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# Murray may furlough workers

By MARK MILLICAN  
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CHATSWORTH — Murray County sole commissioner David Ridley said Tuesday he must cut \$500,000 in the county's budget before March 1 to avoid having to borrow money several months from now. Furloughing county workers one day a month is the logical step if he can't cut enough out of each department's budget, he added.

"We had \$614,000 less in the bank in January than we did in January of last year," he said. "Someone said why not raise taxes, but my view on that is that people can't afford to pay what they owe now in taxes. If we can't get to that half-million mark by



Ridley

'shaving' the departments we'll look at one day on furlough from each county employee, from me all the way down. If that doesn't do it, we'll go to two furlough days, and if that's not enough, we'll look at layoffs."

The county has about 250 employees, though not all are full time.

The county had approximately \$5.3 million available last January, but that figure had dropped to roughly \$4.8 million last month,

said finance director Tommy Parker.

Ridley said it takes \$1.2 million each month to run the county, and that former sole commissioner Jim Welch left \$5.4 million in reserves.

"Our January revenue was \$600,000 roughly, so you can see how that starts chipping away into that \$5.4 million," he said. "Each month hits the surplus harder

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Tammy and Randy Crump look over a stack of bills at their Chatsworth home on Tuesday. The couple worked for R&R Textiles in Eton but are left without income when the company closed recently.

# Workers question backdated payment

By MARK MILLICAN  
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CHATSWORTH — Randy Crump was shaking visibly when he testified during a hearing in Murray County Magistrate Court on Tuesday about not getting paid for work at R&R Textiles in Eton.

"I worked faithfully for you," he said to part-owner Rob Pickens, who was sitting directly across the table from him with Pickens' attorney, Jonathan Bledsoe, with Minor, Bell & Neal. "The reason I'm mad is that you should've come and let us know what's going on. We're a family and we gave you respect. You should have given us respect back!"

Crump has worked at R&R for two years as their receiving department manager and

truck driver. He takes medications to counteract manic depression and bipolar disorder, said his wife Tammy. She has worked at R&R for five years, and takes medication for high cholesterol and high blood pressure. She said their insurance was canceled on Feb. 1 as part of the separation from the company, and her husband had been "without his meds" for four days. Both — along with 32 other hourly employees and eight salaried employees — received notices on Friday saying R&R would close that day.

Employees said they were paid for the week before, but part of the notice said their release from the company would be backdated one week prior — to Jan. 23 —

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# Civil War show includes other events

By CHARLES OLIVER  
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Some 2,000 Civil War buffs — from as far away as California and New York — are expected to descend on the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center this weekend for the 14th annual Chickamauga Southern National Civil War Show.

Mike Kent, the show's promoter, says the recession hasn't affected interest in Civil War collecting.

"We had one back in Nashville in December and one last month in Charleston (S.C.) and attendance has been exactly where it was in previous years. It hasn't dropped off. I was sort of shocked," he said. "But these collectors are a pretty resilient group."

Kent says the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Civil War, which starts in 2011, may be boosting interest in the war.

"Things like that are always drawing new collectors into the field," he said.

## CIVIL WAR SHOW

The 14th annual Chickamauga Southern National Civil War Show will be open to the public Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Those who come in full Civil War uniform or an antebellum dress will also be admitted free.

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# Residents recall Habitat founder

By RACHEL BROWN  
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Charles E. Bowen says talking with Habitat for Humanity co-founder Millard Fuller was "like sitting down talking to a brother."

Bowen, an original member of the Dalton-Whitfield Habitat for Humanity board of directors, said he spoke with Fuller, who died on Tuesday, on several occasions, and met Fuller at his office in Americus more than a decade ago.

"I had a dream of having him up here for a blitz build (where professional construction workers contribute their labor), but we never did get him," Bowen



RACHEL BROWN/The Daily Citizen

Charles E. Bowen holds his copy of "The House That Love Built" signed by Millard Fuller.

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# U.S. adults are risk takers

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — We're not smart cookies when it comes to eating cookie dough, and too often engage in all kinds of other risky behavior.

Those are the findings of a Consumer Reports telephone survey of 1,000 adults.

It found nearly 3 of every 4 Americans put cotton swabs inside their ears, risking a perforated eardrum. Nearly 4 in 10 admit

eating raw cookie dough, which can carry salmonella.

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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.**

"Quit worrying about Obama and start worrying about the German-led European Union which is going to put pressure on us in the future."

"Limbaugh is entertainment just like WWE, Jerry Springer and the Enquirer. Believe what you want."

"Rush Limbaugh was on Hannity last night and they were just great. They are so smart and they try to tell these meathheads what's right."

"I am worried about a dog I saw tied in a yard on George Brock Road in South Whitfield. It has such a short tether it's worn a path around the base of the tree."

"Obama should work for the IRS. He's good at picking out tax dodgers."

"All you Republicans, when I win the lottery I am going to become a Republican because that's the rich man's party."

"He may not have been the worst, but how could any intelligent person think Bush was one of the best presidents we've had?"

"Dalton Utilities has a draw for deer hunting. Why not a draw to let kids fish in their lakes?"

"Neal Hiller's letter as based on facts that can't be argued with. Some people just can't face the truth."

"Wouldn't a traffic light at the 4-way stop in Spring Place be much cheaper?"

"During the 1930s the banking industry made heroes out of Bonnie and Clyde and John Dillinger. Are we going to see history repeat itself?"

"No problem. Let the doctor who gave the woman the drugs to have the eight children pay their hospital bill."

"Liberal Democrats run on lies, just like Obama."

"Besides using a bulldozer how do we get rid of that convention center. And who do we have to thank for it?"

"I am glad the new Dalton superintendent has the guts to start cutting the lard out of his budget."

"I have always been thankful that my parents encouraged me to get a college education. I have never been at a point in my life that I worried if I could support myself and my children if something happened to my husband or my marriage. I always had that degree to fall back on."

"To that rich Republican: I am not a whiner. I am a saver since the Great Depression 70 years ago. My savings were calculated to last a lifetime, but were wiped out during the Bush Administration."

"Happy birthday to the most wonderful woman in the world, Mary Stampe." (Sorry, we're a day late).

"Dr. Hawkins needs to get rid of the C-3 Center. That was Dr. Porter trying to cater to demanding parents who wanted a private school for their kids."

"Thank you to Dr. Hawkins for the way he is handling the budget shortfall. Starting at the top and lowering salaries is the thing to do."

"Anyone who thinks he knows where the Lord stands on political issues must be out of their mind."

"How come Jimmy Carter sticks his nose in other country's election business, but he doesn't say anything about the criminal activities of the ACORN Group here in the U.S."

"Happy 49th wedding anniversary to Stella

Hawkins."

"How ironic that people are using their freedom of speech to criticize people like Rush and others for using theirs."

"Happy anniversary to Nathan Morgan."

"The more people I meet the more I like my dog. And I don't even have a dog."

"The Iraqi elections look more fair than the elections in America."

"Sunday school or not. If God wants Bible verses in that forum they will be there."

"The people who think Bush was a great president must have been in a coma for eight years. Let me update you, Obama has only been in for two weeks."

"I have e-mailed the chief of police and received a quick response."

"Please leave George Bush's name out of the Forum. Every time I hear his name mentioned I get sick to my stomach."

"Let me explain how lousy George Bush was. Jimmy Carter was a better president. Get the point."

"After you reach 62 you shouldn't have to pay property tax. It's hard enough to live on Social Security."

"Tom Daschle is a tax cheat, too. How many crooks is Obama going to hire?"

"If the Democratic tax cheats would pay their income taxes, the country wouldn't need a bailout."

"Maynard Preston is my hero. I could never have written such an eloquent letter to the editor. It's an opinion everyone should pay attention to."

"Maynard Preston's letter to the editor hit the nail on the head. All the dogs in the world aren't worth one human life."

"Why will insurance

cover the cost of Viagra but not the cost of birth control pills? That's discrimination."

"I read Mr. Preston's letter to the editor and see that another religious nutcase has come out of the woodwork."

"They probably don't want those three guys picking up dead animals on the side of the road. They are afraid they would eat them."

"A good debate between Al Sharpton and Rush Limbaugh? That's the epitome of an oxymoron."

"We need a spay and neuter clinic for humans."

"All these people going out and drinking and having a good time need to read their Bibles. Being drunk is a sin."

"A debate between Rush Limbaugh and Al Sharpton would be a total joke."

"What's that number to call about price gouging?"

"Why does Obama revere Lincoln when all Lincoln wanted to do was ship the blacks back to Africa? I don't get it."

**Editor's note: You don't get it. Lincoln's views were a little more complex than that.**

"Mr. Preston, a large number of serial killers started their killing spree by killing animals. Society doesn't need these three walking among us. And by the way, my dog is family."

"Obama is not killing babies anywhere. It's the women who are killing babies."

"Thank you to Dr. Jim Pilcher for his years of service to our community."

"Your Sunday editorial page was a put down of the stimulus package. I think you need to report the news and let us decide for ourselves."

**Editor's note: No opinion on the opinion page?**

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Maddie Scarborough  
**AGE:** 16  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Dad, Pete Scarborough; mom, Traci Scarborough; brother, Pierson Scarborough; sister, Pryce Scarborough  
**SCHOOL:** Dalton High School  
**HOBBIES:** Reading, swimming, Rock Bridge Youth  
**SHE SAID:** "Never Will I leave you. Never will I forsake you."  
— Hebrews 13:5



**State Senate approves transportation funding plan**

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Senate on Tuesday approved a transportation funding plan that would allow residents to boost their sales tax by a penny to pay for road, transit and light rail projects.

The Senate easily OK'd a pair of bills that would permit regions to band together and increase the tax to tackle the state's notorious traffic congestion. One measure passed 52-3 and the other 53-2.

Voters will get two opportunities to have their say.

Georgians must approve the plan at the ballot box in 2010 as a constitutional amendment. Once local officials opt in and craft a list of projects, voters in the affected areas would then vote again on whether to tax themselves an additional penny to fund transportation improvements for that region.

Under the bill, one of the regions would automatically be made up of 10 counties in metro Atlanta, which has some of the worst commute times in the nation. Other counties could move ahead with tax increases on their own, join together with neighboring counties, or opt

not to take part. Tuesday's vote came after heavy lobbying from the state's business leaders, who say metro-Atlanta's traffic woes are hindering their ability to attract and keep companies. Atlanta's commute ranks as the second worst in the nation.

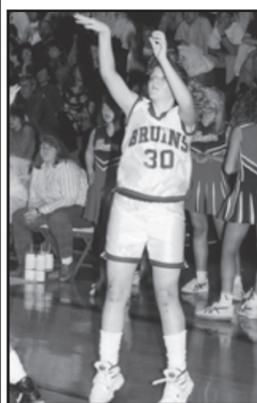
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Front Row, left to right; **Caitlenn Bennett, Kacie Ausmus**  
Back Row, left to right; **Gracie Fenwick, Railey Greeson, Ali Ausmus, Hannah Martin and Brooklyn Stanfield**



**Shanna Gentry**  
Basketball  
Lady Bruins  
Sophomore '93-'94

# Dalton firefighter twice legal limit for DUI, report says

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A city of Dalton firefighter was found to be twice the legal limit for DUI when given a sobriety test Friday night, a police report says.

David Brandon Keith, 28, of 2302 Second Ave., Dalton, was also charged by the Dalton Police Department with reckless driving, second degree criminal damage to property and aggravated assault. A phone number for Keith could not be found.

According to a police department report, Keith initially called police to say he had been attacked by friends of his ex-girlfriend. Officer Woody Cantrell reported he found Keith's Ford Explorer with shattered windows on the passenger side and a front passenger tire flat. The front appeared to have been in a wreck.

Keith said he was at a

friend's house when the ex-girlfriend arrived in his vehicle, which parked in the driveway. She got into another vehicle. He said he decided to go home. He said as he was driving, a car "came out of nowhere and cut him off" and "he could not go anywhere." He said two males got out and started throwing things through the windows of his car. He said his only chance "to escape was to ram" the vehicle and drive off. He said he drove back to his friend's house and called police.

Cantrell wrote that as he spoke to Keith "I observed a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage ..." Another officer told Cantrell he was with the "other half of the incident." Cantrell asked Keith if he could identify the people who damaged his vehicle and he said yes.

One of those individuals told police the ex-girlfriend

was breaking up with Keith and planned to drop off Keith's Explorer. He said when he met her on the road and picked her up he saw Keith following them in the Explorer. He said when he stopped at a stop sign the vehicle was hit in the back by Keith's vehicle, and Keith followed him into a parking lot. He said he got a ball bat and started "smashing" the windows of Keith's vehicle. He believed Keith was going to run him over, according to the report. Keith's vehicle hit the vehicle again, then drove off.

Cantrell asked Keith to tell him what happened again, and this time Keith said he had struck the car "by accident," according to the report. Keith also changed the time of the incident.

"I asked Keith why he had decided to drive home anyway since he had been drink-

ing. Keith stated he had been drinking prior to the incident but had drank more after returning to (the friend's house) after the incident occurred," the report said.

"After weighing all the witnesses' statements and looking at the evidence I came to the conclusion that (name blacked out) story was more consistent," Cantrell wrote. "I also believed that when the incident occurred Keith was driving under the influence."

Cantrell conducted field sobriety tests on Keith, and a breath test tested positive for alcohol at .177, the report said. Cantrell arrested Keith for DUI. State administered tests at the sheriff's office were positive for alcohol at .164 and .158. The state's legal alcohol limit is 0.08.

Keith is on paid administrative leave until an investigation by the fire department is finished.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Vanessa Elise Blackman, 18, 812 W. Crawford St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

• Katena Nicole Boring, 36, 5608 N. Elm St., Chattanooga, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery and violation of a family violence order.

• Thomas Vance Melton, 33, 1681 Smyrna Church Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with terroristic threats and acts.

• Jose Luis Trejo, 21, 3010 Davis Road, Rocky Face, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with proba-

tion violation and burglary.

• Victor Willie Evans, 39, 861 Carbondale Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI.

• Lamar David Pierce Jr., 32, 1897 N. Summit Drive, Unit 61, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, open container in vehicle and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Mario Trejo-Rodriguez, 20, no address given, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with burglary.

• Corey Bryant Yarbrough, 18, 1603 Beverly Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

# Murray: County may furlough workers

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because revenues decrease until you get to October, when you hope you have enough in the budget to make the surplus climb again. If not, you have to go to the bank and borrow money."

Parker said it is normal for revenues to decrease through the year until October when property tax bills go out. There is also an insurance premium check of approximately \$1.5 million that comes in from the state tax commissioner. Those funds are collected from each county's residents when they purchase life insurance and property insurance, and then returned to the county.

Ridley said Welch lowered the property tax rate in July, and that in the current economic climate it equated to \$700,000 that will need to be made up. Parker said most of the loss in revenue came in the last half of 2008 (\$400,000), but there was an additional drop "just in January" of \$200,000.

Ridley said the 2007 SPLOST — the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that was approved by voters in 2006 — was initially projected to pull in \$30 million over a six-year period but is now downgraded to approximately \$28 million. That has lowered expectations on at least one of the four projects under way with those funds, he said.

"We're 99 percent com-

plete on the library and the senior center, and around 80 percent on the jail," he said. "But we've slowed down spending at the new recreation center. We had eight ball fields planned, but we're keeping it at four now, and we hope to have those completed in April. We will also not be able to pave the parking lot right now. We're expecting some relief (through increased revenues) by October, and maybe we can complete the other fields then." He said the rec department project is 70 percent complete.

Ridley said that in the future to prevent borrowing for SPLOST projects he hopes to have money in the bank to fund them.

"We borrowed \$13 mil-

lion to start those projects, and it has to be paid back in six years," he said. "That payback will include \$1.2 million in interest."

Ridley said he has "great plans" for Murray — especially in the area of economic development — but knows those plans may have to be put on hold until the economy improves.

"Little did I know what 2009 would bring," he said. "But we must reduce services rather than raise taxes."

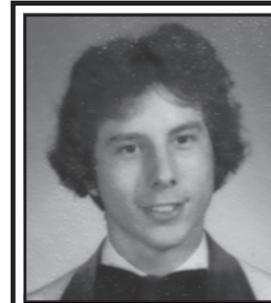
## Southeast FFA to meet

The Southeast Whitfield FFA Alumni organization will meet on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the agriculture department at the high school. The organization hopes business owners, parents, past FFA members and others who are interested in supporting the FFA program at Southeast will attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to re-enact the local charter, by-laws and constitution; provide residents an opportunity to become a

member; and elect a new officer team that can effectively carry out the necessary activities and business of the organization that will benefit and support the students.

Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, contact Southeast FFA advisers Ginger Bushey at (706) 847-0965 or ginger\_bushey@whitfield.k12.ga.us, or Matthew Waters at (678) 447-5035 or matthew\_waters@whitfield.k12.ga.us.



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### GUEST COLUMN

## Good intentions, but a bad idea

By **CHARLIE BETHEL**  
Special to the Daily Citizen

I am a Georgian and I hate taxes. But, I repeat myself.

Among the taxes Georgian's pay, the property tax rises to the top of most hated. That is no small distinction. It is not the tax which takes the most money from Georgians. Nor is it a tax that sends relatively large sums of money to "The Gold Dome" in Atlanta or to "Washington." Nevertheless, Georgians despise paying taxes on our land.

House Resolution 1 (currently before) our General Assembly is a proposed Constitutional Amendment to cap annual property assessment increases. Though I share the passion of the supporters of this bill for efforts to limit taxes (property or otherwise), I cannot support bad policy for our state.

What does HR 1 do? It places a cap on the growth in the assessed value of real property. Property values could not grow more than 3 percent annually. Sounds great, right? Not so fast. Despite great intentions and obvious emotional appeal, it is a bad plan for Georgia and is not the answer to property taxes. Instead of being a solution, HR 1 is a socialist (or market controlling) "fix" that will reward wealthy and financially established Georgians and corporations at the expense of those who are less fortunate.

Assessment caps artificially suppress the taxable value of property that does not change ownership. The result is owners of similar properties often pay tremendously disparate property taxes. While good for the person with a suppressed value, everyone else pays more. For example, consider our fellow Georgians in Columbus. They imposed an assessment "freeze" on homestead property over 25 years ago. Today, over 16,000 property owners pay less than \$50 in local government property taxes, while newer residents in similar properties may pay upwards of \$2,000. That means families who were not fortunate enough to own a home in the early 1980's are now subsidizing the property tax payments of those that did. Or take Savannah, where a "floating" homestead exemption allows for a limited inflationary increase. The result? First-time home buyers pay more in property taxes on less valuable homes than long-term resident pay on higher-value homes.

California (which in case you haven't noticed tends to be a bit to the left of us on matters of tax policy and, well ... everything), has been at this for 30 years. It has not worked. According to the research of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the evidence shows that restrictions on assessed values (while popular with voters) fail to stop rising property taxes.

Instead of reducing tax bills, they actually result in higher taxes on the very homeowners they are intended to assist. The research shows that assessment caps result in "widely differing tax obligations on owners of

identical property, reduce economic growth by distorting taxpayer decision making, and greatly reduce the transparency and accountability of the property tax system as a whole." In other words, it is a bad idea that does not work.

Another bad effect of caps is the increase in efforts to take advantage of the caps by using land trusts and corporate ownership. Because values are adjusted only following sales, wealthy landowners and corporations go to great lengths to ensure that property is not transferred. Corporate ownership protects the artificially low value and ensures that other property tax payers will continue to carry a heavier burden than the protected property. So those owners with greater wealth are able to keep property values (and thus taxes) artificially low in comparison to their neighbors.

Consider the example of a young entrepreneur opening a business. If she elects to buy a building, the caps come off and her reassessment will be at current market value. Her competition has been in business for 25 years. Their assessment is well below market value (keeping their taxes much lower than the new entrepreneur). This damages the free market resulting in a disincentive to new investment. The caps have stacked the deck against the new player. In the end, those that previously acquired wealth are given the advantage.

I wish I had "the solution" to property taxes. I don't. I am not sold on the idea that the government is responsible for securing universal housing for citizens. If, however, we want taxpayers to take on the responsibility for keeping individuals in their home, we should look for a plan that is more targeted on the problem and that has less negative effects. We could consider "circuit breaker" programs that protect individual homeowners from paying more than a certain percentage of their personal income in property taxes on their primary residence. Such measures could be crafted to protect low and fixed-income Georgians without distorting market values or overly burdening unaffected taxpayers.

We expect our legislators to look out for the problems facing Georgia today and in the future. They should and they must. "Popular" legislation like HR 1 should be examined not on the basis of how happy it will make us today, but how it will affect our future. This one fails the test.

While HR 1 is well intentioned, it is unlikely to provide long term help and is almost certain to do harm. It is not relief, but a redistribution of burden.

It is not only a cap on assessments, but also a cap on the economic growth of our state. It provides for the protection of old wealth while it places those who are attempting to improve their lot in life at a competitive disadvantage. It is bad policy and that makes it a bad idea.

**Charlie Bethel is a Dalton city councilman.**

## Tips for Dawgs

Let's forget the economy and Barack Obama for a moment. Let's turn to a really serious question that should have been addressed months or even years ago:

What's wrong with the Georgia Bulldogs' football team? Why do the Bulldogs seldom win the big one?

Now that football season is over, Bulldog Nation wants some answers.

Look at our Bulldogs. Remember how they were rated No. 1 nationally last summer before toe ever hit ball? Number one, my eye! The Georgia Bulldogs that emerged from this past season could not have beaten the Emory Tea Sippers in ring around the rosy.

But we're not talking about Tea Sippers here. What about Florida? Why do the Gators routinely clean our clock in Jacksonville? Why does Auburn clobber us so often? And, oh Lordy mercy, why did we lose to Georgia Tech?

There is a growing sense that the football program has somehow jumped the tracks. It looks better in Sports Illustrated than on the gridiron. With Bulldog superstars Matt Stafford and Knowshon Moreno leaving Athens to join the NFL, fan concern has turned to desperation.

Defenders of Coach Mark Richt will point to his overall success in winning more games than he has lost during his tenure in Athens. They are quick to say, correctly, that he is a man of high character and moral fiber who projects a good image for the University of Georgia.

But his team has shown a strange bipolar tendency lately. They show up for some games and not for others.

Take the 2008 season, for instance. The Bulldogs simply



**Bill Shipp**

Florida went through the Bulldogs like a dose of salts, rubbing Coach Richt's nose in his team's illegal antics of the year before. Still, Georgia played well against LSU. The Bulldogs also beat Tennessee and Auburn this year, but both teams had such bad seasons that their coaches were summarily fired after long careers.

The most common explanation for the inconsistent performance of the Bulldogs is a lack of team discipline. Our Bulldogs are among the most heavily penalized teams in college football. Grabbing face-masks, clipping and taking cheap shots out of bounds seem to be standard pages from their playbook.

When the penalized player goes back to the sidelines, he is treated with kid gloves. The Bulldogs have one of the lowest graduation rates of any football team in the nation, despite the fact that the athletic department offers courses like Housing to keep certain players eligible. Pretty soon, Housing will be replaced by Basket Weaving, and most will still never graduate.

Most disturbing, players are regularly seen patronizing local bars during game weeks, flouting established rules against such outings. Apparently, the drinking play-

ers have no fear of punishment from coaches. If they don't obey the rules, so what? No consequences mean no discipline.

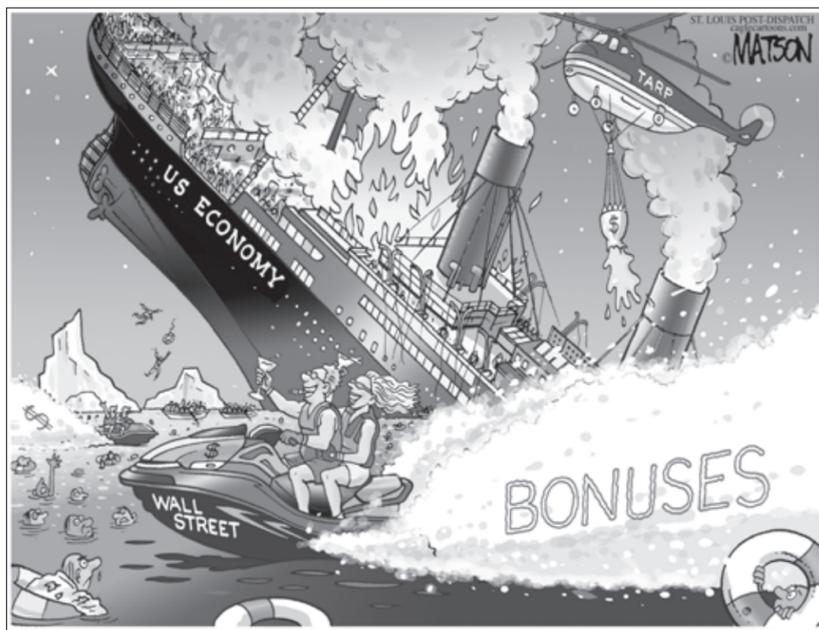
One disadvantage under which Coach Richt labors is that Athens is a town drowning in alcohol. It has more bars than any college town in the Southeast, and some of the bars have very lax rules for admission. In fact, some Athens saloons are known as freshmen bars where freshmen go with fake IDs and are assured of buying all the drinks they can afford.

Thursday night is a big party night in Athens. Players who hit the bars on Thursday before the game on Saturday are likely to run out of gas in the second half. (That's a tip, Coach. You can have it for free.)

Coach Richt has said he wants to reexamine everything related to the football program to improve performance. Maybe he should start with a new code of discipline. It's like the farmer who hit his mule over the head with a two-by-four. Someone asked, "Why did you hit the mule over the head? He didn't do anything." The farmer answered, "Well, I had to get his attention before I could learn him anything." Maybe UGA's coaches need to get their players' attention so they can put a well-disciplined championship team back on the field.

If the coaches can't do it, maybe President Michael Adams will find a farmer with a two-by-four who can do the job.

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## It couldn't happen here?

Twenty-seven Atlanta firefighters called in sick Sunday. That's more than double the number of firefighters who call in sick on a typical day. Officials say they aren't sure if the Super Bowl had anything to do with the increase, but they admit that, for some reason, a larger number of firefighters tend to call in sick on payday weekends with a holiday or a big event. The high number of absences forced them to close five fire stations for the day. But it may not have been just the Super Bowl that prompted the absences. Atlanta has cut firefighters' pay and work schedules because of a budget deficit. Firefighters aren't happy about that, and the head of their union says they are getting burned out and predicted absences will continue to increase.

For at least four decades, people have sledged down Allegheny County, Pa.'s Boyce Park. Not this year. A woman who broke her back sledging down a hill has sued the county, and in response, officials shut the park to sledders. The woman says she didn't realize that bales of hay set up at the bottom of the hill to keep sledders from going into the street were frozen solid when she sledged into them. I think that sledging into unfrozen hay bales would also be unwise, but that's just me. I feel sorry for this woman's suffering. But if you are wondering why it seems more and more difficult to have any fun, look no further than Boyce Park.

The Victoria Health Promotion



**Charles Oliver**

The United Nations is currently building a \$300 million temporary headquarters. The plan is for the Security Council, General Assembly and other parts of the organization to occupy the building while \$1.9 billion in renovations to its main headquarters are completed. When that work is finished, probably in 2013, the United Nations will tear down the temporary building.

Gary, Ind., is trying to cut a \$36 million city budget deficit. But the city somehow found the money to buy Mayor Rudy Clay a 2009 Hummer H3. Clay defends the choice, saying he could have bought an Expedition. "I've got to have a car," he said.

Alvina Vansickle had no criminal history or anything else that should have prevented her from being able to purchase a

handgun, so the Delaware state police should have automatically approved her purchase. But when the 81-year-old woman's application was sent through the state's mandatory Firearms Transaction Approval Program, police denied her purchase. Superintendent Thomas MacLeish admitted the agency had a legal duty to approve the purchase, but he said they instead denied it because of Vansickle's "age and gender." Vansickle eventually got her gun, 10 days later after state police interviewed her and the dealer. MacLeish said the officers acted with good intentions, which I guess is more important than obeying the law. Speaking of not obeying the law, police said they searched seven years worth of firearms purchase records to see if Vansickle had bought a firearm before. When local media pointed out that state law requires the police to destroy those records after 60 days, MacLeish blamed a computer error for not obeying that law. He swears he has purged the records now that everyone knows about it.

The Brighton, Mich., City Council has made it illegal to annoy others. At least one council member admitted the language of the law was subjective and he wasn't really sure what it meant, but he voted for it anyway. It sounded nice.

**Charles Oliver is a staff writer for The Daily Citizen.**

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, Feb. 4**, the 35th day of 2009. There are 330 days left in the year.

#### Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States. (However, the results of the balloting were not counted in the U.S. Senate until two months later.)

#### On this date:

In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta.

In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In 1998, more than 2,300 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 hit north-east Afghanistan, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

**Ten years ago:** Senators at President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial voted to permit the showing of portions of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition. Gravely ill with lymphatic cancer, Jordan's King Hussein left the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and was flown home.

**Five years ago:** The Massachusetts high court declared that gays were entitled to nothing less than marriage and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice.

**One year ago:** President George W. Bush proposed a record \$3.1 trillion budget that included huge federal deficits.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor William Phipps is 87. Actor Conrad Bain is 86. Actor Gary Conway is 73. Movie director George A. Romero is 69. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 62. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 61. Actor Michael Beck is 60. Actress Lisa Eichhorn is 57.

# Rotary Club honors Eagle, Girl Scouts

The Rotary Club of Dalton congratulated local 2008 Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients on Tuesday for their great dedication to scouting, the community and the nation. The Eagle Scout and Gold Award represent the highest achievements in scouting.

## 2008 Eagle Scouts

- Blane E. Bradford
- Clinton Chapman
- Dustin A. Cochran
- Andrew J. Elder
- William W. Gallman
- Seth E. Graham
- Austin M. Hooks
- Jonathan McIntosh
- Jacob A. McKee
- Ryan E. O'Boyle
- Andy Partain
- Matthew G. Terry
- Nicholas R. Tucker



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**Andy Partain speaks about his experience as an Eagle Scout during a Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday where several Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award winners were recognized at the Dalton Golf and Country Club.**

## 2008 Girl Scout Gold Awards

- Marianna Hackney
- Jessica Martin
- Ally Richardson



**A crowd mills around the annual Civil War show at the trade center last year. The show returns this weekend to Dalton at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.**

# Show: WWII items featured

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Kent said the trade center has hosted the Civil War collectors show for 14 years now. This year he plans just a few changes.

"It's billed as the Chickamauga Civil War show, but we are opening the collectors part of it up to items from up to World War II," he said. "So we'll have some Indian wars type stuff. We'll also have a lot of World War I and World War II relics and artifacts."

"We'll have one group called Relics of War. They will have a big display with uniforms, dug relics from the Battle of the Bulge and Normandy. They'll have personal effects of soldiers, dog tags and things like

that," he said.

Kent said World War II collectibles are generally less expensive than comparable material from the Civil War.

"To give you an example, the Relics of War group has probably 30 or 40 uniforms — full identified uniforms from World War II with the medals, the patches, everything. They average about \$150. An identified Confederate uniform would be more in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range," he said.

Kent says he hopes the show will attract World War II veterans. He said Dalton makes a good site for the show. The trade center, he says, treats attendees well.

"It's easily accessible from the interstate and has

great parking," he said.

The city has a number of Civil War sites nearby, and it's not too far away from Atlanta and Nashville.

"Those areas have huge groups of collectors," Kent said. "There's a lot of awareness of the war in Atlanta, as well as Nashville. We have a lot of people come from Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta."

But he says the show will draw people from an even greater area.

"We have a mailing list of about 8,000 people who attend these shows. I'll have people who will fly in from California for this show. I'll have people from Texas, New York, a lot of people from Virginia," he said.

# R&R: Procedures questioned

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because the company did not have the money to pay them for their last week. On Friday, salaried employees were told by Pickens their separation would be backdated to Jan. 15, meaning they would not receive two weeks' pay.

Reese Thomas Jr. is a salaried employee at the business his father, Reese Thomas Sr., started in 1983 in Chicago with Pickens. The company grew and branched into outlets at Portland, Ore., and Chatsworth. It is also partially owned by Thomas Sr. and David Owens. Thomas Jr. decided to request a hearing before Judge Bryant Cochran when he said Georgia Department of Labor personnel in Dalton told him they could not pay unemployment benefits because of the backdating and that such an action was illegal.

