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# \$790B stimulus passes

BY DAVID ESPO  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Moving with lightning speed, the Democratic-controlled Congress and White House agreed Wednesday on a compromise \$790 billion economic stimulus bill designed to create millions of jobs in a nation reeling from recession. President Barack Obama could sign the measure within days.

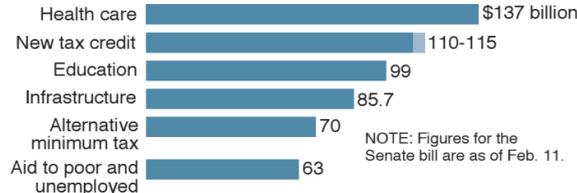
"More than one-third of this bill is dedicated to providing tax relief for middle-class families, cutting taxes for 95 percent of American workers," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid at a Capitol news conference where he was joined by moderates from both parties whose support is essential for the legislation's final passage.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Reid's partner in negotia-

## Congress agrees on stimulus bill

The House and Senate negotiators announced an agreement on a \$790 billion stimulus bill, which was billions less than the original House and Senate bills.

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AP

tions over more than 24 intense hours, initially withheld her approval in a lingering disagreement over federal funding for school construction. "We had to make sure the investment in education" was in the bill, she said.

Obama, who has campaigned

energetically for legislation, welcomed the agreement in a written statement that said it would "save or create more than 3.5 million jobs and get our economy back on track."

The emerging legislation is at the core of Obama's economic

recovery program.

The president's signature tax cut was preserved — a break for millions of lower- and middle-income taxpayers of \$400 per individual and \$800 per couple. That's less than the \$500 and \$1,000 the White House originally sought, although officials said it would mean an estimated \$13 per week extra per paycheck.

Wage-earners who don't earn enough to pay income taxes would get a reduction in the Social Security and Medicare taxes they pay.

The bill also includes help for victims of the recession in the form of expanded unemployment benefits, food stamps, health coverage and more, as well as billions for states that face the prospect of

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Miguel Charez, from left, Wayne Hart and Rick Spivey, workers with Cope Brothers Construction, work on renovations to the old depot in Dalton, soon to be the headquarters for the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## CVB looking forward to new HQ

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After several years of planning, the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau may move into the old Norfolk Southern freight depot off Morris Street by August.

"That's the current plan. Construction is not always foolproof in meeting our plans," said CVB executive director Margaret Thigpen.

The CVB is currently near the depot at 311 S. Hamilton St.

The new site will also host a gift shop and visitor information center.

"We are really excited about that because we'll be able to offer more (to visitors). We hope we can get visitors to come here and then we can send them on their way to experience our community," Thigpen said.

Signs at the Rocky Face and Walnut Avenue interchanges with I-75 point drivers to the CVB offices. Thigpen says they will not have to be changed because the depot is so close to the current offices.

Dalton public works director Benny Dunn said renovation of the depot is "probably 20 to 25 per-

cent complete."

"The work involves mostly renovation of the exterior," he said. "There's some structural work on the inside. There's a little electrical work inside."

"There used to be a platform on the south end, a loading dock-type platform. They are redoing it, so there will be a wooden platform on the south end," Dunn said. "The east side had a walkway, and they are reflooring that."

Windows and doors to the building, which is around a century old, are being refurbished, and the exterior wood will be painted.

Dunn said plans are still being developed for the interior, but about one-third of the 5,000-square-foot building will be used for office space. The rest will be used as a large multipurpose area and meeting space.

The city received a \$250,000 grant for the renovation from the state Department of Transportation. The total cost of the project is \$289,400, with the city covering the rest.

The city received the grant in 2007, but initial bids on the project came in well over the budgeted costs. The state required the city to revise the project and scale it back to get it within budget.

# Court dates set in dog case

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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CHATSWORTH — Court dates have been set for three men accused of one count each of aggravated cruelty to animals for allegedly killing, dismembering and processing a dog like a deer.

Richard Charles Roach, 50, is scheduled to appear at a probation revocation hearing on March 3 in Murray County Superior Court, said district attorney Kermit McManus. Roach was denied bond on Jan. 23 and remains in the Murray County Jail. He is a registered sex offender who was released

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# Chef from Dalton to stir things up in New York

BY JAMIE JONES  
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New York City will experience a taste of the New South this spring.

Dalton native Shane Touhy, the chef at Dogwood restaurant in Atlanta, has been chosen as a guest chef for a James Beard Foundation dinner on April 18. Touhy and his staff will prepare a five-course meal



Touhy

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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.**

"If defending Americans from being killed by terrorists is a war crime — if defending America is a crime — then doesn't that mean every policeman, fireman and soldier is a criminal. Think about it."

"Recently on one of the cold mornings we've had lately my husband and I went to Hamilton Medical Center to have tests done, but from the minute we walked in the front door that was the warmest, welcoming bunch of people that we've met in a long time. They were just so helpful and compassionate ... It was so nice to have such a welcoming people to be there. Thank you so much for our hospital."

"Cutting gifted programs and the literacy collaborative is a mistake. The school system must continue to serve Dalton's high achievers. Cut athletics before you cut education... and I'm a huge sports fan."

"Does our property tax office have the right to require senior citizens to disclose income to continue to receive homestead exemption, or are they just gathering statistics?"

"I can't understand why a real intelligent newspaper would keep printing this elementary stuff people keep calling in. It's just so stupid."

"The judge dismissed the R&R Textiles case."

"Kroger did not kick Blockbuster out."

"Let's face it. When it comes to sports, Southeast High School cannot even compare to Northwest. Check it out."

"We got a check for one cent from Wachovia Bank. That's what I call wasteful spending."

"The man complaining about his North Georgia Electric bill needs to learn how to read it. It explains what the charges are for."

"Sheriff Ensley does a good job in Murray County."

He does everything he can and is a good sheriff. If people know where cockfights are going on they should tell him."

"How do we know if the Haig Mill Reservoir even has any fish?"

"If they shouldn't have put the firemen being arrested on the front page they should not have put on the front page about Officer Paul Sparks, who served his community very well."

Whatever happened to Allen Colmes on Hannity and Colmes?"

**Editor's note: Mr. Colmes left the show. He remains employed by Fox News.**

"I love the forum but y'all need to start referring to him as President Obama, not just Obama. Y'all should have some respect. If you put a quote in there, use President Obama."

**Editor's note: We print what the caller says.**

"The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia is a no-kill shelter and can help arrange for low-cost neuter and spay. Give them a call."

"I believe we should save the polar bears. Feed them a liberal."

"Obama has been in office for three weeks. He couldn't have gotten this country in that bad a shape. Leave him alone and let him do his job."

"My favorite country song is 'Rocky Top' by Bobby Osborne, and I am not a Tennessee fan."

"While the DA's office does not prosecute innocent people, they sure do persecute a lot of innocent people."

"Getting rid of Tom Martin at the Chatsworth Water System would be a good start."

"I am shamed and embarrassed that our great country will be so indebted to other countries because of a stimulus package that might not work."

"Does Jimmy Carter own any part of that peanut plant sending out the salmonella?"

"I'm a Democrat and I pay the IRS every month."

"Things are bad but I grew up in the Great Depression. People worked for \$5 a week or \$8 for two weeks."

"If all the principals in the state of Georgia were vetted for the job of principal at Phoenix School, Fred Toney would be the principal without a doubt."

"Looks like the losing combination at Murray County High school has been shifted to North Murray High School."

"I think the high schools should play for fun and not keep score like the Christian schools. My daughter was traumatized when Northwest beat us by 30 points. We paid tuition to avoid attending that school."

**Editor's note: Tell your daughter to lighten up.**

"Let me name a few good Democrats who pay their taxes. President and Michelle Obama. Bill and Hillary Clinton. Joe Biden. Nancy Pelosi."

"Speed trap. Speed trap. When Cleveland Highway was a two-lane it was 55 mph. Now that it's four-lane and 45 mph. It's crazy and it's a speed trap."

"I wonder how high school football recruiting is going right now?"

**4 on water council**

**BY CHARLES OLIVER**  
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Whitfield and Murray county residents snagged four seats on a new council that will play a big role in providing for the area's future water needs.

On Wednesday, the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the House of Representatives named the members of the 10 regional water councils created under the water plan passed by the Legislature last year.

Dalton Utilities president Don Cope, Dalton Mayor David Pennington, Dalton City Council member Charlie Bethel and Murray County farmer Jimmy Petty were named to the Coosa-North Georgia council. The council covers an 18-county region.

"There's an awful lot of heavy lifting to be done in a relatively short time," said Cope. "The councils will have to form the regional water conservation and water resource plan."

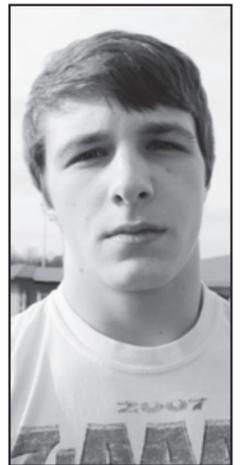
That plan is due to the state in three years.

"In order to do that, there has to be a number of assessments and a number of predictions for longer-term needs," Cope said. "There will be lots of science involved, study of both hydrology and climatology."

Cope said there will be a large meeting of all the members of all the water councils, probably in the next few weeks, to orient them and make sure they can commit the time necessary. Then they will begin their separate work.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Tanner Phipps  
**AGE:** 16  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Mom, Beth Phipps; dad, James Phipps; brother, Hayden Phipps; grandmothers, Margaret Phipps and Louise Reavis  
**SCHOOL:** Southeast Whitfield High School  
**HOBBIES:** Football, wrestling, fishing, snowboarding  
**HE SAID:** "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith!"  
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## State Senate approves Georgia Power bill

ATLANTA (AP) — The state Senate on Wednesday paved the way for Georgia Power to begin charging ratepayers early for the interest costs of a \$14 billion expansion near Augusta.

The legislation would effectively hike the average Georgia Power customer's electric bill by about \$1.30 a month starting in 2011, some six years before construction of two new nuclear reactors are scheduled to be completed.

The measure passed 38-16 in the state Senate on Wednesday after more than an hour of sometimes heated debate. It must still win House approval.

The bill has been one of the heavily lobbied measures at the state Capitol this legislative session.

Its sponsor, state Sen. Don Balfour, said

Wednesday that recouping the interest costs early for the construction at Plant Vogtle means ratepayers will pay less in the long run. Company officials estimate it will shave \$300 million off the expansion's total price tag.

The Snellville Republican called the bill good for homeowners and good for business.

"If we pass this bill it helps our economy," Balfour said.

Balfour said additional energy sources are badly needed in Georgia if the state intends to keep growing and attracting businesses.

But critics derided the measure as a bad deal for consumers. The complex financing proposal belongs in the hands of the state Public Service Commission, not state law-

makers, they said.

The bill largely exempts big industries from having to pay the interest costs. Instead, small businesses and homeowners will bear the burden, state Senate Minority Leader Robert Brown said.

He told fellow legislators that for proof of that, all they had to do was to consider which well-heeled lobbyists weren't leaning on them to vote against the bill.

"If the big ratepayers hadn't been exempted ... the Gucci shoes would be out in the hall," Brown said. "They would be all over you."

"It's unconscionable for the people of Georgia, for us to think about doing them in this way," the Macon Democrat said.

The bill allows Georgia Power to collect an estimated \$1.6 billion in financing costs up front.

## Pentecostal Assemblies conference to gather in Dalton next week

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The True Gospel Pentecostal Church in Dalton will host the Georgia State Council (GSC) conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World from Feb. 18-21.

The council is made up of 60 churches in Georgia and parts of Tennessee and South Carolina. It meets twice a year — February and June — in rotating locations. The sister churches come together for worship and fellowship and invite the public from the surrounding areas to join.

Evening services begin at 7 each night. A prayer, Bible study, preaching services, seminars and workshops sponsored by the GSC auxil-

aries are scheduled at various times throughout the day.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, the GSC Christian Women's Auxiliary is in charge of services. Prayer begins at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the GSC Men's Ministry is in charge of the services which include Bible class at 10 a.m. and several workshops. The Men's Ministry will combine with the GSC Minister's Wives Auxiliary for a special service from 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20, is the General Council Day. GSC Diocesan bishop, the Honorable Nealon Guthrie, will teach pastors and church leaders from 10 a.m. to noon. The GSC health care professionals will also meet from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturday morning, Feb. 21, the GSC Christian

Education Auxiliary (Sunday School department) is in charge with workshops and classes to aid Sunday school growth and enhance teaching skills and children's programs. At 1 p.m. on Saturday, the GSC Young People's Auxiliary begins its programs, which end at 4 p.m. The final service of the conference is at 7 p.m.

