening (an extension of the Epiphany feast), or on or about the 20th day after Christmas.

DEAR ABBY: "Weary Elves in Tennessee" asked you whether a Christmas tree should be taken down before or after the New Year.

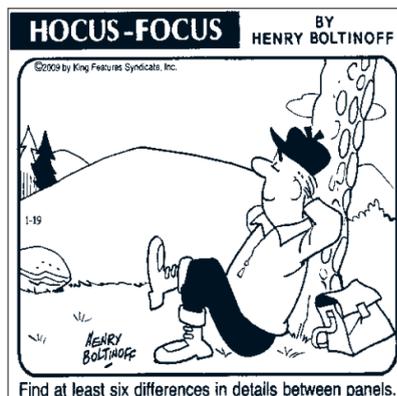
Christmas trees are a matter of personal taste and were not part of the Christian practice until fairly recently in our history. The Christmas feast itself lasts for 12 days, until Twelfth Night, Jan. 5, the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on Jan. 6, a more ancient feast than Christmas. (Many of your readers may have grown up in households where gifts were exchanged on Jan. 6, recalling the gifts of the Magi.)

Lately, more and more Christians are trying to keep the season of Advent: the four weeks

usually strive for "via media" — the middle way — avoiding extremes. I would go for the 12 days of Christmas, a solid and rich historical and spiritual tradition of celebrating the feast. But as a former volunteer fireman, I loved your advice to "Weary Elves," Abby. By all means, DO take the tree down when the needles are overly dry and get it to the recycling lot. — THE REV. MARK STANGER, CANON PRECENTOR, GRACE CATHEDRAL, SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR FR. STANGER: Thank you for chiming in on this one. In this case, the "epiphany" was mine.

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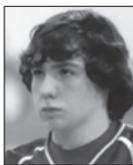
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- Polly Louise Barnett Jones
- Gary 'David' Kelley Jr.
- Gary M. Reece
- J.W. Yarbrough

Gary 'David' Kelley Jr.

Mr. Gary "David" Kelley Jr., 14, of Dalton, departed this life Friday evening, Jan. 16, 2009.

David was born June 8, 1994, in Dalton. David was a student at the Eastbrook Middle School. He was an honor student and standout athlete, but basketball was his true love. He was a member of the Eastbrook Mustang basketball team and started every game he played. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and was very active with the youth group and the Boy Scouts where he was working on his Eagle badge. His father said, "He was my best friend."



Kelley

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Alline Teague.

He is survived by his loving parents, Gary and Pati Kelley of the home; sisters,

Emily Mae Kelley and Chelsea Erin Kelley; grandparents, Ronnie and Syble Smith, Rural and Judy Kelley; best bud, Zach Ramsey; second mom, Sherry Ramsey; coach, mentor and dear friend, Lance Miner; aunts and uncles, Phyllis and Don London, Glenda and Pete Barry, Diane and Arvil James, Cyndi Puckett, Kay and Harold Stephenson and Billy Puckett; several cousins.

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

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Gary M. Reece

Gary Mitchell Reece, 54, of Cohutta, departed this life Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Reece was born

March 24, 1954, in Gilmer County.

He was preceded in death by father Hobert Reece and stepfather Walter Roberts.

He was a member of the McFarland Hill Baptist Church. He loved all his family especially his grandchildren. He owned several dirt track cars and loved dirt track racing. He was a semi-pro fisherman and won Guntersville Lake, Chickamauga Lake and Logan Martin on the Redman Bass Master's Trail.

Mr. Reece is survived by his wife of 36 years Brenda Fowler Reece of the home; mother Ruth Roberts of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Audrey Reece of Cohutta, Dwayne and Tracey Reece of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Crystal and David Parsons of Cohutta; brothers and sisters-in-law Ronnie and Beverly Reece of Chatsworth, Larry and Annette Reece, Vernon and Kay Reece of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law Rhonda and Wesley Hilton of Cleveland, Tenn.; grandchild-

dren Blake Reece, Haley Reece, Kayla Parsons, Kelsie Parsons, Haylee Blackwell, Hunter Reece, Hayden Reece, John, Michael, Mark and Makayla Hembree, Amber Knight, Jacob and Holly Parsons; great-grandchildren Halle and Evan Parsons; special friends Joan and Kenny Banks, Randy Brooks; several nieces and nephews.

Services are Monday at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Henry officiating. Interment will follow in the United Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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J.W. Yarbrough

Mr. J. W. Yarbrough, age 82, of Chatsworth, passed away Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 in Hamilton Medical Center.

J.W. was preceded in death by his parents, William L. Yarbrough and Della McClain Yarbrough; stepfather, Raymond Webb; and brothers, Alvin Yarbrough and Lewis Yarbrough.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Yarbrough; son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Deborah Yarbrough, all of Chatsworth; sisters, Doris Willis and Gertrude Webb; a brother, Glenn Yarbrough; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Vest officiating. Interment will follow in Murray Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Polly Louise Barnett Jones

Mrs. Polly Louise Barnett Jones, age 97, of the Carbondale Community, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

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

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Ashes to ashes ... to diamond rings for survivors

By MARK MUCKENFUSS
 The Press-Enterprise

Becki Clark wears part of her son on her finger.

Zak Glover was 17 when he died. Clark doesn't talk about how it happened. But she's happy to share how a part of him is still with her.

Clark, funeral director for California Funeral Alternatives in Escondido, Calif., had some of her son's ashes made into a diamond.

The resulting stone was cut in two. Clark wears one half in a ring on her right hand. Her daughter has a ring with the other half.

"The feeling of having your loved one with you every day is incredible," Clark says. "I glance at it and know that he's with me. It really does ease the pain. I think it really helps with the grieving process."

In addition to her diamond, she had some of her son's ashes encased in a glass heart pendant that she sometimes wears around her neck.

Other types of cremation jewelry are available; some have been on the market for years. But wearable memorials are only one aspect of the novel things being done with cremated remains.

It's no longer ashes to ashes.

While many cremated remains are still interred, kept in an urn at home or scattered in a special place, others are being used to help build new coral reefs or blasted into space.

Many California funeral directors say they are just beginning to see interest in alternative ways of dealing with cremated remains, commonly referred to in the industry as cremains.

Christian Quintana is manager of Emmerson Bartlett Funeral Home in Redlands, Calif. Recently, he says, he started to see interest in alternative ways of handling remains.

"We have been approached about the diamond ring with the cremated remains," says Quintana. No customers have purchased a diamond, he says, but that



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Becki Clark, funeral director for California Funeral Alternatives, wears a diamond ring made from her son's ashes.

may be because the product is relatively new to the market.

"I think the more people catch wind of the diamonds, it will become more popular," he says.

Quintana hasn't yet fielded any requests for sending cremated remains into orbit, but Susan Schonfeld says that may be only a matter of time. Schonfeld is a spokeswoman for Celestis. The Florida-based company has put the remains of such celebrities as Gene Roddenberry and Timothy Leary aboard space-bound rockets.

