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Historic moment unfolds

BY CALVIN WOODWARD AND JIM KUHNHEIN
Associated Press Writer



AP PHOTO

President Barack Obama walks along Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House in Washington Tuesday during his inaugural parade.

WASHINGTON — A vast, excited crowd of more than 1 million bore witness Tuesday to a transfer of American power like none before it. The blare of regal trumpets and thunder of cannon were familiar. The transition from Republican to Democrat, and gray hair to dark, had happened before.

But this was white to black, a shattering of racial barriers finally made complete when Barack Obama made it through a bumbled oath-taking, delivered a momentous-by-definition speech and got back to being his unflappable self.

The Democrat who charged onto the national scene saying this was not a nation of red states and blue states, but the United States, became president while wearing a red tie, the Republican color.

Republican George W. Bush, president no more, wore a blue tie, the Democratic color. They embraced at the Capitol and walked out together.

"Everybody is behind him," said Mikki Hill, 26, who traveled from Winston-Salem, N.C., and marveled at the multiracial multitudes. "Everybody's come from as far as the Earth is wide."

So it seemed on a day when change and continuity marched together in a spectacle of pageantry and raw emotion.

A couple of hours after being sworn in, Obama and his wife, Michelle, got out of their armored limousine bearing the license plate USA 1 and strolled together down the middle of

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Sore losers in GOP? Not at all

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Hope. Excitement. Opportunity. Whitfield County residents expressed those sentiments and more about Barack Obama's elevation to the American presidency.

And those were just the Republicans. Phil Neff, a longtime Republican Party activist, said Obama "has an opportunity to be a transformational leader for this nation. My prayer is for him to succeed."

David Blackburn, the current county Republican Party chairman, said Tuesday's inauguration of Obama was "a remarkable point in history. I'm excited about it, really. That might not be the

Republican Party line, but I find it pretty exciting that he's the first African-American president and he's to be sworn in the day after Martin Luther King Jr.'s (holiday). I'm happy about it, I'm excited."

Former county party chairwoman Judy McNelley expressed hope for Obama's presidency.

"I'm an American citizen," McNelley said. "I'm concerned about the future of our country. I have kids and grandkids and there's nobody who could hope he does a great job more than I do because I've got three small grandkids and I want

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AP PHOTO

Ann Nixon Cooper, 107, left, watches the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama on her television with friend James Davis on Tuesday in Atlanta. See her story on page 8A.

3 men charged for dismembering dog

BY MARK MILLICAN
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CRANDALL — Three Murray County men — one of whom reportedly said they were "just following God's plan" — are in jail after being arrested early Tuesday morning for allegedly killing, dismembering and "processing" a dog the way a deer is processed for meat.

Randall Blaylock, 54, Jeffery Lynn Fuller, 45, and Richard Charles Roach, 50, all of 130

Greyland Farms Road, were each charged with one felony count of aggravated cruelty to animals, said Murray County Sheriff Howard Ensley.

"We got a call that they had cut a dog's head off and were eating it," Ensley said. He called the breed a "mixed up" black dog.

Deputy Jeremy Thompson with



Blaylock



Fuller



Roach

the sheriff's office said in a report that when he pulled up to the residence he could see three men standing in the kitchen through the

living room window. "When I knocked on the door, Mr. Blaylock met me covered in blood," he said. He said Roach had blood on his shoes. "All three were very intoxicated. I asked (Blaylock) why he was covered in blood and he stated they had all killed a five-point buck in the backyard. All three stated it was a deer that was killed."

Thompson called for backup.

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TODAY'S FORUM

Editor's note: Please keep your comments as brief as possible. Get to the point! Longer comments should be submitted as letters to the editor. If you include a name, please spell it or it probably won't be used.

"While Murray opens its library at 8 a.m., they close at 5 p.m. on weekdays and noon on Saturdays. Dalton is open until 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday."

"My husband and I love the Forum and we fight to see who gets the paper first. So for my birthday my husband got me my own subscription. Keep it going."

"I wished Dalton would get a Hooters."

"We need a turn arrow at U.S. 41 and Old LaFayette Highway."

"Espy, great column Sunday, particularly the part about President Peanut."

"You can slice it anyway you want to, George Bush is the worst president we've had since Hoover. He hasn't had a good idea since he was potty trained."

"Nepotism is why Murray County is in the shape it's in."

"Jamie Jones, whatever happened to Brother Love from the WWF back in the day?"

Editor's note: Wrestling expert Jamie Jones says Bruce "Brother Love" Prichard was let go in December after 22 years with the WWE.

"Kids in the Midwest go to school in weather a lot worse than this every day. What are you, a bunch of wimps around here?"

"There is a solution for parents complaining about their kids waiting for the bus in the cold. Get your fanny out of bed and take them to school yourself."

"I saw a cop stop on the overhead bridge on the Bypass on Sunday to remove a large piece of board lying in the road. That was very considerate of him."

"My doctor gives me a prescription and tells me that Wal-Mart will fill it for \$4 but when I get down there they charge me \$70 or \$80. I don't understand this."

"We are in our 80s and proud to be there. And we walked to school."

"I can't believe Murray County would induct France Adams into the Hall of Fame. Isn't this the same sick soul who threw tacks into his political opponent's driveway and got caught?"

"The one who said he hates the forum must like it pretty good if he reads it."

"I work in public service and am glad to see children from Murray County families moving back here after college to raise their own families. Go Murray High grads!"

Editor's note: Don't you mean, 'Stay Murray High grads'?

"I am pretty sure they do tax beer."

"If you don't like reading the Forum read another page."

"I think the Dalton Library should open earlier and stay open later for night owls."

"Why just ditch Whitfield County for causing students to stand out in the cold. Dalton City has a school system and they did the same thing."

"What could Bush have done to stop the foreclosure crisis besides telling people who couldn't afford houses they couldn't have one."

"Staff Sgt. Melissa Payne Prentiss is home on leave and would love to see her friends and family."

"Perhaps we need to rerelease the wolf into the South and they can murder the deer and keep the population down."

"Who oversees the money from grants and emergency funds received by the county? Who decides where it goes?"

Editor's note: Most grant money is earmarked for a specific use.

"No one asked why the squirrel crossed the road because I don't think there's ever been a squirrel to make it across."

"I have heard that sex sells, but having a massage class for couples at the college is really disgusting. Will they sell Viagra on the side?"

"We have got to be one people under one unity for this nation."

"This country is in the toilet bowl and all Congress is worried about is digital TV?"

"If Obama wants to jump start the economy why is he spending millions of dollars on this inauguration. They could have a simple ceremony at the White House and give that money to the guy who wakes up and doesn't know how he is going to feed his family."

"The person who says we've had eight years of failure under Bush has had too much Kool Aid."

"Why does the Dalton Library have fewer books than they used to have?"

"You bunch of babies. If you don't like your kids standing out in the cold, take your kids to school yourself. Quit crying."

"In the newspaper article is Marvin Sowder saying there are Confederate soldiers buried at Ryman Farm?"

Editor's note: In front of the clubhouse at Ryman Farm is a burial site and memorial for a slain Confederate cavalier.

"Parents need to be reminded that the library isn't a baby sitting service."

"Will the responsible party please fix the water leak at Dug Gap and Seminole."

"The people at the Food Lion in Varnell are very nice. They are always willing to help you and I appreciate it."

"It's the parents job to dress children for the cold, not the superintendent's."

"Get your facts right. Teachers don't get a STEP raise every year in Georgia."

"Dalton State College is hitting a low note — teaching belly dancing and massages. They can learn that at a burlesque parlor."

"Can I get a bailout to pay my North Georgia Electric bill?"

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Dog: Processing and freezing

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When Deputies Mark Brown and Donna Woody arrived he searched the residence and found no one else there. Thompson said Fuller told him Blaylock and Roach killed the dog. Blaylock and Roach told the deputies Fuller hit the dog in the head with an ax. The deputies found a chopping block in the back

yard covered in blood and pieces of "meat," and an axe beside it. A fire in a nearby burn barrel had a "bad smell" and the deputies discovered a dog's head, legs and skin burning. Roach and Blaylock said they had "skinned the dog out" and placed it in a plastic bag and put it in a freezer, according to Thompson's report. Blaylock told Thompson

what was in the freezer was "processed dog." Fuller said they had "just carried out God's plan." The men are scheduled to appear at a bond hearing today in Superior Court. Ensley said the case is still under investigation, but a preliminary search did not reveal any ground disturbances that might indicate graves of any type.

Tree saves Toccoa man from icy plunge

TOCCOA(AP) — A well-placed tree likely saved an 18-year-old Toccoa man from an icy plunge into a creek after his car went over an embankment. Wesley Keesler was one of two drivers involved in a two-vehicle accident Monday. The other driver, Timothy Ivester,

says Keesler's Eagle Talon edged into his lane while rounding a curve and sideswiped Ivester's pickup truck. Ivester's truck stopped on the side of the road. But Keesler's car ended up on a steep bank and was stopped by a tree from going all the way down a 10-foot drop into

a creek. First responder Ken Struble says when he arrived Keesler already was out of his car. Keesler was taken to Stephens County Hospital with injuries. He has been charged with failure to maintain lane.

Reunion set

The Dalton High School Class of 1959 will have its 50-year reunion Oct. 2-3.

The following classmates have not been located: Jane Arnold Dyer, Barbara Bledsoe Chapous, Carl Erwin Cantrell, Jerry Cargal, Gina Hardman Taylor, Linda Faye Hooker Rudge, John Paul Jones, Carole Sue Masters Carter, Barbara McKinney Bledsoe, Eva Starnes Osborne and Kenneth Suggs.

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TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Carolyn Smith Cooper
HOME: Dalton
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WORK: Retired teacher
PLAY: Reading, shopping, helping others
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Dalton to look at simplifying confusing, conflicting road names

By CHARLES OLIVER
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Cuyler Street and Tyler Street sound alike, and in an emergency, over a public safety radio, it could be easy to confuse the two, says Dalton Fire Marshal Jeff Dugger.

Dugger briefed Dalton City Council on a proposed ordinance that would create a procedure for naming and numbering streets Tuesday night.

The move comes as part of the new addressing project being done by Whitfield County. Dugger said Cuyler and Tyler may not be renamed. He was just using them as an example.

But he expects GeoComm, the company handling the project, to recommend naming about 40 streets that currently have no names and renaming about 40 that have names that duplicate or sound like other streets or that might confuse emergency responders, such as a street that changes names somewhere on its length.

The bill gives the fire chief or someone designated by him responsibility for naming and numbering streets. It

also provides for public notification and public input. It also sets out guidelines such as barring the use of initials and Old English spellings in street names.

The council held the first reading of that ordinance and is scheduled to vote on it in two weeks. But Mayor David Pennington said there would be more discussion of it at that meeting before the vote.

The council also held the first reading of an ordinance that would bring the city's occupational tax on attorneys in line with recent Georgia Supreme Court rulings on the regulation of attorneys. It will not change the actual fee. The council is also slated to vote on it in two weeks.

The council voted 4-0 to:
 ■ Oppose state House of Representatives Resolution 1. That resolution calls for a referendum on a constitutional amendment to limit increases in property tax reassessments to 3 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is smaller, unless the property is sold.

Council member Charlie Bethel said the resolution has good intentions but

would benefit mostly the wealthy and those who held property for a long time. He said it would also lead to people who own similar property paying different amounts of taxes because one has held his property longer. He noted that the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia oppose the plan.

■ Approve an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to extend the completion deadline for renovation of the Norfolk Southern railroad depot to Nov. 24, 2010. The city received a \$250,000 grant from the department in 2007 for the work.

■ Approve an agreement for new lighting at the I-75/Walnut Avenue interchange. The city has sought the lighting since 2002. GDOT will provide \$196,566 for materials. The city will provide \$127,416 for labor and installation. Public works director Benny Dunn said the project is on the list of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) list and the city's share of funding will come from that.

Multiple vehicles get stuck on Grassy Mountain

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A one-car wreck on the Old CCC Camp Road at the county line between Murray and Gilmer counties resulted in a minor injury, a Gilmer County fire truck getting stuck, and several other vehicles mired in mud and not being able to bypass the scene, a Murray 911 dispatcher said.

"Before it was over there were 11 vehicles stuck on top of the (Grassy) mountain, and 20 on the bottom," the dispatcher said. He added the dirt roads are notori-

ous for trapping cars and trucks when the roads become wet, frozen and thawed out.

Other road closures in Murray County Tuesday morning from snow and ice included U.S. Highway 411 North, Carlton Petty Road, Spring Place-Smyrna Road, Smyrna Church Road, Tom Terry Road, Red Cut Road, Richard Bennett Road, Temple Grove Road, New Prospect Road, Ga. Highway 225 South north of Murray County Fire Department Station 5, Duvall Road and Ga. Highway 2 East.

Kennesaw State buys land to grow

KENNESAW (AP) — The campus of Kennesaw State University plans to expand by more than 25 percent.

The school has acquired mostly undeveloped land for an athletic park on the eastern side of Interstate 75.

Kennesaw State sits mainly now to the west of the interstate. But rapid growth in enrollment and limited availability of land is pushing the university in north Cobb County eastward.

Within the past year, the school's foundation has put together 88 acres of land between I-75 and I-575. At least seven soccer-size athletic fields will be built along with a track and restrooms.

A jogging trial will encircle a 10-acre lake.

Boy, 8, spent 10 days with dead mom

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy lived for more than a week with the body of his dead mother before telling a concerned shopkeeper his mom was "in a better place," police said.

Gaynell Tipado, 41, apparently died Jan. 9 in their apartment in the Detroit suburb of Romulus, and the boy survived in part by eating dried rice, butter and flour, authorities said.

The family moved to Michigan from Louisiana after surviving Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Foul play was not suspected in Tipado's death, and an autopsy was pending.

Lee Saco told The Associated Press that the boy and his mother came into Romulus Liquor regularly for about a year and a half. But four times during the past week the boy uncharacteristically walked about a block to the store by himself — sometimes through Arctic cold and

other times wearing pajama bottoms.

"I questioned him, 'Where is your mom?'" Saco said when the boy first came into the store by himself to buy milk, chips, candy and bread with cash. During the next two visits, he said the boy bought a number of items, including bread.

Saco, who co-owns the store with his brother Sam, said he was curious from the beginning but his concern heightened on Monday when the boy tried to buy \$34.80 worth of grocery items — including nacho cheese dip, a package each of processed ham and turkey, hamburger buns, milk, doughnuts and candy — with his mother's credit card.

Saco then asked the boy if he could speak to his mother. "Is she alive?" Saco asked the boy.

"She's in a better place," the boy replied, who later told Saco he'd tried to revive

his mother by pushing on her chest in an apparent attempt at CPR.

"I sat him down, gave him chocolate milk. Then I called Romulus PD," Saco said.

Police arrived and took the boy home. They called Saco about 10 minutes later to tell him the boy's mother was dead.

The boy was home-schooled, has no siblings and his father died several years ago, authorities said. The child is in foster care while police try to locate his other relatives, Romulus police Lt. John Lecher said.

"It's sad. It's very hard. It's very unfortunate for him," said Lee Saco, 36, a father of three young children. "I just feel bad. What he had to see for 11 days.

"He came from a good home," Saco said.

Northwest High Class of 1989 plans reunion

The Northwest High School Class of 1989 will have its 20-year reunion in the fall. If you are a member

of this class, please contact Kim Westfall Kiker at (706) 275-8957 or kikerk@calhounschools.org.

AREA ARRESTS

• Amanda Faye Edwards, 27, 3032 Riverbend Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with battery (family violence) and battery.

• Rashiem Omar Jackson, 33, 660 Interchange Drive, Atlanta, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance, possession of tools for the commission of a crime and transaction in imitation controlled substance.

• Joseph Robert Proctor, 29, 1016 Floyd Drive, Chattanooga, was charged

Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with financial transaction card fraud and forgery in the first degree.

• Daniel Willis Tarvin, 29, 25 Tarvin Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of a Schedule IV drug (klonopin, trazadone).

• Arthur Frank Valley III, 22, 6207 Bonny Oaks Drive, Chattanooga, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with fugitive from justice (Hamilton County, Tenn.), and failure to appear.

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OUR VIEW

Old problems, a new start

A new path opened in our nation's Capitol on Tuesday. It was the inauguration of Barack Obama as 44th and the United States' first African-American president.

That occasion, however, means much more to the country and its citizens than just another inaugural ceremony in Washington, D.C. Sure, Obama faces tough situations. But so have other presidents who entered the White House during difficult situations that perhaps affected not only our nation, but other countries in numerous parts of the world.

Granted, none of the performances of those presidents contained all the desires of America's voting public.

Some presidents went into office under unusual circumstances and unusually hard times. There were blemishes in performances then, and there will be now.

America and its populace survived in the earlier days, and will today and tomorrow. For example: In 1881, President James Garfield was assassinated and unexpectedly, Chester Arthur became president. In 1929, during Herbert Hoover's term in office, our country entered the Great Depression. In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected and at his demise near the end of World War II in 1945, Harry S. Truman succeeded him. In 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and Lyndon B. Johnson succeeded him. In those instances, the succeeding presidents were suddenly thrust into national leadership roles. They and we survived.

For a fact, President Obama faces some tough spots. As our nation's leader he needs the prayers and support of the citizens of America, regardless of their race and nationality. Obama is in Washington to lead and to serve, first of all, the supreme being of his and of our master and creator.

It is imperative — of great and necessary importance — that the citizens of this great nation support President Obama in his dedicated efforts to serve us as president of what will continue to be a great nation.

Reviewing the above such tragedies among our leaders on Capitol Hill reminds us that this country's presidents, other than today's Barack Obama, faced unusually tough situations and this country and its people survived. Following such successful patterns of recovery, in spite of prevailing obstacles, we again shall survive.

American citizens today, regardless of race or political party, should stand behind our new national leader.

We need to do so, and he definitely needs us to do so. A tremendous throng of people gathered at the inauguration ceremony in Washington to give him thunderous support. President Obama will need that type of support.

In his performance as this country's leader. Simultaneously, we will need his performances.

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— Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "But if we look forward to something we don't have yet, we must wait patiently and confidently."

Romans 8:25

Thought for today: "The most exciting happiness is the happiness generated by forces beyond your control."

Harry S. Truman
American president (1884-1972)

Perdue's \$21 million

Talk about being out of touch:

■ The American economy is in collapse mode.

■ The GAACP budget is running more than \$2 billion in the red.

■ State unemployment has hit a new high, and so have bankruptcies and foreclosures.

■ We have just inaugurated a president whom we don't know much about. The alternative was a candidate whom we knew too much about.

In the meantime, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue must come up with \$21 million by March 1 to pay off a secret and private loan on his "small" personal business. Perdue refuses to say why he needs such a large sum.

On an unrelated note, the Legislative Black Caucus and the state NAACP want the General Assembly to apologize for slavery. Say what? Where have you guys been, and what have you been doing? Don't you know boozie is not allowed in the Statehouse? We have several clear and present crises on our hands.

Chicken Little may finally be right. The sky is falling. And while it is, Perdue's personal penury and apologies for the abomination of slavery just aren't at the tops of many people's worry lists right now.

If we're getting into the apology business, though, the Georgia House needs first to say they are sorry for electing and then re-electing Glenn "Pay-to-Play" Richardson as its speaker. In fact, both the House and Senate owe all of us an apology for even allowing Romeo to enter the Capitol in any capacity, except perhaps as a visitor.



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private loan beats all. The AJC's Alan Judd, reporting the \$21 million loan, wrote in the Sunday newspaper, "The lender — a farm credit bank based in Perry — allowed Perdue to put up collateral worth less than 20 percent of the loan's value."

Such a deal. Perdue's immediate predecessors as governor — Roy Barnes, Zell Miller and Joe Frank Harris — placed their financial holdings into blind trusts to avoid any appearance of conflicts of interest while they were in office.

Perdue declined to follow their lead. During one of Georgia's most turbulent economic eras, Perdue continues to run his private enterprises, selling and buying real estate and operating his grain and fertilizer business in Houston County.

"Most people don't appreciate that [being governor] is a full-time job and your personal affairs suffer," Perdue once said in response to a question about his lack of a blind trust. Well, Governor, your predecessors somehow seem to have appreciated that once they were in the mansion on West Paces, being governor was their sole responsibility.

Every- one who voted for Sonny for the state's top job probably needs to apologize too.

As an enlightening news item, Perdue's

But not ol' Sonny. At one point, the governor even blocked the state from acquiring a public hunting preserve, Oaky Woods in Houston County. Letting Oaky Woods go public would have interfered with one of Perdue's real estate deals.

Perdue is a lucky fellow, sort of the Tim Geitner of Georgia. Geitner is President Obama's nominee for secretary of the Treasury, who has a few tax problems. Never mind that Treasury runs the IRS. Congress has shrugged. Down here, we depend on folks like Common Cause of Georgia to stream bloody murder when possible public crookedness is outed. When Georgia Common Cause's Bill Bozarth was informed of some of Perdue's problems, the public watchdog wagged his tail and said, "It was probably just an oversight. I have no reason to believe he has deliberately tried to hide anything."

When asked about Perdue's pending secret \$21 million loan, Bozarth said, "He's within the law not to discuss it." Surprise! Bozarth contributed money to Perdue's gubernatorial campaign.

I suppose there's no use grumbling about Perdue or his buddies. The governor is a short-timer. If he gets into a squeeze over that big loan, he can just apply for a TARP bailout and probably get it. Better hurry, though, Gov. Your March 1 due date will be here before you know it.

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It couldn't happen here?

Remember when everyone was worried about lead in children's toys? Neither do I. But it was a big deal several months ago. And Congress panicked and passed a law requiring all goods marketed to children 12 and under to be certified as lead free. The full impact of what they did is just now becoming clear. The National Association of Retail and Thrift Shops says that means stores must be able to certify everything they sell for children's clothes, toys, etc. — as lead free. But the cost of that would be prohibitive. So unless the government changes the law, they may just stop selling those items. The law also covers books, and the American Library Association says that, unless it is changed, millions of books will have to be removed from shelves or children must be banned from libraries.

For more than a decade, Jack Melton has been baking and selling fruitcakes to supplement his Social Security payments. But Shasta County, Calif., officials put an end to that after they found out about it. They say the law bans businesses from preparing food in private homes.

