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Switching to digital

Analog-only TVs will need converters for over-the-air channels

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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If you watch much TV, you've probably seen the informational "crawls" across your screen that the country will switch to digital signals starting Feb. 17. But just what does that mean?

Put simply, over-the-air channels — the ones you can get for free — will switch from analog to digital signals. That should mean cleaner, better pictures for viewers, though digital and high-definition TV aren't the same thing. But it also means older analog-only TVs won't be able to get those channels any more.

Congress may vote this week to delay the switch, but it will happen eventually.

"If you are with a cable system, you are fine. You shouldn't have to worry about anything. If you are with a satellite system, you should be fine. This really only affects those true over-the-air viewers," said Tracye McCarthy, general manager of WDSI-TV Fox 61 in Chattanooga. "They are going to need to make some sort of adjust-

ment. They are going to need to get a converter box. They don't have to get a new television. The converter boxes will make the switch for you. The converter boxes are just for the old TVs that aren't digital ready."

Those boxes are available in most electronics stores and generally cost \$40 to \$80. The federal government had a program that provided each household with two \$40 coupons to buy converter boxes but the program ran out of money earlier this month.

Congress is currently looking at adding new funding to that program, and President Barack Obama has asked Congress to delay the conversion to give people more time to get ready. There have already been bills introduced to extend the deadline to June 12, though stations may switch earlier if they wish.

The switch will not affect low-power stations such as Dalton's WDNN and WDGA.

"We are not mandated. In fact the (Federal Communications

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Barry Cox, a sales associate at the Radio Shack at Walnut Square Mall, plugs wires into a digital converter box.



LIBRARY DEDICATED

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Martha Sue Burnett, from left, of Dalton, speak to Joann Anderson Warmack and Turner Warmack, who donated money to the Chatsworth-Murray County Library's new Anderson & Anderson History Room, which was dedicated Sunday. See the story on page 3A.

Police investigate stabbing

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dalton Police investigators believe Waldo James Lopez knew the man he allegedly stabbed and killed on Friday night at a residence off North Hamilton Street, a spokesman said Sunday evening.

Lopez, 43, of 612 Chattanooga Ave., and the victim, whose name is not being released pending notification of next of kin, were at a "gathering" at 1006 Dude Street when a "fight broke out," according to a news release from the Dalton Police Department.

Lopez was charged with felony murder for allegedly stabbing the victim, a white male from Dalton, in the chest with a knife, according to jail reports and Dalton Police spokesman Bruce Fraizer.

Frazier said Sunday he isn't sure how Lopez and the victim knew each other or what the fight was about.

Officers with the Dalton Police Department responded to a disturbance call around 6 p.m. Friday to find the victim "on the front porch bleeding heavily," the release states. "The officers called for paramedics and administered first aid, but the victim died on scene," it states.

Dalton Police officers and detectives are still investigating the crime.

Proposed cuts singe forest commission

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press Writer

LOCUST GROVE, Ga. — The massive forest fire that cut a 780-square-mile swath through south Georgia two years ago was an enduring lesson to firefighters in Georgia who, most years, deal with blazes just a fraction of that size.

To prepare for the next big blaze, the Georgia Forestry Commission hired investigators to target arson fires plaguing the state, pushed for stiffer criminal penalties and urged communities to create community fire safety plans.

But the commission, along with most other state agencies, must now balance its expanded mission amid deepening budget cuts. Gov. Sonny Perdue's spending plan proposes cutting the commission's budget by \$5.5 million to help meet the \$2.2 billion spending deficit.

The 14 percent proposed cuts

are not unusual, as state agencies across the board are facing sharp slashes to their funding. And the commission, like other state agencies, will likely have to make more tough decisions as it struggles to meet its duties as the funding withers away.

The commission plans to cut 18 unfilled positions, close four offices and hike fees on a host of its programs aimed at landowners. And it also might have to scale back its reforestation program if it can't raise more revenue.

"It makes it more difficult to do our jobs," said Robert Farris, the commission's director. "But we're focused on coming up with the things that have the least impact."

The 2007 fires, it's safe to say, shook Georgia firefighters and forest officials to their core.

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AP PHOTO

Fire Ranger Greg Water ignites a prescribed burn Jan 21, in Locus Grove, Ga.

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"Christian pro lifer, if you're not pregnant it doesn't apply to you."

Editor's note: Then why should they have to fund it?

"You shouldn't criticize the woman with the five kids unless you've walked a few miles in her moccasins."

"Saxby Chambliss was a big supporter of the bailout. I wonder how much he got to redecorate his bathroom."

"Anybody who wishes Obama fails is wishing America fails. They are no better than a terrorist."

"I wish Obama's first priorities were about the economy. Instead his first were turning loose inmates at Guantanamo Bay and signing a bill to make it legal to kill babies. I hope all of you who voted for him are happy now."

Editor's note: No prisoners were released from Guantanamo. They are to be shipped to other locations.

"It is ridiculous how every big business is coming forward for money to plug their shortfalls."

"I am a school bus driver. After many other jobs over the years I've finally found a job that makes my heart sing."

"Obama's economic recovery has started — more money for abortions."

"I wish the people who complain about the people who complain on the forum would stop complaining."

"Safe roads are a lot more important than ball fields."

"We got our roads paved in Westside. We're getting a ball field. Now if we could just get a high school, we'll be doing all right."

"Thanks to the First Methodist Church for all they did on their recent trip. It's amazing to see what can be done when people get together to help."

"The comment about Obama being sent back to Kenya was unnecessary, prejudiced and redneckish."

"All the people who defend those three perverts who slaughtered their trusting pet need a lesson in animal bonding. My pets are part of the family and we don't slaughter family."

"It is a pity that President Obama plans to use U.S. tax dollars to fund overseas abortions when we are facing a \$10 trillion national debt."

"Our country is now an Obamination."

"I am delighted to see that Obama's first move is to give U.S. money to fund foreign abortions."

"Cut all government salaries. No bonuses. The country would have plenty of bailout money then."

"Only 1,456 days to go."

"Why can't people at Dalton State express their opinion on abortion?"

"Whoever said Obama was going to be the first catastrophic president must have been asleep the last eight years."

"It's not enough that this economy is in the toilet and people are losing their homes and jobs. Every company out there is trying to take advantage by raising their rates on everything."

"Because of Obama, our tax money is going to be sent overseas to pay for abortions."

"Don't let a two thousand dollar lawnmower drive you crazy. It was once said, 'Small things bother small people.'"

"Parents, you are responsible for taking your children to a Bible believing, Bible preaching church, not to a social event."

"Since Obama has OK'd using our tax money to pay for abortions and the cells of living fetuses to be used for research, expect God to remove His blessing and protection from America. Our troubles have just begun."

"Attorney Jim Phillips was recently seen at Walmart on Shugart Road. Great to hear that he's out and about."

"Abortion is murder. It's worse than three men killing a dog."

"Mr. Obama promised us change. Well, folks if things keep going the way they're going, that's all we're going to have left. You better hang on to it."

"To all you people who support abortion, just be thankful for one thing: When you were conceived, abortion was illegal. If it hadn't been, there's a good possibility you wouldn't be here today."

"Gov. Sonny doesn't have to worry about his \$21 million loan coming due. All he has to do is apply to the government for a bailout like everyone else."

"To the callers who are still quarreling and fussing about the inauguration costing so much, I heard on TV that the inauguration is paid for by donations except for the security, just like the White House china."

"Thirty-eight hours after Obama took office, two Predator drones struck UBL headquarters in Waziristan. George Bush had seven years and 129 days, but who's keeping score?"

"I just want to know why American taxpayers should pay for abortions in other countries. We don't even like it here."

"For inquiring minds, Dr. Painter has gone to Gordon County Animal hospital on Mondays and Tuesdays."

"In my next life, I want to come back as that black lab that lays out on the lawn off Walnut Avenue by the car."

"I thank God that Obama is president and the scientists are going to start funding stem cell research again."

"I'd rather be a redneck than somebody who would drown if they were out in the

rain with their nose stuck up in the air."

"Congratulations to the Murray County High School Winter Guard. They took third place at East Hall."

"A warning to the unborn babies: You're not as safe as you were a week ago."

"Ask the survivors of 9-11 if George Bush should be charged with war crimes."

"The old part of West Hill Cemetery is my family and my final resting place. I don't want tourists coming through there stomping on us."

"Mr. Espy, your Sunday column brought back some memories. But what about Mr. Freddie Krueger and the all time favorite, 'The Exorcist?'"

"Murray Avenue needs roadwork. Also replace the light at the Sav U More."

"I don't agree with the way President Bush went to war but I don't think he should be tried for war crimes."

"I am 70 years old and we have the dumbest and most self serving politicians in the state and federal government I have seen in my lifetime."

"Now that there's a Democrat in the White House the liberals are saying we need to get behind our president."

"Please veterinarians, please get together and give us emergency service on the weekends."

"It takes such a coward to take a friendly, trusting family pet like Ruby and do such a horrible thing. Please keep those three rednecks locked up."

"I am so proud of the crosses at Dalton State College. I guess they strike a nerve with the baby-killing bunch."

"Help the economy. Buy American cars."

"People who think that global warming is a fraud need to look at the glaciers up in Alaska and compare them to 20 years ago."

"Uniting behind Obama will be like going down with a sinking ship."

"All this outrage about killing a dog, but what about all the little babies being murdered in the world?"

"Thankfully the forum is a free marketplace of ideas. If you don't have any ideas, don't ship there."

"You can drive 10 years in Dalton without a license or insurance."

"Why should a man get the death penalty for killing a dog when they didn't even execute the people who kill people?"

"Get off the kick about the dogs. I've been stationed in two different countries where it was a common custom to eat dogs."

"The article by the pastor from the First Church of the Nazarene is so good. I really appreciate it."

To leave a comment, please call 706-272-7748.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Mallory McIntosh
AGE: 14
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: John, Amy and Jake McIntosh
SCHOOL: Dalton Middle School
PLAY: Basketball, singing, hanging out with friends
SHE SAID: "If you can dream it, you can do it."



Fire: Budget snuffed

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The blazes charred 500,000 acres of swamp and timberland, forced hundreds to flee their homes and forced Georgia — which has long lent its firefighters to blazes across the country — to turn to neighbors for help.

All told, it took some 3,300 firefighters from across the country more than two months to help contain the blaze.

Farris and other forest officials say it was a wake-up call for firefighters. Most years, some 30,000 acres of Georgia forest are blackened by wildfire; the 2007 fire was more than 15 times that size, the biggest in Georgia's recorded history.

In the aftermath of the fire, forest officials regrouped to tackle some of the stubborn problems in the state's 24 million acres of forestland.

The commission estimates that 17 percent of the forest fires that besiege the state each year are intentionally set arsons, costing at least \$5 million to fight. Another 13 percent are accidentally begun by landowners who didn't have burn permits.

Forest officials soon began funding two full-time arson investigators to probe blazes, rather than relying on part-time investigators who often spend their time on the front lines fighting fires. The team yielded 38 arson arrests last year, and Farris said he hopes to hire more investigators.

The commission began another round of encouraging communities to adopt wildfire protection plans, and urged more landowners to take part in controlled burns to help clear thick underbrush. And the commission backed legislation, adopted last year, that would stiffen penalties on arsons and tougher restrictions on people who use illegal burn permits.

Much of the commission's cost-cutting is focused on operating costs.

To scale back water costs, the agency's fire trucks are now drawing directly from ponds and creeks instead of using potable water. And to rein in rising utility costs, the commission orders its offices to keep lights dim and the heat low during even the coldest days.

At a frigid outpost in McDonough, chief ranger Jenny Lynn Bruner ambled through the dimly lit office wearing four thick layers. She said she's had to turn back at least a half-dozen applicants for jobs in recent weeks because of no openings, and has noticed the number of landowners calling for prescribed burns has dropped as the economy has teetered.

Each service, which involves a site visit and a written burn plan, can cost hundreds of dollars and even thousands of depending on the size of the tract.

Yet some landowners are still willing to fork over hard-earned money for the burns. At a 31-acre burn site in nearby Locust Grove, Bruner and another forest official helped surround the site in diesel-fueled flames.

Ducking from branches while roaming the site on an ATV — a windshield for the vehicle was also a victim of the cuts — she worried that more landowners may be rethinking the service.

"If people don't do prescribed burnings, the fuel is going to burn up so much faster — and there will be a bigger chance that homes and property will burn up," she said.

To Zip Hinton, who owns the land, the burn was a no-brainer. But he can't help but wonder what type of toll the next round of cuts will have on the forestry office down the street.

