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# House passes \$819B stimulus

BY DAVID ESPO  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Bipartisan it wasn't.

In a swift victory for President Barack Obama, the Democratic-controlled House approved a historically huge \$819 billion stimulus bill Wednesday night, filled with new spending and tax cuts at the core of the young administration's revival plan for the desperately ailing economy.

The vote was 244-188, with Republicans unanimous in opposition despite Obama's frequent pleas for bipartisan support.

"This recovery plan will save or create more than three million new jobs over the next few years," the president said in a written statement released moments after the House voted. Still later, he welcomed congressional leaders of both parties to the White House for drinks as he continued to lobby for the legislation.

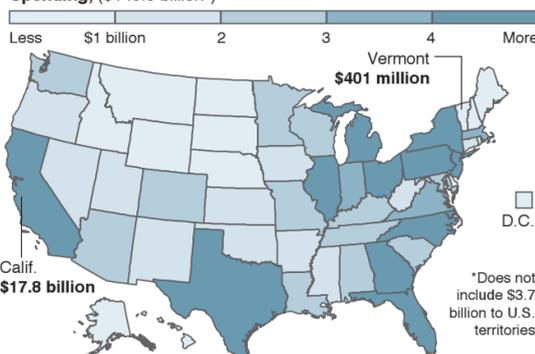
Earlier, Obama declared, "We don't have a moment to spare" as congressional allies hastened to do his bidding in the face of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

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## Blueprint to stimulate states

The economic recovery package voted on by the House includes money to help states balance their budgets, as well as funding for special education, programs for disadvantaged students, school construction, roads, bridges and mass transit.

Spending, (\$149.9 billion\*)



Note: Does not include new Medicaid and other health care funding, extended unemployment benefits, other spending items and \$3 billion in additional mass transit aid adopted Wednesday as an amendment to the bill.  
SOURCES: House Appropriations Committee; House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee AP

## CURTAIN RISES TONIGHT



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Susan Ridley, as Billie Dawn, reads words from the dictionary to Mike Anthony, as Harry Brock, as they rehearse a scene from "Born Yesterday" Wednesday night at Dalton Little Theatre. The show opens tonight and continues Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Additional performances are Feb. 5-7 at 8 p.m. For tickets, call 706-226-6618 or email dlt@optilink.us. For additional information, visit www.daltonlittletheatre.com



## 2 granted bond in dog case

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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CHATSWORTH — Superior Court Judge Robert Adams made a split decision Wednesday morning after hearing a lengthy list of prior convictions against three men who allegedly killed and dismembered a dog.

Randall Blaylock, 54, and Jeffery Lynn Fuller, 45, received bonds of \$10,000 each. Richard Charles Roach, 50, was denied bond because he was on probation for forgery when he was arrested. Roach is also a registered sex offender. Each is charged with one count of aggravated cruelty to animals.

Blaylock was out of jail on bond Wednesday afternoon.

Adams said the men "maliciously caused the death of a dog" and "cut its head off." Officials said the dog was a stray who had been taken in by one of

> See **BOND, 3A**

## Consumer groups slam Ga. Power bill

BY SHANNON McCaffrey  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Consumer groups on Wednesday blasted legislation that would hike electric bills for Georgia Power customers arguing it will burden ratepayers at a time they can least afford it.

The bill would allow Georgia Power to begin collecting interest early for the construction of two new nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle near Augusta years before the construction is completed. It would add an average of \$1.30 a month onto customer's bills beginning in 2011.

> Please see **RATES, 3A**

## Trade center operating loss for 2008 more than \$900,000

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center officials say 2008 wasn't quite as bleak as the numbers indicate.

The trade center ended 2008 with an operating loss of \$947,082, up from \$503,168 in 2007. That's the largest operating loss for the facility since 2003.

"There are going to be some revisions to that when the audit is completed," said trade center authority chairman Harvey Neal.

Neal said the trade center incurred

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The gun show at the trade center this past weekend brought in the crowds, but the center is reporting an operating loss for the year.



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**TODAY'S FORUM**

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

"I wonder how many people who leave comments for The Forum are under 40 and have lived outside of Northwest Georgia."

"We vote to raise taxes for many things we think we need in this town. Would anyone vote for a temporary tax to fund a low cost spay and neuter clinic and a full time no kill animal shelter?"

"I also don't believe in abortion. I don't believe in the sale of alcohol. I don't believe in using drugs. But we all make our own mistakes and our choices."

"You fund a war you don't agree with so you can have the freedom to disagree with everything else you don't agree with."

"Since our home has lost 15 percent of its value, will our taxes go down that much? I can answer that — No!"

"If you think Rush Limbaugh is divisive to make money, what about Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid? He doesn't hold a candle to those people."

"The controversial statements you print make the forum interesting."

"When law enforcement has to set up a checkpoint at the entrance-exit of a trailer park I think that is entrapment."

"When is the next meeting of the Mountain City Club?"

"If you are born in Africa you are an African. If you are born in Mexico you are a Mexican. If you are born in the United States, you are an American."

"My husband and I really enjoy the forum."

"Does being bald make you a gang member?"

"We really like and enjoy Rush Limbaugh. He knows what's going on and he has the backbone to tell it."

"I think the deputies who guard the courthouse entrance and even the guard at the Social Security Office deserve our appreciation. They put their lives on the line every day."

"To hit that magic 40 mph

mark, are we supposed to drive slower or faster?"

"Why does the Tunnel Hill Police Department spend so much time on I-75? Wouldn't they be better off inside the city limits of Tunnel Hill?"

**Editor's Note: Tunnel Hill expanded to include I-75 in its boundaries.**

"I watch Rush Limbaugh every day on Rushlimbaugh.com. He lies and distorts the truth."

**Editor's note: So why do you watch?**

"Could the Daily Citizen please publish the addresses phone numbers and e-mails of our elected officials?"

**Editor's note: We have done so in the past and we will resume the practice.**

"What kind of person would cut their employees pay and then take a trip around the world."

"If a woman aborts her baby that's between her and her God. She lives with the consequences. If it was not for moral decay maybe this wouldn't be a factor. These arguments can go on until doomsday and not be settled."

"Please Mr. Editor, keep mentioning Rush Limbaugh so the sweetie pie liberal can cancel his paper. Good riddance."

**Editor's note: We appreciate all our sweetie pie liberal subscribers.**

"How can anyone who is a Christian listen to Rush Limbaugh. I don't believe that man is a Christian."

"I think Katie Brochu is doing a real fine job and she is such a lovely lady. I am glad we have someone who can put so much input into our schools."

"George Bush took our taxpayer money and killed terrorists overseas. Obama is taking our money and killing babies overseas. And everybody hated George Bush? Go figure."

"We spent an enjoyable evening with pianist Joe Chapman tonight at the Dalton State College. He played to a packed house. It was terrific."

"Who is supposed to pick up the dead animals on the side of the road. Can't we get prisoners to do it?"

**Call 706-272-7748 to make a comment.**



**Trial set for man on child porn charge**

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CHATTANOOGA — A federal magistrate has set a March 31 trial for two Georgia men, one of them indicted on charges of transporting child pornography and methamphetamine to Tennessee and the other indicted on the drug charges only.

Magistrate Susan Lee set the trial in Winchester after 57-year-old Gary Salles of Smyrna, Ga., and 50-year-old Mickey Lattimore of Scottdale, Ga., pleaded not guilty as they appeared together before the judge Wednesday in Chattanooga.

A federal grand jury indicted Salles on charges of transporting child pornography on two occasions. Both men are charged with conspiring to

transport methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute the addictive drug.

A federal agent said in an affidavit that before Salles was charged he

**House defeats bill to delay digital TV transition**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bucking the Obama administration, House Republicans on Wednesday defeated a bill to postpone the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting to June 12 — leaving an estimated 6.5 million U.S. households unprepared for the currently scheduled Feb. 17 switchover.

But the battle over a delay may not be over, with some predicting the House will take up the measure again next week.

Wednesday's 258-168 House vote failed to clear the two-thirds threshold needed for passage in a victory for GOP members, who warn that postponing the transition by four months would confuse consumers.

House Republicans say a delay also would burden wireless companies and public safety agencies waiting for the spectrum that will be freed up by the switch, and create added costs for television stations that would have to con-

tinue broadcasting both analog and digital signals for four more months.

The defeat is a setback for President Barack Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill, who maintain that the Bush administration bungled efforts to ensure that all consumers — particularly poor, rural and low-income Americans — will be ready for next month's analog shut-off. The Obama administration had no immediate comment on the House vote.

**READYING FOR SPRING ARTS**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**2009 The 2009 Spring for the Arts Committee is getting ready for the Spring for the Arts Luncheon, Raffle, and Fashion Show to support the Arts in Education program at the Creative Arts Guild. Pictured from left are committee members Cindy McCreery, Jane Harrell, Anne Farrow, Cathy Snyder, Leanne Lawson, Janet Goodroe and Susan Reams at a planning meeting. The event is scheduled for March 5 at the Dalton Golf and Country Club.**

**Center: Operating losses**

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about \$150,000 in one-time expenses because of a change. The authority contracted out management of the trade center to Global Spectrum, which manages facilities across the nation, effective Jan. 1 of this year. Trade center officials say they paid employees for more than \$90,000 in accrued vacation time when they moved from the city of Dalton payroll to Global Spectrum's payroll.

The trade center earned some \$1.14 million in revenue in 2008, down from

\$1.69 million in 2007. Officials said the recession has taken a big bite out of business. December revenue alone dropped to \$107,513 from \$181,772. Several companies that held Christmas parties at the trade center in 2007 either did not hold them last year or cut them down dramatically, officials said.

Even with the transition costs, total operating costs for the trade center fell to \$2.09 million in 2008 from \$2.19 million in 2007.

Trade center board members say Global Spectrum's national contacts can help boost business at the trade center.

"We likewise are not satisfied with where those numbers have been. But we believe it is possible to show an improvement," said Global Spectrum vice president for special projects Barry Strafacci.

Trade center interim general manager Shashank Gairola, who was brought in by Global Spectrum at the first of the year, updated board members on the transition to Global Spectrum management. He briefed them on staff training and new reporting procedures. He said Global Spectrum is preparing a capital needs list. Two items on that list will be expansion of the kitchen and

**Utility reports water overflow**

Dalton Utilities says approximately 3,500 gallons of wastewater overflowed Monday at Willowdale and Haig Mill Road because of a root blockage. The utility says the line was cleared and the location added to the routine monitoring list.

**Utility reports water overflow**

asked undercover investigators if they were interested in having sex with a young boy.

Salles and Lattimore were arrested Jan. 17 at a motel in Winchester.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Breanna Cloer  
**AGE:** 18  
**HOME:** Murray County  
**FAMILY:** Tonya and Bobby Cloer  
**SCHOOL:** Murray County High  
**HOBBIES:** Ride horses, read, be a mom  
**SHE SAID:** "Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."



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• Sebastian Raymundo Bautista, 28, 106 Patricia Ave., Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with driving without a license, no insurance, open container in vehicle and DUI.

• Amy Leeanne Cooper, 27, 786 Maulding Road, Calhoun, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with burglary.

• Sparky Lamar Hewitt, 49, 3439 Old Dixie Highway, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with probation violation, failure to drive within a single lane, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, open container in vehicle, driving while license withdrawn (second offense) and DUI.

• Jeffery Carlton O'Donald, 41, 1918 Shields Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, open container in vehicle and DUI.

• Stephanie Marie Sexton, 24, 299 Lot C, Smyrna Springplace Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, speeding and a seat belt violation.

• Charles Lawrence Stanley, 28, 983 Old Cotton Mill Road, Tunnel Hill, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery and probation violation.

• Michael Dewitt Wilson, 35, 1 Lillian Circle, Stockbridge, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with fugitive from justice (probation violation) and theft by shoplifting (two counts).

• David Harold Denton, 36, 2996 Cleveland Highway, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with speeding (three counts), fleeing or attempt-

ing to elude a police officer (two counts), reckless driving (two counts), DUI/drugs (two counts), driving while license withdrawn (two counts), failure to drive within a single lane (two counts), overtaking and passing generally (two counts), illegal turn, too fast for conditions, driving on divided highways and driving on the wrong side of the road.

• Angela Melanie Dickerson, 24, 526 Chatsworth Highway 225, Calhoun, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with illegal possession of a prescription drug (hydrocodone) and theft by taking.

• Michael Christopher Doughty, 26, 4420 Smyrna Church Road, Chatsworth, was charged Wednesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with driving while license suspended or revoked and DUI.

• Charles Mitchell Haight Jr., 27, 21 Ginger Lane, Chatsworth, was charged Wednesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with driving without a license, DUI (third offense) and illegal exhaust system.

• Joel Martinez Jr., 21, 104 Westerly Drive, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and driving without a license.

• Jose Luis Trejo, 21, 3010 Davis Road, Rocky Face, was charged Wednesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with open container in vehicle, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and obstruction of a police officer.

• Miguel Angel Trejo, 130 Lakeshore Drive, Tunnel Hill, was charged Wednesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.



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Dalton High School basketball players Emily Broadrick, senior, and Watts Dantzler, sophomore, are ready to serve customers at the Tip-Off Club's fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Oakwood Café.

## DHS Tip-Off Club teams with Oakwood for fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY DALTON HIGH SCHOOL

Crispy fried chicken tenders, green beans, whipped potatoes and rolls are on the menu for the Dalton High School Tip-Off Club's Sunday dinner fundraiser on Feb. 8. Hosted at the Oakwood Café, the event is not only an important fundraiser for the club but it is also a hometown social event.

Members of the girls and boys basketball teams will work during the event serving customers, rolling silverware, busing tables and pouring drinks. The fundraiser is truly a group project involv-

ing students and adults.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and may be purchased from any basketball player or Tip-Off Club member; they will also be available at the door. Lunch will be served at the Oakwood from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a nominal fee, customers may purchase from a selection of homemade desserts. If you need to grab and go, take-out boxes will be conveniently available by calling (706) 529-9663.

All proceeds will benefit the Dalton High School basketball program. For more information, call Wendy Houston, Oakwood fundraiser chairman, at (706) 217-5760.

## Bond: Dog case

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the men. Public defender Steve Blevins noted the men live in Murray County, that Blaylock owns the home where they live at 130 Greyland Farm Road, and that only Roach was on probation.

"Most of them have lived here all their lives," said Blevins, "and most of them have had jobs. But they were laid off or lost their jobs. We're asking the court for a reasonable bond."

Assistant district attorney Scott Minter said the state opposed bond. He countered

with a list of convictions against the men, including for six DUI charges and a boating under the influence charge against Blaylock; two DUIs in one year against Fuller; and the following against Roach: theft by taking, burglary (two counts), DUI-habitual violator (two counts), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, child molestation, driving on a suspended license (four counts) and forgery. Roach was released from prison on the forgery charge in October.

"All three have significant alcohol problems," Minter said.

## Rates: Pay early

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Georgia Power serves customers in parts of Whitfield County and most of Murray County.

Backers argue the financing scheme saves ratepayers money in the long run. They estimate it will shave \$300 million off the \$16 billion expansion.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Don Balfour, likened the plan to buying a new car with cash rather than putting it on a credit card and having to shell out the interest over time.

