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Bond denied for alleged dog killers

Suspect on state sex offender registry

BY MARK MILLICAN
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CRANDALL — Something loud awoke Raymond Beavers early Tuesday morning around 1:30 but he couldn't determine what it was.

"It startled me," said Beavers, who lives on Greyland Farm Road across the street from where three men were arrested Tuesday morning by the Murray County Sheriff's Office. The men were charged with one count each of aggravated cruelty to animals after deputies found a dog's head

and legs and skin burning at their residence at 130 Greyland Farm Road. A 911 call reporting a dog being killed was made at 1:09 a.m.

Randall Blaylock, 54, and Richard Charles Roach, 50, were denied bond on Wednesday by Magistrate Judge Bryant Cochran because of numerous "failure to appear" charges. They are scheduled to appear next Wednesday in Superior Court



Roach



MARK MILLICAN/The Daily Citizen

A doghouse sits next to the house at 130 Greyland Farm Road near Crandall where three men were arrested for aggravated cruelty to animals.

for another bond hearing.

Roach is a registered sex offender. He was arrested in Whitfield County for child molestation in 1989 and convicted in December of that year. He was released from prison in October of last year on a forgery charge and registered with the sheriff's office as a sex offender. He

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Carrier loses all in fire

BY LARA HAYES
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Late Tuesday night Gary Cannon decided to work on his prized Mitsubishi Eclipse at the house he rented at 630 Keeter Road before heading to his job as a carrier for The Daily Citizen. The car had developed a bit of a gas leak, so Cannon moved everything out of his garage that could possibly spark a fire before getting started.

At least that's what he thought. A stiff breeze blew outside as Cannon began the repair but he thought nothing of it. Suddenly he heard a "whoosh," saw flames and scrambled to get out.

"I had a tarp over the car, and the wind was blowing it up against the back of the car," he said. "I think with the low humidity it caused static electricity, which sparked the drops of gas that were leaking out."

The car exploded inside the garage, and the fast-moving flames quickly enveloped Cannon's van, his son Russ' Volkswagen Fox and the house. Within 45 minutes, everything was gone, and he was thankful to be alive.

So thankful, in fact, that Cannon called his landlord's mother and asked her to take him to The Daily Citizen. He had a job to do.

"I wanted to do my route," said Cannon. "There was nothing I could do there. The route keeps my mind off things."

Cannon and district manager

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AT THE 'INAUGURAL'

Above, Wright Nelson, left, guides Charlotte Morrison in a turn while dancing the waltz during an "inaugural ball" in Amorea Trew's kindergarten class at Varnell Elementary on Wednesday. The students learned etiquette for a formal event and learned about the foods served at President Obama's inaugural ball on Tuesday. At left, Austin Hernandez, a kindergarten, grimaces after toasting President Obama with a carbonated cranberry juice.

Abortion memorial placed at Dalton State

BY JAMIE JONES
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Next to the Dalton State College student center there are 51 wooden crosses standing in the grass.

The first 50 represent the estimated 50 million babies lost to abortions in the United States since the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision

Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973. The 50 million number comes from several anti-abortion groups.

The final cross? "One is to remind people that this is a human life, please don't kill it,"

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Naomi Brown, president of the Conservative Student Organization at Dalton State College, fixes one of the crosses next to the Pope Student Center at the college.

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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.

"Happy days are here again. A Democrat is in the White House and Bush is back in Texas."

"Each president we've had has done some good things and bad things for the United States. It's a hard job."

"I went fishing yesterday and didn't catch any. I guess that was President Bush's fault."

Editor's note: No, that was Don Cope's fault.

"Those three men in Crandall that killed that dog ... that's so sad. It's plain cruelty and I hope they get hard time for it."

"Georgia is already one of the heaviest taxed states on alcohol in the country."

"All of you Obama haters who said he wouldn't put his hand on the Bible, what do you think now?"

"Where did Dr. Painter go? She was the best vet in Whitfield County."

"Everyone should quit referring to Michelle Obama as another Jacqueline Kennedy. She has no taste and no style."

"It's nice of all the media, including your little paper to give Obama a free pass on everything."

Editor's note: Obviously you haven't read our little paper much.

"People complaining about the cost of the inauguration should move forward, try to be positive and think about more important things than little petty stuff."

"President Bush was an outstanding, principled president."

"Obama has given me hope for the future."

"The president's mother in law? You've got to be kidding. You need to be complaining about the prisoners who get three free meals a day paid for by taxpayers."

"Now that King David has Don Cope in his hip pocket, the city tax on everybody's utilities isn't listed on the bills anymore. Will the newspaper sleep through this one too?"

"Rereleasing the wolves is a great idea. Since they don't have guns, it will level the playing field."

"Shouldn't the Madoff investors have checked into their investing a little better, like George Bush should have with the WMDs? Word to the wise, sometimes the best information isn't good enough."

"There is nothing sick or disgusting about teaching or receiving a massage. If you would try one you might loosen up a little. It's wonderful for your health."

"When this country can elect a president no matter what his race is and then not even talk about his race, THAT will be an historical event."

"I appreciate the school bus system. I get my fanny out of bed every morning, but I don't have transportation to take my child to

school. Thank you so much for the bus system."

"Dalton does not need another eating place, especially not a Hooters. There are enough women showing everything they have. Cover up people."

"I've never been a fan of Judge Judy, but she sure did look good today instead of all that inauguration junk."

"Today is a special day. We have a new president. We have a new start. Let's have a great year. And stop the complaining."

"I knew Joseph Lowery would have a comment about the white race."

"Obama's inaugural speech was empty and uninspiring. Plus, he never once thanked our military."

"When Americans can elect an openly gay president, male or female, then I'll know America has truly grown up."

"Am I the only one who celebrated Robert E. Lee's birthday?"

"If First Families have coded names for security purposes, why does everyone know them?"

"I really enjoyed the inauguration coverage on TV. It made me feel great to be an American."

"The president gets paid and is responsible for paying for his own food."

"The squirrels that destroyed the office might have been watching Alvin and the Chipmunks."

"During the next election I hope the media just reports on the election instead of campaigning for one."

"I hope the people who griped about the potholes have to sit in line as long as I did today. They are working on the potholes. I spent 30 minutes waiting."

"Everybody needs to write or call the governor and tell him we need to keep the Homestead Exemption."

"Let's get behind our new president and give him a chance."

"I am so proud of our new president. He's a president for all the people, black and white and in between."

"My dogs live in the house. I can keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer."

"I think Jeffrey Dahmer started with dismembering animals."

"Has anyone noticed — thanks to a radical left wing media and the radical left wing Democratic Party — socialism that has failed all around the world now has control of all three branches of our government?"

"I am a 41-year-old housewife and I love my belly dancing. Thank you Dalton State College."

"Murray County arrests three men for killing a dog but the county dog catchers will kill several a week. At least these men were trying to kill the dogs themselves."

"I don't agree with Bill Shipp about much, but he's right about owing an apology for voting for Sonny Perdue."

"I am not a wimp but I wouldn't have sent my kids to school when the weather was so cold. Not everyone

might have the means to take them to school."

"In two years people will see what a colossal mistake it was to elect Obama and this Congress."

"On the animal cruelty story: These men are 1,000 times worse than Michael Vick. It would be insane to give them less than the law allows for aggravated animal cruelty."

"How has Gov. Perdue stayed out of trouble with the federal government on all his land and real estate deals?"

"We don't need wolves in the South. We've already got coyotes everywhere and they eat fawns, newborn calves, cats and small dogs. We can get rid of them."

"Happy Anniversary to my hubby Buck Bryson!"

"If you think the Oval Office has been empty for 8 years, just wait till you see what it fills up with."

"I would rather be fat than ugly. Fat can be a temporary condition. Ugly is for life."

"Obviously Dalton Police Department gets its officers from the same academy that Chatsworth Police Department gets their officers."

"Kids here in Whitfield and Murray County are lucky they don't live in Maine or the Northeast."

"Rather than complain about the cold bus stops, parents should buy warm coats, hats and gloves for their children. Even if they have to give up their beer and cigarettes."

"I have never seen anything so sinful and disgraceful as that Obama inauguration. With those poor boys in Iraq and people needing money, this is a disgrace."

Lloyd sez
"I wish we had a ground hog that could predict what was going to happen to the economy."

"I am thankful we are going to have a president in there who will have compassion and concern for everybody."

"I didn't have anything to do with slavery and no one alive had anything to do with it."

"I believe David Ridley will do good things for Murray County if he is let alone to do his job."

"Thanks to the county road workers who were out in the wee hours spreading salt to make my commute after."

"It's just like ignorant people to think one week or even one month can disprove global warming."

"If you are involved in slavery, you need to turn them loose."

"The diehard Bush and Cheney fan must have forgotten 9-11. They were in office then."

"Slavery was long before we were alive. We shouldn't have to apologize for what others did. We are all Americans."

"I wish someone would run against Don Thomas. He has been in office too long and become a career politician."

Sarcasm alert
Thanks for the sarcasm alerts. I wouldn't know it was sarcasm if you didn't tell me.

Murray Habitat off to big start

By MARK MILLICAN
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CHATSWORTH — The Murray County chapter of Habitat for Humanity is not yet official, but already it is moving toward owning property on which to build a home. An informational meeting is planned for 7 tonight in the Family Life Center of First United Methodist Church, 107 W. Cherokee St.

"The city has already committed to donating a piece of property to Habitat for Humanity," said Mayor Tyson Haynes. "We're trying to get clear title right now."

The parcel, about nine-tenths of an acre, is on Locust Street between Ross Avenue and Sixth Avenue, Haynes said.

According to its Web site (www.habitat.org), Habitat for Humanity is a "nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need."

The Rev. Roger Vest, minister of First Methodist, said

he has been involved with Habitat for 15 years and has served in a volunteer capacity where he's had pastoral assignments.

"I've been blessed by it before," he said, "and when I come into a community I check to see if there's a chapter. Dalton will be our mother affiliate, and we can use their nonprofit status. I understand that it's been tried before here, and there's even a gift that was made for \$800 or \$900 that's just sitting there."

Vest said a "number of folks" in the church seem interested, and noted there's also talk in the community about it.

"A lot of folks here have gone to the Gulf Coast and done rebuilding work in the wake of the hurricanes down there," he said. "So some of the thinking has been, 'We've done it there, why not do it here?' I think some of them have become 'infected' about doing that, in a positive way. They've been talking along those routes."

For more information, call (706) 695-3211.

Lance Cpl. Jennings deploys to Iraq

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Adam Jennings recently deployed to the Al Asad Air Base in Iraq to serve for an indefinite period of time. The youngest son of Doyle and Charlotte Jennings of Cohutta, he is a 1997 graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School and was a firefighter for the Dalton Fire Department from 2000-2007. His wife of nine years, the former Jessica Douthitt, also of Whitfield County, and their two young daughters Sarah and Savannah anxiously await his safe return.



Marine Lance Cpl. Adam Jennings has been deployed to a military base in Iraq.

Family members say Jennings is proud and excited to be serving his country and has the full support of his family and friends.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Liliann Sanchez
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Maria Luna; dad, Mario Sanchez
SCHOOL: NHMS
PLAY: Playing soccer, volunteering as much as possible, volleyball
SHE SAID: "The world needs to be better, so go green!"



Fire destroys barn full of hay

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A fire Wednesday at 2980 Lower Gordon Springs Road completely destroyed a barn and the hay in it, county fire officials said.

Firefighters with Whitfield County Fire Department Station 6 responded at about 1:15 p.m. and received backup from Stations 9 and 7, said Fire Chief Carl Collins.

"A boy poured starter fluid in a 1949 Cub tractor and tried to 'pull it off' for about half a mile to get it started," he said. "He got it

started, then put it back in the barn and cut it off. When he did, it backfired and threw sparks on the hay. He didn't see it and walked away, and when he got back one of the tractor tires was on fire and the hay was burning. He tried to put it out, and burned his arm a little bit, but it got away from him."

Collins said by the time firefighters got there, there wasn't much chance of getting the fire under control.

"When you've got rolls of hay like that, you can't put that stuff out," he said.

Labs deemed most popular dog

NEW YORK (AP) — If there was any doubt, the Labrador retriever is the people's choice among purebred pooches for the 18th straight year. That's the word from the American Kennel Club, which keeps its nose to the ground on such matters.

AKC says more than twice as many labs were registered in the U.S. in 2008 as Yorkshire terriers — the No. 2 dog on the list. The Top 10 canines are German shepherd, golden retriever, beagle, boxer, dachshund, bulldog, poodle and shih tzu.

The kennel club says the bulldog returned to the list as No. 10 last year after an absence of 70 years, and has since jumped two notches.

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From left are Murray County Democratic Party treasurer Fred Welch; secretary Marion Whiteside; Margaret Ball, chairman for the Ninth Congressional District of the Democratic Party of Georgia; Murray County Democratic Party chairman John Kuehl and Martha Kiel of State County Affairs.

Murray Dems name Kuehl county party chairman

SUBMITTED BY THE MURRAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

CHATSWORTH — The Murray County Democratic Party met recently at the Senior Center and elected John Kuehl as the new chairman.

Kuehl has been very

active in politics for years. He recently moved from Pickens County and brings many new and innovative ideas with him. He discussed the lack of regulation which led to the recession and financial meltdown last year.

The coal ash spill in Kingston, Tenn., was dis-

cussed and how it will affect area Tennessee Valley Authority customers. Due to deregulation, taxpayers may be paying higher power bills in order to clean up the area as well as other potential future areas.

The next meeting is Feb. 12. For more information, email jpkuehl@alltel.net.

Dog: 3 suspects held in jail

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is still on probation for the forgery charge, said District Attorney Kermit McManus.

Jeffery Lynn Fuller, 45, of the same address, is also charged with one count of aggravated cruelty to animals.



Blaylock

Fuller did not appear in court but was taken to an area hospital Wednesday morning complaining of chest pains. He will be considered for bond Friday morning, Cochran said.

"They haven't lived there long," Beavers said, "probably less than a year. But them people are weird. I don't even know if they work or not, but they'll drive through here at around 5 to 10 miles per hour. If you're out in the yard they'll throw up their hand and speak. But I think they're sick for what they did."

The three men at first said a deer was killed, according to a sheriff's office report. Fuller then said Blaylock and Roach killed the dog, and Blaylock and Roach said Fuller hit the dog in the head with an ax. Fuller said "they

had just carried out God's plan," the report said. Deputies found the "meat" in a plastic bag in a freezer. The dog's severed head, legs and skin were in a burn barrel.

Blaylock and Roach admitted "that they did skin the dog out," the report said.

The penalty for aggravated cruelty to animals is one to five years in prison, a fine not to exceed \$15,000, or both, said McManus.

Murray 911 received a call from 130 Greyland Farm Road, 911 officials said. A male caller said, "I've got a couple of idiots here (that) killed a dog and chopped its head off ... They're not in their right mind right now." When the dispatcher attempted to get more information, the caller said, "They just chopped a dog's head off and they're eating it." When the dispatcher asked if alcohol or drugs were being used, the caller replied, "We all been drinking — we don't do drugs."

The caller asked the dispatcher to be quiet so the other men wouldn't hear and

said he was lying in the floor to avoid being caught making the call. He identified the men outside as Blaylock and Roach.

"I presume one of the three men made the (911) call," Sheriff Howard Ensley said. "We did another search of the premises, to no avail, since it was late at night when we were first out there. We found nothing buried or anything like that. I don't see the situation as them being in need of food, but they were very, very intoxicated."

Ensley said an ax and kitchen knives like "butcher knives" with "meat particles" were found in the first search, but saw no evidence that any parts of the dog had been consumed. He called the crime "very unusual."

"We haven't dealt with anything like this as long as I can remember," he said.

Ensley said he is "aware" mutilation of animals can be "jumping off crimes" for more serious offenses.

Beavers is concerned about the children in the neighborhood.

"I heard one of them was a sex offender," he said. "That bothers me."