"I know about the budget cuts," Hinton said. "I have to bring a flashlight every time I come to their office."

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Sandra Ledbetter, of Rome, looks at historic photos that line the walls of the Chatsworth-Murray County Library's new Anderson & Anderson History Room on Sunday before a ceremony dedicating the room.

Library gets new wing

By MISTY WATSON
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At 91, reading books is Geneva McAfee's primary source of entertainment.

McAfee, who lives in Gordon County near the Murray line, visits the Chatsworth-Murray County Library every three weeks to check out books.

"This is my favorite place," she said. "I missed it when it was gone."

The library was closed for several months as a new wing was added, but it recently reopened. Library patrons, library officials, and county and state officials gathered Sunday to celebrate the reopening and the dedication of the new history and genealogy wing.

"It's fabulous," McAfee said of the library's expansion. "It's awesome."

The addition, dedicated as the Anderson & Anderson History Room, added approximately 2,400 square feet to the library, said County Manager Tom Starnes. It cost approximately \$260,000 and was paid for with the county's 2007 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), he said.

The library also received a donation of \$50,000 from Turner and Joann Warmack,

of Atlanta and originally from Chatsworth, to help fund furnishings and more books for the room.

"Libraries have always been important to me," Joann Warmack said. "This community means so much to me."

Warmack, whose maiden name is Anderson, has spent many years working on her family's genealogy and encouraged everyone attending the dedication to use the new wing to do the same.

Warmack said not to be afraid of what you might find in your family history, but to have fun with it. One of her ancestors, who lived in Tennessee in the 1820s, was a Baptist trustee — who also happened to run a distillery on the side.

"I don't know if maybe the Baptist church was more liberal then," Warmack joked. "Mom said growing up 'Don't say anything bad about anyone. You might be related to them.'"

"Come back and enjoy this library," she said. "Genealogy is very addictive. I hope I said something to make you want to learn about your family tree."

Tim Howard, chairman of the library board, said the library has some 10,000 patrons. Interest in genealogy has increased during the past few years, bringing in

many people from out of state, who use the library.

"We've been waiting a long time for this," he said.

The library, at 706 Old Dalton-Ellijay Road, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information contact the library at (706) 695-4200.

Room of history

The Anderson & Anderson History room at the Chatsworth-Murray County Library was dedicated Sunday in memory of H.H. Anderson and Thomas Parker Anderson, both prominent figures in Murray County history. H.H. Anderson was a former state representative and Chatsworth city councilman. Thomas Parker Anderson served on the county's board of education and board of tax assessors, as well as the World War II ration board. They were not related by blood, but H.H. Anderson's son did marry Thomas Parker Anderson's daughter.

Switch: Digital box needed?

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Commission) has not even drawn up their final guidelines on when they are going to require low powers to switch to digital," said general manager Calvin Means. "We are sitting and waiting for the federal government to lay out the plans."

Means says it is important for WDNN and WDGA viewers who get a converter box to get one with a digital pass through. Otherwise, they will still not be able to pick up those channels over the air.

How many people will be affected by the digital switch?

"The numbers are soft, but the most prevalent estimate is that 9 percent of households are totally reliant on over-the-air."

Some households have cable or satellite but they also have an over-the-air television set in their home," said Tom Tolar, general manager of WRCB-TV, Channel 3 in Chattanooga.

But some believe the share of viewers in this area who rely solely on over-the-air broadcasts is very small.

"Because we have a mountainous terrain, you have a lot more people

with satellite and cable, because if you live on the backside of a ridge you may have trouble getting a regular broadcast," said Mike Costa, general manager of WTVC-Newschannel 9 in Chattanooga. "Our area has always been a high satellite and cable — what we call alternate delivery — type market. I think we are in pretty good shape."

The Daily Citizen spoke to a handful of people and none seemed terribly concerned about the switch.

"I've got cable, so I should be OK, right?" said Ray Bryant of Dalton.

All Chattanooga stations have done several tests simulating the switch, and officials say those tests have gone well.

"We are getting very few calls during those tests. The number of calls coming in with questions is increasing, but it's still not overwhelming. Most of the questions coming in are how to get the converter box. I'm afraid that if people have waited this long they are not going to get the coupons by Feb. 17," Tolar said.

WDSI actually made the switch to digital last Monday.

"We are going ahead and moving into the full

digital world," said McCarthy.

Tolar said he's waiting to see what the government does with the Feb. 17 deadline.

"It's a little unclear what they are going to decide, so we are just waiting for instructions. Right now, based on the current rules and instructions we have, we are planning on having the transition on Feb. 17," he said.

Costa said he is also waiting to see what happens.

Both stations will continue broadcasting in digital and analog until the switch. But stations' digital signals are not currently on the same channel as their analog signals. Tolar says WRCB broadcasts its digital signal on channel 13 and will until it switches.

"Our current digital signal is on a UHF channel, channel 35," said Costa. "When we make the switch, on Feb. 17 or when the deadline comes, we will switch back to our VHF channel, channel 9."

Until they make the switch, those stations will continue to broadcast in both digital and analog, something that station managers say adds to their costs.

AREA ARRESTS

■ Stephen Roger Dean, 20, 4505 Bluffwood Way, Cohutta, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with the sale of marijuana and using a community facility to commit a felony.

■ Mark Anthony McAfee, 40, 680 Old Gray Road, Resaca, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault.

■ Miguel Angel Perez-Garcia, 47, 221 Cherokee Drive, Calhoun, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with speeding, driving without a license, a seat belt violation, DUI and four counts of DUI child endangerment.

■ Jose Alberto Fraire-Gonzalez, 32, 1092 Old Memorial Road, Resaca, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with aggravated assault, sexual battery, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

■ Elmer Landaverde, 30, 3018 Brookhaven Circle,

Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with cruelty to children in the third degree (family violence), aggravated assault (family violence) and battery.

■ Stacy Lee Newport, 33, 201 Cleveland St., Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray

County Sheriff's Office with open container of alcohol, DUI and failure to maintain lane.

■ Douglas Wade Tinsley, 44, 501 Judson St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with giving the wrong signal, DUI, expired license and driving with an expired tag.

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LETTERS

Blood drive a success

To the editor:

Thank you so much for donating the gift of life. We had 36 donations at our Dalton Animal Care/Blood Assurance blood drive. In just five hours, we received enough donations to potentially save up to 108 lives. With your help, and help from others in the community, our second annual blood drive was considered a complete success.

You may be interested to know that most of the blood collected was used within 48 hours, going to leukemia and other cancer patients, elderly, hemophiliacs, surgical patients, accident victims, Rh babies, burn victims and many others.

Those of you who are clients of Dalton Animal Care were entered in a drawing to receive a free set of yearly vaccines and a free bath for your pet. Carl Griggs was this year's lucky winner. Congratulations Carl!

Again, thank you. Dalton Animal Care has been blessed with the honor of serving this community for more than 40 years by providing love and care for your pets. Thank you for not only allowing us to care for your pets but also for helping us to care for your entire community.

Rebecca Robbins
Veterinary Assistant/Nutritional Advocate
Dalton Animal Care

Good news for honest people

To the editor:

I was so glad to see the 2008 concealed weapon law pass in 23 states. This law allows people who can pass a background check to carry a concealed weapon on them as long as they have a license.

We have allowed criminals who rob, rape and murder the privilege to be the only ones with guns long enough. If someone responsible enough to carry a gun had been at the past mall, college, high school and restaurant's shootings the stories might have been different.

Maybe in the future just knowing someone might shoot back may cause these lunatics to think twice before shooting at innocent bystanders. Yes you can call law enforcement but by the time they arrive at the scene many may be dead.

I was one of the first to go down to the probate court and apply for a license to carry my gun when ever I go out. I am aware that there are some places that do not allow you to carry a concealed weapon on their property and I respect these rules. Maybe these establishments should rethink their policy, especially where security guards are concerned. If I am going to go down when I am out in public or defending my home I would rather go down defending myself or my family instead of begging on my knees.

To those who push gun control I have one question to ask them. Would you post a sign in your front yard stating no guns are in this house? I have not seen any such signs lately.

Gene Dyer
Dalton

Abortion memorial deserves praise

To the editor:

I would like to commend a young lady, Naomi Brown, and other members of the Conservative Student Organization at Dalton State College for the abortion memorial placed at the college. It is so good to know there are some good young people in the world who are not afraid to speak the truth of abortion.

Sometimes when I think of the estimated 50 million innocent lives that have been murdered since Roe vs.Wade, it seems like a bad dream I wish I could awake from. In the Holy Bible we read of seven things that the Lord hateth and one of those things is "hands that shed innocent blood." I immediately think of abortion when I read that scripture.

One of the students mentioned in the paper that he was on the other end of the debate he said "I think women should have a right to choose for themselves."

When a woman chooses to have an abortion she is not choosing just for herself. She is making a choice for a little life that has no voice. The mother could give the child up for adoption if she doesn't want to keep it. Abortion should not be an option. She is making a choice for a little life that is separate from her life.

Abortion is the worse mistake the Supreme Court has made. When they passed a law saying it is OK to kill the unborn, they went against the wisdom of ages and I believe America is paying for that mistake today. When we start trying to play God we have crossed the line.

"Thank you, Naomi Brown" and the 30 members of your Conservative Student Organization. May you always have the wisdom and the understanding heart to discern between good and bad. We would have a much better world if there were more young people who would say, "This is a human life, please don't kill it."

Helen L. Kizer
Dalton

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

Thought for Today: "Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking."

Albert Einstein
German-born physicist (1879-1955)

Guantanamo state of mind

Seven years ago, the Pentagon began imprisoning men it described as "very hard cases," "the worst of the worst" among terrorists in American custody, at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Since then it has released more than 500 of them. "What's left," Vice President Dick Cheney declared last week, "is the hard core." That was right before the Pentagon released half a dozen more.

Unless the Bush administration recklessly loosed hundreds of hardened terrorists on the world, the president's men evidently were mistaken when they said every detainee belonged in that category. That pattern of error reinforces the argument against allowing the executive branch to wield the kind of unchallengeable authority it asserted at Guantanamo.

As President Obama proceeds with his plan to close the prison, he should recognize that Guantanamo is not so much a place as a state of mind. It's an attitude that says: We know who the bad guys are, and we're not about to let anyone endanger national security by second-guessing us.

The Bush administration manifestly did not know who the bad guys were. Its methods for identifying "unlawful enemy combatants," defined as anyone, anywhere who belonged to or supported the Taliban or Al Qaeda, were sloppy and haphazard.

More than 90 percent of the 779 men held at Guantanamo were captured not by Americans but by Afghan militiamen, Pakistani forces or other parties of dubious reliability, often in anticipation of boun-



Jacob Sullum

ties the United States had promised. Many detainees were either minor hangers-on or entirely innocent, held based on the uncorroborated word of self-interested captors or of prisoners eager to please interrogators who used "enhanced" techniques to extract accusations.

The Pentagon acknowledges that 17 Chinese Muslims it has held since 2002 were incorrectly identified as unlawful enemy combatants but says it cannot send them back to China because they might be persecuted there. At the same time, it has appealed a federal judge's order to release them in the United States.

Haji Bismullah, one of the men freed over the weekend, fought the Taliban and later served as a regional transportation official in Afghanistan's pro-American government. After members of a rival clan who coveted his position accused him of terrorist connections, he was held at Guantanamo for nearly six years before a military panel, belatedly paying attention to the witnesses who vouched for him, decided he "should no longer be deemed an enemy combatant."

Since the Supreme Court ruled last June that Guantanamo detainees may pursue habeas corpus petitions in federal court, the government has lost 23 of 26

cases. The most recent one involved Mohammed el Gharani, a Chadian who was detained by Pakistani forces at a Karachi mosque in 2001, when he was 14.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Richard Leon ordered Gharani's release, finding that the case against him was based almost entirely on the unconfirmed, inconsistent accounts of two prisoners whose reliability the government itself had questioned. Among other things, Gharani was accused of belonging to a London-based Al Qaeda cell in 1998, when he was 11 and living in Saudi Arabia.

In November, Leon ruled that the government did not have enough evidence to detain five Algerians who were arrested in Bosnia in 2001 and accused of *intending* to fight with the Taliban. He found that the charge was based "exclusively on the information contained in a classified document from an unnamed source."

Leon, a Bush appointee who ruled in 2005 that Guantanamo detainees could not pursue habeas corpus claims, probably was inclined to side with the government. Furthermore, under the standard he applied, the Bush administration only had to show by "a preponderance of the evidence" (a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the prisoners' detention was appropriate.

