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Woman wanted in slaying

Murray sheriff issues murder warrant in death of ex-husband

By RACHEL BROWN
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CHATSWORTH — Murray County law officers are looking for a woman they believe killed her ex-husband with a knife.

A murder warrant has been issued for Rhonda Young Sosebee. She is described as 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. She has brown hair and green eyes and is 44 years old.



Sosebee

Murray County Sheriff Howard Ensley said a friend found 37-year-old Stephen "Steven" Lee Young dead at his

home at 145 Valley Road in Chatsworth and called police Friday about 6 p.m.

Ensley said the results of an autopsy are still pending, but it appears Young was stabbed to death. He was last heard from about 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Sosebee and Young had been divorced for about a year after an eight-year marriage, Ensley said. He said officers had responded to several domestic disturbance calls between

them.

Sosebee was living on Wilding Lane in Dalton and is the only suspect in the case, the sheriff said.



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Steven Lee Young was found dead at his residence at 145 Valley Road in Murray County Friday evening.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, district attorney's office and Dalton Police Department are assisting in the investigation.

Ensley declined to discuss a possible motive for the suspected murder, saying the case is still under investigation.

He said Sosebee is considered dangerous and is believed to be driving a white 2007 Ford Taurus, license plate AXI4564. Anyone with information is asked to call the Murray County Sheriff's Department at 706-695-4592, option 2.

'Everybody is hurting'

Slumping carpet industry looking to 2010 for turnaround

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Soaring oil prices, a collapsed housing market and a national recession made 2008 one of the most challenging years in recent memory for the floorcovering industry.

Two months into a new year — and less than a month into a new presidential administration — the outlook for 2009 is equally dismal.

"I've not found a whole lot of people that are expecting 2009 to be a whole heckuva lot better, perhaps even worse, than 2008," said Dave

Foster, a carpet industry journalist and host of the weekday morning talk show "Floor Radio" on WBLJ 1230 AM. "I think everybody's just getting ready for that challenge and maybe hope they're wrong or hope that something happens that makes this recovery a little bit sooner."

From retail stores on Connector 3 to the world's largest floorcovering maker down to workers, few related to the carpet industry have been immune to the prolonged slump that dates back to 2006. And nowhere has the impact been more pronounced than in Dalton, nicknamed "The Carpet Capital of the World." The unemployment



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Dee Rockett helps James and JoAnn Becker of Emerson pick out a rug at Beckler's Carpet Saturday morning. The floorcovering industry is taking a hit from the recession, from corporate offices of manufacturers down to the retail level.

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Marriage, divorce rates down

Economic crunch having impact on couples

By RACHEL BROWN
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Valentine's Day is supposed to be a day for sweethearts.

In Tunnel Hill residents Angie Free's and Jerry Jenkins' case, it was also a day to get married.

Jerry Jenkins and Angie Free kiss on their back porch in Tunnel Hill. The couple married on Valentine's Day.

Jenkins said he and Free both have children from previous marriages, and they're approaching their new life together with a strong commitment.

"We decided to take the classes (with Dalton marriage ministry Family Frameworks) because we were bringing two families together," Jenkins said. "A lot of it, what we talked about, was letting the other person express what they have to

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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.

"There are always going to be racist people, always."

"Has anyone noticed that the price of crude is going down but the price of gas is going up? Who would have thought it?"

Editor's note: The price of crude is not the only factor in gas prices.

"The election is over and gasoline is going back up to \$4 a gallon. You don't hear drill, drill, drill, now. Our politicians have lied to us."

"The majority of the students at the C-3 center are from homes of privilege and financial security. So why do they get the luxury of a private school environment at the expense of taxpayers?"

"Leftover Pets is not a free clinic but they do offer low-cost spay and neuter."

"The spending bill does nothing for the economy or to create jobs. It's just one project after another for the politicians."

"I agree that we never get over the ones in our family we've lost, but I've never gotten over any of the precious animals I've lost either. Isn't there enough love to go around?"

"The county wants to cut their budget. Why don't they get rid of the people who walk around and don't do anything all day?"

"What a wonderful opportunity for Dalton and Whitfield County to jump in there and close down that trade center. Put offices or whatever in there."

"Degrees may not make a good teacher but you have to have one to be a teacher."

"Let's pull the troops out of Iraq and use the money to get rid of the drug people over here."

"Great job Beavertdale Wildcats 9-10 year old girls team. It was a great year. Job well done."

"Bush and the Republicans got us in this recession and now the Republicans won't vote for anything to get us out of this recession."

"Are you saying that liberals can't be Christians?"

"I still have not figured out how a golf course can assure me of a better quality of life in Whitfield County."

"George Bush's biggest problem was he had no knowledge of what the common man went through."

"The First Kids basketball league is not as fair and balanced as it used to be."

"I wish you would put the Bible verse back in the

paper."

Editor's note: It's back.

"The Murray County Board of Education needs to stick to its guns."

"If you don't want to watch Obama on TV, turn it off. He's trying to get down to business but the Republicans are holding everything up."

"If the kids of Whitfield County are going to have to go to the school they are zoned for, that should be all kids, including the kids of teachers and school board members. No exceptions."

"Why do ex-presidents keep sticking their nose in foreign policy matters? Example, Clinton warning North Korea. This is the president's job to do, not the ex-presidents."

"Kudos to Dalton City Council for the new pocket park at Crawford and Ridge streets."

"I hope you Democrats aren't holding your breath waiting to be stimulated by the stimulus package."

"Turn the trade center into a no-kill animal shelter? Come on people, get a job."

"They forget to tell you about Nob North losing money all of last year and about all those golfing for free."

"George Bush had two DUIs and abused cocaine and he was elected president, so what's your point?"

"Everybody badgers these students to graduate, and when they graduate it's a farce because they have to pay for their cap and gown and diploma and if they overeat in the cafeteria and they don't pay for it they don't get their diploma. It's a farce."

"The C3 Center in the elementary schools is a classic example of modern-day segregation pursued by pushy parents who are too cheap to send their kids to private schools."

"If Eton wants the schools of Murray County, why don't they pay for them instead of the taxpayers and they could put their resource officers in them."

"If Obama wants a one-world government we can kiss the America we know good bye."

"To the caller comparing Rush Limbaugh and George W. Bush to Jesus, you must be on the same drugs as Limbaugh."

"I'm glad to know there's a few more patriots in the Dalton area, libertarianism is our only way out of this mess."

"Brother Mimbs is wonderful, keep up the good works."

"It's bad enough to have to pay taxes for a city building that stays vacant half the time but it'd be nice if they would turn the lights off in the Taj Mahal at night."

Marriage: Area rates decline

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say first and not interrupting them."

Family Frameworks executive director Kathy Schleier said National Marriage Week continues through today. The week is designed to bring more awareness to the importance of marriage, she said.

Schleier said the percentage of divorces in Whitfield County dropped 33 percent from 2000 to 2008.

"Unfortunately our marriage rate has decreased by 42 percent since 2003, too," she said. "We need to see stronger healthier marriages, not living together, because when couples live together there is a greater chance that they will not stay together."

Murray County saw its number of divorces drop from 406 in 2000 to 275 in 2008, Schleier said. However, there was also a 62 percent decrease in the number of marriages in Murray County.

From 2007 to 2008, the number of divorces in Whitfield increased by 12 to 462 but declined slightly in Murray County from 289 to 275. Marriages for the same period declined from 415 to 365 in Whitfield and from

315 to 142 in Murray.

The Centers for Disease Control tracks the number of divorces and marriages in each state. In 2003, the most recent data available on Georgia, there were 27,693 divorces to 60,252 marriages. The state population then was 8.6 million.

Experts are still trying to understand why the divorce rate changes. Schleier said many researchers believe there is a decrease in the number of divorces in recent months because couples can't afford to legally separate in the declining economy. The notion is "speculation at this point," Schleier said, but there are likely still several couples who are putting off divorce for financial reasons.

Jenkins said that in the 20 years he's lived in Whitfield County, he's seen many young factory workers make relatively good money. Once they were financially stable, they decided they'd be happier leaving their spouse, he said.

For others, marriage sometimes just grows incredibly difficult. Dalton resident Kellie McKerrocher said working on improving communication helped save her five-year marriage to husband, Joey, recently.

"We were struggling with a lot of different issues," said the 26-year-old.

McKerrocher would come home at the end of the day only to find her husband hadn't cleaned the kitchen as she'd asked him to do.

"I would pretty much come in and flip out," she said. "Then of course he would start screaming ... It would just turn into this huge argument that wasn't even necessary."

They fought over money, how to raise their preschool-aged daughter, who should clean the kitchen and a myriad of other issues that McKerrocher said have since been brought down to size.

It all revolves around giving the other spouse an opportunity to speak, listening, committing to working through problems, and not jumping to conclusions — lessons they learned through a Family Frameworks class.

"We still have arguments," she said. "It doesn't fix everything, but it gives you a good foundation."

Schleier said the McKerrochers are one example of how couples can still save their marriages through some effort.

"They were really struggling," Schleier said.

State Patrol investigating 3 wrecks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Georgia State Patrol troopers were investigating three vehicular wrecks in Whitfield County on Saturday.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. a one-vehicle wreck on

Airport Road at the Dalton Bypass resulted in an injury, and a person was transported to Hamilton Medical Center.

At midnight Friday, there was an injury at 300 Cherokee Trail, but details were unavailable.

A third injury occurred on

Interstate 75 at the ramp for Exit 333 at 3:44 p.m. when one person had a neck injury.

A spokesman at the Georgia State Patrol office in Dalton said more information on the incidents would be available in "a day or two."

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Ben Bryson
AGE: 6
HOME: Chatsworth
FAMILY: Father, Joe; mother, April; brother, Jake; sister, Emma
SCHOOL: Eton Elementary
PLAY: Basketball, baseball, camping, football, karate, enjoy being towel boy on father's Southeast Raiders basketball team
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AREA ARRESTS

• Reginald Lee Coleman, 44, 5355 Kinsdale Lane, Atlanta, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery.

• Mario Francisco-Juan, 29, 630 Fourth Ave., Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree cruelty to children, battery and first degree forgery.

• Juan Cano Guerrero, 23, 1709 Stinett Drive, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Georgia State Patrol with failure to appear, speeding, driving without a license, giving a false name and false driver's license application.

• Hayden Derek Pursley, 22, 555 35th St., Cleveland, Tenn., was charged Friday by the Eton Police Department with probation violation and DUI.

• Kevin Scott Rose, 38, 342 Keith St., Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with parole hold and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

• Jeffery Franklin Welch, 42, 1413 Hollycreek Cool Springs Road, Chatsworth, was arrested Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office on an originating charge of DUI.

• Enrique Carlos Gandarilla, 26, 1716 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, laying drag, driving without a license and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Wesley Edward Massingill, 19, 2143 Lawson Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Tyler Jentzen Mitchell, 17, 17 Brookwalk Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, failure to dim headlights, driving with a learner's permit without a license and underage consumption.

• Feliciano Gardina Perez, 27, 2104 Cleveland Highway, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with pedestrian under the influence, giving false information, first degree forgery and two bench warrants.

• Robert Winters Jr., 44, 265 Barney Pierce Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.

Obama to sign stimulus Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Savoring his first big victory in Congress, President Barack Obama on Saturday celebrated the newly passed \$787 billion economic stimulus bill as a "major milestone on our road to recovery."

Officials said he would sign the measure on Tuesday in Denver.

Speaking in his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said, "I will sign this legislation into law shortly, and we'll begin making the immediate

investments necessary to put people back to work doing the work America needs done."

At the same time, he cautioned, "This historic step won't be the end of what we do to turn our economy around, but rather the beginning. The problems that led us into this crisis are deep and widespread, and our response must be equal to the task."

The bill passed Congress on Friday on votes split mostly along party lines, allowing Democratic leaders to deliv-

er on their promise of clearing the legislation by mid-February. The decision to sign it Tuesday in Denver, where Democrats held their national convention last summer, was disclosed by officials on condition of anonymity. They said they were not authorized to discuss the plans.

"It will take time, and it will take effort, but working together, we will turn this crisis into opportunity and emerge from our painful present into a brighter future," the president said.

Carpet: Getting worse before improving?

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rate in Metro Dalton (Whitfield and Murray counties) for December 2008 hit an all-time high of 11.2 percent. Carpet companies have shed hundreds of jobs and have significantly cut back production schedules to deal with the downturn.

"Everybody is hurting," Foster said.

Uncertainty about a reeling national economy hasn't helped either. How will the new administration under President Obama get the economy on track? Is the \$787 billion economic stimulus package the answer? How many more jobs will be lost this year?

Consumer tastes are also playing a role. Carpet, once the king of the floorcovering industry, is slowly being replaced by hard surface products such as laminate, tile and wood. In 1998, floorcovering sales industry-wide were \$17 billion with carpet making up 67 percent of those sales. By 2007, while sales grew to \$22 billion, carpet's market share decreased to 62 percent.

The floorcovering industry is tied to the real estate industry, which has been battered by foreclosures and the subprime lending mess. Fewer new homes being built means a lessened need for new floorcovering. A drop in existing home sales translates to fewer people replacing floorcovering. And

the vital home remodeling industry has also been hit hard, as homeowners have been hesitant to spend money on improvements.

For the first time in a long time, Realtor John Thomas of Coldwell Banker Kinard Realty in Dalton is working with multiple buyers. He's hopeful it's a sign of a turnaround.

"The local economy, we're so dependent on housing and we see that by the mills closing down," Thomas said. "I see the silver lining in the clouds. Here in Dalton, we're finding out where we've gone wrong by not diversifying our industry. If nothing else, I believe the people of Whitfield and Murray are going to come together and realize that we've got to get other industries in here."

The housing recession, declining commercial construction spending and weak car sales will continue to hurt the carpet industry, said Jeffrey Humphreys, director/forecaster at the University of Georgia Selig Center for Economic Growth. Before the carpet industry's health can improve, businesses that use the products must recover. Those include home builders, commercial real estate and automobile manufacturers.

"You have to wait for all of those sectors, or at least many of those sectors, to turn around first before you

get an increased demand for carpet," said Humphreys, who was in town last week for a chamber presentation.

Humphreys expects total employment in the carpet industry to decline, both as a result of productivity gains and plants becoming less labor intensive. Although manufacturers have invested heavily in plants and equipment, state-of-the-art facilities will continue to be built overseas, he added. He said the long-term outlook for the carpet industry, while better than the apparel sector, is not "sanguine."

Companies such as Calhoun-based Mohawk Industries are weathering the storm by cutting back. Mohawk, the world's largest floorcovering company, closed two staple yarn plants and several regional distribution centers during the fourth quarter of 2008. Last year, the company reported 1,020 layoffs to the Georgia department of labor, including 66 job cuts at a Dalton facility. The moves are part of a plan to "reduce overhead, improve productivity, shut down high cost capacity and manage inventories," according to Jeffrey S. Lorberbaum, chairman and CEO of Mohawk. He believes the company will be stronger "when we come out of this cycle."

At Mohawk, net sales for the first nine months of 2008 were \$5.34 billion, an 8 per-

cent decrease from \$5.77 billion for the same period in 2007. The company is expected to release its fourth quarter and 2008 financial results on Feb. 23.

"We are hopeful that the declining energy and commodity prices will help strengthen consumer confidence and lead to an improvement in the flooring market next year (2009)," Lorberbaum said.

Companies must trim costs but at the same time make sure they are prepared for the floorcovering rebound when it happens, Foster said. They are doing that by rolling out new products at regional markets and also spending money on eye-catching displays, he said.

"They're out there realizing that there are not as many people buying floorcovering, but if somebody walks into the store they darn well better have something to sell them," Foster said.

Many consumers — both commercial and residential — are putting off floorcovering purchases until the economy improves, he said.

"We're in an industry, unlike if you're selling cruises to the Bahamas or trips to the movies or trips to a restaurant, if you don't go to that you miss it and you're never going to get it," Foster said. "But floorcoverings are still being worn and people will replace them, it's just being delayed."

Kissing record set

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico City puckered up to set a new record Saturday as nearly 40,000 people locked lips in the city center for the world's largest group kiss.

Carlos Martinez of Guinness World Records verified the record of 39,897 people who entered the gated kissing area of the city's Zocalo main square on Valentine's Day, besting Weston-super-Mare, an English town that set the previous kissing record in 2007.

"We did it! Long live Mexico," said Mexican singer-actress Susana Zavaleta, who serenaded the crowd before the kiss with

the classic Mexican ballad, "Besame Mucho," or "Kiss Me a Lot" — also the name of the event.

The Valentine's Day kiss was meant to show love at a time when a crackdown against drug traffickers has led to widespread violence across the country. At least 6,000 people died in drug-related conflicts in 2008.

"More than 35,000 will simultaneously kiss to show that warmth and love are at the core of this capital, the heart of the Mexican Republic," the city's tourism department, which organized the gathering, said in a statement.

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OUR VIEWS

Fairness Doctrine a political ploy

Unsatisfied with control of the White House and Congress, some Democrats are beginning to make their case for greater federal — read Democratic — control of the airwaves.

They won't call it that, of course. But make no mistake, that's what all this talk about "fairness" is about.

Unable to best conservatives in the free marketplace of radio, some Democrats are beginning to call for a return of the Fairness Doctrine, which guaranteed liberals equal time on the airwaves with the Limbaughs and Hannitys of the world. Listener choice be damned.

Former President Bill Clinton weighed in on the issue this week.

"Well, you either ought to have the Fairness Doctrine or we ought to have more balance on the other side," Clinton said, "because essentially there's always been a lot of big money to support the right wing talk shows and let's face it, you know, Rush Limbaugh is fairly entertaining even when he is saying things that I think are ridiculous ..."

Limbaugh is a success because he delivers a large audience to his advertisers. Whatever you think of his politics, it's hard to argue that the success of his show is not well earned.

Instead of attempting to legislate away their enemies, Democrats should seek out their messengers who can deliver listeners with similar success.

Don't attack a free market just because you fail in it.

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LETTERS

Man and the animals

To the editor:

In answer to the several rebuttals to my letter, I must say that they missed my point entirely when they assumed I was justifying cruelty to animals because man has dominion over them. It had nothing to do with dominion. It had to do with the insanity of the law and the nature of man versus the nature of beast; and that common sense should tell us that it is not abuse or cruelty to kill an animal—any animal—and to eat it. Since they have misunderstood, maybe I need to clarify some things.

First, as they pointed out, there is no question that God is concerned about His animals. He sees the sparrow when it falls. And the dominion He gave us entails responsibility. Also, I agree with much else of what has been said, and the Bible references were excellent. However, there were some Bible references that were not mentioned. In the Old Testament are numerous instructions given by God on how to kill an animal, dismember it, and offer portions of it as a sacrifice to Him. And those instructions usually include a description of which portions were to be eaten by man. There are also many examples of killing calves, lambs, goats, etc. for hospitality meals, as well as for the numerous feasts commanded by God.

I also need to point out that when God made His covenant to never again smite every living thing by flood, he went on to tell Noah that every living thing that moves would henceforth be food for him. (Gen. 9:3) And thousands of years later He confirmed this condition in a vision to Peter when He told him to kill an animal and eat it. (Acts 11:7)

The main point that was missed, however, was that man and beast are intrinsically different. The nature of the beast is to survive. The nature of man is to sin against his Maker. And regardless of any opinion that probably no one was equating a dog with a human, I will only ask you to research PETA (and read the Forum).

As for the rest, only man is made in the image of God. He is a triune being, like God. No animal is ever given that distinction. Yes, both man and animal are living souls, and they both have spirits. But man's spirit is not the same as an animal's. Ecclesiastes 3:21 tells us "who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward to the earth?" And then Hebrews 4:12 says that "the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit ... and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart"—which only applies to man.

So I say, once again, that animals have no semblance of man's spirit. An animal cannot sin and go to hell. But a man certainly can. And it won't be for killing an animal. It will be for rejecting Jesus Christ ... the only unforgivable sin that exists.

Maynard Preston
Dalton

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised."

1 Corinthians 4:10

Thought for Today: "When love is not madness, it is not love."

Pedro Calderon de la Barca
Spanish dramatist (1600-1681)

Jimmy's Blues

If I was an old black man I would sit down on a stool with a glass of bourbon and write a slow, sad, angry song ... one of those "My Baby's Gone" tunes that echo through every Chicago back alley (at least the Chicago of my imagination).

My faith in the American political system, already tottering like a whumped heavyweight fighter, was KO'd for good on Friday. Fight's over.

I knew better, but right up until the end I told myself that someone would step forward like Jimmy Stewart in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and set the country straight, just in the nick of time.

Didn't happen. The stimulus-bill-that-isn't-really-a-stimulus bill passed muster with the House and Senate on Friday, committing more than a trillion dollars (interest included) into one of the most dubious economic schemes in our nation's history.

The Republicans fought back, but lacked the ammunition to win. Not one supported the bill in the House. Three — those silly boobs from Maine, Collins and Snowe, and that old fool Arlen Specter from Pennsylvania sided with the Democrats, giving them the votes they needed for an outright victory.

Got to do something, they said, just before sticking the nation's head in a fiscal meat grinder.

The next time a Democrat starts blabbing to you about our children's future, tell



Jimmy Espy

him his party just dropped a trillion dollar debt at your kid's door. That's who's gonna be paying for this monstrosity, just about the same time that the Social Security and Medicare systems start to belly up. Good luck.

In Ayn Rand's powerful novel "Atlas Shrugged," the United States suffers great economic reversals, declines which are accelerated by the fact that the nation's most productive citizens, the people of the mind who demand freedom as an environment in which to work, go on strike. They walk away from a system dominated by political schemers, hacks and parasites.

At 18, that seemed like a farfetched idea.

At 46, that very reality has slammed me in the face.

My baby's gone. Da-da-duh!

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There is a rising chorus of calls to Buy American! As the economy has weakened, many would like to see imports restricted or even halted. Go back to making everything here and pay ourselves a lot more money to do it. That's the thinking.

The sentiment is understandable.

