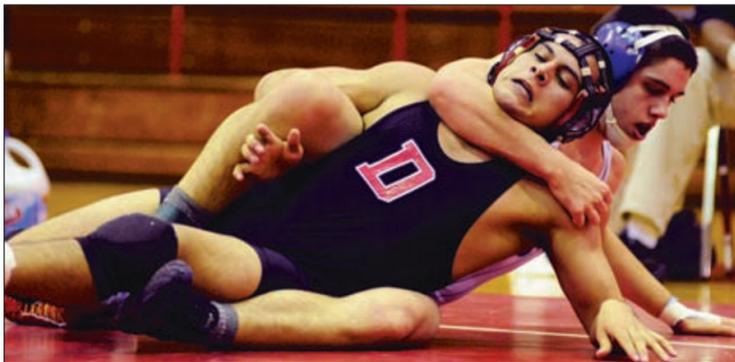


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Jenna Early, 5, gives her dad, Sgt. Brian Early, a kiss as he picks her up from pre-school at the Gingerbread House on Tuesday. Early presented the pre-school with a flag that had flown in Iraq and informed the children about the country.

Soldier says thank you to pre-school students

BY CHARLES OLIVER

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Their faces broke into smiles as children watched Brian Early walk into the Gingerbread House Preparatory Pre-School Tuesday afternoon. They all knew Early as the father of their classmate Jenna, as well as the soldier they had adopted more than a year ago when he went to Iraq.

As Jenna ran to hug her dad, Early began to thank the students for the care packages they had sent to him overseas.

"I really appreciated all the stuff you sent. I got plenty of food from your mommies and daddies, as well as you guys. It was great," he said. "I wanted to say thank you."

Now it was Early's turn to show the chil-

dren some of the things he had brought back for them, including a small rug.

"This is what they call a prayer rug," he said. "When they pray, they lay these down. It's kind of a reverent thing for them."

He also had one of the young boys model a scarf and headband as worn by many Iraqi men.

"These come in many different colors," he said.

Of course, the children had many questions.

"What did y'all do in Iraq?" asked one little girl.

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STABBING DEATH

Suspect denied bond

BY MARK MILLICAN

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When Sonja Kerr heard the click of a switchblade snapping into place Friday afternoon, she knew there was big trouble.

She saw her live-in boyfriend of 12 years, Robert Glenn "Bobby" Miller, start to fight with Waldo James Lopez inside their trailer on Dude Street and ran for help. When she returned, Miller lay lifeless in a pool of blood on their front porch, she said.

"He just came out of the blue," she said of Lopez, Miller's alleged killer. "Bobby kept asking him to leave. He said, 'Get out of my house! Get out of my house!' When I got back Bobby was laying there and his eyes were still. I felt his neck, but I just knew he was dead. I started screaming, and that's when the police and paramedics showed up" about 6 p.m.

Lopez, 44, of 612 Chattanooga Ave., appeared in Superior Court on a murder charge Tuesday morning after Judge Robert Adams requested his presence rather than to make his ruling through a video link from the jail. Police say Lopez stabbed Miller twice in the chest with a knife.

Public defender Scott Ray mentioned Lopez' ties to the community, including his family, and noted his only prior violent act was a 1998 conviction on terroristic threats. Scott Helton of the district attorney's office noted it was a felony conviction and Adams denied bond. Andy Cohen with the public defender's office was assigned to represent Lopez.

Miller, 43, was found guilty in 2002 on a battery charge under the family violence act, and was found guilty in 2006 for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

On Tuesday, three of those who said they were present at Miller's trailer at 1006 Dude St. gave their accounts to a reporter of what happened. Miller's fight with Lopez followed a fracas Miller had with Edward Galvan, who was charged Friday with battery and obstruction of an



Lopez



Miller

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Rotary honors Norris Little

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dalton resident Norris Little, a retired executive with Shaw Industries, received the 2009 "W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence" on Tuesday from the Rotary Club of Dalton.

The award is named in honor of Arrendale, a Rotary member and leader in the state poultry industry. Rotary District 6910, which covers most of North Georgia, established the award in 1990.

Little was recognized for his service to the

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Cheryl Christie congratulates Norris Little, a retired executive with Shaw Industries, after he received the 2009 W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence from the Rotary Club on Tuesday.

Plan links tax relief to revenue

BY GREG BLUESTEIN

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Powerful Georgia House leaders are backing a proposal that would preserve a property tax break for homeowners this year but would likely eliminate it next year.

The homeowner tax relief grants, which reduce property taxes by about \$200 to \$300 per homeowner, would be wiped out in Gov.

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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.

"Our lord and savior Jesus Christ gives us the right to make our own choices. A woman can make a choice about her own body. A person can decide for himself if he wants to drink or not. People need to stop trying to moralize America."

"Whether or not you approve of Obama's pick for Treasury Secretary, the man is a crook. Or are some people above the law?"

"The weather is like the price of gas. Any improvement at all and we feel so much better."

"Our economy is crashing. People are homeless and our president is funding killing babies."

"I wonder if some of the people opposed to abortion are the same people opposed to food stamps for the lady with five children."

"Obama is too busy trying to save the planet to worry about our country."

"We should eliminate handicapped parking spots. The spaces are usually empty and when someone is parked there they always seem to be walking fine to me."

Editor's note: All handicaps aren't obvious. For instance, a heart patient may appear to walk fine. That said, there is tremendous abuse of this privilege.

"Rush Limbaugh's intelligence makes Obama look like he is still in kindergarten."

"Thanks for telling us where Dr. Painter is."

"Why doesn't the government start its own lottery to help pay the budget deficit?"

"What about women who are raped and have to have their predator's baby? Thank God Obama has given these women a choice."

"I believe Obama is going to do great things."

"Do not let Sonny Perdue cut off our homestead exemption."

"It's time to quit being good Republicans and Democrats and start being good Americans."

"Don't blame me. I voted libertarian."

"Wal-Mart needs to start buying American or Americans need to stop buying Wal-Mart."

"I wish you Rush Limbaugh bashers would quit spinning and twisting and tell us some of those lies he has put out. Where's your proof?"

"We've heard enough about rednecks. It's time to stop it."

"Way to go Kurt Warner. I hope you get that second Super Bowl ring."

"I believe the newspaper is more moderate than conservative. That's a good thing. But it looks like a lot of the readers are pretty far to the left."

"We need more people to listen to Rush Limbaugh."

"It may be futile to point this out to this crowd, but here goes. The ban on abor-

tion funding wasn't removed to pay for more abortions. It was removed so we would stop denying aid to poor people desperate for basic health care, AIDs and HIV care and immunizations based solely on the availability of abortion services."

"I would like to think the federal government for penalizing me every week for not being able to afford to have children and didn't and then taking my money and giving it to the people who couldn't afford to have children and did."

"Our children are our future. What kind of person doesn't want to support our schools?"

Lloyd Sez:
"Thanks to the people who wished me a happy 92nd birthday yesterday. Starting my 93rd year I resolve to do better, if that's possible."

"The Georgia Legislature wants to raise taxes. Why can't they get along with what they've got like I have too?"

"To the person who thinks it's OK to murder your pets, which one of those three men are you related to?"

"Like Obama or not, Democrat or Republican, can't we all agree that Bush was a lousy president?"

"There are ways other than abortion to keep from having babies."

"People say we need to buy American things, but everything I see is made in China or Pakistan or other countries."

"Thank you to Hamilton Medical Center's emergency room staff and the surgical intensive care unit and also to Vernon in the intensive care unit. Once again you have saved my life."

"I am loving the local high school basketball. I got out to some games recently and really enjoyed the atmosphere and competition."

"God hasn't been defending America. Americans have been defending America. To credit someone else is a travesty."

"Where is Ron Paul when we need him?"

"I have listened to Rush Limbaugh for more than 20 years. He is the most articulate, truthful, honest and patriotic observer of the political situation in the United States anywhere."

"Has anyone thought about the man or men who produced those five children? Maybe they should be held responsible. It's not all on the woman."

"If Obama claims Christianity, then what part of Thou Shall Not Kill does he not understand?"

"This paper should go out of business because you won't print what the consumers need to know about the fraud that's going on."

"You are right Mr. Editor, bad hair doesn't make you a gang member. But out of all the people at the gun show you had to pick that one. You must be against the Second Amendment."

Editor's note: This paper has a strong tradition of supporting the Second Amendment. The picture was selected because it was interesting and unusual.

TV switch may be delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress appears poised to grant a four-month delay in the upcoming shutdown of analog TV broadcasts, though broadcasters still will be allowed to go all-digital earlier if they want.

The House is expected to vote as soon as Wednesday on a bill that would shift the analog TV shutdown to June 12 from Feb. 17. The Senate unanimously approved the idea Monday night, in a victory for the Obama administration and Democratic lawmakers who argue that too many Americans wouldn't be ready to get digital broadcasts by Feb. 17.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that more than 6.5 million U.S. households that rely on

analog sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals could see their TVs go dark next month if the transition is not postponed. People who subscribe to cable or satellite TV, or have a newer TV with a digital tuner, are not affected.

Speaking on the House floor late Tuesday, Rick Boucher, D-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, said Congress must delay the switch because "we simply cannot permit the level of dislocation that would otherwise occur" next month.

Democrats will need the support of at least two-thirds of House members to pass the Senate bill, which is sponsored by Senate Commerce

Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. The bill has run into opposition from some key House Republicans, including Joe Barton, R-Texas, ranking member of the House Commerce Committee.

During a House floor debate Tuesday night, Barton said a delay would be "a solution looking for a problem." Barton argues that postponing the transition date would confuse consumers and burden the wireless companies and public safety agencies that are waiting to use the airwaves that will be freed by the shutdown of analog TV broadcasts. The shift to entirely digital broadcasts, which are more efficient than analog, has been planned since the 1990s.

Randy Kittle named Employee of Month

Randy Kittle was the December 2008 Employee of the Month for Whitfield County government. Kittle has been with the fire department for 30 years, including three as a volunteer. He has served 12 years as a lieutenant and 15 years as assistant chief.

Kittle is a certified fire

investigator and inspector and emergency medical technician. He is a member of the Georgia Chiefs Association and the Georgia Fire Investigators Association.

Kittle is now working on the county-wide address location project and is the "go to guy," said one committee member.



Randy Kittle

Stabbing: Fighting over beer

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officer in connection with the incident. Miller's son, Kyle, said he was there when Galvan and Lopez arrived separately but left the party before the fights broke out.

Kyle Miller said his father and Lopez had argued last summer but that his dad was "giving him a chance" when Lopez pulled into his driveway around mid-afternoon.

"Wally (Lopez) got out of the car and Dad had something smart to say about it — they weren't really friends — but he didn't tell him to leave," Kyle Miller said. "The situation was calm when I left around four o'clock."

He said Galvan brought some "cheap beer" to the party when he arrived with his girlfriend, but heard that he tried to take some of his father's beer when he left. Lopez had also tried to get some of his father's beer, he said.

Galvan, released on bond from the jail Tuesday afternoon, confirmed there was an argument over "a couple

of beers."

"I didn't like (Bobby Miller's) attitude toward (my girlfriend)," Galvan said, "so we grabbed each other and got into it. He told me to leave and I told him if he'd get off me I would. He let me up and went to the closet and got a stick, like a sawed-off pool cue. Wally said he wanted to leave with me and I said, 'No, you go your way and I'll go mine.' We got out quick because I didn't want to get hit with that stick. Wally and Bobby were arguing, then Bobby started hitting him on the head with that stick. When we ran out Bobby was still standing."

"But when we got outside I heard Sonja saying, '(Wally's) killing him!'"

Galvan said he and his girlfriend were walking down the street when police stopped them.

"When the police got me, I didn't know Bobby was dead," he said.

Kerr said, "I don't know why this happened. It wasn't something that Wally needed to get involved in."

Kyle Miller said he and his father had just begun to get to know each other recently.

"He never really had much to do with me when I was younger," he said. "We just started hanging out some and trying to be friends in the last couple of years. We were just starting to get along when this happened — he told me he cared about me, but he wasn't there for me for a long time."

Miller worked for Jerry Mathis of A-1 Guttering for 26 years as a gutter installer.

"He was a good-hearted man and a free spirit," he said. "He never wanted a lot, and never had a lot. But he was a good person — he just got in with the wrong crowd. It's like losing a son. But when we got off at five o'clock, we parted ways. I couldn't handle his lifestyle, and I told him to stay away from those people."

Kerr said she and Miller lived for 12 years at the same residence.

"Today (Tuesday) is his birthday," she said. "He would have been 44 today."

Boy on skateboard hit by car

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 13-year-old boy was struck by a car while skateboarding along the 800 block of Cascade Drive in Dalton, according to a news release from the Dalton Police Department.

The victim, who was not identified, suffered a possible broken arm and leg injury, "but there appeared to be no life-threatening injuries," according to the release.

The juvenile road his skateboard into the path of the car around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, the release said.

The car was driven by Alice Barret of Dalton. The investigation is under way, and there are no charges pending at this time.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Chaz Kirschmann
AGE: 17
HOME: Chatsworth
FAMILY: Mother, Melissa Stines
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Man upset over job kills wife, 5 kids, himself

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who fatally shot his wife, five young children and himself Tuesday had earlier faxed a note to a TV station claiming the couple had just been fired from their hospital jobs and together planned the killings as a final escape for the whole family.

"Why leave our children in someone else's hands," Ervin Lupoe wrote in a letter posted late Tuesday on the KABC-TV Web site.

The station called police after receiving the fax, and a police dispatch center also received a call from a man who stated, "I just returned home and my whole family's been shot."

Officers rushed to the home in Wilmington, a small community between the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, about 8:30 a.m., apparently within minutes of the killings. Officers could still smell the gunshot residue in the air.

Although the fax asserted

that Ana Lupoe planning the killings of the whole family, police Lt. John Romero said Ervin Lupoe was the suspect. A revolver was found next to his body.

Ana Lupoe's body was found in an upstairs bedroom with the bodies of the couple's twin 2-year-old boys. The bodies of an 8-year-old girl and twin 5-year-old girls were found alongside Ervin Lupoe's in another bedroom.

All were shot in the head, coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter said.

It was the fifth mass death of a Southern California family by murder or suicide in a year. Police urged those facing tough economic times to get help rather than resort to violence.

"Today our worst fear was realized," said Deputy Chief Kenneth Garner. "It's just not a solution. There's just so many ways you find alternatives to doing something so horrific and drastic as this."



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Marilyn Helms and John Trussel, both from the business program at Dalton State College, speak during a Rotary Club meeting Tuesday.

DSC business chairs hope to become more involved in community

BY JAMIE JONES

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Financial distress. It's a timely topic given the current bleak economy.

While working on his doctoral dissertation in accounting at George Washington University, John Trussel helped create a ratings system to determine if nonprofit groups were showing signs of money problems.

"The gist of it is trying to predict whether a nonprofit organization will become financially distressed," said Trussel, a chair in the Dalton State College School of Business since August 2008. "We can predict with pretty good accuracy, around 75 percent accuracy, if they'll become financially distressed within five years."

Trussel and Marilyn Helms, also a chair at the business school, spoke at the Rotary Club of Dalton's weekly meeting on Tuesday. Both spoke about how they

want to become more involved in the community. Trussel said a United Way branch in Maryland and another in Pennsylvania use the ratings system to evaluate the potential of running into money problems.

"I'm looking to bring that down here," Trussel said.

The DSC business school has 15 full-time faculty members and 700 students. Trussel, who heads the accounting program, said that major will graduate its first class of 10 in the spring. The program has 124 students.

"Zero to 124 in less than two years is a pretty good increase," Trussel said.

Helms mentioned the college's graduation will be May 8, adding that the business school will have about 60 graduates looking for jobs.

"If you've got a place for the best and brightest in your organization, if you would let us know we'd be glad to send them your way," Helms said.

Public absent at Tunnel Hill budget hearing

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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TUNNEL HILL — No one attended a public hearing on the 2009 Tunnel Hill budget Tuesday except city officials. Plans call for \$550,000 in spending this year, up from \$545,000 in 2008.

Most departments will be held flat or see a slight increase. But the police budget will rise to \$265,000 from \$230,000 in 2008. City manager Blake Griffin said much of that increase will come from this year's share of the purchase of two new police cars. The city currently has three police cars. The purchase will leave the city with three, possibly four, police cars.

Griffin said the city may keep one of its old cars as a backup vehicle.

The city also plans to beef up its police patrols.

"Sometimes we will have up to two people on per shift. We will probably have more of that," Griffin said. "We are going to have two people on duty more often than we have in the past. It's probably going to add up to 40 hours a week."

Griffin said the exact number will depend on officers' schedules.

City officials say they are holding the budget fairly flat this year because of concerns about the economy.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the budget at its Feb. 10 meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Little: Honored

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community, promotion of the club's ethical standards, inspiring vocational leadership and for setting an example to others.

