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Stabbing victim identified

BY MARK MILLICAN

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Teresa Patton said the girlfriend of Robert Glenn Miller was frantic when Patton answered the banging on her door Friday evening.

"I had to dial 911 for her, she was so panicky," Patton said. "She was shaking so bad she couldn't hit the buttons on the phone. I asked her who she was trying to call and she said 911. When I asked her what happened, she said, 'Bobby's been stabbed!'"

Miller, 43, was stabbed twice with a knife and died on the front porch of his trailer at 1006 Duke Street during what Dalton Police officers called a "gathering." Waldo James Lopez, 43, of 612 Chattanooga Ave., is charged with homicide. He is scheduled to appear in Superior

Court this morning via video from the Whitfield County Jail for a bond hearing and assignment of a public defender if he does not have an attorney.

Police spokesman Bruce Frazier said he isn't sure how Lopez and Miller knew each other or what the fight was about. The police department continues to investigate.

Miller, known as "California" around the north Dalton neighborhood because he told people he was from there, was found "bleeding heavily" around 6 p.m., officers reported. They administered first aid and called paramedics but he could not be revived. Alcohol is believed to be involved.

"He drank, but he stayed to himself and never bothered nobody," neighbor David Motley said of Miller. "Most of the parties took place at another house down the street. It's sad that it

happened right here at our back door."

Deborah Canales' home sits on the southeastern flank of Mount Rachel above Miller's single-wide trailer.

"He was always nice to us, and spoke to us," she said. "As far as I know, he never messed with anybody. But about the other night, I didn't know anything was going on until the ambulance and the cops got here."

"When I made Thanksgiving dinner I usually took some of it down to them. I know he had friends, but I never asked him his personal business. Something needs to be done about (the stabbing). It's uncalled for. The people who do that kind of thing need to be cleaned off the streets."

"We haven't been keeping our doors locked," said Betty Motley, "but we will now."



Misty Watson/ The Daily Citizen

Dylan Graham, a fourth-grader at Valley Point Elementary, receives a small shock from static electricity on Monday. Staff Sgt. James Smith with the U.S. Army explains why in the National Science Center van.

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New school meetings set for Thursday

BY MARK MILLICAN

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Parents will have two opportunities on Thursday to view redistricting plans that will provide students for Cedar Ridge Elementary, which is scheduled to open in August.

The plans will be presented by members of the Whitfield County Schools redistricting committee, led by community members Dan Rogers and Jessica Swinford, at the Whitfield Career Academy at noon and 6 p.m. There will also be time for questions and answers. The committee revealed the plans to the school board Monday morning during a work session.

The redistricting will include shifting some elementary students from Dug Gap to Antioch, Antioch to Eastside, Eastside to Cedar Ridge, Dawsonville to Cedar Ridge and Pleasant Grove to Dawsonville. The plans include Dawsonville.



Whitfield County Schools superintendent Katie Brochu, left, looks over plans for Cedar Ridge Elementary School with board member John Thomas and site manager Fred Tyrrell on Monday while touring the school.



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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 reach Today's Forum.

"I like the forum but why is everything President Obama's fault when he hasn't been in office a week?"

"I am sorry I voted for Perdue, Chambliss and Isakson and all the rest of them up there."

"The Daily Citizen editorial 'A Rush to fight' is the best thing I've read in here in awhile."

"Those three rednecks should be fed to those hungry Tasmanian Devils."

"We live in the United States of America. United. That's good to remember. One nation under God."

"Dug Gap Elementary needs to fix their \$19,000 sign. You can't ready anything because half the letters are missing."

"It's bad enough that we have gangs in this town and on the front page y'all put a skinned head gang member at the gun show. I am so disappointed."

Editor's note: Not everyone with bad hair belongs to a gang.

"People who think it's OK to slaughter a dog are as crazy as the three who did it."

"Please tell me I'm hearing this wrong. We're paying taxes for belly dancers and massages at Dalton State College?"

Editor's note: You're hearing this wrong. Adult continuing education classes are paid for primarily by the people who take the class.

"If they charged President Bush with war crimes, the next president wouldn't have the nerve to defend our country against terrorists."

"Who cares what's going on in Atlanta?"

"Even Obama admitted that donations covered approximately half the cost of the inauguration."

"Note to the editor: Please don't edit my comments. If I want them edited I'll do it myself. Print them as is or don't print them at all."

Editor's note: Start your own forum.

"Why should I have to fund the schools by paying taxes and why should I have to fund Congress's vacations and pay raises. We have to fund a lot of things we don't want."

"It's hard to believe that this country went from a strong and principled leader like Bush to a weak and immoral leader like Obama."

"Why are Georgia State Patrol cars tinted illegally but I get a ticket for mine?"

"When Obama destroys our country, the people who voted for him should be held just as responsible."

"The more one reads the forum the more one learns about the editor. But I never claimed to be fair and balanced."

Editor's note: I am fair and balanced, as well as thin, peppy and brilliant.

"Americans need to realize that the Federal Reserve is not a branch of government. It's owned by private banks who may or may not

have America's best interests at heart."

"Has anyone noticed how many of Obama's appointments have had legal or moral problems to getting approval?"

"God cannot bless a country that kills babies and lets other Gods be served."

"All you people who are opposed to abortion need to go down to the abortion clinic and tell the girls you will take their baby."

"Massachusetts 4th Congressional District keeps electing Barney Frank as its representative and the district is still standing."

"The woman with five kids should be criticized. You shouldn't have kids if you can't afford them. Maybe the people who defend her should pay her bills."

"Why should we have to fund a war we don't agree with?"

"So many right wing Christians, so few lions!"

"Please don't have Rush Limbaugh venting his hate in your paper. I can turn my radio off, but don't want to have to burn my paper."

"I know the Daily Citizen leans to the conservative Republican side so far its pitiful. But if you're going to start putting Rush Limbaugh's lies in, I'll cancel my subscription."

Editor's note: Mr. Limbaugh was spotlighted by President Obama in his comments. Our editorial responded to that.

"If anti-abortion supporters think they can simply make abortion illegals and then dust off their hands and say 'Problem solved' they are fooling themselves."

"Now that Hillary has been confirmed as Secretary of State she'll have to get a new flak jacket so she can dodge all those bullets in the places she goes to."

"If a Republican was caught evading his taxes they would run him out of office. Now we have a Democrat-led Congress who wants to put a tax evader in office."

"Only in the U.S. can a person get rich by promoting discord, twisting the truth and lying like Rush Limbaugh."

"Sir, we don't eat dogs here. Go back to one of those countries."

"Jimmy Espy shouldn't allow redneck comments like the one about Obama going back to Kenya in the paper. That's all on him."

"That missile attack on a terrorist camp in Pakistan was ordered by Bush before he left office."

"A pro lifer has to fund abortion for the same reason I have to fund a war I don't believe in."

"They need to leave our Bulldog mascot alone."

"I worked for a Japanese car company and I'm out of work too. Buying American hasn't got anything to do with the economy."

"If every driver in the city of Dalton would drive 40 mph in the city everyone would move better with fewer accidents."

"In 1977 my college professor told me not to worry about debt, we could always print more money. Looks like he was right."

The forum number is 706-272-7748.

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS – FOR JAN. 26

Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 4-3-6, Cash 4: 7-8-0-2, Evening Cash 3: 5-7-6

Cash 4 9-2-0-8, Fantasy Five 18-11-2-12-3

Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 4-3-4, Lucky Sum: 11; Cash 4: 4-6-7-9, Lucky Sum: 26; Evening Cash 3: 0-9-4, L-Sum 13, Cash 4: 2-5-5-1 Lucky Sum: 13

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Joshua

Simmons

AGE: 17

HOME: Cisco

FAMILY: Mom and dad, Janet and

Robert Cullinan, sister Casey Cullinan

SCHOOL: Murray

County High School

HOBBIES: Go to

Chatsworth First

United Methodist

Church, Habitat for

Humanity

HE SAID: "Believe in

yourself."

**CORRECTION**

A story in Sunday's Daily Citizen should have reported that the city of Dalton received a \$1,500 grant from the state to create a walking tour of West Hill Cemetery.

Supreme Court to hear Mohawk appeal

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

In a case involving Calhoun-based Mohawk Industries, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether a judge's order that the floor-covering company turn over material claimed to be covered by attorney-client privilege can be immediately appealed to a higher court.

A panel of judges with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit upheld a ruling by U.S. District Judge Harold L. Murphy of Rome ordering Mohawk to release details of conversations between former employee Norman Carpenter and company counsel Juan Morillo.

Carpenter, a former shift supervisor at the Union Grove Road plant in Calhoun, said he reported to Mohawk's human resources department that several employees hired by Mohawk through a temporary employment agency were in the country illegally. After making his report, Carpenter said he was required to meet with Morillo. A day after the meeting, Mohawk fired Carpenter, he said.

Mohawk attorneys claimed Carpenter was fired for attempting "to have Mohawk send a worker that Mr. Carpenter believed to be unauthorized to a temporary agency." They said it was a "clear violation of Mohawk's Code of Ethics and an attempt to circumvent federal immigration law."

ARRESTS

• Esteban Garcia-Vazquez, 27, 51 Corvette Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by conversion.

• Paul Thomas Hatchett, 36, 256 Church St., Langston, Ala., was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with illegal possession of a prescription drug (hydrocodone) and possession of a dangerous drug (methocarbamol).

Peanut butter untested

ATLANTA (AP) — Of Georgia's four peanut butter plants, the one at the center of an investigation into a nationwide salmonella outbreak was the only one where samples weren't pulled last year to be tested for the potentially deadly bacteria, according to inspection records released Monday by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

State officials did two inspections at the Peanut Corp. of America plant in Blakely last year — includ-

ing one on Oct. 23, more than a month after the first people were sickened — but there is no indication in those reports that samples were taken for any kind of testing.

Agriculture department officials did not immediately return phone calls.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has counted about 500 cases of salmonella

in 43 states, and the bacteria may have contributed to at least seven deaths.

becoming a feeder school for North Whitfield Middle to relieve overcrowding at Eastbrook Middle.

The committee is also recommending "grandfathering" all students who are proposed to be moved — allowing them to stay at their current school if they chose to — but without "transportation privileges," Rogers

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told board members that "should drive parental decisions" on whether to move their children or allow them to stay at their current school.

Board members and administrative staff toured Cedar Ridge Elementary after the work session. Cedar Ridge is being built for \$38.9 million, said Keith Buran, project manager for M.B. Kahn Construction.

GEORGIA**FBI looks into church shootings**

ATLANTA — Fayette County law enforcement officials are working with the FBI to investigate two church shootings in Peachtree City and Fayetteville.

No one was reported injured. Authorities say the exteriors of the buildings were damaged.

Police say the first shooting was at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Peachtree City between 11:30 a.m. Jan. 19 and 9 a.m. the next day.

The second was at Flat Rock AME Church on Jan. 21 around 6:33 p.m.

The churches are about 8 miles apart.

Builders target Atlanta actor

ATLANTA — Six construction companies have filed liens against actor-screenwriter Tyler Perry's home and movie studio, claiming they are owed thousands of dollars in unpaid bills.

Fulton County court documents say Perry owes the companies nearly \$200,000 for work they completed on his 30,000-square-foot home and production studio in Atlanta.

Perry tells The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he withheld payment from the companies for undocumented charges or for sloppy work. He tells the newspaper he is being treated unfairly because he is a celebrity.

Conviction of educator flawed

ATLANTA — Prosecutors have little doubt Rodney Denson, an ex-assistant principal at a Fulton County middle school, shot his estranged wife six times. But a procedural error has forced Georgia's top court to reverse his conviction.

Denson was sentenced to 22 years in prison after pleading guilty in 2005 to shooting and wounding his wife, Elleta Bailey, repeatedly as her three children were getting ready for school at their home in Fairburn.

