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Baylee, a female American bulldog, licks Xander Williams, 5, on the face during a class on pets at Mill Creek Child Care Learning Center Wednesday.

More slots for pre-k?

Whitfield is one of 20 counties at top of state needs list

By CHARLES OLIVER
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Whitfield County could be getting more slots in the state-funded pre-kindergarten program.

"Whitfield is going to be one of our targeted counties this year. That means that when we get ready to fund we will be looking at the targeted counties first because they have the greatest need," said Mary Mazarky, assistant commissioner for pre-k at the Bright from the Start state agency.

The state has targeted 20 counties this year, based on waiting lists for pre-k, high school graduation rates and other factors. If the funds are there, they will be at the top of the list for additional slots.

Gov. Sonny Perdue has asked for 3,000 more pre-k slots in the 2010 fiscal year, which starts July 1.

"They are in the budget. If everything goes as planned, we will be getting them. Of course, everything has to be voted on and approved, but they are in the budget," said Dalton Realtor Dixie Kinard, who serves on the Bright from the Start state board.

There are currently some 8,000 children on waiting lists for pre-k statewide.

Mazarky said there are more than 100 children on waiting lists

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for the program in Whitfield County and there were less than 10 open slots as of January 2009. The state funds 920 slots in Whitfield.

In Murray County, the state funds about 400 slots, and there is no waiting list.

"All their slots are filled except for about eight. For that county, that's about right because kids come and go. At any given time, you are going to have kids out of the program," Mazarky said.

She said the state takes the waiting lists for each provider in the program and "cleans" it of duplicate names since parents may sign up at more than one provider.

"If we can get even just a couple of new classes, it would be great," said Kinard.

The program is free, funded by the state lottery, but it is also voluntary.

"There are some parents who have chosen to put their children

in a private program. Or they could be home with grandma. Parents make choices, and we have no way of knowing parents who make those choices," Mazarky said.

The state pre-k is open to 4- and 5-year-old children and includes reading, drawing, basic math, science, social studies and fine and large motor skills. It is offered by some local schools and at child care learning centers.

Rep. Tom Dickson, R-Cohutta, says that probably only half of the eligible children in Whitfield County are being served.

Sheila Woods, who runs the Mill Creek Day Care Center in Rocky Face, says awareness may be an issue.

"I don't think a lot of people even know that pre-k is out there. And I don't think a lot of people recognize just how beneficial it is for children," she said. "A lot of people think we are basically a baby-sitting service. But we are not. We have so many things we do each day."

"We teach math. We teach science. We teach social studies. It's geared to a 4- and 5-year-old level. We also teach language and literacy and social and emotional skills," said Celia Cantrell, a certified pre-k teacher at the Mill Creek center.

Police still searching for murder suspect

By MISTY WATSON
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Murray County sheriff's officials were still searching Sunday evening for a woman accused of fatally stabbing her ex-husband a few days ago, Sheriff Howard Ensley said.

Rhonda Young Sosebee, 44, of Wilding Lane, Dalton, remains the only suspect in the stabbing death of



Sosebee

Steven Lee Young. The stabbing occurred at his home at 145 Valley Road in Chatsworth, sometime between 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 6 p.m.

Friday, Ensley said.

Young was stabbed multiple times, Ensley said. An autopsy is being performed to determine how many times and where Young was stabbed.

Young was found at his home Friday evening by a friend, who had not been able to reach him by phone, Ensley said.

Sosebee and Young had been divorced for about a year following an eight-year marriage, and officers had responded to several domestic disturbance calls between them during that time.

Sosebee has family in the area, but Ensley said none of them say they have heard from her since the stabbing.

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 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.

Economy still the focus

Stimulus signing, foreclosure aid on Obama agenda

By STEVEN R. HURST
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WASHINGTON — Keeping the economy front and center, President Barack Obama heads west this week to sign the \$787 billion stimulus bill and tackle the home mortgage foreclosure crisis. The direct appeals for public support follow scant GOP backing in Congress for his agenda and increasing partisan bickering.

Passage of the stimulus measure — unprecedented in its cost — was a major triumph for Obama as he struggles lift the country from a financial nosedive unseen since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Top aides said Sunday the skyrocketing unemployment rate

Churches lending a helping hand

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With one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, the Dalton area has been hit hard by the recession. Many residents have turned to local churches for assistance.

"We probably are seeing an unprecedented level of requests for help. I tell our folks it's a hard time to be in the church, but it's a great time to be in the church because we have never had so many people so needy for some good news," said Bill Wilson, pastor of Dalton's First Baptist Church. "We are seeing a lot of folks, and not just the traditional, obvious needs. It's not just homeless people looking for a



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place to stay, though that's part of it. It's also people who have never had to face an economic hardship, who are suddenly experiencing things they have only read about."

Many local churches support organizations such as Providence Ministries, the Salvation Army and

the Dalton Organization of Churches United for People (DOC-UP) and funnel assistance through them.

Wilson says people are finding themselves grappling not only with financial distress but spiritual distress as well.

"People are asking, 'What do I really want? What am I waiting on? What can I really trust? I can't trust my broker, and I can't really trust my employer, and I can't trust my bank.' Those are the kind of conversations that we are having," he said.

What does Wilson tell them when they ask whom to trust?

"I tell them it's printed on your

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"I'd like to see cock fighting stopped in Murray County. It's been going on for about 30 years."

"It's unbelievable how ignorant that person is who called into the forum and blamed the Democrats for how our nation is. This started years ago. Besides, we wouldn't have voted for a Democratic president if that were the case."

"Peanut butter salmonella, Madoff, speculators on Wall Street — and still some people are against regulation?"

"The reason we need regulation is that too many businesses are not honest enough to regulate themselves."

"People are calling in about abortion. Let's talk about war, with all the babies we're killing when we have no business being there."

"Why is Obama taking his stimulus package before the people? Everybody knows that Washington doesn't listen to the people."

"Why is it that so many forum callers can get such good service from animal control, when me and my neighbors in Tunnel Hill can't get a thing out of them? They drive around in their white and green trucks but they don't do their jobs."

"To Obama and company, that included a killing bill in the stimulus package: My doctor will eventually need White House permission to properly treat me."

"I think you need to change the name of Today's Forum to Today's Politics Talk. I'm so tired of hearing about Obama and everything. Move on to something else."

"I agree with the comment about the fast pitch softball. I wish they would go back to slow pitch. Fast pitch is boring."

"I don't know how you people can continue to uphold President Barack Obama, especially after he has shown his true colors by stopping the tribunal hearings of the terrorist who was responsible for the bombing on the U.S.S. Cole."

"I wonder where all the lottery money is going to. That lottery money is supposed to help the schools. I don't understand why the lottery money is not there to help the teachers and the schools."

"I wanted to thank the person who called in and said they voted for Obama and were sorry they did. But I thought it was great that they stood up for their actions."

"I know where our government can put millions of people to work, working for the Food and Drug Administration, when you

have a peanut company that doesn't have an outsider checking the peanut products...We have no confidence in the food we buy anymore."

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see half these banks in our town are scared silly or not knowing what they're doing. They sure aren't in the loaning business, and they're not helping those who are in foreclosure. You can't even get them on the telephone."

"Until the real estate market comes back, we're all in a dire depression. Without real estate, our nation can't make it. And without jobs, they can't buy real estate."

"For those that don't realize it, that have student loans, you cannot bankrupt against those, and if you don't keep paying on them, they can double, triple, quadruple. They are endless. They'll come after you forever on a student loan."

"Everybody keeps telling us to buy local, but they sure don't hire local."

"Would someone call in and give that phone number again for the free spay and neuter clinic. I need that number."

"Dr. Don Thomas' seat-belt bill is discriminatory. If I have to buckle up in my pickup truck, every farmer and construction worker should also have to do the same thing."

"I'd like to know why students in the Murray County School System have such low math scores."

"Georgia Power gives rate increases like Wall Street bankers get bonuses — undeserved."

"If you call the forum stupid and yet you keep reading it, what does that make you?"

"If you're so desperate to have Obama called President Obama, how about using the word, 'President' for Mr. Bush that you've downplayed so much?"

"I hope you Democrats are happy. You've thrown away our future for government handouts."

"Has anybody in Tunnel Hill looked up the fact that most of the money from tickets that the Police Department gives on I-75 goes to the state? Very little goes to Tunnel Hill."

"With today's economy, some of these churches have egg on their face because of these building projects."

"I really enjoy the Forum. It gives you insight on people's opinion. It doesn't have to all be bad news. I think most people like the Forum. If you don't like it, don't read it."

"During recent work on the water lines on Chattanooga Avenue, I was fortunate enough to meet one of Dalton Utilities' employees, Ralph Smith Jr. He's undoubtedly the nicest and the most helpful young man I've ever met."

Help

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money. Pull it out and look at it. It's there. 'In God We Trust,'" he said. "Our February worship services have been tied around the theme 'tough times, tough people.' We refer back to other people who have gone through tough times, and we talk about how they did it."

Wilson says the church has also hosted a Sunday evening program called "Surviving the Storm."

"The first week we talked about how to survive the storm in terms of your family. We had a family therapist talk about that. The second one was how do you survive the storm in terms of your finances," he said. "The third one will be on Feb. 22 on how do you survive the storm in your body because stress takes a physical toll. We'll have doctors and physiologists and nutritionists."

The program is open to the public.

Mickey Shealy, pastor of Dalton's First Presbyterian Church, said the anxiety level in the area is high.

"There are a lot of folks who've been on the job 20 years and never had any concern whatsoever about having a job next week or next month that now have those concerns," he said.

"As a minister, my responsibility is to remind people that Jesus Christ is our ultimate hope, that the Gospel is always good news, and that perhaps there is a silver lining to our current economic situation that we can go back to the basics of our faith," he said.

Shealy said First Presbyterian will soon begin a program called Fit for Him, where people will weigh in, then in following weeks a personal trainer and nutritionist will advise them on how to lose weight and get into shape.

"It's a way for us to say to our members that physical health is important, and if we lose our physical health, we lose the rest of our health as well," he said.

James Gwin, senior pastor of Varnell United Methodist, says requests for aid have "probably tripled over last year."

But Gwin says he advises people to look at the current economic problems as one of "the storms of life."

"We see storms as destructive. But God uses storms to create. He uses them to restore balance, and I think there's some of that going on," he said.

Gwin says his church has been offering classes on financial planning, called Good Sense, for several years.

People interested in the program should call the church office at (706) 694-8023. The next session is scheduled for Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gwin said those interested should call soon.

Rex Frost, pastor of Dalton's Seventh-day Adventist Church, says that church hasn't seen a large increase in calls for assistance.

"We are surprised. We are puzzled about that," he said.

Most churches report at least some members have been laid off or have seen their hours cut, but they say they haven't seen a large drop in donations.

"Our local contributions have fallen off a bit, not significantly," said Frost.

Gwin says donations so far in 2009 have remained fairly steady.

"Last year, we had more brought in by the end of the year than the previous year. This year it's too early to tell, but we haven't seen any significant drop," he said.

United Way help line gets more traffic

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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Last year, some 8,500 people called 211, the United Way of Northwest Georgia's local assistance line for Whitfield, Murray and Floyd counties.

That was a 58.6 percent increase over 2007.

"A lot of times it's those with shorter work hours or those who have been laid off," said Michelle Smith, the agency's manager of information resources.

They may be looking for help paying rent or utilities. Or they may have lost their insurance and can't afford prescription drugs.

"We are sort of a one-stop shop. You may have a number of needs, but we have a number of resources," said United Way president Amanda Burt. "A lot of times when people call us, they start with one thing, but during our conversation, we discover they have other issues that we can deal with. If they can get their prescriptions more affordable, for instance, then they might be able to afford their rent and utilities."

The United Way has partnered with some 300 local agencies and churches. That means the people manning the 211 telephones are able to put those in need in touch with just the right agency or even show them ways to address their problems on their own.

"211 is about empowering that person using the resources and tools we

have to solve their problems," said Burt.

Take, for instance, someone needing help with prescription drugs.

"They call initially for medication assistance, and what they didn't realize is that the drugs they were on they could get for, say, \$4

at Kroger. We get that information to them, and now they are paying \$4 instead of \$150. That frees up money they can put to other uses," said Smith.

Those 8,500 calls allowed the United Way to help

some 25,000 people, officials say. But with the recession growing, it's putting a strain on everyone's budgets, including the United Way and its partner agencies.

"We know that 2009 is going to be tough," said Burt. "We have a part-time position that has not filled, and we have another position that went from full to part time. The other agencies are looking at the same type of things."

Burt says the United Way is currently adding up the results of its fundraising campaign, which officials hope will raise \$3.5 million.

"If someone hasn't contributed yet, if they say 'Gosh, I have that pledge card and just didn't send it in,' it's not too late," she said.

The United Way of Northwest Georgia's 211 local assistance line is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Lisa Dickey

AGE: 27

HOME: Dalton

FAMILY: Husband,

Jake; sons, Caleb

and Taylor; daughter,

Taryn

WORK: Homemaker

PLAY: spending time

with kids, watching

husband coach Lady

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Couples say wedding vows again

By **MISTY WATSON**
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Linda Ingle was reminded of the qualities that has made her marriage last 45 years when she and her husband Randall reaffirmed their wedding vows during a church service Sunday morning.

"Patience, kindness, give and take, respect," Ingle said, listing characteristics she thinks has helped her marriage last. "Respect is the most important. If you don't respect each other, nothing works out."

The Ingles were one of four couples at Center Valley United Methodist Church in Murray County, who reaffirmed their wedding vows as part of a service dedicated to love. The couples restated traditional vows, promising to love each other "for better or worse."

The reaffirmation is meant to remind couples of why they got married and to recommit to each other, said Roy Daniels, pastor of the church.

"It is to confirm the hope that was there when they got married," Daniels said.



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Left, Randall and Linda Ingle reaffirm the wedding vows they spoke to each other 45 years ago during the morning worship service at Center Valley United Methodist Church in Murray County on Sunday. Right, Judy and Jerry Leonard reaffirm their wedding vows during the service.