"Look around our community and his fingerprints and footprints are indelibly stamped on many of the good things that have happened here and that continue to happen every day," Rotary member David Elrod said.

Little has served on the boards of the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, the Salvation Army and the Creative Arts Guild. He has been chairman

of the United Way of Northwest Georgia, the Carpet and Rug Institute and the Dalton State College Foundation.

He is currently on the board of Wachovia Bank of Dalton, the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia, the Georgia Children's Health Alliance, the local council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Covenant College Foundation and the Dalton State College Foundation.

Dalton Mayor David Pennington read a proclamation naming Jan. 27, 2009, "Norris Little Day" during the Rotary Club meeting.

AREA ARRESTS

• Sharron Denise Boone, 41, 832 Gleason Drive, Chattahoochee, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act and probation violation.

• Wayne Fox, 52, 1205 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, open container in vehicle, failure to drive within a single lane, expired vehicle tag or decal, no insurance and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

• Johnny William Kennedy, 23, 4156-14 Highway 225 North, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI and

windshield and windshield wipers violation.

• Christopher Dale Lloyd, 35, 166 Rolling Hills Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with second degree criminal damage to property and illegally entering an auto.

• Jesus Noe, 19, 208 E. Lee Drive, Tunnel Hill, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Dakota Wayne Smith, 18, 157 Ball Ground Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, failure to drive within a single lane, illegal turn, a tail lights violation and DUI.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama gang off to a miserable start

To the editor:

Barack Obama promised "change we can believe in" when he was running for president. He's been president for about two weeks, so let's look at this change so far.

No. 1. Obama's so-called stimulus bill is nothing but a Democrat pork barrel, vote-buying welfare bill for the lazy leeches in this country who think they have the right to other people's hard-earned money. That is alarmingly obvious to anybody who is actually paying attention to what's going on in D.C.

No. 2. Obama nominated Tim Gueitner for treasury secretary, who will also be in charge of the IRS. Here's a man who intentionally cheated on his taxes to the tune of \$34,000 and now will be in control of our country's money. Another liar and corrupt person Obama hired.

No. 3. Obama talked really loudly about ethics from Day One of his presidency and how no lobbyists will work in his administration. Then two days later he nominates a person for deputy secretary of defense who was a lobbyist for Raytheon, one of the country's biggest defense contractors. Obama said there were exceptions to the rules. What a joke.

No. 4. He wants to close Gitmo and end the military tribunals and enhanced interrogations that have proven to work for the murderous terrorists who want to and have slaughtered Americans.

No. 5. Obama has bought into so-called "global warming," the biggest hoax to ever come down the pipes. Get ready for businesses to suffer and our taxes to go up so we can buy those great carbon credits so we don't feel guilty and can feel all warm and fuzzy.

No. 6 and probably the scariest. Obama thinks just like Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reed — the two biggest basket cases to ever run Congress.

No. 7. Obama wants to use taxpayer money for no-holds-barred abortion, even outside this country. How does he look himself in the mirror?

Obama, Pelosi and Reed are liars, frauds, corrupt and immoral. For all you who think Obama will fix your life, in two years you will still be waiting. In four years you will still be waiting. Will you then admit what a colossal mistake you made in electing a man who had no business being president.

When Obama and the idiots running Congress get finished with our country, then you will really have something to cry about.

Neal R. Hiller
Beaverdale

Bring our troops back to our borders

To the editor:

Gitmo, where the rights of habeas corpus and due process could be denied, will close, the CIA will be prohibited from maintaining overseas detention centers (rendition), all of President Bush's legal orders and opinions on interrogations since 9/11 have been canceled, and severe interrogation techniques are now limited to no undue discomfort.

I was assigned to Military Intelligence when I was on active duty in the Army in the mid 50s. My secondary MOS was POW interrogator. Intelligence gathering at that time was an important component of warfare. Today, intelligence gathering in the "war on terror" is crucial. The war on terror cannot be conducted without timely, accurate, and reliable intelligence. According to a recent Washington Post story: "Bush's 'war on terror' ..." is over. But based on my training and experience the intelligence community's wherewithal has been gutted and the war on terror for the United States is over, period.

The Constitution of the United States, Section I, Article 8, pertaining to the responsibilities of the Congress states that: "The Congress shall have the power ... To provide for calling forth the militia ... and repel invasions, ..." Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that the United States shall be the world's policeman and wage war in foreign countries or destroy foreign countries for that matter.

If our service members are not allowed to fight the war on the enemy's standards of ethics and morality, they will surely lose. Since we can no longer be effective at waging war would it not be a good time to return to the Constitution and bring our troops back from the far corners of the globe?

Rep. Ron Paul has this concept. I have written Rep. Nathan Deal and asked him to work with Rep. Paul to introduce legislation to bring our troops home and out of harm's way.

And, oh by the way, the citizens of the United States are now open to grave danger from this same lack of intelligence. That's why we need our troops here. If we can't have the information to tell us the terrorists are coming then we need to guard our borders to keep them out. I think that's what the Framers intended when they wrote the Constitution. Write your congressman and tell him what you think.

Zeb Blanchard
Blairsville

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

John 16:20

Thought for today: "Since when do we have to agree with people to defend them from injustice?"

Lillian Hellman
American author and playwright (1905-1984)

Stars of tomorrow

Let's face reality. Georgia needs a federal bailout. The Peach State is in worse shape than Chrysler and Bank of America put together. President Obama's stimulus package has earmarked about \$5.6 billion to help Georgia.

That is not nearly enough. We need some serious money. President Bush approved almost a trillion dollars to rescue Wall Street banks with few strings attached. One bank installed a new executive bathroom with part of the money; others bought out less fortunate banks. You and I were left holding the IOUs.

Georgia's list of needs stretches from highways to water conservation to schools to health care and so forth. You name it, Georgia needs it. Mostly we need to stem the rise of unemployment and reverse the real estate foreclosure rate. We need to return to prosperity road.

Of course, several Republicans in our congressional delegation are dead set against the stimulus package. Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Savannah, warns that the Washington bailout is "left-leaning" and includes aid for too many social programs.

Many Georgia congressmen opposing the help are key members of the National Crackpot Caucus. It is understandable that they would be against the stimulus. They want to protect their caucus positions and reassure their anticommunist base back home. Never mind that Georgia is rapidly turning into Mississippi east, and that communism is no longer a problem except in New Haven, Conn.

Not to worry though. Help may be on the way at last. In the recent election, Barack Obama came within 5 points



Bill Shipp

of winning Georgia as he took a hefty chunk of white votes. Our population continues to grow with younger and better educated people, many of them brown and black.

Even more encouraging is the number of potential star politicians emerging from the guano piles in the Georgia House and Senate.

Here's a who's who sample of comers that is by no means complete:

■ Rep. Rob Teilhet, D-Smyrna, bought television time to assail state School Superintendent Kathy Cox for wasting time on a Hollywood game show when she should have been tending to our schools. Kathy won \$1 million for the schools, and Teilhet made a name for himself. He is expanding his Internet tactics for future campaigns. Look for Teilhet (pronounced Tel-lay) to run for statewide office once the field becomes clearer. He would benefit from having fellow Cobb Countian Roy Barnes at the top of the ticket.

■ State Rep. Jan Jones, R-North Fulton, has been elected House GOP whip after serving only two terms in the Legislature. She easily defeated party-switcher Greg Morris, who had the backing of several powerful lobbyists. Jones is a kind of Karen Handel of the General Assembly. She appears to be on a fast track to higher office.

■ Rep. Stacey Abrams, D-

Decatur, is a Yale law school graduate and author of a series of suspense novels. Writing under the name Selena Montgomery, she has a multi-book contract with Harper Collins. In the Gold Dome, she is noted for her fundraising and organizational abilities. Look for her to try soon for a seat in Congress or as mayor of Atlanta.

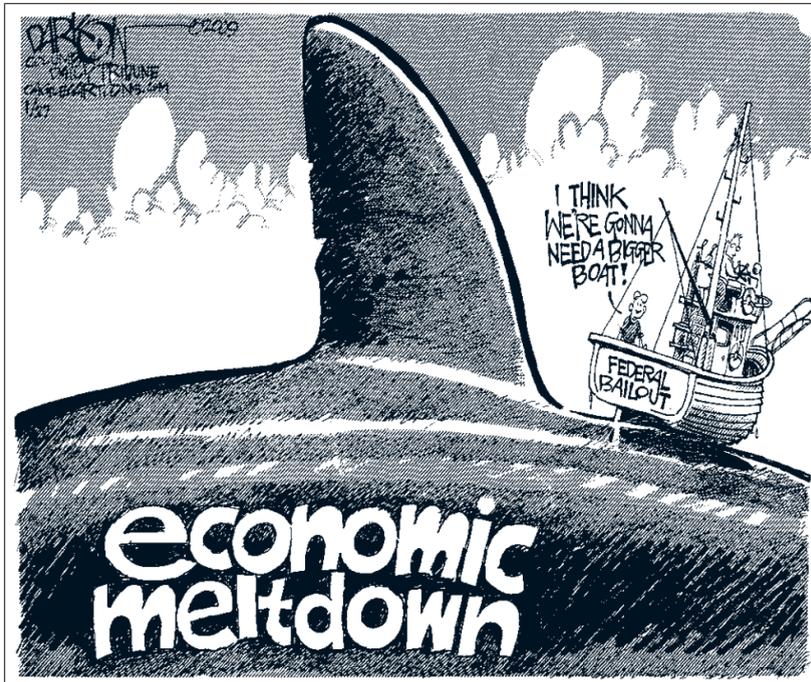
■ Rep. Margaret Kaiser, D-Atlanta, defeated longtime incumbent Doug Dean. This sophomore legislator operates a successful pizza company with her husband. In the House she has received plum committee assignments and earned a good reputation for working with Republicans. She has carved out a niche as a champion of charter schools.

Notice that the above Gold Dome up-and-comers are from the Atlanta area. To be sure, many others hail from outside the metro shadow. However, the 2011 redistricting plan will result in a further shift of voting strength to metro Atlanta as well as to other urban-suburban areas. Republicans will draw more strength from the exurban and old rural precincts.

While established elephants Sonny Perdue, Casey Cagle and Romeo Richardson play petty games with our serious problems, the new stars are making quiet but meaningful inroads on political and policy levels.

Most of the smart newbies recognize that railing against a federal life jacket in the midst of a raging economic storm is not likely to draw many new supporters in the New Georgia.

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It couldn't happen here?

The state of Minnesota required that school buses run at least 2 percent biodiesel. But lawmakers forgot one very important fact. Minnesota gets really cold in the winter. And biodiesel gels at about 10 degrees Fahrenheit, while regular diesel doesn't start causing problems unless the temperature is well below zero. Several school systems have had to cancel classes because they basically had lard in their school bus fuel tanks. (Yes, they otherwise would have had students going to school in 10-degree weather. They may not be that smart in Minnesota but they aren't wimps.)



Charles Oliver

Three weeks ago, I told you about how the city of Portland, Ore., spent \$140,000 on a new environmentally friendly solar-powered public restroom. City officials hoped to market the design to other cities. But it seems city officials forgot one thing. It snows in Portland in the winter. A recent snowstorm covered the toilet's solar panels. They were covered so long the battery drained. When the power went out, so did the heat. The pipes and flushing mechanism froze, leaving the restroom useless.

The British governments have erected more than 4 million television cameras on public streets to watch citizens' every move. The cameras haven't made a dent in crime. Now, city councils across the nation are strapped for funds, and they are cutting the jobs of those who watch the cameras looking for crimes.

sentences them. And what better way is there to protect our children from making foolish decisions than to force them to register for the rest of their lives as sex offenders.

Chicago has one of the nation's toughest laws against talking on a cell phone while driving. Drivers who violate the law have their license seized immediately. That may change thanks to City Council member Tom Tunney, who was nabbed while yakking by a Chicago police officer. He called the officer's superior, who immediately ordered another officer to personally return Tunney's license to him at his office. Motorists are supposed to get their license back only after paying a fine. Now, they are talking about relaxing the penalties.

Mike Raymond was clearing county parking lots in Crookston County, Minn.,

when he decided to take his snowplow over to Red Lake River and clean off a boat ramp. Raymond, who is a county employee, says he wanted to make it easier for people with mobile fish houses to pull them onto the river. Unfortunately for Raymond, the \$200,000 plow slid down the ramp, broke through the ice and sank to the bottom of the river. Oh, Raymond just happens to have a fish house on the river, but he swears that isn't why he wanted to clear the ramp.

Washington, D.C.'s Metro public transportation system is looking at a huge budget deficit, so officials are recommending large cuts in service and a hiring freeze. They say they may even have to resort to layoffs. But don't worry. They have included huge pay hikes for management and salaried workers in their 2009 budget. Salaries for many managers and top executives had doubled in just the past three years.

Christopher Magavero, a Pasco County, Fla., sheriff's deputy and school resource officer, was fired after he allegedly told a 13-year-old girl at River Ridge Middle School he loved her. Before joining the sheriff's office in 2000, Magavero taught high school social studies in the Pasco County school system.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, Jan. 28**, the 28th day of 2009. There are 337 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven of its crew members.

On this date:

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1969, a major oil spill off Santa Barbara, Calif., occurred as a Union Oil well blew out, sending oil and natural gas into the Santa Barbara Channel.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

In 1978, fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people.

Ten years ago: Ford Motor Co. announced it was buying the Volvo car division in a \$6.45 billion deal.

Five years ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair won vindication when a judge said the BBC was wrong to report the government had "sexed up" intelligence to justify war in Iraq.

One year ago: President George W. Bush, in his last State of the Union address, urged passage of an economic stimulus package and asked Americans to remain patient with the long, grinding war in Iraq. In a daring ambush, Iraqi insurgents blasted a U.S. patrol with a roadside bomb and showered survivors with gunfire from a mosque in Mosul; five American soldiers were killed in the explosion.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Alan Alda is 73. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 59. French President Nicolas Sarkozy is 54. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 52. Movie director Frank Darabont is 50. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 47. Rock musician Dan Spitz (Anthrax) is 46. Gospel singer Marvin Sapp is 42. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 41. Rapper Rakim is 41. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 41. Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 40. Rock musician Brandon Bush (Train) is 36. Singer Joey Fatone Jr. ('N Sync) is 32. Rapper Rick Ross is 32. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 29.

Police say citizen survey results positive

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A citizen survey conducted by the Dalton Police Department last year found 22.3 percent of those who responded believed crime in Dalton had increased during the past year, compared to 66 percent who said crime had increased during a similar survey in 2006.

Some 20.5 percent said crime had decreased in the 2008 survey, compared to 4.5 percent who answered that way in 2006.

The survey was sent by mail to 900 citizens and business owners, the department said. The department received 369 responses.

"Although it may be crudely fashioned, from a scientific standpoint, we take it as a snapshot — a barometer on the public's perceptions," the report's executive summary said.

The department will use the results as it updates its strategic plan for 2010-2012. The plan, which is fully revised every three years, identifies the department's major objectives. The current revision is expected to be completed later this year.

Asked "Have you limited, changed or curtailed your activities," 19.3 percent responded yes in 2008, compared to 35.8 percent in 2006.

"Do you feel that crime is such an issue in Dalton that you have considered moving?" received a "yes" response from 6.9 percent in 2008 compared to 24.4 percent in 2006.

"We believe the reader will see that since 2006 significant strides have been made in the citizen perception of crime, and the overall goal that our citizens feel safer is getting closer," said the executive summary of the report, which was given to Dalton Public Safety Commission members on

ON THE WEB

The report on the citizen survey is available on the police department's Web site, <http://www.dalton-pdblog.org/>.

Tuesday.

"The data suggests that there has been a significant improvement in the perception of crime, and among those who had previously reported that they had altered their life activities out of concern for or fear of crime. In addition, the data suggests that several areas that could be categorized as quality of life issues have improved."

Some categories suggest residents are still unsure about several aspects of crime in the city.

For example, the survey asked a series of questions about "how significant do you view the following situations in Dalton." Under "having home burglarized," 55.5 percent said they were very concerned in 2008 and 14.5 percent said they were very concerned, compared to 53.2 percent in 2006 expressing concern and 14.8 saying they were very concerned. Under "children are safe," 54.5 percent said they were concerned in 2008, compared to 55.1 percent in 2006. And for "children exposed to drugs," 45.1 percent expressed concern in 2008 and 48.6 percent said they were very concerned, compared to 31.7 percent expressing concern in 2006 and 63 percent saying they were very concerned.

Asked to what extent "visible drug possession and use" are considered a problem, 18.5 percent in 2008 said it is a significant problem, compared to 33.3 percent in 2006.

The percentage of those who considered vandalism/graffiti a signifi-

cant problem decreased from 58.1 percent in 2006 to 48.2 percent in 2008, while the percentage of those who considered gangs a significant problem decreased from 69.3 percent in 2006 to 52.2 percent in 2008.