Tuesday afternoon, Cochran said Dalton businessman Shelby Peoples told him he was a close personal friend of the senior Thomas and would purchase part of the company's inventory and see that payroll would be met. But it was unclear if salaried employees would be included in that arrangement, said Thomas Jr.

Production/plant manager Donald Welch, a salaried employee who was also released, said he signed the separation papers with great misgivings.

"I informed David (Owens) that this was not right," he said at the hearing.

"Rob (Pickens) was standing right there when I said it. David told Rob there was no money (to pay employees) and that was why (the notices) were being backdated. There was no one else to sign the papers. I knew it wasn't right. I didn't know it was illegal until I went to the Department of Labor."

Welch said he was "under duress" and that the hourly employees would not have gotten paid without his signature. He said no one else in management would sign the separation notices.

"All of us have understood the financial difficulties of the company, and we even offered part of our salaries to help out, but he denied it," he said while looking at Pickens. "You couldn't take part of our money, but now you've taken all of it!"

Pickens said the "dismissal process" was "part of the economic downturn."

He explained the company was divided into a marine market and automotive market, and said "a fast reduction in sales began in October" and that "in late November we began negotiating to sell the automotive division." Those documents were being prepared during the December holidays, Pickens explained, but he learned on Jan. 16 that "the bank had frozen our working capital line of credit."

He said there was also an opportunity to sell the marine division, and that he wanted to keep the employees, but that the bank refused on Wednesday of last week to release any funds to pay

employees.

"I can't understand why we couldn't get the funding for payroll," he said. "We were working on a way to pay both hourly (employees) and the management team their back pay, but then we came in Friday and let everybody go."

Bledsoe said Pickens displayed "no criminal intent" in his actions, and that employees knew the company was doing poorly.

"If we can get financing, we will continue to try and help them," Pickens said.

Peoples, who said he agreed to work with R&R on inventory, was concerned that their management would be maligned through coverage of the hearing.

"Those are some of the best people I've ever known," he said of Pickens and Thomas Sr. "They're honest, hard-working people who are losing their company because of the economy, through no fault of theirs. They're doing everything they can to help their employees."

Bledsoe did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday.

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# Dow Chemical posts \$1.55B 4Q loss

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Dow Chemical Co. reported a \$1.55 billion fourth-quarter loss Tuesday as a deteriorating global economy led to a 23 percent drop in sales and huge job cuts.

The loss was larger than expected and revenue came in below Wall Street expectations.

"We are planning for a global recession throughout 2009 and will continue to take actions on managing

our cash and controlling our costs," said Andrew N. Liveris, Dow's chairman and chief executive.

Dow slashed operating rates to 64 percent in the fourth quarter with demand for its products evaporating. Diminished production led to operating rates not seen in more than 25 years, according to the company.

The nation's largest chemical maker said its loss amounted to \$1.68 per share in the three months ended

Dec. 31. It had earned \$472 million, or 49 cents per share, during the last quarter of 2007.

Dow reported \$978 million in charges related to restructuring, including a previously announced 11 percent cut to its work force. Dow also took a financial hit from two hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico where it has plants, a failed joint venture and a proposed acquisition of rival Rohm and Haas Co.

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**BRIEFS**

**Pending home sales post increase**

WASHINGTON — An index that tracks signed contracts to purchase existing homes rebounded in December, as buyers snapped up properties at deep discounts, especially in the South and Midwest. It was the second positive sign in the past two weeks for the troubled U.S. housing market, and may indicate that a bottom is forming — at least for home sales. Analysts, however, caution that prices are likely to keep falling through 2009, and say the outlook for home sales is uncertain, especially as layoffs mount and banks' lending standards remain tight.

**Wells Fargo cancels Vegas junket**

WASHINGTON — Wells Fargo & Co. abruptly canceled Tuesday a pricey Las Vegas casino junket for employees after a torrent of criticism that it was misusing \$25 billion in taxpayer bailout money. The company initially defended the trip after The Associated Press reported it had booked 12 nights beginning Friday at the Wynn Las Vegas and the Encore Las Vegas. But within hours, investigators and lawmakers on Capitol Hill had scorned the bank, and the company canceled. The conference is a Wells Fargo tradition. Previous all-expense-paid trips have included helicopter rides, wine tasting, horseback riding in Puerto Rico and a private Jimmy Buffett concert in the Bahamas for more than 1,000 of the company's top employees and guests.

**Daschle nod torpedoed**

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama on Tuesday gave up his nomination fight for Tom Daschle and a second high-profile appointee who failed to pay all their taxes, fearing ugly confirmation battles that would undercut his young administration's claims to ethical high ground and send his presidency stumbling while barely under way. Speaking for Obama, press secretary Robert Gibbs spelled out the concern that sticking with the nominees would send a damaging signal to the nation that there are two sets of rules: one for the new administration and one for ordinary people. The White House announced that Daschle had asked to be removed from consideration as health and human services secretary and that that Nancy Killefer had made the same request concerning what was to be her groundbreaking appointment as a chief performance officer to make the entire government run better.

**Senate adds tax break for car buyers**

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Tuesday to give a tax break to new car buyers, setting aside bipartisan concerns over the size of an economic stimulus bill with a price tag approaching \$900 billion. The vote was 71-26 to allow many car buyers to claim an income tax deduction for the cost of automobile sales taxes and interest payments on car loans. The provision was attached to the economic stimulus bill at the heart of President Barack Obama's economic recovery plan and is subject to change or even elimination as the measure makes its way toward final passage. Democratic leaders have pledged to have the bill ready for his signature by mid-month.

— The Associated Press

**DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Welcoming Volkswagen: Lesson 1**

As I mentioned last week, today's column will be the first of a series related to the regional impact of Volkswagen coming to Chattanooga. The information that I will be sharing comes from a "Lessons Learned" report presented by the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and the over 100 team members who visited the Greenville, S.C. region last October.

This diverse group traveled to Greenville for the sole purpose of studying the impact BMW had on the upstate region of South Carolina. Our own Melanie Suggs, executive director of the Joint Economic Development Authority, was a member of this distinguished group of business, government, non-profit and community leaders. The group was divided into four study tracks: K-12 education; higher education and workforce development; industrial development and physical infrastructure; and relocation marketing, community assimilation and quality of life.

The eight lessons learned and presented in the report are: 1) Regional cooperation is imperative, 2) Brace for changes in education and training, 3) Be transparent in hiring and vendor contracting, 4) Pay attention to minority involvement, 5) Create effective communication channels, 6) Bridge the cultures, 7) Prepare for growth, and 8) Calibrate expectations.

Although the entire report is only six pages in length, it clearly and effectively summarizes key areas we

must all address in preparation for Volkswagen coming to Chattanooga and the region. Before I discuss lesson one, let me provide a framework for what is expected to happen in our area by illuminating statistically the impact of BMW on the upstate region of South Carolina:



**Brian Anderson**

■ Estimated annual economic impact of the BMW plant in dollars: \$9 billion

■ Number of BMW employees employed by BMW today: 5,400

■ Number of employees at startup: 1,000

■ Number of BMW suppliers in the US in 1992: 20

■ Number of BMW suppliers in the US today: 140

■ Number of auto-related companies in South Carolina: 300-plus

■ Number of BMWs assembled in South Carolina in 2007: 157,000

■ Percentage of those BMWs that were exported: 60 percent

■ Percentage of population growth in Greer, S.C. from 1999-2000: 68 percent

Needless to say, the upstate region of South Carolina has been tremendously impacted by BMW. The Volkswagen investment in Chattanooga is expected to be simi-

lar to BMWs'. When you consider inflation, the Volkswagen investment should be larger than BMW. Therefore regional impact will also be significant in comparison. We know our region will change, so we must plan for the changes and the impact.

The first lesson is: Regional cooperation is imperative. During the entire visit and across all learning tracts, regional cooperation was at the center of the conversation. Whether the discussion was on job training and hiring or roads and infrastructure, all parties had to work together. In South Carolina's situation, the impact was contained within one state, three cities and a relatively rural part of the state. In our situation, three states will be affected, numerous cities and counties and a multitude of extraneous stakeholders. Although we are cordial and like our neighbors, we have not had a strong track record of working together or even communicating regularly.

From the report, "The cooperation among three cities in three counties that are all apart of a larger ten county area that composes the upstate region was not perfect before BMW, nor is it now. The presenters spoke of fiefdoms and egos and other nagging remnants of provincialism ... Our hosts urged us at every turn to avoid the kind of turf protection so often associated with industrial and economic development."

If we know that regional coopera-

tion is important, what does it look like? How do we put it into practice? Again from the report, "With so many issues to be addressed regionally, the Tri-State Valley should identify a mechanism with appropriate and duly appointed leadership to begin tackling regional matters, including those related to education (K-20), supplier recruitment, workforce training and hiring, private investment and development, and marketing."

The Chamber of Commerce of Chattanooga has been challenged by the Chattanooga leadership to be the leading entity for these initiatives. With the encouragement and acceptance of the Chattanooga Chamber, your Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will be a part of the regional planning team. We will not only plan and coordinate regionally around identified issues, we will also work with our agencies responsible for these same initiatives.

The Greater Dalton Community has a proud manufacturing heritage. Volkswagen and its suppliers chose Chattanooga and our region for a variety of reasons. Our successful heritage and commitment to manufacturing will enable to play a large part in the success of Volkswagen and its suppliers.

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**Habitat founder dies at 74**

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AMERICUS — Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center for Housing, is dead at age 74. Fuller died about 3 a.m. Tuesday after being taken to the emergency room at Sumter Regional Hospital East.

Fuller's wife of almost 50 years, Linda, said an autopsy was to be performed to determine the cause of death. She told The Associated Press that her husband complained of chest pain, headache and difficulty swallowing, and died in an ambulance en route from Sumter Regional to an Albany hospital.

Linda Fuller told the AP that the couple had planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a 100-house "blitz build."

"We'll probably go ahead with the 'blitz build.' Millard would not want people to mourn his death," she said. "He would be more interested in having people put on a tool belt and build a house for people in need."

Former President Jimmy Carter, a volunteer for Habitat and personal friend of the Fullers, said in a statement, "Millard Fuller was one of the most extraordinary people I have ever known. He used his remarkable gifts as an entrepreneur for the benefit of millions of needy people around the world by providing them with decent housing. As the founder of Habitat for

Humanity and later the Fuller Center, he was an inspiration to me, other members of our family, and an untold number of volunteers who worked side-by-side under his leadership. "Rosalynn and I join his many friends in extending our condolences and prayers to his wife, Linda, and to the other members of his family."

A visitation was planned for Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church in Americus, and burial was planned for 11 a.m. today at Koinonia Farm. A memorial service was planned for later in the month.

It is especially fitting that Fuller have Koinonia as his final resting place, being that his concept for a housing ministry was birthed there.

Millard Fuller and his friend Morris Dees became millionaires after founding a direct-marketing company while studying law at the University of Alabama. Fuller gave all his money away when it threatened his marriage, and the couple's search for a purpose in life ultimately led them to Koinonia, an interracial farming cooperative in rural Sumter County. Along with Koinonia's founder, Clarence Jordan, the Fullers developed the idea of building housing for the poor, at no interest. That ministry would grow into Habitat.

They founded Habitat in 1976, and the ministry grew around the globe, building more than 300,000 houses and sheltering more than 1.5 million people. Fuller received international recognition for his work and wrote 10 books on the "theology

of the hammer."

In 2004, Fuller was accused of sexually harassing a female staffer in 2003. Habitat's international board sought to remove Fuller as CEO even though the board concluded there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the charge. He had been accused of similar behavior in 1990, but acknowledged he had kissed and hugged the women staffers and volunteers but that his actions had been misinterpreted. He denied the later charge.

President Carter intervened both times to prevent the board from ousting Fuller, and in 2004, a compromise was reached, allowing Fuller to remain at Habitat as founder and president, with the caveat that the Fullers not discuss the matter publicly. When the couple decided they couldn't remain quiet about how they had been treated, the board voted in 2005 to oust them. On Jan. 30, 2005, the co-founders of Habitat for Humanity were escorted from the headquarters building, not even being allowed to take their personal possessions.

Fuller, never wanting to damage the Habitat mission, founded, with his wife, the Fuller Center for Housing a few months later. The center has continued the Fullers' work of building houses for the poor and has partnered with Habitat affiliates.

In addition to his wife, Fuller is also survived by a son, Chris Fuller of Macon, and three daughters, Kim Fuller Isakson of Dallas, Texas, Faith Fuller Umstadd of Americus and Georgia Fuller Luedi of Jacksonville, Fla.

**Habitat: Fuller remembered**

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said. "He was a great individual."

The Dalton-Whitfield chapter has built 40 homes since its founding in 1987, said executive director Vivian Chance. That number includes two homes that are almost finished.

"It used to be that our goal was to build two houses a year, but the last couple of years we've built about five a year," she said.

Bowen, 95, said he has several of Fuller's books, and Fuller autographed Bowen's copy of Bettie B. Youngs' "The House That Love Built." The book is a story of

Fuller's life and of his and his wife Linda's involvement in Habitat.

Bowen said Fuller was an outgoing individual who was "just as friendly as he could be."

"We're going to miss Millard Fuller a great deal," he said. "He was too young to die."

**THE MARKET**

Tuesday's Dow Jones: 8078.40 ▲ 141.50  
Tuesday's NASDAQ: 1516.30 ▲ 21.90

	Monday	Tuesday	Interface	4.09	4.07
Gold	918.2	904.5	JCP	16.50	16.60
Silver	12.56	12.30	JNJ	57.69	58.58
Acuity	26.53	26.58	Kroger	22.40	22.69
AAir	4.11	4.21	Lowes	18.45	18.94
Apple	91.51	92.98	McDonalds	57.90	58.88
AT&T	25.16	25.37	Merck	28.43	30.24
BAC	6	5.30	Microsoft	17.83	18.50
BB&T	19.32	18.31	Mohawk	31.67	33.89
BP	41.57	42.29	Motorola	4.54	4.04
BristolMyers	21.99	22.90	Region-Fin	2.92	2.61
HP-Compaq	34.66	36.10	Rock-Tenn.	30.68	31.72
Chevron	70.29	71.64	Sara Lee	10.13	10.43
CocaCola	42.24	43.32	SouthernCo	33.28	33.47
ConAgra	17.42	17.87	Synovous	3.60	3.52
ColonialBnk	.74	.62	SunTrust	11.95	10.02
Coke Ent.	11.33	11.71	Torchmark	30.61	29.99
CrackerBrl	17.94	18.36	Total Sys	13	13.11
CrwnCrafts	2.11	2.39	UPS	42.42	45
CSX	28.83	30.12	Vulcan	48.26	50.82
Dell	9.31	9.77	Verizon	30.59	31.56
Delta	7.07	6.90	Wal-Mart	46.57	47.81
Dixie Group	1.55	1.52	Wells Fargo	19.23	18.53
Dow	11.05	11.35	Wendy's	5.12	5.37
Duke	15.01	15.05	Yum	27.57	28.27
DuPont	22.65	23.35	Xerox	6.64	6.78
Earthlink	7.69	7.73			
Ericsson	7.85	8.24			
Exxon	76.69	78.12			
Ford	1.88	1.96			
FSG	4.06	4.21			
GE	11.62	11.37			
GM	2.89	2.85			
Goodyear	5.97	6.12			
HomeDepot	21.57	21.92			
Intel	13.63	13.73			
IBM	90.93	93.48			

Stock information as of market closing is furnished by Hilliard Lyons, 511 Benjamin Way, Suite 112, Dalton, (706) 279-1810 or 800-437-6450. Hilliard Lyons is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

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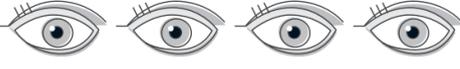


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## OBITUARIES

• **Stephen "Steve" Ballew, Dalton**  
 • **Susie Ann Dean, Dalton**  
 • **Howell Douglas "Doug" Hooker, Ooltewah, Tenn.**  
 • **Janet Oxford, Dalton**  
 • **Mildred Lee Trentham, Dalton**  
 • **Harry Ivy Singleton**  
 • **Doris Stone Stevens, Hixson, Tenn.**  
 • **Sara Rossee Wyatt, Dalton**

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

### Stephen 'Steve' Ballew

Stephen "Steve" Ballew, 54, of Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, Claude W. Ballew.