"One way or another we're going to pay the cost," the Republican from Snellville said.

But consumer advocates say the utility is inflating its estimated cost savings.

Alison Wall, executive director of the consumer group Georgia Watch, said independent experts tapped by the staff of the state Public Service Commission actually found that costs could rise under Georgia Power's proposed plan.

"If we stay the way we are we save consumers money," Wall told a Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities hearing.

Will Phillips, associate state director for AARP Georgia, said the bill will result in "significant rate increases even as the economic downturn is hurting Georgians."

And he said the state's smaller residential customers will bear the burden of the costs while the biggest industrial and commercial ratepayers are largely exempt from the new charges.

The state Public Service Commission is also considering Georgia Power's request. Commission staff who have examined it have recommended the panel deny the financing plan. The commission is expected to decide the case in March.

PSC chairman Stan Wise testified on Wednesday that the state Legislature acting could help Wall Street creditors' confidence in the financing plan and help the utility's credit rating. That, in turn, helps consumers.

The Senate panel did not vote on the bill Wednesday and said they will need more time before they take it up.

"This is an enormously complicated issue," state Sen. David Shafer, the committee chairman, said.

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### OTHER VIEWS

# Great pitch, but no sale

True to his pledge on the campaign trail, President Obama, in the spirit of bipartisanship and a more civil tone in Washington politics, ventured to Capitol Hill this week for separate closed-door meetings with House and Senate Republicans to sell his \$825 billion stimulus plan.

It was a trip he didn't have to make. The stimulus plan will ultimately pass, although getting it through the Senate might be a bit of a chore. In any case, Obama failed in his mission. He changed no Republican minds, but the president got high marks for trying.

The effort was doomed from the start. House GOP leaders rather churlishly announced that they were voting against the measure even before Obama arrived to make his case. At least they could go through the motions of hearing him out.

Obama did not arrive empty-handed. He persuaded Democrats to drop from the package \$335 million in family-planning money for Medicaid that seemed to particularly irk the Republicans. The Senate added a \$70 billion patch to the Alternative Minimum Tax that many Republicans want. And \$200 million to renovate the National Mall that the Republicans thought should have been dealt with separately was dropped.

But on another area of disagreement, a \$500 tax credit for workers who pay payroll taxes but earn too little to pay income taxes, Obama said, "Feel free to whack me over the head, because I will not compromise on that part."

By all accounts, he listened patiently and intently to Republican gripes: The stimulus plan had too much spending, too little tax relief and added too much to the deficit. The Democrats had cut them out of the bill drafting and loaded it up with extraneous provisions.

Therein lies a problem that Obama will have to deal with. The Democrats, especially in the House, are treating the Republicans as shabbily as the Democrats were treated when the GOP was in the majority. A return to the poisonous atmosphere of the Bush years — "My way or the highway" — would be thoroughly undesirable.

We hope Obama does more of this kind of reaching out to the opposition. He didn't make the sale this time but he likely banked plenty of good will that could be handy down the road.

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." **John 4:24**

**Thought for today:** "And were an epitaph to be my story I'd have a short one ready for my own. I would have written of me on my stone: 'I had a lover's quarrel with the world'."

**Robert Frost**  
American poet,  
born 1874, died on this day in 1963

# There is no Santa



**Walter Williams**

Here is what my George Mason University colleague Professor Richard Wagner wrote, which was published by Office of the House Republican Leader: "Any so-called stimulus program is a ruse. The government can increase its spending only by reducing private spending equivalently. Whether government finances its added spending by increasing taxes, by borrowing, or by inflating the currency, the added spending will be offset by reduced private spending. Furthermore, private spending is generally more efficient than the government spending that would replace it because people act more carefully when they spend their own money than when they spend other people's money." A short translation of Wagner's comment is: There is no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy. Let's examine the ruse.

Suppose the value of all that we will produce in 2009, our gross domestic product (GDP), totals \$14 trillion. There cannot be any disagreement that if Congress spends \$4 trillion, of necessity there is only \$10 trillion left over for us to spend privately. In other words, if Congress is going to spend \$4 trillion, it must find a way to get us to spend \$4 trillion less. The most open and aboveboard method to force us to spend less privately is to tax us to the tune of \$4 trillion.

You might say, "Congress doesn't have to tax us \$4 trillion. They could tax us \$3 trillion and

run a \$1 trillion budget deficit." You have that wrong. There is no way for Congress to spend \$4 trillion out of our 2009 \$14 trillion

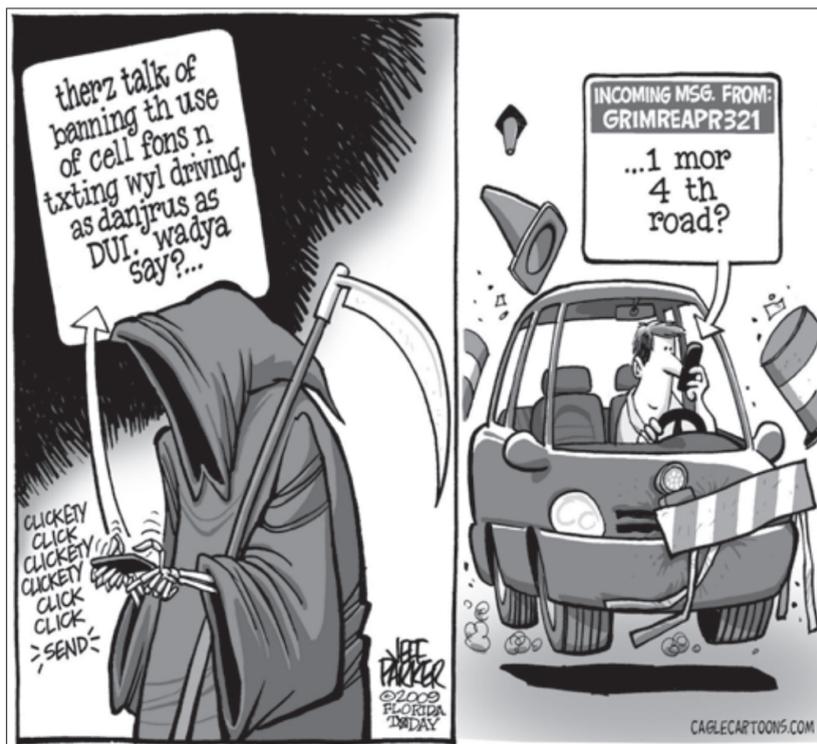
GDP by getting us to spend only \$3 trillion less privately. It has to be \$4 trillion less. Another method to force us to spend less privately is to print money and inflate the currency. Rising prices reduce our ability to spend dollar we hold will not buy as much. Another way is for Congress to borrow, thereby reducing our ability to spend privately. By the way, all of this means that in any real economic sense the federal budget is always balanced. That is, if Congress spends \$4 trillion we must privately spend \$4 trillion less whether it is accomplished through taxation, inflation or borrowing.

The stimulus package being discussed is politically smart but economically stupid. It's that bedeviling, omnipresent Santa Claus and Tooth Fairy problem again. Let's say that Congress taxes you \$500 to put toward creating construction jobs building our infrastructure. The beneficiaries will be quite visible, namely men employed building a road. The victims of Congress are invisible

and are only revealed by asking what you would have done with the \$500 if it were not taxed away from you. Whatever you would have spent it on would have contributed to someone's employment. That person is invisible. Politicians love it when the victims of their policies are invisible and the beneficiaries visible. Why? Because the beneficiaries know for whom to vote and the victims do not know who is to blame for their plight.

In stimulus package language, if Congress taxes to hand out money, one person is stimulated at the expense of another, who pays the tax, who is unstimulated. A visual representation of the stimulus package is: Imagine you see a person at work taking buckets of water from the deep end of a swimming pool and dumping them into the shallow end in an attempt to make it deeper. You would deem him stupid. That scenario is equivalent to what Congress and the new president proposes for the economy. A far more important measure that Congress can take toward a healthy economy is to ensure that the 2003 tax cuts don't expire in 2010 as scheduled. If not, there are 15 separate taxes scheduled to rise in 2010, costing Americans \$200 billion a year in increased taxes. In the face of a recession, we don't need that.

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# Collapse of the left-wing media

There is much irony in the fact that while liberals have won power in Washington big time, left-wing media are collapsing all over the place. In the last couple of weeks, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the mother of all liberal publications, The New York Times, each has issued SOS announcements.

The Seattle paper will cease publication in March unless a buyer is found. Even though it can't pay its bills, the Post-Intelligencer should have been inducted into the left-wing hall of fame after its publisher told the FBI to buzz off when the agency asked for media help in locating two possible terror suspects.

The Minneapolis paper, dubbed the Red Star by some in Minnesota, filed for bankruptcy after its earnings dropped more than 50 percent in one year. That despite the presidential vote and a vicious election between Sen. Norm Coleman and Al Franken.

As for The New York Times: It is Twilight Zone time. The paper was already trying to use equity in its Manhattan office building to pay debts, and now has borrowed \$250 million from Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim Helu. And get this: The Times is paying old Carlos an astounding 14 percent interest. What, was



**Bill O'Reilly**

Bush-hating MSNBC network ranked 31 in total day ratings for the first two weeks of January. I think that's right behind the "Roller Derby Channel." General Electric, which owns NBC, has taken a sharp turn to the left in its corporate philosophy and, at the same time, is watching its stock price decline from about \$50 a share to around \$13. The fact that GE CEO Jeffrey Immelt still has his job ranks up there with the miracle of the U.S. Airways water landing.

Why are the liberal media taking a pounding when the left now controls Congress and the Oval Office? It may be because of the economy. After the recession blindsided the folks last fall, anger filled the air. Why weren't we

warned that the financial industry was awash in bad housing loans? President Bush and Sen. John McCain had no answer. So the folks voted for the Democrats.

But that doesn't mean the American people became liberals overnight. In fact, some folks became even more conservative with their spending and lifestyles. The images of left-wing media people gloating over the failure of the Bush administration did not cheer many people up. In fact, I believe it teed a lot of them off.

Despite the power shift in Washington, America remains a traditional country that largely rejects big government and radical social change. The former hippies running the crazy-left media will never get that. They believe most Americans want gay marriage, political correctness and unfettered abortion. They believe everyday folks think ponytails and pierced ears on old guys are cool.

Well, these Abbie Hoffman wannabes are sadly out of touch. And soon, maybe out of work.

**Bill O'Reilly is a nationally syndicated columnist and the host of the top-rated O'Reilly Report on Fox.**

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Jan. 29**, the 29th day of 2009. There are 336 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:** On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

**On this date:** In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1929, The Seeing Eye, a New Jersey-based school which trains guide dogs to assist the blind, was incorporated by Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Morris Frank.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring Emily Lyons, a nurse. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

**Ten years ago:** The Senate delivered subpoenas for Monica Lewinsky and two of President Bill Clinton's advisers, summoning them for private, videotaped testimony in the impeachment trial.

**Five years ago:** A suicide bomber struck a bus in Jerusalem, killing 10 Israelis. British author M.M. Kaye died in Lavenham, England, at age 95.

**One year ago:** John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary, easing past Mitt Romney for his first-ever triumph in a primary open only to Republicans. Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton claimed victory in a campaign-free Florida presidential primary in which all the candidates had signed pledges not to compete. (The national Democratic Party had stripped the state of its delegates as punishment for moving its primary ahead of Feb. 5.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor John Forsythe is 91. Author Germaine Greer is 70. Actress Katharine Ross is 69. Actor Tom Selleck is 64. Actor Marc Singer is 61. Actress Ann Jillian is 59. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 55. Actress Heather Graham is 39.

**BRIEFS****Winter storm barrels into NE**

PHILADELPHIA — A destructive winter storm left more than a million customers in the dark before barreling into the Northeast on Wednesday, delaying flights and turning the morning rush into the morning slush as communities braced for the worst. The storm has been blamed for at least 23 deaths and a glaze of ice and snow that caused widespread power failures from the Southern Plains to the East Coast. Authorities said it could be a week before some communities have electricity again. Tree limbs encased in ice tumbled onto roads and crashed onto power lines in hard-hit Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma on Tuesday and overnight. In Arkansas — where ice was 3 inches thick in some places — people huddled next to portable heaters and wood-burning fires as utilities warned electricity may be out for a week or more.

**Blagojevich wants to make statement**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The president of the Illinois Senate says Gov. Rod Blagojevich wants to make a closing statement at his impeachment trial. Sen. John Cullerton told colleagues Wednesday the governor has asked for the time today. Cullerton says Blagojevich isn't asking to testify. That would involve his answering questions from senators. Blagojevich has refused to take part in the trial so far, spending the time on a media blitz instead. He says Senate impeachment trial rules are unfair and that he's done nothing wrong.

**Ex-Gitmo detainee threatens U.S.**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Before he was released from Guantanamo, a Saudi detainee insisted he had only wanted to help refugees and was not a fighter. Now, as an al-Qaida field commander sporting a bandolier of bullets, he is threatening the United States and has been hailed by a militant Web site as a veteran guerrilla and "a fomentor of war." The story of Abu al-Hareth Muhammad al-Oufi underscores the dilemma Barack Obama's administration finds itself in: Keeping men locked up without trials invites global criticism but releasing them without a fair and diligent process to distinguish enemies from non-combatants exposes the U.S. and its allies to danger. It also shows how hard it is to separate truth from lies.

**Dad who killed 7 faced heavy debt**

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police say a man who apparently shot himself after killing his wife and their five children was awash in debt and planning to leave California. Detective David Cortez said Wednesday that Ervin Lupoe was at least one month behind on his mortgage. He says the 40-year-old Lupoe owed at least \$15,000 to the Internal Revenue Service and thousands more on a line of credit. Lupoe and his wife, Ana, recently were fired from their hospital jobs after being investigated for lying about their income to qualify for cheaper child care.

**Donating a kidney is safe**

NEW YORK — Donating a kidney doesn't appear to have any long-term health consequences for the donor, a reassuring study shows. Researchers at the University of Minnesota found those who gave up one of their two kidneys lived a normal life span and were as healthy as people in the general population. The donation also didn't raise the risk of having kidney failure later. Kidney donation has generally been considered safe, although with surgery, there are always risks.

— The Associated Press

**TOP SPELLERS AT EASTSIDE**

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The top five finishers in the Eastside Elementary School Spelling Bee on Tuesday are, from left, Gavin Morrison, first place; Gage Blackwell, second place; Anissa Sosebee, third place; Ivette Barrera, fourth place; and Hannah Henry, fifth place.

**Postmaster General: Mail days may need to be cut**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Massive deficits could force the post office to cut out one day of mail delivery, the postmaster general told Congress on Wednesday, in asking lawmakers to lift the requirement that the agency deliver mail six days a week.

If the change happens, that doesn't necessarily mean an end to Saturday mail delivery. Previous post office studies have looked at the possibility of skipping some other day when mail flow is light, such as Tuesday.

Faced with dwindling mail volume and rising costs, the post office was \$2.8 billion in the red last year. "If current trends continue, we could experience a net loss of \$6 billion or more this fiscal year," Postmaster General John E. Potter said in testimony for a Senate

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee.