And with two intersections in the city featuring cameras to catch people running red lights, the percentage of people considering drivers running red lights a significant problem decreased, from 38.5 percent in 2006 to 30.5 percent in 2008.

"Is the DPD responsive to your needs" received a 95.2 percent "yes" response in 2008 compared to 92.9 percent in 2006.

For the question "Overall, how well do you feel the DPD does in providing services to the community?" 37 percent responded excellent in 2008, compared to 23.2 percent in 2006, while those responding poor were 2 percent in 2008 compared to 2.1 percent in 2006.

Some 61.8 percent of respondents were male in 2008, compared to 45.9 percent in 2006.

"We continue to search for ways to increase our one-to-one relationships, but for the purposes of this plan revision, it becomes necessary to view some results in aggregate in hopes of achieving a representative sample of Dalton's population," the executive summary said.

"The levels of reported crime indeed have been dropping over the last several years, but for some, perceptions can be reality. Therefore, it is important to consider these perceptions in crafting our plan revision. This survey does not fill the department's need to increase our personal relationships with the community; only our proactive efforts and the community's willing participation will do that."



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Dalton Police Chief Jason Parker, left, and interim Fire Chief Bruce Satterfield, right, present former Public Safety Commission chairman Lane Ashworth with plaques of appreciation.

Weaver new chairman of Public Safety Commission

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mouse vote.



Weaver

mer Public Safety Commission chairman Lane Ashworth was honored with presentations from Police Chief Jason Parker, interim Fire Chief Bruce Satterfield and, on behalf of the commission and the City Council, Weaver. Ashworth's appointment to the Public Safety Commission expired in December after 11 years.

The Dalton Public Safety Commission held its first meeting of 2009 on Tuesday, electing new officers for the year. Bill Weaver was elected chairman by unanimous vote. Terry Mathis was elected secretary, also by unani-

During the meeting, for-



New Public Safety Commission member Carlos Calderin, left, is sworn in by Steve Farrow, the attorney for the PSC.

Kindergarten registration slated

Whitfield County Schools is holding kindergarten registration at Support Services at 201 E. Tyler St. in Dalton through March 13. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

No appointments are necessary. Your child does not need to be present at registration but must be at the kindergarten assessment.

Please bring the following when registering:

- Georgia proof of immunization form 3231
- Georgia eye/ear/dental certificate (form 3300)
- Proof of residence in parent's name (i.e. rent receipt, lease agreement, settlement statement, utility bill that shows service address or, if family is living

with another family, notarized letter and utility bill from that person)

- Child's Social Security card
- Birth certificate

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Students in Amber Loughridge's fourth-grade class at Dawnville Elementary School benefit from using Activotes during math studies. "Activotes give instant feedback on student achievement as we go through the lesson," Loughridge said. "It also shows the feedback in different forms of graphs,

which is a fourth-grade Georgia Performance Standard. The students enjoy using this technology in the classroom." "Math is fun using Activotes," said student Gladys Shelton. "They are awesome," said student Jonathan Arrelin. Below, Yesi Garcia prepares to hand out the Activotes.



Nation's economic mood darkens as more jobs vanish

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — This is one recession Americans aren't going to spend their way out of.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index edged down to 37.7 this month, a record low, from a revised 38.6 in December. It stood at about 87 just a year ago.

Americans are battered by headlines about massive job cuts, including thousands at Home Depot, Corning, General Motors and Caterpillar in just the past two days, and are still watching the values of their homes and retirement funds dwindle.

"Virtually, there is no confidence out there," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at The Economic Outlook Group LLC. "Household anxiety has reached a point that we can count them out to get us out of the recession."

Economists believe

Americans will remain in a financial funk until they start seeing fundamental improvements in the economy, including a turnaround in the housing and job markets. And two other reports Tuesday suggested that's unlikely to come soon.

The Labor Department announced that state unemployment rates shot up nationwide in December, with Indiana and South Carolina racking up the largest monthly increases. South Carolina's jobless rate bolted to 9.5 percent, more than 2 percentage points above the national rate.

And the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city housing index dropped by a record 18.2 percent in November from the same month a year earlier — the sharpest annual rate since the index's inception in 2000.

The gloomy news initially sent the Dow Jones industrial average lower, but by mid-afternoon it took heart from some positive earnings reports,

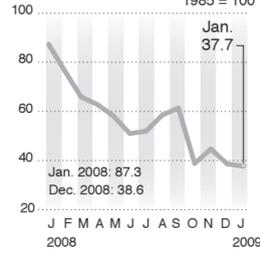
finishing up about 58 points at 8,174.

President Barack Obama and Congress are scrambling to enact a \$825 billion package of increased federal spending, including money for big public works projects and for states, as well as tax cuts to revive the economy.

That could encourage Americans to spend more, but Baumohl believes the relief would be only temporary unless financial institutions

Confidence falters

The consumer confidence index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households: Seasonally adjusted 1985 = 100



SOURCE: The Conference Board AP

become healthy enough to revive lending. Tighter credit has been a challenge for shoppers and businesses alike.

INSIDE INSURANCE

Bad economy creates more uninsured motorists

The Insurance Research Council recently released a study on the number of uninsured motorists involved in accidents state-by-state. The important aspect of this study is found in its main premise: The economic downturn may push the percentage of uninsured motorists to an all-time high.

The study uses insurance claims made by individuals who were hit by uninsured drivers that resulted in injuries. In states with large populations, Georgia isn't so bad. We're at 12 percent, but the numbers vary greatly. Here's a look at some other states:

- New Mexico, 29 percent
- Mississippi, 28 percent
- Alabama, 26 percent
- Oklahoma, 24 percent
- Florida, 23 percent

The Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System is where law enforcement can check a vehicle's license plate and find out if the Vehicle Identification Number associated with that tag has auto insurance as required by state law. The Georgia Department of Revenue, that operates GEICS, indicates the uninsured motorist rate in Georgia is estimated to be between five and seven percent.

Why the difference in numbers?

The IRC study dealt with crashes resulting in injuries, whereas the GEICS system only deals with car tags, VINs and if the VIN is listed as having insurance. The two sources look at the issue in different ways.

But as in many other estimates in business and industry, the real number is most likely somewhere between the 12 percent. That most likely brings the actual number of uninsured

drivers in Georgia to under 10 percent.

To the original point of the study, with the job losses in Georgia at about 8.1 percent, there is a clear concern about the increase in uninsured drivers. That means those of us who have insurance, as usual, must carry the water to protect ourselves by purchasing the uninsured motorist option on our auto insurance policy.

With the potential increase in uninsured motorists, how do you protect yourself?

■ Your auto policy should include uninsured motorist coverage. Some choose to not have what we call UM coverage if their vehicle is old and not worth repairing if it is involved in an accident.

■ What coverage do you have if you have selected to include the uninsured motorist in your policy? Most people have to check with their agent or company to find out. You should do just that, and your UM coverage should handle medical expenses if you and/or your passengers are injured in a collision with an uninsured driver.

■ My coverage is 100,000/300,000/100,000 meaning I am protected for costs up to \$100,000 for a single injury to my passengers or me; up to \$300,000 for all persons in my vehicle that may be injured and \$100,000 for property damage which includes not only the vehicle, but valuable property in it at the time of the crash.

Georgia's insured motorists must protect themselves in cases of the at-fault driver not having auto insurance. That's why it is important to understand your coverage. A review with your agent or company is important, especially in these difficult economic times.

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Wants to fine super speeders

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia speeders beware.

Gov. Sonny Perdue is pushing again this year for legislation that would slap excessive or repeat speeders with stiff fines. The legislation would generate about \$23 million which he wants to funnel to the state's struggling trauma network.

The bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Jim Cole, a Forsyth Republican.

The so-called super speeders legislation would add an additional \$200 fine for driving over 85 mph anywhere in the state and for driving 75 mph or more on a two-lane road.

Traffic accidents on Georgia's roadways caused more than 1,600 fatalities in 2007.

This is the third year that Perdue has pushed for the legislation.

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BRIEFS**Senators hear FBI recordings**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich was hundreds of miles away but his voice boomed through the Illinois Senate's chambers Tuesday as his impeachment jurors listened to FBI wiretaps of conversations in which he seems to demand campaign contributions in exchange for signing legislation. One person on the recordings assures Blagojevich that a horse-racing track owner "is good for it" and just has to decide "what accounts to get it out of." Another assures him the track owner knows he must keep his "commitment" soon. Blagojevich replies with comments like "good" and "good job." Legislation sought by the racing industry had been sent to the governor's desk, and on the tapes, he says to reassure a racing lobbyist he hopes "to do this so we can get together and start picking some dates to do a bill-signing."

Clinton earned nearly \$6M

WASHINGTON — Former President Bill Clinton earned nearly \$6 million in speaking fees last year, almost all of it from foreign companies, according to financial documents filed by his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The documents show that \$4.6 million of the former president's reported \$5.7 million in 2008 honoraria came from foreign sources, including Kuwait's national bank, other firms and groups in Canada, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico and Portugal and a Hong Kong-based company that spent \$100,000 on federal lobbying last year. Executives at many of the firms that paid honoraria to Bill Clinton have also donated large amounts of money to the Clinton Foundation.

Citigroup bails out of plan to take jet

NEW YORK — Citigroup won't be getting a new corporate jet after all. Under pressure from President Barack Obama, one of the nation's largest banks reversed course, announcing that it will not take delivery of the jet it had planned to purchase before the credit crisis unfolded. The canceled deal came as many politicians voiced concern about how banks are spending government bailout money. The White House reached out to Citigroup on Monday to reiterate Obama's position that such jets are not "the best use of money at this point," calling them "outrageous" spending for a company getting taxpayer dollars, said a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was describing private conversations.

Old male bust found in excavation

JERUSALEM — An 1,800-year-old figurine believed to have originated from the eastern stretches of the Roman Empire has been discovered by archaeologists outside the walls of the old city, the Israeli Antiquities Authority said. The 2-inch marble bust depicts the head of a man with a short curly beard and almond-shaped eyes who may portray a boxer, the authority said. Nothing similar has ever been uncovered in Israel.

Thousands blacked out from ice storm

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Tree limbs snapped with a sound like gunshots, blacking out thousands of homes and businesses, and schools and government offices were closed Tuesday as a major storm spread a glaze of ice and snow from the southern Plains to the East Coast.

At least 15 deaths had been blamed on the weather.

Highway crews fought to keep up with slippery roads and in some places were blocked by fallen tree limbs and power lines. Ice had built up 3 inches thick in sections of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Obama suggests he's open to compromise

By **DAVID ESPO**
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — On the eve of a key vote, President Barack Obama privately promised Republicans he stands ready to accept changes in the \$825 billion economic stimulus legislation, invoked Ronald Reagan to rebut conservative critics and urged lawmakers to "put politics aside" in the interest of creating jobs.

"The American people expect action," Obama said Tuesday as he shuttled between closed-door meetings with House and Senate Republicans on a trip to the Capitol that blended sub-

stance with political symbolism.

Republicans who attended the sessions said the president did not agree to any specific changes but did pledge to have his aides consider some that GOP lawmakers raised dealing with additional tax relief for businesses.

Prodded to budge on another point, Obama said that despite opposition, he will insist on giving relief to wage-earners who pay Social Security taxes but do not earn enough to owe income tax. His spokesman said the president reminded his critics that former President Reagan — conservative hero to many contemporary Republicans

— supported the same concept while in the White House.

In a measure of the complex political dynamic in Congress, House Republican leaders urged their rank and file to oppose the stimulus measure hours before Obama arrived.

One Republican later quoted the president as saying any changes would have to come after the House gives what is expected to be largely party-line approval Wednesday to the Democratic-backed bill. Debate began late in the day on the measure, which includes about \$550 billion in spending and roughly \$275

billion in tax cuts. Democrats made one small change, voting to delete \$20 million intended for renovating the National Mall. Republicans had criticized the expenditure as wasteful.

In the Senate, traditionally more bipartisan than the House, a companion bill grew to roughly \$900 billion. That included a new tax break for upper middle-income taxpayers, at a one-year cost of \$70 billion. It was advanced by Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, senior Republican on the Finance Committee.

Democratic leaders in both houses have promised to have legislation ready for

Obama's signature by mid-February, and Tuesday's developments coincided with fresh evidence of deterioration in a national economy seemingly growing weaker by the day.

Housing prices tumbled by the sharpest annual rate on record in November, according to a closely watched private report released during the day, and a measure of consumer confidence dropped to a historic low.

Separately, the Treasury Department announced distribution of \$386 million to 23 troubled banks, the first awards from the federal bailout fund since Obama took office a week ago.

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Sgt. Brian Early presents Yvonne Cochran, owner of the Gingerbread House, with a flag that flew in Iraq.

Early: Describes his duties

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"I helped take care of all the detainees. All the people that the coalition forces captured, we helped take care of them," said Early, who is a member of the Dalton Police Department as well as an Army National Guard military police officer.

"I was around those guys every day. The Army took care of them every day. We released some of them, and some of them went through the Iraqi court to find out if they were going to be charged with any crimes," he said.

"It made my job a lot easier to know that you guys were thinking about me and praying for me," he said.

Early actually got home to Dalton on Christmas Day last year.

"Unfortunately, I had a staph infection, so I went right into the hospital," he said. "That's why we are doing this now. I've been home for a while, but it took me a little while to get healed up."

The school set up boxes where students and their parents could bring things to send to Early in Iraq.

"One of my favorite things was baby wipes. Those are fantastic in the desert. Some people sent iTunes cards. All kinds of great things," he said.

The children sent photographs of themselves.

"They made a book for me that had all their names, and they made me a big flag that had all their handprints on it. That was really neat,"



Sgt. Brian Early puts a traditional Iraqi headdress on Jonathan Henry on Tuesday while talking to a pre-school class at the Gingerbread House about his time in Iraq.

he said. "I took that flag and hung it up at work and all my guys signed it and we sent it back. I shared everything I got."

He also brought a flag that had flown over Camp Bucca in Iraq for the day care.

Yvonne Cochran, owner of the Gingerbread House, said the children were excited about putting the packages together for Early.

"Of course, with Jenna being here and Sonja, his wife, coming in, we all felt like a part of it," she said.

U.S. infrastructure earns 'D' grade

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's roads, public transit and aviation have gotten worse in the past four years. Water and sewage systems are dreadful. The basic physical backbone of American society is barely above failing, a report by top engineers says.

It'll cost \$2.2 trillion to fix America's ailing infrastructure, according to highlights of a report being released early, just as the House of Representatives readies its first vote on President Barack Obama's call for a massive economic stimulus spending package.

The country's roads, dumps, dams, bridges, schools and rail systems need lots of that money, say the engineers, who would get a piece of the pie in working on the repairs. Government officials are already aiming billions of dollars at those physical needs as part of what at the moment is a \$825 billion economic stimulus package. But the engineers say that's not enough.

Overall, the American Society of Civil Engineers gives the U.S. physical backbone for everything from schools and parks to dams and levees a D. That's the same overall grade as the last time the group gave a report, in 2005, but it really is slipping from a "high D" to a "low D," said report chair-

man Andrew Herrmann.

Herrmann, an engineer with the New York firm Hardesty & Hanover, said his group is issuing the highlights of the report — the full document won't be out until late March — "to be relevant ... investing in our infrastructure will create jobs."

Of the 15 areas the engi-

neers looked at, three got worse and only one got better. The three that worsened were all transportation oriented: aviation dropped from a D+ to a D; so did public transit; and America's intricate roadway system potholed from a D to a D-. Only the energy system improved, from a D to a D+.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Lauryn Peterson's belly dance training is extensive and includes studying at the Bard College Belly Dance Collective in New York and the Zanzibar Studio in Chattanooga. She dances professionally with the Dandasha Dance Company, as well as Mirabai Belly Dance, a new trio.

Popular belly dancing class returns to college

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Introduction to Belly Dance has proven so popular at Dalton State College that a second course section has been added. Instructor Lauryn Peterson, a professional belly dancer and instructor, will teach the new class, which begins Monday, Feb. 2, and continues Monday evenings from 8 to 9:15 through March 23.

"Lauryn is an excellent instructor and is very thorough in her explanations," said student Tina Johnston, 41. "She truly wants each of us to learn and her demonstrations are so helpful. Lauryn's class is warm and welcoming. We are having a blast. I take care of my family, and I'm always doing things for others. Belly dance is just for me, and it makes me feel better about

myself. I love it!"

"I am thrilled that there has been such a positive response to the belly dance class at Dalton State," Peterson said. "The facility is great with easy access and parking, and we are having a terrific time while learning a beautiful new dance skill and becoming more fit. Belly dance is an incredible core workout. I love my belly dance students and the positive energy and attitude they bring to the classroom."

"They are eager to learn and have fun," Peterson said. "This class is a treat

for women of all shapes and sizes. I don't want age to deter anyone from taking belly dance class, either. I've taught older teenagers all the way to older adults, and they are all excellent students."