"Sometimes all you have is hope."

In a time when half of the marriages end in divorce, clinging to hope is important, he said.

"We live in an age where marriages still work," Daniels told his congregation. "Why do half the marriages work? We could talk all day about the ones that fail."

Sherman and Peggy Leonard, who have been mar-

ried 50 years, agree compromise is a quality that has helped them.

Marriage "is a roller coaster," Sherman Leonard said. "I give. She gives."

Prayer is also a key ingredient in the Leonards' marriage.

They decided to renew their vows because "it reminds us of what we promised each other 50 years ago," Peggy Leonard said. "It's

been a good 50 years."

Daniels reminded his congregation that marriage takes both people working together.

"You have to participate in marriage," he said. "The truth is... sometimes you're up, and sometimes you're down. Celebrate the good times and pull through the bad. When marriage ends in death... we have achieved what we set out to when we took those vows."



AP PHOTO

Police block roads near the crash site of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, N.Y., Feb. 13.

Plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER**
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The commuter plane that crashed near Buffalo was on autopilot when it went down in icy weather, indicating that the pilot may have violated federal safety recommendations and the airline's own policy for flying in such conditions, a federal official said Sunday.

Steve Chealander, a National Transportation Safety Board member, said the company that operated the flight recommends pilots fly manually in icy conditions. Pilots are required to do so in severe ice.

"You may be able in a manual mode to sense something sooner than the autopilot can sense it," Chealander told The Associated Press in an interview, explaining why the NTSB also recommends that pilots disengage the autopilot in icy conditions.

The preliminary investigation indicates the autopilot was still on when the plane crashed, he said. That has not been confirmed by information from the plane's flight data recorder.

The pilots of Continental Flight 3407 discussed "significant" ice buildup on their wings and windshield just before crashing into a home Thursday night in a suburban neighborhood near the Buffalo airport. Forty-nine people aboard the plane were killed, as well as the homeowner.

The flight was run by Colgan Air, which operates a fleet of 51 regional turbo-props for Continental Connection, United Express and US Airways Express.

In a December safety alert issued by the NTSB, the agency said pilots in icy conditions should turn off or limit the use of the autopilot to better "feel" changes in the handling qualities of the airplane.

Chealander also said Colgan, like most airlines, had begun following NTSB recommendations that pilots use deicing systems as soon

as they enter conditions that might lead to icing.

He said it was not yet clear exactly when the pilot on Flight 3407 turned on the plane's advanced deicing system.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said the agency advises pilots to disengage the autopilot when ice is accumulating, but the guidance is not mandatory.

She also said some planes are certified to be flown on autopilot in icing conditions because doing so "may actually keep the aircraft at a steadier speed and altitude than a pilot could flying it manually."

Brown said the agency considered making the guidance mandatory, but others in the aviation community argued against it, citing the capabilities of such advanced planes.

She did not know if the 74-seat Q400 Bombardier aircraft that crashed Thursday was certified to be on autopilot during icing conditions.

By Sunday, authorities had recovered the remains of 15 people from the wreckage as crews raced to finish their work before a storm arrives later in the week. Recovery crews could need as much as four days to remove the remains from the site. Chealander described the efforts as an "excavation."

Once all the remains are recovered, the focus will turn to removing wreckage of the aircraft from the residential neighborhood where it went down Thursday night near the end of a flight from Newark, N.J.

On Sunday, experts were also analyzing data from the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder, Chealander said.

One aspect of the investigation will focus on the crew, their training and whether they had enough time to rest between flights. Other investigators will review the weather and the mechanics of the plane.

HONORING THE FALLEN



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

The Whitfield County fire truck carrying the body of Tommy McTee makes its way toward the Mill Creek cemetery Sunday evening. McTee, who was captain of Mill Creek Station 9, died Thursday of a heart attack.

Economy: Focus on stimulus, foreclosure aid

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would fall once the money begins to flow. But they also said the economy will continue its downward spiral in the short term.

"I think it's safe to say that things have not yet bottomed out," press secretary Robert Gibbs said. "They are probably going to get worse before they improve. But this is a big step forward toward making that improvement and putting people back to work."

The stimulus package, which passed with no GOP support in the House and three Republican votes in the Senate, aims to save or create as many as 3.5 million jobs through massive government investment while boosting consumer spending through modest tax cuts.

Gibbs said the president had taken "unprecedented" steps in a bipartisan effort to include Republicans in the legislative process. But Sen. John McCain was highly critical, declaring the stimulus would create what he called "generational theft" — huge federal deficits for years to come.

McCain, who lost the presidential race to Obama, said the Democrat had back-

tracked on promises of bipartisanship and was off to a bad start. "Let's start over now and sit down together," McCain said.

Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., put it more bluntly: "If this is going to be bipartisan, the country's screwed."

With the stimulus victory in hand, Obama planned to shift to the housing crisis with an announcement Wednesday in Phoenix about reversing that sector's collapse.

Under an emergency \$700 billion bailout program passed late last year, the Bush administration used half to forestall a financial collapse. But the flow of credit did not ease and use of the money was criticized because it was poorly administered and overseen.

Obama is now working to leverage the second portion of the bailout money into a program that could result in \$2 trillion in government and private sector cash infusions to help banks and investment houses clear away "toxic" holdings and thereby spur lending.

As part of the next steps on the bailout, Obama was expected to offer help homeowners on the brink of foreclosure. Details have not been

disclosed, but the nature of the crisis suggested mortgage loans would have to be revalued downward along with interest rates.

On another troubled front, David Axelrod, senior adviser, said any plan to shore up the auto industry will require sacrifice by all involved, from auto workers and industry executives to shareholders and creditors.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are expected to submit plans to the government by Tuesday, the deadline for showing how they can repay billions in loans and become viable in spite of a drop in auto sales not seen for a generation.

Also Sunday:

■ Gibbs said the administration wants to revise restrictions on executive compensation in the stimulus package even after it becomes law. The administration would seek to "strike the right balance" on the compensation question by discussing changes with House and Senate members, the spokesman said.

■ Obama soon will issue an executive order lifting a ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, Axelrod said. Under

President George W. Bush, federal money for research on human embryonic stem cells was limited to those stem cell lines that were created before Aug. 9, 2001.

■ Axelrod defended Geithner, heavily criticized for offering scant details last week in outlining the administration's financial rescue plan. His performance led to a big Dow Jones sell-off.

■ Axelrod sought to play down the about-face by Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who abruptly withdrew as Obama's nominee to head the Commerce Department after saying the fit wasn't right with this Democratic president. "I don't think that that ultimately is a reflection on the administration. It's a reflection on Sen. Gregg's change of heart," he said.

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GEORGIA VIEWS

Georgia Power has a sweet deal

Georgia Power is a private, for-profit company, but with a very valuable distinction: It holds a government-issued, government-protected monopoly. Within its territory, no other company is allowed to sell electricity.

It's a sweet arrangement. By barring competition, it effectively guarantees Georgia Power a double-digit profit year after year, even in times as hard as these.

Fortunately, drafters of the state Constitution did provide a check on the company's monopoly by creating the state Public Service Commission.

The five-member PSC, elected by the people, has a competent, well-trained if sometimes overmatched staff to help it wade through the complex details of utility regulation. That's important, because the decisions made by the PSC affect more Georgians more directly than most decisions made by the state Legislature.

Yet on Wednesday, the state Senate voted 38-16 to weaken the PSC's oversight of Georgia Power. State senators — with little or no expertise in utility management, and with no staff to call upon for advice — decided that somehow they knew better than the PSC how to handle extremely complex technical questions about utility financing and ratemaking.

Of course, the senators weren't entirely on their own in making that decision — they had a little input from experts at Georgia Power. The company has more than 70 lobbyists registered to protect its interests — roughly one lobbyist for every three legislators. In fact, the legislation in question, Senate Bill 31, was largely written by the company's lobbyists and lawyers.

Even with all that manpower, the company still needed an actual legislator to sponsor its bill. The company chose state Sen. Don Balfour, a Republican from Gwinnett County who also happens to be chairman of the Senate Rules Committee. In that post, Balfour decides which bills are allowed to come to a vote on the Senate floor, which means other legislators don't want to make him mad by opposing a bill that he sponsors.

Georgia Power, in other words, chose its man wisely.

The company has displayed a rather exquisite sense of timing as well. The Senate vote to strip the PSC of some of its decision-making power comes at the very moment the PSC is trying to exercise that authority in a case critical to Georgia Power.

In that case, the PSC is trying to decide whether electricity users in Georgia should be forced to start paying now for nuclear plants that won't start generating power until 2016 at the earliest.

The company claims it's a great deal for its customers; the PSC staff claims otherwise. But if SB 31 becomes law, the debate at the PSC becomes moot.

Clearly, Georgia Power intends to have its way. If it can't intimidate the PSC into giving it what it wants, it will use its friends in the Legislature to get it anyway. And that show of raw political muscle becomes all the more impressive once you realize that it is absolutely unnecessary.

The Georgia PSC is not exactly a bulldog of utility regulation; four of its five members have long histories of voting in favor of Georgia Power, and at least two of its members have earned reputations as company lapdogs.

The PSC is also wrestling with another important issue involving Georgia Power's proposed new reactors. The company claims that the runaway construction cost that halted the growth of nuclear power a generation ago is a thing of the past.

Nuclear power is now a mature technology, with standardized reactor designs and standardized regulation that greatly minimizes the risk of ballooning costs.

However, while offering such confident assurances, the company also absolutely refuses to accept any of the financial risk should its cost estimate of \$6.4 billion for its share of the plants prove wrong. It insists that its customers bear the risk of cost overruns and that its shareholders be held immune.

It's hard to blame company officials. Their job is to maximize profit and protect the best interests of their shareholders, and they do it well. They have convinced PSC members and legislators that what is good for Georgia Power is good for Georgia, and that's not always true.

It is sometimes true; it is even often true. But it is not always true.

— The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

Proverbs 3:12

Thought for Today: "The heart may think it knows better: the senses know that absence blots people out. We have really no absent friends."

Elizabeth Bowen
Irish-born author (1899-1973)

Fear is his friend

I flashed back to the fall of 2001 upon reading the subhead over a New York Times story about Monday's presidential press conference: "He Says That Failing to Act Could Lead to Catastrophe." To rush a complex, ill-considered piece of legislation through Congress, George W. Bush invoked the specter of another terrorist attack. Barack Obama, bringing the change he promised, invoked the specter of economic collapse.

Just as the PATRIOT Act was a grab bag of legal changes that law enforcement and intelligence agencies had been seeking for years, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is a grab bag of expenditures that leftist Democrats have long wanted, repackaged for the crisis du jour. In both cases, instilling fear was the key to suspending skepticism and cutting off debate.

In a Washington Post op-ed piece last week, President Obama warned that if Congress did not immediately pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, "our nation will sink deeper into a crisis that, at some point, we may not be able to reverse." While Bush gave us the concept of the never-ending War on Terror, Obama has introduced the idea of the never-ending recession, a phenomenon that has never been seen before but that can be averted only by uncritically approving his spending priorities.

"We can't afford to make perfect the enemy of the absolutely necessary," Obama declared in his

weekly radio address on Saturday. "The time for action is now." During an appearance in Elkhart, Ind., on Monday, he said,



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"the situation we face could not be more serious" and insisted, "we can't afford to wait." At his press conference that evening he said, "a failure to act will only deepen this crisis" and "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

Obama insisted there was no time for debate. "We can't posture and bicker," he said in Elkhart. "Endless delay or paralysis in Washington in the face of this crisis will only bring deepening disaster." At the same time, he claimed there had been plenty of debate already: "many weeks of debate and discussion," as he put it at the press conference.

The stimulus bill was introduced in the House on Jan. 26 and passed two days later. The Senate began debating its version last week and approved the bill this week. No hearings were held in either house. If that's Obama's idea of "many weeks of debate and discussion," verging on "endless delay or paralysis," maybe we should not worry so much about his prediction of an endless recession.

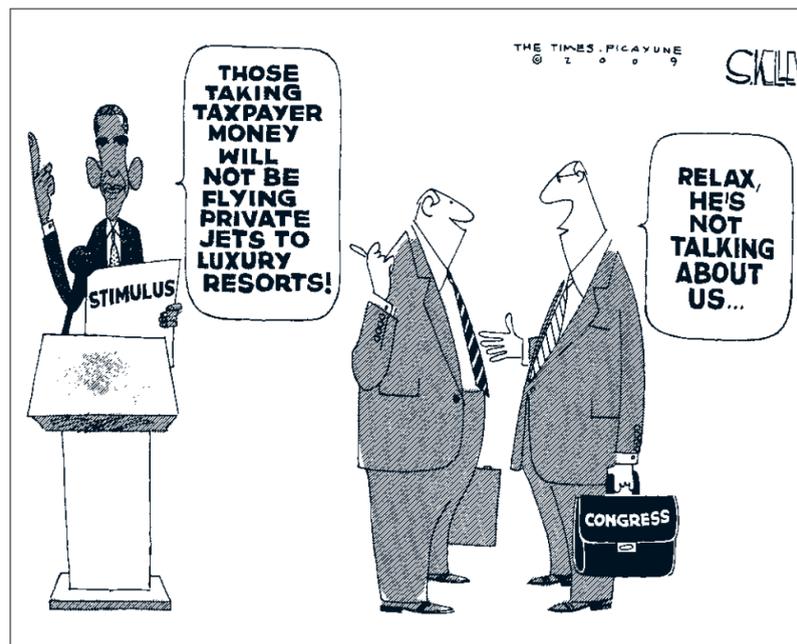
The false sense of urgency created by the president was designed to override two kinds of

doubts: about Keynesian stimulus spending generally and about this package in particular. "Doing nothing is not an option," he said in Elkhart. It should be, especially when the something the president wants to do could be worse than nothing, adding \$1 trillion to the national debt and diverting resources from more productive uses without delivering on the promise to "jolt our economy back to life."