The Georgia Supreme Court's unanimous ruling Monday, though, concluded there was a flaw in Denson's court transcript: He was never advised that by pleading guilty he was waiving his right against self-incrimination.

Prosecutors now may decide to take the case to trial, or pursue another plea deal. Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard's office did not immediately return phone calls, but in 2005 he declared the "viciousness of the attack is almost hard to imagine."

Lawmakers review refinery blast

ATLANTA — Could the sugar refinery explosion that rocked Savannah last year prompt legislators to bolster Georgia's struggling trauma network?

State Rep. Ron Stephens, R-Savannah, took the House floor Monday to show legislators a video of the medical response to the explosion that killed 14 people and injured dozens more.

He also welcomed 20-year-old Lawrence Manker Jr., who was working in the refinery when it burst into flames.

Gasoline prices move back up

ATLANTA — The average statewide price of gasoline increased about 19 cents in the past 30 days, according to a survey compiled by AAA Georgia.

The auto club said Monday's statewide average for a gallon of regular is \$1.74.

The national average is \$1.84.

AAA said midgrade was \$1.87 and premium cost \$1.95 a gallon.

Columbus had the highest metro average for regular at \$1.76.

The Associated Press

Property tax cap proposal resurfaces**LEGISLATURE**

ATLANTA (AP) — House lawmakers could soon consider something that is fast becoming a rite of passage under the Gold Dome: A measure that would limit property assessment hikes to no more than 3 percent each year or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

As they have over the last four years, the measure's supporters said it would help lower taxes on beleaguered homeowners while preventing local governments from raising revenues through a "back door."

And critics, in a now familiar refrain, contend that slowing the growth of property taxes could deprive local governments of the revenue they need for crucial services like police protection and education.

"This is a version of Groundhog Day," said state Rep. Ed Lindsey.

Lindsey, a Republican who represents Atlanta's upscale Buckhead neighborhood, has lobbied for the assessment restrictions since he took office in 2005. He said the current assessment system is "fundamentally unfair" and needs a swift revision.

"It affects the farmer in Wilcox County, it affects the small businessman in Toccoa, it affects the elderly person in Grant Park, and it affects my district in Buckhead," he told members of the House Ways & Means Committee Monday at a hearing on the measure.

"It crosses political lines, geographic lines and economic lines."

His proposal has support from a

broad array of Republican leaders, including House Speaker Glenn Richardson and House Majority Leader Jerry Keen, both who have backed the measure in previous years.

But the plan, like other competing proposals to slash taxes, fell victim to political infighting in the legislative session's final hours last year. And this year the measure's opponents are bracing for another lengthy fight.

Lobbyists from local governments warn it could force county and city officials to raise millage rates for all residents, which they say could have a disproportionate impact on the poor and the elderly.

Education groups fear it could tighten school revenue at a time when state funding isn't keeping up

with a rapid increase in enrollment.

But some of the most powerful critics at Monday's hearing urged legislators to think twice about a provision that would also restrict the assessments from rising on commercial properties.

Savannah City Manager Michael Brown said he worried it would shift the tax burden from the city's businesses to its residents.

"Once we enact a commercial tax freeze, they will begin to pay a higher tax," he said of Savannah's homeowners.

Macon Mayor Robert Reichert echoed his concerns. He urged the panel to take a "go-slow approach" by first implementing the restrictions on residential properties before expanding to businesses.

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FROM OUR WEB SITE

How many kids are out there without homes or foster care, or government care? It is sad. I know a lot of people can; have kids but the government makes it so hard to adopt. Once a child reaches a certain age it is almost impossible to find them a home. Better education is where we need to start to fix this problem.

Posted by Willie on Jan. 26

Does anybody believe that the potential free health care (or socialized medicine) offered by our new president will help lower the abortion rate?

Imagine being young, poor, and without a husband (this is usually the case). How will you support this child? Who will pay for your gynecological care? The easy way out is abortion.

Does anybody who is pro life have the right to argue against free healthcare or any other social type funding available to low income families?

Posted by RN on Jan. 26

We think more or turtle eggs in Florida than we do of human life inside the womb.

Posted by KingAir200 on Jan. 26

I have an idea. Rather than raise property taxes thereby snatching the American Dream from even more people, why don't we legalize marijuana as a cash crop?

We employ illegals despite federal law. What is the big deal about legalizing pot in the state of Georgia? We are clearly not a letter of the law kind of place, anyway.

Think about the tax revenue. It would be to Georgia what oil is to Alaska. We could all get checks from the state instead of handing over everything we make to the state.

People getting high is a lot better, morally, than destroying the environment thereby destroying all life on the planet.

Let's all loosen up and get practical about this thing.

Posted by 3spins on Jan. 22

If they want to raise tax monies then they should increase the sales tax if they want to be fair. Tennessee charges 10-11 percent sales tax and all of us can't wait to head up there on the weekends to spend our money!

Posted by DazeyMazey on Jan. 23

Man stricter gun control was one of the reasons Obama was voted in by a landslide. That is what we, those that voted for Obama, are expecting him and the Democratic controlled Congress to do — pass laws enabling stricter gun control.

President Obama is wasting no time in doing what the vast number of Americans who voted for him wants him to do. Take the ultra conservative chains off abortion funding and things like fetal stem cell research, to decriminalize and eliminate discrimination against gays, and for stricter gun control particularly to assault type and semi auto weapons and where you can "pack" other types. Obama was mandated by the American citizens to do these things. He won the election by over eight and a half million popular votes and almost double the electoral votes he needed to win.

Posted by Alton on Jan. 24

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

Psalm 19:1

Thought for today: "Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

Victor Hugo
French author (1802-1885)

The right way



Cal Thomas

President Obama's campaign theme of ending politics as usual and creating a new bipartisanship that will get things done for the American people is about to be tested now that he has the power — or some of the power — to make it happen.

The president has commendably met with Republican congressional leaders during the early stages of his push for an economic "stimulus" plan, but now comes the hard part. There remain two distinct and possibly irreconcilable differences between traditional Republicans and traditional Democrats. Republicans once believed and encouraged doing for one's self and approaching government — if at all — as a last resort. Democrats see government as a first resource and people as an expanding pool of victims who are incapable of independently bettering their lives.

The Obama "stimulus" plan is a \$1 trillion dollar gamble more suited to Las Vegas than Washington. It bets the economic vitality of future generations on the belief that money from Washington would jumpstart the economy. Generally, one jumpstarts a car when the battery is dead, but America's "batteries" (its people) are not dead.

The vehicle has stalled because too much government meddling and loss of personal responsibility has flooded the engine. More meddling will not revive the economy anymore than holding down the accelerator on a flooded engine will start a car.

Republicans might enjoy more credibility when calling for individual responsibility had they behaved differently during the years they controlled Congress and/or the

White House. There are initial signs they may again be finding their voice and embracing the beliefs that once brought them to power for the announced purpose of downsizing government and "upsizing" opportunity.

House Republican Leader John Boehner appeared on "Meet the Press" Sunday and said, "Government can't fix this. We can't borrow and spend our way back to prosperity. But what we can do is provide incentives to businesses and families to reinvest in our economy." This is classic Republican doctrine, but while President Obama has promised to consider GOP ideas, don't look for him to embrace this one. To do so would mean opposing his liberal congressional leadership, which wants increasing numbers of Americans dependent on government.

Have you read the proposed stimulus plan (www.readthestimulus.org)? Because government intends to spend your money (now borrowed from foreign governments, but paid for later with higher taxes), you had better read it. Don't let the length (334 pages) deter you. Especially notice comments by other readers who know they must foot the bill.

Here are just four of many examples: \$1 billion for the ultimate in community organizing to create "employment opportunities for low-income and unemployed persons." When the money runs out, if

it ever does, will those people have real jobs in a business or service industry, or will they have government jobs that require more money in the future? A board to oversee the spending would get \$14 million and \$800 million would go to AMTRAK, which has not been able to sustain itself, despite \$29 billion in government subsidies. There are millions included for contraceptives and the abortion industry, which are unrelated to job creation.

In last Sunday's Washington Post there was a picture of Pennsylvania Avenue in 1885. The stores and hotels in the picture no longer exist. They weren't built out. They closed or became something else.

We are experiencing economic difficulties because we thought we could live outside our means — as individuals and government — forever. We falsely believed that home values would constantly escalate along with our stock portfolios. More than a stimulus, we need the lessons that wrong decisions and failure bring. Let the house of cards collapse and let's start over with those economic principles that have worked for every generation that has embraced them.

SunTrust Bank is running a TV commercial that speaks of "solid foundations" and "helping you get and stay on solid ground." It speaks of back to basics and no more keeping up with the Joneses. That's the right attitude, not subsidies that encourage risky financial behavior.

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Obama opens with mixed signals



Mona Charen

This is something to tell your children: Don't be afraid of making a mistake. Everyone makes mistakes. Two of the smartest men in America — the Chief Justice of the United States and the President of the United States — flubbed the one-sentence oath of office.

Obama seemed to jump in too quickly repeating the first words of the oath and Roberts then got the next words out of order. Oh, well. The world continued to spin on its axis.

But just to be on the safe side, constitutionally speaking, Roberts and Obama repeated it correctly the next day so no one could say there was any cloud on the legitimacy of the Obama presidency. One can only wish that this punctiliousness about strict adherence to the words of the Constitution were more often observed by liberals.

There were things for conservatives to like in Obama's address. Few have noticed, for example, that he clearly disavowed plans to reinstitute the Fairness Doctrine. He proclaimed that those who hold on to power through "silencing dissent" were on "the wrong side of history." That's a relief.

Considering his record and past associations, Obama might have delivered a far more divisive and incendiary address.

Certainly the crowd on the Mall would have loved it if he had. But just as his appointments have reflected an intent to govern more from the center than from the left, his speech was somewhat conservative in spirit.

He repeatedly invoked "our ances-

tors" and those who sacrificed so much to secure our way of life. That's a conservative impulse. Conservatives look to the past for inspiration. Liberals are always fixed on the possibilities of the future.

Not to say that Obama is anything but a liberal. Still, he honored the military

— even if he sometimes left ideas dangling. Example: "As we consider the road that unfolds before us, we remember with humble gratitude those brave Americans who, at this very hour, patrol far-off deserts and distant mountains. They have something to tell us, just as the fallen heroes who lie in Arlington whisper through the ages."

What do they have to tell us? What are the dead of Arlington whispering? We never find out.

The next sentence just explains that they deserve our respect because they "embody the spirit of service." Well, that was flat. The structure of the paragraph cried out for something stirring, like "They are telling us that never in the long history of mankind has a nation so merited the love and sacrifices of her sons and daughters."

Naturally, the parts of the speech the commentators seemed to like the most were actually hackneyed political evergreens. "We will restore science to its

rightful place" — who moved it? — "and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its costs." Aren't we supposed to be "putting away childish" ideas like getting something for nothing?

Obama's pet project of digitalizing medical records seems like a sensible idea. But it would be expensive (\$75 billion to \$100 billion) and there are privacy concerns. Maybe it would save money, but surely not enough, not nearly enough, to make a significant dent in our huge health care spending.

Obama's call to reject "worn-out dogmas" and "petty grievances" was greeted as transformational. The issue, he said, is not whether we have big government or small government but whether government works.

Isn't this warmed-over Michael Dukakis? He told us in 1988 that the issue was "competence, not ideology." Obama then offered that when his administration finds that government is not helping people to find decent jobs, good care, and a dignified retirement, "programs will end."

Now that's the audacity of hope! As Reagan reminded us, the closest thing to eternal life here on earth is a federal program.

Obama has never actually offered anything that was new — except himself.

