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## EARLY TRIP HOME



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Students at Eastside Elementary School load onto buses in the snow Monday afternoon after Whitfield County schools closed early. Murray County schools also let out early.

## Wild scene greeted officers at south county cock fight

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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Deputies reported several people "climbing in (to taxis) with chickens under their arms" after a cock fight involving approximately 100 people in southern Whitfield County was raided on Saturday, a sheriff's official said Monday.

"They told me there were a bunch of chickens running loose all over the place," said Maj. John Gibson. "Some of the (subjects) were calling taxis to come get them and were climbing in with chickens under their arms."

Six people were charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, gambling and obstruction of officers. Two juveniles were also taken into custody but were released to family members.

Law enforcement officials



Perez



Aguilar

received a call around 3:30 p.m. tipping them off to cock fighting at 163 Bellwood Drive. Deputy Josh Davis said in a report that when they arrived there were approximately 30 vehicles parked around a trailer. No people were nearby. When they turned down a dirt road behind the trailer two people walked out of an old chicken house. They were put in "protective custody." Two more males emerged from the chicken

house. When one yelled to alert the others inside, "80 to 100 people took off running on foot from the back of the building into a heavily wooded area," the report said.

Inside the chicken house deputies found 15 dead "game roosters" and 18 more that were "ready to fight" or appeared to have been fighting. Deputies contacted county animal control and the criminal investigations division.

The report stated cash in the amount of \$532 was taken from Octavio Pienado Aguilar and \$2,604 was taken from Adolfo Fabela Perez. Both are charged with 15 counts of aggravated cruelty to animals and one count each of gambling and obstruction of officers.

Gibson said the men face obstruction charges for running from the deputies.

## Lawmakers eye sales tax hike

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia House leaders revived an effort Monday for a 1 percent statewide sales tax that would funnel \$25 billion into transportation projects over the next decade across Georgia.

The proposal comes loaded with transportation projects to coax legislators who have been reluctant to support past tax-raising efforts — and who may be even more wary this year amid the economic slump.

State Rep. Vance Smith, who chairs the House Transportation Committee, said he's confident the measure will earn the support it needs in the House. But it remains to be seen whether it will win over voters in the Senate.

That chamber is pressing its own plan that would allow regions to band together to charge a one-cent sales tax to fund transportation projects. The House begrudgingly embraced the regional plan last year, only to watch as the effort fell one vote short in the Senate.

And both versions must overcome pockets of opposition from conservative lawmakers, who fear that a tax hike during a recession could stifle Georgia's hopes for an economic recovery.

Smith and House leaders contend that a statewide

tax is the best way to fund broader transportation improvements. He sought to promote that argument by using maps and charts that detail how the money would be spent.

It promises some juicy dollops for traffic-choked metro Atlanta, including funding for a streetcar route in the heart of the city, a rail line that would stretch to Athens and money for the Beltline project, which would create a ring of parks and light rail around Atlanta.

But Smith spent a considerable amount of time detailing the plan's impact on rural Georgia. In fact, his first three maps skirted the Atlanta region altogether, with one showing the metro area as a white spot.

The plan would fund dozens of projects to widen roads and revamp trucking routes crisscrossing the state.

It includes \$500 million to pave rural Georgia's dirt roads, \$1 billion to repair or replace bridges and \$400 million to upgrade airports.

It also promises to lavish attention on economic centers that dot the state through a population formula to dole out money to the 30 biggest cities outside metro Atlanta, from Augusta to Valdosta.

## Dalton firemen arrested, on leave

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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Two city of Dalton firemen were arrested over the weekend in separate incidents. Each is on paid administrative leave until investigations by the fire department are completed.

David Brandon Keith, 28, of 2302 Second Avenue, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, reckless driving, criminal damage to property in the second degree and aggravated assault.



Keith

Franklin Dwayne Pangle, 43, of 1110 Lafayette Road in Rocky Face, was charged Sunday with criminal trespass by Dalton police following an incident at the Creative Arts Guild on West Waugh Street, said interim Fire Chief Bruce Satterfield.

In a report filed Sunday, police officer Scottie Allen said he was dispatched to the Guild after the maintenance man spotted someone in the building after hours that he did not recognize. The man said when he got to work a female employee left the building. When he turned on some lights he saw a white male come out of a doorway, duck his head and turn his back to him. The man then walked down a hall and went down a stairwell.

The maintenance man called Guild events director Leanne Lawson, who told the officer no one should be in the building Sunday night, according to the report. Two other officers searched the building and premises but did not find anyone, the report said.

Later, officers found Pangle walking in the neighborhood. When they learned his car was at the Guild, they placed him under arrest, said police spokesman Bruce Frazier.

Pangle said Monday "they're trying to get the charges dropped" against him. Asked who "they" are, he responded, "The ones that filed them." He said he was inside the Guild after hours "trying to help a friend."

No information was available Monday evening about Keith's arrest, said Frazier. A phone number for Keith could not be found.

Satterfield said he learned of the charges with "surprise and disappointment."

"Currently there is an open internal investigation under way in which information is being gathered in both cases," he said. "(We) view these charges as extremely serious in nature ... I would remind everyone that though charges have been filed, the judicial system has not had time to act but will serve a role in the investigation and outcome."

Keith and Pangle have been suspended from all fire department properties until Satterfield calls them in for interviews as part of the investigation, he said.

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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.**

"To the editor: you need to start coming up with the topics for the forum so we can cut out some of this foolishness."

Lloyd sez:  
I love muscadines and muscadine wine.

"Why do the put ash trays in cars. Smokers just throw their butts out the window."

"The reason they can keep raising taxes on beer and alcohol is because drinkers and smokers will buy it no matter how expensive it gets."

"They need to put some money into Eastbrook Middle School gym and school. My child is fortunate enough go to a real nice school in Tunnel Hill, but it's a shame those kids have to go in a place like Eastbrook. It's so outdated it's pitiful."

"Coker Elementary has the finest group of sixth grade teachers around."

"Brian Anderson used three columns in your paper in to say that businessmen need to use common sense."

"With the jobless rate topping 12 percent the Dalton theater won't need 12 screens, it will need 12 seats."

**Editor's note: Historically people go to movies even when the economy is down.**

"People wise up. Rush Limbaugh tells you what you want to hear. If you're dumb enough to believe it, that's OK for him."

"I agree that Katie Brochu is doing a real fine job."

"Rush is far more aware than Obama ever thought about being."

"Shame on the Whitfield County Public Works Department. They are paving Westbrook Road and using the cemetery to park their equipment."

"The Eton City Council needs to clean up some of the homes in the old downtown part of Eton. We used to have some of the most beautiful homes and now we have some of the trashiest."

"Is it possible to find out what Gov. Perdue's net worth was before he went into office and what it is now?"

"I have severe breathing problems which limit everything I do. But when I get out of the car, you can't tell. I need that handicapped sticker."

"What would the Dalton sports page do without David Noll?"

"Rush Limbaugh is a drug addicted hate monger who hates all Democrats."

"Speaking of shameful President Obama, I think having a tax cheat as Secretary of the Treasury is pretty shameful."

"If race is not an issue why do they keep referring to President Obama as the first African American president. After all, he is half white."

**Editor's note: OK. OK. OK. OK. OK. He's half white!**

"God is in control and he put Obama in office."

Anything he does is because of the moral condition of this country. We reap what we sew."

"The editor needs to stop his mother from calling in comments about what a good job he's doing and how smart he is.

**Editor's note: Actually, that's your mother who's been calling.**

Political 'thought' of the day

The conservatives down here need to put a sock in it and quit worrying about it and deal with it.

"To the person who complained about parking permits: You might be old one day and sick."

"U.S. consumer spending falls for sixth straight month. If you don't have a job you don't have anything to spend. Maybe the Wall Street gang should start spending all their tax dollar bailout bonuses."

"In regards to the 40 mph speed limit in the city, most of you need to slow down."

"Is there any place in Dalton that helps senior citizens and people on disability with dental care?"

"Clinton is the president who should be blamed for deregulation of Wall Street."

"Anyone that thinks George Bush should be tried for war crimes is obviously un-American. He should be given a medal."

"While Rush Limbaugh, abortion and Obama may be legitimate topics, I am more concerned with how I a gong to feed my children next week. My husband contracts carpet racks and he hasn't worked in three weeks. Try living on \$300 for three weeks and then we'll talk."

"I find it very interesting that when Dalton Utilities has a wastewater spill, it's always a small amount. How does that happen?"

"Limbaugh, Hannity and Neal Boortz are the Paul Revers of our time."

"Limbaugh wanting our president to fail is no different than what Rev. Wright said about America."

"Congratulations to Dr. Cofield and his wife Connie for 31 years as pastor of Whitfield Baptist Church."

"Congratulations to the General Mills company for making the tastiest cereal ever, Lucky Charms."

"When are we going to close down that trade center? Nine hundred thousand dollars would go a long way."

"I am glad that Fred Toney is finally doing something out at Phoenix High School."

"The nice lady who plays the harp at Hamilton Medical Center is Celeste."

"A lot of these people receiving food stamps have worked for years and paid taxes."

"Handicapped is a cruel word, especially to a disabled citizen."

"Thank you Daily Citizen for giving the people of Dalton a chance to say what's on their mind."

"Friday's paper said that in December of 2007 unemployment was 5 percent. The Democrats took over in January of 2008 and now unemployment is 11 percent. Bush didn't have anything to do with it."

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Megan Leigh Pulver  
**AGE:** 24  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Dad, Mark Pulver; mom, Sonia Ridley; sisters, Marla and Miranda Pulver  
**WORK:** Rock Bridge Community Church  
**PLAY:** Youth leader, anything outdoors, love to love people and the community  
**SHE SAID:** "I want to live life in such a way that when my feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders and says, 'Oh no, she's awake.'"



**AREA ARRESTS**

- Jesse Allen Crump, 19, 75 Bodie Road, Talking Rock, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of a drug-related object.
- Joel Delgado Ortiz, 36, 116 Rosedale Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with speeding and DUI.
- Myieka Yalonde McQueen, 24, 137 Clubhouse Drive, Kennesaw, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, failure to drive within a single lane and hit and run.
- Stephanie Michelle Plott, 34, 1528 Margaret Circle, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI.
- James Carlton Fowler, 38, 151 Center Hill Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of methamphetamine, simple battery and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.
- Hope Nicole Mays, 20, 254 Red Cut Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.
- Joshua Christian Patterson, 24, 2146 Williams Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine, driving while license suspended or revoked and illegal turn.
- Nathaniel Alan Pearson, 34, 1626 Lagenia Court, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, laying drags, failure to drive within a single lane, driving while license withdrawn and open container in vehicle.

**County restricts gun possession**

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Some Whitfield County employees are no longer allowed to have weapons — including guns — on the job or have them in county-owned vehicles.

The policy does not apply to law enforcement officers or other employees whose job requires them to have a weapon. The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners approved the policy 4-0 at their meeting Monday night. Chairman Mike Babb only votes to break ties.

"I don't see much of a reason for a paving machine operator to carry a gun while he's operating paving equipment," commissioner Mike Cowan said.

County employees may still have a gun in their own vehicle if it's parked on county property. Human resources director Jackie Palacios requested the policy along with a no-retaliation

policy, which protects employees who report problems to their bosses from reprisal.

The board also approved 4-0 a \$63,362 contract with Dalton-based American Consulting Professionals for engineering work on a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project on state route 201.

The project will bring a new alignment to a .7 mile stretch of 201 from Highway 41 (near Earnest Drive) to the intersection of Lee Chapel Road. State route 201 currently carries traffic through an older residential area of Tunnel Hill. The new alignment will be a more direct connection of 201 to Highway 41 and I-75. The project costs \$1.8 million and is listed as priority No. 41 of 58.

"This has the potential of giving an economic boost to the north end of Whitfield County and to the city of Tunnel Hill," according to the county's list of SPLOST projects.

**'Grandfathering' denied**

**By MARK MILLICAN**  
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The Whitfield County Board of Education unanimously turned down a proposal of a redistricting committee for Cedar Ridge Elementary on Monday, saying no to "grandfathering." That would have allowed parents to keep their children in their current school but without bus service.

Board members will allow parents to ask school administrators if space is available in their schools. That is outlined in an out-of-zone attendance policy.

Committee members hoped to discourage grandfathering by not allowing those students the use of school buses. But board members said too many students staying at their current schools would disrupt the placement of teachers and paraprofessionals.

sionals.

"In the current economic climate, the most logical and easiest thing to do is not to grandfather," said board chairman Jerry Nealey. "To run our schools efficiently and within the budget there's no other option."

Vice chairman Tim Trew said grandfathering could "derail the instructional side of the coin" by requiring overstaffing at a school where too many parents chose to keep their children. Also, school officials would not know how many students would decide to stay at their school until the school year started. Sending out letters to parents asking them to respond was discussed but board members still believed they would not have a reliable count until the start of school.

Board members said grandfathering students dur-

ing the last redistricting, when Beaverdale Elementary opened, resulted in the use of "trailer" classroom units that are still at Pleasant Grove, Dawnville and Varnell.

"We have to make hard decisions as a board," said John Thomas.

Board members did accept the committee's recommendations on roads and attendance zones. The new district lines will shift some students at Dug Gap Elementary to Antioch Elementary, some students at Antioch to Eastside Elementary, some students at Eastside and Dawnville Elementary schools to Cedar Ridge, and some students at Pleasant Grove Elementary to Dawnville. Dawnville will become a feeder school for North Whitfield Middle School instead of Eastbrook Middle School.

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# Woman died in Murray blaze

By **MISTY WATSON**  
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Travis Kern safely escaped his burning house early Sunday morning, only to realize a woman renting a room from him had not, Murray County's fire chief said.

Kern turned back to help her but the blaze that engulfed his Springdale Estates house just after 1 a.m. prevented him, Dwayne Bain said Monday.

Firefighters found the 59-year-old white female dead in her bed, Bain said. Her name was not released Monday afternoon because officials had not been able to contact her family.

"We're waiting on results from the autopsy to see the exact cause of death," he said. "More than likely it will be smoke inhalation."

Kern, 65, owned the house at 1028 Torino Drive. He received minor burns and singed hair when he tried to re-enter, Bain said. No one else was injured.