All services will be at True Gospel Pentecostal Church at 109 Henderson St. in Dalton. GSC Diocesan Bishop Nealon Guthrie of Rome, Council Chairman, District Elder Gregory Rodges of Savannah and True Gospel Pastor Suffragan Bishop Reuben Graham Sr., invite the public.

For information, please call Graham at (706) 259-9744 or the church at (706) 278-5696.

## Chef: Taking South to North

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for about 75 people.

The James Beard Foundation is a not-for-profit group that aims "to celebrate, preserve and nurture America's culinary heritage and diversity in order to elevate the appreciation of our culinary excellence." The foundation offers workshops, classes, conferences, readings and other educational experiences.

Beard was a legend in cooking circles and was named the "dean of American cookery" by the New York Times in 1954. He founded the James Beard Cooking School in 1955 and authored several cookbooks before passing away in 1985 at the age of 81.

The foundation invites several chefs a month to prepare dinners. Last year, Touhy helped out with the foundation's major yearly fundraiser and was invited back for the spring. He admitted the logistics can be difficult, but he hopes to use a friend's restaurant there to store food for the dinner.

Several restaurant staff members will make the trip, including his partner and general manager, the sous-chef and a few other cooks. They hope to enjoy the city for a day or two.

"We'll probably take most of the restaurant (staff) up there," Touhy said.

So what's on the menu? Mini Southern fried quail biscuits with peppered strawberry compote, pan-seared Georgia mountain trout and charred rare venison tartare. The food will be paired with wine from Swanson Vineyards. The entire menu can be viewed on the Web site [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com). Touhy said the restaurant in Atlanta will feature the menu a few days before the New York City trip.

"It's a little nerve-racking, but it's going to be a lot of fun at the same time," Touhy said. "I'm pretty confident we're got something unique here and we're going to be showing New York a little Southern culture."

Touhy describes Dogwood's style as New

South.

"We basically take traditional dishes or traditional ingredients that are indigenous to the South, that you would recognize, and put some innovative twists on them," he said.

Touhy worked at several restaurants in Charleston, S.C., Charlotte, N.C., and the Blue Ridge Grill in Atlanta before opening Dogwood in August 2008. Dogwood is featured in this month's edition of Georgia Trend magazine. In a two-page article titled "Barking Up the Right Tree," restaurant critic Krista Reece reviews the restaurant's fare.

"A second visit convinced me that Touhy had worked out those few opening-months kinks to present an exuberant, witty menu and expert service worthy of a destination meal," Reece wrote.

Georgia Trend is available at newsstands. The article can be viewed at [www.georgiatrend.com](http://www.georgiatrend.com) by clicking on "Art of the Meal." Dogwood ([www.dogwoodrestaurant.com](http://www.dogwoodrestaurant.com)) is at 565 Peachtree St.

## Court: Two suspects in jail

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from prison on a forgery charge in October.

"He's subject to being revoked for the balance of his probation," said McManus, "which at this point would be about three more years."

Roach was sentenced in January 2007 to five years before he was released on probation, McManus said.

Randall Blaylock, 54, and Jeffery Lynn Fuller, 45, are expected to have their cases heard by a grand jury on March 9. Both received bond in a Superior Court hearing on Jan. 28. Fuller remains in jail. Blaylock, the owner of the property the three men list as their address at 130 Greyland Farm Road, bonded out.

Public defender Mike

McCarthy said he and colleague Steve Blevins will likely "conflict out" of representing the three, meaning local attorneys will be contracted to take two of the cases.

"That's so as not to short-change one of them by trying to represent all three," McCarthy explained. "We'll make that decision in the next week or two."

The grand jury will decide if the charges against Blaylock and Fuller will be presented in Superior Court. If Roach's probation is revoked, he may stay in jail locally before facing the cruelty charge.

"Sometimes they sit for months, at other times they go quickly," McCarthy said of the state pardons and parole department picking up

people who have had their probation revoked. "If he's sent off, a court production order will be filed to bring him back (to face the charge)."

Aggravated cruelty to animals is defined in the Georgia Law Enforcement Handbook as "maliciously causing death or physical harm to an animal by rendering a part of such animal's body useless or seriously disfigured." Conviction includes imprisonment for "not less than one nor more than five years," a fine not to exceed \$15,000, or both.

Sheriff Howard Ensley, who has been in office since 1989, called the case "very unusual."

"We haven't dealt with anything like this as long as I can remember," he said.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Geina Lynn Marie Godfrey, 38, 40 Cherokee Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Thursday, Feb. 5, with sale of methamphetamine (two counts) and theft by receiving stolen property.

• Nathan Ellis Aley, 30, 32 Deer Park Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI and driving without headlights when required.

• Liborio Acoste Arzate, 37, 2222 Dover St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with trafficking in cocaine, failure to drive within a single lane and driving without a license.

• Michael Lamar Bradley, 23, 3686 Lindsey Memorial, Rocky Face, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with criminal trespass, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and theft by taking.

• Tony Vincent Cowart Jr., 29, 3219 Harlan Drive, Rocky Face, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault, third

degree cruelty to children and obstructing or hindering an emergency medical technician.

• Rosa Isela Delgado-Morales, 41, 2262 Roberts Circle Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's

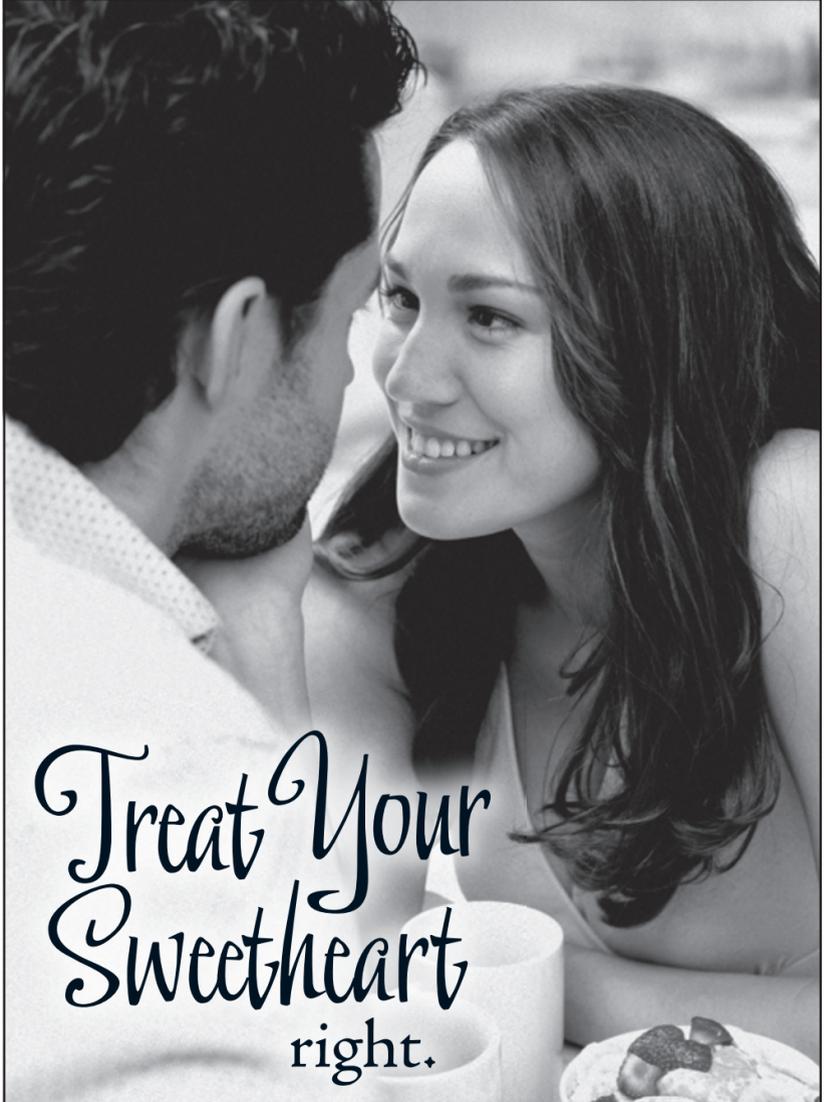
Office with first degree forgery.

• J. Concepcion Peinado-Aguilar, 45, 209 Bogle St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with first degree forgery, identity theft and false statements.

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### OTHER VIEWS

## You don't honor the fallen by hiding them

After the subject came up at President Obama's press conference Monday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the next day he was ordering a review of a Pentagon policy banning the media from taking photos of the flag-draped coffins of our military casualties as they arrive back in the States. Gates should lift the ban.

It was imposed at the outset of the first Gulf War when it was anticipated that the casualties would be much higher than they were. In the relatively peaceful times that followed, the ban was occasionally waived. But President George W. Bush made the ban absolute.

In 2004, an American cargo worker photographed flag-draped coffins being loaded on a military transport in Kuwait. The photo was not at all disrespectful, and, in fact, rather moving. But she was fired from her job with a U.S. contractor, who, for good measure, fired her husband, too.

Whatever the Bush administration's other motives for the ban, it was, like leaving Iraq and Afghanistan out of the federal budget, part of a pattern of obscuring those wars' true costs. And it also fit that administration's penchant for avoiding public scrutiny of its actions.

The military receives the coffins at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and other facilities with decorum and ritual. There's no reason these ceremonies can't be photographed under mutually-agreed-upon rules of access.

The identity of the remains in the coffin is not revealed. Once the coffin reaches its destination, how much public attention is paid should be up to the family.

John Ellsworth, president of Military Families United, told The Associated Press, "Some people want to celebrate the lives of their fallen, and share their fallen hero with the American people, while others want to hold them a little closer to the vest and keep it private. We should respect that. It shouldn't be up to the government to hide these images to the public."

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Isaiah 53-5

**Thought for today:** "Quarrel not at all. No man resolved to make the most of himself can spare time for personal contention. Still less can he afford to take all the consequences, including the vitiating of his temper and loss of self-control."

**Abraham Lincoln**  
(1809-1865)

# The hell with our Constitution

Dr. Robert Higgs, senior fellow at the Oakland-based Independent Institute, penned an article in The Christian Science Monitor (2/9/2009) that suggests the most intelligent recommendation that I've read to fix our current economic mess. The title of his article gives his recommendation away: "Instead of stimulus, do nothing — seriously."

Stimulus package debate is over how much money should be spent, whether some should be given to the National Endowment for the Arts, research sexually transmitted diseases or bail out Amtrak, our failing railroad system. Dr. Higgs says, "Hardly anyone, however, is asking the most important question: Should the federal government be doing any of this?" He adds, "Until the 1930s, the Constitution served as a major constraint on federal economic interventionism. The government's powers were understood to be just as the framers intended: few and explicitly enumerated in our founding document and its amendments. Search the Constitution as long as you like, and you will find no specific authority conveyed for the government to spend money on global-warming research, urban mass transit, food stamps, unemployment insurance, Medicaid, or countless other items in the stimulus package and, even without it, in the regular federal budget."

By bringing up the idea of constitutional restraints on Washington, I'd say Dr. Higgs is whistling Dixie. Americans have long ago abandoned respect for the constitutional limitations placed on the federal government. Our elected representatives represent that disre-



**Walter Williams**

conduct himself according to the letter and spirit of the Constitution?