Ensley said he learned the name of the slaughtered dog was "Ruby" and that it evidently belonged to one of the men.

AREA ARRESTS

- Pedro Sinta Farias, 26, 205 Goldenrod Lane, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with theft by taking, forgery in the first degree, identity theft, failure to appear, driving without a license and no insurance.

- Stephanie Ann Gann, 39, 611 Manning Lane, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

- Amodd Rashun Kent, 28, 421-A Cattleman Drive,

Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and obstruction of an officer.

- Silvia Ramirez Medina, 40, 257 Lakewood Drive N.E., Lot 3, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with false statements, identity theft and forgery in the first degree.

- Manuel Ortiz-Calderon, 26, 200 Goldenrod Lane, Dalton, was charged

Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with battery (family violence).

- Ricky Wayne Phillips, 29, 210 N. Boyd Circle, Lot 20, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with burglary and driving with a withdrawn license.

- Rosa Vorreago-Corral, 45, 3106 Chattanooga Road, Rocky Face, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with identity theft, first degree forgery and false statements.

Memorial: Roe anniversary

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said Naomi Brown, president of the Conservative Student Organization at DSC.

Organization members set up the memorial Wednesday morning and will take it down later today. They hope the memorial will make students think about the effects of abortion and encourage them to "speak out against" it.

Today marks the 36th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. It was a challenge to the Texas law that made it illegal to help a woman have an abortion. The Supreme Court found the law violated Jane Roe's

due process rights under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and struck down most state laws against abortion.

However, the controversy continues today.

Brown, a sophomore political science major from Rising Fawn, is also involved with the conservative group Young Americans Foundation. At a group conference, she spoke to a student who set up a similar memorial.

"I thought it was a really good idea," Brown said.

Some students weren't as sold on the memorial. Ben Patterson, a DSC student from Calhoun, paused

as he passed by the student center Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a compassionate gesture, but I'm on the other end of the debate," Patterson said. "I think women should have a right to choose for themselves."

The Conservative Student Organization formed in the fall of last year. Brown said the college already had student groups for Democrats and Republicans. She said there was a need for "something more reflective of an ideology than a party."

The group has about 30 members, with 10 or 15 "really active members," she said.

Fire

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Nick Fellen completed his route, which winds for 100 miles around the Varnell area. He has been doing the route for 26 months and has no plans to stop any time soon.

Whitfield County firefighters responded to the call at 10:51 p.m. Fire Chief Carl Collins said four fire trucks responded to the scene off Tibbs Bridge Road.

For now, Cannon, who is a retired pilot, plans to live with Russ. He said the cars were fully covered by insurance and replaceable; however, he lacked renter's insurance, so everything else is a total loss.

"I will definitely get it from now on," said Cannon. "People who think they



CLAUDIA HARRELL/The Daily Citizen

A fire destroyed this house at 630 Keeter Road where Gary Cannon lived. He lost all his possessions in the fire.

won't ever need it ... well, you just don't know. This shows you how quick things can happen."

The Daily Citizen is accepting donations on behalf of Cannon, including monetary contributions. People wishing to donate may bring items to the office at 308 S. Thornton

Ave. "He needs everything," said customer service manager Heather Griffith. "He only has the clothes on his back, and those have been burned a little."

Staff writer Mark Millican contributed to this story.

Clogging offered

Free family clogging classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. Classes are led by Mary Patricia

Wilson. The center is at 218 N. Fredrick St.. For more information, call (706) 934-9599 or visit www.centerstage-cloggers.clogdancing.com.

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OTHER VIEWS

How many were there — really?

The huge throng that flocked to Washington was more a part of history than just being present at the inauguration of our first African American president. They were also a part of the largest crowd ever in our national capital, which has hosted many monster gatherings.

But how large was the crowd?

The Associated Press offered the open-ended count of "more than a million" which the AP says is "based on crowd photographs and comparisons with past events." But that's too vague to formally dethrone the previous record of 1.2 million for Lyndon Johnson's inaugural, although in truth LBJ was no stranger to exaggeration when it came to his place in the scheme of things.

The District of Columbia says 1.8 million but admits that figure is nothing more than an informed guess. The D.C. police have a figure but won't release it. An Arizona State University professor, who specializes in estimating crowds, put the count at 800,000.

There is a government agency that is skilled in crowd counting, has a respected methodology for doing so and whose crowd counts were widely accepted as the final word. It is the National Park Service, the overseer of the National Mall. But since 1997 Congress has prohibited the Park Service from crowd counting.

The Park Service began getting in political hot water in 1990 when the sponsors of a pro-life rally accused it of dramatically undercounting their turnout. But the Park Service really got into trouble in 1997 when it said attendance at the Nation of Islam's Million Man March was 450,000.

NOI leader Louis Farrakhan raised a huge stink and even commissioned a crowd count from a private researcher. But that count — 870,000 — was widely disbelieved because it reached the million mark only by an error factor of plus or minus of 20 to 25 percent.

Congress tired of all the bickering — and perhaps the Park Service did too — and prohibited the agency from spending any money on crowd counting. It seems silly that we should be denied access to information of general public interest — and which we paid to have gathered — just because these estimates don't support rally organizers' sense of their own importance.

But, come on, this is history we're talking about. Couldn't the National Park Service come out of retirement just this one? It did — sort of.

Here's the agency's statement: "Today's Washington Post analysis of the inauguration of President Barack Obama contains an estimate of the crowd on the National Mall — 1.8 million people ... The National Park Service does not contest the crowd estimate and will use the figure of 1.8 million attendees when we refer to the inaugural in the future."

So there you have it, a little backhanded perhaps but official enough for us.

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FREE MINDS

"I do not call upon the state to compel everyone to accept my opinion, but, rather; not to force me to accept anybody else's opinion."

— Selected Essays on Political Economy
Frederic Bastiat
(1801-1850)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Galatians 6:7-8

Thought for today: "Advertising has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor."

Clare Boothe Luce
American author, politician and diplomat
1903-1987

The inauguration

President Obama was sworn into office placing his hand on Abraham Lincoln's Bible. That is the last Bible I would use to be sworn into office. You say, "Why? Didn't Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation free your ancestors?" It all depends where they were living. Let's examine the document's text to see why.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, which reads, "That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free ..." The key phrase is "in rebellion against the United States" because slaves remained slaves in states not in rebellion.

The Proclamation is specific about the states where slaves were freed, to wit: "Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left pre-



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cisely as if this proclamation were not issued." Slaves in the excepted Louisiana parishes were not freed because those parishes were not in rebellion. Neither were slaves in West Virginia. By the way, West Virginia's June 1863 admission as a state, formerly a part of Virginia, was a clear violation of the Constitution's Article IV, Section 3, that reads in part "but no new States shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress." But what the heck, Lincoln had much of the Constitution under siege by then.

The hypocrisy of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation came in for heavy criticism. His Secretary of State William Seward said, "We show our sympathy with slavery by emancipating slaves where we cannot reach them and holding them in bondage where we can set them free." The New York World wrote, "He has proclaimed emancipation only where he has notoriously no power to execute it. The exemption of the accessible parts of Louisiana, Tennessee, and Virginia renders the proclamation not merely futile, but ridiculous." The London

Spectator mocked, "The principle (of the Proclamation) is not that a human being cannot justly own another, but that he cannot own him unless he is loyal to the United States." Lincoln admitted in a letter to his Treasury Secretary Salmon Chase that his proclamation had no legal justification. Lincoln's motivation for proclamation was the war was going badly for the Union and there was the possibility that England and other European powers, who had recently abolished slavery, might give the Confederacy economic and political aid, but would not do so if the war was seen as a war against slavery. An excellent reference for this period is "The Real Lincoln" by Loyola College of Maryland's economics Professor Thomas DiLorenzo.

President Obama can be forgiven for celebrating the hypocrisy of Abraham Lincoln because the victors of wars write their history and glorify the winners. The recognition that slavery is a despicable institution does not require hero worship of a president who made the largest contribution to the unraveling of our Constitution. After all when it is settled by brute force that states cannot secede, as they thought they had the right to in 1787, then the federal government can ride roughshod over states and their people's right — in a word make meaningless the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.

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Bush's legacy is one for two

Partisan blather aside, let's take a no spin look at President Bush's two biggest legacy items: the terror war and the economy.

Bush leaves office with a 34 percent approval rating, according to a recent Gallup poll. That ties him with Jimmy Carter's approval rating when he left office in 1981, not exactly a place you want to be. However, the war on terror issue is still being defined and will likely help Bush when history is written down the line.

Immediately after the attack on 9/11, Muslim jihadists had a big wind at their backs. We saw TV images of Muslims dancing in the streets as the great Satan America was humbled by al-Qaida. Almost instantly, the invincibility of the United States was challenged and the physical safety of Americans, at risk. It was very possible that further attacks were close.

Moving quickly, the Bush administration reorganized the FBI into a terror-fighting organization and toppled the Taliban in Afghanistan, disrupting al-Qaida's command and control. Those successful tactics blunted a number of active terror plots and resulted in the capture of a number of al-Qaida big shots, all of whom broke under coerced interrogation. The information they gave up allowed the Bush administration to further damage the terrorist infrastructure.

Then came Iraq, an operation designed to cleanse the Muslim world of the huge terrorist enabler Saddam



Bill O'Reilly

Hussein. The price of that war is still being debated, but what honest people don't dispute is that the al-Qaida foot soldiers who invaded Iraq hoping to defeat the U.S. military were eventually decimated. The price for America in Iraq has been enormous, but al-Qaida has also paid big.

Today, the terror threat still exists, but is no longer centralized and has lost most of its momentum. In short, the United States is winning the shooting war, and President Bush should get credit for that.

On the economic front, however, the picture is different. The dramatic rise in oil prices last spring was artificially driven by greedy speculators, some of whom worked out of brokerage houses like Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs. The oil company chieftains quickly realized they could make billions raising their prices to reflect the upward price speculation and did so with gusto. Thus, millions of consumer dollars were diverted to gas bills instead of other obligations. That lit the fuse of the recession.

At the same time, banks were making risky home loans to unqualified consumers. The banks then sold many of those loans to quick-buck artists at

places like Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers. When consumers began to default because money became tight, panic ensued and the recession roared in.

Where was President Bush while all this was happening? He continued to put forth that the economy was fundamentally strong when it was not. That is on the president. If his economic advisers misled him, he should have said so. But Bush is leaving office with no credible explanation for the collapse.

The Democratic Congress also stood by and did nothing to protect the folks. Last July, Congressman Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, told the world Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were "in good shape going forward."

A few weeks later those mortgage entities collapsed. Frank is now blaming the Republicans, but he is being flat-out dishonest in not taking any responsibility.

Like a sports team that loses big, the head coach is the main guy. After Iraq and the wobbling economy, the folks lost confidence in President Bush, and Barack Obama capitalized on that.

The truth is that the Bush administration did very well in protecting us against terrorist killers — but not so well in protecting us against Wall Street greed heads.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Jan. 22**, the 22nd day of 2009. There are 343 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its *Roe v. Wade* decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach.

On this date:

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81.

In 1905 (New Style calendar), thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1959, 12 workers were killed in the Knox Mine Disaster in Port Griffith, Pa., when a mine became flooded with water from the Susquehanna River.

In 1973, former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at age 64.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.

Ten years ago: Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., abruptly called for dismissal of charges against President Bill Clinton to "end this sad and sorry time for our country."

Five years ago: South Dakota politician Bill Janklow was sentenced to 100 days in jail for an auto accident that killed a motorcyclist. Actress-dancer Ann Miller died in Los Angeles at age 81.

One year ago: Actor Heath Ledger was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in New York City; he was 28. Republican Fred Thompson quit the race for the White House after a string of poor finishes in early primary and caucus states.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Piper Laurie is 77. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 72. Actor John Hurt is 69. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 57. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 56. Actress Linda Blair is 50. Actress Diane Lane is 44. Actor Gabriel Macht is 37. Actor Balthazar Getty is 34. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 29.



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Erin Harden makes notes while analyzing onion cells.

Valley Point students learn about cells studying onions

Students in Alison Hunt's seventh-grade science class at Valley Point Middle School recently discovered cells inside an onion. First, the students dressed in goggles, aprons and gloves to prepare for the lab. They then prepared wet mount slides of an onion membrane and used the microscopes to analyze cells. The students saw the cell wall, cytoplasm, vacuole and nucleus.

School officials say this was a hands-on lab that allowed the students to take a real item that they are familiar with — an onion — and use it to realize that all living things are made of cells.

"I can't believe how awesome science is," said student Luis Fraire. "We got to make our own slides and examine onion cells. It was the coolest thing I had ever seen. We had to wear goggles, aprons and gloves since we were using chemicals. I could see the cell wall, cytoplasm and nucleus."

Student Cassie Cross said the goggles and aprons protected the students from the "Methylene Blue which we used to help us clearly see the parts of the onion cell."

"We were able to make our own wet mount slides to observe onion cells," said student Brittanie Estes. "Then, we used a die to help us see the cells better. It was a smelly lab, but I learned so much."



Brittany Marcus works with onion cells.



Jorge Cuevas, Jose Aviles and Jose Hurtado were among the students participating in the project.

Church to hold women's conference Saturday

True Gospel Pentecostal Church will host a women's conference, "The Women of Destiny," on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Calhoun Community Center. Pastor Louise

McCluskey of New Glorious Jerusalem Church in Rome will be the guest speaker. There will also be special music. Lunch will be served following the conference.

Admission is free; a love offering will be received. The center is on McConnell Street in Calhoun. For more information, call evangelist Diane Bonds at (706) 259-4399.

Salsa class will sizzle at Dalton State College

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Why should the stars be the only ones having fun on the dance floor? Dalton State College invites would-be dancers to join Ballroom Dancing: Salsa! and add a dash of Latin heat and passion to their dance skills.

"If you're ready to learn the basics of salsa, the principles of dancing as a couple, and the beginning salsa turns, this class could be for you," said Kelly Snyder, program coordinator for DSC's Center for Continuing Education. "Latin music has had a profound influence on today's cultural pop style, and salsa dancing is the current ballroom rage. It's sassy, fun and hot!"

"It was a coup when Nelson Rodriguez agreed to instruct this class for us. He's a professional, award-winning ballroom dancer and teacher. If you're going to learn, learn from the best. Nelson is the best!"

"I will guide students using my expertise in dance instruction, choreography, demonstration and sense of humor," Rodriguez said. "I'll keep a strong focus on lead and follow. You'll be amazed at how quickly you can learn to salsa when the lessons are well planned and presented in a way that is fun and easy to absorb. Dance is meant to be enjoyed, so we're going to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nelson Rodriguez and partner command the dance floor at a recent event. His Dalton State College salsa class begins Monday.

enjoy it."

With wedding season, graduation events and summer parties looming in the months ahead, now is the perfect time to learn a new dance, said Snyder.

"When is the last time you did something just for fun with your partner?" Snyder

said. "Take advantage of this opportunity and consider registering today."

Those registering must register in pairs. The class begins Monday, Jan. 26. To learn more, visit online at www.daltonstate.edu/cce (click on Personal Growth) or call (706) 272-4454.

FDA: 125-plus products recalled in peanut outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 125 products have been recalled in a salmonella-and-peanuts investigation that keeps getting bigger, federal health officials said Wednesday.

The list ranges from goodies like cookies and ice cream to energy bars. Even food for pooches may not be entirely safe, with a national company recalling some of its dog treats.

On Tuesday, PetSmart recalled seven kinds of its Great Choice dog biscuits. On Wednesday, the weight loss company NutriSystem issued a recall for peanut butter granola bars. And some Asian foods made with peanut sauces are starting to turn up on the recalls list.

To help consumers, the Food and Drug Administration

has set up on its Web site a searchable database of recalled peanut products. "We expect (the) number to continue to increase," said Stephen Sundlof, head of the FDA's food safety program. No major brands of peanut butter sold in jars are implicated.