Kern woke to find the house filled with smoke and yelled for the woman to leave through the basement, Bain said. He said the basement door was near the bedroom doors. Kern told them the woman responded, but he didn't realize she wasn't following until he was outside. Kern then tried to enter the house through the back door but wasn't able to, so he ran to a neighbor's house to call 911, Bain said.

Firefighters arrived at 1:16 a.m. to find the house "partially involved" with "heavy smoke," Bain said. One crew worked to put out the blaze while another searched for the woman.

The fire began in the living room. The state fire marshal's office and the Murray County Sheriff's Office are helping with the investigation, Bain said.

"No exact cause has been determined, but it doesn't seem to be intentionally set," he said.

Kern's house was insured, and the Red Cross is assisting him, Bain said.

## Child killed

STONE MOUNTAIN, (AP) — DeKalb police say the driver of a sport utility vehicle will be charged with vehicular homicide and other offenses after a 7-year-old boy was struck and killed walking in a crosswalk near a crossing guard.

Police identified the boy as Kameron Dunmore. He was killed near Princeton Elementary School, not far from Stone Mountain, about 7:30 a.m. Monday. Police believe the driver of the SUV was taking her own child to a different school.

## BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY



Students at Eastside Elementary School load onto buses in the snow Monday afternoon after Whitfield County schools closed early.

Misty Watson/The Daily Citizen

# Senate debate opens

## Republicans push for more tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans circulated a sweeping plan to drive down the cost of mortgages by expanding the federal government's role in the industry, officials said Monday night as debate opened on an economic stimulus bill at the top of President Barack Obama's agenda.

The emerging proposal also relies on a bigger and more widely available tax break for homebuyers than is now available, those officials added as Senate Republicans staked their claim to a different type of economic recovery measure than Democrats and the administration favor.

Democrats already are under pressure from moderates in their own party to scale back spending in the \$885 billion bill, and Obama met with party leaders at the White House late in the day to discuss strategy.

"What we can't do is let very modest differences get in the way" of swift enactment of the legislation, Obama said several hours earlier as new layoffs rippled through the economy and the Commerce Department reported an unexpectedly large sixth straight drop in personal spending.

In the Capitol, Republicans said their goal was to change the bill, not to block it. "Nobody that I know of is trying to keep a package from passing," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. discusses the Republican viewpoint on the economic stimulus package as he meets with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday.

leader.

"We need to fix housing first," he said. Republicans are expected to seek a vote on their proposals this week as part of the debate on the overall stimulus measure.

Officials said the GOP was coalescing behind a proposal designed to give banks an incentive to make loans at rates currently estimated at 4 percent to 4.5 percent. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which were seized by the federal government in September, would be required to purchase the mortgages once banks have made them to consumers.

Officials said loans to credit-worthy borrowers on primary residences with a mortgage of up to \$625,000 would qualify, including those seeking to refinance their current loans.

Separately, Republican officials said they intended to press for a \$15,000 tax credit for homebuyers through the end of the year. Current law permits a \$7,500 tax break and limits it to first-time homebuyers.

Republicans generally dislike government interven-

tion in the workings of the private marketplace, but their opposition has eroded in recent months as the crisis in the financial industry and economy have deepened.

The officials who described the emerging proposal did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss it.

McConnell also said Republicans favor cutting the two lowest tax brackets as a way to "put money back in people's hands directly."

# Obama: FDA dallied on peanut problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, speaking as the nation's chief executive and a father, wants the nation's food safety agency to do a better job.

Concerned about a salmonella outbreak involving peanut products that has sickened 550 people and is blamed for at least eight deaths, Obama says he wants to review how the Food and Drug Administration operates.

"I think that the FDA has not been able to catch some of these things as quickly as I expect them to," Obama said in an interview aired Monday on NBC's "Today" show.

The president said Americans should be able to rely on the government to keep children safe when they eat peanut butter and that includes his 7-year-old daughter Sasha.

"That's what Sasha eats for lunch probably three times a week. And you know, I don't want to have to worry about whether she's going to get sick as a consequence to having her lunch," Obama said.

The FDA had no comment and referred queries to the White House.

White House plans to quickly appoint a new FDA director may be complicated by Senate delays in confirming Tom Daschle to head the Department of Health and Human Services, the agency that oversees the FDA.

More than 800 consumer products, ranging from ice cream to dog biscuits, have been recalled since federal officials traced the source of the salmonella outbreak to a Georgia peanut processor owned by Peanut Corp. of America.

The number of goods affected could well set a record. At one point last week — when around 400 products had been identified — FDA officials were already calling it one of the largest recalls in memory.

Officials said Peanut Corp. shipped products that initially tested positive for salmonella after retesting and getting a negative result. The FDA has asked the Justice Department to launch a criminal investigation into the plant.

Documents showed that until shortly before the salmonella outbreak, federal food safety inspectors had not been to the plant since 2001.

"The FDA is supposed to be a watchdog for consumers, and for too long, this agency has been coming up short," said Jean Halloran, a director at Consumers Union.

Halloran said Congress should give the agency power to order food recalls, require annual inspections of food processing facilities and require processors like Peanut Corp. to disclose when their own tests find tainted products.

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#### More on the Bible and animals

##### To the editor:

In Sunday's paper there was an interesting letter concerning animals. It seemed to me that the writer was confusing people's horror at the lack of humanity of the individuals who planned to eat their dog. He seems to think that people are equating an animal to human beings. While I think he is missing the point of the outrage, I find it interesting that he tried to use the Bible to back up his point. Just as the three men arrested said they were carrying out God's plan.

I assume the author was referring to man's dominion over animals. With this dominion God also ordered Adam (and us) to "tend and keep" the garden of Eden, which in Hebrew means to work and take great care of that which he has dominion over.

In the scripture there are many instances where we are instructed about animals. Among those are "How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered?"

Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds have perished." Jeremiah 12:4 and "Look at the birds flying around . . . your Father in Heaven takes care of them" Matthew 6:26.

God chose not to destroy Ninevah because there were people as well as animals: "After all, it has more than 120,000 innocent children in it, as well as many animals." Jonah 4:11. And it may be a surprise to the writer that, according to the Bible, animals worship God naturally, "Praise Him, hills and mountains, fruit trees and forests; all animals, tame and wild, reptiles and birds." Psalm 148:9, 10. God has special plans for those who are cruel to animals: "A good man takes care of his animals, but wicked men are cruel to theirs." Proverbs 12:10.

I could go on and on (and on and on) but this letter would turn into a book. Reading the letter I got the same impression as when some lower life forms (man, not animal) justifies treating women as subhuman by saying that the Bible says the man is the head of the household while ignoring the many passages that say things like "husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies" and "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Basically the Bible's way of saying that you are not a "man" to head the household simply because you were born with testicles.

I seriously doubt that anyone was equating the dog in question to human beings, but to try to use the Bible to berate others on the subject of animals is laughable. The Bible states that humans and animals are living souls. Basically the entire 9th chapter of Genesis speaks of a covenant with "all living creatures of every kind."

I understand that many who preach their own version of the gospel in modern churches choose to focus on what they perceive to be man's domination over the animals, but maybe the writer should spend a little more time studying the text he professes to love if he expects others to respect what it says.

**Jarrold H Cline Dalton**

#### TVA fatcats pass on high costs to public

##### To the editor:

Hope everyone had a good Christmas considering the hard times everyone is having. Some are having their hours cut back and others losing their jobs altogether, making it even harder to make it from week to week. Then, bam, we get hit with the biggest electric bill in Tennessee Valley Authority history.

From what I hear, most bills doubled for December. TVA says it was due to a fuel adjustment cost passed on to us at a time when we can least afford it. My bill alone had an increase of \$29 for costs, and with all the costs added on I saw it double over the previous month's bill.

As I'm sure most folks did, my wife and I set our thermostat at a lower setting. I set ours on 58 degrees, we took shorter showers, did less laundry and ran only what lights were necessary. With all this effort, we saw only a small difference on this month's bill.

So while we were suffering through some of the worst cold weather in recent years, the CEOs at TVA were given huge Christmas bonuses. Guess who paid for that?

**M.F. Roberts Dalton**

### FREE MINDS

"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

— Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:8

**Thought for today:** "I can, therefore I am."

**Simone Weil**  
French philosopher (born this day in 1909, died 1943)

# Tax dodgers

It was the late hotel magnate Leona Helmsley who uttered the immortal words, "We don't pay taxes; only the little people pay taxes."

Helmsley apparently has been reincarnated in the persons of now Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and President Obama's choice to head the Department of Health and Human Services, former Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle.

Geithner "forgot" to pay "only" \$43,000 in back taxes and penalties. He paid the IRS shortly before his confirmation hearings.

Daschle stiffed the IRS for \$128,000 (plus \$12,000 interest and penalties), paying up just six days before his first Senate confirmation hearing. (He agreed to a Senate Finance Committee request to pay an additional \$6,000 in Medicare on additional income related to a car and driver. More about that in a moment.) According to The Washington Post, Daschle waited nearly a month after his nomination before telling Barack Obama of his tax tardiness.

Daschle's rationale again exposes what is wrong with Washington. Recall President Obama's vow to "change the culture of Washington." With Geithner and Daschle, we are still waiting for "change we can believe in."

When Daschle was Senate majority leader, one of his perks was a car and driver paid for by taxpayers. When he lost his re-election bid in 2004, Daschle was given a car and driver by the head of a private equity firm headed by entrepreneur and longtime Democratic Party donor, Leo J. Hindery Jr., according to The Washington Post, which cites a confidential draft report prepared by Senate



**Cal Thomas**

Finance Committee staff. Naturally, one who had been squirmed around when he was a senator and public servant shouldn't be expected to drive himself and search for his own parking spot, or worse, take public transportation. Once someone has enjoyed the power and perks of the Senate, it's difficult to come down to where the "little people" live. Perhaps some counseling would have helped.

Daschle supposedly didn't know that a luxury car service is considered income if provided by someone else. How could he not know since for many years he participated in writing -- or at least voting on -- tax laws that the rest of us must abide by, or face fines and possibly prison. Daschle also made "questionable" charitable contributions totaling \$15,000, according to the finance committee report, which additionally lists unreported consulting fees. Not reporting income raises red flags with the IRS.

It's not that Daschle couldn't afford the taxes. Since leaving office, according to documents filed with the Office of Government Ethics (now there's a contradiction), Daschle earned \$2.1 million from the law firm of Alston and Bird and, since he left the Senate in 2005, \$1 million a year from Hindery's private equity firm, InterMedia Advisors. He also made money speaking to and serving on the boards of health

care organizations he would regulate as HHS secretary.

Does anyone else see a potential conflict of interest? Daschle can claim he's no different from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose husband heads the Clinton Foundation, which has received millions from foreign governments that surely would like to have her (and his) ear when it comes to foreign policy. The new standard appears like the old standard that President Obama decried during the campaign.

When you consider other high-level nominees who have withdrawn over much smaller lapses, such as failing to pay Social Security taxes on nannies and hiring illegal aliens for work on private property, Daschle's problems are more than a "speed bump," as one of his defenders called it. They constitute a large and growing sinkhole for this administration.

Most presidents encounter difficulties with possibly one cabinet nominee or other high-level official, but Obama has had three in less than a month.

If other nominees were forced to withdraw for lesser offenses, allowing Daschle's nomination to proceed sends a message the Obama administration promised to change: only the little people pay taxes. Daschle should withdraw his nomination and if he won't, Obama should withdraw it for him and find someone more ethically qualified who doesn't treat taxpaying (and other taxpayers) so cavalierly.

■ **Contact columnist Cal Thomas via mail at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY, 14207.**



# The Palestinian myth machine

"Israel has committed the war crime of the 21st century," cried a Palestinian representative. Using massive force against a crowded refugee camp, Saeb Erakat claimed, the Israelis had "massacred" hundreds of Palestinian civilians. A CNN reporter used the figure of 300-400 dead. Peter Hansen, the commissioner general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) told a Danish newspaper that 300-400 Palestinians had been killed.

The place was not Gaza in 2009, but Jenin in 2002. The great Jenin massacre turned out to be another in a long series of false atrocity stories manufactured by the Palestinians and credulously repeated by the international press (which likes nothing so much as the image of vicious Israelis). Cartoonists across Europe delighted in drawing Israelis in Nazi uniforms. Le Monde ran a cartoon comparing the destruction of Jenin with the Nazi destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto.

In fact, in August 2002, the United Nations and Human Rights Watch (neither very friendly to Israel) put the final fatality figures at 26 Palestinian fighters, 26 civilians and 23 Israeli soldiers. The Israeli casualty figures were comparatively high because the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) decided to fight street by street with soldiers on foot instead of using air power or tanks precisely to minimize civilian casualties. The houses in Jenin were booby-trapped. The terrorists surrounded themselves with civilians.

Now we are told that Gaza suffered 1,300 killed and up to 4,000 wounded. These numbers come exclusively from Hamas sources and have not been independently verified. In fact, the numbers



**Mona Charen**

have been challenged by the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, which put the number of dead at between 500 and 600, the majority of whom were young men. Others suggest that as many as 1,000 may have been killed, the majority Hamas fighters. Certainly the humanitarian crisis in Gaza evokes sympathy. But the full and complete responsibility for that crisis lies at the feet of Hamas. The Palestinian daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida (published on the West Bank) reported on the Abd Rabbo family. The Abd Rabbos had the misfortune to own a farm that overlooked the Israeli town of Sderot. This, the newspaper reports, turned it into an ideal military position for the Palestinian fighters, from which they have launched hundreds of rockets into southern Israel during the last few years. "The Abd Rabbo family members emphasize that they are not (Hamas) activists and that they are still loyal to the Fatah movement, but that they were unable to prevent the armed squads from entering their neighborhood at night. One family member, Hadi (age 22) said: 'You can't say anything to the resistance (fighters), or they will accuse you of collaborating (with Israel) and shoot you in the legs.'"