And that probably won't be the end of the story. At Monday's press conference, Obama said the Japanese government "did not act boldly or swiftly enough" in the 1990s, when it spent trillions of dollars on construction projects in a vain attempt to revive the country's economy. From his study of Japan, the Times reports, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner concluded that "spending must come in quick, massive doses, and be continued until recovery takes firm root."

As with the PATRIOT Act, the success of Obama's Recovery and Reinvestment Plan will be hard to assess. If the Bush administration can take credit for the absence of terrorist attacks without any firm evidence that its policies were decisive in preventing them, the Obama administration can take credit for an economic recovery that would have occurred anyway. I hope that's what happens, because otherwise we can expect further expensive sacrifices to the god of economic stimulus.

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Family values and baseball

We have already in this young century heard more than too much about "family values" — too often from candidates whose children were not speaking to them and whose wives learned via press release that they were being divorced. But in his first prime-time press conference, President Barack Obama's answer to the Washington Post's Michael Fletcher's probably unanticipated question — "What is your reaction to Alex Rodriguez's admission that he used steroids as a member of the Texas Rangers?" — fairly brimmed with authentic family values.

Obama, as a baseball fan, spoke about how "depressing" the news was after "a flurry of depressing items" about the sport and that "it tarnished an entire era, to some degree." But what "I'm probably most concerned about," the president continued, "is the message it sends to our kids."

What message exactly? "That our kids hopefully are watching and saying: 'You know what? There are no shortcuts; that when you try to take shortcuts, you may end up tarnishing your entire career, and your integrity's not worth it.'"

As a life-long baseball fan, I admit I am disgusted with Major League Baseball, with the men and a few women who own the teams, with Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and, yes, with fans, including yours truly, who have all hypocritically conspired



Mark Shields

star is exposed as a drug cheat, the commissioner and baseball's owners are once again "shocked."

It began with three years of empty ballparks following the strike-shortened 1994 season. In the century of baseball prior to 1998, just two men — Babe Ruth in 1927 and Roger Maris in 1961 — had ever hit 60 home runs in a single season. In 1998, Mark McGwire — who had begun to resemble the Incredible Hulk — hit 70 homers and Sammy Sosa hit 66. The genie was out of — or to put it more accurately, was in — the bottle. In 1995, all the players in baseball hit a total of 4,081 home runs. By 2000, 5,693 homers were crushed.

Ken Caminiti, the league's Most Valuable Player in 1996, later told Sports Illustrated that he had been "juicing" (using illegal PES) that year — and so, too, had half the players in the

league. But Selig and his fellow owners looked the other way because home run records were bringing fans, even at higher ticket prices, into the ballparks in record numbers. The unethical formula worked: better hitting — and bigger crowds — through chemistry!

If curiosity really did kill the cat, then Selig and baseball's brass will live forever.

It took three talented and fearless American politicians to save baseball from itself. Reps. Tom Davis, R-Va., and Henry Waxman, D-Calif., held public hearings that forced baseball to confront the widespread use of steroids — which baseball had declared illegal in 1991. And it took another politician, former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, to author, after the investigation he headed, the report that shamed baseball and the players' union into accepting drug testing.

Baseball is too important to be left to the owners and its commissioner. I salute President Obama for speaking about "the message" — baseball and its condoned illegal drug-abuse — "sends to our kids."

He's right — as baseball and Wall Street cannot apparently grasp — "there are no shortcuts ... (and) your integrity's not worth it."

■ To find out more about Mark Shields and read past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web site at www.creators.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2009. There are 318 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba a month and a half after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1988, seven people were shot to death during an office rampage in Sunnyvale, Calif., by a man who was obsessed with a co-worker. (The gunman, Richard Farley, is under sentence of death.)

Ten years ago: Enraged Kurds seized embassies and held hostages across Europe following Turkey's arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

Five years ago: A confident John Kerry launched a full-throttle attack on President George W. Bush's economic policies, mostly ignoring his Democratic rivals on the eve of the Wisconsin primary. The Walt Disney Co. rejected a takeover bid by Comcast Corp.

One year ago: President George W. Bush, on a six-day tour of Africa, made his first stop in Benin before flying on to Tanzania. John McCain, the presumed Republican presidential nominee, picked up a total of 50 GOP national convention delegates from Michigan and Louisiana.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Patty Andrews is 91. Kim Jong Il, the president of North Korea, is 67. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 63. Actor Pete Postlethwaite is 63. Actor William Katt is 58. Actor LeVar Burton is 52. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 51. Actress Lisa Loring is 51. Tennis Hall of Fame player John McEnroe is 50. Rock musician Andy Taylor is 48. Rock musician Dave Lombardo (Slayer) is 44. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters) is 37. Singer Sam Salter is 34.

Why isn't gas getting cheaper?

BY CHRIS KAHN AND JOHN PORRETTO
AP Energy Writers

NEW YORK — Crude oil prices have fallen to new lows for this year. So you'd think gas prices would sink right along with them.

Not so. On Thursday, for example, crude oil closed just under \$34 a barrel, its lowest point for 2009. But the national average price of a gallon of gas rose to \$1.95 on the same day, its peak for the year. On Friday gas went a penny higher.

To drivers once again grumbling as they tank up, it sounds like a conspiracy. But it has more to do with an energy market turned upside-down that has left gas cut off from its usual economic moorings.

The price of gas is indeed tied to oil. It's just a matter of which oil.

The benchmark for crude oil prices is West Texas Intermediate, drilled exactly where you would imagine. That's the price, set at the New York Mercantile Exchange, that you see quoted on business channels and in the morning paper.

Right now, in an unusual market trend, West Texas crude is selling for much less than inferior grades of crude from other places around the



AP PHOTO

A customer pumps gas at a gas station in Menlo Park, Calif., Feb. 12.

world. A severe economic downturn has left U.S. storage facilities brimming with it, sending prices for the premium crude to five-year lows.

But it is the overseas crude that goes into most of the gas made in the United States. So prices at the pump will probably keep going up no matter what happens to the benchmark price of crude oil.

"We're going definitely over \$2, and I bet we'll hit \$2.50 before spring," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service. "This is going to be an unusual year."

The recession in America

has dramatically cut demand for crude oil, and inventories are piling up. So prices for West Texas crude have fallen well below what oil costs from places like the North Sea, Saudi Arabia and South America.

That foreign oil sells in some cases for \$10 more per barrel — and that doesn't even include shipping.

Brent North Sea crude, which feeds some East Coast refineries — and therefore winds up at many gas pumps around America — now costs about \$7 more per barrel than the West Texas crude. Deutsche Bank analysts say

the trend should continue.

Historically, West Texas International crude has cost more. So nobody bothered building the necessary pipelines to carry it beyond the nearby refineries in the Midwest, parts of Texas and a handful of other places.

Now that the premium oil is suddenly very inexpensive, refiners elsewhere can't get their hands on it.

"It's so cheap," said Lynn Westphall, the senior VP of external affairs at San Antonio-based Tesoro, which owns a half dozen refineries on the West Coast and Hawaii. "But you can't just build a pipeline to everywhere. We know we can't get it."

Tesoro's refineries in North Dakota and Utah use locally drilled oil and Canadian oil, which also has been running about \$10 more per barrel than West Texas crude.

So why not build more pipelines? Because investing billions of dollars over several years makes no sense when the prices could just flip a year from now to where they were before.

At the same time, refiners have seen the same headlines as everyone else about job losses and consumer spending. They've slashed production just to avoid taking losses on gasoline no one will buy. Result: Higher gas prices.

BRIEFS

GOP leader wants Burris to resign

CHICAGO (AP) — Just as Illinois was moving past the agony and embarrassment of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's ousting, the fellow Democrat whom Blagojevich appointed to the U.S. Senate was hearing calls for his own resignation Sunday amid allegations he lied to legislators.

Freshman Sen. Roland Burris released an affidavit on Saturday that contradicts his statements last month to a House committee investigating Blagojevich's impeachment.

"I can't believe anything that comes out of Mr. Burris at this point," Rep. Jim Durkin, the impeachment committee's ranking Republican, said at a news conference Sunday. "I think it would be in the best interest of the state if he resigned because I don't think the state can stand this anymore."

But an adamant and sometimes emotional Burris told reporters in Chicago later Sunday that he hadn't done anything wrong and never misled anyone.

It's not clear what action state legislators could now take against Burris, said Dawn Clark Netsch, a Northwestern University law professor and former Illinois Comptroller.

to his re-election, arguing that only he can complete the transformation of Venezuela into a socialist state.

Voters on both sides said their decision was crucial to the future of Venezuela, a deeply polarized country where Chavez has channeled tremendous oil wealth into combating gaping social inequality.

Results were expected later Sunday.

No shipments to Gaza until Israeli soldier freed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert says border crossings with Gaza will not be fully opened until a captured Israeli soldier held since 2007 is freed.

Egypt is trying to mediate a long-term truce between Israel and Hamas after Israel's recent offensive in Gaza to stop Palestinian rocket fire.

Hamas insists that border crossings must be opened as part of the deal. Olmert said the soldier, Sgt. Gilad Shalit, is Israel's first priority.

Pakistan truce includes Islamic law enforcement

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani officials reached a peace deal with a Taliban-linked group Sunday that could lead to the enforcement of Islamic law in a part of the country that is supposed to be fully under government control.

Militants in the Swat Valley responded by declaring a 10-day cease-fire as a goodwill gesture.

The agreement is expected to be formally announced today.

Several past deals with militants have failed, but Pakistan says force alone cannot defeat al-Qaida and Taliban fighters wreaking havoc in its northwest and attacking U.S. troops in neighboring Afghanistan.

The United States has said the deals merely give insurgents time to regroup.

Regaining the Swat Valley from militants is a major test for Pakistan's shaky civilian leadership. Unlike the semiautonomous tribal regions where al-Qaida and Taliban have long thrived, the former tourist haven is supposed to be under full government control.

But militants have gained power since a peace deal last year collapsed within months, and violence has increased.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Berry Forensics Team sizzles

The Berry College forensics team has been red-hot this winter, turning in strong performances at a number of different venues.

Four novice competitors recently earned a third-place finish in "The Chicken and the Egg" tournament hosted by Gainesville State College. Kalia Miller was one of the individual award recipients and placed fourth in persuasive speaking. A freshman biology major, she is the daughter of Donna Cargle of Crandall.

Murray musicians earn marks

Eight student musicians from Murray County Schools were selected for the prestigious Georgia Music Educators Association District Seven Honor Band recently. The students were Stephanie McCarsky, Sonjia Quiano, Susana Rivas and Jacob Wildes of Murray County High School; Ashley Nix, Zack Humphries and Marty McKenzie from Gladden Middle School; and Luz Rivas of Bagley Middle School.

Susana Rivas, euphonium, and Jacob Wildes, trumpet, were top scoring students on

their instruments. Additionally, Susana and Jacob passed the first round of auditions for the GMEA All-State Band. In the final audition, Susana earned a spot as an alternate in this ensemble. Mike Weaver directs the MCHS band, Lynn Infanger directs Gladden's band, and Jon Adams directly Bagley's band.

Eastbrook artists meet superintendent

Eastbrook Middle School students Evonne Perez and Abel Mendiola met with Rep. Roger Williams and State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox recently at the Capitol Art Exhibit in Atlanta.

Evonne, an eighth-grader, and Abel, a seventh-grader, had paintings featured in the exhibit as part of an annual display of student art work for legislators and other state officials to see.

Dalton student receives honors

Christie Eichberg of Dalton has been recognized in the "distinguished" category for faculty honors for the fall 2008 term. A grade point average of 3.6 or better is required to make the faculty honors list.

Whitfield spellers place in bee



Above are middle school students who won awards at the Whitfield County Schools System Spelling Bee contest on Feb. 11 at the central office. They are Olivia Taylor (third place, Eastbrook Middle), Jacob Frazier (fourth place, North Whitfield Middle), Lacie Faulkner (second place, Valley Point Middle), Maritza Chavez (first place, Eastbrook Middle). These students will advance to the regional bee in Chattanooga on March 21.



Students placing at the contest after winning the bee at their respective elementary schools were Cole Shelton (first place, Valley Point Elementary), Daniel Chavarria (second place, Dug Gap Elementary), MyKayla Hicks (fourth place, Beaverdale Elementary) and Michael Jones (third place, Antioch Elementary).

AREA BRIEFS

Board of Commissioners

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

Board of Health

The Murray County Board of Health will meet today at 1 p.m. in the Murray County Health Department conference room.

Education database

Dalton-Whitfield Public Library officials are alerting the community to the availability of the Gale Testing

and Education Reference Center with Careers Module database as a test demonstration through March 3.

For those wishing to finish their high school education, the database offers the General Equivalency Diploma, Independent School Entrance Exam and Secondary School Admission Test.

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People who are interested are asked to visit the library to obtain a login. The resource is available for use on library computers and from home Internet-connected computers. For more information, visit www.ngrl.org or call Erik Lewis at (706) 876-1376.

Spanish language CPR/AED course

The North Georgia Medical Reserve Corps and the American Heart Association are offering a free Spanish language CPR/AED Basic Life Support course.

The course is open to everyone. It will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the upstairs classroom. The church is at 1775 Haig Mill Road in Dalton. Interpreters will be available.

Call Joanne Mauro at (706) 272-2125, extension 306, to reserve a seat.

AREA ARRESTS

■ Israel Barron II, 21, 2533 Turf Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

■ Jose Antonio Avila, 23, 640 Keeter Road, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI (second offense), driving in violation of a limited permit and driving too fast for conditions.

■ Robert Harold Frazier, 53, 13601 Agape Lane, Bradenton, Fla., was charged Sunday by the Tunnel Hill Police

Department with failure to maintain lane, open container of alcohol and DUI.

■ Roberto Garcia, 25, 231 Brown Bridge Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI (second offense).

■ Tommy Joe Jeffery, 23, 1415 Liberty Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with failure to obey a stop sign and DUI.