Mr. Ballew was a successful songwriter and musician.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Ballew of the residence; daughter and son-in-law, Stephenie and Chris Jones of the residence; stepson and wife, Gabriel and Carol Garner of Dalton; mother, Edith Ballew of Epworth; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Geraldine and Johnny Roberts of Rocky Face; grandchildren, Chloe Andis, Breanna Garner, and Kinslee Jones; aunts and uncles.

The funeral is Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with Jackie Weaver officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens. A white dove release will conclude the service.

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

An online guestbook can be signed at [www.julian-peeples.com](http://www.julian-peeples.com).

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call 706-259-7455.

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### Susie Ann Dean

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

Susie was born April 8, 1928, in Union County, a daughter of the late Roosevelt Brown and Mamie Owenby Traffansted. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Donald Dennis Dean; brothers, Charles Brown



Dean

and sisters, Marshall Brown and sisters, Grovie Rogers and Bobbie Jo Sane. She was a member of the Cross Point Christian Center.

She is survived by her

daughter, Joyce Dean Fonville of Tunnel Hill; step-father, Louie Traffansted of Clayton; grandchildren, Trista and Jimmy Holmes, Courtney and Daniel Arnold, Logan Davis; great-grandchildren, Breanna, Adison and Audry Holmes; sisters, Pauline Whitmore of Dalton and Dorothy Gragg of Clayton; aunts and uncle, Riney and Billy Gribble, Frances Marcus and Beatrice Gribble; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Susie Ann Dean are Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Stan Lester and the Rev. Bruce Edwards officiating.

She will be laid to rest beside her husband at the Sugar Valley United Methodist Church Cemetery in Sugar Valley. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Holmes, Billy Gribble, Daniel Arnold, James Davis, Gene Stone and Johnny Shugart.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after noon Thursday.

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

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### Howell Douglas 'Doug' Hooker

Howell Douglas "Doug" Hooker, 58, a resident of Ooltewah, Tenn., passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at the family residence.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a member of the Bayside Baptist Church and loved and enjoyed all types of music.

Doug was the son of the late Henry Hooker and Louise Hooker and was also preceded in death by his brothers: Trewhitt Hooker and Don Hooker and sisters, Janet Hooker and Linda Hooker.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Janice Hooker of Ooltewah; two children: Nathan Hooker and wife Bethany Hooker of Cleveland and Julie Moses of Chattanooga; five grandchildren: Tiffani Moses, Henry Moses, Jacob Hooker, Jared Hooker and Sarah Hooker; two brothers: the Rev. Kinzel Hooker of Cleveland and Tim Hooker of Old Fort, Tenn.; two sisters: Deonna Baxter of Old Fort and Henrietta Coffey of Crandall; several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home with the Rev. Eric Stitts and the Rev. Kinzel Hooker officiating.

Burial will be in Fairy Valley Cemetery with a white dove release ceremony concluding the service.

His family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Send a message of condolence and view the Hooker family guestbook at [www.ralphbuckner.com](http://www.ralphbuckner.com). [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Janet Oxford

Mrs. Janet Oxford, 63, of Dalton died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at her residence.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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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 "L e c k" and Stella M a e P r u i t t Singleton.



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 today 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

Messages 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 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.

Services are today at noon in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Rhoda Howell officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today 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 Drive, Dalton, GA 30721.

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.;



Trentham

grandchildren, Kenneth Neil and K e r r i Holmes, William Rodney a n d Shannon Holmes, Marc Lee and Amy Holmes, Teiya Holly Eubanks, Tiana Noel and Clark Phillips; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mildred Lee Trentham are today 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. today. Messages and condolence may be sent to the family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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### Sara Rossee 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 a n d funerals, accompa-



Wyatt

nying 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 Brickey 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 today at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton with the Rev. Dr. Mickey Shealy and the Rev. Tyler Downing officiating.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday. 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).

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## Computer with state data stolen

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The offices of a state contractor in Roswell were burglarized and a computer was stolen last week. Although the computer was the property of the contractor, it contained state information on current and past parolees supervised by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles since 1998.

Information regarding

current and past parolees that was lost in the burglary includes names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers. Persons who have solely been supervised as probationers were not a part of this database. The information was secured by multiple levels of passwords and there is no evidence that it has been accessed or compromised. Local authorities and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are investigating.

As a precaution, current and former parolees should check banking and credit accounts for any indication that someone else is using their personal information, and remember to monitor the use of their personal information by regularly requesting a credit report.

Anyone who believes they have experienced identity theft or unauthorized use of their personal information should inform local law enforcement officials.

## Sex offenders removed from site

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — About 90,000 sex offenders have been identified and removed from the social networking Web site MySpace, company and law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

The number was nearly double what MySpace offi-

cials originally estimated last year, said North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, who along with Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal has led efforts to make social networking Web sites safer for young users.

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## Murray school board meets Saturday

The Murray County Board of Education will have a called meeting on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the central office at 715 Chestnut

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The agenda includes superintendent/board goals.

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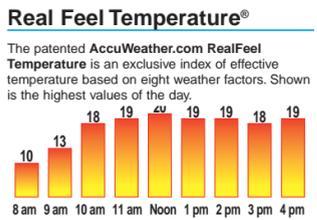
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Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31° 18°	47° 23°	55° 32°	67° 39°	60° 41°
Colder	Sunny; warmer	Mostly sunny	Warmer	Partly sunny

**Almanac**  
 Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.  
**Temperature:**  
 High ..... 45°  
 Low ..... 23°  
**Precipitation:**  
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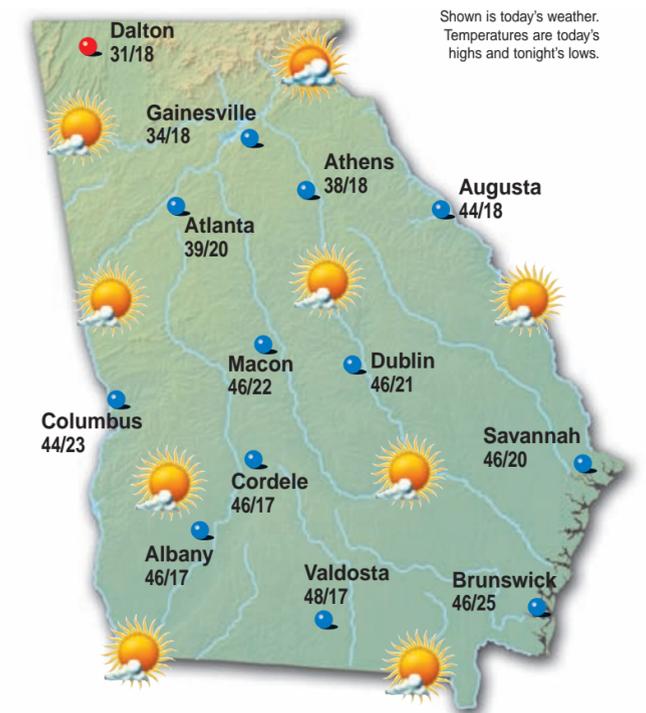
**Sun**  
 Sunrise today ..... 7:35 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 6:12 p.m.



**Weather History**  
 Pacific winds usually regulate San Francisco's climate. On Feb. 4, 1887, however, 4 inches of snow accumulated. Excited residents staged a massive snowball fight.

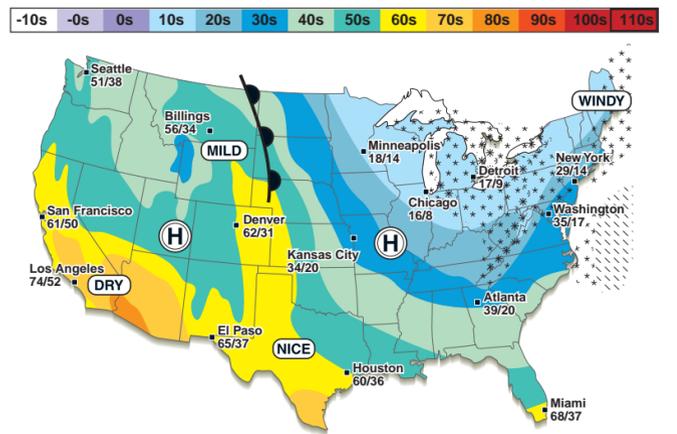
**Weather Trivia™**  
 Q: What is the record low temperature for the lower 48 states in February?  
 A: -6(-6F) at West Yellowstone, Mont., on Feb. 9, 1933.

**Georgia Weather**



City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	46/17/s	52/22/s	63/28/s	La Grange	40/17/s	50/12/s	59/24/s
Atlanta	39/20/s	50/24/s	60/35/s	Macon	46/22/s	51/22/s	64/28/s
Athens	38/18/s	48/23/s	62/33/s	Marietta	39/19/s	50/22/s	61/30/s
Augusta	44/18/s	48/20/s	62/28/s	Newton	43/21/s	54/21/s	64/30/s
Brunswick	46/25/s	48/27/s	60/38/s	Rome	36/18/s	51/17/s	60/31/s
College Park	39/20/s	50/24/s	60/35/s	Savannah	46/20/s	48/22/s	61/28/s
Columbus	44/23/s	51/24/s	59/34/s	Sparta	42/20/s	52/19/s	66/28/s
Gainesville	34/18/s	45/24/s	53/35/s	Valdosta	48/17/s	52/16/s	60/29/s

National Weather for February 4, 2009



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

City	Today			Thu.			Fri.				
	Hi/Lo/W	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	20/4/pc	20/17/pc	33/22/pc	Memphis	38/21/s	49/37/s	57/47/pc	Albany	20/4/pc	20/17/pc	33/22/pc
Anchorage	14/10/sf	23/13/sn	26/13/c	Miami	68/37/pc	63/49/s	67/57/pc	Anchorage	14/10/sf	23/13/sn	26/13/c
Baltimore	34/16/pc	28/18/pc	42/26/s	Milwaukee	14/11/pc	34/26/pc	41/32/pc	Baltimore	34/16/pc	28/18/pc	42/26/s
Billings	56/34/s	53/32/s	49/29/c	Minneapolis	18/14/pc	36/21/pc	38/23/c	Billings	56/34/s	53/32/s	49/29/c
Boise	48/33/pc	47/33/pc	46/30/sh	New Orleans	51/32/s	54/39/s	66/50/s	Boise	48/33/pc	47/33/pc	46/30/sh
Buffalo	18/10/sf	20/20/sf	38/29/c	New York	29/14/sf	25/21/s	37/31/s	Buffalo	18/10/sf	20/20/sf	38/29/c
Charlotte	39/14/pc	41/20/s	55/32/s	Okla. City	50/30/s	62/44/s	66/45/pc	Charlotte	39/14/pc	41/20/s	55/32/s
Cheyenne	57/30/s	63/30/s	51/25/pc	Orlando	52/28/s	54/33/s	65/45/pc	Cheyenne	57/30/s	63/30/s	51/25/pc
Chicago	16/8/pc	36/26/pc	44/34/pc	Philadelphia	31/16/pc	27/19/s	42/28/s	Chicago	16/8/pc	36/26/pc	44/34/pc
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Cleveland	16/13/sf	29/21/pc	41/30/pc	Pittsburgh	19/6/sf	20/14/sf	38/28/pc	Cleveland	16/13/sf	29/21/pc	41/30/pc
Dallas	52/35/s	64/50/s	66/55/c	Portland, OR	52/37/c	50/39/c	50/37/sh	Dallas	52/35/s	64/50/s	66/55/c
Denver	62/31/s	64/27/s	55/24/s	St. Louis	24/14/s	47/35/s	56/42/c	Denver	62/31/s	64/27/s	55/24/s
Detroit	17/9/sf	27/20/pc	37/31/pc	Salt Lake City	51/30/s	48/31/pc	47/31/sh	Detroit	17/9/sf	27/20/pc	37/31/pc
Indianapolis	19/3/sf	34/24/pc	44/36/pc	San Francisco	61/50/pc	57/48/r	57/46/r	Indianapolis	19/3/sf	34/24/pc	44/36/pc
Kansas City	34/20/s	54/39/s	60/45/pc	San Diego	72/54/pc	63/54/r	62/54/r	Kansas City	34/20/s	54/39/s	60/45/pc
Las Vegas	70/44/pc	66/45/pc	62/42/c	Seattle	51/38/c	49/38/c	48/37/sh	Las Vegas	70/44/pc	66/45/pc	62/42/c
Los Angeles	74/52/pc	64/50/r	62/50/r	Wash., DC	35/17/pc	27/25/s	48/34/s	Los Angeles	74/52/pc	64/50/r	62/50/r

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**The World**

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Athens	63/51/sh	62/50/s	64/52/s	Jerusalem	73/49/pc	72/49/s	60/45/s
Auckland	74/67/pc	71/65/r	75/68/pc	London	37/34/pc	37/30/sn	36/29/sn
Amsterdam	39/33/pc	40/38/r	41/36/r	Madrid	46/39/r	48/39/r	48/36/sh
Baghdad	65/44/s	70/48/pc	73/52/pc	Montreal	13/-6/pc	7/1/pc	23/16/sn
Beijing	50/27/pc	48/27/pc	49/33/pc	Moscow	27/21/sn	30/25/sn	30/23/sf
Berlin	41/32/c	43/36/pc	40/31/c	Paris	37/34/c	41/34/r	37/28/sn
Buenos Aires	90/72/s	82/66/t	81/66/s	Rio	87/74/sh	90/76/sh	92/77/t
Cairo	80/61/s	85/56/s	73/52/s	Rome	58/47/sh	60/48/r	62/52/sh
Calgary	52/29/pc	45/31/pc	43/28/c	Seoul	45/28/s	51/25/pc	46/29/pc
Cape Town	75/61/s	82/64/s	84/64/s	Singapore	83/75/sh	83/75/sh	85/75/sh
Caracas	82/68/c	89/71/sh	89/71/pc	Sydney	81/72/pc	86/72/s	86/69/pc
Dublin	41/36/sn	39/34/c	41/36/pc	Tel Aviv	80/58/pc	82/60/s	66/55/s
Geneva	46/35/pc	43/36/r	43/32/sh	Tokyo	48/37/c	52/37/pc	46/36/s
Hong Kong	73/61/s	72/61/s	77/64/s	Toronto	14/7/sf	18/17/sn	32/24/c
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## PREP FOOTBALL: MURRAY COUNTY

# Pritchett's choice of Tech a 'snap'

By LARRY FLEMING

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Cory Pritchett had scholarship offers from small schools like University of the Cumberlands, LaGrange and Shorter.

He had a preferred walk-on opportunity at Georgia Tech.

So, Pritchett, a 6-foot-2-inch, 250-pound offensive lineman at Murray County, followed his heart and will attend Georgia Tech, where he'll get a chance to earn the starting long-snapper duty and a scholarship as well.

"I've always wanted to be a Yellow Jacket," Pritchett said Tuesday. "My grandfather and father are Georgia Tech fans and I've always followed them."

Today is the first day high school seniors can sign scholarship papers, and Northwest Whitfield safety Dean Haynes and linebacker

Zac Baker will join with North Carolina State and Appalachian State, respectively. No other area player is expected to sign today, but several could land scholarships in the coming days.

Georgia Tech — which went 9-4 last season, Paul Johnson's first as the Jackets' coach — had knowledge of Pritchett's abilities from his participation in its summer camp in 2008. And when Tech assistant coach Brian Bohannon visited Pritchett at school a couple of weeks ago, the Indians' snapper was close to realizing his dream of playing for the Ramblin' Wreck.

"He offered me the preferred walk-on spot," said Pritchett, an honorable mention selection on the 2008 *Daily Citizen* All-Area



Pritchett

Football Team. "If I get the starting position then I'll have a chance to earn a scholarship.

"I had talked to Wake Forest, Cumberlands, LaGrange, Shorter, Alabama-Birmingham, Tennessee Tech and Georgia State. I was planning on going to Shorter. But as soon as coach Bohannon showed up and offered me the chance to go to Georgia Tech, I couldn't pass that up."

Not every college All-American was a five-star prospect coming out of high school, as illustrated in an Associated Press story about the top 50 prep players coming out in 2002-04, according to rankings by Scout.com and Rivals.com recruiting services.

As a high school senior, Rashad Johnson was overlooked by every recruiting service,

not to mention most college recruiters, and he walked on at Alabama. But after 30 starts and 11 interceptions, Johnson probably has a bright future ahead of him in the NFL.

Not many recruiters thought Pat White could cut it as a college quarterback but he's leaving West Virginia with NCAA career records with four bowl victories and rushing yardage for a QB.