As in Jenin, Israel took extraordinary measures to limit civilian casualties in Gaza. Reporting in the Weekly Standard, Max Boot notes that the IDF made hundreds of thousands of phone calls and

dropped hundreds of thousands of leaflets warning civilians to vacate sites of impending attacks. "When the Israeli Air Force detected Palestinian civilians atop buildings," Boot writes, "it dropped tiny bombs designed to cause little damage. Only when the civilians had cleared off did the air force drop larger munitions that flattened the structure."

Unlike the Israelis, Hamas was keen to increase Palestinian casualties of violence. Gaza is full of munitions, smuggling tunnels, and incitement videos exhorting the faithful to kill Jews, but it's nearly impossible to find a bomb shelter in the Strip. By contrast, the Israeli town of Sderot, where my 12-year-old son visited last week, is covered with them. He sat in the living room of an 80-year-old woman whose son had urged her to take cover in the newly built bomb shelter in her basement. Five minutes after she reluctantly rose from her sofa and left the room a Kassam rocket crashed through the ceiling.

Sderot is home to 23,000 long-suffering people. Boot reports that at no time during the past eight years has Sderot enjoyed more than four consecutive days without a missile attack. I cannot imagine how they bear the anxiety. I felt a tiny shred of what they must go through when I worried about my son's recent visit.

Operation Cast Lead has brought a respite. In the face of an enemy like Hamas, it is the only way.

■ **To find out more about Mona Charen and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.**

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2009. There are 331 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 3, 1959, a single-engine plane crashed shortly after midnight near Clear Lake, Iowa, claiming the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, as well as pilot Roger Peterson.

#### On this date:

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship *Dorchester*, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo.

In 1969, Yasser Arafat was elected chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee during a council meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

**Ten years ago:** The Clinton administration told Congress a NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years and might include up to 4,000 American troops.

**Five years ago:** John Kerry won Democratic presidential contests in five out of seven states.

**One year ago:** The New York Giants scored a late touchdown for a spectacular Super Bowl win, 17-14.

#### Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Shelley Berman is 83. Football Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton is 69. Actress Blythe Danner is 66. Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese is 64. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 62. Singer Melanie is 62. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 59. Actor Nathan Lane is 53. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 53. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 48. Actress Michele Greene is 47. Country singer Matraca Berg is 45.

**STATE****Rogers pushes  
homestead change**

ATLANTA — A powerful Georgia GOP lawmaker wants to boost the homestead exemption, a move designed to lower property tax bills.

State Senate majority Leader Chip Rogers introduced legislation Monday that would hike the statewide homestead exemption from \$2,000 to \$4,000. The exemption is the amount of the home's value that's exempt from property taxes. A taxpayer must live in the home to be eligible for the exemption.

If it passes, the measure would need voter approval at the ballot box during municipal elections in September.

**Lawmaker wants  
more job furloughs**

ATLANTA — Georgia will need to furlough more state employees to balance its budget and deliver homeowners a promised property tax break, the state's top Republican senator said Monday.

State legislators have pledged to find some \$428 million to fund the property tax grants which Gov. Sonny Perdue eliminated from his budget proposal. The grants have already been promised to homeowners this year.

"We can't get to \$428 million without furloughs," State Senate President Pro Tem Tommie Williams said Monday.

GOP leaders have been hinting for weeks that the state's dismal economic picture might make additional furloughs necessary. Williams' comments on Monday sent the strongest signal yet that the more than 123,000 state employees in Georgia should be bracing for more days off without pay.

Employees in a number of state agencies are already being required to take a furlough day a month. But others have balked at the idea.

**Author Rushdie  
speaking at Emory**

ATLANTA — Author Salman Rushdie is returning to Emory University this month to give a lecture.

Rushdie began a five-year stint as a distinguished writer-in-residence at the Atlanta university in 2007. During visits to campus, he gives public lectures and teaches classes.

He also has placed his literary archive of private journals, letters, notebooks and manuscripts at Emory's library.

Rushdie is scheduled to speak Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

**Atlanta firehouses  
reopen on Monday**

ATLANTA — Atlanta fire officials have reopened five stations closed over the weekend after a rash of firefighters called in sick.

The chief says his department was left in "an extremely vulnerable situation" because of the absenteeism.

The stations reopened Monday morning.

Fire stations closed in areas including Buckhead and Candler Park after Chief Kelvin J. Cochran says 27 firefighters called in sick Sunday. He says that's more than double the norm.

**Spending down,  
more job cuts**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers slashed spending for an unprecedented sixth straight month in December, feeding the already painful recession as millions of households opted to save rather than buy.

The drop in consumer spending, the economy's key driver, means little help is in sight for struggling retailers, homebuilders and automakers.

The fallout spread Monday when Macy's Inc. announced it would cut 7,000 jobs, almost 4 percent of its work force, and take other belt-tightening measures to cope with the drop in sales.

"It is going to be hard to get the economy going again," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist for IHS Global Insight of Lexington, Mass.

"We are very much reliant on whatever help the government can provide through the stimulus package and through the efforts of the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department to help the financial system."

Personal consumption spending dropped 1 percent in December, a sixth consecutive decline that represented the longest stretch of weakness in a half-century of record keeping. Spending had declined 0.8 percent in November, even worse than first reported, the Commerce Department reported.

Separately, the Fed reported that banks were making it harder for borrowers to obtain all sorts of loans over the last three months despite the government's \$700 billion bailout program. Nearly 60 percent of banks responding to the Fed's new survey said they had tightened lending standards on credit cards and other types of consumer loans.

Greg McBride, senior financial analyst at

**Tech stocks  
edge upward**

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors worried about the recession have turned to a strategy of cherry-picking stocks — sending tech shares higher and industrials lower.

The market's concerns Monday were focused on two fronts: the economic stimulus proposal now before the Senate, and a possible plan to give further aid to the nation's banks. Meanwhile, mostly negative economic data and news of more layoffs helped extend the gloomy mood that gave the market its worst January ever.

Department store operator Macy's Inc. spooked investors by announcing it plans to cut 7,000 jobs, or about 4 percent of its work force, and reduce its dividend.

President Barack Obama made a fresh appeal to Congress, saying that "very modest differences" over the stimulus plan should not delay its passage.

Bankrate.com, says banks — whose lax lending standards for home mortgages contributed to the financial meltdown — are in no rush to loosen lending standards.

"Even when lenders come back to the marketplace and become willing to lend again, who they lend to is not going to change," McBride said. "Lenders won't go back to giving out credit like candy anytime soon."

Incomes, reflecting an accelerating tide of layoffs, fell for a third straight month in December. The 0.2 percent drop followed a 0.4 percent fall in November that was worse than initially reported.



AP PHOTO

Georgia's official weather prognosticator General Beau Lee makes his annual prediction at the Yellow River Game Ranch on Groundhog Day, Monday. Beau emerged from his mansion at 7:30 a.m. and the prediction is Georgia will have an early spring.

**Georgia's groundhog  
predicts early spring**

LILBURN, Ga. (AP) — Georgia's groundhog, Gen. Beauregard Lee, has failed to see his shadow, predicting an early spring.

The Southern varmint's prediction differed early Monday from that of his famous Northern colleague, Punxsutawney Phil, who did see his shadow, meaning winter will last another six weeks.

Beau emerged from his mock-up antebellum mansion at the Yellow River Game Ranch in Lilburn about 7:30 a.m. under over-

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[www.yellowrivergameranch.com/ghday.htm](http://www.yellowrivergameranch.com/ghday.htm)

cast skies and a temperature of 30 degrees. A small crowd, many waving pom-poms, clapped and cheered.

Ranch officials say people began arriving at 5 a.m. to wait for the furry prognosticator to emerge.

No official records of Beau's forecasts have been kept, but his owner, Art Rilling, has said he's only missed once in his career.

That one miss was a biggie. Beau called for an early spring in 1993 and the worst blizzard in decades blasted the South.

According to an Atlanta Journal Constitution analysis, Beau has been right 31 percent of the time in the last 15 years, compared to Phil's 50 percent. Rilling said Monday that estimation is "not even close to right."

Spring arrives March 20 this year on the vernal equinox.

**Newspapers battle back**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Several newspaper executives launched a public relations campaign Monday to counter what they call "gloom-and-doom" reports of the industry's demise.

Sure, they admit, times are tough. The economy is bad, the Internet has sucked away advertising dollars and people are losing jobs.

But the 100 million people who read a newspaper the day after the Super Bowl outnumbered the TV audience for the game, the group said in an advertisement that appeared Monday in more than 300 daily newspapers, including The New York Times and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

With the ads, commentary pieces and a Web site, the industry is painting itself as a vital source of information and the best place for advertisers to sell anything from grapes to a house — not the dinosaur often portrayed in the media.

"We are our own worst enemy. It's like there's a rule we have to beat ourselves up,"

said Donna Barrett, a driving force behind the campaign, called the Newspaper Project. "We are still a dominant media, and we don't give ourselves credit for that."

Barrett, chief executive of Birmingham-based Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., owner of The Daily Citizen, came up with the idea for the blitz with Randy Siegel, publisher of Parade Publications; Brian P. Tierney, CEO of Philadelphia Media Holdings, which publishes The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Philadelphia Daily News; and Jay Smith, the retired CEO of Cox Newspapers, which owns the Journal-Constitution and other papers.

"We are not trying to be Pollyannaish about the newspaper industry, but all the predictions of our demise are just dead wrong," Siegel said.

Parade, the weekly magazine inserted into more than 470 Sunday newspapers nationwide, provided seed money in the "low five figures" for the campaign to purchase ads in trade magazines and online, Siegel said.

**BY CHARLES OLIVER**  
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Steak 'n Shake on Walnut Avenue currently sits on an "island" of unincorporated Whitfield County within Dalton. That could change.

The Dalton City Council held a public hearing on Monday on annexing that property as well as another which contains the Rosewood Garden Center. No one spoke on either measure. The council is scheduled to hold first readings of the annexations when it meets again in two weeks and to vote on them two weeks after that.

The council voted 3-0 to change the city's occupation license to bring it in line with state law. The Georgia Supreme Court recently ruled that it is the only body that can regulate lawyers. That means that while the city can still require lawyers to pay for a business license, it can't require them to pay in advance to practice law. No one spoke at a

public hearing on the change before the vote. Mayor David Pennington votes only in the event of a tie, and council member Charlie Bethel, who was traveling, missed the first few minutes of the meeting.

Council members voted 4-0 to approve a one-year agreement with Emcor Services for maintenance of the heating and air conditioning at City Hall. Emcor will receive \$5,232 plus \$648 for treatment of the system's hot water loop.

Pennington presented the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee with the city's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award.

Public Works director Benny Dunn updated council members on that department's activities. Dunn said the city collected 896 tons of recyclable materials in 2008, up from 599 tons in 2007.

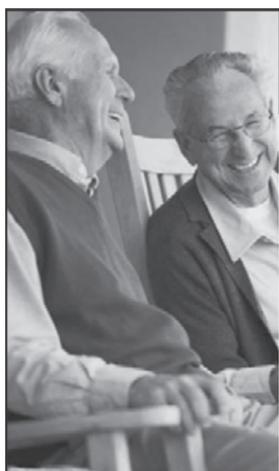
Meanwhile, the city collected 8,450 tons of garbage in 2008, compared to 9,340 tons in 2007.

**THE MARKET**

Monday's Dow Jones: 7936.70 ▼ 64.20  
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	Friday	Monday		12.90	13.63
Gold	919.5	918.2	Intel	12.90	13.63
Silver	12.28	12.56	IBM	91.65	90.93
Acuity	26.99	26.53	Interface	4.08	4.09
AAir	4.10	4.11	JCP	16.75	16.50
Apple	90.13	91.51	JNJ	57.69	57.69
AT&T	24.62	25.16	Kroger	22.50	22.40
BAC	6.60	6	Lowe's	18.32	18.45
BB&T	19.79	19.32	McDonalds	58.02	57.90
BP	42.47	41.57	Merck	28.55	28.43
BristolMyers	21.41	21.99	Microsoft	17.10	17.83
HP-Compaq	34.75	34.66	Mohawk	32.11	31.67
Chevron	70.52	70.29	Motorola	4.43	4.54
CocaCola	42.72	42.24	Region-Fin	3.46	2.92
ConAgra	17.10	17.42	Rock-Tenn.	31.21	30.68
ColonialBnk	.79	.74	Sara Lee	10.03	10.13
Coke Ent.	11.23	11.33	SouthernCo	33.43	33.28
CrackerBrl	17.57	17.94	Synovus	3.96	3.60
CrwnCrafts	2.11	2.11	SunTrust	12.26	11.95
CSX	28.96	28.83	Torchmark	30	30.61
Dell	9.50	9.31	Total Sys	12.66	13
Delta	6.90	7.07	UPS	42.49	42.42
Dixie Group	1.55	1.55	Vulcan	49.46	48.26
Dow	11.59	11.05	Verizon	29.87	30.59
Duke	15.15	15.01	Wal-Mart	47.12	46.57
DuPont	22.96	22.65	Wells Fargo	19	19.23
Earthlink	7.53	7.69	Wendy's	5.04	5.12
Ericsson	7.99	7.85	Yum	28.62	27.57
Exxon	76.48	76.69	Xerox	6.64	6.64
Ford	1.87	1.88			
FSG	4.37	4.06			
GE	12.13	11.62			
GM	3.01	2.89			
Goodyear	6.17	5.97			
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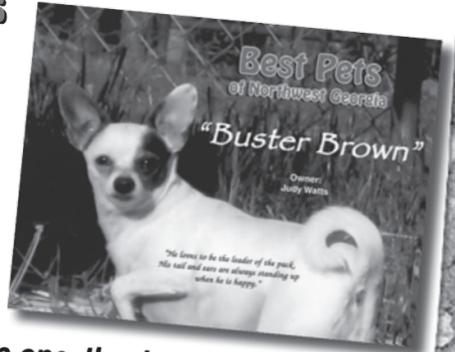


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## OBITUARIES

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### Stephen Ballew

Stephen Ballew, 54, of Dalton, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Susie Ann Dean

Mrs. Susie Ann Dean, 80, of Dalton, departed this life Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, 2009, at the local hospital.

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### Mrs. Evelyn O. Johnson

Mrs. Evelyn O. Johnson, 82, of Dalton, departed this life Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 at Morningside Assisted Living.