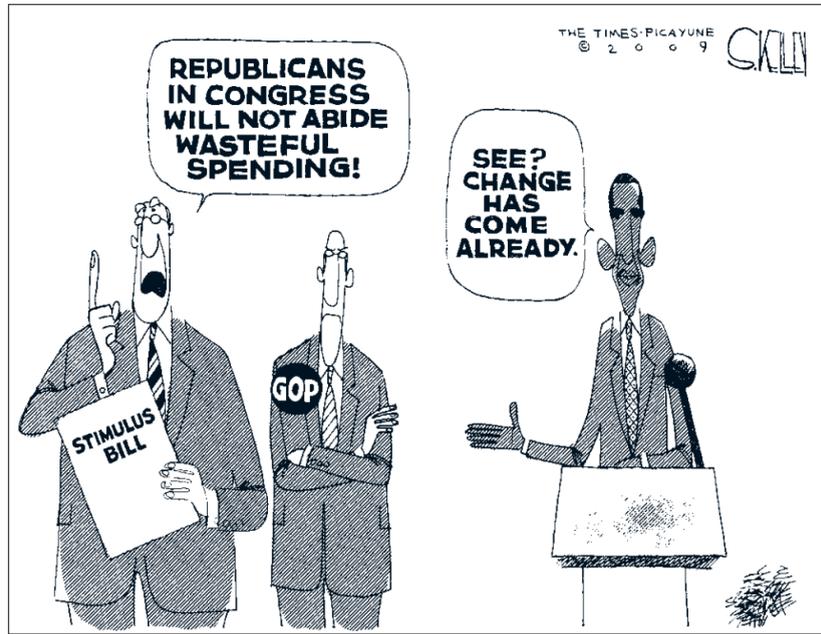
While Americans, through ignorance or purpose, show contempt for our Constitution, I doubt whether they are indifferent between a growing or stagnating economy. Dr. Higgs tells us some of the economic history of the U.S. In 1893, there was a depression; we got out of it without a stimulus package. There was a major recession of 1920-21; though sharp, it quickly reversed itself into what has been called the "Roaring Twenties." In 1929, there was an economic downturn, most notably featured by the stock market collapse, after which came massive government intervention — you might call it the nation's first stimulus package. President Hoover and Congress responded to what might have been a two- or three-year sharp downturn with many of the policies President Obama and Congress are urging today. They raised tariffs, propped up wage rates, bailed out farmers, banks and other businesses, and financed state relief efforts. When Roosevelt came to office, he became even more interventionist than Hoover and presided over protracted depression where the economy didn't fully recover until 1946.

spect. After all I'd ask Higgs: Isn't it unreasonable to expect a politician to do what he considers to be political suicide, namely

Roosevelt didn't have an easy time with his agenda; he had to first emasculate the U.S. Supreme Court. Higgs points out that federal courts had respect for the Constitution as late as the 1930s. They issued some 1,600 injunctions to restrain officials from carrying out acts of Congress. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned as unconstitutional the New Deal's centerpieces such as the National Industrial Recovery Act and the Agricultural Adjustment Act and other parts of Roosevelt's "stimulus package." An outraged Roosevelt threatened to pack the Court, and the Court capitulated to where it is today giving Congress virtually unlimited powers to tax, spend and regulate. My question to my fellow Americans is: Do we want a repeat of measures that failed dismally during the 1930s?

A more fundamental question is: Should Washington be guided by the Constitution? In explaining the Constitution, James Madison, the acknowledged father of the Constitution, wrote in Federalist Paper 45: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce." Has the Constitution been amended to permit Congress to tax, spend and regulate as it pleases or have Americans said, "To hell with the Constitution"?

■ **Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.**



## Eight is more than enough

The stunning announcement that a California woman had given birth to octuplets was greeted warmly in some circles. The birthing doctors were all smiles, and the media hyped the "human interest" part of the story. Eight babies! Wow!

But behind the high-fives lies a very troubling situation. This may be child abuse at the highest level.

Here are the facts: The mother, Nadya Suleman, is a 33-year-old single mom already raising six young children in the small home of her parents. Nadya is a health care worker who, according to her mother, became pregnant with all the children through in vitro fertilization.

Six was not enough for Nadya, so last spring she allowed multiple embryos to be implanted in her womb. Subsequently, the octuplets were born on Jan. 26.

In Great Britain, Nadya and her doctor would be under arrest. There, the law permits only two embryo implants at a time. But in California, there are no rules at all. Fertility clinics and the doc-



**Bill O'Reilly**

growing up.

When the babies finally leave the hospital in suburban Los Angeles, they will be taken to a three-bedroom house in Whittier, Calif. Seventeen human beings will be living in that house. Eight babies will have to be fed, washed and cared for around the clock almost simultaneously.

Who will pay for that? Chances are, the taxpayers. Nadya has little money and her parents have filed for bankruptcy. By the way, the hospital bill for the

tors who make big money in them can do anything they want.

So now Nadya has eight new babies all of whom weigh less than three pounds. The littlest is about a pound and a half. Doctors say there is a strong likelihood that some, if not all, of the children will experience significant health problems

octuplets and mom is estimated to be around \$1.3 million.

But Nadya seems to have a plan. She has hired a "spokesperson," a woman named Joann Killeen. Killeen has been running around various TV shows telling the world what a great person and mother Nadya is, what a joy to be around she is. When asked whether the mother of the year wants major money to tell her story, Killeen dodges and weaves.

This is child abuse of the worst kind and few seem to care. The taxpayers will wind up paying for much of Nadya's irresponsibility, and the 14 children will pay an enormous price, just wait and see.

Meantime, a callous media and a largely apathetic state medical system will watch to see whether it will be Oprah, Barbara or Katie to give the babies their first starring TV roles.

America is a great country. This is the worst of it.

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

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, Feb. 12**, the 43rd day of 2009. There are 322 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:** On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day LaRue County, Ky. Naturalist Charles Darwin was born in Shrewsbury, England.

**On this date:** In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.

In 1908, the first round-the-world automobile race began in New York. (It ended in Paris the following July with the drivers of the American car, a Thomas Flyer, declared the winners over teams from Germany and Italy.)

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in New York.

In 1912, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty.

In 1914, ground was broken for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. (The cornerstone was laid on this date one year later.)

In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny, with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side, went into circulation.

In 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

**Ten years ago:** The Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice; Clinton told Americans he was "profoundly sorry" for what he'd said and done in the Monica Lewinsky affair that triggered it all.

**Five years ago:** Defying a California law, San Francisco officials began performing weddings for same-sex couples.

**One year ago:** Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain won their respective parties' primaries in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 86. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 79. Actor Joe Don Baker is 73. Author Judy Blume is 71. Actress Maud Adams is 64. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 63. Actor Michael Ironside is 59.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High School principal Debbie Freeman talks to legislators from Louisiana about the school Wednesday.

## La. lawmakers visit Dalton High to observe successes

BY RACHEL BROWN  
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Teaching more math and connecting classroom material to the real world are two methods educators at Dalton High School say they have used to help raise the school's graduation rate.

A group of state legislators from Louisiana visited the school on Wednesday as part of a tour with the Southern Regional Education Board. The board is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works with 16 states to advance education.

Louisiana has about a 35 percent high school dropout rate, said Ben Nevers, chairman of that state's Senate

Education Committee. He said the tour of select schools in Dalton, Atlanta and South Carolina is designed to help officials working in education improve their instruction.

"Certainly, we're doing everything we can to improve our educational system," Nevers said. "We're very impressed with the programs that are offered here."

Dalton High is a six-year member of the regional network High Schools That Work, which sets specific criteria designed to improve student achievement. Southern Regional Education Board senior vice president Gene Bottoms said the school was chosen for the tour because it is a member of the network and was able

to raise achievement even with a culturally, economically and in other ways diverse 1,600-member student body.

Georgia's graduation rate last year was 75.4 percent, while Dalton's was 77.4 percent. In the 2002-03 school year, Dalton's rate was 56.5 percent.

Teacher Barbara Ward said that from 1991 to 2008, the percentage of students working toward either a career tech or a combination career tech and college prep diploma has increased from 28 percent to 72.1 percent. The increase in the number of career tech students is connected to the rise in graduation rates, she said, and career tech classes often help students connect classroom learning to the real world.

Senior Tania Pena said she is working toward a career tech diploma with a focus in graphic arts and plans to attend college. She said her least favorite subject is math, but getting through the course work is easier when teachers connect the subject to something she can relate to.

"It depends on the teacher, too," she said.

Principal Debbie Freeman said allowing teachers to experiment with different techniques is one way the school has been able to improve. The school also allows any student to take Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, classes that many institutions accept for college credit.



Ben Nevers, chairman of the Louisiana state Senate Education Committee, asks Dalton High principal Debbie Freeman a question in the school's media center Wednesday.

## Schools' Mock Trial Bowl starts today at courthouse

The Whitfield County Schools-Dalton Public Schools Mock Trial Bowl will be at the Whitfield County Courthouse in Dalton today and Friday. Seventeen teams from the two systems will participate. Teams are comprised of gifted fourth- and fifth-graders.

With the help and guidance of Dalton attorney Rick Brown and Superior Court Judge William Boyett, the students will try the case of State of Georgia vs. Hansel Schmidt and Gretel Schmidt.

The defendants are charged with aggravated battery, larceny and petit theft. They allegedly entered the gingerbread shop of Malvinia Crueller and stole pieces of cookies and candies, broke up Crueller's gingerbread houses, and attempted to shove her into a hot oven. She suffered serious injuries.

The defendants, however, tell a different story: they say they were acting in self-defense.

There will be two sessions today, one from 9 to 11

a.m. and one from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Six county teams will face six Dalton teams.

On Friday there will be one session from 9 to 11 a.m. during which five county schools will face off.

All trials will be presided over by an actual attorney or judge. Some students in each trial will be presented a "Best Attorney" or "Best Witness" award. Parents and grandparents are invited to watch and be part of a jury in one of the courtrooms.



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Morgan Wilder, center, helps a bride into her beaded wedding gown before her walk down the aisle.

## Wedding planning class offered at Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State College is pleased to offer Dream Wedding 101 instructed by professional wedding coordinator and event planner Morgan Wilder, owner of Soirées Weddings, Parties and Events in Chattanooga.

Wilder is a much sought-after professional wedding planner in this area and was an integral part of the team that coordinated the wedding of the daughter of Scottie Mayfield (Mayfield Dairies).

Essential elements of wedding planning

will be outlined in the class, including the importance of a timeline, working successfully with vendors, reception ideas for every budget, invitations, favors, décor and flowers. Wilder will also discuss ways to make nuptials magical by personalizing the ceremony and reception.

"I want each bride who takes this course to have the joyous wedding celebration of which she's always dreamed," Wilder said.

Dream Wedding 101 begins Tuesday and pre-registration is required. Log on to [www.daltonstate.edu/cce](http://www.daltonstate.edu/cce) or call (706) 272-4454 to register or for more information.

## Georgians can participate in a study of bird ticks

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Have you seen a bird with a fat tick stuck to its face? If so, the University of Georgia would like to know about it. In fact, you can participate in a research project by donating the ticks to UGA.

A component of this tick's saliva causes paralysis in birds. The paralysis first affects the wings and legs, preventing the birds from flying and walking. Eventually paralysis progresses until the bird becomes unable to breathe, which produces death.

Interestingly, if the ticks are removed before the bird develops breathing problems, all these effects will quickly be reversed and the

bird will recover and be fine.

If you want to attempt to rescue the bird, recommendations are that you wrap the animal in a towel to keep it from struggling. Pick the ticks off, examining under the feathers carefully to be sure all have been removed. Avian rehabilitators suggest then placing the animal in a large paper bag or box for a few hours to allow it to recover before it is released in the wild, where it might be at a disadvantage if it encountered predators before regaining flight ability.

University of Georgia entomologists would like to have the tick specimens, if you can remove the ticks and place them in a small container with rubbing alcohol. Take the ticks to your county extension office, 1407

Burleyson Drive, Dalton (see [www.ugaextension.org/whitfield](http://www.ugaextension.org/whitfield) for map and directions), along with a note recording (1) the date the bird was found, (2) the species of bird, (3) whether the bird is a juvenile or adult, and (4) your phone number, if you do not mind our calling to follow up. Or, if you would prefer, you can ship the ticks directly to Dr. N.C. Hinkle, Department of Entomology, 413 BioSciences Building, UGA, Athens, GA 30602-2603.

Call (706) 542-9033 with questions.

These ticks are specific to birds and cannot harm you. For more information about these unusual ticks, check out the Web site [www.hiltonpond.org/ThisWeek060115.html](http://www.hiltonpond.org/ThisWeek060115.html).

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# DSC adds 2 more 4-year degrees

## Chemistry, criminal justice

**SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Dalton State College will begin offering bachelor's degree programs in chemistry and criminal justice in the fall of 2009, college administrators said Wednesday. The chemistry program also contains an option for teacher certification in secondary education.

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents approved the establishment of these two new degree programs at its February meeting, increasing the number of four-year majors now offered by the college to 14.

"Both chemistry and criminal justice are critical fields of study, and there is a high demand for capable graduates of these degree programs in the larger marketplace," said John Schwenn, president of Dalton State. "We are delighted that we will be able to help meet the need for graduates in these programs."

Randall Griffus, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, said discussions with area educators and industry leaders have uncovered a "huge demand for science teachers in the middle schools and high schools as well as a need for chemists in local industries which supply the carpet, floorcovering and related industries."

"Graduates who earn a bachelor of science in chemistry degree will be a good fit for the kinds of companies currently in our area and for future companies that we hope to attract," he said.

Students who major in chemistry and who would like to become certified to teach in middle and high schools will need to take 36 hours of education courses,

which includes student teaching and an internship, in addition to the 40 credit hours in chemistry required of chemistry majors.

The bachelor of science in criminal justice degree will also satisfy the demand for an increased and well-trained criminal justice work force within this rapidly-growing area, say college officials.