■ Hank Watson Quarles, 43, 298-B Bowen Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

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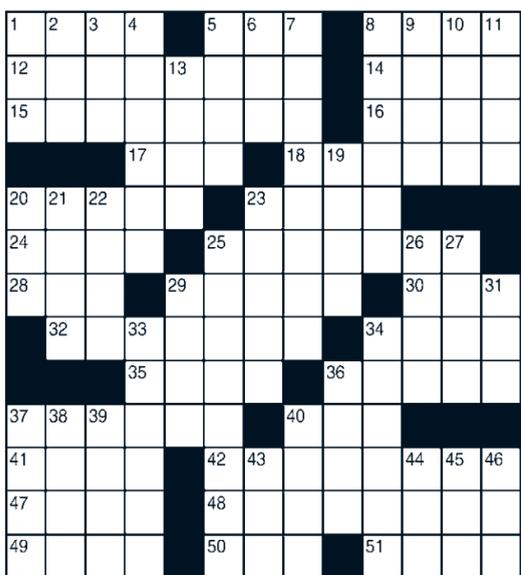
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BRIDGE

Famous hand

The 160-deal semifinal match between Brazil and the United States at the 1985 Bermuda Bowl in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was one of the most exciting in world team championship history. After a nip-and-tuck battle that the Brazilians led most of the way, the Americans trailed by only 6 IMPs going into the last two hands. This was the penultimate deal.

In the Open Room, with a large partisan audience watching on Vu-Graph, the Brazilians, seated North-South, reached six clubs doubled as shown. The declarer was Marcelo Branco, and the cheering throng could see that the slam was unbeatable, provided Branco guessed how to play the clubs.

After ruffing the opening heart lead, Branco tabled the club queen, on which West smoothly followed low. With the audience — far removed from the playing area — shrieking "finesse, finesse," Branco pondered the situation and finally called for the ace. Down one for a loss of 200 points.

At the second table, with a Brazilian pair now holding the East-West cards, the bidding went as follows:

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 7 3
 ♥ 10 8 6 5
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A 10 8 3 2

WEST
 ♠ K 8 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 9 2
 ♦ 10 5
 ♣ K 6

EAST
 ♠ J 10
 ♥ A J 7 4 3
 ♦ A 9 8 7 4
 ♣ —

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 9 5
 ♥ —
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ Q J 9 7 5 4

The bidding:
 North Pass 1 ♣
 East 5 ♣
 South 2 ♣
 West 4 ♣
 North Pass 5 ♣
 East Pass 5 ♣
 South Pass
 West Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

North Pass
East 5 ♣
South Pass
West 5 ♣

Here, the American North-South pair didn't even enter the bidding, and the Brazilians climbed to five hearts under their own steam. The critical bid was West's leap to four hearts on minimal values, which encouraged East to try for slam with a cuebid of five clubs.

Five hearts might have succeeded on another day, but on this occasion declarer found it impossible to overcome the bad breaks in hearts and diamonds, and finished down one.

Thus Brazil, with chances to gain significantly at both tables, instead lost 250 points — exactly 6 IMPs — to throw the match into a dead tie with one deal remaining. We'll see what happened on that deal tomorrow.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand — 2.

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS EPIC POEM ABOUT A FELONY COMMITTED BY AN OLD SAILOR: "CRIME OF THE ANCIENT MARINER."
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Happy Birthday: Making personal changes to your lifestyle, your appearance and the people you hang out with will help you achieve your goals. Strength of character and mind will be required to follow your own dreams. Don't give in to emotional blackmail or meddling; it's important for you to stand up for what you want this year. Your numbers are 2, 9, 14, 24, 27, 35, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let emotional troubles interfere with what you need to do. Keeping busy will lead to your success. Not everyone will see things your way but, if you are willing to do the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone will take advantage of you if you aren't careful. Do not volunteer for something without knowing the full extent of what's being asked of you. A love interest may entice you to do things that, under any other circumstances, you wouldn't do. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good idea that someone has will help you out as well. This is a great time to ask for a raise or to make a professional change but make sure you have a better job to go to before you quit your current position. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A positive change is within your reach. Talk to whoever is in charge and let him or her know what you want to do. Don't take no for an answer and be prepared to use your own money and ideas to get what you want. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be attracted to someone who motivates you. Make sure you keep things simple. Complicating your personal life by mixing business with pleasure will not bring good results. Separate your emotions from the equation. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Change is upon you.

Someone you least expect will utilize one of your old ideas for his or her own benefit. Don't let anyone take credit for your contributions. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got everything going your way so don't let laziness stop you from getting what you deserve. You have to push forward and take action. Force shouldn't be necessary — use intelligence coupled with a little hard work. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful how you handle friends, relatives and your lover. Poor communication will lead to misunderstandings and false information will lead to a change of plans. Protect your assets. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may think everything is going well but, behind closed doors, someone is doing you an injustice. Be careful how you present any information you have, especially if it can influence your position. Be upfront about your intentions. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional attachment to someone may deter you from seeing what this person is actually up to and how it can hurt you in the end. Don't be fooled by compliments or gestures of friendliness. Get the facts and act on them. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional deception may lead to a poor decision regarding a past partner. Keep your distance and don't make any moves that you may regret. Your options are greater than you realize. Don't let loneliness be your guide. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may know what you want but underlying factors may stand in your way. You have to be straight about your wants and needs if you expect to gain respect and be able to follow through with your plans. Don't let your own uncertainty be your downfall. 5 stars



Eugenia Last

To Your Good Health
Treatment exists for recurring urinary infections

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a problem with bladder infections. I have been getting one every month for the past three years. I am a 49-year-old female. My doctor gives me Cipro and the infection goes away, but it returns in a month. I have tried some other antibiotics with the same result. A doctor examined my bladder with a scope and found nothing wrong. Do you have any ideas on what I could do? — L.H.



Paul G. Donohue

often chosen. Or your doctor can give you a prescription for antibiotics to have on hand. You start them immediately when symptoms arise. Early treatment increases the chance of completely getting rid of the germ.

A third option is to take an antibiotic after intercourse. Cranberry juice (not cranberry cocktail) has helped many to stave off repeat bladder infections. The dose is 8 ounces a day (one glass). The booklet on urinary tract infections explains this common disorder in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son-in-law was raised on a farm, and he says he drank milk straight from the cow. He insists that his children drink unpasteurized milk. He claims it is more nutritious and tastes better. Is this harmful for the children? — L.B.

A N S W E R : Pasteurization greatly reduces the number of disease-causing bacteria that can make their way into milk. All that's involved is heating the milk to a certain temperature for a few seconds. Individual states can allow the sale of unpasteurized milk, but such milk cannot be sold between states. I can supply your son-in-law with the names of the illnesses that are potentially transmitted by raw milk if he wants them. The nutritional value of pasteurized milk is the same as that of unpasteurized milk. It has the same mineral and vitamin content. There is a slight reduction, anywhere from 1 percent to 10 percent, in the amount of vitamin C, but that's not enough to quibble about. I can't vouch for the taste of unpasteurized milk. I have never tasted it and have no intention of doing so.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In the morning, my heart rate is 100 to 120 beats

ASK THE DOCTOR

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

a minute. In about an hour it goes back to 60 to 80 beats a minute. Throughout the day, for short periods of time, I think I am going to lose consciousness. I take a deep breath, pray and walk around, and the feeling goes. It's worse when I am alone or about to do something unhealthy, like eat takeout food or drink a few beers. What is wrong? — T.S.

ANSWER: I think those are anxiety attacks, and the morning fast heartbeat could result from such an attack. To be on the safe side, tell your doctor. The doctor might want you to wear a heart monitor so the nature of the fast beat can be better studied.

The doctor also might be able to discover the psychological process that's giving rise to these feelings. If he can't, he can recommend someone who can.



Models have finishing touches applied before walking the runway at the Barbie Mattel fashion show during Fashion Week in New York, Feb. 14.

Barbie struts her stuff at Fashion Week

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
 AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Barbie lived up to her image as a fashion muse Saturday as the designers tapped to dress the doll for her 50th birthday blowout did so with some of the trends emerging at Fashion Week. Supermodel Heidi Klum was in the packed crowd and, looking like a real-life doll with a new short haircut, drew almost as much attention as the 50 models who wore Barbie-inspired ensembles by designers including Michael Kors, Badgley Mischka and Vera Wang, all of whom will preview their fall styles later in the week.

The real-life Barbies — blond, brunette, black and Asian versions among them — wore styles that fit in

with the page-age look seen in several fall collections, including a sleek white Calvin Klein minidress with a clear cape.

The hot pink color used by Alexander Wang for Barbie's cropped blazer was similar to the lipstick color used by Adam Lippes earlier Saturday for some of his most eye-catching outfits. Shoe designer Christian Louboutin deserves a shout-out for his super-sexy, pink-patent, peep-toe stilettos.

And, of course with her slim hourglass shape, Barbie wore skinny-leg jeans by Tory Burch and Anna Sui to perfection, just like the pros did at runway shows by Yigal Azrouel and Charlotte Ronson.

Kenneth Cole was the only one to give her a Ken-doll mate on the catwalk. His Barbie wore a T-shirt that said "Everyone needs a Ken."

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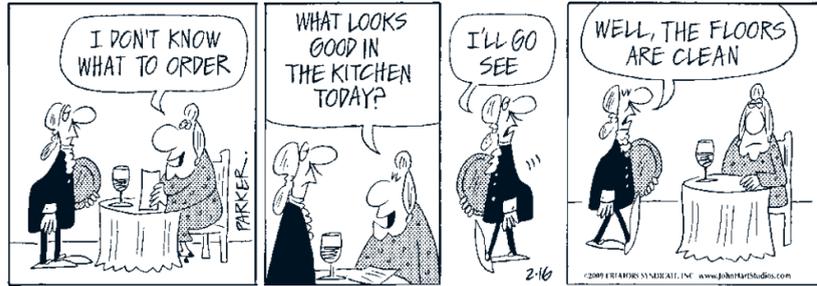
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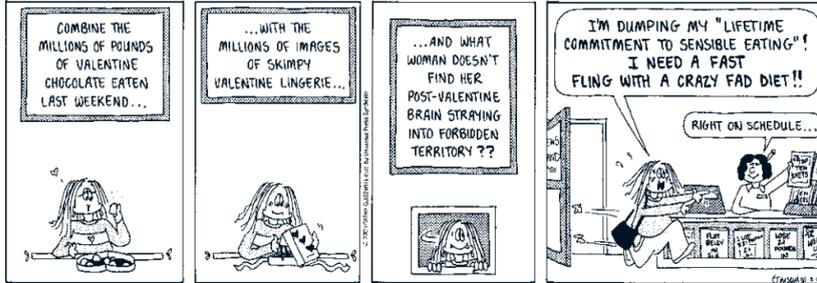
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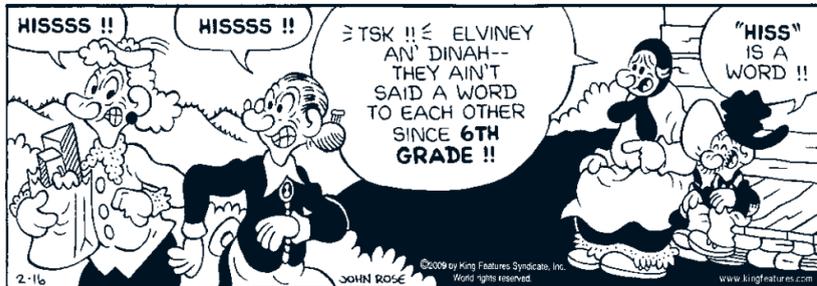
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DEAR ABBY

Ex-driver still trying to steer

DEAR ABBY: Because of a medical condition, my husband of 30 years can no longer drive a car — so now he is driving ME nuts. Not only does he tell me how to drive ("You're too far to the right," or "Watch out for that car!" or "I'd go this way," etc.), but he feels it is his responsibility to remotely lock/unlock the car doors, remotely start the car — anything having to do with the car but drive it. We end up "cancelling" each other out when I try to start the car or lock it.

ion on an idea I have. There must be a mother somewhere who has lost an adult child and has love to give. I could reciprocate that love. I do not wish to replace my mom — that would be impossible. She was an amazing woman. I just need someone to care for me that way. I am loved as a wife, niece and friend, but no longer as someone's child. I need to give and receive that kind of unconditional love.



Jeanne Phillips

Please tell me how to solve the dilemma about who should control the functions of the car. — EXASPERATED IN OHIO

DEAR EXASPERATED: YOU should. However, when a man can no longer drive and his wife must take over, some males regard it as a blow to their masculinity. What your husband is doing is an attempt to reassert himself in his former role, and while it may annoy you, please try harder to understand why he's doing what he's doing and be more tolerant. I know I would.

Is this unhealthy? What would be the best way to fulfill my needs? I have tried individual and group therapy. I am financially independent. What are your thoughts? — DAUGHTER OF AN ANGEL IN ALABAMA

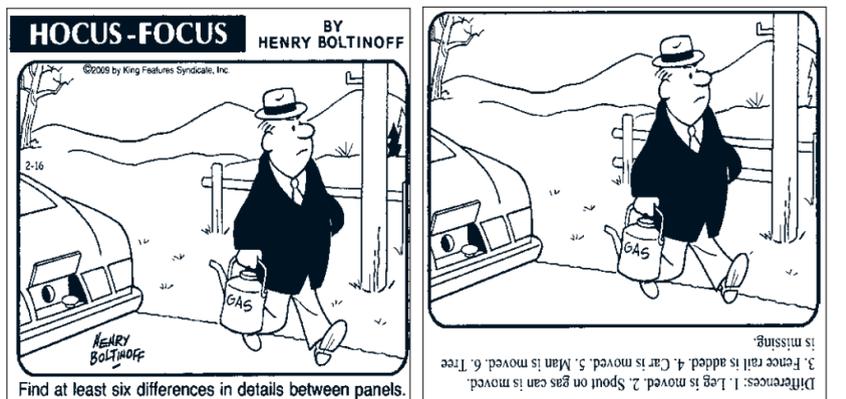
DEAR DAUGHTER: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved mother. I know you are grieving, but what you have in mind could cause you more problems than you already have.