Peanut butter is not normally thought of as a high-risk product for salmonella. The bacteria, a frequent source of food poisoning, is supposed to be killed off in the roasting process.

In this investigation, the common denominator is that all the products contain peanut paste or peanut butter made at a Peanut Corp. of America plant in Blakely, Ga.

Originally the problem appeared limited to peanut butter shipped in big tubs to insti-

tutional customers like nursing homes. But then peanut paste was implicated. Made from ground roasted peanuts, it is used as an ingredient in dozens of other products sold directly to consumers.

Last week, Kellogg recalled some of its Austin and Keebler brand peanut butter crackers. Salmonella was later confirmed in a package of Austin crackers.

At least 486 people in more than 40 states have gotten sick since the outbreak began in the fall. Six have died.

Investigators found salmonella contamination at the PCA plant, which has suspended production. In one of the curious twists in the investigation, the salmonella strain at the plant is not an exact match to the one that has gotten people sick, the FDA said.

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Tunnel Hill plans to add 2 police cars

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Tunnel Hill officials plan to leave the city's budget basically flat this year due to uncertainty about the economy.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2009 budget on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The council is scheduled to vote on the budget on Feb. 10, also at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Plans call for \$550,000 in spending, up from about \$545,000 in 2008, said city manager Blake Griffin.

"The only reason it is up is that we are going to purchase two new police cars. We are not going to pay for them in full this year. But the payment will increase our budget this year," he said.

"Right now, we have three vehicles. This will leave us with three and possibly four vehicles," Griffin said. "We are thinking about retaining one vehicle as a back-up vehicle."

The city has up to two police officers on patrol at

any given time.

The 2009 budget for the police department will be \$265,000, up from \$230,000.

"We are also adding some hours for our officers. They are going to patrol some more," Griffin said.

He said the council has already approved the vehicles and the city expects to receive them in February.

"We have ordered them from Brooker Ford, but they are not in yet," he said.

Griffin said spending will otherwise remain basically flat and the city plans no large cuts in any departments.

"We've got tremendous challenges ahead because of the economy," said Mayor Ken Gowin. "I'm sure revenues will be down."

Gowin has been mayor of Tunnel Hill for more than 20 years.

"I took one year off, and I've been mayor for all but one of the past 21 or 22 years, I think" he said. "I thought I'd seen about everything. This is by far the worst (economy) I've ever seen."



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Tunnel Hill Police Chief Roy Brunson readjusts a camera in his patrol car on Wednesday. Tunnel Hill has two police officers on patrol at any given time.

NEW OFFICERS FOR SHRINERS



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The Dalton Shrine Club recently elected new officers for 2009. They include, from left, Dennis Burke, secretary; Pat Cook, first vice president; Bruce Ridley, president, and Sam Jones, second vice president. Treasurer Brian Phillips is not pictured.



Dalton Shrine Club Fezzettes also elected new officers for 2009. They include, from left, Hattie Morse,

treasurer; Angela Ridley, president; Ellen Jones, vice president, and Brenda Laster, secretary.

Clinton confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state Wednesday as President Barack Obama moved to make his imprint on U.S. foreign policy, mobilizing a fresh team of veteran advisers and reaching out to world leaders.

The Senate voted 94-2, with Republican Sens. David Vitter of Louisiana and Jim DeMint of South Carolina opposing.

Republicans and Democrats alike said her swift

confirmation was necessary so that Obama could begin tackling the major foreign policy issues at hand, including two wars, increased violence in the Middle East and the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran.

"It is essential that we provide the president with the tools and resources he needs to effect change, and that starts with putting a national security team in place as soon as possible," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Milk prices tumbling as dairy market sours

By JIM DOWNING
Sacramento Bee

The price farmers get for their milk is plummeting — and some of the difference may show up in your pocket-book soon.

The global dairy market has crashed so quickly, however, that it's backing up the industry's supply chain — all the way to Galt, Calif., where farmer Bill Van Egmond had to pour 2,000 gallons of milk down the drain one recent weekend. That was a day's worth of milk for Egmond.

"No creamery would take it," he said.

The base price that dairy farmers get for their cows' milk is set to tumble 35 percent — to 97 cents a gallon — on Feb. 1. Retail prices should follow — first milk, then other dairy products. But analysts say the drop likely won't be as quick, or as large, as the cut in farm prices.

"Retail prices will be a lot stickier," said Joel Karlin, a market analyst at major San Joaquin Valley, Calif., grain broker Western Milling.

Few if any dairy farms can turn a profit with milk at less than a dollar a gallon, several experts said.

Industry groups are asking for federal help, even floating the idea of a taxpayer-funded buyout of 300,000 dairy cows to cut production, Karlin said. The buyout plan appears not to have gained traction.

Industry experts tie the

price drop to both a bloated U.S. dairy herd and the collapse of export markets.

A year ago, milk was selling at close to record levels, driven largely by success in international markets.

But conditions shifted quickly, said Bill Schiek, an economist with the Dairy Institute of California, a milk-processors group.

The dairy industries of Australia and New Zealand, which had been hampered by drought, recovered and began to push more milk products onto world markets.

The melamine scandal in the Chinese dairy industry drove a broad decline in dairy sales in much of East Asia. The bad global economy and the stronger dollar made matters worse.

During the boom, U.S. milk production continued to grow, as it has since 2004, Karlin said. Fearful of over-supply, the dairy industry has for several years funded a roughly \$60 million-a-year program to pay farmers to shrink their herds. But the buyouts haven't stopped the expansion of the nation's 9.3 million-cow dairy herd.

The price U.S. farmers get for their milk is set monthly by government regulators according to international market prices for four dairy commodities: cheese, butter, milk powder and whey.

Retailers set their own prices, with the minimum store price for milk usually at least a dollar a gallon more than the farm price.

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Getting involved

BY TIFFANY ROBERTS
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Northwest Whitfield High School has always been dedicated to getting students involved and that begins by helping freshmen get a good start in their school career.

Northwest has a club especially for these newcomers called the Jump Club, and 365 freshmen became members this past semester.

The Jump Club is only for students who are in ninth grade and have maintained an A average throughout the semester or have "jumped" a letter grade from the first grading period to the second one. This club recognizes not only top grades, but it also highlights students who have worked hard to pull up their averages.

Jump Club holds an end-of-the-semester celebration where these students gather for praise, snacks, and door prizes.

We are proud of our new students' accomplishments and hope they continue this high standard of academic work.



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Haley Sneed is pictured at the Jump Club's end-of-the-semester celebration.

Students take college tour

BY ASIL ABUHADBA
AND KRISTEN SHERAM

Students from Northwest Whitfield High School and Southeast Whitfield High School went on a three-day college tour Jan. 20-22.

The trip allowed the students to experience life at different colleges and universities in Georgia.

On day one of the trip, the students visited the University of Georgia and North Georgia College and State University.

On the second day of the trip, the students split into two groups. The first group

toured technical colleges such as Georgia Institute of Technology and Southern Polytechnic. The second group explored the non-engineering colleges Georgia State University and Kennesaw State University.

The last day of the trip, the participants visited West Georgia State College and University, Berry College and Shorter College.

Hopefully, this experience will help students make an informed decision when it comes time to choose a school to attend in the coming year.

Theatre group to have active spring semester

The Northwest Theatre Company at Northwest Whitfield High School is going out with a bang in the spring semester of 2009. The drama students are participating in both the English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Contest and the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest as well as producing and performing in the Annual Spring Musical March 26-28.

For the Shakespeare Contest, students will perform memorized speeches from Shakespeare's plays. The school-wide contest will be held on Jan. 23.

The winner goes on to compete in Chattanooga for the chance to compete in the nationals which are held in New York City. The winner of the national contest receives a stipend and has the opportunity to spend the summer in England studying Shakespeare and dramatic literature.

Last year, Northwest participated for the first time in this contest, and Cassie Lentz, a 2008 graduate, was the school champion.

The Poetry Out Loud

Contest is a beautiful way to bring to life poems from various poets like Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost. Students choose two poems from the Poetry Out Loud Web site (PoetryOutLoud.Org) and recite them before a panel of judges.

The winner of the school-wide contest will represent NHS at the state competition in Atlanta. The state winner then moves on to the finals in Washington, D.C. The prize for the national winner is a \$10,000 scholarship.

The school-wide contest will be held on Feb. 12. Phillip Sudbury, also a 2008 graduate, was the Northwest's representative last year in Atlanta.

This year, The Northwest Theatre Company will present "Little Shop of Horrors." It is a vibrant, upbeat and slightly quirky show.

Local businesses are invited to place an ad in the show program to help fund the production. To purchase an ad, call Josh Ruben at the high school at (706) 516-2229.

Becoming independent learners

BY CHANDLER BAER
AND TOSHA WASKUL

The Governor's Honor Program is a summer program intended to provide intellectually gifted and artistically endowed high school students with challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

This six-week long program held at Valdosta State



University during the summer stimulates learning in a variety of content areas. Teachers nominate students in areas of study that will

become the student's major. Then if chosen, students choose a minor to study as well.

The purposes of the activities the students participate in while in GHP help them acquire the abilities, mind sets, and knowledge to become life-long, independent learners.

At Northwest Whitfield High School, the semi-finalists are: Andrea Brown, voice; Amanda Calfee, biol-

ogy; Grayson Craig, music; Leyanet Gonzalez, English; Kate Hoyt, Spanish; HP McArthur, English; Katherine Gwin, social studies; Allyson Rogers, music; Mary Beth Salguero, voice; Koty Swanson, math; Derek Travisano, math; Halen Weeks, music; Sarah Whaley, music; Kaila White, agriscience; Rosalyn Zock, dance. Congratulations to all of these students.

Dr. Belinda Young finishes races

Math teacher has competed in almost 800 races, 49 marathons

BY LOGAN CLINE AND
CAITLIN FREEMAN

"You have to have a dream to make something come true." This inspiring sentence, uttered by Dr. Belinda Young's ninth-grade physical education teacher, began a chain reaction that changed the young woman's life over 14 years ago. Now a math teacher at Northwest Whitfield High School, Dr. Young and her story remain a mystery to many students and faculty members.

Young was "overweight big time by the eighth grade," she said, but when she began her high school career, her class was challenged by her physical education teacher to run a mile. Young was unable to make one lap around the track. This failure created a fierce determination to run, and run well, in the girl. She set a goal — to run one mile without walking, and by the end of her freshman year, she was running two miles in 17 minutes as part of the school's track team.

As a sophomore, Young began her competitive career with her school's cross country team, finishing the season 23rd in the state. She set the school record for the 2-mile run at 11:42 during her junior year. She also achieved fifth in state in the 3,200 meters and sixth in state in cross country as both a junior and a senior.

Young continued running throughout her college career at Berry College and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She has competed in almost 800 races and 49 marathons in 18 states. Named Runner of the Year by the Chattanooga Track Club and the Carpet Capital Running Club, she also won the 1988 Overall Female Junior Champion of the New York City Marathon. Her 10-mile Georgia state record for 19-year-old females still stands today.

Young's most recent accomplishments in the field of running include completing her first ultra-marathon, and the Stump Jump 50K last October. Last November, she finished third in her second 50K. She also was named the Trail Runner Trophies Series Female Runner of 2008.

"Running is a stress reliever," she said, "Plus, knowing I can go the distance makes me feel good about myself."

Young never considered running professionally but instead always preferred the recreational aspect of it. She gets to experience places others simply speed past in vehicles. She has had the chance to visit locations she otherwise would not be able to, such as Mount Rushmore, Niagara Falls and Hawaii.

Young also attributes becoming a better teacher to



BY LOGAN CLINE

Dr. Belinda Young has made big changes in her life.

the self-discipline she learned from running. She compares finishing her doctorate to running a marathon. She looks to her experience with competing for inspiration for teaching. She said, "You have to have the desire

to start, the dedication to stick it through, and the endurance to finish no matter what. I have finished every race I have started. Running doesn't necessarily add years to my life, but it adds life to my years."

Teachers, students of month named

BY CHASSADY LOCKE
AND KARINA OLVERA

Every month Northwest Whitfield High School's faculty nominates a student and staff member to honor as Student and Teacher/Staff of the Month.

Teachers are asked to select those who have done something positive and must list reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award. Once the teachers have made their selections, the school's leadership team reviews the candidates and

picks the winners.

These positive Bruins not only make the school a better place to be with their acts of kindness, but they also receive recognition in front of the entire student body.

Principal Carolyn Towns announces the Student and Teacher/Staff of the Month on the morning announcements, and the winners receive a certificate as well as a Zaxby's gift card.

We want to congratulate all of our nominees who have been selected as Student and Teacher/Staff of the Month.

Teacher/staff winners

Brent Flowers, staff, Aug.
Ruth Hall, teacher, Sept.
Kaite Sanders, staff, Oct.
Gaye Coker, teacher, Nov.
Mike Falleur, teacher, Dec.

Student winners

Dean Haynes, Aug.
Rachel Eaton, Sept.
Tyler Weik, Oct.
Abby Hill, Nov.
Grant Fuller, Dec.

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OBITUARIES

• Iva Lee Sloan Hammontree, Cohutta
 • Charles F. Kreischer, formerly of Dalton
 • Dorothy Marva Kilgore Lawton, Tunnel Hill
 • Steve Allan Long, Chatsworth
 • Willis Mashburn, Dalton
 • Margaret Schell Penland, Dalton
 • James C. Wilson, Chatsworth
 • Eva Merle Wright, Rocky Face

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Iva Lee Sloan Hammontree

Iva Lee Sloan Hammontree, 88, of Cohutta, went to be with Jesus surrounded by her loving family, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was a member of Cedar Valley Cathedral of Praise for 68 years.

Mrs. Hammontree was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Frank C. Hammontree; parents, George Alvin and Nellie Rollins Sloan; sister, Ona Mae Hall; brothers, Charles and Franklin Sloan.



Hammontree

Mrs. Hammontree is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Ruth Ann Hammontree of Chatsworth and J.L. and Wilma Hammontree and Frank and Elaine Hammontree, all of Cohutta; daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and George Miller of Dalton; a sister, Edith Lewis of Cohutta; brother, Henry Sloan of Dalton; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Iva Lee Hammontree

are Friday at 2 p.m. at Cedar Valley Cathedral of Praise with the Rev. Clayton Brown officiating.

Burial will be in Smith Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to Cedar Valley Cathedral of Praise, 2744 Cleveland Highway, Dalton, GA, 30721.

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 arrangements. For further information, call (706) 259-7455.

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Charles F. Kreischer

Mr. Charles F. Kreischer, 86, of Augusta, Atlanta and formerly of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane Taylor Poulnot Kreischer and son, Charles Francis Kreischer.

He was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dalton and Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Atlanta; graduated from Baylor Prep School in Chattanooga and The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.; was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he retired as a major; and was former president of Hardwick Bank and Trust, now BB&T Bank.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Lucy B. Kreischer of Augusta and Murrell's Inlet, S.C.; son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Regina Kreischer of Dawsonville; he is also survived by his step-children, step-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Tyler Downing officiating.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery, where Charlie and Jane will be buried together.

The family requests that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, 510 S. Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA 30720 or to the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 471 Mount Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 or to The Citadel Foundation, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston, SC 29409-6230 or to one's favorite charity.

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

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

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Dorothy Marva Kilgore Lawton

Mrs. Dorothy Marva Kilgore Lawton, 53, of Tunnel Hill, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

She was a faithful member of True Gospel Pentecostal Church and preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Charles Edward Lawton; and her father, Mr. Levi Kilgore Sr.

Survivors are her mother, Mrs. Catherine Kilgore of Dalton; daughter, Ms. Capriese Lawton of Houston; son, Mr. Errod Lawton of Dalton; sisters, Mrs. Eileen Shoemaker of Kennesaw and Mrs. Beth (Roy Dean) Shropshire; brothers, Mr. Levi (Stacie) Kilgore Jr. and Mr. Paul Kilgore, all of Rocky Face; three grandchildren, Ms. Bria Ellison, Ms. Brittiany Lawton and Ms. Jade Ford;

her extended family, church family, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services are Friday at 1 p.m. at True Gospel Pentecostal Church with Bishop Reuben Graham and other ministers officiating.