Total mail volume was 202 billion items last year, over 9 billion less than the year before, the largest single volume drop in history.

And, despite annual rate increases, Potter said 2009 could be the first year since 1946 that the actual amount of money collected by the post office declines.

"It is possible that the cost of six-day delivery may simply prove to be unaffordable," Potter said. "I reluctantly request that Congress remove the annual appropri-



Potter

ation bill rider, first added in 1983, that requires the Postal Service to deliver mail six days each week."

"The ability to suspend delivery on the lightest delivery days, for example, could save dollars in both our delivery and our processing and distribution networks. I do not make this request lightly, but I am forced to consider every option given the severity of our challenge," Potter said.

That doesn't mean it would happen right away, he noted, adding that the agency is working to cut costs and any final decision on changing delivery would have to be made by the postal governing board.

If it did become necessary to go to five-day delivery, Potter said, "we would do this by suspending delivery on the lightest volume days."

**Stimulus: Now on to Senate**

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The vote sent the bill to the Senate, where debate could begin as early as Monday on a companion measure already taking shape. Democratic leaders have pledged to have legislation ready for Obama's signature by mid-February.

A mere eight days after Inauguration Day, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the events heralded a new era. "The ship of state is difficult to turn," said the California Democrat. "But that is what we must do. That is what President Obama called us to do in his inaugural address."

With unemployment at its highest level in a quarter-century, the banking industry wobbling despite the infusion of staggering sums of bailout money and states struggling with budget crises, Democrats said the legislation was desperately needed.

"Another week that we delay is another 100,000 or more people unemployed. I don't think we want that on our consciences," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the House

**Billions more needed for banks**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is developing proposals to help rescue the banking system that could cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars beyond the \$700 billion bailout Congress already has approved.

Details are still being worked out. But the administration is looking to spend hundreds of billions more to address the foreclosure crisis, help banks get out from under weighty bad assets and expand liquidity programs.

Looming above these is a proposal to set up a federal bank — dubbed a "bad bank" — that would buy troubled assets clogging financial institutions' balance

sheets. This would free the institutions to lend money and would entice wary investors back into the market, proponents say.

But the government will have to commit far more money than policymakers were discussing even a few weeks ago.

"I think we're talking hundreds of billions of dollars," said Brian Gardner, an analyst with the research firm Keefe, Bruyette & Woods. "I don't think there's anyone who doubts the administration will be going back to the Hill for more than the \$350 billion" recently released from this fall's \$700 billion bailout package.

Appropriations Committee and one of the leading architects of the legislation.

Republicans said the bill was short on tax cuts and contained too much spending, much of it wasteful, and would fall far short of administration's predictions of job creation.

The party's leader, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, said the measure "won't create many jobs, but it will create plenty of programs and projects through slow-moving government spending." A GOP alternative, comprised almost entirely of tax cuts, was defeated, 266-170.

**Freezing death sparks anger, resolve in town**

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — When neighbors went inside Marvin Schur's house, the windows were frosted over, icicles hung from a faucet, and the 93-year-old World War II veteran lay dead on the bedroom floor in a winter jacket over four layers of clothing.

He froze to death — slowly and painfully, authorities say — days after the electric company installed a power-limiting device because of more than \$1,000 in unpaid bills.

The old man's sad end two weeks ago has led to outrage, soul-searching and a resolve never to let something like this happen again.

"There's got to be a way in today's computer age they can find out if someone's over a certain age," said Chad Sepos, 37. "It's just sad."

One of the saddest things of all was that Schur appeared to have plenty of money, and, in fact, one of the neighbors who entered the home reported seeing cash clipped to a pile of bills on the kitchen table.

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**BRIDGE**

**Chalk up one for declarer**

Assume you're declarer at six notrump and West leads the ten of spades. How would you play the hand?

You can count 11 sure tricks at the outset — four spades, four clubs, two hearts and the king or queen of diamonds. To make the slam, you need to score a trick with the jack of hearts, and the best way to do this would seem to be to finesse East for the queen. In the actual case, though, the finesse would fail, and you'd go down.

When the deal occurred, South found the notion of entrusting the outcome to a simple finesse to be distasteful, so he sought a way to improve on his chances and wound up making the slam.

After taking the first spade with the queen, he immediately led a diamond toward the king. West could not afford to take his ace without establishing declarer's 12th trick, so he let the king win. South then cashed all his spades and clubs, coming down to the K-J-4 of hearts and queen of diamonds in his hand opposite dummy's A-6-5 of hearts and seven of diamonds.

West, meanwhile, had elected to hang on to the Q-10-3 of hearts and ace of diamonds, discarding the diamond jack on the last club. Reading the situation perfectly, declarer now led the diamond queen, forcing West to win with the ace and return a heart, which handed South the slam.

It's true that West could (and should) have given declarer a far more difficult problem by discarding a heart rather than a diamond on the last club. South would then have had to cash the A-K of hearts, dropping West's queen, to make the slam, certainly no easy task without peeking.

But what West could or should have done is not really the point. By playing as he did, declarer gave himself an extra chance, and in the end it yielded a dividend worth about 1,000 points.

**Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** Don't overreact, overindulge or overdo this year. Stick to simple and conservative methods and you will not suffer losses or consequences. Let go of the past and start with a clean slate. You will see growth, leading to long-term success. Your numbers are 9, 13, 19, 25, 33, 37, 44

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Speak from the heart with honesty and integrity and you will overcome any professional problem you face. Don't let jealousy cloud the real issues. Be observant rather than defensive. Contribute and move on. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't share your secrets. Someone will gossip, leaving you with the task of explaining what you are up to and why. A surprise will play out to your advantage. Emotional issues can be resolved. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It's time to start all over again. Open doors that have been closed for some time and you will find out something about someone who interests you. There is no room for jealousy or holding a grudge — learn from past experience so that you handle situations better in the future. 2 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your life is changing for the better so stop trying to make things stay the same. You have to let go and give in. Don't spend money foolishly or you will be upset by the results for some time to come. 5 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Love can turn into a costly affair if you are wrapped up in the moment. Think twice about being generous when all that's required of you is to confirm your true feelings and talk about your future intentions. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't confuse what needs to be done with what you want to do. A love relationship can turn into a partnership that is not only beneficial emotionally and personally but financially and professionally, as well. Do whatever it takes to enhance your relationship. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Someone who loves you is likely to be pushy regarding what he or she thinks you should do with your future. Take heed of the suggestions made but, before you make a final decision, consider what's best for you. Only you can be sure of that. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be caught up in someone else's plan, especially if it will cause problems with the ones you love. You can expect someone to be deceptive with his or her assessment of a job you want done. Make subtle changes that will enhance your love life. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stick close to home and avoid anyone putting demands on you. Be honest about what you want to see happen. A change in your vocation can be made if you pick up some new skills or start a service that utilizes the skills you already have. 2 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There are options and opportunities, so don't think you have to stay in a position that really doesn't suit you. A contract or legal settlement can change your life instantly. Don't hesitate to make needed changes. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Sizing down doesn't have to be a bad thing, especially when it can bring you the freedom you need to do something that is important to you. Consider your options and make your move. You won't be sorry. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Something will be brought to your attention that causes a reality check. Open your eyes and make amends. Someone from your past can do more damage now if you don't fix the problem. 3 stars



**Eugenia Last**

**FOOD COLLECTORS**



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Westside Elementary School recently held a food drive to benefit local families in need. The goal was by the 100th day of school to have each class collect 100 cans of food or other food items. Together, 3,302 food items were collected. They will be distributed to the Whitfield County community through local organizations. The class collecting the most cans was Traci Hayes' second-grade class (pictured). Class members collected 224 cans. The second place class was Katie Sullivan's first-grade class. They collected 154 cans.

**Banks may take Ga. schools chief's \$1M game show prize**

ATLANTA (AP) — The \$1 million that Georgia schools Superintendent Kathy Cox won for charity on a game show last fall could end up in the hands of her creditors because of her personal bankruptcy filing.

Cox had announced she was giving the money to three public schools for deaf and blind students, but it is unclear now whether the institutions will get the prize she won in August on Fox's "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" said attorneys working on the bankruptcy case. Alex Teel, the attorney for the bankruptcy trustee, said his client is exploring making a claim on the prize money.

"If in fact that was her money — it belonged to her — and she made a decision to give it away when she owed hundred of thousands of dollars, I think our position is it could be recovered by the trustee for the benefit of creditors," Teel said Wednesday.

A decision on whether to go after the money should be made in the next few weeks, he said. The news that the money is in limbo was first reported by The Atlanta Journal-

Constitution.

Cox and her husband, John, filed for bankruptcy Nov. 17, claiming \$3.5 million in debt because of his Fayette County homebuilding business. Cox said in a statement on Wednesday that it is "sad that banks and lawyers are standing in the way" of the money getting to the schools.

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David Cady will sign copies of his book "The Handler" on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Little Dipper restaurant, 212 N. Hamilton St. in Dalton.

The book, a work of fiction based on some actual events, is about a wounded Vietnam War veteran who is hired to rescue a young mother from a snake-handling cult. It is set along the Tennessee River.

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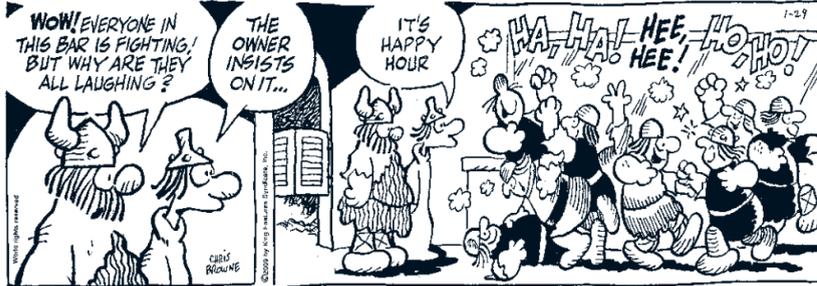
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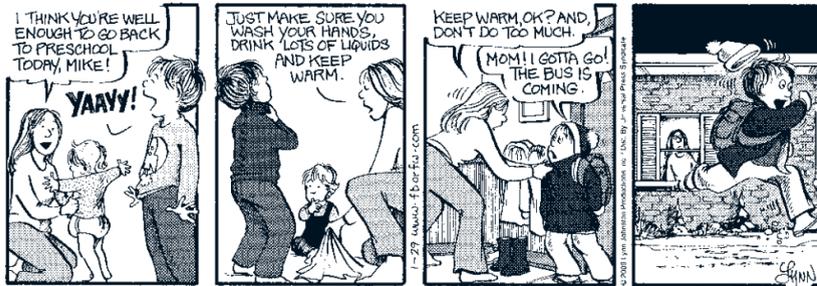
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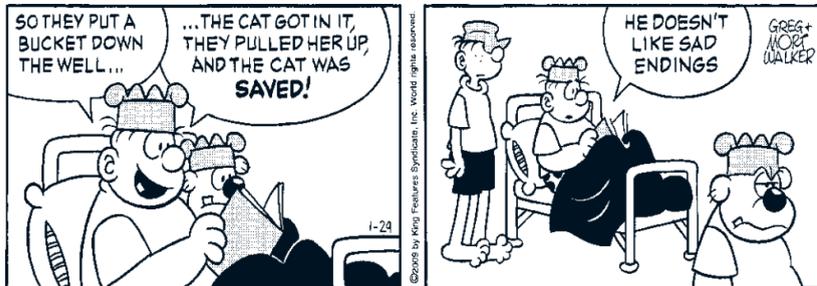
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DEAR ABBY

Thongs praised, panned by men

DEAR READERS: As promised, today you'll see what some male readers had to say about thongs, as well as the results of my reader poll. Fifty-five percent voted thongs up, 28 percent voted thongs down, and 17 percent gave mixed reviews. And 9 percent of the readers were male ...

looked a lot more comfortable and sexy to me than my old boxers or briefs. Abby, why won't they let us guys wear sexy underwear? — CONFUSED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: Thongs up, girl! I switched to thongs when I turned 14 and have never looked back. A man can't wear tight white jeans with anything else. Love ... DINO IN SAN FRANCISCO



Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a guy who wears string thongs under my work uniform and for casual day or evening underwear. I also wear thong swimwear by my pool in the summer, which I suppose makes me ... STRUNG UP THE MIDDLE IN VEGAS

DEAR ABBY: I'm voting thongs down. I'm 62 and grew up in the '50s and '60s with three good-looking sisters who always wore pretty ladies' nylon briefs — all different colors, lace trim, prints, solids, flowers, silk panties. Wow! That was the style back then. All the girls wore them — Marilyn Monroe, Bettie Page, etc.

In the '70s and '80s girls adopted those ugly bikini panties, and now they're wearing thongs? Abby, please urge them to adopt those pretty panties of the '50s and '60s again. — JACK IN BROCKTON, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: Wearing thong underwear has nothing to do with comfort. It's about concealing the dreaded pantyline on today's tight fashions. Pulling the waist so high as to expose it is unsightly on most of the bodies I have seen. And yeah, it's like driving past the scene of an accident — you know you shouldn't, but you just have to look! — ROBERT IN MOUNTAIN LAKES, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: I have never understood why girls would wear something that appears to violate all laws of comfort.

The only way for me to solve this mystery was to try a thong. I purchased two and wore them exclusively for a couple of days. After the initial "getting used to," they were comfortable. In fact, I like them so much I bought a few more this evening. I am also thinking about buying other ladies' underwear.

While this might be perceived as less than masculine, what I saw in the lingerie section

DEAR ABBY: Thongs up or down? Up, they're uncomfortable — I twist my neck and strain my eyes — but I have to say I really love them down. — TODD IN MILWAUKEE

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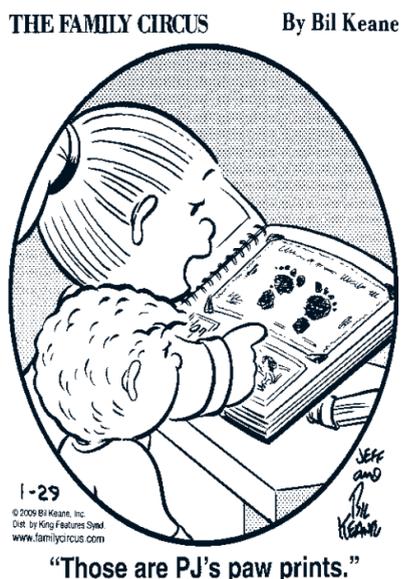
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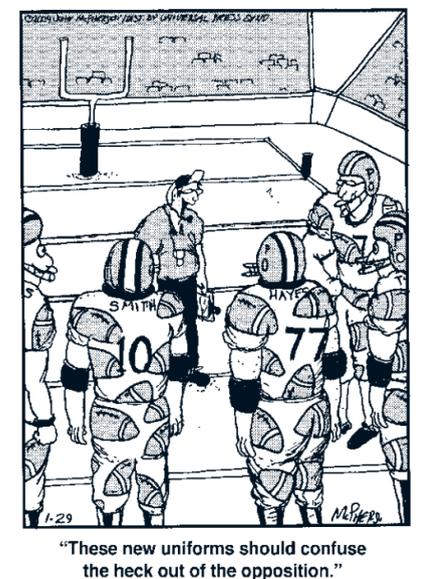
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## OBITUARIES

• **Kenneth ‘Kenny’ Hackney**  
 • **Jackie (Jack) Bruce Hampton Sr., Chatsworth**  
 • **Frances ‘Trudy’ Osborne, Smyrna, Tenn.**  
 • **Gene Reed, Dalton**  
 • **Joan Defore Ridley, Pleasant Grove community**  
 • **Linda Joyce Weaver, Tunnel Hill**

Obituary notices are posted online at [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com)

### 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 brothers-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. today in the chapel of Love Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today 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.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center), is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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### Jackie (Jack) Bruce Hampton Sr.