Johnson was born Feb. 20, 1926 in Hamilton County, Tenn., a daughter of the late Oscar and Ida Belle Simpson Ownbey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan Wesley Johnson; and brothers, Walter Murphy Ownbey and Harold Julius Ownbey.

She is survived by her nephews, Nick and Brenda Ownbey of Dalton and Murphy Jr. and Pam Ownbey of McRae; great nieces and nephews, Nicole and Jeff Gazaway of Dalton, Meghann and Chris Ferguson of Indianapolis, Murphy III and Kim Ownbey of St. Louis and Taylor Ownbey of McRae; cousin, Faye Acuff of Atlanta; special friends, Brenda and Bill King of Harrison, Tenn. and Mac Gilliland of Chattanooga.

Graveside services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Countryside Hospice or the Diabetes Association.

Please visit the Web site at [www.pondersfuneral-home.com](http://www.pondersfuneral-home.com) to share words of

comfort and memories with the Johnson family.

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### Harry Ivy Singleton

Mr. Harry Ivy Singleton, 79, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1, 2009, at Hutcheson Medical Center in Fort Oglethorpe.

Harry was born Sept. 3, 1929, in Bowie County, Texas, a son of the late Lloyd “Leck” and Stella Mae Pruitt Singleton. He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul Wilburn Singleton, and brothers, Len Singleton and Albert Singleton. During Harry’s early life he worked cutting timber, and in his later years, although legally blind, he worked as a supervisor with the Industries for the Blind. Harry was a member of the Church of God of the Union Assembly for 58 years and was a deacon for the past 28 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Vanita (Caddenhead) Singleton of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and Shelby Singleton of Tunnel Hill, Estle Wayne and Dean Singleton of Dawnville, and Shawn and Melody Singleton of Dalton; daughters and son-in-law, Joyce Wells of Dalton, Ivy Singleton of Resaca, and Melissa and James Owens of Chatsworth; brothers, Lloyd Singleton of Dalton, Henry Singleton of Red Bank, Texas, Charlie Singleton of Maulty, Texas, and Willie Singleton of Forman, Ark.; sisters, Beatrice Eaton of Singer, Texas and Joyce Starnes of Texarkana, Texas; 28 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Harry I. Singleton are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Church of God of the Union Assembly with the Rev. Trey Starnes, the Rev. Lonnie Starnes, the Rev. Herman Epperson and the Rev. Houston Eaton officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Colonial Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be James Owens, Steve Brafford, Raymond Carrell, Wayne Carrell, Reggie Gazaway and Bud Scaf. Honorary pallbearers will be Herman Epperson, Houston Eaton, James Tanner, Ed Hall, Enis Wells, Weldon Crawford, Jerry Smith, Danny Bnd, Dennis Gentry and Jim Lambert.

The family will receive

friends at the funeral home today after 5 p.m.

Messages may be sent to the family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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### Sara Rossee Wyatt



Wyatt

Mrs. Sara Rossee Wyatt of Dalton, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Peachtree Estates.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Henderson Wyatt, in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Percy Cooper and Allye Bell Rossee, and her two sisters, Elsie Rossee Twilley and Florrie Rossee Cunningham, all of Eatonton.

Sara was born June 22, 1919, in Eatonton and was blessed with the gift of music. She played her first tune on the piano at age 2. Not only could she read music and play from a musical score, she could also play by ear. She earned a degree in music from the University of Georgia and did graduate work in piano at the Chicago Musical College in Chicago. She won the State School of the Air scholarship during her junior and senior years in high school. At the University of Georgia she was president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, vice president of the Sigma Alpha Iota national musical sorority, member of the student council, president of the sophomore class and winner of the coveted Hodgson piano scholarship. After college, Sara moved to Calhoun to teach piano in the public schools there. She soon moved to Dalton to teach and married Henderson Wyatt.

Sara’s life was devoted to her family, her church and music. She taught piano lessons to countless children in Dalton, including her two daughters and her grandchildren. She used her musical talent over the years by giving recitals, playing at weddings and funerals, accompanying her church choir, singing in her church choir for over 50 years and playing the organ for church services, playing for various civic organizations, and accompanying many musical productions produced by schools and clubs, always giving generously of her time and talent.

Sara had a generous heart

and loved to do for others. She was very active in the community, serving as a Red Cross volunteer for many years. She was active in the PTA, served as a Girl Scout leader and was a member of the Dalton Garden Club. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as president of the Women of the Church, as a circle leader, Sunday school teacher and was an ordained elder.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Carole and Carl Rollins of Dalton and Brickley and Sam Perry of Granbury, Texas; grandchildren and spouses, Betsy and David Snyder of Dalton, Wyatt and Amanda Rollins of Subigna, and John Perry, David and Laura Perry, all of Coppell, Texas; great-grandchildren, Drew Snyder of Dalton, Knox and Annabelle Rollins of Subigna, and Madison and Caroline Perry of Coppell; brother-in-law, Douglas Cunningham of Greensboro; sisters-in-law, Martha McMahan of Chattanooga and Caroline Wyatt of Amelia Island, Fla.; nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate the life of Sara Wyatt is Wednesday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton with the Rev. Dr. Mickey Shealy and the Rev. Tyler Downing officiating.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 8 p.m. The family requests that flowers be omitted. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA 30720.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.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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### Mildred Lee Trentham

Mrs. Mildred Lee Trentham, 84, of Dalton, departed this life Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Mildred was born Feb. 14, 1924, in Athens, Tenn., a daughter of the late Elias and Ida Mae Jackson Bivens. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Neil Trentham, and her son, Stephen Neil Trentham. She

was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Beverly Trentham, Sherry and Jerry Holmes; daughter-in-law, Mona Trentham, all of Dalton; brother, Donald Bivens of Cleveland, Tenn.; grandchildren, Kenneth Neil and Kerri Holmes, William Rodney and Shannon Holmes, Marc Lee and Amy Holly Eubanks, Tiana Noel and Clark Phillips; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mildred Lee Trentham will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Pine Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Staten officiating. She will be laid to rest at the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Geran Jenkins, Kenneth Holmes, Rodney Holmes, Marc Holmes, Clark Phillips and Kolby Trentham.

The family will receive friends at church after 1 p.m. Wednesday. Messages and condolence may be sent to the family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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### Hilda Louise Walden

Mrs. Hilda Louise Walden, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday morning, Feb. 1, 2009 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Hilda was born Jan. 27, 1942, in Gilmer County. She was preceded in death by her father, William Earl Key, and a grandson, Adam Walden. She was a homemaker and loved her family very much. She was a member of McFarland Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Walden of the home, and would have celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary, March 8, 2009; mother, Ada Mae Harper Key of Chatsworth; children, Debbie and Gene Parker, Eddie Walden and Rhonda Witt, Bobby and Pam Walden, Betty and Steve Hale, all of Dalton; grandchildren, Blake Walden, Lindsey and Trey Sever, Amy Walden, Ginger and Garland Kykendall, Kyle and Tyler Hale, David Parker; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Frank Key of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; sisters, Faye Upton of Chatsworth, and Sue and Raymond Silvers of Dalton; special friends Tommy and Terry Chapman, Juanita Goforth; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at noon in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Rhoda Howell officiating.

Burial will follow in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the funeral at noon.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 Veterans Dr., Dalton, GA 30721.

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Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Hilda L. Walden will be today at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Hayes officiating. She will be laid to rest at the West Hill Cemetery with Rev. Scott Hale in charge of graveside rites. A white dove release will conclude the graveside rites.

The family received friends at the funeral home Monday.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com)

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### Doris Stone Stevens

Mrs. Doris Stone Stevens, 88, of Hixson, Tenn. and formerly of Dalton, Ga., died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009 at the Soddy Daisy Health Care in Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Stevens in 1976 and brother, J. Harold Stone.

Doris is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Len Zyki of Tampa, Fla., Patrice and Tom Dorn of Hixson, Tenn.; grandchildren, Kelly Cochran, Kevin and Alegra Cochran, Karen and Pete Benetatos, Brooke Dorn; great-grandchildren, Chris Benetatos and Wesley Cochran; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Joe Kephart of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

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## Activists claim toxins from TVA spill

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Independent water quality tests conducted by environmental activists show high levels of arsenic and other toxins in river water near the site of a massive coal ash spill in Tennessee and several miles downstream.

“What we have here is an entire watershed ... that has been contaminated by heavy metals as a result of TVA’s ash disaster,” Chris Irwin, an attorney for coal industry watchdog United Mountain Defense, said Monday.

“When you have copper and arsenic levels that are so concentrated that they surpass the standard that causes instant death to aquatic life ... that is an event that should signal a major alarm to TVA and the Tennessee authorities,” echoed Jeff Stant with the Washington, D.C.-based Environmental Integrity Project.

The two organizations released results Monday from water sampling they organized at 22 locations Dec. 30-Jan. 4 near the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Kingston Fossil Plant following a 1.1 billion gallon spill of ash sludge and water on Dec. 22.

Some 5.4 million cubic yards of ash flooded into river inlets and neighboring homes, covering nearly 300 acres. It may take months to clean up. No one was seriously hurt, but several homes were damaged and Congress is now

considering new regulation of such ash ponds, which can be found at 156 coal-fired power plants in 32 states.

“The preliminary data reveal that contaminant levels in these water samples violate both U.S. primary drinking water standards and Tennessee’s water quality criteria,” the environmental groups said, relying on analysis conducted by two private labs: TestAmerica Laboratories Inc. and Caliber Analytical LLC.

The high levels of contaminants were found only in river water, not in private wells.

However, arsenic levels as high as 48 times the primary drinking water standard were found in river water nearest the spill and two to 20 times the drinking water standard 4 1/2 miles downstream.

The groups said levels of arsenic, lead, selenium, cadmium and copper violated water quality standards and levels of arsenic, lead, beryllium and antimony exceeded primary drinking water standards.

“Not surprisingly, contamination levels were highest near the spill site,” the group said.

The results suggest a continuing risk as TVA’s \$1 million-a-day cleanup continues.

“Leaving the ash sitting on the river-

banks and in the river will endanger public health and the environment. Every time it rains, the ash will continue to leach heavy metals and further contaminate the watershed,” Stant said.

TVA spokesman Gil Francis said the environmentalists’ test results differ from what TVA, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have found in their ongoing water, soil and air monitoring, though EPA earlier reported a spike in arsenic levels.

“I don’t know why they are getting those different readings, but if they would give us the areas where they are taking the samples, we would go back and double-check ours,” he said. “Obviously, we want our test to be right.”

State and federal regulators maintain that drinking water from private wells and the Kingston and Rockwood water treatment plants meets or surpasses drinking water standards. Officials previously have said routine municipal water filtration processes will remove contaminants such as arsenic.

“Clearly, ash sliding into the Emory River caused violations of water quality standards simply by it being there,” TDEC spokeswoman Tisha Calabrese-Benton said Monday.

## Babies’ mom fields offers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mother of the world’s longest-living octuplets is being deluged with offers for book deals, TV shows and other business proposals, but has not decided what she might do other than care for her children, her newly hired spokeswoman said Monday.

Hundreds of requests have been made since Nadya Suleman gave birth to six boys and two girls a week ago, said Joann Killeen, president of Killeen Furtney Group, a public relations company.

“She’s the most sought after mom in the world right now,” Killeen said. “Everyone wants to talk to her.”

But Suleman, who remained hospitalized with her children Monday at Kaiser Permanente’s Bellflower Medical Center, hasn’t decided what she’ll do next, Killeen said.

Some of the deals and requests for interviews involve offers to pay, said Killeen and her partner, Mike Furtney. They didn’t reveal the amounts being offered, but Killeen noted that raising eight babies will be expensive, adding that Suleman plans to carefully review her financial opportunities.



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### AccuWeather.com® 5-Day forecast for Dalton

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
39° 24°	38° 19°	48° 23°	55° 32°	60° 39°
Snow showers	Mostly sunny	Sunny; warmer	Sunny	Partly sunny

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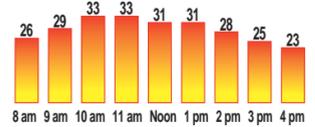
Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.

**Temperature:**  
 High ..... 44°  
 Low ..... 36°

**Precipitation:**  
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Sunrise today ..... 7:36 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 6:11 p.m.

#### Moon Phases



#### Weather History

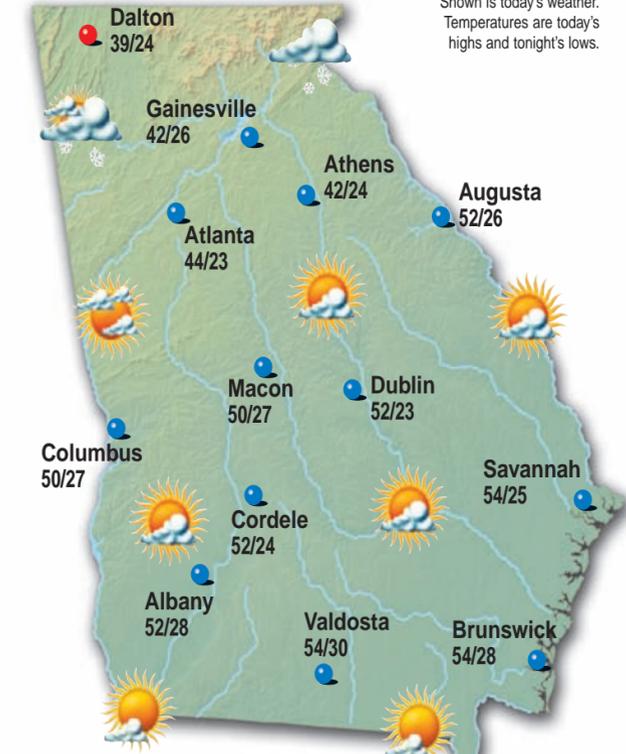
Snag, Yukon, had the coldest Canadian temperature ever, with -81 degrees on Feb. 3, 1947. That same day, temperatures in the interior of Alaska dropped as low as -75 degrees.

#### Weather Trivia™

Q: What are frozen hexagonals?

A: Snowflakes.