Introduction to Belly Dance is held in the James E. Brown Center on the Dalton State campus. Class size is limited and the class has been known to fill quickly.

Those interested are encouraged to register online at www.daltonstate.edu.cce (click on Personal Growth) or call (706) 272-4454.

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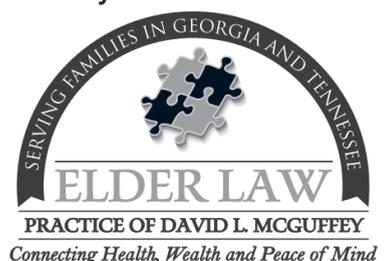
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Has American business leadership gone AWOL?

I had every intention this week to revisit the Chattanooga after-action report that resulted from a visit by a group of regional community leaders to South Carolina to study the impact of BMW on upstate South Carolina. I have previously previewed the report and attempted to paint the picture of the kind of changes coming to our community and our region. I will begin to discuss each of the eight lessons presented in the report beginning next week.

Given the regular news stories about business extravagance, outrageous corporate CEO compensation and bailout fallout, it seemed to me that something is missing. As the business community's chief cheerleader, it hurts when corporate America seems to be heading for approval/disapproval ratings that are lower than that of our Congress. The confidence of our citizens in our American free market system is in real peril.

And just when we think things cannot get any more difficult, who comes along to bail out the economy — the U.S. government. Please ... Lest you forget, it is government that brought us the \$1,000 hammer and similarly priced toilet. Before you get too worked up, I am not against our government. It is still the best system in this imperfect world. As a free market economist, I struggle with all of the tinkering and self-interest policies that got us to where we are today. I am extremely confident that "government" intervention is not the only or best option available to us.

How did we get here? Did the collective leadership of

American business go AWOL (absent without leave)? I would argue that collectively we are in a time that real leadership is absent. It is absent in many areas but since this is a discussion of business, I will keep my scope to the business community. Just like there are good Congressmen and Senators mixed in with many who are not, the business community as a whole has many who are truly visionary leaders.

What has changed in my opinion is this. It used to be that an entrepreneur had a good idea for starting a business with the hope of creating and selling products and possibly being able to make a living from this enterprise. If successful, they might even be in a position to benefit others within their community. These entrepreneurs typically started their businesses on borrowed capital. They probably began operations in a small but manageable space (garage, basement, etc.). They did not spend time, thought, or money on corporate jets and redecorating Taj Mahal-like offices.

Many of these entrepreneurs were the trailblazers that built industries on an entrepreneurial idea. Henry Ford, Warren Buffett and Bill Gates built huge corporations on their original entrepreneurial venture. We have local examples to be grateful for as well: the Shaws, the

Lorberbaums, the Jollys, the Westcotts and the Bandys. These companies were built by business entrepreneurs. The difference today is that most large corporations are led by managers, not leaders. I know that is an unfairly broad characterization. But given the vast number of stories being reported about these companies and those that are responsible for them, I feel that we have tipped the scale toward the less than desirable.

Take the current headlines about the banking executive that spent \$1.2 million redecorating his office or CitiGroup purchasing a new \$50 million jet after receiving "bailout" funding from the American taxpayer. I would argue that these companies were not led by entrepreneurs or leaders — but by professional managers. I use the term "professional" loosely.

The difference between a manager and leader is monumental. Managers only consider some of the deliverables as they seek the lowest common denominator of success. Leaders seek to deliver success for all stakeholders. Jim Collins in his national bestseller, "Good to Great," discusses leadership as being critical to achieving Greatness. "Level 5 leadership is to make sure the right decisions happen ... for the long-term greatness of the institution and the achievement of its mission, independent of consensus or popularity."

By now you may be asking, "So what?" I hope not. I hope I have not lost you. I think all of this is critical in today's current economic environment. We must limit

the role of government tinkering that will simply grow big government even bigger. We must be steadfast in preserving free market principles. We should not bail out failing businesses that have failing business plans. We must all sacrifice greed, selfishness, dishonesty, gluttony, etc., at the altar of doing what is right. I recently worked for a leader that regularly instructed, "Do the right thing." Many who have responsibility for large and small businesses have forgotten how to do the right thing.

The following is an excerpt from one of my recent daily devotionals, "There seems to be almost nothing some people won't do. They have no core values to guide them when the time for key decisions comes, so they do whatever seems right for their own self interests ... Leaders, of all people, need to have a set of core values."

As our community and nation move forward, my hope and prayer is that strong principle-centered leaders will rise up and lead us to better times. We must retake the reins of leadership from the minority of shallow MBA trained managers, and once again entrust the future of our industries, our national economy, and our nation into the hands of true entrepreneurial and visionary leaders. I am confident that our future is brighter than our past. But we must cultivate, grow and reward visionary leaders.

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



Brian Anderson

Tax: Spending plan

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Sonny Perdue's proposed spending plan. He said it was "virtually fiscally impossible" to fund the \$428 million program amid a \$2.2 billion deficit.

House leaders, however, proposed Tuesday that the state would fund the program this year but state revenue must grow by at least 3 percent in future years for the grant to continue.

State Rep. Larry O'Neal, the plan's author, said that means there's "almost



Perdue

zero chance" the program would be funded next year. But the proposal helps the state keep a promise to its taxpayers while holding the door open to a possible revival, he said.

"We made a promise and the recommended budget takes that promise away from the taxpayers of Georgia," said O'Neal, a Republican from Bonaire who chairs the tax-writing House Ways & Means Committee.

"This bill puts into law the fact that we're going to keep that promise," he said. "It's going to be hard, some would say impossible. But we made the promise and the people in Georgia have to rely on that promise."

A range of House leaders have signed onto the bill, and Senate leaders initially signaled they approve of the idea as well.

"I have not seen the specifics but I support the concept," said Senate Majority Leader Chip Rogers.

The governor's office, too, did not shut the door

on the deal. Perdue spokesman Bert Brantley said the governor believes it's difficult to keep the grants, but said "he'll rejoice with lawmakers" if they can come up with a plan to avoid the cuts.

"There's a very cooperative attitude," said Brantley. "The question we'll come back to is how we'll do it this year. There's still some work to be done."

Last summer the governor called the grants "ineffective" and said he wanted to eliminate them.

Perdue's proposal to wipe out the tax break has faced stiff opposition from local governments, which warn that taxes will likely rise immediately without the grants.

"I don't know of any other state program proposed for elimination that would result in an immediate tax increase for Georgia homeowners," said Lamar Paris, a Union County commissioner who serves on the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, which is fighting the move.

The legislative wrangling comes as lawmakers are considering a separate plan aimed at restricting growing property assessment hikes.

A key House subcommittee approved a plan Tuesday that would limit property assessment hikes to no more than 3 percent each year or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

Much of the focus Tuesday was on the plan proposed by O'Neal, who talked of the measure as a moral issue as well as a fiscal one. He said legislators have promised the tax break to residents, and it was far too late to walk away from that pact.

"People these days need to be able to rely on at least something," he said.

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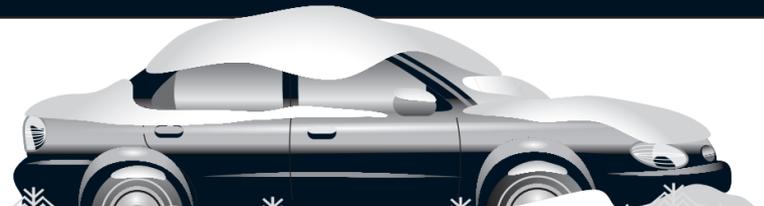
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- **Jack B. Hampton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

David Lee Callahan

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

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

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

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the chapel of Jones Funeral Home in Tunnel Hill. The family will receive friends from until the funeral hour.

Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill is in charge of funeral arrangements. www.legacy.com

Hoyt Bonds II

Paul Hoyt Bonds II, 86, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009.

He was an environmentalist fur trapper and worked with honeybees.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years,

Nancy Bonds; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoyt Bonds Sr.; daughter, Judy Bonds Freeman; son, Paul Hoyt Bonds III; and brother, Franklin Bonds.

He was a graduate of Central High School. Upon graduating, he joined the U.S. Navy in World War II. After the Navy, he worked for the Electric Power Board for 18 years and then became a member of the Carpenters Local where he worked for 15 years.

He was a trapper and furrier and was recognized with a national award for his environmentalist conservationism by Field and Stream Magazine. He was a member of the state and past president of the Chattanooga Bee Keepers Association. He was noted as a supplier of sourwood honey all over the world. He recently published a book.

He was a member of the Cisco Georgia Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Juliet Turvey Bonds of Cisco; son, Tommy Bonds and wife Debbie of Chattanooga; granddaughter, Peggy Burke Regal of LaFayette; two great-grandchildren; sister, Jean B. Brandon of Ringgold; son-in-law, Phillip Freeman of LaFayette.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday in the East Brainerd Chapel with the Rev. Doug Meyers and the Rev. David Evans officiating. Music will be provided by the Ward Family Singers. Burial will be at



Bonds

Lakewood Memory Gardens East with full military honors.

The family will receive friends today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, P.O. Box 19269, Chattanooga, TN 37416; or the American Cancer Society, 850 Fortwood Place, Chattanooga, TN 37403.

Arrangements are by the Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 8214 E. Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

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Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Hackney

Mr. Kenneth “Kenny” Hackney, 56, of Fort Worth, Texas, and formerly of Dalton, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at his residence in Fort Worth.

He was the son of the late Dick and Ginger Hackney and was preceded in death by his brother, Brad Hackney.

Kenny is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Wesley and Macie Hackney of Cartersville; granddaughter, Ginny Hackney of Cartersville; sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Richard Cook of Roswell, Gina and David Chester of Marietta, Deborah Long of Fayetteville and Donna Mogelnicki of Roswell; brother, Gary Hackney of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Thursday from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Northwest Georgia Humane Society, P.O. Box 3964, Dalton, GA 30722-3964.

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. www.legacy.com

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Jack B. Hampton

Jack B. Hampton, 73, of Chatsworth, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, in Hamilton Medical Center.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Paul E. Laird

Mr. Paul Ernest Laird, 88, of Chatsworth passed away Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, in the Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga.

Paul served in the Marine Corps during WWII and received a Purple Heart at Iwo Jima. He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He worked at the New Port News, Va., Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. for 38 years before retiring and moving to Chatsworth. He

was a member of the Chatsworth First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine M. Laird.

Survivors include his daughter, Paula Steele, D.V.M. of Chatsworth; special friends, Virginia Hackney and Bob Asztalos;

brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Ruthie Laird, Walter and Nellie Laird, Robert and Lily Laird, all of Pennsylvania; sister, Ruth Carman of Pennsylvania; brother-in-law, Earl Mundis of Pennsylvania; a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Chatsworth First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Roger Vest officiating.

Burial will be in the Peninsula Memorial Gardens in Newport News, Va. The body will be at the church 30 minutes prior to the funeral hour. Members of the Sumach Masonic Lodge No. 55 will be in charge of gravesite rites.

The family will receive friends at Peoples Funeral Home in Chatsworth today from 6-8 p.m. Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the local arrangements. www.legacy.com

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.

Services are today 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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.

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Acuity	28.24	28.62	Interface	4.13	4.19
AAir	4.49	4.10	JCP	18.01	17.99
Apple	89.64	90.73	JNJ	56.55	57.54
AT&T	26.83	25.93	Kroger	24.92	24.81
BAC	6	6.50	Lowe's	20.65	19.94
BB&T	19.72	20.55	McDonalds	58.40	58.52
BP	42.70	43.06	Merck	27.78	28.37
BristolMyers	22.25	23.13	Microsoft	17.63	17.66
HP-Compaq	35.57	35.89	Mohawk	34.40	35.56
Chevron	71.29	72.09	Motorola	4.51	4.71
CocaCola	43.03	43.33	Region-Fin	4.10	4.08
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Duke	15.16	15.30	Wal-Mart	48.60	48.79
DuPont	23.18	23.27	Wells Fargo	15.48	16.19
Earthlink	7.38	7.38	Wendy's	5.29	5.26
Ericsson	8.31	8.16	Yum	28.62	29.12
Exxon	78.60	78.92	Xerox	6.89	7.17
Ford	1.94	1.97			
FSG	4.73	4.57			
GE	12.42	13.06			
GM	3.38	3.35			
Goodyear	6.13	6.15			
HomeDepot	22.73	22.12			

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8 is plenty: Mother has octuplets

BELFLOWER, Calif. (AP) — Just think: eight cribs, eight highchairs, eight strollers (or maybe four double-strollers), and far too many dirty diapers to count.

A woman in Southern California gave birth Monday to the second set of octuplets ever delivered alive in the United States.

Doctors described the six boys and two girls as a feisty bunch who made their entrance kicking and crying and seemed to be doing remarkably well, despite arriving nine weeks premature. They ranged in weight from 1 pound, 8 ounces, to 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

“We were fortunate that this patient was extremely strong, very courageous and able to handle these births,” said Dr. Karen E. Maples, who is chief of service for obstetrics and gynecology at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center and delivered Baby No. 8.

No pictures of the children were released, and at the mother's request doctors declined to reveal her name, any information about her family or whether she took fertility drugs before becoming pregnant, though outside experts said it is almost certain she did.

The chances of delivering eight babies naturally are “unbelievably rare,” said Dr. Richard Paulson, director of the fertility program at the University of Southern California.

The babies have not been named yet, and the staff assigned them letters A through H in the meantime.



Dr. Harold Henry, center, conducts a news conference Tuesday with his colleagues to update the status of the octuplets that were born Monday at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center in Bellflower, Calif.

They were expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks and could face serious developmental problems later on because of their small size.

“They are doing amazingly well at this time,” said Dr. Mandhir Gupta, a neonatologist who was part of the team of 46 doctors, nurses and others who took part in the cesarean section delivery. But he added: “I won't be able to comment on chances of survival because we've never had eight babies born at 30 weeks before.”

The odds of survival drop off dramatically in multiple births, particularly if there are more than three babies. The risks include breathing and eating difficulties and growth problems because their lungs and other systems are often underdeveloped.

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FAMILY NIGHT AT NEW HOPE



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Austin Coutts, 11, a sixth-grader at New Hope Middle School, serves Elizabeth Estermyer during the school's "Reading a Latte" family reading night Tuesday. Alexis Vaca, also a sixth-grader, assists Coutts.



Lucy Roberson, 11, a sixth-grader at New Hope Middle School, serves Laura Coutts, left, and her 2-year-old daughter Brinna, pastries during the school's "Reading a Latte" family reading night.

Prize-winning writer John Updike dies

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — John Updike, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, prolific man of letters and erudite chronicler of sex, divorce and other adventures in the postwar prime of the American empire, died Tuesday at age 76.

Updike, best known for his four "Rabbit" novels, died of lung cancer at a hospice near his home in Beverly Farms, Mass., according to his longtime publisher, Alfred A. Knopf.

A literary writer who frequently appeared on best-seller lists, the tall, hawk-nosed Updike wrote novels, short stories, poems, criticism, the memoir "Self-Consciousness" and even a famous essay about baseball great Ted Williams.

He released more than 50 books in a career that started in the 1950s, winning virtually every literary prize, including two Pulitzers, for "Rabbit Is Rich" and "Rabbit at Rest," and two National Book Awards.

Although himself deprived of a Nobel, he did bestow it upon one of his fictional characters, Henry Bech, the womanizing, egotistical Jewish novelist who collected the lit-

erature prize in 1999.

His settings ranged from the court of "Hamlet" to post-colonial Africa, but his literary home was the American suburb, the great new territory of mid-century fiction.

Born in 1932, Updike spoke for millions of Depression-era readers raised by "penny-pinching parents," united by "the patriotic cohesion of World War II" and blessed by a "disproportionate share of the world's resources," the postwar, suburban boom of "idealistic careers and early marriages."

He captured, and sometimes embodied, a generation's confusion over the civil rights and women's movements, and opposition to the Vietnam War. Updike was called a misogynist, a racist and an apologist for the establishment.

On purely literary grounds, he was attacked by Norman Mailer as the kind of author appreciated by readers who knew nothing about writing. Last year, judges of Britain's Bad Sex in Fiction Prize voted

Updike lifetime achievement honors.

But more often he was praised for his flowing, poetic writing style. Describing a man's interrupted quest to make love, Updike likened it "to a small angel to which all afternoon tiny lead weights are attached."

Nothing was too great or too small for Updike to poeticize. He might rhapsodize over the film projector's "chuckling whir" or look to the stars and observe that "the universe is perfectly transparent: we exist as flaws in ancient glass."

Author Joyce Carol Oates, a friend of Updike's, said there was a "luminosity in John's style that was just extraordinary. He also had a wonderful, warm, sympathetic sense of humor which people didn't always notice."

In the richest detail, his books recorded the extremes of earthly desire and spiritual zealotry, whether the comic philandering of the preacher in "A Month of Sundays" or the steady rage of the young Muslim in "Terrorist."