Of course, recruiting services do get some of their picks right. Vince Young and Adrian Peterson were No. 1-rated prospects in 2002 and 2004, respectively.

While the odds are long for walk-ons, Pritchett has the opportunity to make his mark on Georgia Tech football.

➤ Please see **PRITCHETT, 2B**

## PREP BASKETBALL



Northwest Whitfield's Nermin Delic grabs a loose ball from Cass' Jarette Rhine on the floor while the Bruins' Tyler Smith (40) and the Colonels' Talique Cochran (11) watch the action on Tuesday night. Cass posted a 59-53 Region 7-4A victory in Tunnel Hill.

MISTY WATSON  
The Daily Citizen

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Southeast wins two OT games; Dalton sweeps

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Southeast had four players in double figures and four different players scored four points in overtime as the Lady Raiders defeated LaFayette, 75-65, Friday night at Southeast.

"We didn't play well most of the game," Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said. "We struggled and struggled and never could get on a roll. In the overtime, they finally decided to play basketball in the overtime."

Shelby McFarland had a game-high 22 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Lady Raiders (10-11, 8-3 Region 6-3A). Briana Sosebee pumped in 20 points with 13 rebounds and four assists while Danielle Pearson had 12 points. Ashley Strong added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Strong, McFarland, Pearson and Sosebee each had four points in overtime.

Kelsey Byrd led the Lady Ramblers with 19 points. LaFayette's Keri O'Neal scored seven points in the first quarter, but took an elbow to the head late in that quarter and was taken to Hamilton Memorial Hospital with a possible concussion, McDonald said.

■ **Southeast boys 67, LaFayette 57:** Trey Parris and Diamond O'Neal combined for 33 points and the Raiders hit 8 of 8 free throws in overtime for the Region 6-3A victory at home.

Parris had 17 points and four assists while O'Neal added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Raiders (8-13, 6-3).

Zach Harper tossed in 13 points while Matt Hall had eight points and eight rebounds.

"This was probably our best overall game of the season," Southeast coach Joey Bryson said. "The kids competed hard, they were enthusiastic and it was fun to watch."

Bryson said the Raiders had a couple of chances to win the game in regulation, but just "didn't make a couple of plays."

For the game, Southeast was 11 of 13 from the free throw line.

Tyler Burse led the Ramblers with a game-high 24 points and Brett Butler added 11.

■ **Dalton boys 62, Hiram 58:** Caz Cole scored 19 points, with 11 coming in a decisive fourth quarter, and the Catamounts made 14 of 21 free throws to pull out the Region 7-4A victory.

"We usually make 7 of 21 free throws and lose by three points," Dalton coach Mike Duffie said. "I'm encouraged by our play. To ride the bus two hours and play on Tuesday night, the kids responded great. We played good team ball and we're playing better on the defensive end."

The Cats (10-12, 5-6) led 31-24 at halftime and the game was tied at 44 after three quarters.

"We had a real good fourth quarter," Duffie said. David White tossed in 15 points while Shaquon Moore scored 10 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and had six assists for the Cats. Cole also had nine rebounds.

Mario Roland led the Hornets with 15 points and Coran Hall finished with 12.

"We're getting to where we'd hoped to be a couple of months ago," Duffie said. "I like the way the kids are playing and good things are ahead of us if we keep it up."

■ **Dalton girls 55, Hiram 27:** Kate Houston scored 15 points and every Dalton player got into the action in an easy victory.

The Lady Cats led 23-5 after one quarter, 36-10 at halftime and maintained their intensity through the second half.

➤ Please see **AREA, 2B**

# One that got away

## Cass converts after Bruins' late miscues

By ADAM KROHN

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Cass came to Tunnel Hill looking to steal a Region 7-4A basketball win from Northwest Whitfield and the Colonels left looking like polished thieves.

With the game tied at 53 with 1:08 remaining, Colonels guard Jamal Byrd stole the ball and drove for an easy layup to give Cass a lead it would never relinquish en route to a 59-53 victory Tuesday night.

The Lady Bruins salvaged a split earlier by routing the Lady Colonels, 57-30.

Just moments before Byrd's steal and nursing a 53-51 lead, Bruins center Nermin Delic threw an errant inbound



Richards

pass that sailed out of bounds despite no pressure from Cass defenders. The Colonels (14-8, 8-5 in Region 7-4A) converted the turnover into Byrd's two game-tying free throws and that's just the kind of night it was for coach Ryan Richards's Bruins (16-6, 7-4).

"We gave the game away," Richards said. "Those two costly turnovers absolutely killed us and there was no reason for them. We did not secure the ball the way we worked on it and we've been

trying to work all year on end-of-game situations and we didn't execute that, and that's the bottom line."

Another difference-maker was free throw shooting in the fourth quarter, where the Colonels were 6 of 8 while Northwest was 2 of 5.

The score was tied at 16 after one quarter and the Bruins took a 28-25 lead into halftime, led by Baker Chiddister's 10 points. In the third quarter, the Bruins twice built seven-point leads, their largest of the game, and were up 37-30 at the 3:42 mark.

➤ Please see **NORTHWEST, 2B**

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Mumme discloses he's fighting cancer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Former Valdosta State, Kentucky and New Mexico State football coach Hal Mumme said he stubbornly waited until the conclusion of a stressful season to get tested for prostate cancer, despite the advice of team doctors and his cancer-surviving wife that he do it earlier.

With the biopsy on Jan. 9 confirming the worst fears from earlier blood tests, the coach said Tuesday he considers himself fortunate that his delay was merely "stupid" rather than deadly.

Today, Mumme will undergo a proce-



Mumme

sure at the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center that doctors believe will stop the disease before it spreads. Should all go according to plan, Mumme, who has been unemployed since New Mexico State fired him in December, can resume his search for a new coaching job as early as this spring.

But first, the coach said he wanted to share his story with hopes that it will

inspire other men to get tested more quickly than he did. He held a news conference Tuesday, flanked by his daughter, Karen Handel, and Stephen Strup, the UK doctor who will perform the procedure.

"My first inclination was to tell no one," Mumme said. "After thinking about it, that probably wasn't an option ... I'm going to be an advocate for men not doing what I did and ignore the situation for six months."

It will be the Mumme family's second experience with cancer treatment at Markey. Mumme's wife, June, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Torre defends his book at signing

BY RONALD BLUM

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A veteran of baseball's biggest stage, Joe Torre had his lines well rehearsed.

No, he didn't write anything controversial.

No, he didn't trash the clubhouse code.

No, no regrets.

On a snowy day in Manhattan, Torre was back in town Tuesday for his first signing session for "The Yankee Years," co-written by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci. Fans stood in line on Fifth Avenue, and the queue snaked around the corner halfway to Madison Avenue as people waited to meet the man who still refers to the Yankees as "we."

"I don't think I violated anything. At least, that was my inten-

tion," said Torre, whose job as former Yankees manager overshadows his occupation as the current Los Angeles Dodgers manager. "I'd like to believe that's what I'm about, to be as honest as I can be."

Torre gets to have it both ways. He wrote a controversial book, helping the publisher recoup the advance, then said he didn't say anything he hadn't previously said.

"There's no question bitter things happen, but when I left it was more a sense of relief," Torre said.

He did two sessions with reporters before the signing: print and radio first, then television. He did an interview with NPR and another with Bob Costas that will air Thursday on the MLB Network. ESPN is scheduled for Wednesday.

His quotes were smoothly simi-



Torre

lar. His most striking line came when referring to fans at Dodger Stadium. "Never once did I say, 'You're the best in the world,' because the Yankee fans, there are no fans like the Yankee fans. They are unbelievable," Torre said. "Yeah, they're passionate in Los Angeles, and they grew over the course of the year. But the experience I had at Yankee Stadium with the fans, they'll never be able to duplicate that."

Torre made light of the fact that some in the Yankees clubhouse have referred to Alex Rodriguez as "A-Fraud."

Torre said Larry Bowa, one of his coaches, used to invoke A-Fraud when hitting grounders after the third baseman had a bad night in the field.

"He says, 'Come on, let's see who we see today? Is it going to be A-Rod or A-Fraud? Let's go,'" Torre recalled. "I mean, it was in front of him. You never did any of that stuff behind his back."

Trouble is, sensitivity to jokes increases with each additional dollar in salary in the Pinstriped Paradise, where outsized paychecks trigger outsized egos, outsized expectations and outsized ticket prices at an outsized ballpark.

When questions were cut off, Torre made a point of clarifying his relationship with GM Brian Cashman.

"Brian was supportive of me," he said. "We disagreed on a number of instances, a number of things, but, you know, Brian, we got along. ... Last few years I thought it changed somewhat, but I — overall I thought Brian and I got along."

Everywhere, the talk was Torre. At the Yankees minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., catcher Jorge Posada said he planned to buy the book.

"It will take me about three years to read it," he joked.

For veteran Yankees, Torre remains revered.

"He's been a father figure to me. I don't think he can do any wrong," Posada said. "There's nothing that has been on the book that hasn't been written or talked about earlier or before."

## Prep

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"We played well," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said. "We concentrated and made sure we played one possession at a time, and everybody got to play. That was good experience for everybody."

Olivia Williams paced the Lady Hornets with 10 points.

■ **Christian Heritage boys 80, Furtah Prep 57:** Damien Chaney scored 36 points and pulled down 13 rebounds, the Lions faced a five-point deficit, but outscored Furtah Prep 28-5 the rest of the period and cruised to a victory that nailed down the No. 1 seed for the Georgia Independent School Association region tournament next Tuesday at Arlington Christian in Fairburn.

Will Clark had 18 points for the Lions (22-3, 11-1 Region 4-2A) while Terrell Wilson added eight and Ben Dindoffler six.

Demetrius Dorsey led Furtah Prep with 20 points.

"They got up on us by five points in the second quarter," Lions coach Chad Woodson said, "but we got after them pretty good the rest of the way and we're up 49-30 at halftime. We beat them in overtime at their place in our previous game, so it looks like our guys are finding their rhythm."

■ **Christian Heritage girls 73, Furtah Prep 38:** The Lady Lions (18-4, 10-2) zipped into an early lead and took advantage of their strong rebounding for fast-break baskets on senior night.

Caty Nagel led Christian Heritage with 19 points and 12 rebounds and Maggie Peeples added 17 points and four steals.

Bradley Townsend tossed in 12 points and had five steals while Kirsten Greene finished with 10 points. Jordan Payne, the Lady Lions' lone senior, had two points and six rebounds.

Furtah Prep's Maci LeBeous led all scorers with 23 points.

"We played good from the start," Lady Lions coach Heather Lowery said. "And we kept that going. We rebounded well and pushed the ball down the floor and that gave us some scoring opportunities. And I think the girls really wanted to play well for Jordan."

## JV basketball

■ **Northwest Whitfield girls 49, Cass 14:** The Lady Bruins (15-0) moved closer to a perfect regular season behind the 14 points from Tori Clemmons and Jenna Williams' 10.

Sydney Roberts had nine points and six assists while Summer Jackson added six assists and Haley Giddens four steals for Northwest, which built a 28-8 halftime lead.

The Lady Bruins have two regular season games remaining.

■ **Christian Heritage 38, Furtah Prep 7:** Ann Marie Massengale scored 16 points and Marah McEntyre added eight.

■ **Dalton boys 50, Hiram 41:** Tyson Thornton led the Cats (6-5) with 13 points and Tre Beck added 10.



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Miecha Baker, left, and Tewanda Ross, with hands up, try to defend Northwest Whitfield post player Christy Robinson during their Region 7-4A game Tuesday night in Tunnel Hill. The Lady Bruins won, 57-30.

## Northwest: Lady Bruins roll

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But Cass' feisty full-court press, which forced 18 Bruins turnovers, took Northwest out of its rhythm and allowed Cass to build a 44-39 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

"Pressure and aggressiveness," Colonels coach Edward Riddle said. "That was the difference. I think the turnovers down the stretch were big. Also, we had to shut down No. 10 (Tanner Reno). If we didn't shut him down in the second half he would have won it with his shot so I think that helped us as well."

Reno finished with 11 points, with two 3-pointers.

The fourth quarter was dominated by the Colonels' Qua Gamble and Byrd, who combined for 13 of Cass' final 15 points. Gamble opened fourth-quarter scoring with a 3 to stretch the Colonels' lead to 47-41. After Chiddister answered with a 3, Gamble got a steal and a layup for a 49-44 lead with 6:11 left.

The Bruins went on a 7-0 run for a 51-49 lead, capped by Delic's tip-in off Caleb Tatum's missed free throw with 3:11 remaining. On Cass' next possession, Delic recorded one of his three blocks to bring the partisan crowd to its feet.

Momentum appeared to be swinging heavily in Northwest's favor when Gamble, operating in a half-court offense, mishandled a pass that went out of bounds

with 1:50 left and the Bruins up 53-51. But the turnover only set the stage for Delic's miscue and Northwest could not recover.

Chiddister led the Bruins with 19 points and added seven rebounds and Delic added 12 points, seven rebounds and three steals.

The Colonels were led by Gamble and Henry Shepherd, who both finished with 14 points.

In girls action, the final score doesn't reflect it, but Northwest struggled mightily offensively, air-balling 3-pointers and free throws and missing several layups, but Cass had no answer for the Lady Bruins' defensive pressure and rebounding abilities.

Northwest (20-2, 11-0) forced 31 Cass turnovers while committing just 10 and outrebounded the Lady Colonels 38 to 19.

Though the Lady Bruins won by 27, it was the team's sluggish play that stuck out most to coach Margaret Stockburger.

"I just felt like we weren't focused from the beginning," Stockburger said. "We've got to get back to practice and work on some things that we've got to get better at."

Northwest was led by Quaneisha McCurdy's 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Emily Trew added 11 points and five rebounds and Christy Robinson chipped in nine points and eight rebounds.

Cass (10-12, 5-7) was led by Miecha Baker's 15 points.



Stockburger

## Pritchett: Driven

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Prior to the start of the 2008 season, Pritchett was ranked No. 2 among state long snappers. He consistently gets the ball back to the punter in 0.63 or 0.65 seconds.

"Coach Bohannon, who recruits this area, came by my physical education class one day and said Tech was looking for a long snapper," former Indians coach Josh Lowe said. "Cory and coach Bohannon talked and a couple of days later Bohannon called back to offer Cory the chance to go down there. He'll be one of 10 preferred walk-ons who'll have the opportunity to earn a scholarship over the long haul."

While Pritchett has been a longtime Tech fan, he hasn't always been a long snapper.

He picked it up in the summer prior to his sophomore season as a way to get playing time with the Indians.

"Our long snapper wasn't that good," Pritchett said, "and I decided that was the only way I was going to get on the field at that time. I didn't just want to stand on the sidelines."

Handling the long-snap-

ping duties is much more difficult than Pritchett imagined.

"It took me about two months to get the hang of it," he said. "I didn't think I was going to learn how to do it at first. I thought it was almost impossible. It took me about two weeks before I could snap the ball back to my dad. With more work, though, it became easier."

Walk-ons are a valuable asset to any big-time college football program. Many punters, holders and snappers arrive on campus without scholarships, but through their play earn them later in their careers.

"That would be a dream come true for Cory," Lowe said.

Haynes was *The Daily Citizen's* Player of the Year, piling up 878 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns for the Bruins his senior season. He passed for 782 yards and three scores and led the area with 110 points and 21 total touchdowns.

Baker was the area's fourth-leading tackler with 105 stops.

Haynes and Baker will sign at the high school this afternoon.

## WCRD results

The Whitfield County Recreation Department continued its youth basketball season with games played Thursday, Jan. 29. Scores and highlights listed:

## Mite 9-10 Girls

Cohutta Lady Devils 13, New Hope Grizzlies 8 - (C) Dallas Coker 6.

Dug Gap Lady Raiders 29, Antioch Lady Stingers 11 - (DG) Madison Pearson 11, Lily Johnson 8.

Tunnel Hill Hawks W, Westside Lady Bruins L - (TH) Haley McDaniel 7.

Westside Wildcats W, Tunnel Hill Flames L - (WS) McCall Carlock 12, Cassi Duncan 6, Abbi Harris 6.

## Mite 9-10 Boys

Pleasant Grove Flight 23, Cohutta Bulldogs 13 - (PG) Noah Ramsey 10. (C) Phillip Taylor 12.

Pleasant Grove Magic 37, Varnell Heat 20 - (PG) Jay Jones 14, Tate Higgins 12, Kyle Roberts 7. (V) Matthew Tankersley 9, Trent Collins 5.