Some capsules return to Earth; other remains are housed in orbiting satellites.

A rocket launch is a moving experience for family members, Schonfeld says.

"I can't quite describe the feeling as when so many people are gathered and the rocket starts up," says Schonfeld. "You see the emotion they have lost a loved one, but (there are also) the exhilaration and cheers when the rocket goes up. That's the beautiful part of all this."

Other individuals are

looking in the other direction when it comes to their legacy. In 1997, the Reef Ball Foundation began incorporating human cremated remains into the cement compound used to form the artificial coral-reef modules the company has been making since 1990.

Charles Kizina is president of the spinoff company Eternal Reefs. He says the company has memorialized almost 1,000 people in its reef balls in the past 11 years.

Families whose loved ones' remains are mixed in with the concrete can help construct the reef balls — 2- to 4-foot-high hole-pocked spheres or rounded cones — with their own hands.

"We encourage the families to participate in the process," Kizina says. "They can put their handprints in the reef balls. That's the remarkable part of the process, transforming from dealing with the death of someone to creating a harbor for life under the sea. They really become invested in it."

The cost ranges from \$2,500 to \$6,500 depending upon the size of the reef ball

and whether or not it contains the remains of others.

Sending ashes into space runs from \$700 for a capsule that returns to Earth, to \$12,500 for future vessels headed for deep space.

Compressing ashes into diamonds can cost anywhere from \$2,700 to \$25,000 depending upon the size and color of the stone.

That process, which subjects carbon extracted from the cremated remains to 3,000-degree temperatures, takes seven to nine months to complete.

Clark says she found the waiting to be helpful.

"It makes your difficult time easier," she says. "You know you're going to get a piece of him back that will be with you forever."

When the stone finally arrived, she says, "It was something that was bitter-sweet; it was a beautiful moment. I think what I did was cry and smile at the same time."

Clark also has some of her son's ashes in a memory bead necklace. The ornate, colorful pendants are made by a San Diego artisan.

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Above, the Rev. Nimm Russell, pastor of Thankful Baptist Church in Rome, speaks during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ecumenical Service at Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday evening. The event is sponsored by the Concerned Clergy of Greater Whitfield County. Below, Sharon Whitner, of Dalton, is moved by a song during the service.



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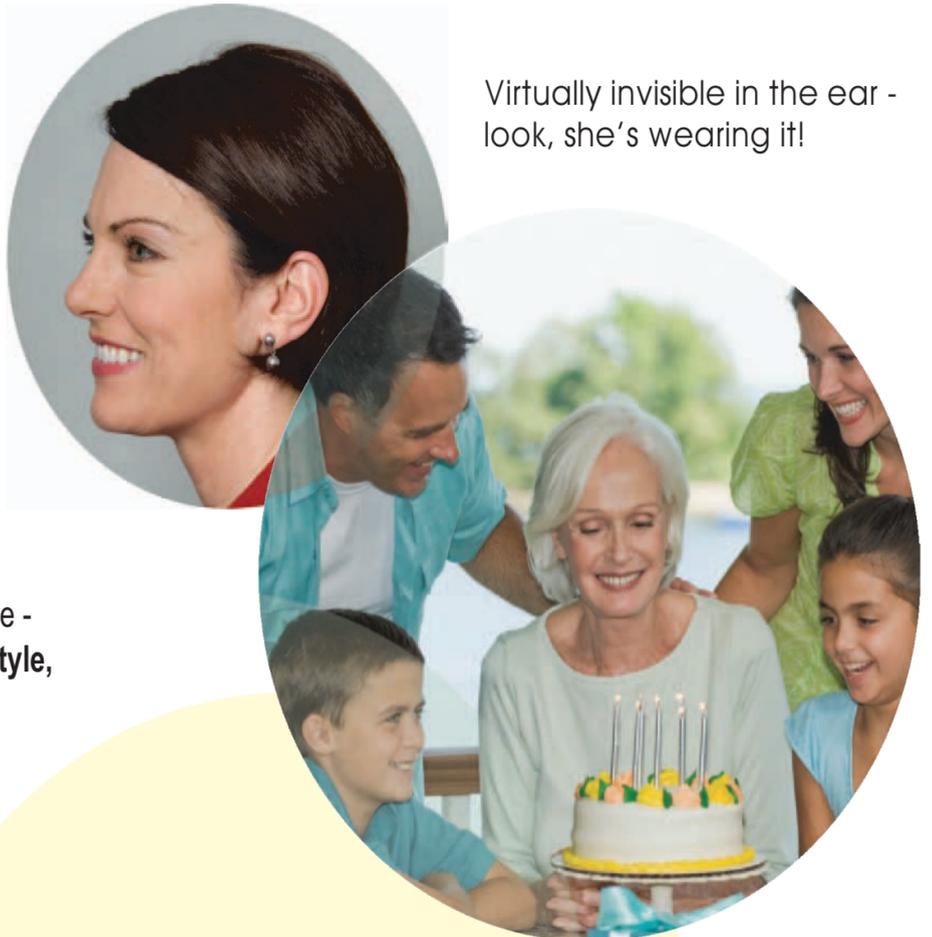
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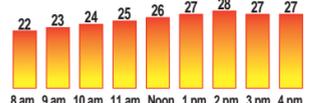
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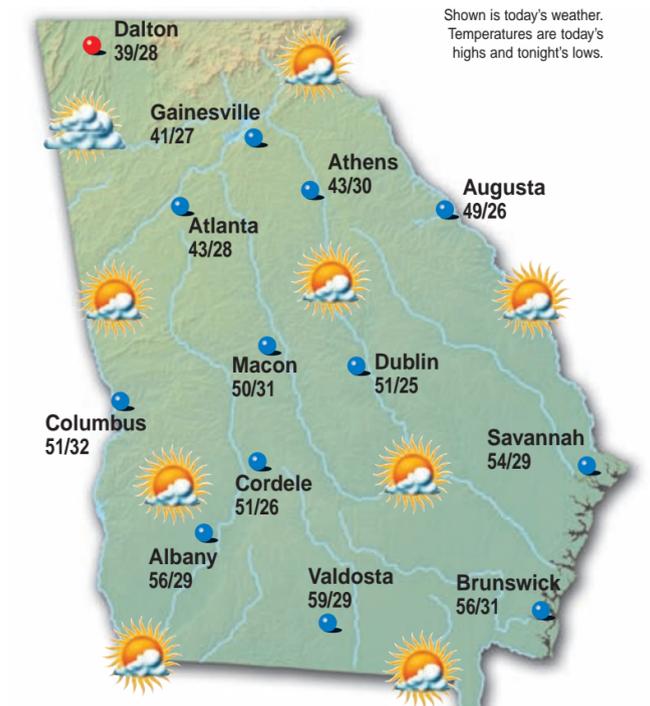
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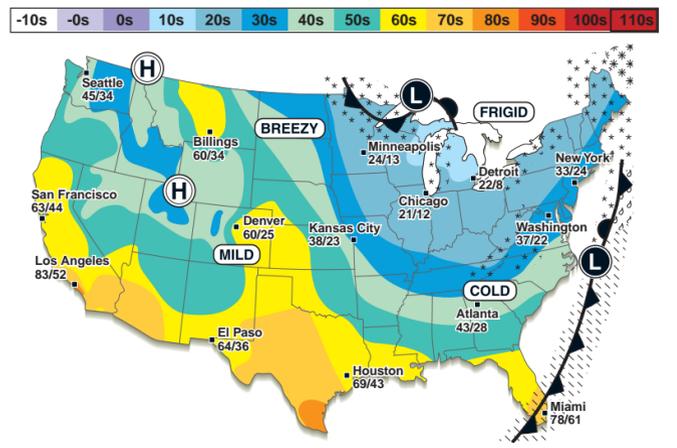
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
Albany	56/29/pc	49/18/pc	53/28/s	La Grange	46/30/pc	40/19/pc	47/20/s
Atlanta	43/28/pc	38/22/pc	43/30/s	Macon	50/31/pc	46/20/pc	51/26/s
Athens	43/30/pc	42/21/pc	46/27/s	Marietta	39/23/pc	37/20/pc	47/25/s
Augusta	49/26/pc	45/16/pc	48/23/s	Newton	54/29/pc	51/24/pc	53/28/s
Brunswick	56/31/pc	50/25/pc	50/31/s	Rome	38/25/pc	37/20/pc	47/27/s
College Park	43/28/pc	38/22/pc	43/30/s	Savannah	54/29/pc	47/22/pc	51/31/s
Columbus	51/32/pc	46/23/pc	50/29/s	Sparta	48/24/pc	45/21/pc	50/24/s
Gainesville	41/27/pc	38/21/pc	46/30/s	Valdosta	59/29/pc	49/19/pc	52/28/s