Raised in the Protestant community of Shillington, Pa., where the Lord's Prayer was recited daily at school, Updike was a lifelong churchgoer influenced by his faith, but not immune to doubts.



Updike

Murray Head Start to accept enrollment applications for fall

Murray County Head Start will accept enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year Feb. 25-26 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Appalachian Community Conference Center in Chatsworth.

Head Start serves children ages 3 and 4. Early Head Start serves pregnant women and children up to age 3. Both are federally-funded programs that give enrollment preference to low-income, homeless and disabled children. Head Start gives priority to 4-year-olds.

The programs provide free child care, free breakfast and lunch, child development using creative curriculum, qualified teaching staff and limited bus transportation.

Parents and guardians should bring child's birth certificate, Form 3231 (immunization form), copy of 2008 income tax return or W-2, documentation of TANF or SSI (if applicable), Social Security numbers for all family members and Medicaid numbers or insurance information (if applicable).

The center is at 1404 Green Road. For more information, call (706) 695-8608.

Whitfield council meetings announced

Whitfield County school council meetings for February:

- Beaverdale, Feb. 13, 9 a.m.
- Dawnville, Feb. 24, 7 a.m.
- New Hope Elementary, Feb. 12, noon
- New Hope Middle, Feb. 24, 6 p.m.

- Northwest High, Feb. 11, 7:20 a.m.
- Southeast High, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Valley Point Elementary, Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m.
- Varnell, Feb. 11, 7 a.m.
- Westside Elementary, Feb. 5, noon



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For more information or to register call 706.272.6114. Space is limited. Must register to attend.



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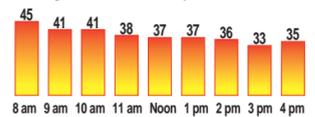
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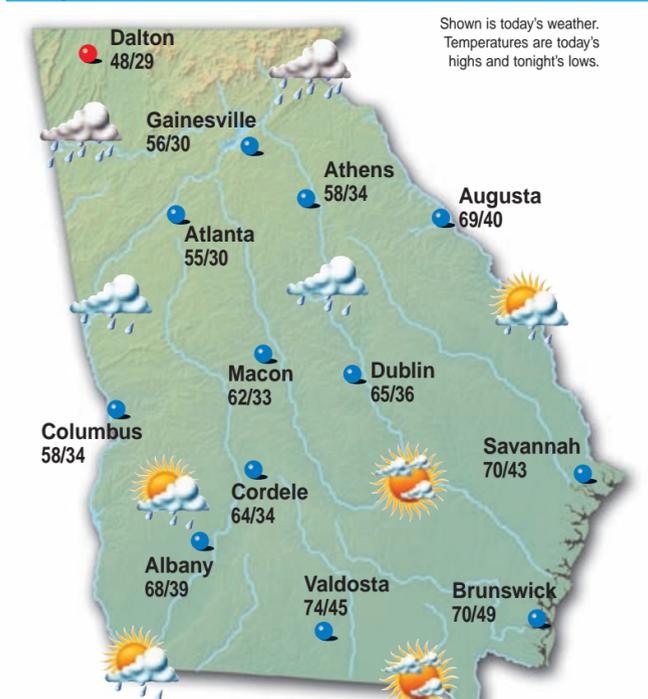
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On Jan. 28, 1922, the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D.C., collapsed after a 25-inch snowfall. More than 100 people were killed instantly.

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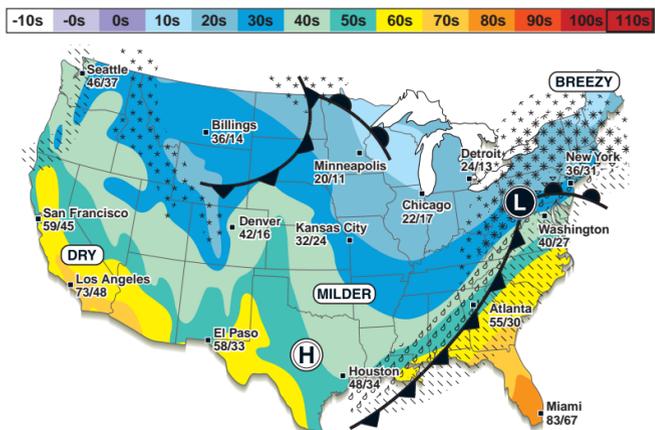
Georgia Weather



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City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	68/39	58/33	57/23/s	La Grange	57/32/sh	52/28/s	47/22/s
Atlanta	55/30/sh	52/32/pc	47/27/s	Macon	62/33/c	58/32/pc	55/25/s
Athens	58/34/sh	52/33/pc	49/25/pc	Marietta	54/29/sh	52/30/pc	47/23/s
Augusta	69/40/c	60/28/pc	53/22/s	Newton	68/39/pc	59/33/pc	55/24/s
Brunswick	70/49/pc	57/39/r	56/31/pc	Rome	48/32/r	54/30/s	48/26/pc
College Park	55/30/sh	52/32/pc	47/27/s	Savannah	70/43/pc	58/35/r	56/27/s
Columbus	58/34/sh	55/32/pc	54/27/s	Sparta	64/35/c	57/33/pc	52/25/s
Gainesville	56/30/sh	52/32/pc	47/24/pc	Valdosta	74/45/pc	60/37/r	57/23/s

National Weather for January 28, 2009



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



City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	25/20/sn	30/9/pc	30/13/c	Memphis	34/26/sn	47/30/s	44/29/s
Anchorage	20/18/sn	24/17/sf	22/13/sf	Miami	83/67/pc	82/66/s	75/46/t
Baltimore	40/26/f	36/20/pc	38/24/pc	Milwaukee	20/18/pc	30/13/sn	19/12/pc
Billings	36/14/pc	30/16/c	43/22/pc	Minneapolis	20/11/pc	15/5/sf	16/13/pc
Boise	41/20/pc	38/24/s	41/24/pc	New Orleans	60/41/r	59/41/s	56/38/s
Buffalo	27/16/sn	25/19/c	24/15/sn	New York	36/31/sn	37/25/pc	32/23/pc
Charlotte	63/34/r	50/30/pc	48/24/s	Okla. City	44/23/s	49/23/s	51/30/s
Cheyenne	39/17/pc	34/21/pc	47/24/s	Orlando	78/60/pc	74/50/sh	62/37/t
Chicago	22/17/pc	29/13/sn	20/12/pc	Philadelphia	38/26/f	36/23/pc	38/23/pc
Cincinnati	28/16/sn	31/20/pc	25/10/sn	Phoenix	68/44/s	70/45/s	74/48/s
Cleveland	26/17/sn	27/20/c	23/14/sn	Pittsburgh	36/18/sn	30/20/c	28/17/sn
Dallas	46/30/pc	55/32/s	59/38/s	Portland, OR	45/32/c	45/33/pc	46/34/pc
Denver	42/16/pc	36/19/pc	53/24/s	St. Louis	28/21/pc	38/19/pc	26/19/pc
Detroit	24/13/sn	27/19/sn	23/14/sn	Salt Lake City	40/23/c	39/21/c	39/23/pc
Indianapolis	23/15/sn	27/17/c	22/11/sn	San Francisco	59/45/s	63/45/s	61/46/s
Kansas City	32/24/s	36/18/pc	36/21/s	San Diego	70/48/s	76/50/s	76/50/s
Las Vegas	62/39/s	63/40/s	66/41/s	Seattle	46/37/c	47/36/pc	48/34/c
Los Angeles	73/48/s	77/52/s	81/50/s	Wash., DC	40/27/f	39/27/pc	41/23/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

The World

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Athens	58/50/sh	59/52/c	55/50/r	Jerusalem	73/49/pc	62/47/pc	59/40/pc
Auckland	71/61/c	73/64/s	78/74/s	London	45/37/r	41/36/pc	43/37/pc
Amsterdam	40/33/c	41/34/s	41/36/s	Madrid	54/43/sh	55/45/c	55/39/r
Baghdad	67/46/pc	71/50/pc	73/48/s	Montreal	18/12/sn	21/14/c	23/12/c
Beijing	43/23/pc	41/23/pc	37/21/pc	Moscow	32/28/sn	34/25/sn	30/19/sf
Berlin	36/26/pc	36/26/s	35/23/s	Paris	43/34/pc	45/30/pc	45/32/pc
Buenos Aires	86/70/pc	86/70/s	88/72/s	Rio	84/72/r	83/73/sh	87/74/sh
Cairo	79/56/pc	69/49/s	67/51/s	Rome	54/41/pc	52/39/s	55/41/s
Calgary	28/15/pc	37/24/c	44/20/pc	Seoul	45/25/s	49/32/c	43/24/r
Cape Town	75/59/s	82/61/s	78/63/s	Singapore	82/75/r	85/75/r	81/75/r
Caracas	86/70/pc	89/73/sh	88/73/r	Sydney	81/68/s	82/70/s	79/66/s
Dublin	46/39/pc	46/41/r	46/41/r	Tel Aviv	80/58/c	66/53/pc	65/50/s
Geneva	38/28/s	43/26/s	51/31/s	Tokyo	50/41/c	54/43/c	54/50/r
Hong Kong	68/61/c	72/57/pc	70/58/s	Toronto	26/16/sn	26/18/c	26/14/sn
Istanbul	55/45/r	58/45/pc	46/41/sh	Warsaw	35/28/c	34/28/c	32/30/pc

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PREP WRESTLING

For Cats, light makes right

BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Dalton High's lightweights have been a heavy load for opponents all season long.

The Catamounts used a familiar formula at home on Tuesday as they picked up a pair of dual victories against Cass, 36-33, and Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 48-33, with the smallest wrestlers on the team doing some of the biggest damage.

Eduardo Gutierrez (103 pounds), Jordan White (112), Christian Washington (119), Henry Torres (125) and Renaldo Torres (130) were a combined 10-0 with seven pins between them as they helped seal the team wins that pushed Dalton's duals record to 38-8.



Mitchell

Juan Holguin (140) and Taylor Duckworth (152) each went 2-0 as well, with Holguin scoring a pair of pins and Duckworth picking up a pin and technical fall.

White — one of six Cats honored on the team's senior night, along with Gutierrez, Duckworth, Fernando Aragon, Dean Menchaca and Carlos Prieto — said the lower weights' consistency on the mat is linked to their daily brushes with each other in the practice room.

"I remember my sophomore year when we started getting more lightweights, I'd be working with them, but they weren't that good," White said. "Then Henry all of a sudden just kept getting better and better and better until he was beating me ... I just spread around, working with them and they started getting better and now they can beat me just as much as I can beat them."

Added Gutierrez, "A lot of it's conditioning. We just suck it up and believe."

Against Cass (28-7), White wrestled one of the night's most exciting matches, earning a 9-8 win against Sammy Rosario when he scored a takedown with 14 seconds remaining in the third period.

Rosario, a freshman, recently dropped down to 112



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Ronnie LaFollette of Cass, right, has Dalton's Eric Uriostegui in a precarious position during their 160-pound match Tuesday night at Dalton High. LaFollette won the match, 6-2, but Dalton won the dual, 36-33.

> Please see **DALTON, 2B**

SE escapes an ambush

BY ADAM KROHN

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Southeast tried and tried to give a game to Heritage-Catoosa, letting a 12-point fourth quarter lead dwindle to just one with over a minute remaining. But in the end, the Generals' Treas Jackson, who intercepted an inbound pass with 4.3 seconds left, missed a 3-point shot and the Raiders escaped with a 68-65 Region 6-3A victory Tuesday night at Southeast.



Bryson

In girls action, the Lady Raiders kept their foot on the gas for a 65-28 win to complete the two-game sweep.

The squandered lead over Heritage is nothing new for Southeast's boys. On Jan. 9, the Raiders (6-12, 4-3) were up by 27 points on the Generals before winning 61-58.

"These guys, I swear before the end of the season, they're going to give me a heart attack," Raiders coach Joey Bryson said. "Because we'll be up on teams and then we'll just let them crawl back into it. It got ugly there at the end but they found a way (to win) and I'm proud of them."

After the Raiders opened the fourth quarter on a 10-4 run for a 60-48 lead, the Generals (8-12, 2-4) started to chip away by forcing turnovers for easy layups and hitting free throws.

> Please see **SOUTHEAST, 2B**

PREP BASKETBALL



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Southeast's Bradley Grant drives to the basket Tuesday night as Riley Sparks of Heritage-Catoosa defends on the second-half play. The Raiders came away with a 68-65 victory.

Sanford's 32 propels MC

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Garrick Sanford scored a career-high 32 points and Murray County whipped Paulding County 65-42 on Tuesday night in Dallas.

With the Indians leading 21-17 at halftime, Sanford took over the game. He scored 19 of Murray's 27 points in the quarter, including three 3-pointers. That gave the Indians a comfortable 48-28 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Sanford was 5 of 8 on 3s and a perfect 6 of 6 from two-point distance.

"He played with confidence," Murray coach Greg Linder said of Sanford. "And we kept feeding him there in the third quarter. He would have had to wear out before I took him off the floor."

Sanford's previous career-high total was 26 twice against Dalton and South Paulding.

Chase Sanford added 10 points for the Indians (14-6, 7-3 Region 7-4A).

Xavier Irvin led the Patriots with 16 points.

■ **Northwest Whitfield boys 51, Woodland 33:** Lance Andrews had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Bruins (15-5, 6-3). Tanner Reno also scored 13 points.

"We played really good," Bruins coach Ryan Richards said. "We have 11 guys rotate and play and every night somebody contributes in a different way. That's the strength of the team. Everybody helps out and pitches in."

Nermin Delic finished with 12 points, nine rebounds and four blocks for Northwest.

Mike Janjek led Woodland with 16 points.

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> Please see **AREA, 2B**

PRO FOOTBALL: SUPER BOWL XLIII

Steelers' Harrison does his talking on the field

BY BARRY WILNER

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Troy Polamalu looked down from his podium at a 10-deep crush of media. Well, at least some of the questioners were actually reporters.

Ben Roethlisberger's audience was just as thick. Even defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau, seated in the stands at Raymond James Stadium on Tuesday, was difficult to get near.

James Harrison? The NFL defensive player of the year occasionally had pockets of people hurling questions at

him. He wasn't complaining about the spotty attendance.

"You make your statements on the field," was Harrison's mantra, something he has followed so well he has become the focal point of opposing offenses, if not of the media horde.

"My attitude only comes out when someone talks crazy to me on the field," Harrison said. "They fined me for talking whatever, this or that. They done me wrong."

> Please see **SUPER, 2B**



Pittsburgh linebacker James Harrison (92) has gone from a raw, undrafted special teamer into the NFL's most dynamic defensive players.

AP PHOTO

Area: Dalton rolls

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■ **Cass boys 60, Dalton 55:** The Catamounts (7-12, 3-6) had a four-point lead with about four minutes left, but the Colonels converted two Dalton turnovers into baskets to turn the game around.

The Cats got a 26-point, 11-rebound effort from Caz Cole in his best game of the season, coach Mike Duffie said. Kelly Phillips added 13 points and six assists. Shaquon Moore picked up five fouls in the second half and finished with five points.

"We were up 39-36 after three quarters," Duffie said. "But the two turnovers late in the game cost us."

■ **Dalton girls 52, Cass 19:** The Lady Catamounts outscored the Lady Colonels 19-9 in the second quarter to open a 35-12 halftime margin.

"Both teams had a hard time scoring early," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said. "We shot the ball extremely well (after) the first quarter. We packed in our defense and made them shoot from outside and they just didn't shoot very well."

Emily Broadrick led the Lady Cats (13-6, 7-3) with 13 points while Markisha Washington and Kate Houston had 11 each.

■ **Northwest Whitfield girls 52, Woodland-Bartow 16:** The Lady Bruins jumped out to a 26-2 first-quarter lead and rode another double-double by Quaneisha McCurdy to the easy victory in Cartersville.

McCurdy scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Lady Bruins (18-2, 9-0).

"We played really well in the first quarter and got the big lead," Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger said. "After that our intensity went down, but we played a pretty solid second half. In a game like that, it's hard to stay focused, but I'm proud of the girls. It was another good region win."

Callie Thomas added nine points and three steals for the Lady Bruins and Emily Trew tossed in eight points. Baleigh Coley had three assists.

■ **Murray County girls 55, Paulding County 38:** Cayla Brock tossed in 15 points and Tember Marchant added 12 for the Lady Indians (8-11, 4-5), who led 27-16 at halftime.

"We played with more

intensity and more effort," Murray coach Traci Rankin said. "We got everybody some playing time, full-court pressed the whole game and that was a turning point for us."

Brook Simmons and Mariah Parker each scored six for the Lady Indians.

Courtney McKenzie had 12 points for Paulding.

■ **Harvester Christian boys 68, Christian Heritage 61:** Will Clark had 20 points and Damien Chaney 19 and the Lions led by 10 points at halftime and 48-44 going into the fourth quarter. Harvester outscored the Lions 24-13 in the final eight minutes.