Mr. Jackie (Jack) Bruce Hampton Sr., 73, of Chatsworth, went to be with the Lord unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Jack played on the first football team at Murray County High School in 1950 and was an avid reader and gardener. Jack worked for the C&O Railroad and retired from the brotherhood of Teamsters Union local No. 413 in Ohio. Jack always talked about moving back to Chatsworth upon retiring, which he did. A highlight and great accomplishment was becoming a minister and co-founder of the Exodus Center, a rehabilitation center for troubled youth, in Columbus, Ohio.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, George B. Hampton and Azalee Crider Hampton; a brother, Paul Hampton; a sister, Genevelyn Bryant.

Survivors include his son, Jackie Bruce Hampton Jr.; a

daughter, Genevelyn (Carl) Hart; stepdaughters, Elizabeth Nice and Yvonne (Jim) Eleyet; brothers, George (Barbara Jean) Hampton and Bruce Wesley Hampton; sisters, Rosella Simpson and Anna Lou Hampton; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and his dearest and beloved friend, Betty Hampton.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Herman Parker and the Rev. Danny Cochran officiating.

Burial will be in the Center Valley Cemetery with a white dove release.

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

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Frances ‘Trudy’ Osborne

Frances “Trudy” Osborne, 67 of Smyrna, Tenn., died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Osborne.

Survivors include daughters, Tina O’Rear and Jennifer Osborne; sons, Ronnie, Johnny and Michael Ellis and David Osborne; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Sidney, Jarvis and Billy McTaggart.

Services are today at 3 p.m. at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, 5852 Nolensville Road, with the Rev. Bill Taylor officiating.

Visitation is today from 1 to 3 p.m. at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, (615) 331-1952.

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### Gene Reed

Gene Reed, 63, of Dalton, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel Reed Sr. and Marie Callaway Brownlow; brother, Hershel Reed Jr.

Survivors include his companion, Barbara Link of Dalton; a son, Joey Reed of Dalton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sarah and Coleman Townsend of Chatsworth and Linda and Ricky Roper of Tunnel Hill; two brothers and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Deborah Reed of Fancy Farm, Ky., and Jerry and Janice Reed of Chatsworth.

The funeral is Friday at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Chaplain David LaGrand officiating.

Burial will be in Welcome Hill Cemetery.

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

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

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### Joan Defore Ridley

Joan Defore Ridley, 74, of the Pleasant Grove community, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clayborne and Eardice Defore, and two brothers, Charles Smith and Jack Defore.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Glenn

H. Ridley of the residence; three daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Alan Fisher and Carol and Bryan Tousignant, all of Dalton, and June Rogers of Hahira; sisters-in-law, Iola Smith, Lorene Ridley, Mary Sue Loughridge, Betty Walls and Mozelle Jennings, all of Dalton; brother-in-law and wife, Paul and Lois Ridley of Warner Robins; special cousin, Pat Cooper of Dalton; grandchildren, Laura and Steven Nealey, Lacey and Rodney Lee, Ty and Erynn Richardson, Eric Tousignant, Johnathan and Crystal Rogers and Amanda Rogers; seven great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Darcy Kittle and the Rev. Walter Hare officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salem Baptist Church Building Fund, 1448 Pleasant Grove Drive, Dalton, GA 30721. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at [www.julian-peoples.com](http://www.julian-peoples.com).

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

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### Linda Joyce Weaver

Miss Linda Joyce Weaver, 62, of Tunnel Hill, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at Hamilton Medical

Center.

She was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Rocilla Holland Weaver and was preceded in death by her brothers, Grady Weaver and Lamar Weaver.

Linda was a member of the Rocky Face Baptist Church and was an angel to all her family.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Pete Roberson of Tunnel Hill; sister-in-law, Marcelle Weaver of Chatsworth; nieces and nephews, Dr. Angie and Dr. George Aboutanos of Florida, Kim and Wayne Millsap of LaFayette, Kerri and Raymond Hobbs of Ringgold, Pam Betteridge of Woodstock and Kelly Roberson of Tunnel Hill; great-nieces and great-nephews, Alexander Aboutanos, Maya Aboutanos, Michaela Aboutanos, Hunter Hobbs, Trever Hobbs, Braydon Betteridge and Deven Betteridge.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. from Rocky Face Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Brinkley officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

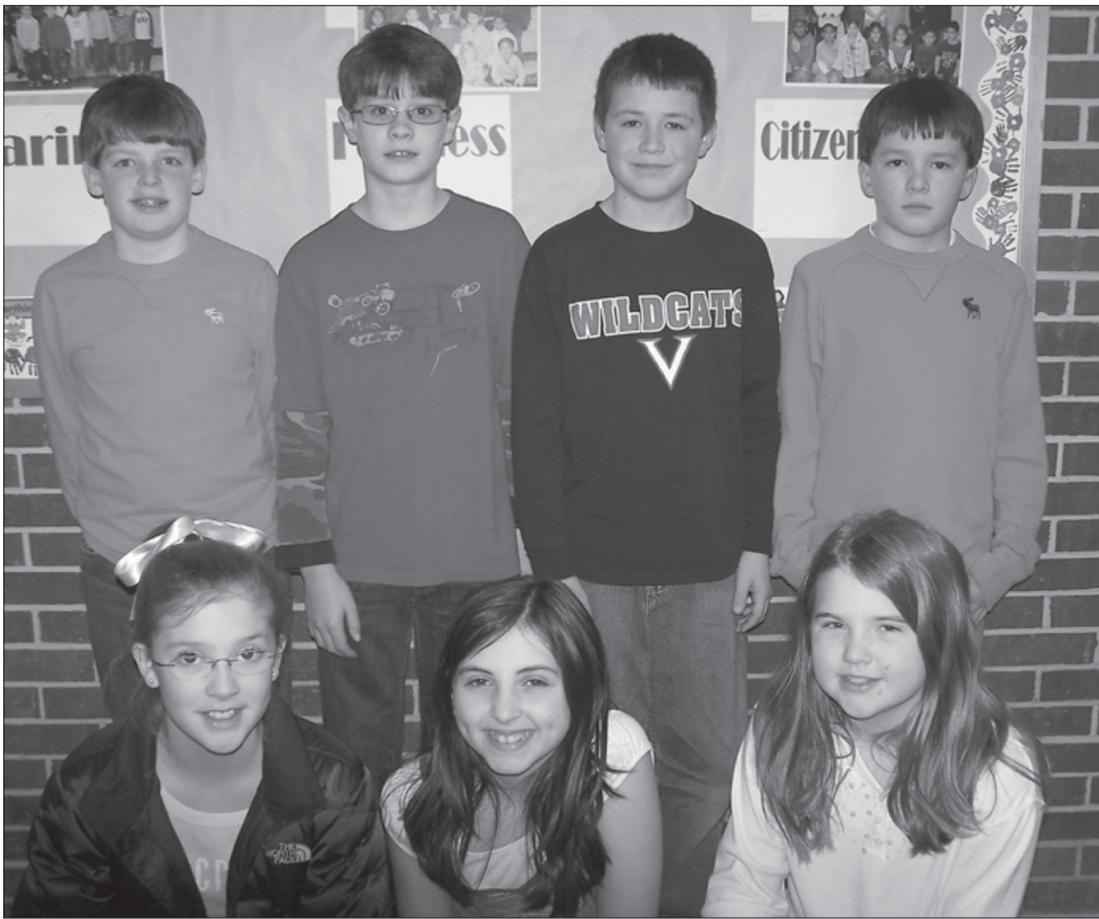
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## FIRST-PLACE FINISHERS



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The seven first-place winners from fifth grade in the Varnell Elementary Social Studies Fair will be entered in the Whitfield County Social Studies Fair on Friday at the Career Academy. Parents and the public may view the projects from 7:30 to 8 p.m. following the judging. On the first row, from left, are Lilly Marcadis (“Alternative Energy Sources,” eco-

nomics); Sami Newsome (“Global Positioning Systems,” economics); and Presley Whitfield (“Desalination,” economics); second row, Alex Fisher (“Kenyan Runners,” sociology/psychology); Max Wilson (“Prater’s Mill,” history); Ty Pendley (“What was the Nutritional Value of Hardtack?” history); and Chandler Lomax (“Titanic,” history).

## Peanut recall grows as feds find problems at plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The salmonella outbreak spawned one of the largest ever product recalls Wednesday by a Georgia peanut plant where federal inspectors reported finding roaches, mold, a leaking roof and other sanitary problems.

Managers at the Blakely, Ga. plant owned by Peanut Corp. of America continued shipping peanut products even after they were found to contain

salmonella.

Peanut Corp. expanded its recall Wednesday to all peanut products produced at the plant since Jan. 1, 2007. The company is relatively small, but its peanut paste is an ingredient in hundreds of other food products, from ice cream, to Asian-style sauces, to dog biscuits. Major national brands of peanut butter are not affected.

A senior lawmaker in Congress and

Georgia’s agriculture commissioner called for a criminal investigation of the company, but the Food and Drug Administration said such a step is premature while its own food safety investigation continues.

More than 500 people have gotten sick in the outbreak and at least eight may have died as a result of salmonella infection. More than 400 products have already been recalled. The plant has stopped all production.

## Octuplets doing well

BELLFLOWER, Calif. (AP) — The nation’s second set of live-born octuplets were all breathing on their own Wednesday, 48 hours after a woman gave birth to the surprising bunch in Southern California.

Three of the babies were still receiving supplemental oxygen, but were inhaling and exhaling on their own.

“They’re doing amazingly well,” said Socorro Serrano, spokeswoman for Kaiser Permanente’s Bellflower Medical Center,

where the babies were born.

The mother, whose identity remains a secret, had not yet been able to hold any of the delicate babies — six boys and two girls — who were born weighing between 1 pound, 8 ounces and 3 pounds, 4 ounces. However, she was able to see them in their incubators Tuesday night.

Five of the babies have begun feedings on donated breast milk through tubes. The three others were expected to begin feeding later Wednesday.

## THE MARKET

Wednesday’s Dow Jones: 8376 ▲ 201.3

Wednesday’s NASDAQ: 1558.3 ▲ 53.4

	Tuesday	Wednesday		13.81	14.01
Gold	897.5	895.25	IBM	91.66	94.82
Silver	12.02	12.085	Interface	4.19	4.46
Acuity	28.62	29.3	JCP	17.99	18.95
AAir	4.10	4.37	JNJ	57.54	58.56
Apple	90.73	94.2	Kroger	24.81	24.66
AT&T	25.93	25.98	Lowes	19.94	19.94
BAC	6.50	7.39	McDonalds	58.52	59.2
BB&T	20.55	22.55	Merck	28.37	28.78
BP	43.06	43.46	Microsoft	17.66	18.04
BristolMyers	23.13	22.36	Mohawk	35.56	37.61
HP-Compaq	35.89	37.41	Motorola	4.71	4.93
Chevron	72.09	73.79	Region-Fin	4.08	4.56
CocaCola	43.33	43.86	Rock-Tenn.	28.20	33.26
ConAgra	17.86	17.87	Sara Lee	10.29	10.54
ColonialBnk	1.58	0.85	SouthernCo	34.94	34.37
Coke Ent.	12.20	12.35	Synovous	4.67	4.93
CrackerBrl	18.47	19.71	SunTrust	13.05	15.15
CrwnCrafts	2.52	2.23	Torchmark	32.6	34.8
CSX	29.66	31.01	Total Sys	13.34	13.33
Dell	10.07	10.88	UPS	47.11	46.85
Delta	7.93	8.74	Vulcan	52.56	53.46
Dixie Group	1.55	1.55	Verizon	29.96	30.92
Dow	13.19	13.43	Wal-Mart	48.79	48.73
Duke	15.3	15.4	Wells Fargo	16.19	21.19
DuPont	23.27	24.71	Wendy’s	5.26	5.33
Earthlink	7.38	7.59	Yum	29.12	30.22
Ericsson	8.16	8.31	Xerox	7.17	7.44
Exxon	78.92	79.25			
Ford	1.97	2.03			
FSG	4.57	4.5			
GE	13.06	13.5			
GM	3.35	3.42			
Goodyear	6.15	6.79			
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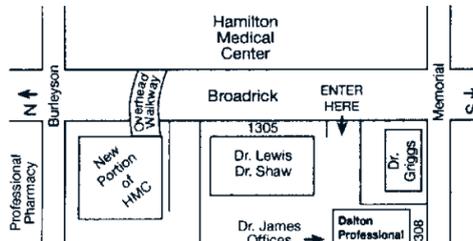
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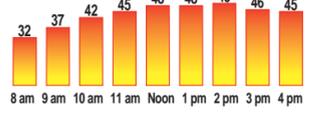
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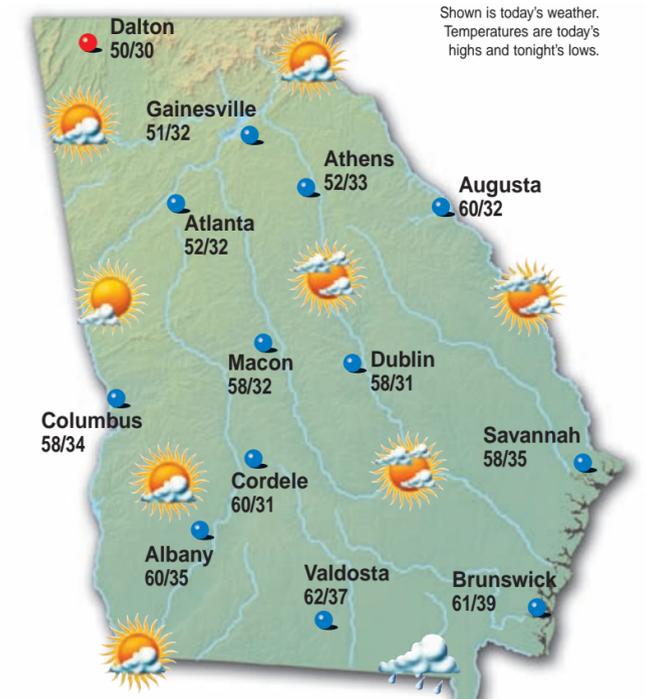
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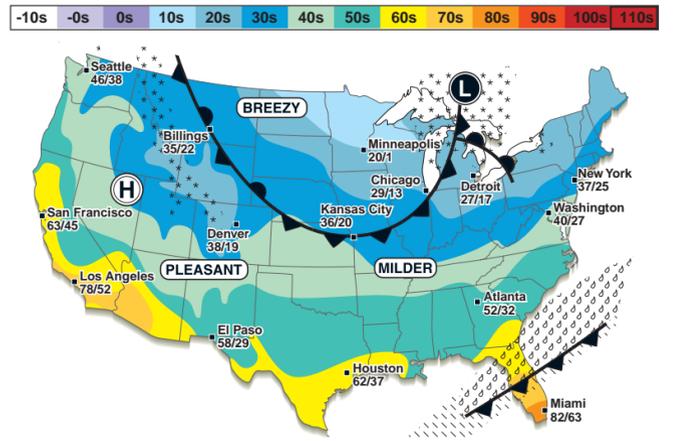
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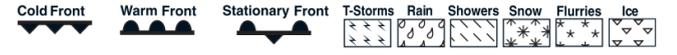