The idea is stupid. World trade is a vital part

of our economy. It allows us to purchase items for less, saving money which can be spent on other things. It lets American consumers — rich and poor — maximize their budgets.

It also allows us to sell goods overseas. Many Americans have no idea how vast our export markets are and how vital they are to many American businesses, including the carpet industry.

International trade also creates jobs in shipping and transportation. You think American port workers want to see less trade?

World trade has also financed our debt. Countries which sell more to the U.S. than they buy must put those dollars to work. Most do it by investing in our Treasury bonds. That's how Uncle Sam pays a lot of his bills.

In one of the numerous gaffes that marked the early days of the Obama administration, the Democratic leadership sent out signals that "Buy American" might well become the nation's new policy. Some of our trade partners took notice and quickly made it clear that restrictive trade policies by the U.S. would be matched. The threat worked. Obama retreated.

Let's hope our new president puts aside this silliness for at least the next four years.

Jimmy Espy is executive editor of The Daily Citizen.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2009. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

On this date:
In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1809, American inventor Cyrus Hall McCormick, creator of the first successful horse-drawn mechanical reaper, was born in Rockbridge County, Va.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton continued his whirlwind visit to Mexico, where he conferred with President Ernesto Zedillo.

Five years ago: A pair of blazes in China killed at least 93 people. Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the Daytona 500 on the same track where his father was killed three years earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 95. Actor Allan Arbus is 91. Country singer Hank Locklin is 91. Actress Claire Bloom is 78. Author Susan Brownmiller is 74. Songwriter Brian Holland is 68. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 65. Actress Jane Seymour is 58. Singer Melissa Manchester is 58. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 56. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 55. Model Janice Dickinson is 54. Actor Christopher McDonald is 54. Reggae singer Ali Campbell is 50. Actress Renee O'Connor is 38. Actress Sarah Wynter is 36. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus) is 33. Rock musician Ronnie Vannucci (The Killers) is 33. Actress Ashley Lyn Cafagna is 26.



This country faces a moral crisis

A travesty of justice has occurred in Oakland, California. But realities surrounding this local issue point to how the economic crisis in our nation is symptomatic of and flows from a deeper fundamental moral crisis.

A black pastor awaits sentencing, which could amount to two years in prison and \$4,000 in fines, for standing outside an inner city abortion clinic holding a sign saying "Jesus Loves You & Your Baby, Let Us Help You," and offering pro-life literature.

Walter Hoye, founder and chairman of the Issues4Life Foundation, was found guilty of "unlawful approach" under the "Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities Ordinance" enacted in Oakland in 2008.

Under the ordinance, it is prohibited, within 100 feet of the entrance to a "reproductive health facility," to approach within eight feet of a client "for the purpose of counseling, harassing, or interfering" with that person.

"Harassing" means holding up a sign, passing out literature or offering counseling.

The "reproductive health care facility" in question is Family Planning Specialists in Oakland. Looking over their Web site, it's clear that there is only one kind of reproductive health care they provide. Abortions.

According to testimony of the facility's executive director, they perform about one hundred abortions per week. Assuming an average of \$600 per abortion (from the fee schedule on the website), that's about \$3 million a year in revenue. Not bad for an inner city neighborhood business.

Pastor Hoye's conviction is strange



Star Parker

in that no "victim" testified against him — there was only testimony from those with an interest in the clinic — employees and volunteers, no specific incident was cited, videotape showed Hoye standing peacefully holding his sign and materials, and the convicting jury was given no instructions regarding the definition of "approach."

Nevertheless, Hoye has been convicted and may wind up in jail and liable for thousands of dollars in fines.

But beyond the troubling details of this trial and conviction, circumstances surrounding the case convey the realities of our deeply confused and lost nation.

Abortion clinics such as Family Planning Specialists strategically locate to optimize their deadly business. This means in poor black neighborhoods.

A search of the 94607 zip code in Oakland where this facility is located shows that the population is 50 percent black, the median household income is 40 percent that of the median household income in the state of California while 30 percent earn below the poverty line and 58 percent of households with children are single parent households.

The poor black kids from the broken families and communities there go to failing public schools in Oakland where half of them drop out.

In these failing public schools, it is prohibited to teach the most important

thing that these children could possibly hear. That there are absolutes in this world — that there is right and there is wrong.

As religion and tradition have been purged from public life in America, the most immediate victims have been the weakest and most vulnerable.

California deals with this problem by subsidizing it. Every poor girl that goes to Family Planning Specialists gets her abortion paid for by California state insurance, Medi-Cal.

This fiscal year Medi-Cal will spend \$52 million dollars of taxpayer funds paying for abortions of poor young women. This while Governor Schwarzenegger has announced an anticipated deficit of over \$40 billion and tens of billions from the federal government in the new trillion dollar "stimulus" package will be sent to bail out the state.

The stated purpose of the Oakland ordinance, which may send Walter Hoye to jail, is to protect "right of privacy." "Right of privacy" of teenage girls not old enough to vote, but who can get a state paid for abortion without informing a parent.

Yet the first amendment of our constitution no longer protects the freedom of a pastor to peaceably stand in front of an abortion clinic and tell these lost young women there is another way.

Something is wrong in America today. Very, very wrong.

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Volunteers needed for CASA program

Editor's note: A longer version of this story appears on The Daily Citizen Web site (www.daltoncitizen.com).

SUBMITTED BY GEORGIA CASA

Georgia celebrates 20 years of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and the local Conasauga Circuit (Whitfield and Murray counties) is proud to be involved.

Connie Blaylock, chief Judge of the Juvenile Courts, Conasauga Circuit, sees the impact CASA volunteers, who advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children, have.

Across the 49 judicial circuits of Georgia, more than 130 Juvenile Court judges preside over several areas, including delinquency (criminal acts committed by minor children) and deprivation (the abuse, neglect and/or abandonment of children).

CASA operates in the area of deprivation, and volunteers advocate in court proceedings for the best interests of abused, neglected and/or abandoned children, encouraging safety and permanency as quickly as possible.

Children who come into the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) are assigned a CASA, a dedicated person who advocates for that particular child with the Juvenile Court.

While courts differ in the types of local programs and community-based services available to children and families, most all of them have one factor in common — insufficient resources to help all of the children and families who appear in the courtrooms. This factor extends as well to other governmental agencies that work closely with the courts, making it hard to truly meet the needs of children and families. CASA volunteers are able to step in and focus solely on each child.

"I hold these volunteers in very high regard," said Blaylock. "It is a very special role they

hold and the court and the children they serve would be worse off without them."

Blaylock, who has presided over Juvenile Court for more than 12 years, works with the volunteers as they train to become CASAs. To become a CASA volunteer, individuals must be at least 21 years old; commit to volunteer for at least one year; consent to local, state and national criminal background checks; and complete 30 hours of training and 10 hours of observation. CASAs must also receive 12 hours of annual in-service continuing education training credits.

CASA volunteers make recommendations to the Juvenile Court judge about what should be the permanent placement for the child. These recommendations provide insight and information that helps judges make their decisions.

"I rely on CASAs to provide the court with an independent recommendation specific to each child," said Blaylock.

For each new case assigned, CASAs are expected to perform a thorough investigation, researching various reports and exams, and meeting with the child and those people in the child's life. CASAs then write recommendations to the court that express each child's needs and wishes, including a suggested permanency plan. Outside of court, CASAs monitor the case, meet with the child at least monthly until he/she has reached safety and permanency, and inform other parties of significant changes or concerns.

What do judges ask CASA programs for most often? "More volunteers," said Blaylock. "We still need more dedicated volunteers."

Even with the impressive number of volunteers serving deprived children in Georgia, last year CASAs served only 40 percent of all deprived children statewide.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a CASA should contact the Family Support Council at (706) 272-7919.



School nurses, from left, are Traci Hopkins, Sheila Parker, supervisor Renée Smith and Janice Rivera were guests of the Lions Club recently. Lions Club secretary-treasurer Jeff McDonald, far left, and Paul Johnson, club president, far right, with project committee leaders, Renée Oliver and Charles Langford (not pictured) keep in contact with school nurses for student visual problems.

Lions focus on eyesight

SUBMITTED BY DALTON LIONS CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Dalton Lions Club, the theme of the program was its sight conservation project. City and county school nurses were special guests.

There are 18 school nurses who assist 25 schools in constant evaluation of students classified as study-handicapped by poor vision.

Eye glass recipients Carmen and Zenaicla Torres expressed appreciation to the club, saying in a statement that they "were blind as bats

before receiving their glasses," and added that now they don't have to ask teachers "if they can sit up front." The sisters said nurse

Sheila Parker was of great assistance in their receiving their glasses from the Lions program.

Sisters Carmen Torres, left, and Zenaicla Torres, students at North Whitfield Middle School, recent recipients of eye glasses in the program, also were special guests of the Lions.



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The Creative Arts Guild is selling raffle tickets for the chance to win seven days in a three-bedroom condominium in Frisco, Colo., just outside of Breckinridge. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Creative Arts Guild and from the Guild's board of directors. All proceeds benefit the Art in the Schools program sponsored by the Guild and the O.N. Jonas Foundation. Pictured is Frisco, Colo., TenMile Peak and the Dillon Reservoir.

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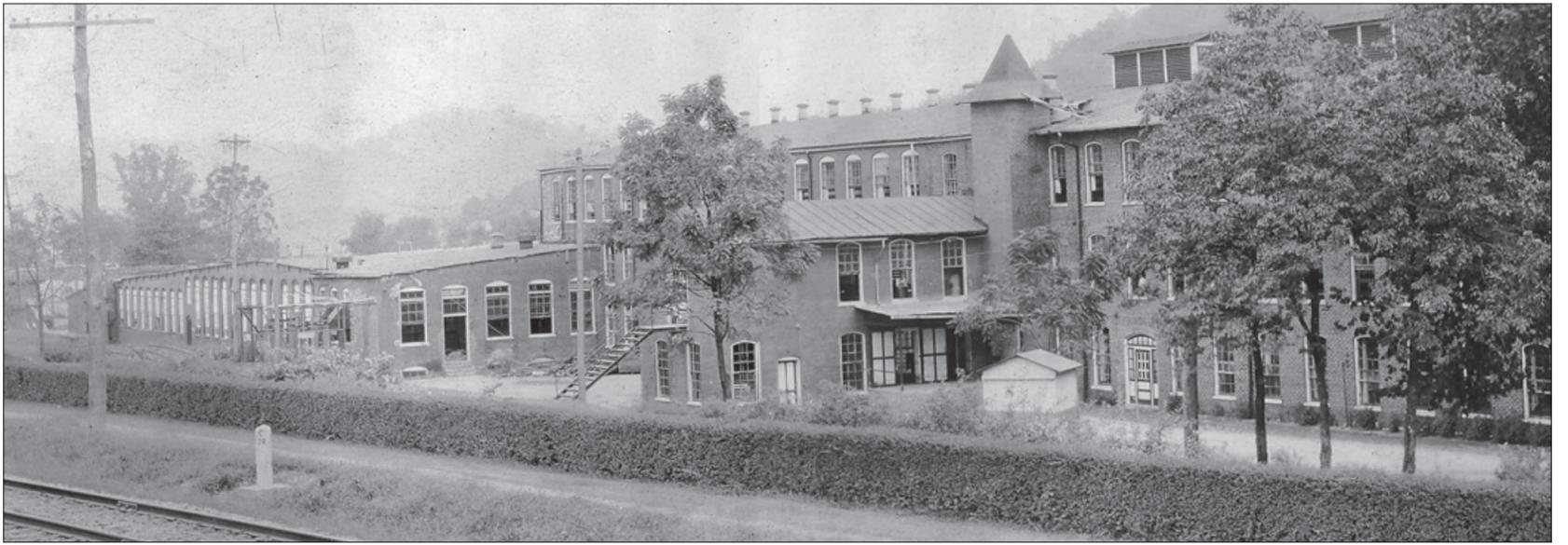
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CROWN COTTON MILL IN YEARS PAST



James E. Bryson submitted this picture of the old Crown Cotton Mills as seen from U.S. Highway 41 in an unidentified year. Bryson said he found the photo

several years ago at a flea market and bought it because his mother used to work at the old mill. The building is now used for apartments.

Musician/lawyer to perform Thursday

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The Creative Arts Guild will feature musician Andy Cohen for its February edition of the Noon Arts Series Thursday at noon.

The Noon Arts Series features local and regional artists offering a free performance in the Guild's main gallery every third Thursday of the month. Guests may bring their lunch or preorder a lunch from the Guild for \$8.

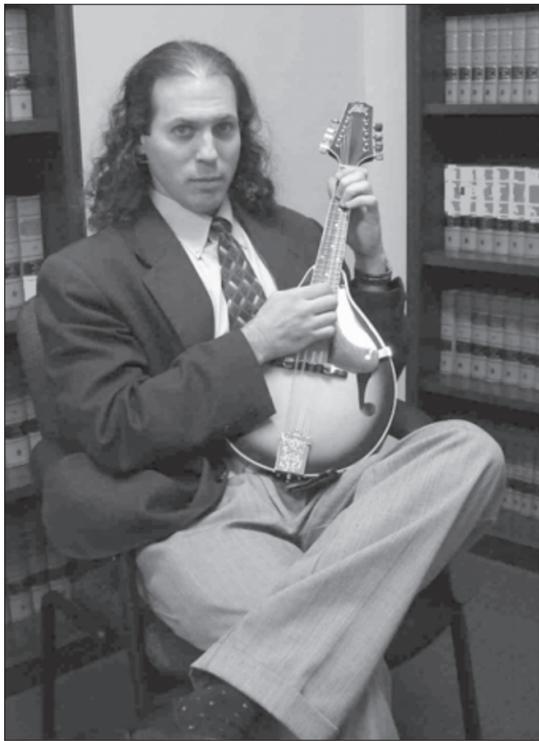
Cohen has been playing the guitar and singing since the age of 10 and contends he knows how to do very little else. He said he frittered away the majority of his youth and prime in California and Washington State, where he made a living as a singing telegram messenger, a travelling musician, and a music teacher.

Eventually, the lure of the big top was too much to resist. The dream was short lived, however.

"After an embarrassing and unfortunate incident which led to my expulsion from the circus, I decided to return to the South to attend law school," Cohen said.

"Somehow, the state bar overlooked my sordid and ridiculous past, allowing me to pass the bar exam and take a job as a public defender in Dalton."

"The culture shock has not really worn off yet, resulting in odd outbursts characterized by singing and whistling in inappropriate places and at inopportune times. Incredibly, I have not been run out of town — yet, and therefore I remain in our fair city, where I am raising a son who is my pride and



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Andy Cohen, a public defender in Dalton, will be performing at the Noon Arts Series Thursday at noon at the Creative Arts Guild. Cohen will perform mainly on guitar and vocals, with possible appearances by his mandolin and steel guitar.

joy." In his self-deprecating style, Cohen said he has no aspirations of playing professional basketball and says he is a fitness enthusiast and clown by nature, and has promised himself to never stop playing music or lifting weights. His neighbors all confirm the fact that he sings in the shower.

Cohen's musical influences include Frank Sinatra, Led Zeppelin, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Frank Zappa,

Lawrence Welk and SpongeBob Squarepants. Having already forgotten more songs than most people will take the trouble to learn in a lifetime, Cohen also writes songs of his own, albeit sporadically. As a

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Trade a gun for a rose on Valentine's Day

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Police in South Carolina gave away roses on Valentine's Day. All you had to do to get one for your sweetie was turn in a gun.

Hoping to get the weapons off the streets with the "Guns for Roses" program, authorities in two central South Carolina cities set up a program where anyone who turned in a gun received a free rose and a Best Buy gift card.

At a Columbia church, five cars lined up to give away guns before the exchange had even started. About an hour and a half later, police had collected 75 weapons.

"We've got a great turnout so far," Richland County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Chris Cowan said.

A handgun was worth a \$100 gift card, while a rifle or shotgun netted a \$50 gift certificate. Cowan said one man turned in six handguns, worth \$600 in gift

cards. But there was no amnesty for those turning in the guns. The weapons were checked to see if they were stolen, names and addresses were jotted down and ballistics tests would also be done to see if the firearm was used in a crime.

Cowan said the idea was spawned in part by Columbia Police Chief T.P. Carter and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who has made headlines recently for investigating Michael Phelps after a photo surfaced showing the Olympic swimming champion smoking a marijuana pipe.

Cowan said gun donors were young and old, men and woman. Many had a big smile and some said it was a relief to get rid of the weapons.

And did the men even care about the rose?

"Most of them have taken it," Cowan said.

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BRIEFS

Missile strike kills 27 militants

ISLAMABAD — Dozens of followers of Pakistan's top Taliban commander were in a compound when a suspected U.S. missile attack hit Saturday, killing 27 militants in an al-Qaida stronghold near the Afghan border, officials said. The strike appeared to be the deadliest yet by the American drone aircraft that prowl the frontier, and defied Pakistani warnings that the tactic is fueling extremism in the nuclear-armed Islamic nation. In an interview unrelated to the attack, President Asif Ali Zardari said the Taliban had expanded their presence to a "huge amount" of Pakistan and were even eyeing a takeover of the state.

Greenhouse gases continue to rise

CHICAGO — Despite widespread concern over global warming, humans are adding carbon to the atmosphere even faster than in the 1990s, researchers warned Saturday. Carbon dioxide and other gases added to the air by industrial and other activities have been blamed for rising temperatures, increasing worries about possible major changes in weather and climate. Carbon emissions have been growing at 3.5 percent per year since 2000, up sharply from the 0.9 percent per year in the 1990s.

Clinton heads for Asia today

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's first trip abroad as President Barack Obama's chief diplomat will emphasize the administration's interest in Asia while probably producing no major policy changes. Previous secretaries of state have traveled first to Europe or the Middle East. For Clinton, who departs today for Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and China, her tour is a symbolic gesture aimed at reassuring friends and allies of their standing and impressing the Chinese with early engagement. Clinton spoke of wanting "more rigorous and persistent commitment and engagement" with the region. For talks with leaders in each capital, she is bringing a sheaf of global issues, including the financial crisis and climate change.

Gout treatment approved by FDA

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first new treatment for gout in more than 40 years, a company said Saturday. Takeda Inc. said Uloric, a once-daily drug, was approved by the FDA on Friday to fight gout, a painful joint disease that mainly strikes middle-aged men. About 5 million people in the U.S. suffer from gout, a form of arthritis caused by a build-up of uric acid in the blood. Uloric works by reducing levels of uric acid. In healthy people, uric acid is dissolved in the blood and excreted from the body in urine. But high levels lead to the formation of needle-like crystals that become deposited in the joints, causing intense pain and swelling.

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN VARNELL



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Students at Varnell Elementary School recently celebrated the Chinese New Year. From left are Wright Nelson, Mia Corte and Austin Hernandez with teacher Melinda Holder.

Hospital changing its name

ATLANTA (AP) — Emory University says it has changed the name of Emory Crawford Long Hospital to Emory University Hospital Midtown.

Emory University president James Wagner said Friday it will make the hospital more clearly affiliated with Emory in the public eye.

The hospital is a 511-bed acute-care teaching facility. It was founded in 1908.

Emory is in the midst of a major project to modernize its medical facilities at its main campus and the Crawford Long site. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 billion.

No county meetings set

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners will not hold a work session or any other meetings on Monday.

Schools' Social Studies Fair winners announced

SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Whitfield County Schools recently announced the winners in its Social Studies Fair.

Those with Grand Prize listed move on to the region on Feb. 28 at Kennesaw State University.