"They're not a bad team," Lions coach Chad Woodson said. "We played fairly well. We just weren't able to make it happen when we needed to."

The Lions fell to 19-3 overall and suffered their first GISA Region 4-2A loss in 10 games.

■ **Harvester Christian girls 61, Christian Heritage 45:** Kristen Walker scored 20 points to lead Harvester past the Lady Lions (15-4, 8-2).

Maggie Peoples paced Christian Heritage with 15 points, Meg Crawford had 10 and Katy Nagel six.

"We just did not play our best game, obviously," Lady Lions coach Heather Lowery said. "We shot 25 percent from the field and that's rough. It seemed like we were two steps behind. We just didn't play well physically."

JV basketball

■ **Christian Heritage boys 33, Harvester Christian 19:** Andrew Weaver led the Lions (3-4) with 19 points.

MS basketball

■ **Ocoee girls 43, Rome 40:** Kayla Withrow scored 19 points for Ocoee and Astri Dupree led Rome with 14 points in the semi-finals of the Dalton Middle tournament.

Ocoee will play host Dalton on Friday at 4:30 p.m. for the girls title.

In the boys semifinal, Rome defeated Gladden but no details of the game were available at press time.

On Friday, Bagley's Braves take on Rome for the boys championship at 5:45 p.m. Ocoee plays host Dalton at 4:30 p.m. for the girls title.

In consolation games on Thursday, Dalton's boys play Gladden at 4:30 p.m. and Bagley's girls take on Rome at 5:45 p.m.



Jake Raines (24) of Heritage-Catoosa tries to block the shot of Southeast's Tyshawn Bonds in their Region 6-3A basketball game Tuesday night at Southeast.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

Southeast: Parris scores 17

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Heritage was 7-for-7 from the line in the game's final 5:19.

With 1:34 left, Hunter Cornelius' short-range jumper bounced around the rim and fell in to pull the Raiders within 64-63. The Raiders' Damond O'Neal quickly answered with a layup at the other end for a 66-63 lead with 1:21 remaining.

Heritage's Riley Sparks hit two free throws to cut the Raiders' lead to 66-65 when Southeast's Bradley Grant charged the basket at the other end, missing three layups while drawing contact each time. However, without hearing a whistle, he grabbed three offensive rebounds before hitting a shot for the final margin with 35 seconds left.

"I just wanted to finish the first time but I felt like I got hacked," said Grant, who finished with eight points and 10 rebounds. "But I just kept going and going until it went in."

At the other end, Cornelius tried to force contact by jumping into a Raider defender while taking a long-range shot, but missed badly. On the ensuing fast break by Southeast, Grant was called for traveling as he approached the basket for an easy layup with 12.9 seconds left.

But the Generals failed to take advantage of the miscue as Cornelius' 3-point attempt was blocked, going out of bounds to the Raiders with 4.3 seconds left, which set up the game's final play.

Trey Parris, who led the Raiders with 17 points and five assists, was just glad his team left the court with a win.

"We got off a good start," he said. "But we started playing not to lose instead of just closing the game out. But it feels good to get the win because this is a team we should have beat."

Matt Hall had a double-double for the Raiders with 13 points and 12 rebounds, also adding four assists. O'Neal had eight points.

Matt Chattin led a well-balanced Generals attack with 17 points. Jackson added 13 points, Cornelius 12, Jake Raines 11 and Sparks 10.

The Lady Raiders — led by Briana Sosebee's 18 points, six rebounds and two steals — jumped to a 17-9 first quarter lead and used their full-court press and relentless offensive rebounding to keep the Lady Generals out of rhythm.

"We play better ball when we press," Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said. "We play more of an up-tempo type game and we get just get that momentum and get the ball in the hoop and then put pressure on them, we seem to do a lot better with that."

Aside from the turnovers, the Lady Raiders grabbed 18 offensive rebounds.

Sosebee, who was dominant in the post, launched a nothing-but-net 3-pointer with three minutes left in the first half to give Southeast (9-9, 7-2) a 31-16 lead.

The Lady Raiders put the game away in the third quarter with a 14-4 run to go up 47-20.

Shelby McFarland scored 14 points and pulled down five rebounds for Southeast and Ashley Strong added five points and five rebounds.

Heritage (2-18, 0-6) was led by Brittany Harvey's 14 points.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen Dalton's Carlos Prieto, foreground, tries to get away from Cass' 160-pounder Hunter Purvine during their match Tuesday night. Purvine won with a pin.

Dalton: Takes care of business

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pounds but neither his newness to high school wrestling nor the weight class had any effect on his effort against White, who credited Dalton's situational drills in which they simulate trailing late in a match with helping him stay focused.

"We've been practicing, shot, shot, shot in the last 10 seconds," White said. "And really, it helped. I took the shot and I got it that time."

Dalton trailed 33-23 when White stepped on the mat, but his win made a second-period pin by Washington and an 18-7 major decision by Henry Torres in that dual's final two matches more than enough for the victory.

"That match won it for us," Mitchell said. "We lose that match, they beat us."

It was the first time Cass — which finished third earlier this month at the Area 7-4A duals, where Dalton won the title — wrestled the Cats in a dual this season, but Colonels coach D.L. Koontz expected a tough fight with the match finishing at the lower weights.

"If they're down, they know how to take care of business and bring them back into the match," said Koontz, who was missing five starters for various reasons. "... Dalton's lightweights, by far, all year long have been the bruisers of their lineup."

The win against Cass gave the Cats a chance to prove themselves against another one of 7-4A's most talented teams.

The win against 6-3A's LFO (10-12) gave Mitchell a chance to show the program he came from how far he's taken his present team.

Mitchell, now in his third season leading the Cats, was an assistant at LFO and led its feeder middle school squad before coming to Dalton and leading what had become a struggling program to a runner-up finish at this season's Class 4A state duals.

"I told him tonight I'm proud of him," seventh-year LFO coach Donnie Welborn said.

"... He had a huge task ahead of him, but he's done a wonderful job. Nobody's going to work harder than coach Mitchell."

The win against the Warriors brought out mixed emotions in Mitchell.

"I would say I've coached about 90 percent of that team they're fielding when they were in middle school," he said. "I hate that in a way, but I kind of knew they would bring that intensity to the match. I love those guys. I spent a lot of time there and learned a lot from Donnie and those were a good bunch of kids to work with."

Cass defeated LFO in the night's early dual, 57-24.

■ Northwest Whitfield also added two victories to its dual record on Tuesday, improving to 32-7 via wins against Tucker, 57-12, and Ola, 55-12, in Loganville.

"We wrestled well," Bruins coach Allen Tucker said.

"We came down here to get a few matches against pretty tough competition. Our guys did good."

Russell Royal (112), Brandon Harris (125), Seth Coley (130), David Lewis (135), Kenny Michael (140), Josh Lewis (145), Garrett Henderson (160) and Adam Wilkins (285) each went 2-0 for Northwest.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sutton back with Braves radio team

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves will have a familiar name and voice back in their radio booth this season.

Don Sutton is returning to the Braves' radio broadcast team after spending the last two seasons working on Washington Nationals' television broadcasts.

Sutton, a Hall of Fame pitcher, worked for 18 seasons as a member of the Braves' broadcast crew with Ernie Johnson, Pete Van Wieren, Skip Caray, Joe Simpson and others.

Caray died in August and Van Wieren retired after the season.

Sutton will be paired with Jim Powell, who spent the last 13 seasons on the Milwaukee Brewers' broadcast team.

Sutton won 324 games with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Houston, Milwaukee and California. He retired after the 1987 season and was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1998.

Ex-Titans GM to join Patriots staff

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have hired former Tennessee Titans general manager Floyd Reese as part of a restructuring of the team's front office.

Reese will have the title of senior football advisor in New England and his responsibilities will include contracts.

The team also announced Tuesday that Nick Caserio will manage the daily operations of the personnel department following the departure of vice president of player personnel Scott Pioli.

Casey to become television analyst

CINCINNATI — First baseman Sean Casey retired Tuesday and will move to the fledgling MLB Network, a 24-hour channel launched this month to about 50 million homes. He'll be a studio analyst initially.

The 34-year-old Casey came up with Cleveland and was traded to Cincinnati in 1998.

Casey later played for Pittsburgh and Detroit, finishing his career with Boston last year by batting .322 in 69 games with no homers and 17 RBIs.

Whipple to direct Hurricane offense

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Mark Whipple, who helped Ben Roethlisberger win his first Super Bowl with the Pittsburgh Steelers and coached Massachusetts to a Division I-AA national title in 1998, was hired Tuesday as Miami's new offensive coordinator.

He'll also be assistant head coach, something Miami coach Randy Shannon didn't have in either of the past two years.

Victim in shooting lied to authorities

PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia man shot with a gun owned by Colts receiver Marvin Harrison is headed to trial Wednesday, accused of lying to police.

Dwight Dixon is due in Philadelphia municipal court on three charges of making false sworn statements, according to court records.

Dixon initially told police he was shot during a robbery but later accused Harrison of shooting him. Dixon's attorney, Robert Gamburg, said Dixon did not immediately identify Harrison because he was afraid of him.

— The Associated Press

Super: Dynamic

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That was in October, when he was nailed for \$20,000 for criticizing the officiating, a lesson learned for the linebacker. The latest lesson, actually, in the education of a standout playing a position where the Steelers have been dominant in the Super Bowl era.

"So you go out there and prove everyone else wrong and do what you can do."

What Harrison can do is best described by teammates and coaches who have seen him grow from a raw, undrafted special-teamer who was cut by the Steelers and Ravens to, well, the most dynamic defender in the NFL this season.

"He's always had great intensity and that desire to play," said James Farrior, Pittsburgh's veteran linebacker and defensive leader.

"He's made plays for us at critical times," said Polamalu, like Harrison an All-Pro but, unlike Harrison, a player with a star's aura. "He's not just getting sacks at the end of games when other teams are in passing situations. He has all those sacks and forced fumbles that are critical to our success."

"And he's mean. I don't mean a mean guy — he has a very soft heart. But he has a mean demeanor (on the field)."

Of course, he would almost have to be.

"Everybody wants to be included in a group of elite people," Harrison said, "whether it's linemen, linebackers or whatever it may be. You just want to come in and try and hold up the tradition. You don't want to be the guy who comes in and slacks down."

"When they say that Pittsburgh comes in with a great set of linebackers except for so-and-so, you don't want to be that guy."

That Harrison would ever be one of THE guys in Pittsburgh was uncertain. Undrafted out of Kent State in 2002, he was considered surly, difficult to coach and too undisciplined.

The Steelers released him three times and Baltimore cut him once in those early days. He played in NFL Europe and was on Pittsburgh's practice squad.

It wasn't until 2004 that Harrison stuck with the Steelers, thanks to his ferocity on special teams — and helped by an injury to linebacker Clark Haggans.

His development was slow through the next two seasons, held back in part because the Steelers had a Pro Bowler at outside linebacker in Joey Porter.

But the Steelers allowed Porter to leave for Miami in 2007.

Pittsburgh was so impressed by Harrison's improvement that it already had extended his contract through 2009.

TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



AP PHOTO

Andy Roddick hits a return against Novak Djokovic on Tuesday in the Australian Open. Roddick won when Djokovic retired in the fourth set.

Roddick wins, Federer is next

BY JOHN PYE

Associated Press Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick is on the oddest of rolls at the Australian Open, and that's just fine with him.

When an odd-numbered year comes around, Roddick finds himself in the semifinals of the year's first major. This time he got there courtesy of defending champion Novak Djokovic, who retired Tuesday while trailing 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-2, 2-1. A sore, cramping and fatigued Djokovic was undone in the quarterfinal by 95-degree heat.

Roddick previously made it to the Australian semis in 2003, 2005 and 2007. He would now like to take this sequence a step further and make it to the final. One problem: Roger Federer.

Federer routed Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 in his quarterfinal and is now only two wins shy of tying Pete Sampras' record of 14 major titles.

Roddick has not beaten Federer in six Grand Slam meetings and is 2-15 career against the Swiss star. He has reason for encouragement though. He ended an 11-match losing stretch to Federer last April in Miami.

"You're dealing with a guy who's probably the greatest ever," said Roddick, whose only major title came at the 2003 U.S. Open. "I think it helps that I stopped a big streak against him last year in Miami."

Federer, seeded second, needed to recover from two sets down to beat Tomas Berdych to reach the quarters. He wasted no time moving into the final four, sweeping the last 13 games and eliminating the eighth-seeded against del Potro in 80 minutes. The match was so one-sided Federer started feeling sorry for the 20-year-old Argentine.

"The last couple games are not that much fun, let's put it that way," Federer said. "You want to almost put him out of his misery because you know how tough it is for him."

A large sign on a red-and-white Swiss flag in the crowd read: "Shhhh. Quiet. Genius at work."

Federer lost to Djokovic in the Australian semis last year, ending a 19-match winning streak at Melbourne Park. He was struggling at the time with mononucleosis, which lingered until midyear and contributed to his loss of the No. 1 ranking he held for 237 weeks.

Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in the French Open and Wimbledon finals and then overtook him at No. 1, plays No. 6 Gilles Simon of France in the quarterfinals today.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who upset Nadal in the semis last year before losing the final to Djokovic, faces No. 14 Fernando Verdasco. Verdasco, who helped Spain win the Davis Cup in Argentina in Nadal's absence, upset Andy Murray in the fourth round.

The women's quarterfinals Wednesday features a match between the only two major winners remaining in the draw. Serena Williams, who has nine Grand Slam singles titles, takes on 2004 U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva faces Carla Suarez Navarro, who upset Venus Williams in the second round, in the other match. Already set is an all-Russian semifinal between Olympic silver medalist Dinara Safina and Vera Zvonareva.

No. 3 Safina struggled past Australia's Jelena Dokic 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 Tuesday night, serving 11 double-faults and making 36 unforced errors. That ended Dokic's surprising run in her first major in three seasons — the 2000 Wimbledon semifinalist started at No. 187 in the rankings and beat three seeded players.

Zvonareva ran off the last 11 games to oust 2007 Wimbledon runner-up Marion Bartoli of France 6-3, 6-0. She hasn't dropped a set en route to her first semifinal in 25 majors.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity wrestling
Southeast at Paulding County Quad, 5
Junior varsity basketball
Northwest Whitfield at Cass tournament
Freshman basketball
Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville 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, 5:45

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. Sonorville, Cartersville at Sonorville, 5
Dalton at Gordon Lee, 5:30
Junior varsity basketball
Signal Mountain/Colonial Hills at Christian Heritage, 4
Murray County at Hiram, 4
Northwest at Allatoona, 4

Middle school basketball
Eighth grade tournament
At Dalton Middle School
Girls championship, 4:30
Boys championship, 5:45

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 — Duke at Wake Forest
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Kansas at Nebraska

NBA BASKETBALL
9 p.m.
ESPN — Golden State at Dallas
TENNIS
9:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, women's semifinals, at Melbourne, Australia
3:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, men's semifinal, at Melbourne, Australia

HOCKEY

NHL Glimpse
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	30	15	3	63	149	119
N.Y. Rangers	29	16	4	62	130	127
Philadelphia	25	13	9	59	153	140
Pittsburgh	23	21	4	50	144	146
N.Y. Islanders	13	29	5	31	115	164

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	8	5	75	171	108
Montreal	27	14	6	60	148	132
Buffalo	24	18	5	53	135	133
Toronto	17	23	8	42	137	174
Ottawa	16	22	7	39	109	133

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	15	4	64	155	141
Florida	22	17	8	52	132	134
Carolina	23	21	5	51	123	145
Tampa Bay	17	21	10	44	126	148
Atlanta	17	26	5	39	144	172

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	31	9	7	69	175	136
Chicago	25	12	8	58	152	114
Columbus	23	20	5	51	132	135
Nashville	20	23	3	43	111	134
St. Louis	19	23	4	42	133	149

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	28	14	4	60	146	138
Edmonton	24	19	3	51	132	138
Minnesota	24	20	3	51	123	108
Vancouver	22	19	7	51	137	137
Colorado	23	23	1	47	131	140

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	34	6	5	73	160	108
Phoenix	24	19	5	53	126	139
Anaheim	23	21	5	51	136	137
Dallas	20	18	7	47	130	152
Los Angeles	19	20	7	45	117	131

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

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Columbus 3, Detroit 2, OT
Boston 3, Washington 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 2
New Jersey 4, Ottawa 1
Florida 3, Philadelphia 2
Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 3
Minnesota 6, Toronto 1
Atlanta at Dallas, late
Anaheim at Phoenix, late

Buffalo at Edmonton, late
San Jose at Colorado, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glimpse

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	9	.804	—
Philadelphia	21	22	.488	14 1/2
New Jersey	20	25	.444	16 1/2
New York	19	25	.432	17
Toronto	18	28	.391	19

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	34	10	.773	—
Atlanta	26	18	.591	8
Miami	24	19	.558	9 1/2
Charlotte	18	26	.409	16
Washington	9	35	.205	25

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	8	.814	—
Detroit	24	19	.558	11
Milwaukee	22	26	.458	15 1/2
Chicago	18	27	.400	18
Indiana	17	28	.378	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	14	.674	—
New Orleans	27	14	.659	1
Houston	28	18	.609	2 1/2
Dallas	25	19	.568	4 1/2
Memphis	11	33	.250	18 1/2

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	30	15	.667	—
Portland	27	17	.614	2 1/2
Utah	25	20	.556	5
Minnesota	16	27	.372	13
Oklahoma City	10	35	.222	20

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	35	8	.814	—
Phoenix	25	18	.581	10
Golden State	14	31	.311	22
L.A. Clippers	10	34	.227	25 1/2
Sacramento	10	36	.217	26 1/2

Monday's Games
Phoenix 103, Washington 87
Miami 95, Atlanta 79
New York 104, Houston 98
Minnesota 90, Milwaukee 83
Oklahoma City 94, New Jersey 85
New Orleans 101, Philadelphia 86
Portland 113, L.A. Clippers 88

Tuesday's Games
Orlando 135, Indiana 111
Cleveland 117, Sacramento 110
Denver 100, Memphis 85
San Antonio at Utah, late
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Scores

SOUTH
Auburn 66, Texas-Pan American 63
Boston College 76, Maryland 67
Charleston Southern 95, Morris 73
E. Kentucky 73, Austin Peay 70, OT
George Mason 78, Delaware 55
Liberty 78, High Point 63
Mississippi 85, Kentucky 80
N.C. State 84, Miami 81, OT

MIDWEST
Buffalo 74, W. Michigan 71
Kent St. 68, E. Michigan 46

AP SPORTLIGHT

Jan. 28

1901 — The American League is founded. The league plans for a 140-game schedule, sets player rosters at 14 and recognizes the Players Protective Association, the players' union.