National Weather for January 19, 2009



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

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	29/12/sf	23/6/pc	20/16/pc	Memphis	42/29/c	41/27/pc	53/36/s
Anchorage	34/24/sn	25/19/s	24/16/pc	Miami	78/61/pc	74/44/pc	62/44/s
Baltimore	36/20/sn	32/16/pc	34/18/s	Milwaukee	22/10/c	21/16/sf	35/24/pc
Billings	60/34/s	53/34/s	49/21/pc	Minneapolis	24/13/sn	28/20/pc	33/18/pc
Boise	33/21/c	38/27/c	39/26/pc	New Orleans	63/36/pc	54/33/pc	53/40/s
Buffalo	21/12/sf	17/10/sf	30/24/sf	New York	33/24/c	29/18/pc	29/22/pc
Charlotte	44/24/pc	35/20/pc	43/25/s	Okla. City	58/33/pc	52/29/s	64/37/s
Cheyenne	55/22/s	61/26/s	54/25/pc	Orlando	69/45/pc	58/32/pc	55/33/s
Chicago	21/12/c	23/16/sf	34/25/pc	Philadelphia	37/23/c	30/18/pc	31/22/s
Cincinnati	27/12/c	25/14/c	36/22/pc	Phoenix	75/49/s	75/53/pc	78/53/c
Cleveland	20/12/sf	16/12/sf	34/24/c	Pittsburgh	21/11/sf	21/10/sf	26/21/pc
Dallas	67/36/s	57/32/s	69/43/s	Portland, OR	44/30/pc	44/35/pc	48/34/pc
Denver	60/25/s	59/27/s	61/27/pc	Portland, ME	29/21/c	30/22/pc	49/27/pc
Detroit	22/8/c	19/11/sf	34/23/c	St. Louis	35/20/s	39/22/s	41/26/pc
Indianapolis	25/13/c	21/15/c	36/24/pc	San Francisco	63/44/s	62/47/s	57/45/c
Kansas City	38/23/c	40/26/pc	47/26/s	San Diego	75/52/s	69/51/s	64/51/pc
Las Vegas	65/39/s	67/40/s	66/39/pc	Seattle	45/34/pc	46/33/pc	48/36/pc
Los Angeles	83/52/s	77/52/s	68/50/c	Wash., DC	37/22/sn	32/20/pc	36/25/s

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The World

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.	City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
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Athens	57/50/pc	59/54/c	62/51/pc	Jerusalem	56/45/pc	57/40/s	64/47/c
Auckland	70/61/sh	70/63/s	73/66/s	London	43/37/r	41/36/pc	41/38/c
Amsterdam	41/38/sh	41/33/c	36/30/c	Madrid	49/36/r	41/28/sh	39/33/sh
Baghdad	64/45/pc	62/40/s	61/38/s	Montreal	16/3/sn	14/2/pc	14/9/pc
Beijing	41/18/s	43/18/s	43/9/pc	Moscow	22/19/sn	21/14/c	26/25/c
Berlin	37/36/sh	38/28/r	35/32/sn	Paris	46/37/sh	38/34/c	37/34/sn
Buenos Aires	84/63/s	90/66/s	84/74/s	Rio	83/72/sh	80/71/r	80/72/r
Cairo	68/48/s	69/50/pc	74/58/pc	Rome	55/43/c	57/55/pc	56/42/r
Calgary	62/26/s	47/33/s	37/17/pc	Seoul	41/27/s	45/30/pc	41/28/sf
Cape Town	75/61/s	79/59/s	75/64/s	Singapore	88/77/pc	90/77/pc	90/77/r
Caracas	89/73/s	89/73/s	90/73/pc	Sydney	79/64/s	86/68/s	88/66/pc
Dublin	39/34/sn	41/32/pc	41/36/r	Tel Aviv	66/55/s	62/48/s	69/54/pc
Geneva	45/40/r	41/32/r	34/26/sn	Tokyo	54/37/pc	50/41/pc	50/43/r
Hong Kong	71/61/s	72/61/pc	70/61/s	Toronto	20/6/c	16/8/c	28/19/c
Istanbul	52/45/c	56/48/s	60/53/pc	Warsaw	34/29/sn	36/33/c	38/34/c

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PRO FOOTBALL

Cards in Super Bowl

Fitzgerald's three TD catches huge

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Down and out for decades, the Arizona Cardinals have turned a bad joke into a Super Bowl-bound team.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, are heading for the championship game in Tampa.

Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald's three first-half touchdown receptions, then coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner's 8-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 Sunday for the NFC championship.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?"

Arizona (12-7) will face AFC champion Pittsburgh in two weeks in Tampa for the NFL title. The Steelers beat Baltimore 23-14 later in the day.

"To make it to the Super Bowl and to have a chance, an opportunity to win it, you relish those moments in your career," said safety Adrian Wilson, the longest-tenured Cardinal. "This being my eighth year, and to be in this organization at this time with these players and these coaches, it's a great moment."