Rep. Eric Massa wanted to demonstrate how effective "green" technology is by driving a Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell vehicle from his home in New York to Washington, D.C., for his swearing in. But the Democrat found out that the fuel



Charles Oliver

cell didn't have enough power to get to Washington. He would have to refill it with hydrogen somewhere along the way. But there are no hydrogen stations on that route. So Massa drove one Equinox to Pennsylvania. When he got to Pennsylvania, he switched to another Equinox that he drove into Washington. A second Tahoe later towed the second Equinox back to Pennsylvania. It's not easy being green.

A city truck in Schenectady, N.Y., sank through the ice on Inquois Lake. It was the second city vehicle to plunge through the ice in less than a year. The trucks were preparing the lake for ice skating.

A dispute between the MLK Parade Foundation and the Black Heritage Society led to Houston having two separate Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades. The organizers told a local newspaper they feel no need to unify.

Schools in Des Moines, Iowa, recently

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2009. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

On this date:

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty by New York of lying to a grand jury.

In 1958, Charles Starkweather, 19, killed three relatives of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Carol Ann Fugate, at her family's home in Lincoln, Neb. (Starkweather and Fugate went on a road trip which resulted in seven more slayings.)

In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sanh began during the Vietnam War as North Vietnamese forces attacked a U.S. Marine base; the Americans were able to hold their position until the siege was lifted 2 1/2 months later.

Ten years ago: Former Sen. Dale Bumpers told the Senate impeachment trial of Bill Clinton that the president was guilty of a "terrible moral lapse" but not of conduct warranting or even permitting his removal from office.

One year ago: Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama accused each other of repeatedly and deliberately distorting the truth for political gain in a highly personal debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Today's Birthdays: Golfer's Nicklaus is 69. Opera singer Placido Domingo is 68. Singer Richie Havens is 68. Singer Mac Davis is 67. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 62. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 59. Actor-director Robby Benson is 53. Actress Geena Davis is 53. Basketball player Hakeem Olajuwon is 46. Actress Karina Lombard is 40. Rapper Levitt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 39. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 39. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 37. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 36. Actor Vincent Laresca is 35. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 33. Country singer Phil Stacey is 31.

■ Charles Oliver is a staff writer for The Daily Citizen.

Obama

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Pennsylvania Avenue, holding hands and waving during the spirited inaugural parade. People along the packed parade route screeched in greeting.

The racial milestone lent a deeply personal dimension for many in the crowds as well as a historical landmark for all.

"I've been real emotional all morning thinking about my grandmother and the heroes whose shoulders we stand on," said Lyshundria Houston, 34, here from Memphis, after more than 20 hours of travel. Houston, who is black, said: "They'd be so proud."

Energized by the moment, hordes clogged the scene, enduring below-freezing temperatures. Starting before dawn, with the Capitol bathed in lights, they streamed from jammed subway stations and thronged past parked buses, emergency vehicles and street vendors to Pennsylvania Avenue and the National Mall.

Ticket holders approaching the inaugural site filed through security sweeps in lines coiled like cinnamon rolls.

They cheered dignitaries



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

4. Jessie Burnette applauds as Barack Obama concludes his inaugural address Tuesday as she watches the proceedings from the Student Center at Dalton State College.

as they came on to the inaugural stand at the Capitol. Obama walked quietly and with the merest stirring of a smile through the halls to his position on the stand and his place in history.

The crowd erupted in jubilation as he strode out.

Former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, the latter walking haltingly with a cane, embraced.

Roland Pool, 47, a white social worker from Santa Fe, N.M., sized up the new president as "solid and up-front. He deals with a million people with a smile — and stoicism, too."

Elizabeth Courtman, 24,

who recently moved to Washington from southern Alabama and supported Republican John McCain for president, said she came away with something to tell her children and grandchildren some day. "There's no denying the spectacle," said Courtman, who is white. "Our generation has never seen anything like this."

The grace notes of the day were not shared by all. A wave of boos greeted the introduction of Bush and his outgoing vice president, Dick Cheney, who was in a wheelchair. "Na na na na, hey hey, goodbye," some people chanted.

GOP: What's best for U.S.

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their future to be better."

But Neff warned the road for Obama won't be easy, pointing at Congress as a large hurdle to overcome.

"I hope he has the courage to stand up to Congress, because the biggest disappointment I have is in the Congress — whether it be Republicans or Democrats — that accountability of Congress' actions over the last 20 years is truly unchecked," Neff said. "If Obama turns out to be just a Democrat we're in trouble."

"If he really is a transformational character, a president that will try to actually work for the good of America and not for the good of one party, then we have a chance to work our way out of this situation."

Neff said "it's not the Republicans' total fault. It's a fault of the American people that continue to re-elect Congress regardless of their performance, and that is my heartfelt belief."

Many incumbents in Congress face little or no realistic opposition — Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., who represents Whitfield and Murray counties, has run unopposed several times — but Neff noted the person who holds the presidency has what former president Theodore Roosevelt called the "bully pulpit."

"Barack's going in with tremendous popularity," Neff said. "The only power the president has is through what they call the bully pulpit to go over the head of Congress and to appeal to the average citizen out there that this is what we need to do for America, and encourage those people to put pressure on their representatives, whether they are Republican or Democrat."

Neff said outgoing president George W. Bush had an opportunity after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I don't think he ever

used the capital at that point in time to make America face some of these problems we're having," Neff said. "Bush did a great job on terrorism, but I blame him for his inability to hold down and fight Congress as part of the problem we're in, both Republicans and Democrats. I consider myself a conservative today much more than I do a Republican because I am mad at the Republican Party."

"Turning it over to the Democrats is not the solution either, if all we're going to come up with is Democratic solutions."

Asked if he has a sense whether Obama can overcome partisan politics and lead the American people, Neff said, "He hasn't shown it yet. I've read his book, and I have yet to hear Barack in anything he has said that is of substance give me hope that he's going to be that leader."

"But I do think that the character within an individual is not known until they are really tested, and I don't think Barack has really had to make any hard decisions to show what his character is and his true beliefs are up to now. And he's stepping into not just the situation of economic problems here in the United States but he is the leader of the mightiest nation in the world and he's facing global problems ...

"I see all this as a problem that is above one man. I think once he's in office we will find out (about his character). I don't know that America knows who he is."

Blackburn said Obama is "already moving a little more toward the center. I think he's coming to recognize the reality of an awesome responsibility he has as the president, and I think he's going to abandon some of the extreme liberal leanings that he expressed in the campaign. By asking Rick Warren, the pastor who wrote 'The Purpose Driven

Life,' to give the prayer at the inauguration, I think that's pretty cool, I find that gratifying."

Blackburn said Obama "has the opportunity to be a really great president. If he can tame those Democrats in Congress and Dirty Harry (Harry Reid, D-Nev., the Senate majority leader), I think he'll be great."

That is exactly what McNelley is hoping for, even though Obama is a Democrat and she has worked tirelessly for Republicans and Republican causes for many years. Despite the rancor and divisiveness of the presidential campaign, McNelley believes most Republicans are thinking the same way.

"I think beforehand it was very partisan from both sides, but I think they (Republicans) kind of look at it and say, 'Well, OK, this is the choice most Americans made,' and whether we agreed it with initially or not, I think that they're looking at it the same way," she said. "I think everybody wants him to do a good job."

"I hope he's the greatest president we've ever had," McNelley said. "Our nation needs that. I don't care about his political party, I want him to do the best job. I've got the little kids, which is why I look at politics any way. I'm not doing it for myself. I want my kids and grandkids to have a good future."

"I hope he'll do more good than anybody's ever done."

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Roberts, Obama stumble reciting oath

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both Chief Justice John Roberts and President Barack Obama stumbled slightly over wording of the presidential oath of office on Tuesday, providing a brief, awkward moment in an otherwise smooth inauguration ceremony.

Initially, Obama interrupted Roberts midway through the opening line, in which the president repeats his name and solemnly swears.

Next in the oath, which is enshrined in the Constitution, is the phrase "... that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States." But Roberts rearranged the order of the words, not saying "faithfully" until after "president of the United

States."

That appeared to throw Obama off. He stopped abruptly at the word "execute."

Recognizing something was off, Roberts then repeated the phrase, putting "faithfully" in the right place but without repeating "execute."

Obama then repeated Roberts' original, incorrect version: "... the office of president of the United States faithfully."

After that, they were back on track. Except that the oath was taken five minutes late. Technically, Obama was already president anyway — the Constitution says the term of the incoming president begins at noon on Jan. 20.



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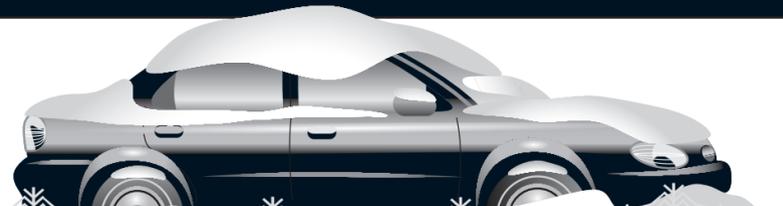


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Why should a business invest in the chamber of commerce?

What an excellent question! I am sure most of our members have asked themselves this very question at one time or the other. After being a member of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce team for a little over three months, I will attempt to answer this question.

Benefits of chamber membership fall in two categories: tangible and intangible. Both types are important to any investor regardless of size. The majority of large investors, however, probably benefit more from the intangible benefits. Small investors tend to appreciate the tangible benefits more.

What are tangible benefits of chamber membership? These include ribbon cuttings (pictures in The Daily Citizen and ChamberLink), member-mixers, Chamber Connection luncheons, Web site listings, a business' picture in other chamber publications, etc.

The intangible benefits are harder to define and harder to measure the return on investment. But these benefits are just as important to the small investor as the large. The intangible can best be described as those benefits that benefit the community as a whole. The chamber is the agency at the center of all community issues. We are the business advocate. We are the representative at any and all conversations around community growth, regulation, taxation, workforce development, economic development, water, sewer, education, etc. We become an extension of our business investors.

Let me provide an example. Last Monday evening, the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce hosted its ninth annual Legislative

Reception in Atlanta. This reception is in partnership with many of our investors



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who choose to partner with us for this event. Our sponsorship partners for this event included: J & J Industries, Hamilton Healthcare System, Carpet and Rug Institute, The Morehouse Group, Dalton Utilities, Georgia Power, Mohawk Industries, Shaw Industries, Minor, Bell and Neal, Whitfield County, HealthOne Alliance, Dalton Beverage Co., Alliance National Bank, Bank of America, Windstream Communications, Winter & Scoggins, AT&T, the city of Dalton, the city of Tunnel Hill, the city of Varnell and the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. This was our largest reception ever with a record turnout of more than 360 attending.

Prior to the reception, legislative priorities for our community were agreed on and used at the reception by key stakeholders from our community as they engaged members of the General Assembly and other state elected officials. During one of these conversations between Sen. Chip Pearson (chairman of the Economic Development Committee), Chuck Dobbins (chairman of the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Economic Development Authority) and myself, we discussed the economic development priorities for our community. During our conversation, we stressed the

importance of manufacturing and the manufacturing jobs that are critical to the success of our community and Georgia.

Pearson mentioned during our conversation that he would be holding a senate hearing a couple of days later on economic development. He requested that we forward any information that would assist him in stressing the importance of manufacturing to our region and our state. Let me share with you some of the vital statistics that were provided:

■ The carpet and rug industry has an annual payroll of \$4 billion making it the largest payroll of any manufacturer in Georgia.

■ Whitfield County is the third largest manufacturing county in Georgia and ranks No. 1 in textile manufacturing.

■ One in 10 of all textile product mill jobs is located within Whitfield County.

■ Manufacturing accounts for 43.6 percent of all jobs.

■ Manufacturing's share of employment is nearly three times the national average.

■ Eighty percent of the U.S. carpet market is supplied by mills located within a 65-mile radius of Dalton and Whitfield County

Why manufacturing matters to Georgia (White Paper from Georgia Municipal Association):

■ Manufacturing creates wealth for local communities.

■ Manufacturing remains a significant contributor to Georgia employment.

■ Manufacturing pays premium compensation to its employees.

■ Manufacturing plays a disproportionate and important role in the economies of Georgia's smaller communities and local areas.

■ Manufacturing pro-

duces the largest positive multiplier or "spillover" effects that support related industries and other sectors of the economy.

■ Manufacturing supplies approximately 424,500 jobs in Georgia and accounts for 12.9 percent of Georgia's Gross Domestic Product. If you exclude the public sector, it accounts for 14.8 percent of Georgia's private industry component of GDP — almost \$1 in every \$7 of private economic output.

■ Manufacturers paid approximately \$300 million in sales and use taxes.

■ Georgia ranks 10th in the nation in the value of manufacturing output.

■ Outside of the Metro Atlanta, manufacturing wages were 20.2 percent higher than non-manufacturing.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce the manufacturing sector has a total requirements multiplier of 2.44 (meaning every dollar of final demand for manufactured products creates an additional \$1.44 in demand for products used in the production of goods). Manufacturing has the largest multiplier of any industry sector.

I hope you would agree that participation in the legislative affairs of our state, our region and our community is important for your chamber to be involved in. We seek to serve our members and our community as we strive for the success of both. We will continue to measure our efforts to ensure we are providing a return to our membership.

■ **Brian Anderson is president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.**

General Mills, Kroger pull peanut butter items

MILWAUKEE (AP) — General Mills Inc. and grocers Kroger Co. and Safeway Inc. have joined the growing list of food companies and retailers pulling items made with peanut butter amid a salmonella outbreak.

The Food and Drug Administration has traced the outbreak to a Georgia plant owned by Peanut Corp. of America, which makes peanut butter and peanut paste and sells it to institutions and food companies. The outbreak may have contributed to the deaths of six people and sickened more than 470 others in 43 states.

The government has advised consumers to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods containing peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination. Peanut butter sold in jars to consumers is not included, officials said.

The FDA has created a searchable list of recalled products and brands on the agency's Web site.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said

the bacteria behind the outbreak is common and not an unusually dangerous strain but that the elderly or those with weakened immune systems are more at risk. At least five of the six people who died were elderly. All had salmonella when they died, though their exact causes of death haven't been determined.

The salmonella outbreak is the second in two years involving peanut butter. Salmonella is the nation's leading cause of food poisoning; common symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps.

Peanut Corp. expanded its own recall Sunday to all peanut butter and peanut paste produced since July 1 at its plant in Blakely, Ga. The recalled products were distributed to institutions, food service industries and private label food companies in 24 states.

"We deeply regret that this product recall has expanded, and our first priority is to protect the health of our customers," said Stewart Parnell, president of Peanut Corp.

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Fourth Grade Honor Roll

Aleshia Hale, Tyler Hefner, Kayla Huskey, Colten Jackson, Alejandro Munguia, Noah Phillips, Stone Southerland, Hunter Titus, Damian Vicencio, Jasmine Battaglia, Tara Belew, Rene Gutierrez, Cora Layman, Kacie Ridley, Pamela Rodriguez, Starr Branson, Patrick Coker, Jordy Martinez, Lee Osby, Alfonso Pina, Terry Price, Hunter Sherrill, Kala Wiley, Luna Williams, Brooke Bowling, Alex Carroll, Billy Chancey, Mario Dena, Glenn Grimes, Isaiah Patterson, Alejandro Terrones, Esperanza Salazar.

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PIANIST CHAPMAN TO PERFORM

Dalton State College will host pianist Joe Chapman on Tuesday in a concert that pays tribute to the 300-year history of the piano.

The 7 p.m. concert, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Goodroe Auditorium in Memorial Hall and is called "A Tri-centennial Celebration of the Piano: 1709-2009."

Chapman, a frequent performer at Dalton State, is the director of keyboard studies at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega. He has performed across the United States and in eight foreign countries as a conductor, accompanist, vocalist and instrumentalist.

Chapman will play selections composed by such musical greats as Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt.

"At the beginning of the 18th century, the harpsichord was the king of keyboard instruments," says Chapman. "Then in 1709, an Italian inventor named Bartolomeo Cristofori came up with an idea for an upgrade in keyboard technology that would forever change music history."

Christofori's idea was to replace the harpsichord's plectra (similar to guitar picks) with hammers that were designed to strike the strings directly rather than just plucking the strings, Chapman adds.

"This created an instant capability of producing a wide range of volume, from soft to loud sounds. He named the new instrument the pianoforte, which is Italian for 'soft-loud.' The piano slowly gained popularity, and is now the most popular instrument of choice for musicians around the world."

Chapman's performance



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Joe Chapman, director of keyboard studies at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, will be performing at Dalton State College Tuesday in a tribute to the 300-year history of the piano. The concert is at 7 p.m.

will begin with a Bach toccata that was composed in 1709 and was originally intended for the harpsichord, but is now commonly performed on the piano. He will perform other numbers that will reflect the evolution of piano music written by 18th and 19th century composers and will also include pieces composed in the 20th century which feature experimental techniques for the piano.

One work, written by Henry Cowell entitled "The Aeolian Harp," will require Chapman to take a more direct approach in producing sound by reaching inside the piano to play the strings by hand. The program will conclude with the world premiere of a brand-new composition by rising composer Cody Brookshire.

Although reservations are not required, seating is limited, so patrons are advised to

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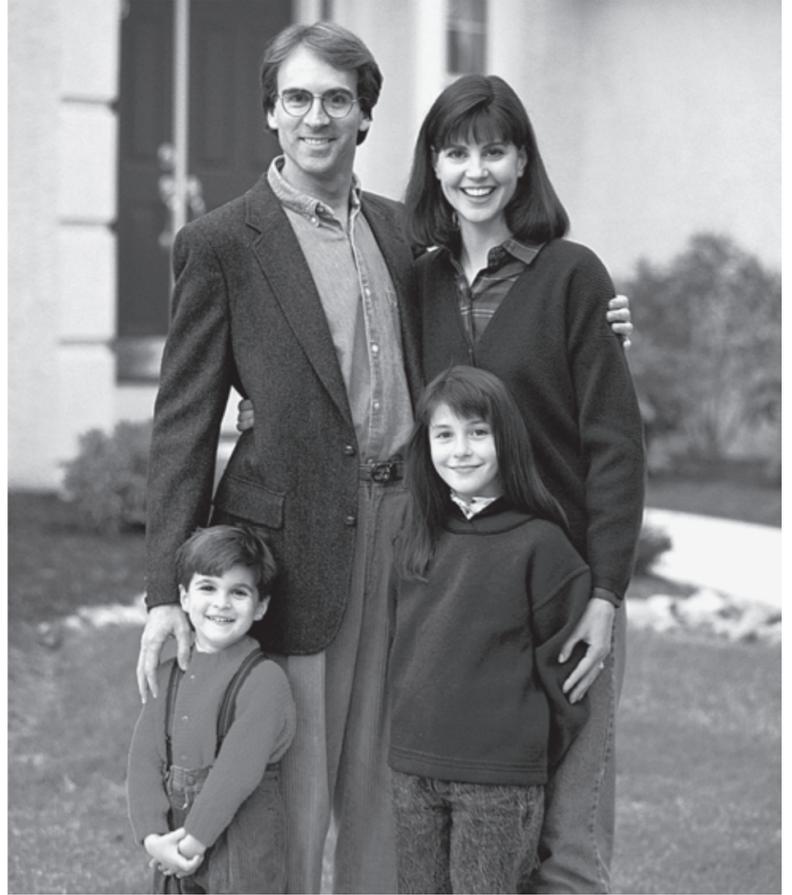


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NEW YORK — Police and federal marine agents searching the Hudson River with sonar equipment for the left engine of US Airways Flight 1549 say they've found what appears to be an object of the same size. The NYPD says the currents are too strong to put a robotic device into the murky water to confirm whether the object is the engine. Divers are in the water trying to examine the object.

The Airbus A320 crash-landed in the Hudson last week after hitting birds and losing thrust in both engines. All 155 people on board survived.

Abdul fan committed suicide

LOS ANGELES — A coroner in Los Angeles has found that an "American Idol" hopeful found dead outside Paula Abdul's home committed suicide with prescription drugs. Assistant Chief of Coroner Ed Winter says Paula Goodspeed died in November after of a prescription drug overdose. The report didn't specify which drugs. Goodspeed was panned for her "Proud Mary" performance at a season five audition. She said she was a huge fan of Abdul and created life-size paintings of her.

Dog corners man sought for murder

SPOKANE, Wash. — Var the police dog has added one more brave arrest to his record — his last one. Spokane police officers say the dog was on his last night of patrol before retirement when he cornered a teenager sought for investigation of murder. A tip led officers to surround a house Sunday night, and in the ensuing search Officer Dan Lesser and Var found the 19-year-old suspect hiding in the basement.

Students protest Chavez's attempt

CARACAS, Venezuela — Police used tear gas, plastic bullets and a water cannon on Tuesday to break up a protest by university students against President Hugo Chavez's attempt to eliminate term limits. Officers in anti-riot gear scattered more than 2,000 students after they set out from a Caracas plaza to demonstrate against a proposed constitutional amendment that would lift term limits for all elected officials, including Chavez.

113-year-old dies

BRUNSWICK — A woman considered to be the second oldest person in the world has died at 113 years old. Beatrice Farve died Monday in Brunswick, Ga., her daughter, Joan Farve, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. She became the second-oldest person earlier this month with the death of 115-year-old Maria de Jesus of Portugal.

— The Associated Press

For older blacks, inauguration a dream fulfilled

BY ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — As she watched Barack Obama descend the steps of the U.S. Capitol to be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States, 107-year-old Ann Nixon Cooper leaned forward in her seat, grinned and let out a contented sigh.

One of her grandsons asked, "How do you feel about having a black president?"

"Well," Cooper said at her home on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Atlanta, "I helped put him there."

And so she had.

It was not just Cooper. It was all the men and women of the black generations who endured the cruelties of Jim Crow, who knew the indignity of separate drinking fountains and the terror of snarling dogs. They fought back with sit-ins and boycotts and ballots.

On Tuesday, with weathered hands and an excitement that belied their age, they applauded Obama — and the role they played in sending one of their own to the White House.