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Senate approves digital delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Monday voted unanimously to postpone the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting by four months to June 12 — setting the stage for Congress to pass the proposal as early as Tuesday.

Monday's Senate vote is a big victory for the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress, who have been pushing for a delay amid growing concerns that too many Americans won't be ready for the currently scheduled Feb. 17 changeover.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that more than 6.5 million U.S. households that rely on analog television sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals could see their TV sets go dark next month if the transition is not postponed.

"Delaying the upcoming DTV switch is the right thing to do," said Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., author of the bill to push back the deadline. "I firmly believe that our nation is not yet ready to make this transition at this time."

The issue now goes to the House, where Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., has vowed to work with House leaders to bring Rockefeller's bill up for a floor vote on Tuesday.

President Barack Obama earlier this month called for the transition date to be postponed after the Commerce Department hit a \$1.34 billion funding limit for government coupons that consumers may use to help pay for digital TV converter boxes. The boxes, which generally cost between \$40 and \$80 each and can be purchased without a coupon, translate digital signals back into analog ones for older TVs.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the arm of the Commerce Department administering the program, is now sending out new coupons only as older, unredeemed ones expire and free up more money. The NTIA had nearly 2.6 million coupon requests on a waiting list as of last Wednesday.

Jonathan Collegio, vice president for the digital television transition for the National Association of Broadcasters, argues that the Nielsen numbers may overstate the number of viewers who are not ready for the digital transition. He noted that the numbers exclude consumers who have already purchased a converter box but not yet installed it, as well as those who have requested coupons but not yet received them.

What's more, consumers who subscribe to cable or satellite TV service or who own a TV with a digital tuner will not lose reception.

Still Gene Kimmelman, vice president for federal policy at Consumers Union, argues that millions of Americans — particularly low-income and elderly viewers — will pay the price because "the government has failed to deliver the converter boxes these people deserve just to keep watching free, over-the-air broadcast signals."

OUCH!



Misty Watson/The Daily Citizen

Hunter Vetter, left, a fourth-grader at Valley Point Elementary, laughs after shocking classmate Kyle Lockwood with static electricity in the National Science Center van.

County to trim money for D.A.

BY JAMIE JONES

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overall budget will "need to be adjusted" later this year, saying money could be added.

In other action, the board voted 4-0 to:

■ Approve \$85,000 in contracts with four independent attorneys to represent indigent cases in Juvenile Court. The contracts are with Bart Barnwell, Katherine O'Gwin, Rodney Quarles and Joshua Smith.

■ Appoint Jeffrey Putnam, the county's Emergency Services director, to the Region One EMS advisory board. He has served for three years on the board representing Gordon County but asked to be Whitfield County's representative. He will finish county administrator Bob McLeod's term.

■ Re-appoint Dan Rogers to the trade center board.

The district attorney's office could receive less money from Whitfield County this year. The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 on Monday to approve a \$1.03 million contract between the Conasauga Judicial Circuit (Whitfield and Murray counties) and the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia. Chairman Mike Babb only voted to break ties.

The contract, which includes benefits and salaries, is about \$290,000 less than the county budgeted for this year. The district attorney's office received \$1.12 million from the county last year.

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BY MARK MILLCAN

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CHATSWORTH — A man who authorities believe took a 13-year-old girl across state lines and had sexual intercourse with her pleaded guilty to felony interference with custody in Murray County Superior Court on Monday.

Johnny Lynn Boatwright, 46, of 703 Seventh Ave., was charged with enticing a child for indecent purposes and interfering with custody, said District Attorney Kermit McManus. Boatwright took the girl to Tennessee and sold his truck, then they went to Jacksonville on a bus.

Boatwright, who is a relative of the girl, may also face charges in Tennessee, McManus said. Boatwright took the girl to Tennessee and sold his truck, then they went to Jacksonville on a bus.

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BUSINESS

Oil prices slide as market wavers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Oil prices fell Monday as investors weighed early gains in the equity markets against signs of a deepening recession that could further eat away at energy demand.

Light, sweet crude for March delivery fell 74 cents to settle at \$45.73 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after fluctuating throughout the day.

Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research, said the market is in a sort of shoulder period in which dour economic news continues to emerge and investors haven't yet seen the effects of the OPEC production cuts.

Oil prices hit a low of \$45.25 before swinging as high as \$48.59 during a volatile trading delay.

Pfizer to buy No. 12 drugmaker

TRENTON, N.J. — No. 1 drugmaker Pfizer Inc. said Monday it is buying No. 12 Wyeth for \$68 billion in a deal that ultimately will wipe out nearly 20,000 jobs but quickly boost Pfizer's revenue and profit and transform it overnight into a medical cabinet for all.

New York-based Pfizer managed with one stroke to overshadow a full house of problems, some of which would have pummeled its stock: a 90 percent drop in income, a hefty charge for settling government charges of wrongdoing, a severe cut in its dividend, a shockingly low profit forecast for 2009 and 8,000 job cuts starting immediately.

Home Depot to trim workforce

CHICAGO — Home Depot Inc. plans to eliminate 7,000 jobs while shutting down its smaller home improvement brands as the recession continues to batter the nation's housing market. Its shares climbed more than 5 percent in morning trading.

The Associated Press

THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 8116 ▲ 38.40

Monday's NASDAQ: 1489.50 ▲ 12.20

	Friday	Monday		
Gold	875.7	910.2	Intel	13.12
Silver	11.32	11.94	IBM	89.49
Acuity	28.12	28.24	Interface	4.11
AAir	4.38	4.49	JCP	18.14
Apple	88.36	89.64	JNJ	55.91
AT&T	26.12	26.83	Kroger	24.54
BAC	6.24	6	Lowes	20.05
BB&T	20.04	19.72	McDonalds	58.02
BP	40.78	42.70	Merck	28.16
BristolMyers	22.4	22.25	Microsoft	17.2
HP-Compaq	35.75	35.57	Mohawk	34.33
Chevron	70.75	71.29	Motorola	4.6
CocaCola	42.2	43.03	Region-Fin	4.66
ConAgra	17.66	17.67	Rock-Tenn.	27.98
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Coke Ent.	11.6	12.02	SouthernCo	34.65
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CSX	28.84	28.39	Torchmark	31.68
Dell	10.14	10.31	Total Sys	12.72
Delta	10.26	9.93	UPS	46.92
Dixie Group	1.7	1.62	Vulcan	53.18
Dow	14.33	13.24	Verizon	30.44
Duke	14.9	15.16	Wal-Mart	48.35
DuPont	24.13	23.18	Wells Fargo	15.9
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FSG	4.8	4.73		
GE	12.03	12.42		
GM	3.49	3.38		
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House prosecutor David Ellis delivers his opening statement on the first day of the impeachment trial of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich while a desk where Blagojevich and his counsel would sit is empty at right on Monday in Springfield, Ill. Ellis is the attorney who will present the case against Blagojevich.

Blagojevich: The fix is in

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial opened on Monday with a vacant chair reserved for the governor, who boycotted the proceedings and instead spent the day on the TV talk-show circuit in New York, complaining he is being railroaded.

"The fix is in," Blagojevich declared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

As the Illinois Senate assembled for the first impeachment trial of a U.S. governor in more than 20 years, David Ellis, the House-appointed prosecutor, told the chamber that he will show that Blagojevich "repeatedly and utterly abused the powers and privileges of his office."

In one of his first orders of business, Ellis won approval from the Senate to summon as a witness an FBI agent who oversaw the profanity-laden wiretaps that led to Blagojevich's arrest on corruption charges last month.

With Blagojevich refusing to present a defense, Illinois senators could vote within days on whether to oust the 52-year-old Democrat on a variety of



AP Photo

In this image released by ABC, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks during an interview with Barbara Walters on Monday on "The View."

charges, including allegations he tried to sell the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by President Barack Obama.

State senators maintained the trial will be fair, despite Blagojevich's attacks on the process.

"We all took an oath to do justice according to the law. I know that everyone is taking the matter seriously and that no one will stand in the way of justice," said Senate Minority Leader Christine

Radogno, a Republican.

In live appearances Monday on "Good Morning America" and "The View," Blagojevich said some of his most inflammatory remarks from the wiretaps had been taken out of context. But when pressed, he would not elaborate, and he insisted he had done nothing illegal.

"I'm here in New York because I can't get a fair hearing in Illinois," Blagojevich said.

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Senate gives OK to Geithner bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Federal Reserve Bank President Timothy Geithner won confirmation Monday as President Barack Obama's treasury secretary despite personal tax lapses that turned more than a third of the Senate against him.

Obama immediately put him to work fixing an economy in "dangerous jeopardy."

"We can't waste a day," Obama said, standing beside Geithner as he was sworn into office by Vice President Joe Biden.

The Senate voted 60-34 to put Geithner in charge of the administration's economic team as it races to halt the worst financial slide in generations. The swearing-in followed less than an hour later, the administration seeking to emphasize that it was wasting no time in trying to address the financial crisis.

Obama said there had been a "devastating loss in

trust and confidence" in the U.S. economy.

In his remarks, Geithner said the new administration would work first to stabilize the financial system and get the economy growing again and then would move to reform the system.

"We are at a point of maximum challenge for our economy and our country," Geithner said to a standing-room only audience in Treasury Department's ornate Cash Room. On hand were Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, now director of Obama's National Economic Council.

Referring to Geithner's tax problems, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Geithner had made amends — he has paid the taxes and penalties — and possessed the talent needed to steer the nation out of the crisis.

Cisneros: U.S. future linked to Latino success

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros said Monday he plans to create a nonprofit that will help integrate newcomers to U.S. society by improving their English and expanding their participation in military service and civic activities.

Cisneros, who served in the Clinton administration, said he hopes to launch the group this year to "proselytize" the significance of immigrants and "the absolutely invaluable role they'll play in the American future."

The group would team up with churches, schools and other nonprofits to offer a "life plan" on how people integrate into American society, he said. The plan would include showing parents how

U.S. schools work and how they can help their children advance as well as promoting their responsibility in building the nation's future.

"We've got to get beyond just the basics of legalization and citizenship," Cisneros said.

Leaving 12 million people in the shadows and undocumented "is not what civilized country wants to do when it needs workers," he said.

Latinos make up 15 percent of the U.S. population and will make up a quarter of the population by 2050.

Even if the nation's borders were closed, the Latino population in the U.S. is expected to grow because the population's families are younger and larger.

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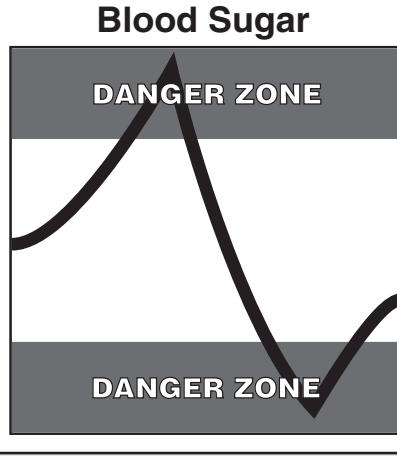
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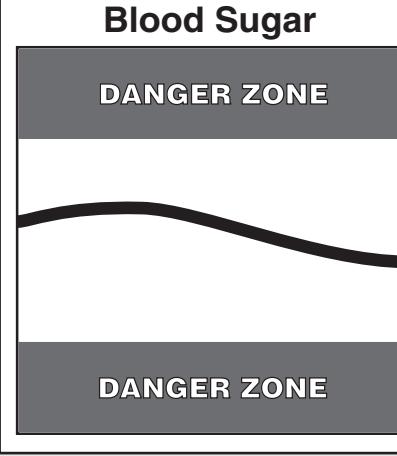
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OBITUARIES

- John (J.T.) Crumbley, Cisco
- Sara Morris Gosa
- Betty J. Maeger, Dalton
- Robert G. "Bobby" Miller, Dalton
- Beverly Marcia Westfall, Rocky Face
- Jane Whitehead Hurt, Dalton
- Kenneth Hackney, Fort Worth, Texas

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltoncitizen.com

John (J.T.) Crumbley

Mr. John (J.T.) Crumbley, 83, of Cisco, passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Chatsworth Health Care Center.