A stunning moment that nearly didn't happen. Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia's second-half rally from 18 points down to a 25-24 lead, but after Hightower's score, he misfired from midfield four times in the final moments.

If the Cardinals, the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were supposed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans.

Sure, they blew that 24-6 halftime lead. But then the 37-year-old Warner, a Super Bowl MVP from almost a decade ago with the St. Louis Rams, engineered a precise, 72-yard drive to win it with his fourth TD pass of the day.

He finished the comeback with the 8-

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Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, left, scores a touchdown as Philadelphia Eagles defensive back Sheldon Brown walks away during the first half of Sunday's NFC Championship game in Glendale, Arizona.

AP PHOTO

Steelers back in big game for 1st time since 2005

By **ALAN ROBINSON**

Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers outthit the Baltimore Ravens and outplayed them behind a steady-as-he-goes Ben Roethlisberger, marching into the Super Bowl behind a defense that brought back memories of the storied Steel Curtain.

The Steelers ended their home-field jinx in the AFC title game by beating Baltimore 23-14 on Sunday and Troy Polamalu ended any chance the Ravens had for a comeback with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The Steelers will meet the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl in two weeks in Tampa.

The matchup is intriguing — Mike Tomlin vs. the Cardinals' Ken Whisenhunt, the offensive coordinator when the Steelers won the Super Bowl three seasons ago who went to Arizona after being passed over for Pittsburgh's job.

Whisenhunt and his top assistant, Russ Grimm, left after the Steelers unexpectedly hired Tomlin, who has done something even Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher couldn't do by taking Pittsburgh to the Super Bowl in his second season.

The Steelers harassed rookie Joe Flacco all game long. Normally unflappable, he looked lost at times and finished 13-for-30 for 141 yards and three costly interceptions.

Roethlisberger, picked off four times by New England in his rookie-year AFC title game, was a steady 16-of-33 for 255 yards and, most importantly, no interceptions. If nothing else, it showed how much experience mattered in a game so important.

After Polamalu's twisting, turning run sealed it with 4:39 to play, the game was held up when Willis McGahee, who scored both Baltimore touchdowns, was carted off the field following a frightening hit to the helmet by Pittsburgh safety Ryan Clark.

The Ravens said he had "significant neck pain," but movement in his arms and legs.

Pittsburgh is heading to its seventh Super Bowl. Only the Steelers, 49ers and Cowboys have won five, and Pittsburgh can be the first to win six. If the Steelers beat Arizona, the 36-year-old Tomlin would be the youngest coach to win an NFL championship.

"They did it tonight the way we've done it all year," Tomlin said. "We've got a very

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COMMENTARY

DHS falls short, but that's OK

It's one in the morning on Sunday and the Dalton Catamounts wrestling team is huddled up at Steak and Shake, 40 minutes away from the Macon Complex, where just hours before on Saturday they



Adam Krohn

lost to Whitewater of Fayette County in the Class 4A state duals championship.

While the team ate, the mood was somber.

"I'll be honest, we were disap-

pointed," Dalton coach Charles Mitchell said. "Some of the kids were hurting and I could see it in their eyes. We had come so close. I don't think anybody, after losing, is immediately going to be in a happy-go-lucky mood, but we ended up enjoying our meal and started talking and being more upbeat."

The team talked about feats they had accomplished during their ride to the state finals, like

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcats coast to road victory over Bulldogs

By **CHARLES ODUM**

Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — Jodie Meeks didn't need another scoring record to earn more praise from his coach.

Even a rare missed free throw from Meeks was forgiven as Kentucky never trailed in coasting to a 68-45 win over Georgia on Sunday.

Meeks scored 22 points in his return to his home state — less than half of his school-record 54 in Kentucky's win at No. 24 Tennessee on Tuesday night.

Meeks also missed his first free throw in four games. His streak of 36 straight free throws, third-longest in school history, ended when an attempt fell off the rim in the first half.

"Maybe the rims were hard," said teammate Perry Stevenson. "We'll give him an excuse for this game."

Few excuses were necessary as the Wildcats were dominant from the opening minutes while taking their second straight road win in the Southeastern Conference.

Kentucky coach Billy Gillespie pulled Meeks with 5:14 remaining and the Wildcats leading 62-36.

Meeks, who made 8 of 16 shots from the field, laughed when asked about his one missed free throw in four tries.

"I knew you were going to ask that," Meeks said.

"It kind of went in and spun out. It was no big deal for me."

Meeks had no new record to celebrate — for points or consecutive free throws — but Gillespie said he was impressed with the way the junior



Kentucky's Jodie Meeks (23) drives around Georgia's Corey Butler during the first half of their game at Stegeman Coliseum on Saturday in Athens.

AP PHOTO

> Please see **UGA, 3B**

Krohn: Freshmen contribute to team

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overcoming the loss of a key starter early in the season by leaning heavily on freshmen who started in five of the 14 weight classes.

"A lot of folks would tell you you're crazy if you think you can win (the area) and get to the state finals under those circumstances," Mitchell said.

In mid-December, the Cats learned that senior Fernando Aragon, who wrestles in the 215-pound weight class, was lost for the season because of a herniated disc he suffered while playing on the football team. Aragon was replaced in the lineup by Elias Ortega, a freshman.

Mitchell believes that having a healthy Aragon available for Saturday's state duals at the 215-slot and using Ortega at 285 would have been the difference in the Cats being runners-up and state champions.

"I don't want to make any excuses," Mitchell said. "But if Aragon's in against Whitewater at 215, we get

the pin."

But Mitchell doesn't get caught up too much in all the what-could-have-beens for Dalton because there are too many positives that stick out in his mind. Like the story of Dontate Washington, a key contributor as a freshman this season in the 135 weight division.

Washington had been in the dumps after being cut from the basketball team and Mitchell convinced him take up wrestling and use his disappointment as motivation on the mat. Washington took Mitchell up on his offer and became a starter.

"Dontate had never wrestled in his life," Mitchell said. "But he did good and helped us to where we're at. That's always going to stick out in my brain that a guy that had never wrestled before was a key contributor on a state championship (caliber) team."

The five freshman starters — Ortega, Washington, Angel Cadena (140), Renaldo Torres (130) and Eric Uriostegui (152) —



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Dalton High's Henson Toland tosses Taylor Duckworth during a recent wrestling practice. The two helped the Catamounts to the Class 4A state finals.

collectively make up a bright future for the wrestling program, though Mitchell knows

their early success doesn't mean future success will come easy.

"This opportunity only comes, for some of us, once in a lifetime," Mitchell said of advancing to the state finals. "There is no guarantee for another opportunity like this."

Jordan White, a senior, falls into Mitchell's "once in a lifetime" category. White has been wrestling since he was 5 years old and has seen Dalton's wrestling program grow basically from scratch to where it is today.

During his freshman year, White wrestled for a program guided by an interim coach that reduced the team's schedule to a limited number of meets. White still managed to individually qualify for the traditional state tournament, and was the only Dalton wrestler to do so.