"The program will offer courses relevant for law enforcement, but also courses dealing with the fields of probation, parole and corrections, and juvenile justice," said Tony Simones, assistant professor of political science and criminal justice. "In addition, the bachelor's degree in criminal justice will feature a strong pre-law component. This interdisciplinary major will involve subjects from the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, English, Spanish, biology and chemistry. Our hope is to create a strong working relationship with area law enforcement, judicial, criminal justice and social services communities that benefits both Northwest Georgia and our students."

Courses leading to the bachelor of science in chemistry and bachelor of science in criminal justice degrees may be offered as soon as this fall, said Patricia White, assistant vice president for academic affairs at the college.

"Depending on demand, we hope to begin offering courses in both degree programs as early as August of 2009, with a fuller range of junior level classes being introduced during subsequent semesters," she said.

For more information about the new degree programs, please call the Academic Affairs Office at Dalton State at (706) 272-4421.



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Carson Bartley, 14, Jeremy Smith, 15, Deker Kendrick, 15, Tyler Duckett, 15 and Ryan Ensley, 14, talk about the new high school in Murray County currently under construction Wednesday. All five are currently enrolled at the Ninth-Grade Academy.

## Another eSPLOST in Murray's future?

BY RACHEL BROWN  
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CHATSWORTH — Work continues on Murray County's newest high school, and future students say that while the first slab of concrete has yet to be placed, they can't wait to see progress.

"We're looking forward to having a new school and more wiggle room," said Jeremy Smith, a freshman who will transfer to North Murray High School when it opens next summer. "I'm not sure about the main campus (of Murray County High School), but the Ninth Grade Academy is really crowded."

Finance director Steve Loughridge said the school board recently approved

spending \$7.5 million on items related to building the school's foundation. Bids for the rest of the construction are scheduled to come before the board in a few weeks.

Board members voted on Feb. 5 to sell \$18.5 million in bonds for building the new school. Sole commissioner David Ridley approved the measure this week. That gives the board money to build the high school up front — the closing date is Feb. 17 — with the promise of paying investors back at an average interest rate of 2.46 percent over eight years.

That obligates the school system to pay back \$21.9 million, officials said, and locks them in to either passing a second 1 percent sales tax in 2012 or raising property taxes to cover the cost.

"The bond sale went exceptionally well," said Bryce Holcomb of CitiGroup, the underwriter for the project. "This is a wonderful rate and the lowest you've ever gotten."

Holcomb said based on conservative projections, the school system will have \$3.9 million left at the end of a second education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) after paying off all its debt. Murray voters in 2007 passed the current sales tax with more than 90 percent in favor. Proceeds from the tax are paying for the new school.

"You will easily repay this debt without a millage (property tax) levy," Holcomb said. "Your public here has always been super supportive (of the education sales tax)."



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**ACROSS** 35 "Whadja say?" 36 Wise lawgiver 5 Shrill bark 8 State with conviction 12 Conflagration 13 Leading lady 14 Bygone VHS alternative 15 Oriental nursemaid 16 Scratch lady 17 St. Louis landmark 18 Call a spade a shovel? 20 Price 22 Woman of letters? 26 Horsey laugh 29 The whole enchilada 30 Gear tooth 31 Benedict XIV, e.g. 32 Expert 33 Enthusiastic 34 Tackle the comestibles

**DOWN** 1 Some-where out there 2 Frost 3 Persia, now 4 English Channel port 5 Mocha's country 6 Actress Gardner 7 Fabric used for sheets 8 Disconcert 9 Upright 10 List-ending abbr. 11 "Go, team!" 19 Wrestling surface 42 Burn soother 43 Answer an invite 44 Vegan's no-no 45 Couric's employer 46 Weeding tool 48 Waste not a moment

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 2-12**



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**BRIDGE**

**Standard operating procedure**

One of the most important principles of defensive card play is the assumption that you can defeat the opposing contract. No other approach is acceptable. Consider this deal where West allowed declarer to make four spades. After leading the king of clubs and seeing dummy, West had to decide what to do next. Reluctant to lead a heart away from the king, or a diamond away from the queen, West chose to adopt a passive line of defense and shifted to a low trump at trick two. Declarer played two top trumps, conceded two tricks to the A-K of hearts and easily made the contract. The outcome would have been altogether different had West instead shifted to a low heart at trick two. East would have won with the ace, returned a heart to the king and ruffed West's heart continuation for down one. It is true that there was no way for West to know that East, rather than South, had the ace of hearts, and it might therefore be argued that a low heart play by West was a dangerous move. However, there's no real merit for such a contention. From West's viewpoint, the contract can't possibly be stopped if declarer has the ace of hearts. He should therefore credit East with that card because it offers the only chance for the defense to score four tricks. True, East must also have precisely a doubleton heart for this assumption to bear fruit, but it costs West nothing to hope for that as well. In bridge, many assumptions are, of necessity, based on hope, and in dire circumstances, it can hardly be wrong to hope for the best. **Tomorrow:** Test your play.

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K Q 3 2  
 ♥ Q J 10 4  
 ♦ A K J  
 ♣ 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 8  
 ♥ K 6 3 2  
 ♦ Q 9 4  
 ♣ A K J 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 5  
 ♥ A 8  
 ♦ 7 6 3 2  
 ♣ 10 9 6 4 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 9 7 6 4  
 ♥ 9 7 5  
 ♦ 10 8 5  
 ♣ Q 7 3

The bidding:  
 West 1♣ North Dble East Pass South 1♠  
 Pass 4♠  
 Opening lead — king of clubs.

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** It's time to form alliances, friendships and partnerships with people who get what you are trying to do. Be willing to take full responsibility and to show your dedication in order to get others on board. The past will benefit you as you rely on what you have learned through tough times. Step into the spotlight. Your numbers are 6, 9, 13, 21, 23, 37, 44. **ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Look out for your own interests. An opportunity to do things a little differently will bring good results and will help you improve a relationship with someone. 3 stars. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You have to please the people who can influence your position and your future. A problem with someone who is not telling you the truth may result in your being responsible for his or her actions. Don't believe everything you hear. 3 stars. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your love life should pick up drastically, whether you are single or already seeing someone special. Take pride in the way you look and the things you do. Keep busy learning and picking up pertinent information. 5 stars. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Fix up your place or consider what will make your living arrangements more suitable to your needs, emotional problems will cause ill health. 2 stars. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be right on target if you speak your mind and set your plans in motion. A partnership will help you excel in ways you cannot imagine. Travel, intrigue and good times are in the stars. Get out and have some fun. 4 stars. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can change your direction by taking on a project that can snowball into doing something you enjoy.



**Eugenia Last**

Being as self-sufficient as possible will lead to independence and happiness. Detail, creativity and innovation will pay off. 3 stars. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Work from home or start your own business on the side. New opportunities will arise through the people you talk to and the places you visit. A move or change will lighten your stress and help you feel better about your future. 3 stars. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Before you make or accept any changes, find out what everyone else is doing. You may be led astray by someone who wants you out of the way for his or her benefit. Don't give in to peer pressure or guilt trips. 3 stars. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't let your emotions get the better of you when there is so much to accomplish. Hooking up with someone you used to work with will bring new light to a possible professional future. It's how you handle change that will count. 2 stars. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let anyone push you into something you don't want to do or don't agree with. Stand firm against emotional blackmail. An uncertain factor involving finances, legalities or a settlement must be dealt with quickly. 2 stars. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Good fortune is heading in your direction, so take advantage of it. You can sign contracts, make deals or even collect an old debt with greater ease. An open discussion with someone about your dreams, hopes and wishes will help you make them come true. 5 stars. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Secrets and surprises are in the stars. You should be able to solidify your chance of getting into a worthwhile partnership with someone who has just as much to offer as you. Talks will lead to change, leading to greater prosperity. 3 stars.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

P O E J J R O Q U G M G R M J G P C  
 E C E Q P R C Z G I P C Q R I S R R T  
 Q U G T N G J K G N , P N Q U E Q  
 Q U G Z S L N U P C ' S G K R J L Q P R C ?  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** DO YOU THINK THE DEMOCRATIC DONKEY AND REPUBLICAN ELEPHANT COULD BE CONSIDERED PARTY ANIMALS?  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals P

**'Roman Holiday' tonight**

**SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Dalton State College's Center for Continuing Education is offering a screening and discussion of the William Wyler 1953 black and white classic "Roman Holiday" tonight. The movie stars Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck. Set in Italy's "eternal city," the film was named by the American Film Institute "one of the Top 10 romantic comedies of all time." It features Hepburn as an exotic, but bored European princess with wanderlust and Peck as an American reporter who encounters her by chance. The film was Hepburn's first and earned her an Academy Award.

Discussion of the film will be conducted by DSC associate professor of English Keith Perry. The program will be from 6 to 9 p.m. at the James E. Brown Center. Cost is \$10. The easiest way to register is online at [www.dalton-state.edu](http://www.dalton-state.edu) (click on Personal Growth) or by calling (706) 272-4454.

**PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD**



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The Murray County Board of Education held its meeting in the Spring Place Elementary cafeteria recently. Reba Howard's fourth-graders presented a readers' theater titled "Homophone Hubhub." On the first row from left are Damian Vicencio, Hunter Titus, Caitlyn Holmes, Stone Southerland, Tyler Hefner, Zachary Walls, Tommy Hendricks and Donnell Gonzalez; second row, Howard, Joshua Torres, Colten Jackson, Mikayla Feltman, Autumn Meadows, Rachel Sitton, Kayla Huskey, Maria Ruiz, Jose Hernandez and Carmon Hipp.



**HONORED**

Paulette Bonds, assistant principal at Dawnville Elementary School, was recognized with an achievement award from the city of Dalton for her work on the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration committee. The committee works to keep the dream alive in our community by planning events for the celebration of King's January birthday. The theme for this year was "Dreams can change the world." Others on this committee are Glenda Thomas, Erica Pender McCurdy, Courtland Bonds, Julie Dyer, Chris Gregg, Edna Massingill, Sherry O'Neal, Geraldine Pero and Thomas Pinson.

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## OBITUARIES

• **Wilma C. Day, Dalton**  
 • **Mack Palmer, Dalton**  
 • **Dorothy Phillips**  
 • **Ronald Preston Roberts, Cleveland, Tenn.**  
 • **Cheyenne Presley Whaley-Koger, Dalton**

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

### Wilma C. Day

Mrs. Wilma C. Day, 81, of Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Day Jr.; her sister, Margaret C. Lusk and her grandson, Geoffrey Grossman.

Wilma is survived by her son, Kevin Day of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Glennan and Glenn Grossman of Macon; grandson, Brett Grossman of Atlanta; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. from Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rhoda Howell officiating.

Burial will be in Grove Level Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.ga.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.ga.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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### Mack Palmer

Mack Palmer, 68, of Dalton died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009.

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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### Dorothy Phillips

Dorothy Rider Phillips went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, after a brave and courageous battle for a year with cancer.

She was born in Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1925. She had lived most of her life in the North Georgia area. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Chattanooga. Her and her husband, Gene Phillips, were the original owners of Maggie's Restaurant in Rossville and Fort Oglethorpe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Alice Rider of Memphis, Tenn.; spouse, Eugene Phillips and brother, Kenneth Rider of Memphis.

She is survived by five daughters: Pepper (Maurice) Quinn, Fort Oglethorpe, Diane (Jack) Cochran of Dalton, Janie (Jim) Cox, Rossville, Kay (Raymond)

Whittle, South Haven, Miss., Cheryl Kyle, Ringgold; 13 grandchildren: Eddie, Scott and Michael Quinn, Randy Hill, Tiffany Lowe, Lamar and Chris Cox, Lisa Carlisle, Ricky Whittle, Ramanda Sharrock, Christy Harris, Stacy Harmon, Lesley Shutters and 27 great grandchildren; three sisters: Mary Virginia Bass, Frances South, and Gloria Facenelli; two brothers: Raymond Rider and Henry Rider, all of Mississippi; sister-in-law, Yvonne Browning, Rossville and special friend, Ruth Quinn of East Ridge.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the chapel with the Rev. John Andrus and the Rev. Eric Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park.

Visitation [www.heritagefh.com](http://www.heritagefh.com) to view memorial tribute and share condolences.

The family would like to thank friends, neighbors, and her church family for their faithfulness with cards, calls, and prayers. And a special thanks to Hutcheson Hospice, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Rice at Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hutcheson Hospice, 640 Battlefield Parkway, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742.

The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. today at Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway.

[www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Ronald Preston Roberts

Ronald Preston Roberts, 61, a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, in a Chattanooga hospital.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Hall and his son, Steve Buckman.