J.T. was proud to have served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Wisconsin in World War II. He was a member of Cisco Baptist Church, VFW in Dalton, Masonic Lodge 664, American Legion Post 167 and a member of 40 & 8.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Crumbley; father and stepmother, Luther and Odell Crumbley; and brother, Floyd Crumbley.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Helen Crumbley; sons, Tommy Crumbley of Chatsworth, Mickey Crumbley of Cisco; daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Larry Byrd of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Andria Sheram, Kelly Page, John Crumbley, Cody Byrd, Ashley Crumbley, Chelsea Crumbley; great-grandchildren, Drew Crumbley, Hali Sheram, Halen Sheram, Lily Sheram, Meredith and Hayden Page, Brenden Thomason and Jasper Byrd; sisters, Ruby Sanford and Annie Ruth Mantooth, both of Cisco, Evelyn Deloach of Dalton, Stella Jones of Chatsworth; brother, Thomas Crumbley of Dalton; nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Peebles Funeral Home with the Rev. David Evans and the Rev. Dale Beavers officiating. Interment will follow in the Chatsworth Heights

A Presbyterian for more than 60 years, she is survived

Cemetery with military honors by the Chatsworth American Legion Post 167.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 9 p.m. Peebles Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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Sara Morris Gosa

Sara Morris Gosa, 86, died peacefully early on Sunday morning, Jan. 25, 2009, of complications from a series of falls. She lived a long, faithful life, and was ready to join her husband of 65 years, Rex Gosa, who went on ahead in 1993 to make a place for her.

Sara Lena Morris Gosa was born Oct. 23, 1922, in Baker County, Ga., second child of Daisy Slocumb Morris and Clyde E. Morris. She was valedictorian of Morven High School's class of 1939, and was awarded a full scholarship to Tift College which she was prevented from using by the early death of her mother the month she was to leave for college. She worked during World War II in the quartermaster's office at Warner Robins Air Force base and married the love of her life, Rex Gosa, in May 1944 at the age of 21. They moved from Smithville, Ga., to Toccoa, Ga., where they lived and thrived for 20 years. They moved to Dalton, Ga., in 1964 with their two children when Rex was transferred by the General Telephone Co. to head up the company's district in Northwest Georgia.

Following his retirement in the early 1970s they moved to Lafayette, Ga., where they lived until they moved to Snellville, Ga., in the mid-1980s. Sara never gave up her dream of a college education and earned her bachelor's degree by independent study from the University of South Florida in her 50s. She was a church secretary and bookkeeper, an extraordinary ordinary person, always curious and involved in the life of her community, her church and her world. She loved her family and her friends and was unfailingly kind, gentle and nonjudgmental throughout her life.

A Presbyterian for more than 60 years, she is survived

by her daughter, the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Gosa of Atlanta; her son, Morris Rex Gosa, of Lilburn; her grandchildren Aaron, Elizabeth and Matthew Gosa, all of Atlanta; her sister, Betty M. Parker of Snellville; her brother Dale E. Morris of Augusta; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at A.S. Turner in Decatur and the graveside service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Gardens in Toccoa, Ga.

"Oh blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine, Alleluia!"

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Betty J. Maeger

Mrs. Betty J. Maeger, 77, of Dalton, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at The Health Care Center at Standifer in Chattanooga.

She was the daughter of the late Forrest and Nannie Malone Knight and was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Bruce Parker.

Betty is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Jack Maeger of Dalton; daughter, Janice Parker of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Rita Maeger of Dalton; grandchildren, Kari and Michael Plavich, Matthew Parker and his fiancé, Esther Lannu, and Cody Baker; great-grandson, Isaac Plavich; sister, Jeanette Chalkley of Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; brother and sister-in-law, James and Janice Maeger of Cohutta; nieces also survive.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Rhoda Howell officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 Veterans Drive, Dalton, GA 30721; or to the American Cancer Society, 300 W. Emery St., Suite 106, Dalton, GA 30720.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at

www.lovefuneralhome.com

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

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Robert G. 'Bobby' Miller

Mr. Robert G. "Bobby" Miller, 43, of Dalton and formerly of California, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. He was employed with A-1 guttering for 26 years.

Bobby is survived by his son, Kyle Miller of Dalton; grandson, Maddix Miller of Dalton; parents, Robert and Eva Miller of California; sisters, Sherry and Shawna, both of California; special friend, Sonya Kerr of Dalton.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Adam Harrison officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Love Funeral Home Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Beverly Marcia Westfall

Mrs. Beverly Marcia Westfall, of Rocky Face, Ga., departed this life Sunday evening, Jan. 25, 2009.

Beverly was born Feb. 2, 1953, in Gastonia, N.C.

Arab neighbors recognizing its right to exist in peace, and Israel withdrawing from most of the land it captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War to create an independent Palestine.

Carter brokered the Camp David Accords between Israel and Egypt 30 years ago, and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

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When asked whether the appeal might lead to donations being co-opted by Gaza's ruling Hamas militants, Carter responded, "Not necessarily."

"You have to remember that about 70 percent of the total population of Gaza are refugees, and their extreme concerns are administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees," he said.

"So the funds could be channeled through United Nations agencies, or through some other objective agencies, not through Hamas political leaders."

Beverly was a registered nurse, having graduated from Dalton College and worked many years at Hamilton Home Health Care and Hamilton Hospice. She was a devoted wife, mother, and loved her grandchildren very much.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Blair Trantham, and her step-father, John Poteet.

She is survived by her husband, James B. "Jim" Westfall of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Jeff Kiker; grandchildren, Caroline and Harrison Kiker, all of Rocky Face, Ga.; mother, Mrs. Ethel Poteet of Dalton, Ga.; brothers, Bill Trantham and Sammy Trantham, both of Dalton, Ga.; sister, Shirley Hale of Gastonia, N.C.; several nieces and nephews.

Beverly requested that no services be held to mark her passing and the family asks that donations be made to the Hamilton Hospice in her memory.

Please visit www.ponder-sfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with the Westfall family.

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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 Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton.

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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 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 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.

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Carter: Israel must accept an independent Palestinian state

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter said Monday that Israel will face a "catastrophe" unless it revives the Mideast peace process and establishes an independent Palestinian state.

In an interview with The Associated Press, he said Arabs will outnumber Jews in the Holy Land in the foreseeable future.

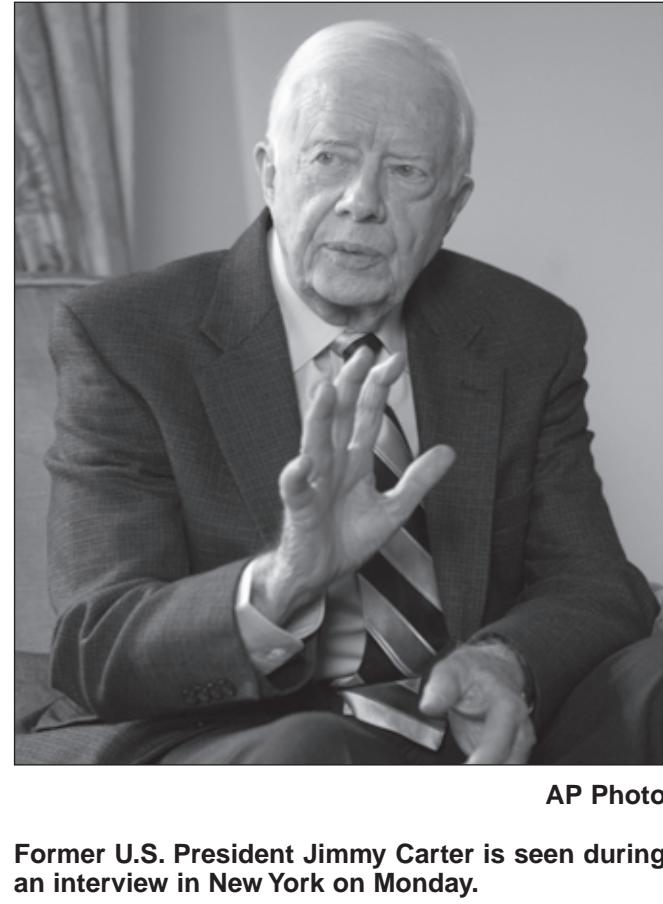
"If we look toward a one-state solution, which seems to be the trend — I hope not inexorable — it would be a catastrophe for Israel, because there would be only three options in that case," Carter said.

One would be to expel large numbers of Palestinians, which he said would amount to "ethnic cleansing."

The second would be to deprive the Palestinians of equal voting rights, which he said would amount to "apartheid."

The third would be to give the Palestinians equal voting rights, and therefore the majority, he said.

"And you would no longer have a Jewish state," Carter said. "The basic decisions would be made by the Palestinians, who would almost very likely vote in a bloc, whereas you would have some sharp divisions among the Israelis, because



AP Photo

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is seen during an interview in New York on Monday.

the Israelis always have different points of view."

Carter spoke to The Associated Press as his new book, "We Can Have Peace in the Holy Land," was released.

His wording on Israel's options was not new. His 2006 book, "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid," provoked a

hail of criticism, particularly from Jewish-Americans who felt it unfairly compared Israeli treatment of Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza to the legalized racial oppression that once existed in South Africa.

Carter still believes a two-state solution is the best option, with all of Israel's

Arab neighbors recognizing its right to exist in peace, and Israel withdrawing from most of the land it captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War to create an independent Palestine.

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REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Iceland's coalition government collapsed on Monday after an unprecedented wave of public dissent, plunging the island nation into political turmoil as it seeks to rebuild an economy shattered by the global financial crisis.

Prime Minister Geir Haarde resigned and disbanded the government he's led since 2006. Haarde was unwilling to meet the demands of his coalition partner, the Social Democratic Alliance Party, which insisted on choosing a new prime minister in exchange for keeping the coalition intact.

Russian leader, Obama to meet soon

MOSCOW — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and President Barack Obama spoke by phone Monday and vowed to try their best to improve the strained relationship between Moscow and Washington, the Kremlin said.

Medvedev and Obama each expressed their "intention to apply all efforts to restrain the potential of Russian-American relations" and to take a constructive approach to resolving disputes, a Kremlin statement said.

It said the two presidents plan to meet in the near future, but gave no date.