"I remember it was just me and the coach and we rode to the (state meet) alone," White said. "As far as the program, it was pretty bad and at that time, I thought no way we'd ever make it to state. But coach Mitchell came in and worked us hard."

Though Dalton came up short at the state duals, the wrestling season isn't over. There's still the Georgia High School Association's traditional postseason in which individuals can earn state titles. Mitchell believes he has "eight or nine" wrestlers who can qualify for the state traditional at the Arena at Gwinnett Center in Duluth on Feb. 19-21.

White, whose best individual finish was fifth in the state as a sophomore, will try to win an individual state title this season in the 112 weight division.

"The season is not over yet," White said. "This is my last year and I'm going to give it my all and work like I've never worked before. There's no reason not to work hard. I think I can win state."

It's that attitude that got the Catamounts this far.

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NFC: Eagles had chances

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yard pass to Hightower, then hit Ben Patrick for the 2-point conversion.

"The demeanor in the huddle didn't change at all," Fitzgerald said. "The guys were focused and ready to go. You could see the look in guys' eyes. Nobody wanted to be the guy who let this team down. Everybody did their job when we needed them to do it."

But the key was the unstoppable Fitzgerald, who had nine receptions for 152 yards, including two big catches on the decisive drive. The All-Pro set a single postseason record with 419 yards receiving, surpassing the great Jerry Rice. And Fitzgerald has one more game to go — in the Super Bowl.

Can you imagine? They surely never looked this good before in the Phoenix area, or their previous homes in Chicago and St. Louis.

"I want to say thanks to all of you guys," Warner told the crowd during postgame celebrations that included streams of confetti spewed into the air and the obligatory "We are the Champions" blaring. "When nobody else believed in us, when nobody else believed in me, you guys did and we're going to the Super Bowl."

Blown out by the Eagles 48-20 on Thanksgiving, coach Ken Whisenhunt's team looked completely different in its first title game since 1948.

"And it was appropriate we had a bunch of different people make those plays, and it was a great team win for us," said Whisenhunt, who in two seasons as coach as turned a losing culture into a championship environment.

With playoff victories over Atlanta, Carolina and the Eagles (11-7-1), this is the Cardinals' winningest season. They've already surpassed their total of postseason wins dating back to when the playoffs began in 1933.

The most attention paid to the Cardinals since moving here in 1988 came on a sad note — when star safety Pat Tillman suddenly retired in 2002 to join the Army Rangers, and was later killed in Afghanistan.

"It's been a tough number of years here in Arizona," Whisenhunt admitted.

The last NFC team since

the 1970 merger to make it this far, Arizona also is the first team with nine wins in the regular season to make the Super Bowl since the 1979 Rams lost to the Steelers.

For the favored Eagles, it was another disappointing end. Coach Andy Reid's team reached the NFC title game five times in the last eight seasons, losing four. They lost to New England in their only Super Bowl appearance during that run.

"You never want anything to end, and you don't see it ending," McNabb said. "To end this way, it's tough, when you're that close to making the Super Bowl."

This one looked like a romp through the Valley of the Sun for the hosts at half-time. The Eagles knew Fitzgerald was Arizona's most dangerous player, but they couldn't slow him down.

"You've just got to play it play by play and try to shut him down each play," linebacker Akeem Jordan said.

Fat chance.

"He's been on fire," fellow Cardinals wideout Anquan Boldin said, "running wide open, making big plays. He played like a man among boys."

In the second half, though, Philadelphia brought more pressure on Warner. The Cardinals gained only 8 yards in the third quarter, while McNabb hit Brent Celek for touchdowns of 6 and 31 yards.

McNabb, who once this season got benched after a terrible opening half, had come alive with a fury, even silencing the crowd for a while. His 62-yard heave to rookie DeSean Jackson was tipped by cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie into Jackson's hands near the goal line with 10:45 to go.

Shockingly, Philadelphia was on top 25-24.

Time for Warner to show his pedigree on a drive that took nearly 8 minutes and carried the Cardinals to victory.

For the well-traveled Warner, the win was his third in as many NFC title contests. He led the 1999 and 2001 Rams to the Super Bowl — he was league MVP both years and St. Louis went 1-1 in those Super Bowls — before his career faded.

But the resurrected Warner has been sensational this season, and now he's

led the Cardinals far beyond any previous success since moving to Arizona.

He finished 21-for-28 for 279 yards and the four TDs. McNabb was 27-for-46 for 375 yards.

Arizona certainly wasn't awed by the pressurized atmosphere at the start, marching 80 yards in nine plays for a 7-0 lead. Warner hit all four passes and Fitzgerald, the NFC's leading receiver, bounced off Brian Dawkins — Philly's fiercest hitter — and barely got into the end zone.

McNabb got the Eagles going on their first offensive play, a 22-yard scramble that was his longest run since Week 16 of 2007. But the deafening noise in the stadium caused a motion penalty that stymied the drive, and David Akers extended his NFL postseason record with a 45-yard field goal, his 19th straight.

The Cardinals' playoff penchant for takeaways got them the ball back, momentarily. Aaron Francisco intercepted a tipped pass and headed down the right side, but was stripped on the runback by Jackson and Philadelphia recovered at its 25, a loss of 8 yards in all.

Given another chance, the Eagles moved to the Arizona 29, only to see Akers' string end with a 47-yarder that went wide right. Seconds later, the Cardinals unveiled the flea-flicker.

Warner pitched to J.J. Arrington, who then lateraled back to the quarterback. His long popup pass found Fitzgerald after defender Quintin Demps fell.

Undaunted, McNabb connected on a short pass with Kevin Curtis, who sped 47 yards diagonally across the field with most of Arizona's defenders giving chase. He was caught at the 19, setting up Akers' 33-yarder.

Still, trading field goals for touchdowns wasn't going to get Philly to Tampa.

Actually, nothing was going to help the Eagles as long as they couldn't cover Fitzgerald. And they couldn't come close in the first half.

Fitzgerald finished his spree with a 1-yard TD catch against overmatched cornerback Sheldon Brown.

But that was it for Fitzgerald for a long spell, although Neil Rackers made a 49-yard field goal as the half expired.



AP PHOTO
Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, right, hugs teammate Willie Colon after winning the AFC championship game against the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Steelers defeated the Ravens 23-14.

AFC: Ravens come up short

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humble group, a very selfless group."

The Steelers proved it is possible to beat a good team three times in a season, and will now face a team they share a history with. They were merged as Card-Pitt during World War II in 1944 when the Cardinals were in Chicago and went 0-10, the only winless team in Steelers history.

Steelers owner Dan Rooney recalls them being nicknamed the Car-Pitts "because everybody walked all over us."

Earlier in the day, before Whisenhunt knew the outcome of the Steelers-Ravens game, he said he wanted to match up against Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl.

"I mean, I'm glad we're playing in it, but the reason I'm here is because of my time with Pittsburgh," Whisenhunt said, "and I am very grateful for that."