Her remains will be at the funeral home today.

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

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Willis Funeral Home in Dalton.

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Steve Allan Long

Mr. Steve Allan Long, 52, of Chatsworth died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buford and Ida Long; sister, Robbie Long Dunn; brother, James Long.

Survivors include friend Linda Winter of Chatsworth; children, Chris Long of Dalton, Nick Long of Dalton, Crystal Bartley of Chatsworth, Dan Long of Chatsworth, Donna and Johnny Winter of Chatsworth, Tammy and Allen Winter of Rocky Face; brothers, Hershell Long, Carl Long, Michael Long and Roy Long, all of Chatsworth; sisters and brother-in-law, Josephine Long of Chatsworth, Barbara Dunn of Cisco, Mary Long of Dalton, Dorothy and David Dill of Chatsworth; Lisa and Dennis Bartley of Crandall; six grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services are Friday at 1 p.m. from the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Lynn Hays officiating.

Burial will be in Dawnville United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home at 5 p.m. today, family at 4 p.m.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth.

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Willis Mashburn

Mr. Willis Mashburn, 84, of Dalton died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

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

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Margaret Schell Penland

Mrs. Margaret Schell Penland, 79, of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Penland on Jan. 21, 1993; her sons, James A. Penland Jr. and Carl Penland; brother, Lawrence Schell; daughter-in-law Deborah Penland.

Margaret is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Roy Penland of Texas, Gary and Darlene Penland of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Don Turner, Nancy and Junior Poe and Tina Penland all of Dalton, Joan and Doug Bartley of LaFayette; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Oscar Messer of Florida, Maxine and Joe Oskarek of Michigan; 17 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Clayton Brown officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the Love Funeral Home today after 5 p.m.

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

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

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James C. Wilson

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

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth.

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Eva Merle Wright

Eva Merle Wright, 71, of Rocky Face and formerly of Jasonville, Ind., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Louise Brady and a son, Donald Floyd Davidson.

She was a member of Pine Ridge Baptist Church and the glorious body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Marcy Lee and Osmo Petty Sr. of Rocky Face, Leslie and Chris Teasley, Kerri and Luis Aquilar and Brandy and Omar Hernandez, all of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher Davidson of Carbondale, Forrest and Yvonne Langley of Villanow and Darren and Stacy Langley of Chatsworth; sisters, Deloris Rich and Ladonna Brady, both of Jasonville; 27 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; best friend, Phyllis Banks of Jasonville.

The funeral is Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Westside Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Brother Sammy Cravatt and Brother Johnny Weathers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 6 till 9 p.m. Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at www.julianpeoples.com

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face is in charge of arrangements.

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THE MARKET

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 8228.10 ▲ 279
 Wednesday's NASDAQ: 1507.10 ▲ 66.20

Tuesday	Wednesday	Intel	12.86	13.26	
Gold	853.2	849.2	IBM	81.98	91.42
Silver	11.21	11.18	Interface	3.71	3.75
Acuity	28.06	28.91	JCP	17.42	17.94
AAir	4.21	4.14	JNJ	56.75	56.36
Apple	78.37	82.83	Kroger	24.42	24.76
AT&T	25.02	25.79	Lowes	19.87	20.27
BAC	5.10	6.68	McDonalds	57.07	58.70
BB&T	18.52	19.70	Merck	27.89	27.57
BP	41.27	42.09	Microsoft	18.45	19.38
BristolMyers	21.74	22.47	Mohawk	34.49	35.95
HP-Compaq	33.34	35.11	Motorola	4.31	4.51
Chevron	68.31	71.23	Region-Fin	4.60	4.95
CocaCola	42.88	43.29	Rock-Tenn.	26.01	28.39
ConAgra	16.59	16.78	Sara Lee	9.95	9.90
ColonialBnk	1.45	1.90	SouthernCo	34.73	34.94
Coke Ent.	11.07	11.50	Synovous	4.56	5.24
CrackerBrl	16.08	16.36	SunTrust	15.07	15.21
CrwnCrafts	2.25	2.25	Torchmark	32.43	35.75
CSX	27.88	29.09	Total Sys	12.94	13.40
Dell	9.80	10.20	UPS	45.93	47.72
Delta	11.04	10.10	Vulcan	53.83	53.73
Dixie Group	1.75	1.58	Verizon	29.87	30.90
Dow	13.89	14.82	Wal-Mart	50.56	49.14
Duke	14.88	14.85	Wells Fargo	14.23	16.65
DuPont	23.32	24.48	Wendy's	5.57	5.41
Earthlink	7.24	7.29	Yum	28.66	29.12
Ericsson	6.61	7.71	Xerox	7.40	7.82
Exxon	76.29	79.26			
Ford	2.13	2.09			
FSG	4.93	4.76			
GE	12.93	13.03			
GM	3.50	3.53			
Goodyear	5.73	6.03			
HomeDepot	21.99	22.28			

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

BANK ON IT BLANKET DRIVE



Contributed Photo

Community banks, in partnership with the United Way of Northwest Georgia, are collecting heaters and blankets for people who are unable to afford heat this winter or have no heat in their homes. The Bank On It Blanket Drive continues through Feb. 15. Monetary donations toward a heater or blanket are also being accepted. You may also donate on the Web at www.ourunitedway.org. Collected items will be distributed through the United Way, Salvation Army, school social workers and the

American Red Cross. From left are Amanda Burt, president of the United Way of Northwest Georgia; Alan Kendrick, Cohutta Banking Co.; Chris Shiflett, Covenant Bank and Trust; Henry Teel, Cornerstone Community Bank; Erin Wills, Cohutta Banking Co.; Brad Rowe, First National Bank of Chatsworth; David Gregg, Alliance National Bank; Susan Brown, Wachovia; Lisa Downey, Appalachian Community Bank; and Michelle Smith, United Way of Northwest Georgia.

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BRIEFS**Reports: Kennedy withdraws bid**

ALBANY, N.Y. — Published reports say Caroline Kennedy is withdrawing from her effort to join the U.S. Senate in the seat once held by her uncle, slain Sen. Bobby Kennedy. The New York Times and New York Post reported that Kennedy has ended her monthlong bid to succeed Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was confirmed as secretary of state. The reports come a day after Kennedy's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, suffered a seizure at the inauguration of President Barack Obama. He has been treated for an aggressive brain tumor.

Obama works on ethics, Mideast

WASHINGTON — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy. "What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration and hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery. Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Israel's last troops leave Gaza

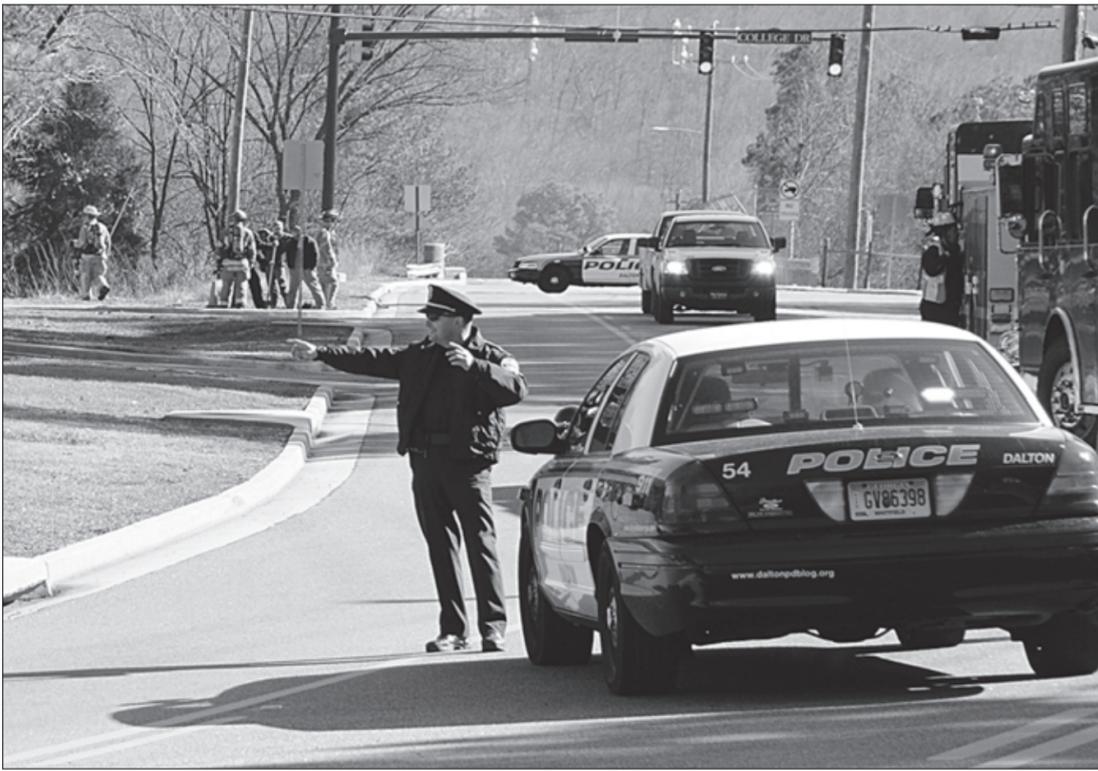
JERUSALEM — Israel's last troops left the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, although the cease-fire was frayed when its navy opened fire toward beaches in northern Gaza, and smugglers' tunnels that were targeted in the 23-day campaign against Hamas were active again at the Egyptian border. The Israeli military said it would investigate allegations by the United Nations and human rights groups that it wrongly used white phosphorous — an ingredient in weapons that inflicts horrific burns. Although the use of phosphorus weapons is permitted by international law, Amnesty International has accused Israel of committing a "war crime" by using them in densely populated areas.

Gitmo crimes court halted

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The Guantanamo Bay war crimes court came to an abrupt halt Wednesday as military judges granted President Barack Obama's request to suspend proceedings while he reviews his predecessor's strategy for prosecuting terrorists. The judges quickly agreed to a 120-day suspension of the cases of a Canadian accused of killing an American soldier in Afghanistan and five men charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. Similar orders are expected in other pending cases pending before the Guantanamo military commissions.

Leader says Castro 'believes in Obama'

HAVANA — Fidel Castro watched the U.S. inauguration on television and said Wednesday that Barack Obama seems "like a man who is absolutely sincere," Argentina's president said after meeting with the ailing Cuban icon. "Fidel believes in Obama," Cristina Fernandez said. The meeting with Fernandez, just before she ended a four-day visit to Cuba, dispelled persistent rumors that the 82-year-old Castro had suffered a stroke or lapsed into a coma in recent days. "I was with Fidel about an hour or more," she told reporters at the airport as she left. "We were chatting, conversing. He looked good."



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton firefighters and utility workers repair a broken gas line as a Dalton policeman directs traffic at the intersection of College Drive and

North Tibbs Road Wednesday after a motorist struck a natural gas meter. The driver was not charged.

Car breaks gas line, holds up traffic**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A Dalton man told police officers he was overcome with dizziness while driving on College Drive around 2 p.m. Wednesday, police offi-

cers said. Rather than risk hitting another car, he veered his 1990 Oldsmobile Regency over a curb near the intersection with Tibbs Road and struck a gas line.

"He crashed into a natural

gas meter near Arbordale Apartments," said Bruce Frazier, spokesman for the Dalton fire and police departments. "The fire department tested the air and traffic was backed up for about 30 min-

utes, but no one was evacuated from the area."

Frazier said no charges were filed against Labron Stokes of 211 Greenridge Drive. A phone number for Stokes could not be found.

Ga. lawmakers look at cutting school nurse funding

BY DORIE TURNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — A battle over state funding for school nurses is brewing as Georgia lawmakers begin wrangling over the budget for next fiscal year.

Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue's proposed \$20.2 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1 would eliminate \$30 million for school nurses.

That means already cash-strapped school districts would have to find money elsewhere or lay off nurses.

State lawmakers are gathering this week to wade through the cuts proposed by Perdue as part of a plan to deal with the historic budget shortfall. He has proposed a \$19.2 billion amended budget for the current fiscal year, down from \$21.2 billion, and a \$20.2 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

"The governor felt like it was most appropriate to direct as much money as possible into classroom instruction," said Bert Brantley, Perdue's spokesman.

And Georgia may not be alone.

Virginia is considering cutting \$340 million from education coffers for non-teaching staff like social workers and school nurses. In Rhode Island, the governor has proposed saving \$2.6 million by no longer requiring school nurses to be certified as teachers, which experts worry could hurt prevention programs in schools.

School districts across the country have been trimming nursing staffs to cut costs,

asking teachers and school secretaries to learn how to give insulin injections, work defibrillators and dole out prescription medicine.

"The prevalence of diabetes is increasing among children, asthma rates are up and children born with HIV are living to be school age who in the past wouldn't have lived that long," said Susan Wooley, executive director of the American School Health Association. "That can open up liability for the schools. It is something school districts need to consider very carefully."

No federal laws require nurses in schools. Guidelines recommend one nurse for every 750 well students, but the national average is one nurse for every 1,151 students, and 16 percent of students see a school nurse on a regular basis, said Amy Garcia, executive director of National Association of School Nurses. The association estimates that a quarter of schools in the nation have no nurse.

And in about half of states, the ratio has gotten worse in the last decade, Garcia said. In Georgia, the ratio is 1 nurse per 1,598 students, compared to just five years ago when it was one nurse for 1,287 students. Georgia has about 1,200 school nurses, according to the Georgia Association of School Nurses.

Georgia has provided funding for school nurses since 2001, money that came from a variety of sources, including tax revenue and the landmark, billion-dollar tobacco settlement between cigarette companies and many states.

Cleaner air has added to lives

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cleaner air over the past two decades has added nearly five months to average life expectancy in the United States, according to a federally funded study.

Researchers said it is the first study to show that reducing air pollution translates into longer lives.

Between 1978 and 2001, Americans' average life span increased almost three years to 77, and as much as 4.8 months of that can be attributed to cleaner air, researchers from Brigham Young University and Harvard

School of Public Health reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Some experts not connected with the study called the gain dramatic.

"It shows that our efforts as a country to control air pollution have been well worth the expense," said Dr. Joel Kaufman, a University of Washington expert on environmental health.

Scientists have long known that the grit in polluted air, or particulates, can lodge deep in the lungs and raise the risk of lung disease, heart attacks and strokes.

Perdue: No cash for tax relief grants

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue said Wednesday he'd like to continue to fund property tax relief grants that average \$200 to \$300 per household, but the recession-strapped state just doesn't have the cash.

"It became virtually fiscally impossible to fund \$428 million in the homeowners relief grant," Perdue told state lawmakers as they kicked off three days of budget hearings at the state Capitol. "We wanted to fund it, but there is not the money."

The Homeowner Tax Relief Grant is among the cuts Perdue has proposed to fill a more than \$2 billion budget gap. He has proposed a \$19.2 billion amended budget for the current fiscal year, down from \$21.2 billion, and a \$20.2 billion spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

A number of state lawmakers have pledged to restore the tax relief money, arguing that failure to do so would lead to higher property taxes for residents at a time they can afford it least. To restore the grants, state lawmakers will have to make cuts elsewhere.

The state pays the grants to local governments, which are then supposed to pass them along to homeowners as tax credits. Local governments have already sent out tax bills to property owners including the tax credit.

If the state money doesn't come through, towns and cities could be forced to send out supplemental tax bills or make budget cuts to make up the difference.

Whitfield GOP to hold meeting

The Whitfield County Republican Party will hold a mass precinct meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. in the board of commissioners meeting room at 214 W. King St. in Dalton.

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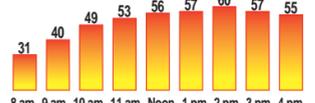
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Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Rain possible

Almanac

Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.
Temperature:
 High 37°
 Low 16°
Precipitation:
 24 hrs. through 3 p.m. yest. Trace

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 Sunset tonight 5:59 p.m.