These cases therefore speak volumes about the fallibility of the executive branch and the need for independent review of its detention decisions. I hope our new president is listening.

■ **Jacob Sullum is senior editor at Reason magazine.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Monday, Jan. 26**, the 26th day of 2009. There are 339 days left in the year. This is the Lunar New Year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date:

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

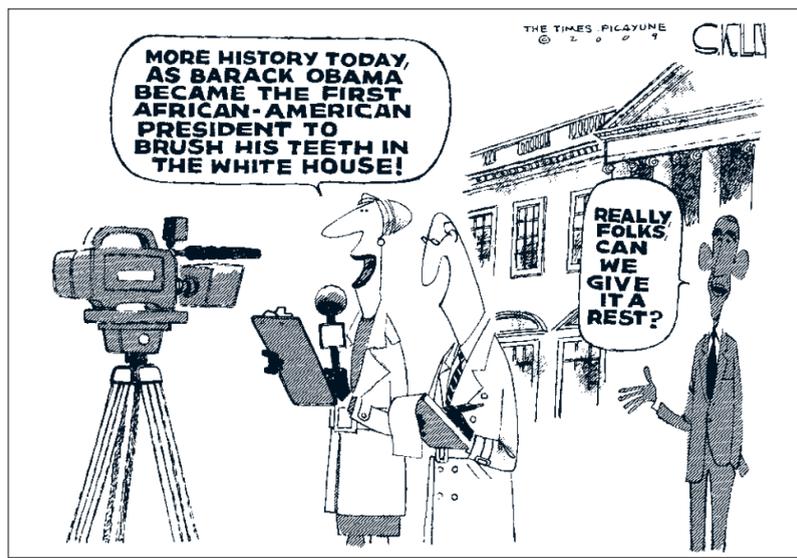
In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe missed its target by more than 22,000 miles.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton welcomed a frail Pope John Paul II as the pontiff began his seventh pilgrimage to the United States in St. Louis.

Five years ago: The White House retreated from its once-confident claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction; Democrats swiftly sought to turn the about-face into an election-year issue.

One year ago: Barack Obama routed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the South Carolina primary. Maria Sharapova won the Australian Open, beating Ana Ivanovic 7-5, 6-3 for her third Grand Slam singles title.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Anne Jeffreys is 86. Actress Joan Leslie is 84. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 80. Sportscaster-actor Bob Uecker is 74. Actor Scott Glenn is 70. Singer Jean Knight is 66. Activist Angela Davis is 65. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 61. Actor David Strathairn is 60. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 56. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 54. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 51. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 51. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 48. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazmine B. (Soul II Soul) is 46. Actor Paul Johansson is 45. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 39. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 36. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 35. Actress Sarah Rue is 31.



Cemeteries full of indispensable men

I do not personally know Timothy Geithner, the lone individual out of some 306 million Americans whom President Barack Obama, in confronting the nation's gravest economic storm in 75 years, chose to be U.S. secretary of the treasury.

Friends of mine whose judgment I respect do know and speak highly both professionally and personally of Geithner, who may well very well be a superb father, husband, scholar, neighbor and friend. He may even turn out to be "the greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton" (which is what President Bill Clinton publicly called his own treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, for whom Geithner served as under secretary.)

But is he the only possible treasury secretary in whom president Obama can place his confidence? Charles DeGaulle, a man not known for either authentic or false humility, offered this timeless insight: "The cemeteries of the world are full of indispensable men."

Yes, Geithner may well be a first-rate intellect and a uniquely experienced professional. But what he is not is a wise and conscientious citizen.

This is a man, recall, who served in increasingly higher and more responsible Treasury posts from 1988 to 2001 before moving to the International Monetary Fund, where he worked until being named president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in late

2003. American citizens who work for the International Monetary Fund — like their fellow citizens who work at World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank — because they do not have their Social Security and Medicare contributions deducted from their paychecks, are four times a year given a separate check, over and above their regular paychecks, which covers the amount of the undeducted payroll taxes.



Mark Shields

Employees, including Geithner, sign a document that states, "I will pay the taxes for which I have received tax allowance payments."

A wise, conscientious and patriotic citizen pays what he owes in taxes. America, as the sage Will Rogers observed, "is a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing." When Geithner was audited in 2006 by the Internal Revenue Service (which is the largest bureau in the Treasury Department over which the secretary presides), he was found, predictably, not to have paid the Social Security and Medicare taxes he owed for 2003 and 2004.

He then paid what he had failed to previously pay for those two years,

but did not pay what he had to have known that he had not paid, as well, for 2001 and 2002 (some \$42,702 in all) until he was chosen in November 2008 for the treasury's top job by Obama. Under oath before the Senate Finance Committee considering his nomination to be secretary, Geithner attributed his failure to pony up his 2001-2002 unpaid taxes — until the hot spotlight of public and press scrutiny awaited him — to "careless mistakes."

The senators, so many of whom showed themselves to be towers of Jell-O in 2002 when they were stampeded into voting to take the country to war against Iraq by George W. Bush, are just as scared in 2009 about the dark economic night now gripping the country. They do not want to be seen as obstructionists who hamper any possible economic recovery by holding up the popular new president's choice at Treasury.

Barack Obama, knowing all these unanswered and uninspiring details, still went ahead, at the real risk of collateral political damage to his young presidency, and named Geithner to be secretary of the treasury. The president thus rejects the words of Charles DeGaulle and instead must believe that in Timothy Geithner he has found his indispensable man.

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

THERE SHE IS...



AP PHOTO

Miss Indiana Katie Stam is crowned Miss America 2009 in Las Vegas on Saturday.

NATION

Gas price up more than 7 cents

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average national price of gasoline increased 7.6 cents in the past two weeks, according to a national survey released Sunday.

Oil industry analyst Tribby Lundberg says the average price of regular gasoline Friday was \$1.85 a gallon. The price of mid-grade was \$1.99 a gallon and the price of premium was \$2.09 a gallon.

Of cities surveyed, the nation's lowest price was \$1.44 in Billings, Mont. The highest price was \$2.37 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Lobbyists seek ways to snag stimulus money

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's ban on earmarks in the \$825 billion economic stimulus bill doesn't mean interest groups, lobbyists and lawmakers won't be able to funnel money to pet projects.

They're just working around it — and perhaps inadvertently making the process more secretive.

The projects run the gamut: a Metrolink station that needs building in Placentia, Calif.; a stretch of beach in Sandy Hook, N.J., that could really use some more sand; a water park in Miami.

There are thousands of projects like those that once would have been gotten money upfront but now are left to scramble for dollars at the back end of the process as "ready to go" jobs eligible for the stimulus plan.

Democrats: Economy will continue to slide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House warned Sunday that the country could face a long and painful financial recovery, even with major government intervention to stimulate the economy and save financial institutions.

"We're off and running, but it's going to get worse before it gets better," said Vice President Joe Biden, taking the lead on a theme echoed by other Democratic officials on the Sunday talk shows.

At the end of the Obama

administration's first week, the party in power at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue sought to lower expectations for a quick fix despite legislation expected to pass by next month that would pump billions of dollars into the economy. Democrats also opened the door for even more government aid to struggling banks beyond the \$700 billion bailout already in the pipeline.

Congress has given President Barack Obama permission to spend the second \$350 billion of a Wall Street bailout package even though lawmakers have criticized the Bush administration for the way it spent the first half.

Biden said Obama's choice for Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, will recommend whether more money is needed for the banks. Geithner could be confirmed by the Senate as early as today.

Obama to be tested on terrorists' rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's pledge of bipartisan cooperation with Congress will be tested as he tries to fulfill a campaign promise to close Guantanamo Bay and establish a new system for prosecuting suspected terrorists.

The undertaking is an ambitious one. Fraught with legal complexities, it gives Republicans ample opportunity to score political points if he doesn't get it right. There's also the likelihood of a run-in with his former rival, Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner of war who before running for president staked his career on overhauling the nation's detainee policies.

"We look forward to working with the president and his administration on these issues, keeping in mind that the first priority of the U.S. government is to guarantee the security of the American people," McCain, R-Ariz., said in a joint statement with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

The statement seemed aimed at putting Obama on notice that he must deal with Congress on the matter.

In his first week in office, Obama ordered Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba to be closed within a year, CIA secret prisons shuttered and abusive interrogations ended.

Gambling industry beckons to cash-strapped states

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — A telltale sign America's chips are down: States are increasingly turning to gambling to plug budget holes.

Proposals to allow or expand lotteries, slots or casinos are brewing in at least 14 states, tempting legislators and governors at a time when many must decide between cutting services and raising taxes.

Gambling has hard-core detractors in every state, but resistance to it is easier to overcome when the budget-balancing alternatives lawmakers must consider include freezing employee salaries and slashing funding to crucial services or raising property and sales taxes, political analysts said.

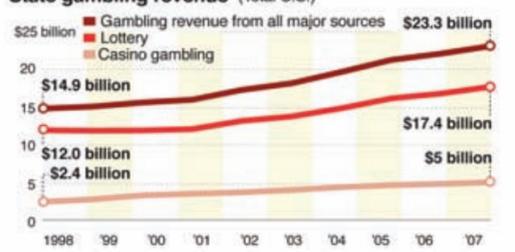
"Who wouldn't be interested if you're a politician who needs to fund programs?" said Bo Bernhard, director of research at the International Gaming Institute, a government-funded program, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

While gambling has not been immune from the recession, it has held up relatively well compared with states' other revenue streams, such as income and

Betting on state gambling

States rely on revenue from different gambling sources as a key element in overall revenues, and often consider expansion of such activities during economic downturns.

State gambling revenue (Total U.S.)



SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, Rockefeller Institute

AP

sales taxes. This helps explain why past industry growth spurts have been preceded by economic downturns, experts said.

For example, Rhode Island opened the country's first racetrack casino in 1992, and four states soon followed. More recently, states faced with sagging revenues during the 2001 recession joined multistate lotteries such as PowerBall and gave more leeway to Native American tribes seeking to expand their casinos.

Analysts say the latest round of gambling initiatives are noteworthy in volume and ambition — a sign that the industry aims to capitalize on states' badly

bruised economies.

"From the gambling industry's point of view, this is their big chance," said Earl Grinols, an economics professor at Baylor University who specializes in gambling.

Ohio's casino advocates are pushing a variety of large-scale development projects, and a Georgia developer wants to transform a blighted section of downtown Atlanta with a 29-story hotel that would attract tourists with more than 5,500 video lottery terminals.

The developer pitching the \$450 million Atlanta project, Dan O'Leary, estimates \$300 million a year in revenue would come to the

state, helping to pay for a popular lottery-funded scholarship that provides in-state college tuition for students with "B" averages.

Even Hawaii, which along with Utah is one of two states without a lottery or other form of legalized gambling, may consider a change. Aides to Gov. Linda Lingle, long an opponent of gambling, say she is open to discussing it as a way to close the state's growing budget gap.

Gambling proponents are quick to tout its bells and whistles: a \$54 billion annual industry that employs more than 350,000 people, with most state gambling revenues coming from lotteries, racetracks and betting devices such as slot and video poker machines. Twelve states reap tax money from full-fledged casinos, and 23 others have casinos on Native American reservations, which generally do not pay taxes to states.

But while advocates argue that casinos will help attract jobs and revitalize downtrodden areas, religious groups and other critics fear gambling has a disproportionately negative impact on lower-income people, and does not provide long-term economic growth.

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Hard times don't halt Smyrna park

SMYRNA, Ga. (AP) — Smyrna officials welcome a new city park despite hard economic times that have forced some municipal job cuts.

The city's first new park in a decade opens next month on the campus of a former psychiatric hospital on Atlanta Road.

Parks director Steve Ciaccio says the \$9.2 million Taylor-Brawner Park, on the site of Brawner Hospital, is funded by a \$22 million parks bond approved by voters in 2005.

The director says the city is also building four other new parks and improving 10 older parks. But he says the new park will be the city's "flagship" park.

Before the bond vote, the city had 21 parks on about 291 acres.

Smyrna officials have cut 31 municipal jobs to save money.

2 charged in fatal motel shooting

LAGRANGE, Ga. (AP) — Authorities have arrested and charged two men in a motel shooting in LaGrange that killed one man and wounded two others.

LaGrange police found the victims Friday night in a Super 8 motel room.

Troup County coroner Jeff Cook says 29-year-old Brian Truitt of LaGrange died at West Georgia Health Systems. Two others, 34-year-old Marcel Cotton, of West Point, and 22-year-old Kelvin Lovett, of LaGrange, were airlifted to hospitals in Columbus and Atlanta.