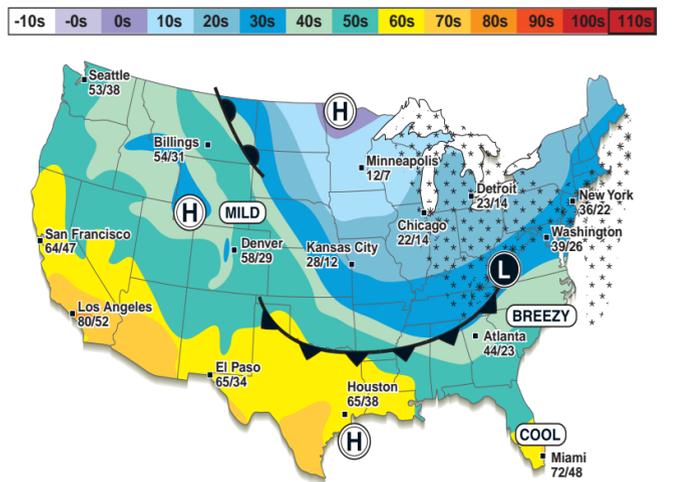
#### Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
Albany	52/28/pc	50/20/s	56/22/s	La Grange	48/26/pc	41/17/s	54/16/s
Atlanta	44/23/c	42/23/s	52/26/s	Macon	50/27/pc	49/22/s	54/22/s
Athens	42/24/pc	44/23/s	50/26/s	Marietta	42/22/c	41/20/s	52/22/s
Augusta	52/26/pc	44/18/s	50/23/s	Newton	56/25/pc	50/21/s	54/23/s
Brunswick	54/28/pc	49/25/s	50/30/s	Rome	39/25/r	43/18/s	53/23/s
College Park	44/23/c	42/23/s	52/26/s	Savannah	54/25/pc	46/22/s	53/22/s
Columbus	50/27/pc	48/25/s	53/26/s	Sparta	47/22/pc	47/22/s	52/24/s
Gainesville	42/26/c	38/22/s	48/26/s	Valdosta	54/30/s	48/20/s	55/23/s

#### National Weather for February 3, 2009



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

City	Today			Wed.			Thu.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Albany	30/16/sn	22/12/c	27/14/pc	Memphis	38/23/c	43/26/s	53/37/s		
Anchorage	10/-1/s	17/8/sf	23/15/sn	Miami	72/48/pc	66/39/pc	63/49/s		
Baltimore	36/20/sn	32/18/pc	32/16/pc	Milwaukee	18/14/sf	17/16/pc	34/26/pc		
Billings	54/31/pc	52/31/s	55/30/pc	Minneapolis	12/7/c	21/14/pc	40/23/pc		
Boise	46/31/pc	48/33/pc	47/31/pc	New Orleans	61/37/s	53/36/s	57/42/s		
Buffalo	26/10/sn	19/12/sf	24/19/sf	New York	36/22/sn	29/20/sf	31/25/s		
Charlotte	45/22/pc	39/20/pc	45/24/s	Okla. City	50/22/s	52/36/s	64/44/s		
Cheyenne	52/25/s	60/27/s	59/26/pc	Orlando	58/34/pc	52/28/s	56/37/s		
Chicago	22/14/sf	17/13/pc	33/26/pc	Philadelphia	37/20/sn	28/16/pc	30/22/s		
Cincinnati	26/16/sf	27/14/sf	35/24/pc	Phoenix	79/51/s	78/51/pc	77/53/pc		
Cleveland	26/18/sn	21/14/sf	29/21/pc	Pittsburgh	28/14/sn	20/10/sf	24/18/sf		
Dallas	63/32/s	56/40/s	64/50/pc	Portland, OR	53/34/pc	52/37/c	54/37/c		
Denver	58/29/s	60/27/s	64/27/pc	St. Louis	26/15/c	34/19/s	45/35/s		
Detroit	23/14/sf	19/14/sf	30/22/pc	Salt Lake City	47/29/s	49/30/s	48/31/pc		
Indianapolis	26/15/sf	26/13/sf	36/24/pc	San Francisco	64/47/s	63/48/pc	59/48/r		
Kansas City	28/12/pc	40/23/s	52/39/s	San Diego	74/52/s	72/54/pc	63/54/r		
Las Vegas	69/43/s	70/46/pc	63/45/pc	Seattle	53/38/pc	51/38/c	49/38/c		
Los Angeles	80/52/s	76/52/pc	64/50/r	Wash., DC	39/26/sf	33/22/pc	34/25/s		

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

#### The World

City	Today			Wed.			Thu.		
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Athens	65/52/c	67/55/pc	65/53/pc	Jerusalem	60/42/s	68/49/pc	74/51/s		
Auckland	76/66/s	74/65/pc	72/60/c	London	39/32/pc	38/34/c	37/34/sn		
Amsterdam	38/30/sn	39/37/pc	43/38/r	Madrid	47/39/sh	45/39/r	48/34/sh		
Baghdad	64/43/pc	65/44/s	70/48/pc	Montreal	18/5/s	14/0/pc	14/7/pc		
Beijing	45/23/s	48/28/s	45/23/pc	Moscow	19/12/pc	21/18/pc	25/5/sn		
Berlin	39/34/c	41/34/pc	45/36/s	Paris	37/28/pc	41/34/sh	45/36/c		
Buenos Aires	93/72/c	88/70/pc	84/64/t	Rio	86/74/t	87/76/pc	90/76/pc		
Cairo	73/55/s	80/59/s	81/56/s	Rome	55/50/r	58/48/pc	55/50/c		
Calgary	48/30/pc	54/27/pc	41/21/c	Seoul	50/28/c	48/30/pc	48/27/pc		
Cape Town	73/54/s	78/52/s	86/59/s	Singapore	86/75/sh	84/75/sh	86/75/pc		
Caracas	84/68/pc	88/73/sh	89/71/sh	Sydney	82/72/t	82/70/pc	84/72/s		
Dublin	39/32/sn	41/36/pc	39/34/sn	Tel Aviv	64/52/s	75/58/pc	82/60/s		
Geneva	48/41/sh	53/35/pc	50/38/pc	Tokyo	54/41/pc	48/39/c	54/41/s		
Hong Kong	73/64/s	77/64/s	77/64/s	Toronto	22/7/sf	18/9/sf	22/19/sn		
Istanbul	56/51/sh	66/51/c	61/50/s	Warsaw	34/30/sn	39/32/c	37/34/c		

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## Softball it is

### Thomas makes tough call, will drop hoops in college

BY ADAM KROHN

adamkrohn@daltoncitizen.com

A few weeks ago, Northwest Whitfield softball and basketball standout Callie Thomas was torn between which direction to take her collegiate athletic career.

With offers to play softball at Tennessee's Cleveland State and Shorter College in Rome, the senior Lady Bruin wasn't sure if she was ready to step away from basketball or try to catch on with a school where she could play both sports.

Thomas, the 2007 and 2008 Daily Citizen All-Area Softball Player of the Year, decided she'll take Shorter up on its scholarship offer to play softball. Thomas was scheduled to sign Monday, but the event was canceled due to inclement weather conditions that led to Whitfield County schools shortening their day.

Shorter competes in the Mid-South Conference of the NAIA.

"I think it was the fact that it was a four-year school," said Thomas of choosing Shorter over Cleveland State, a junior college. "I felt (Shorter) was the best situation for me because it would be hard for me to go to a school and play for two years and then transfer to another school. I just wanted to play four years and graduate in four years."

Signing with Shorter means Thomas' last basketball game with Northwest will mark

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- ▶ Berry College to host half marathon, **2B**
- ▶ Today's prep basketball schedule, **3B**

the end of her career in that sport. She said that she's OK with that at the moment because she's in the middle of basketball season — but when it's over, she anticipates missing the sport tremendously.

"I love that sport as much as I love softball," Thomas said. "But I think I can go further in softball and (signing with Shorter) proves that."

Thomas said she's excited to play for the Lady Hawks because Shorter's 2009 recruiting class includes friends Bre Johnson of Calhoun — who began her high school career at Southeast — and Jessica Penny and Kayla Elswick of Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, all of whom she's competed against over the years.

Lady Bruins softball coach Tammy Lambert, who was with Thomas all four years at Northwest, is confident she'll do well at Shorter.

"She had an outstanding junior year and an unbelievable senior year," Lambert said.

➤ Please see **THOMAS, 2B**



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield's Callie Thomas, a two-time Daily Citizen All-Area Softball Player of the Year who also plays basketball for the Lady Bruins, has decided to accept a scholarship offer to play at Shorter College in Rome rather than play both sports in college.

**SWIMMING**

## Phelps photo provides an 'opportunity'

BY JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A young man appears to be smoking pot at a party. Big deal, right? Our new president has freely admitted doing just that in his youth — inhaling, too — and it didn't derail him one bit. So should we expect more of Michael Phelps?

It depends on what we want and expect our youthful role models to be: perfect, or flawed like the rest of us.

And so as the Olympic swimmer's many corporate sponsors were wrestling with their options Monday, a day after an embarrassing photo emerged of the decorated athlete appearing to inhale from a bong, some were looking at the bright side.

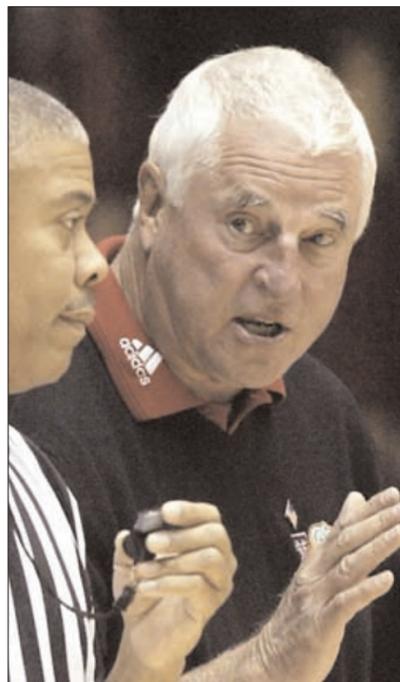
"We should grab this teachable moment," said Lisa Bain, executive editor of Parenting magazine. "It's a good opportunity to talk to your kids about role models. They're human. They're not gods."

"Any conversation you can have with your kids about the choices people make, especially those they hold up as role models, is a good thing," Bain said.

To her and to many others, there's no question that Phelps is a role model for young kids, as opposed to, say, a mere celebrity endorser. Only role models appear on Kellogg's cereal boxes, for example.

And that complicates the problems for this young man, whose journey to eight

➤ Please see **PHELPS, 3B**



AP PHOTO

Bob Knight's comments to ESPN on Monday hinted interest in the coaching vacancy at Georgia, but the Bulldogs haven't said they're interested.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

## Knight, Vitale add to UGA speculation

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Bob Knight could be ready to return to coaching and Monday said Georgia would be a desirable destination.

"We would have the wherewithal to recruit and be able to compete with anybody," Knight told ESPN on Monday.

Knight, who resigned as the Texas Tech coach almost one year ago, said he would return to the sideline if offered the right situation. Georgia could be that situation.

One problem: Georgia hasn't said if it is interested in Knight. Athletic director Damon Evans is heading the Georgia search after firing Dennis Felton on Thursday. Evans ultimately will make a recommendation to University of Georgia president Michael Adams.

Adams' friendship with NCAA president Myles Brand could become a factor. As the president at Indiana, Brand fired Knight. Adams chairs the NCAA executive committee.

ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale said Georgia should make his long-time friend an offer "in a heartbeat."

"I don't even know if he would take a job but I know Georgia has a lot of positives going for it in the scenario there and I think he'd be interested, I really do, but I can't speak for Bob Knight," Vitale said in a telephone interview.

"To me it's no contest, if Bobby Knight is interested in Georgia basketball it's no contest. He's so good I'd come with him as an assistant. I'd be his chauffeur."

Evans named assistant coach Pete Herrmann the interim coach for the remainder of the season. Evans, returning from the Super Bowl on Monday, did not return a phone message. He said Thursday he would use a search firm to help assemble the pool of candidates.

The 68-year-old Knight is the all-time winningest men's major college coach with 902 victories in 42 seasons at Army, Indiana and Texas Tech. He resigned as Texas Tech's coach on Feb. 4, 2008, turning the team over to his son, Pat.

In Knight's six full years at Texas Tech, he led the Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons and four NCAA tournament berths.

**PRO FOOTBALL: SUPER BOWL**

## In big game, drama now expected

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

Associated Press Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Super Super Bowls are becoming a habit.

The Steelers' 27-23 win Sunday night over Arizona was another classic in an era of great games — "a game for the ages," commissioner Roger Goodell called it.

Indeed, with a few exceptions (notably Ravens 34, Giants 7 in 2001) fans have been treated to a decade's worth of rousing NFL championships.

Consider that the typical Super Bowl score from 1980-99 was 35-17.

But starting in 2000, when Tennessee's Kevin Dyson was tackled a yard short of the goal-line with what would have been the tying touchdown in a 23-16 loss to St. Louis, the games have generally been what they were always supposed to be — worthy of their immense hype.

Six of the last 10 Super Bowls have been decided by a touchdown or less. Whatever the reason — luck, greater parity, never-say-die teams — the NFL has reason to smile.

The Rams' winning score against the Titans came on a 73-yard TD pass with 1:53

➤ Please see **GAME, 2B**



AP PHOTO

In a file photo from this past September, Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps is hugged by children while visiting a Boys and Girls Club in Burbank, Calif.



AP PHOTO

The Pittsburgh Steelers' Antonio Holmes celebrates after making the game-winning catch against the Arizona Cardinals during Super Bowl XLIII on Sunday night in Tampa, Fla. Holmes, the MVP of this year's game, and other standouts have made recent Super Bowls live up to their name.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: RECRUITING

# Camps offer easy first look at prospects

By **TIM BOOTH**

Associated Press Writer

Nevada coach Chris Ault started his career scouting for football players at a time when recruiting video was scarce, the Internet was unknown and word of mouth was the best method of investigating a prized prospect.

In those 1970s, he says, "you took the coaches' word."