Moon Phases



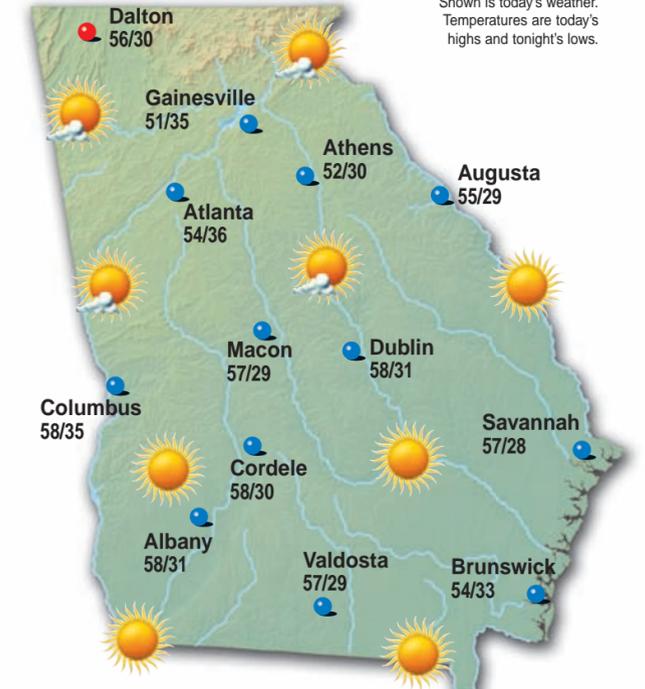
Weather History

A record 17.4-inch snowfall on Jan. 22, 1902, in Buffalo, N.Y., was dwarfed by 30 inches in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 8, 1996.

Weather Trivia™

Q: Do all snowflakes have six sides?
 A: Yes. This is due to the structure of a water molecule.

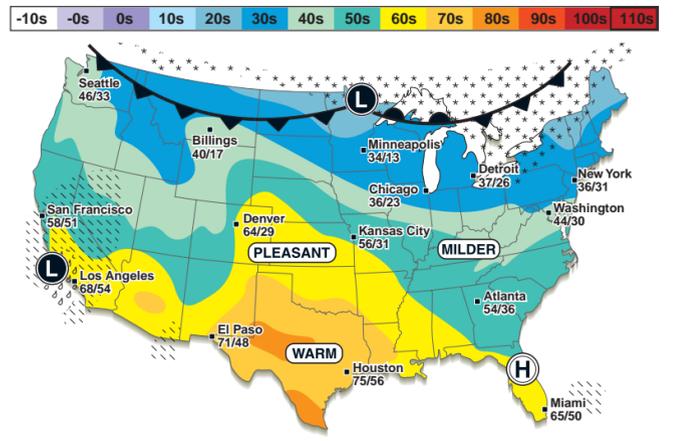
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	58/31/s	71/50/s	66/50/r	La Grange	55/26/s	62/45/c	55/40/r
Atlanta	54/36/s	64/47/pc	55/39/r	Macon	57/29/s	68/47/s	59/47/r
Athens	52/30/s	60/45/pc	56/40/r	Marietta	54/30/s	62/44/pc	55/37/r
Augusta	55/29/s	65/45/s	60/38/r	Newton	57/34/s	72/50/s	66/51/r
Brunswick	54/33/s	63/46/s	65/49/r	Rome	56/32/s	66/45/pc	52/37/r
College Park	54/36/s	64/47/pc	55/39/r	Savannah	57/28/s	66/46/s	67/50/r
Columbus	58/35/s	68/49/pc	61/46/r	Sparta	60/27/s	65/47/s	58/44/r
Gainesville	51/35/s	59/44/pc	50/37/r	Valdosta	57/29/s	70/46/s	68/47/r

National Weather for January 22, 2009



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

City	Today			Fri.			Sat.		
	Hi/Lo/W								
Albany	30/18/pc	36/23/c	24/2/sf	30/18/pc	36/23/c	24/2/sf	30/18/pc	36/23/c	24/2/sf
Anchorage	22/14/c	24/15/c	27/17/sf	22/14/c	24/15/c	27/17/sf	22/14/c	24/15/c	27/17/sf
Baltimore	43/25/s	49/32/pc	39/20/pc	43/25/s	49/32/pc	39/20/pc	43/25/s	49/32/pc	39/20/pc
Billings	40/17/c	22/7/sn	13/-3/sn	40/17/c	22/7/sn	13/-3/sn	40/17/c	22/7/sn	13/-3/sn
Boise	40/25/c	39/28/c	41/28/c	40/25/c	39/28/c	41/28/c	40/25/c	39/28/c	41/28/c
Buffalo	34/26/sf	39/15/sf	18/5/sf	34/26/sf	39/15/sf	18/5/sf	34/26/sf	39/15/sf	18/5/sf
Charlotte	50/29/s	58/40/s	53/30/r	50/29/s	58/40/s	53/30/r	50/29/s	58/40/s	53/30/r
Cheyenne	56/29/pc	38/17/sn	34/14/sn	56/29/pc	38/17/sn	34/14/sn	56/29/pc	38/17/sn	34/14/sn
Chicago	36/23/pc	34/9/c	12/0/pc	36/23/pc	34/9/c	12/0/pc	36/23/pc	34/9/c	12/0/pc
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Dallas	76/56/s	70/43/pc	46/32/pc	76/56/s	70/43/pc	46/32/pc	76/56/s	70/43/pc	46/32/pc
Denver	64/29/pc	43/20/c	38/19/c	64/29/pc	43/20/c	38/19/c	64/29/pc	43/20/c	38/19/c
Detroit	37/26/pc	38/14/sf	15/4/sf	37/26/pc	38/14/sf	15/4/sf	37/26/pc	38/14/sf	15/4/sf
Indianapolis	44/30/pc	43/19/c	25/9/c	44/30/pc	43/19/c	25/9/c	44/30/pc	43/19/c	25/9/c
Kansas City	56/31/s	36/12/c	25/7/c	56/31/s	36/12/c	25/7/c	56/31/s	36/12/c	25/7/c
Las Vegas	69/47/c	67/46/pc	63/45/pc	69/47/c	67/46/pc	63/45/pc	69/47/c	67/46/pc	63/45/pc
Los Angeles	68/54/r	66/52/pc	68/54/pc	68/54/r	66/52/pc	68/54/pc	68/54/r	66/52/pc	68/54/pc
Memphis	58/46/s	64/36/sh	42/27/pc	58/46/s	64/36/sh	42/27/pc	58/46/s	64/36/sh	42/27/pc
Miami	65/50/s	73/59/s	76/61/s	65/50/s	73/59/s	76/61/s	65/50/s	73/59/s	76/61/s
Milwaukee	36/22/pc	30/7/sf	9/-1/pc	36/22/pc	30/7/sf	9/-1/pc	36/22/pc	30/7/sf	9/-1/pc
Minneapolis	34/13/c	16/-5/c	4/-8/pc	34/13/c	16/-5/c	4/-8/pc	34/13/c	16/-5/c	4/-8/pc
New Orleans	66/53/s	75/58/s	71/52/r	66/53/s	75/58/s	71/52/r	66/53/s	75/58/s	71/52/r
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St. Louis	53/34/s	45/17/c	22/9/c	53/34/s	45/17/c	22/9/c	53/34/s	45/17/c	22/9/c
Salt Lake City	42/30/c	45/32/c	46/32/sn	42/30/c	45/32/c	46/32/sn	42/30/c	45/32/c	46/32/sn
San Francisco	58/51/sh	58/48/pc	56/47/pc	58/51/sh	58/48/pc	56/47/pc	58/51/sh	58/48/pc	56/47/pc
San Diego	66/57/r	64/53/pc	63/51/pc	66/57/r	64/53/pc	63/51/pc	66/57/r	64/53/pc	63/51/pc
Seattle	46/33/c	47/33/pc	43/28/c	46/33/c	47/33/pc	43/28/c	46/33/c	47/33/pc	43/28/c
Wash., DC	44/30/s	51/34/pc	41/24/pc	44/30/s	51/34/pc	41/24/pc	44/30/s	51/34/pc	41/24/pc

The World

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Auckland	74/63/s	73/64/c	75/66/s	London	48/37/r	45/34/pc	43/39/pc
Amsterdam	38/34/r	41/36/r	39/34/sh	Madrid	48/43/sh	54/45/sh	48/37/pc
Baghdad	63/36/s	65/40/s	66/42/pc	Montreal	23/10/sf	23/5/sn	6/-17/c
Beijing	19/5/pc	14/7/s	22/13/s	Moscow	34/30/sn	34/28/sn	36/32/sn
Berlin	39/32/s	37/32/r	36/28/pc	Paris	48/39/r	49/36/c	43/36/sh
Buenos Aires	93/73/s	91/72/s	91/73/pc	Rio	77/89/sh	78/71/r	81/73/sh
Cairo	81/65/s	71/48/c	66/51/s	Rome	55/41/pc	52/48/r	57/41/sh
Calgary	19/-6/sn	5/-13/sn	7/-11/pc	Seoul	38/9/pc	18/7/sf	18/11/sn
Cape Town	72/61/sh	76/59/s	79/59/s	Singapore	87/77/pc	88/77/sh	86/77/r
Caracas	90/73/pc	90/71/pc	90/71/sh	Sydney	97/73/s	90/77/r	87/75/r
Dublin	45/36/r	43/34/pc	43/36/pc	Tel Aviv	77/53/s	81/56/pc	62/55/r
Geneva	41/38/pc	42/33/r	34/33/r	Tokyo	52/46/r	55/34/pc	47/33/pc
Hong Kong	72/56/s	64/48/pc	50/46/c	Toronto	32/24/sf	33/9/sn	11/1/sn
Istanbul	66/60/s	64/46/r	59/50/c	Warsaw	36/30/sh	38/32/c	39/32/pc

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PREP FOOTBALL: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD

Northwest Whitfield football standout Dean Haynes looks through a scrapbook prior to the Bruins' banquet Wednesday night at the school in Tunnel Hill. With Haynes, *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Player of the Year, are his mother, Lisa Hoffman, left, and sister Macenzie Haynes.

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Baker taking next step

Northwest linebacker will play at Appy State

BY LARRY FLEMING

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In the latest four-year cycle of student-athletes in Northwest Whitfield's football program, the senior class went 29-14 and appeared in back-to-back Class 4A state playoffs in 2006-07. The Bruins went two games into the 2007 postseason before losing to second-ranked Tucker, 56-10.

"The last four or five senior groups have been pretty darn good," Bruins coach Mike Falleur said. "I think each one of them had their strengths and weaknesses, like we all do. This year's class was a great group of kids."

"Probably, this group lacked that vocal leadership we've had from other ones. Just a

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kid or two makes a difference. This group didn't have that and that hurt in the long run."

Northwest's 24 seniors — Jake Bridges, Chris Quarles, David Jarjoura, Drew Smith, Romeo Williams, Clayton Geary, Devin Miller, Dean Haynes, Justin White, Ryan Banks, Zac Baker, Taylor Smith, Drew Allen, Carlos Bojorquez, Derek Brown, Aaron Henley, Adam Wilkins, Rocky Stokes, Spencer Suddeth, John Ridley, Justin Adams, Robert Mosier, Matt Borgan and Damon Weber — culminated their time with the Bruins on Wednesday night at the team's banquet held at the school.

Baker, a 6-foot-2, 210-pound linebacker, was a late arrival at Northwest, transferring from Lakeside-Atlanta prior to his senior year. He fit in nicely, recording 105 tackles, fourth-best in the area, recovering three fumbles and forcing one and earning a spot on *The Daily Citizen's* 2008 All-Area Football Team.

"For me," Baker said, "it was a real good senior season. From what I came from at Lakeside to a successful season at Northwest was much better for me. It was great."

Lakeside went 6-24 over three years while Baker was there and 0-10 in 2008.

The Bruins finished 6-4 this year and missed the state playoffs for the first time in three seasons. Baker turned a solid senior-year performance into an opportunity to play college football.

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COMMENTARY

Wrestlers get two title shots

Like no other high school sport in Georgia, wrestling has offered its coaches and athletes a unique challenge — and opportunity — for eight years now. While most coaches are able to use the singular when talking about driving their teams to "peak" for the final stretch of their schedule, wrestling's two-fold postseason means doing that twice — both for the duals and traditional portion of the Georgia High School Association's wrestling postseason.

The challenge is in taking a team that's been mentally and physically pushed to give all for one type of postseason to get back in the practice room and gear toward another just a couple weeks later. For those teams that have gone furthest into the postseason, the gap is even shorter, though the need for recovery might be even greater.

The opportunity is in the chance to make up for a disappointing duals postseason with a strong finish in traditional, where team points are still kept, but compiled through a more familiar bracketed weight-class tournament setup. That chance arrives a week from Friday for local programs.

Southeast, wrestling in one of Class 3A's tougher areas — 6-3A champ LaFayette won the state duals title Saturday night with a 31-30 criteria victory against Eastside — was one and done when it lost to Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe at area duals. Murray County and Northwest Whitfield were believed good enough to contend for the 7-4A duals crown — and, on any given day, might have been in that deep league — but came up empty a year after both enjoyed success at state duals.

Even Dalton, which in a run to the Class 4A championship match a few days ago turned in the best showing since state duals were added to the postseason in 2002, has a touch of disappointment it would love to shake off during the traditional postseason. The further you advance, the more it hurts when you finally do lose.

But there's the upside. While other sports teams would be left thinking about next year, there's a different kind of postseason awaiting area programs and all four have wrestlers on the roster who can push for individual area titles while helping their teams along the way.

■ If you're a fan of high school wrestling and you've never been to state duals, what are you waiting for? Whether or not you've got a team in the fight next year, carve out a spot in your schedule to at least catch Saturday night's finals in Macon. It's something special when five mats are operating simultaneously and the crowd noise lets you know when a dual has taken a dramatic turn.

A few observations from last weekend's state duals:

■ Despite its shortcoming in the final, Dalton's toughness over the past couple weeks speaks volumes about the value of wrestling hard during the holidays. The Catamounts stayed busier than anyone else in the area when it came to live competition during that period — and likely gave just about anyone in the state a good fight in that department — and it paid off with a lineup that was more than battle-tested for postseason duals.

■ Pound for pound, Class 2A duals champion Jefferson is not only one of the best wrestling programs in the state, but one of the best athletic programs in Georgia. The Dragons, who won the first seven Class 1A state duals crowns before moving up this season — they've also won eight consecutive Class 1A traditional titles — had no trouble beating Lovett 49-19 on Saturday. You have to get the job done on the mat, where preparation (or lack thereof) in strength, endurance and technique will be laid bare for everyone to see, but the mental game doesn't escape the Dragons, either. Wrestlers cheered for each other from start to finish, and the intensity of the next Dragon to step on the mat was palpable. They know how to get ready for a big match.

■ Having state duals under one roof has its advantages, but there's room for improvement. As I wrote, the crowd noise lets you know what's going on much of the time, which is good — because it can be hard to find out otherwise. The Centreplex has room for five mats (and more in earlier rounds), but fans are stuck high above in the stands. That's OK, except there's no way for a fan to know what the team score is in a given dual unless he's keeping score from up there, and not everyone's that



Marty Kirkland



Baker

AUTO RACING

Tire testing at Atlanta encouraging

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

HAMPTON — Two days of testing new tires left Greg Biffle optimistic that Atlanta Motor Speedway will be ready for some old-fashioned side-by-side racing in March.

Biffle said he was pushing new Goodyear tires at speeds faster than normal qualifying times on Tuesday and Wednesday, less than one year after Tony Stewart and other drivers were sharply critical of tires provided for the race in Atlanta last March.

Biffle and Juan Pablo Montoya were encouraged that the March 6-8 Kobalt Tools 500 race weekend will produce better racing.