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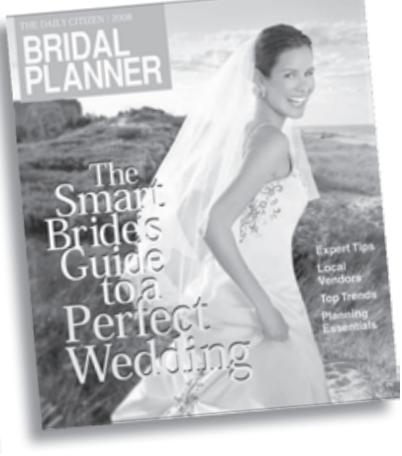
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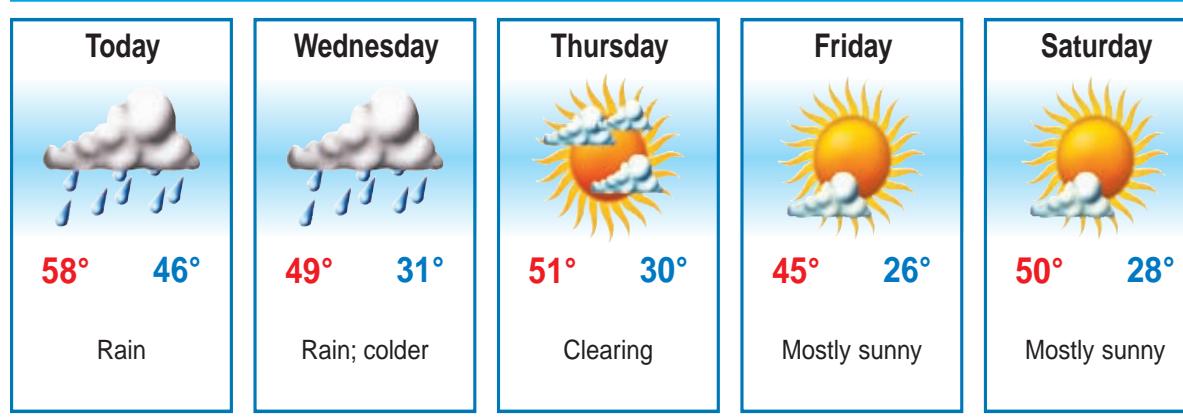
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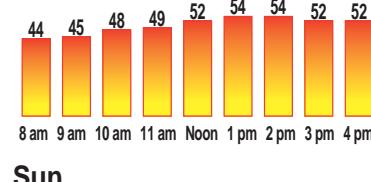
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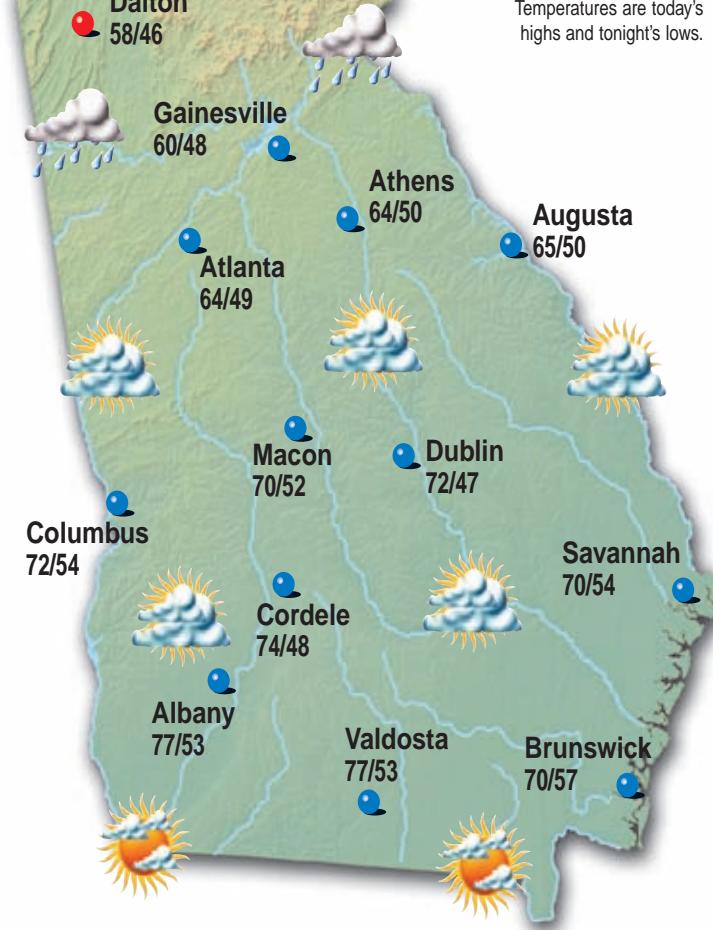
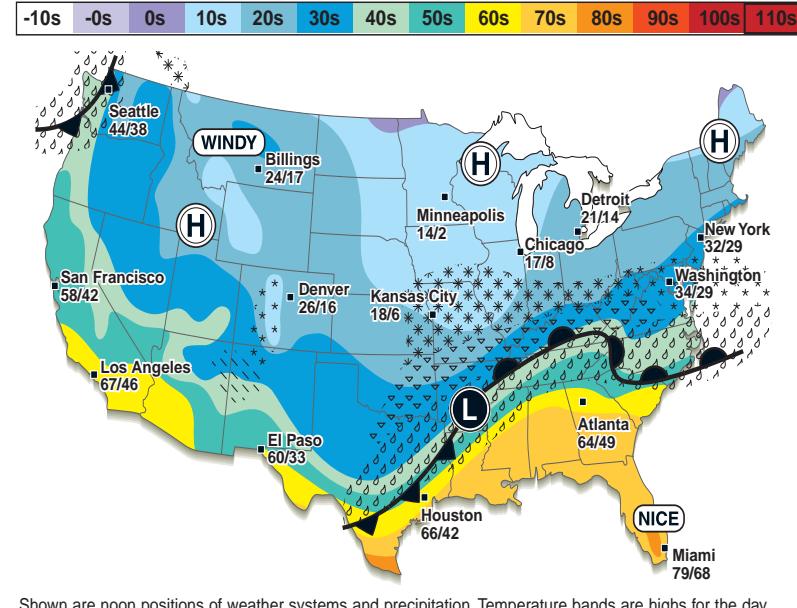
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Dallas	34/27pc	46/32/pc	55/32/s	Denver	46/16pc	48/18pc	41/19pc
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PREP WRESTLING

Bruin a difference maker

Michael comes through for Northwest Whitfield

BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Kenny Michael is easily noticeable as one of the main reasons for Northwest Whitfield's success on the wrestling mat the past few seasons.

Since taking over a starter's spot early in his freshman season, he has compiled a 169-39 record, including a 47-9 mark in 2008-09. The team's 140-pounder three years running, the naturally introverted senior has also adapted to fill the bigger leadership role Bruins coach Allen Tucker expects of wrestlers in their final year.

But for Tucker, it might be just as important that Michael hasn't drawn attention to himself in ways not helpful to the program.

"He listens to the coaches," Tucker said. "He trusts us and does what we ask. The last three years, he's been the last person I've had to worry about for anything — grades, discipline problems, none of that. He's been a great kid for us and we're going to miss him tremendously."

But the Bruins will have Michael as they enter a crucial stretch of the season, and that could make a big difference in how the two-time defending Area 7-4A traditional champions will finish at the area tournament (Feb. 6-7, Rome High), Class 4A West state sectional (Feb. 13-14, Upson-Lee High in Thomaston) and Class 4A state tournament (Feb. 20-21, Gwinnett Center, Duluth).

The desire to come out of those events with a strong showing and goals met is magnified for the Bruins after failing to qualify for state duals earlier this month. After finishing second at Area 7-4A duals and fourth at the Class 4A event each of the past two years, Northwest missed the chance to make another run at a state title.

That's been on Michael's mind in the weeks of practice since the Bruins were put out of the running for a state duals spot via losses to Rome and Cass.

"It hurt," Michael said. "I was surprised, too. I didn't think Rome would beat us, but they came out fired up and showed



Tucker



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield wrestler Kenny Michael, a senior who has wrestled in the 140-pound weight class the past three seasons, has compiled a 169-39 record as a four-year starter, including a 47-9 mark in 2008-09.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Not to be

DMS loses by one after leading 13-0

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dalton Middle's boys basketball team jumped to a quick 13-0 first quarter lead over Bagley, but the Braves answered with a 19-3 second quarter run and edged out the Cougars 45-44 on Monday in the first round of the eighth grade tournament at Dalton Middle.

"It was a very close game," Dalton coach Kenny Cooper said. "The guys played tough and put up a good effort and good intensity. We could have won it at the end but things wouldn't go our way."

With the game tied at 44 with 11 seconds left, the Cougars (4-14) had the ball with a chance to win, but turned the ball over and fouled with four seconds remaining. Bagley hit the go-ahead free throw and Dalton failed to respond.

The Cougars were led by Robert Enck's 10 points and Karey Dills' nine. On Thursday, Dalton will play the winner of today's Rome-Gladden game in the consolation round.

■ Dalton girls 33, Bagley 19: Also at the Dalton Middle tournament, the Lady Cougars' Maddie Howell led all scorers with 11 points as Dalton used a 13-4 third quarter run to secure the win.

"We weren't playing well in the beginning," Dalton coach Marc Hefner said. "But we fought through a physical game and really

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Dalton Middle's Jackson Dinges (left) and Will Erwin go for a loose ball with Bagley's Austen Horn during the eighth grade basketball tournament at Dalton Middle on Monday.

TIM DAHLBERG COMMENTARY: SUPER BOWL XLIII

Media day always interesting

TAMPA, Fla. The longest week in sports officially kicked off Monday with this less than startling revelation:

The Arizona Cardinals seem to dress better than the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Granted, the survey in this case consisted of just five players from each team and their respective head coaches. But it was clear from looking at Kurt Warner's salmon-colored tie and

the expensive suit Larry Fitzgerald was wearing that the Cardinals take their sartorial responsibilities far more seriously than their opponents, who showed up for their first media gathering in sweats and golf shirts.

That alone probably wasn't enough to prompt the bookies in Las Vegas to change the betting line, which has held steady at 7 points almost from the time it was posted last week. If fashion style points mattered in football, Michael Strahan would have had a lot

more rings to go with the one he won last year with the New York Giants.

But this is Super Bowl week, and fans are starved for inside information. They must be, or else hundreds of writers, photographers and cameramen wouldn't have bothered to bolster the Tampa Bay economy by getting here early enough to record the first utterances of this, the 43rd Super Bowl.

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PRO TENNIS

Nadal, Williams reach quarterfinals

BY PAUL ALEXANDER

Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Murray wasn't the only one feeling pain Monday at the Australian Open.

While Murray's anguish was mostly psychological — the fourth-seeded Scot was ousted by Spain's Fernando Verdasco 2-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 — three other players had to quit mid-match with injuries or illness, paving the way for Serena Williams, Gilles Simon and Svetlana Kuznetsova to reach the quarterfinals.

Top-ranked Rafael Nadal, meanwhile, left 2007 runner-up Fernando Gonzalez feeling out of sorts with another dominating performance in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win. He has yet to drop a set and next faces the sixth-seeded Simon, who advanced when fellow Frenchman Gael Monfils retired with a wrist injury.

"I am playing well, but you never know if it's going to be enough," said Nadal, who had 33 winners and just 11 unforced errors.

Verdasco will meet fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, who beat No. 9 James Blake 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (3), leaving No. 7 Andy Roddick as the only American in the men's draw. Tsonga was runner-up last year to Novak Djokovic, while Blake has failed to get past the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam in 28 appearances.

Tsonga was unhappy with a delay caused by Australia Day fireworks. Blake broke him right after they resumed play, but Tsonga rallied and raced through the tiebreaker.

He said he feels he's improved from last year.

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AP PHOTO
Britain's Andy Murray reacts after losing a point to Spain's Fernando Verdasco at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Monday.

Wrestling: Senior leadership

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up ready to wrestle and I guess we didn't. We've been practicing a lot harder now, because we know we've got even more competition coming up. I still think we can win traditional."

Tucker said he's never worried about whether Michael — who finished third in his weight class on Saturday at the Habersham Central tourney, where Northwest was fourth — will show up ready to wrestle.

"He's been a solid kid," Tucker said. "He should have placed at state last year, but he lost a couple close matches. But you get 100 percent when he walks out there on the mat. I've never seen him wrestle a flat-out bad match as far as heart."

"I've seen him make mistakes. But when he does make mistakes, he makes up for it with tenacity ... nine times out of 10, when he steps out on the mat he's going to win."

Michael's ability has progressed rapidly over the past two seasons. An aggressive

wrestler on his feet who prefers to make the first move, Michael spent the early part of his varsity career relying on upper body moves in the neutral position.