"I was hoping for a great change that would happen in my day," said Cooper, whose story was highlighted in Obama's speech the night he won the election. "I put my thoughts into ideas pointed towards better days for our people."

Mary K. Jones, a 78-year-old retired university professor in Detroit, has come a long way from the sweltering heat and segregation of Arkansas. She grew up there, along the banks of the Mississippi River, on the same 40 acres her great-grandmother — a former slave — received from the

U.S. government.

"Jim Crow and segregation were something we were born into. It was just a way of life," Jones said Tuesday. "We lived in a certain area. We all knew where we could go or couldn't go. You stayed where you were. But they (whites) were in their place, too."

When Obama took the oath of office, Jones sat up in her chair, clasped her hands to her chest and smiled.

"There is still integrity. It's not lost," Jones said. "I feel very full."

Sam Cain stood up and threw his hands in the air, tears streaming down his face after Obama took the oath of office. The 61-year-old South Carolina native was born in the midst of Jim Crow's heyday, barred from eating and drinking with his white neighbors in his Bishopville hometown.

"From the time you're 2 or 3, you know your place," Cain said, though he said he now believes life has changed for his family, his race and all Americans with Obama's election.

"I do believe in my lifetime he can bring this country together," Cain said.

In his inauguration speech, Obama looked to inspire the nation with a "new era of responsibility" and a recognition of how far the nation has come.

"This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed — why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than 60 years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath," Obama said.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Kimberly Tanner, a waitress at Miller Brothers Rib Shack, pauses to watch Barack Obama's inauguration on Tuesday as A.D. Ellison salutes.

Obama then led an inaugural parade that paid further homage to pioneers in the fight for equality. Re-enactors from a black Civil War regiment, World War II's surviving Tuskegee Airmen and Freedom Riders who battled for civil rights followed the new president's limousine down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

In Birmingham, Ala., where protesting blacks faced fire hoses and police dogs in the 1960s, thousands gathered in historic Boutwell Auditorium to view the inauguration on a huge video screen. The old hall had the feel of a church revival, with gospel songs and flags waving.

"I never thought it would ever come," said 77-year-old Ted Roberts, who marched in civil rights demonstrations in Birmingham when segregationists held power.

At the historically black Alabama State University in Montgomery, Tonia Stewart was among those brought to tears watching the new president take office.

The 60-year-old chair of the theater department grew up in Greenwood, Miss., worked in the civil rights movement and campaigned for Obama. "I knew it would happen, but to see it happen in my lifetime is so powerful and so significant for this whole nation," Stewart said.

In Fresno, Calif., the Rev. Joseph and Jewellene Richardson watched the ceremony in their apartment at an assisted living facility. Married 63 years, the two met while attending a segregated school in Boynton, Okla.

The reverend's wife, her cane propped on her knee, wore an Obama T-shirt with the words, "In our lifetime." She watched the coverage on

the edge of her seat, smiling broadly.

"Through the years we've been saying, 'We shall overcome,' and we overcame," she said. "We are in the winter of our country's history, so there's spring to come."

For those who lived through such trying times, Obama's inauguration was an important link to the past and a moment to reflect on those who didn't live to see this day.

Mississippi state Sen. David Jordan, 75, a longtime voting-rights advocate who has vivid memories from his childhood in the segregated South, said prior to the inauguration that he wished he could speak with his late father.

"The first thing I would say is, 'Daddy, we have an African-American president,'" Jordan said. "He would shout to the top of his voice."

Hamas declares victory in rallies across Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — They both chose backdrops of destruction for their speeches, one the still smoldering ruins of a U.N. food warehouse and the other Gaza's demolished parliament building.

But visiting U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon and a senior Hamas leader delivered very different messages Tuesday.

Ban voiced his sorrow and frustration over the suffering of civilians during Israel's three-week war on Gaza's Hamas rulers; some 1,300 Palestinians have been killed, the vast majority civilians.

Ismail Radwan, a Hamas legislator, celebrated the blood battles as proof of Hamas strength and defiance. "Hamas today is more powerful," he told a crowd of several thousand.

However, beyond fiery words, Hamas offered no practical plans for rebuilding Gaza, which suffered some \$2 billion in destruction. Gaza's

borders with Israel and Egypt, largely sealed since Hamas seized control 19 months ago, remain closed and are unlikely to open unless the militants relinquish some of their control.

Israel has also claimed victory, but like Hamas halted fire before reaching its objectives. It emerged from the war with relatively few casualties — 13 dead, including 10 soldiers — but no internationally backed truce deal is yet in place to prevent Hamas rocket fire on southern Israel or arms smuggling into Gaza.

Israel had withdrawn the bulk of its forces from Gaza by Tuesday evening, coinciding with the inauguration in Washington of Barack Obama as president.

Dalton's Rock Hill begins registration

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OBITUARIES

- **Vernon W. Curtis, Dawnville community**
- **Polly Louise Barnett Jones, Carbondale community**
- **Gary “David” Kelley Jr., Dalton**
- **Mary Nell Norris, Dalton**
- **James C. Wilson, Chatsworth**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Vernon W. Curtis

Vernon William Curtis, 74, of the Dawnville community, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wheeler and Ruby Curtis; a daughter, Patricia Curtis; and mother of his children, Ruby Lee Carter Walls.

Survivors include four daughters, Darlene and Kimsey Millsap of Chatsworth, Tammy and Noel Leonard of Dalton, Kathy and Frank Johnson of Rocky Face and Carolyn Kinsey of Tunnel Hill; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bertha and Don Dempsey and Dot and Howell West, all of Adairsville, Drucilla and J.L. Tippens of Dalton, Barbara and Bill Smith of Resaca and Brenda and Harold Hair Jr. of Dawnville; brothers and sister-in-law, Robert and Judy Curtis of Ringgold and Kenneth Curtis and Bruce Curtis, both of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove

Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Walker and the Rev. Andy Lands officiating.

Burial will be in New Hope-Kilgore Cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peoples.com.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call (706) 259-7455.

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Polly Louise Barnett Jones

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

She was born February, 1911, in Whitfield County, daughter of the late W.H. Barnett Sr. and Annie Carder Barnett and was preceded in death by her husband, Vance Jones; sister and brother-in-law, Dixie and Ernest Acree Sr.; brother, W.H. Barnett Jr. and infant siblings, Guy and Virginia.

Polly is survived by her daughter, Carol O’Kelly Matthews of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, William “Billy” Robert Jones and Robbie of Dalton; grandchildren, William David O’Kelly III and Robyn, Justin Lane Jones and Heather, Christi Leigh Jones Martin and Aaron; great-grandchildren,

Kayleigh Jones, Aubrey and Natalie Martin; sister, Mary A. Barnett; brother and sisters-in-law, Rema and Audrey Barnett, Johnnie Barnett; nieces, nephews and special friend, Sue Holsomback and special cousin, Melba Sloan.

Polly loved cooking, playing the piano, making dolls, observing and caring for songbirds and caring for her family and friends. She was a faithful member of Swamp Creek Baptist Church for many years.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Swamp Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Seay and the Rev. George Gravitte officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery with Ernest, Jason, Chas Acree, Jamey Dukes, Harley Dukes and Troy Massingill serving as pallbearers.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

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

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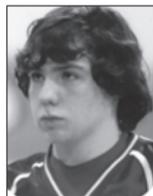
Gary ‘David’ Kelley Jr.

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 stand out 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 the 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 is 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.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Gary David Kelley Jr., are Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. Joel

Southerland, the Rev. Ray Cochran and Lance Miner officiating. He will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with his fellow teammates, the Eastbrook Mustang Basketball Team, serving as pallbearers.

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

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

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Mary Nell Norris

Mrs. Mary Nell Norris, 75, of Dalton, departed this life Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, 2009, at the local hospital.

Mrs. Norris was born July 18, 1933, in Murray County, a daughter of the late Will and Ida Burgess Baggett. She was a member of Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rubin Morris and would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Jan. 31, 2009; sons and daughters-in-law, Garry and Dianne Norris and Terry and Debbie Norris, all of Dalton; brother



Norris

and sister-in-law, J.W. and Frances Baggett of Chatsworth; sisters and brother-in-law, Vircell Luffman, Geneva Kirby and Shirley and Ronald Brown, all of Dalton and Vivian Hollis of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Brandy Norris, Matthew Norris and Jennifer McClain; great-grandchildren, Hannah McClain and Layla Norris; special friends, Matt Adams and Scott Cavanaugh, both of Dalton; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mary Nell Norris are Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Pastor Charlie Hamm and the Rev. Billy Joe Cochran officiating.

She will be laid to rest at the United Memorial Gardens.

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

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James C. Wilson

Mr. James C. Wilson, 68, of Chatsworth, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at his residence.

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Crowds of 1 million test D.C.

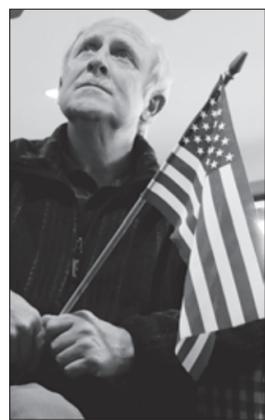
WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1 million people crammed onto the National Mall and along the inauguration parade route Tuesday to celebrate the swearing-in of the nation’s first black president in what was one of the largest-ever gatherings in the nation’s capital.

The Associated Press estimate is based on crowd photographs and comparisons with past events.

On the National Mall, the crowd stretched nearly two miles — from the Capitol to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech.

Most of the crowd was jammed into the area between the west front of the Capitol and the Washington Monument, where people stood shoulder-to-shoulder as Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation’s 44th president. Some people complained they felt claustrophobic.

Farther away at the



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Bud Herndon watches Barack Obama's inaugural speech on Tuesday at Miller Brothers.

Lincoln Memorial, people surrounded the Reflecting Pool, and like many on the Mall they watched the inauguration on large TV screens.

Meanwhile, spectators were lined 10 deep in some

places along the 1.5-mile inaugural parade route, which began on Pennsylvania Avenue near the Capitol and ended in front of the White House. Most were dressed in heavy parkas and mittens. Hundreds also gathered on rooftops and balconies.

Garth Baylor, 54, a carpenter from Washington, D.C., said no inaugural celebration could compare to this one.

Crowds were so thick that medical personnel had trouble getting to people quickly around the Mall, District of Columbia fire and EMS department spokesman Alan Etter said. Still, he said everyone who has needed help eventually received treatment.

“Obviously the crush of people downtown is making it very challenging,” Etter said. “We’re doing the best we can.”

At a section near the Washington Monument, fences and jersey barriers

appeared to block people on all sides. People couldn’t find a way out without climbing over the barriers.

The huge crowd on the Mall forced three Smithsonian Institution buildings to close temporarily because they couldn’t hold any more people. Smithsonian spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas said the National Museum of American History, the Smithsonian Castle and the Hirshhorn Museum reached capacity Tuesday morning.

For many, getting out of the city proved more difficult than getting in.

At L’Enfant Plaza Metro station, a huge crowd waited to enter the station as National Guard troops stood on top of pedestals trying to direct traffic.

“There’s no one here to tell us where to go,” said Violet Smith, 53, who had traveled from Ghana with her daughter. “They could have done a better job because so many people came.”

Bush returns to state he loves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaving the White House for the last time on Tuesday, President George W. Bush blew a kiss out the window of his presidential limousine, a gesture that capped an eight-year administration marked by two wars, recession and the biggest terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

Bush’s exit was bitter-sweet. He left office with low approval ratings, but he remained upbeat, smiling and joining in the celebration of President Barack Obama’s ascent to rock-star status, even as he faces daunting challenges, especially a depressed economy.

This Inauguration Day was about more than the traditional transfer of presidential power. When Bush clasped Obama’s hand before beginning his journey home to Texas, their handshake marked the first time that the executive branch of government has been handed off to a



AP Photo

Outgoing President George Bush gives a hug to President Barack Obama after his swearing-in ceremony.

black president. If there were any hard feelings between the incoming 47-year-old Democrat and the outgoing 62-year-old Republican, they weren’t

apparent in the Bush send-off at the steps of a helicopter on the Capitol grounds where the two men parted ways.

After the inauguration

ceremony, many in the crowd at the Capitol cheered loudly and waved goodbye at Bush’s helicopter as it flew over throngs of people gathered on the Mall to witness history.

But not everyone was respectful. Weary of Bush, some people in the crowd chanted “Na-na-na-nah, hey, hey, hey, goodbye” when they heard a television broadcaster announce, “George Bush is no longer president of the United States.”

Bush actually began the first few minutes as an ex-president listening to a musical prelude at the swearing-in ceremony. Obama had not yet taken the oath of office, but while the musicians played, he became president at noon EST, according to the Constitution.

Keeping with a White House ritual, Bush left a note for Obama in his desk in the Oval Office, wishing him well.

THE MARKET

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Acuity	30.35	28.06	Interface	4.09	3.71
AAir	4.52	4.21	JCP	19.31	17.42
Apple	82.27	78.37	JNJ	57.44	56.75
AT&T	25.23	25.02	Kroger	24.97	24.42
BAC	7.18	5.10	Lowe's	21.94	19.87
BB&T	20.83	18.52	McDonalds	59.67	57.07
BP	44.21	41.27	Merck	28.19	27.89
BristolMyers	22.07	21.74	Microsoft	19.71	18.45
HP-Compaq	34.77	33.34	Mohawk	37.39	34.49
Chevron	71.74	68.31	Motorola	4.54	4.31
CocaCola	43.84	42.88	Region-Fin	6.07	4.60
ConAgra	16.98	16.59	Rock-Tenn.	28.99	26.01
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CrackerBrl	17.96	16.08	Synovous	5.56	4.56
CrwnCrafts	2.25	2.25	SunTrust	19.94	15.07
CSX	29.83	27.88	Torchmark	37.63	32.43
Dell	10.27	9.80	Total Sys	13.81	12.94
Delta	11.43	11.04	UPS	48.20	45.93
Dixie Group	1.76	1.75	Vulcan	58.67	53.83
Dow	15.03	13.89	Verizon	29.96	29.87
Duke	15.02	14.88	Wal-Mart	51.56	50.56
DuPont	24.97	23.32	Wells Fargo	18.68	14.23
Earthlink	7.51	7.24	Wendy's	5.50	5.57
Ericsson	7.23	6.61	Yum	29.91	28.66
Exxon	78.10	76.29	Xerox	7.68	7.40
Ford	2.19	2.13			
FSG	4.79	4.93			
GE	13.96	12.93			
GM	3.93	3.50			
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Hundreds of thousands gather in front of the Capitol steps in crowd that stretched to the Washington Monument, background and beyond Tuesday for Barack Obama's inauguration.

Slices of life from the Obama inauguration

By **SCRIPPS HOWARD**
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Willie Mae Irving, of Collierville, Tenn., is the granddaughter of slaves. At 102, her hearing is not so good, but her eyes and mind remain sharp. And she made it to Washington to see Obama reach a pinnacle of political power she could hardly imagine.

Irving, who worked in domestic service for 30 years, and after that as a cook, came to the inauguration with her daughter, a retired school teacher, and her granddaughter, a major in the U.S. Army.

She said she would like Obama to know she's here. She'd like to shake his hand. And she has some advice for him.

"I would tell him that I'm proud of him," Irving said, "and I want him to do a good job. Give the poor people help with their medicine and all, doctor bills, them that's not able, and ain't got nowhere to stay."

Bruce Lightner was still in high school when he sneaked out of his Raleigh, N.C. home before dawn the morning of Aug. 28, 1963.

He hitched a ride for hundreds of miles up U.S. 1, carrying a peanut butter sandwich and a thermos of Kool-Aid.

When he made it to Washington, he climbed a tree on the National Mall and

watched as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told tens of thousands of listeners about his dream of racial conciliation.

Tuesday, Lightner returned to what he calls "that hallowed ground" as the organizer of several buses carrying hundreds of North Carolina residents — many of whom lived through the Jim Crow era that King fought to overcome. Along with more than a million others, they intended to crowd onto a nearly 2-mile grassy stretch of land steeped in history.

"I think everything's coming full circle," Lightner said.

The determination of so many older Americans to witness history being made on Inauguration Day in

Washington created some unusual circumstances for medics and police — lots of cases of hypothermia and breathing problems in the cold.

And reports of elders going missing in the crowd outnumbered reports of kids gone missing by a substantial margin. Among the middle aged, there were quite a few problems with people who ignored medical advice and drank alcohol to try and stay warm. As of early afternoon, police reported no arrests.

One of the seniors who tried to brave the elements was Joe Idlette, 75, a former Florida school board member who was involved in the integration of the public schools. He, called

the inauguration of a black president the "culmination of a lot of sacrifices."

Unfortunately for Idlette, of Naples, Fla., the sub-freezing temperatures and icy wind Tuesday proved too much for him, and he was forced to retreat to his hotel in Virginia's Washington suburbs hours before Obama was sworn in. He said he's set off at 4 a.m., without breakfast, to wait in line.

Nonetheless he made it back to his hotel room to see the whole thing, albeit on TV.

"It was a very emotional moment," he said. "Uncontrolled tears ran down your eyes. A dream come true, but one I never expected to see."

Couples sweated up a storm

on the dance floor Monday night at the Texas State Society's Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball.

Let stuffer dancers perspire or exhibit a healthy glow at the official balls. At the Texas State Society's Black Tie & Boots Inaugural Ball, couples sweated up a storm on the dance floor Monday night.

The quadrennial affair — always one of the most sought after tickets of the inauguration week — this year featured Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, plying the 12,000-strong crowd with Western swing music.

"There'll be dancing until 9 o'clock in the morning," the band's lead singer said.

That night, everyone was a Texan, whether they really were

or not. Women wore glamorous gowns and cowboy boots. Men wore tuxedos, cowboy hats and boots.

Harrison Clark, now of Alexandria, Va., but at some time of Midland, Texas, sported a plaid dress jacket with his formal black tie, as well as a sizable black cowboy hat.

Clark bent forward, his hat bobbing someone in the forehead.

"Oops, sorry," said the member of the Texas State Society. "The hat bumps into people."

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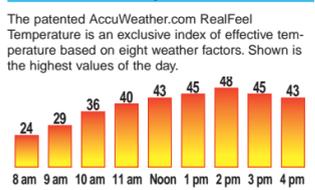
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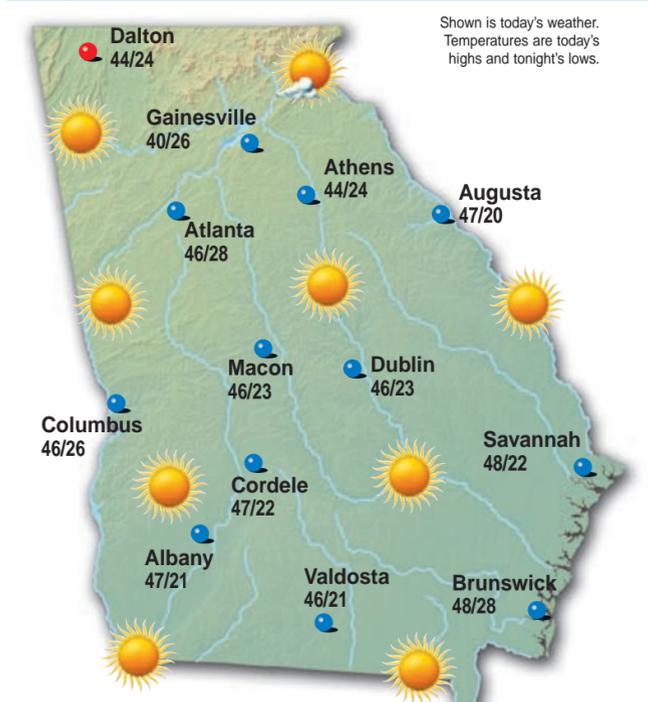
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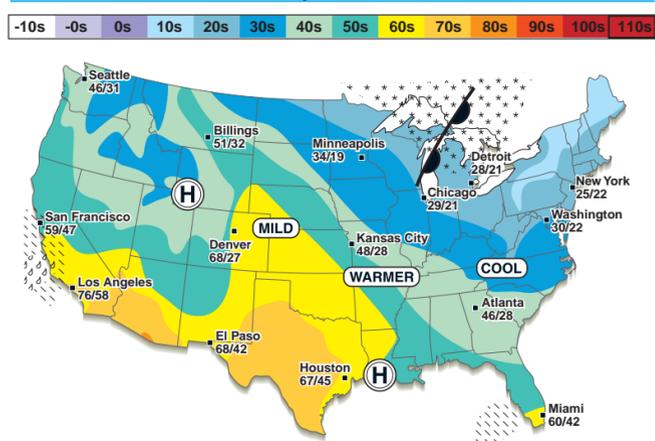
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	47/21/s	62/36/s	67/48/c	La Grange	45/20/s	57/29/s	60/45/c
Atlanta	46/28/s	57/39/s	60/43/c	Macon	46/23/s	58/32/s	62/47/c
Athens	44/24/s	56/33/s	61/43/c	Marietta	45/22/s	55/30/s	61/38/c
Augusta	47/20/s	55/29/s	62/45/pc	Newton	49/23/s	65/33/s	70/44/c
Brunswick	48/28/s	57/37/s	63/46/pc	Rome	47/19/s	55/32/s	63/42/c
College Park	46/28/s	57/39/s	60/43/c	Savannah	48/22/s	57/32/s	66/46/pc
Columbus	46/26/s	60/35/s	64/47/c	Sparta	45/22/s	59/27/s	65/39/c
Gainesville	40/26/s	53/35/s	57/40/c	Valdosta	46/21/s	60/34/s	68/48/c