Class I Anthropology

■ "Are Little Debbie Snack Cakes Nutritious For Kids?" Hannah Burch, Savannah Massingill, Valley Point Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Hieroglyphics: Ancient Egyptians' Form of Communication," Noah Cox, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 3rd

■ "Stonehenge: A Wonder of the Earth," Triston Findley, Valley Point Middle School, 3rd

■ "Scoliosis: How Does it Affect Kids?" MaryLee Johns, Morgan Townsend, Ashley Trollinger, Valley Point Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

Class I Economics

■ "Why Buy? What is Most Important to the New Car Buyer?" Ethan Bryson, Dug Gap Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "What is Coca-Cola's History and Its Economic Impact on Society?" Brittney Caldwell, Westside Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "What Are the Highest Paying Jobs?" Kyle Fleming, Westside Elementary School, 3rd

■ "Black Friday," Madison Gowin, New Hope Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Alternative Energy Sources," Lilly Marcadis, Varnell Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Global Positioning System," Sami Newsome, Varnell Elementary School, 2nd

■ "The Great Depression: Are You Ready

Again?" Marta Paniagua, Jennifer Sandoval, Adrianna Bryant, Antioch Elementary School, 2nd

■ "How Did the Interstate System Change the United States Economy?" Lyndsy Raper, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 3rd

■ "Desalination," Presley Whitfield, Varnell Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

Class I Geography

■ "How is Global Warming Affecting the Penguins?" Rachel Dillingham, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 2nd

■ "What is the Life and Culture of India?" Anisha Mittal, New Hope Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

Class I History

■ "Guns and Tanks of World War II," Cyrus Addison, Gavin Thompson, Justin Deal, New Hope Elementary School, 3rd

■ "The Great Crash," Lynsey Bridges, Westside Elementary School, 1st

■ "How Have Horses Evolved in America?" Tiffany Christopher, Sydney Covington, Valley Point Elementary School, 2nd

■ "How Did the Atomic Bomb Effect the People of Japan?" Christain Cole, Megan Albright, New Hope Elementary School, 3rd

■ "Titanic," Chandler Lomax, Varnell Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "What Was the Nutritional Value of Hardtack?" Ty Pendley, Varnell Elementary School, 2nd

■ "Did Betsy Ross Create the First American Flag?" Tess Shaheen, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 2nd

■ "Prater's Mill," Max Wilson, Varnell Elementary School, 2nd

■ "7 Gold vs. 8 Gold: What Made the Difference?" Ethan Young, Dug Gap

Elementary School, 3rd

Class I Political Science

■ "Who was William Harris Crawford?" Whitley Brooker, New Hope Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "The Electoral College," Kathleen Jones, Westside Elementary School, 2nd

■ "Have Seat Belt Laws Made a Difference?" Autumn Lankford, Westside Elementary School, 3rd

■ "How is Today's Military Different Than the One That First Formed Our Country?" Elliot McBrayer, Tate Higgins, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 2nd

Class I Sociology - Social Psychology

■ "Is the Smart Car a Smart Choice For All of Us?" Rubi Barajas, Aja Stoner, Valley Point Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "TV, Computer, Video Games: Do Kids Watch and Play Too Much?" Sandy Baza, Rosalba Hernandez, Maria Newberry, Valley Point Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Life of a World War II Soldier," Garrison Crumpton, New Hope Elementary School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Kenyan Runners," Alex Fisher, Valley Point Elementary, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Which One Are You? How Do Kids Pick Their Social Groups?" Hannah Dempsey, Thomas Keeble, Bram Pulliam, Dug Gap Elementary School, 2nd

■ "How Does Divorce Effect Children?" Ali Lovain, Westside Elementary School, 2nd

■ "Is Coca-Cola a Soft Drink or a Medicine?" Bryn Richmond, Lily Johnson, Savannah Kephart, Dug Gap Elementary School, 3rd

■ "Who Likes Basketball

More?" David Rockholt, Wyatt Erwin, Skyler Dubose, Dug Gap Elementary School, 3rd

■ "What Effects Did the Holocaust Have on Children?" Callie Smith, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 3rd

Class II Anthropology

■ "History of Vampires," Kendyl Thomas, Nathaly Ramos, North Whitfield Middle School, 3rd

Class II Economics

■ "What Are the Uses of the Peanut?" Jessica Salaises, Aldo Tera, Eastbrook Middle School, 3rd

Class II Geography

■ "How Does Earth Movement Cause Larger Waves That Produce A Tsunami?" Grant Heath, North Whitfield Middle School, 3rd

■ "Why is the Okefenokee a Natural Wonder?" Dylan Queen, Wesley Southerland, Eastbrook Middle School, 2nd

Class II History

■ "Why Did the Confederacy Think They Had the Right to Secede?" Santiago Angel, Westside Middle School, 3rd

■ "Who Were the Navajo Indians?" Whitney Cruz, Julie Morales, Eastbrook Middle School, 1st/Grand Prize

■ "Egypt, Queen

Hatsheput and King Tur," Michaela Desautels, Brittany Maynor, Lindsey Goode, North Whitfield Middle School, 3rd

■ "Who Killed John Fitzgerald Kennedy?" Blake Evans, Westside Middle School, 3rd

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■ "The History of Bubble Gum," Alex Tate, North Whitfield Middle School, 2nd

■ "Who Was Walt Disney and What Were His Original Cartoons?" Jonathon Thomason, Westside Middle School, 1st

■ "The Holocaust: What Happened and Why," Kensey Wilkey, Valley Point Middle School, 1st

■ "The Trail Where They Cried," Jessy Wooten, Briana Bailey, Tayler Pearson, Valley Point Middle School, 2nd

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■ "Do People Know the Result of the Watergate Scandal?" Jacob Bryant, Blake Carter, Eastbrook Middle School, 1st/Grand Prize

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Cohutta Elementary, 254 Wolfe St.

Name: Current score: 98
Current grade: A
Previous score: 99
Previous grade: A
Comments: Invert single-serve containers once unwrapped. Ansel system out of date; service system. Very good.

Whitfield County Career Academy, 2300 Maddox Chapel Road

Current score: 98
Current grade: A
Previous score: 99
Previous grade: A
Comments: Pulper container not properly enclosed; must be insect and rodent proof. Ansel system out of date; service system. Great.

Beaverdale Elementary, 1350 Prater's Mill Road

Current score: 97
Current grade: A
Previous score: 97
Previous grade: A
Comments: Segregated cans from good.

Shaw Café, 1016 E. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 96
Current grade: A
Previous score: 94
Previous grade: A
Comments: Replace torn cooler gaskets. Seal three-component sink to wall. Re-seal electrical panels to wall. Replace damaged ceiling tiles in food storage area. Replace missing "buttons" in walk-in freezer.

Dalton High School, 1500 Manly St.

Current score: 95
Current grade: A
Previous score: 92
Previous grade: A
Comments: All food and utensil sinks must have an air gap; tight line is not permitted. Dumpsters must have tight fitting lids and be insect and rodent proof. Seal holes in walls. Seal electrical panels to wall. Replace damaged ceiling tiles.

Christian Heritage School, 1600 M.L. King Jr. Blvd.

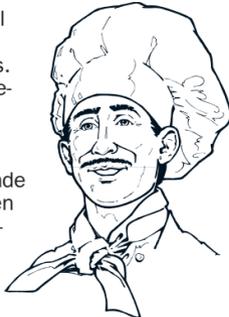
Current score: 95
Current grade: A
Previous score: 99
Previous grade: A
Comments: Thermometer required in milk cooler. Microwave not designed to be smooth and easy to clean; towel inside. Wipe counter-tops and cabinet door surfaces with sanitized cloth daily.

Taco Bell, 1509 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 95
Current grade: A
Previous score: 94
Previous grade: A
Comments: Store pots

Restaurant report card

Whitfield County Environmental Health conducts inspections of restaurants every three months. The inspectors may require a re-inspection. Restaurants are required by law to post their most recent inspection permit. The state now uses a letter grade for evaluations. The Daily Citizen lists areas where the establishments are out of compliance with the regulations.



used for grease collection and disposal off floor. Shield overhead lighting in food prep and storage areas. Keep back door closed at all times or provide 16-mesh screen door. Very good.

Whitfield County Career Academy Culinary Arts, 2300 Maddox Chapel Road

Current score: 93
Current grade: A
Previous score: 95
Previous grade: A
Comments: When date marking food, be consistent. Date mark all processed or prepared foods in coolers. For rapid cooling, do not put foods in cooler in pots they were cooked in. Use shallow containers. Store utensils in drawers with handles one way. Store food wrap 6 inches off floor. Discard gloves into trash after removed; do not put on prep surfaces. All food prep sinks must have air gaps; tight line direct drains are not permitted. Ansel system out of date.

Shoney's, 1302 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 91
Current grade: A
Previous score: 79
Previous grade: C
Comments: Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Store knives on clean cutting board, put away clean or in food with handle sticking up and out. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Remove gloves, wash hands and replace gloves when changing tasks. Replace damaged seals on equipment doors; keep seals wiped clean. Wipe bottoms of stand alone coolers, between equipment and handles of cooler doors with sanitized cloth every four hours. Replace handles of equipment and utensils that are chipped, cracked, pitted or worn out. Replace damaged ceiling tiles and floor tiles.

Burger Den, 160 Highway 2, Varnell

Current score: 90
Current grade: A
Previous score: 90
Previous grade: A
Comments: Chlorine concentration inn wiping cloth

solution too low; must be 100 ppm. No thermometer in prep cooler. Replace gasket on ice machine. Store all utensils covered. All sinks except handwash sink must have air gap to prevent contamination.

Pizza Twins, 2208 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 87
Current grade: B
Previous score: 95
Previous grade: A
Comments: Sliced cheese, cut tomatoes, shredded ham, pepperoni and shredded cheese out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. All potentially hazardous food that is ready to eat must be properly dated with open or prep date. Stainless steel vegetable prep sink required; plumbing must have air gap. Three-compartment sink is direct drain; must have air gap.

Oyster Pub, 2206 Chattanooga Road

Current score: 85
Current grade: B
Previous score: 89
Previous grade: B
Comments: Need certified food safety manager. Consumer advisory required on menus. Date mark turkey slices and processed cheese slices. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer.

China Buffet and Grill, 785-9 Shugart Road

Current score: 84
Current grade: B
Previous score: 90
Previous grade: A
Comments: Sushi, shrimp, whole fish, raw duck and raw beef out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Tilapia, white rice and chicken on a stick out of temperature; must hold hot at 135 degrees or above. Do not stack glasses up wet; must air dry first. Do not use magnetic knife strips. Use only food grade containers for food contact. Dispose of crab crackers where metal is peeling off. Date mark all potentially hazardous foods properly.

El Sombrero, 234 N. Hamilton St.

Current score: 83

Current grade: B
Previous score: 93
Previous grade: A
Comments: Updated disclosure and advisory required on menus if undercooked foods are served. Sour cream, eggs and sausage out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Ground beef out of temperature; must hold hot at 135 degrees or above. All pre-packaged and prepared potentially hazardous food in coolers must be properly date marked. Use only pesticides approved for use in commercial food service. Label all chemicals properly. Do not store chemicals next to food. All food, dish and utensil sinks must have air gaps; direct drain is not permitted.

Arby's Pilot, 244 Connector 3

Current score: 81
Current grade: B
Previous score: 88
Previous grade: B
Comments: No eating allowed in food prep area. Personal drinks must be in single-serve cup with lid and straw. Cheese in prep cooler out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or above. Keep items in stand alone freezer covered. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Do not stack dishes up wet; must air dry first. Remove gloves when task is interrupted. Personal items should be stored in designated employee area.

Asian Gourmet, 2535 E. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 77
Current grade: C
Previous score: 88
Previous grade: B
Comments: Wash hands only in hand washing sink. Raw chicken stored above raw cabbage and carrots. Store bread crumbs in tightly closing container. Employee clothing must be visibly clean. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Post "this sink for hand wash only" sign above handwashing sink. Store scoops with handle up and out of food. Use scoop with handle stored up and out of food to dispense flour. Store cooking utensils properly or wash, rinse and sanitize between uses. Rice stored in non-food grade container with no food grade liner. Replace missing light shield in food prep area.

La Hidalguense, 624 Fifth Ave.

Current score: 53
Current grade: U
Previous score: 86
Previous grade: B
Comments: Person in charge must be present and ensure all employees wash hands, maintain food temperatures and do not have

bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food. Keep soap and paper towels at hand sink. Hot dogs, cheese and beef out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. All potentially hazardous ready-to-eat foods must be properly date marked. Need accurate thermometer in refrigerator. Invert single-serve containers. Store utensils with handle up. Store single-serve items 6 inches off floor. Install stainless steel vegetable prep sink. Replace damaged floor tiles. Keep window closed when not passing through. Seal gaps in dock doors. Establishment is closed.

Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 3595 S. Dixie Highway

Current score: 52
Current grade: U
Previous score: 88
Previous grade: B
Comments: Person in charge does not have active managerial control. Wash hands and change gloves when changing tasks or when hands come in contact with other sources of contamination. Protect ready-to-eat food from cross contamination by using separate sanitized utensils and cutting boards. Cover items stored in freezer. Use three compartment sink with proper set up to wash, rinse and sanitize. Use test strips to clean all equipment, dishes and utensils prior to dishwasher repair. Hot held foods must be 135 degrees or above or must follow time procedure in conjunction with temperature control. Date mark cheese that is opened or removed from original container with seven-day use by method. Pasta stored in bag that is loosely rolled down. Replace soiled cloths with clean dry ones when used for wiping spills. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Do not use cloths under cutting boards. Separate in-use cutting boards to protect from cross contamination. Store scoops with dry storage foods with handle up and out. Do not stack equipment and utensils up wet; must air dry first. Change gloves when there is contact with sources of contamination or when changing tasks. Dish machine not sanitizing. Not using test strips. Three-compartment sink not used properly. Repair soap dispenser in ladies' room. Need employee designated area for personal items.

Plane fell flat onto house

CLARENCE, N.Y. (AP)—A commuter plane that smashed into a house apparently plunged flat to the ground rather than nose-diving, ending up pointed away from the airport it was trying to reach, investigators said Saturday.

Investigators did not offer an explanation as to why the plane was pointed away from the Buffalo airport, but it does raise the possibility the pilot was fighting an icy airplane: Air safety guidelines says a pilot can try a 180-degree turn to rid a plane of ice.

Other possible explanations are that the aircraft was spinning or flipped upon impact.

Flight data showed the plane's safety systems warned the pilot that the aircraft was perilously close to losing lift and plummeting from the sky. The ensuing crash killed 49 people on the plane and one in the house.

Continental Connection Flight 3407 was cleared to land on a runway pointing to the southwest, but it crashed with its nose pointed northeast, said Steve Chealander, a National Transportation Safety Board member.

The Newark, N.J.-to-Buffalo flight didn't nose-dive into the house, as initially reported by some witnesses, Chealander said.

It will take as many as four days to remove human remains from the site, which he called an "excavation."

The plane — on its descent to Buffalo Niagara International Airport in a light snow and mist — plunged suddenly about six miles shy of the runway and exploded.

A "stick shaker" and "stick pusher" mechanism had activated to warn Capt. Marvin Renslow that the plane was about to lose aerodynamic lift, a condition called a stall. When the "stick pusher" engaged, it would have pointed the nose of the plane toward the ground to try to increase lift.

Crash investigators picked through incinerated wreckage Saturday, gathering evidence to determine what brought down the plane. Icing on the aircraft is suspected to have played a role, but officials have stopped short of calling that the cause.

Burglary victim drives off in thieves' van

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP)—A man in Washington state made sure a pair of burglars didn't get away with his three flat-screen televisions — he moved their getaway car. Patrick Rosario was in the

basement of his Bellevue home on Tuesday when he heard the burglars upstairs.

The Seattle Times says the 32-year-old Rosario, who had been laid off from his job as a Washington Mutual manager,

called 911 while he sneaked out of the house.

He saw a white van sitting in front of his house with the motor running and the keys in the ignition, and he got in and drove it to a friend's house.

Police say the burglars left the televisions, a laptop computer and a jewelry box by the door and took off on foot.

The sheriff's office said no arrests had been made.

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Wendell German

Mr. Thomas "Wendell" German, 84, of McCaysville, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at his daughter's home in Chatsworth.

Wendell was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Fannin County to the late Carl German and the late Edgell Pickelsimer German.

He was a member of American Legion Post 0248, and had served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His military service story was digitally recorded and is now stored in the Library of Congress through the veterans history project.

He was of the Baptist faith.

Wendell was preceded in death by wife, Tootsie; brothers, Cecil, Carl Jr., J.B., Leland, half-brother, Grover Galloway; and son-in-law Walter Chancey.

Survivors include daughter, Brenda Chancey of McCaysville; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Burns of Chatworth; son, Tommy German of Nolensville, Tenn.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Evelyn and Slim Stewart of McCaysville; sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Ken Weathers of Spartanburg, S.C.; sister, Patsy Snow of Lithia Springs; sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and the Rev. James Mitchell of Smyrna; grandchildren, Scott Chancey, Danette and Andy Hughes, Greg and Kristen

Burns; great-grandchildren, Autumn and Alex Hughes; special friend, Corene Mashburn of Blue Ridge.

Services are Monday at 2 p.m. from the Finch-Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ernest German officiating.

Burial will be in Crestlawn Cemetery with military honors by the North Georgia Honor Guard. Pallbearers include Frank Olsen, Stephen Snow, Paul Mitchell, Larry Stewart and Bob Stewart.

The family will receive friends at Finch Cochran Funeral Home today from 5-8 p.m.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.finchcochranfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangement entrusted to the Finch Cochran Funeral Home of McCaysville.

This announcement is a courtesy of Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. www.legacy.com

Lucille Gullede Manis

Lucille Gullede Manis, 84, of the Beaverdale community, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at Peachtree Estates Assisted Living.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walt and Tine Gullede.

She was a member of Cross Pointe Christian Centre.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Ray Manis of the Beaverdale community; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Larry Dunn of Dalton; sisters, Alma Jean Sloane, Eula Mae Petty and Peggy Palmer, all of Dalton; brother, Charlie Gullede of Dalton; grandchild, Kayla Dunn of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 3 p.m. at Cross Pointe Christian Centre with the Rev. Eugene Williams, the Rev. Clayton Brown and Chaplain David LeGrand. The body will be at the church one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in United

Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peoples.com.

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

John Douglas McDermott

Mr. John Douglas McDermott, 44, of Dalton, departed this life Friday morning, Feb. 13, 2009, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

John was born May 26, 1964, in Dalton, Georgia, Florida.



McDermott

John was the owner of North Georgia Die Inc. He loved the outdoors and was a great bowler, avid camper and a mean Sea-Do rider. He bowled on two teams: Tough Bunch and Dudes 'N Slim at the Calhoun Bowling Center. He also loved NASCAR and his favorite driver was Jeff Gordon.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Melody McDermott; daughters, Alyssa and Mackenzie McDermott of the home; mother, Betty Lee of Dalton; father and stepmother, Jim and Cecilia McDermott of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; grandmother, Annette Brock of Dalton; sister, Joni McDermott and nephew David of Florida, Logan McDermott of Dalton; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Diane and Larry Hardy of Cedar Bluff, Ala.; special companions, his dogs, Sweetie Pie, Abby Joy and Molly Lou and his special cats, Max and Sam.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. John D.

McDermott are Monday at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Vaughn officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Thomas Travillion 'Tommy' McTee

Thomas Travillion "Tommy" McTee, 55, of Rocky Face, passed away Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Juana McTee.

Mr. McTee was a member of Central Church of Christ and was employed by Freightliner of Chattanooga and was a volunteer for the Whitfield County Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Shepherd McTee of the residence; a daughter and son-in-law, Bethany and Andy Nix of Gainesville; a son, Eli McTee of Nashville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Alwilda Shepherd of Rocky Face; sister-in-law and husband, Judy and Tommy Hoffpauir of Ooltewah, Tenn.; brother-in-law and wife, Jeff and Janet Shepherd of Dalton; nieces and nephews, Heath and Kate Perkins, Justin and Rebecca Perkins, Sophia and Parker Shepherd; great-nephew, Carter Perkins.

The funeral is today at 3 p.m. at the Central Church of Christ with Brother Ronnie Missildine and Brother Ross Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Mill Creek Cemetery. Members of the Whitfield County Fire Department will serve as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Heath and

Justin Perkins.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Burn Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 or to the Central Church of Christ Building Fund.

An online guestbook can be signed at www.julian-peoples.com

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face is in charge of the funeral arrangements. www.legacy.com

Georgia Sellers

Mrs. Georgia Sellers, 76, of Cisco passed away Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, at Murray Medical Center.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carter and Vickie Thompson; son, Floyd Padgett; sisters, Pauline Young; brother, Howard Thompson.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Pam Padgett; sister, Zula Mae Gazaway; sister and brother-in-law, Lorene and Frank Nelson; special niece and husband, Sandra and Robert Crowe; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

At Mrs. Sellers' request there will be no funeral.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Brian David Winkler

Mr. Brian David Winkler, 37, of Chatsworth, departed this life Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 2009. Brian was born August 27, 1973, in Whitfield County. Brian was a 1991 graduate of Southeast High School. He was a self-employed processor for the magistrate court system. He loved stock car racing and enjoyed



Winkler

He loved stock car racing and enjoyed

racing at North Georgia Speedway where he drove No. 35 in the Limited Late Model Class. He was a Christian, attended Faith Worship Center and enjoyed gospel music and worship.

He is survived by his wife, Tara Kidd Winkler; daughter, Abigail Winkler and son, Luke Winkler, all of the home; mother and stepfather, Wanda and Steve Champion; father and stepmother, David and Kathryn Winkler all of Chatsworth; sister, Brittany Mauldin of Chatsworth; brothers, Shayne Champion of Chattanooga, Jason Champion of Huntsville, Ala., Starlan Childers of Yuma, Ariz.; sister, Christy Peek of Fredonia, Ky.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, the Rev. Dale and Robin Kidd of Dalton; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Brian David Winkler are Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Carlos Mohan and the Rev. Stan Lester officiating. Pallbearers will be Shane Champion, Jason Champion, Nicky Mauldin, George Ward, Anthony Smith, Anthony Simms and Jamie Parker.

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

Messages and condolences may be sent to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Steven Lee Young

Steven Lee Young, 37, of Chatsworth, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. www.legacy.com

CLASS ACTS

Leland Dantzler of Dalton was named to the dean's list with honors at Lee University for the fall 2008 semester. He is the son of Danny and Jean Dantzler. Students with a grade point average of 3.9 or higher are named to the list.

Taylor Goddard, of Cohutta, a graduate of Christain Heritage School, was also named to the list. Taylor completed the fall 2008 semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Tommy and Anita Goddard of Cohutta and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Goddard of Dalton and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Payne of Morris.

Bridgett McCurdy and Miachelle Fox of Chatsworth received bachelor of arts degrees in interdisciplinary studies from Western Governors University. The online, nonprofit university awarded more than 600 degrees at its semi-annual commencement ceremonies in Salt Lake City on Jan. 24. While more than 80 graduates attended the event in person, about 350 participated live via the Internet.

Mary Kwee of Rocky Face was named to the dean's list at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. for the fall semester. Students must complete at least 12 credit hours of work and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Nicholas Andrew Hull of Dalton has been named to

the dean's list at the University of the South for the Advent 2008 term. To earn a place on Sewanee's dean's list, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale. Nicholas Andrew Hull is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nicholas Hull. The University of the South, popularly known as Sewanee, is an independent liberal arts college between Nashville and Chattanooga.

Kenneth Eichberg of Dalton was named to the dean's list for the College of Arts and Sciences at Campbell University in North Carolina. A grade point average of 3.25 or better is required to make the list.

Students graduate Berry

Jennifer LeeAnn Tallent, a psychology major from Rocky Face, received her bachelor of science degree recently at Berry College. Her parents are Chris and Darlene Tallent.

Stephanie Nicole Jinright, a chemistry major from Dalton, received her bachelor of science degree. Her parents are Paul Hart and Mary Jinright Hart.

Lisa Kimberly Gregg of Dalton graduated with a master of education degree in early childhood education.

Danny Shane Lowrance of Dalton graduated with a master of education degree in middle grades. He is the son of Patricia L. Lowrance.

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Thank you so much to all our friends and family who sent cards of encouragement, flowers, and the delicious meals. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated in our time of loss.