Survivors include his two children: Joseph Roberts of East Ridge, Tenn., and Krista Dodge of Elkhart, Ind.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

Ralph Buckner Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Cheyenne Presley Whaley-Koger

Baby Cheyenne Presley Whaley-Koger, infant daughter of Laura and Kelly Koger of Dalton, became an angel Feb. 8, 2009. She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Earl and Geneva Whaley, James C. Whaley, and Cecil Jones.

Baby Cheyenne is also survived by her grandparents Tommy and Deborah Whaley, Doris Koger; great-grandparents Dorothy Whaley, Emilene Jones; aunts and uncles Lisa and Shannon Payne, Patricia and Randall Walkey, Tiffany Newberry; cousin Richard Walkey; godmother Lynda Ridley.

A graveside service is today at 4 p.m. with Chaplain Nancy Garrison officiating. Baby Cheyenne will be laid to rest with her great-grandparents in Dawnville Cemetery. The family will meet at Ponders at 3:30 p.m. today to go to the cemetery.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Homes, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## BRIEFS

### Bankers vow to build public trust

WASHINGTON — The nation's top bankers came to account for themselves Wednesday to a wary public, displaying a blend of financial might and humility as they pledged to build public trust with greater lending and fewer perks. "We're Americans first and bankers second," John Stumpf, president and chief executive of Wells Fargo & Co., told a House committee. Eight chief executives sat at a witness table for more than six hours Wednesday assuring lawmakers that an infusion last fall of \$165 billion in taxpayer money to their banks was good for consumers. The money was part of a \$700 billion financial rescue approved by Congress in October. Lending has increased, they told the House Financial Services Committee, and CEO bonuses have been eliminated.

### Madoff's wife took out \$15M

BOSTON — The wife of disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff withdrew more than \$15 million from a firm co-owned by her husband — including \$10 million on the day their children turned her husband over to authorities for overseeing an alleged \$50 billion Ponzi scheme, the top securities regulator in Massachusetts said Wednesday. Ruth Madoff, 67, withdrew \$5.5 million on Nov. 25 and \$10 million on Dec. 10 — the day before Bernard Madoff was arrested — from Cohmad Securities Corp., a New York firm co-owned by her husband. They came as Madoffs' scheme was unraveling as investors filed \$7 billion worth of redemption requests.

### Peanut Co. owner takes the fifth

WASHINGTON — See the jar, the congressman challenged Stewart Parnell, holding up a container of the peanut seller's products and asking if he'd dare eat them. Parnell pleaded the Fifth. The owner of the peanut company at the heart of the massive salmonella recall refused to answer the lawmaker's questions — or any others — Wednesday about the bacteria-tainted products he defiantly told employees to ship to some 50 manufacturers of cookies, crackers and ice cream. "Turn them loose," Parnell had told his plant manager in an internal e-mail.

## Stimulus: Obama to sign

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making deep cuts in school aid and other programs.

Another provision will mean a one-time payment of \$250 for millions of beneficiaries who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and veterans pensions and disability, according to officials. They added that the measure will include \$46 billion for transportation projects such as highway, bridge and mass transit construction.

The president also won money for two other administration priorities — information technology in health care, and "green jobs" to make buildings more energy-efficient and reduce the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

The bill "will be the beginning of the turnaround for the American economy," predicted Sen. Joe Lieberman, the independent from Connecticut.

Republicans couldn't have disagreed more.

"It appears that Democrats have made a bad bill worse by reducing the tax relief for working families in order to pay for more wasteful government spending," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio.

But some prominent Republicans straddled the

issue.

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, last year's Republican running mate and a potential White House contender in 2012, said her state was ready to accept a projected \$1 billion in federal funds. But she criticized increased spending on social programs, which she said could wind up costing her state in the long run and "don't necessarily stimulate the economy."

The events capped a frenzied 24-plus hours that began at midday Tuesday when the Senate approved its original version of the bill on a party-line vote of 61-37. Reid, Pelosi and White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel plunged into a series of meetings designed to produce agreement in time for Obama to sign the bill by mid-month.

Pelosi was conspicuously absent from Wednesday's news conference in which members of the Senate announced the agreement. Moments later, Reid arrived in her office, and the two talked by phone with Emanuel, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Officials had said previously that one of the final issues to be settled was money for school modernization, a priority for Pelosi as

well as Obama and one on which they differed with Collins and other moderates whose votes will be essential for final Senate approval.

Originally, Pelosi and House Democrats wanted a new program dedicated to school construction, but Collins held firm against that. In the end, officials said the agreement added flexibility to a \$54 billion State Stabilization Fund, to permit local governments to use some of the money for modernizing school buildings but not building new ones.

There also was an unspecified last-minute change in a House proposal that would allow state legislatures to order the use of funds over the opposition of governors. Officials said that issue related in part to South Carolina, where GOP Gov. Mark Sanford has been a vehement critic of the legislation.

Stocks moved higher in the moments after Reid stepped to the microphone just outside the Senate chamber. The Dow Jones industrials, which plunged 382 points on Tuesday, rose 51 points for the day.

Obama has been contending daily that the plan is essential to avoid turning what is already the worst economic crisis in a generation into a catastrophe.

## Body dragged nearly 20 miles on NYC highways

NEW YORK (AP) — A van traveled for nearly an hour over busy New York City roads before its driver discovered the horrific cargo it had dragged almost 20 miles: the partially scraped-away body of a man who was plowed over by an SUV just before he got caught under the van.

Police said the gruesome episode was accidental and that they have no plans to charge the drivers at this time.

But that did not diminish the shock of seeing a dead man hooked under a van that had just traversed some of the busiest roads in the city. Police said the driver, Manuel Lituma Sanchez, had no idea he hit the victim until the end of his trip, when a bystander told him something was dragging under his van.

Investigators were working to identify the body, which was found largely intact but horribly battered. The man's heels were shorn off. His clothes and several layers of skin on his legs and

buttocks were worn off. The back of his head was worn through to the scalp.

A business card, Western Union receipt and a broken iPhone were found in the man's pockets.

The man was first hit around 6:15 a.m. while apparently crossing against a stop light in the Corona section of Queens by the driver of a black Ford Expedition, Gustavo Acosta, who immediately called 911. When police arrived, the victim was gone and no damage was found to the SUV.

Lituma Sanchez, who was about two vehicles behind, said he had noticed cars swerving but didn't see the initial accident and assumed the drivers were simply avoiding a pothole.

He drove over the victim, who was facing up, and the man's chest was hooked by a steel plate under the van known as the skid plate, used to protect the transmission and undercarriage. It's not clear whether the victim was alive at that point.

## THE MARKET

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 7939.50 ▲ 50.70  
 Wednesday's NASDAQ: 1530.50 ▲ 5.80

	Tuesday	Wednesday		14.08	14.08
Gold	909.7	938	IBM	93.27	95.16
Silver	12.88	13.12	Interface	3.84	384
Acuity	26.68	26.49	JCP	15.39	15.82
AAir	4.18	4.09	JNJ	56.73	57.33
Apple	97.83	96.82	Kroger	21.44	21.53
AT&T	24.56	24.44	Lowes	18.19	18.27
BAC	5.56	6.07	McDonalds	57.28	57.08
BB&T	17.09	17.67	Merck	29.01	29.72
BP	43.47	43.63	Microsoft	18.80	19.21
BristolMyers	22.27	22.63	Mohawk	33.44	32.93
HP-Compaq	35.21	35.08	Motorola	3.90	3.90
Chevron	71.12	71.26	Region-Fin	3.24	3.68
CocaCola	40.67	41.27	Rock-Tenn.	29.93	29.97
ConAgra	16.48	16.50	Sara Lee	8.91	8.92
ColonialBnk	.70	.68	SouthernCo	32.12	32.15
Coke Ent.	11.95	13.10	Synovous	3.44	3.56
CrackerBrl	18.43	18.99	SunTrust	9.06	10.08
CrwnCrafts	2	1.90	Torchmark	29.42	29.34
CSX	30.71	30.21	Total Sys	12.86	13.10
Dell	9.16	9.02	UPS	44.72	45.30
Delta	6.84	6.47	Vulcan	47.34	44.94
Dixie Group	1.46	1.36	Verizon	30	29.98
Dow	10.35	10.04	Wal-Mart	47.72	48.23
Duke	15.21	14.94	Wells Fargo	16.35	17.50
DuPont	23.67	23.13	Wendy's	5.17	5.17
Earthlink	6.92	6.94	Yum	28.90	28.97
Ericsson	8.35	8.21	Xerox	6.54	6.65
Exxon	76.14	74.58			
Ford	1.82	1.85			
FSG	4.29	4.25			
GE	11.62	11.94			
GM	2.70	2.74			
Goodyear	6.78	6.86			
HomeDepot	22.21	22.14			

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## APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY BOARD



Appalachian Community Bank of Chatsworth and Dalton has named its 2009 Community Board. From left are Gary Middleton, regional president; Herman Davis, president/CEO, Da-Co Industries Inc.; Ronald Knight, Appalachian Bancshares board of directors representative; Darrell Lents, president, Len-Dal Carpets; and Lesa Downey, city president. Board members provide support for the Chatsworth and Dalton branches, serve as community representatives of the bank and assist the bank staff with business development. They also volunteer at local events in which the bank participates. "We are extremely pleased to have these outstanding individuals on our team," Downey said. "They are respected leaders in the Murray County community with longstanding ties to the local area and its citizens."



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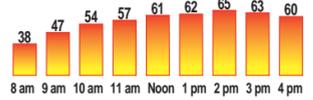
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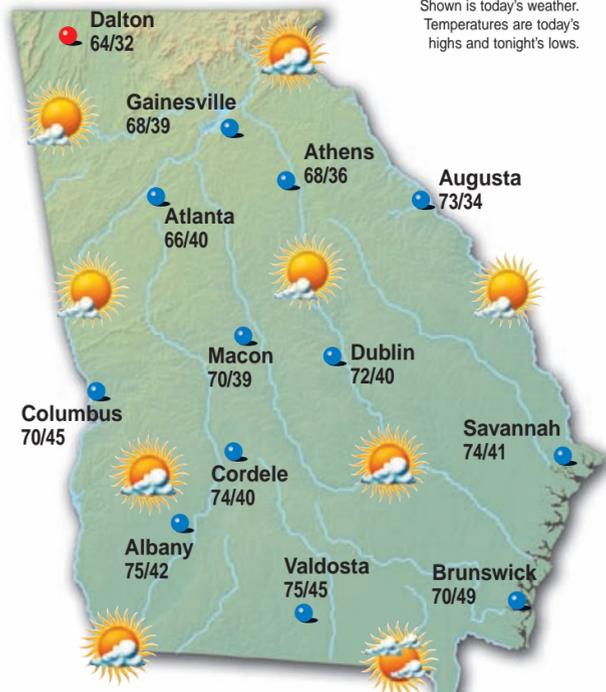
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On Feb. 12, 1899, an Atlantic Coast blizzard pulled extremely cold air southward, as evidenced by a low of -8 in Dallas. Savannah, Ga., received 2 inches of snow.

Weather Trivia™

Q: Is glaze a form of precipitation?  
 A: No. It is the result of rain falling on a subfreezing surface.