National Weather for January 21, 2009



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

City	Today			Thu.			Fri.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Albany	20/14/pc	30/22/pc	35/18/sn	48/35/s	58/46/s	64/34/sh			
Anchorage	22/10/s	26/17/pc	24/19/c	60/42/s	67/52/s	73/59/s			
Baltimore	30/18/s	43/28/s	49/30/pc	29/21/pc	36/24/pc	30/7/sn			
Billings	51/32/s	45/19/c	26/7/sn	34/19/pc	34/10/c	17/5/sn			
Boise	37/27/pc	41/30/c	41/28/c	52/38/s	66/55/s	70/54/c			
Buffalo	22/19/sf	32/26/sf	35/10/sn	25/22/s	37/31/s	42/29/pc			
Charlotte	38/20/s	50/29/s	58/40/pc	62/29/s	65/37/pc	53/26/pc			
Cheyenne	60/29/s	55/25/c	36/21/sn	52/27/s	62/32/s	72/44/s			
Chicago	29/21/pc	36/23/pc	34/9/sn	78/55/pc	71/54/c	47/27/pc			
Cincinnati	30/20/pc	43/27/s	43/21/c	27/20/s	39/29/s	42/27/pc			
Cleveland	22/22/c	36/27/pc	35/14/sn	22/18/pc	34/28/pc	40/20/sn			
Dallas	69/39/s	77/53/pc	73/37/pc	42/30/pc	46/34/c	49/34/c			
Denver	68/27/sf	57/27/pc	43/23/c	40/29/pc	51/32/c	43/17/c			
Detroit	28/21/sf	33/24/pc	32/13/sn	41/26/pc	43/30/c	45/32/c			
Indianapolis	32/22/pc	41/27/pc	40/17/c	59/47/c	56/47/sh	58/48/pc			
Kansas City	48/28/s	52/28/pc	40/12/c	46/31/pc	46/33/c	47/35/c			
Las Vegas	66/44/c	66/45/c	67/42/pc	46/31/pc	46/33/c	47/35/c			
Los Angeles	76/58/c	66/54/r	66/52/pc	30/22/s	44/30/s	51/31/pc			
Memphis	48/35/s	58/46/s	64/34/sh						
Miami	60/42/s	67/52/s	73/59/s						
Milwaukee	29/21/pc	36/24/pc	30/7/sn						
Minneapolis	34/19/pc	34/10/c	17/5/sn						
New Orleans	52/38/s	66/55/s	70/54/c						
New York	25/22/s	37/31/s	42/29/pc						
Okla. City	62/29/s	65/37/pc	53/26/pc						
Orlando	52/27/s	62/32/s	72/44/s						
Philadelphia	27/20/s	39/29/s	47/27/pc						
Phoenix	78/55/pc	71/54/c	72/51/s						
Pittsburgh	22/18/pc	34/28/pc	40/20/sn						
Portland, OR	42/30/pc	46/34/c	49/34/c						
St. Louis	40/29/pc	51/32/c	43/17/c						
Salt Lake City	41/26/pc	43/30/c	45/32/c						
San Francisco	59/47/c	56/47/sh	58/48/pc						
San Diego	73/57/c	62/53/r	64/51/pc						
Seattle	46/31/pc	46/33/c	47/35/c						
Wash., DC	30/22/s	44/30/s	51/31/pc						

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The World

City	Today			Thu.			Fri.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Athens	63/55/sh	64/52/sh	65/48/pc	64/47/pc	70/43/s	74/52/pc			
Auckland	73/63/s	74/65/s	76/67/s	41/39/pc	46/39/r	43/36/sh			
Amsterdam	37/34/pc	38/36/r	43/39/r	42/32/pc	46/39/r	52/41/sh			
Baghdad	61/39/s	63/36/s	64/38/s	16/12/sf	23/12/sf	23/3/sn			
Beijing	45/23/s	25/3/c	18/10/s	23/19/sf	30/27/sn	34/27/sn			
Berlin	38/28/c	37/28/s	42/32/r	43/34/c	46/39/r	52/41/r			
Buenos Aires	93/72/s	95/73/s	93/73/s	80/89/r	75/67/c	75/68/pc			
Cairo	74/58/s	81/65/s	73/51/pc	54/45/r	54/39/sh	55/48/pc			
Calgary	48/27/s	27/4/sn	10/-1/sn	43/22/c	41/21/sn	22/19/sf			
Cape Town	81/61/s	75/55/pc	80/60/pc	89/77/pc	87/77/pc	86/77/pc			
Caracas	91/73/pc	90/73/r	90/71/pc	86/72/c	88/73/s	93/73/s			
Dublin	43/39/r	45/37/sh	43/34/pc	69/54/pc	77/53/s	81/61/pc			
Geneva	35/26/sn	35/35/c	46/37/r	48/45/r	52/43/r	55/36/r			
Hong Kong	75/63/s	73/63/s	68/59/pc	22/17/sf	32/21/sn	31/5/sn			
Istanbul	61/53/c	66/56/s	64/46/pc	36/32/sh	37/32/sh	39/34/c			

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PREP BASKETBALL: MURRAY COUNTY AT NORTHWEST WHITFIELD

Served cold

Indians earn revenge via hot third quarter

By ADAM KROHN

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After squandering a 15-point lead late in the second half to Northwest Whitfield on their home court Jan. 7 to lose a 50-48 heart-breaker, the Murray County Indians traveled to Tunnel Hill on Tuesday seeking revenge.

Early on, it looked like the Bruins, who've gone 3-0 since the win in Chatsworth — including a 49-47 win over Hillgrove, currently ranked No. 3 in the GaSports.com coaches poll — would yet again beat their rivals after building a 22-14 half-time lead in the Region 7-4A contest.

But in much the same way as Northwest rallied against the Indians earlier this month, Murray came back, held the Bruins to six third-quarter points and grabbed the lead with 5:13 left in the fourth quarter on John Kiser's long 3-pointer and escaped with a 38-34 victory.

Northwest salvaged a split with a 59-36 win against the Lady Indians in the earlier girls game.

"The last loss was real hard," said Kiser, who redeemed himself after missing a near-midcourt 3 at the buzzer in the first meeting with Northwest. "But this is the one that counted and we made it count."



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Kiser was the game's only double-digit scorer, finishing with 10 points and adding four steals.

The Indians (12-6, 4-4 in Region 7-4A) made their move in the third quarter, slowly chipping away at the eight-point deficit by forcing turnovers on the press to go on an 11-6 run. Trey Miller's basket with 25 seconds remaining pulled Murray to within 28-25 heading into the final quarter.

Garrick Sanford tied the game 12 seconds into the fourth on a three-point play, getting fouled on a lay-up and converting the free throw. That ignited the Indians' crowd and the Bruins' following was left in silence. Two minutes later, Kiser knocked down the go-ahead 3 from three feet behind the line.

"It was a transition kick and I was open," Kiser said. "I made sure I used my legs, because they were dead (in the fourth quarter), so that I could actually get some arch on the shot."

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
John Kiser, left, of Murray County battles Northwest Whitfield's Bryce Martin for a loose ball during their Region 7-4A basketball game Tuesday night in Tunnel Hill. Kiser had 10 points and four steals in the Indians' 38-34 victory.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: GEORGIA TECH

BC holds on to beat Jackets

By CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Tyrese Rice stepped up when three other Boston College starters fouled out, leaving Georgia Tech with a too-familiar case of overtime blues.

Rice scored 24 of his 26 points after the first half, including six points in overtime, and Boston College recovered after blowing a big lead in the second half to beat Georgia Tech 80-76 on Tuesday night.

The Eagles won despite having three starters foul out in the second half: Joe Trapani, Josh Southern and Rakim Sanders, who had 19 points.

Corey Raji had 10 points, including six in overtime, for Boston College, which led by 14 points in the second half. The Eagles lost their composure and the lead as Georgia Tech turned up its defensive pressure.

The Eagles (14-6, 2-3) recovered to give Georgia Tech its third overtime loss in five Atlantic Coast Conference games. Georgia Tech (9-9, 0-5) remains the only ACC team without a conference victory.

"We know we can play with anybody in the league," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "It's a matter of having something of value to show for it."

It was Boston College's first win since beating North Carolina on Jan. 4. Georgia Tech is 0-5 in the league for the first time since the 2001-02 season, when it started 0-7.



Georgia Tech forward Gani Lawal (31) shoots over Boston College's Joe Trapani during the first half of their Atlantic Coast Conference game Tuesday night at Memorial Coliseum in Atlanta. Tyrese Rice scored 24 of his 26 points after halftime, including six in overtime, as Boston College won 80-76. The Eagles blew a 14-point lead in the second half before regrouping.

AP PHOTO

PREP ROUNDUP

Dalton strikes quick, clobbers No. Paulding

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Caz Cole led three players in double figures and Dalton's Catamounts trounced outmanned North Paulding, 71-36, in high school basketball action in Dallas.

"We jumped on them early and played well," Dalton coach Mike Duffie said. "Our defensive pressure was the key. We forced 31 turnovers. It was a good win on the road and we played like we're supposed to play."

Cole finished with a game-high 16 points while David White and Jalen Fields finished with 12 points each.

The Cats (7-10, 3-4 in Region 7-4A) led 21-6 after one quarter, stretched the margin to 31-15 at halftime and turned the game into a rout with a 28-point third quarter for a 61-21 advantage.

■ Dalton girls 74, North Paulding 37: April Besley tossed in 14 points to lead the Lady Catamounts (12-5, 5-2). Kate Houston added 12 points for Dalton, which jumped out



Duffie

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AUTO RACING: NASCAR

Despite troubles, Nationwide pushes forward

By MIKE HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — Despite a reeling economy, NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide Series is in better shape than many expected and encouraged by what's ahead.

A recent announcement that fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr., in his role as owner of JR Motorsports, got sponsorship for a second entry has helped. So has news that Roger Penske found backing to run ARCA champion Justin Allgaier for the entire season.

"At the end of last season, it was all doom and gloom," said former Sprint Cup champion Rusty Wallace, a team owner in the Nationwide Series fielding full-time rides for Steve Wallace and Brendan Gaughan. "That was real good news about Junior ... and Roger. Then you've got Tony Stewart running the Nationwide race at Daytona for Rick Hendrick, and both of my teams are fully funded for the season. Things just aren't as bad as they seemed a while back."

The top-tier Cup series has seen changes since last season, with several team mergers and other operations selling out or cutting back.

There has been some of the same in the Nationwide series, which struggled with a dearth of sponsorship even before the economic crisis.

But despite dire forecasts that Nationwide fields may fall short of the standard 43-car lineup as the season goes on, series director Joe Balash had this to say Tuesday:

"From what I've seen so far, with the number of teams that are going to run limited schedules, I think our car counts will end up being pretty similar to what they were last year," he said.

"I think there are some Nationwide teams, though, that have run on lower budgets than obviously some of the Cup teams



NASCAR PHOTO
Popular driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, signing autographs for fans, has sponsorship for two of his cars — good news for NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide Series.

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Sports world pauses on Obama's day

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali and Magic Johnson had prime seats at the Capitol. LeBron James watched from a hotel room in Los Angeles with his two sons. Across the country, coaches rescheduled practices, and even the Super Bowl had to take a back seat Tuesday to the inauguration of Barack Obama.

"This day means a lot to inner-city kids, to African-American kids, to everyone," said Cleveland Cavaliers star James, who contributed \$20,000 to Obama's campaign but couldn't attend the swearing-in because his team is on a West Coast road trip.

"This day will last forever. It will be in books. It will be in schools. It will be in classes. It will be on test questions."

It takes a lot to bring the sports world to a standstill, but there was no ignoring the magnitude of the moment. Pittsburgh Steelers coach

Mike Tomlin pushed back his first pre-Super Bowl news conference one hour so it wouldn't conflict with the inauguration.

"What we're doing here today pales with what's going on in our nation's capital," Tomlin said.

The Boston Celtics, on the way to Miami for a road game, voted to change their flight schedule and arrive in time for the players to watch the ceremony from their hotel, even though coach Doc Rivers offered to tape it for them.

"They said, 'No, we want to see it live. We think it's that important,'" Rivers said.

Guard Ray Allen upped them all, attending the inauguration in person with Celtics owner Steve Pagliuca before rejoining the team in Florida.

Pagliuca said he was proud to represent a Celtics team that was the first in the NBA to draft a black player and to hire a black coach.



AP PHOTO
Former boxing great Muhammad Ali, at left in dark hat, is assisted by a family member as he arrives at the swearing-in of President-elect Barack Obama on Tuesday.

"It was people coming together; kind of a peaceful feeling came over the crowd," Pagliuca told The

Associated Press. "The crowd had a hope and a joy. For that many people to be that peaceful was very moving."

In Fairfax, Va., George Mason men's basketball coach Jim Larranaga used "Yes, we can!" as his thought for the day when practice began at 11:30 a.m. He pulled his players off the court 27 minutes later and took them to the locker room to watch the swearing-in and Obama's speech. The players broke out in applause several times, then returned to finish practice.

Sports metaphors were heavily in play. Louisville basketball Rick Pitino, who campaigned for Rudy Guiliani during the primaries, said he was thrilled by Obama's speech but noted the challenges the new president is facing.

"I think, unfortunately, he's taking over a bad program with bad players right now," Pitino said.

Kansas City Chiefs coach Herm Edwards watched the inauguration

under the same gloomy cloud millions of Americans share — worried that he's about to lose his job.

"I think the country has been waiting for something like this," Edwards said. "We should all embrace it, regardless of our background — religious, economic, heritage, it doesn't matter."

Baseball players found it easier to attend the inauguration because their sport is out of season. Free agent reliever LaTroy Hawkins, who had a seat about 100 yards from the Capitol, said he thought of his grandmother, who died in 2006, as he watched Obama take the oath.

"It has to do with race," Hawkins said. "A lot of African-American people feel now they can relate to someone in the White House, and that somebody in the White House can relate to them. He can understand their struggles. He can understand what it means to be black in the United States."

Indians: Kiser began 'reading' passes

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Northwest coach Ryan Richards said Kiser's 3 was the game's turning point.

"That pushed them over the top right there," he said. "They hit the big shot and we never did."

From the 3:40 mark on, the Indians used each possession to run time off the clock. After Chandler Puryear, who led the Indians with 12 rebounds, hit 1-of-2 free throws with 1:29 left, Kiser hit two more with 57.8 seconds left for a 34-28 lead.

On Northwest's next possession, Chase Sanford stole a Bruins pass and was fouled on the fast break with 48.4 on the clock. He hit both of his free throws to essentially put the game out of reach and send Bruins (13-5, 5-3) fans heading towards the exit.

"I started reading where they were going to throw the passes," said Chase Sanford, who had three steals to go with five points. "I could see where their eyes were going. We just wanted to play good defense because we weren't playing good on offense the entire game."

Richards lamented the low offensive output by his Bruins.

"When it came to shooting, we were as cold as the temperature outside," he said. "You've got to score more points than that and we had plenty of opportunities. The last two games, we haven't shot the ball well."

Indians coach Greg Linder, also noting his team's poor shooting night, credited the win to his Indians' play at the other end of the court.

"Defense won that game," he said. "We've been talking since the preseason about how defense wins, especially in close games and especially down the stretch."

With four minutes left, Bruins center Nermin Delic, who finished with eight points and 12 rebounds, hit the floor hard and injured his hand. He did not return and assistant coach Ryan Scoggins said he's scheduled to have X-rays today.

In girls action, the Lady Bruins (16-2, 7-0) opened a 28-12 lead and never looked back.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield's Jasmine Thornton (12) is fouled by Murray County's Jenna Rogers (44) Tuesday night in a Region 7-4A basketball game in Tunnel Hill. Thornton and the Lady Bruins defeated the Lady Indians, 59-36.

Quaneisha McCarty continues to play at a high level for Northwest, leading her team with 23 points and eight rebounds. Christy Robinson added 11 points, Tori Clemmons chipped in 10 points and Baleigh Coley led with eight assists.

"I feel we did a good job coming out in the first quar-

ter," Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger said. "We lost the intensity in the third quarter but we got it back in the fourth, so instead of it being a 13-, 14- or 15-point game, we were able to stretch it back to 20."

The Lady Indians (7-12, 3-6) came out hot in the second half, outscoring Northwest 14-11 in the third

quarter, but a slow start in the first half — a season-long problem for Murray — was too big to overcome.

"I think it's just nerves and jitters, I guess," said Murray coach Traci Rankin the Lady Indians' sluggish starts. "But once all that goes away we do OK."

Jenna Rogers led the Lady Indians with 11 points.

Area: SE girls win

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to a 29-5 first-quarter advantage.

"They made six 3s and that's a highlight film for them," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said of North Paulding, a first-year school playing freshmen and sophomores.

"We played some zone and they got some open shots, but I'm pleased with our overall effort."

Brittney Jushi had 12 points for North Paulding.

■ Southeast girls 58, Ringgold 48: Briana Sosebee scored 17 points and grabbed four rebounds while Shelby McFarland had 14 points and five rebounds for the Lady Raiders (7-7, 5-2 Region 6-3A). TaQuasha O'Neal finished with eight points.

"Ringgold was up 40-39 after three quarters, but we pressured them and McFarland, who didn't play in the third quarter because of three fouls, scored 10 points in the fourth."

Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said. "That was the difference."

Tiffany Gent led the Lady Tigers with 20 points.

■ Ringgold boys 62, Southeast 55: The home-standing Tigers stretched a two-point halftime lead to 12 in the third quarter and then held off the Raiders' late surge to post the victory.

Ringgold was up 26-24 at halftime and then blitzed Southeast in the third quarter for a double-digit lead.

"Our kids finally decided to play after that and we cut their lead to two in the fourth quarter," Southeast coach Joey Bryson said. "Ringgold made some big shots down the stretch to win."

Diamond O'Neal and Bradley Grant scored 15 points each for the Raiders (5-11, 3-2). The Raiders

made only 11 of 25 attempts from the free throw line.

Scott Davis scored 13 points for the Tigers and Logan Holland added 12.

■ Christian Heritage boys 77, Heirway Christian 60: Damien Chaney and Will Clark each scored 23 points to pace the Lions (18-2, 8-0 GISA Region 4-2A).

Landon McClure added 16 points and seven rebounds and Terrell Wilson had nine points.

Clark added seven assists and four steals.

The Lions built a 66-39 third-quarter lead before turning the game over to reserves and Heirway outscored Christian Heritage 21-11 in the final eight minutes.

"We wanted to give our other guys a chance to play," Lions coach Chad Woodson said.

Heirway's Vadrey Copeland scored a game-high 34 points and Levin Barnes finished with 18.

■ Christian Heritage girls 59, Heirway Christian 28: Katy Nagel had 17 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks to lead the Lady Lions (14-3, 7-1). Maggie Peebles finished with 15 points, three steals and three assists, and Meg Crawford had eight points and eight assists.

The Lady Lions started the game, played in Douglasville, on a 16-0 run.

Lauren Hollingsworth led Heirway with 14 points.

JV basketball

■ Murray County boys 64, Northwest Whitfield 53: Taylor Patterson scored 13 points, Zach Hall had 11 and Blake Hammontree and Zach England each scored nine for the Indians (9-0).

Alex Heard had 13 points, John Brooks 12 and Jarrett Bruce 10 for the Bruins.

Stanford facing 'cuts'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Stanford's athletic department is projecting a \$5 million loss in revenue over the next three years and is considering cutting staff and eliminating some sports teams, The Associated Press has learned.

The school is expected to decide in the next 30 to 60 days on staff cuts, a Stanford employee familiar with the budget issues told the AP on condition of anonymity because the person is not authorized to discuss the shortfall.

The person also said Tuesday it wasn't clear which teams, if any, would be considered for elimination

— and it likely wouldn't be until next season so at the earliest in the fall.

"That's the last thing they want to consider. They don't want it to affect student-athletes," the person said.

"We do have some serious budget problems. We're looking at other ways (to save)."

Stanford has 35 sports teams, 19 for women, 15 for men and one coed squad.

Last year, the university captured its 14th consecutive Division I U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup, a recognition presented each year to the best overall programs for each athletic division in the country.

Racing: Plans call for new car in 2010

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have in the past. So although it does affect them, I don't know that it affects them to a greater percentage than what you would normally see."

Not everybody is so optimistic. Series regular Mike Bliss said the car count may begin to decline after the first few races if everything doesn't fall into place just right.

"I think there will be a lot of teams going into the new year still trying to court sponsors and, hopefully, something happens," Bliss said. "Halfway through the year is always when you see that guys can't keep on going."

"It's not going to just be the races, it's going to be everything. It all trickles down. I think it'll probably be a tough year for this series and all of racing."

Balash said NASCAR is going ahead with its plan to get a new Car of

Tomorrow ready for the 2010 Nationwide series, a move that could add a substantial initial cost to the team budgets.

The sanctioning organization introduced a new car in the Cup series with a part-time schedule in 2007, then raced the car through the entire 2008 season to mixed results.

Drivers have complained that the new Cup cars, bigger and boxier in the name of driver safety, are too heavy for the tires and hard to keep balanced. But most of the initial uproar over the CoT died out as the drivers and teams came to the realization that it was here to stay.

"It is what it is," Cup star Kevin Harvick said.

Harvick drives for Richard Childress Racing. The Kevin Harvick Inc. team also plans to run one car full-time in Nationwide, as well as two trucks in the third-tier Camping World Series.

"Everybody finally came to the conclusion in Cup that the car was here to stay, so just shut up and figure it out," he said. "I'm sure everyone has learned a lot that will help with the new (Nationwide) car."

Balash said NASCAR will work with the Nationwide owners to ensure that the introduction of the new car does not cause undue hardships.

"We're still working very hard on the engineering project to develop the new car," he said. "We have some upcoming (wind tunnel) tests coming later this month on the car and we'll have everything going on as planned for launch in 2010."

"We're going to keep a close watch on what the economy does and talk to the ownership in the Nationwide garage and kind of watch that program throughout the year to see whether we actually do the launch in 2010."

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ATHLETE OF WEEK



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Northwest Whitfield sophomore Quaneisha McCurdy averaged 17.3 points, 10.3 rebounds, 3.3 blocks and 1.6 steals to help the Lady Bruins defeat Murray County, Hillgrove and Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe and earn *The Daily Citizen's* Athlete of the Week honor.

PRO FOOTBALL: SUPER BOWL

Steelers have long known of Fitzgerald skills

BY ALAN ROBINSON
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — Larry Fitzgerald might be the most scouted player in Pittsburgh Steelers history. For two years, they needed only to look out their office windows to watch him.

Fitzgerald's exceptional hands, his knack for making difficult catches while heavily covered and his high jumper-like leaping ability might pose the biggest obstacle to the Steelers beating the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

As Steelers coach Mike Tomlin suggested Tuesday, scouting and a good game plan alone aren't enough to slow Fitzgerald, whose 419 yards receiving are the most in a single NFL post-season, with one game remaining.