Tracking the suspects, Coweta County deputies and state police stopped a vehicle on Interstate 85 and arrested 25-year-old Dewayne Stevens, of Riverdale, and 28-year-old Malachi Phillips, of Lithonia.

The two are being held in the Troup County Jail on charges of murder, armed robbery and aggravated assault.

Atlanta teen shot while on errand

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta police say 19-year-old Adair Freeman was shot to death outside a Midtown recording studio owned by his father.

Police spokesman Officer Eric Schwartz says Freeman died of multiple gunshot wounds at 1:50 a.m. Saturday outside the Hot Beats Recording Studio.

The victim apparently was running an errand from the studio to a next-door gas station. Police say robbery may have been a motive for the slaying.

There were no immediate arrests and police appealed to the public for help in solving the shooting. Friends describe Freeman as a good humble person and a victim of a senseless crime.

Brits want to reshape the bulldog

BY LEE SHEARER
Athens Banner-Herald

ATHENS, Ga. — The British Kennel Club plans to change the look of the bulldog — the University of Georgia's iconic mascot — for a newer, sleeker and healthier breed.

But the decree across the Atlantic cuts no ice with the owners of the Uga line of bulldogs revered by Georgia fans here and across the sea.

"I don't care what the British do," said Sonny Seiler, owner of the bulldog line that has become the most celebrated sports mascot in the United States.

Critics in England and in the United States say breeders have transformed bulldogs and some other dog breeds into genetic monstrosities prone to chronic disease and sometimes early death.

A BBC documentary in August detailed the illnesses that bulldogs and other breeds are prone to because of the way they've been bred to look. The British TV network also announced it would no longer televise England's premier dog show, where dogs are judged against standards of



AP photo

This undated file photo provided by the University of Georgia Athletic Association shows Uga I, who roamed the sidelines at Georgia football games in the 1950s and 1960s.

appearance and behavior that the British Kennel Club defines as ideal.

The kennel club subsequently announced it would review breed standards in the light of the animals' health, and has unveiled new standards for more than 200 dog breeds — including the bulldog, which will have longer legs, a trimmer torso, a smoother face and fewer skin folds.

Like other dog breeds with short faces, bulldogs can have trouble getting air in and out of their lungs

because of the structure of their upper respiratory tract, said Chad Schmiedt, a small-animal surgeon at the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine.

The condition makes the dogs' breathing noisy, makes them prone to snoring and restricts their ability to get around, Schmiedt said.

"They're not going to be athletes," he said of the breed that, at Georgia, serves as an on-the-field mascot.

In the heat, when tissues

may swell in the dogs' throat, nose or larynx, the restricted air flow actually can cause a life-threatening emergency, Schmiedt said.

Because bulldogs' heads are so big, their puppies have to be delivered by Cesarean section.

And like other breeds with wrinkly skin, bulldogs are often prey to skin infections, he said.

Animal rights groups in the United States praised the British Kennel Club's move to healthier animal standards, and said the American Kennel Club should follow suit.

"Bulldogs are well known for their health problems. They have been bred to be deformed. They can't even mate any more and have to be artificially inseminated," said Daphna Nachminovitch, vice president for cruelty investigations with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The AKC had no comment.

"The English bulldog is the poster child for breeding gone awry," said Adam Goldfarb of the Humane Society of the United States.

Every breed has congeni-

tal problems, but the bulldog breed's problems stem from the way they've been bred to look, he said. Goldfarb said he could see a change even in the Ugas as he looked at photos of the mascots from the 1950s up through today's Uga VII.

"You can see they are stockier and wrinklier, and you can also see a sort of structural change in the face," he said.

"Bulldogs do have a lot of health problems," said Seiler's daughter, Swann Seiler, after she read a Times of London article about the new bulldog appearance standards. "That's why they're not a breed of dog for everyone. They do take a lot of care, and we tell people that when they call us and are interested in getting a dog."

But she doesn't agree with the changes.

"If they start changing the standards, a bulldog will no longer look like a bulldog, as far as I'm concerned, and we think Uga looks great just the way he is. Uga's not a show dog. He's just a good old-fashioned English bulldog who's really a Georgia Bulldog," she said.

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Saturday's answer 1-26

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BRIDGE

Famous hand

This deal from the 1988 Vanderbilt Teams features excellent defensive play by Peter Boyd, a Virginian who has won several national and international titles over the past three decades.

Boyd held the West hand and wound up defending against four hearts after his partner had opened with an unorthodox weak two-spade bid. South won the opening spade lead with the ace and ran the diamond nine to East's king. East returned a low club, and, after taking the king with the ace, Boyd stopped to think things over.

He judged that declarer might well be in position to score 10 tricks on a crossruff, trumping three spades in dummy to add to the ace of spades and at least six heart tricks in his hand. Accordingly, Boyd made the first of two key plays by shifting to a low trump. This was taken by dummy's six as East followed with the deuce and South the four.

Since only nine tricks were now available on a crossruff, declarer's only remaining hope was to establish dummy's diamonds. So he ruffed a diamond with the queen of hearts and then led the heart seven toward dummy's J-8.

Had Boyd mechanically followed low, South would have gotten home safely by finessing dummy's eight, ruffing another diamond high and then leading the ten of hearts to the jack. This would have yielded 10 tricks: six hearts, a spade and three diamonds.

But Boyd had carefully kept track of all the heart spots played to this point. When the seven of hearts was led, he foiled declarer's plan by playing the nine! This deprived South of the extra entry needed to set up and run the diamonds, so he finished down two, thwarted by the combination of Boyd's heart shift at trick four and his entry-denying play of the heart nine two tricks later.

Tomorrow: A sensational one-act play.

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7
♥ J 8 6
♦ Q 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 9 5 4

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ 9 5 3
♦ A J 4
♣ A Q 10 6 2

EAST
♠ Q J 8 4 2
♥ 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ J 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 6 3
♥ A K Q 10 7 4
♦ 9
♣ K

The bidding:
East 2♠ South 4♥ West All Pass North
Opening lead — king of spades.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Be ready to take advantage of every opportunity because this year could be a turning point in your life. You will make new friends, discover new interests and expand your mind as long as you explore every avenue available to you. Don't sit idle and watch life pass you by. Your numbers are 5, 8, 11, 23, 31, 36, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting angry will not get you what you want. You have to set your own standards and stick to your plan of attack if you want to be successful. Too much involvement from outsiders will set you back. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a powerful approach to whatever you do but don't give away your secrets. You have to walk a fine line today if you want things to move in your favor. Someone will use emotional tactics to cause you to lose focus. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get involved with poor choices made by others. You don't want to be blamed by association. Focus on work, your position, your family and the improvements you can make in all areas. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some interesting changes at home that will improve your life and your outlook. Be careful not to let someone talk you into spending money on things you don't really need. Keep it simple. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be talked into doing something that is far beyond your means or that can lead to trouble within partnerships. Overreacting toward someone you work with or must interact with will set the stage for the next phase in your life. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change in a partnership will be to your advantage, so don't fight the inevitable. Observe others'

actions and follow your own path in order to achieve the most. Don't be fooled by a big talker or a tempting offer. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not everyone is going to get what it is you are trying to do but that cannot slow you down. Arguments can wait — what's important is accomplishment. Conservative individuals should be kept in the dark until you have something concrete to share. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have to be a little aggressive in order to bypass the obstacles in your way. Too many questions will leave you in an awkward position. Keep things simple and push as hard as you can to make things happen. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are changes to be made and options to be put into play. Be adventurous and try something new. The more inventive you are, the further you will go. If you aren't true to yourself, nothing will satisfy you in the end. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tie up any loose ends before you decide to move on. If you need to make a point, now is the time to do so. Right now, the money you make or have should be kept in a safe place for your own benefit and security. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be a little out of control emotionally, physically and financially. Don't take on too much or promise what you cannot deliver. Keep things small and within your reach if you want to be successful. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There has been too much left unsaid to move forward with your plans. Your patience will bring you the answers and the approval you need. Once you have everything and everyone in position, you will be able to move fast. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FLICK ABOUT A WRANGLER WHO IS FOND OF A CERTAIN KIND OF STRAIGHT WHISKEY: "BOURBON COWBOY."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

To Your Good Health

Are artificial sweeteners a health threat?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For many years I have used Equal to sweeten my coffee and tea instead of sugar. I love it. People have me scared out of my wits with the stories they tell me about how dangerous it is. How can our government allow the public to use something so hazardous?



Paul G. Donohue

blocks of proteins. Aspartame has been marketed since 1981 and is in use in more than 100 countries. Those facts convince me it isn't a danger. People who should not use it are those who cannot metabolize phenylalanine. They are born without the enzyme that

processes it. Phenylalanine levels rise in their blood, and they develop brain damage from exposure to it. The condition is known as PKU, phenylketonuria, and is tested for soon after birth. It's a rare disorder. The warning is on the label of all phenylalanine products.

Those opposed to aspartame claim it causes a variety of illnesses — multiple sclerosis, lupus, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, brain tumors, headaches, hair loss and depression. And that's only a partial list.

To the best of my knowledge, there is no conspiracy between the manufacturers of this product and our government.

You asked for my opin-

ion, and I have given it. I have no reservations about aspartame or other approved artificial sweeteners. Others are free to hold differing opinions.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I heard a doctor (I think he was a doctor) on the radio praising coenzyme Q10 and telling everyone to start taking it. According to him, it does wondrous things, including lowering cholesterol. My cholesterol is slightly high but not high enough to take medicines. Would I benefit from taking it? — R.C.

ANSWER: Coenzyme Q10 is a substance contained in all body cells. It's in the cells' mitochondria, tiny power plants that generate energy. CoQ10 figures into that energy production.

Many claims, in addition to cholesterol-lowering, have been made for it. It is said to lower blood pressure, control the symptoms of Parkinson's

disease and ease migraine headaches. And that's only a sample of the things it's been touted for.

Evidence supports some of those claims, but the evidence isn't so strong that it

has won universal acceptance.

If you want to try it, I can't see any reason not to. I don't find any major side effects listed from its use.

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

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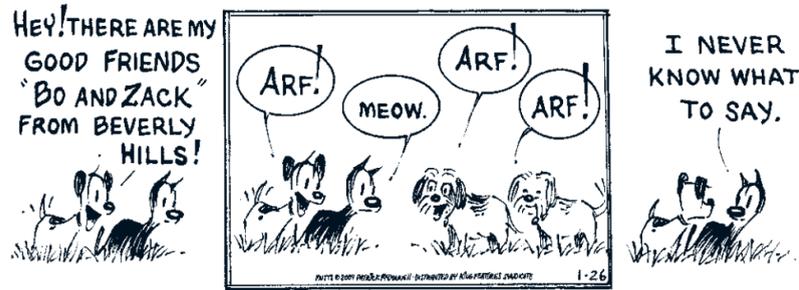
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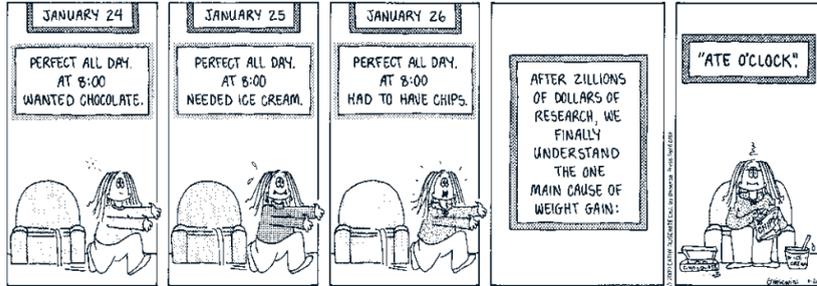
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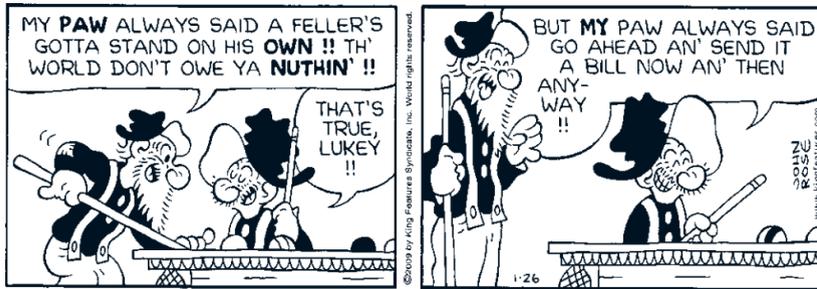
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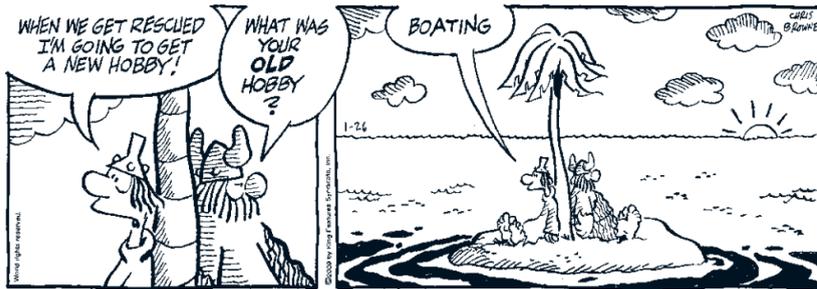
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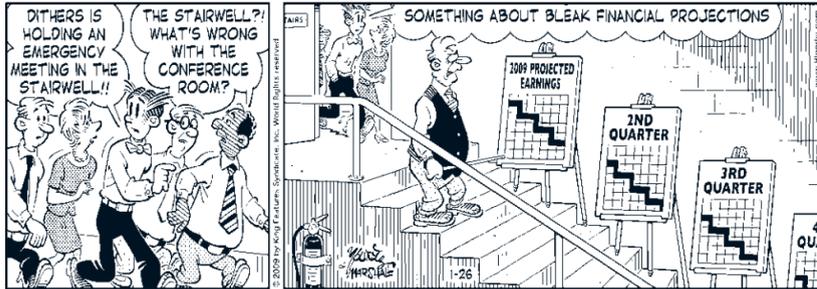
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DEAR ABBY