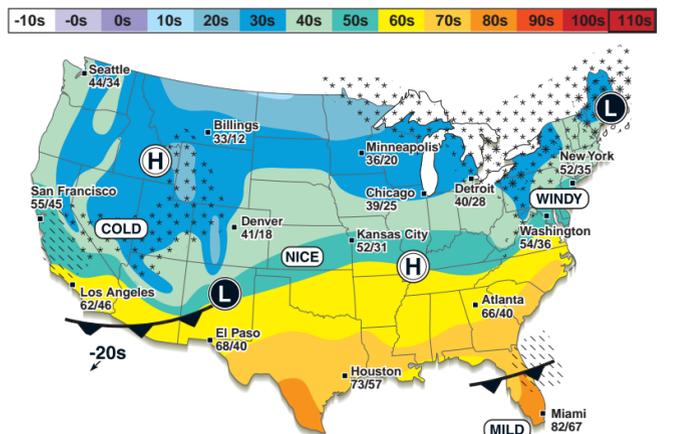
Georgia Weather



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City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	75/42/pc	66/53/sh	73/43/r	La Grange	69/35/s	58/42/sh	63/39/r
Atlanta	66/40/s	62/44/pc	59/41/r	Macon	70/39/s	63/48/sh	67/44/r
Athens	68/36/s	62/41/pc	57/39/r	Marietta	67/38/s	60/38/pc	60/35/r
Augusta	73/34/s	68/45/pc	65/44/r	Newton	76/45/pc	63/48/sh	73/43/r
Brunswick	70/49/pc	66/53/sh	70/50/t	Rome	69/32/s	61/43/pc	64/40/c
College Park	66/40/s	62/44/pc	59/41/r	Savannah	74/41/pc	69/51/pc	66/49/t
Columbus	70/45/s	60/47/sh	66/43/r	Sparta	68/37/s	64/38/pc	61/38/r
Gainesville	68/39/s	61/43/pc	56/40/r	Valdosta	75/45/pc	63/55/sh	74/47/r

National Weather for February 12, 2009



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



City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	City	Today	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	40/24/r	33/17/pc	35/17/c	Memphis	65/46/s	60/45/sh	57/35/s
Anchorage	20/12/s	24/15/sn	27/19/c	Miami	82/67/pc	81/66/pc	82/65/s
Baltimore	55/34/pc	48/28/pc	39/28/sn	Milwaukee	38/27/pc	37/26/c	35/21/sn
Billings	33/12/sf	30/11/pc	25/10/c	Minneapolis	36/20/c	33/18/c	31/13/c
Boise	39/27/c	39/25/pc	37/25/c	New Orleans	69/60/pc	75/59/t	71/53/pc
Buffalo	38/25/sn	31/20/sf	33/21/c	New York	52/35/pc	42/29/pc	42/31/sn
Charlotte	67/38/s	66/43/s	53/38/r	Oklahoma City	64/43/pc	55/29/pc	51/31/s
Cheyenne	36/15/pc	28/12/sn	25/11/c	Orlando	80/58/pc	77/59/pc	81/58/sh
Chicago	39/25/pc	42/28/pc	33/23/sn	Philadelphia	54/34/pc	46/28/pc	38/29/sn
Cincinnati	48/31/pc	51/30/pc	42/26/c	Phoenix	62/42/pc	64/44/pc	62/42/sh
Cleveland	40/29/sf	38/25/pc	36/25/sn	Pittsburgh	40/30/sn	40/24/c	38/24/sn
Dallas	68/49/pc	68/41/pc	55/38/s	Portland, OR	45/33/c	47/31/sh	45/32/pc
Denver	41/18/pc	31/11/sn	28/13/c	St. Louis	54/39/s	49/35/pc	39/26/c
Detroit	40/28/sf	39/24/pc	36/23/sn	Salt Lake City	33/21/sf	34/20/c	34/21/sn
Indianapolis	47/29/pc	49/33/pc	39/25/c	San Francisco	55/45/pc	53/43/r	54/47/c
Kansas City	52/31/s	39/24/sn	37/21/pc	San Diego	62/49/pc	60/49/pc	61/47/pc
Las Vegas	56/38/pc	57/37/pc	54/35/sh	Seattle	44/34/pc	45/32/s	45/33/pc
Los Angeles	62/46/pc	60/44/r	60/46/pc	Wash., DC	54/36/pc	54/32/pc	42/31/sn

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The World

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Auckland	79/70/sh	73/57/sh	70/58/r	London	39/30/pc	41/32/pc	41/36/sn
Amsterdam	37/32/sn	38/30/pc	39/30/pc	Madrid	57/32/pc	57/30/s	59/28/s
Baghdad	66/48/s	71/49/s	74/55/pc	Montreal	41/19/r	25/14/c	27/14/pc
Beijing	50/34/c	46/27/pc	36/21/s	Moscow	32/27/sn	34/30/sn	34/28/sf
Berlin	32/25/sn	30/23/sn	28/25/sf	Paris	39/30/pc	39/30/pc	41/32/c
Buenos Aires	81/65/s	93/69/s	90/68/s	Rio	86/72/r	81/72/r	80/71/r
Cairo	75/54/s	75/56/c	77/56/s	Rome	45/32/sh	41/30/pc	41/28/pc
Calgary	21/1/c	13/-2/c	8/-1/c	Seoul	49/43/r	46/27/r	28/17/pc
Cape Town	89/66/s	79/63/s	77/61/s	Singapore	87/77/sh	90/77/pc	87/77/pc
Caracas	88/73/pc	87/71/sh	89/73/sh	Sydney	70/63/sh	67/63/r	73/62/r
Dublin	45/36/sh	43/37/pc	45/37/sh	Tel Aviv	72/54/pc	73/56/pc	72/55/s
Geneva	31/28/sn	29/24/sn	29/20/c	Tokyo	55/44/s	61/50/c	62/48/pc
Hong Kong	75/68/pc	75/70/pc	81/72/s	Toronto	39/22/sn	32/19/pc	34/20/c
Istanbul	56/43/c	49/44/t	48/34/r	Warsaw	36/27/sn	36/31/sn	34/28/sn

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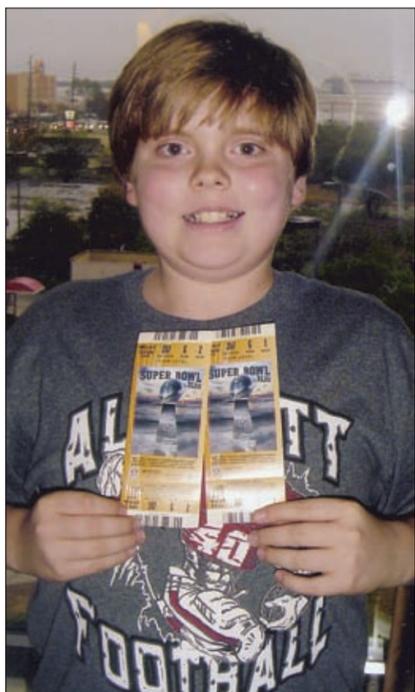
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## COMMENTARY



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**Bond Ragsdale, 11, shows off his Super Bowl XLIII tickets. Bond attended the big game with his father, Dalton dentist Kevin Ragsdale.**

## Of Super Bowl thrills and how Bowden got here

The third professional football game Bond Ragsdale ever saw was Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla., and his father, Kevin, a Dalton dentist, got to tag along.

There are lots of ways to get Super Bowl tickets, but the degree of difficulty ranges from almost impossible to mentally stressful. Kevin Ragsdale knew somebody.

"I made a connection with a guy I do business with and got the tickets through him," Kevin Ragsdale said Wednesday.

When Ragsdale attended the 1984 Super Bowl between the Oakland Raiders and Washington Redskins, his father, Ron, had the inside track on tickets. Ron Ragsdale was in charge of dining services for Eastern Airlines and living in Tampa. The Tampa Bay Bucs flew Eastern in those days and Ron Ragsdale traveled with the team. The Bucs gave Ron Ragsdale two Super Bowl tickets. Ron gave them to Kevin. And Kevin took a friend to the game. Thanks, dad.

The Ragsdales also had tickets to the 1991 Super Bowl but didn't go.

This year was special for Kevin and Bond. With Ron Ragsdale hospitalized at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Kevin and Bond took the trip of a lifetime. They flew to Tampa on Thursday, soaked up all the Super Bowl atmosphere, attended the game on Sunday and came home Monday.

Kevin said a man in front of them in the line going through a security gate had bought either one or two tickets — Kevin wasn't sure — for \$4,000 from a scalper. The ticket, or tickets, were fraudulent. The man was turned away and probably started a statewide manhunt for a certain scalper to scalp.

Kevin and Bond were sitting 33 rows up on the isle on the Arizona Cardinals goal line. The interception that Pittsburgh's James Harrison turned into a 100-yard touchdown as the first half ended, happened right in front of them.

For Santonio Holmes' game-winning touchdown reception with less than a minute left occurred on the opposite side of the field, Kevin said.

"We saw him jump but for three to five seconds couldn't see the outcome of the play," Kevin said.

That aside, the long weekend was a smashing success.

"We did a lot of things that were really cool and really neat," said Bond Ragsdale, an 11-year-old who attends St. Nicholas School in Chattanooga. "Five years ago my dad said if the Super Bowl was ever played in Tampa we'd go. When it happened, we went sure enough. It was a five-year promise come true."

Another highlight for the father-son duo was getting to see Bruce Springsteen's half-time show. He's Kevin Ragsdale's favorite singer and the Super Bowl marked the 13th time he's seen "The Boss" in action, so that was an added bonus. The weather was good and the game bordered on great.

It's obvious that Super Bowl weekend will be locked in the memory bank of Kevin and Bond Ragsdale for the rest of their lives.

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## PREP BASKETBALL: TOURNAMENTS

# Southeast sits, waits

## Boys, girls earn first-round byes

BY LARRY FLEMING

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The Southeast Lady Raiders and Raiders are enjoying their first season in Region 6-3A basketball circles.

Both teams are seeded second in the North sub-region tournament that begins today at Ridgeland High School in Rossville.

Both teams have first-round byes.



McDonald

It's a dramatic change for Southeast's program to sit and wait on a postseason foe, which has been saddled with losing seasons and instability among coaches.

"I think we're over the Southeast losing mentality," Lady Raiders coach Jeff McDonald said. "We went so long without winning seasons and now we've got a new outlook. I think everything is looking good for us the next couple of years."

The Lady Raiders finished the regular season at 11-11 overall and 8-2 in region action.

Coach Joey Bryson's Raiders head into the sub-region tourney at 9-13, 7-3.

Not having to play on the first day of a postseason tournament is a new experience for Southeast. And for McDonald, it's a big deal.

"It says a lot about how hard these girls have worked. Briana Sosebee and Shelby McFarland are very talented ballplayers, but it's not just them. Danielle Pearson absolutely gets after it in every single game. She made two steals in our last game (a 41-40 win over Ringgold on Friday)



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**Ashley Strong (55) and Briana Sosebee (3), applying defensive pressure against Sequoyah's Carley Roberts earlier this season, helped Southeast earn a No. 2 seed in the Region 6-3A North tournament.**

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## PREP SOFTBALL: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD



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**Northwest Whitfield softball standout Taylor Staten, left, gets a kiss from her grandmother, Sharon Staten, at Taylor's signing ceremony Wednesday morning at the high school in Tunnel Hill.**

# Staten heads to Chatt. State

BY ADAM KROHN

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Another Northwest Whitfield softball standout is making the jump to the college ranks.

Just two days after Lady Bruins star Callie Thomas signed with Shorter College, teammate Taylor Staten on Wednesday signed with Chattanooga State Community College, one of the nation's premier junior college programs.

Staten considered North Carolina-Charlotte and Tennessee-Chattanooga, but decided on the junior college route for two reasons. One, she wants to work hard on academics for two years and then transfer to the University of Georgia. Second, she wanted to play for Lady Tigers coach Beth Keylon-Randolph, who holds the distinction of being on the Team USA coaching staff during the 2007 World University games in Bangkok, Thailand.

"She's a great person and she has a great personality," Staten said of Keylon-Randolph. "She is very hard-working and puts all of her time into the softball program and they're always good in their division."

Now in her eighth season at Chattanooga State, Keylon-Randolph has compiled a 372-80 record with the Lady Tigers and her teams have won Region VII of the National Junior College Athletic Association every year since she took over in 2002.

In 2008, the Lady Tigers finished the season with a



Lambert

➤ Please see **STATEN, 2B**

# Tennessee extends Georgia's skid to 11

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tyler Smith scored 15 points, leading Tennessee to an easy 79-48 victory over Georgia on Wednesday.

## COLLEGE HOOPS

Georgia, which is on an 11-game losing skid for the first time since 1974, committed 25 turnovers, the most in a Southeastern Conference game this season.

Tennessee (15-8, 6-3) used a 9-0 run to jump ahead early, and a Tyler Smith layup with 13:23 in the first half gave the Vols a 16-3 lead.

Georgia (9-15, 0-9) managed to turn the ball over several ways — knocking it out of bounds, a 5-second violation, shot clock violations and offensive fouls.

By halftime the Bulldogs had 17 turnovers, equal to their number of rebounds and one fewer than the number of shots they took. Tennessee scored 21 points off those turnovers and held a 40-23 lead at the break.

Terrance Woodbury scored a basket for Georgia after halftime, but Tennessee scored the next eight points. The Vols, who never trailed, led by as many as 33 off a fastbreak layup by Brian Williams

that made it 70-37 with 4:52 left.

Tennessee has won 10 straight meetings in the series and holds an 89-51 overall margin.

Wayne Chism scored 13 points for the Vols, Scotty Hopson had 12, J.P. Prince added 11 and Williams had 10.

Trey Thompkins led Georgia with 10 points.

■ **Virginia Tech 76, Georgia Tech 71:** At Blacksburg, Va., Malcolm Delaney scored nine of his 23 points in a four-

➤ Please see **HOOPS, 3B**



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Kevin Ragsdale, right, a Dalton dentist, and his 11-year-old son, Bond, pose at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., prior to Super Bowl XLIII.