"If you get down the field one-on-one with him, he's going to come back with the football," Tomlin said. "He is the best in the world at that, bar none."

Not that any one needs to remind the Steelers.

Displayed in their Heinz Field press box, alongside pictures of former and current Steelers players, is a large photo of Fitzgerald leaping above three Texas A&M defenders to make a touchdown catch while at Pitt in 2003. He couldn't have been more covered, yet it made no difference. The football was there, and, in Fitzgerald's mind, nobody else was going to get it.

Ask the Philadelphia Eagles about plays like that. Fitzgerald's series of three, can-you-top-this touchdown catches in the NFC championship game Sunday prevented an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl.

It also set up an improbable matchup between the Cardinals, an old franchise that could hardly be less successful, and the Steelers, an old franchise that could hardly be more successful.

"Larry Fitzgerald, is quite simply, the best receiver in the world down the field in one-on-one situations," Tomlin said. "If we're to be successful in Tampa, we need to limit the number of times we're downfield with him one-on-one. Invariably, he's going to come up with the football. The (video) tape tells us that."

So did their own eyes. Although the Steelers and University of Pittsburgh never practice together on the four-field complex they share on the city's South Side, more



AP PHOTO Pittsburgh, which will play Arizona in the Super Bowl, is keenly aware of Larry Fitzgerald's abilities because they watched him for two years while he played at the University of Pittsburgh.

than few Steelers employees were tempted to sneak a few peeks at Fitzgerald when he played for Pitt in 2003 and 2004.

Why wouldn't they? In his two college seasons after being recruited by former Pitt coach Walt Harris, a passing game whiz, Fitzgerald caught 161 passes for 2,677 yards and 34 touchdowns, with at least one TD catch in a record 18 consecutive games.

The Steelers also influenced Fitzgerald, too.

Not long after the Cardinals drafted Fitzgerald No. 3 overall in 2004, when the Steelers drafted that could hardly be less successful, Ben Roethlisberger eight spots later, Fitzgerald said his goal wasn't just to be the receiver who made the occasional highlight-film catch. Instead, he wanted to be as steady and reliable as the Steelers' Hines Ward.

Former NFL receiver Cris Collinsworth, the NBC analyst, agrees with Tomlin that Fitzgerald's ability to make plays when the ball is in the air is unmatched.

"I don't know what Larry Fitzgerald's vertical leap is, but he looks like Michael Jordan playing out there to me," Collinsworth said Tuesday. "If it's a tie, you just throw the ball up in the air and Larry Fitzgerald comes down with it."

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Thursday
Varsity swimming
Dalton at Baylor, 5:15
Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield boys at Dalton, 6
Middle school basketball
At Christian Heritage
Dalton girls vs. Gladden, 4
Dalton boys vs. Gladden, 5
Greater Gwinnett girls vs. Christian Heritage, 6
Greater Gwinnett boys vs. Christian Heritage, 7

Friday
Varsity basketball
LaGrange Academy at Christian Heritage, 6
South Paulding at Murray County, 6
Southeast at Ridgeland, 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 Landing High, McDonough
Northwest Whitfield at Sham Slam III, Habersham Central, 9 a.m.
Junior varsity wrestling
Northwest Whitfield, Murray County at Heritage-Catoosa tournament, 8 a.m.
Junior varsity basketball
Murray County at Gilmer, 1
Northwest Whitfield at Cass tournament
Freshman basketball
Murray County at Gilmer, 10 a.m.
Cartersville boys at Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.
Middle school basketball
At Christian Heritage
Girls consolation, 10 a.m.
Boys consolation, 11 a.m.
Girls championship, noon
Boys championship, 1

TELEVISION

On Today

GOLF
3 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Bob Hope Classic, first round, at La Quinta, Calif.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Villanova at Connecticut
ESPN2 — Virginia Tech at Wake Forest
9 p.m.
ESPN — Clemson at North Carolina
ESPN2 — Baylor at Kansas St.
TENNIS
11 p.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia
3:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
NFC
Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25
AFC
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 14
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
Tampa, Fla.
Arizona vs. Pittsburgh, 6 p.m. (NBC)

HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
N.Y. Rangers 28 16 4 60 127 125
New Jersey 28 15 3 59 140 116
Philadelphia 24 12 9 57 146 134
Pittsburgh 23 21 4 50 144 146
N.Y. Islanders 12 29 5 29 113 163
Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Boston 33 8 5 71 164 103

SCOREBOARD

Montreal	27	12	6	60	143	122
Buffalo	24	17	5	53	132	128
Toronto	17	22	7	41	133	164
Ottawa	16	21	7	39	108	129

Southeast Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 30 15 3 63 153 138
Carolina 23 20 5 51 121 142
Florida 21 16 8 50 128 128
Tampa Bay 15 21 10 40 116 142
Atlanta 17 25 5 39 141 167

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Detroit 31 8 6 68 170 127
Chicago 25 11 8 58 152 112
Columbus 22 19 4 48 122 124
Nashville 20 23 3 43 111 134
St. Louis 18 23 4 40 131 149

Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 27 14 4 58 141 134
Vancouver 22 19 6 50 136 135
Edmonton 23 19 3 49 128 135
Minnesota 23 20 3 49 117 107
Colorado 23 22 1 47 126 134

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

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 4, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Anaheim 2
Ottawa 3, Washington 2
Carolina 2, Pittsburgh 1
Los Angeles 5, Minnesota 2
Detroit at Phoenix, late
Columbus at Edmonton, late
Vancouver at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Anaheim at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 34 9 .791 —
Philadelphia 20 21 .488 13
New Jersey 19 22 .463 14
New York 16 24 .400 16 1/2
Toronto 16 27 .372 18

Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 33 8 .805 —
Atlanta 25 16 .610 8
Miami 22 18 .550 10 1/2
Charlotte 16 25 .390 17
Washington 8 32 .200 24 1/2

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 31 8 .795 —
Detroit 23 17 .575 8 1/2
Milwaukee 20 24 .455 13 1/2
Chicago 18 25 .419 15
Indiana 15 27 .357 17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 28 13 .683 —
New Orleans 25 13 .658 1 1/2
Houston 26 16 .619 2 1/2
Dallas 24 17 .585 4
Memphis 11 29 .275 16 1/2

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Denver 27 15 .643 —
Portland 25 16 .610 1 1/2
Utah 24 17 .585 2 1/2
Minnesota 13 26 .333 12 1/2
Oklahoma City 8 34 .190 19

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Lakers 32 8 .800 —
Phoenix 23 16 .590 8 1/2
Golden State 13 29 .310 20
Sacramento 10 31 .244 22 1/2
L.A. Clippers 9 31 .225 23

Monday's Games

New York 102, Chicago 98
Dallas 95, Philadelphia 93
Atlanta 87, Toronto 84
Houston 115, Denver 113
San Antonio 86, Charlotte 84
New Orleans 103, Indiana 100
Minnesota 94, L.A. Clippers 86
Golden State 119, Washington 98

SPORTS BRIEFS

Thrashers claim third win in row

ATLANTA — Rookie defenseman Zach Bogosian and Chris Thorburn each had a goal and an assist in the Atlanta Thrashers' 4-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night.

Tied for the NHL's second-lowest points total with 37 when the night began, Atlanta won its third straight to snap Montreal's two-game winning streak and spoil the return of Montreal goaltender Carey Price.

College Results

EAST
Drexel 79, Delaware 69

SOUTH
Boston College 80, Georgia Tech 76, OT
Duke 73, N.C. State 56
Jacksonville 69, Savannah St. 56
Liberty 61, High Point 56
Winthrop 65, Charleston Southern 63
Tennessee 76, Vanderbilt 63

MIDWEST
Ball St. 50, W. Michigan 44
Creighton 79, Evansville 57
Illinois 67, Ohio St. 49
Miami (Ohio) 67, Bowling Green 60
N. Dakota St. 98, Utah Valley St. 71
Ohio 70, Akron 65, OT
Toledo 75, Cent. Michigan 61

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 63, Colorado 55

College Boxscore

Boston College 80, Georgia Tech 76, OT
BOSTON COLLEGE (14-6)
Raji 5-10 0-1 10, Trapani 5-13 0-0 12, Southern 2-4 0-0 4, Rice 7-16 10-10 26, Sanders 7-13 2-3 19, Jackson 4-8 0-0 8, Paris 0-1 0-0 0, Roche 0-0 0-0 0, Dunn 0-3 1-2 1, Totals 30-68 13-16 80.

GEORGIA TECH (9-9)
Lawal 6-8 2-3 14, Peacock 5-12 1-1 11, Aminu 3-6 2-3 8, Clinch 3-12 0-0 8, Shumpert 5-10 5-8 16, Miller 4-10 4-4 13, Foreman 0-1 0-0 0, Storrs 2-5 0-0 6, Sheehan 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 28-65 14-19 76.

Halftime—Georgia Tech 31-30, End Of Regulation—Tied 66, 3-Point Goals—Boston College 7-19 (Sanders 3-3, Trapani 2-6, Rice 2-8, Jackson 0-1, Raji 0-1), Georgia Tech 6-24 (Storrs 2-5, Clinch 2-9, Shumpert 1-4, Miller 1-6). Fouled Out—Sanders, Southern, Storrs, Trapani. Rebounds—Boston College 35 (Jackson 9), Georgia Tech 41 (Lawal 10). Assists—Boston College 18 (Rice, Sanders 5), Georgia Tech 13 (Miller 6). Total Fouls—Boston College 22, Georgia Tech 17. A—7,174. A—7,174.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with OF Luke Scott on a one-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Papelbon and LHP Javier Lopez on one-year contracts.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Edwin Jackson, RHP Joel Zumaya, LHP Bobby Seay and C Gerald Laird on one-year contracts and RHP Juan Rincon on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with C John Buck and RHP Joel Peralta on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with INF Robb Quinlan on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF Xavier Nady on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Erik Bedard on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with SS Jason Bartlett on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP C.J. Wilson on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Frasor, INF Jose Bautista and RHP Jeremy Accardo on one-year contracts.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Michael Wuetz on a one-year contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Clint Barmes, RHP Taylor Buchholz, RHP Jason Grille, RHP Huston Street and LHP Jorge De La Rosa on one-year contracts.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with OF Alfredo Amezaga, 3B Jorge Cantu, OF Jeremy Hermida, RHP Ricky Nolasco and OF Cody Ross on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Backe and LHP Tim Lincecum on one-year contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 1B Adam LaRoche, LHP Zach Duke, LHP John Grabow and RHP Tyler Yates on one-year contracts.

Pirates, LaRoche reach 1-year deal

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Adam LaRoche bypassed arbitration by agreeing Tuesday to a \$7.05 million, one-year contract.

The deal includes \$100,000 in performance bonuses: \$50,000 each for 555 and 590 plate appearances.

This was the third time LaRoche was arbitration-eligible. He can become a free agent after the 2009 season.

Bibby-led Hawks escape the Raptors

CHICAGO — Mike Bibby scored nine of his season-high 31 points in the final five minutes, and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Chicago Bulls 105-102 Tuesday to complete a three-game sweep.

Solid throughout the night, Bibby came up big in the end to lift the Hawks to their second win in as many nights.

Ross now majority owner of Dolphins

MIAMI — New York real estate billionaire Stephen Ross became majority owner of the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday, completing his purchase of 95 percent of the franchise for \$1 billion, with Wayne Huizenga retaining a 5 percent interest.

Huizenga, 71, became sole owner of the Dolphins in 1994. A year ago he said it was time for another person to assume control of a team that's on the upswing.

— Associated Press

COLLEGE HOOPS

Henderson, Duke rout N.C. State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
DURHAM, N.C. —

Gerald Henderson scored 21 points and No. 2 Duke pulled away late to beat North Carolina State 73-56 on Tuesday night.

Nolan Smith hit consecutive 3-pointers 30 seconds apart to start the decisive run for the Blue Devils (17-1, 4-0 ACC). They closed the game on a 27-5 run and shot 76 percent in the second half.

Kyle Singler had 14 of his 17 points in the second half and Smith finished with 13 to help Duke overcome a horrible start.

Brandon Costner and Ben McCauley both scored 15 points for the Wolfpack (10-6, 1-3), who led for much of the way but hit just one field goal over the final 7:45 minutes.

That cold spell helped Duke claim its 12th straight victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium over N.C. State, which hasn't won inside the Blue Devils' famously hostile arena since 1995.

■ **Illinois 67, Ohio State 49:** At Champaign, Ill., Mike Tisdale scored 15 points and No. 25 Illinois won its first game this season with a national ranking, holding off Ohio State.

It was the first win over Ohio State (13-4, 3-3) in six games for Illinois.

The 7-foot-1 Tisdale scored all but four of his points in the second half.

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310 General

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FOOD SERVICE / COOK

The City of Dalton is currently accepting applications for the position of Food Service / Cook for the Senior Center with Dalton Parks & Recreation. This is a full-time position at the City of Dalton Senior Center on Capps St. Duties include meal preparation, proper food portion allotment, planning menus, ordering food and supplies, and other duties as assigned by the Director. Knowledge in basic nutrition, portion control procedures, state and health department regulations, operating commercial kitchen equipment, operating and adapting recipes for large groups and previous experience is preferred. Starting salary range is \$10.00-\$11.00 per hour. A City of Dalton application must be filled out and received back by the job closing date of January 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. EST. These applications may be obtained at the Humane Resources Office at City Hall, 300 West Waugh St., Dalton, GA EOE

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310 General

MANUFACTURERS CHEMICALS, LLC

Development Chemist I Chemist- Manufacturer's Chemicals LLC, a specialty chemical manufacturer in Cleveland, TN has an opening for a laboratory development Chemist. Candidates should have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Chemistry or related science and two years experience in a chemical or similar laboratory. Other attributes include Knowledge of Organic and Analytical chemistry, familiarity with laboratory equipment and specialty chemicals and the ability to work well in a team environment as well as independently.

Please send resume's including salary requirements and cover page to:

Manufacturers Chemicals LP C/O Melody N. Moses-Alexander, PHR Manager of Human Resources/Safety/Training PO Box 2788 Cleveland, TN 37320-2788

Appropriated formatted resume's as dictated above will also be accepted at: malexader@synalloy.com

Own a Computer? Put it to Work! Earn \$1500-\$7500/mo. PT/FT FREE info package online. www.HeresLiving.com

PART-TIME COOK

The City of Dalton is currently accepting applications for the position of Food Service/Cook for the Senior Center with Dalton Parks & Recreation. This is a part-time position working 20-25 hours per week at the City of Dalton Senior Center on Capps St. Duties include meal preparation, cleaning the kitchen, complying with Health Department Regulations, and other duties as assigned by the Director. Applicant must have knowledge in cooking and baking for large groups and operating commercial kitchen equipment. Starting salary will be \$7.25 per hour. A City of Dalton application must be filled out and received back by the job closing date of January 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm EST. These applications may be obtained at the Human Resources Office at City Hall, 300 West Waugh St., Dalton, GA. EOE

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING! Avg. Pay \$20/hour or \$57K/yr. incl. Fed. Benefits and OT. Placed by adSource, not affiliated w/USPS who hires. 1-866-483-1059

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311 Health Care

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313 Management

Produce Manager needed. Experience required. Apply in person at Save a Lot, Dalton, Ga.

313 Management

MANAGEMENT JOBS! Companies in South Georgia - North Florida are aggressively seeking people with all levels of experience for jobs in hundreds of occupations. These employers will never know who you are, what skills you have, and your desire to work for one of these companies, until you let them know who you are.

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This FREE service is available 24 hours a day-7-days a week and is presented by Classified Marketplace Online.

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317 Professionals

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, part-time evenings. Provide reference and instruction to Dalton State College students in the Roberts Library Learning Commons. MLS/MLIS from ALA accredited institution or Georgia BOR approved MLS required. Minimum two years' professional experience in library settings providing reference and instruction using print and online resources. Ability to demonstrate current knowledge of electronic information services and resources, high public service orientation, desire to work in a team environment, and a willingness to be flexible with scheduling and other duties. Position is 24 hours per week with benefits and pays \$17.00/hr., dependent on experience. Hours are Monday through Thursday evenings with some Friday hours. Review of applications will begin immediately. A complete application must include a letter of interest, current vita, and contact information for three references addressed to Ms. Lydia F. Knight, Dalton State College Roberts Library, 650 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720. A background check will be processed for any candidate

317 Professionals

to whom an offer of employment is made. Dalton State College is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer, and strongly encourages the applications and nominations of women and minorities. For additional information about the Roberts Library please visit <http://www.daltonstate.edu/library>

320 Trucking Opportunities

Driver Trainees Needed Now for Covenant Transport! Earn \$700+ per week! No experience needed **CDL & Job Ready In 15 Day!** Learn how Covenant can cover costs! Volunteer Training Center 3009 Ohls Avenue **1-888-231-4094**

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322 Sales

50K 1st YEAR * 75K 2nd YEAR The catch? You will have to work for it. NO LAZY BUMS OR DREAMERS!! B2B advertising sales helpful. Must be able to travel. 800-600-6200

New Home Sale. Great opportunity for result oriented sales professional. Draw + commission. Fax resume to Dan at 706-629-8088

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The Daily Photo

Submitted by **Billy Bargo of Dalton, GA**
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YARD SALES



TIP OF THE DAY

Multi-Family Sales
 •Prior to the sale, determine the responsibility of each family: advertising, signs, setyp, etc.
 •Together, decide where the sale will be held: one house or multiple houses.
 •Create a price coding system. Use color-coded labels for each family or place initials on the price stickers.
 •Create one pay table to avoid confusing customers.
 •Use the **Sales Record Form** to track items sold. (*The Sales Record Form will be included in your Yard Sale Kit that you will receive FREE with a 2 day ad insertion into this newspaper*)

*** To place an ad in the Yard Sale Section of this newspaper:
Call Laura 706-272-7707 or Jennfier 706-272-7703

PETS/LIVESTOCK

502 Free Pets

Free puppy to a good home. Male, looks like a pit bull. 706-278-4737.

Loving home wanted for medium size, mixed breed, male dog. Has been neutered and has had shot. Very friendly will make great family pet. Call Karen 706-226-5229 - 423-400-7313

Loving homes wanted for 3 male rescued cats, approx. 6 mo. old, have been neutered, have had shots and are litter box trained. Call Karen 706-226-5229 - 423-400-7313

ITEMS FOR SALE

605 Computers

GET A NEW COMPUTER Brand Name laptops & desktops Bad or NO Credit - No Problem smallest weekly payments avail. its yours NOW- Call 1-800-618-3765

Used Dell Laptops \$399
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611 Misc. Items For Sale

"REDUCE YOUR CABLE BILL!" Get a 4-Room All-Digital Satellite system installed for FREE and programming starting under \$20. FREE Digital Video Recorders to new callers, SO CALL now. 1-800-699-7159

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Disney area stay. 7 days 6 nights. 2 adult Diney tickets. Paid \$750. Sell for \$249. Good for 1 year. 404-225-0082

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****17 ac. 3 br, 2.5 ba home in Cohutta.** Full bsmt, deck, storage blg. CHVAC w/ dual furnaces (propane & wood), attic fan. Generator backup electrical system. New paint, carpet, laminate & vinyl. Priced well below appraisal. 706-529-0650

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3bd Home only \$200/ mo! 4bd Home only \$230/ mo! Foreclosures! 5%dn, 30yrs @ 8%apr! For Listings 800-536-8517 x 5564

705 Homes For Sale

Brand New Home in Cohutta. Large lot. 3 bd, 2 bath. Formal D/R, wood and tile floors, custom cabinetry, gas logs in L/R, unfinished bonus room. \$179,900. Lease Purchase Available. Call: 706-217-5005

Elegant Private Estate on over 5 acres, approx. 4600 SF + unfinished basement w/workshop & garage. 4 BR 3.5 BA, office, lrg rec room, huge master suite on main floor, gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops & stainless appl. Breakfast bar & prep area, tons of cabinet space. Perfect for the chef of the family. Lrg formal dining rm w/chandelier & judges panels, the ideal home for entertaining, and large gatherings will accommodate up to 100 people with over 2000 sq. ft. of exterior porches and decks. Lrg granite pool, 8 person hot tub, too many amenities to mention here. Pictures are available Don't you owe it to yourself while rates are at historic lows, Price adjusted by \$75,000. NOW ONLY \$475,000 or make offer. 706-264-1932

Foreclosure. 2 or 3 bd rms on 2 acres. Lrg workshop, good condition, Varnell area. \$88,200 or make offer. Call 706-264-1932

Foreclosure. 3 BR 1.5 BA, in-ground pool, hardwood floors, all kit. appliances. Privacy fence, good location, close to mall. \$99,800 or make offer. Call 706-264-1932

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 hhf@vol.com or
 Mark Burnett 706-529-5901

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 208 Goldenrod Ln (off of Dawnville Rd in Amberfield) - 3BR 2 BA, \$111,000, \$1,500 down, as low as \$750 month.
 1481 Heather Way \$105,000 3/2 in Amberfield \$1000 down & as low as \$750 month.
 2860 Old Grade RD, 3BR 1 BA, \$75,000, \$1,000 down, as low as \$535 month
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726 Commercial Buildings

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 *19,000 sq.ft. - 2105 E. Walnut Ave. Retail space, Next to Hobby Lobby, across from Mall.
 *97,000 sq. ft., 454 Hwy 225 (Bretlin)
 *Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail. 706-279-1380 Wkdys 9-5:30

1 -12,500 sf & 1 -10,000 sf bldgs for sale by owner. Dalton. Docks. Suitable for light manfg. or whrg, offices w/ c/h/a. Perry 706-275-0862

27,500 sq. ft. 228 Conn. 3 across from Pilot (formerly Troy's Carpet) \$6,500 monthly.
 13,500 sq. ft. 2908 So. Dixie Hwy \$2,600 monthly.
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Rocky Face 40x80 commercial building for lease. 3 phase electric, over head door. Call John Tate 706-965-9040.