He eventually learned that had its limits. Near the end of his junior season, Michael began to spend more time on learning to attack an opponent's legs, adding an array of shots to his options from his feet. He still prefers upper body setups and finishes, but knows a different approach is sometimes the only way to score the takedown.

"I used to bear hug, get underhooks, front headlocks, stuff like that," said Michael, who hasn't been pinned since his sophomore season. "Once you've been around for a while, all the other wrestlers start to know what you like to do, though, so I had to change it around a little. I use upper body to set up shots. It's still my best, but I need something else to go to when it ain't working."

Michael's upper body strength also makes him a tough opponent on top —



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Northwest's Kenny Michael works on a wrestling move during a recent practice. The Bruins will compete in the area tournament Feb. 6-7 at Rome High.

Tucker said the wrestler "hangs on to an arm bar like a bulldog" — and extra attention to earning escapes from bottom this season has made him more complete.

But Tucker said Michael has always been good at breaking down his own matches, finding an opponent's weakness and turning in a better effort the next time he faces that foe. This year, as Michael has responded to Tucker's request for him to lead

more, that knowledge has been extended to teammates and their matches.

Michael also makes an effort to practice with younger wrestlers, Tucker said, following an example set by former Bruin standout Rafael Romero, a senior during Michael's sophomore season who did the same for him. And even for experienced wrestlers — like fellow senior David Lewis, a 135-pounder, and younger brother Josh, a

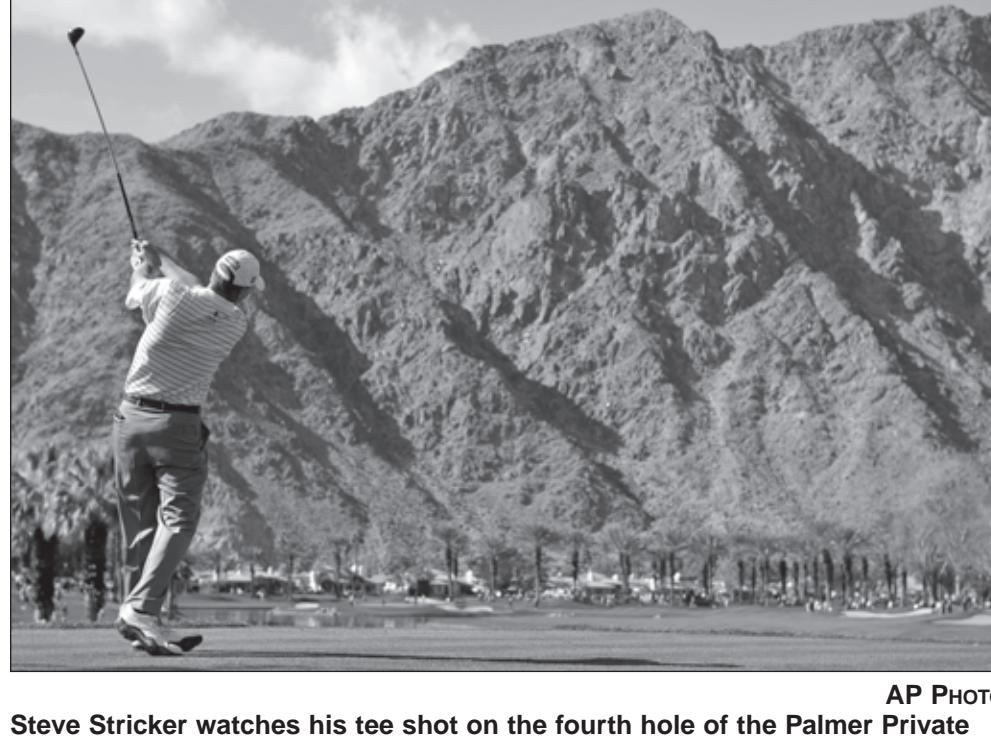
145-pound junior — Michael is a valued drilling partner.

"Me and Josh practice with Kenny all the time because we think he's going to make us better," David said. "And we want to make him better, too ... He's been pretty much an ideal teammate. He cheers you on and he helps you when you do something wrong. If you mess something up in a match, he'll tell you what you did wrong and show you how to fix it."

Michael has a few things he'd like to add to his own career. He finished third at area as a sophomore and was second as a junior, but has yet to place at state. Tucker said he's a likely top three seed for this year's area tourney. Because of Area 7-4A's depth and talent, anyone who places at the traditional should be a likely contender for at least a state medal if not a title.

"Kenny's done everything we've asked," the coach said. "He should place at state. I hope he does. I think he's earned that."

COMMENTARY: JIM SUTTIE'S GOLF WORLD



AP PHOTO

Steve Stricker watches his tee shot on the fourth hole of the Palmer Private course at PGA West during the final round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic PGA golf tournament in La Quinta, Calif., on Sunday.

Eliminate tension from your golf swing

Most of the articles I have written have pertained to applying learned golf skills to the game.

Of course, skills are necessary, but we will develop and enjoy the game more if we are also realistic in regard to our golfing goals. We are supposed to be enjoying this game. Accept your game for what it is, learn to relax, and enjoy your time on the course. Playing golf is like playing the piano. It takes discipline to learn fundamentals so you can enjoy freedom to enjoy the game.

Accept that your swing is you. You don't have to conform to a model golf swing or what other players do. You do need to make the most of that swing.

Learn to trust your swing and allow its naturalness to come out. Take a deep breath and relax. Most golfers are too tight. You have to relax if you're ever going to learn anything. I recommend looking at the shot from behind, taking deep breaths and visualizing good results. Make a motion instead of getting tied up in mechanics.

Finally, play for a good reason. Play for what you like out of the game, whether it's for the sociability, the challenge or to have fun. Too many people have taken the fun out of the game. If you do take a lesson, do it for the right reason — to further your enjoyment of the game.

After giving thousands of lessons, I can truly say that one of the major problems I see is tension in the

hands and arms at address and throughout their swing. If you have too many swing thoughts this is bound to happen. Sometimes I tell people to "turn off the brain so they can play the game."

Conscious control of the movement pattern is just not possible. Maybe two thoughts or swing keys are possible, but more than that is an overload for a movement that takes only two seconds. I would advise all of you to give up control so you can gain control.

Work on your mechanics on the range and trust them, then allow those mechanics to be translated into swing feelings where when you play.

To play good golf you have to play athletically — allow your brain to work by thinking more of your target and less about your swing. Trying to control your swing pattern by conscious thought is just not possible. Allow yourself to be more instinctive and reactive to your target instead of thinking of all those "how-tos" you have been told.

Tips for relaxing

- Stand behind your shot and take a deep breath. Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. This helps relax your muscles.

- Pick a target. The more specific the target the better.

- Picture your ball in flight and actually see your ball go to your target.

- Address your ball with confidence knowing full well you will have a posi-

tive outcome.

- Waggle your clubhead several times trying to keep your hands and arms very soft and relaxed.

- Keep your grip pressure on the club about a number 3 with 10 being the tightest and 1 the lightest.

- Keep your feet in motion as long as you can trying not to start your swing from a static or still position as that is what builds up the tension.

- Start your backswing with a little forward press using your right knee for momentum. This will give you a good head start for your swing.

A good drill to get the tension out of your hands and arms is to do what I call the "air it out" drill.

When practicing, squeeze the club as hard as you can. This would be a No. 10 grip pressure. Now, right before you hit, relax your grip all the way down to a No. 1 pressure in your hands.

Remember, light is right when it comes to grip pressure.

Dr. Jim Suttie, the 2000 PGA Teacher of the Year, is director of instruction at The Club at Twin Eagles in North Naples, Fla., and at Cog Hill Golf Club in Lemont, Ill. He also is a Golf Magazine Top 100 Teacher and rated No. 15 by Golf Digest and coaches the Florida Gulf Coast University men's golf team. Golf World is a feature of the Naples Daily News in Florida, distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.

Super: Media

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What did we learn, other than Steelers' coach Mike Tomlin looks a lot better in his sideline gear than he does in what looked like a leisure suit from Pittsburgh's dynasty years of the 1970s?

Plenty, because all we had to do was ask.

Let's start with Warner, who plans to lead by example this week and show his younger teammates how to handle the pressure of the big game. Well, not the big game itself, but the media appearances they make to hype a game that is never supposed to need any hype.

Warner has been through it twice, and is determined not to show any fear in the face of the notebooks, microphones and cameras pointed his way.

"If you start panicking," Warner said, "they start panicking."

Apparently defensive end Bertrand Berry didn't get the memo because he began fighting his emotions after fans gathered to give the team a send-off at the Phoenix airport.

"It's overwhelming when you start to think about it," said Berry, who couldn't have thought much about it much before because he plays for the downtrodden Cardinals, after all.

Things seemed a little calmer in the Pittsburgh tent, where Troy Polamalu had his famous hair neatly pulled back in a ponytail, Tomlin had already held a team meeting, and Ben Roethlisberger talked about how different things seem this time around than when he nervously quarterbacked the Steelers to their fifth Super Bowl win a few years ago in icy Detroit.

Twenty Steelers from

that team will be on the field Sunday, which might prove more significant than their fashion sense because the Cardinals have only five players with Super Bowl experience.

Indeed, the players are perhaps the only variable in a weeklong dance the NFL choreographs to the minute before the teams finally take the field Sunday night to give Americans a much-needed respite from worrying about the economy collapsing around them.

All signs of the impending game are already in place, from the throngs of media to the Goodyear blimp floating lazily overhead. Security forces were promising a safe game, while party planners were promising fun to all lucky enough to get an invite to the festivities around town.

Still, the economic meltdown threatens to cut into the fun.

None of that mattered much Monday, when everyone seemed excited just to get the week going. For the newcomers it was just a taste of what will happen today when all players and coaches are required to attend hour-long media gatherings at the stadium that sometimes border on the bizarre.

It was there last year that a Mexican TV reporter in a wedding dress got the scoop of the week when she asked Patriots coach Bill Belichick if she was more attractive than model Gisele Bundchen, Tom Brady's squeeze.

"I wouldn't go that far," Belichick said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Vick sues former financial adviser

RICHMOND, Va. — Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick is suing a former financial adviser for at least \$2 million.

Vick claims Mary Wong of Omaha, Neb., misrepresented herself to gain control of his finances, which she then misused. He's accusing Wong of fraud, breach of contract, negligence and other offenses.

The lawsuit also names a company Wong co-owns with three NFL players: Demorrio Williams, and twins Josh and Daniel Bullocks. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Norfolk late last week.

Oh no! T.O. to get reality cable show

DALLAS — Terrell Owens hopes to score with a new cable reality show.

The Dallas Cowboys' controversial wide receiver will star in his own show on VH1 this summer, giving fans a look into his life off the field.

VH1 announced Monday that the series takes place in the offseason, and T.O.'s best friends and publicists — Monique Jackson and Kita Williams — will help him re-examine his personal life. The two will work as "matchmakers and therapists" for Owens.

High School coach pleads not guilty

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky high school football coach has pleaded not guilty to reckless homicide in the heat-related death of a player who collapsed at a hot August practice.

A judge released David Jason Stinson without bond Monday following his arraignment in Jefferson Circuit Court.

The family of 15-year-old Pleasure Ridge Park High player Max Gilpin attended the hearing but did not speak to reporters. Gilpin collapsed Aug. 20 while running sprints and died three days later at a hospital.

A grand jury indicted Stinson in the sophomore's death last Thursday.

Pettitte, Yankees agree at \$5.5 million

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte and the Yankees agreed Monday to a \$5.5 million, one-year contract that brings the left-hander back to New York.

Pettitte can make an additional \$6.5 million on performance bonuses and bonuses based on time on the active roster. Late last year, New York had offered a deal that would have guaranteed Pettitte \$10 million, down from the \$16 million he earned last year.