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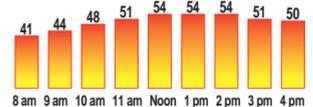
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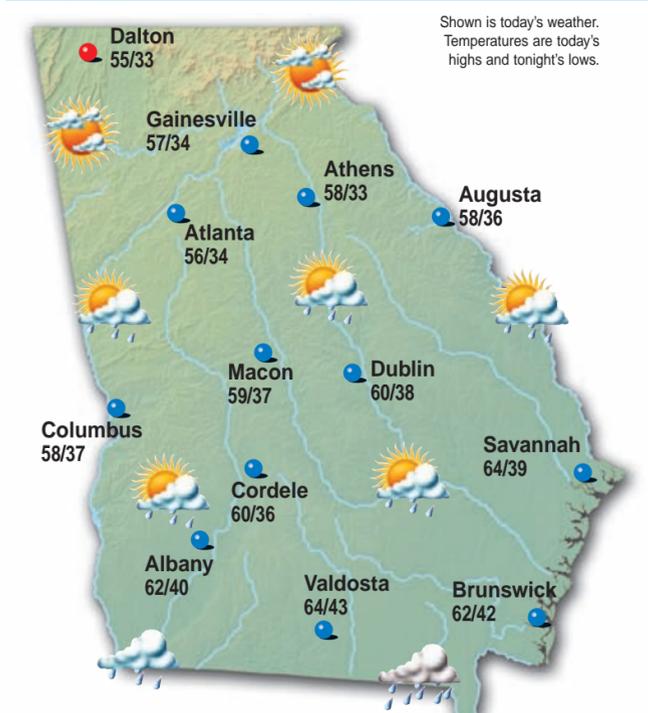
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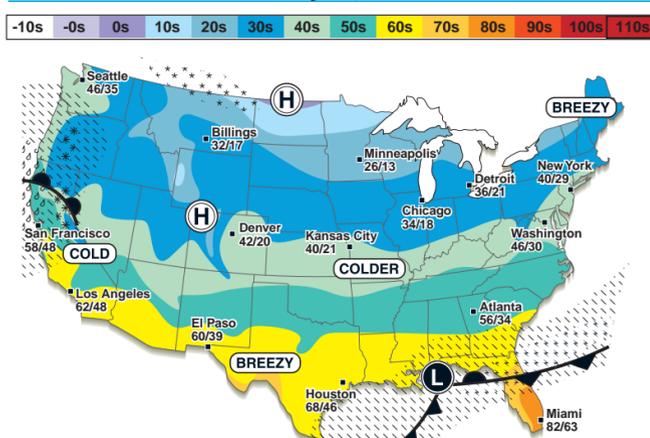
Georgia Weather



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City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	62/40/sh	63/33/s	63/44/s	La Grange	56/33/sh	58/25/s	58/39/pc
Atlanta	56/34/pc	56/33/s	55/41/s	Macon	59/37/sh	62/29/s	61/42/s
Athens	58/33/pc	58/28/s	55/38/s	Marietta	57/33/pc	54/29/s	58/37/s
Augusta	58/36/pc	58/24/s	60/34/s	Newton	64/40/sh	64/33/s	65/43/pc
Brunswick	62/42/r	60/37/s	58/44/s	Rome	58/34/pc	57/27/s	59/39/s
College Park	56/34/pc	56/33/s	55/41/s	Savannah	64/39/sh	59/31/s	59/40/s
Columbus	58/37/sh	62/33/s	63/45/pc	Sparta	58/37/pc	58/27/s	60/38/s
Gainesville	57/34/pc	55/31/s	55/40/s	Valdosta	64/43/r	66/31/s	64/42/s

National Weather for February 15, 2009



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



City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	32/18/s	33/15/pc	31/18/pc	Memphis	54/33/pc	50/36/pc	55/53/pc
Anchorage	32/26/sn	32/25/sf	31/20/pc	Miami	82/63/s	79/56/s	73/60/s
Baltimore	45/27/s	40/24/s	43/28/s	Milwaukee	32/20/c	31/25/pc	38/28/sn
Billings	32/17/pc	38/20/pc	35/13/c	Minneapolis	26/13/pc	30/19/c	31/13/sn
Boise	39/30/c	44/31/c	44/29/sh	New Orleans	66/47/sh	61/50/pc	65/60/pc
Buffalo	34/17/pc	31/18/pc	34/25/c	New York	40/29/s	37/27/s	41/29/s
Charlotte	56/34/pc	47/25/s	52/34/s	Okla. City	50/29/pc	50/40/pc	60/44/pc
Cheyenne	36/19/pc	48/23/pc	44/20/c	Orlando	76/56/t	70/45/s	69/50/s
Chicago	34/18/c	35/26/pc	41/32/c	Philadelphia	46/26/s	40/24/s	42/30/s
Cincinnati	44/23/c	42/24/s	49/31/s	Phoenix	68/47/c	72/51/pc	65/45/sh
Cleveland	34/20/c	32/21/pc	40/30/c	Pittsburgh	37/20/c	33/18/pc	38/29/pc
Dallas	60/39/pc	59/48/pc	67/56/sh	Portland, OR	48/35/sh	49/35/c	47/36/c
Denver	42/20/pc	52/24/pc	48/21/pc	St. Louis	39/23/c	42/32/pc	51/39/pc
Detroit	36/21/c	33/22/pc	38/29/c	Salt Lake City	39/24/pc	41/29/c	42/28/sf
Indianapolis	38/23/c	41/26/s	44/36/pc	San Francisco	58/48/r	57/46/r	57/45/c
Kansas City	40/21/c	42/35/pc	53/31/c	San Diego	63/50/pc	57/52/r	59/49/pc
Las Vegas	57/39/pc	59/40/c	58/37/pc	Seattle	46/35/c	48/35/c	46/37/c
Los Angeles	62/48/pc	58/47/r	56/44/pc	Wash., DC	46/30/s	43/26/s	44/32/s

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The World

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Athens	46/41/pc	46/37/s	47/34/s	Jerusalem	61/43/s	62/43/s	55/38/sh
Auckland	70/60/pc	73/62/c	72/63/r	London	46/43/c	48/45/r	54/43/c
Amsterdam	43/39/r	43/42/r	50/42/c	Madrid	55/28/s	57/27/pc	53/32/pc
Baghdad	75/57/s	76/54/s	71/43/s	Montreal	25/16/pc	32/10/c	27/16/pc
Beijing	36/14/s	37/14/s	37/23/pc	Moscow	31/29/sn	32/27/sf	30/19/sn
Berlin	29/27/sf	34/33/sf	35/27/pc	Paris	38/37/pc	43/41/r	52/45/c
Buenos Aires	90/72/pc	78/60/t	77/68/pc	Rio	83/75/c	84/75/pc	84/75/pc
Cairo	70/52/s	70/49/s	66/50/s	Rome	48/28/s	48/34/c	52/36/pc
Calgary	14/21/sn	29/9/pc	24/4/sn	Seoul	34/14/pc	32/12/s	34/14/s
Cape Town	82/64/s	86/68/s	90/66/s	Singapore	91/77/pc	90/77/pc	88/75/pc
Caracas	89/73/pc	89/73/sh	91/71/r	Sydney	70/66/r	72/68/r	72/68/r
Dublin	50/43/c	50/42/c	52/41/pc	Tel Aviv	66/50/s	67/52/s	62/47/sh
Geneva	31/28/pc	36/31/c	33/32/sn	Tokyo	59/46/pc	52/37/pc	57/45/pc
Hong Kong	77/72/pc	79/70/pc	75/70/pc	Toronto	32/14/pc	32/16/pc	33/23/c
Istanbul	40/37/r	44/37/r	39/36/sn	Warsaw	30/26/sn	30/19/c	29/27/sn

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8T227C	1999	Ford	Mustang	Conv., GT Mgr. Special
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8T147A	2006	Ford	Mustang	GT, 18,000 Miles \$18,998
P5404A	2006	Ford	Escape	XLT, 2WD \$10,995
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PREP BASKETBALL: REGION 7-4A TOURNAMENT

One in, one out

Dalton girls win; boys pushed aside

By ADAM KROHN

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What a difference a week makes.

Dalton hosted and defeated Rome by 13 points on Feb. 7, the fifth victory of a season-ending six-game winning streak.

Rome came back into town Saturday looking for revenge in a Region 7-4A tournament opener at the Cats' Den and it got just that, beating the Catamounts 60-45 to put an abrupt end to Dalton's season.

Earlier, the Lady Cats advanced to the second round by coasting to a 46-25 win over Hiram. Dalton travels on Tuesday to Hillgrove, where a win would clinch a spot in the state tournament.

The eighth-seeded Catamounts (13-13) and senior Caz Cole got off to a fast start, with Cole scoring Dalton's first four points, the second two on a two-handed slam off an alley-oop that brought the crowd to its feet. On Rome's next possession Cole, who finished with nine points, swatted a Rome shot well out of bounds to keep fans in a raucous mood.

But on the next play, Dominique Smith silenced them with a 3-pointer to put Rome ahead 5-4 with 5:06 left in the first.

The Wolves (16-10) never surrendered that lead.

Rome, the tourney's No. 9 seed, beat Dalton with a full-court press that forced a number of Cats miscues and relentless offensive rebounding.

On one possession, the Wolves pulled down three consecutive boards before Jamalcolm Griffin's putback gave Rome a 41-30 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter. Inside the game's final five minutes,



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Dalton boys coach Mike Duffie, far left, reacts to the official's call during his Catamounts' Region 7-4A tourney game against Rome on Saturday at home. Dalton lost, 60-45.

Rome grabbed five consecutive offensive rebounds and ran out the clock.

Cats coach Mike Duffie said he had to pick his poison, referring to Rome's offensive rebounding prowess.

"They spurted out on us," said Duffie. "And I couldn't play Watts (Dantzler) much, couldn't play Jalen (Fields) at all, because I needed the quicker lineup. We were going to have to press and scramble. So that took my bigs out of the lineup and then it led to them killing us on the boards."

Rome coach Keeth Jones said a number of factors led to the Wolves winning the rematch.

> Please see **DALTON, 2B**



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Dalton High's Markisha Washington, left, and Hiram's Olivia Williams battle for the basketball during their Region 7-4A tournament game on Saturday at the Cats' Den. The Lady Cats won 46-25 to advance to the second round of the tourney.

COMMENTARY

Pinson's language is hoops

Former Dalton High basketball standout Frankie Pinson will leave Tuesday for another season in the Dominican Republic. He'll play for the Plaza Valerio team in Santiago.



Larry Fleming

Pinson, 23, said he played in San Pedro last season and averaged 17 points, seven assists and was the team's MVP. Following the season, Pinson had a tryout with the Memphis Grizzlies in

hopes of earning a place in the NBA Developmental League with the Dakota Wizards. The tryout went well, but the Wizards picked up guard Blake Ahearn, who had been cut by the Minnesota Timberwolves.

In the 2008 season, Ahearn, who played collegiately at Missouri State, played 28 games with the Wizards, averaging 22.9 points and six assists.

"There are several guys from the NBA playing in the Dominican," said Pinson, who

> Please see **HOOPS, 2B**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Former Dalton High standout Frankie Pinson's basketball career has taken him to the Dominican Republic.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Northwest Whitfield's Tanner Reno, left, and Woodland's Mike Janusek sprint toward the basketball during their Region 7-4A tournament game on Saturday in Tunnel Hill.

Indians collect advance at free throw line

By MARTY KIRKLAND

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CHATSWORTH — At least for one round of the Region 7-4A boys basketball tournament, Murray County has lived up to its seed.

Now the Indians will try to live down one of their most forgettable performances this season.

The Indians, seeded fifth for the tourney, capitalized at the free throw line and controlled the action inside to beat No. 12 seed

South Paulding 59-47 in the first round on Saturday at Kenneth Ross Gymnasium.

Murray County's win sets up a trip to face No. 4 seed Osborne — a 66-49 winner Saturday against No. 13 seed Allatoona — at 7 p.m. Wednesday, a rematch that presents the Indians with a chance to both wipe out the memory of a 17-point reg-



Linder

ular-season defeat at the hands of the Cardinals and lock up a spot in the Class 4A state tournament.

"I feel like the first time we played Osborne, we didn't play our best basketball game," Indians coach Greg Linder said.

"I feel like we played two of our worst games this year against Osborne and Sprayberry



Richards

With the victory, Northwest advanced to a second-round date against second-seeded Sprayberry on Wednesday at 7 p.m., with the game to be played in Marietta. Sprayberry defeated North Paulding 71-52 on Saturday in another first-round game.

"It's a relief to get that first tournament win," said Bruins sharpshooter Tanner Reno, who led seventh-seeded Northwest with 16

> Please see **BRUINS, 2B**

Local teams send 22 to state traditionals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Area wrestling was strongly represented at the Class 4A West sectional at Upson Lee High in Thomaston on Saturday, with Dalton, Northwest Whitfield and Murray County the big reasons why.

The three schools produced a combined four champions — Northwest's Russell Royal and Kenny Michael, Dalton's Henry Torres and Murray County's Dalton Lane — and 19 qualifiers for this week's state traditional tournament at Duluth's Gwinnett Center.

In all, Area 7-4A sent 43 wrestlers to state, Northwest coach Allen Tucker said, adding "I don't

think any other (area) can say that." In the Class 3A West sectional

at Riverwood High in Atlanta, Southeast qualified all three of its entrants for state.

Dalton led the way with seven qualifiers: sectional champion Henry Torres (125-pound class), Jordan White (112, third place), Eduardo Gutierrez (103, fourth), Renaldo Torres (130, fifth), and

> Please see **PREP, 3B**



It's that time again ...

Baseball's in the air as Braves head to Florida for their annual spring training pilgrimage — See page 5B.

Indians: Rematch offers opportunities

> Continued from page 1B

There's a downside, too, of course — if the Indians lose, their season is finished. But Murray County's Chandler Puryear, who notched a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds, believes the Indians will be ready for the pressure matchup at Osborne.

"We played terrible the first game," he said. "We didn't execute or hustle or play with any heart. I believe we'll do OK this time. We'll be prepared."

To knock off South Paulding's Spartans, who ended their third season of varsity basketball at 9-17, the Indians went back to what worked during a 77-64 win in the regular season.

"We knew they had a bunch of shooters," said Garrick Sanford, who scored a game-best 16 points. "The last game, they had two guys shoot 50 percent, so that was our game plan to get out there and stay on the shooters. We had the height advantage the whole game and that's we wanted to do, keep the ball inside."

South Paulding's outside attempts were limited and the Spartans connected on just three 3-pointers in the game, one of which came inside the final 10 seconds as the Indians played hands-off and let the clock wind down on the victory.

Meanwhile, Murray County was more than happy to go inside. The Indians caught their first offensive wind

of the game via that route late in the first quarter as they took off on a 17-4 run that stretched into the latter half of the second quarter and helped send them to halftime with a 28-19 lead.

"They were picking us and we were unable to fight through the screens," Spartans coach Jamie Watkins said. "We practiced that and practiced that, but they kept running the cross screen and we kept getting pinned behind them and giving them the ball out on the block and they're good enough to score there."

A sleepy third quarter gave the Spartans a chance to make their own run, and they closed the gap to three points twice during the fourth quarter. But that was before the Indians rediscovered the inside aggressiveness that produced points from the field and the free throw line, where they made 28 of 36 attempts.

"I felt like on the offensive end we were the aggressors tonight and we attacked the basket," Linder said. "It paid dividends by us getting to the free throw line and that was a big, big difference. We weren't passive and it showed."

South Paulding cut Murray County's lead to 43-40 with 6:26 to play, but the Indians scored 10 straight points and packed in enough space on the scoreboard to settle down for the final 2:42.

"I think we handled ourselves pretty good," Puryear said. "We knew they

were going to come out of halftime and sort of hit us in the mouth. They had some people in foul trouble in the second quarter and they were coming back, so we just had to handle our business."

South Paulding made just four trips to the line and hit 2 of 5 free throws. By the end of the game, the Spartans' frustration with the disparity was obvious in their body language.

"We didn't penetrate enough to get to three throw line," Watkins said.

South Paulding's Tony Daniel finished with 13 points, while Bradley Mills and Donovan Fleming each added eight.

Murray County's Chase Sanford had nine points, Tanner Long seven and John Kiser chipped in six points, five rebounds and three steals.

■ Cass girls 56, Murray County 43: In another first-round Region 7-4A tournament game, the ninth-seeded Lady Indians (9-16) started out well, leading 14-11 after the first quarter, but couldn't finish the deal and were eliminated from postseason play with the road loss.

Cass, the tourney's No. 8 seed, maintained a five-point lead throughout the fourth quarter and stretched it to the final margin with free throws after Murray County was forced to foul.

Tember Marchant led the Lady Indians with 13 points.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen Northwest Whitfield's Bryce Martin dribbles past Woodland's Vincent Mitchell during their Region 7-4A tournament game on Saturday. The Bruins will play again at Sprayberry on Wednesday.

Dalton

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"The night before we played Dalton (a week ago), we played down in Sequoyah (a 54-46 overtime loss) and didn't get home until after 1 a.m.," Jones said. "We come up here and we don't have our starting point guard, Taurean Dallas, and that's huge."

Dallas, a senior, was back in the lineup on Saturday and ran the offense effectively, finishing with 11 points.

The Cats trailed 47-34 heading into the fourth quarter and Taylor Shropshire's offensive rebound and put-back with 4:25 left gave the Wolves a 58-38 lead, essentially ending the game.

For senior Cats guard David White, who led Dalton with 11 points, it wasn't how he envisioned his final high school game playing out.

"I don't know, I guess we were tight, tense," White said. "We just didn't come out and play like we should have played. There's really no excuse for it, but I guess that's just how it is."

Kelly Phillips was Dalton's only other double-digit scorer with 10 and Shaquon Moore finished with eight points, six rebounds and four assists. Griffin led the Wolves with 15 points.

Rome advanced to play at No. 2 seed



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen As she tumbles to the court, Dalton's April Besley flips the basketball down the floor toward a teammate during the Lady Catamounts' Region 7-4A tournament victory against Hiram on Saturday.

Hillgrove, the state's second-ranked team, on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Lady Cats (18-8), seeded fifth quickly took away any suspense in their game and raced to a 29-8 halftime lead, thanks to Kate Houston's 15 first-half points and a smothering defense.

With the score 46-10 after three quarters, the Georgia High School Association's mercy rule was applied and that shortened the fourth quarter

from eight to six minutes.

"We had a really good second quarter and a pretty good start in the third quarter," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said. "And that was enough to win the ballgame. I'm just glad to have another game."

Houston led all scorers with 17 points and Olivia Williams had 12 points to lead No. 12 seed Hiram (6-19).

Hoops: Allen still holds many records

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is 6 feet tall and weighs 195 pounds. "Felipe Lopez and Ronald Blackshear are over there, a couple of guys from Europe. It's pretty good basketball."

"This could open the door of opportunity to do that," he said. "It's a way to prove that I belong in the Developmental League."

Pinson said the pay for playing in the DR is good and the team picks up expenses for housing, food and even cell phones.

"Over there you eat a lot of chicken, rice, seafood and fruit," Pinson said. "So I'm eating healthy."

There can be language programs, though. His coach last season didn't speak English.

"I couldn't understand him, but I've been playing basketball long enough that I knew the sets, how things work," Pinson said. "If the coach got on me, I didn't know what he was saying. I just kept playing ball."

■ Kip Allen, a longtime youth coach on the Whitfield County Recreation Department scene, was in the spotlight Friday night in Summerville for what he accomplished as a football player at Chattooga High School from 1980-82.

Allen was inducted into the Chattooga Hall of Fame

in a ceremony just prior to the school's varsity basketball games against Dade County. Ralph "Country" Brown and Joe Dacus helped Allen make up the Indians' second induction class. Coach Buddy Windle, Joe Patterson, Ellen Thompson, Odell Mosteller and Jimmy Lenderman were the first inductees.

"It was a good deal," Allen said. "They had a big basketball game and a very nice crowd turned out. It was good to go back to the old stomping grounds. While a little awkward, it was nice to be honored, nice to be appreciated, and there were a lot of people I knew and family and friends there."

When Allen graduated, he had eight records — six in passing and two in punting. He earned the Indians' Best Offensive Back in 1981 and claimed the Most Valuable Player honors and Scholastic Award the following year before heading off to play college ball at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Allen's passing records:

- Rome-area mark in 1981 with 1,582 yards (112 completions, eight touchdowns), breaking the old mark of 1,512 set by Phil Baker of Pepperell in 1970.
- Chattooga record in 1981 for most passing yards (274 vs. Calhoun) in a

game. He also has the fifth-, sixth-, and eighth-best single game totals of 234, 222 and 204 yards, respectively, against three different teams. He played no favorites.

- He has the record for most passes in a game with 45 against Southeast in 1982, his senior season. His 40 attempts against Cedartown that season rank second.

- He owns the record for most completions in a game with 18 against Southeast; his 15 against Rockmart is No. 2, and both were set in 1982.

- He set the record for most games with 200-plus yards, with five, in 1982.

- He has the record for most games with 100-plus yards, with 14, also in 1982.

Allen's punting records:

- Best single-game average with 51 yards against Cass in 1981.
- Longest punt in a game — 71 yards against Dalton in 1982.

Allen, who also played baseball and one year of basketball at Chattooga, earned a scholarship to The Citadel in the Southern Conference, choosing the Bulldogs over Western Carolina.

"I could have walked on at some major schools, but for financial reasons I chose not to do that," he said. "As a high school senior, you question whether to go to a

military school but, as it turned out, it was the right choice."

Allen's record-breaking remained in high gear at The Citadel, where he played from 1983-86.

In 1985, Allen established the school single-game records for total offense (438 yards) and passing yards (428), both against Wofford. He still has records for completions in a game (34 vs. Wofford, 1985), completions in a season (231 in 1985), most attempts in a season (474 in 1985), most attempts in a game (54 in 1985) and most attempts in a season (417 in 1985). He still ranks third in career passing for the Bulldogs (4,396 yards) and seventh in total offense (4,403 yards). And he's fourth in total offense (2,277 yards) and second in passing yards in a season with 2,478 yards.