Right now joining a grief support group or talking with a therapist who specializes in the grieving process would be far more helpful for you than immediately trying to fill the hole in your life left by your mother's death. I am concerned that what you are considering could lead to you being cruelly exploited. The love a mother experiences for her child is not interchangeable or replaceable in the way you are thinking of doing it. The validation you are seeking can be found in volunteer work for all kinds.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old woman who lost my beloved mother a few months ago. A sudden illness took her quickly. I made the difficult decision to remove her from life support when there was no longer any hope.

Mom raised me by herself, and we saw each other every day. She was my best friend. I don't know how to go on without someone to love me like she did. I would like your opin-

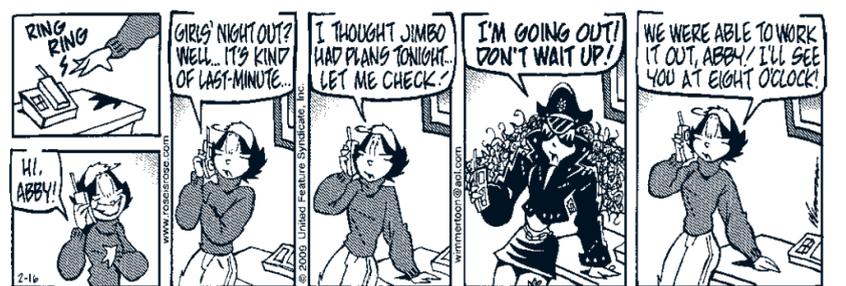
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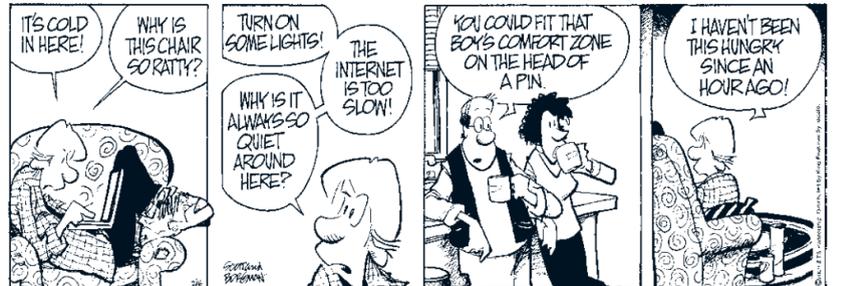
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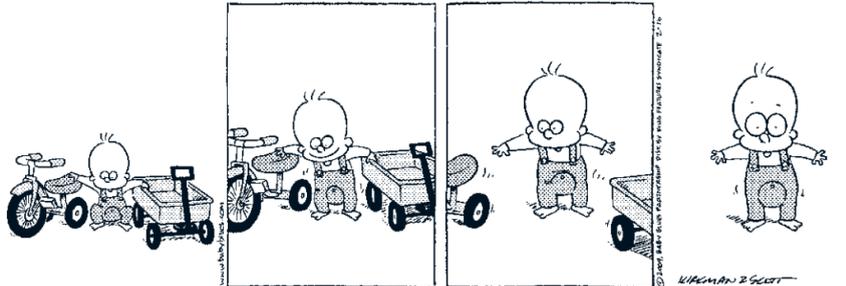
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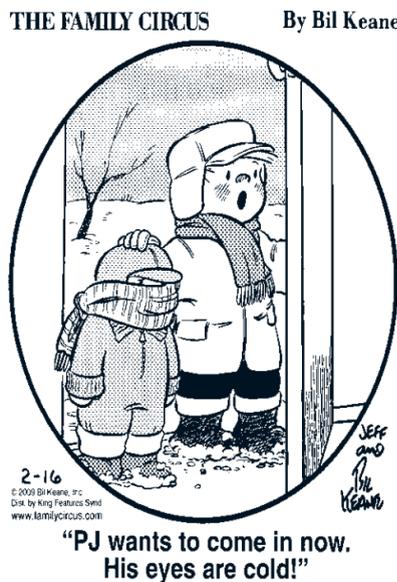
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 • **John Douglas McDermott, Dalton**
 • **Kenneth Sloan, Dalton**
 • **Troy W. Strickland, Dalton**
 • **Brian David Winkler, Chatsworth**
 • **Steven Lee Young, Chatsworth**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Imelda Garcia Lopez

Little Imelda Garcia Lopez, age 1, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 at the Atlanta Hospice. She was born Jan. 24, 2008 in Fulton County.

Prayer services will be held today at the 10 a.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9 until 10 a.m. today.

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lences may be sent to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com

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John Douglas McDermott

Mr. John Douglas McDermott, age 44, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Friday morning, Feb. 13, 2009.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

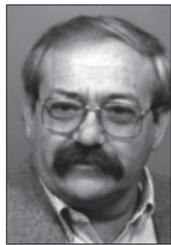
The family will receive friends at the funeral home after noon today.

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Kenneth Lee Sloan

Mr. Kenneth Lee Sloan, age 62, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Sunday



Sloan

morning, Feb. 15, 2009 at the local hospital. Kenneth Sloan was born March 6, 1946 in Hamilton County, Tenn., a son of the late Wallace H. and Linna Neal Sloan. He was the owner of D & S Tire Company in Dalton for many years. He proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Virginia Davenport Sloan; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lisa Sloan; daugh-

ter and son-in-law, Amy and Brian Fossett; grandchildren, Macey, Kenzey, Jake and Marlee Fossett, Luke and Will Sloan all of Dalton, Ga.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Kenneth Lee Sloan will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Revs. Brian Fossett and Joel Southerland officiating. He will be laid to rest at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #112.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 until 9 p.m. today. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Liberty Baptist Church Building Fund, 4443 Tibbs Bridges Rd., SE, Dalton, GA, 30721.

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Troy W. Strickland

Mr. Troy W. Strickland, age 71, of Dalton, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton.

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Brian David Winkler

Mr. Brian David Winkler, age 35, of Chatsworth, Ga., departed

this life Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 2009.

Services are Tuesday morning, Feb. 17, 2009 at 11 a.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

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

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, Feb. 12, 2009.

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

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Amid nurse shortage, hospitals focus on retention

By RASHA MADKOUR
 Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Newly minted nurse Katie O'Bryan was determined to stay at her first job at least a year, even if she did leave the hospital every day wanting to quit.

She lasted nine months. The stress of trying to keep her patients from getting much worse as they waited, sometimes for 12 hours, in an overwhelmed Dallas emergency room was just too much. The breaking point came after paramedics brought in a child who'd had seizures. She was told he was stable and to check him in a few minutes, but O'Bryan decided not to wait. She found he had stopped breathing and was turning blue.

"If I hadn't gone right away, he probably would have died," O'Bryan said. "I couldn't do it anymore."

Many novice nurses like O'Bryan are thrown into hospitals with little direct supervision, quickly forced to juggle multiple patients and make critical decisions for the first time in their careers. About 1 in 5 newly licensed nurses quits within a year, according to one national study.

That turnover rate is a major contributor to the nation's growing shortage of nurses. But there are expanding efforts to give new nursing grads better support. Many hospitals are trying to create safety nets with residency training programs.

"It really was, 'Throw them out there and let them learn,'" said University of Portland nursing professor Diane Vines. The university now helps run a yearlong program for new nurses.

"This time around, we're a little more humane in our treatment of first-year grads, knowing they might not stay if we don't do better," she said.

The national nursing shortage could reach 500,000 by 2025, as many nurses retire and the demand for nurses balloons with the aging of baby boomers, according to Peter Buerhaus of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The nursing professor is author of a book about the future of the nursing work force.

Nursing schools have been unable to churn out graduates fast enough to keep



AP PHOTO

Yaima Milian, center, who is in a nursing residency program, examines patient Carmen Perez, left, as more experienced nurse Marvin Rosete, whom she is paired with in the program, looks on Feb. 6, at Baptist Health of South Florida in Miami.

up with the demand, which is why hospitals are trying harder to retain them.

Medical school grads get on-the-job training during formal residencies ranging from three to seven years. Many newly licensed nurses do not have a similar protected period as they build their skills and get used to a demanding environment.

Some hospitals have set up their own programs to help new nurses make the transition. Often, they assign novices to more experienced nurses, whom they shadow for a few weeks or months while they learn the ropes. That's what O'Bryan's hospital did, but for her, it wasn't enough.

So more hospitals are investing in longer, more thorough residencies. These can cost roughly \$5,000 per resident. But the cost of recruiting and training a replacement for a nurse who washed out is about \$50,000, personnel experts estimate.

One national program is the Versant RN Residency, which was developed at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and since 2004 has spread to 70 other hospitals nationwide. One of those, Baptist Health South Florida in the Miami area, reports cutting its turnover rate from 22 percent to 10 percent in the 18 months since it started its program.

The Versant plan pairs new nurses with more experienced nurses and they share patients. At first, the veterans do the bulk of the work as the rookies watch; by the end of the 18-week training program, those roles are reversed.

The new nurses must complete a 60-item checklist. They must learn how to put in an IV line and urinary catheter; interpret different heart rhythms and know how to treat them; monitor patients on suicide watch and do hourly checkups on very critically ill patients; know how to do a head-to-toe physical assessment on a patient, as well as how to inform families about the condition of their loved one.

For Yaima Milian, who's currently in the program at Baptist, this is markedly different from the preparation she got at her first hospital in New Jersey. She left after a six-week orientation because she didn't feel ready to work solo.

While Milian was paired with a more experienced nurse at the New Jersey hospital, they didn't see patients together; they split the workload. Her first week on the job, Milian was charged with caring for several patients with complicated issues — those on ventilators and with chest tubes — and she felt thoroughly unprepared.

"It just didn't feel right, it felt very unsafe," Milian said.

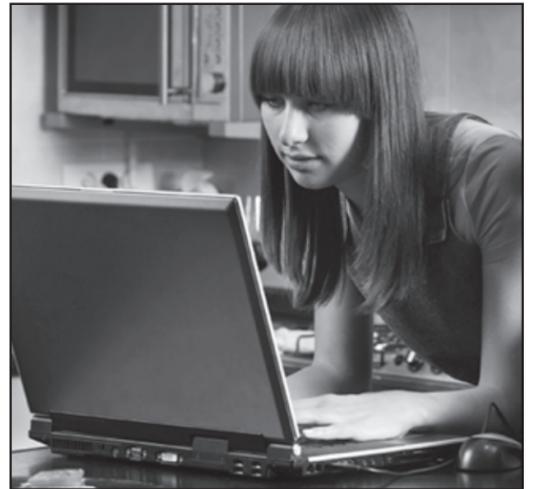
Besides the residency's professional guidance, which includes classroom instruction, new nurses also get personal support from mentors — people they can call after a bad day or to get career advice. The new nurses also gather with their peers for regular debriefing, or "venting" sessions.

To be sure, not all the nurses who leave do so because of a rocky transition. But for nurses who do leave because of stress, these programs seem to help.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the University HealthSystem Consortium teamed up in 2002 to create a residency primarily for hospitals affiliated with universities. Fifty-two sites now participate in that yearlong program and the average turnover rate for new nurses was about 6 percent in 2007.

The federal government has jumped on the bandwagon. Since 2003, it has awarded \$17 million in grants for 75 hospitals to start first-year training programs.

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At Handipoints.com, parents can make a game out of chores.

Parents have new way to assign kids weekly chores

By SAM WHITING
 San Francisco Chronicle

A parent can no longer bark out an order to do a household chore and expect it to be completed. A request must be filed at Handipoints.com. The child will then log on, weigh the reward assigned to a given task, then either accept or decline the task, all by interface, as opposed to face-to-face.

The system, which went online in November 2007, and now claims 550,000 users, was created by "preparent" Viva Chu, 33, of Oakland, Calif.

Chu, who is single but hopes to have children one day, was between startups, doing fixer-ups, when he saw a quaint chore chart posted on a refrigerator. This got him thinking about "what motivates kids," he says. "Why do they do their chores? There is Mom nagging them, but ultimately what drives them is the same thing that drives you and me. They are interested in rewards."

In his scheme, those rewards are virtual, paid in "handipoints" that add up to prestige, as in Guitar Hero. For kids who have already been tarnished by commerce, there is also a system

for converting those points to real goods and services issued by the parents.

The target audience is ages 6 to 12. Parents are the ones who sign up at Handipoints, "looking for a fun, easy way to start teaching their kids about saving," Chu says.

Drawing up an online chore chart is free. Access to HandiLand, where the virtual rewards are, is also free. Each user is issued a Cool Cat cartoon character that becomes the kid's online identity. Cool Cats roam around HandiLand, playing games, meeting friends, watching movies together, doing what kids do. But they have to be paid for by virtual money earned doing work in the real world. All cats want to be spoiled, and that is where real-world money comes in.

Costs for those privileges start at \$5.95 a month to shop with your points at the HandiLand J. Cats Clothing Store and Kitty's Home Furniture.

"They're playing this game, but at the same time they're learning how to be responsible and save. It's like its own economy," says Chu, who learned economics growing up in a restaurant family in Greensboro, N.C.