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Atlanta	52/32/pc	47/27/s	52/33/s	Macon	58/32/pc	55/25/s	55/25/s
Athens	52/33/pc	51/25/pc	52/29/s	Marietta	54/29/pc	45/23/s	50/24/s
Augusta	60/32/pc	56/22/s	55/22/s	Newton	60/33/pc	55/24/s	58/26/s
Brunswick	61/39/r	56/31/pc	54/33/s	Rome	57/30/s	48/23/pc	52/28/s
College Park	52/32/pc	47/27/s	52/33/s	Savannah	58/35/r	59/27/pc	56/22/s
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Gainesville	51/32/pc	47/24/pc	49/29/s	Valdosta	62/37/r	55/25/s	56/28/s

National Weather for January 29, 2009



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



City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	28/9/pc	27/13/sf	21/13/pc	Memphis	47/30/s	48/32/s	53/37/s
Anchorage	24/14/sf	17/5/sf	11/6/pc	Miami	82/63/s	73/46/t	65/53/s
Baltimore	38/22/pc	40/22/sf	32/20/s	Milwaukee	29/10/sn	19/12/pc	34/26/pc
Billings	35/22/c	45/29/s	39/16/c	Minneapolis	20/1/sf	18/17/pc	38/19/pc
Boise	35/24/s	39/24/pc	38/21/pc	New Orleans	56/41/s	58/38/s	61/46/s
Buffalo	25/19/sf	26/15/sn	21/21/pc	New York	37/25/pc	36/22/sf	28/22/pc
Charlotte	55/30/pc	50/24/s	48/24/s	Okla. City	49/23/s	57/28/s	59/35/s
Cheyenne	32/21/pc	47/24/s	47/16/s	Orlando	74/50/t	56/35/r	58/38/s
Chicago	29/13/sn	20/12/pc	35/27/pc	Philadelphia	36/24/pc	38/23/sf	29/22/pc
Cincinnati	32/20/pc	26/10/sn	31/20/pc	Phoenix	70/45/s	72/46/s	72/47/s
Cleveland	25/20/sf	23/14/sn	28/24/pc	Pittsburgh	28/20/c	28/12/sn	21/16/pc
Dallas	54/34/s	64/35/s	63/46/s	Portland, OR	45/31/pc	46/36/pc	46/32/pc
Denver	38/19/pc	53/26/s	52/18/s	St. Louis	38/19/pc	34/23/pc	44/31/s
Detroit	27/17/sn	23/11/sn	28/25/pc	Salt Lake City	39/17/pc	37/23/pc	38/19/pc
Indianapolis	30/17/c	19/11/sf	33/26/pc	San Francisco	63/45/s	61/46/s	62/44/s
Kansas City	36/20/pc	43/26/s	52/30/s	San Diego	76/50/s	76/50/s	67/50/s
Las Vegas	63/38/s	66/39/s	66/40/s	Seattle	46/38/pc	48/37/c	45/35/pc
Los Angeles	78/52/s	80/52/s	74/50/s	Wash., DC	40/27/pc	41/25/pc	33/26/s

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The World

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	57/52/pc	55/46/sh	54/44/c	Jerusalem	62/44/s	59/40/s	60/50/s
Auckland	73/64/s	74/71/pc	82/73/s	London	43/39/pc	46/39/pc	46/36/pc
Amsterdam	41/30/pc	41/31/pc	39/32/pc	Madrid	56/43/sh	55/41/c	48/37/sh
Baghdad	69/48/pc	69/48/pc	68/48/pc	Montreal	19/16/c	25/10/sf	14/10/c
Beijing	41/21/pc	39/21/c	40/25/s	Moscow	34/25/sn	28/14/sn	18/9/sf
Berlin	37/28/s	37/28/c	34/24/pc	Paris	43/30/s	45/32/s	46/30/s
Buenos Aires	84/70/t	86/70/s	81/64/pc	Rio	86/73/sh	89/74/r	88/49/sh
Cairo	69/49/s	67/49/s	67/51/s	Rome	52/37/s	50/36/s	50/37/s
Calgary	46/21/c	46/25/c	31/13/pc	Seoul	49/28/s	47/26/c	41/20/s
Cape Town	82/59/s	82/60/s	78/59/s	Singapore	85/75/c	83/75/c	81/74/r
Caracas	82/70/pc	88/75/sh	88/73/sh	Sydney	82/66/s	84/66/s	84/72/pc
Dublin	46/41/r	48/41/pc	46/39/r	Tel Aviv	68/53/s	65/48/s	65/59/s
Geneva	41/26/s	49/28/s	51/31/pc	Tokyo	54/46/r	55/47/r	48/36/r
Hong Kong	68/59/pc	68/57/s	68/58/s	Toronto	23/16/sf	26/11/sn	21/20/pc
Istanbul	55/47/c	48/41/r	43/38/r	Warsaw	34/27/c	38/27/sn	32/23/sn

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PREP WRESTLING: MURRAY COUNTY

# A picture of dependability

## Indians' McConathy pushes himself to succeed

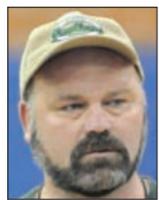
BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Murray County wrestlers are near the end of another tough practice on a recent afternoon when Indians coach Chris Thornbury gives them their final instructions for the day.

"You've got 200 pushups, 200 situps," he says. "Then you can go home."

It's the honor system for the Indians, so each wrestler goes at his own pace, wrapping up the last little bit of work before what's left of the fading day is his. As they finish, they check their weight on a scale near the door before heading out.



Thornbury

For senior Jake McConathy, the team's heavyweight — he weighs in around the 260-pound range in a class that allows athletes up to 285 — this is a tough finish to an afternoon that already has his workout gear steeped in sweat. He will be the last to finish the task, but he will finish.

Of this, Thornbury has no doubt.

"The biggest thing about Jake is that he's a lot of fun to coach because I can trust Jake," Thornbury said. "Whenever I ask Jake something, it might not always be the answer I want, but I'm going to get the truth."

A consistent wrestler on the mat who's 35-4 this season with the traditional postseason still ahead and 135-45 in his career, McConathy's dependability extends beyond wins and losses. His honesty has made him a go-to source when coaches want to know how the team is feeling or get feedback on how they're handling their wrestlers, Thornbury said.

McConathy's trustworthiness is so golden with Thornbury, if the fourth-year starter is ever absent from practice, the coach knows immediately it's for a good reason — even though McConathy admits practice is a mental and physical test he doesn't always look forward to.

So what kept going McConathy going on this day, when he kept updating a waiting bystander on what the number of pushups and situps had dwindled to?

"Really," he said, "it's just, I've been this far, so why not keep going?"



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Murray County's 260-pound Jake McConathy, top, works with D.J. Winters during a recent practice session. McConathy is expected to be an area and state title threat in upcoming traditional tournaments.

> Please see **MCCONATHY, 2B**

SUPER BOWL

## Trippi takes a trip back to glory days

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATHENS — With the Arizona Cardinals preparing for the Super Bowl, 86-year-old Charley Trippi is as giddy as a 21-year-old rookie, practically bouncing down the steps to his basement.

The star of the 1947 Chicago Cardinals "Dream Backfield" has the room dressed in Cardinals red and white, Georgia red and black and decorated throughout with memorabilia of his Hall of Fame career.

But Trippi's focus this week is squarely on Sunday's game.

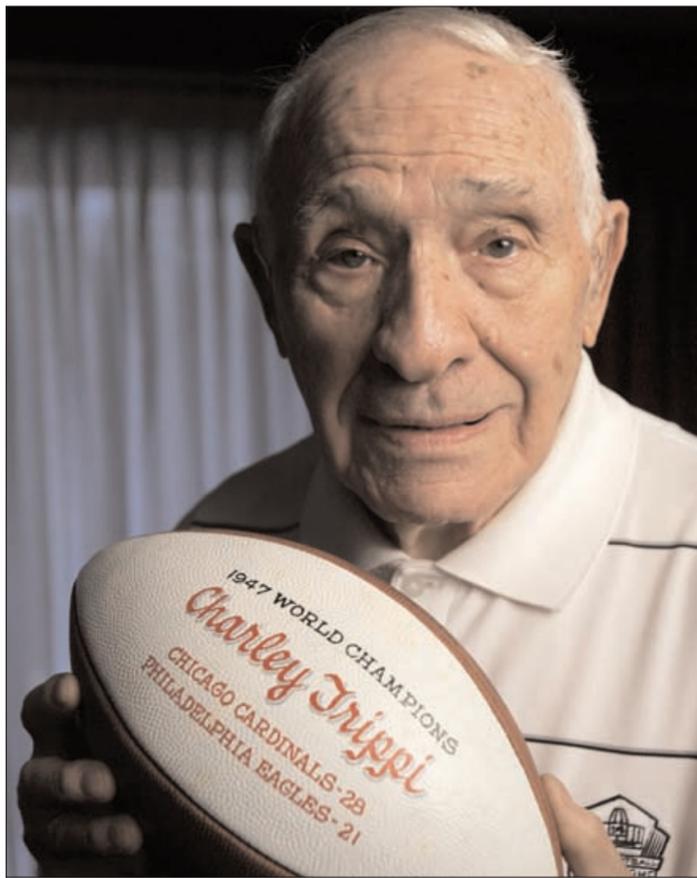
He has waited six decades for his beloved Cardinals to play for their first NFL championship since his 1947 rookie season.

"Well, I never lost hope," he says, "but I was a little apprehensive there for a long time."

Through his nine-year career as a Cardinals player, five years as an assistant coach and lifetime as a long-suffering fan, Trippi said he remained loyal.

"I spent 14 years with them, he said. "I have to be loyal to them. To me, that was like being at home with the Cardinals and I've always had a good relationship with them."

He said he would have seized the chance



AP PHOTO

Former Georgia All-American and Pro Football Hall of Famer Charley Trippi shows off a 1947 world championship football souvenir. Trippi played professionally with the old Chicago Cardinals.

> Please see **TRIPPI, 2B**

COMMENTARY

## Reporter's leftovers are quite often tasty

A reporter's notebook, recorder and stat sheet are just a few of the cutting room floors of the sports writing world. Brevity is beautiful, you're told early in your career, so you learn to pop in, pack in the good stuff and leave while the story still has them listening rather than yawning. It's one of the best lessons. It's also one of the hardest to actually put into practice.

All of a sudden, that opening paragraph seems too long. Were those last two sentences absolutely necessary?

These are the things you ask yourself in the quest to be concise on a newspaper page. You leave out some good stuff in hopes of giving people the great stuff, whether you're recapping an overtime thriller or knocking out a feature about a can-do kid in his chosen sport. It's a necessary evil that really isn't all that evil, just sometimes unfortunate when a tidbit or "Did I just hear that?" quote doesn't quite fit with the rest of the story.

And so it goes — or more appropriately, so it stays on the notebook page or tape, sometimes filed away in your brain for the future, sometimes forgotten.

But leftovers are often tasty, too — yep, I buy the chili-overnight-in-the-fridge-is-way-better theory — and I got to thinking, there has to be a use for a few of the nuggets from the past week or so that didn't or won't quite make the cut.

For example ...

• While working on an upcoming feature on Christen Brown, the former Dalton High basketball standout who went on to earn four letters at Wake Forest and is now back helping the Lady Catamounts as an assistant coach, I learned it took a while for hoops to become her passion.

"Growing up, I always wanted to be a cheerleader," Brown said. "My mom and dad were like, 'Christen, how many 6-foot cheerleaders do you see? So they kept me in basketball.'"

Good move. I'm sure there are more than a few Lady Cats fans who enjoyed the Brown-led teams playing in the state tournament, including one to the semifinals, that would agree.

• Current Dalton girls basketball standout Emily Broadrick summed it up nicely while assessing the challenge of trying to stop Northwest Whitfield's Lady Bruins this season.

The Lady Cats are by no means a bad team this year. Of their six losses in 19 games, three have come by three or fewer points. But two have been to a Northwest team that won by at least 20 points each time. They're not alone there, though. Northwest has done that 11 other times this season.

The Lady Bruins are painting the scoreboard with



Marty Kirkland

> Please see **KIRKLAND, 2B**

## Duke's stay at No. 1 won't last long

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — James Johnson's layup with 0.8 seconds remaining helped No. 6 Wake Forest beat No. 1 Duke 70-68 on Wednesday night.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Johnson finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds and freshman Al-Farouq Aminu scored 15 points for the Demon Deacons (17-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

They bounced back from last week's home loss that knocked them from No. 1 by leading the Blue Devils for nearly the entire way — before letting a late

13-point lead slip away and recovering just in time to claim the fifth victory over a top-ranked team in school history.

Kyle Singler had 22 points and 12 rebounds for Duke (18-2, 5-1), which had its 10-game winning streak snapped.

Gerald Henderson added 20 points, and his jumper over Johnson with 10 seconds left tied it at 68, and capped the late 20-7 rally that got Duke back in the game.

■ **Florida 83, Georgia 57:** At Gainesville, Fla., Nick Calathes had the second triple-double of his career, finishing with 20 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists as Florida thumped Georgia.

Alex Tyus had 18 points and Chandler Parsons added 12 for the Gators (18-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference), who extended their winning streak against the Bulldogs to 11 games and handed Georgia its seventh consecutive loss this season.

Corey Butler and Howard Thompkins led Georgia (9-11, 05) with 10 points apiece.

■ **LSU 79, Tennessee 73:** At Knoxville, Tenn., Marcus Thornton scored 29 points to lead LSU past Tennessee.

> Please see **COLLEGE, 3B**

## AUTO RACING

## NASCAR faulted in deadly crash

By BEN EVANS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Investigators on Wednesday blamed NASCAR for a “tragic, unnecessary” plane crash in 2007, saying the racing organization let one of its aircraft take off without checking an electrical problem reported the day before.

NASCAR violated federal aviation rules when it allowed the small corporate plane back in the air on July 10, 2007, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

The Cessna 310 was en route from Daytona Beach to Lakeland

when it crashed outside Orlando.

The plane hit two homes, killing a 24-year-old law student and her 6-month-old son as well as a 4-year-old neighbor. Also killed were the NASCAR pilot and the husband of a NASCAR executive, a pilot himself.

The safety board also said the crash resulted partly from sloppy maintenance record-keeping at NASCAR’s aviation unit. The organization has a fleet of planes comparable to a small charter operation or a tiny airline.