New Hope Blue Grizzlies 35, Tunnel Hill Spurs 15 - (NH)

Ryan Greene 12, Will Blanchard 9, Chase Perry 8.

## Midget 11-12 Girls

Pleasant Grove Shock 22, Varnell Lady Bruins 14 - (PG) Lexi Storey 8, Alex West 6. (V) Victoria Laird 6.

Valley Point Lil' Wave 26, Tunnel Hill Thrashers 6 - (VP) Kristen Wyatt 6, Sydney Covington 6. (TH) Kala Franks 6.

## Midget 11-12 Boys

Westside Pistons 37, Varnell Wildcats 23 - (WS) Drew Guffey 12, Caleb Shifflett 11. (V) Ty Pendley 16.

New Hope Blue Grizzlies 27, Westside Heat 16 - (NH) Connor Beard 8, Landon Pickle 8, Jackson Sheppard 6. (WS) Landon Cable 8.

Tunnel Hill Strikers 41, Varnell Voltage 17 - (TH) Derek Franks 14, Seth Hutchinson 13, Cody Edwards 6. (V) Clayton Kuhns 7, Ross Myers 5.

Valley Point Tar Heels 42, Antioch Heat 9 - (VP) Devon Walden 9, Tyson Cooper 7, Trey Weaver 6, Noah Holsomback 5, Nick Burns 5.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Lowndes CB Reid will sign with FSU**

VALDOSTA — Greg Reid, a cornerback for Lowndes County who was last season's Georgia High School Association all-classification player of the year, says he will sign with Florida State.

Reid made the announcement during a radio show Tuesday night on the eve of national signing day.

Reid had narrowed down his choices to Alabama, Auburn, Florida State, Georgia and Miami. Reid had nine interceptions last season.

He returned two punts for touchdowns.

**S.C. officials may prosecute Phelps**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina authorities in the county where Michael Phelps was spotted smoking from a marijuana pipe say they are considering a criminal charge against the Olympic superstar.

Lt. Chris Cowan said Tuesday that Richland County sheriff's investigators are gathering more information about the photo, which showed the swimmer inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

Cowan did not specify what charge was being considered and declined to discuss details of the investigation.

**Mets, Perez work out new contract**

NEW YORK — Oliver Perez and the New York Mets finalized a \$36 million, three-year contract on Tuesday.

Perez became the 86th player who filed for free agency after the World Series to finalize an agreement — meaning half of the 171 players who filed have deals.

Perez was 10-7 with a 4.22 ERA in 34 starts last year. He struck out 180 and also walked 105 in 194 innings. His 4.87 walks per nine innings were fourth-highest in the major leagues.

**Citadel, VMI will renew old rivalry**

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The "Military Classic of the South" is back.

Both The Citadel and VMI said Tuesday they had agreed to resume their dormant football series in 2011 at Johnson Hagood Stadium in Charleston. The new deal calls for the two military colleges to play six times, three in Charleston and three in Lexington, Va.

The series between Bulldogs and Keydets dates back to 1920. The two played football every season except one between 1946 and 2003.

**Cable to stay as Oakland's coach**

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders are retaining head coach Tom Cable, officially removing the interim designation from his title more than five weeks after their season ended.

Cable went 4-8 after replacing Lane Kiffin with the Raiders (5-11), who have lost at least 11 games in six consecutive seasons.

**Costas can speak freely on MLB TV**

NEW YORK — Bob Costas insists he is free to speak his mind about baseball, even though he's now an employee of the new MLB Network.

Costas said he spoke about his editorial independence with baseball commissioner officials, and Costas said they both gave him assurances.

Costas' agreement does not affect his relationship with NBC, where he has worked since 1980.

— Associated Press

**SCOREBOARD**

**LOCAL**

**Prep Schedule**

**Friday**  
**Varsity basketball**  
 Christian Heritage at Heirway 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 Heirway 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

**TELEVISION**

**On Today**

**MEAN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — West Virginia at Syracuse  
 7:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Wake Forest at Miami  
 9 p.m.  
 ESPN — Duke at Clemson  
 9:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Missouri at Texas

**HOCKEY**

**NHL Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	32	16	3	67	159	130
N.Y. Rangers	29	18	4	62	132	134
Philadelphia	26	14	9	61	159	145
Pittsburgh	24	23	5	53	159	161
N.Y. Islanders	16	29	5	37	126	170

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	37	8	6	80	178	113
Montreal	29	16	6	64	158	145
Buffalo	26	20	5	57	151	143
Toronto	19	23	9	47	152	186
Ottawa	17	25	7	41	116	143

**Southeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	33	15	4	70	171	149
Florida	24	18	8	56	142	141
Carolina	25	21	5	55	128	147
Tampa Bay	17	24	10	44	130	160
Atlanta	17	29	5	39	148	181

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

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	32	11	7	71	183	147
Chicago	27	13	8	62	161	123
Columbus	24	22	5	53	138	146
Nashville	22	24	3	47	119	141
St. Louis	21	24	5	47	145	158

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	30	15	4	64	157	145
Edmonton	25	21	3	53	138	151
Minnesota	25	21	3	53	128	114
Vancouver	22	20	8	52	143	146
Colorado	24	26	1	49	142	157

**Pacific Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	36	7	5	77	167	112

Anaheim	26	22	5	57	152	148
Phoenix	24	22	5	53	129	150
Dallas	23	18	7	53	143	157
Los Angeles	21	21	7	49	126	137

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

**Tuesday's Games**

St. Louis 4, Columbus 2  
 Washington 5, New Jersey 2  
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 1  
 Los Angeles 1, Ottawa 0  
 Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 2  
 Florida 4, Toronto 3, OT  
 Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.  
 Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Carolina at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Today'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.

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	41	9	820	—
Philadelphia	23	24	489	16 1/2
New Jersey	22	27	449	18 1/2
New York	21	26	447	18 1/2
Toronto	19	31	380	22

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	36	11	766	—
Atlanta	27	20	574	9
Miami	26	21	553	10
Charlotte	19	29	396	17 1/2
Washington	10	38	208	26 1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	38	9	809	—
Detroit	25	21	543	12 1/2
Milwaukee	24	28	462	16 1/2
Chicago	21	27	438	17 1/2
Indiana	19	30	388	20

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

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	33	14	702	—
New Orleans	28	17	622	4
Houston	29	19	604	4 1/2
Dallas	28	19	596	5
Memphis	12	35	255	21

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	31	16	660	—
Portland	30	17	638	1
Utah	27	22	551	5
Minnesota	17	30	362	14
Oklahoma City	11	37	229	20 1/2

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	38	9	809	—
Phoenix	26	20	565	11 1/2
Golden State	15	34	306	24
Sacramento	11	39	220	28 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	38	208	28 1/2

**Tuesday's Games**

Boston 100, Philadelphia 99  
 Cleveland 101, Toronto 83  
 Minnesota 116, Indiana 111  
 New Jersey 99, Milwaukee 85  
 Chicago at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.

**Today'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.

**Thursday's Games**

Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**All-Region 7-4A Football**

**2008 Offensive Player of the Year**  
 RB P.J. Green, Rome

**Defensive Player of the Year**  
 LB Van Calhoun, Rome

**First Team Offense**  
 QB Forest Holt, Sprayberry  
 RB Reggie Whitley, Rome  
 RB Dominique Swope, Sequoyah  
 WR Carter Crutchfield, Dalton  
 WR Dylan Cook, Hiram  
 TE Nermin Delic, Northwest Whitfield  
 OL Reese Bulmash, Sprayberry  
 OL Richmond Boothe, Rome  
 OL Wats Dantzer, Dalton  
 OL Alex Burse, Dalton  
 OL Trey Howell, Sequoyah  
 ATH Dean Haynes, Northwest Whitfield  
 PK Brett Synder, Sequoyah

**Defense**  
 DL Jalen Fields, Dalton  
 DL Javon Jackson, Rome  
 DL Latoris Ayers, South Paulding  
 DL Jon Rosemond, Sequoyah  
 LB Garren Palmer, Dalton  
 LB Zac Baker, Northwest Whitfield  
 LB Ben Farist, Sequoyah  
 LB Teddy Lawrence, Rome  
 DB Chris Bellinger, Sequoyah  
 DB Jejuan Smith, Hillgrove  
 DB Desmond Clark, Rome  
 DB Doug Ellis, Hillgrove  
 P Cody Hunt, South Paulding

**Second Team Offense**  
 QB Stryker Brown, Dalton  
 RB David Carter, Sprayberry  
 RB Andre Watts, Woodland  
 WR Tevin Collins, Dalton  
 WR Ryan Oubre, Sequoyah  
 TE Reaves Coker, Dalton  
 OL T.J. Cross, Woodland  
 OL Hayden Bramlett, Sequoyah  
 OL Alex Hicks, Paulding County  
 OL Ben Peterson, Hillgrove  
 OL Spencer Suddeth, Northwest Whitfield  
 ATH Synjin Days, Hillgrove  
 PK Jose Garcia, Dalton

**Defense**  
 DL Chris Rowland, Paulding  
 DL Leighton Gasque, Hiram  
 DL Seth Grummer, Sequoyah  
 DL Brandon Alexander, Sequoyah  
 LB Ryan Carney, Woodland  
 LB Steven Hardwick, Sprayberry  
 LB Broderick Sellers, South Paulding  
 LB Kodie Lentz, Woodland  
 DB Romeo Williams, Northwest Whitfield  
 DB Stephen Gaylor, Rome  
 DB Ryan Ayers, South Paulding  
 DB Jerick McKinnin, Sprayberry  
 P Ben Crump, Murray County

**Honorable Mention**  
 Cass — Brian Owens, Tarris Batiste, Hunter Campbell, Justin Winters, Alex Foster, Dionta Hardy; Dalton — Nathan Edwards, Toombs Norman, Martin Self, Trae Washington, Tre Beck, Shaquon Moore, William Sanchez; Hillgrove — Kenyon Drake, Jabari Hunt, Randall Cooper; Hiram — Mario Rolland, Tyler Hogue, Jerrell Benson; Murray County — Cory Pritchett, Michael Lopez, Brad Dillard, Mark Baldwin; Northwest Whitfield — Drew Smith; Paulding County — Brent Wheeling, Bob Jobe; Rome — Jamalcolm Griffin; Sequoyah — Dalton Trevino, A.J. Howard, Andrew Marvin, Eric Buckhalter, Josh Rogers, Jordan Basone, Michael Franklin, Tyler Adams, Tucker Adams, Matt Thompson, Eric Johnson; Sprayberry — Blake Young, Brian Walton; South Paulding — Chase Graham, Jared Jeter, Brandon Black, Jake Hilderbrand, Zack Hemmlia, Drew Dennison, Jared Cook, Darrel Jones, Jackson Shaw, Leonard Adger, Jordan Ellison, Denorris Brinkley, Reggie Davis; Woodland — Trent Welch, Kyle Bryant, Zach Sisk, Nick Phillips, Evan Hilton.

**TRANSACTIONS**

**Tuesday's Moves**

**BASEBALL**  
**Major League Baseball**  
 MLB—Suspended Florida Marlins minor league INF Pascual Arias 50 games for testing positive under baseball's minor league drug program.  
**American League**  
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Vinnie Chulk on a minor league contract.  
 DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Justin Verlander on a one-year contract.  
 TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Eddie Guardado on a minor league contract.  
**National League**  
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with INF Garrett Atkins on a one-year contract.  
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Rickie Weeks on a one-year contract.  
 NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Oliver Perez on a three-year contract. Named Mako Oliveras manager, Hector Berrios pitching coach, Bill Masse hitting coach and Donovan Mitchell coach for Binghamton (EL), and Tim Teufel manager, Robert Ellis pitching coach, Guadalupe Jabalera hitting coach, Jerry Morales coach, Matt Hunter trainer and Ken Hetzel strength coach for St. Lucie (FSL).  
 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Bobby Evans vice president of baseball operations and Jeremy Shelley senior director of baseball operations/pro scouting.  
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with C Javier Valentin and SS Alex Cintron on minor league contracts.

**COLLEGE HOOPS**

**Tuesday's Results**

**EAST**  
 Georgetown 57, Rutgers 47  
 Houston Baptist 65, N.J. Tech 49

**SOUTH**  
 Mississippi St. 66, Kentucky 57  
 N.C. State 87, N.C. Central 59  
 Old Dominion 71, Towson 62

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1st floor office space Kinard Complex Thornton Ave. 2500 sq. ft. Call 706-280-6750.

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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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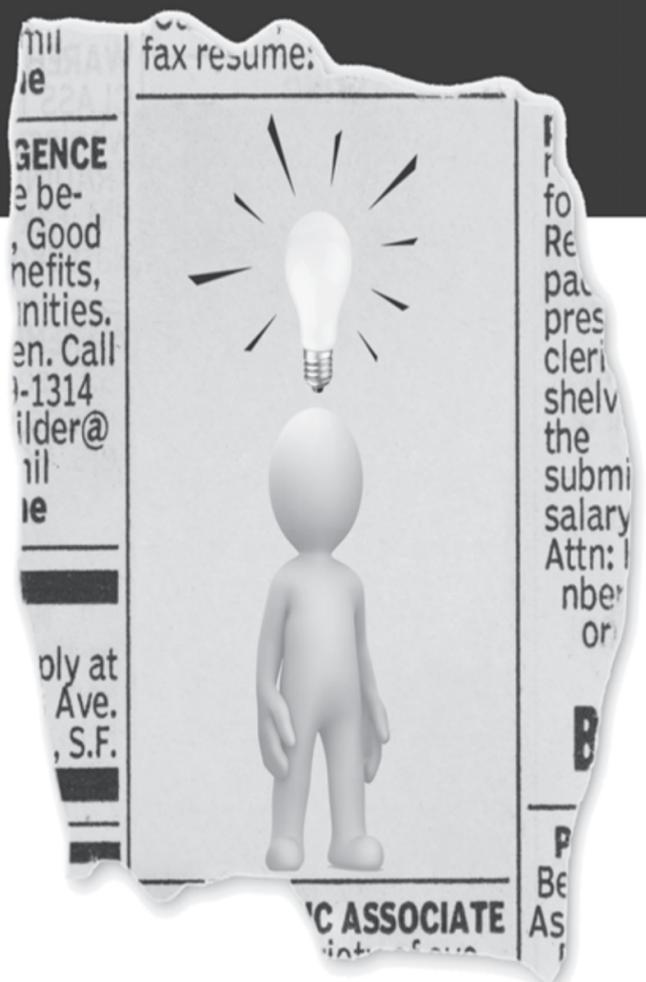
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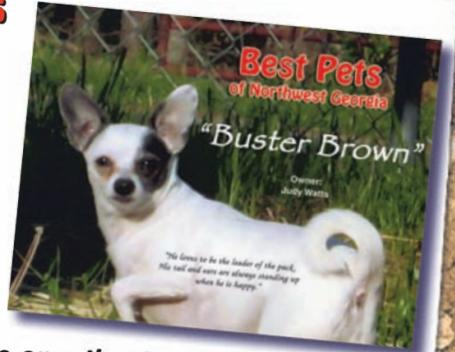


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# Doctor ending longtime practice here

By LARA HAYES

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You know those long, white coats many doctors wear that make them look so ... well ... doctor-y? You can credit Dr. James Pilcher Jr. for bringing that tradition to Dalton, according to his staff.

Pilcher says he was merely continuing something that was commonplace during his med school days at the Medical College of Georgia.

"Everybody wore them in training," he said. "I also read an article about doctors wearing them and how patients liked them. They have a positive influence on patient recognition."