Soul mates mull married life

DEAR ABBY: I consider my best friend, "Randall," to be my platonic soul mate — like a brother, only closer. Randall is gay. I am a straight female. We have no romantic interest, but a deep and meaningful love nonetheless.

DEAR ABBY: There is a bully at my daughter's school. My child is terrified to get on the bus in the morning and shaking when she comes home. She told me that the bully picks only on her. She has taken my daughter's lunch money, shoved her against the lockers and pushed her into one of the garbage cans behind the school.

We have talked about raising children together, but in order to adopt in some states there is a requirement that the parents be married. Our state does not happen to be one of them.



Jeane Phillips

Would it be considered duping friends and family to have a "real" wedding? — PLATONIC SOUL MATE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR PLATONIC SOUL MATE: There is no requirement that in order to be married a couple MUST have sex. If you and Randall wish to be legally married and have a "real" wedding, nothing prevents it.

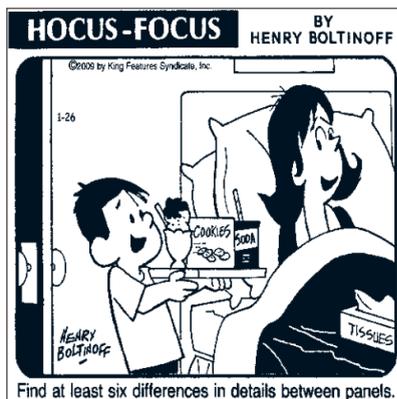
I have complained to the school board and to the bully's mom. It did no good. I can't afford to take my daughter out of public school and put her into a private school, and if I quit my job to home school her, we will have no source of income. I don't want my daughter to suffer any more than she already has. What should I do? — HEARTSICK MOTHER, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

HOWEVER: Before you take such a step, it is extremely important that you and Randall have an understanding and ensure that you are really committed to raising a child (or children) TOGETHER, even if one of you should meet someone. It would be sad, indeed, if after adopting, the marriage didn't work out and you wound up fighting over custody of the children. It happens all too often when "traditional" marriages fail, and it could happen to you unless you have a meeting of the minds.

DEAR MOTHER: I'm sorry you didn't tell the principal of your daughter's school what was happening before it went this far, because he or she would have been required to document the incident. Because your daughter has been robbed and assaulted and your complaints have not been addressed, you should contact the police and file a report.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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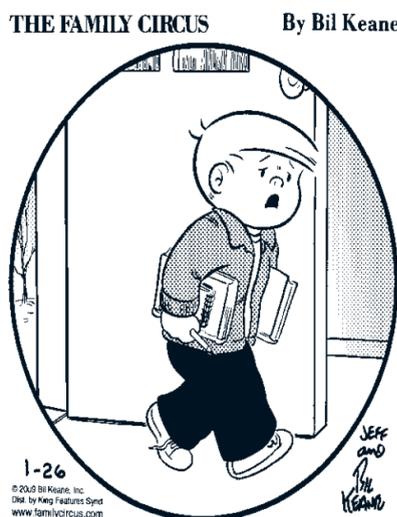
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David Lee Callahan

David Lee Callahan, age 44, of Tunnel Hill, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 in Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents David Lee and Edna Callahan.

He is survived by his wife Wanda Sue Callahan, of Tunnel Hill; four daughters, Jessica (Joseph) Wooten, of Dalton, Rebecca, Samantha and Rachel Callhana, of Dalton; sisters and brother-in-law, Vicky and Tommy Inman, of Dalton, Mary Copper, Lisa Dahlstrom and Trisa Moses, of Dalton; one grandchild, Zoey Wooten; nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 from the chapel of Jones Funeral Home in Tunnel Hill. The family will receive friends from noon until the funeral hour.

Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill is in charge of funeral arrangements.
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John "J.T." Crumbley

Mr. John "J.T." Crumble, age 83, of Chatsworth, passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at Chatsworth Health Care Center. Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth.
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Charles Sebran Dunn Sr.

Mr. Charles Sebran Dunn Sr., age 83, of Chatsworth, passed away Saturday Jan. 24, 2009 at his residence.

Charles was a member of the First Baptist Church of Chatsworth and the Chatsworth Lions Club. He retired from the Georgia Forestry Commission (1951-1978) after 27 years of service. He served his country in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Dunn was preceded in death by his parents, Major and Lula Dunn; a son, Charlie Dunn; brothers, Paul Dunn, L.C. Dunn, and Bobby T. Dunn.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Dunn; grandsons, Chuck and Amanda Dunn, Heath Dunn, and Nicholas Dunn; daughter-in-law, Cindy Dunn; a niece, Phyllis Cline.

Funeral services will be noon today in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with Dr. Tommy Snyder officiating. Interment will follow in Chatsworth Heights Cemetery. Members of the Chatsworth Lions Club will serve as pallbearers.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the arrangements.
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Kenneth "Kenny" Hackney

Kenneth "Kenny" Hackney, 56, of Fort Worth, Texas, and formerly of Dalton, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at his residence. Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by

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Jane Whitehead Hurt

Mrs. Jane Whitehead Hurt, 82, of Dalton, died on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Elliott Hurt, Sr.; her father, Wiley Wisdom Whitehead; and her



Hurt

mother, Era Benson Whitehead.

Mrs. Hurt was born on May 9, 1926 in Washington, Ga. Following her graduation from Georgia State College for Women, she moved to Dalton to teach at Dalton High School. She later taught at Valley Point High School which became Southeast High School. After 20 years with Whitfield County Schools, she retired in 1986. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dalton.

Jane is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Erin Hurt of Dalton; daughter, Mary Jane Dominick and Tony Wheeler of Dalton; daughter, Karen Hurt and Geneva Ledlow of

San Francisco; grandsons, Joe Dominick, Trey Hurt and Nicholas Hurt. Extended family include, Martha and Jim Cook, Bob and Betty Lou Hurt, Jimmy and Cheryl Cook, Bob and Lois Hurt, Bo and Sandy Hurt, Handsel and Joy Morgan.

Jane was a part of Hurt's Cleaners, the family business, for many years. She was known for her Toll House cookies, watching the Braves and cheering on the Tennessee Lady Vols.

The services will be Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Dalton with the Dr. Bill Wilson and the Rev. Phillip Cannon officiating.

The family will receive friends in the Atrium of First Baptist Church from 12 until the funeral hour at 2. Burial will follow in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the:

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 827, Dalton, GA 30722-0827, American Cancer Society, 300 W. Emery St., Suite 108, Dalton, GA 30720, or the United Way, 816 S. Thornton Ave., Dalton, GA 30720.

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

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Jess William Taylor

Little Jesse William Taylor, 2 1/2 months old, of Rocky Face, passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2008 at the Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by paternal great grandfather, Larry Eakins; maternal great grandmother, Suzen Richmond; paternal great-grandmother, Shirley Taylor; and maternal grandfather, Jesse Middlebrooks.

Survivors include his parents, Eddie and Heather Taylor of Rocky Face; sister, Kyleah Wheeler of Rocky Face; twin brother, Mikel "Ryder" Taylor of Rocky Face; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Taylor, and Ms. Wendy Richmond; great-grandparents, Donna Eakins, Tommy Williamson, Paul Richmond, and Clarence J. Taylor; uncle, Eric Taylor; aunt, LaTrisha Wheeler.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the Westside Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Winston officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 from 9 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Funeral arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face, GA. For further information, please call (706) 272-9777.
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Clifford E. "Gene" Beavers

Clifford E. "Gene" Beavers, age 59, of Chatsworth, passed away Sunday, January 25, 2009 in Hamilton Medical Center.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Sarah Beavers.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Rhonda Beavers; children and spouses, Sheila and Dennis Curry, Tony and Angel Beavers, Billy and Mindy Beavers, Ronnie and Trisha Beavers, Joshua Beavers and Amanda Bowen, and Micah Beavers; grandchildren, Issac, Tiffany, Jacob, Matthew, Jeremiah, Leah, Morgan, Harley, Aaron, Kasey, Zackary and Kelsey; two brothers, Grady Beavers and Babe Beavers, all of Chatsworth; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Dill officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today after 2 p.m.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman

Study: More evidence of vaccine safety

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study from Italy adds to a mountain of evidence that a mercury-based preservative once used in many vaccines doesn't hurt children, offering more reassurance to parents.

In the early 1990s, thousands of healthy Italian babies in a study of whooping cough vaccines got two different amounts of the preservative thimerosal (pronounced thih-MEHR'-uh-sawl) from all their routine shots.

Ten years later, 1,403 of those children took a battery of brain function tests. Researchers found small differences in only two of 24 measurements and those "might be attributable to chance," they wrote in the February issue of the journal Pediatrics, which was released Monday.

Only one case of autism was found, and that was in the group that got the lower level of thimerosal.

Autism is a complex disorder featuring repetitive behaviors and poor social interaction and communication skills. Scientists generally believe genetics plays a role in causing the disorder; a theory that thimerosal is to blame has been repeatedly discounted in scientific studies.

"Put together with the evidence of all the other studies, this tells us there is no reason to worry about the effect of thimerosal in vaccines," said the new study's lead author, Dr. Alberto Tozzi of Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome.

The debate over thimerosal and autism has been much stronger in the United States than in Italy, Tozzi said. But the researchers recognized a chance to examine the issue by going back to the children who had taken part in the 1990s whooping cough research.

Randomization sets the new study apart. The random assignment of children rules out the chance that factors other than thimerosal, such as education or poverty, caused the results.



MCG PHOTO

Thimerosal, used in some vaccines to prevent the growth of bacteria and fungus, hasn't been in U.S. childhood vaccines since 2001, except for certain flu shots. Italy and other European nations began removing it in 1999. U.S. health officials recommended the removal of thimerosal as a precaution and to reduce the overall exposure of children to mercury.

Safety regulations still require multi-dose vials of vaccines to contain some type of preservative to prevent the spread of infection from contaminated vials.

The study, funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drew praise from outside experts.

"It's yet another well

done, peer-reviewed research study that has demonstrated there is no risk of any neurodevelopmental outcomes associated with thimerosal in vaccines," said epidemiologist Jennifer Pinto-Martin of the University of Pennsylvania.

"This becomes the fourth

study to look for subtle signs of mercury toxicity and show the answer was 'no,'" said Dr. Paul Offit, chief of infectious diseases at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the author of a book on autism research and the co-inventor of a rotavirus vaccine.

Tozzi said comparing children with no exposure to thimerosal could have improved the study. "However, if thimerosal were a cause of harm, it is likely that this effect would increase with the administered dose," he said.

The children received either 62.5 micrograms or 137.5 micrograms of ethyl mercury from all their shots during their first year of life. Thimerosal breaks down as ethyl mercury in the body. Before the reduction of thimerosal in the United States, the maximum exposure for infants was 187.5 micrograms of ethyl mercury.