Biffle said the tires "really forced the cars off the race track" at two races in Atlanta last year.

"Most of the cars ran in the middle to the top," Biffle said. "Not many cars ran on the bottom or were that successful on more than five laps."

Biffle, who finished third in the points race last year, said he was able to stay low on turns after 20 laps this week.

"That tire will hook around the bottom of the race track and not just slide off the bottom," he said.

"That's the old Atlanta to me. That's the way it used to be. What we've got so far looks very promising for the race in March."

Stewart finished second last year

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Florida's Nick Calathes (33) tries to shoot between South Carolina's Sam Fredrick, left, and Dominique Archie during the first half of their Southeastern Conference game Wednesday night in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks beat No. 24 Florida, 70-69.

AP PHOTO

Gamecocks upend Gators

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Zam Fredrick's layup as time expired lifted South Carolina to 70-69 victory over No. 24 Florida on Wednesday.

The Gamecocks (13-4, 2-2 SEC) trailed 67-60 with less than three minutes left. Devan Downey, who led South Carolina with 20 points, began the comeback with four straight foul shots and his 3-pointer with 26.5 seconds left cut the lead to 69-67.

After Nick Calathes missed a foul shot, Fredrick had the chance to tie the game as he went to the line with 4.7 seconds to go but missed his second attempt.

Chandler Parsons had the chance to ice it at the line for Florida with 3.3 seconds remaining. He, too, missed the foul shot.

Mike Holmes rebounded the miss, and threw a long pass to the streaking Fredrick who laid the ball in as time expired.

The loss ended the 10-game win streak of Florida (16-3, 3-1). Calathes scored 20 points.

■ **Virginia Tech 78, Wake Forest 71:** At Winston-Salem, N.C., Malcolm Delaney scored 21 points and Virginia Tech stunned No. 1 Wake Forest.

A.D. Vassallo and Jeff Allen added 16 points apiece for the Hokies (12-6, 3-1 ACC). They led nearly from the opening tip to the final buzzer, pushed their lead to 16 and made it stand up for their first victory over a No. 1 team since they beat North Carolina two seasons ago in Blacksburg.

Jeff Teague scored 23 points and James Johnson added 18 before fouling out with 1:17 remaining for Wake Forest (16-1, 3-1).

■ **UConn 89, Villanova 83:** At Hartford,

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PRO FOOTBALL: SUPER BOWL

Leinart can only watch and stay ready

By BOB BAUM

Associated Press Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Matt Leinart is accustomed to attention, with a Heisman Trophy and two national championships at USC.

He is still, the Arizona Cardinals insist, the team's quarterback of the future.

No one knows when that future might be. For now, he's just a backup, preparing to watch the Super Bowl and be ready should anything happen to Kurt Warner, the old guy who beat him out for the starting job and has guided the team to unbelievable heights.

"I know my time is coming," Leinart said. "This year is not what I expected at the beginning, but it's been great. I mean, we're on a Super Bowl run, which is unbelievable. It's a learning experience, that's all it is, and it will make me better."

Leinart has not made any waves about his situation, even in the immediate aftermath of coach Ken Whisenhunt's decision just before the season to make Warner the starter.

Warner went on to a performance rivaling his big years with the St. Louis Rams, cementing Leinart's spot on the bench. The more Leinart sits, the more the perception grows that in his third season he is an NFL bust.

"I've heard everything," he said. "A lot of people doubt me. A lot of people don't think I can play. It doesn't really bother me, truthfully, because if I let it bother me, I will be out of this game quickly. If anything, it just motivates me."

Leinart was 37-2 as a starter at USC, winning the Heisman Trophy and leading the Trojans to the national championship in 2004. Although he might have been the No. 1 pick in the draft that year, he chose to return to school for his senior season. USC advanced to the national title game, but lost to Texas.

The Cardinals were surprised when Leinart was still available when their pick, the 10th overall, came around in the 2006 draft. They grabbed him and considered him their franchise quarterback.

Coach Dennis Green made the left-handed rookie the starter five games into the 2006 season. In 12 games, 11 as a starter, Leinart completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,547 yards and 11 touchdowns, but was intercepted 12 times.

New coach Ken Whisenhunt picked Leinart over Warner as the starter in 2007, but quickly gave the veteran playing time in

an efficient no-huddle offense. Then five games into the season, Leinart got a vicious hit from St. Louis Rams linebacker Will Witherspoon and was sidelined for the season with a broken collarbone.

Warner went on to have a strong year, guiding the team to an 8-8 record, but when the season was over, Whisenhunt said Leinart still was No. 1. But the coach assured Warner he would have the opportunity to win the job, and that's what happened.

Leinart's fate may have been sealed in an awful preseason start at Oakland, where he completed 4 of 12 passes for 24 yards with three interceptions. Two weeks later, Whisenhunt announced his decision.

"It was kind of frustrating in the beginning," Leinart said, "but I've learned a lot, I've become a better player, a better person."

He is trying to shed his image as a big party-goer, and talks about his relationship with his young son Cole.

"I've definitely grown up the last couple of years," Leinart said. "I think it's because of my son, becoming a father, looking at life from a different perspective. It's been a humbling experience, it really has."



AP PHOTO
With Arizona's Kurt Warner at the offensive controls, backup quarterback Matt Leinart is relegated to cheerleader status.

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hardcore when it comes to wrestling fandom — or able to stay in their seat from the beginning to end of a dual. Mini scoreboards kept fans abreast of individual matches' scores and tourney officials did their best to keep updates regular over the public address system, but surely there's a way to post live dual scores somewhere.

It's about the team score, right? Would the GHSA host a basketball tourney where fans watched without knowing the score of a game in progress?

While that improvement would be more about entertainment, another would be for safety. Saturday's championship duals were officiated by two referees per mat, and from what I saw, most did a nice job of "letting wrestlers wrestle," keeping matches moving quickly and keeping the participants safe when action started moving off the mat by physically blocking them.

The last item in that list was especially important because there was no padding beyond the regulation size mats to keep a wrestler from colliding with the cold concrete. While the mats were flush with another and two sides of each had a human barrier in the form of teams watching in folding chairs, the ends were wide open, leaving room for danger. It's an easy problem to fix. There's no reason barrier mats a few feet in width couldn't be in place at next season's state duals.

■ Noah Stokes is known for his presence around Christian Heritage School, where he's a former athletic director, a current football assistant and the head baseball coach, but his day job is done with pencil and charcoal and ink and paint and, sometimes, a computer.

Anyway, he's been showcasing his art in an interesting way of late online at noahstokes.blogspot.com, where since mid-December he has posted a sketch a day of a college football player in numerical order. My favorites so far are a rust-toned picture of No. 3 Joe Montana of Notre Dame (because of its "classic" look), a digital painting of No. 17 Charlie Ward of Florida State (because he's my favorite college football player of all time) and a pencil job of No. 22 Jared Lorenzen of Kentucky (because the big quarterback gave doughboys everywhere hope).

Stokes was self-deprecating enough to send out word of the blog in an e-mail with the subject line "Shameless Self-Promotion," but there's some good work there — certainly worth checking out, whether you're a fan of sports or art or both.

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Drew Smith, from left, Spencer Suddeth and Justin White thumb through scrapbooks Wednesday night just before the Northwest Whitfield football banquet in the school auditorium.

Bruins: Suddeth top lineman

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He has verbally committed to Bowl Championship Subdivision powerhouse Appalachian State, which won three consecutive national championships from 2005-07, compiling an impressive 39-6 record along the way. The Mountaineers reached the 2008 postseason and lost to eventual national champion Richmond in the quarterfinals.

"That's the best offer I had," Baker said of Appy State. "They're the best team in that league (Southern Conference), it was the best choice I had and I took it."

Baker made one visit to Appy State, located in Boone, N.C., and came away impressed with the university, campus, coaches, players and athletic facilities.

"I didn't know much about them before I went up there, only that they beat Michigan (in 2007) and they go for a national championship just about every year," Baker said. "But one visit is all I needed. I left up there on a Sunday and committed the next day."

Dean Haynes, the area's top two-way threat in 2008, will join Baker in signing scholarship papers on Feb. 4, national signing day.

Haynes is going to North Carolina State as a defensive back.

He was selected to the all-area team for the third straight year as a senior, this time as the quarterback after earning spots as a defensive back his sophomore and junior seasons.

Haynes led the area in rushing with 878 yards and 18 touchdowns, passed for 782 yards and three scores, led the area with 121 points scored and was selected as the player of the year.

"My time at Northwest has been great," Haynes said. "I couldn't ask for any more from a high school football career. The season was exciting and we played a lot of

good teams. Our 6-4 record wasn't what we wanted, but most of the players stayed healthy and that's good."

Haynes never missed a game due to injury from the time he started playing as a freshman through his senior year.

"That wasn't luck," he said. "I was blessed. God was watching over me."

Haynes made an official recruiting visit to North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C., last weekend.

"My parents loved it," Haynes said. "They treated us great. The college is huge and the campus is a lot bigger than I thought it was. But it's really nice. I'm ready to go."

Five other Bruins seniors capped their prep careers with all-area selections: athlete Drew Smith, offensive linemen Derek Brown and Spencer Suddeth, defensive lineman Justin Adams and cornerback Romeo Williams. Junior defensive end Nermin Delic also was on the all-area team.

The Bruins won five of their first six games this season, but suffered successive losses against Rome, Sequoyia and Dalton — all three playoff teams from Region 7-4A — to miss the postseason. They concluded the season with a victory over South Paulding.

Bruin Award (Best all-round player) — Dean Haynes; Bob Forester Lineman Award: Spencer Suddeth; Captains — Haynes, Suddeth, Drew Smith, Romeo Williams and Justin White.

Academic Awards — Sophomores: Caleb Smith (94.6 cumulative average), Derek Travisano (96.6); Juniors: Ben Johnson (97.4), Chad Keeter (97.5); Seniors: Drew Allen (94.4), Justin White (94.6).

Future Bruins Awards for Freshmen: Avery Cantrell, Grant Fuller, Kerry McElroy, Cliff Phillips, Nick Sullivan. Lou Crider Award: John McDonald.

Pacquiao-Hatton fight off for now

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Manny Pacquiao's refusal to accept terms already agreed to by his promoter has apparently scuttled the planned May 2 fight between him and British fighter Ricky Hatton.

Promoters for both fighters said Wednesday the fight is off, with little chance of it being revived.

"You never say never, but right now it's off," said Bob Arum, who promotes

Pacquiao. "Hatton's shopping for a new opponent now."

Arum said the original agreement was for the two fighters to split their shares 50-50, with Pacquiao having a \$12 million guarantee. That deal fell through when Pacquiao demanded the bigger percentage, and a new agreement called for him to get 52 percent of the purse.

But Arum said he couldn't get Pacquiao to sign the new deal, and that Hatton's

promoter, Richard Schaefer of Golden Boy Promotions, decided Wednesday to cancel the ongoing preparations for the 140-pound bout.

Pacquiao is coming off a dominating win over Oscar De La Hoya and is considered the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world. Hatton was an attractive opponent because he would bring ticket and pay-per-view sales from England for the fight.

Hoops: MSU upset

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points to lead No. 3 Connecticut past No. 20 Villanova for its sixth straight win.

Jerome Dyson added 19 points and Jeff Adrien had 12 points and 14 rebounds, his fourth double-double in as many games, for the Huskies (17-1, 6-1 Big East).

Dwayne Anderson had 15 points for the Wildcats (14-4, 2-3).

■ **Louisville 78, Rutgers 59:** At Piscataway, N.J., Terrence Williams had 23 points, 11 rebounds and four steals as No. 9 Louisville won its sixth straight game by beating Rutgers.

Playing for the first time since defeating then-No. 1 Pittsburgh on Saturday, the Cardinals (14-3, 5-0) got 15 points apiece from Earl Clark and Samardo Samuels and 10 from Edgar Sosa.

Mike Rosario scored 21 points for Rutgers (9-10, 0-6).

■ **Northwestern 70, Michigan State 63:** At East Lansing, Mich., Kevin Coble scored 31 points and Northwestern stunned No. 7 Michigan State, ending the Spartans' 28-game home-court winning streak, third-longest in the nation.

The Wildcats (10-6, 2-4 Big Ten) used clutch 3-point shooting and an aggressive 1-3-1 zone to beat turnover-plagued Michigan State.

Kalin Lucas led the Spartans (15-3, 5-1) with 20 points.

■ **Xavier 84, St. Bonaventure 64:** At Olean, N.Y., C.J. Anderson scored 15 points and No. 15 Xavier, off to the second-best start in school history, beat St. Bonaventure.

Backup guard Brad Redford hit his first three 3-point attempts to spark a decisive first-half run and finished with 14 points for Xavier (16-2, 5-0 Atlantic 10).

■ **LSU 81, Miss. State 57:** At Baton Rouge, La., Marcus Thornton scored 31 points as LSU extended its homecourt winning streak to 17 games with a victory against Mississippi State.

The victory enabled the Tigers (15-3, 3-1) to move into a tie with the Bulldogs (13-6, 3-1) for first place in the SEC West.

Mississippi State's loss ended a five-game winning streak.

LSU lost most of its 13-point first-half lead in the first couple of minutes after halftime.

Then, Thornton took over by scoring 17 points in a four-minute span. Thornton knocked down four 3-pointers as the Tigers outscored Mississippi State 22-7.

Tasmin Mitchell scored 24 points for LSU. Jarvis Varnado led the Bulldogs with 18 points.

Mitchell and Thornton combined for 27 points to carry LSU in the first half.

■ **Davidson 83, Furman 43:** At Davidson, N.C., Stephen Curry scored 30 points and Davidson remained undefeated in the Southern Conference by beating Furman.

Will Archambault added 13 points for the Wildcats (15-3, 8-0), who led by as many as 49 points.

Curry, the nation's leading scorer at 29.1 points per game, also had five assists and five steals for Davidson.

Justin Dehm scored 12 points for Furman.

Tests: Going well

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but called the Goodyear racing tire I've ever been on in my professional career."

Atlanta Motor Speedway President Ed Clark said Wednesday his track "is not the easiest track surface to develop tires for."

"I don't think it's any secret there were some issues here last March," Clark said.

Testing this week came in unusually cold temperatures which helped the tires grip the track. Biffle said the cold weather helped the cars run faster and "actually produce higher tire wear than normal conditions."

"They've got a left-side compound and construction

that puts a lot of drive-ability back in the car," Biffle said.

Biffle said he ran a lap Wednesday morning in 29.50 seconds, about a half-second faster than last year's pole-winning pace.

"So it was very, very fast," he said. "Faster than qualifying speeds. That is a lot of punishment on a tire and this tire seemed like it was holding up very well."

Montoya also was encouraged, though he warned the tires will slip more in warmer weather.

"I think the setup when we come back will be very different," Montoya said, adding in this week's testing "a lot of times we're running stupidly fast, it's like qualifying time with every lap."

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The 11-12-year-old Westside Chill won the Southeast Christmas tournament. Members of the team are front row, left to right, Erin Orem, Kim Jade Wycherley and Analeigh Hopkins. Second row, Ashley Watts, McKenzie Kierce, Jacey Hull, Hannah Locke and Leah Frye. Not pictured, Amy Baker and Megan Collins.

PRO BASKETBALL

Allen scores 27 in Celtics' win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Eddie House scored 20 points — more than he'd managed in any game this season — in the second quarter, finishing with 25 and the Boston Celtics ran their winning streak to six games by downing the Miami Heat 98-83 on Wednesday night.

Ray Allen scored a game-high 27 for the Celtics, who were a season-high 15-for-25 from 3-point range. It matched the most 3's ever allowed by the Heat in their 21 seasons. Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 13 rebounds, while Paul Pierce added 14 points for Boston.