In other words, Allen was pretty darn good.

Now married, Kip and Donna have four children — Drew, Matt, Mary Kate and Emma.

"I remind them what a legend I used to be," Allen said, "and they usually get a big laugh out of it."

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Shocker

Georgia upsets UF for first SEC win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS — Losing two straight games for the first time this season, Florida coach Billy Donovan isn't about to panic.

The Gators have dropped three of four after allowing Georgia to end an 11-game losing streak, but Donovan believes his young team is taking the right approach with six Southeastern Conference games remaining.

"We didn't shoot the ball particularly well coming down the stretch," Donovan said. "But you know what? I thought we shot the ball with a lot of confidence. I thought we shot it with a lot of belief that it was going to go in."

Terrance Woodbury scored a career-high 32 points to help the Bulldogs deal a blow to Florida's hopes in the SEC's Eastern Division in an 88-86 upset victory on Saturday.

Erving Walker and Walter Hodge missed shots in the final seconds for the Gators, allowing Georgia to avoid its first 12-game stretch of consecutive defeats since 1951-52.

Woodbury scored 20 points in the first half on 7-for-7 shooting and 5-for-5 on 3-pointers.

"They kept going in, man," Woodbury said. "One would go in, and I was like, 'Cool, we're winning.' Another would go in, (and) 'Cool, we're winning.' It was just unreal. Just unreal."

Bulldogs interim coach Pete Herrmann brought in Georgia football coach Mark Richt to motivate his players in a brief talk Friday night.

"We remained poised, and the big baskets were key," Herrmann said. "It's a terrific day for Georgia and the kids on this team."

The Bulldogs (10-15, 1-9 SEC) led by 14 points three times in the first half, but Florida took its first lead with 8:03 left in the game when Ray Shipman's two free throws made it 77-76.

Florida (19-6, 6-4) missed a chance to stay even with Kentucky, a 79-63 winner Saturday at Arkansas and South Carolina, which won 75-73 at Alabama, in the SEC East.

The Gators, who snapped an 11-game winning streak against Georgia, began the game tied with the Wildcats, the Gamecocks and Tennessee atop the East.

Hodge scored a team-high 22 for Florida. Nick Calathes, who became the first Gator to have a triple-double against an SEC opponent in Florida's 26-point win over Georgia on Jan. 28, scored 16 points on

5-for-14 shooting. He also had a game-high 10 rebounds.

Herrmann assigned senior guard Corey Butler with the job of covering Calathes, a candidate for SEC player of the year.

"We wanted to be aggressive early," Herrmann said. "Nick is so good at controlling the game, and Corey got after him early, and it gave us the adrenaline we needed the rest of the game."

The Gators, now 1-4 when trailing at halftime, gave up a season-high 54 points in the first 20 minutes.

"I think our guys play very, very hard, but I think they're also understanding there's a lot more to this thing mentally in terms of how you handle those situations," Donovan said. "There's a level of discipline you have to have and a level of toughness you have to have, but that last possession, I thought we got really decent looks."

Florida's second and final lead came on Hodges' 3 from the left corner, which made it 82-80 with 6:42 remaining. The score was tied twice before Zac Swansey's layup put the Bulldogs ahead to stay, 86-84, at the 2:58 mark.

Georgia won its first game for Herrmann, who took charge of the team after Dennis Felton was fired Jan. 29.

Coming off an embarrassing 79-48 loss Wednesday at Tennessee, the Bulldogs got 11 points each from Dustin Ware and Trey Thompkins.

Florida, which starts three sophomores (Calathes, Chandler Parsons and Alex Tyus), also relies a great deal on freshmen reserves Shipman, Walker and Kenny Kadji. The Gators will try to correct their mistakes when Alabama visits Gainesville on Wednesday.

"I'm not worried about our confidence," Donovan said. "I thought our guys played really, really hard. When you have a confidence issue, you see guys being a little bit hesitant and a little bit passive, but I think our team has really remained aggressive, but they've got to understand that there's a difference between impacting (a victory) and playing well."

■ **N.C. State 86, Georgia Tech 65:** North Carolina State finally won an Atlantic Coast Conference road game and coach Sidney Lowe was excited.

"Anytime you can win on the road in our conference is big," he said. "It's a big deal."



AP PHOTO
Georgia's Albert Jackson (34) and Ebuka Anyaorah celebrate after the Bulldogs defeated rival Florida for their first SEC victory of the season.

Tracy Smith scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and five other North Carolina State players scored in double figures to help the Wolfpack defeat Georgia Tech, sending the reeling Yellow Jackets to their fourth straight loss.

"Tracy has been solid. He is in there banging on those boards, and he had 10 rebounds," said Lowe. "He's in there finishing for us, giving us an inside presence, and he did a great job, defensively, especially on the ball screens where he really got out there and showed."

Javier Gonzalez and Courtney Fells each added 14 points, C.J. Williams and Dennis Horner each had 11 points and Brandon Costner had 10 points for North Carolina State (14-9, 4-6 Atlantic Coast Conference). The Wolfpack had been 0-4 in the ACC away from home.

Georgia Tech (10-14, 1-10 ACC), losing its ninth in 10 games, was led by Iman Shumpert's 14 points. Lewis Clinch added 12 and Alade Aminu had 11.

The Yellow Jackets last win and only ACC victory was a 76-74 victory over then No. 6 Wake Forest on Jan. 31 at home. The home loss was the worst since a 95-63 defeat to Duke on Feb. 9, 2002.

North Carolina State beat No. 7 Wake Forest 82-76 in its last game on Wednesday night.

Tech cut State's 44-33 halftime deficit to 47-44 with a 9-0 run early in the second half and were still in it on a 3-point basket by Lewis Clinch to trail 54-49 with nearly 12 minutes left,

before the Wolfpack took charge.

"We knew we just had to take care of the ball (when Tech got to within 3," said Gonzalez. "We stopped being aggressive, but we kept our composure and kept playing hard and were able to get our lead back."

A 10-3 run with Gonzalez scoring seven points gave the Wolfpack a 64-52 lead with 9:07 left and it was a 17-point lead at 75-58 on a 3-point play by Smith with 5:41 left.

"To start the second half, we got it back to three points twice, but then we had some untimely turnovers and some untimely missed shots," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt.

"Unfortunately, that's been the story of our season. I'm not sure if there's anything else we can do other than come back Monday and get back to practice," he said.

The Wolfpack continued to pour it on and led by 23 points at 86-63 on a pair of free throws by Smith with 1:09 left.

North Carolina State's biggest lead of the opening half was 16 points. The Wolfpack broke a 16-16 tie with 11:55 left and went on a 24-8 run to lead by 16 points at 40-24 with 4:57 left before intermission.

NC State's Williams, a freshman, had a career-high five assists to go along with his career-best 11 points.

The Wolfpack shot 61 percent from the field (27-44), including 9-of-17 from 3-point range (53 percent). Tech managed 38 percent from the field (25-of-65) and 6-of-17 (35 percent) on 3s.

Prep: Two thrillers

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Taylor Duckworth (160) and Dean Menchaca (215) each finishing sixth due to injury defaults.

Though the Catamounts are sending seven to state, coach Charles Mitchell wasn't overjoyed.

"We just didn't perform well," he said.

"I told the guys on the bus that they have some soul-searching to do because we've got to do better at state. I think we were complacent."

The Bruins' qualifiers were Royal (112) and Michael (140) as sectional champions, Josh Lewis (145, second), Garrett Henderson (160, third), David Lewis (135, sixth) and Adam Wilkins (285), sixth.

"Oh man, I feel good about them," Northwest coach Allen Tucker said of his qualifiers.

"We're beat up and bruised right now because this was a tough sectional, but we've got to rest, regroup and go out there and do it."

Murray County also qualified six wrestlers: sectional champion Dalton Lane (135), David Thornbury (171, fourth), D.J. Winters (215, fourth), Jake McConathy (285, fifth), Zac Dills (189, sixth) and Brian McMillan (160, eighth).

The Indians' Josh Webb (103) finished ninth and is an alternate.

Southeast's three qualifiers were Nick Didonato (135, fourth), Andy Pichardo (140, fourth) and Cristian Perez (215, eighth).

"They wrestled real tough today," Raiders coach Neil Nichols said. "They stand a real good chance next week and strange things can happen at state, so we'll just have to see what happens."

■ **Southeast boys 64, LaFayette 62:** In a 6A-3A sub-region consolation game at Ridgeland High School, with 7.5 seconds left, Southeast's Zach Harper took an inbound pass on the left wing, drove to the basket, pumped and dropped in a layup as time expired to send the Raiders (10-14) to this week's Region 6-3A tournament.

Trey Parris scored a career-high with 23 points for the Raiders while Bradley Grant also had a huge game with 19 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

The Raiders were down

early, 8-0, but fought back to pull out the victory. "That was the most unselfish we've played all year," Raiders coach Joey Bryson said.

■ **Southeast girls 56, Ringgold 54:** Sophomore Briana Sosebee hit an eight-foot pull-up jumper with 2.7 seconds left in the second overtime to clinch the consolation victory over the Lady Tigers in the 6A-3A sub-region tourney at Ridgeland, earning the Lady Raiders a berth in the Region 6-3A tournament next week.

With starters Shelby McFarland, Ashley Strong and Beth Stone fouling out, Sosebee, Danielle Pearson and TaQuasha O'Neal took up the slack to keep the Lady Raiders' season alive.

O'Neal and Pearson each had seven steals.

Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said Friday's loss to LaFayette in the first round necessitated the Lady Raiders (12-12) taking corrective action.

"They stunk it up (Friday) and they realized it," McDonald said. "The players came in the gym early on their own at 1:30 with the assistant coaches and had a voluntary shoot-around. That says a lot for their character."

Sosebee led the Lady Raiders with 17 points while McFarland had 16 and Pearson 13.

■ **Dalton 3, Grissom, Ala. 2:** The Catamounts traveled 2 1/2 hours to Huntsville for their season opener against the No. 2-ranked team in Alabama's Class 6A and won behind two goals by Ricky Rodriguez. Jose Rangel added the other goal and Angel Arellano was credited with two assists and Jacobo Estrada had one.

Cats goalie Ivan Salas had five saves.

"To go on a long road trip and come away with a win against the No. 2 team in the (Alabama) is a great start," Dalton coach Matt Cheaves said.

■ **Dalton finished 13th** in an 88-team field in the state swim meet at Westminster School in Atlanta.

Dalton's best performance came from the boys 400-yard freestyle relay team of Stephen Jones, Brandt Tharpe, Zack Broome and Omar Farag with an eighth-place finish in 3:24.13.

The boys 200 medley relay team of Jones, Harris News, Farag and Chris Wood finished 11th with a time of 1:42.18.

Other top finishers were Farag in the 200 individual medley (15th, 2:03.94), Jones in the 100 freestyle (10th, 49.35) and 100 backstroke (ninth, 53.03), Tharpe in the 500 freestyle (14th, 4:58.35), and Joana Rosales in the 100 backstroke (11th, 1:01.89).

Dalton coach Charles Todd said all times posted by his swimmers were personal bests.

■ **Murray County boys and girls** each lost to Calhoun 2-0.



Mitchell



Tucker



Nichols

Armstrong rides strong in Tour of Calif.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Lance Armstrong returned to competitive cycling in his native country Saturday with a smooth 10th-place finish in the prologue to the Tour of California.

The seven-time Tour de France winner finished the 2.4-mile course around California's Capitol building in 4 minutes, 37.17 seconds, coming in just 4.3 seconds off the pace set moments later by Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara.

Levi Leipheimer, Armstrong's Astana teammate and the race's two-time defending champion, finished second at 4:34.11 in the day's final ride. But Armstrong decidedly was the main attraction to tens of thousands of fans who crowded the downtown

Sacramento streets for one fleeting glimpse of his abbreviated ride.

After the race, California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appeared on the Capitol steps with the 37-year-old Armstrong, whose comeback from a 3 1/2-year break began last month in Australia at the Tour Down Under.

"All in all, I wanted to be top 10, top 15, so I have to be pretty happy," said Armstrong, whose stated goal in his first Tour of California is to assist Leipheimer to victory. "It's a new sensation, because I haven't trained for efforts like that. We changed the time trial position a little bit, so it's the first time I got to go as hard as I could with a new position."

Astana's team trailer was surrounded

by hundreds of picture-snapping, auto-graph-seeking fans, yelling inspirational thoughts and even a few pickup lines as Armstrong listened to his iPod while warming up on a stationary bike. Shorter fans had little chance of seeing Armstrong over the people who lined up 10 deep around Astana's warmup tent.

Armstrong described the mob scene as "amazing."

"People are excited, but I don't think they're as excited as I am," he added. "I'm glad to be here, and appreciate the support."

Cancellara will wear the Tour of California's first yellow jersey for the second straight year, no surprise for a former world time trial champion.

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Varsity soccer
 Paulding County boys at Northwest Whitfield, 6:30
JV soccer
 Paulding County boys at Northwest Whitfield, 5

Tuesday
Varsity soccer
 Dalton at Heritage-Catoosa, 5
 LaFayette boys at Northwest Whitfield, 6:30
JV soccer
 LaFayette boys at Northwest Whitfield, 5

Wednesday
Varsity golf
 Murray County boys vs. Southeast at Nob North

Thursday
Varsity soccer
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Southeast, 5
Varsity wrestling
 Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournaments, **Grinnett Center**
JV soccer
 Southeast boys at Northwest Whitfield, 3:30

Friday
Varsity soccer
 Dalton girls at Hoover, Ala., 4
 Dalton boys at McIntosh, 4:30
 Heritage girls at Northwest Whitfield, 5
 Southeast vs. Oak Mountain at Oak Mountain Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., 7
Varsity wrestling
 Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, **Grinnett Center**
JV soccer
 Dalton boys at McIntosh, 6:30

Saturday
Varsity golf
 Northwest Whitfield boys at North-South Challenge, 9 a.m.
Varsity soccer
 Gordon Central girls vs. Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette, 10 a.m.
 Southeast vs. Spain Park at Oak Mountain Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., 7
Varsity wrestling
 Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, **Grinnett Center**
Junior varsity soccer
 Calhoun at Murray County, TBA1

TELEVISION

On Today

AUTO RACING
 2 p.m.
 FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Daytona 500, at Daytona Beach, Fla.

BOWLING
 1 p.m.
 ESPN — PBA, USBC Masters, at Las Vegas

CYCLING
 6 p.m.
 VERSUS — Tour of California, stage 1, Davis to Santa Rosa, Calif.

GOLF
 9:30 a.m.
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Malaysian Open, final round, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (same-day tape)

1 p.m.
 TGC — Champions Tour, Allianz Championship, final round, at Boca Raton, Fla.

3 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am,

final round, at Pebble Beach, Calif.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 1 p.m.
 CBS — Illinois at Indiana
 5:30 p.m.
 FSN — Duke at Boston College
 7:45 p.m.
 FSN — North Carolina at Miami
 10 p.m.
 FSN — Southern Cal at Arizona St.
NBA BASKETBALL
 8:30 p.m.
 TNT — All-Star Game, at Phoenix
NHL HOCKEY
 12:30 p.m.
 NBC — Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers
RODDE
 8 p.m.
 VERSUS — PBR, Express Classic, at Oklahoma City (same-day tape)
TRACK & FIELD
 5 p.m.
 ESPN — Tyson Invitational, at Fayetteville, Ark.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Regional coverage, Georgia at Vanderbilt, Marist at Hartford, Rutgers at Maryland, or Illinois at Purdue
 FSN — Florida at LSU
3 p.m.
 FSN — Arizona at Southern Cal
 9:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Regional coverage, Pittsburgh at Vanderbilt, Marist at Hartford, Rutgers at Maryland, or Illinois at Purdue
 FSN — Florida at LSU

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	36	17	3	75	173	136
Philadelphia	29	16	9	67	174	159
N.Y. Rangers	30	20	6	66	141	155
Pittsburgh	27	25	5	59	171	175
N.Y. Islanders	16	33	6	38	134	187
Northeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	10	7	85	190	127
Montreal	30	20	6	66	170	168
Buffalo	29	21	6	64	168	156
Toronto	21	25	10	52	171	206
Ottawa	21	25	8	50	135	155
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	35	16	5	75	187	161
Florida	28	19	8	64	158	151
Carolina	27	24	5	59	143	166
Tampa Bay	19	26	11	49	142	176
Atlanta	19	32	5	43	157	194
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	12	7	81	210	162
Chicago	30	15	8	68	175	135
Columbus	28	23	5	61	153	155
Nashville	26	26	3	55	135	156
St. Louis	23	25	7	53	158	171
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	32	18	5	69	171	160
Edmonton	28	23	4	60	156	170
Vancouver	26	21	8	60	165	161
Minnesota	28	24	3	59	142	129
Colorado	25	30	1	51	150	173
Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	37	7	9	83	183	129
Dallas	27	20	7	61	164	166
Anaheim	28	24	5	61	159	158
Los Angeles	24	22	8	56	140	150
Phoenix	25	26	5	55	140	168

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Friday's Scores
 New Jersey 1, Boston 0
 Columbus 3, Detroit 2
 Buffalo 6, San Jose 5, SO
 Florida 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, SO
 St. Louis 1, Chicago 0
 Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
 Montreal 4, Colorado 2

Saturday's Scores
 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
 Edmonton 3, Los Angeles 2, SO
 Columbus 5, Carolina 1
 Toronto 6, Pittsburgh 2
 Washington 5, Tampa Bay 1
 Ottawa 5, Minnesota 3
 Boston at Nashville, late
 Dallas at Chicago, late
 Calgary at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
 San Jose at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
 Colorado at Detroit, 5 p.m.
 Washington at Florida, 5 p.m.
 Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
 Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
 Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Today's Game
 All-Star game at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

College Men's Scores

EAST
 American U. 69, Colgate 44
 Army 82, Lehigh 75, 3OT
 Binghamton 60, Boston U. 59
 Brown 61, Princeton 43
 Bucknell 72, Holy Cross 66
 Cent. Connecticut St. 65, Bryant 61
 Chicago St. 84, N.J. Tech 68
 Columbia 60, Harvard 59
 Connecticut 62, Seton Hall 54
 Cornell 79, Dartmouth 76, 2OT
 Hofstra 69, Delaware 59
 La Salle 75, Saint Joseph's 68
 Long Island U. 74, Wagner 48
 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 72, Monmouth, N.J. 62
 Navy 90, Lafayette 67
 Penn 68, Yale 63
 Penn St. 88, Minnesota 63
 Pittsburgh 85, Cincinnati 69
 Providence 78, Rutgers 68
 Rhode Island 69, Saint Louis 61
 Robert Morris 69, Quinnipiac 64
 Sacred Heart 72, St. Francis, Pa. 57
 St. Bonaventure 83, Massachusetts 75
 St. Francis, NY 82, Fairleigh Dickinson 72
 Syracuse 98, Georgetown 94, OT
 UMBC 80, Hartford 63

SOUTH
 Alabama St. 87, Alabama A&M 43
 Auburn 91, Mississippi St. 76
 Charlotte 69, George Washington 51
 Chattanooga 84, UNC Greensboro 75
 Coastal Carolina 100, VMI 97
 Coppin St. 63, Bethune-Cookman 62
 Davidson 75, Furman 60
 Delaware St. 86, Norfolk St. 74
 E. Kentucky 73, E. Illinois 55
 East Carolina 91, Rice 88, OT
 George Mason 64, Northeastern 53
 Georgia 88, Florida 86
 Georgia St. 69, UNC Wilmington 66
 High Point 61, Gardner-Webb 57
 Jackson St. 72, Texas Southern 63
 James Madison 76, William & Mary 67
 LSU 73, Mississippi 66
 Lipscomb 77, S.C.-Upstate 44
 Maryland 83, Virginia Tech 73
 McKeesee St. 59, Stephen F. Austin 56
 Memphis 72, Southern Miss. 47
 Mercer 82, Florida Gulf Coast 75
 Morehead St. 79, SE Missouri 67
 Morgan St. 75, Florida A&M 57
 N. Carolina A&T 70, Md.-Eastern Shore 59
 N.C. State 86, Georgia Tech 65
 Nicholls St. 52, SE Louisiana 50
 North Florida 61, Campbell 59
 North Texas 89, Middle Tennessee 78
 Old Dominion 69, Va. Commonwealth 65
 Radford 66, UNC Asheville 65
 S. Carolina St. 74, Hampton 71, OT
 Samford 69, Elon 47
 South Carolina 75, Alabama 73
 Stetson 59, Kennesaw St. 39
 Tenn.-Martin 71, Tennessee Tech 62
 Tennessee 69, Vanderbilt 50
 Tennessee St. 88, Austin Peay 80
 The Citadel 72, Coll. of Charleston 58
 UAB 78, SMU 75
 UCF 74, Tulsa 72
 Utah Valley St. 69, Savannah St. 58
 W. Carolina 89, Appalachian St. 84
 W. Illinois 55, Centenary 54
 Wake Forest 86, Florida St. 63
 Winston-Salem 62, Howard 55
 Winthrop 50, Presbyterian 41

SOUTHWEST
 BYU 79, TCU 63

Baylor 72, Texas A&M 68
 Houston 83, Tulane 64
 Kentucky 79, Arkansas 63
 Northwestern St. 79, Cent. Arkansas 77
 Oklahoma 95, Texas Tech 74
 Oklahoma St. 86, Iowa St. 67
 Sam Houston St. 75, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 73
 Texas-Arlington 84, Texas-San Antonio 82