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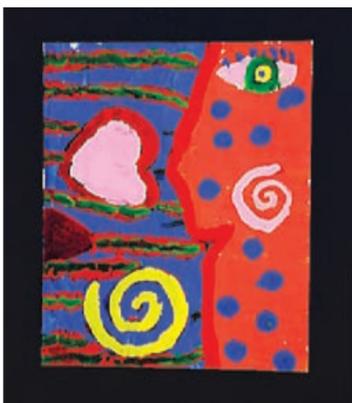
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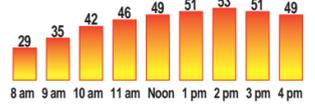
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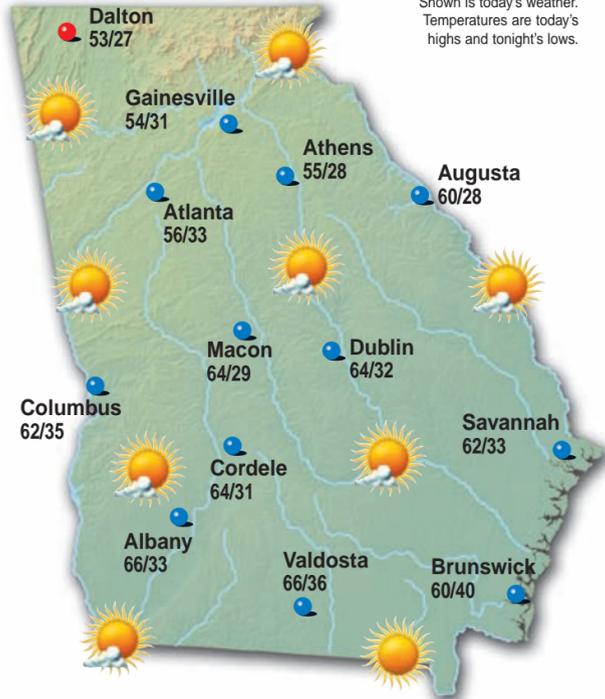
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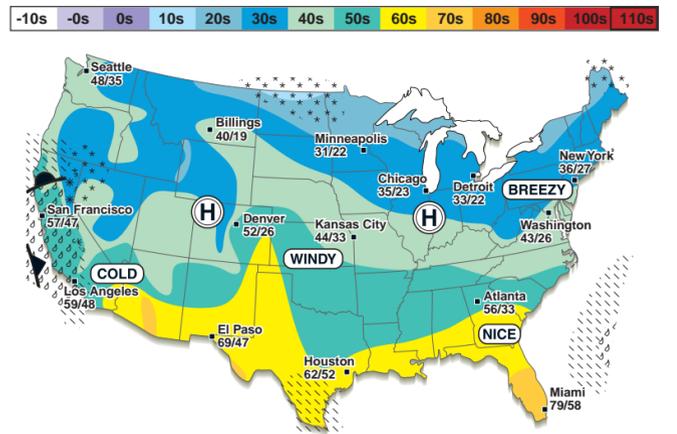
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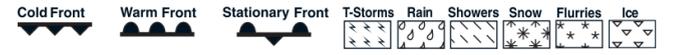
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National Weather for February 16, 2009



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COMMENTARY

KSU-bound Bridges raising the bar

If you're looking to get a hold of Jake Bridges this week, that's not going to happen. Always busy, the senior track and field standout for Northwest Whitfield has spent the offseason traveling all over the place to participate in meets at schools like the University of Florida and Louisiana State University. He also makes the seven-hour trip to Jonesboro, Ark. whenever he gets the chance so he can train with Olympian pole vaulter Earl Bell.

This week, however, his time is consumed for different reasons. It's winter break for the students of Northwest, and he's on a cruise near the island of Cozumel with Bruins track teammates Dean Haynes, Cameron Griffin and Drew Smith.



Adam Krohn

Thursday, he signed a full athletic scholarship to Kennesaw State University, a four-

While it's rest and relaxation this week, next week it's back to work for Bridges, who continues to work towards both the school's and state's pole vaulting records, both of which were set by Nate Woodason in 2008.

Woodason's school record is 15 feet and his state record is 14-9 3/4.

Bridges' hard work has already paid off big time for him. Last

year Division I school in Marietta that has an up-and-coming track and field program. In 2008, the Owls won the Atlantic Sun indoor and outdoor conference championships.

It's a big deal for Bridges to earn a scholarship and he, along with a few other recruits, will be the first pole vaulters in KSU history.

"Not a lot of people really follow pole vaulting," Bruins track coach Jason Jackson said. "From what I've heard in talking to some college coaches, not a lot of schools spend scholarship money on pole vaulters, because they're so few and far between and because most schools don't have coaches that can work with them. So for Jake to get

a scholarship for pole vaulting, that's major."

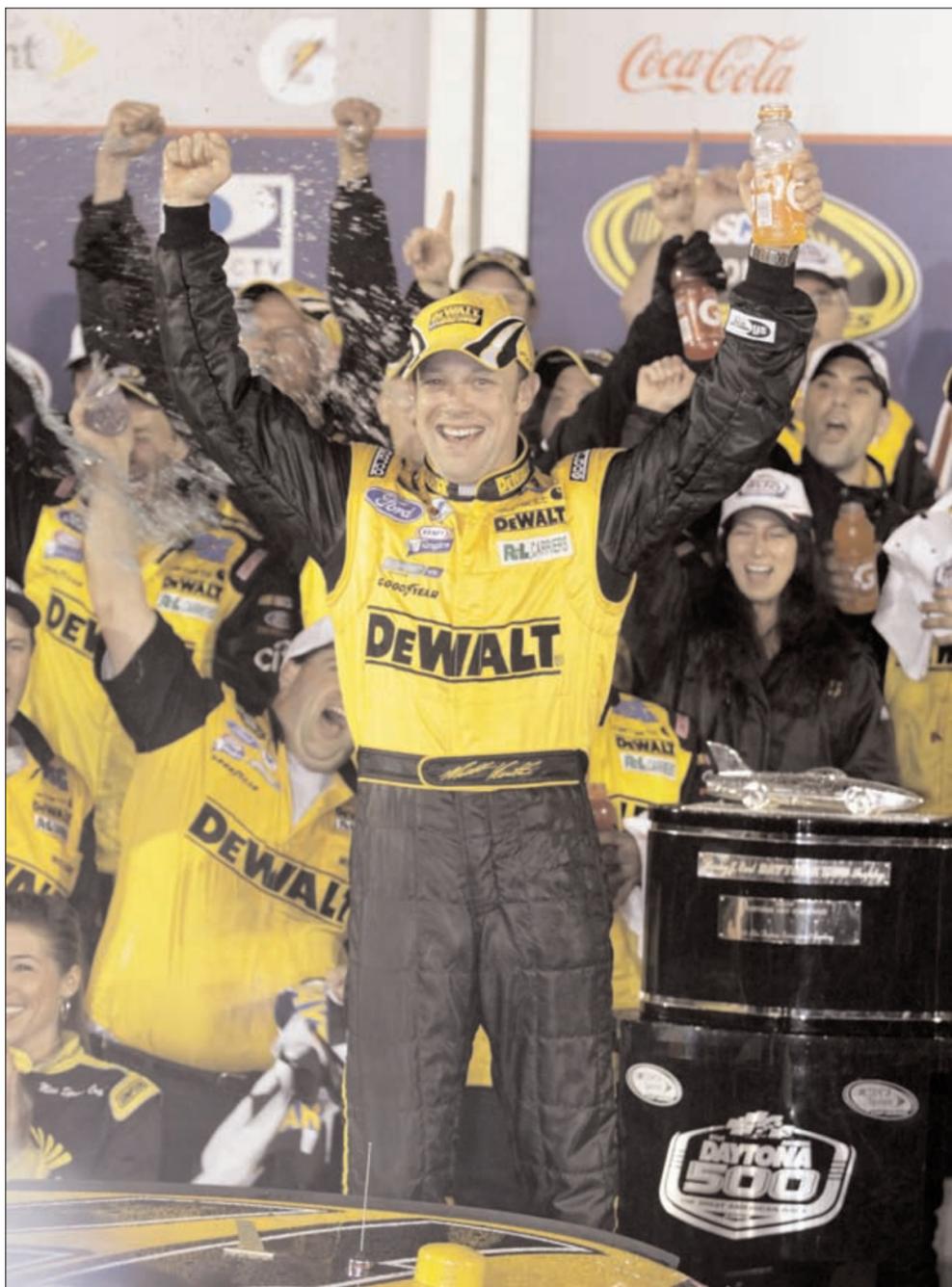
It's been Jake's older brother Nick, who is an assistant on Jackson's coaching staff, that has traveled with Jake to different meets this offseason in an effort to get his name out to schools.

Whenever Jake participates in a meet, his personal best times at the events are recorded and displayed on www.gatfxc.com, a Georgia track and field and cross country coverage site used by college and high school coaches to keep up with who is doing what.

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AUTO RACING: NASCAR DAYTONA 500

Sunshine on a cloudy day



AP PHOTO

Matt Kenseth celebrates after winning the rain-shortened NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Sunday.

Kenseth wins race called early

BY JENNA FRYER

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The rain was coming, and Matt Kenseth knew it was time to get going.

It was the Daytona 500, a race where drivers wait until the very end to make their big move for NASCAR's biggest prize.

Only this time, nobody knew when the end would be.

The rain that had threatened Sunday's season-opening race all day finally rolled in moments after Kenseth slid past Elliott Sadler for the lead. Then the former NASCAR champion was forced to sit out a 20-minute delay before claiming victory after 152 of 200 laps. It was just the fourth rain-shortened 500 in the race's 51-year history, and first since Michael Waltrip's 2003 victory.

"It's going to be really wet out here, because I'm crying like a baby," the usually cool Kenseth said as he choked back tears.

Coming off one of the worst seasons of his career, Kenseth's 2009 start seemed to be headed in the wrong direction, too. He wrecked his primary car, had to go to a back-up and started at the back Sunday.

Had rain not been forecast, he might still have been running at the back of the field with 54 laps to go, because that's where veterans usually wait out the dicey Daytona racing before making a late charge.

But the weather radar showed the rain was coming, and crew chiefs up and down pit road urged their drivers to go for it.

Kenseth sliced his way through the field, then used a huge push from Kevin Harvick to take the lead from Sadler. A caution came out moments later for a spin by Aric Almirola, and the sky opened up about the same time.

After two laps under caution, NASCAR stopped the race and brought the drivers to pit road. Most climbed from their cars to await NASCAR's decision.

Kenseth did not, choosing instead to sit silently inside his Ford away from his nervous supporters. He began to cry when NASCAR gave him the victory, his first in the Daytona 500 and first since the 2007 season finale.

It was also the first Daytona 500 win for team owner Jack Roush.

"I tell you what, after last year, winning a race means a lot to me," Kenseth said. "I've had a lot of great opportunities in my life — from my family getting me in racing and really ... all the sponsors that we have that have stuck by us and made this happen in an up-and-down economy.

"Man, I don't know. Winning the Daytona 500 is definitely a dream moment. It's just an unbelievable feeling."

Harvick, who used a push from Kenseth to win the 500 in 2007, finished second and said Kenseth would be a popular winner among his competitors.

"I think Matt's obviously a pretty stand-up person and a great race car driver," Harvick said. "I think he's one of those guys that he can win seven or eight races in a year and never receive any credit. He's a really good race car driver. He's a champion, Daytona 500 champion."

AJ Allmendinger, who had to race his way into the field in one of Thursday's qualifiers, finished third.

Clint Bowyer was fourth, and Sadler was fifth, devastated he lost the lead moments before the rain.

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PRO BASEBALL

Braves 2009 journey begins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — No one with the Atlanta Braves sounded more enthusiastic about the reconstructed pitching staff than the guy who will catch it this season.

Brian McCann put down a welcome mat at the door Sunday as pitchers and catchers arrived for the first workout of spring training.

"I'm extremely happy, really excited about these guys coming in," the All-Star catcher said. "It's huge for us. After what we went through last season, this is great, getting these veteran guys who really know how to pitch. I just hope I don't screw them up."

While Sunday was the official start of spring training at Disney's Wide World of Sports, many players, including McCann, already

have been here working out, finding it hard to temper their enthusiasm or expectations for the new season.

After injuries devastated the rotation last season, the Braves gave a \$60 million contract to Derek Lowe, signed Japanese all-star Kenshin Kawakami and traded for Javier Vazquez.

"I feel like I'm part of the pitching staff," McCann said. "When they struggle, I felt like crap. When they dominate, I feel great. And right now I feel pretty good about it. You come to spring training now thinking you can get to the World Series."

The new starters are all known for their durability, and the Braves are still hoping to re-sign 42-year-old Tom Glavine, baseball's only

active 300-game winner, to serve as their No. 5 starter. Jair Jurrjens, who won 13 games as a rookie last season, is the only holdover from 2008 assured a spot.

Then there's Tommy Hanson, the team's top prospect. While the Braves would prefer to give him a little more seasoning in the minors, the 22-year-old right-hander hopes to speed things up with a good showing this spring.

"This rotation has a chance to be really good," manager Bobby Cox said after the first workout. "I like the new faces, the guys we've brought in. But I liked the staff last year — until the injury bug hit us."

Atlanta's top four projected

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AP PHOTO

Atlanta Braves pitcher Kenshin Kawakami, of Japan, talks with members of the media after a spring training baseball workout on Sunday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Daytona: Frustrating day for 'Lil E'

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stopped the race. He led 24 laps and was out front during an earlier caution, hoping the sky would open up at that moment to give him the win.

"That's just my luck," he radioed his crew. "It's raining on the radar and not on the track. Welcome to the team."

Sadler nearly lost his job in December, when team management decided to replace him with Allmendinger. He filed an injunction to stop the move, and the team changed its mind after merging with Petty Enterprises in early January.

A chance to win the 500

would have been sweet redemption for Sadler, who instead was left wondering what he did wrong.

"If I would have made a better and smarter move, I'd be in Victory Lane right now," he said. "I put my heart and soul to come in here to Daytona, Speedweeks, try to compete at the top of my game, 'cause I knew I had a lot of eyes on me to run good."

"It would have been cool to finish like that, but just wasn't meant to be. Very hard to swallow. Very emotional."

David Ragan was sixth and was followed by Michael Waltrip, Tony Stewart, Reed Sorenson and Kurt Busch.



AP PHOTO
Matt Kenseth (17) leads Kevin Harvick (29) and the rest of the field in the late laps of the rain-shortened Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday.

Pole-sitter Martin Truex Jr. was 11th. Defending race winner Ryan Newman

ished 43rd.

The racing picked up much earlier than usual, as most everyone knew it was really a race against the rain.

So it was no surprise when Dale Earnhardt Jr., frustrated by two pit-road mistakes that had dropped him a lap down, aggressively raced Brian Vickers for position on a restart just past the halfway mark.

Vickers blocked an attempted pass by pushing Earnhardt down below the yellow out-of-bounds line. When Earnhardt re-entered the racing surface, he clipped the left-rear corner of Vickers' car to trigger a nine-car accident.