He joins a starting rotation that already includes CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett, Chien-Ming Wang and Joba Chamberlain.

The deal raised the Yankees' projected opening-day payroll to \$196.8 million for 17 players with agreements.

Wade drops 35 as the Hawks lose big

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat were far from perfect offensively. Fortunately for them, the Atlanta Hawks were worse.

The NBA's leading scorer, Wade finished with 35 points and the Heat held the Hawks without a field goal for nearly 13 1/2 minutes during one first-half stretch, beating Atlanta 95-79 on Monday night.

Atlanta set a franchise-futility record with its 27-point first half. Still, the Hawks got within seven points early in the final quarter before a quick 11-3 burst fueled by Wade and Mario Chalmers sealed it for Miami.

Daequan Cook scored 16 points and Chalmers added 12 points and six assists for Miami (24-19), which moved a season-best five games over .500. Udonis Haslem had a game-high 13 rebounds.

— The Associated Press

Open: Azarenka wins

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"It's different because I have more experience now," Tsonga said. "I hope I will make the results better."

Williams was the biggest beneficiary of the wave of retirements. She lost the first set to 13th-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and was so frustrated with her first serve that she cursed it, earning a warning for a verbal obscenity. The 19-year-old Azarenka, who woke up sick, had to quit in the second set.

Williams, seeking a 10th Grand Slam singles title, next plays 2004 U.S. Open champion Kuznetsova, who advanced when Zheng Jie of China retired at 4-1 in the first set. They are the only major

winners still in the women's draw.

No. 22 Zheng, hoping for victory on Chinese New Year, injured her left wrist when she tumbled after the third game. She had treatment immediately but retired two games later and will go for X-rays Today.

Murray said he, too, hasn't been feeling well the last few days, though he refused to use it as an excuse.

"I don't feel that was the reason why I lost," Murray said. "I definitely did have my chances, and he played too well. I'm disappointed that I lost. But I'll try and learn from it. It's not a disaster. I'm still playing well. I lost to a good player in a very close match. I'll have more chances to win Grand Slams."



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton Middle School's Mollie Snyder (22) and Bekah Houston (3) crowd around a Bagley player during Monday's eighth grade tournament at Dalton Middle.

Area: Swim meet

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stepped up our defense in the third and fourth quarter."

The Lady Cougars' (12-5) win puts them in Friday's finals where they'll play the winner of today's Ocoee-Rome game.

Lindsey Ray led Bagley with six points.

9th basketball

■ Murray County boys 58, Gordon Central 31: Jeremy Smith scored 20 points as the Indians finished their season with an 11-2 record. Tyler Duckett and Cody Malone each added eight points.

Varsity swimming

Dalton's boys and girls swept the final meet of the regular season by beating out Notre Dame and Northwest Whitfield on senior night.

The Catamounts

notched 88 points to edge out Notre Dame (81) and Northwest (10) and the Lady Catamounts scored 98 points over Notre Dame's 56 and Northwest's 24.

First-place finishers for Dalton were the 200 yard medley girls relay team with a time of 2:06.84, Joana Rosales (200 freestyle, 2:34.31 and 100 freestyle, 58.53), Zack Broome (50 freestyle, 23.96), Omar Farag (100 butterfly, 56.95), Maddie Scarborough (100 butterfly, 1:08.77), the girls 200 relay team (1:51.60), Stephen Jones (100 backstroke, 57.47), Julia Martin (100 breaststroke, 1:18.49) and the girls 400 freestyle relay (4:23.24).

Dalton also took first place in boys and girls diving with Chase Hair scoring 197.7 points and Catherine Lutrick scoring 173.25.

Dalton finished the regular season with a 15-2 overall record.

Men's basketball

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LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today

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
Ocoee girls vs. Rome, 4:30
Rome boys vs. Gladwin, 6:15
Seventh grade tournament

At Lake Forest, Cleveland, Tenn.

Bagley girls vs. Chilhowee, 4:30
Bagley boys vs. Chilhowee, 5:30

Wednesday

Varsity wrestling

Southeast at Paulding County Quad, 5
Junior varsity basketball

Northwest at Cass tournament

Thursday

Varsity basketball

Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 6
Varsity wrestling

Murray County vs. Ridgeland, Heritage-Catoosa at

Heritage, 6
Junior varsity basketball

Christian Heritage boys 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 vs. Sonoraville, Cartersville at

Sonoraville, 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

Dalton vs. TBD, TBD
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 — Kentucky at Mississippi

7:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — Boston College at Maryland

9 p.m.

ESPN — Purdue at Wisconsin

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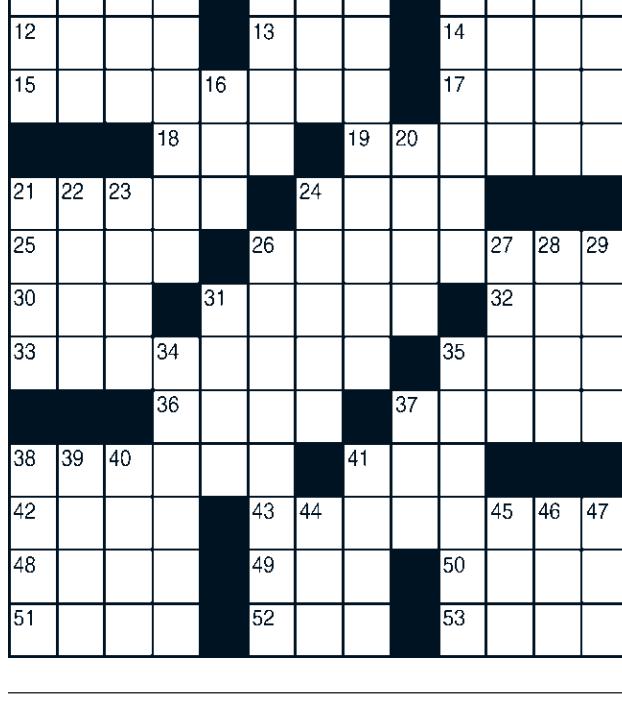
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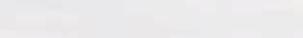
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BRIDGE**A sensational one-act play**

One outstanding characteristic of the successful declarer is the willingness to give away a little in order to assure gaining a lot. A typical example of this principle is provided by today's deal.

It is probably true, without bothering to conduct a Gallup Poll, that most declarers would not make three notrump on this hand. The queen-of-hearts lead would most likely be allowed to hold, and two more rounds of hearts would force South to take the ace.

At this point, most declarers would then lose the contract by cashing the ace of diamonds. Once they did this, there would be no way to recover. South could score eight tricks by taking a club finesse, but that is the best he can do.

Blithely plunking down the ace of diamonds at trick four is clearly wrong, since it does not allow for the possibility that the missing diamonds may be divided 4-0. But if declarer makes due allowance for this possibility, which is the only threat to the contract, it is not hard to find a way to guard against it.

After winning the third heart, declarer should simply lead a low diamond from his hand, deliberately conceding a trick he ordinarily would not expect to lose. West wins and cashes his fourth heart, but that is the end of the line for the defense.

The argument that there is no good reason to expect one opponent to hold all the missing diamonds is certainly valid, but carries very little weight. The goal in this deal is to make three notrump and, in so doing, score 700 points for winning the rubber. Conceding a 30-point trick guarantees this result, and it is therefore the right play.

Tomorrow: No business like show business.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE UNCONVENTIONAL POET HAD OUTRIVALED ACTOR NOLTE, I SUPPOSE THE BEATNIK BEAT NICK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals Y

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Look to the future with optimism. You can expand some of your interests and trendy ideas from the past. Utilize the old by recycling and adapting whatever you can to work now. Your broad outlook will baffle some but ultimately will make you a hero. Your numbers are 7, 10,

16, 21, 24, 33, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take advantage of any past connections to help you move forward now. Reuniting with people will open up new avenues. Make the first move to entice others to get involved in your plans. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are in the driver's seat, so don't let anyone push you into making a quick decision. Be the one to set the course of things to come. Don't let emotional issues cause you to miscalculate your position. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative and get things done. Your aggressive behavior will impress onlookers, putting you in a key position to advance. Don't let someone's change of heart slow you down or alter your direction. Stick to your chosen path. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be forced to look at things a little differently, especially concerning the way you are handling money and your relationships. Make a concerted effort to budget. It will prove that you have discipline and stamina and will impress someone important to you. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be too willing to accept what's being offered, especially if emotional factors are involved. You are likely to be deceived by someone who wants to take advantage of your generosity. Time is on your side, so don't move too quickly when you don't have to. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be asked to wear a lot of different hats. Do what you can but, if the task is something you know little

about, call on an expert. Your insight and ability to delegate will work to your advantage and will help you expand your allies. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone stop you from following your creative dreams. You have to know that when anyone doesn't want

you to advance, he or she is jealous, possessive or wants to beat you at your own game. Don't get angry, get busy and accomplish. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Separate your personal, professional and spiritual life. Emotional matters will escalate, leaving you questioning what to do next.

Rely on your basic instincts and you will make the most beneficial choices for your future. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let love lead you astray. Formulate your ideas and put them to the test, even if someone is trying to slow you down. Rework old ideas and you will come up with something entirely new that can work. Being secretive is smart, not sneaky, when you need to make an impact. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There are deals and settlements that can be made. Don't leave anything to chance when it comes to love, partnerships or legal matters. Cover yourself but be sure and make your offer enticing at the same time. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Now is not the time to play games or try to initiate something you know won't be well received. Don't let emotional matters frustrate you. Weed out what isn't working for you and then move forward. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Red tape troubles can be expected, especially if you haven't been honest about what really happened. Emotional difficulties due to past relationships will resurface. Problems with banks, government agencies or authority figures will escalate. 3 stars

PICTURES



Eugenia Last



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Emma Luhr, 8, of Tucson, Ariz. plays outside an Airstream trailer following a news conference at a Kampground of America on Thursday, Jan. 22, in Las Vegas.

KOA renting iconic Airstream trailers at camps

BY OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Three campgrounds across America are getting some new tenants, but campers need not be jealous of their shiny silver neighbors — the Airstream rigs are for rent.

Kampgrounds of America Inc. and Airstream Inc. are placing 25 of the company's most popular model trailers at KOA campgrounds in Las Vegas, Bar Harbor, Maine, and Key West, Fla., letting travelers rent the recognizable trailers like hotel rooms.

"A lot of people, frankly, don't know we're still in business because the trailers have looked largely the same over the years," Airstream chief executive Bob Wheeler said. "We know there's a demand — so it's just a matter of providing it in an easy and successful way in a great setting."

Airstreams are instantly identifiable by their long, rounded shape — imagine a

giant aluminum Twinkie — and have been a historic part of American culture since the company began manufacturing trailers in the 1930s.

Wheeler said the company has been looking for years for ways to introduce potential customers to the iconic trailers. Until now, people have had to purchase an Airstream or know someone who owns one to sleep in its silvery confines.

The models at the campgrounds — the 25-foot Flying Cloud — retail for about \$67,000, Wheeler said.

"It's a trial experience," he said.

Wheeler and Shane Ott, chief operating officer of Kampgrounds of America, said the Airstream rentals do more than just familiarize customers with the cushy amenities of a high-end recreational vehicle.