1943 — Max Bentley of the Chicago Black Hawks has four goals and three assists in a 10-1 rout of the New York Rangers. Bentley scored all four goals and an assist in the third period. Max's brother, Doug, has four assists in the third period.

1949 — Monte Irvin and Ford Smith are signed by the New York Giants. They are the first black players to sign with the club.

1972 — Eddie Woods of Oral Roberts, for the second consecutive game, grabs 30 rebounds in a 109-104 victory over Louisiana Tech. Woods had 30 rebounds against Lamar on Dec. 25.

1984 — Wayne Gretzky's record 51-game scoring streak is halted as the Angeles Kings post a 4-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers. Over the 51 games, Gretzky scored 61 goals and 92 assists.

1990 — The San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos 55-10 in the most lopsided Super Bowl. The 49ers are the first repeat NFL champion in a decade and tie the Pittsburgh Steelers with four Super Bowl wins.

PRO BASKETBALL

Williams, James big in Cavs win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Mo Williams strengthened his argument to be an All-Star by scoring a career-high 43 points and LeBron James recorded his 20th career triple-double as the Cleveland Cavaliers improved to 21-0 at home, beating the Sacramento Kings 117-110 on Tuesday night.

Williams, who is hoping to join James on the Eastern Conference team at next month's All-Star game in Phoenix, had his finest game since joining the Cavs. The do-it-all point guard went 15-of-24 from the floor, made a career-best seven 3-pointers and added 11 assists and eight rebounds.

James scored 23 points with 15 rebounds and 11 assists, his third triple-double this season. He picked up assist No. 10 in the third quarter with a pass to

Williams, who knocked down three consecutive 3s — all off feeds from James — in a span of 1:05. Williams was so good, James only had to take 10 shots.

■ **Magic 135, Pacers 111:** In Orlando, Fla., In his first game in almost a month, Mickael Pietrus had 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead Orlando to victory.

Pietrus, who missed the previous 12 games with a broken right wrist, came off the bench to lead a well-balanced Magic attack. Seven players reached double figures scoring, including Rashard Lewis with 24 points and Dwight Howard with 22.

■ **Nuggets 103, Grizzlies 85:** In Memphis, Chauncey Billups scored 14 consecutive points in the third quarter and finished with 29 to lead Denver.

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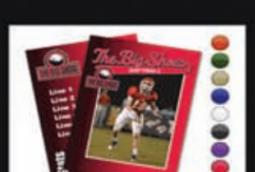
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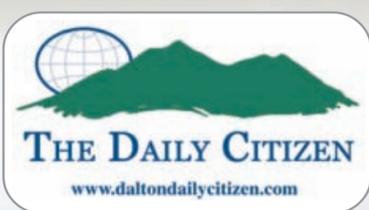
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Lisa Pritchett shares her love of math

BY LARA HAYES

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Do word problems make your day? Think math is all fun and games?

Lisa Pritchett does. A former math teacher at Murray County High School who is now the curriculum and instruction facilitator, Pritchett harbors a lifelong love of numbers and all the things you can do with them. As early as second grade, she was ahead in the subject and spent a lot of her time helping her teacher.

So what is it about math that Pritchett finds so fascinating?

"I always liked to find different ways of solving problems," she said. "It's a big puzzle, like taking 500 pieces and putting them all together to make a pretty picture."

Pritchett credits her father, Ed Morrison, for watering her interest and helping it grow.

"He was always going around giving me math riddles," she said. "I don't think you can teach people to love math, but you can teach them to appreciate it."

Math wasn't Pritchett's only childhood hobby. Growing up in Polk County, Tenn., she and her father formed a gospel group, The Relatives, along with several of her five siblings as well as a few cousins. Pritchett spent most of her teen years performing for audiences across the area. The experience fostered a fondness for music, especially Southern gospel.

"Music is good for you," she said. "It makes you a well-rounded individual and helps you retain information. I appreciate music in all forms."

Some of Pritchett's favorites include Phil Cross and Poet Voices, The Bishops, Mark Lowry, The Gaither Vocal Band, Alabama, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Huey Lewis and the News, The Eagles, Bon Jovi



Lisa Pritchett, left, speaks with math teacher Andrea Earle. Pritchett is a former math teacher at Murray County High School and is now the curriculum and instruction facilitator.

and early Madonna.

After graduating from Polk County High School in 1990, Pritchett headed to the University of Alabama. Her parents dropped her off, leaving Pritchett unsure of what career she wanted to pursue. It didn't take her long to fit in, she said.

"The people were hospitable and friendly and wanted to help me find my career path," Pritchett said.

Ultimately she decided to go the pre-med route and obtained a bachelor's of science degree in chemistry. It was then Pritchett realized that maybe being a doctor wasn't what she wanted to do after all.

Remembering her love of math and her early years as a teacher's assistant, the choice was clear.

Pritchett's teaching career began in 1997 at Monterrey High School in middle Tennessee where she spent two years before transferring to her high school alma mater. Working with a lot of her old teachers proved to be fun, if a bit strange.

"It was hard getting used to calling them by a different name," Pritchett said.

Three years later she moved to Valley Point Middle for her first taste of teaching preteens.

"It was like day and night,"

said Pritchett. "Very eye opening. Middle schoolers need more of your attention all the time. It taught me to be more calm and flexible with changes."

In 2006, Pritchett stepped back into the high school realm at Murray County. There she spent two years teaching math before moving into the curriculum and instruction facilitator position last August. As she was beginning her new responsibilities, she learned she was being honored for her old ones as Murray County's Teacher of the Year for 2008-2009.

"I'm very honored," she said.

Friends — & — NEIGHBORS

"We have a lot of good teachers."

Pritchett and her husband, Shawn — a teacher at Murray County High — celebrated by going out to their favorite restaurant, Triple K Catfish House in Chatsworth.

In addition to math and music, Pritchett enjoys collecting Nutcrackers. She says she owns around 100.

"I love Christmas," she said. "I display them through the house. I really like Steinbach Nutcrackers, but they're pretty expensive."

Shawn proposed to his wife using a small Steinbach chef Nutcracker.

"He hung a little black jewelry sack on its hand and painted the word 'flour' on it," Pritchett said. "At first I was like 'How cute!' I didn't notice the flour sack. He pointed it out to me and made me feel of it, and there was a ring inside."

The couple married in 2005 and have a 2-year-old son, Jed.

Pritchett says she's living the American dream, or at least her version of it.

"Teachers aren't valued now because of the media," she said. "People like celebrities and sports figures. The American dream has changed because the American people have changed. Mine is still the same. Some of my happiest times were when I was the most broke."

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GROWINGS ON

Planting in dead of winter OK in Georgia landscapes

If you just can't wait to plant that special landscape tree, why wait? In Georgia, the dead of winter isn't all that dead.

"We have such great root weather, roots don't really have a dormant period here," said Kim Coder, a forester with the University of Georgia Extension Service.

Landscapers can learn a lesson from commercial foresters, Coder said. In January and February, they're busy planting pines across countless Georgia acres.

Why don't they wait until spring? Because there's much more harm in waiting too long than in planting too early.

"Roots are active and growing in a lot colder soil than people may think," Coder said.

As the weather warms in spring, he said, the roots get a head start on the foliage. And that's the way it should be, because the aboveground parts of the tree depend greatly on the root system underground.

In Georgia, summer is the real test. "You need to give the roots as much time as you can to get established before it gets hot," Coder said.

The hardest part now may be finding the tree. But if you go to a good nursery or garden center, you'll probably find plants more available than you thought.

"Go to a reputable nursery or garden center and pick out the tree you want," he said. "A Georgia-grown tree is best. It will be more adapted to our climate and less prone to environmental stress."

Coder said it's critical to plant a commercially grown tree.

"There are a few



Louis Dykes

pathogens out there that will take advantage of trees that are just sitting there dormant," he said. "You won't normally have to worry about those if you start with a good quality, nursery-grown tree."

"If you just go out and steal an orphan out of the woods," he said, "you're going to get a tree with a poor root system. And you just might bring in a pathogen or insect that could make lunch out of your yard."

Choose a place in your landscape where the tree will have plenty of room when it's mature. Then plant the tree in a big, well-prepared hole.

Add 2 to 3 inches of organic mulch over an area extending well beyond the root ball. That will help keep the soil temperature and moisture more even.

Water it well. That's critical, even when the winter cold and spring's mild weather don't remind you of the need.

"You really need to baby your tree through the first year," Coder said. Make sure it gets the water regularly. Do whatever you need to do to protect it from lawnmowers, string trimmers, children, pets and anything else that might injure it.

"Then, during drought times for the first three years, water the tree," he said. "If you do all that, you should have a healthy tree that will outlive you."

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



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From left are local Big Brother William Vischer and Little Brother Gabe. Both say they enjoy agency activities.

Making mentors January is National Mentoring Month

This January, the eighth annual National Mentoring Month is being observed. As the largest mentoring organization in the country, this designation provides Big Brothers Big Sisters an excellent opportunity to recruit mentors and generate contributions.

Being a mentor can take as little as 45 minutes a week, visiting a child at school as a buddy, or 4 hours a month in the community-based program. A

resolution from the U.S. Senate includes the following quotation: "Mentoring is a longstanding tradition in which a dependable, caring adult provides guidance, support and encouragement to facilitate a young person's social, emotional and cognitive development."

If being a mentor sounds frightening to you, then you understand the commitment.

"It is a request to build a relationship with someone, to change someone's life,

including yours," says Sandy Cohen, executive director of the Mentor Connector. "If you are ready for an audacious hope, you are ready for the challenge of mentoring."

Big Brother William Vischer, a mentor through the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency, and Gabe, Vischer's Little Brother, have been matched for almost three years. Gabe's mother refers to the match as "super." She says her son

can call William at any time and that he always tells Gabe "positive things."

When Gabe is asked what he likes about being matched, his answer is "everything." They both enjoy outdoor activities and they always enjoy the agency activities when all Bigs and Littles get together.

Big Brothers Big Sisters always needs volunteers. Call (706) 278-0702 for more information.



Pictured are Micke Anthony, Susan Ridley and Joey Parrott in final rehearsals for the comedy "Born Yesterday" opening this week at Dalton Little Theatre.

'Born Yesterday' to open

Set in Washington, D.C., this tale of love politics, bribery and true character is sure to delight and entertain. "Born Yesterday" was first made into a Hollywood movie in 1950 starring Judy Holliday and Broderick Crawford and then again in the early 1990s starring Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson.

This production features a number of veteran DLT performers including the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Billy Award winner (for Best Actress in "Beyond Therapy" and "The God Committee," respectively) Susan Ridley as Billie Dawn and 2007-2008 Best Actor (for "The God Committee") Michael Anthony as Harry Brock.

The show will be performed Jan. 29-31 and Feb. 5-7 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 1 at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call (706) 226-6618 or email dlt@optilink.us. For additional information, visit www.daltonlittletheatre.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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

Jan. 29

■ A free special chili lunch for caregivers will be held Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office. Dr. Sherwood Jones (Ret.) will

answer questions about Alzheimer's and share caregiving tips. Each guest will receive a free book. The office is at 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6 in Dalton. For more information or to register, call (706) 275-0819. Seating is limited.

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

■ Ridgewood Manor and Quinton Memorial health care centers will host an Alzheimer's fundraiser Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Quinton dining room. Special guest will be Matt Cordell performing as Elvis. Tickets are \$10 per set. Quinton Memorial is at 1114 Burleyson Road in Dalton. For more information, call Lucretia Lopez at (706) 226-1021.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars will have bingo Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. with prizes up to \$1,500. The cost is \$7.

Feb. 3

■ The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will meet Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Whitfield County Health Department in Dalton. Dr. Gary Olson will discuss cardiology. The meal will be furnished. All members and registered nurses are urged to attend. For more information or to RSVP, please call J. Bernice Whaley at (706) 259-5508 by noon, Feb. 2.

■ The regular monthly meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at Post 4985 located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

Feb. 9

■ Dalton State College will offer "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" Feb. 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. This is a beginning class in chord piano where, in one session, students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song, any style, any key by reading chord symbols, not notes. Participants will also learn how to embellish songs using the

secrets and shortcuts of professional pianists. Those who do not know treble clef may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA, 30736. To register, call (706) 272-4454.

Feb. 16

■ Advocacy training in preparation for Alzheimer's Day at the state capitol will be held Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Association office in Dalton. Alzheimer's Day is March 9. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call (706) 275-0819. The office is at 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6.

Feb. 21

■ The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser breakfast Feb. 21 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's on Walnut Avenue in Dalton. Carryout orders are available. Tickets are \$5 by calling (706) 226-5002 or may be purchased at the door.

PLAY CONTINUES



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Vera (Sandy Elder) and Olene (Lea Hicks) don't see eye-to-eye in a scene from "First Baptist of Ivy Gap." Artistic Civic Theatre continues the Southern comedy Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. at the ACT Playhouse on Gaston Street in Dalton. For reservations, call (706) 278-4796.

PET OF THE WEEK



Little Petunia is a 6-week-old boxer mix in need of a home. She has received her first set of vaccinations and has been wormed. Her adoption fee of \$75 will pay for her spay by participating vets when she is of age. For adoption information on this pup or any of the other dogs, cats, kittens and puppies available through the Murray County Humane Society, call (706) 695-2642 or email muchop-ups@windstream.net.

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New clothes from old wardrobe

You can create a fresh look from your former favorite clothes

BY MICHELE BESCHEN
Scripps Howard News

"People seldom notice old clothes if you wear a big smile." — Lee Mildon

The beauty of creative expression is that everyone can wear it. I use the word "wear" because one of the more visually assertive ways to show your creative expression is through your wardrobe. An exciting way for you to capture that expression is by doing it yourself.

Now, I'm not talking about having to go as far back with your skills as constructing garments from scratch. I'm simply talking about making a "mends" with some of the pieces you already own. I'm quite confident that if you look through your closet and rummage through drawers, you will find some excellent starting points for yourself.

Mix-ups

Ever thought the sleeves off one shirt would look much better on the body of another? If so, try that idea on for size. When removing the sleeves you are going to be transferring to another shirt, keep the stitching and structure of the sleeve intact, along with enough material to the outside to give yourself a seam allowance, and something to grab onto when pinning into place and stitching. When removing sleeves to use the body of the shirt, be careful not to disturb the stitching and structure of the shoulder and deconstruct with placement of the new sleeve in mind. Pin new sleeve onto new body, and stitch in place. Puffy, chiffon-type sleeves are beautiful additions to sweater vests, ladies!

Tie-downs

A few manly accessories



SHNS PHOTOS

Left, to change the look of that old top, try replacing the sleeves. Above, one large sweater can yield a handful of warm, winter accessories for your entire family.

can offer up the perfect amount of newfound frills, for an old cardigan or sweater vest. The material to use for your ruffles is found in men's neckties. Carefully deconstruct the tie(s) to remove the lining and iron open the usable exterior material. Cut 5-inch-long panels by desired width. Edges are left raw. Use a running stitch to lightly gather the top and create a ruffle. Tack into place with a hand stitch, allowing each ruffle to overlap the other by about 1 inch. Try it on, check placement and make revisions, if needed. Finish off the top of your ruffle with a three-quarter-cut strip of similar tie material. Hand or machine stitch into place. This strip covers up the gathered portion and finishes off the individual ruffles beautifully.