“I think we’re going to find that this accident started before the air-



plane even left the ground,” said one board member, Robert Sumwalt. He said NASCAR “enabled this tragic, unnecessary crash.”

NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston said NASCAR has worked with aviation industry experts “to improve our safety management systems so as to prevent an accident like this from occurring in the future.”

Investigators said the pilot who flew that Cessna the day before the crash turned off the radar system

and pulled its circuit breaker in midflight he began smelling a burning odor.

After flying safely for another hour or so, the pilot submitted an incident report to NASCAR’s maintenance division.

But NASCAR did not inspect the problem before the plane was allowed back in the air on July 10.

The pilot in charge that day was told of the incident before he took off and should have investigated further, investigators said. But he may have believed the radar system was simply broken and could have reset the circuit breaker.

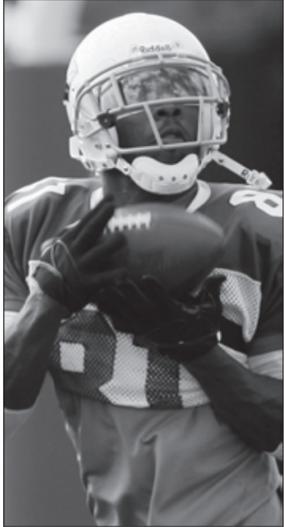
About one-third of the way into the 100-mile trip, an electrical problem recurred.

The pilot reported smoke in the cockpit minutes before going down.

Investigators later found extensive evidence of an electrical fire on board.

Investigators said NASCAR kept poor records of maintenance problems with its planes and had no system for ensuring that reports were addressed or tracked. NASCAR couldn’t provide a copy of the incident report submitted the day before the crash, for example.

## SUPER BOWL



AP PHOTO  
Anquan Boldin’s teammate, Larry Fitzgerald, says he would restructure his contract to help keep the disgruntled Boldin with the Arizona Cardinals.

## Boldin has good friend in Fitzgerald

By BOB BAUM

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Larry Fitzgerald would look at restructuring his contract if it would help keep fellow Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin on the team.

“Someone asked me a question if I would be willing to do something to help the team, and I said, ‘No problem,’ “ Fitzgerald said Wednesday.

“This opportunity right here to be playing deep in the post-season, this is an amazing feeling. I’ll do whatever it takes to get back to this point going forward in my career.”

The question came up as the Cardinals prepared for Sunday’s Super Bowl matchup with Pittsburgh.

Fitzgerald and Boldin form arguably the best receiving tandem in the NFL.

Fitzgerald caught 96 passes for 1,431 yards and 12 touchdowns in the regular season. Boldin, despite missing four games with injuries, caught 89 passes for 1,038 yards and 11 scores. Both players made the Pro Bowl.

Boldin said he appreciated Fitzgerald’s offer.

“Fitz and I have been together for five years, and we’ve been through a lot together,” Boldin said.

“I think the relationship that we have, neither of us want to see broken up. There’s mutual respect, not only as receivers but as friends, and we realize that we make each other’s jobs easier.”

Boldin said in training camp that he would never re-sign with Arizona and would like to be traded because he feels management lied to him by not following through on a promise for a new contract. His latest comments indicate his position had softened.

Fitzgerald signed a four-year, \$40 million contract after the 2007 season, with \$30 million guaranteed.

Boldin has two years left on the four-year, \$22.75 million contract he signed after the 2005 season.

The deal paid him about \$4 million this season.

General manager Rod Graves said he hoped to reopen contract talks with Boldin’s agent, Drew Rosenhaus, after the title game.

## McConathy

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Bit by bit, McConathy has pushed himself a bit further each season with the Indians. A Bagley Middle School product who started the sport in seventh grade at the same time older brother Josh joined the Indians as a freshman, McConathy got a somewhat rough introduction to high school wrestling.

Unlike light-to-middleweights, who at least have a shot at practicing with and competing against wrestlers in their own grade and experience level, underclassmen at the heaviest weights rarely have that luxury. McConathy wrestled at 189 as a freshman and 215 as a sophomore before taking over the team’s 285-pound slot this season.

“You worry about whether you’re going to do good your freshman year,” McConathy said. “You wrestle people that you’d normally not wrestle in middle school. The skill level’s a lot different. When you’re a freshman, you go against seniors. Coming in at 189, 215, those are really tough weight classes.”

But McConathy kept going. After falling two matches shy of earning a state berth as a freshman, he finished sixth as a sophomore and leaped forward last year, when only a one-point loss in the Area 5-5A finals kept him from his first area title. He later avenged that defeat to a McEachern wrestler at state, where he was a victory away from a medal.

Early in his career, McConathy benefited from the experience of wrestling heavier partners at practice. Now, he’s tested by lighter, more athletic opponents during workouts. Either way, when he steps onto the mat to compete in the class with the widest range of weights by far — 49 pounds more than the next closest, 215 — he’s ready.

“A big-time bonus for Jake wrestling heavyweight is he’s pretty good on top,” Thornbury said. “A lot of people don’t think about it, but if you wrestle heavyweight, you’ve got to go on bottom, too. And sometimes it’s hard to score a take-down and a lot of times it’s 1-0. Whenever you pick bottom against Jake, you might have put yourself in a bad spot. He’s real good on top. He’ll turn you.”

At the same practice McConathy finished with his pushup-situp session, the Indians went through a situational wrestling drill in which one partner takes a pinning position and puts the other on his back from the start, giving the bottom man 30 seconds to fight off his back and avoid being stuck.

For D.J. Winters — a junior 215-pounder who, at around 206, is the next



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen  
Jake McConathy, left, and D.J. Winters go through a strenuous workout as Murray County prepares for the upcoming Area 7-4A traditional tournament.

heaviest Indian on the roster this season — lying in the grip of McConathy’s head-and-arm is another one of those less desirable parts of practice. But as a first-year wrestler, he’s thankful for what he’s picked up from competing against McConathy.

“He definitely gives me a workout,” Winters said. “We push each other, challenge each other. It really helps me because I’m working with a heavier guy, so when I get to my weight class, it’s a lot easier.”

Not surprisingly, one gets an honest day’s workout when wrestling with McConathy.

Thornbury is optimistic that can be true against the opponents who’ll face McConathy in the coming weeks at the Area 7-4A traditional tourney, where he’s expected to be the No. 1 seed in his weight class, and, if all goes well, the Class 4A West state sectional and Class 4A state tourney.

“I look at the heavyweights around the state,” Thornbury said, “and there’s not one name that jumps out at me and makes me say, ‘There’s no way we’re going to beat that guy.’ Not one. So as far as his chances, I would think that if Jake’s goal was anything less than to be a state champ, he’d be selling himself short. I want him to dream big. And it’s not an impossible dream.”

The honesty in Thornbury’s faith is something McConathy, no doubt, can appreciate.

## Trippi: Was do-it-all back

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to see the Super Bowl in person, but no ticket or invitation surfaced.

Trippi plans to watch the game at home with a few friends. He’s not complaining. Trippi, the Heisman runner-up to Glenn Davis during his career at Georgia, says he usually watches Bulldogs games on TV instead of making use of his box at Sanford Stadium only a few miles away.

He is certainly able to travel; he recently attended an autograph show in Dallas and is scheduled for a Feb. 20th appearance in Phoenix with Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner.

As for who will win Sunday, Trippi says when he closes his eyes he visualizes the underdog Arizona Cardinals beating the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He says the key to Arizona’s success will be the Cardinals’ ability to keep Pittsburgh’s pass rushers away from Warner.

“My thinking is if Kurt Warner gets adequate protection on his passing game he will have an excellent chance of winning the game,” he said.

“He’s been there before. He has a pretty good feel for the game. If he sticks to his high-percentage passing game, it will be a great asset for them, rather than try to get wild with throwing 50-yard passes. I like him. He plays a nice controlled type game.”

In Trippi’s dream, Warner wouldn’t have to shoulder the load; Trippi was wearing his No. 62 and helping the Cardinals win.

“Oh, I score when I dream,” he said. “There’s no doubt about it. I score! It’s amazing the way you feel when you’re dreaming all the time. Man, you’re a great football player when you dream.”

The dreams are filled with more than just fiction. He says his dreams also include replays of his career highlights, including his starring role in the 1947 championship game.

The 6-foot, 190-pound Trippi scored on a 44-yard run and a 75-yard punt return in the Cardinals’ 28-21 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on a frozen Comiskey Park field in Chicago.

“He was a fresh rookie, but we all gathered around him because of his talents,” said Vince Banonis, who was a lineman on the team, in a telephone interview Wednesday from his home in Southfield, Mich.

Trippi was a do-it-all running back, quarterback, safety, punter and return specialist, and he so excelled at every position that Jim Thorpe once proclaimed him to be the greatest player he had seen.

He signed a then-unprecedented four-year, \$100,000 contract in 1947 to become the last addition to Chicago’s “Million Dollar Backfield,” also known as the “Dream Backfield.” The others were quarterback Paul Christman, halfback Elmer Angsman and fullback Pat Harder. Of that group, only Trippi lived to see the Cardinals’ return to glory.

Trippi’s hair is no longer dark, thick and wavy as in the photos, posters and full-size cutout of him in uniform on his basement walls. Now the hair is thin and gray and he wears hearing aids, but he moves well for a man who played in the era of leather helmets.

He’s more than ready for a new favorite memory: an Arizona Cardinals Super Bowl championship.

“It would be the greatest thing that ever happened,” Trippi said.

## PREP ROUNDUP

## Cartersville beats cold-shooting NW

FROM STAFF REPORTS

On Saturday, Northwest Whitfield’s freshman beat Cartersville by 15 points.

On Wednesday, Cartersville turned the tables with a 57-35 win over the Bruins, who shot a paltry 18 percent from the field, coach Josh Robinson said.

Patton Locke led the Bruins with 10 points. Tallon Trew had six points and 14 rebounds and Matt Allen four points and 12 rebounds.

■ Cartersville girls 44, Northwest Whitfield 41: Adrienne Green scored 16 points and Kea Garnigan added 10 as the Lady Hurricanes won in overtime.

Brook Everett paced the Lady Bruins (4-5) with 14

points and Taylor Baker chipped in 11.

## MS basketball

■ The eighth-grade Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League tournament championship game between New Hope’s boys and Eastbrook, which was postponed on Jan. 17 due to the death of an Eastbrook player, will be played today at 4:30 p.m. at Eastbrook Middle.

■ The Dalton Middle School tournament continues today with two consolation games.

Dalton’s boys take on Gladden at 4:30 p.m. and the Bagley girls play Rome at 5:45 p.m.

## Kirkland: Movers

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broad strokes right now, though, and Broadrick realized that once more after Dalton fell 61-32 at home to them on Friday. The first loss to Northwest, 55-33, was largely because of a hot outside shooting night by the Lady Bruins’ Jordi Cook. The most recent was because Northwest made the most of its time in the paint.

“They have everything,” Broadrick said. “They’re such a strong team. They have shooters, they have posts, they’re quick. I don’t know, it’s hard to stop all of it.”

Yep. It has been for most people.

• While interviewing Northwest wrestling coach Allen Tucker for a story that ran earlier this week on senior 140-pounder Kenny Michael, I asked about the adjustment Michael has had to make without older brother Rich around this season.

The brothers were close on and off the mat, but Rich’s graduation last year meant Kenny was left without a dynamite drilling partner who happened to share a blood bond.

Kenny’s made it work, but Rich is still keeping an eye on little brother and sometimes working out with him to make sure he’s keeping up the Michael family name on the mat.

How intense were the brothers when practicing together?

“They used to come in the summer and just about pass out in that wrestling room,” Tucker said. “I remember one day I had to stand them up in the showers and run cold water on them ... they just wouldn’t quit. It was pretty much a stalemate. Neither one gave in, they just gave out.”

• Murray County 285-pounder Jake McConathy, loves wrestling — see the feature in today’s sports section — but like a lot of athletes in a lot of sports, particularly ones with brutal workouts like those that accompany wrestling, he doesn’t always look forward to going to practice.

Some days, the anticipation is bad enough he wish-

es for what would seem unthinkable for many high school seniors.

“The toughest part is getting here,” McConathy said. “When you get here, it’s a lot easier. But some days it’s like, man, practice is coming. Why can’t school last a little bit longer?”

• While reviewing Southeast’s first football season under David Crane, I learned the Raiders coach was well aware he had work to do in earning trust when he became the program’s 12th coach since it started in 1975. He was the third coach this year’s seniors had, came from another state and asked the players to overhaul the offensive approach they’d taken in previous seasons.

But his players earned his trust pretty quickly, at least in terms of showing him they were glad to have him in town.

It was a moving gesture that proved that to Crane. No, really.

“I remember the day we moved here,” he said. “We had eight kids here at the house who unloaded the truck and moved us into the house. From the first time we got here, they embraced us and accepted us.”

If you’ve been lucky enough to stay in one place most of your life, the magnitude of the players’ help may not quite register.

As a volunteer — and OK, sometimes draftee — of more than a few buddies-and-a-truck moves, I understand.

Once, while helping a friend move his girlfriend’s old-school, wooden crate, tube television from one second story apartment to the next, I wished Philo Farnsworth had died as a teenager and never been given the chance to refine his invention.

(Sorry, Philo. I regret it now. I would have missed “The Office.”)

That’s quite enough leftovers for this week. Hope you’re not too full.

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# WCRD results

The Whitfield County Recreation Department continued its youth basketball season with games played Jan. 22-23. Scores and highlights listed:

## Mite 9-10 Girls

Varnell Lady Bruins W, Beaverdale Wildcats L – (V) Sami Newsome 11, Emma Bakker 6.

Dug Gap Bulls 36, Dawnville Shootin’ Stars 14 – (DG) Pressley Poag 12, Bowen Land 7, Alex Brumbelow 7.

Eastside Lady Hoopsters 27, Valley Point Lady Wave 14 – (ES) Katy Buckner 14, Tori Brock 7, Shelbi Bryant 6. (VP) Savannah Massingill 6.

## Mite 9-10 Boys

Dug Gap Hawks 32, Westside Slammers 28 – (DG) Connor Cochran 13, Allen Behr 8, Sam Stepp 6. (WS) Grant Terrell 19, Tommy Davis 5.

Dawnville Yellow Jackets 18, Westside Tar Heels 11 – (D) Hayden Lock 8. (WS) Coby Griffith 6, Eli Davis 5.

New Hope Orange Grizzlies 32, Tunnel Hill Bulls 22 – (NH) Riley Griffin 12, Cameron Womac 10. (TH) Kyle McCutcheon 6, Tanner Goff 6.

New Hope White Grizzlies 45, Pleasant Grove Magic 36 – (NH) Paxton Pardee 19, Caleb Ramsey 9, Trey Mantooth 7. (PG) Jay Jones 15, Kyle Roberts 14.

Westside Celtics 45, Eastside Hawks 14 – (WS) Myles Curtis 22, Jordan Frye 7, Hunter Gazaway 6, Levi Hibbs 6. (ES) Cody Jones 10.