The researchers found the children in both groups scored, on average, in the normal range on 11 tests of memory, attention, motor skills and other brain functions.

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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves his home in Chicago, Sunday, flying to New York to appear on national television shows. His impeachment trial starts today in Illinois without him. Blagojevich will be talking to Whoopi Goldberg and Larry King instead of facing the state Senate.

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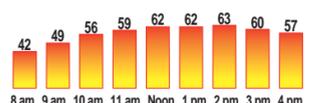
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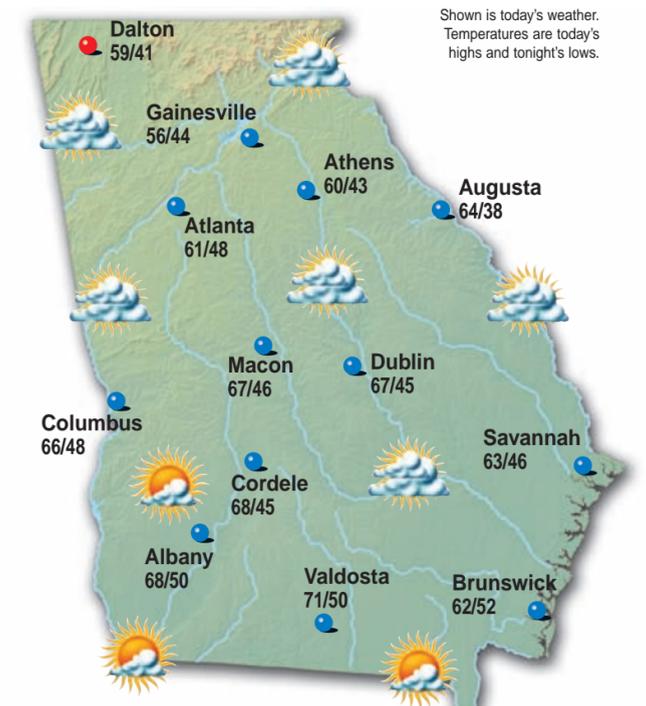
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Atlanta	61/48/c	64/49/c	56/36/r
Athens	60/43/c	64/50/c	61/36/r
Augusta	64/38/c	65/50/c	58/43/sh
Brunswick	62/52/c	70/55/pc	70/51/pc
College Park	61/48/c	64/49/c	56/36/r
Columbus	66/48/c	72/52/c	63/42/pc
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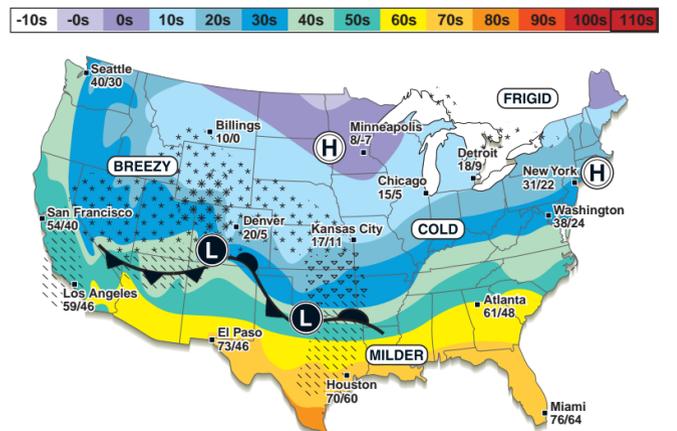
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City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
La Grange	60/42/c	68/49/c	56/36/r
Macon	67/46/c	72/52/c	65/40/pc
Marietta	60/40/c	64/49/c	56/34/r
Newton	72/48/pc	78/54/pc	68/49/pc
Rome	59/40/c	65/46/c	52/32/r
Savannah	63/46/c	71/54/pc	70/50/pc
Sparta	65/42/c	68/51/c	63/38/r
Valdosta	71/50/pc	77/53/pc	70/51/pc

National Weather for January 26, 2009



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

City	Today	Tue.	Wed.
Albany	23/8/pc	24/11/pc	24/12/sn
Anchorage	23/13/sf	19/12/c	20/15/sn
Baltimore	33/24/c	33/26/sn	34/20/sn
Billings	10/0/s	24/17/pc	34/17/pc
Boise	31/14/c	31/22/pc	41/23/pc
Buffalo	21/12/pc	24/15/pc	27/18/pc
Charlotte	53/39/c	48/43/r	51/33/r
Cheyenne	14/2/sn	27/16/s	41/16/pc
Chicago	15/5/c	20/10/pc	24/15/pc
Cincinnati	33/18/c	28/20/sn	31/18/sn
Cleveland	21/14/pc	25/17/pc	26/17/pc
Dallas	53/46/r	48/30/c	52/32/c
Denver	20/5/sn	30/16/pc	46/18/s
Detroit	18/9/sn	21/11/pc	27/16/pc
Indianapolis	23/15/c	24/16/sn	25/15/sn
Kansas City	17/11/sn	22/8/sn	35/20/s
Las Vegas	57/38/c	57/35/pc	58/37/s
Los Angeles	59/46/sh	64/46/pc	68/48/s
Memphis	41/38/c	43/30/r	47/29/r
Miami	76/64/s	77/66/pc	80/64/pc
Milwaukee	16/2/c	18/8/pc	22/16/pc
Minneapolis	8/-7/pc	12/4/pc	25/13/pc
New Orleans	70/58/c	76/57/pc	70/51/c
New York	31/22/c	32/21/sn	34/25/sn
Oklahoma City	33/23/i	30/20/i	45/25/pc
Orlando	77/55/s	77/58/pc	78/57/pc
Philadelphia	35/21/c	35/22/sn	36/25/sn
Phoenix	64/45/c	64/44/pc	68/44/pc
Pittsburgh	26/16/c	25/19/sn	33/18/sn
Portland, OR	43/28/s	44/37/c	47/35/c
St. Louis	21/15/c	20/11/sn	29/18/pc
Salt Lake City	32/18/sf	32/19/c	36/23/pc
San Francisco	54/40/c	58/42/pc	59/45/s
San Diego	62/48/sh	67/47/pc	65/48/s
Seattle	40/30/pc	41/38/sh	46/34/c
Wash., DC	38/24/c	33/25/sn	40/28/i

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The World

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Athens	64/50/pc	62/49/pc	56/49/pc
Auckland	75/61/pc	73/57/s	71/61/pc
Amsterdam	39/32/c	41/33/pc	40/35/r
Baghdad	68/50/pc	70/45/s	69/48/pc
Beijing	37/21/s	43/27/s	50/28/s
Berlin	36/26/c	34/23/sf	32/24/c
Buenos Aires	79/68/t	88/70/s	91/70/s
Cairo	72/56/pc	75/59/s	79/54/r
Calgary	24/11/s	34/15/pc	27/13/pc
Cape Town	81/59/s	75/61/pc	79/63/s
Caracas	90/73/s	88/71/sh	88/73/pc
Dublin	45/37/pc	46/39/sh	45/39/pc
Geneva	37/29/sn	30/25/c	38/30/pc
Hong Kong	57/54/r	61/57/c	70/59/pc
Istanbul	55/46/pc	60/52/c	53/45/r
Jerusalem	65/47/c	67/46/s	72/54/pc
London	46/34/pc	45/41/pc	45/36/r
Madrid	41/32/c	45/36/c	48/39/r
Montreal	12/0/pc	14/9/s	21/14/c
Moscow	30/17/sn	25/17/sn	25/16/c
Paris	43/32/c	43/35/pc	37/36/r
Rio	82/74/r	85/74/r	87/75/r
Rome	52/45/r	54/43/sh	54/41/c
Seoul	32/10/sf	37/19/s	45/25/s
Singapore	86/77/t	86/75/t	84/75/t
Sydney	79/70/pc	77/64/pc	81/66/s
Tel Aviv	70/55/pc	72/54/s	77/63/pc
Tokyo	52/41/pc	52/39/s	54/41/pc
Toronto	15/10/pc	22/14/pc	24/16/pc
Warsaw	32/30/c	33/30/c	32/30/c

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PRO FOOTBALL: SUPER BOWL XLIII

'Zona, Pitt once the same team

By BEN WALKER

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — They wore hand-me-down jerseys, the little rips and tears widening with every loss. The holes at quarterback and kicker were more obvious.

The brief World War II merger of the Steelers and Cardinals may have helped the NFL. It sure didn't benefit anyone who spent that season shuttling to home games in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

"We were terrible," 91-year-old former lineman Chet Bulger said. "You'd get beat so bad, you'd cry."

Long, long before the franchises reached this year's Super Bowl, they teamed together

in 1944 to create a much different legacy.

At 0-10, the ragtag outfit got outscored by an average of three touchdowns per game; threw a record 41 interceptions; and set a league mark that still stands for the worst punting.

Their nickname seemed inevitable: the Car-Pitts. As in, every team walked right over them.

"That was true," recalled Vince Banonis, who played two games while on weekend furlough as a Navy lieutenant. "We got massacred every week."

Beset by fights, fines and suspensions in a rough-and-tumble era, there was hardly a Ben Roethlisberger or Larry Fitzgerald

among them. Their lone ace, Johnny Grigas, threw away his leather helmet and skipped town before it was over.

About an hour before the wrap-up, a 49-7 rout by the Bears at Forbes Field, the Car-Pitts discovered Grigas already was on a train.

The former Holy Cross star left a note for his hotel roommate. "This is the end," Grigas wrote, saying he didn't care to finish up on a frozen field.

"I thought he'd gone to become a priest," Bulger said. "He'd had enough."

So had many of the guys. Most of them came from the Chicago Cardinals — they were in the midst of a 29-game losing streak,

and only the merger kept them out of the record book for consecutive defeats by a single franchise.

A few guys straggled over from the Steelers. They'd joined Philadelphia in 1943 as the "Steagles" after military service left both teams short-handed, but the sides broke apart when the season ended.

"They were at each other's throats, the way I heard it," Banonis said.

In April 1944, the NFL suddenly found itself with 11 teams when the Cleveland Rams rejoined the league and the Boston Yanks entered. That caused scheduling problems, so

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COMMENTARY



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton freshman sensation Omar Farag swims during Saturday's North Georgia Regional Championships at Dalton High. Farag and the rest of the Dalton swim team will host Northwest Whitfield and Tennessee's Notre Dame today at 6 p.m.

A friendly Dalton-NW rivalry

Typically when you think of Dalton High and Northwest Whitfield, you think heated rivalry. Words like "dislike" and "enemy" are more likely to describe the relationship between the two schools more than, say, "friends."

Could you imagine Dalton football coach Adam Winegarden giving Bruins quarterback Dean Haynes quarterback tips? Or how about Northwest basketball coach Ryan Richards giving Dalton forward Caz Cole lessons on the layup? I bet you've never seen Northwest baseball coach Todd Middleton conducting a practice for the Catamounts.

The point is, for the most part these two



Adam Krohn

League in the summer. Todd's assistant for

school communities keep their distance from each other, at least in the realm of athletics. But there's an exception to this unwritten rule when it comes to varsity swimming.

Dalton coach Charles Todd also teaches swimming year-round for the Makos of the Carpet Capital Aquatics Club and the Dolphins of the Chattanooga Area Swim

the Makos and Dolphins is Marta Hannah, who works directly with all of the swimmers, a lot of whom swim for Dalton High.

Last year, Hannah, along with Belinda Moisan, helped to start up Northwest's swimming program from scratch. Because of Todd and Hannah's work together in the CASL and the CCAC, the two have also teamed up to elevate the Bruins' swimming program.

In fact, Todd had at one point set up a scenario where Northwest could practice in Dalton's pool, but that never actually happened.

> Please see **KROHN, 2B**

PRO BASKETBALL

Phoenix hands the Atlanta a rare home loss

By GEORGE HENRY

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Amare Stoudemire scored 23 points, and Shaquille O'Neal had 19 points with 11 rebounds, helping Phoenix snap a three-game losing streak with a 104-99 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Sunday night.

Steve Nash, who finished with 14 points and 13 assists, used a give-and-go with Stoudemire to make it 102-99 with 26.2 seconds remaining.

The Hawks had won three straight, but scored just one field goal, a short jumper by Solomon Jones, after Jones gave Atlanta its last lead, 95-94, at the 6:06 mark.

O'Neal hit two free throws to put Phoenix ahead 96-95 for the game's 19th and final lead change.

Reserve guard Leandro Barbosa had 20 points for the Suns, who had lost five of six and were coming off a season-worst 22-point loss at Charlotte. Phoenix improved to 10-0 on the road and 21-3 overall when leading after three quarters.