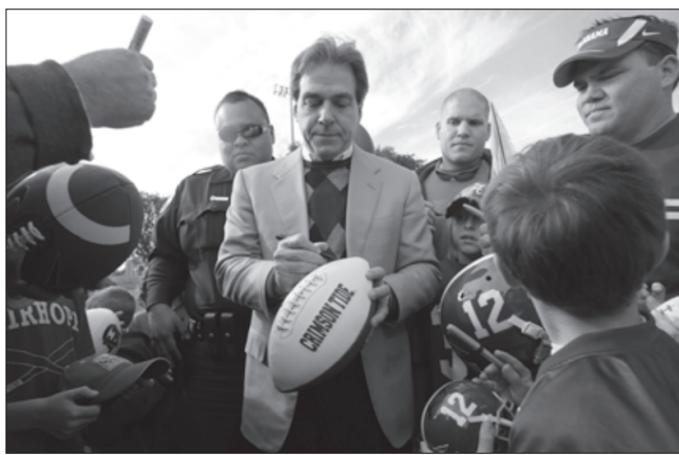
Nowadays, YouTube is flooded with amateur highlight reels for every scholarship hopeful in the country. Coaching offices at top colleges regularly get homemade portfolios, sent by zealous parents trying to land their child a scholarship.

Yet at a time of endless video streams and Internet buzz, a critical way of bringing top talent into a football program seems decidedly old school — summer camp.

"Camp is critical, especially when they are young. What has happened now in the recruiting process is it's really been sped up. Kids are committing earlier and earlier and earlier now," new Washington coach Steve Sarkisian said. "You've really got to try and get them in their ninth, 10th grade, 11th grade years, because if you try and wait until they're going into their senior year some of those kids are going to be gone already."

The setup is particularly good for coaches, because the NCAA in 2006 barred them from attending specialty camps like the Elite 11 for quarterbacks and the Ultimate 100 Camp that bring together top recruits interested in perfecting their skills.

At a school's own camp, coaches can see how adept prospects are at receiving instruction and if their



AP PHOTO

**Alabama football coach Nick Saban, shown signing autographs for fans last month at a Senior Bowl practice, is known as a talented deal closer in the recruiting world, but the earlier process of evaluating prospects is greatly helped by summer camps.**

coaching style meshes with a player's approach. Prospects, meanwhile, can get an advanced look at what playing for a particular school would be like.

"You get to know kids. You get to know their work ethic, you get to know their personality, you get to know who they are," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Obviously with anybody's job, the more information you can gather about the situation you have the better you get at making a decision."

Ault has seen the benefits first hand.

A few years ago, while in the beginning stages of implementing his "pistol" offense at Nevada, Ault was seeking an athletic quarterback

with the ability to run, but who could also throw to keep defenses honest.

What he discovered through camp was Colin Kaepernick, a lanky kid from Pittman High School in Turlock, Calif., quarterbacking a modified wing-T offense. Ault saw the potential and eventually lured Kaepernick to Reno, where he was the Western Athletic Conference offensive player of the year last season as a sophomore.

"The firsthand experience of getting to know them and talking to them ..." Ault said. "You see them, you see their personalities. You see a lot of good things and some bad things."

The same is true for Boise State coach Chris Petersen and his newly

prized quarterback, Kellen Moore. While rewriting record books at Prosser (Wash.) High School, Moore would spend a week each summer at Boise State's camp with his teammates. It was there that the Broncos staff got their first look at the undersized, yet highly talented left-handed quarterback.

Not surprisingly, Boise State was the only Football Bowl Subdivision team to heavily recruit Moore. The result was Moore starting as a red-shirt freshman at Boise State last year, and the Broncos going 12-0 in the regular season. As a bonus, the move also helped the Broncos land Moore's brother, Kirby, a receiver who was highly coveted by every major college on the West Coast.

"You can watch tape, watch all their games, and then get there and watch them play in front of you for a half hour and get more out of that than watching 10 games on tape," Petersen said. "That's why we really like it. Not so much to really recruit them right then, but to say 'do we think this guy is that type of player?'"

Camps can also help coaches find overlooked prospects that don't show up on the radar of the various recruiting services out there, a trait that's become the hallmark of non-BCS programs such as TCU and Boise State. Patterson said he'll sometimes bypass a refined high school prospect and instead take a chance on a kid who doesn't show the best skills at camp, but is coachable and has potential.

"To be able to coach a guy for a few days and be around them," he said. "That's definitely the way to go."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Racing options plentiful at Berry

Berry College is hosting a half marathon, as well as 5K and 10K runs on March 7 on the school's campus. Those who register by Feb. 7 will save \$10 on the half marathon and \$5 each on the 5K and 10K.

Festivities begin March 6 with a health and wellness expo and pre-race pasta dinner at Ford Dining Hall. The dinner will feature live entertainment and food catered by Bella Roma. Admission to the expo is free. The dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-12 (children younger than 3 eat free).

Registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or mail-in form can be printed at [www.berryhalf-marathon.com](http://www.berryhalf-marathon.com).

Kotchman lands one-year contract

ATLANTA — Casey Kotchman and the Atlanta Braves avoided salary arbitration, agreeing to a one-year contract worth \$2,885,000.

Kotchman could earn an additional \$100,000 in performance bonuses under the deal agreed to last week and announced Monday.

He hit a combined .272 with 14 homers and 74 RBIs last season for the Braves and the Los Angeles Angels.

The first baseman, who turns 26 on Feb. 22, hit only .149 with no homers in his first 22 games after he was acquired by the Braves on July 29 in the trade that sent Mark Teixeira to the Angels.

G-Tech's Lawal earns ACC honor

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Clemson's K.C. Rivers and Georgia Tech's Gani Lawal are co-players of the week in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while Wake Forest's Al-Farouq Aminu has been selected rookie of the week.

Lawal scored a game-high 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in leading the Yellow Jackets to their first ACC win of the season Saturday, a 76-74 victory over No. 6 Wake Forest.

Summitt denied in shot at 1,000

OKLAHOMA CITY — Pat Summitt's 1,000th win will have to wait at least another game.

Courtney Paris' record 112-game double-double streak came to an end, but Whitney Hand matched her career high with 20 points in No. 2 Oklahoma's 80-70 victory over 12th-ranked Tennessee on Monday.

Summitt was denied in her first attempt at reaching the coaching milestone. She'll get another chance on Thursday when the Lady Vols host Georgia.

Paris had nine points and 12 rebounds and got a standing ovation when she fouled out with 38.2 seconds left. She waved to the crowd as she walked to the sideline.

— Staff, AP Reports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: TOP 25 POLL

# UConn's the newest No. 1



AP PHOTO

**Craig Austrie, shown shooting, and the UConn Huskies are the top-ranked team in the nation.**

By **JIM O'CONNELL**

Associated Press Writer

It's Monday, there must be a new No. 1.

This time it's Connecticut at the top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll, the fourth straight week with a new No. 1.

The Huskies (20-1) moved up from second to replace Duke (19-2), which fell to fourth after losing on a last-second shot to Wake Forest in its one week on top.

Wake Forest (17-2) was No. 1 two weeks ago, but the Demon Deacons lost to Virginia Tech and fell out. They had replaced Pittsburgh (19-2), which was No. 1 for two weeks before losing to Louisville. North Carolina

(19-2) was a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason poll and for the first seven weeks of the season before losing to Boston College.

The five teams which have been No. 1 this season are from two conferences: North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke of the Atlantic Coast Conference and Pittsburgh and Connecticut of the Big East.

The record for consecutive weeks with a different No. 1 is seven in the 1993-94 season. This is Connecticut's first appearance at No. 1 since March 2006, and it is the Huskies' 25th week on top, all since 1995.

"I look at it like winning a good in-season tournament

like Maui, it's an accomplishment for a minute, a day an hour, a week or whatever, but you want to be there in April," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "It's still a nice little niche. Out of 343 Division I teams how many have a chance to be No. 1? So it is nice to be there."

Connecticut received 64 first-place votes from the 72-member national media panel to easily outdistance Oklahoma (21-1), which moved up from fourth. The Sooners were last ranked No. 2 in the 2002-03 season. The Sooners were No. 1 on five ballots.

Connecticut is also ranked No. 1 in the women's poll.

# Thomas: Program-record 51 hits in senior season



**Northwest Whitfield softball coach Tammy Lambert believes Callie Thomas, right, can make an 'immediate impact both offensively and defensively' when she suits up for Shorter College next year.**

MISTY WATSON  
The Daily Citizen

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"She can certainly play at the next level and make an immediate impact both offensively and defensively. This is an exciting time for Callie."

In her senior season with the Lady Bruins, Thomas hit .451 and broke her own school record for hits in a season with 51, topping 2007's 49 hits. She was an excellent contact hitter with power, tallying 33 singles, four doubles, 13 triples and a home run to go with 38 RBIs, 32 runs and a .743 slugging percentage. But Thomas wasn't always a power hitter.

"Coming in as a freshman and even in her sophomore

year, we used her a lot as a slap hitter because she's left-handed and she's real quick," Lambert said. "But by her junior year, she was developmentally so much stronger and her hitting had progressed."

"She was a power hitter and there was no way I could waste her talent by making her just a slap hitter, so I moved her to the No. 3-No. 4 spot and did the same thing her senior year. She got some big hits for us in that role and it got to the point where (opposing pitchers) didn't want to throw to her at all."

Thomas' immediate role with the Lady Hawks has yet to be determined, but her role in the classroom is a little more defined. She's leaning heavily toward majoring in

education and, just this semester, enrolled in a program where she spends the first half of her school day at Northwest and the second half at North Whitfield Middle as a teaching assistant.

At the middle school, Thomas alternates between working with sixth grade and special education students. As a result, she's deciding between teaching special education or at the middle school level. Her mother, Sallie Thomas, teaches kindergarten at Pleasant Grove Elementary, where Callie has also worked as a teaching assistant.

"I absolutely love (teaching)," Thomas said. "It makes my day. The kids call me 'Ms. C' and they're so respectful to me."

# Game: Joins run of great Super Bowls this decade

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to Isaac Bruce from Kurt Warner, who brought the Cardinals back from a 13-point deficit Sunday before the Steelers' final drive.

Warner also had to watch from sidelines in 2002, as Tom Brady drove the Patriots to the winning field goal against the Rams. It wasn't the only similarity Sunday to Super Bowls past. In some ways, this year's edition mirrored last season's.

The winning TD game came on a pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Santonio Holmes with 35 seconds left in the game, the same time remaining a year ago when

the Giants scored to beat New England 17-14. The Steelers' game-winning drive started from their own 22 with 2:42 left in the game; the Giants' drive began from their 17 with 2:39 remaining.

Holmes was voted the game's MVP with 9 catches for 131 yards. It was for him redemption in two ways.

The play before his game-winning touchdown on tip-toes, he had missed what seemed to be an easier throw on the opposite side of the end zone. And in midseason, he was suspended one game by Steelers coach Mike Tomlin after being found with marijuana after a traffic stop by Pittsburgh police.

"I learned a lot from that," Holmes said. "I've grown a lot."

Goodell added: "Santonio grabbed me as we were coming off the podium and said 'thank you for believing in me.'"

Holmes' acrobatics made a winner of Tomlin in only his second year as Pittsburgh's coach.

The 36-year-old Tomlin guided the Steelers to an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl title. After a short night, he told reporters Monday, he's appreciating the Steelers and their fans more all the time.

"It's generational," he said. "It's passed down from

father to son. The more I'm in the organization, the more I understand it. It's part of the fabric of peoples' lives."

It's a game Pittsburghers certainly will remember for a long time. It might even have been the best in the recent run

of title-game dramas, played out before an estimated TV audience of 95.4 million — second only to last year's Super Bowl for U.S. ratings.

There were 23 points scored in the final 7 1/2 minutes of the game.

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# SCOREBOARD

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Today**  
**Varsity basketball**  
 LaFayette at Southeast, 6  
 Cass at Northwest Whitfield, 6  
 Dalton at Hiram, 6  
 Furth Prep at Christian Heritage, 6:30  
**Varsity wrestling**  
 Cherokee at Dalton, 5:30  
**Junior varsity basketball**  
 Furth Prep at Christian Heritage, 4

**Friday**  
**Varsity basketball**  
 Christian Heritage at Heinyway Christian, 6  
 Paulding County at Dalton, 6  
 Murray County at Cass, 7  
 Ringgold at Southeast, 7  
 Osborne at Northwest Whitfield, 7  
**Varsity wrestling**  
 Area 7-4A traditional tournament at Rome, 5  
 Area 6-3A traditional tournament at LaFayette  
**Junior varsity basketball**  
 Murray County at Cass, 4  
 Christian Heritage boys at Heinyway Christian, 4:30  
 Osborne at Northwest Whitfield, 5:30

**Saturday**  
**Varsity basketball**  
 Murray County at Sprayberry, 4  
 Rome at Dalton, 4  
 Northwest Whitfield at Hiram, 6  
**Varsity wrestling**  
 Area 7-4A traditional tournament at Rome  
 Area 6-3A traditional tournament at LaFayette  
**Junior varsity basketball**  
 Murray County at Sprayberry, 1  
 Northwest Whitfield at Hiram, 3  
**Freshman basketball**  
 Northwest at Woodland tournament

### 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.  
 Pittsburgh 27, Arizona 23

#### Pro Bowl

#### Sunday, Feb. 8

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

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Purdue at Ohio St.  
 9 p.m.  
 ESPN — South Carolina at Florida  
**NHL**  
 7 p.m.  
 VERSUS — Washington at New Jersey

## PRO BASKETBALL

### NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	40	9	.816	
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	15 1/2
New York	21	25	.457	17 1/2
New Jersey	21	27	.438	18 1/2
Toronto	19	30	.388	21
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	36	10	.783	
Atlanta	27	20	.574	9 1/2
Miami	25	21	.543	11
Charlotte	19	28	.404	17 1/2
Washington	10	37	.213	26 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	37	9	.804	
Detroit	25	21	.543	12
Milwaukee	24	27	.471	15 1/2
Chicago	21	27	.438	17
Indiana	19	29	.396	19
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	32	14	.696	
New Orleans	28	16	.636	3
Houston	29	19	.604	4
Dallas	27	19	.587	5
Memphis	11	35	.239	21
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	31	16	.660	
Portland	29	17	.630	1 1/2
Utah	26	22	.542	5 1/2
Minnesota	16	30	.348	14 1/2
Oklahoma City	11	37	.229	20 1/2
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	37	9	.804	
Phoenix	25	20	.556	11 1/2
Golden State	15	33	.313	23
Sacramento	11	38	.224	27 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	37	.213	27 1/2
Sunday's Scores				
Orlando 113, Toronto 90				
Boston 109, Minnesota 101				
Cleveland 90, Detroit 80				
Sacramento 122, Oklahoma City 118, OT				