728 Commercial Rental

Office: 2700 S.F. Excellent condition. 1143 E. Walnut Ave. Call: 706-581-1037

Available 11,000 sq. ft. inc. 1,000 ft. offices, 2 docks, sprinkler, clear span, conv. location in Dalton. 706-275-8555

728 Commercial Rental



*302 S. Thornton 5,500 SF, includes utilities, between Newspaper office & Bank of Am.
 *1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut
 *Camelot Bldg, Near I-75, 1514 W. Walnut Ave. Between Long John Silvers & Burger King, 5,500 S/F.
 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30.

31,000 sq ft. Masonry building, 4 loading docks & offices. 1 block off 4 lane Abutment Rd. on Callahan Rd. 706-226-6245

FOR LEASE: Auto Repair Shop. 815 E. Walnut Ave. Barrett Marketplace Shopping Center - former Aamco
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Lakeland Rd., Dalton - 160,000 SF warehouse with 2 shipping offices. Fire sprinklers. High bay lighting. 16 dock doors. Large back lot.

Gi Maddox Pkwy., Chatsworth - 31,500 SF warehouse with additional 1,500 SF office space. 22 FT high ceiling. 4 dock doors. Large secure fenced lot.

Duwall Rd., Chatsworth - 175,000 SF warehouse with additional 2,500 SF office space. Fire sprinklers. 14 dock doors. 20-22 FT ceiling. Large secure fenced lot. 1/4 mile from Hwy 411.

Watson St., Rome - 8,100 SF office building with additional 1,900 SF separate building. Office furniture included. Fire sprinklers. Large parking lot with carport. 1 block off Shorter Ave.

All property is privately owned. Visit www.tmarealty.com for additional information and properties or call **706-876-1108.**

Office space for lease. Available Now! 1400 sq. ft. suite and 2,500 sf. suite. 800 College Dr. 706-226-6245 8:30a-5:00p

Restaurants for rent: *410 S. Hamilton (fmlyr Bailey's Diner) Incl. equipment \$3,495 mo. 30 day setup time - Free Rent.
 *801 E. Walnut Ave. Barrett Marketplace \$2995/Mo. \$2000 dep. (fmlyr El Taco) fully furnished. 706-279-1380 wkdy 9-5:30

Retail and Office Space for Lease. Walnut Ave. + other locations 706-278-1566

Retail Shop for Lease. 3000 SF total. \$1375.00 mth \$500.00 Deposit. Chatsworth Area, Great Location. 706-483-9187

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751 Apartments

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HUGE TOWNHOME SUPERIOR AMENITIES

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 **707-2 Lance 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Newly remodeled. 1st week FREE w/1 yr. lease. 706-279-1380 wkday 9-5:30

*1 BR Apt. No Deposit. 1st floor, no pets. Washer & dryer hookups. 4808 South 41 Hwy. Call: 706-217-5175

1 bedroom apartment corner of Hwy 225 & Hwy 286 in Eton. \$300/ month. Call 706-517-5759 10am-6pm.

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1 STORY completely furn. effic. Cable TV, phone, microwave, kitc. supplies, linens, utilities furniture North Tibbs Road. \$149/weekly, 278-7189.

1, 2, & 3 Bd Apt's - Starting at \$100/week. Power, water, cable, furnished. For details. 706-463-0672, 706-463-0671 & Español 706-463-0945

1st month, 1/2 off! 2 bd, 1 ba, w/d hookup, c/h/a. Power, water, & cable furnished. Close to downtown. \$175/wk or \$650/ mo. \$200/dep. 706-581-4615

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751 Apartments

2 BR, 1 BA. 116 Fernwood Ave., \$550/mo + \$250/dep. All utilities included. W/D Conn., C/H/A. 706-226-0503

269 B Williams Rd. 2br 1ba duplex. Central h/a, w/d hookups, water furn, \$425/mo \$250/dep. Call 706-259-7718

271 Broadacre Rd. NW. 2 br, 2 ba., Central H/A, W/D hook ups, water & electric furnished. \$160 wk. \$200 dep. 706-508-4158

3 BED 2 BATH Duplex. C/H/A. All appl. furnished. \$550/mo., \$300/dep. No pets. Call: 706-259-8474 or 706-271-6900

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Efficiency bachelor apt in city All utilities incl. TV & cable furn. No Pets 801 N. Selvidge St. \$65 dep, \$65/wk 278-3729 8a-8pm.

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LUXURY 2 bdrm 2 bath Apts 1716 Dug Gap Rd. 803 Carbondale Rd. Call 706-277-2595

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MOVE RIGHT IN, 1 & 2 BD efficiency apts, furnished, all util's, w/d furnished, TV, In Chats., & Dalton, near hospital. 706-313-1733 or 695-0625

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Secluded Townhouse 2br/ 1.5ba, off Hwy 2 between Dalton & Ringgold, w/d hkup, C/H/A, water & gar svcs furn No pets, \$450 mo \$250 dep 706-581-2062.

Special. No Deposit. In Chatsworth. 2 bdrm 1 bath Apt. All appliances. furnished with washer/dryer. C/H/A. \$450 mon. \$250 dep. Also 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath Townhouse. \$550 mon. \$300 dep. Call: 706-517-2589 or 706-264-0066

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UNDERWOOD LODGE

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Upgraded spacious 2 bd @ 900 Vernon Ave. Call for rates! Partial utilities included. 706-279-3998

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 6B of the classifieds.

751 Apartments

DUPLEX. McCARTY HISTORIC AREA LOCATION. 2br, 1ba. \$450/mon. \$300/dep. Available now. W/D hookup, No pets. 706-226-5400 ext 233

752 Homes For Rent

\$ Simple Management Services LLC \$ 706-508-4370 Se Habla Español

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FOR RENT

**DALTON - 1821 Crabapple 2 BR/1BA \$200 Dep \$650 Mth All Utilities Included!!
 **DALTON: 111 Bogle St. 2 BR / 1 BA \$100 dep, \$140 a wk. All Utilities Included!!
 **LaFayette - 404 Glenn St. 2 Br 1.5 BA \$400 Dep \$595 Mth
 **COHUTTA - 2 BR / 1 BA Duplex \$100 Deposit \$100 Wk. Water Included!!

RENT TO OWN

**DALTON - 3347 Headrick Circle 3 BR / 2 BA \$99,000 w/ \$650 a mth \$1000 Down
 **DALTON - 1437 Classic Chase 3 BR / 2 BA \$2500 Down, \$750 a Mth. \$104,900. \$300 a month towards equity
 **DALTON - 609 E. Cuyler St. 3 BR / 1 BA \$1000 Down, \$625 a Mth, \$89,000
 **COHUTTA - 4036 Parliament Dr. 5 BR / 3 BA \$2500 Down, \$1200 a Mth \$160,000.
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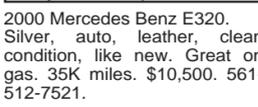
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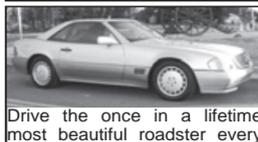
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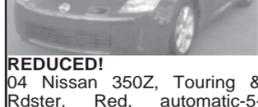
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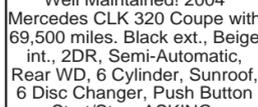
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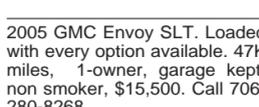
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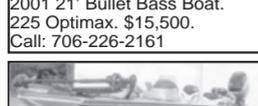
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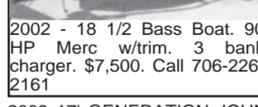
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TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN

New-look Nadal breezes

By JOHN PYE

Associated Press Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal ditched his trademark sleeveless top in favor of a more conservative T-shirt.

His bulging biceps may no longer be exposed to view, but they're certainly still driving the top-ranked player's muscular approach to the game.

The 22-year-old Spaniard bullied Christophe Rochus around Rod Laver Arena on Tuesday night with some brutal forehands and 10 aces in a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 first-round win at the Australian Open.

He hit 47 winners in 22 games and Rochus, a Belgian who turned 30 last month, could get nowhere near most of them.

Having the last match of the opening round had its advantages for Nadal. He'd already had a chance to see how Roger Federer, defending champion Novak Djokovic and fourth-ranked Andy Murray had progressed.

He will get another look at Federer and Djokovic in the second round today. Match two in Federer's quest to tie Pete Sampras' record 14th Grand Slam title is against Russian Evgeny Korolev.

Nadal deflected a question about his intentions with such an aggressive start. He was less interested in upping the ante on his highly ranked rivals, he said, than in gauging himself after a 1 1/2-month layoff for tendinitis in his right knee.

"I am no thinking nothing about this," he said. "I just think about try to play well myself. Roger and Novak and Murray, they are far (away) in the draw.

"I just can play with them in semifinals or finals, no? I have to think (only) about



AP PHOTO

Spain's Rafael Nadal makes a return shot to Belgium's Christophe Rochus during their Australian Open match Tuesday in Melbourne.

next match right now."

His next match is against 26-year-old Croatian Roko Karanusic, who was ranked 92nd and has never gone past the second round at a major.

No. 9 James Blake beat Canadian Frank Dancevic 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 in the other night match, joining fellow American men — No. 7 Andy Roddick, Mardy Fish and Amer Delic — in the second round.

The other three are in action today.

The Williams sisters navigated the first step in the path to a potential semifinal showdown and, rather than do their own thing on the days between singles matches, have decided to team up in the doubles.

Serena Williams opened her campaign for a 10th major — and to continue her

odd-year pattern of Australian titles that stretches back to 2003 — with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over 123rd-ranked Yuan Meng.

The temperature topped 104 degrees during the match, prompting Williams to finish points quickly, spend time in the shade and conserve fuel.

"I was able to just take my time and play a lot slower, not giving 1,000 percent," she said. "I think it was pretty important for me not to ... go crazy out there."

The temperature had dropped to 79 degrees for Venus Williams 6-3, 6-3 win over Angelique Kerber of Germany.

Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva beat Germany's Kristina Barrois to extend her winning streak to 11 matches. No. 13 Victoria Azarenka of

Belarus and 2006 champion Amelie Mauresmo of France also made it through.

Murray needed only 12 games and 45 minutes to reach the second round, advancing when Andrei Pavel retired while trailing 6-2, 3-1 due to a back problem.

Since his career-best run to the final at the U.S. Open, he's grown in confidence and is now talking openly about "going one better."

He lost to Federer at the U.S. Open, but has beaten the Swiss star three times since then. He's also had two wins over Nadal and one over third-ranked Djokovic.

The 21-year-old Scotsman is not the only one encouraged by the run: British bookmakers are listing him as co-favorite to win the Australian Open.

Fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the Muhammad Ali lookalike who launched his run at the last Australian final with a win over Murray and beat Nadal in the semifinals, started this time with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 win over Juan Monaco of Argentina.

Fellow Frenchman No. 6 Gilles Simon and No. 24 Richard Gasquet also advanced.

No. 13 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, runner-up here to Federer in 2007, ended Lleyton Hewitt's 13th Australian Open. Hewitt, the 2001 U.S. Open and 2002 Wimbledon champion, lost the 2005 final here to Marat Safin.

Nadal has never reached the Australian final, but has improved one round each time he's come back to Melbourne Park.

If that trend continues, he'll be in the championship match this time.

He's never won a Grand Slam on a hard court, but won the Olympic gold medal in Beijing in August last year and had a tour-high 46-10 record on the surface.

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Relief ace Jonathan Papelbon of Boston avoided arbitration Tuesday when he signed a one-year deal to remain with the Red Sox.

Papelbon, Red Sox reach \$6.2M deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — All-Star closer Jonathan Papelbon and the Boston Red Sox agreed Tuesday to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract that avoided salary arbitration.

Left-hander Javier Lopez agreed to a one-year deal worth \$1.35 million.

Boston has not gone to arbitration since Theo Epstein became general manager.

Papelbon has emerged as one of baseball's top closers, saving 41 games in 46 chances last year, when he earned \$800,000. He has 113 saves in 128 chances and a 1.84 ERA in 3 1/2 seasons in Boston.

The 28-year-old Papelbon is one of four pitchers to record 30 or more saves in each of his first three full seasons, joining Billy Koch, Kazuhiro Sasaki and Todd Worrell. He is 29 saves from

the Red Sox mark of 132 set by Bob Stanley from 1977-89.

Papelbon's ERA is the second-lowest in major league history since 1900 among pitchers with at least 200 innings. He also is 2-0 with seven saves in the post-season and has not allowed a run in 25 innings over 16 appearances.

Lopez, 31, pitched a career-high 59 1/3 innings over 70 games last season, with a 2-0 record and 2.43 ERA while limiting left-handed hitters to a .182 batting average.

Also on Tuesday, the Red Sox traded right-hander David Aardsma to the Seattle Mariners for 20-year-old lefty Fabian Williamson.

Aardsma was 4-2 with a 5.55 ERA in a career-high 47 appearances, all in relief, for the Red Sox in 2008.

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Making a connection

Dalton State's Price motivates students

BY LARA HAYES

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Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Christy Price has been a part of the Dalton State College fabric for 17 years as a psychology professor. She arrived on campus with her still warm master's degree in counseling psychology, serving for nine months as a counselor before beginning her teaching career.

"I chose psychology because human behavior is fascinating," Price said. "It's naturally interesting to everyone. I kind of fell into teaching because the opportunity was there."

Price's students don't spend their time dutifully taking notes from dry lectures. Instead she revs up enthusiasm by leading discussions about case studies, using short video clips from popular films and role play. Students see how psychology concepts affect their own lives.

Price, 41, saw a need for changing teaching methods in 2003. Information for information's sake wasn't cutting it anymore. She began doing research on motivating and engaging 18- to 21-year-olds, also known as "millennial learners." Millennial learners have grown up with vast amounts of information available with the click of a mouse, so getting and holding their attention requires extra effort.

"Variety is critical, and relevance is important, too," Price said. "They want to know how is this relevant to me personally and to world issues. When I went to college, it was 300 students in a big lecture hall with no connection between professors and students. You either got it or you didn't."

Discussions can get lively, she



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Christy Price, right, helps Jessica Headrick and Warren Shepard, students in her psychology of adjustment class, at Dalton State College.

said. Analyzing cases encourages critical thinking and encourages the students to pay closer attention to what is going on in the world around them. Price says they constantly send her links to stories she might be interested in using for study.

Price also gets involved in the students' lives outside the classroom. She helps them deal with career decisions, problems they may be having with other classes and family and friend concerns.

In particular, she helps fresh-

men make a successful adjustment from high school to college through the Freshmen Year Experience program, which she coordinates. She also coordinates the Retention-Progression-Graduation Task Force.

"We have to care about the educational well-being of our students," said Price. "None of these changes should mean a watering down of education. The learning outcomes are still the same. We're not making it easier, just more learner-friendly."

Price's success with the Freshmen Year Experience program led to her being named the 2007 DSC Foundation's Teaching Excellence Award winner. Last year, she was notified she had won the same award at the state level.

"I figured I had no chance to win the state award, so that was a nice surprise," Price said.

Her biggest shock came earlier this month when she received a letter from the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in

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Transition that she had been selected as one of 10 Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates. Price refuses to take full credit for the honor.

"I have had fantastic experiences working with my teaching colleagues at Dalton State, like Dr. Tony Simones and Dr. Michael Hoff, who set the bar by entering the classroom with unmatched energy and enthusiasm," she said.

Price also values the example Pastor Matt Evans of Rock Bridge Community Church sets weekly.

"Matt devotes himself to preparing the most powerful messages," she said. "He is truly gifted in the way that he relates to, and connects with, his audience. He has helped me to realize that I need to prepare high impact, relevant learning opportunities and really make the most of that hour and 15 minutes I have twice a week in the presence of our students."

Price devotes her free time to her 5-year-old son, Callahan. The two enjoy rousing light saber fights, games of hide-and-seek and kickball.

Despite a full plate, she wouldn't give any of it up.

"It's a wonderful thing to be able to do what we do," said Price. "Awards are nice, but it's better being able to make a difference in the lives of students."

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GROWINGS ON

Tips for turf, ornamentals in January

As you sit inside your warm home, dreaming of spring and getting back in the yard, there are some things you need to be looking at and doing. Take time to work on projects now, so that when the weather warms, you will be ready to go.



Louis Dykes

medium-sized blooms. Prune back 50 percent if you want fewer, larger flowers. Modern roses should be pruned just before the buds break dormancy after the last frost.

To plant barerooted trees and shrubs, prune off dead or damaged roots, and plant in a hole large enough to accommodate the roots when spread in a natural shape. Contrary to earlier recommendations, it is no longer suggested that you prune the top to compensate for the loss of roots caused by transplanting. Research has found no evidence that this helps the plant, and there is a possibility that pruning removes carbohydrate reserves the plant could use to grow new roots.

Assess the energy efficiency of your landscape. Do you have evergreen trees or shrubs blocking a window where the sun's warmth would be welcome? Consider replacing them with a deciduous plant that would let sun in during the winter, but cast cooling shade in the summer.

During the short days of winter, landscape ornamentals with striking silhouettes draw attention. Try corkscrew willow, kousa dogwood, weeping cherry, and ornamental grasses. Consider placing one of these where it can be seen from a west window at dusk.

Winter is the time to apply miscible oil sprays to kill overwintering mites, aphids, and scale on deciduous trees and shrubs. Spray miscible oils when temperatures are above 40 degrees, but not within 24 hours of a freeze. Because the oil kills insects by suffocation, avoid spraying on windy days to ensure that all surfaces of the plant are covered.

When choosing a location for new shrubs and trees, remember spots that are sunny in the garden now may be shady in the spring or summer. Ornamentals, such as azaleas, camellias, dogwood, mahonia and leucothoe, prefer shade.

When using salt to melt ice on walks and drives, spread it carefully to avoid damage to nearby shrubs. Damage to needletype evergreens will be evident next spring by copper and yellow tones. Damaged deciduous plants will have bronze or reddish leaves. Consider using sand or sawdust instead.

For added security around the home, plant thorny shrubs on property lines and under windows. Some very thorny ones to consider include pyracantha, trifoliolate orange, Rosa rugosa, and thorny elaeagnus. Order plants now for late winter planting.

Some plants that should be pruned in later winter or early spring are hydrangea, butterfly bush, RoseofSharon, hibiscus and other summer flowering shrubs that flower on new growth. Prune spring-bloomers, such as azaleas, right after they flower.

When pruning large limbs, always undercut first. This means to cut from the bottom up, one-third of the way through the limb, then finish by cutting from the top. The undercut keeps the limb from splitting and breaking off, which could damage the trunk and become an entryway for insects and diseases. Do not cut flush to the trunk. The collar or enlarged base of a branch produces hormones that help heal wounds.

Seeds requiring stratification, such as many of the woody ornamentals, should be started to condition now. Plant them in your cold frame or put them in your freezer for the required amount of time.

Branches of forsythia, pussy willow, quince, spirea, and dogwood can be forced for indoor bloom. Make long, slanted cuts when collecting the branches and place the stems in a vase of water. Change the water every four days. They should bloom in about three weeks.

Proper rose pruning is the key to successful summer blooms. Prune roses back 25 percent if you want many,

enough to accommodate the roots when spread in a natural shape. Contrary to earlier recommendations, it is no longer suggested that you prune the top to compensate for the loss of roots caused by transplanting. Research has found no evidence that this helps the plant, and there is a possibility that pruning removes carbohydrate reserves the plant could use to grow new roots.

Consider using ferns in your home landscape. Maidenhair, sensitive, cinnamon, and Christmas ferns are good choices. Especially for shady nooks. These ferns need an even supply of water throughout the growing season, so soil with a high humus content is ideal since it retains water.

When terrarium plants become overgrown, it is best to discard them and start a new terrarium. Empty the container and wash it in hot, soapy water. When replanting, use fresh, sterilized soil and new, healthy plants.

Gerbera seed started in January will bloom in June. Grow in full sun, providing ample moisture. Pot up a few in fall and grow in a cool, sunny window over winter.

Start seeds of these and other slowdeveloping flowers in January or February: alyssum, coleus, dusty miller, geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, perennials, petunias, phlox, portulaca, salvia, vinca and verbena.

Amaryllis bulbs may not bloom if they are in too large a pot. There should be no more than 1 inch of space on each side of the bulb. At least one third of the bulb should be above the soil line.

House plants with large leaves and smooth foliage (philodendron, dracaena, rubber plant, etc.) benefit if the leaves are washed at intervals to remove dust and grime, and thus keeping the leaf pores open.

As a midwinter project, grow plants from fruit seeds. Oranges, grapefruits, lemons, tangerines, and pomegranates may have viable seed. Try germinating them in a light, pottingsoil mixture containing half peat moss. Keep seeds well watered and in a warm location. If seedlings fail to appear in six weeks, try again with new seeds. Citrus plants grown from seeds generally will not produce flowers or fruit, but they do have attractive shiny leaved foliage.

Keep these tips in mind as you look for midwinter projects.

■ **Louis Dykes is County Extension Coordinator for Murray County. If you have any questions about growing plants in your garden or if you are having trouble with pests, call the Georgia Cooperative Extension Office, Murray County at 706-695-3031 or e-mail ldykes@uga.edu.**

Keep your pets warm

Even in a southern state like Georgia, animals need extra protection when the temperature dips below freezing.

The recent single-digit temperatures are a serious reminder to take extra precautions with pets, especially those that stay outdoors. The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia offers a few simple reminders to assure that pets remain warm and healthy during the winter months.

Make sure dogs and cats have protection from the cold and wind. If the animal cannot come inside, it will need either a dog house or some other type of protective enclosure. Cats need special protection from the wind. Since cats have poor circulation in their ears, they are especially susceptible to frostbite.

Bang on your car hood before starting the motor. Cats like to crawl into motors to stay warm.

Be careful with antifreeze. Put it in a secure spot and keep containers sealed. Antifreeze tastes sweet to cats and dogs, but it will kill them.

Never leave a cat or dog alone in a cold car. The car will turn into a refrigerator in just a few minutes, endangering the pet with freezing temperatures.

Inside pets should have a place to stay away from drafty doors and windows.

Check on water bowls frequently. If the temperature does not rise above freezing during the day, dogs and cats will need a special source of water.

Do not use steel bowls to feed dogs during the freezing cold. The dog's tongue may stick to the metal.