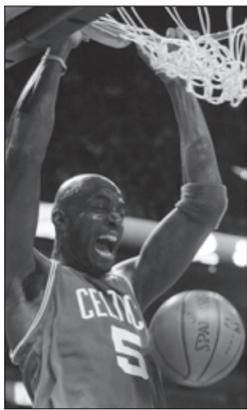
Dwyane Wade accepted his NBA player of the month award for December at halftime, under less-than-ideal circumstances — his team trailed 57-34. Wade finished with 25 points and Michael Beasley added 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami.

■ **Bobcats 101, Grizzlies 86:** At Charlotte, N.C., Raja Bell scored 25 points, Emeka Okafor added 20 points and 15 rebounds and Charlotte continued its improved play in a win over Memphis.

Raymond Felton added 19 points and Gerald Wallace had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Bobcats, who have won four of five games and 10 of 17.

They had to work to send the Grizzlies to their seventh straight loss, finally pulling away in the fourth quarter despite Rudy Gay's 26 points.

■ **Pistons 95, Raptors 76:** At Auburn Hills, Mich., Tayshaun Prince scored 12 of his 25 points in the third quarter, helping Detroit pull away from



AP PHOTO
Boston's Kevin Garnett dunks against Miami in first-quarter action on Wednesday in Miami.

Toronto. Prince's play overshadowed the story of the game.

The Pistons used Richard Hamilton as a reserve after the All-Star shooting guard started his first 611 games, including the playoffs, in his seven seasons with the team.

Detroit coach Michael Curry inserted 6-foot-9 forward Amir Johnson in place of Hamilton and kept superstar Allen Iverson in the starting lineup.

Chris Bosh had 19 points for the Raptors, who have lost seven straight.

■ **Knicks 114, Suns 109:** At New York, Nate Robinson made up for a momentum-shifting technical foul with 20 points and Tim Thomas scored all 10 of his points in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter as New York defeated Phoenix.

The Knicks held Shaquille O'Neal to just one field goal in the second half after he had 18 points in the first.

David Lee led the Knicks with 25 points.

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity swimming
Dalton at Baylor, 5:15
Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield boys at Dalton, 6
Middle school basketball
Christian Heritage tournament
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 basketball
Murray County at Gilmer, 10 a.m.
Cartersville boys at Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.
Junior varsity wrestling
Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Heritage-Catoosa tournament
Freshman basketball
Murray County at Gilmer, 10 a.m.
Cartersville boys at Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.
Middle school basketball
Christian Heritage tournament
Girls consolation, 10 a.m.
Boys consolation, 11 a.m.
Girls championship, noon
Boys championship, 1

TELEVISION

On Today

EXTREME SPORTS
9 p.m.
ESPN — Winter X Games, at Aspen, Colo.

GOLF
3 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Bob Hope Classic, second round, at La Quinta, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN — West Virginia at Georgetown
ESPN2 — Purdue at Minnesota
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — St. Mary's, Calif. at San Diego
FSN — UCLA at Washington St.
11 p.m.
FSN — Southern Cal at Washington

NBA BASKETBALL

8:15 p.m.
TNT — Boston at Orlando
10:30 p.m.
TNT — Washington at L.A. Lakers

TENNIS

11 p.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia
3:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
FSN — Vanderbilt at Georgia

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Arizona 30, Atlanta 24
San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT

Sunday, Jan. 4
Baltimore 27, Miami 9
Philadelphia 26, Minnesota 14

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10
Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10
Arizona 33, Carolina 13

Sunday, Jan. 11
Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 11

SCOREBOARD

Pittsburgh 35, San Diego 24

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)

Pro Bowl

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

HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
New Jersey 29 15 3 61 145 118
N.Y. Rangers 28 16 4 60 127 125
Philadelphia 25 12 9 59 151 137
Pittsburgh 23 21 4 50 144 146
N.Y. Islanders 13 29 5 31 115 164

Northwest Division
Boston 34 8 5 73 168 106
Montreal 27 13 6 60 145 127
Buffalo 24 18 5 53 135 133
Toronto 17 22 8 42 136 168
Ottawa 16 21 7 39 108 129

Southeast Division
Washington 30 15 3 63 153 138
Carolina 23 20 5 51 121 142
Florida 21 17 8 50 129 132
Tampa Bay 16 21 10 42 121 145
Atlanta 17 26 5 39 144 172

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
Detroit 31 9 6 68 173 133
Chicago 25 11 8 58 152 112
Columbus 22 20 4 48 125 128
Nashville 20 23 3 43 111 134
St. Louis 18 23 4 40 131 149

Northwest Division
Calgary 27 14 4 58 141 134
Edmonton 24 19 3 51 132 138
Vancouver 22 19 7 51 137 137
Minnesota 23 20 3 49 117 107
Colorado 23 22 1 47 126 134

Pacific Division
San Jose 34 6 5 73 160 108
Phoenix 24 19 5 53 126 139
Anaheim 23 21 5 51 136 137
Dallas 20 18 7 47 130 152
Los Angeles 18 20 7 43 111 126

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

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 2, Anaheim 1
New Jersey 5, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3
Dallas 4, Florida 1
Boston 4, Toronto 3, SO
Tampa Bay 5, Buffalo 3
St. Louis at Chicago, late
Los Angeles at Colorado, late
Columbus at Calgary, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Montreal, 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
Boston 35 9 7.95 —
Philadelphia 20 21 4.88 13 1/2
New Jersey 19 23 4.52 15
New York 17 24 4.15 16 1/2
Toronto 16 28 3.64 19

Southeast Division
Orlando 33 8 8.05 —
Atlanta 25 16 6.10 8
Miami 22 19 5.37 11
Charlotte 17 25 4.05 16 1/2
Washington 8 32 2.00 24 1/2

Central Division
Cleveland 31 8 7.95 —
Detroit 24 17 5.85 8

Milwaukee 21 24 4.67 13
Chicago 18 25 4.19 15
Indiana 15 27 3.57 17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division
San Antonio 28 13 6.83 —
New Orleans 26 13 6.67 1
Houston 26 16 6.19 2 1/2
Dallas 24 18 5.71 4 1/2
Memphis 11 30 2.68 17

Northwest Division
Denver 28 15 6.51 —
Portland 25 16 6.10 2
Utah 25 17 5.95 2 1/2
Minnesota 13 27 3.25 13 1/2
Oklahoma City 8 34 1.90 19 1/2

Pacific Division
L.A. Lakers 32 8 8.00 —
Phoenix 23 17 5.75 9
Golden State 13 29 3.10 20
Sacramento 10 32 2.38 23
L.A. Clippers 9 31 2.25 23

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 101, Memphis 86
Boston 98, Miami 83
New York 114, Phoenix 109
Detroit 95, Toronto 76
Milwaukee 133, Dallas 99
New Orleans 102, New Jersey 92
Utah at Houston, late
Washington at Sacramento, late
Cleveland at Portland, late
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, late
Oklahoma City at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Boston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

College Results

EAST
Bucknell 71, Lafayette 61
Buffalo 64, Kent St. 53
Colgate 58, Lehigh 45
Connecticut 89, Villanova 83
Hofstra 54, William & Mary 44
La Salle 79, Penn 70
Louisville 78, Rutgers 59
N.J. Tech 61, Bryant 51
Navy 74, Holy Cross 68
Northeastern 58, George Mason 57
Saint Joseph's 99, Duquesne 98, OT
Xavier 84, St. Bonaventure 64

SOUTH
Alabama 76, Mississippi 73
Charlotte 69, Massachusetts 64, OT
Coll. of Charleston 88, Appalachian St. 80
Davidson 83, Furman 43
James Madison 70, Towson 59
LSU 81, Mississippi St. 57
Marshall 53, SMU 50
Md.-Eastern Shore 73, N.C. Central 58
Miami 75, Florida St. 69
Nicholls St. 63, Cent. Arkansas 42
Old Dominion 87, UNC Wilmington 57
Presbyterian 72, Gardner-Webb 60
Richmond 78, Rhode Island 75
SE Louisiana 52, McNeese St. 49
South Carolina 70, Florida 69
UCF 73, Southern Miss. 61
VMI 87, Radford 72
Va. Commonwealth 65, Georgia St. 50
Virginia Tech 78, Wake Forest 71

MIDWEST
Missouri St. 65, Drake 44
Northwestern 70, Michigan St. 63
S. Illinois 58, Indiana St. 47

SOUTHWEST
Houston 85, East Carolina 67
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 89, Lamar 71
Texas-Arlington 67, Stephen F. Austin 52

SPORTS BRIEFS

Snipes ties for 6th in junior tourney

Will Snipes of Dalton, who plays high school golf for McCallie in Chattanooga, participated in the first Carolinas/Georgia Junior Championship at North Augusta, S.C., over the weekend.

Snipes shot rounds of 73 and 73 for 146 and finished tied for sixth place, seven shots behind winner Clark Palmer of Augusta. Palmer shot 69 and 70 for 139 and won by three shots over Michael Marshburn of Cary, N.C.

Ex-Falcon Dronett found dead at home

ATLANTA — Shane Dronett, who played 10 years in the NFL and started every game for the Atlanta Falcons' 1998 Super Bowl team, was found dead at his home on Wednesday. He was 38.

According to a statement from the Gwinnett County police department, officers were called to Dronett's home near Atlanta on Wednesday morning in response to a possible suicide.

Flyers' Niitymaki owns Thrashers

PHILADELPHIA — Antero Niitymaki made 28 saves to improve to 12-0 against Atlanta, and Mike Knuble scored twice in the Philadelphia Flyers' 5-3 victory over the Thrashers on Wednesday night.

Niitymaki is one of only two active goalies with a perfect mark in at least 10 decisions against one team. Detroit's Chris Osgood is 17-0 against Tampa Bay.

Nationals lower prices on tickets

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals lowered individual-sale ticket prices on 14,000 seats for 2009 after ranking near the bottom of the National League in attendance.

The team didn't raise prices on any of the 41,888 seats in Nationals Park.

— Staff, AP

Perez has 61, Classic lead

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Pat Perez shot a 61 on Wednesday to take the lead in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic on a warm, still day in the desert resort area when his sparkling 11-under round was only good enough for a one-shot lead.

With playing conditions ideal, Mike Weir and Bubba Watson opened the five-day tournament with 62s, and six players were another shot behind on the leaderboard.

Perez's round was just two shots off the PGA Tour record of 59, last matched by David Duval in the final round of his 1998 victory on the same Palmer Course.

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TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Safin, Federer ready for a rematch

BY DENNIS PASSA

Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Marat Safin arrived in Australia a few weeks ago sporting cuts and bruises from a Moscow fight.

He appears to have recovered from his wounds, moving into the third round of the Australian Open and a match against the man he beat en route to his 2005 title, Roger Federer.

With the dark bruise under his right eye now a distant memory — he gave few details on his rumble in Russia other than to say he won the fight — Safin defeated Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 Wednesday.

Four years ago, Safin beat Federer in five sets in the Australian Open semifinal, saving one match point and prevailing 9-7 in the fifth. One of only four players to beat Federer that year, Safin went on to beat Lleyton Hewitt in the final for his second career Grand Slam title after the 2000 U.S. Open.

Federer beat another Russian, Evgeny Korolev, in the second round Wednesday, setting up a Melbourne Park rematch against Safin, who, plagued by knee ailments over the past two years, has said this will likely be his last season on tour.

Federer has defeated Safin in nine of 11 meetings, with the Russian's win on carpet in Moscow in 2002 the only other time outside Australia he's beaten the Swiss star.

"We know each other pretty well — he knows how to play against



AP PHOTO

Switzerland's Roger Federer makes a return to Russian Evgeny Korlev during their singles match Wednesday in the second round of the Australian Open in Melbourne.

me, I know how to play against him," Safin said.

"Unfortunately I haven't won a lot of matches against him. I'm going to go for it. Whatever comes, comes."

Safin's personal life might be explained along the same lines. He's always had a colorful off-court persona, seen frequently in the company of female friends, and more frequently than not, seems in party mode.

On court, he's been pinged for racket throwing and uttering obscenities, fines that might be more frequent and more costly had chair umpires and Grand Prix

supervisors understood the language he was speaking.

He did nothing to alter that image when he arrived in Perth, Western Australia, on Jan. 3 for the Hopman Cup mixed teams tournament, representing Russia with his sister, Dinara Safina.

With cuts on his arms and face and a shiner under his eye, he looked like he'd just been in a fight.

After Russia's opening match, he first joked in an on-court TV interview that the facial injuries came from "working out hard," but then elaborated, slightly: "I got in trouble in Moscow."

At a later press conference, Safin admitted getting into a fight a week earlier in the Russian capital.

"It's OK. I can survive," Safin said. "Just some small problem that I wasn't in the right place at the right time. Yes, I won the fight. I'm good, I'm OK."

He and Safina played well but lost the Hopman Cup final to Slovakia. A few days later he pulled out of an exhibition tournament at Kooyong in Melbourne.

Safin, who beat another Spaniard, Ivan Navarro, in straight sets in the first round, says neck and shoulder soreness that forced

him out of Kooyong is no longer bothering him, setting things up nicely for the Federer rematch.

"Every time I play against him, I have very close matches," he said.

Safin's memory is good. In those nine losses to Federer, two came at Wimbledon the past two years, both straight-set losses involving tiebreaker sets. In 2004, they played a second-set tiebreaker at the Tennis Masters Cup that Federer won 20-18, giving him the match.

Federer said Wednesday that he and Safin have "fought some battles."

"We had the epic in 2005," he said on court following his second-round win.

"I think it's going to be a great match," he added, regretting it had to be in the third round. "I guess it's a pity in some way, but we've got a chance to play some great tennis."

Safin was asked to compare how their lives have changed since 2005, and it's hands-down in favor of Federer.

He's won nine of his 13 Grand Slam singles titles since, while Safin has none.

"His life changed, didn't go too bad," Safin says, smiling slightly at the understatement.

"He won a couple of Grand Slams ... and me, I got injured. I had to recover from the injuries, so we went in different ways. I want to be in his shoes."

He'll have another chance on Friday.

"I'm looking forward," Safin said. "I have nothing to worry about."

CYCLING

Comeback has been fun for champ

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADELAIDE, Australia — Lance Armstrong says his comeback to cycling will last at least a year.

Beyond that, the seven-time Tour de France champion isn't sure. It all depends on age, health and his campaign to raise cancer awareness.

But as he rides in the Tour Down Under and nowhere near the lead, this much is clear: He's having a good time.

"The comeback, so to speak, is at least a year," he said. "It's not three or four, I don't think, but it could be two years. I've got to get through the first part of this season and then decide."

"There are other things, like my health and how (cancer awareness) campaign unfolds."

The 37-year-old Texan is aiming for another Tour de France crown and said he has no reason to reconsider the

wisdom of his comeback after completing two stages of this race. He rode 90 miles in fierce heat Tuesday and another 92 miles in cooler weather Wednesday. The event ends Sunday.

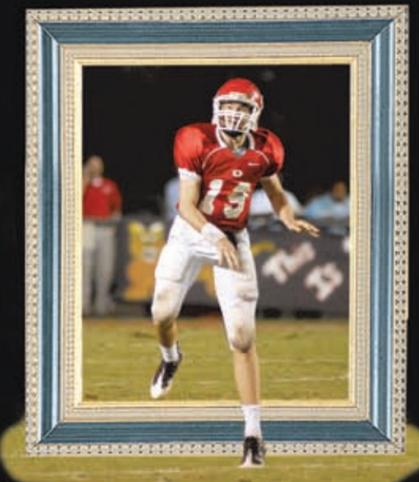
"I came in fairly open minded," he said. "I didn't know what to expect in terms of the crowds and the reaction and my condition in the race."

Armstrong finished 45th Wednesday, 13 seconds behind the stage winner.

Lance Armstrong isn't sure about his cycling comeback past one year. It depends on several factors, including his health.