Marvin Williams' 17 points were a team high for Atlanta, which had won four of five. The Hawks' backcourt of Joe Johnson and Mike Bibby went a combined 7-for-23 from the field, including a 2-for-13 performance beyond the arc.

Atlanta's biggest lead of the fourth quarter came at the 9:31 mark after Josh Smith's dunk made it 88-85.

The Suns, who entered with a 16.4 turnover average that was second-worst in the league, committed 21 miscues that led to 23 points for Atlanta. Phoenix was coming off a season-high 24 turnovers in a season-worst 22-point loss at Charlotte.

Notes: Hawks coach Mike Woodson said C Al Horford is expected to stay home, missing his ninth and 10th straight games with a bruised right knee, when Atlanta plays Monday at Miami and Wednesday at New York. ... Phoenix has won 25 of 33 against the Hawks and eight of 10 in Atlanta. ... The Hawks dropped to 17-5 at home, 5-1 against the Western Conference. ... When trailing after three quarters, Atlanta is 4-4 at home, 6-12 overall.

PRO HOCKEY: NHL ALL-STAR GAME

East wins in shootout

By IRA PODELL

Associated Press Writer

MONTREAL — The NHL All-Star game was settled in the newest of ways in hockey's oldest city.

Alex Ovechkin sealed the Eastern Conference's 12-11 victory Sunday night with a goal in the third round of the shootout. It capped off the busiest of nights for the NHL's reigning MVP, who also had a goal and two assists.

The biggest cheer of the night went to hometown hero Alex Kovalev, the Canadiens star who earned MVP honors with a pair of breakaway goals and then another in the shootout against Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo.

For the first time since shootouts were implemented by the NHL to eliminate ties after the 2004-05 lockout, an All-Star game

was decided by penalty shots. It also was used in 2003 to settle the West's 6-5 win over the East.

It was all set up by a wild third period and overtime. The teams were tied 8-8 after 40 minutes, and the East grabbed two leads in the final regulation frame, but couldn't get the winner past Luongo, who is from Montreal.

The only power play went to the West, and it took until overtime to get it. Canadiens defenseman Mike Komisarek went off for hooking 2:22 into the extra session, and — with the home fans chanting "Defense! Defense!" — Boston goalie Tim Thomas held off the West and earned his second straight one-goal, All-Star win.

The teams combined for eight goals in the opening 10:34, and the West pumped five past New York Rangers netminder Henrik Lundqvist to get even at 7.



AP PHOTO

Eastern Conference goalie Tim Thomas, of the Boston Bruins, makes a glove save during the third period of Sunday's All-Star Game.



AP PHOTO

Hawks guard Ronald Murray takes a shot over Suns center Shaquille O'Neal on Sunday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: TOP 25 ROUNDUP



AP PHOTO

Georgia Tech's Zachery Peacock, right, fends off Clemson's Trevor Booker during the first half of Saturday's game in Clemson, S.C.

GT still winless in ACC

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Terrence Oglesby hit five 3-pointers and scored 18 points, Trevor Booker had 11 points and 11 rebounds and No. 10 Clemson broke a two-game losing streak with a 73-59 victory over Georgia Tech on Sunday night.

The Tigers (17-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) opened the season 16-0. But after losing a top-10 showdown to Wake Forest eight days ago, the Tigers were thumped by North Carolina — running their all-time mark to 0-54 in Chapel Hill.

The Yellow Jackets (9-10, 0-6), the ACC's last winless team in league play, proved the perfect bounce-back opponent for the Tigers.

Clemson trailed 34-31 just before halftime on Iman Shumpert's two foul shots, but the Tigers then went on a 28-6 run that spanned the two periods.

No. 9 Louisville 67, No. 8 Syracuse 57: In Syracuse, N.Y., Earl Clark scored five of his 16 points in the final two minutes and Louisville held off Syracuse.

No. 4 Pittsburgh 79, West Virginia 67: In Morgantown, W. Va., Sam Young scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to lead Pittsburgh to its second easy win since surrendering its

top ranking a week ago.

No. 7 Michigan St. 78, Ohio St. 67: In Columbus, Ohio, Durrell Summers had 26 points to almost double his career high and the Spartans dominated the boards in beating the Buckeyes.

Seton Hall 65, No. 12 Georgetown 60: In Newark, N.J., Jeremy Hazell scored 23 points, including the clinching free throws with 8.1 seconds left that helped Seton Hall get its first Big East win of the season.

No. 21 Minnesota 67, Indiana 63: In Bloomington, Ind., Damian Johnson had 18 points and six rebounds, and Ralph Sampson III finished with 13 points to help the Golden Gophers snap a two-game skid.

No. 24 Florida 94, Vanderbilt 69: In Nashville, Tenn., Chandler Parsons hit seven 3-pointers, including his first five, and finished with a career-high 27 points to lead the Gators.

Women's Top 25

No. 4 Duke 60, Georgia Tech 34: In Durham, N.C., Abby Waner scored 14 points and the Blue Devils forced Georgia Tech into one of the worst offensive performances in

school history.

No. 6 Auburn 82, Tennessee 68: In Auburn, Ala., DeWanna Bonner scored a career-high 35 points and unbeaten No. 6 Auburn raced to a late 24-point lead and earned an 82-68 victory over No. 10 Tennessee on Sunday.

No. 3 Oklahoma 89, No. 14 Texas 69: In Norman, Okla., Courtney Paris had 23 points and a season-best 21 rebounds, and Danielle Robinson added 18 points and eight assists for the Sooners, who set up a showdown for first place in the Big 12.

No. 15 Florida 75, Mississippi 54: In Gainesville, Fla., Steffi Sorensen and Trumae Lucas scored 13 points apiece to lead the Gators, who led by as many as 60-37 with 6:38 to play.

No. 17 Vanderbilt 66, South Carolina 56: In Columbia, S.C., Merideth Marsh scored 15 points and Vandy rolled to an easy win.

No. 20 Marist 71, Saint Peter's 58: In Jersey City, N.J., Rachele Fitz scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half to tie the Marist career scoring record with 1,587 points.

GOLF

Perez wins to take first PGA Tour title

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Pat Perez won the Bob Hope Classic for his first PGA Tour title, taking advantage of Steve Stricker's collapse and holding off John Merrick by three strokes Sunday in the wind-swept final round.

Perez finished at 33-under 327. Merrick, who began the day eight shots behind Stricker but moved in front briefly on the back nine, shot a 67.

Stricker, 33 under at the start of play after rounds of 61 and 62, had a 77 to tie for third with Mike Weir (67) at 28 under. Stricker had a triple bogey on No. 7 and a quadruple bogey on No. 10, hitting into the water on both holes.

The 32-year-old Perez, playing in the final group,

locked up the victory by knocking his approach shot from 200 yards on No. 18 to 3 feet to set up an eagle. Merrick, winless on the tour, already had finished his round with a par on 18.

Perez earned \$918,000, while Stricker made \$295,800.

Qatar Masters

DOHA, Qatar — Spain's Alvaro Quiros won the Qatar Masters for his third European tour victory, making five birdies on the back nine for a 3-under 69 and a three-stroke victory over Louis Oosthuizen and Henrik Stenson.

The 26-year-old Quiros finished at 19-under 269 on the Doha Golf Club course. He will move into the top 30 in the world, wrapping

up his first start in the Masters at Augusta National. Oosthuizen closed with a 71, and Stenson had a 68.

Sergio Garcia (70) tied for seventh at 11 under.

HSBC LPGA Brazil Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Catriona Matthew, the 39-year-old Scot expecting her second child in May, won the HSBC LPGA Brazil Cup exhibition event, shooting her second straight 3-under 69 for a five-stroke victory over Kristy McPherson.

Matthew earned \$100,000 in the 15-player, two-day competition at Itanhanga Golf Club. McPherson finished with a 72. Brazil's Angela Park (75) was third at 3 over.

PRO FOOTBALL

Browns hire Mangini's friend Kokinis

BY TOM WITHERS
Associated Press Writer
CLEVELAND

Baltimore pro personnel director George Kokinis has been hired as Cleveland's general manager, reuniting him with new Browns coach and close friend Eric Mangini.

Kokinis, who began his NFL career as an intern in the Browns' operations

department in 1991, was hand-picked by Mangini, who recommended him during an interview to Browns owner Randy Lerner. Mangini took over as Cleveland's coach on Jan. 7, just one week after he was fired following three seasons with the New York Jets.

Lerner is determined to

match a coach and GM who can work well together after the Romeo Crennel-Phil Savage relationship failed.

In an attempt to right the ship, Lerner is teaming up a pair of friends who shared an apartment when they first broke into the league. The three have maintained a close relationship over the years.

Krohn: Rivalry

➤ Continued from page 1B

"We helped them to get going," said Todd of the Northwest swimming program. "I gave them advice on how to get started with going to the state meetings and how to do scheduling because they didn't know how to set the meets up. I've helped them and I still do."

This weekend, Northwest's swim team was at Dalton as a participant in the North Georgia Regional Championships where they finished 10th overall out of 17 teams.

Today, Northwest will again be at Dalton on senior night for a three-team meet that includes Tennessee's Notre Dame and begins at 6 p.m. Before the meet, each school will have a ceremony for its seniors.

Then it's time to hit the pool and compete one last time before the Feb. 12 state meet at Atlanta's Westminster School, which means today is the last opportunity for Dalton and Northwest swimmers to qualify for that state meet.

"We'll be pulling for (Northwest swimmers) to qualify for state," Todd said. "Most of their swimmers are in the (CASL) summer league and I coach them. I'm friends with their

families and we always support them at meets and they support us. It's a small swimming community in North Georgia and we're all pretty tight."

Heading into today's meet, Northwest has never had a swimmer qualify for the state meet. But last year, Bruins Leighton Steadman and Matt Farmer qualified as divers.

Though Northwest's program hasn't found instant success, it has potential to be a force in the long run.

"I do think they'll be able to compete with us very soon," Todd said. "They have so many more students than Dalton and they could have an elite team in a short period of time. Marta has the experience and does a great job. You can see her building the program up."

"But Right now, I have the upper hand because I have a pool at the school and that helps."

With Dalton having its own pool, the swim team doesn't have to worry about traveling to a practice site and, as a result, can practice twice a day. But Northwest, who used to practice at the Bradley Wellness Center and now uses the facilities at Dalton State College, doesn't have that luxury.

"Without a pool, we can only practice once a day," said Hannah after Saturday's meet. "We have to swim at night from 7:30-9:30, and that's really tough."

It's Hannah and Moisan's hope that Northwest will soon have a pool of its own. In the meantime they'll continue to lean on the support group provided by Todd and Dalton High, which is ironic considering the strong rivalry between the two schools in other sports.

Sure, somewhere down the road the rivalry could turn bitter, especially if Northwest's team becomes competitive and gets its own pool. Perhaps a recruiting rivalry between Todd and Hannah could take place at a CASL or CCAC event, with the two coaches playing tug of war with a talented young swimmer in an attempt to lure he or she to their school.

But for now, in this one case, the athletes of Northwest and Dalton are friends and it's a sight to see.

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DMS swim team takes 2nd

From Staff Reports

At the Southeastern Middle School Championship at Baylor School in Chattanooga, the Dalton Middle boys swim team took second place with

a total of 226 points.

Dalton's boys 200 yard medley relay team took first place with a time of 1:52.04 and Hunter Mulkey broke his own Dalton Middle record in the 100 breast-

stroke with a time of 1:09.31, good for second place.

Christian Heritage's Dale Taylor took first place in the 100 backstroke with a time of 57.51.

TENNIS

Federer overcomes Berdych

BY JOHN PYE

Associated Press Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia — Two sets down. A 6-foot-5 Tomas Berdych ripping forehand winners and powerful serves down at him, keeping him on the defensive.

Roger Federer's campaign to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles was in serious jeopardy in the fourth round Sunday at the Australian Open.

On the court where women's No. 1 Jelena Jankovic was knocked out in the day's opening match and No. 3 Dinara Safina had to save match points before advancing, Federer also appeared in trouble.

Not in his mind. "I wasn't thinking of losing, that's for sure," Federer said after reaching the quarterfinals with a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win. "The finish line was still very far for Tomas. I knew that."

"He pushed me to the limit. You've got to hang in there, there's no other solution."

After breaking 23-year-old Berdych in the pivotal seventh game of the third set, when the Czech player missed three open volleys and blew five game points, Federer took the momentum.