## Fleming: Prayer for Bowden

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Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden didn't just show up at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church last Sunday. Getting him to the Rocky Face church took a lot of planning ahead.

Pastor Bill Curington told reporters as Bowden was starting an informal outdoor press conference behind the church sanctuary that the legendary coach was invited to speak there in June 2008.

The plan to get Bowden to and from Tallahassee, Fla., went off like clockwork.

Four church members, Dan Combs, K.B. Klechner, Stan Stewart and Shannon Coley, left the parking lot at 4:20 a.m., drove to Chattanooga and caught a private plane to Tallahassee — it had to be a twin engine aircraft with two pilots on board, as required by Bowden. They were back at the church — with Bowden — at 9:10 a.m., Bowden wrapped up the morning service at noon, got in the car for the ride back to Chattanooga and eventually the return flight to Tallahassee.

Not all the pre-planning worked out perfectly, but the end result was an overwhelming success.

Curington wanted to bring Georgia coach Mark Richt, due to his past association as an assistant coach on Bowden's staff for 14 years, in as a surprise. But Richt's calendar was full.

The church contacted Bill Curry, former Georgia Tech and Alabama coach who is now head coach trying to get the fledgling program at Georgia State off the ground, to deliver an opening prayer before Bowden spoke, but that didn't pan out either.

So what would have happened in the case

bad weather or sickness had kept the 79-year-old Bowden from attending?

The church contacted Thomas Settles, Richt's chaplain at Georgia, but he was unavailable. So, that left just one person on standby.

"I was the backup," Curington said. "It was either me or coach Bowden and I was praying for coach Bowden. I had a sermon prepared, but was uncomfortable with that arrangement."

Curington said the church wants to make Faith and Football Day an annual event and is already looking ahead to 2010.

Two potential speakers are on the list: Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy.

"Tim Tebow has a secretary dedicated to handling his speaking engagements," Curington said. "And I was told he's getting about 25 requests per day."

Curington called Bowden's appearance a great success. He said the church's average attendance is 200 at the combined 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Bowden attracted 522.

"They say to aim for the stars and if you miss you can still hit the moon," Curington said.

Last Sunday's event was star quality.

At the National Vintage Racing Association banquet in late January in Perry to honor 2008 champions, Rocky Face's Bobby Hanshaw took the second-place award in the Modified Sportsman division. The champion was Martin Sapp of Quitman.

Hanshaw was also elected as the race director for the 2009 season.

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## Tourneys: Something clicked

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in the last 30 seconds that helped us win that game. She didn't have to do that. But that type mentality has bled over into the other players."

The Lady Raiders defeated both potential second-round opponents twice during the regular season. McDonald said he's thought more than once about the old coaching maxim that it's tough to beat a team three times in the same season.

"I think our girls had some peaks and valleys during the year and we didn't really play well against LaFayette in that last game," McDonald said.

"We played flat. I think they'll be fired up and get after this thing on Friday. I think they realize we have a chance to go to state. One win gets us in the region tournament. That's the next step we have to take."

Bryson is more than pleasantly surprised by the Raiders' turnaround this season.

"If you had told me at Christmas we'd be the No. 2 seed in the sub-region tournament I probably would have laughed," said Bryson, whose Raiders are 9-13, 7-3. "It was tough on us."

"The players weren't competing real hard early, they didn't seem motivated and we (coaches) were doing everything we knew to do to make them play harder."

Then something clicked.

The Raiders won final four regular season region games, losing only to Class A Trion in a closing five-game stretch.

"Every coach knows it doesn't matter if you're winning at the beginning of the season," Bryson said. "It matters if you're winning at the end. None of these teams has anything to lose. Which ever team we play will play us hard, and I hope we play hard. We know we have to play hard to keep going."

Bryson said the Raiders collectively have played much better down the stretch.

"Trey Parris is scoring well for us and Matt Hall and Bradley Grant are rebounding well and hitting the open man. We don't have a go-to guy. Our go-to guy is whoever's open and our players have finally bought into that."

In the Region 7-4A's tournament, Northwest Whitfield's Lady Bruins (23-2, 14-0) and Hillgrove's Hawks (23-2, 13-1) have earned No. 1 seeds.

Games involving Dalton's boys and girls have been set.

The Lady Catamounts will play Hiram's girls on Saturday at 1 p.m. and the Cats host Rome at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, athletic director Ronnie McClurg said.

Region 6-3A North coaches have selected their All-Region teams:

### Boys First Team

Derrick Sanders, Ridgeland; Tyler Burse, LaFayette, Logan Holland, Ringgold; Kota Dixon, LaFayette; and David Alexander, Ridgeland. Player of the Year: Dewann Harrison, Ridgeland.



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Southeast junior Tyshawn Bonds, shooting over Northwest Whitfield's Nermin Delic (32) and Romeo Williams, will face the LFO-Ringgold winner on Friday in the Reg'n 6-3A North tournament at Ridgeland.

### Boys Second Team

LeGreg Burns, LFO; Hunter Cornelius, Heritage-Catoosa; Martez Eastland, Ringgold; Diuante McSears, LaFayette; Matt Hall, Southeast.

### Girls First Team

Jasmine Carey, LFO; Kerri O'Neal, LaFayette; Briana Sosebee, Southeast; Tiffany Gent, Ringgold; Shakiyla McLin, Ridgeland. Player of the Year: Kayla Weaver, LFO.

### Girls Second Team

Jensen Hackett, Ringgold; Ashley McKenzie, LFO; Brittany Harvey, Heritage-Catoosa; Kelise Byrd, LaFayette; Shelby McFarland, Southeast.

## WCRD results

The Whitfield County Recreation Department youth basketball postseason Silver Cup tournament began Monday, Feb. 9. Scores and highlights listed:

### Mite 9-10 Girls

Varnell Lady Bruins 13, Dawnville Shootin' Stars 11 - (V) Sami Newsome 9.  
Tunnel Hill Flames 13, Valley Point Lady Wave 6 - (TH) Courtney Franks 5.

### Midget 11-12 Girls

Westside Lady Heat 32, Valley Point Tidal Wave 10 - (WS) Sydney Snyder 16, Katelynn Brewster 8. (VP) Kaci Southerland 10.  
Varnell Lady Bruins 17, Tunnel Hill Thrashers 8.

### Mite 9-10 Boys

Varnell Heat 18, Beavertdale Wildcats 8 - (V) Austin Riddlebarger 6.  
Westside Tar Heels 21, Antioch Raiders 6 - (WS) Eli Davis 11, Coby Griffith 7. (A) Michael Jones 6, Jordan Kinney 5.

### Midget 11-12 Boys

Antioch Heat 34, Westside Heat 20 - (A) Austin Smith 14, Chris Rosas 7. (WS) Levi Mosteller 8, Landon Cable 6, Alex Canady 6.  
Dug Gap Bulls 40, Varnell Voltage 12 - (DG) Gordon Elrod 13, Bryce Delozier 12, Will Richmond 10. (V) Ross Myers

The Whitfield County Recreation Department youth basketball postseason Silver Cup tournament continued Tuesday, Feb. 10. Scores and highlights listed:

### Mite 9-10 Girls

Varnell Lady Bruins 10, Westside Lady Bruins 8 - (WS) Holly Gilreath 6.  
Tunnel Hill Flames 25, Beavertdale Wildcats 6 - (TH) Courtney Franks 8, Darby Griffin 9.

### Mite 9-10 Boys

Cohutta Bulldogs 31, Westside Tar Heels 17 - (C) Tyler Phillips 12, Phillip Taylor 10, Levi Kinsey 5. (WS) Coby Griffith 6.  
Varnell Heat 33, Westside Sky Hawks 20 - (V) Matthew Tankersley 7, Conner Meyer 7, Issac Ward 6, Austin Riddlebarger 6. (WS) Greer Threadgill 12, Gage Mosteller 5.

### Midget 11-12 Girls Championship

Varnell Lady Bruins 14, Westside Lady Heat 10 - (V) Ashley Cochran 5. (WS) Sydney McBrayer 6.

### Midget 11-12 Boys Championship

Dug Gap Bulls 38, Antioch Heat 23 - (DG) Gordon Elrod 20, Bryce Delozier 11. (A) Luis Hernandez 6, Chris Rosas 5.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield softball standout Taylor Staten, seated center, signed a scholarship with Chattanooga State on Wednesday. She is flanked by Freida and Marty Staten. Standing, left to right, are Beth Keylon-Randolph, Chattanooga State coach, Tammy Lambert, Northwest coach, and grandparents Sharon and John Staten.

## Staten: To roam OF in college

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No. 3 national junior college ranking.

In her senior season with the Lady Bruins, Staten was a second-team GACA Class 4A All-State selection and was named to The Daily Citizen's All-Area Team for the second consecutive year.

She batted .366 in 2008 with 41 hits including six doubles, two triples and two home runs. She also scored 32 runs, posted a .509 slugging percentage and led the team with 37 RBIs.

Staten was the lone freshman on the 2005 Northwest team and her coach, Tammy Lambert, said she was an easy choice to make the team despite being younger than her peers.

"She just stood out above the rest," said Lambert of Staten. "Her quickness and speed

was great and I was impressed with her work ethic and what she was willing to do to get better offensively and defensively. Whatever it took, she did it. That's what impressed me and I'm interested to see where she ends up under Beth the next two years."

An outfielder for Northwest, Staten said she'll play the same position for Chattanooga State and expects to be a slap-hitter for the Lady Tigers. Staten hasn't decided on a major, but said she's leaning towards art and design.

Her primary goal is to attend Georgia in two years.

"That's the school I've always wanted to go to since I was little," she said. "It's a dream of mine."

Staten said she's unsure of whether she'll play softball at with the Bulldogs.

## PRO FOOTBALL

### Favre says he's done

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Brett Favre informed the New York Jets on Wednesday he will retire after 18 seasons, ending a record-setting career in which he was one of the NFL's premier quarterbacks.

The 39-year-old instructed agent James "Bus" Cook to tell the team of his decision, six weeks after Favre's only season with the Jets ended in disappointment as New York failed to make the playoffs.

In an e-mail to ESPN, Favre said he has no regrets about ending his career in New York and praised owner Woody Johnson, general manager Mike Tannenbaum and fired coach Eric Mangini.

"Mike and Woody, as well as the entire organization, have been nothing short of outstanding," Favre said in the e-mail.

Favre retired last March but quickly changed his mind and a bitter divorce with Green Bay ensued. He was traded to the Jets in August and was a Pro Bowl selection despite an overwhelmingly disappointing season that cost Mangini his job. New York hired former Baltimore defensive coordinator Rex Ryan to replace Mangini, and he, along with Johnson and Tannenbaum, repeatedly said they wanted Favre to return.

Instead, Favre spent several weeks after the season at his home in Kiln, Miss., away from football before deciding to retire — again.

Favre had two years left on his contract and was due \$13 million for next season. If this is indeed it for Favre, he leaves the game with a slew of records and he was a three-time NFL MVP.

REEL 'EM IN



Above, Gary Carter, left, and Wayne Boyd, right, show off their winning five-fish limit of 23.5 pounds to Kevin Keith of Grants Sporting Goods that won the first in a series of Bass fishing tournaments put on by the club. At right, Chuck Anderson holds up the tournament's big fish of 8.01 pounds.

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Boyd, Carter win bass tournament

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Wayne Boyd and Gary Carter had a five-fish haul that weighed 25.13 pounds last week and won the first in a series of Bass fishing tournaments staged by Grants Sports Goods.

Gross and Bobby Ogle and Dale Bruce tied for second place (\$1,100) with a catch of 24 pounds, 11 ounces.

Hoops: Wake falls

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minute stretch late in the second half and Virginia Tech extended a three-point lead to as many as 12 and held on to beat struggling Georgia Tech.

Associated No. 1 spot in the league for Syracuse (18-7, 6-6).

It was the third consecutive loss and the eighth in nine games for the Yellow Jackets (10-13, 4-9), who dropped a half-game behind 1-8 Virginia and into last place in the conference.

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N.C. State '82, Wake Forest '76. At Raleigh, N.C., Brandon Costner scored 23 points to help North Carolina State defeat No. 7 Wake Forest.

Jamelle Cornley scored 16 points for Penn State (17-8, 6-6), which lost its third straight. Talor Battle, the conference leader with 18 points per game, went scoreless and shot 0-for-7 from the field. It was the first time this season and the third time in his career the sophomore was held without a point.

Farnold Degand and Courtney Feiles added 14 points apiece for the Wolfpack (13-9, 3-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), who watched a 20-point second half lead shrink to two before they picked up their first win in five games against ranked opponents this season.