MIDWEST
 Bradley 86, Evansville 79
 Cleveland St. 83, Wis.-Green Bay 75
 Creighton 82, S. Illinois 60
 Dayton 69, Richmond 63
 Kansas 85, Kansas St. 74
 Kent St. 61, Cent. Michigan 57
 Miami (Ohio) 64, W. Michigan 46
 Missouri 70, Nebraska 47
 Oakland, Mich. 83, IPFW 72
 Ohio 91, Toledo 58
 Purdue 49, Iowa 45
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 Xavier 88, Fordham 53
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FAR WEST
 Arizona 84, UCLA 72
 California 82, Stanford 75
 Denver 59, New Orleans 49
 Idaho St. 75, E. Washington 70
 Montana 73, N. Arizona 54
 Oregon St. 54, Washington St. 52
 Texas 85, Colorado 76, OT
 Utah 74, Air Force 59
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Jim Furyk 71s-70p-71b — 212 -4
 Aron Price 69p-69b-75s — 212 -4
 Michael Letzig 69s-73b-71b — 213 -3
 James Oh 73p-72b-68s — 213 -3
 David Mathis 71b-75s-67p — 213 -3
 Glen Day 73s-70p-70b — 213 -3
 Rich Beem 66b-75s-72p — 213 -3
 Pat Perez 73s-71p-69b — 213 -3
 Scott Gutschewski 71b-72s-70p — 213 -3
 Frank Lickliter II 72p-71b-70s — 213 -3
 Robert Garrigus 65s-71p-77b — 213 -3
 Peter Tomasulo 71p-70b-72s — 213 -3
 Greg Owen 68b-73s-72p — 213 -3
 Mark Wilson 70p-73b-70s — 213 -3
 Troy Matteson 73b-71s-69p — 213 -3
 Charles Howell III 72s-70p-71b — 213 -3
 Charles Howell IV 74b-69s-70p — 213 -3
 Jay Williamson 70p-75b-68s — 213 -3
 J.J. Henry 71p-72b-71s — 214 -2
 Jason Dufner 75b-68s-71p — 214 -2
 Chris Smith 70b-75s-69p — 214 -2
 Brad Adamonis 71b-72s-71p — 214 -2
 Marc Leishman 72p-73b-69s — 214 -2
 Mathew Goggins 70s-73p-71b — 214 -2
 David Duval 73b-72s-69p — 214 -2
 K.J. Choi 69b-75s-70p — 214 -2
 Phil Mickelson 72s-71p-71b — 214 -2
 Nick Price 70p-72b-72s — 214 -2
 Jimmy Walker 71p-73b-70s — 214 -2
 Matt Jones 71p-71b-72s — 214 -2
 J.B. Holmes 74p-68b-72s — 214 -2
 Brendon de Jonge 69b-74s-71p — 214 -2

Allianz Championship

Saturday
 At The Old Course at Broken Sound Club
 Boca Raton, Fla.
Purse: \$1.7 million
Yardage: 6,807; Par: 72 (36-36)

Second Round

Gil Morgan	69-65	— 134 -10
Tom Jenkins	67-67	— 134 -10
Mike Goodes	67-68	— 135 -9
Jerry Pate	64-71	— 135 -9
Dan Forsman	71-65	— 136 -8
Mark James	67-69	— 136 -8
Larry Mize	67-69	— 136 -8
Fulton Allem	66-70	— 136 -8
Jay Haas	72-65	— 137 -7
Bernhard Langer	64-73	— 137 -7
Nick Price	69-69	— 138 -6
Andy Bean	69-69	— 138 -6
Russ Cochran	67-71	— 138 -6
Don Pooley	71-68	— 139 -5
Larry Nelson	70-69	— 139 -5
Bruce Vaughan	69-70	— 139 -5
Phil Blackmar	68-71	— 139 -5
Lonnie Nielsen	71-69	— 140 -4
Joey Sindelar	71-69	— 140 -4
Robert L. Thompson	71-69	— 140 -4
Tim Simpson	70-70	— 140 -4
David Edwards	69-71	— 140 -4
Fuzzy Zoeller	69-71	— 140 -4
Vicente Fernandez	69-71	— 140 -4
Dana Quigley	71-70	— 141 -3
Keith Fergus	72-69	— 141 -3
Eduardo Romero	72-69	— 141 -3
John Cook	71-70	— 141 -3
Mark McNulty	72-69	— 141 -3
James Mason	73-68	— 141 -3
Jim Thorpe	70-71	— 141 -3
Jeff Sluman	70-71	— 141 -3
Denis Watson	73-68	— 141 -3
Wayne Levi	70-71	— 141 -3
Tom Kite	69-72	— 141 -3
Mark O'Meara	71-71	— 142 -2
Morris Hataatsky	70-72	— 142 -2
John Harris	69-75	— 142 -2
Brad Bryant	71-72	— 143 -1
Tom Knight	71-72	— 143 -1
David Eger	73-70	— 143 -1
Gene Jones	73-70	— 143 -1
Bruce Fleisher	70-73	— 143 -1
R.V. Snead	74-69	— 143 -1
J.C. Eades	75-68	— 143 -1
Mark Wiebe	76-67	— 143 -1

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Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Saturday
 Pebble Beach, Calif.
Purse: \$6.1 million
b — Pebble Beach Golf Links; 6,816 yards; Par 72
p — Poppy Hills; 6,953 yards; Par 72
s — Spyglass Hill Golf Course; 6,944 yards; Par 72

Third Round

Dustin Johnson	65b-69s-67p	— 201 -15
Mike Weir	67b-69s-69p	— 205 -11
Retief Goosen	68b-64b-74s	— 206 -10
Bob Estes	68p-72b-67s	— 207 -9
Mark Calcavecchia	67b-69b-71s	— 207 -9
D.J. Trahan	67b-73s-68p	— 208 -8
Kevin Chappell	68s-72p-68b	— 208 -8
Bill Lunde	67b-70s-71p	— 208 -8
Chris Stroud	69b-69b-70s	— 208 -8
Sean O'Hair	71p-68b-70s	— 209 -7
Shigeki Maruyama	69b-73s-67p	— 209 -7
Mark Brooks	68b-69s-72p	— 209 -7
Kenny Perry	71p-70b-68s	— 209 -7
Vaughn Taylor	66b-75s-69p	— 210 -6
Charley Hoffman	66b-70p-74b	— 210 -6
Ted Purdy	68b-72s-70p	— 210 -6
Jason Day	67b-75s-68p	— 210 -6
Spencer Levin	71b-70s-69p	— 210 -6
Charlie Wi	68b-69s-73p	— 210 -6
Matt Kuchar	71b-71s-68p	— 210 -6
Kevin Stadler	71p-71b-68s	— 211 -5
Derek Fathauer	71p-71b-69s	— 211 -5
Nick Watney	75b-69b-67s	— 211 -5
Y.E. Yang	69b-70s-72p	— 211 -5
Tim Herron	72s-68p-71b	— 211 -5
Jeff Quinney	68b-73s-70p	— 211 -5
Len Mattiace	69b-70s-72p	— 211 -5
Jeff Overton	69b-70s-72p	— 211 -5
Tim Clark	71s-71p-69b	— 211 -5
Davis Love III	69b-72s-70p	— 211 -5
Richard S. Johnson	71p-70b-70s	— 211 -5
Michael Allen	67b-71s-73p	— 211 -5
Arjun Atwal	68b-71s-71p	— 212 -4
Jeff Klauk	73b-72b-67s	— 212 -4
Steve Lowery	70b-69s-73p	— 212 -4
John Mallingier	72b-71s-69p	— 212 -4

Stanford a winner

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Angela Stanford spoiled Michelle Wie's bid for a victory in her first start as an LPGA Tour member, overcoming a three-stroke deficit to win the season-opening SBS Open by three shots on Saturday.

Stanford closed with a 2-under 70 for a 10-under 206 total at wind-swept Turtle Bay, giving the Texan her fourth career win and third in seven starts. Wie had a disappointing 73 for her second straight runner-up finish in the tournament.

Down by a stroke with six holes to play, Stanford used her irons to shoot her way back to the top of the leaderboard. She birdied three straight holes to reach 10 under and take a two-stroke lead over Wie with three holes to play.

Brazilian-born Angela Park struggled in the tradewinds and had a 75 to tie for third with South Korea's Na Yeon Choi (69) at 4-under 212, six strokes behind Stanford.

Taiwan's Yani Tseng (72), the 2008 rookie of the year, and Japan's Ai Miyazato (71) were 3 under, and Cristie Kerr (69), Sarah Lee (69) and Brittany Lang (73) followed at 2 under.

AT&T Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Dustin Johnson followed his plan by overpowering the par 5s at Poppy Hills for a 5-under 67 and a 15-under 201 total, giving him a four-shot lead over Mike Weir heading into the final round at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Weir was plodding along at Spyglass Hill until he holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fifth hole, then hit the ball as well as he ever has. Trouble is, he missed several before knocking in a 20-foot birdie putt on the last hole for a 69.

Spots for a sunshine returned to the Monterey Peninsula for the third straight day as the celebrities and their follies took over Pebble Beach, but the forecast is gloomy for the final round — an 80 percent chance of rain, expected to be heavy at times. Pebble Beach has not had a

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Monday finish since Tiger Woods' great rally in 2000. Retief Goosen shot a 74 to fall five shots behind. Bob Estes (67) and Mark Calcavecchia (71) were at 9 under, followed by D.J. Trahan (68), Kevin Campbell (68), Bill Lunde (71) and Chris Stroud (70) another shot back.

Champions Tour

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Gil Morgan shot a flawless 7-under 65 and was tied with 61-year-old Tom Jenkins for the lead after the second round of the Allianz Championship.

Both got to the top of the leaderboard at 10 under after Bernhard Langer — a mere youngster at 51 — simply collapsed over the final four holes.

Women's Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two-time defending champion Karrie Webb shot her second straight

AUTO RACING: NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Edwards eager to move up a spot

By MARK LONG

Associated Press Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In any other year, Carl Edwards probably would have been a NASCAR champion.

He won nine Sprint Cup races, including three of the final four in the Chase for the championship, and had eight top-5 finishes in the 10-race Chase.

One problem: Jimmie Johnson was even better, forcing Edwards to settle for second place.

"If we run like that every year, we're going to win a lot of championships," Edwards said.

History bears him out. Only one current driver, four-time series champ Jeff Gordon in 1996, has ever won nine or more races in a season and failed to win the championship.

Edwards doesn't expect it to happen again, at least not to him. And many agree, which is why Edwards enters today's season-opening Daytona 500 as the trendy pick to dethrone three-time defending champ Johnson.

"It doesn't really put any pressure on me that people are picking me and picking us to win the cham-

pionship," Edwards said. "I've kind of tried not to pay any attention to that. I put a lot of pressure on myself. Once I'm in that race car, it's all or nothing, so hopefully that works out and this doesn't change anything, I don't think."

Edwards' all-or-nothing approach has paid off at times — he did his trademark back-flip a combined 16 times in NASCAR's top two series in 2008 — but it also can be a deterrent. It certainly was at Talladega last October.

Edwards tried to give Roush Fenway Racing teammate Greg Biffle a shove to the front, but the bump caused Biffle to spin into another teammate, Matt Kenseth. All three cars crashed in a 12-car melee that included Chase drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch.

Johnson, meanwhile, deftly maneuvered through the wreckage and ended up extending his lead in the Chase. Edwards finished 29th and accepted responsibility for the accident. That did little to stave off criticism.

Harvick called Edwards "a pansy" for running at the back of



AP PHOTO
Carl Edwards, a bridesmaid in 2008, is gunning for the Sprint Cup championship this year.

the pack early in hopes of avoiding danger and then trying to charge to the front late. Edwards delivered a sarcastic thank-you note to Harvick's plane after the race.

The two tangled in the garage the following week at Charlotte. Things got worse a few days later when an ignition problem caused Edwards to finish 33rd in the race. The consecutive early exits turned out to be the difference between beating Johnson for the title and watching him celebrate for the third straight year.

"It doesn't gnaw at me," Edwards said. "Maybe it should, but what's done is done. I did the best things I thought I could do. There were just those couple of races that didn't go like we wanted them to."

Edwards has 16 wins and 54 top-5 finishes with Roush, going from the new kid on the block to the leader of the pack in four seasons.

"He's definitely put more pressure on all of us because he performed well, which is a great thing," Kenseth said. "If you know your equipment is good enough to win with and he was able to win all of those races, you know you've got the stuff, you just have to figure out how to put it together."

Edwards has, just not well enough to supplant Johnson. A win in the Daytona 500 would be a strong indication Edwards is ready to make the leap. He finished sec-

ond here in July, but has otherwise been an afterthought at NASCAR's restrictor-plate races, Daytona and Talladega.

Edwards has been fairly quiet during Speedweeks — he finished seventh in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout and eighth in one of the twin 150-mile qualifying races — but his offseason was filled with excitement.

He upset Michael Schumacher in the Race of Champions in London, spent a week traveling through Thailand and then returned home to Missouri to get married. The travel helped him forget the disappointment of finishing second.

But since arriving in Daytona, all anyone has talked to him about was near-misses, close calls, redemption, being a runner-up and getting picked to win it all in 2009.

"I think Carl and his team are tough and they're motivated by not winning last year," four-time champion Jeff Gordon said. "But at the same time, they got beat when they were at the best that I've seen them to this point. That's the best that I've seen them and they still got beat."

PRO BASEBALL: BRAVES SPRING TRAINING PREVIEW



AP PHOTO
Newly acquired Atlanta Braves righthander Derek Lowe throws during a spring training workout on Friday.

Contenders or pretenders?

Questions remain despite optimism from inside club

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

Old habits are hard to break.

The Atlanta Braves haven't made the playoffs since 2005, the last hurrah in their record streak of 14 straight division titles, and it's hard to view them as a serious contender now. They're coming off their worst season since George Bush (the first one) was president.

They're looking up in the same division to the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies and the free-spending (if perpetually disappointing) New York Mets.

Still, the Braves head into spring training clinging to the mind-set of a franchise that once ruled the NL East — not the one that lost 90 games a year ago.

"It's been a very fruitful offseason and we feel very comfortable," general manager Frank Wren said. "We like our club a lot."

Of course, everyone likes their team at this time of the year. Pitchers and catchers reported for spring training at Atlanta's Disney World complex on Friday. The entire squad will be on the field for the first time on Wednesday.

So, are the Braves really a legitimate contender?

Or is Wren just blinded by the perpetual optimism that was once so justified in Atlanta?

First, the hopeful signs:

■ The Braves rebuilt their injury-ravaged rotation over the winter, doling out a \$60 million contract to Derek Lowe, trading for Javier Vazquez and signing Japanese all-star Kenshin Kawakami.

■ The bullpen should be much better if Mike Gonzalez, Rafael Soriano and Peter Moylan are fully recovered from offseason surgeries.

■ Chipper Jones is still wreaking havoc in the heart of the batting order, coming off a career-best .364 average and his first NL batting title.

Now, for the bad news:

■ John Smoltz, who had spent his entire career with the Braves and was a leader in the clubhouse, signed with the Boston Red Sox after negotiations with Atlanta turned ugly. Needless to say, the fans weren't too thrilled about losing an icon of the team's once-dominant rotation.

■ The outfield is a mess. Right fielder Jeff Francoeur, who once graced the cover of Sports Illustrated, would have trouble landing a spot in a weekly shopper after the worst season of his on-again-off-again career. The other two spots are even more shaky.



AP PHOTO
Atlanta Braves pitcher Kenshin Kawakami walks past a Japanese film crew prior to a spring workout in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

■ Former ace Tim Hudson continues to recover from Tommy John surgery and isn't likely to take the mound until August.

So is this team a contender or pretender?

In all likelihood, the answer will be provided by the pitching staff.

The Braves once dominated with a rotation that included Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, a trio that will likely team up again someday at Cooperstown. But the staff went down in flames last year, devastated by a string of season-ending injuries. Smoltz, Hudson, Glavine, Soriano and Moylan were all lost as Atlanta assembled a more formidable staff on the DL than it did on the field.

Wren was determined to avoid a repeat. He dealt a group of prospects to the Chicago White Sox for Vazquez. He signed Kawakami, the first Japanese player in franchise history. He doled out a huge contract to Lowe to be the ace of this reconstituted staff. Those three join the one reliable holdover from last year's staff, 13-game winner Jair Jurrjens.

"You've got to start off with your starting pitching," Wren said.

The 35-year-old Lowe is certainly durable, having never been on the DL during his dozen years in the big leagues, but it will be interesting to see how he adjusts to the role of No. 1 starter. Even while putting together seven straight seasons with at least 12 wins during stints with the Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers, he was always viewed as a complementary member of the rotation rather than the top guy.

Lowe said he's ready to take on the burden of ace after pitching in Boston and L.A.

"You learn how to lose," he said. "What I mean by that is, you learn how to take criticism. You learn how to get booed. I think a lot of people don't

know how to deal with it. I think it's a positive learning experience in so many ways. But no matter where you go, there's always pressure. There's no different pressure here."

While the top four spots in the rotation appear to be filled, the Braves will use spring training to settle on the fifth spot. They could go with journeyman Jorge Campillo, a pleasant surprise in 2008 (8-7, 3.91 ERA in 25 starts). They could bring back the 42-year-old Glavine, who was still mulling an offer to return for one more season with the Braves at a significantly reduced salary. They could push up the timetable on top prospect Tommy Hanson, a 6-foot-6, 210-pound right-hander who dominated the Arizona Fall League.

The 22-year-old Hanson figures to get as much attention as Mickey Mouse during spring training, though the Braves would prefer to give the non-roster invitee at least another partial season in the minors.

"I feel zero pressure," Hanson insisted. "I don't feel any more expectations. I just want to go out pitch and get better and do what I've been doing for the last three years. Obviously I want to be in Atlanta. That's the ultimate goal, but if I start in Triple-A, that's fine."

Francoeur doesn't have the luxury of patience, even though he's only 25. The guy once projected as baseball's next great player looked totally lost in 2008, hitting a paltry .239 with just 11 homers. He even did a brief stint in the minors, hoping to regain his hitting stroke, but nothing seemed to work. This season will likely determine whether Francoeur has a long-term future in Atlanta or was just another over-hyped prospect.

Jones, for one, is expecting to see major improvement.

"He's definitely made some adjustments," the Braves most reliable hitter said. "His thought process is 300 percent better."

Francoeur could certainly take some lessons from Jones, who just seems to keep getting better at the plate. His on-base percentage was .470. He had far more walks (90) than strikeouts (61).

But Jones, who will turn 37 before the season is a month old, has been plagued by injuries. He played only 128 games last year and hasn't made it through a full year without some sort of ailment since 2003.

"This club can't afford for me to be off for an extended period of time," Jones said. "I can't afford to play 120, 125 (games). I can't have that."

Especially with some of the holes in the batting order. First baseman Casey Kotchman hardly impressed after coming over in the Teixeira deal (.237, two homers, 20 RBIs) and the Braves were still trolling around for another outfielder, having passed on the chance to bring back Andrew Jones.

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PRO BASKETBALL: ALL-STAR WEEKEND

NBA's best put glitz into game

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — For one weekend, basketball promised to be fun again in Phoenix.

The NBA's best were in town for the All-Star game, bringing the spectacle of endless entertainment, lots of laughs and plenty of points.

Just like the Suns used to provide.

Now, with the hometown team mired in so much misery that its own All-Star starter was perhaps days away from a ticket out of town, it was up to Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal, LeBron James and the other high-scoring showmen to bring hoops happiness back to the Valley of the Sun.

"Right now, the dynamics with the Phoenix Suns, there is a lot of head-scratching going on right now," said Doug Collins, a Phoenix resident who will be part of TNT's coverage of the game on tonight.

"This team was the darling of the city for the last four years with Mike D'Antoni — high-flying and (they) had a wide-open style. There have been a lot of trades and changes, and I think they have more meetings in the last month than I have in my career trying to get things squared away, which is always a bad sign."

The Suns were championship contenders during most of D'Antoni's four full seasons, winning games and fans with their uptempo brand of offense. He's gone now, and he might not be the only one by next week as the disappointing Suns look to start over while barely hanging on at the bottom of the playoff race.

Amare Stoudemire, scheduled to start for the Western Conference, is perhaps the biggest and most frequent name mentioned in trade talks ahead of next week's deadline. Teammate O'Neal, back in the

All-Star game after missing out last year, also is on the block.

The potential dismantling of the local team threatened to overshadow the NBA's third trip to Phoenix for its midseason event.

"We don't have the momentum that we'd like to have, we are underperforming and there are financial concerns," Suns general manager Steve Kerr told reporters last week. "So there's things, there's issues to talk about and to deal with and we have to do what's best for our team."

Just in case, perhaps Suns fans should enjoy their favorites while they can — along with the other talent surrounding them tonight.

They'll see the return of the O'Neal-Bryant pairing that once dominated NBA headlines, on and off the court. Together they led the Los Angeles Lakers to three straight championships and four finals berths in five years, but that

success was eventually overshadowed by the bickering that triggered their breakup.

They'll be on the same team for the first time since the 2004 NBA finals, when the Lakers were knocked off by Detroit.

"That will be kind of fun to see how well they hook up together," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who will coach the West.

O'Neal was chosen to 14 straight All-Star games before missing last year during an injury-plagued season. Few players match his level of popularity with fans.

"I'm a very lucky player because I went through three different eras of the All-Star game," O'Neal said. "I went through the Mike era, where it was Mike (Jordan) and (Charles) Barkley and all those guys, and I went through the my era, where it was me all the time and Kobe, and now it's the Kobe-LeBron, D-Wade era,

Dwight Howard eras. So I've been lucky enough to go through all three of those transitions."

Bryant and James have dominated recent All-Star games, combining for the last three MVP awards. James said the first three quarters are for fun, but, "the fourth quarter, that's when we all really start to play hard."

Bryant won his second trophy two years ago in Las Vegas, but will be looking to bounce back from a disappointing All-Star weekend in New Orleans last year, when he could barely play because of a torn ligament in his right pinkie.

James has been even better — the best scorer ever in All-Star play. His 27-point performance last year in the East's 134-128 victory raised his average through four appearances to 24.3 points, the highest among players who have played in that many games. He was MVP of that game, two years after he won it for leading a huge East rally in Houston.

Sports calendar

Registration, tryouts

- Nob North Golf Course is taking entries for the 2009 Industrial Golf League, which plays a 10-week schedule and season-ending playoff. Each team plays once a week with matches starting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each team has nine players, with four participating in the weekly competition; entry fee is \$825 per team. Call (706) 694-8505.