Nobody walks over these Steelers, a hard-hitting, tough-guy team with the NFL's best defense, at least statistically, in nearly 20 years. The unit is a worthy descendant of the Steel Curtain teams of the 1970s that virtually defined the way defense is supposed to be played.

They spent the game pressuring Flacco, who tried to become the first rookie to take a team to the Super Bowl. He was outplayed as badly as Roethlisberger was by the Patriots' Tom Brady in his first AFC title game four years ago, and the mismatch at QB may have

made the difference. Down 16-14, Flacco tried to rally the Ravens in the closing minutes. That's when Polamalu stepped in.

"I think Troy was probably just able to read my eyes," Flacco said. "I think he was just able to jump over there, read a little bit and he made a nice play."

Said Roethlisberger: "He went against the No. 1 defense in the world."

Ravens teammate Terrell Suggs said, "I don't think he struggled. They just made plays. When you got a defense that can make plays like that, I don't think he was placing the ball where he wanted to but this was just their night."

Still, Roethlisberger cautioned, "You can't make mistakes and win a big game."

UGA: Dawgs played 'very, very soft'

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from Norcross, Ga., handled compliments after the big game at Tennessee.

"I saw a million things that I liked a lot, and I was especially pleased with Jodie's passes and hustle plays today," Gillespie said. "We've still got a long, long way to go, but I saw a lot of things I liked."

Patrick Patterson added 15 points and four of Kentucky's 11 blocked shots. Stevenson had 13 points.

Kentucky (14-4, 3-0) has won three straight and 9 of 10 as it makes its bid to move into the Top 25 on Monday for the first time this season.

Is Kentucky finally poll-worthy? Meeks said the two road wins in the conference are a good sign.

"I think it shows a lot about how our team is maturing," Meeks said. "Coming on the road is not an easy place to play anywhere in the SEC. I think coming on the road and getting two wins is big for this team."

Gillespie said he was concerned about opening the season "with some inexperienced guys."

"Maybe they're growing up," he said.

Georgia coach Dennis Felton had harsh words for his team after Georgia (9-9,

0-3) suffered its fifth straight loss.

Felton said the Bulldogs "did not compete with the kind of toughness that is required."

"We were very, very soft," Felton said. "It was a soft effort and that's the storyline of this game."

Stevenson, a slim 6-foot-9, 207-pound forward, didn't use the word soft after banging inside against Georgia's Albert Jackson (6-11, 265), Jeremy Price (6-8, 264), Trey Thompkins (6-9, 247) and Chris Barnes (6-8, 240).

"Those guys are huge, they're like buildings with feet," Stevenson said. "They're hard to get around."

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AP Photo
Phoenix Suns Steve Nash (13) passes the ball in front Toronto Raptors forward Andrea Bargnani during the first half of Sunday's game in Toronto.

Stoudemire's 31 leads Phoenix

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Amare Stoudemire scored 31 points, Steve Nash had a season-high 18 assists and the Phoenix Suns beat Toronto 117-113 on Sunday for their ninth consecutive victory over the struggling Raptors.

Jason Richardson added 17 points, Shaquille O'Neal and Matt Barnes each had 16 and Leandro Barbosa scored 14 for the Suns.

Anthony Parker led Toronto with 26 points, Joey Graham scored a career-high 22 and Chris Bosh had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Raptors lost their fifth straight.

A Stoudemire dunk with 3:18 left made it 114-109, but a putback dunk by Jamarion Moon and Parker's layup drew Toronto within a point.

Parker missed a 3-point-er from the top with 37

seconds remaining and Nash converted a driving layup at the other end.

Heat 104, Thunder 94: In Oklahoma City, Dwyane Wade had 32 points and 10 assists to help the Miami Heat beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 104-94 Sunday night to end an extended road trip on a positive note.

Wade went on a scoring flurry early and then came back in to stave off a fourth-quarter rally by the Thunder. He capped the night by medically taking apart Oklahoma City's defense with a series of passes to his teammates.

Yakhouba Diawara scored 14 points after starting in place of the injured Shawn Marion, and Jamaal Magloire and Mario Chalmers each added 13 points for Miami. Udonis Haslem had 11 points and 15 rebounds.

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Varsity wrestling
Northwest Whitfield at Bob Jones tournament, Hartsville, Ala., 8 a.m.

Tuesday
Varsity basketball
Hervey Christian at Christian Heritage, 6
Southeast at Ringgold, 6
Murray County at Northwest Whitfield, 6
Dalton at North Paulding, 6

Varsity wrestling
Dalton at Hoover, Ala., 4:30 Central
Heritage-Catoosa at Murray County
Middle school basketball
Murray County boys at Northwest Whitfield, 4
Hervey boys at Christian Heritage, 4:30

Thursday
Varsity swimming
Dalton at Bayler, 5:15

Varsity wrestling
Murray County at Rome

Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield boys at Dalton, 6
Middle school basketball
Christian Heritage tournament

Friday
Varsity basketball
LaGrange Academy at Christian Heritage, 6
South Paulding at Murray County, 6
Southeast at Ringgold, 7
Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 7

Varsity wrestling
Dalton vs. North Atlanta, Westminster at Westminster, Atlanta, 5:30
Northwest Whitfield at Sham Slam III, Habersham Central, 5

Varsity swimming
North Georgia regionals at Dalton, TBA

Junior varsity basketball
Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 4

Saturday
Varsity swimming
North Georgia regionals at Dalton, TBA

Varsity wrestling
Southeast at Marietta Quad, 8 a.m.
Dalton at Last Man Standing tournament, Eagles
Northwest Whitfield at Sham Slam III, Habersham Central, 8 a.m.

Junior varsity wrestling
Northwest Whitfield at Heritage-Catoosa tournament, 8 a.m.

Varsity basketball
Murray County at Gilmer, 1
Northwest Whitfield at Cass tournament
Murray County at Heritage-Catoosa tournament
Northwest Whitfield at Gilmer, 10 a.m.
Cartersville vs Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.

Middle school basketball
Christian Heritage tournament

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3

Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
San Diego 27, Indianapolis 17, OT
Sunday, Jan. 4

Baltimore 27, Miami 9
Philadelphia 28, Minnesota 14

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10

Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10
Arizona 33, Carolina 13
Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 11
Pittsburgh 35, San Diego 24

Conference Championships
Saturday, Jan. 17

NFC
Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25
AFC
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 13

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1

Tampa, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 8

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

TELEVISION

On Today
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN — Syracuse at Pittsburgh

9 p.m.
ESPN — Texas A&M at Kansas

NBA BASKETBALL
5:30 p.m.

TNT — Detroit at Memphis

8 p.m.
TNT — Phoenix at Boston

10:30 p.m.
TNT — Cleveland at L.A. Lakers

NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.

VERSUS — Minnesota at Chicago

TENNIS
9 p.m.

ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia

9:30 a.m.
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Connecticut at North Carolina

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Vancouver 22 19 4 67 122 132
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Minnesota 22 19 3 47 111 101
San Jose 22 19 3 47 111 101

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NHL Game
EASTERN CONFERENCE

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NBA Glance

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New York 15 24 385 16 1/2
Toronto 16 26 381 17

Southwest Division

W L Pct GB

Orlando 33 8 805 —
Atlanta 23 16 590 9
Miami 22 19 550 10 1/2
Charlotte 16 24 400 16 1/2
Washington 8 31 205 24

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Cleveland 31 7 816 —
Detroit 22 17 554 9 1/2
Milwaukee 20 23 465 13 1/2
Chicago 18 23 439 17 1/2
Indiana 16 25 375 17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

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San Antonio 26 13 697 —
New Orleans 24 13 649 1 —
Houston 25 16 610 2
Dallas 23 17 575 3 1/2
Memphis 11 28 282 15

Northwest Division

W L Pct GB

Denver 27 14 659 —
Portland 24 16 600 2 1/2
Utah 24 17 586 3
Minnesota 12 26 316 13 1/2
Oklahoma City 8 34 190 19 1/2

W L Pct GB

L.A. Lakers 31 9 765 —
Phoenix 23 15 605 7 1/2
Golden State 12 29 293 20
Sacramento 10 31 244 22
L.A. Clippers 9 30 231 22

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Northwestern tops 'Sota

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Craig Moore hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points to lead Northwestern past No. 18 Minnesota 74-65 Sunday for its first win over a ranked opponent in nearly three years.

The Wildcats (9-6, 1-4) had not beaten a Top 25 team since a three-point victory over then-No. 18 Iowa on Feb. 8, 2006. They had dropped 26 of 27 Big Ten games, including their first four this season.

Northwestern went on a 16-0 run early in the second half to grab a 10-point lead. Lawrence Westbrook scored 18 for Minnesota (16-2, 4-2).

No. 4 Connecticut 76, Seton Hall 61: In Hartford, Conn., A.J. Price scored 23 points to lead Connecticut to a victory over Seton Hall, the Huskies fifth Big East win since losing their conference opener to Georgetown.

UConn has now won 22 of its last 24 games against Seton Hall (9-8), which is now 0-5 in the Big East.

No. 15 Xavier 73, La Salle 53: In Cincinnati, B.J. Raymond scored 16 points, hitting long shots over La Salle's zone defense, and Xavier relied on its offensive balance to beat the Explorers and remain unbeaten atop the Atlantic 10 Conference.

No. 19 Purdue 75, Iowa 53: West Lafayette, Ind., E'Twaun Moore scored 13 points to help Purdue defeat Iowa.

No. 23 Villanova 76, St. John's 57: In Villanova, Pa., Dante Cunningham scored 17 points and Dwayne Anderson added a season-high 14 to lead Villanova to a victory over St. John's.

Women's Top 25

No. 13 Tennessee 68, South Carolina 56: In Knoxville, Tenn., Alex Fuller scored 14 points and Tennessee overcame a slow start to beat South Carolina for the 36th consecutive time.

It was a season high for Fuller, who wore Cait McMahan's No. 2 jersey on

Sunday to honor her teammate who decided to end her career a week ago after recurring injuries. Fuller will wear No. 2 instead of her usual No. 44 for the rest of the season.

Coming out of halftime with a 33-30 lead, the Lady Vols (14-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) used a 15-4 run to take over the game. A layup by Glory Johnson with 12:12 left gave Tennessee a 50-34 lead.

From there, the Gamecocks (8-9, 0-4) could only get as close as seven points when Samone Kennedy kicked out the ball to Lakeisha Sumter for a wide-open 3 with 6:13 left.

No. 19 Florida 61, Georgia 45: In Gainesville, Fla., Marsha Dotson scored 20 points, Sha Brooks added 15, and Florida beat Georgia, ending a nine-game losing streak in the series.

The Gators (17-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) picked up their first win against the Bulldogs (11-7, 1-2) since 2004.

The Gators trailed 31-30 early in the second half, but used a 24-6 run to take the lead for good. Steffi Sorensen hit three 3-pointers in the spurt. She was 4-of-9 shooting from behind the arc and finished with 12 points.

Florida State 59, No. 24 Georgia Tech 49: In Tallahassee, Fla., Jacinta Monroe had 15 points, 10 rebounds, and a school record nine blocks to help Florida State extend its winning streak to seven games with a victory over Georgia Tech.

She was one block shy of the first triple-double in school history.

No. 11 California 57, No. 9 Stanford 54: In Berkeley, Calif., Alexis Gray-Lawson scored a career-high 37 points, converting two free throws with 1:09 to play that put her team ahead for good and scoring again with 20 seconds left to lift California to a thrilling victory over archival Stanford.

The Golden Bears (14-2, 5-0 Pac-10) won their sixth

straight and beat the Cardinal in Berkeley for the first time since a 64-59 victory on Feb. 12, 1993, and the first time overall since a win Feb. 4, 2007, on Stanford's home floor to snap a 14-game skid in the series.

No. 3 Oklahoma 71, No. 8 Texas A&M 59: In Norman, Okla., Danielle Robinson had 19 points and 10 assists and two other Sooners also had double-doubles as Oklahoma led the way in a win over Texas A&M.

Freshman guard Whitney Hand had a career-high five 3-pointers in six attempts and scored 17 points for Oklahoma (13-2, 3-0 Big 12), which won its ninth straight game overall and its second straight over a ranked conference foe, having also beaten No. 17 Kansas State on Wednesday.

The Sooners moved into a tie with Baylor atop the Big 12 standings.

No. 6 Auburn 70, Arkansas 61: In Fayetteville, Ark., DeWanna Bonner scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to help Auburn remain unbeaten with a victory over Arkansas.

No. 12 Maryland 96, Virginia Tech 79: In College Park and scored 17 points for Oklahoma (13-2, 3-0 Big 12), which won its ninth straight game overall and its second straight over a ranked conference foe, having also beaten No. 17 Kansas State on Wednesday.

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No. 12 Maryland 96, Virginia Tech 79: In College Park, Md., Kristi Toliver scored a season-high 29 points, hitting a career-best eight 3-pointers, and Maryland beat Virginia Tech.

No. 18 Vanderbilt 75, LSU 67: In Nashville, Tenn., Christina Wirth scored 15 of her team-high 17 points in the second half, and reserve forward Chanel Chisholm added a career-high 15 to help Vanderbilt beat LSU.

No. 21 Marist 65, Siena 55: In Loudonville, N.Y., Julianne Viani scored 19 of her game-high 23 points in the second half as Marist beat Siena.

No. 23 Rutgers 76, Marquette 53: In Piscataway, N.J., Epiphany Prince scored 23 points to help Rutgers defeat Marquette.

Brittany Ray and Heather Zurich each had 13 points for Rutgers (10-5, 2-2 Big East).