The rental trailers come fully stocked with linens and kitchenware. Tourists need only open the door to a



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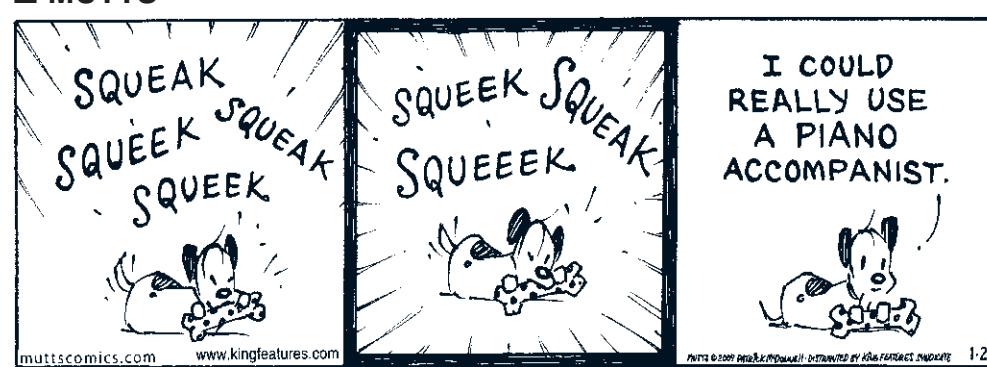
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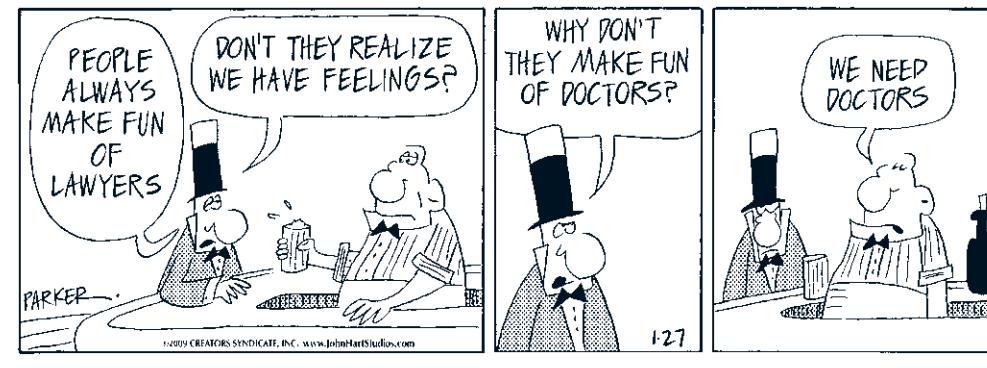
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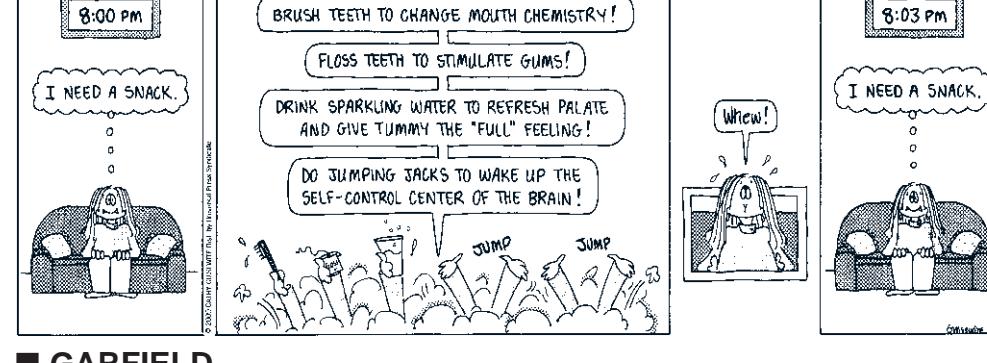
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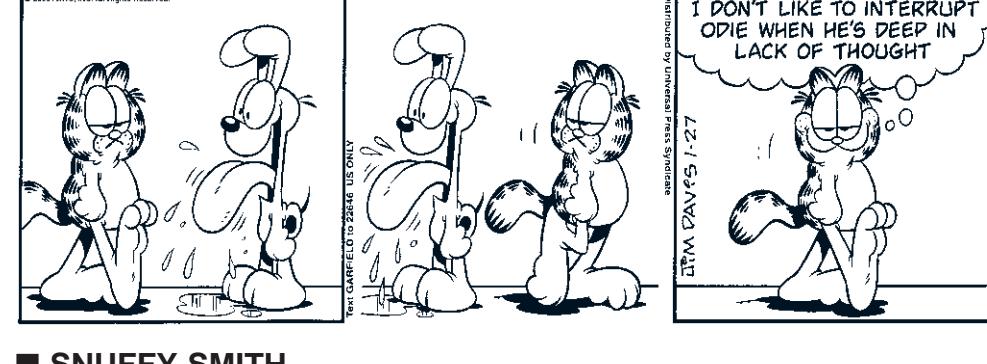
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Teenager shoplifting for mom

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and in eighth grade. I love my mom very much, but lately I'm worried about the things she makes me do for her. She takes me to the mall and makes me steal clothes, jewelry and household items.

I don't want to disappoint my mom, but I'm afraid I'll get caught and get in trouble with the law. What should I do? — SHOPLIFTING FOR MOM

roommate and hasn't touched me in more than a year. I have tried to talk to him about this, but all I get is, "I don't know what I want."

Abby, he makes it sound like it's all my fault. To say the least, this causes me stress and I end up yelling at our kids, which isn't fair to them. Please help me because I don't know what to do. — UNHAPPY MILITARY WIFE



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR SHOPLIFTING: What your mother is doing is a form of child abuse. You are a smart girl, and you can have a bright future. It will, however, become much harder for you if you are arrested for shoplifting. That is why I am urging you to talk about this with a counselor or trusted teacher at school. You need more help right now than anyone can give you in a letter. Please don't put it off because I am worried about you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Kirk," and I have been married for 12 years. About a year ago we moved overseas because my husband is in the military. Before the move, Kirk was gone for a year, and I became very independent because I had to do everything myself. We had had some problems before, but since the move they have gotten worse.

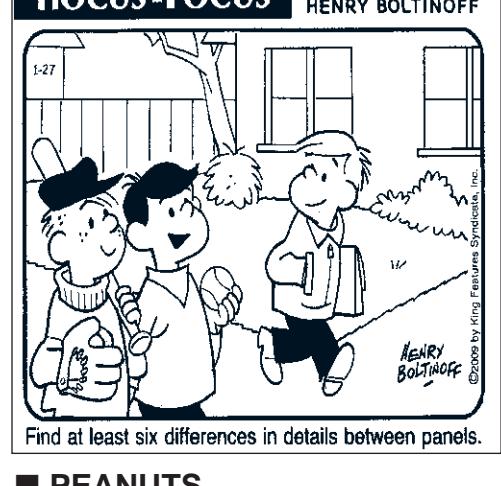
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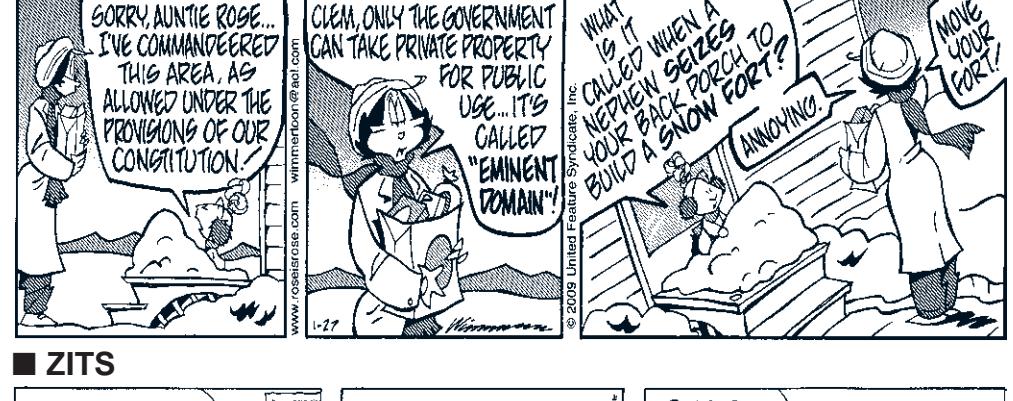
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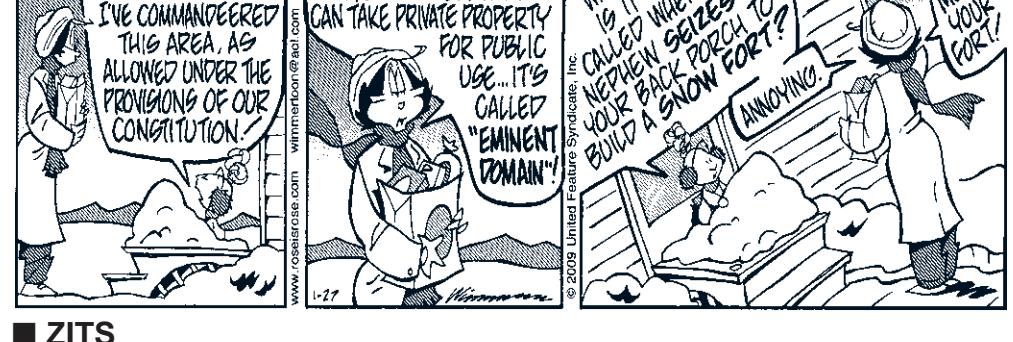
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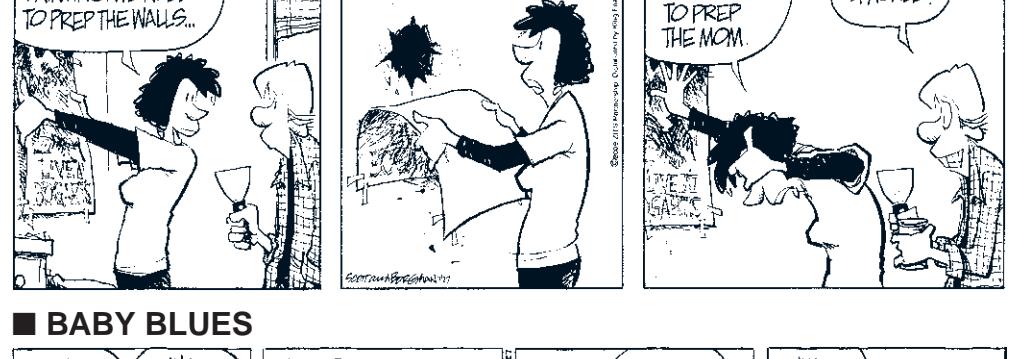
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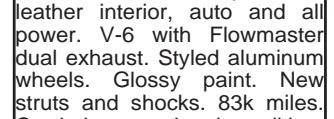

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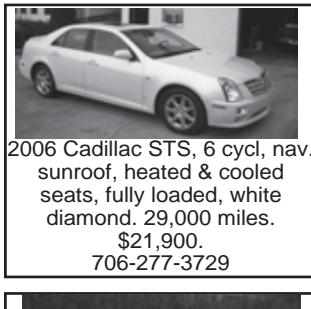
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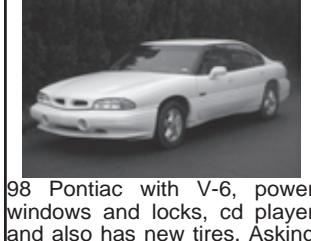
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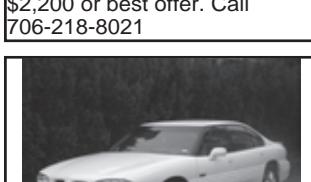
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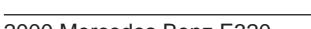


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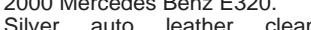
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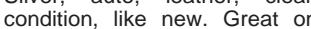
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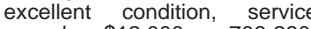
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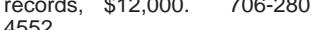
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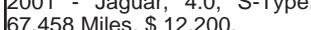
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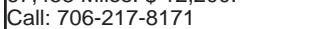
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