## Midget 11-12 Girls

Pleasant Grove Shock W, Dawnville Lady Tigers L – (PG) Alex West 8, Sydney Storey 8, Diamond Chastain 6.

Westside Lady Heat 12, Eastside Lady Mustangs 5. New Hope Grizzlies 17, Cohutta Extreme 8.

Dug Gap Lady Cats 18, Tunnel Hill Thrashers 10. Pleasant Grove Rebels 21, Beaverdale Lady Wildcats 14 – (PG) Maria Smith 10, Callie Smith 7.

(B) Christian McNabb 8. Westside Chill 21, Varnell Lady Bruins 12 – (WS) Erin Orem 11, Hannah Locke 5.

Valley Point Lil Wave W, Valley Tidal Wave L – (LW) Jessica Torres 16, Kristen Wyatt 8, Sydney Covington 6, Denise Patterson 5.

## Midget 11-12 Boys

Dug Gap Wildcats 29, Valley Point Tar Heels 19 – (DG) Evan Townsend 10, Sam Beard 9, Chase Tidwell 6. (VP) Noah Holsomback 10.

Beaverdale Wildcats 36, Westside Heat 14 – (B) Raekwon Watson 16, Brandon Wood 10, Josh Hester 6, Austin Norton 5. (WS) Landon Cable 8.

Valley Point Heat 29, Dug Gap Bulls 26 – (VP) Britt Hasty 9, Dusty Baker 7, Maverick Curtis 5, Colter Faith 5. (DG) David Rockholt 11, Gordon Elrod 8, Bryce Delozier 5.

New Hope Orange Grizzlies 21, Tunnel Hill Strikers 16 – (NH) Cyrus Addison 6, Klayton Beard 5.

Dug Gap Red Devils 38, Dug Gap Wildcats 29 – (RD) Peter Sigmon 10, Wyatt Erwin 8, Garrett Peeples 6, Chase Westfall 6, Bernardo Delagarza 6. (W) Walker Maret 16, Chase Tidwell 7.

New Hope Blue Grizzlies 36, Varnell Voltage 15 – (NH) Connor Beard 9, Brandon Layman 8, Jackson Sheppard 6, Gavin Thompson 6, Landon Pickle 5. (V) Austin Cole 7, Clayton Kuhns 5.

Varnell Tar Heels 36, Cohutta Roadrunners 14 – (V) Andrew Fisher 10, Noah Morrison 8, Alex Fisher 8, Caleb Carlson 6. (C) Cameron Heard 5, Macavan Kalafut 5.

Pleasant Grove Eagles 35, Antioch Heat 21 – (PG) Jackson Carroll 8, Kaleb Hill 8, Jack Thomas 7, Will Brock 6. (A) Luis Hernandez 8, Austin Smith 7, Lixandro Ramirez 5. Antioch Rummint’ Crusaders W, Eastside Wolves L – (A) Chaz Payne 11, Jose Loyalo 8, Alex Pangle 7.

# Knicks beat Hawks

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Nate Robinson had another big fourth quarter, scoring 20 points in the final 10 minutes, to lead the New York Knicks past the Atlanta Hawks 112-104 on Wednesday night.

The backup guard finished with 24 points, and went on a personal 8-0 run to put New York up 96-85 with just over six minutes left in the game.

It started with a three-point play on an alley-oop dunk from Chris Duhon. He added a drive and a 3-pointer.

Robinson made six of his eight shots in the final quarter.

Marvin Williams had 28 points and Josh Smith added 26 for Atlanta. Point guard Mike Bibby scored just five points on 2-of-13 shooting.

With the win, the Knicks snapped a five-game losing streak to the Hawks. The Knicks have

won five straight at home.

**■ Celtics 119, Kings 100:** At Boston, Eddie House scored 28 points on a career-high eight 3-pointers, and Rajon Rondo had 24 points and nine assists as Boston beat Sacramento for its ninth win in row. The Celtics led by 24 in the fourth, when House was 4-for-5 from 3-point range.

**■ Raptors 107, Nets 106:** At East Rutherford, N.J., Jose Calderon had 17 points and 11 assists and Toronto beat New Jersey.

**■ Pacers 107, Bucks 99:** At Indianapolis, T.J. Ford matched his career-high with 34 points, Jarrett Jack added 14 and Indiana held off Milwaukee’s comeback.

**■ Heat 93, Wizards 71:** At Miami, Dwyane Wade had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists, and Miami pulled away in the second half to beat Washington.

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Today**  
**Varsity basketball**  
 Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 6  
**Varsity wrestling**  
 Murray County vs. Ridgeand, 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**  
**Consolation games**  
 Dalton boys vs. Gladden, 4:30  
 Bagley girls vs. Rome, 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**  
**Championship games**  
 Dalton girls vs. Cooco, 4:30  
 Bagley boys vs. Rome, 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**  
 3 p.m.  
 TGC — PGA Tour, FBR Open, first round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Teams TBA  
 ESPN2 — Teams TBA  
 9 p.m.  
 ESPN — Alabama at Arkansas  
**ESPN2 — Rutgers at Seton Hall**  
 10:30 p.m.  
 FSN — California at UCLA  
 11 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Saint Mary’s, Calif. at Gonzaga  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 8:15 p.m.  
 TNT — Cleveland at Orlando  
 10:30 p.m.  
 TNT — San Antonio at Phoenix  
**TENNIS**  
 3:30 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Australian Open, men’s semifinal, at Melbourne, Australia

## FOOTBALL

**NFL Playoff Glance**  
**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 3**  
 Arizona 30, Atlanta 24  
 San Diego 23, Indianapolis 17, OT  
**Sunday, Jan. 4**  
 Baltimore 27, Miami 9  
 Philadelphia 26, Minnesota 14  
**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
 Baltimore 13, Tennessee 10  
 Arizona 33, Carolina 13  
**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
 Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 11  
 Pittsburgh 35, San Diego 24  
**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
**NFC**  
 Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25  
**AFC**  
 Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 14  
**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
**Tampa, Fla.**  
 Arizona vs. Pittsburgh, 6 p.m. (NBC)  
**Pro Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 8**  
**At Honolulu**  
 AFC vs. NFC, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

**HOCKEY**  
**NHL Glance**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	30	15	3	63	149	119
N.Y. Rangers	29	17	4	62	132	133
Philadelphia	25	13	9	59	153	140
Pittsburgh	24	21	4	52	150	148
N.Y. Islanders	13	29	5	31	115	164

**Northeast Division**  

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	35	8	5	75	171	108
Montreal	27	14	6	60	148	132
Buffalo	25	19	5	55	147	140
Toronto	17	23	8	42	137	174
Ottawa	16	22	7	39	109	133

**Southeast Division**  

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	27	5	39	144	174

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Central Division**  

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

## SCOREBOARD

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**Northwest Division**  

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	29	14	4	62	151	140
Edmonton	24	20	3	51	134	148
Minnesota	22	19	7	51	123	108
Vancouver	23	24	1	47	131	143
Colorado	23	24	1	47	131	143

**Pacific Division**  

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	35	6	5	75	163	108
Phoenix	24	20	5	53	129	146
Anaheim	24	21	5	53	143	140
Dallas	21	18	7	49	132	152
Los Angeles	19	20	7	45	117	131

 Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.  
**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  
 Dallas 2, Atlanta 0  
 Anaheim 7, Phoenix 3  
 Buffalo 10, Edmonton 2  
 San Jose 3, Colorado 0  
**Wednesday’s Games**  
 Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Rangers 2  
 Calgary 5, Buffalo 2  
 Chicago at Anaheim, late  
 Nashville at Vancouver, late  
**Today’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.  
**Friday’s Games**  
 Ottawa at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**Wednesday’s Moves**  
**BASEBALL**  
**National League**  
 SEATTLE MARINERS—Waived RHP Randy Messenger.  
**National League**  
 CHICAGO CUBS—Acquired RHP Aaron Heilman from Seattle for INF Ronny Cedeno and LHP Garrett Olson.  
 CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP David Weathers on a one-year contract.  
 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Will Clark special assistant.  
**American Association**  
 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Acquired OF Bryan Frichter from San Angelo (United) for future considerations.  
 SIOUX FALLS CANARIES—Signed INF Alex Bardequez.  
**Can-Am League**  
 OTTAWA RAPIDES—Signed RHP Noel Baca.  
 WORCESTER TORNADOES—Signed C Mike Leonard.  
**Northern League**  
 SCHAUMBURG FLYERS—Acquired INF Jason Colson from Brockton (Can-Am) for a player to be named.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 BALTIMORE RAVENS—Promoted Eric DeCosta to director of player personnel and Vincent Newsome to director of pro personnel. Named Joe Horitz director of college scouting.  
 BUFFALO BILLS—Named Bob Sanders defensive line coach.  
 NEW YORK JETS—Retained Bob Sutton and named him senior defensive assistant/linebackers coach. Named Henry Ellard wide receivers coach, Anthony Lynn running backs coach, Dennis Thurman secondary coach and Doug Plank assistant secondary coach.  
 OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Dwaine Board defensive line coach.  
**Canadian Football League**  
 WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed DT Tyrone Williams and DE Gavin Walkley.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Michael Ryan from Albany (AHL).  
 CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Named Wade Flaherty developmental goaltending coach.  
 DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed F Henrik Zetterberg to a 12-year contract.  
 MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled C Peter Olvecky from Houston. Waived C Krys Kolanos.  
 PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled F Chris Minard from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).  
 TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned G Justin Pogge to Toronto (AHL).  
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned D Karl Alzner to Hershey (AHL).  
**ECHL**  
 ECHL—Suspended Victoria RW Dan Gendur for one game for receiving a match penalty in a game on Jan. 27.  
 LAS VEGAS WRANGLERS—Announced G Kevin Lalande has been recalled by Quad City (AHL), Eastern Professional Hockey League.  
 BROOKLYN ACES—Waived F Josh Coyle.  
 HUDSON VALLEY BEARS—Announced Bridgeport (AHL) recalled G Len DiCostanzo.  
 JERSEY ROCKHOPPERS—Waived F Russell Spence. Signed F Matt Puntereri.  
**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
 CHIVAS USA—Named Carlos Llamasa assistant coach.  
 D.C. UNITED—Re-signed D Devon McTavish.

**COLLEGE**  
 BIG EAST CONFERENCE—Named Bernadette Bartlett minority administrative fellow.  
 CALIFORNIA—Named Steve Marshall offensive line coach.  
 FLORIDA STATE—Signed Bobby Bowden, football coach, to a one-year contract.  
 PURDUE—Named Nick Cavallo and Jermaine Guynn graduate assistant football coaches. Announced WR Arsenio Curry has been dismissed from the team.  
 TEXAS A&M—Promoted assistant baseball coach Matt Deggs to associate head coach.

**NBA Boxscore**  
**ATLANTA (104)**  
 Smith 12-22 2-10 26, Williams 9-13 7-8 28, Pachulia 4-5 0-0 8, Bibby 2-13 0-1 5, Johnson 5-15 5-7 15, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 8-14 3-6 20, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Law 0-1 0-0 0, West 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-85 17-32 104.  
**NEW YORK (112)**  
 Harrington 7-14 2-3 16, Lee 8-15 1-2 17, Jeffries 2-4 0-1 4, Duhon 6-11 2-2 16, Richardson 4-10 4-4 14, Chandler 5-11 2-2 12, Thomas 2-5 0-2 4, Robinson 8-15 6-7 24, Gallinari 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 44-88 17-23 112.  
**Atlanta** 26 29 19 30 — 112  
**New York** 25 22 35 30 — 112  
 3-Point Goals—Atlanta 5-17 (Williams 3-5, Murray 1-2, Bibby 1-5, Law 0-1, Johnson 0-4), New York 7-22 (Duhon 2-3, Richardson 2-4, Robinson 2-5, Gallinari 1-2, Thomas 0-2, Harrington 0-3, Chandler 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 49 (Smith 12), New York 60 (Lee 16). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Johnson, Bibby 7), New York 22 (Duhon 11). Total Fouls—Atlanta 17, New York 19. Technicals—New York defensive three second 2. A—18,180 (19,763).

**College Results**  
**EAST**  
 Albany, N.Y. 59, Hartford 50  
 American U. 68, Navy 67  
 Army 57, Lafayette 56  
 Bridgeport 90, Concordia, N.Y. 58  
 C.W. Post 67, Adelphi 61  
 Drexel 64, Georgia St. 47  
 Fordham 67, St. Bonaventure 65  
 Holy Cross 68, Colgate 44  
 La Salle 76, George Washington 66  
 Lehigh 61, Bucknell 59  
 Providence 100, Syracuse 94  
 Rhode Island 67, Temple 59  
 Villanova 67, Pittsburgh 57  
 West Virginia 75, St. John’s 52  
**SOUTH**  
 Armstrong Atlantic 68, Clayton St. 64  
 Campbell 78, Florida Gulf Coast 62  
 Davidson 92, Chattanooga 70  
 Florida 83, Georgia 57  
 Gardner-Webb 79, Coastal Carolina 74  
 Hofstra 80, UNC Wilmington 70  
 LSU 79, Tennessee 73  
 Louisville 80, South Florida 54  
 Memphis 85, East Carolina 64  
 Nicholls St. 56, McNeese St. 45  
 Old Dominion 80, James Madison 74  
 Saint Joseph’s 68, Richmond 58  
 Savannah St. 77, Allen 43  
 South Carolina 86, Vanderbilt 76  
 Tenn. Wesleyan 89, Va. Intermont 79, OT  
 Towson 69, William & Mary 56  
 UCF 70, SMU 45  
 Wake Forest 70, Duke 68  
 Winthrop 56, UNC Asheville 49  
**MIDWEST**  
 Akron 70, Toledo 61  
 Bowling Green 62, Ball St. 58  
 Bradley 65, Wichita St. 50  
 Cincinnati 65, Georgetown 57  
 Evansville at Drake, ppd.  
 Hope 85, Trine 69  
 Kansas 68, Nebraska 62  
 Miami (Ohio) 80, N. Illinois 52  
 Missouri St. at S. Illinois, ppd.  
 N. Iowa 59, Illinois St. 55  
 Ohio at Cent. Michigan, ppd.  
 Ohio St. 72, Michigan 54  
 Siena Heights 64, Davenport 59  
 Wis.-Green Bay 83, Ill.-Chicago 72  
 Wis.-Milwaukee 72, Loyola of Chicago 58  
 Xavier 69, Charlotte 47  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 SE Louisiana 75, Cent. Arkansas 64  
 Stephen F. Austin 73, Northwestern St. 45  
 Texas-San Antonio 86, Texas St. 76  
 Tulane 61, Rice 59  
 Tulsa 75, UAB 74  
 UTEP 62, Houston 55

**BASKETBALL**  
**NBA Glance**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	38	9	.809	—
Philadelphia	21	22	.488	15

New York 20 25 444 17  
 New Jersey 20 26 435 17 1/2  
 Toronto 19 28 404 19  
**Southeast Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	34	10	.773	—
Atlanta	26	19	.578	8 1/2
Miami	25	19	.568	9
Charlotte	19	26	.422	15 1/2
Washington	9	36	.200	25 1/2