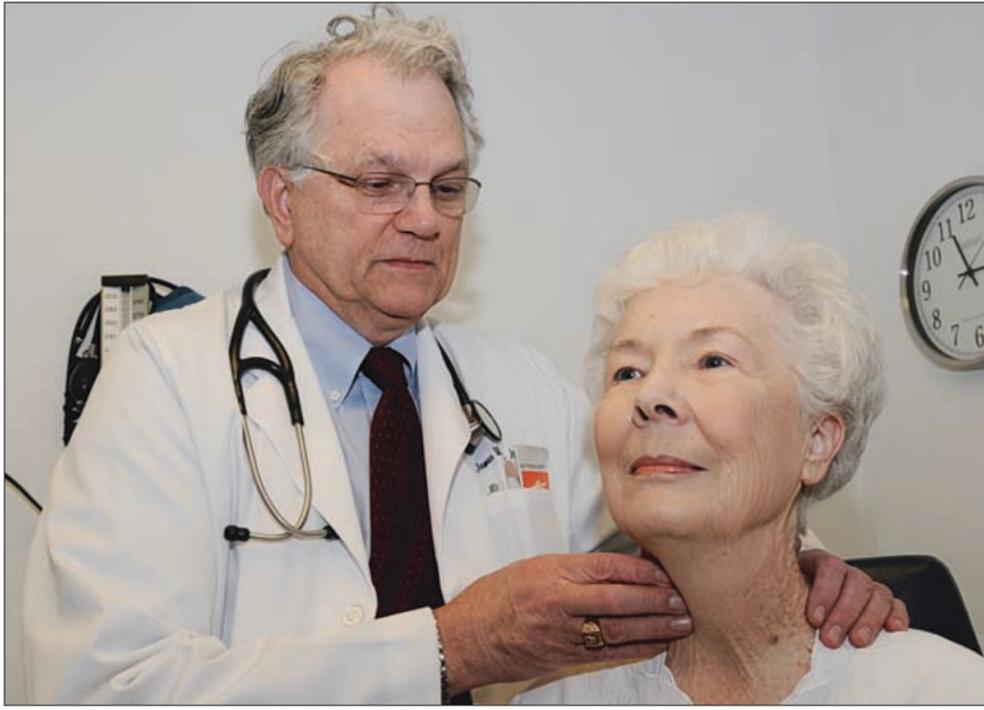
Now Pilcher says most local physicians don them, too.

Pilcher is a fourth-generation doctor, following in the footsteps of his father, the late Dr. James Pilcher Sr. It was hard not to. The younger Pilcher spent several of his teen years in Louisville, Ga., helping out at the town's Jefferson Hospital, which his parents started in 1947. Mom Mary Frances took charge of day-to-day operations and served as a night nurse while Dad practiced general surgery.

But just because Pilcher was around medicine all the time didn't make it a given that would be his career path. He went to Emory University unsure of what he wanted to do, eventually choosing social work as his major. During his senior year, however, everything changed.

"I just decided I wanted to go to med school," Pilcher said. "Med school is a bit more focused. You're dealing with more serious students. I wasn't distracted by other things. I enjoyed my studies."

He finished second in his class in 1975 and headed home to Louisville, working as a general internist at Jefferson Hospital alongside his father. Pilcher stayed for two years before moving to Dalton, his first



Dr. James Pilcher, who has had a practice in Dalton since 1977, checks Eunice Jernigan's pulse in his office Monday.

wife's hometown.

At that time, physicians weren't exactly beating the doors down to come here, he said.

"There hadn't been a new M.D. in town for 12 to 13 years," he said. "It was pretty easy to get acclimated here. General internists were pretty common, so we were pretty high on the doctor totem pole."

Since then, Pilcher has seen a wide variety of cases come through his door — some of which he'll never forget.

"The funniest one was when this guy, Ralph, brought his brother in," said Pilcher. "Ralph said, 'I knew something was wrong when he

wrapped himself up in aluminum foil.' Turns out the man was schizophrenic. I was more tickled at Ralph's reaction than anything else."

One memorable night an entire bridge club was stricken with carbon monoxide poisoning. Five or six were Pilcher's patients. He also found himself alone in a patient room one day trying to resuscitate a man in cardiac arrest. Thankfully his efforts proved successful.

His practice still keeps him busy, usually from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

"We have a continual waiting list," said Pilcher. "We have about 2,000 active patients and about

10,000 files. I still see a lot of patients from my first six months here."

Treating each patient with utmost care is his top priority.

"Everything we do centers around the patients," he said. "We try to treat them each individually and earn what we charge them. We know a lot about patients, like their families and interests."

Currently the practice is closed to new patients unless they have a connection. Soon, however, the doors will close for good. Due to challenges general practitioners face from the medical establishment, Pilcher said he is headed back to Jefferson Hospital where he can con-

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tinue his down-home way of doing business.

"We have problems paying the bills here," he said. "The government wants you to see more patients faster and faster, but I don't want to do that because I'd have to change too much."

Pilcher says he will miss his patients here the most, many of whom he has grown very fond of over the years. The feeling seems mutual, so much so that his staff says they have a growing list of patients who say they will make the three-hour trip to see him.

"Dalton's been good to me," he said. "All of our patients are really nice."

Since the announcement last week of his pending departure, the office has been one giant emotional love fest between patients and staff, said his assistant.

"It's been difficult," said Pilcher. "A 100-year-old patient came in the other day and she was upset. Everybody's upset."

Pilcher looks forward to spending less time at the office and more time with his mom, who is now 87 and by all accounts still quite feisty. He also wants to be able to go see the parents of his wife, Dr. Grace Gilgenast, in Poland more often. He begins his new practice March 30.

"We're not perfect in practicing medicine, but I'd like to think we did a good job," said Pilcher. "I hope to leave Dalton with an intact reputation."

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On Jan. 27, volunteers from the Dalton Junior Woman's club donated their time to the Dalton-Whitfield Public Library. President Amy Sampson, Secretary Cyndi Alsobrooks and Ways and Means Director Heather Majors assisted library staff in straightening books and shelves as part of National Book Month. The club is a local volunteer civic organization founded in 1948. Library branch manager Erik Lewis said, "The Dalton Junior Woman's Club has a long history of advocating for the Dalton-Whitfield Library. Their time and efforts are always appreciated." From left are are Sampson, Alsobrooks and Majors.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The Dalton Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center.

Jennifer Hulsey will share information on the upcoming Walk for Hope in Cedartown followed by group discussions.

The Center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton.

### Life After Divorce

Helping the Hurting Inc. will offer a new support group, Life After Divorce (LAD), beginning Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at 207 W. King St., Suite A in Dalton.

Life After Divorce is a group meeting that has discussion, review, teaching and videos. Topics include Early Emotions, Moving Toward Acceptance, Moving Through Grief and Loss, The Stages of Grief, Forgiveness, Five Keys to Starting Over, Children of Divorce and Supporting Your Children Through the Divorce. Each meeting is independent so participants can start anytime. The group will meet on an ongoing basis.

The group will be led by John Stuman. For more information or directions, call (706) 277-4357.

### "Dating My Spouse in Dalton"

Family Frameworks is now offering "Dating My Spouse in Dalton."

Participants commit to date their spouses at least one evening each month. Interested couples may purchase a button for \$15 per couple and use it once a month this year for discounts.

Discounts at local restaurants — primarily buy one entrée and get one free — will be available the second

week of each month. Participants are also entered for a chance to win a monthly prize from local merchants.

To purchase a button or for more information, call (706) 313-0023 or visit [www.marriageisforever.org](http://www.marriageisforever.org).

### DivorceCare support

First Presbyterian Church will offer a DivorceCare support group each Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 10.

DivorceCare seeks to help participants recover from the pain of separation and divorce and is led by facilitators who have also gone through divorce.

DivorceCare is non-denominational and features biblical teaching for healing. The cost is \$12 for the workbook.

For more information or to register, call Connie McCarthy at the church at (706) 278-8161. The church is at 510 S. Tibbs Road in Dalton.

### Next Step

The Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter is offering Next Step, a social support group for persons in the early stages of memory loss and their caregivers.

The group will meet for a Dutch treat dinner on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Café in Dalton. Meetings will provide the opportunity for couples to socialize with others who are living with early-stage dementia.

For more information or to register, call Laurie Parker at the chapter office at (706) 275-0819.

### Al Anon Family Groups

Al Anon Family Groups for families and friends of problem drinkers meet each

Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in the lower level of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dalton.

The church is at 901 W. Emery St. For more information, call Linda at (706) 537-0770.

### In Remembrance

In Remembrance is a group of young adults (high school and college age) joined together to honor the lives of friends, family members or classmates who have died. The group meets twice monthly at St. Mark's Episcopal Church for lunch and spend time sharing memories about those they loved.

For more information, call Margie Bruner at (706) 259-6076 or Susan Ewing at (423) 266-7479 or [susanferisewing@hotmail.com](mailto:susanferisewing@hotmail.com).

### Grandparent adoption

Ridgewood Manor is currently looking for people to adopt a grandparent for the year.

For more information, call Lucretia Lopez or Joyce Shook at (706) 226-1021. Ridgewood Manor is at 1110 Burleyson Road in Dalton.

### Hospice volunteers

Adventa Hospice is looking for activity volunteers who can visit hospice patients in homes or nursing homes.

Activity volunteers support hospice patients through running errands, reading to the patient, sharing a devotional, playing board or card games or just friendly visits. Volunteer by yourself or as a group and as often or as little as your schedule allows. Individual or group training is available at your convenience.

For more information, call Robin or Angela at (706) 259-2518. Adventa Hospice is at 1510 N. Thornton Ave. in Dalton.

## COMMENTARY

# Stupidity blows encounter with celebrity

My grandmother once said I was "as smart as a whip."

She obviously didn't have the following account to consider when she made that statement.

It was a gorgeous spring Saturday in Athens, and I was a junior in college.

I received a phone call from a girl I was dating, asking me if I wanted to go with her and her sister and brother-in-law to a golf tournament. Moments earlier, a friend had told me they were organizing a three-on-three basketball tournament outside my apartment.

I weighed the two opportunities and came up with this brilliant response: "I'm sorry, but I don't think I can go. I've got a lot of work to do around here today," I told her. "But call me tomorrow and let me know how it went."

I then laced up my sneakers and skipped outside to play basketball all day.

That evening, I heard a rumor that then-pro basketball player Spud Webb and actor Woody Harrelson were in town, party-hopping around Athens. I thought little of it.

The next day, she called me.

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she and her sister and brother-in-law went back to a cabin of some sorts with Woody and Spud and "some other guys" and played some billiards. Later, she said, Woody and Spud hit the town and she went home.

"Who were those other guys playing pool?" I excitedly asked, images of her hobnobbing with the likes of Jamie Farr and Bruce Boxleitner.

"I don't know," she replied. "I think they were a bunch of basketball players."

"Like who?"

"I don't know. I don't know a lot about basketball," she said.

"Well, describe them for me," I said.

"Well, they were all tall, except for the guy named Spud," she said. "There was one tall guy named Michael, and another guy who was shorter than him, but was sort of pudgy. His name was Charles. He talked a lot."

I couldn't believe my ears. It couldn't be.

"Was it Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley?"

"Yeah, that's who it was — Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley," she said.

I swallowed my tongue.

"You mean, you were playing pool and hanging out last night with Michael

"What?"

She then went on to inform me that her brother-in-law was friends with Woody Harrelson and that's why they went to the tournament — a celebrity golf outing held at Kenny Rogers' place outside Athens. After the tournament,

I received a phone call from a girl I was dating, asking me if I wanted to go with her and her sister and brother-in-law to a golf tournament. Moments earlier, a friend had told me they were organizing a three-on-three basketball tournament outside my apartment.

I weighed the two opportunities and came up with this brilliant response: "I'm sorry, but I don't think I can go. I've got a lot of work to do around here today," I told her. "But call me tomorrow and let me know how it went."

I then laced up my sneakers and skipped outside to play basketball all day.

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Jordan and Charles Barkley?"

"Yep," she said nonchalantly. "And there were two other guys — white guys. One was tall and didn't say anything. The other was a golfer, I think."

"The tall basketball player — what was his name?"

"Umm. I can't remember. Like I said, he didn't say much. He just laughed at everybody else," she said. "But he was the tallest one there. Real tall."

I gulped, and asked the question I was scared to hear the answer to.

"His name wasn't Larry, was it?"

"Yes! Yes, that was his name," she replied.

Praying she had met former NBA journeyman Larry Krystkowiak, I carried on fretfully.

"Was his name Larry Bird?"

It couldn't be. I didn't give up the opportunity to meet my athletic idol to play basketball in a parking lot with a bunch of future accountants. Don't tell me it was Larry Bird — please!

She did.

"Yes, Larry Bird. Tall guy with blondish hair. Sort of ugly. That's him."

The next thing she heard was me banging the phone against my skull.

After I regained consciousness, we figured out the golfer in the group was the late Payne Stewart — who was, of course, alive then.

I was too — but barely. I almost beat myself to death with the phone.

Smart as a whip? Yes I am — literally. I'm as smart as a leather, flexible strap.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

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# Green gardening gone astray

## Poll finds most fall short when gardening organically

BY JOE LAMP'L  
Scripps Howard News

Although we talk a big game when it comes to gardening more organically, we're not following through, according to the latest findings from the Garden Writers Association. I serve on the committee that formulates the questions and tracks consumer trends in lawn and garden. In our most recent survey, conducted this past October and recently released, we focused on consumer attitudes on organic gardening. Here's a brief summary from some of the findings:

### Good intentions — poor execution

Eighty percent of consumers said they would use more organic products if they knew they could get an effective result for no additional cost. Sixty percent said they would use more organic products if they could be convinced that organics are just as effective as non-organic products.

My conclusion: We still have a lot of explaining to do to enlighten consumers on how they think about organics. First hurdle: organics do work; they just don't work exactly the same way as synthetic products. It's a different mindset. Will that make a difference for the crowd that needs it to work, like yesterday? Of course it will; we're kidding ourselves to think otherwise.

### Supply and demand affected by consumer confusion

Fifty-five percent of consumers say that they would like to use organic products more if they could simply find them in a store. Now



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**Most consumers have good intentions. But they still don't know what to buy or if organic/natural products even work well enough to make the switch.**

tha's a disappointment. I wonder if this next finding is related: 53 percent say that they would use more organic products if they understood what to buy and how to use it. I can't help but wonder if some of those products are actually on the store shelves but just don't realize it.

My take: This is an area of frustration for me. It's true. Green products in general just aren't getting the shelf space they need to turn over inventory. I understand from a retailer's perspective the need to move product. I get that.

However, I haven't seen a lot of great examples in my travels of stores that are making it any easier on the consumer to find and buy these green goods either. Clearly, that's exacerbated

by the fact that home gardeners are still so confused on what to buy and how to use these products. It doesn't help that a lot of the retail sales help (especially the big-box boys) are clueless when it comes to making appropriate recommendations. So I can't blame consumers when they throw their hands up in frustration and resort to their old ways.

### What do YOU say?

So here's the bottom line: Most consumers have good intentions. But, they're telling us they still don't have enough information to know what to buy or if organic/natural products even work well enough to make the switch. And if they're still on the fence, the perception of high-

er pricing for green products isn't going to help lead to widespread acceptance of eco-friendly goods anytime soon — especially when consumers want them to work the same way as their current products.

I'd like to hear what you think. Are you an organic, or green, gardener? If not, are you moving in that direction, or not? Send me your thoughts to [heyjoe@joegardener.com](mailto:heyjoe@joegardener.com). I'll write a follow-up article after I hear what you have to say about this topic. Thanks in advance.

**Joe Lamp'l, host of "GardenSMART" on PBS, is a master gardener and author. For more information visit [www.joegardener.com](http://www.joegardener.com).**

## GROWINGS ON

# Prune, fertilize in February

January and February are the key months for doing dormant pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs (with the exception of spring-flowering plants that are pruned after they bloom).

Take time to make cuts selectively. Remove dead, diseased or damaged wood first, then water-spouts and suckers. Then concentrate on the form of the plant by making thinning cuts as necessary.

Liriope on level ground can be mowed off with a lawnmower the last week in February. This will remove old winter-damaged leaves and make way for new growth. Make certain the lawnmower is set in the highest wheel setting and avoid mowing into the crown of the plant. Don't mow after new shoots have emerged because mowing will damage them and cause new growth to appear unsightly.

Renewal pruning should be done in late February to shrubs that have overgrown their site and need to be

reduced in size. Many broadleaf shrubs will withstand severe pruning. Never severely prune conifers (pines, spruce or junipers) because they can not generate new growth from old wood.

Continue planting balled-and-burlapped and bare-rooted plants so they can get established before spring. If existing plants need transplanting to another location in the landscape, do it now.

Remove old foliage from irises and ornamental grasses to make way for new spring growth.

Fertilize spring flowering bulbs lightly with 10-10-10 fertilizer (1 pound per 100 square feet), when new foliage is 3 to 4 inches high.