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COMMENTARY

Rice no Ruth, no matter stats

Amid the debate over Jim Rice's Hall of Fame candidacy came a missive from a New England fan who wanted it known that "Jim Rice's offensive stats for his first 10 years in the Majors were better than Babe Ruth's."

Times change. So do the value of stats. Be careful of such traps.

Just like the value of the dollar, the value of a stat

must be adjusted to the era in which it is compiled.

Rice had an impressive career, but did he have a better first

decade than Ruth?

Well, Ruth was a 20-game winner twice in his first 10 years. He was 92-46 overall, having been primarily a pitcher in his first four full big-league seasons.

It wasn't even until his fourth full season, when he led the majors in home runs, that he became thought of more as a hitter than a pitcher.

In drawing comparisons, the stats have to be weighted to the impact of the era.

Consider that, while Ruth is best remembered for the record-setting 60 homer runs he hit in 1927 - the mark stood for 33 years - the truth is, he actually held the sin-

gle-season home run record for 41 years. He first claimed that distinction when he hit 29 home runs in 1919, the last year he split time between pitching and hitting, and then broke it with 54 in 1920 and 59 in 1921.

How dominant was Ruth as a home run hitter?

He became the team's all-time home run leader in 1921, when he had 162, and held the top spot for 53 years.

Ruth led the majors in home runs more times than any player in history - 11 times from 1918-31 - and led the American League 12 times during that 14-season stretch.

And any hitting comparison needs to factor in the pitchers.

In 1871, Al Spalding was 19-10 and led the majors in wins. In the next 123 years, only once did at least one pitcher fail to win as many as 20 games in a season -- the 1981 season when Dennis Martinez, Steve McCatty, Jack Morris, Tom Seaver and Pete Vuckovich each won 14.

In the past 13 years, however, there have been three seasons in which there wasn't one 20-game winner.

So was Spalding a piker? Were Martinez, McCatty, Morris, Seaver and Vuckovich underachievers?

Well, consider that Spalding's Boston Red Stockings of the National Association were 20-10 in 1871, reliever Harry Wright picking up the one victory Spalding didn't claim. And factor in that in 1981, more



AP PHOTO

Baseball Hall of Fame inductees Jim Rice, left, and Rickey Henderson shake hands after donning uniforms during a New York news conference last Tuesday.

than two months of the season - roughly a third of the scheduled games - was wiped out by a players' strike.

There hasn't been a pitcher with 10 complete games in the past 10 years, and there have been only two in the past 15. Before 1994, there hadn't been a season without a pitcher completing at least 11 games.

Does that make today's pitchers lesser? No. What it means is the role of the starting pitcher has changed and the value system in determining greatness must be adapted.

INFIELD CHATTER

— The Cubs are expected to renew talks with San Diego about right-handed pitcher Jake Peavy once the Tribune Co. finalizes the

sale of the franchise.

— With Derek Lowe getting a four-year deal from Atlanta, the Mets are focused on left-hander Oliver Perez, but the price figures to go up from the Mets' previous offer of \$30 million for three years.

OUT IN LEFT FIELD

Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria and pitcher Matt Garza declined opportunities to play for the Mexican team in the World Baseball Classic.

Why? They would like to play for the United States and, if not this year, then in the future. If a player with dual-nationality eligibility opts to play for a country other than the United States, he is eliminated from future consideration for the U.S. team.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Major league owners approved a rule change allowing any postseason game that is halted to be considered a suspended game and resumed at the point where play ended.

It was a response to how commissioner Bud Selig dealt with the rain delay in Game 5 of the World Series, where the teams actually had a full day off between the rain delay and completion of the game.

That's a first step. Now the owners and players need to take it further and implement the suspended-game rule for the regular season.

THE ROTATION

The demands on starting pitchers continue to diminish. Last season, 45 pitchers worked a combined 73 starts

that resulted in 120-plus-pitch efforts, a 60.8 percent drop from 2004. CC Sabathia led all pitchers with five, including four with Milwaukee. Ben Sheets of Milwaukee and Tim Lincecum of San Francisco made four apiece.

The 120-pitch games during the past five seasons (Year, Games): 2008, 73; 2007, 84; 2006, 120; 2005, 137; 2004, 186.

NUMBERS GAME

— 2: Left fielders voted into the Hall of Fame this week - Jim Rice and Rickey Henderson. It's the first time a left fielder was elected in 20 years.

YEAR TO REMEMBER

The most intriguing year on the horizon for Hall of Fame voting will be 2013, when the first-year eligibles will include Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa.

HE SAID IT

"I got up from (last year's 65.9) percent to 67. I hope I'll be on track for next year. It's good to move up. I hope it doesn't take 15 years, though."

— Andre Dawson, on not being in the Hall of Fame, even though he is the only eligible player who recorded more than 1,000 extra-base hits.

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GOLF

Fuzzy finish in skins title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KAANAPALI, Hawaii — Fuzzy Zoeller successfully defended his Champions Skins Game title with new partner Ben Crenshaw, taking a dozen skins and \$500,000 on the back nine Sunday to beat first-day leaders Greg Norman and Jay Haas.

Zoeller and Crenshaw finished the alternate-shot event with 13 skins and a record \$530,000. Crenshaw was a late replacement for the injured Peter Jacobsen.

Norman and Haas, who began the day with three skins and \$90,000, parred the second playoff hole for the 18th-hole "superskin" worth \$100,000. Gary Player and Bernhard Langer had one skin and \$50,000, and Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson were shutout.

Zoeller made birdie putts inside 5 feet on Nos. 12 and 17 for a half-million dollars. The big-money hole was the 12th, where Crenshaw hit a gap wedge from 94 yards to 5 feet. After the other teams missed their birdie tries, Zoeller took eight skins — five carried over from the first day — and \$300,000.

On the 144-yard 17th, Crenshaw hit a 7-iron over the water to about 4 1/2 feet, and Zoeller holed the putt for four skins and \$200,000.

Abu Dhabi Championship

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — England's Paul Casey won the Abu Dhabi Championship for the second time in three years, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-stroke victory over Louis Oosthuizen and 2008 winner Martin Kaymer.

Casey finished at 21-under 267. The victory was his first since the 2007 tournament and his ninth overall on the PGA European Tour.

Oosthuizen shot a 64, and Kaymer had a 67. Anthony Wall (67) was 18 under, Pdraig Harrington (66), Rory McIlroy (65), and Johan Edfors (67) followed at 17 under, and Sergio Garcia (64) and Danny Willett (67) were another stroke back.

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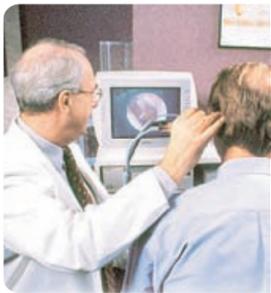
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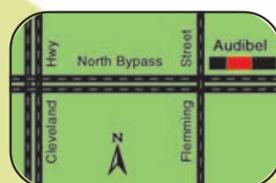
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