**Central Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	35	8	.814	—
Detroit	25	19	.568	10 1/2
Milwaukee	22	27	.449	16
Chicago	18	27	.400	18
Indiana	18	28	.391	18 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	30	14	.682	—
New Orleans	28	14	.667	1
Houston	28	18	.609	3
Dallas	25	19	.568	5
Memphis	11	34	.244	19 1/2

**Northwest Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	30	16	.652	—
Portland	27	17	.614	2
Utah	25	21	.543	5
Minnesota	16	28	.364	13
Oklahoma City	11	35	.239	19

**Pacific Division**  

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	35	9	.795	—
Phoenix	25	18	.581	9 1/2
Golden State	14	31	.311	21 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	34	.227	25
Sacramento	10	37	.213	26 1/2

**Tuesday’s Games**  
 Orlando 135, Indiana 111  
 Cleveland 117, Sacramento 110  
 Denver 100, Memphis 85  
 San Antonio 106, Utah 100  
 Charlotte 117, L.A. Lakers 110, 2OT  
**Wednesday’s Games**  
 Indiana 107, Milwaukee 99  
 Toronto 107, New Jersey 106  
 Boston 119, Sacramento 100  
 New York 112, Atlanta 104  
 Miami 93, Washington 71  
 Detroit 98, Minnesota 89  
 New Orleans 94, Denver 81  
 Oklahoma City 114, Memphis 102, OT  
 Philadelphia at Houston, late  
 Golden State at Dallas, late  
 Charlotte at Portland, late  
 Chicago at L.A. Clippers, late  
**Today’s Games**  
 Cleveland at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.  
**Friday’s Games**  
 Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Golden State at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

**NBA Boxscore**  
**ATLANTA (104)**  
 Smith 12-22 2-10 26, Williams 9-13 7-8 28, Pachulia 4-5 0-0 8, Bibby 2-13 0-1 5, Johnson 5-15 5-7 15, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 8-14 3-6 20, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Law 0-1 0-0 0, West 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-85 17-32 104.  
**NEW YORK (112)**  
 Harrington 7-14 2-3 16, Lee 8-15 1-2 17, Jeffries 2-4 0-1 4, Duhon 6-11 2-2 16, Richardson 4-10 4-4 14, Chandler 5-11 2-2 12, Thomas 2-5 0-2 4, Robinson 8-15 6-7 24, Gallinari 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 44-88 17-23 112.  
**Atlanta** 26 29 19 30 — 112  
**New York** 25 22 35 30 — 112  
 3-Point Goals—Atlanta 5-17 (Williams 3-5, Murray 1-2, Bibby 1-5, Law 0-1, Johnson 0-4), New York 7-22 (Duhon 2-3, Richardson 2-4, Robinson 2-5, Gallinari 1-2, Thomas 0-2, Harrington 0-3, Chandler



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PHOTO BY CHATSWORTH PORTRAIT STUDIO

At left are the senior superlative winners and yearbook group.

## Seniors who stand out MCHS names Class of 2009 senior superlatives

BY MANDY WHITE

Every year, the Murray County High School senior class nominates and elects seniors for Senior Superlatives.

This year's categories where: Best Personality, Zach Tackett and Samantha Durkan; Most Changed, Caleb Cassels and Erika Petrie; Most Outspoken, Cory Pritchett and Whitney

Holland; Biggest Flirt, Kaleb Boling and Cassie Dunn; Teacher's Pet, Josh Zeigler and Katlyn Nichols; Most Talented, Abdias Joga and Jessica Smith; Class Clown, Julian (Jay) Choate

and Mollie Parker; Most Athletic, Michael Lopez and Cayla Brock; Most Memorable, Jonathon Underwood and Kellie Densmore; Most Likely to be Famous, Chris Deal and

Devin Dover; Most School Spirit, Tyler Ellis and Sarah Jacobson; Mr. and Mrs. MCHS, Casey Lovain and Stephanie McCarsky.

When asked about how it felt to be Mr. MCHS,

Yearbooks will be delivered in April.

Lovain said, "On the whole, it feels really good. It's a great honor to be chosen."

## Award-winning sportsmanship

MCHS receives 5-5A Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award

BY NOAH CRUM

Murray County High School was honored on Jan. 6 with the 2007-2008 region 5-5A Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award.

This accolade was presented to the school by the Georgia High School Sports Association and North Georgia EMC. Murray was voted for this honor by the principals of the region 5-5A schools.

Murray earned this award with its outstanding sportsmanship and spirit in all sports. An award like this shows the character of MCHS students, fans, and of the community.



PHOTO BY BILL WELLS

Above, a representative from North Georgia EMC presents the Sportsmanship award to MCHS Athletic Director Mitch Holcomb and Principal Gina Linder.

## Local media names MCHS a 'Cool School'

BY CASEY LOVAIN

Murray County High School has been chosen to be a WRCB Channel 3 "Cool School."

WRCB will visit to record a live TV segment in March. The Chattanooga-based news station will be broadcasting live from the campus from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m.

During the segment, about eight individual segments will highlight the things that make MCHS a "Cool School."

The news segment will include both live and pre-



recorded interviews with students and teachers, so be sure to be there and show your Indian pride, and who knows, you may get to be on TV.

## STAR Student, STAR Teacher named

BY ASHLEY FREEMAN AND ASHLEY WILLIS

Every year at MCHS, the senior with the highest reported SAT score receives the coveted title of STAR Student. This year's STAR winner is Casey Tisdel.

When asked how it felt to win this award, he responded, "I feel like I'm on top of a mountain right now." Casey claims that both his parents and his teachers played a vital role in molding him into the dedicated student that he is today.

With the STAR Student Award comes the task of choosing the STAR Teacher. After some serious consideration, Casey chose Mark Miles as this year's STAR Teacher. Miles said he feels honored to have been chosen, and says it feels nice to know that he had such an impression on one of his students.

"It's great because even though it's only one person's opinion, it still means a lot," said Miles. Miles added that there are plenty of other spectacular



PHOTO BY ASHLEY FREEMAN

Pictured are STAR Student Casey Tisdel and STAR Teacher Mark Miles.

teachers within the school who don't get recognized enough simply because they do not teach Honors classes.

Both Casey and Miles

agree that, more than anything, it requires good luck for the right student to get paired up with the right teacher, and they appear to be correct.

Casey and Miles are certainly the right pair for this high honor. Congratulations to both for a job well done!

### UPCOMING

<b>Today</b> 3:30-5:30: Auditions for Beauty and the Beast 4:30: Riflery vs. Cass	<b>Feb 16-20</b> Midwinter Break
<b>Jan 30</b> Basketball vs. Hiram Away	<b>Feb 25</b> Spring GHS Writing Test
<b>Jan 31</b> Wrestling- Clarke Central Duals@ Athens	<b>March 5</b> Advisement
<b>Feb 2-6</b> ACCESS testing for ELL students	<b>March 14</b> PROM@ Trade Center
<b>Feb 5</b> Advisement	<b>March 30</b> GHSGT English Language Arts
<b>Feb 6</b> Basketball vs. Cass Away	<b>March 31</b> GHSGT Math
<b>Feb 7</b> Basketball vs. Sprayberry Away	<b>April 1</b> GHSGT Science
<b>Feb 10</b> Basketball vs. North Paulding Home	<b>April 2</b> GHSGT Social Studies
<b>Feb 14-21</b> Region Basketball Tournament @ Woodland	<b>April 6-10</b> Spring Break
	<b>April 17</b> Advisement
	<b>May 25</b> Memorial Day Holiday
	<b>May 27</b> Last Day of School

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**AFTER YOUR SALE**

- Remove ALL of the signs you posted. This will be easy of you made a list.
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**606 Furniture**  
Oak table with 4 chairs. Good condition. \$250.00. Call 706-264-0583.

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  - 2015 James Court 3 or 4BR, 2BA, \$99,900 \$1000 down, as low as \$750 month as is.
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**check this out**  
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\*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail.  
706-279-1380 Wkdys 9-5:30  
1 -12,500 sf & 1 -10,000 sf bldgs for sale by owner. Dalton. Docks. Suitable for light manfg. or wrhg, offices w/ c/h/a. Perry 706-575-0862

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**728 Commercial Rental**

**LOOK**  
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\*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut  
\*Camelot Bldg, Near I-75. 1514 W. Walnut Ave. Between Long John Silvers & Burger King. 5,500 S/F.  
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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**uma**  
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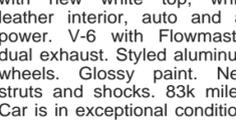
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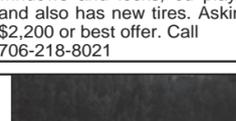
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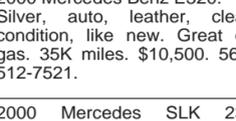
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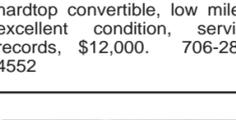
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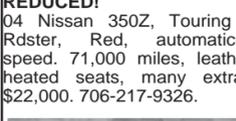
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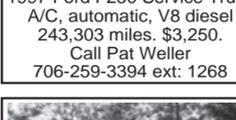
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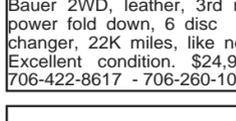
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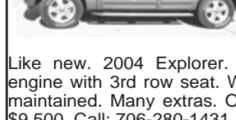
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## ♥ February is American Heart Month ♥

### The Heart's Electrical System: Working and Not

The normal heart is a strong, muscular pump a little larger than a fist. It pumps blood continuously through the circulatory system.

- \* Each day the average heart beats (expands and contracts) 100,000 times and pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood.
- \* In a 70-year lifetime, an average human heart beats more than 2.5 billion times.

### To understand how the heart pumps, learn about:

#### Structure of the heart

Electrical system of the heart  
Abnormal heart rhythms (arrhythmias)

#### Structure of the heart: four chambers, four valves

The heart has four chambers, two on the right and two on the left:

- \* Two upper chambers are called atria (one is an atrium).
- \* Two lower chambers are called ventricles.

The heart also has four valves that open and close to let blood flow in only one direction when the heart contracts (beats). The four heart valves are:

- \* Tricuspid valve, located between the right atrium and right ventricle
- \* Pulmonary or pulmonic valve, between the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery
- \* Mitral valve, between the left atrium and left ventricle
- \* Aortic valve, between the left ventricle and the aorta

Each valve has a set of flaps (also called leaflets or cusps). The mitral valve has two flaps; the others have three. Blood flow occurs only when there's a difference in pressure across the valves, which causes them to open. Under normal conditions, the valves permit blood to flow in only one direction.

The heart pumps blood to the lungs and to all the body's tissues by a sequence of highly organized contractions of the four chambers. For the heart to function properly, the four chambers must beat in an organized way.

#### Electrical signals control the pump

The heart beats (contracts) when an electrical impulse from the sinoatrial node (also called the SA node or sinus node) moves through it. The SA node is sometimes referred to as the heart's "natural pacemaker" because it initiates impulses for the heartbeat.

The normal electrical sequence begins in the right atrium and spreads throughout the atria to the atrioventricular (AV) node. From the AV node, electrical impulses travel down a group of specialized fibers called the His-Purkinje system to all parts of the ventricles.

This exact route must be followed for the heart to pump properly. As long as the electrical impulse is transmitted normally, the heart pumps and beats at a regular pace. A normal heart beats 60 to 100 times a minute.

Electrocardiography (ECG or EKG) is a painless, non-invasive procedure that records the heart's electrical activity and can help diagnose arrhythmias.

#### Arrhythmias are abnormal beats

The term "arrhythmia" refers to any change from the normal sequence of electrical impulses, causing abnormal heart rhythms. Arrhythmias may be completely harmless or life-threatening.

Some arrhythmias are so brief (for example, a temporary pause or premature beat) that the overall heart rate or rhythm isn't greatly affected. But if arrhythmias last longer, they may cause the heart rate to be too slow or too fast or the heart rhythm to be erratic – so the heart pumps less effectively.

- \* A fast heart rate (more than 100 beats per minute) is called tachycardia.
- \* A slow heart rate (less than 60 beats per minute) is referred to as bradycardia.

### Physical Activity in Your Daily Life

#### At Home

It's convenient, comfortable and safe to work out at home. It allows your children to see you being active, which sets a good example for them. You can combine exercise with other activities, such as watching TV. If you buy exercise equipment, it's a one-time expense and other family members can use it. It's easy to have short bouts of activity several times a day. Try these tips:

- \* Do housework yourself instead of hiring someone else to do it.
- \* Work in the garden or mow the grass. Using a riding mower doesn't count!
- \* Rake leaves, prune, dig and pick up trash.
- \* Go out for a short walk before breakfast, after dinner or both! Start with 5-10 minutes and work up to 30 minutes.
- \* Walk or bike to the corner store instead of driving.
- \* When walking, pick up the pace from leisurely to brisk. Choose a hilly route. When watching TV, sit up instead of lying on the sofa. Better yet, spend a few minutes pedaling on your stationary bicycle while watching TV. Throw away your video remote control. Instead of asking someone to bring you a drink, get up off the couch and get it yourself.
- \* Stand up while talking on the telephone.
- \* Walk the dog.
- \* Park farther away at the shopping mall and walk the extra distance. Wear your walking shoes and sneak in an extra lap or two around the mall.
- \* Stretch to reach items in high places and squat or bend to look at items at floor level.
- \* Keep exercise equipment repaired and use it!

#### At the Office

Most of us have sedentary jobs. Work takes up a significant part of the day. What can you do to increase your physical activity during the work day? Why not...:

- \* Brainstorm project ideas with a co-worker while taking a walk.
- \* Stand while talking on the telephone.
- \* Walk down the hall to speak with someone rather than using the telephone.
- \* Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Or get off a few floors early and take the stairs the rest of the way.
- \* Walk while waiting for the plane at the airport.
- \* Stay at hotels with fitness centers or swimming pools and use them while on business trips.
- \* Take along a jump rope in your suitcase when you travel. Jump and do calisthenics in your hotel room.
- \* Participate in or start a recreation league at your company.
- \* Form a sports team to raise money for charity events.
- \* Join a fitness center or Y near your job. Work out before or after work to avoid rush-hour traffic, or drop by for a noon workout.
- \* Schedule exercise time on your business calendar and treat it as any other important appointment.
- \* Get off the bus a few blocks early and walk the rest of the way to work or home.
- \* Walk around your building for a break during the work day or during lunch.

#### At Play

Play and recreation are important for good health. Look for opportunities such as these to be active and have fun at the same time:

- \* Plan family outings and vacations that include physical activity (hiking, backpacking, swimming, etc.)
- \* See the sights in new cities by walking, jogging or bicycling.
- \* Make a date with a friend to enjoy your favorite physical activities. Do them regularly.
- \* Play your favorite music while exercising, something that motivates you.
- \* Dance with someone or by yourself. Take dancing lessons. Hit the dance floor on fast numbers instead of slow ones.
- \* Join a recreational club that emphasizes physical activity.
- \* At the beach, sit and watch the waves instead of lying flat. Better yet, get up and walk, run or fly a kite.
- \* When golfing, walk instead of using a cart.
- \* Play singles tennis or racquetball instead of doubles.
- \* At a picnic, join in on badminton instead of croquet.
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