### Monday's Scores

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

## PRO HOCKEY

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	32	15	3	67	157	125
N.Y. Rangers	29	18	4	62	132	134
Philadelphia	26	14	9	61	159	145
Pittsburgh	24	22	5	53	157	157
N.Y. Islanders	15	29	5	35	123	169
Northeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	37	8	6	80	178	113
Montreal	28	16	6	62	154	143
Buffalo	26	19	5	57	149	140
Toronto	19	23	8	46	149	182
Ottawa	17	24	7	41	116	142
Southwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	32	15	4	68	166	147
Carolina	25	21	5	55	128	147
Florida	23	18	8	54	138	138
Tampa Bay	17	23	10	44	129	157
Atlanta	17	29	5	39	148	181
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	31	11	7	69	179	144
Chicago	27	13	8	62	161	123
Columbus	24	21	5	53	136	142
Nashville	22	24	3	47	119	141
St. Louis	20	24	4	44	138	152
Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	30	14	4	64	154	141
Edmonton	25	21	3	53	138	151
Minnesota	25	21	3	53	128	114
Vancouver	22	20	8	52	143	146
Colorado	23	26	1	47	138	154
Pacific Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	36	7	5	77	167	112
Anaheim	25	22	5	55	149	146
Phoenix	24	22	5	53	129	150
Dallas	23	18	7	53	143	157
Los Angeles	20	21	7	47	125	137
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.						
Sunday's Scores						
Washington 7, Ottawa 4						
Boston 3, Montreal 1						
Nashville 2, Edmonton 1						
Monday's Scores						
St. Louis at Detroit, late						
Calgary at Colorado, late						
Buffalo at Anaheim, late						
Today's Games						
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.						
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.						
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.						
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.						

Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
 Florida at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
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 Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Carolina at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### The AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (64)	20-1	1,792
2. Oklahoma (5)	21-1	1,691
3. North Carolina (3)	19-2	1,639
4. Duke	19-2	1,563
5. Louisville	17-3	1,464
6. Pittsburgh	19-2	1,427
7. Wake Forest	17-2	1,409
8. Marquette	19-2	1,358
9. Xavier	19-2	1,176
10. Clemson	18-2	1,077
11. Butler	19-1	1,051
12. Purdue	17-4	961
13. Michigan St.	17-4	876
14. Memphis	18-3	798
15. UCLA	17-4	787
16. Texas	15-5	724
17. Villanova	17-4	698
18. Gonzaga	16-4	632
19. Minnesota	18-3	426
20. Syracuse	17-5	415
21. Kansas	17-4	316
22. Washington	16-5	216
23. Illinois	18-4	198
24. Arizona St.	16-5	146
25. Utah St.	21-1	99

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 39, Georgia Tech 34, Marist 33, LSU 22, Rutgers 15, Middle Tennessee 11, San Diego St. 8, Boston College 6, Gonzaga 5, Bowling Green 3, Arizona St. 1, Utah 1.

### USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 1, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (28)	20-1	772
2. Oklahoma (3)	21-1	729
3. Duke	19-2	682
4. North Carolina	19-2	670
5. Pittsburgh	19-2	633
6. Wake Forest	17-2	609
7. Louisville	17-3	604
8. Marquette	19-2	586
9. Xavier	19-2	529
10. Clemson	18-2	487
11. Butler	19-1	456
12. UCLA	17-4	400
13. Purdue	17-4	369
14. Michigan State	17-4	356
15. Memphis	18-3	309
16. Villanova	17-4	298
17. Texas	15-5	274
18. Gonzaga	16-4	201
19. Minnesota	18-3	197
20. Syracuse	17-5	162
21. Illinois	18-4	126
22. Utah State	21-1	106
23. Arizona State	16-5	104
24. Kansas	17-4	100
25. Washington	16-5	78

Others receiving votes: Dayton 69; Missouri 30; Davidson 27; UNLV 19; Saint Mary's 18; Southern California 15; Penn State 13; LSU 10; South Carolina 8; Florida 6; West Virginia 5; Notre Dame

4. Baylor 3; Georgetown 3; Kentucky 3; Brigham Young 2; Utah 2; Boston College 1.

### The AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut (45)	21-0	1,125
2. Oklahoma	18-2	1,079
3. California	18-2	979
4. Duke	17-2	917
5. Louisville	20-2	873
6. Auburn	21-1	872
7. Stanford	17-4	852
8. Baylor	17-3	792
9. North Carolina	19-3	792
10. Texas A&M	17-3	790
11. Florida	20-2	660
12. Tennessee	16-4	594
13. Maryland	16-4	586
14. Ohio St.	18-3	514
15. Florida St.	18-4	498
16. Texas	15-5	444
17. Virginia	18-4	435
18. Kansas St.	18-2	334
19. Notre Dame	16-4	261
20. Vanderbilt	17-5	260
21. Iowa St.	16-4	247
22. Pittsburgh	16-4	215
23. Xavier	19-4	135
24. DePaul	17-5	99
25. S. Dakota St.	20-2	94

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma St. 39, Georgia Tech 34, Marist 33, LSU 22, Rutgers 15, Middle Tennessee 11, San Diego St. 8, Boston College 6, Gonzaga 5, Bowling Green 3, Arizona St. 1, Utah 1.

### Top 25 Men's Schedule

**Today's Games**  
 No. 3 North Carolina vs. Maryland, 8 p.m.  
 No. 8 Marquette at DePaul, 9 p.m.  
 No. 12 Purdue at Ohio State, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 No. 2 Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M, 9 p.m.  
 No. 4 Duke at No. 10 Clemson, 9 p.m.  
 No. 7 Wake Forest at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 No. 13 Michigan State vs. No. 19 Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

No. 14 Memphis at SMU, 9 p.m.  
 No. 15 UCLA vs. Southern Cal, 10:30 p.m.  
 No. 16 Texas vs. Missouri, 9:30 p.m.  
 No. 17 Villanova at Providence, 8 p.m.  
 No. 20 Syracuse vs. West Virginia, 7 p.m.

### Top 25 Women Schedule

**Today's Games**  
 No. 1 Connecticut vs. Rutgers, 8 p.m.  
 No. 5 Louisville vs. Syracuse 7 p.m.  
 No. 19 Notre Dame at No. 22 Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 No. 8 Baylor at Nebraska, 8:05 p.m.  
 No. 10 Texas A&M at No. 21 Iowa State, 8 p.m.  
 No. 18 Kansas State vs. Missouri, 8 p.m.  
 No. 24 DePaul vs. Georgetown, 8 p.m.

## AP SPOTLIGHT

### Feb. 3

1944 — Syd Howe of the Detroit Red Wings scores six goals in a 12-6 victory over the New York Rangers.  
 1980 — Larry Bird hits the first 3-point shot in the history of the NBA All-Star Game. The 3 came in overtime as the East team outscored the West 16-8 in OT for a 144-136 win.  
 1982 — Skier Steve Mahre, twin brother of overall champion Phil Mahre, becomes the first American man to win a gold medal in Olympic or World Championship competition when he edges Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark by 0.51 seconds in the giant slalom.  
 1990 — Bill Shoemaker, the world's winningest jockey, finishes fourth on Patchy Groundhog in his final ride at Santa Anita. The 58-year-old Shoemaker finishes his 40-year career with \$123,375,524 in earnings, a record 8,833 wins, 6,136 seconds and 4,987 thirds in 40,350 starts.  
 1996 — Visiting teams are 7-0, marking the first time in NBA history

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**BRIDGE**

**Neutralizing a knave**

Assume you're declarer with the South hand at four hearts. The defenders start by cashing three club tricks, after which East shifts to a low spade. How do you continue? When the deal occurred, South won the spade with the ace and played five rounds of trumps, reducing everyone to four cards with dummy retaining the K-Q-10-5 of diamonds. East grimly hung on to his four diamonds, discarding his remaining spade on the last trump lead. Declarer then tried the A-K-Q of diamonds, but had to concede a diamond to East at the end for down one.

South's method of play had about an even chance of success. Had the diamonds been divided 3-3, or had the jack fallen singleton or doubleton, he would have made the contract. However, since he overlooked a safe way to guard against either opponent holding the J-x-x-x of diamonds, the outcome cannot be attributed solely to bad luck.

After taking the ace of spades, the best line of play is to cash the king of trumps and lead a trump to the ace. When both East and West follow suit, the A-K of diamonds are played.

At this point, the contract becomes certain. Declarer trumps a low diamond with the queen, leads a low trump to dummy's jack and discards his 9-3 of spades on the Q-10 of diamonds. That's all there is to it.

If the opponents' trumps were divided 4-1, declarer would find out when he cashed the second heart. He would then have no choice but to continue drawing trumps and hope for a favorable diamond division.

Observe that the recommended method of play — drawing only two rounds of trumps if both defenders follow suit — assures the contract whenever the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2 (86 percent), while drawing all the trumps stakes the entire outcome on a friendly diamond division.

**Tomorrow:** To cover or not to cover.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** BEATLES HIT ABOUT A STREET ON WHICH PEOPLE CONGREGATE AND CREATE PLAYS ON WORDS: "PUNNY LANE."  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** You'll be inclined to overlook the obvious this year, partly due to emotional concerns you may not want to face. You cannot move forward unless you get rid of the negative people and situations in your life. You are at a crossroad and choices and decisions must be made with great thought and honesty so you can move confidently into the future. Your numbers are 9, 14, 18, 22, 29, 34, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't count on anyone but yourself to do the work you want done. Be on your toes and ready to counteract anything that may incriminate you. Arguing will be a waste of time. Success will be sweet revenge. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** If you let anyone meddle in your affairs, it will take a long time to sort out the mess created. Don't second-guess your intentions. You must be on top of matters and in control in order to make the most of your day. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't hesitate when you have something important to say concerning an emotional matter. Waffling will confuse others and deter them from getting involved in your plans. If you are gung ho, you will attract followers. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You have a good handle on your situation. Now, if you can express your feelings, you can come out on top. When you back away and sulk, you lose ground. Listen to the options that others present. 4 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't give in to emotional blackmail. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of your generosity and good nature. There are other opportunities, so don't let anyone make you feel you are in a do-or-die situation. 2 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put your best foot forward and you'll have everyone eating out of your hand. You can persuade even the toughest opponent that you



**Eugenia Last**

have something worth investing in or getting involved in. Make your move with confidence. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Go after your goals. Don't let laziness be your downfall. Getting involved in groups that can introduce you to people of influence will help you map out your course of action and bring about success. Romantic opportunities are present. 5 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Think for yourself. You have to read between the lines if you want to know where you stand. Changes to your environment will leave you wondering where you will end up. Don't leave yourself open for criticism. Do what needs to be done. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You are likely to get involved in an emotional situation that will make you squirm if you haven't been honest. If you fall short, someone will be happy to point it out. Stay where you can get the most done in the least amount of time. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You have everything going for you but, if you let someone you are emotionally involved with cloud your vision, you will miss out on a prosperous opportunity. Changes to your home or your personal situation will ease stress. 5 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Too much, too fast will lead to emotional upset and poor choices. Someone will try to talk his or her way into your life but past records should help you make your final decision. It's time for you to move on to new people, places and pastimes. 2 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Mingle with people who are doers. A partnership looks promising but, before you decide to get involved financially, make sure that the deal is fair to both parties. Get what you want in writing. 4 stars

**Collecting Camels** Former cigarette worker collects Camels stuff

**By JANICE GASTON**  
 Raleigh News & Observer

Jesse Taylor wouldn't walk a mile for a Camel. He doesn't smoke anymore, and even when he did, he smoked Salems.

But he might walk a mile if he knew he would find a particularly appealing piece of Camel memorabilia at the end of the trail.

Taylor, 71, started collecting all things connected to Camel, one of Reynolds' best-known cigarette brands, after he retired 20 years ago. He worked as a department supervisor in production at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for 23 years, and he bought some pieces from the company's souvenir store. He also combed flea markets from Ohio to Florida, he said. After a while, no one had to worry about what to give him for his birthday or Christmas. Anything related to Camel would do. Last year, his wife, Bobbie Taylor, bought him a hand-carved wooden camel made in Jerusalem.

"I love to surprise him with things," she said. When the Taylors moved to a one-story house on a golf course a few years back, he had no space to display his collection.

A year ago, they built a new house with a basement for Jesse Taylor and his stuff. He and his daughter's father-in-law did all the finishing work themselves, so he could have things just so. He furnished his retreat with a big-screen TV, a pool table, some comfortable chairs, a sofa, and a desk with a computer. He draped a Camel throw over the back of the plaid sofa, and he set up some of his most precious pieces in a lighted cabinet.

When he started hanging his neon Camel signs and framed advertisements,



SHNS PHOTO

**Jesse Taylor in the camel-collection room at his home in Yadkinville, N.C. Taylor, a former supervisor at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., has been collecting Camel items for over 20 years.**

Bobbie Taylor made a few suggestions for their placement. Her husband balked.

"He let me know in the very beginning, 'This is my basement. This is my stuff. I'm going to hang it wherever I want,'" Bobbie Taylor said, laughing. "This is off-limits to me. Every now and then, he will let me watch a movie with him."

So he was the one who hung the prints of a pool-playing Joe Camel, a brand mascot used in Camel advertising from 1988 until 1997, behind the pool table. He hung a big metal advertising sign on an adjacent wall. He hung several neon signs, including one depicting a camel and a palm tree, above the sofa.

Camels made their debut as prepackaged cigarettes in 1913, an era when most people rolled their own. Through the years, imagina-

tive advertising slogans and Camel's blend of American and Turkish tobaccos made it a top seller. By the time Camel celebrated its 75th birthday, sales had declined, so marketers came up with Joe Camel, a cool cartoon character that quickly became a pop-culture icon.