"In the end it becomes very mental, and I know that this is where my biggest strengths always come into play," he said. "That's why I'm always going to favor myself in a fifth set."

Federer cut his unforced errors from 13 and 11 in the first two sets to four and three in the next two. He finished with 61 winners to 58 for Berdych.

It was only his fourth career comeback from two sets down and third in a

major — the previous in 2001, more than two years before he won the first of his Grand Slam titles.

Best of all, he said, it gave him confidence he could go all the way — if pushed — by anyone of the younger brigade.

"It's good to have five-setters to see where you're at," Federer said.

He next faces 20-year-old Juan Martin del Potro, seeded eighth from Argentina, who advanced 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 over No. 19 Marin Cilic of Croatia.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia jumped to a 5-0 lead, then was pushed the rest of the way in a 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (5), 6-2 victory over 2006 runner-up Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus.

He'll next play American Andy Roddick, who ousted No. 21 Tommy Robredo 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

The atmosphere for the Djokovic-Bagdatis match was more like a soccer match, with large contingents from Melbourne's Greek and Serbian communities loudly cheering between points until it finished at 2:26 a.m.

"It's never easy to play second week of a Grand Slam, especially against a great player like Marcos," Djokovic said. "It wasn't

easy. We had to wait (to start) for a couple of hours. But I'm happy I got through in four sets."

Djokovic said the pair spoke and joked while waiting for the preceding women's match, hoping it would finish quickly.

Baghdatis holds the record for the latest finishing match at the Australian Open, his five-set, third-round loss to Lleyton Hewitt last year finishing at 4:34 a.m.

"I played four rounds, won three matches," Baghdatis said. "My objective was to make it to the second week. I made it by about three hours."

The top eight seeds in the men's draw made it to fourth round here for the first time since 1970. If you count No. 9 James Blake, it was the first time the top nine seeds got this far at a major since the 1982 French Open.

No. 1 Rafael Nadal plays Sunday runner-up Fernando Gonzalez, seeded 13th, in the round of 16 on Monday, when No. 4 Andy Murray goes against No. 14 Fernando Verdasco. No. 5 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga plays Blake, while Frenchmen No. 6 Gilles Simon and No. 12 Gael Monfils — friends since age 12 — were to meet for the first time at tour level.

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AP PHOTO

In this 1944 photo, Chicago Cardinals running back Johnny Grigas runs with the football.

Super Bowl: 1944

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commissioner Elmer Layden, one of the original "Four Horsemen of Notre Dame," asked Steelers owner Art Rooney and Cardinals boss Charles Bidwell if they'd be interested in a merger.

The patriarchs of the families that still own the franchises agreed. A few months later, the combined club went off to training camp in Waukesha, Wis.

"We were all sitting there on the porch the first day," Bulger said. "We're all just looking at each other. These were guys you'd tried to beat up before. Finally, one of the co-owners, Bert Bell, says, 'You're going to have to get together.'"

Finding a nickname for the team was a little more challenging. At the outset, there were several: the Chi-Pitts, the Card-Pitts and Cardinals-Pitt, among them.

A 3-0 loss to Sammy Baugh and the Washington Redskins in an exhibition game gave them hope. They lost the opener to the Rams 30-28 on a late TD, then actually won a week later — too bad for them, the 17-16 victory over the New York Giants came in an exhibition game, a frequent occurrence during the war.

From there, it got real bad in a hurry.

Team management fined three players for "indifferent play" after a 34-7 loss to the defending champion Bears.

None of their quarterbacks could run the popular T-formation, and the famed "Notre Dame box" didn't work, either. Military commitments caused chaos with the roster, and replacements signed off the sandlots showed up in Pittsburgh for practice.

"It was an odd year," Bulger said. "We got all mixed up."

Especially when it came to kicking. They averaged only 32.7 yards per boot.

"Everybody tried to punt. We all tried in practice," Bulger said. "We couldn't find anyone."

Co-coaches Phil Handler of the Cardinals and Walt Kiesling of the Steelers were at a loss. Kiesling had been a Hall of Fame lineman, but wasn't nearly so successful as a coach. Many years later in Steelers camp, he cut a

young quarterback named Johnny Unitas.

Art Rooney also thought Kiesling spent too much time around the horse tracks in Chicago. "He studies the Racing Form more than he does the playbook," Rooney once said.

The next week, after the Giants whacked them 23-0, it was clear this merged team was brutal.

"The Card-Pitts played the role of a red plush rug this afternoon as the undefeated Giants paraded over and past them," the Chicago Tribune reported.

Then came a wild brawl with the Redskins, with Gil "Cactus Face" Duggan among the players ejected once police restored order. There were two losses at their other home field, Comiskey Park in Chicago, and that final rout by the Bears.

Overall, they were outscored 328-108.

For Bulger and Banonis, the good times came later. The rugged two-way linemen played together in 1947 on the last Cardinals team to win the NFL championship, and Banonis won a pair of titles with Detroit in the early 1950s. Bell also made out well, later becoming commissioner.

Banonis, now 87 and in a wheelchair, will be rooting for the Cardinals in the Super Bowl. During a telephone interview from his home in Southfield, Mich., he began singing the team fight song from long ago.

"Hail Chicago Cardinals, crimson and white," he belted.

Told of Banonis' performance, Bulger laughed.

"He was always singing these Lithuanian songs," Bulger said. "Oh, what a football player he was."

After nine years in the NFL, Bulger coached and taught for 30-plus years at De La Salle Institute in Chicago. The school named its main athletic field for him, and he continues to help with its fundraising efforts.

And he keeps rooting for his old team.

"I'm still a Cardinal, always a Cardinal," he said. "I can't see too well anymore, but I'm going to get up real close to the TV to watch that game. Maybe we'll win that Super Bowl. Wouldn't that be something?"

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Monday
Varsity swimming
Notre Dame, Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 6
Junior varsity basketball
Northwest at Cass tournament
Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville, 6
Middle school basketball
Eighth-grade tournament
At Dalton Middle School
Bagley girls vs. Dalton, 4:30
Bagley boys vs. Dalton, 6:15

Tuesday
Varsity basketball
Woodland at Northwest Whitfield, 6
Christian Heritage at Harvester Christian, 6:30
Heritage-Catoosa at Southeast, 6
Paulding County at Murray County, 6
Dalton at Cass, 6

Varsity wrestling
Northwest, Tucker at Loganville, 5
Cass, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe at Dalton, 5:30
Junior varsity basketball
Christian Heritage at Harvester Christian, 4
Middle school basketball
Eighth-grade tournament
At Dalton Middle School
Cooco girls vs. Rome, 4:30
Rome boys vs. Gladden, 6:15
Seventh grade tournament
At Lake Forest, Cleveland, Tenn.
Bagley girls vs. Chilhowee, 4:30
Bagley boys vs. Chilhowee, 6:15

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Varsity wrestling
Southeast at Paulding County Quad, 5
Junior varsity basketball
Northwest at Cass tournament

Thursday
Varsity basketball
Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 6
Junior varsity basketball
Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 4:30
Northwest at Cass tournament
Middle school basketball
Eighth-grade tournament
At Dalton Middle School
Girls consolation, 4:30
Boys consolation, 6:15

Friday
Varsity basketball
Colonial Hills Christian at Christian Heritage, 6
Murray County at Hiram, 6
Sprayberry at Dalton, 7
LFO at Southeast, 7
Northwest Whitfield at Allatoona, 7

Varsity wrestling
Southeast, Cartersville at Sonorville, 5
Dalton at Gordon Lee, 5:30
Junior varsity basketball
Signal Mountain/Colonial Hills at Christian Heritage, 4
Murray County at Hiram, 4
Northwest at Allatoona, 4
Middle school basketball
Eighth grade tournament
At Dalton Middle School
Girls championship, 4:30
Boys championship, 6:15

Saturday
Varsity basketball

Coosa at Dalton, 3
Trion at Southeast, 6
Varsity wrestling
Murray County at Clarke Central Duals, Athens
Junior varsity basketball
Northwest at Cass tournament
Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield at Woodland tournament

TELEVISION

On Today
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Marquette at Notre Dame
9 p.m.
ESPN — Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.
TENNIS
9:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, at Melbourne, Australia
3:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, at Melbourne, Australia
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Louisville at Connecticut

PRO FOOTBALL

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

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

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Glance
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
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
Northeast Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
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
W L OT Pts GF GA
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
W L OT Pts GF GA
Detroit 31 9 6 68 173 133
Chicago 25 12 8 58 152 114
Columbus 22 20 5 49 129 133
Nashville 20 23 3 43 111 134
St. Louis 19 23 4 42 133 149
Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 28 14 4 60 146 138
Edmonton 24 19 3 51 132 138
Vancouver 22 19 7 51 137 137
Minnesota 23 20 3 49 117 107
Colorado 23 23 1 47 131 140
Pacific Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
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 19 20 7 45 117 131

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Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Game
Eastern Conference 12, Western Conference 11

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA Glance
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 37 9 .804 —
Philadelphia 21 21 .500 14
New Jersey 20 24 .455 16
New York 18 25 .419 17 1/2
Toronto 18 28 .391 19
Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 33 10 .767 —
Atlanta 26 17 .605 7
Miami 23 19 .548 9 1/2
Charlotte 18 26 .409 15 1/2
Washington 9 34 .209 24
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 34 8 .810 —
Detroit 24 19 .558 10 1/2
Milwaukee 22 25 .468 14 1/2
Chicago 18 27 .400 17 1/2
Indiana 17 27 .386 18
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 29 14 .674 —
New Orleans 26 14 .650 1 1/2
Houston 28 17 .622 2
Dallas 25 19 .568 4 1/2
Memphis 11 32 .256 18
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Denver 29 15 .659 —
Portland 26 17 .605 2 1/2
Utah 25 20 .556 4 1/2
Minnesota 15 27 .357 13
Oklahoma City 9 35 .205 20
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Lakers 35 8 .814 —
Phoenix 24 18 .571 10 1/2

Golden State 13 31 .295 22 1/2
L.A. Clippers 10 32 .238 24 1/2
Sacramento 10 35 .222 26
Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 116, New York 110
Miami 103, Orlando 97
New Jersey 99, Memphis 88
Milwaukee 106, Sacramento 104
Cleveland 102, Utah 97
Portland 100, Washington 87
Sunday's Scores
Boston 124, Dallas 100
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 85
Phoenix 104, Atlanta 99
Toronto 113, Sacramento 97
Houston 108, Detroit 105
Minnesota 109, Chicago 108, OT
Indiana 98, Charlotte 93
Denver 117, Utah 97
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late
Today's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Jan. 26
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1991 — Houston guard Vernon Maxwell joins Wilt Chamberlain, David Thompson and George Gervin as the only players in NBA history to score 30 points or more in a quarter. Maxwell scores 30 of his career-high 51 points in the fourth period to help Houston beat Cleveland 103-97.
1992 — The Washington Redskins win their third Super Bowl in 10 years, beating the Buffalo Bills 37-24, putting the game away with 24 straight points after a scoreless first quarter.
1996 — Three years after she won her last Grand Slam title on the same Center Court, Monica Seles wins her fourth Australian Open crown. Seles beats Germany's Anke Huber 6-4, 6-1 to claim her ninth major championship.
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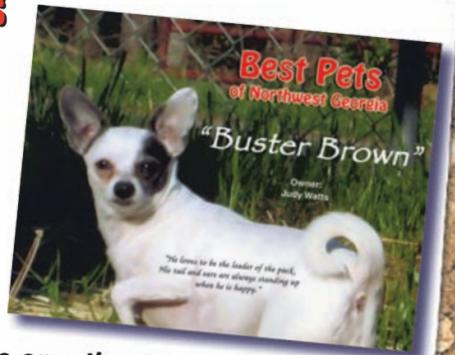
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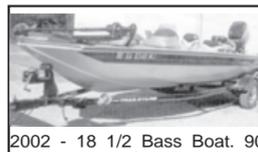
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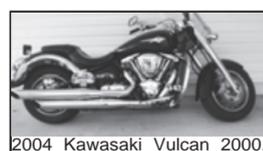
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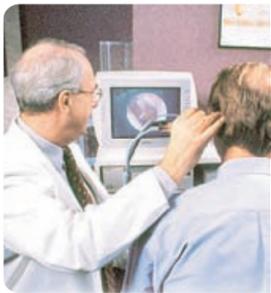
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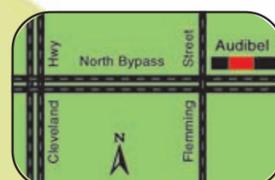
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