"My goal is to keep

Junior behind me," Vickers said. "I went to block him. I beat him to the yellow line and then he just turned us. To wreck somebody intentionally like that in front of the entire field is really kind of dangerous. That's my problem with it."

The accident knocked out Kyle Busch, who had led a race-high 88 laps and figured he was in position for the win.

"Some guys having some bad days and not doing their best out there, just made their bad day our bad day," Busch said. "It's just a shame. It's just unfortunate that two guys got together that were a lap down that were fighting over nothing."

Braves: 2009

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starters last year made only 53 starts, and 23 of them were by Tim Hudson before he went down with an elbow injury that will likely keep him sidelined at least until August. The Braves suffered through their worst season since 1990 after losing starters Hudson, Glavine and John Smoltz to season-ending injuries, along with relievers Rafael Soriano and Peter Moynlan.

If Soriano and Moynlan and closer Mike Gonzalez can fully recover from various surgeries, a once-suspect pitching staff will suddenly look a lot stronger.

"I'm very excited about the staff they've put together here," said Vazquez, who was acquired from the Chicago White Sox for a package of prospects. "I take a lot of pride in getting the ball every fifth day and being ready to pitch. Injuries are part of the

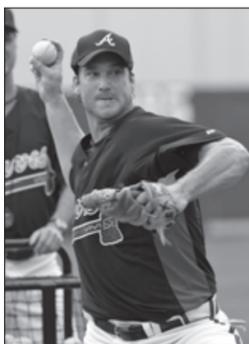
game, but staying healthy is what it's all about."

Vazquez has pitched at least 198 innings in each of his last nine seasons. Lowe also has been extremely durable during his career, having never been on the disabled list in his 12 big league seasons. He also finished strong last season, going 6-1 with a 1.27 ERA in his final 10 starts with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Braves gave Lowe a five-year contract and are counting on him to be the ace of the staff.

"I couldn't wait to get here. You come to spring training ready to compete for a spot in the World Series," Lowe said. "Since the day I signed I've been looking forward to this day. Getting started every spring is a feeling that is second to none."

Kawakami, the franchise's first Japanese player, arrived Sunday trailed by a gaggle of media from his



AP PHOTO
Offseason free agent acquisition Derek Lowe throws a pitch.

home country. He, too, has a reputation for durability even though he missed several weeks last season with a strained back.

After a leisurely first workout, Kawakami acknowledged that he expected to work harder than he did.

"I'm very comfortable here," he said through an interpreter. "It's going to be exciting to be part of this staff. It looks like a good one."

Krohn: Bridges eyes 15-6

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KSU javelin and pole vault coach Jerel Langley is one of the college coaches that visits the site regularly and took note of Bridges' performances, such as the personal-record 14-9 1/4 height he cleared at last week's Jimmy Carnes Invitational at the University of Florida.

"What he's vaulting at right now, he'd be leading the conference," Langley said. "That's the goal for him, first and foremost. He's got great speed for a vaulter and he's got good grades and is a good kid, so he was an easy recruiting choice for us. I'm just glad he signed with us early before (other schools) got to him."

Langley, Nick Bridges and Jake's poll vaulting

coach Keith Woodason — Nate Woodason's father — have all mentioned 15-6 as the goal for Jake's new personal best. Achieving that goal, of course, would mean shattering the current school and state records.

But based on Bridges' performance at the Carnes Invitational — Nick Bridges said he could have easily cleared 15 on that jump — as well the overall strides he's made of late, all involved believe 15-6 is a number that will be achieved.

Nick Bridges is going to great financial lengths to make sure his brother gets to that number, investing in \$900 poles for Jake to use this season.

"That comes out of the 'Bridges Fund,' so he better be getting 15-6 everytime" said Nick, jokingly. "But I'd

rather pay (for the poles) than tuition, or him be like me and have to be paying off student loans."

So as the track and field season nears and Bridges inches closer to 15 feet, all eyes are on him and the future, which, with KSU in the mix, is looking bright as ever.

"He's got a lot of room to grow," Langley said. "We'll get him in the weight room and get his strength levels up, and keep his speed where it is. Once he matures and grows into his body, I think we're looking at a region and national qualifier by the end of his college career."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Boston College beats Duke

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BOSTON — Reggie Jackson broke the game's final tie with a drive with 47.2 seconds left and Boston College scored the final six points for an 80-74 win over Duke, its first over the Blue Devils in 24 years.

Tyrese Rice had 21 points, including a key 3-pointer, and Joe Trapani added 20 for the Eagles (19-8, 7-5 Atlantic Coast Conference). Jackson finished with 15 points.

Kyle Singler had 25 points for the Blue Devils (20-5, 7-4), who have lost three of four, while Gerald Henderson added 20.

The Eagles snapped an eight-game losing streak to Duke. BC's last win over the Blue Devils came on March 17, 1985.

It was BC's second win over a highly ranked team this season. The Eagles handed then-No. 1 North Carolina its first loss, 85-78, in Chapel Hill on Jan. 4.

■ **No. 5 Louisville 99, DePaul 45:** In Louisville, Ky., reserve Preston Knowles scored 19 points to lead No. 5 Louisville to a 99-54 victory over DePaul on Sunday, the Blue Demons' 13th straight loss to match their worst streak ever.

Reginald Delk, making his first career start, had 10 points for the Cardinals (19-5, 10-2 Big East), who had a season-high 18 3-pointers, including five by Knowles.

Delk started in place of Terrence Williams, who had been playing with an injured right wrist.

Williams, Louisville's best all-around player, played 15 minutes had five assists and two rebounds and did not take a shot.

Dar Tucker had 17 points for DePaul (8-18, 0-13), while Mac Koshwal had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cardinals scored the first 13 points of the game and went on to a 51-21 half-time lead.

■ **Virginia 85, No. 12 Clemson 81, OT:** In Charlottesville, Va., Sylven Landesberg scored six of his 23 points in overtime and Virginia ended an eight-game losing streak.

Landesberg's driving basket with 13.4 seconds left in regulation tied it at 74, and he had the last six points in a 10-5 run to start the extra period for the Cavaliers (8-13, 2-8 Atlantic Coast Conference), whose only other league victory came in overtime at Georgia Tech.

Terrence Oglesby had 17 points, including five 3-pointers, for the Tigers (20-4, 6-4), but his leaning attempt with about 8 seconds left was well off the mark.

■ **Loyola of Chicago 71, No. 15 Butler 67:** In Indianapolis, freshman Jordan Hicks scored a career-high 23 points and Loyola of Chicago snapped a six-game losing streak.

The Ramblers (13-15, 5-11 Horizon League) notched their first win over a ranked opponent since a 75-71 victory at Butler two years ago. The loss prevented the Bulldogs (22-3, 13-2) from clinching at least a share of their third straight conference regular-season championship.

Matt Howard, who scored a career-high 30 points for Butler, led a comeback that brought the Bulldogs within 69-67 with 31 seconds left, but Justin Cerasoli hit two free throws with 4 seconds remaining to seal the win.

■ **No. 22 Illinois 65, Indiana 52:** In Bloomington, Ind., Mike Tisdale and Mike Davis both scored 16 points and Illinois held off Indiana's second-half rally.

The Fighting Illini (21-5, 9-4 Big Ten) won their third straight overall and improved to 10-4 against the Hoosiers in the last 14 games.

Matt Roth had 13 points for Indiana (6-18, 1-11), which couldn't avoid setting another dubious school record — becoming the first Hoosiers team to lose 18 games in a season. The 1969-70 team lost 17 games and set the school record for Big Ten losses (11), a mark this Indiana team has tied.

The Hoosiers, who trailed by as many as 21 points, got within 54-48, but Illinois went on an 11-4 over the final 5 minutes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
On Thursday at Northwest Whitfield, Bruins track and field standout Jake Bridges signed with Kennesaw State University. Seated from left to right are Grandmother Mary Beth Bridges, Jake Bridges, and mother Carmon Hart. Standing are father Kent Bridges, brother and Bruins assistant coach Nick Bridges, Tim Hart, Suzanna Hart, and Jackson Hart.

PRO CYCLING

Armstrong charges through

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Lance Armstrong finished among the leaders in the Tour of California's opening stage on an exasperating Sunday that included drenching rain, a flat tire and even the theft of his time-trial bike.

Armstrong persevered through his profoundly gloomy day to finish near the front of a grueling 107-mile stage. He led a chase group that never quite caught up to the soaked race leaders, including surprise stage winner Francisco Mancebo of Spain.

But the day began inauspiciously and got worse before a solid finish by Armstrong, who might have been rethinking his comeback during five frigid hours in the rain — if he hadn't already endured much tougher struggles with cancer and doping allegations during a historic racing career that includes seven Tour de France titles.

"Holy hell. That was terrible," Armstrong wrote on his Twitter feed about 15 minutes after finishing. "Maybe one of the toughest days I've had on a bike, purely based on the conditions. I'm still freezing."

Cycling doesn't get much

more exasperating than it did Sunday for Team Astana, which lost four bikes to thieves Saturday night, some time after Armstrong finished 10th in the prologue. His time-trial bike was stolen from the Astana truck in Sacramento along with the race bikes of teammates Steve Morabito, Yaroslav Popovych and Janez Brajkovic.

Astana spokesman Philippe Maertens confirmed the bike thefts to The Associated Press after it was reported by Armstrong himself on Twitter. Armstrong later posted a picture of his missing bike, which has distinctive yellow-and-black wheels and the logo of his Livestrong foundation.

"There is only one like it in the world therefore hard to pawn it off. Reward being offered," Armstrong wrote.

The rain fell in steady sheets from the opening miles of Stage 1 in Davis, a famously bike-friendly college town southwest of Sacramento. Most riders needed about five difficult hours to cross the rolling hills of the Napa Valley before ending up in Sonoma County, but Armstrong stayed in contention despite a flat tire along the way.

Mancebo, an 11-year pro

who joined Rock Racing this year, took an early lead and stayed in front of a chase group that included Levi Leipheimer and Armstrong until the downtown finish, when Vincenzo Nibali of Liquigas caught him with just one lap to go on the three-lap circuit. Mancebo somehow reclaimed the lead and barely held off Nibali and Quickstep's Jurgen Van de Walle in a surprisingly entertaining finish under such awful weather conditions.

The Tour of California is Armstrong's first competitive appearance in his native country since beginning his comeback last month.

Fabian Cancellara, the Swiss Olympic champion who edged Leipheimer to win the prologue, dropped out of the race midway through the opening stage with a fever. Leipheimer, Armstrong's teammate and the two-time defending Tour champion, also felt ill, but the Santa Rosa native stayed in the race.

Armstrong won't need his time-trial bike again until Friday in Solvang, where the race holds its second time trial. That segment is crucial to Astana's hopes of winning the overall team title, however.

Duke's Kyle Singler (12) battles Boston College's Corey Raji (11) for the rebound in the second half of their game on Sunday.



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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

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

Tuesday
Varsity basketball
 Region 7-4A Tournament
 Games at highest-seeded team
 Dalton girls at Hillgrove, 7
 Cass girls at Northwest Whitfield, 7

Varsity soccer
 Dalton at Heritage-Catoosa, 5
 Lafayette boys at Northwest Whitfield, 6:30

JV soccer
 Lafayette boys at Northwest Whitfield, 5

Wednesday
Varsity basketball
 Region 7-4A Tournament
 Games at highest-seeded team
 Murray County boys at Osborne, 7
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Sprayberry, 7

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, Gwinnett 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, Gwinnett 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.

Varsity wrestling
 Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, Gwinnett Center

Junior varsity soccer
 Calhoun at Murray County, TBA

TELEVISION

On Today

CYCLING
 12:30 p.m.
 VERSUS — Tour of California, stage 2, Sausalito to Santa Cruz, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Pittsburgh at Connecticut

9 p.m.
 ESPN — Texas at Texas A&M

NHL HOCKEY
 7 p.m.
 VERSUS — N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Duke at Tennessee

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	37	17	3	77	179	141
Philadelphia	30	16	9	69	179	161
N.Y. Rangers	30	21	6	66	143	160
Pittsburgh	27	25	5	59	171	175
N.Y. Islanders	16	33	6	38	134	187

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	39	10	8	86	192	130
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	36	16	5	77	191	163
Florida	28	20	8	64	160	155
Carolina	19	24	5	59	143	166
Tampa Bay	27	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	8	82	215	168
Chicago	31	15	8	70	181	137
Columbus	28	23	5	61	153	155
Nashville	27	26	3	57	138	158
St. Louis	23	25	7	53	158	171

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	33	18	5	71	178	165
Edmonton	28	23	4	60	156	170
Vancouver	26	21	8	60	165	161
Minnesota	28	24	3	59	142	129
Colorado	26	30	1	53	156	178

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

Sunday's Scores

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
 New Jersey 6, San Jose 5
 Colorado 6, Detroit 5, SO
 Washington 4, Florida 2
 Carolina at Buffalo, late
 Atlanta at Anaheim, late
 Montreal at Vancouver, late

Today'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.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	44	11	800	—
Philadelphia	27	24	529	15
New Jersey	24	29	453	19
New York	21	31	404	21 1/2
Toronto	21	34	382	23

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	38	13	745	—
Atlanta	31	21	596	7 1/2
Miami	28	24	538	10 1/2
Charlotte	21	31	404	17 1/2
Washington	11	42	208	28

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	40	11	784	—
Detroit	27	24	529	13
Milwaukee	26	29	473	16
Chicago	23	30	434	18
Indiana	21	33	389	20 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	35	16	686	—
Houston	27	24	529	13
New Orleans	30	20	600	4 1/2
Dallas	31	21	596	4 1/2
Memphis	15	37	288	20 1/2

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	36	17	679	—
Portland	32	20	615	3 1/2
Utah	30	23	566	6
Minnesota	17	34	333	18
Oklahoma City	13	40	245	23

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	42	10	808	—
Phoenix	28	23	549	13 1/2
Golden State	19	35	352	24
L.A. Clippers	13	40	245	29 1/2
Sacramento	11	43	204	32

Sunday's Score
 All-Star game at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
 No games scheduled

AUTO RACING

NASCAR-Sprint Cup

Daytona 500 Results
Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
Note: Race shortened due to rain