Joe Camel appealed so much to children that the American Medical Association put pressure on Reynolds to drop the character.

Bobbie Taylor smoked Camels now and then in her smoking days, but she and her husband gave up cigarettes in 1987, when doctors told her that she had early-stage lung cancer. Despite being a nonsmoker for more than 20 years, Jesse Taylor still retains fond memories of his years in the tobacco industry. Watching his former company shrink and

splinter has been hard for him.

"I'll tell you one thing — it was a great company to work for," he said. "In the old days, you were people, not a number."

Perhaps the most valuable piece in Jesse's collection is an image of an ad that never got off the ground. The ad showed Joe Camel on horseback, a pose reminiscent of Philip Morris' symbol, the Marlboro Man. Other images of Joe show him riding a motorcycle, stopping by a diner and playing in a band.

Jesse Taylor doesn't collect quite as avidly as he once did — space is getting scarce. But he still likes to browse the flea markets, and if he finds something at a good price, he will take it.

No one has offered to buy his collection, he said. "They know I'm not selling."

**Nelson in fine form on 'Willie and the Wheel'**

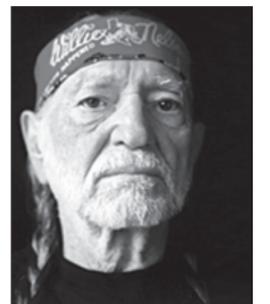
**By STEVEN WINE**  
 Associated Press Writer

Willie Nelson and Asleep at the Wheel, "Willie and the Wheel" (Bismieux Records)

These are tunes for tough times: Willie Nelson singing Western Swing is bound to bring a smile. The genre became popular during the Depression and still has plenty of life, as "Willie and the Wheel" shows.

The late and legendary producer Jerry Wexler came up with the idea 30 years ago to pair Nelson with swing tunes, but it was 2007 before work on the album began with help from Ray Benson, leader of the Texas swing band Asleep at the Wheel.

Wexler suggested material and the use of horns, which makes the album a natural progression from Nelson's excellent 2008 collaboration with Wynton



Willie Nelson

Marsalis. Happily, Wexler heard session tapes of "Wheel and the Wheel" before his death.

Many of the songs were originally done by Bob Wills or Milton Brown, and arrangements geared to the dance hall allow plenty of room for pickin' and plunkin' and tootin'. Nelson fits right in with his swoops, scoops, jazzy phrasing and singspeak. The man would have been a star in the 1930s, and he may still be one in the 2030s.

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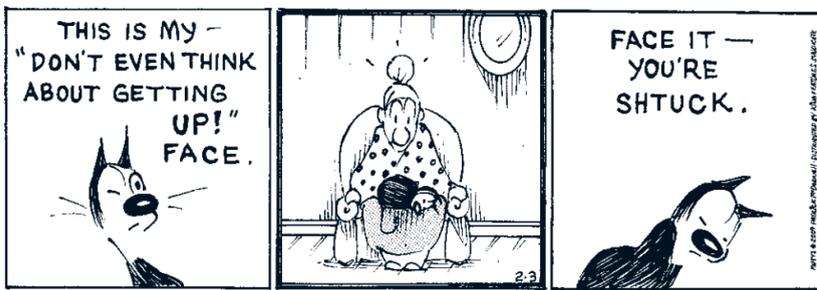
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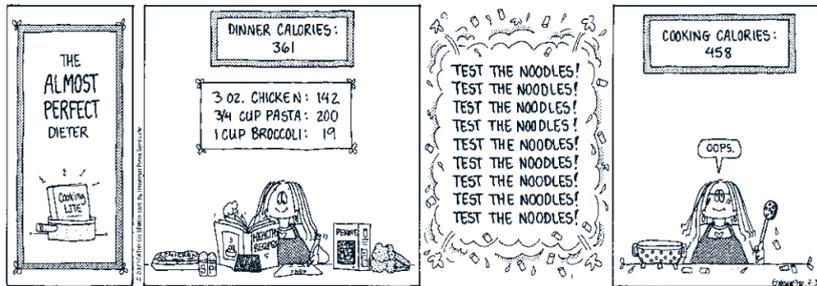
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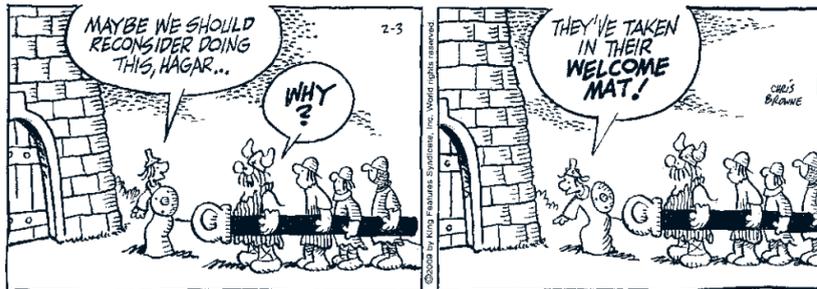
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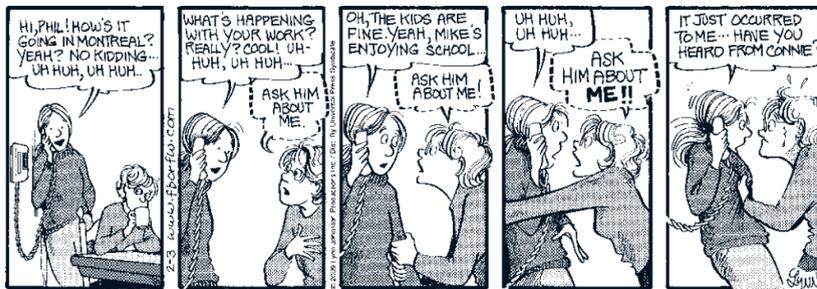
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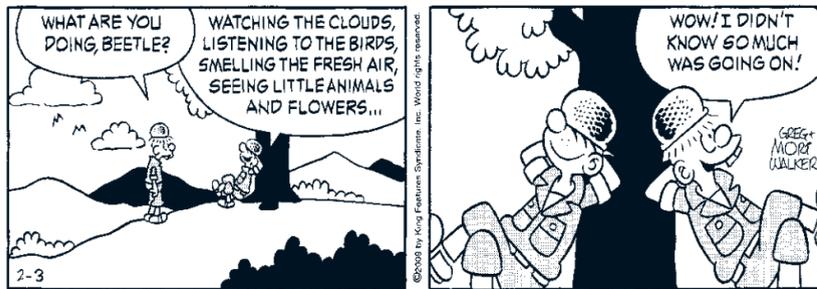
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DEAR ABBY

Long hair is burden for husband, wife

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Short and Trendy in West Texas" (Nov. 17), whose husband thinks she went against him by cutting her long hair short. I, too, like my wife's hair long, and I see nothing wrong with urging her to keep it that way. Personally, I hate shaving and have suggested to my wife that I might like to grow a beard. She said, "No way," so I keep shaving.

If keeping her hair long is such a burden for "Short and Trendy," I would suggest a better alternative might be to explain to her husband how much time it takes to care for long hair (and three kids), and see if he would be willing to take on more chores so she will have time to care for longer tresses. — BEN IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

their wives to keep their hair long might learn to — and offer to — help take care of it. — JUDY'S LOVING HUSBAND IN KULA, HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: I had long hair when my husband and I first were married. It was his desire that I keep it long, but as time went on it became a big hassle with the daily grind. Finally I told him that if he wanted my hair long, he would be the one taking care of it. So for one week my husband got up at 5 in the morning to wash it, dry it and style it. At the end of the week he told me, "Honey, you can do whatever you want with your hair."

If men who like long hair would do what my husband did, perhaps they would understand why we want shorter cuts. — LONG HAIR NO MORE IN COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR ABBY: I had the same problem with my husband. My response to him was if he wanted long hair, then he should grow HIS out. He hasn't bothered me about it since. — J.B. IN WINNSBORO, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: The first five years of marriage, your husband wants you to have long hair. The second five years, your husband wants his daughter to have long hair. The next five years, he wishes HE had some hair. — CALL ME SHORTY IN AKRON, OHIO



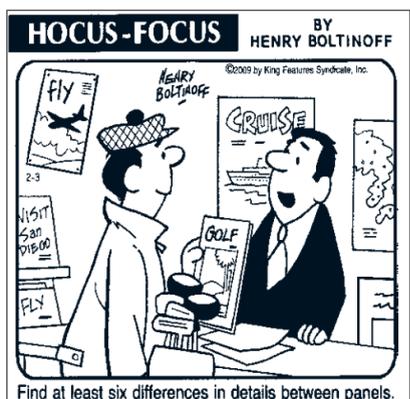
Jeane Phillips

DEAR BEN: Thank you for lending your male perspective. However, most of the women who responded feel that a long mane is a pain. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Judy, my wife and the love of my life for more than 37 years, still has beautiful waist-length blond hair. It's part of who she is, and I love who she is. Therefore, I brush her hair and massage her neck and shoulders every night before we go to bed.

Long hair is more work than short hair, and taking care of my wife is part of loving her, not a "fetish" of mine. Men who want

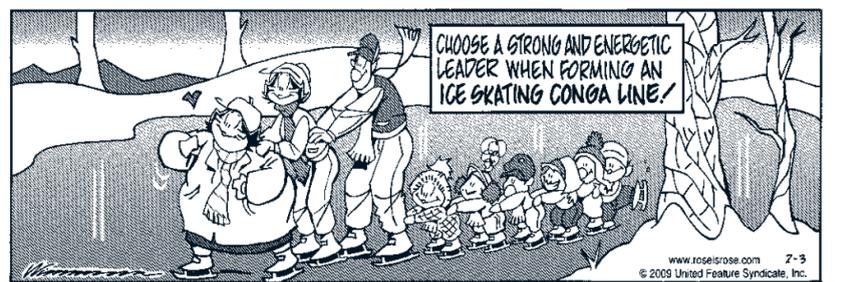
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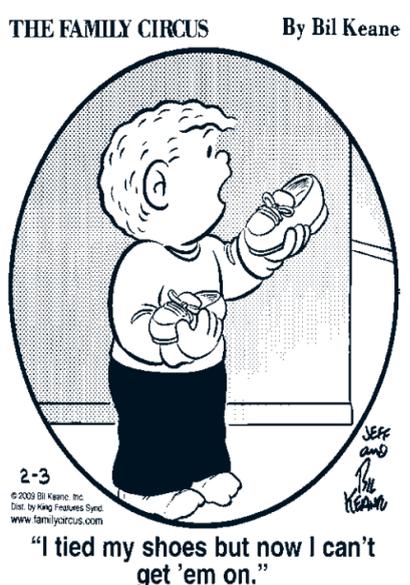
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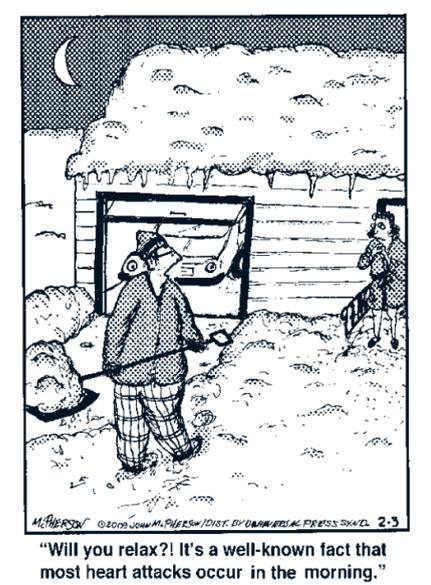
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**728 Commercial Rental**

**LOOK!**  
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**728 Commercial Rental**

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Restaurants for rent: \*410 S. Hamilton (fmrly Bailey's Diner) Incl. equipment \$3,495 mo. 30 day setup time - Free Rent. \*801 E. Walnut Ave. Barrett Marketplace \$2995/Mo. \$2000 dep. (fmrly El Taco) fully furnished. 706-279-1380 wkdy 9-5:30

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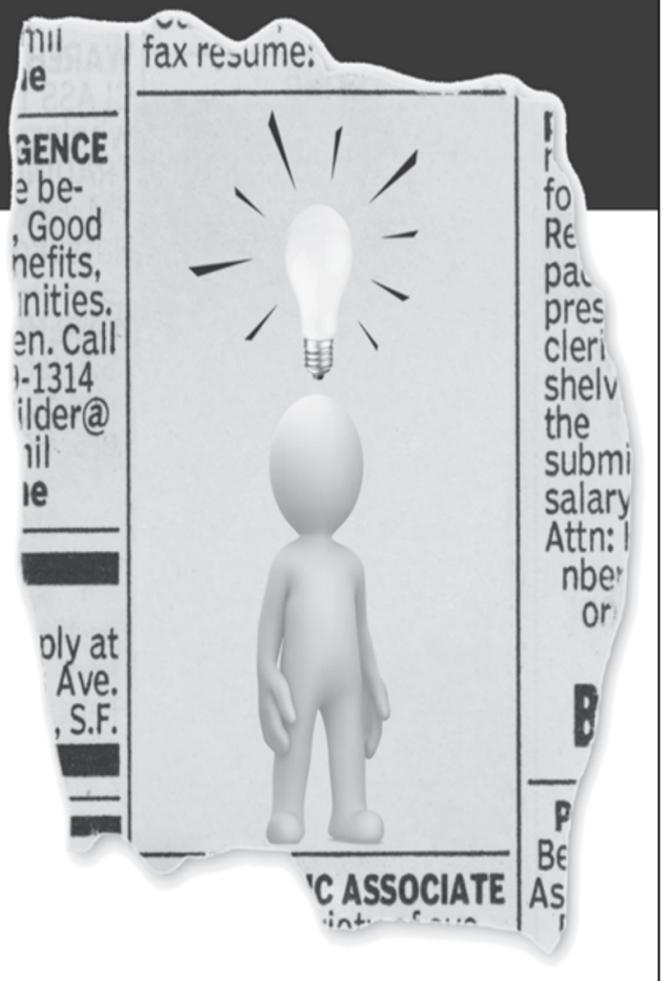
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