- The North Georgia Bulldogs minor league football team, based in Calhoun, will hold tryouts at 2 p.m. on Feb. 21-22 at the Gordon County Recreation complex. Fee is \$25. For information, visit northgeorgiabulldogs.com or call team owner Kacee Smith at (770) 881-1433 or (706) 271-8112.

- Dalton Parks and Recreation Department will hold online sign-ups for youth baseball and softball at the main recreation center from 4 to 7 p.m. each day on Feb. 16-19. Age groups for leagues are 4-5 tee ball, 6 instructional, 7-8 pitching machine, 9-10 mite live arm, 11-12 midget live arm and 13-14 junior. Coaches are still needed and leagues will not begin until enough coaches are in place. Call (706) 463-3848.

Umpires needed

- North Georgia/Chattanooga Metro USFA Umpires will meet on Feb. 15 at Jack Mattox Complex in Ringgold. They are also seeking qualified umpires for the 2009 season. Training will be offered and top pay and benefits are offered. Contact Rick Hazelwood at (423) 364-6813 or Garry Headrick at (706) 483-1346.

Clinics

- Northwest Whitfield will host a baseball clinic for boys in grades 1-8 on March 7, with instruction provided by Northwest's coaching staff, feeder middle school coaches and Bruins players. Group and individual instruction in the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, position play and baserunning will be provided and reinforced with drills. Grades 1-4 will participate from 8:30 a.m. to noon and grades 5-8 will participate from 1:30 to 5 p.m.; from noon to 1:30 p.m., Northwest's varsity team will hold a practice for participants to watch. Cost is \$25. Location of clinic will be either baseball field or gymnasium, depending on weather.

- Dalton Parks and Recreation Department will host a clinic by the Doyle Academy baseball and softball school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21 at Lakeshore Park. Groups will be divided by ages (6-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-older). Fee is \$45 if registered by March 13 or \$65 after that date. Participants should bring their own bat and

glove, tennis shoes for indoor use and a lunch. Call (706) 281-1223.

Tournaments

- The eighth "Bash-4-Cash" softball tournament will be held in Cleveland, Tenn., on March 13-15 for teams in classes B, C, D, E, as well as rec and women's divisions. Prize for winning is \$1,000; rec teams will receive plaques.

Entry fee is \$235, plus an ISA sanction fee. Contact Billy Knight at (423) 479-5500, (423) 421-3285 or (423) 504-2574.

- The Northwest Whitfield golf team will host a fundraiser golf tournament at March 15 at Nob North. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Fees include lunch, three mulligans and one red tee. Awards will be given for closest to the pin and longest drive. Contact Jim McGrew at (706) 516-2354 or 260-9179.

- The fourth Youth March Madness basketball tournament for boys and girls grades 1-12 will be held at various gymnasiums in the Dalton area on March 20-22. Entry fee is \$150. Contact Stacy Pardee at by e-mail at spardee@whitfield.k12.ga.us or (706) 483-7246.

- Southeast's boys soccer team will host a single-elimination soccer tournament on March 21. Teams may have unlimited rosters, but may not be co-ed and may only play seven at a time, including keeper.

Each half will have a 20-minute running clock with a 5-minute halftime and no overtime — penalties will break ties — with indirect kicks for restarts; two officials per field, with all regular fouls enforced.

Field dimensions will be 40 yards by 50 yards with a 15-yard box. Cost is \$80 per team and cash prizes will be awarded; registration ends March 9. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 16 at Nueva Vida Church on Riverbend Road for team representatives to draw opponents and match times — those teams without a representative present will be assigned opponents and times. Call Thomas Gonzales at (706) 313-0921.

- The Northwest Whitfield Dugout Club will host a fundraiser golf tournament with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on March 22 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ricky Darnell at (706) 217-9338 or Kip Allen at (706) 260-9664.

Add your news

- If you have a tournament, registration, camp, meeting or other local sports event you'd like to have listed, we're happy to include it in our sports calendar. E-mail the details to larryfleming@daltoncitizen.com or send a fax to (706) 275-6641.

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Busy as a bee

It's only February and already I'm looking for signs of spring. My eyes want to behold the beauty of its colors and my creaking bones need the warmer temperatures. Some would say I'm wishing my life away, but it seems to be the case with many folks I think. Scarlett wasn't alone when she said, "I'll worry about that tomorrow." As each day brings us closer to sunnier days, greener yards and landscapes bursting with colors, I dream of spring.

One sure sign of spring's arrival is the sight of the Orchard Mason bee. It's in May and June that these North American bees can be seen flying about, pollinating various fruit trees. The Mason bees are a gentle lot, smaller and more patient than the moody bumble bee. Last spring, I recall when one flew directly onto my hand. The bee was disoriented. For a moment I stood still, for fear of being stung. The poor bee feared being smashed. We were at a standoff. I stood there with my hand opened. I declare that little bee looked up at me as if to say, "Thanks for not smashing me" and flew off into the sunset. I am told that Mason bees actually have been known to seek out the human hand in order to obtain warmth. It seems to be true.

The female Mason bee's life is but a short span of one month. She must be busy about her business from the onset of life. She doesn't have the luxury of wishing one minute of her life away. When she has gathered enough food supply for larva, she will lay her eggs inside existing holes in wood, and then plug the cell closed with mud. The following spring, her hard work will pay off as her offspring emerge to continue the cycle of life. She will never see the results of her dutiful labor.

There's a lot to be said for the docile, industrious Orchard Mason bees. Born to a purpose, the determination of those shiny little bees gives cause to ponder the importance of time and a purpose to leave an impact upon this world.

I recall as a young girl helping my mother with housework she would use the term, "You're a busy little bee." Only now do I realize the significance of that statement.

Now I think about the life span of the bee and how much is accomplished in such a short time. If only I could work as well. But as I grew up I became more casual in my way of living life. By nature I am a procrastinator and I don't share that information lightly. Procrastination; some call it lack of motivation, some call it being laid-back. I like to enjoy the scenery, linger a little longer than I should. Sometimes I even wish the time away, hoping tomorrow will be a better day. Perhaps there is a thin line between being too casual and being careless as we go about our busy lives. Are we fulfilling a purpose? Life is unpredictable and brief. In these uncertain times, it's easy to become distracted, get off task, and become very stressed. We want to put off dealing with the



Mary Catherine Rogers

Robo Expo: Chance to grow

SUBMITTED BY BRINDA CLAYTON, PRINCIPAL OF NEW HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New Hope Elementary was fortunate to have three teams participate in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League this school year, which was also the first year that the school participated in the national and international robotics program.

The FIRST Lego League (FLL) program was launched through a partnership of the FIRST organization (www.usfirst.org) and the Lego Corp. The three New Hope teams represented the school in the first Robo Expo, a competition of Whitfield County Schools FLL teams at Dalton State College.

The New Hope teams worked extremely hard and the school is proud of their efforts. We would like to congratulate team Robo Bulbs for placing as one of the top two teams during Robo Expo. The team is represented by Zack Finley, Preston Ausmus, Ty Faulkner, Madison Gowin, Jamison Payne and Alyson Hannah.

The teams went on to compete in the regional Lego Competition at Wheeler High School in Marietta. The Robo Bulbs finished in third place overall, qualifying for the Super Regional which took place at Dalton High School in January. They were the only local team competing in the field of 40 at the Super Regional.

The students are thankful to be a part of the Lego Robotics experience, and have learned far more than was expected of a group of "rookie" participants.

Other teams representing New Hope were the Brick Wizards, with members Whitley Brooker, Mallory Smith, Maddie Cline, Alisa Evans and Ainslee Martin, and the Exotic Robotics, with members Shelby Fernandez, Anisha Mittal, Lauren Lackey, Emily Mellor and Kelsey Paul.

The New Hope teams thank teachers Ginger Gray, Kay Denson and Lisa Brooker, and also Rebecca Bolden, an environmental engineer with Mohawk Industries, for volunteering in their ALPHA (Advanced Learning Program for High Achievers) classroom or assisting the teams during their competitions. The New Hope teams are coached by ALPHA teachers Donnie Carpenter and Anne Stinnett.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Above, members of the "Robo Bulbs" are shown with their first-place award from Robo Expo, the Whitfield County Schools Lego Competition. Front, from left, are Jamison Payne, Preston Ausmus and Madison Gowin. In back are Zack Finley, Alyson Hannah and Ty Faulkner. Left, the "Robo Bulbs" are pictured at the regional Lego Robotics Competition in Marietta.



Left, members of the New Hope "Exotic Robotics" are, kneeling, Emily Mellor and Anisha Mittal, and, standing, community volunteer Rebecca Bolden from Mohawk Industries, Kelsey Paul, Lauren Lackey and Shelby Fernandez. Above, from left, members of the "Brick Wizards" from New Hope Elementary are Mallory Smith, Whitley Brooker, Maddie Cline, Alisa Evans and Ainslee Martin.

Crawford's goals reach worldwide heights

We, as Earth people, anchored on whatever piece of terra firma we call home, wonder what is happening to the atmospheric conditions in the far beyond that surrounds us. We hear about a black hole in the sky or global warning that causes crazy weather conditions to abound in America's homelands.

Unless you really want to, there appears to be no need to wonder now about such matters.

For four years a native of Whitfield County has combed the air-spaces over both the North Pole and the South Pole. He has been on top of the world and on its bottom — plus countless numbers of flights around Mother Earth.

Following four years of flights and more than that in studies, his opinion is that there now is global warming. Many people, based primarily on the melting of icebergs, have had such thoughts in mind.

Those research missions were accomplished by James H. Crawford, a scientist at the NASA Research Center, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Crawford of northeast Dalton.

While there was the natural parental concern over their son's safety on such aerial missions, there is the joy over the cessation of that particular series of exploratory flights in what most earthbound folks would consider "flights into the unknown."

His father recalled with joy one flight in particular. Answering the rings of the telephone at the Crawford home, the father heard the excited in-flight voice of his son, who joyfully proclaimed: "Hey, Daddy, I'm flying over the North Pole!" The thrill of the parents over

their son's accomplishment and success is beyond the pride that most of us could comprehend.

During his public school days from Dawnville Elementary and through Northwest High School and Georgia Tech, James Henry Crawford's goal was to successfully reach the heights. He sought and continuously accomplished that goal. During his college days, the goal was fulfilled.

Reaching his adult years, the same goal — also accomplished, and on a scale much higher than could have been anticipated — was accomplished, as he became a top scientist serving in specialized government missions.

Academically, his career was loaded with scholarships. He learned to play a clarinet. In his marching band days that began as a sixth-grader, he earned four John Philip Sousa awards. His first was at Northwest High, followed with three in succession at the U.S. Military Academy. He didn't seek a fourth award at the Academy because he thought "somebody else should be allowed to win it."

James' desires to achieve his goals were to continue. He entered a more lofty carrier in heights beyond and above the earth that would take him from earthbound to atmospheric elevation heights of up to 35,000 feet.

He became a top scientist at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., where he studied atmospheric chemistry. He was among the six selected in 2002 to receive one of the 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. A ceremony for presentation was conducted at the White House July 12, 2002. The award, presented by President George Bush, was for a half-million-dollar grant issued at \$100,000 annually for five years to extend his atmospheric chemistry.

Earning such recognition was considered a highest federal govern-



PHOTO COURTESY OF NASA

James H. Crawford, a scientist at the NASA Research Center, studie atmospheric chemistry. His work has taken him over the North and South poles on federal government around-the-world aerial missions and studies.

ment honor to a young scientist.

A partial description of Crawford's mission, as explained by reporter Michael Hines in the July 12, 2002, issue of the Hampton, Va., Daily Press, gives this brief insight into the pilot's work on understanding what amounts to the atmosphere's all-purpose cleaner:

"Crawford studies the concentration of hydroxyl radicals, molecules consisting of a single oxygen atom and one hydrogen atom. Crawford looks at the so-called OH radicals in an area of the atmosphere called the troposphere. That level, from about the earth's surface to where jetliners fly, is where most weather takes place.

"The OH radicals are produced when ultraviolet radiation reacts with ozone. It is chemically reactive to just about everything, so it plays a major role in flushing out pollution.

"Crawford compares how much OH is in the atmosphere to how much computer models predict should be there. Ensuring those models are correct means scientists can have another way to better understand the processes in that atmospheric area."

During Crawford's early educational days that began in the small community of Dawnville, his parents, James David and Rita Crawford, have followed his pursuits with untiring interest. During the meantime, they have sandwiched in much community time at Hamilton Medical Center. Mr. Crawford is in his 11th year as a Red Cross volunteer, and Mrs. Crawford recently retired after 32 years as a registered nurse.

■ **Mark Pace is editor emeritus of The Daily Citizen.**

Fired by his doctor

By **SAM McMANIS**
Sacramento Bee

The pronouncement was stark, some might even say brutal, in its honesty. Ron Warren's doctor of four years looked him squarely in the eye and didn't mince words. He was dumping him as a patient.

"He said, 'You're going to have a heart attack. You're going to die. There's nothing more I can do for you,'" Warren, 45, recalls.

This brush-off came after years of imploring Warren to lose weight, to eat right, to exercise. It came after years of writing Warren prescriptions to treat maladies ranging from high blood pressure and high cholesterol to back pain. It came after this final tale of the tape: Warren weighed 296 pounds, and his blood pressure registered at 215/185.

Warren, a former Roseville, Calif., school custodian on disability after a workplace injury, left chastened and bewildered.

"I said to my girlfriend, 'What can I do now?'" Warren recalls. "I was dumb-founded."

Soon, however, Warren's mood changed to defiance. He decided to do something at last to save his own life — and prove that doctor wrong.

"A little thing inside says, 'Every time somebody tries to knock me down, I believe I can do it,'" Warren says. "So I said, that's it. I'm going to get in shape. I started walking that morning. The next morning, it was a little harder. But it got easier after that."

Day after day of exercise and watching his weight has paid off for Warren. In a little more than a year, he's gone from morbidly obese to borderline svelte — 191 pounds on his 5-foot-11 frame.

Warren won't lie to you. It wasn't easy shedding the pounds. And it still isn't a piece of cake, which proba-



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Ron Warren took a dire warning as a challenge and turned his health around.

bly is a poor choice of words, since cake is no longer part of his diet.

But as a feisty New Yorker who won't back down from a challenge, Warren fought back.

"If the doctor hadn't said anything, I might still be fat and taking all these medications," he says. "So in a way,

I guess he helped me. But I'm still not happy with him."

Warren, justifiably, is happy with himself. But he knows now that weight loss is a lifelong endeavor.

"Everybody told me I'd gain it all back," he says. "I've found the only way to keep it off is to run or walk

every day. It's got to be an hour a day to maintain it. If I slip two or three days, forget it — I can gain three pounds like it's nothing."

He is equally vigilant about his eating habits. Warren eschewed fad diets and adhered to the dictum of eating less (and balanced meals) and exercising more.

And that meant giving up some nasty habits, such as his unquenchable thirst for soda.

"I used to drink 10 sodas a day," he says. "You know how it is: You're sitting around feeling sorry for yourself. You pop a soda. Now I drink a soda every Saturday, just one. I tell you one thing, you enjoy it more now. Before, it was an abusive thing, popping a soda."

"And, like, food. I went from McDonald's double cheeseburgers to bran muffins or half a bagel. Lunch now is a sandwich on pita bread. Dinner is chicken with rice. No more things covered with gravy. No more eating after 7 o'clock."

There are exceptions. Warren is, after all, human.

"OK, if I do eat after 7 o'clock, it's fruit like watermelon or grapes," he says.

But one thing he forces himself to do is exercise.

"I still have mornings where I go, 'Ugh,' and my legs burn from my back injury," he says. "But I don't care if it hurts or it's raining. I just go. I don't want to fall back."

"I like the way I feel now. I was getting real bad migraines. No more. The most amazing thing is, my cholesterol and sugar blood, it's all normal now. I'm not taking all this medication."

His energy level is surprising to friends and family.

"My nieces and nephews always wanted to play Playstation 2 when they come over," he says. "Now, I'm like, 'Let's go to the park and play basketball.' My girlfriend thinks I've got too much energy now."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Feb. 16

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

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will meet Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

Feb. 19

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will host a Member Mixer Feb. 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Moe's Southwest Grill in Bryman's Plaza. All chamber members are invited.

The Georgia Ninth District-West Group of FairTax.org will meet Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse, 6734 Lee Highway, in Chattanooga. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail fairtaxacoltyte@gmail.com.

Feb. 20

The Woman's Community Club will present a Black History program Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. The Center is located on Fredrick Street. The public is invited.

Feb. 21

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser breakfast Feb. 21

from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's on Walnut Avenue in Dalton. Carryout orders are available. Tickets are \$5 by calling (706) 226-5002 or may be purchased at the door.

Feb. 22

A benefit singing will be held for Ricky Quarles Feb. 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Fred's Music Hall, 304 E. Morris St., in Dalton. Admission is \$5. All proceeds will go towards the cost of a kidney transplant. For more information, call Barbara at (706) 673-7949.

Feb. 24

The Dalton Herb Society will meet Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. Local artist and instructor Judy Sorrow will present a program on "Drawing and Painting Botanicals." RSVP no later than Feb. 18 to (706) 673-9369. Hostesses will be Sorrow and Jennifer Detweiler.

The Whitfield County Democratic Party will have its regular monthly meeting Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Judicial Building. The Judicial Building is located on the corner of Selvidge and King streets.

Feb. 26

The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center will offer blood pressure checkups Feb. 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a presentation and healthy heart updates by the American Heart Association at 11 a.m. Blue Cross Blue Shield will have information available, as well. The Center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton. For more information, call (706) 278-3700.

The regular monthly meeting of the Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 112 in Dalton will be held Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the post. For membership information, call the Post at (706) 226-5120 or Lisa Elliott at (706) 259-5423 or (706) 264-3897.

Ask the Fool

The Basics of a Buyout

When a company is bought out, should its stock price go up or down? — *P.U., Bellingham, Wash.*

It depends on the deal. If the firm's current market value is around \$5 billion and it's bought for \$10 billion, the stock price may leap up on the news. When a company is very desirable, perhaps due to its products or growth prospects, a buyer may have to outbid other interested companies. But if a firm is struggling, it might get scooped up for a song.

Meanwhile, if investors think that the acquiring company has struck a good deal, its price might also rise. But if they think the company overpaid or won't see a good return on the investment, the price can fall.

When one company buys another and spends millions of dollars to do so, who actually gets that money? Where does it go? — *B.A., Millersburg, Ohio*

If the acquiring company pays cash, it goes to the shareholders of the acquired firm. There can also be payments to other classes of equity, such as holders of preferred stock. On some occasions, some of the cash tendered may go to debt holders, if part of the purchase price is allocated to buying back debt.

If the acquirer buys with its own stock, then shareholders of the acquired firm will get shares of the acquiring company in exchange for their acquired-firm stock. These shares can be sold for cash, or the shareholders can simply hold on. Companies typically buy other companies for more than their pre-purchase market price, paying a "premium."

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Sure, these days you can find some brokerages charging you almost nothing to buy and sell stock. But price isn't everything. Evaluate brokerages by looking at the big picture — their fees and services, accessibility and customer service. Do look at their commission rates, too, of course.

Pay attention to what percentage of your investment your commission cost represents. For example, imagine that you invest \$150 in shares of McDonald Farms Inc. (ticker: EIEIO) and you pay a \$12 commission. Divide \$12 by \$150 and you'll get 0.08, or 8 percent. That means you've invested \$150, but at the same time you forfeited nearly one-tenth of that value in commissions. If the shares rose 8 percent in the first year, you'd barely break even, instead of realizing a significant gain.

It's worse if you're more of a speculator than an investor, buying and selling frequently. In that case, you might invest the \$150, pay \$12, and then pay \$12 again soon after, when you sell the shares. You'd

have forked over \$24 on a \$150 investment. Yikes!

Aim to keep your commission costs at 2 percent or less per trade, if possible. If your brokerage charges \$12, then try to invest at least \$600 each time you buy stock. (\$12 divided by 0.02 equals \$600.) If your brokerage charges \$20, your minimum would be \$1,000. You can always save up money until you have enough.

If you're like many people, though, the idea of waiting until you've gathered \$1,000 is discouraging. Fear not — you have options. For starters, you can switch to a less pricey brokerage. Some charge just \$5 or less. Learn more at www.broker.Fool.com and www.sec.gov/answers/openaccount.htm. (Of course, if you trade just a few times a year, paying a few more dollars in commissions isn't a huge deal.)

You can also invest small sums regularly through direct investing plans, which let you buy stock directly through companies, bypassing brokerages altogether. Many major companies offer DRIPs. Learn more about direct investing at www.fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm and www.dripinvestor.com.