**Louis Dykes**

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

## VISITING THE GOVERNOR

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Whitfield County employee Cathy Taylor, along with other members of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE), visited Gov. Sonny Perdue recently. The GACE



board traveled to Atlanta to present the governor with a plaque naming him an honorary member of GACE for Code Enforcement Week, the second week in October. Taylor is an active member of GACE and second vice president. She also chairs the certification committee. Taylor is pictured with Perdue.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### Feb. 5

■ The Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission will have its quarterly meeting Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Georgia Regional Development Center. Items on the agenda include distribution of CDs of battlefield plan, a report on status of land acquisition efforts, introduction of new members, election of officers and appointment of secretary and establishing goals for 2009. The Center is at 503 W. Waugh St.

■ The Southeast Raider Band Booster Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Band Room at Southeast

High School. The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

### Feb. 8

■ The Dalton High School Tip-Off Club will host a Sunday dinner fundraiser Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oakwood Café in Dalton. Fried chicken tenders, green beans, whipped potatoes and rolls are on the menu. DHS basketball athletes will work as table servers during the event. Tickets are \$7.50 and may be purchased from any DHS basketball player or Tip-Off Club member and will also be available at the door. For an additional nominal fee, customers may purchase from a selection of homemade desserts. Takeout boxes will be available by calling (706) 529-9663. For more information, call Wendy Houston at (706) 217-5760.

### Feb. 9

■ Dalton State College will offer "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" Feb. 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. This is a beginning class in

chord piano where, in one session, students will learn all the chords needed to play any pop song, any style, any key by reading chord symbols, not notes. Participants will also learn how to embellish songs using the secrets and shortcuts of professional pianists. Those who do not know treble clef may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a free pamphlet to Music Masters, 90 Molly Lane, Ringgold, GA, 30736. To register, call (706) 272-4454.

■ Lesche Woman's Club will meet Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of the First

Presbyterian Church on Tibbs Road. Poetry will be the subject. For more information, call Dorothy McCrory at (706) 259-4606 or Sherrian Hall at (706) 226-1167.

### Feb. 16

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



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### BRIDGE

#### To cover or not to cover

When a defender should cover an honor with an honor is a question that cannot be resolved by a universal general rule. The trouble is that while it's usually best to cover an honor with an honor when declarer seems about to finesse, there are times when a defender shouldn't do so.

Actually, the governing principle is to cover when it is advantageous and not cover when it is disadvantageous. Admittedly, this doesn't help much, since the final decision rests on the defender's judgment, but it's about as good a rule as can be formulated.

Take this case where West leads a club, taken by South with the king, and South returns the jack of hearts. Should West cover with the king?

There can be no doubt that the answer is yes. To confirm this, let's suppose West ducks the jack. Declarer finesesses and leads another heart. West is forced to play the king, and declarer collects five heart tricks and makes four notrump.

Now suppose West covers the jack with the king. Let's assume declarer wins with the ace and cashes the Q-10, hoping for a 3-3 division. When this does not materialize, South scores only three heart tricks and goes down one. This is due to West's covering the jack, which promotes East's nine into a stopper.

West covers because his king is valueless if he ducks, but serves a useful purpose if East has any four hearts. West can therefore gain something by covering, but he cannot lose.

Observe that if West covers the jack, South has a countermeasure available. He allows West's king to hold the trick, and thus makes four heart tricks and the contract. Declarer should not pin his hopes entirely on a 3-3 heart break, but should instead guard against a 4-2 division by conceding a trick to the king.

**Tomorrow:** How to figure the odds.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 9 4 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 6 3  
 ♦ 7 5 2  
 ♣ 9 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 7 3  
 ♥ K 8  
 ♦ K 10 4  
 ♣ Q 10 8 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 8 6 5  
 ♥ 9 7 5 2  
 ♦ Q 9  
 ♣ J 6 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 10  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ A J 8 6 3  
 ♣ A K 7

The bidding:  
 South 1♦ West Pass North 1♥ East Pass  
 3 NT  
 Opening lead — five of clubs.

### HOROSCOPE

**Happy Birthday:** Ride the wave to victory this year. Your ideas will lead to positive results and you will be trendy, outspoken and ready to take action. This is a forward-thinking, progressive year for you so be practical and rid yourself of people and situations that can only hold you back. Your numbers are 7, 16, 20, 23, 37, 38, 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let the little things bother you. Organizing or getting involved in something you believe in will help you connect with people who have common interests. An emotional relationship will warm up and bring you great joy. 4 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be tempted to spend on something you want but don't need. Question your motives. You may be better off explaining what you want in return before you make promises. A change in plans may influence your professional position. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll surprise everyone with your vision and plans for the future. Nothing is too much or out of your reach right now. You will find out information that will help you turn a project you are involved in into a moneymaking venture. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Winning, rebates, surrenders, settlements and legal matters will all lead to extra cash. The change in your status will enable you to make a positive, professional move. Stay away from anyone who is too pushy or controlling. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be pulled in several different directions emotionally but, in the end, what you discover about yourself will be what counts. Don't be surprised if someone wants a partnership that can enhance your income and your position in the future. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Consider if declining an invitation is worth the cost. It's more important to finish what you start and to be responsible for the work you are expected to deliver. Falling short will cause others to lose confidence in you. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Travel, promoting and following through with the people and the projects that interest you the most should be first and foremost on your mind. A revelation you experience with friends, relatives, lovers or children will lead to a lifestyle change. 5 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Stop taking everything and everyone so seriously. Do what you can and let the rest go. Don't fret and waste time over trivial matters. Stop judging yourself so harshly and you'll do better. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can change your course and try new things. If something isn't working, move on. Success is within reach if you follow your heart and put your talents to work for you. You will make things happen. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may want to rethink what you are doing in your personal life. Protect your assets and stow your cash so that you aren't hounded for something you don't want to part with. It's all in the way you handle matters. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Love and romance are in a high cycle and arrangements should be made to do something with the one you love — or to find love, if you are single. Your charm will lead to the support or help you need to make your life better. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't divulge secrets or get involved in affairs that shouldn't concern you. The one who will end up in trouble is you. Concentrate on improving your lifestyle. Big ideas need to be built on solid ground, so start small. 2 stars

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals E

### 'BORN YESTERDAY'



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"Born Yesterday" is closing at Dalton Little Theatre. Performances are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Don't miss the comedy one audience member called "professionally perfect." For tickets, call (706) 226-6618. For more information, visit [www.daltonlittletheatre.com](http://www.daltonlittletheatre.com). Shown are cast members Susan Ridley and Helen Crawford.

### PET OF THE WEEK



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The Murray County Humane Society is saddened by the loss of two dogs in foster care last week. Lovable Ken the Chow was found at Kin's Restaurant four years ago at the age of 9 and succumbed to liver cancer. Samson, the handsome St. Bernard/Husky mix (pictured) was diagnosed with cartilage cancer last year and passed away peacefully from the disease. It is said that dogs never forget they were abandoned and always remember they were rescued. To make a donation in memory of a beloved pet, send your donation to the Murray County Humane Society, P.O. Box 796, Chatsworth, GA, 30705.

### To Your Good Health

## Help for the bed-wetter

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I have a 13-year-old grandson who still wets the bed. He is a deep sleeper. His parents have tried many things, but without success. Do you have any other techniques? — J.H.



Paul G. Donohue

**ANSWER:** Bed-wetters are not willfully wetting the bed, so they should never be punished or humiliated. At age 5, about 7 percent of boys still wet the bed. By age 10, that number decreases to 3 percent, and by age 18, only 1 percent have the problem. A smaller number of girls wet the bed. For some, it's a family trait. A bladder slightly smaller than it should be for the child's age is another factor. Slowness in maturation of the nerve connections of the bladder is a possible cause. And some children secrete too little of the hormone (antidiuretic hormone, also called arginine vasopressin) that slows the production of urine during the night. Children who are in the deep stages of sleep might not respond to signals that the bladder is full.

The boy should cut back on his fluids after the evening meal. He should empty his bladder before going to bed. An alarm clock, set to ring two to three hours after the boy has fallen asleep, can wake him so he can make a trip to the bathroom.

Alarm systems often

work. The system consists of a sensor that responds to the first few drops of liquid. It is in a pad on the bed or in the child's undergarments. The sensor activates an alarm and the child gets up to relieve himself. If need be, he changes the bedding and his pajamas before returning to bed. After three or four months of dryness, use of the alarm can be stopped. If the child relapses, the routine is repeated.

For special occasions like a sleepover, medicines such as DDAVP (antidiuretic hormone) can keep the boy dry.

Children with this problem should be checked for things like diabetes, an overactive thyroid gland and sickle cell disease.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Thanks for the information on steroid creams for canker sores. I have cold sores on my lip repeatedly, and they take forever to heal. I have a supply of triamcinolone (a cortisone medicine) cream on hand for my gums. I tried it on my cold sore, and it worked. I have no idea what causes them, but

I am glad to find a remedy. — A.B.

**ANSWER:** That treatment was only for canker sores. It's not intended for cold sores.

The herpes-1 virus causes cold sores. It doesn't cause canker sores. The herpes-1 virus is not the sexually transmitted virus. More than 90 percent of the population has been infected with it. It lives in the body forever after. From time to time, it creeps down to the lip, where it brings on an outbreak of a cold sore. (Cold sores and fever blisters are one and the same.) Cortisone drugs such as triamcinolone can prolong viral infections.

If you're searching for a cold sore cream, try Abreva, available without a prescription. Denavir cream is a prescription item that shortens the life of cold sores. Oral valaciclovir tablets also work.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I read in your column and in other columns, and

### ASK THE DOCTOR

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also in medical books, that a cold sore is not due to a cold but to the herpes virus — it is sexually transmitted. I would appreciate your input on this matter. — M.J.

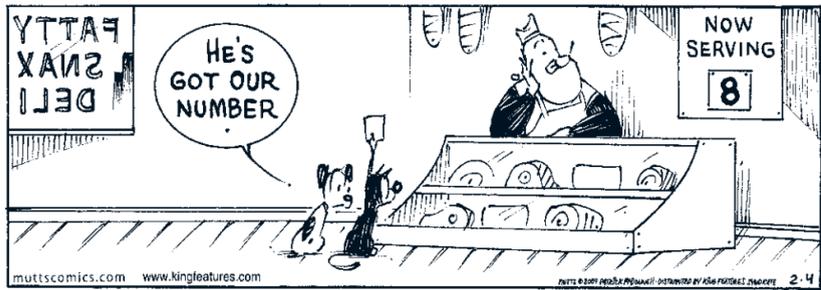
**ANSWER:** The herpes-1 virus causes cold sores. It's not sexually transmitted. The herpes-2 virus causes genital infections. It is sexually transmitted.

Almost every adult has been infected with herpes-1. Why don't they all break out with cold sores? Because many people have an immune system that keeps the herpes virus in its hiding place. In those less fortunate, sunlight, a fever and emotional stress allow the virus to escape from its hiding place and travel to the lip, where it produces a cold sore.

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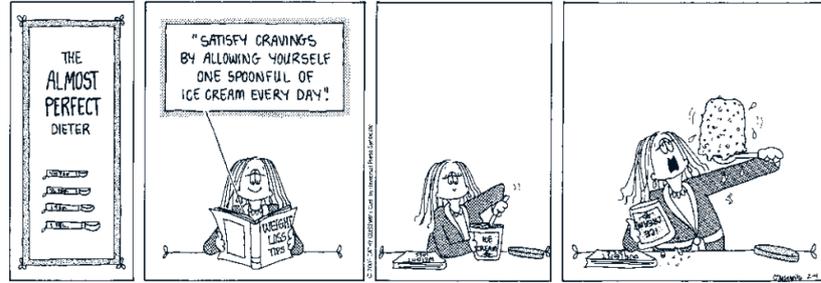
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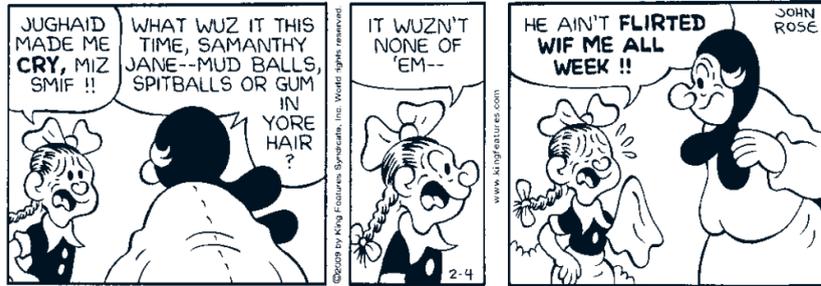
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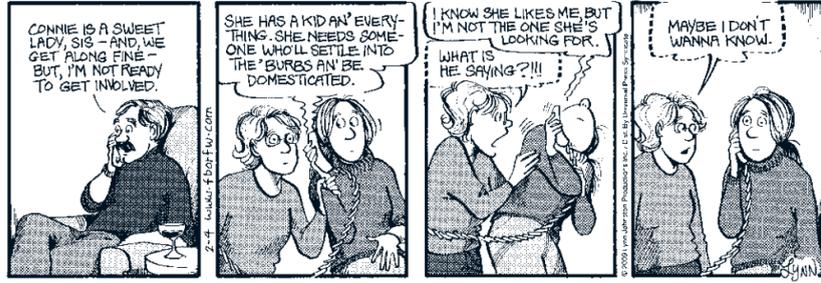
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DEAR ABBY

Grandmother sees too much of bodybuilding teen's work

DEAR ABBY: My 19-year-old grandson, "Fletcher," an average boy with good looks, is becoming an exhibitionist. He flaunts his body on almost every occasion. When people are around, he goes into his room and emerges minutes later without his shirt, naked to the waist, with his pants dropping down almost showing places we do not wish to see.



Jeanne Phillips

crazy and has found that building his body brings him attention and admiration. Who can blame him for wanting to show it off?

That said, there is a time and place for everything. Tell Fletcher — and his parents — that when he is in your home, you would prefer that he pull his low-riding pants up and keep his shirt on because his exposure embarrasses and concerns you.

And while you would prefer that your grandson polish other aspects of his persona, perhaps it's time to consider that this may be the most distinct achievement he's capable of. It isn't the end of the world. It has led to more than one career in show business — and even politics.

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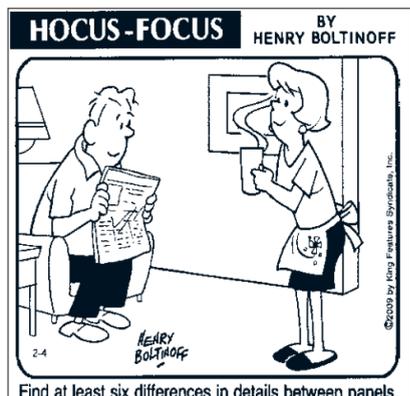
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Fletcher does this whether it's hot or cold, in the house or outside. His behavior is not normal. He seems to be doing this stripping thing more and more, regardless of where he is. At our house over the holidays, he found an excuse to remove his shirt to show his abs. He's constantly exercising and working out and is always ready to pull open his shirt to show the results.

I don't know where exhibitionism at this age leads, but I'm sure the road is not a healthy trail to travel. Does all of this seem normal to you, Abby, and could you comment on it? — CONCERNED IN BUCKS COUNTY, PA.

DEAR CONCERNED: So, here we have a good-looking young man who works out like

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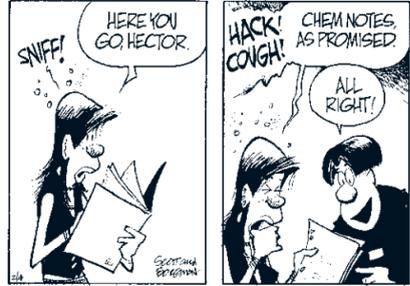
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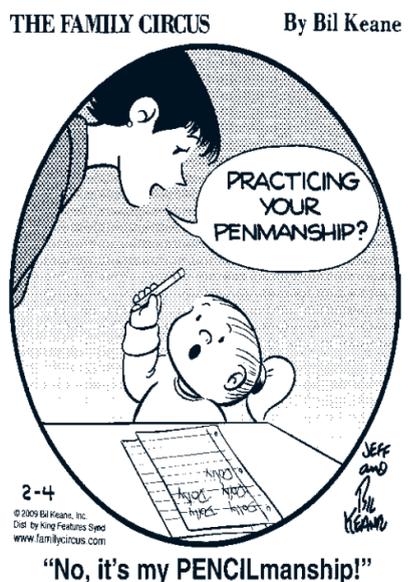
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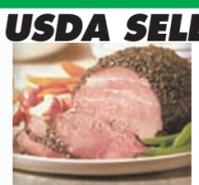
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