Provide extra insulation in dog houses, sheds and other enclosures. Blankets may not be the best insulation since they may get wet and cause additional hardship to the animal. Instead, insulation from cedar chips



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Animals need protection from the cold when temperatures dip into single digits.

and wheat straw will keep the animals warm and be easy to clean up after the cold has passed.

If there is snow, keep dogs on leashes while walking or playing. It may be fun to romp in the unfamiliar snow, but it is easy

for a dog to lose a scent that would lead it back home.

Keep dog walks short on extremely cold days.

Provide extra food for all pets in freezing weather so they may benefit from the extra calories for warmth.

Check outside often to make sure your four-legged friend has everything it needs.

Submitted by Nancy Mason from the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Living section each Wednesday and Sunday on a space-available basis. To announce your meeting, simply e-mail the information to lara-hayes@daltoncitizen.com or send by fax to (706) 275-6641. Please send your item at least two weeks in advance and include a telephone number to contact for more information.

Today
 ■ The regular monthly board meeting of the Downtown Dalton Development Authority will be held Jan. 21 at 8 a.m. at the Whitfield County Administrative Building No. 1 on King Street in Dalton. The meeting is open to the public.

Jan. 22
 ■ An organizational meeting for Habitat for Humanity in Murray County will be held Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Chatsworth in the family life center. For more information, call Pastor Roger Vest at (706) 695-3211. The church is at 111 W. Cherokee St. in Chatsworth.

■ A OneTouch representative will be at the East Walnut Avenue Wal-Mart Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon

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and 2 to 5 p.m. to give new blood sugar meters to area diabetics in need. Meters are free while supplies last compliments of LifeScan Inc.

Jan. 24
 ■ The Salvation Army Family Store in Chatsworth will have a grand re-opening celebration Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store is at 500 S. Third Ave.

Jan. 28
 ■ North Georgia Medical Reserve Corps orientation for new volunteer members is Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. in the North Georgia Health District conference room. Participants will aid in emergency response to area disasters, both natural and manmade. To reserve a seat, call Joanne Mauro at (706) 272-2342. For more information, visit www.nghd.org. The conference room is located in Bryman's Plaza North at 100 W. Walnut Ave., Suite 92 in Dalton.

Jan. 29
 ■ A free special chili lunch for caregivers will be held Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office. Dr. Sherwood Jones (Ret.) will answer questions about Alzheimer's and share caregiving tips. Each guest will receive a free book. The office is at 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6 in Dalton. For more information or to register, call (706) 275-0819. Seating is limited.

■ The Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 112 in Dalton will have their regular monthly meeting Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. For membership information, call the Post at (706) 226-5120 or Lisa Elliott at (706) 259-5423 or (706) 264-3897.

Feb. 3
 ■ The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will meet Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Whitfield County Health

Department in Dalton. Dr. Gary Olson will discuss cardiology. The meal will be furnished. All members and registered nurses are urged to attend. For more information or to RSVP, please call J. Bernice Whaley at (706) 259-5508 by noon, Feb. 2.

Feb. 9
 ■ Dalton State College will offer "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" Feb. 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. This is a beginning class in chord piano where, in one session, students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song, any style, any key by reading chord symbols, not notes. Participants will also learn how to embellish songs using the secrets and shortcuts of professional pianists. Those who do not know treble clef may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA, 30736. To register, call (706) 272-4454.

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Studies show that regular exercise is the single most important thing you can do to improve your overall health and well-being and to prevent disease. And just in case you need another reason to work out, researchers have found that exercise can increase your brain function, help put off normal aging-related memory loss and perhaps even prevent dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

What does exercising your body have to do with your brain? Exercise increases blood flow to your whole body, including the brain. Exercise also shows the loss



of brain tissue that typically begins in your 40's. Even when we are sitting down or lying down, our bodies send our brains regular updates about how our limbs are positioned. When we stand and begin to walk, these electric messages need to be sent more often.

Move fast enough and the electrical activity doesn't have time to fade between each message. It begins building up in the brain and eventually triggers a release of chemicals called growth factors. These growth factors make the neurons stronger, healthier and improve their

ability to learn. In the presence of growth factors, new neurons are born and old ones sprout, grow and form better connections with each other. All this improves your ability to think, learn and remember.

When trying to improve in brain functions, or any aspect of fitness, the key is to stick with it. Normal aging-related memory loss occurs very slowly, and the reversal of this process takes time. One study found that older adults who begin walking 30 minutes a day for exercise improved their ability to multitask after six months.

The bottom line — exercise programs involving both aerobic exercise and strength training produced better results on cognitive abilities

than either one alone according to several different studies. Older adults benefit more than younger adults do because of the declines in mental abilities that are related to aging.

Thirty minutes or more of exercise per session produces the greatest benefits. And remember, when you exercise you think more clearly and function better, so use your brain and come see the fitness professionals at the Bradley Wellness Center to get started on your exercise program. Smart people exercise.

Submitted by Keri Brooks, fitness consultant, Hamilton Bradley Center for Wellness and Rehabilitation.

COMMENTARY

Afflicted men need understanding — not work

Ladies: Don't assume the worst.

The other day, my wife accused me of being sexist.

I was lying on the couch, minding my own business, when the ridiculous accusation was hurled.

She asked me to do something. At that moment, I was very busy,

embroiled in a special TNT presentation of "Dumb and Dumber," watching intently for a nuance I had not seen in my other 44 viewings. I think she asked me to vacuum. Somebody was coming over — probably the guy who sprays for bugs.

"You don't want to do this because you think this is women's work," she said, hands on hips. "That's sexist. This isn't women's work. This is house work. And you live in this house."

While her qualm may have some legitimacy (I do live in the house), her assumption of my motivation, or lack thereof, was way off the mark.

I educated her.

"I don't have a problem with women's work," I said calmly. "I have a problem with work — period."

"I don't like it. I don't like men's work. I don't like women's work. I don't like monkey work," I continued, trying not to spill the drink resting comfortably on my tummy. "I'm not one bit sexist. I'm just lazy as a tub of goo. And there is little I can do about it."

I am not alone.

I can't speak for all men, but every man in the world is



Len Robbins

inherently lazy. The only man ever made who is not naturally lazy is that host of the interior decorating show my wife watches all the time. He can decorate a whole house in just 30 minutes. He's the only non-lazy one of the bunch.

Sure, some of us work. And some of us work a whole 40

hours a week (who was the idiot that came up with that number? Probably that interior decorating guy). But unless we're getting paid real cash money, men just don't want to get up. Life is simply too short to waste working when I could be watching "Smokey and the Bandit" again (Note to self: Market that last sentence as a bumper sticker).

So, ladies, when you ask your husband or man in your life or yard boy or employee

to do something and they ignore you or roll their eyes or hem-and-haw (I love hawing), try to be understanding.

Any effort to work on their part goes against their body's physiology. It's science not at work. They find it difficult.

It's not that they don't love you or want to help you. It's just in their nature, like the color of their eyes, or male-pattern baldness, or rabies. They simply can't help it.

But look on the bright side — at least they're not sexist.

"I don't have a problem with women's work."

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

Cochran earns Eagle Scout award

Dustin Cochran received his Eagle Scout award from his Scoutmaster Scott Kinney Jan. 10 in a ceremony held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Cochran joined the scouts as a Tiger Scout with Cub Scout Troop 62 in 1996. He transferred to Troop 75 after Troop 62 folded in 2007.

Cochran has been active in Scouts for the past 12 years. On his journey to Eagle, he earned 41 merit badges including the One Mile Swim and Life Guard. He attended the Scout Jamboree at A.P. Hill in Virginia in 2005. He also worked at Camp Sidney Dew as an instructor during the summers of 2006 and 2007.

Cub Scout leader Martin Henderson of Kirkman and Association, Rob Stone of the Northwest Georgia Council of Scouting and Palmer Griffin of the Board of Eagle Review paid tribute to Dustin's scouting accomplishment. Retired



Scoutmaster Scott Kinney, left, presented Dustin Cochran, right, with his Eagle Scout award.

Southeast High teacher Miriam Duncan also spoke.

Ed Million, former Scoutmaster of Troop 62, was the voice of the Eagle.

The Rev. Tim McIntosh, Scoutmaster of Troop 98, delivered the invocation.

Cochran is a freshman at Mercer University in

Macon. When he is home for holidays or break, he works with Troop 75 as the junior assistant Scoutmaster.

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Brown to present 'A Raisin in the Sun'

To kick off Black History Month in February, local director Bob Brown will present "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry Feb. 6-8 at the Emery Center Auditorium in Dalton.

The play tells the story of a lower-class black family who receives a \$10,000

check following the death of their patriarch, Walter Younger. What they do with the money causes deep rifts between family members as well as a clash with racism.

Eli Ellington will play the lead role of Walter Lee Younger and Patsy Sue McDade plays his mother, Lena Younger.

Show times are Feb. 6-7 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and will be available only at the door.

The auditorium is at 110 W. Emery St. For more information, call the Dalton Community Center at (706) 278-8205.

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BRIDGE

Let's not be lackadaisical

There is an enormous difference between bidding and making seven spades vulnerable, and going down one at that contract — 2,510 points, to be exact. So, if you're in seven spades, as in the present case, it stands to reason that you should try very hard to find the best line of play.

Let's first suppose you were lackadaisical about the matter. In that case, you'd win the club lead with the king and draw two rounds of trumps, hoping to find them divided 2-2, in which case it would be all over but the shouting.

When East showed out on the second round, you'd stop drawing trumps and play the A-K of hearts, planning to ruff one or two hearts in dummy and sew up the grand slam.

Unfortunately, if you played the hand this way, you'd quickly go down one when West ruffed the second heart. Bad luck, you could say, but let's take another look and see if you shouldn't do better.

The proper line of play makes the contract. It does not depend on finding the hearts divided 3-3 or 4-2.

Win the club lead with the king, ruff a club with the jack of spades, lead the four of spades to the seven, ruff a club with the king, lead the ten of spades to the queen and ruff the nine of clubs with your last trump, the ace.

Then lead a diamond to the king, draw West's last trump with dummy's nine, and your work is done. The 13 tricks you score consist of three club ruffs in your hand, dummy's four trump tricks and the A-K of hearts, A-K of diamonds and A-K of clubs.

Tomorrow: Cards always tell a story.

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥ 6 2

♦ K 6

♣ A K 9 4 3

WEST

♠ 6 5 2

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The bidding:

South 1♠

West 3♥

North 4NT

East 5NT

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Opening lead — queen of clubs.

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Happy Birthday: You'll have plenty of charisma and drive to get things done. Any negative you face you will swiftly turn into a positive. Taking stock of your situation and realizing your true potential will help you maneuver your way into something that will grow rapidly and will make a profit. This is a year of change that will be eye-opening and will redirect you economically. Your numbers are 7, 9, 18, 23, 35, 37, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your ability to utilize your talents and your past connections will serve you well now. Your proactive manner will result in greater confidence. Advancement is within reach. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Negotiate all you can for the best deal possible in business or in your personal endeavors. Take an upfront approach to all that you do and you will be taken seriously. Love may cost you if you aren't willing to say no to unreasonable requests. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take advantage of any professional challenge that can help you prove your talent and ability to handle whatever comes your way. Don't let a lover hold you ransom or accountable for something that he or she is responsible for. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything you do should be based on partnerships and how well you get along with the people involved. If you can feel comfortable, you will do a better job. Friendly interaction will lead to advancement. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep things in perspective and honest and you will find a way to get what you want. A partnership may undergo a change but it will be beneficial to you in the end. Long distance relationships or dealing with people from different backgrounds will present a challenge. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of plans or feelings will cause you grief. Focus on the here-and-now and forget about what emotional games are being played. Step outside the melodrama and put your efforts into something concrete that will lead to your advancement. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid anyone who is on the ramp or looking for a fight. Stay calm and reasonable and concentrate on the projects and people that inspire you the most. Be open to what others are doing but do what works best for you. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Favours will be granted. Get out and present what you have to offer. Don't let friends or relatives take advantage of you. It's the people you don't know that well who will recognize what you have to offer. Love is on the rise. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look back at your past performance and your true talents will be clear. A new concept or service may be in the works. Added responsibilities at home will set you back emotionally and financially. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone from your past will need help. By offering assistance, you will get something important to you in return. Love is showing some interesting twists and turns. Plan a passionate evening for two. A commitment can be made. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can position yourself for the future if you talk to those who can contribute to your professional ideas. Get on top of any paperwork that needs to be taken care of. Think big but don't spend big. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let idle chatter, rumors and gossip ruin your day. If you get involved in such nonsense you will end up being blamed by someone you care about. Stick to accomplishing your goals and helping others. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A ROOSTER IS BECOMING AN ADULT, I SUPPOSE IT MIGHT BE AFFLICTED WITH CROWING PAINS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals G

To Your Good Health

Differences between Type 1, Type 2 diabetes are big

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife has type 2 diabetes and takes oral medicine for it. I was just told I have type 1. How is that possible? Isn't type 1 something kids get? I am 52. How did this happen? I have to take insulin. Is there any chance I could take pills someday? — R.M.



Paul G. Donohue

ANSWER: With both types of diabetes, 1 and 2, blood sugar is above the normal value. And the symptoms of high blood sugar are the same — frequent urination of large volumes, thirst and a huge appetite without weight gain. The similarities end there.

Type 1 diabetes used to be called "juvenile diabetes" because it's the kind more common in childhood. But age is not the determinant. This kind of diabetes results from an immune attack on the insulin-making cells of the pancreas. Insulin levels are so low that they cannot keep blood sugar controlled. Insulin shots are

its treatment. Type 2 diabetes comes from the body's sluggish response to insulin. Type 2 diabetics, at least in the early stages, produce enough insulin, but the insulin cannot get sugar to pass into cells like it should. Type 2 diabetes is the more common kind of diabetes, affecting 90 percent of all diabetics. Oral medicines and diet often can control type 2. However, some type 2 patients do need to take insulin.

You are not likely to ever come off insulin. Your insulin production is too low and will remain too low until medicine finds out how to stimulate insulin-making cells to rejuvenate.

That day might not be so far off. Great advances have been made in delivering insulin in ways other than shots, and advances have been made in transplanting the pancreatic cells that make this hormone.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband saved my life, and I want everyone to know how he did it. I woke up one morning unable to catch my breath. I thought I might have caught something during the night and that this would be a passing thing. It wasn't. My husband insisted on calling 911 even though I tried to discourage him. I was taken to the emergency room, where I had a cardiac arrest. I was revived and was told my heart had stopped beating because I had a large heart attack. The doctor told me I never would have survived if I hadn't been brought to the ER. I did not have any chest pain. People should know that you can have a heart attack without having chest pain. — W.P.

ANSWER: Not all heart attacks come with severe, crushing or squeezing chest pain felt in the center or slightly to the left of the chest. Classically, the pain might radiate to the neck, the left shoulder or the left arm. Many heart attacks, however, have different symptoms.

As many as one-third of heart-attack victims have no chest pain. Such people might feel very short of breath, as you did. Or they might complain of overwhelming fatigue — not sleepiness, but a profound weakness that makes it hard to hold the head erect. Or they might have pain only in the neck or jaw. Some have upper abdominal pain that they mistake for indigestion.

Any of the above symptoms, when prolonged, should suggest a heart attack, and the path your husband took for you should be taken for all people with similar complaints.

Heart attacks are common and confusing. The heart-attack booklet describes

what happens and how to treat it. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 102, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am pregnant with our seventh child. We cannot afford any more children, so I am going to have a tubal ligation after delivery. A friend says that tubal ligations mess up normal menstrual periods. Is that the case? — B.B.

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.

ANSWER: At one time, there was a belief that tubal ligations caused something called post-tubal ligation syndrome. Large studies have debunked that idea. Few, if any, subscribe to it these days.

SUPPORT GROUPS

First Steps, a child abuse prevention program, is recruiting volunteers.

First Steps volunteers offer emotional support and educational and resource information to new parents during a hospital visit and in follow-up phone contacts. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Children's Trust Fund, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia and Family Support Council, a United Way agency.

For more information, call Rita Wagers at (706) 272-7919.

Al-Anon Family Groups for families and friends of problem drinkers meets each Monday and Thursday at 8

p.m. in the lower level of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 901 W. Emery St., in Dalton.

For more information, call (706) 217-5953.

Overeaters Anonymous meets each Thursday at 6 p.m. at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church library.

The church is at 901 W. Emery St. in Dalton. For more information, call Linda at (706) 537-0770.

In Remembrance is a group of young adults (high school and college) joined together to honor the lives of friends, family members or classmates who have died. The group meets twice month-

ly at St. Mark's Episcopal Church for lunch and spend time sharing memories about those they loved.

For more information, call Margie Bruner at (706) 259-6076 or Susan Ewing at (423) 266-7479 or susanferisewing@hotmail.com.

Ridgewood Manor is currently looking for people to adopt a grandparent for the year.

For more information, call Lucretia Lopez or Joyce Shook at (706) 226-1021. Ridgewood Manor is at 1110 Burleyson Road in Dalton.

Adventa Hospice is looking for activity volunteers who can visit hospice patients in

homes or nursing homes.

Activity volunteers support hospice patients through running errands, reading to the patient, sharing a devotional, playing board or card games or just friendly visits. Volunteer by yourself or as a group and as often or as little as your schedule allows. Individual or group training is available at your convenience.

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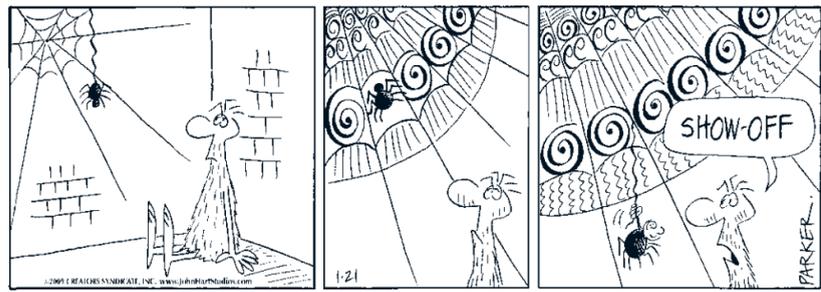
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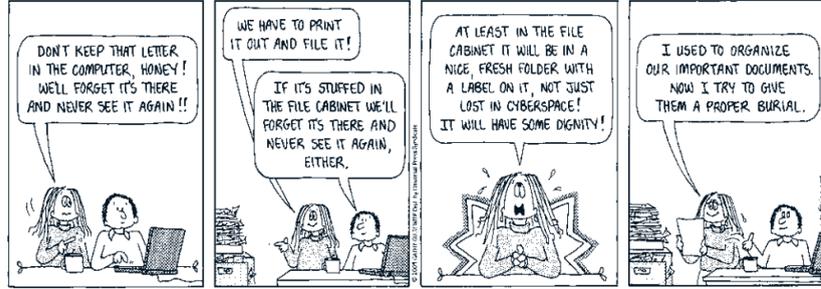
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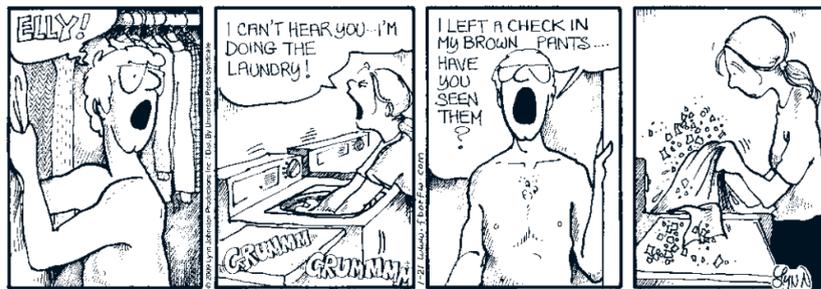
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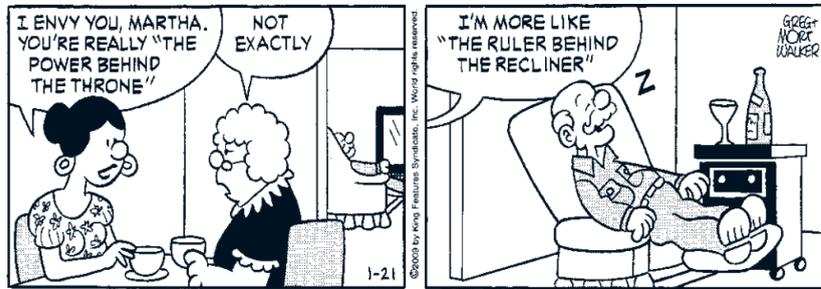
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's temper concerns friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, and I'm pretty popular in my high school. I'm blessed to have several close friends, and we always have a great time together. My grades are good, and I get along well with my mom, dad and little brother. So what's the problem, you're probably wondering.

I had an argument with my girlfriend "Amber" recently. It was over a "guy issue." I won't go into details because we did end up working it out, but Amber said something during the blowup that has me worried. She said that sometimes my anger gets out of control and concerns her. Two other girls who were with us at the time agreed with her. That floored me.

Abby, this is the first time I've heard about this. I mean, Mom sometimes calls me "Tammy Temper" — and has accused me of "throwing fits." But my friends never called me on it. In the fight with Amber, she said my fists were clenched and she was afraid I might hit her. (I didn't think so.)

I don't want to scare people. I value my friends. I look forward to going to college and making new friends and having new experiences. I don't want to have a reputation as a hothead. Can you help me? — "TAMMY TEMPER" IN HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR "TAMMY": Anger is a normal human emotion. Everyone experiences anger at one time or another. When primitive humans encountered a threat, they would

react instinctively with either fear or anger, which gave them a jolt of adrenaline enabling them to fight or escape. It was a survival mechanism.

Infants show frustration by beating their heads against the side of their cribs, screaming or holding their breath until they turn red. Young children throw tantrums, yelling, kicking or hitting. But as we grow older, we learn to recognize what is upsetting us BEFORE we react, and learn to handle the emotion in acceptable ways.