Experiment with different color/pattern combinations by using a few differ-

ent ties. Play around with the placement of ruffles. You can change the finished look by layering the ruffles.

Sweater converts

One large sweater can yield a handful of warm winter accessories for your entire family. You can work with cotton, wool or blends. The main thing is that it's a well-constructed knit.

Stocking caps

For a basic stocking-cap style, you'll focus on the bottom of your sweater. Make sure you are using a sweater that has a fairly taut band, or enough pull that it will offer support at the base of your hat. Take a hat you like the fit of to use as your pattern. Create a pattern allowing for a quarter-inch seam allowance all around.

Turn your sweater wrong side out, making sure the bottom edges are

evenly lined up. Place pattern along the bottom and cut. Stitch around outer edge. Turn right side out and embellish as desired.

Scarves

The remaining parts of your sweater can be used to create a scarf or two. Place a straight edge on the remaining material and cut out equal width strips, trying to make the most efficient use of your material. I have experimented with cutting at different directions on the knit and the results were almost identical, so cut accordingly. You will then stitch these strips together to give you the desired scarf length. Use a decorative hand or machine stitch around the edges to finish off and embellish as desired.

Pull those creative opportunities out of the closet, my friends, and wear them proudly!

COMMENTARY

Golf clubs are for more than slicing

It was a simply beautiful Saturday on the links when my son posed this beautifully simple question: "Daddy, why do you like to play golf?"

I pondered his query for a moment.

"Because Daddy doesn't get to cuss enough during the week."

Nor does he get to cuss enough playing golf.

With a job, a wife, three kids, French horn practice, and a TV that needs watching, I hardly ever get a chance to spoil a good walk on the golf course.

I may have time to play five or six times a year, or any time when someone else is paying. My golf clubs don't sit in the carport and collect dust, though. They are too valuable to let sit idly.

For some reason, in the company of men, your salary is off limits, your mortgage is out of bounds, your personal finances are taboo — but how much you paid for your golf clubs is an acceptable and expected subject of discourse and/or braggadocio. I adamantly refuse to engage in such banter — not because I don't like to brag, but because I have nothing to brag about. My golf clubs are the kind that they give you when you buy a new car — literally. That's how I got them seven years ago.

But my clubs don't go unused. While they may not be utilized often hitting little white balls into large bodies of water, I have found them to be a resource for a number of purposes.

If you too have a set of golf clubs sitting around, I thought I would share some of the ways I have found them to be of great purpose. That said, in addition to golf, golf clubs may also be used:

■ To start your car.

If you've ever had a problem starting your car, a golf club can be an invaluable tool.

I found this out as a young

man with an automobile simply known as "The Ride." A friend of mine had chopped off the roof

of an old LTD, and it soon became our preferred mode of transportation. Unfortunately, the starter was rather fickle, and didn't like to respond using the regular mode of putting a key in the ignition and turning it right. No, to start "The Ride," one person had to turn the key right repeatedly, while another person reached under the car

and struck the bottom of the starter with a 9-iron.

■ To eliminate pests.

I have a deal with snakes: I won't kill them if they don't come around me. If they choose to break our pact, I have found a golf club to be quite effective in bludgeoning them to death.

■ To control children.

With the head of the club at a 90-degree angle, golf club manufacturers have designed their product not only to hit golf balls, but also to fit snugly around children's necks.

If a child wanders away from you at the golf course, or grocery store, the golf club is the perfect device to reach out, gently wrap the club around their neck, and rein them back in safely. Unlike a fishing pole, there are no hooks involved, so the child will be relatively unscathed during this process — unless you miss their neck and hit them in the face with the club's head.

■ As a weapon.

If your probation doesn't allow you to carry firearms in your car, having golf clubs nearby is a practical and legal way to defend yourself if you enjoy making obscene gestures at other motorists while driving.

See, you don't have to actually play golf to enjoy using your golf clubs — if you enjoy killing snakes and such.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.



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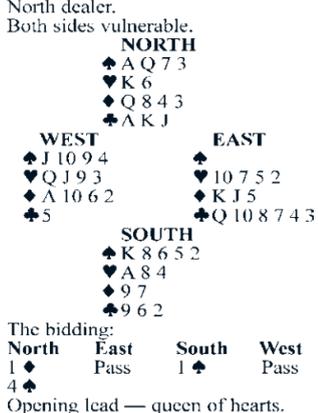
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No business like show business

Every declarer occasionally runs into an unlucky distribution which, as the cards lie, appears to make the contract hopeless. But sometimes what seems an impossible task may turn out to be manageable after all.

Take this case where South got to four spades and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the trump ace, on which East unexpectedly showed out. Undaunted, and for want of anything better to do, South next led a low diamond to his nine.

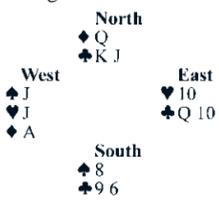
West won with the ten and shifted to his singleton club, taken by dummy's ace. A second diamond lost to East's jack, and a heart was returned. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a heart and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed the Q-K of trumps, producing this position with South on lead needing two more tricks to make the contract:



Superficially, it might seem that declarer must lose a spade and a club, but when South now led a club, the second loser disappeared.

If West ruffed, that would be the last trick his side could score. If West discarded a heart instead, declarer would win the club with the king and ruff a diamond to produce his 10th trick. And if West discarded the ace of diamonds, declarer would take the club king and lead the established queen of diamonds, discarding his remaining club and again finishing with 10 tricks.

Whatever West did, South could not be stopped from scoring two more tricks to make his contract.



Tomorrow: Chalk one up for declarer.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Be passionate about everything you do and you will make your way through the challenges you face each day. Follow your own path, even if it's easier to go along for the ride. Someone from your past is likely to influence your decisions. Make sure everyone's intentions are good. Your numbers are 2, 9, 16, 23, 29, 37, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be fooled by what people say they want. Read between the lines to understand what will work for everyone influenced by your decisions. Secret talks will disclose surprising information and change the way you feel about someone. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Speak from the heart. You can make an impact on others but only if you are reasonable. Someone will try to entice you to do things on too large a scale when what you need to do is size down. Be genuine about your cause. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Deal with pressing issues that others have or you will lose ground and accomplish little. Pay off an old debt and you may be able to avoid emotional embarrassment. A change in pecking order is about to take place. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A force play within a partnership may take you by surprise but, if you act fast, you will counteract any negative response. You can turn things around and position yourself as the good guy who wants to make things work. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Nothing will be simple if you keep wanting to turn everything into a big production. Keep things small and efficient. There will be changes within your peer group that will help you see your place and potential better. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): So much will depend on your interaction with others.

You have to express your needs and desires if you want others to pitch in and help. A change at home will have an emotional impact on the way you do things from now on. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be shut down by an aggressive partner or friend or relative who wants to have things his or her way. Stand your ground. Now is not the time to procrastinate when you should be making a satisfying move. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't spread yourself too thin. You have more to deal with than you realize so say no to extra demands before your own goals fall short. Focus on your creativity and you will side-step manipulation. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do what you must to keep the peace, your job and anything else that will help to stabilize your future. This is not the time to argue or damage relationships. Don't overspend or make promises you cannot keep. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put things in order quickly and efficiently. Once you know where you stand financially, emotionally and personally, you can reassess your situation and determine what projects are possible. It's time to resolve issues so you can move forward. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have so many good ideas and opportunities to pursue but, if you try to do them all, you will spin your wheels with little progress. A false move now might cost you later on. Offer your services but not for free. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the initiative and do your best to help someone out whom you respect. Your good will and actions will bring you benefits when you least expect them but need them most. Don't be fooled by people talking big or bragging about the gains being made. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

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To Your Good Health

Cause of female mustache often excess male hormone

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 33-year-old, unmarried woman with an embarrassing problem — a mustache. I have to shave every other day. I told a friend, and she says shaving makes it worse: It will grow back faster and thicker. Is there a solution other than shaving? — F.L.



Paul G. Donohue

can lead to an oversupply of male hormones. These conditions are treatable. Each has its own distinctive treatments.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My left testicle has been a good deal larger than my right one for a number of years. I wondered if this might be cancer, so I saw my doctor. He said it was a varicocele and nothing needs to be done. What exactly is this? Does it affect potency? I am 67. — R.R.

and left bundles are cables in the heart that conduct the electrical signal from the upper part of the heart to the lower two heart chambers. Those two lower chambers contract and pump out blood when the signal arrives. A right bundle branch block indicates a short-circuit in that cable. The electrical signal still makes its way to the right pumping chamber, but it has to make a slight detour to reach it. Most of the time, this doesn't signify any serious heart problem.

ANSWER: Your problem isn't as unusual as you might think. The most common cause for the appearance in women of thick, coarse, dark hair in places where such growth is a male trait is overproduction of male hormone. Women make male hormones, and men make female hormones. Excessive male-hormone production in females causes hair growth above the upper lip and sometimes on the chin, chest, upper thighs, abdomen and back.

You should have this confirmed — it can be done with a physical examination and a few lab tests.

Other signs of excess male hormone include irregular or absent periods, acne, voice deepening and infertility.

The most common reason for such an immoderate production is polycystic ovary syndrome. Polycystic ovary syndrome also features such symptoms as large ovaries, menstrual abnormalities, higher-than-normal blood sugar and often obesity. Other conditions like adrenal gland or ovary tumors also

Focusing only on the mustache problem, electrolysis is one solution. Small needles deliver electric current directly to the hair follicles and destroy them. Laser therapy also is available. Vaniqa cream reduces such hair growth. Shaving doesn't make the hair grow faster or thicker.

I know it's the mustache that presents the greatest problem in your mind, but the real problem is finding and correcting the source of male hormone overproduction.

TO READERS: The booklet on strokes explains what happens to the brain when a stroke occurs and what can be done for recovery. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 902, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

ANSWER: A varicocele is a conglomeration of dilated veins within the scrotum. Somewhere between 15 percent and 20 percent of males who have undergone puberty have a varicocele.

It might cause a dull ache. Very large ones can cause deterioration of the testicle. Varicoceles might be involved in infertility. They do not cause cancer. When a man has no symptoms and no signs of disturbance, then a varicocele can be ignored.

Tying off the main testicle vein to the varicocele is the usual treatment -- when necessary.

A varicocele doesn't affect potency.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a copy of the EKG report I had taken some weeks ago. It says I have a right bundle branch block. The doctor hasn't spoken to me about this. Does it mean I have a heart problem? — R.D.

ANSWER: The right

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

Roddenberry, wife to spend eternity in space

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The creator of "Star Trek" and his wife will spend eternity together in space.

Celestis Inc., a company that specializes in "memorial spaceflights," said Monday that it will ship the remains of Gene Roddenberry and Majel Barrett Roddenberry into space next year.

The couple's cremated remains will be sealed into specially made capsules designed to withstand the rigors of space travel. A rocket-launched spacecraft will carry the capsules, along with digitized tributes from fans. The Roddenberrys' remains — and the spacecraft — will travel ever deep-

er into space and will not return to earth, company spokeswoman Susan Schonfeld said.

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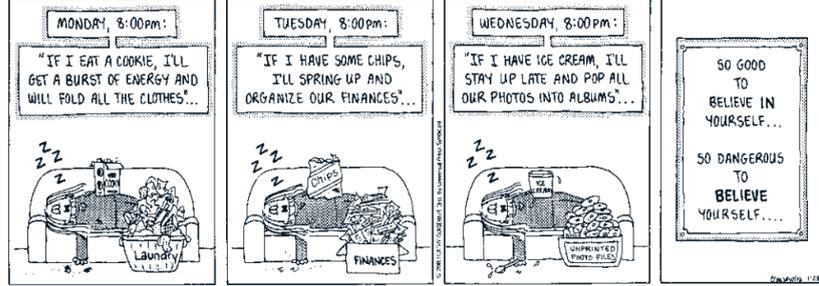
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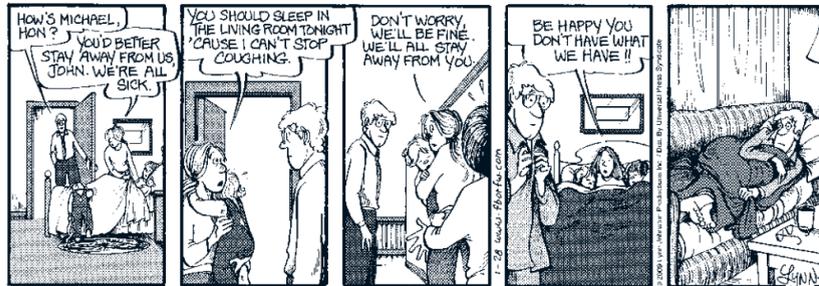
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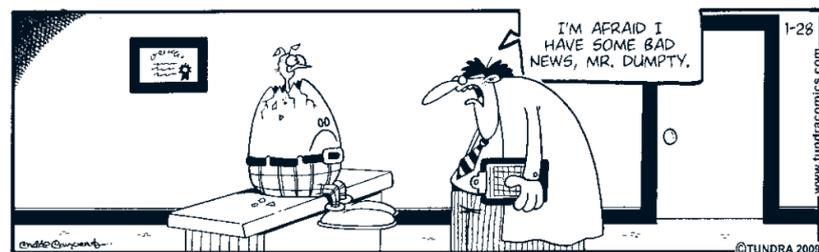
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DEAR ABBY

To thong or not to thong

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "San Diego Sinner" (Nov. 21), whose mother says wearing thong underwear is sinful.



Jeane Phillips

The issue here isn't underwear; it's the girls' lack of trust in their mother. They should accept their mom's ruling as an indication of her love and concern for them.

gyman, deeply involved in my church. I dress conservatively and am as far from being promiscuous as it's possible to be and not be in a convent.

DEAR ABBY: I vote thongs down. They strike me as being as "comfortable" and "sexy" as walking around with dental floss between one's teeth.

DEAR MARY: You are a sweet lady, and while I'm sure the mother in question is trying to be conscientious, she may have overreacted.

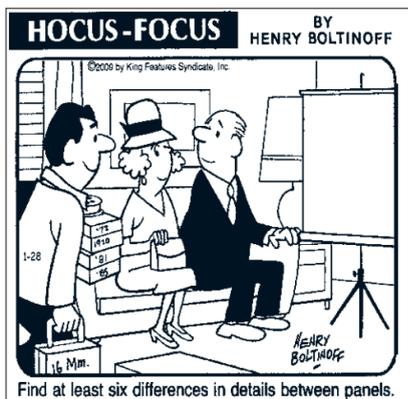
Thongs are so commonplace today they are no longer considered to be a "moral barometer." They are worn by mothers, grandmothers, teachers — I even received a "thongs up" vote from an ordained minister.

DEAR ABBY: I'm the daughter of a cleric-

DEAR ABBY: Moral issues aside, thongs are not good for your health. Wearing thongs has caused an increase in the number of vaginal yeast infections and bacterial vaginosis infections in women.

I work in a hospital, and you wouldn't believe how many parents bring elementary school-age daughters to our pediatric ER for urinary tract infections.

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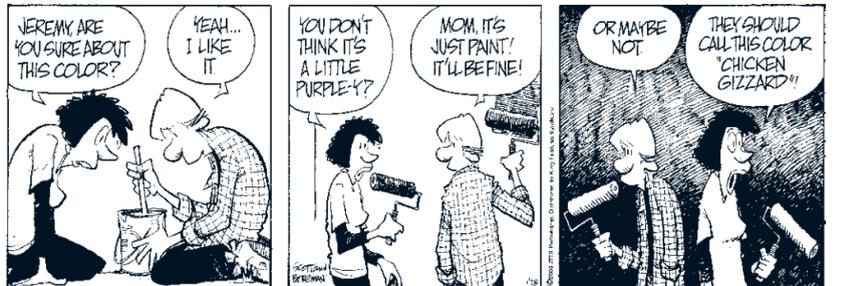
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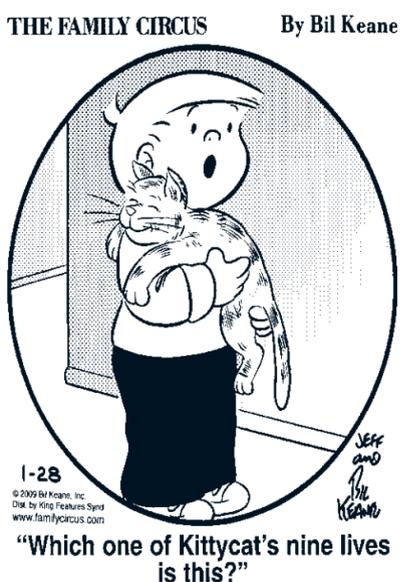
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