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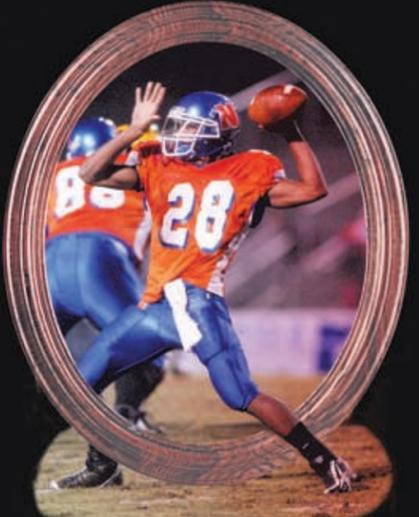
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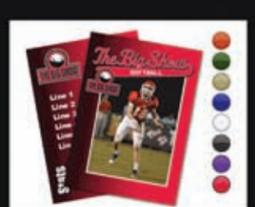
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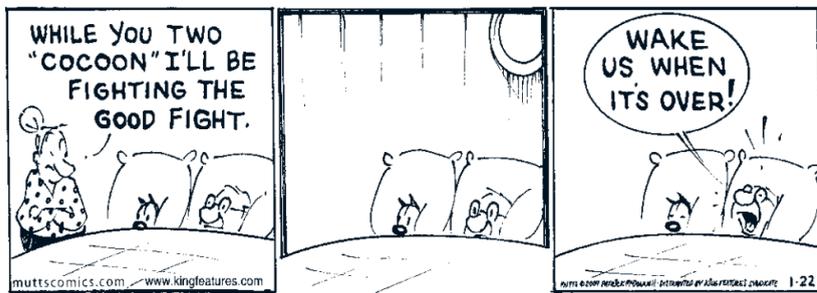




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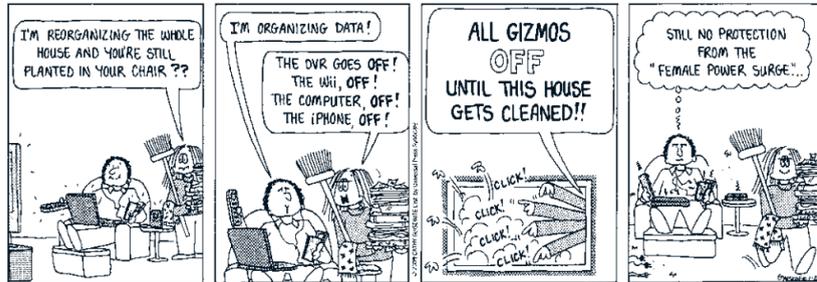
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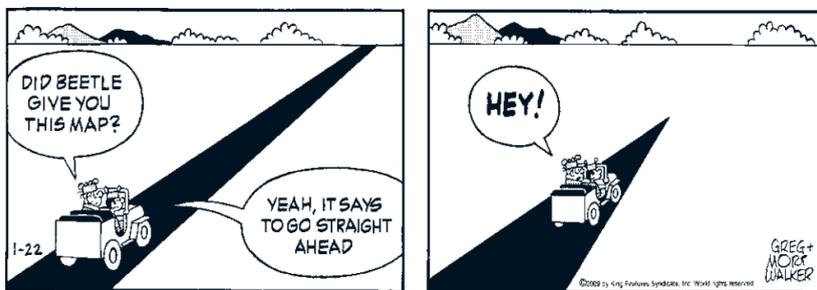
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DEAR ABBY

Middle child learns to be self-sufficient

DEAR ABBY: Like "Middle Child in Hackensack, N.J." (Nov. 4), I am a middle child. I have an older brother and a younger sister, and I, too, felt my siblings were favored.

When I was younger, it seemed I was blamed for everything and got nothing from my parents. I am 20 now, and realize that my parents actually gave me a lot.

Because they never spent the money on me that they did on my siblings, I have worked since I was 16 to get what I want, and I've learned how to manage my money. I understand sharing better than they do because I've always had to let my little sister use and borrow my things.

"Middle Child" is not alone. I believe many parents with three kids act this way, although not consciously. Don't resent your family members for this because they do love and care about you.

DEAR HAPPY: You are a thoughtful, wise and mature 20-year-old, and I thank you for your letter. I advised "Middle Child" that she should also turn her frustration into an effort to excel at something.

side it. Read on for comments from other middle children:

DEAR ABBY: Some parents do favor one child over another, but most try hard not to let it affect how they treat their children. That girl's parents may not realize they are acting differently.



Jeanne Phillips

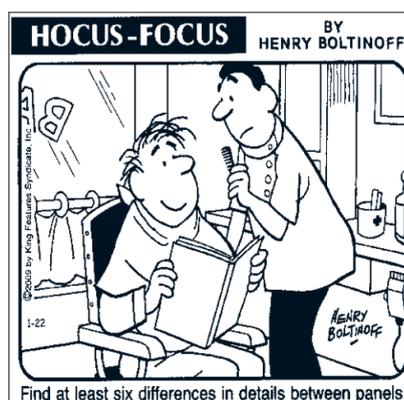
As a child, I often felt disregarded. This was news to my parents, and we all learned to readjust how we dealt with each other.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle child. Both my siblings were treated better by my mother than I was. Dad tried to make up some of the difference, and it is no surprise that I am closer to him than either of my siblings.

The girl in Hackensack should speak to her school counselor or her religious adviser. Because of my situation I now have a very close relationship with a woman my mother's age, and she has filled in a lot of the gaps left by my mom.

Finding someone to talk to makes it a lot easier to get through until you are out on your own. My relationship with my friends has kept me going. And time does help.

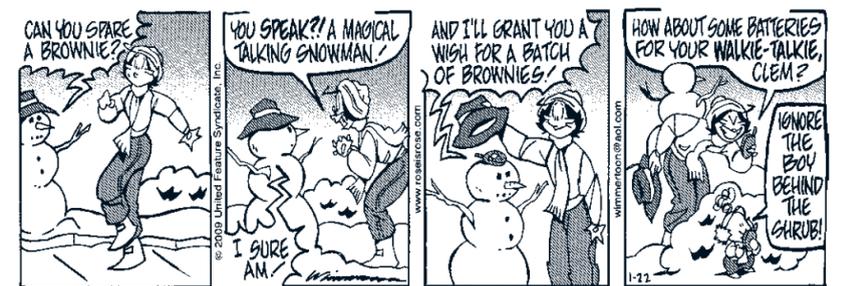
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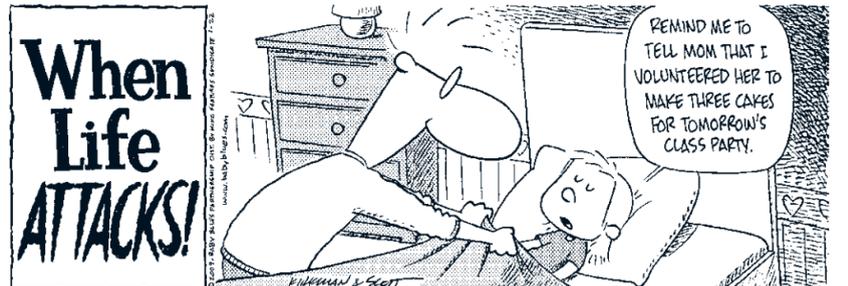
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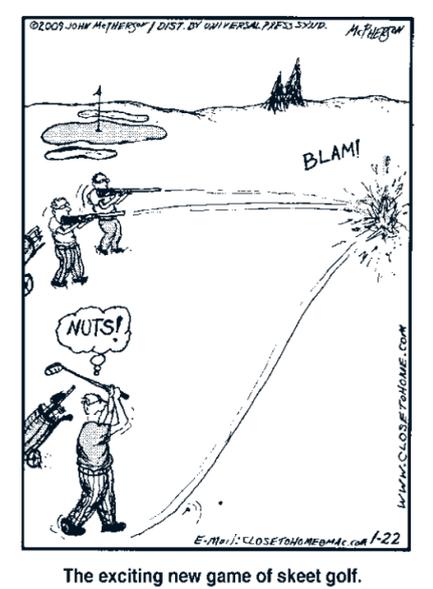
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BRIDGE

Cards always tell a story

Let's say that in a given hand your partner opens the bidding one spade, to which you respond one notrump, and that he next bids four spades. It is certainly reasonable to assume that your partner has more than four or five spades. True, this is only an inference — anything is possible in the abstract sense. But your reasoning should not be based on the assumption that your partner is on an outing from the local booby hatch. Applying this everyday principle to the present hand, South should assume, from East's opening four-heart bid and West's opening lead of a spade, that West does not have a heart to lead. When South wins the spade lead with the ace and East plays the king, South can also logically conclude that East started with the singleton king or the K-Q doubleton. When declarer then ruffs a spade at trick two and East shows out, South confirms that West started with seven spades. When declarer next draws three rounds of trumps, he learns that West started with two clubs. This enables him to conclude that West's original distribution was 7-0-4-2. Accordingly, South cashes the ace of diamonds, then overtakes the queen with the king and leads the ten of diamonds, discarding a heart. West takes the diamond with the jack and leads the queen of spades, on which South again discards a heart. West then has no choice but to return a spade or a diamond, allowing declarer to discard his last heart on one of dummy's established winners, so South makes five clubs. In actuality, declarer does nothing really miraculous to make the contract; he merely takes advantage of the inferences that are available from both the bidding and the subsequent play.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL A GRITTY WAFFLE THAT COMES FROM CALIFORNIA? A SAN DIEGO SANDY EGGO.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals Y

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: There is a lot to be grateful for and even more to consider regarding your future. This is not the time sit back and see what unfolds. Be aggressive and decisive and take control of your life. It's forward motion that will win you the help, respect and confidence of the people you care about most. Your numbers are 2, 18, 20, 24, 33, 38, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a closer look at a potential partnership. If what's being offered doesn't complement and compensate you fairly, go it alone. Past experience should caution you. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just because someone doesn't want to do things your way doesn't mean you should follow his or her plans. If you think you have a better way, go for it. An unusual money deal will be profitable. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone from your past will make a difference in your life now. You will discover new ways of doing things by watching closely how someone else handles situations. A partnership may have some kinks to work out. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some extra money with a little sideline business of your own. There is a deal to seal if you move fast. A love relationship will take a unique twist, leading to greater security. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you let your feelings take over you may make a mistake you'll regret. Making unreal promises or overspending will be your downfall. You will experience delays and mishaps while traveling, so stay put if possible. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The fewer people you let know your plans, the easier it will be for you to

complete them. Don't be surprised if someone you know well makes last-minute changes that leave you in limbo. Be prepared to act fast and make any compensation required to continue. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid trouble or anyone who is causing you grief. There will be opportunity to have some fun but only if you get out with positive people who will motivate you to walk away from any negativity in your life. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be polite but don't let what everyone else is suggesting

lead you to lose sight of your goals. You have a game plan and, although it may take a little longer, it's what works for you. Love can take a positive turn. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be discouraged by someone who doesn't have the vision you do. Rely on your experience, ideas and imagination and you will come up with ideas that will utilize your skills and strengths and lead to success. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There are too many factors you will not be aware of to make a good decision regarding money, health or a legal concern. Ask questions but, if you don't get answers, keep digging. Time is on your side. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a unique approach to everything you do today and you will get the interest and support you need to move forward. Make the adjustment that will improve your life and the relationships you have with others. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional issues are likely to surface. Be prepared to act fast but fairly. A partnership can help to ease your stress and add to your progress if you handle the initial stages of your agreement properly. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

Obama's was first true Internet inauguration

By Matt Hartley
Toronto Globe and Mail

President Barack Obama was still standing on the steps of the Capitol Building when the clocks struck 12:01 p.m. in Washington Tuesday, ushering in his presidency. At that very moment, his administration took control of the White House and its official website, kicking off a new digital age for the U.S. government.

"Millions of Americans have powered President Obama's journey to the White House, many taking advantage of the Internet to play a role in shaping our country's future," Macon Phillips, director of new media for the White House, wrote in the site's first official blog post.

The site "will serve as a place for the president and his administration to connect with the rest of the nation and the world," Phillips wrote.

Just as Obama's campaign used the Internet in new ways to organize supporters and raise funds, millions of onlookers turned to social networks and other online tools to soak up every last iota of detail of the 44th President's inauguration ceremony.

When George W. Bush took his second oath of office in 2005, social-networking sites MySpace and Facebook were in their infancy, populated mostly by teenagers and college students. Although some media outlets streamed the proceedings through their websites, the results were unsatisfying and sparse.

The world watched yes-



AP PHOTO

Amanda Raflo watches the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama online while studying at a coffee shop in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday.

terday as the first true Internet inauguration unfolded.

As Obama began his speech, 12 million people were accessing news content every second, according to Akamai Technologies, a U.S. firm that helps media companies meet visitor demand on their websites.

Akamai noted that worldwide Internet traffic spiked to levels 54 percent above normal — 60 percent higher in North America — as the inauguration kicked off.

CNN reported that nearly 14 million people tuned in to the proceedings through its live Web video feed, easily topping its previous record of 5.3 million hits set on election night in November.

Through an integration deal with Facebook, CNN also allowed users to update their status through the news channel's site as they watched events in Washington.

An average of 4,000 users updated their status every minute, with more than 8,500 posting new updates the minute Obama began his speech. In total, Facebook reported 1.5 million status updates through the CNN portal alone.

Obama's official Facebook fan page received a deluge of visitors, pushing the number of fans on his profile to more than 4 million and swelling the comment section to more than half a million posts. His

MySpace page now features more than one million "friends."

By last night, more than 40,000 photos of the events on Capitol Hill tagged with the word "inauguration" were posted to Yahoo Inc.'s photo-sharing site, Flickr.

Twitter — which didn't even exist the last time a president was sworn in — experienced a flurry of activity as millions of users in Washington and around the world posted their thoughts on the inauguration. A post on the company's website said the micro-blogging service saw five times the average number of messages posted every second, causing a delay of up to five minutes at times.

FBI didn't keep tabs on Carlin's 7 words

By John Rogers
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Talk about irony. George Carlin spent decades pushing the bounds of free speech by saying the seven words you can never say on television, but not one of them made it into an FBI file on him.

Among the 12 pages in a file recently released by Carlin's family are a couple of letters from outraged citizens who complained that the comedian had made fun of the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, during TV appearances in 1969 and 1970.

There's also a letter from Hoover himself thanking one of Carlin's critics for defending his honor, and an internal FBI memo that quotes the director as asking: "What do we know of Carlin?"

Not much, as it turned out. The memo notes the FBI has "no data concerning Carlin" other than the two letters from his critics.

"Which kind of disappoints me," laughed Carlin's daughter, Kelly Carlin McCall, who provided the file to The Associated Press. "It doesn't really cover any of his more radical 1970s stuff."

Carlin was arrested following a performance in Milwaukee in 1972 for saying the seven words (none of which can be reprinted here).

The following year the Federal Communications Commission reprimanded New York radio station WBAI for airing his "filthy words" routine, triggering a legal battle that resulted in a landmark 1978 Supreme Court rul-



George Carlin

ing upholding the government's right to determine indecency.

Carlin, who died of a heart attack last June at 71, obtained the file years ago through a Freedom of Information Act request, McCall said.

Richard Belzer read from some of it when Carlin was posthumously awarded the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in a ceremony that will be broadcast on PBS stations Feb. 4.

After Carlin's death, the FBI answered FOIA requests from the AP with a form letter saying the bureau had no file on him. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said this week she was checking on the contradiction.

The two FBI memos Carlin's daughter provided both stated the bureau's files "contain no information identifiable with Carlin." They also indicate that investigators didn't find the comedian particularly amusing.

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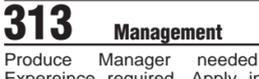
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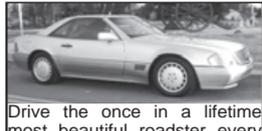


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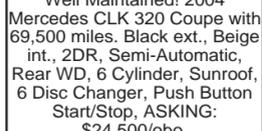
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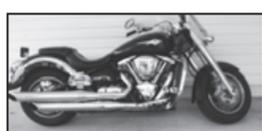
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