My booklet "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It" contains techniques for handling anger effectively and constructively. It can

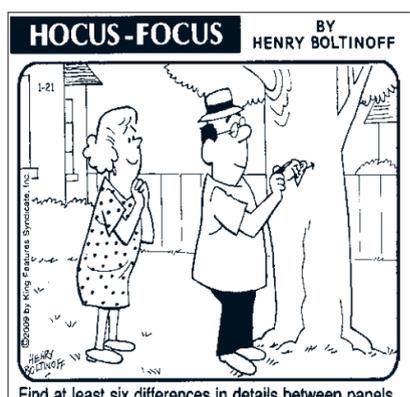
be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in this price.

Anger is an important subject. While many people have been taught from early childhood to suppress it, it is also important to learn how to express it appropriately. Admitting our anger verbally is one way. It's like releasing steam from a pressure cooker, which is both appropriate and healthy. Mature adults express emotions without "throwing fits" or making bullying gestures. Because your mother calls you "Tammy Temper" and your friends are voicing concern, the time has come for you to take control.



Jeane Phillips

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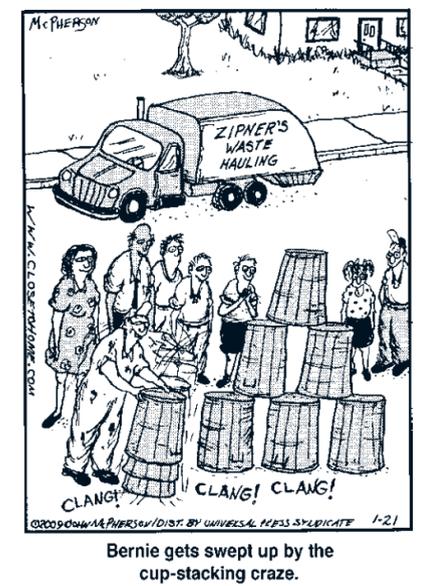
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A day for history



AP PHOTO

President Barack Obama rests his hand on President Lincoln's Inaugural Bible as his wife Michelle Obama holds it as he takes the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol in Washington Tuesday.

Barack Obama takes office, appeals for 'hope over fear'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stepping into history, Barack Hussein Obama grasped the reins of power as America's first black president on Tuesday, declaring the nation must choose "hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord" to overcome the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

In frigid temperatures, an exuberant crowd of more than a million packed the National Mall and parade route to celebrate Obama's inauguration in a high-noon ceremony. Waving and cheering in jubilation, they stretched from the inaugural platform at the U.S. Capitol toward the Lincoln Memorial in the distance.

With 11 million Americans out of work and trillions of dollars lost in the stock market's tumble, Obama emphasized that his biggest challenge is to repair the tattered economy left behind by outgoing President George W. Bush.

"Our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions — that time has surely passed," Obama said. "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin the work of remaking America."

It was a day of high spirits — jarred by sudden concern about the health of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, a legendary Democrat who is suffering from brain cancer. He suffered an apparent seizure at a Senate luncheon in honor of Obama. "This is a joyous time but it's also a sobering time," Obama said. "And my prayers are with him and his family and (Kennedy's wife) Vicki."

As Kennedy was put into an ambulance, he told Senate colleague Chris Dodd, D-Conn., "I'll be OK, I'll see you later," according to Dodd.

Obama wove a thread of

➤ See **OBAMA, 2AA**

Firsthand Locals see history live

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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Bitter cold didn't dampen the mood in Washington on Tuesday, says Chatsworth native Julia Chenault.

"There's excitement in the air," said the 2006 graduate of Christian Heritage School. "There are people of all ages. You see people being pushed around in wheelchairs and you see toddlers being carried by their parents who want them to see this."

Chenault, who is in Washington for part of a Mercer University political science class, spoke to The Daily Citizen as she waited for the presidential inaugural parade to begin Tuesday afternoon.

"It's crowded. I can't even begin to describe how many people are here. It's crowded as far as I can see," she said. "We woke up at 3 a.m. and got to the security checkpoint around 4. We've been here since," she said.

The Mercer students got there early enough to snag prime standing room at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue. They brought a radio to listen to the inauguration itself.

"We can see the Capitol from where we are standing. We are now front row for the parade," Chenault said.

She described security along the parade route as tight,

with two layers of fencing and numerous law enforcement officers and military personnel between the crowd and the street. She said security wasn't allowing backpacks and water bottles in.

"I saw people tossing their backpacks into Dumpsters," she said.

Fortunately, there were nearby cafes, where they were able to get hot chocolate and soup.

"It's quite freezing. Most of us wore as many layers as we can, and we got some blankets from the hotel. It's not awful when the sun comes out from behind the clouds, but right now it is quite cloudy and the wind is picking up," she said.

Dalton native Chad Brock worked on Barack Obama's presidential campaign and had tickets to the inauguration, but he says he wasn't able to get in because of security concerns.

"It was a little disappointing. A friend and I stood in line for our section for four hours before arriving at the gate and discovering they had locked down all the gates and were not admitting anyone else," he said. "The preliminary reports are that someone tried to breach one of the gates and, I think, knocked down a portion of the gate in a different section. As soon as that happened, they locked them all down."

Brock described an "electric atmosphere."

"We met other people who had worked on the campaign and shared stories. The crowd would chant at times. Other than the bitter cold, waiting in line was not too bad," he said.

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Barbecue, buddies, Barack Locals share inauguration buzz at Dalton eatery

BY JAMIE JONES
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Eugene Miller could have traveled to Washington, D.C., to witness firsthand a monumental day in history: the inauguration of the first black president of the United States.

Instead, Miller stayed behind in his hometown of 64 years to watch the events unfold at his restaurant of 26 years, Miller Brothers Rib Shack, surrounded by friends and family.

"I got to actually see it come true in my life and actually got to see a black man become president of this United States," Miller said. "I got to be a part of it, to see something that I had doubts about. It's a feeling really that you can't explain, to be a part of history."

In Whitfield and Murray counties, where voters overwhelmingly supported Republican presidential nominee John McCain in the November election — McCain ran away with 70 percent of the vote to Barack Obama's 28 percent — there was a palpable feeling of optimism as Obama was sworn into office on Tuesday.

It was a festive atmosphere at Miller Brothers in east Dalton. Inside the restaurant were about 20 people who — between bites of barbecue pork, Brunswick stew and sweet potato pie — were transfixed on a diminutive television tuned to CNN and perched above the tables in the rear corner.

To the right of the front entrance to the restaurant is



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Starr Herndon grabs Eugene Miller's hand on Tuesday at Miller Brothers where a group gathered to watch Barack Obama's inauguration.

an Obama poster, to the left is a Bible on a table opened to the book of John. Covering the restaurant walls are posters of key historical figures (Nelson Mandela, Harriet Tubman), civil rights leaders (Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr.) and prominent athletes (Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan).

Nine friends joined Miller at the restaurant. Another friend, John Longino, asked Miller last week if he wanted to attend the inauguration. Miller checked into train tickets and lodging, but said dealing with the expected crush of two million visitors to the nation's capital would

be too much. While Miller was talking to a reporter, Longino called him from Washington to share in their pride of Obama becoming president.

After Obama was sworn in, many in the restaurant stood and applauded. After his speech, they clapped again. That crowd included Dalton resident Gary Wilson, who didn't support Obama during the election, but said, "I support him now."

"I thought it was a speech for the nation," Wilson said. "It encompassed everybody. I think he was speaking to all of us and I think it was a message of hope and also

reconciliation. I thought he did a great job."

Where the country goes after the inauguration buzz wears off is on the mind of Brett Miller, Eugene's son, who said Obama's election "was a moment of joy and optimism."

"I believe it's a great moment for the nation, for the country as a whole to see a change like this," said Brett Miller, 29. "It's a slightly trying time, and to see how the new president and the new administration react to the situation right now, how he's

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Buddies

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going to turn it around, will be interesting. It's kind of bittersweet and a historic moment. Now the real work has got to begin."

With the country in a recession and thousands having lost their jobs, he believes Obama will need at least two years to bring significant change.

"I hope it's sooner," he said. "In my estimation, I think people will give him a year to see some change. If they don't see that change, they might be a little standoffish. You've just got to hold onto hope and believe that the Lord sent this man to us to do great things."

Others in the black community see Obama's quick ascent to the White House as a monumental event that can help unify the country.

"Being honest, I never thought I would see it in my lifetime," said Nicky Starling, a Whitfield County native who graduated from Dalton High School in 1973. "It's joyful. It's uplifting. It gives my grandchildren hope in knowing they can accomplish and be anything they want to be now."

Starling, the pastor of Greater St. James Overcoming Church of God in Dalton, hopes Obama's win inspires more minorities to run for office, whether it's for state representative or the local board of education.

"I was thinking this (Tuesday) morning, him being elected will slowly trickle down to state and local levels," said Starling, who considered a run for magistrate judge last year. "I think more African-Americans will be encouraged to answer the call to seek elected office, but then I think more people will have more confidence and trust in an African-American in office."

Back at Miller Brothers, Eugene Miller recalled the hardships blacks of his generation endured. Racism. Hate. Segregation. He marveled at how much progress the country has made.

"I believe already a change has come," he said. "Not coming. Change has changed."

Obama

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personal responsibility and accountability through his inaugural address. He spoke of a "new era of responsibility" and alluded to the inability — or unwillingness — of Americans to adjust to the passing of an industrial-based economy. "Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age," he said.

After four hours of pomp and ceremony at the Capitol, Obama and his wife, Michelle, rode in a tall, heavily armored Cadillac limousine along the 1.5 mile parade route to the White House. To the delight of cheering onlookers, the Obamas got out and walked down several blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue, waving to people kept behind police barricades.

Two years after beginning his improbable quest as a little-known, first-term Illinois senator with a foreign-sounding name, Obama moved into the Oval Office as the nation's fourth-youngest president, at 47, and the first African-American, a barrier-breaking achievement believed impossible by generations of minorities.

He said it was a moment to recall "that all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness." In another racial reference, he paid tribute to workers in the past who "endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth."



Matt Hamilton/The Daily Citizen

Dalton State College graduate Alfonza Quinn watches from the Pope Student Center at Dalton State College as Barack Obama gives his inaugural speech Tuesday. "It's a glorious day," Quinn said. "I can't believe it."

Students say Obama renews their hope

BY MARK MILLICAN

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Alfonza Quinn believes there is so much good will toward Barack Obama he cannot fail as president.

"I've never seen crowds like this (in Washington)," said Quinn, who graduated from Dalton State College in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in social work. The inauguration of Obama on Tuesday drew him back to campus for the historic occasion.

"I was in town and knew the inauguration was today, and I wanted to see it here at Dalton State," the Cohutta resident said. "I worked hard on the (John) Kerry campaign (in the 2004 election), and it didn't get us anywhere. So now I just can't believe that Obama is president — I can't believe how far it is (for me) to be born in Georgia, an African-American, and see an African-American born man as president."

Quinn joined a throng of several hundred Dalton State students who watched the inauguration on live TV or Web cam. Others ambled in and out during breaks in classes to catch portions of the ceremony.

"I think the whole country is involved with the president, and everyone is wishing him well," Quinn said.

Dhiren Patel, a senior on his way to a chemistry degree, said he is "glad" about Obama's opportunity as the 44th president. "Everything that happened under (former president George W.) Bush brought down the economy," he said, "along with the whole war thing. The message that I'm getting from Obama is that he will help the middle class — which is where a lot of college students are — and help us with tuition and stuff. I hope it will happen. So many people have faith in him, so I hope he doesn't let the country down."

William Enriquez, a freshman who wants to specialize in computer operations, said watching the inauguration "gave me chills."

"To see the first African-American descended president sworn in is very moving," he said. "It's something I will remember for a long time, and I will tell my children I saw it when I was a freshman at Dalton State. I have African-American blood in my heritage, so I am very proud. I think it shows how much we've changed and opened barriers for all people."

Ana Jones, a freshman English major, said Obama's theme of "change" is something the country needs.

"It seems to me like the way we were going was not the right way, like we're not going in the right direction," she said. "So I think it's great. I feel like the worst has come and that things will get better."

Ashlie Bourff, a freshman majoring in education, said Obama's presidency brings

"great hope" to the country.

"I've very excited for change to happen," she said. "It's a historic moment, and I hope that we as a nation are accepting of change. I hope the economy changes, that he fixes it, and that the war in Iraq will eventually end and he'll bring our soldiers home."

Jose Trejo, a freshman hoping for a future in criminal justice, thought the inauguration was "awesome."

"It's a radical change for our nation as a whole," he said, "because there will be connection between the races and more understanding. I'm proud of our country. Other countries have said they didn't think it would happen — that a minority person could be elected president — but I think it says something about our country, that America is changing."

Cinna Chau is a freshman dental hygiene student.

"I've never watched a thing like this," she said. "It's cool to watch something historic like this on TV, because he's the first African-American president. I think things will change because he's different from the other presidents — he will speak up for minorities and make everybody feel equal."

Chaston Howard is a freshman Spanish major studying to be an interpreter.

"I think it's great that an African-American can overcome all the odds against him and lead the country," he said. "Blacks didn't have any rights until Martin Luther King. But I think Obama will help out everyone in the long run — African-Americans, Mexicans and Chinese. Everybody needs a job, and we need to bring our people back from Iraq."

"I know things won't change right off, but I believe he can get us out of the hole economically, and stop the dying for nothing overseas."

Nick Deslattes is a junior social work major who is "excited" about Obama.

"I feel like he's bringing a lot of change and hope to people who haven't had it before," he said. "I'm all about helping out in the community, and I see him bringing a sense of community I've never seen before. It's not about him being African-American to me, but him bringing a character and spirit that's uplifting. I think he'll help get America's spirit going again."

Michael Rodriguez, a sophomore mechanical engineer hopeful, said he's "not really happy about the guy who got voted in."

"But (the inauguration) is a historic moment, and I will support him," he said. "And I will definitely pray for him, because we're supposed to pray for our leaders. I don't really see how things will change over the next four years with all the old (Bill and Hillary) Clinton advisers. I hope he doesn't mess it up too bad."

Serving, protecting

Whitfield native Ricky Jefferson is a U.S. Secret Service agent

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Friends and family of Whitfield County native Ricky Jefferson were watching Tuesday's presidential inauguration with special interest.

"I didn't see him, but I know he was there," said Jefferson's mother Ann.

Ricky Jefferson, a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service, has spent the past several months guarding Michelle Obama, wife of President Barack Obama, and the couple's daughters Malia and Sasha.

"He said they were nice people, down to earth," said Ann Jefferson.

Ricky Jefferson, a 1984 graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School, has been with the Secret Service for about 10 years, according to his mother. Before that he earned a degree in criminal justice from Albany State College and served as a police officer with the Fulton County police department for six and a half years.

His mother says he was inspired to go into law enforcement by the example of his father Rudy, who served with the Whitfield



County Sheriff's Office.

"He's always had an interest in law enforcement. It's just something he wanted to do," she said.

Ann Jefferson says her son has also worked with former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and served on the protective detail for former president Jimmy Carter.

"He said he was interesting and was a nice person," she said of Carter.

Ricky Jefferson is currently based out of Detroit.

"But he travels all over the United States. He's been to every state, I think, except maybe two or three," she said.

She said she does not know if her son will still be assigned to the Obama family's protective detail now that they've entered the White House.

"We are just waiting to find out," she said.

Locals: On scene

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Brock said people were clearly disappointed at not getting into the inauguration but everyone reacted calmly and there were no problems. He says he and his friend retreated to a nearby restaurant where they joined a crowd and watched the inauguration.

"I think Obama delivered an excellent speech with a very unifying message," he said. "I think the whole message of the inauguration was one of unity and bringing people together across all barriers. You really saw that in the diversity of the crowds that were here and the excitement in the air."

Brock had been in Washington and says he saw the excitement build over the weekend.

"Saturday was definitely slower than I anticipated. The restaurants were relatively easy to get into," he said. "But it kept growing. The crowd really picked up by (Monday)."

Carla Carroll, choral director at Northwest Whitfield High School, took the Northwest Singers to Washington for a competition over the weekend and stayed with them for the inauguration.

"We were up at 4:30 a.m., but we had some difficulty getting in," she said. "The roads were closed and buses could not get to the parking areas they had been assigned to. We had to walk for blocks and blocks. And we were very close, probably only a block or two away, before there were any directions on

where people who didn't have tickets could get in. But we were finally able to get in a little bit before 11."

But they did get to see all the officials enter, the swearing in and Obama's speech.

"We had to watch on a big-screen. The mall was absolutely covered, standing room only and no place to sit down," she said. "We were back near the Washington Monument and it was like that back that far."

She said that even though the students had been told there would be millions of people, they were still surprised at just how packed the city was.

She said people were clearly ready to celebrate.

"It really wasn't a party atmosphere. But people were excited," she said. "Some of the students — the juniors and seniors — were excited about the history, that we would see the first African-American sworn in. They've all been talking about how we can say we were here."

She said that when Obama's speech ended it was difficult to get off the National Mall.

"Everybody was trying to get out at the same time," she said.

The inauguration ended a big trip for the singers. They took first place in the show choir category and third place in the concert choir category.

"They did extremely well for a competition this size," she said. "There were choirs from Oklahoma, California, even a group from the Virgin Islands. I guess a lot of schools decided to do the same thing we did."

Chilly day for event

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration got off to a cold start Tuesday, but the overcast skies cleared and the sun shone down on the inaugural ceremony.

Morning temperatures were in the low 20s with a light wind and overcast skies. But readings climbed to 28 by the time of the noon ceremony.

The cold didn't challenge the record of minus 2 degrees at Ronald Reagan's second inauguration in 1985.

The normal high for Jan. 20 in Washington is 42 degrees with a low of 26.

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OBAMA: My fellow citizens:

I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors. I thank President Bush for his service to our nation, as well as the generosity and cooperation he has shown throughout this transition.

Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet, every so often the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because we the people have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebears, and true to our founding documents.

So it has been. So it must be with this generation of Americans.

That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.

These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land — a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights.

Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America — they will be met.

On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.

On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.

We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted — for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things — some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.

For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life.

For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth.

For us, they fought and died, in places like Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sahn.

Time and again these men and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction.

This is the journey we continue today. We remain the most prosperous, powerful nation on Earth. Our workers are no less productive than when this crisis began. Our minds are no less inventive, our goods and services no less needed than they were last week or last month or last year. Our capacity remains undiminished. But our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions — that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America.

For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act — not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the

electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. All this we will do.

Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions — who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage.

What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them — that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works — whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end. Those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account — to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day — because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.

Nor is the question before us whether the market is a force for good or ill. Its power to generate wealth and expand freedom is unmatched, but this crisis has reminded us that without a watchful eye, the market can spin out of control — and that a nation cannot prosper long when it favors only the prosperous. The success of our economy has always depended not just on the size of our gross domestic product, but on the reach of our prosperity; on our ability to extend opportunity to every willing heart — not out of charity, but because it is the surest route to our common good.

As for our common defense, we reject as false the choice between our safety and our ideals. Our founding fathers ... our found fathers, faced with perils we can scarcely imagine, drafted a charter to assure the rule of law and the rights of man, a charter expanded by the blood of generations. Those ideals still light the world, and we will not give them up for expedience's sake. And so to all the other peoples and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born: know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman, and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more.

Recall that earlier generations faced down fascism and communism not just with missiles and tanks, but with sturdy alliances and enduring convictions. They understood that our power alone cannot protect us, nor does it entitle us to do as we please. Instead, they knew that our power grows through its prudent use; our security emanates from the justness of our cause, the force of our example, the tempering qualities of humility and restraint.

We are the keepers of this legacy. Guided by these principles once more, we can meet those new threats that demand even greater effort — even greater cooperation and understanding between nations. We will begin to responsibly leave Iraq to its people, and forge a hard-earned peace in Afghanistan. With old friends and former foes, we will work tirelessly to lessen the nuclear threat, and roll back the specter of a warming planet. We will not apologize for our way of life, nor will we waver in its defense, and for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken; you cannot outlast us, and we will defeat you.

For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus — and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace.

To the Muslim world, we seek a new way forward, based on mutual interest and mutual respect. To those leaders around the globe who seek to sow conflict, or blame their society's ills on the West — know that your people will judge you on what you can build, not what you destroy. To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history; but that we will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist.

To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow; to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds. And to those nations like ours that enjoy relative plenty, we say we can no longer afford indifference to the suffering outside our borders; nor can we consume the world's resources without regard to effect. For the world has changed, and we must change with it.

As we consider the road that unfolds before us, we remember with humble gratitude those brave Americans who, at this very hour, patrol far-off deserts and distant mountains. They have something to tell us, just as the fallen heroes who lie in Arlington whisper through the ages. We honor them not only because they are guardians of our liberty, but because they embody the spirit of service; a willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves. And yet, at this moment — a moment that will define a generation — it is precisely this spirit that must inhabit us all.

For as much as government can do and must do, it is ultimately the faith and determination of the American people upon which this nation relies. It is the kindness to take in a stranger when the levees break, the selflessness of workers who would rather cut their hours than see a friend lose their job which sees us through our darkest hours. It is the firefighter's courage to storm a stairway filled with smoke, but also a parent's willingness to nurture a child, that finally decides our fate.

Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

This is the price and the promise of citizenship.

This is the source of our confidence — the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny.

This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed — why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent Mall, and why a man whose father less than sixty years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

So let us mark this day with remembrance, of who we are and how far we have traveled. In the year of America's birth, in the coldest of months, a small band of patriots huddled by dying campfires on the shores of an icy river. The capital was abandoned. The enemy was advancing. The snow was stained with blood. At a moment when the outcome of our revolution was most in doubt, the father of our nation ordered these words be read to the people:

"Let it be told to the future world ... that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive...that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet (it)."

America, in the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations.

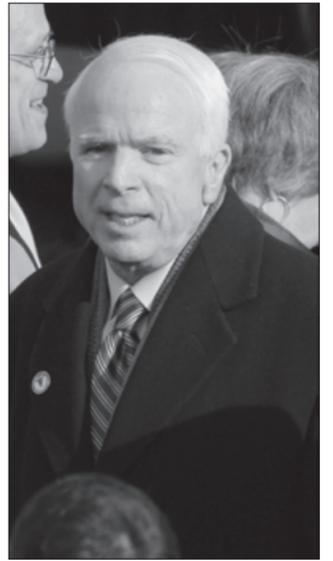
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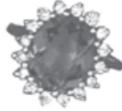
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