- (39) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 152 laps, 114 rating, 190 points, \$1,536,388.
- (32) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 152, 81.7, 170, \$1,114,724.
- (20) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 152, 102.2, 165, \$786,063.
- (22) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 152, 87.4, 160, \$631,913.
- (30) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 152, 80.5, 160, \$515,013.
- (33) David Ragan, Ford, 152, 92.2, 150, \$412,063.
- (27) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 152, 81.2, 146, \$371,138.
- (5) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 152, 97.2, 147, \$371,371.
- (34) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 152, 73.7, 138, \$362,224.
- (13) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 152, 93.4, 134, \$325,513.
- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 152, 70.4, 135, \$345,563.
- (28) David Reutimann, Toyota, 152, 67.4, 127, \$316,546.
- (3) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 152, 110.9, 129, \$356,824.
- (6) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 152, 75.6, 121, \$299,288.
- (25) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 152, 62.4, 118, \$298,838.
- (2) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 152, 93.2, 120, \$295,146.
- (23) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 152, 49.8, 112, \$287,568.
- (16) Carl Edwards, Ford, 152, 103.4, 109, \$326,454.
- (37) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 152, 53.2, 106, \$287,568.
- (35) Greg Biffle, Ford, 152, 51.5, 103, \$297,863.
- (42) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 152, 54.6, 100, \$287,696.
- (12) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 152, 62.5, 102, \$308,252.
- (40) Bill Elliott, Ford, 152, 44.6, 94, \$288,160.
- (43) Terry Labonte, Toyota, 152, 35.3, 91, \$273,963.
- (17) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 152, 55.1, 88, \$273,513.
- (10) Dennis Hamlin, Toyota, 152, 99.7, 85, \$300,963.
- (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 152, 88.5, \$7,529,063.
- (26) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 152, 77.7, 79, \$317,654.
- (15) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 152, 63.7, 76, \$313,846.
- (11) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 152, 48.9, 73, \$311,946.
- (7) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 152, 68.4, 70, \$336,149.
- (29) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 151, 43.4, 67, \$287,433.
- (4) David Stremme, Dodge, 151, 58.2, 64, \$300,763.
- (31) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 151, 38.6, 61, \$287,158.
- (38) Scott Speed, Toyota, 151, 39, 58, \$268,763.
- (36) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 150, 42.3, 55, \$295,252.
- (21) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 139, 86.6, 52, \$274,713.
- (19) Paul Menard, Ford, accident, 138, 46.3, \$296,229.
- (6) Brian Vickers, Toyota, accident, 134, 69.2, 46, \$305,171.
- (18) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 126, 47.9, 43, \$265,238.
- (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 123, 114.2, 50, \$349,171.
- (41) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 90, 39.3, 37, \$263,963.
- (9) Joey Logano, Toyota, accident, 79, 45.6, 34, \$317,720.

Race Statistics
 Average Speed of Race Winner: 132.816 mph.
 Time of Race: 2 hours, 51 minutes, 40 seconds.
 Margin of Victory: Under caution.
 Caution Flags: Eight for 35 laps.
 Lead Changes: Nine among nine drivers.
 Lap Leaders: M.Truex Jr. 1; M.Martin 2; Ky.Busch 3-52; D.Earnhardt Jr. 53; T.Stewart 54-68; J.Gordon 69-82; Ky.Busch 83-120; B.Labonte 121; E.Sadler 122-145; M.Kenseth 146-152.
 Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):
 Ky.Busch, 2 times for 88 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 24 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 15 laps; J.Gordon, 1 time for 14 laps; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 7 laps; M.Truex Jr., 1 time for 1 lap; M.Martin, 1 time for 1 lap; B.Labonte, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Earnhardt Jr., 1 time for 1 lap.
 Top 12 in Points: 1. M.Kenseth, 190. 2. K.Harvick, 170. 3. A.Allmendinger, 165. 4. C.Bowyer, 160. 5. E.Sadler, 160. 6. D.Ragan, 150. 7. T.Stewart, 147. 8. M.Waltrip, 146. 9. R.Sorenson, 138. 10. M.Truex Jr., 135. 11. Ku.Busch, 134. 12. J.Gordon, 129.

GOLF

Wind, rain delay Pebble Pro-Am

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Raging wind that toppled a 40-foot pine and rain that formed puddles on the green forced the PGA Tour to postpone the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, giving it a Monday finish for the first time since 2000.



Tee times were pushed back six hours Sunday until another band of rain arrived on the Monterey Peninsula.

No one teed off, and there is no guarantee that the final round will be played Monday, when the forecast is for more rain and wind.

Dustin Johnson had a four-shot lead as he tries to join Anthony Kim as the only players under 25 with multiple PGA Tour victories. A victory would give the 24-year-old Johnson a spot in the Accenture Match Play Championship at the end of the month and the first two majors of the year, including the Masters.

"I'm ready to play," Johnson said. "Obviously, I'll be real ready to play tomorrow after sitting around for a little over a day, waiting to see what's going to happen."

The last Monday finish at Pebble Beach came in 2000, when Tiger Woods rallied to win from five shots behind, including a seven-shot deficit with seven holes to play. One year earlier, the late Payne Stewart had a one-shot lead through 54 holes when Sunday was washed out, and the tournament was cut short to 54 holes because of a storm system that stretched to Japan.

Sunday was ominous from the start.

The wind was strong enough to knock down a 40-foot Monterey pine, which crossed part of the third fairway, and it blew over a small tower behind the 17th green used to measure shots with a laser.

Tee times first were delayed by two hours when a steady rain overnight soaked Pebble Beach.

Then, officials decided to cancel the final round of the pro-am, meaning there would not be any amateurs competing. That was done to reduce the field — 68 pros made the cut — with

AP PHOTO
A man walks past a large pine tree that fell over the third hole fairway at Pebble Beach Golf Links on Sunday. A strong winter storm has moved across the Monterey Peninsula delaying the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro Am.

hopes they could finish on Sunday. Tee times were pushed back another hour to redo the pairings, then three more hours after wind continue to knock down tents and rain returned, forming puddles on some of the greens and in the bunkers.

But even with occasional bursts of sunshine in the morning, the attention shifted to the wind. The forecast was for gusts up to 45 mph Sunday afternoon, raising questions whether the ball would stay still on the green.

Johnson opened the tournament with a 65 at Pebble Beach, a score that would be unlikely in these conditions. Pebble Beach is the easiest of the three courses in calm conditions, the most difficult in the wind.

The top 25 pro-am teams compete in the final round. The last time amateurs did not play on the final day of the tournament was in 1998, but there was a good reason — the final round was delayed nearly seven months, finishing in August, because of rain.

The pro-am cancellation meant Johnson and Joe Rice, an attorney, were declared the winner. They will have their names added to the plaque on the stone wall surrounding the first tee at Pebble Beach.

Johnson will have to wait until Monday to see if he gets the crystal trophy, too.

Allianz Championships
 BOCA RATON, Fla. — Mike Goodes, who turned

pro two years ago, shot a 66 Sunday to win his first career Champions Tour title at the Allianz Championships.

The 52-year-old Goodes finished in 15-under 201 at the Old Course at Broken Sound, beating practice partner Fulton Allem by one stroke to pocket \$255,000 in his 32nd career event.

"In any dreams I had of this, I feel better than I thought I would," said Goodes, who played top amateur golf while growing the plastics recycling business he co-owns before joining the Champions Tour in 2007.

Goodes, whose best previous Champions Tour finish was second at the 2008 Jeld-Wen Tradition, was thrilled to beat a 79-man field that combined for victories at 100 majors on the PGA and Champions Tour.

"You look at the field — Hall of Famer, Hall of Famer, Masters winner, Open winner, British Open winner — they're everywhere out here and it's pretty cool," Goodes said. "I get to eat lunch with them, breakfast sometimes, and play with them. I like it."

"These guys have accomplished things I don't even dream about, but I enjoy playing with them now."

Malaysian Open
 KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — American Anthony Kang ended his eight-year title drought by getting a birdie on the final

hole to win the Malaysian Open by one stroke Sunday.

Kang's 5-under 67 gave him a four-round total of 17-under 271, putting him a shot in front of four players: England's David Horsey (64) and Miles Tunnicliff (68), Thailand's Prayad Marksaeng (68) and India's Jyoti Randhawa (66) in the jointly sanctioned Asian Tour and European Tour event.

Victory in the \$2 million event ended a long wait for 36-year-old Korean-born Kang, who has lived in the U.S. since age 10. His previous wins were at the 1999 Philippine Open and the 2001 Myanmar Open.

"I actually dreamt last night that I won the tournament, but I have those sort of dreams quite often," Kang said. "It feels great to have beaten a strong field here. It hasn't quite sunk in yet, but it is an amazing feeling."

American Anthony Kim, the world's No. 11, effectively dropped out of contention with a 78 on the opening day, but finished with a 67 to be 10 shots behind Kang.

LPGA
Australian Open
 MELBOURNE, Australia — English star Laura Davies won her second Women's Australian Open title Sunday, closing with a 5-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over Spain's Tania Elosegui.

The 45-year-old Davies, also the 2004 winner, had a 7-under 285 total on the Metropolitan Golf Club course. She opened with rounds of 74 and 76 before climbing into contention Saturday with a 67.

Davies won her 29th career Ladies European Tour title and also has 20 victories on the LPGA Tour, including five majors.

Elosegui (70) took a one-stroke lead after a birdie on 17 and Davies' bogey on 18, but Elosegui closed with a double-bogey 6 to give Davies the victory.

Four-time winner Karrie Webb shot a 74 to tie for sixth at 2 under. Katherine Hull, the Australian Ladies Masters winner last week at Royal Pines, also finished at 2 under after a final-round 70.

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726 Commercial Buildings

check this out
*19,000 sq.ft. - 2105 E. Walnut Ave. Retail space, Next to Hobby Lobby, across from Mall.
*97,000 sq. ft., 454 Hwy 225 (Bretlin)
*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail.
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728 Commercial Rental

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728 Commercial Rental

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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753 Condos For Rent
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3 BR 2 BA - 529 Laster, 214 New Dr., 1304 Riverbend. CHA, \$145 week, \$290 deposit. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30

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2000 Mercedes SLK 230 hardtop convertible, low miles, excellent condition, service records, \$12,000. 706-280-4552

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2001 - Jaguar, 4.0, S-Type. 67,458 Miles. \$ 12,200. Call: 706-217-8171



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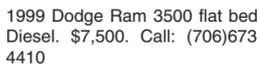


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908 Bids

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There will be a pre-proposal meeting on February 18, 2009, at 1:30 PM to be held at the "Existing Barn" on site. All interested bidders should attend.
Bid documents may be obtained at or shipped COD from RA-LIN and Associates, Inc., the Construction Managers office, upon receipt of a \$450.00 deposit for each set. Contact Kim Hicks at 770-834-4884 or HYPERLINK "mailto:kim@ra-lin.com" kim@ra-lin.com for plans. Deposit will be refunded in full to all parties returning documents, including ALL Adenda, in good condition within 30 days after proposal opening. Documents with broken binders or that have been taken apart are not considered "in good condition". No partial sets will be issued.
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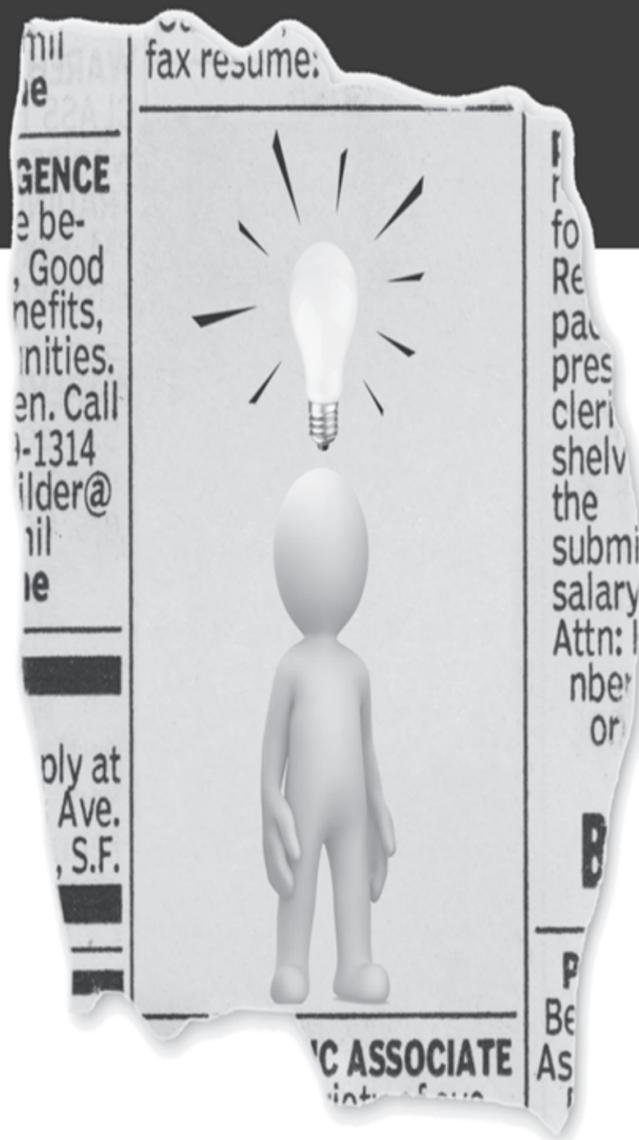
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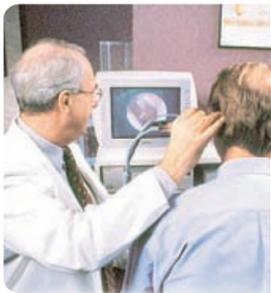
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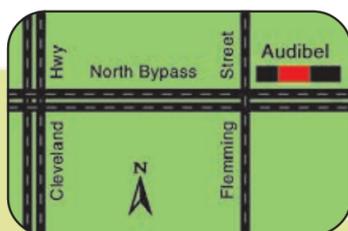
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