Arkansas 65, Arkansas '72. At Auburn, Ala., Tay Waller and Lucas Hargrove scored 14 points apiece and Auburn overcame a 10-point second-half deficit to defeat Arkansas.

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ing the No. 1 spot in the Associated Press' poll last week.

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SCOREBOARD

Local Prep Schedule table with columns for Local, Varsity basketball, Varsity soccer, Varsity tennis, Varsity wrestling, Varsity volleyball, Varsity softball, Varsity baseball.

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TELEVISION

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College Results

College Results table with columns for EAST, SOUTH, WEST, MIDDLE, NORTHWEST, SOUTHWEST, PACIFIC, TUESDAY'S GAMES.

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions table with columns for Wednesday's Moves, BASEBALL, AMERICAN LEAGUE, NATIONAL LEAGUE, FOOTBALL, NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

BASKETBALL

Basketball table with columns for NBA GLEANCE, EASTERN CONFERENCE, ATLANTIC DIVISION.

PRO BASKETBALL

Pro Basketball table with columns for Johnson, Murray power Hawks win, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, AUBURN HILLS, Mich., The Atlanta Hawks showed Detroit why its playoff success might end for the teams meet in April.

PRO BASKETBALL

Johnson, Murray power Hawks win

Smith added 10 to give the up-and-coming team balance offensively.

Detroit's Richard Hamilton scored 14. Rodney Stuckey and Tayshawn Prince each scored 12 and Antonio McDyeed added 10.

Rasheed Wallace didn't play for the last 16-plus minutes and finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

The Hawks (31-21) have won four of five, matching the most wins they've had at the All-Star break in a decade.

Detroit (27-24) heads into the break after losing three straight, 13 of 18 and falling to 23-24 since Iverson joined the team in a trade for Chauncey Billups.

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The cast of "Snow White" is pictured, including Andres Bustamante, Lizzie Baker, Will Estes, Katie Beth Jewell, Katelyn Esters, Josh Parrott, Spencer McCraven, Emily Plaisted, Gregg McCurry, Jeffrey Hair and Melissa You.

## Fairy Tale on stage

The cast of Fairy Tale Theater will perform an adaptation of the story "Snow White" for the elementary schools in the Dalton System today and Friday, Feb. 13. The "tour"

will conclude with a performance at Dalton High School on Friday.

The cast includes: Andres Bustamante, Lizzie Baker, Will Estes, Katie Beth Jewell, Katelyn

Esters, Josh Parrott, Spencer McCraven, Emily Plaisted, Gregg McCurry, Jeffrey Hair, Melissa You, Zach Barton, Meg Scalise, Caleb Satterfield, Grace Bramlett, Bridgette Allen,

Jason Day, Grace Kling, Luis Gomez, Gregg McCurry, and Tanner Blackton.

Drama Instructor Wes Phinney is directing the production.

## Students learn employability skills

February is national Career and Technical Education (CTE) month, providing opportunities for students to learn employability skills, to gain computer knowledge and to experience real-world applications in and out of the classroom.

The Georgia Department of Education has developed a Pathway concept for CTE that is in place for current freshmen. Although students are encouraged to try many areas, they will select a pathway and concentrate on those classes.

Dalton High School offers pathways in the following areas: Accounting, Administrative Support, Business Development, Financial Service, Interactive Media, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Education, JROTC, Law and Justice, Marketing and Management, Fashion Marketing, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Graphic Design, Broadcast/Video Production, Transportation, Project Lead the Way (Engineering), and Manufacturing.

Learn more at [dhscatwalk.com](http://dhscatwalk.com).



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Pictured are students learning culinary arts and manufacturing.

## Beta Club, JROTC participates in service

Volunteers from the Beta Club and the JROTC at Dalton High School participated in the MLK Day of Service on Jan. 19 at the Dalton Community Center.

One of the projects for the day was painting desks to be displayed in the Emory Street Center as part of the African American Heritage display.

To see more images, visit [dhscatwalk.com](http://dhscatwalk.com).



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Sareena Gillani, Tanya Huang (pictured) and Aubree Stewart shared their talent by painting a desk honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

## Juniors to host lunch as a fundraiser

Feb. 22 marks an annual event for Juniors: Sunday Lunch at the Oakwood.

This event is a fundraiser for the junior trip held every spring since 1995. The trip is an opportunity for members of Dalton's junior class to travel to Boston, Hartford, Concord, Plymouth, and New York City — sites relating to what they have read in

American Literature and studied in American History.

Lunch will be served at the Oakwood Café from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22. Tickets are \$7.50 and include fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and drink.

For takeouts, or more information call (706) 529-9663.



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Pictured are Nancy Hallsworth, advisor, and Yea Jee Bae, region winner.

## Student is first in region

Yea Jee Bae earned first place in the SkillsUSA Region Competition held in Rome Feb. 6, competing in Advertising Design.

Other students from Dalton High School were: Andy Partain, Young Murphy, Parker Plunkett,

and Cassidy Dean in Quiz Bowl; Colton Taylor in Extemporaneous Speech; and Ivanna Martinez in First Aid/CPR.

Sponsors for the Dalton High SkillsUSA Chapter are Nancy Hallsworth, Melanie Patrick and Ken Wiggins.



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Remember to drive safely this Valentine's Day.

## Do you really love them?

BY KAREN SANCHEZ

It's Feb. 14. You've either already found the perfect gift and can't wait to give it to your loved one, or you are searching frantically for a gift in hopes that your loved one might like it. But wait, you've forgotten about the gift nobody would ever willingly give up, their life.

Valentine's Day is only one of the most dangerous days of the year for teen drivers, along with New Year's Eve, July 4, and the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Speeding alone, making sure you get to those dinner reservations, is the cause of almost 40 percent of fatal teen crashes.

Calling from the road, to see if your date is ready, along with having your friends in the car with you, are fatal distractions and can increase your risk of fatal crashing by five times the normal amount.

When you finally pick up your date, you see that person walking down the steps, you get out and help them into the car, and you drive

off. You are so excited you forget your seatbelt! Two-thirds of the students in car accidents are not buckled up and while it seems OK while you're speeding down the road, what will your injured friends think the next day?

Not only does buckling up affect your chances but alcohol consumption does too. While it is less likely that teens will drive when they have been drinking, when they do, the risk of getting in a car accident is much higher than for adults.

These are all factors that affect teen driving. If they don't make you think hard about your driving habits, what about the consequences? There is the expensive ticket, the mark on your record, the loss of your driving privileges, and not being able to move on to a job or college because you are a felon. Then there are the more serious ones, like hurting your friends, your date, and even yourself.

So if you really love your date, and you really want this Valentine's Day to be special, let the person you love keep their life.

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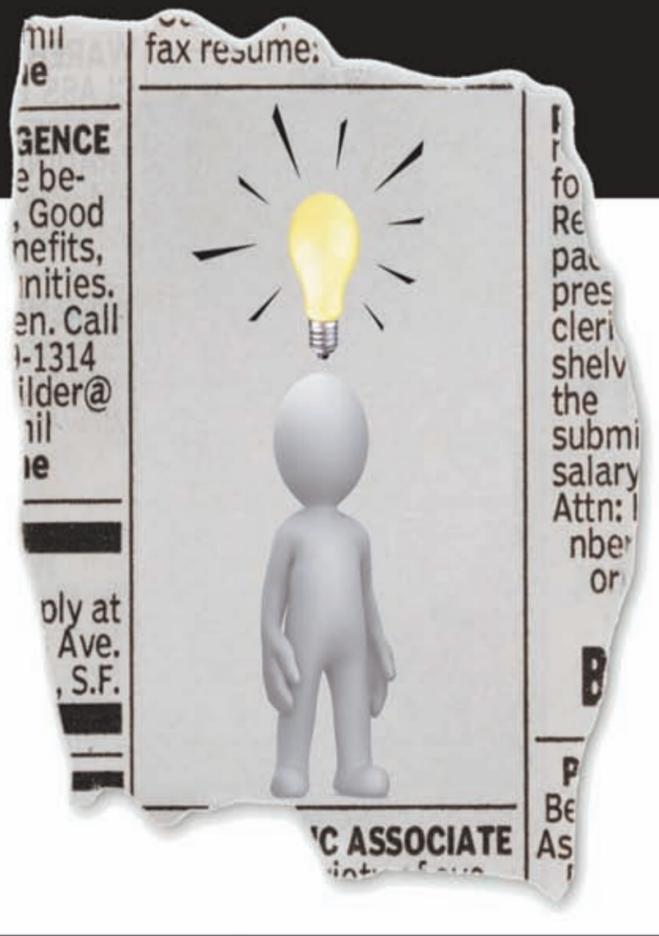
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AUTO RACING: NASCAR

# Little E: Track repairs needed at Daytona

By Mark Long

Associated Press Writer  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR superstar Dale Earnhardt Jr. believes Daytona International Speedway could use a facelift.

It will have to wait three years. Earnhardt said Wednesday that NASCAR's most storied track, which hasn't been repaved since August 1978, is long overdue for a new surface.

"The track is old," Earnhardt said. "It's a terrible time to ask anyone to pave a race track, but if anyone needs it, it's probably Daytona."

DIS president Robin Braig said the track has a \$20 million repaving project planned for 2012. Braig said it has not been decided exactly when the track would be resurfaced — either after the season-opening Daytona 500 or after the July race — and added that information from

NASCAR and tire manufacturer Goodyear could alter the plan.

"There's no issue with money, there's no issue with technology," Braig said, pointing out that DIS parent company, International Speedway Corp., repaved Talladega Superspeedway and its steeply banked turns in 2006. "NASCAR and Goodyear are saying tire wear is fine. It's a \$20 million project, but it's not money we're

talking about. If we don't need to do it, we're not going to do it."

Earnhardt says the 2 1/2-mile tri-oval is safe, even with its famed bumps in turns two and four, but figures a smoother surface would make for better side-by-side racing and may be reduce wrecks.

"You just don't put on a good show," Earnhardt said. "I like the bumps. If you're going to ask guys in here, they're going to say, 'Awe,

man, come on, the bumps are cool.' They're cool, but they'll be back. When you pave a track, the dirt underneath always settles. It'll create new bumps."

Earnhardt knew it had been a long time since the track was repaved, but was surprised to learn it has been 30 years since the last facelift.

"Highways get paved more often than that, and they're only going 55, 65 down them," he said.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Teixeira set to fund a Tech scholarship

ATLANTA — Mark Teixeira is doling out some of the money from his big contract with the New York Yankees, committing \$500,000 to fund an annual baseball scholarship at Georgia Tech, his alma mater.

The first baseman announced the Mark C. Teixeira Athletic Scholarship Fund on Wednesday.

Teixeira signed a \$180 million, eight-year contract with the Yankees during the offseason. He also has played for Texas, Atlanta and the Los Angeles Angels.

During his three-year career at Georgia Tech, Teixeira earned a long list of honors while batting .409 with 36 homers and 165 RBIs. He was picked No. 5 overall by the Rangers in the 2001 amateur draft.

### Muschamp's deal at Texas now in place

AUSTIN, Texas — University of Texas System regents on Wednesday unanimously approved the new contract for Longhorn defensive coordinator Will Muschamp, who is in line to take over for head coach Mack Brown when he decides to retire.

The deal pays Muschamp \$900,000 a year as defensive coordinator and at least \$2 million a year as head coach if he takes over the Texas program as soon as 2010.

The head-coaching salary would increase every year after that and if he is not head coach by January 2013, that portion of the contract would be renegotiated at a figure higher than \$2.5 million.

### Golfer Thorpe faces tax evasion charges

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pro golfer Jim Thorpe has been charged with failing to pay \$1.6 million in federal taxes.

The charges filed Wednesday in federal court in Orlando accuse Thorpe of failing to pay taxes on income he earned in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

The charges allege that rather than pay his tax liabilities, Thorpe spent about \$2 million on the construction of a new home and another \$61,000 on a new vehicle.

The golfer's attorney says his client plans to plead not guilty.

The attorney says Thorpe didn't willfully intend to violate the law.

### Giambi happy to see players' disclosures

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Giambi is happy to see more baseball players going public with their involvement in performance-enhancing drugs and hopes the fascination with baseball's steroid era soon will fade.

Giambi, who returned to the Oakland Athletics this year after seven ringless seasons with the New York Yankees, spoke briefly about performance-enhancing drugs at the close of a season kickoff luncheon hosted by the A's television broadcasters.

Giambi was among the first major leaguers to acknowledge his involvement in steroid use, though he made the admission in an indirect way. During a strange news conference in 2005, Giambi said he was sorry five times and apologized three times — without saying what.

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