My Dumbest Investment

The Mistakes of a Rookie

In 1998, at age 69, I began reading The Wall Street Journal and decided to buy stocks on my own because I was disappointed in my husband's investment returns. After lots of research and following my picks, I bought into Sun Microsystems, Palm, Oracle, Qwest and AstraZeneca, because it was located near my hometown. After the nose-dive in tech stocks, I began reading all the logical explanations. I lost a lot. My husband, very little. With the wind out of my sails, I realized what a rookie I was and that Rome wasn't built in a day. — *V.P., online*

The Fool Responds: You were smart to research before buying, but you're right that developing real savvy can take time and some painful lessons. AstraZeneca is holding its own, and some tech stocks such as Oracle have risen significantly since that nosedive. At least you didn't buy near the peak, in 2000. Perhaps ask your husband what he looks for in his investments. By putting your two heads together, your portfolio might end up doing even better.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Founded by two Stanford classmates in 1939, I'm a global leader in computer printers, shipping more than a million each week, along with nearly 50 million computers each year. My first product was an audio oscillator that Walt Disney Studios used for its film "Fantasia." I spend \$3.5 billion per year on research and development, and produce about 11 patents per day worldwide. I power more than 130 of the world's stock exchanges. My software runs more than 100 million cell phones. I merged with Compaq in 2000 and rake in almost \$120 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Hewlett-Packard)

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Name That Company

Founded in 1889, today I'm the world leader in the making, marketing and distribution of spices, seasonings and flavors to the entire food industry. My brand names include Zatarain's and Old Bay. My industrial division serves most of the top 100 food processors, restaurant chains, distributors and warehouse clubs, offering spices, blended seasonings, condiments, coatings and compound flavors. My name may not be on many packages, but it's probably in your spice cabinet, and my products are in a wide range of foods. I rake in more than \$3 billion yearly, and my annual report is scented. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

ENGAGEMENTS



Steven Thomas and Emily Bemby

Bemby, Thomas

Dr. and Mrs. Irvin C. Bemby of Jasper, Fla. are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Laurel Bemby, of Roswell, Ga., to Steven Jeffrey Thomas, of Marietta, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Thomas of South Pittsburg, Tenn. (formerly of Rocky Face).
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mildred Floyd and the late Mr. Charles Floyd of White Springs, Fla., and Mrs. Lillian Bemby and the late Mr. Payton Bemby of Jasper, Fla.
Miss Bemby is a graduate of Hamilton County High School in Jasper, Fla. She received a Bachelor of

Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville. She is employed as a project manager at Pinnacle Promotions, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.
The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Aileen Thomas and the late Nath Thomas of Blairsville, Ga., and the late David and Hazel Bohlender of LaSalle, Colo.
Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School in Tunnel Hill. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Building Construction and Contracting from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga. He is employed as a project manager at Industrial Concrete Construction, in Atlanta, Ga.
The wedding will take place in June in the North Georgia mountains.

DREAM WEDDING 101



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Professional wedding coordinator and event planner Morgan Wilder, owner of Soirées Weddings, Parties, will share her wedding expertise in Dream Wedding 101, a course at Dalton State College, beginning Tuesday in the James E. Brown Center. Preregistration is required. Visit www.daltonstate.edu/cce to register online, or call 272-4454 to register or for more information.

Seniors to take trips

The Murray County Senior Center has announced two upcoming trips.
A group will travel to Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Fla. June 8-12. The cost is \$480 per person, which includes round-trip transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts, four dinners, guided tours of Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Fountain of Youth, Kingsley Plantation, cruise on the St. John's River and more.
A Christmas trip to Branson, Mo., is also in the

works for Dec. 6-12. The cost is \$680 per person and includes round-trip transportation, six nights lodging, six breakfasts, six dinners, seven Branson shows, showboat Branson Belle, Tony Orlando and the Lennon Sisters, The 12 Irish Tenors, Brett Family Show, The Magnificent Seven, The Red Hot and Blue Show, Miracle of Christmas Show and more.
For more information, call Joan at (706) 695-2713 or pick up a flyer at the Center on G.I. Maddox Parkway in Chatsworth.

AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:
■ Jessica Deal, a daughter, Elizabeth Chyenne, Feb. 2.
■ Tabatha Dodson and Michael Keener, a daughter, Michaelynn Nicole, Feb. 2.
■ Crystal Edwards and Frank Fortner, a son, Dylan Thomas, Feb. 2.
■ Kathy Holloway, a son, Kenneth Quarles, Feb. 2.
■ Maria Juan and Domingo Francisco, a daughter, Paulina, Feb. 2.
■ Angel and Joshua Allen, a daughter, Shelly Amanda Leeann, Feb. 3.

■ Amanda Baynes and James Holt, a son, Daniel Eli, Feb. 3.
■ Jessica Nunez, a daughter, Hayden Celeste, Feb. 3.
■ Cheryl Miller and Jonathan Long, a son, Carson Michael Felton, Feb. 3.
■ Elvia Ortiz and Mario Rivera, a daughter, Allizzon Giselle, Feb. 3.
■ Silvia and Francisco Ortiz, a son, Francisco, Feb. 3.
■ Violet Betancourt and Jerry Sells, a daughter, Tiffany Raquel, Feb. 4.
■ Michelle Dill and Chris Adame, a son, Caden Abel, Feb. 4.
■ Cristina Fuentes and

Jose Contreras, a daughter, Stayeri Arely, Feb. 4.
■ Amy and Cody Holloway, a daughter, Ada Grace, Feb. 4.
■ Jamie and Caleb Martin, a son, Eli Jax, Feb. 4.
■ Melissa and Josh Poteet, a son, Logan Michael, Feb. 4.
■ Marilu and Ramon Rodriguez, a daughter, Valeria, Feb. 4.
■ Iraiz Vigil and Ricardo Villalobos, a daughter, Natalia, Feb. 4.
■ Kathy and Tom Witteveen, a daughter, Courtney Athene, Feb. 4.
■ Nicole Lemons and James Keel, a son, James Cameron, Feb. 5.

■ Maria Salais and Zuriel Patino, a daughter, Roselyn, Feb. 5.
■ Rachel Streck and Jason Carter, a daughter, Eden Lyric Adele, Feb. 5.
■ Tiffany Carnes and Justin Adcock, a daughter, Sara Jalysa, Feb. 6.
■ Maria and Carlos Rodriguez, a son, Jonathan, Feb. 6.
■ Sarah Sisson and Robert Harris, a son, Braelyn Lee, Feb. 6.
■ Michelle and John Fowler, a son, William Scott, Feb. 7.
■ Yudy Granados and Leonel Rentevia, a son, Leonel, Feb. 7.
■ Zan and Derek Smith, a son, Sean Wyatt, Feb. 7.

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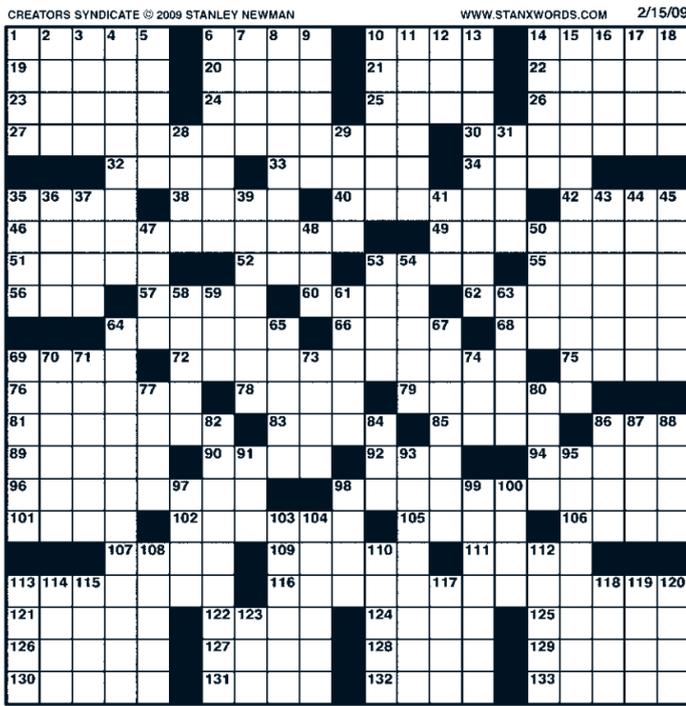
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Rogers

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rough stuff. Sometimes we'd rather throw up our hands and ask "Why bother?" But there is a lesson to be learned from the little bee that flies in freedom from tree to tree, on schedule, keeping the cycle of life going. How sobering it is to think even a bee knows there are deadlines and schedules to be kept. Only someone omniscient could orchestrate such a balance.

As I've grown older I've truly come to enjoy my wings of freedom; to come and go as I please. But my freedom doesn't exempt me from responsibilities. It simply allows me opportunities to enjoy the time in between the important things. I stay grounded knowing that I am part of the thread that creates the symmetry in life. There will always be deadlines to be kept, schedules to meet. The satisfaction at days end, the miracle of it all, is knowing that God held me gently in his hand, that life didn't swallow me up nor "smash" me in the process of it all.

Mary Catherine Rogers is a native of Whitfield County. She is a contributor to the book series "A Cup of Comfort for Christians," available in most local bookstores. You can contact her by e-mailing her at awritersword@gmail.com.

ANSWERS ON 6C

Senior Center offers art classes

The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center has announced the following upcoming arts and crafts classes:

■ Oil painting — First and second Thursday of each month from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch break. Michael Thompson is the instructor. Cost is \$40.

■ Oil painting technique — Third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$10.

■ Craft Depot — Each Monday at 10 a.m. with Yvonne Hardy. This is a basic art class designed for holiday themes and special projects. Admission is free.

■ A-1 Art — Each Tuesday at 11 a.m. led by Judy Sorrow. Admission is free.

■ Multimedia watercolor — Each Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. for six weeks beginning Feb. 23. The class will be led by Judy Sorrow. Fee is \$30.

■ Sculpture — Each Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 25. Instructor is Judy Sorrow. The class is open to all skill levels; fee is \$30.

■ Sign language — Each Wednesday at 1 p.m. beginning Feb. 25 with Fran Stuman as instructor. The cost is \$10.



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Multimedia watercolor is one of the classes that will be offered by the Senior Center.

■ Copper Calligraphy — Each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning March 3. Copper is the flourishing style of calligraphy that was used to pen the Declaration of Independence. Fee is \$30. The instructor is Judy Sorrow. This is a five-week class.

■ Beading — Each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon beginning March 18 for four weeks. Carol Baird will teach the class using the "Peyote stitch" with delicate

beads. Fee is \$30.

■ Stained glass — Each Friday beginning Feb. 27. Kitty Felker will teach this six-week class. Cost is \$20.

■ Polymer Clay jewelry — Each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning April 22. Carol Baird and Joyce Hudson will teach the three-week class. Fee is \$15.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call (706) 278-3700. The Center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton.

DEAR ABBY

Couple clashes over roles played by men and women

DEAR ABBY:

I'm a fiercely independent and headstrong woman. I have recently begun dating my childhood sweetheart, "Jess," again after 20 years. Jess is traditional and would prefer I surrender my independence and allow him to take the "man's" role. We are trying to compromise, but now another issue has come up.

My best friend, "Wendell," recently proposed to his girlfriend and asked me to be his best woman at the wedding. Of course I accepted. I'm excited about the honor he has bestowed upon me, and I will be wearing a tuxedo and stiletto heels.

Jess is totally against it. He says Wendell is treating me like I'm a man and I'm going along with it. Every time the subject comes up, Jess gets angry. He hasn't met Wendell yet, and I would love more than anything for my two special guys to get along. What am I to do? — **ON THE SPOT IN WALDORF, MD.**



Jeanne Phillips

healthier if he could accept you just as you are — and from your description of what's going on, I'm not sure he's flexible enough to do that.

It appears that Jess' thinking is firmly rooted in the 1930s. He may be a lovely person, but from my perspective, his definition of "compromise" is for you to assume the role of a female of that era. Women have come a long way since then, and I don't think assuming that role would be healthy for you.

DEAR ABBY: I have two grandsons and a new granddaughter. My daughter-in-law keeps dressing the infant in black dresses for her monthly pictures.

Abby, I can't stand to see a beautiful baby dressed in black. I have purchased lovely, colorful outfits for her at children's shops only to have her mother return them. Is this a new trend, does she have terrible taste, or am I crazy? — **FEELING BLUE IN RICHLAND, WASH.**

who specializes in children's portraits, I was informed that wearing black is not typical in children's photos — unless the parents are into Goth. Could this include your daughter-in-law?

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, my sister's husband of 20 years suddenly left her for a 23-year-old girl. He is living openly with her, even though he is still married to my sister. What is most disturbing is some members of his family are openly supporting this affair.

The shock of my brother-in-law's infidelity is painful enough, but the insensitivity of these family members is unbelievable. Are those people ignorant or just plain evil? — **HURTING FOR MY SISTER**

DEAR HURTING: The situation you have described is very sad. Not knowing the husband's family, I can't judge whether they are ignorant or evil. However, it's clear that in this case, blood is thicker than water — and for whatever reason, some of the in-laws never bonded emotionally with your sister.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ON THE SPOT: Before you go much further with Jess, it is important that you clearly understand not only what he feels a "man's role" is, but also exactly what he thinks a woman's role should be. Your relationship with him would be a lot

DEAR FEELING BLUE: It's not a new trend, it isn't terrible taste, and you're not crazy. It is, however, a matter of PERSONAL taste. Black garments are available for children of all ages. When I mentioned your letter to a photographer

HOROSCOPE

H a p p y Birthday: There is much at stake this year. Tone down your generosity and realize that too much of anything could be your downfall. This is not the time for revenge, overindulgence or a poor-me attitude but rather one of holding on and giving back what you can. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 26, 38, 41, 47



Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Protect your health, your assets and your future. Do whatever it takes to stay in the loop and to help those who have helped you in the past. The time is right to offer your services on a broader scale. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful to whom you tell your secrets. Emotional matters regarding both business and personal partners will be in limbo and will need reassessing. This is not the time to take action but rather to be observant and protect what you have. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may be intrigued by someone's lifestyle but don't even consider being a follower. An old friend may raise questions about a decision you made a long time ago. Let it go. 3 stars

22): Talk to someone in the know about the changes you would like to make in your personal and professional life. You'll get great direction and the support you need. Hard work and dedication will turn things around. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let your love life rule your heart. Someone is likely to put demands on you that don't feel good and the ability to say no will be required. Someone from your past can disrupt your life if you let him or her. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can settle old debts, disagreements and unfinished business if you don't let others meddle in your decisions. An idea you have can turn into a prosperous venture if you start off small. Avoid people who are trying to take your money. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A sudden change in your vocation or the rules and regulations at work will leave you uncertain about your next move. Push to develop one of your own ideas. Love and social events will lead to someone who can help you out. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your efforts into your work and avoid anyone

who gives you a hard time or tries to convince you to give up. Be strong. Success will not elude you if you push forward regardless of the demands being put on you. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pushing ahead on your own will help you the most. Love is on the rise and the time to make some serious decisions about your future is now. Get on with your plans as a couple or move on to someone who better suits you. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a lot on your mind pertaining to your status and position in life but, if you give in to what others are telling you, a mistake is likely to be made. You have plenty to offer and can come out ahead by taking your own path. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to your own set of rules and principles not those of someone playing emotional games. Do not lose sight of where you have come from and how far you've gotten. Be proud of your accomplishments. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An investment or offer being made may sound good but just the opposite is more likely. Difficulties with settlements and legal matters will set you back. Let things go and concentrate on new beginnings. 5 stars

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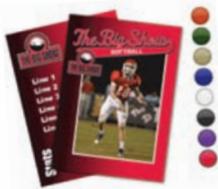
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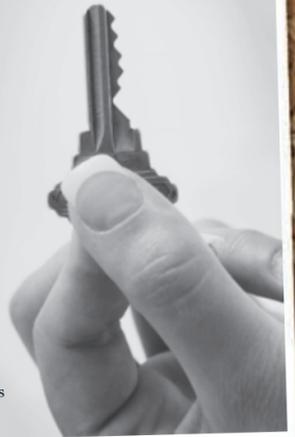
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'Amazing Race' launches 14th season



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Flight attendants Christie, far left, and Jodi and dating couple Jennifer and Preston are participants in "The Amazing Race 14."

BY TERRY MORROW
Scripps Howard News Service

For its 14th season, "The Amazing Race" has plotted a course for 11 teams to go 40,000 miles and through nine countries in 22 days.

The agenda is one of the most ambitious in "Race's" history. The show launches its new season at 8 p.m. EST Sunday on CBS.

In a first, teams will enter Romania and Siberia.

Challenges will have teams leaping the world's second-tallest bungee tower. They'll also be braving bone-chilling temperatures of Siberia and enduring the heat of India.

During one event in Interlaken, Switzerland, teams must take part in a

"cheese race" in which they carry wheels of cheese up and down a slope.

This "Race" is pulling out all the stops.

"We have extreme climates, intense roadblocks and less time in airports," says executive producer Bertram van Munster.

Teams include brothers who are stuntmen, flight attendants, a brother and sister who are Harvard lawyers, a feature-film actor/producer and his father, a pair of ex-National Football League cheerleaders and a deaf contestant with his mother.

"Race" is, apparently, the TV industry's gold standard for reality programming. It has won the Outstanding Reality Competition Emmy for the past six years.



PET OF THE WEEK



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Pocket, a 1-year-old gray tabby, is looking for a forever home.

Pocket full of love

Pocket is a gray tabby female approximately 1 year old.

Pocket is a sweet little girl just happy to be in a warm shelter with food, water and friends to play with. She is another "left behind" kitty that was expected to fend for herself when she was dropped off in a strange neighborhood. She is spayed, up to date with shots and tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

Pocket is a lap cat and just one of the many affectionate cats at the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia. If you are interested in this pet, fill out an online application on the "Adoption Center" link at

www.hsnwga.org.

For more information about this pet, call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002 and press "2" to leave a message. To see other adoptable cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, visit www.hsnwga.org or write HSNWGA, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, GA, 30719.

The next Humane Society meeting will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Charles and Evelyn Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton.

The public is invited. Adoption days at the facility are on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

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The UGLI (25 Across) is a Jamaican hybrid of the grapefruit and tangerine. (Samuel) Dashiell HAMMETT (62 Across) named his detective Sam SPADE (65 Down) after himself. Theodore Roosevelt received the 1906 Nobel Peace Prize for mediating an end to the RUSSO-Japanese War (133 Across).

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REAL ESTATE WATCH

What to do if your mortgage is rejected

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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Don't be surprised if your friendly lender, the one who invites you to sit down and apply for a mortgage, ushers you politely out the door empty-handed after you've chatted a bit.

The sudden chill isn't personal. The Mortgage Bankers Association, or MBA, in Washington, D.C., estimates that about half of all mortgage applicants are now being turned down, says MBA spokeswoman Carolyn Kemp. The acceptance rate on mortgage applications suffered a 10 percentage-point drop, from 63 percent in the first half of 2007 to 53 percent in the first half of last year, according to mortgage data tracked semi-annually by the association.

Instead of yielding to shame or anger over the rejection, today's consumers who are intent on buying or refinancing should adopt a pragmatic stance, since clear-eyed determination may eventually land them a loan.

Here's how:

1. Get a read on the reason: If you've submitted a formal application, federal law dictates that you're entitled to a formal rejection.

tion.

Expect an "adverse action" notice, spelling out the reasons for turning you down, which these days is likely to state that the loan amount you're seeking is too large compared to the current appraised value of your home, says Joe Theisen, president of the Wisconsin Mortgage Professionals Association.

If it's not your home's value that's the issue, it may be your personal credentials, such as your creditworthiness, work history or debt load.

When credit is the issue, an adverse-action notice is required, naming the credit reporting agency that provided the data on which the lender based its decision, according to Federal Trade Commission rules. You're also entitled to a free credit report; see the FTC Web site for more information.

In addition, a lender may pull a credit score, and tell you what you're likely eligible for, says Marc Savitt, president of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers.

2. Find a fix: Different loans at varying rates may be available, depending on how risky a lender thinks a particular mortgage will be. If you don't qualify at 5.5 percent, for instance, you may be able

to get the nod for a loan at 6 percent or 6.5 percent.

However, many borrowers, especially those who are refinancing, need a certain rate to reach the monthly payment they want. Not only are rates higher for risky loans, but there are now upfront "point" charges dictated by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two big mortgage guarantors currently under government control, Savitt says.

To get a good rate, some borrowers may be able to make changes — like lowering the amount of the loan they seek. To read more on the subject, see the Bankrate feature, "Beating 3 big refinancing roadblocks."

When a borrower isn't far from the qualifying mark, he may be able to reapply and be approved relatively quickly. For instance, if you're within reach of a 740 credit score, which is usually required for the best rate, you might pay down a balance on a credit card, Theisen says.

3. Seek out other opinions: Not every lending firm adheres strictly to the same playbook, and one lender may approve what another rejects, Savitt says.

A local "community bank," meaning a smaller, hometown insti-

tution, may be more flexible, contends Diane Scriveri, chief lending officer at Bogota Savings Bank in Teaneck, N.J.

"Because we're local, we may know home values better. We still use independent appraisals of course, but we may look at comparable (home values) differently because we know what's really happening in different neighborhoods," she says.

Credit unions, which only offer loans to consumers who qualify for credit union membership, may also be more forgiving, says Tony Emerson, president of the Credit Union League of Connecticut.

"It would be foolhardy to suggest that in every case, you can go to a credit union and get a loan," Emerson says.

Still, he says, some credit unions may judge loan eligibility based upon the unique relationship they have with their members.

4. Give it another try: The Mortgage Bankers Association is predicting that 30-year fixed rates will hover near the 5 percent range through 2009. So if predictions hold and interest rates stay relatively low, you should have time to try again.

Fortunately, a rejection shouldn't bring down your credit score,

says Craig Watts, public relations director for Fair Isaac Corp.

Making a formal application and then reapplying more than a month later could lower your score, but only by about 5 points.

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Mortgage rates tumbled one week after soaring.

The average 30-year fixed-rate plunged 36 basis points, to 5.34 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

This week's average 15-year fixed — a popular option for refinancing — slumped 28 basis points, to 5.03 percent.

The average jumbo 30-year fixed dipped 14 basis points, to 6.98 percent.

Adjustable-rate mortgages also sank this week. The one-year adjustable-rate mortgage fell 6 basis points, to 5.67 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM slid 13 basis points, to 5.37 percent.

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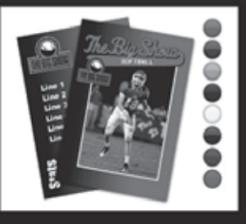
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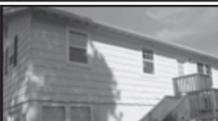
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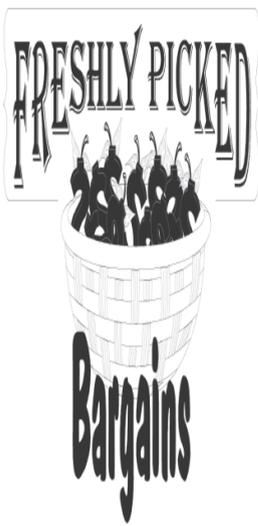
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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311 Health Care

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