

State berths on line for Dalton, Northwest girls

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Stabbing suspect sought

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CHATSWORTH — Steven Lee Young was remembered as a good neighbor a few days after his violent death in a quiet Murray County neighborhood.

"He was a good guy, a real sweetheart," said former neighbor Stephanie Tatum. "My parents lived next door (on Valley Road) and he was always helping them out with their yard work. He was always concerned about others."

Murray County coroner Larry Ballew said Young, 44, died from "multiple stab wounds to the back." He estimated the time of death as between 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and 6 p.m. on Friday. Young's ex-wife, Rhonda Dilynn Sosebee, 44, of Wilding Lane in Dalton, is charged with murder and the sheriff's office is

looking for her.

Sosebee was charged with terroristic threats and had a probation violation warrant issued for her on Feb. 10. She is currently serving five years on probation for two counts of theft by deception and one count of theft by taking. She was arrested on those charges on Dec. 11.

"I didn't even know he had gone through a divorce," said Dan Sluder, who lives near Young's small horse farm at 145 Valley Road. Sluder added that residents pretty much kept to themselves in the rural subdivision.

"I thought they had moved out," he said, mentioning there was a "For Sale" sign in the yard at one time. "When I saw that, I thought, 'I sure hate to see him leave,' but I noticed he had started coming back in his pickup. I talked to him a few times and invited him to church when we were having a revival. He thanked me for the

invitation.

"It's just horrible, horrible — something you don't ever think would happen right here near your front door. I sure will be glad when they find her."

Tatum said she has moved away from the neighborhood, and last spoke with Young around Christmas.

"He told me there were problems (between Young and Sosebee)," she said.

A spokeswoman with the sheriff's office said there were no new leads on Monday.

Sosebee is described as 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighing 160 pounds. She has brown hair and green eyes and is believed to be driving a white 2007 Ford Taurus, license plate AXI4564.

Anyone with useful information is asked to call the sheriff's office at (706) 695-4592, extension 2.

Will DSC students be 'stimulated?'

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Emily Ibrahim is one of more than 2,100 Dalton State College students currently receiving the Pell Grant to help her through school.

"(It helps me) not have to work as much, so my grades are better," said the 19-year-old Chatsworth resident. "It's just a little easier to stay focused on school."

Ibrahim is pursuing a nursing degree while working part time and paying most of her living expenses. College students like her are among those identified to receive money from a \$787 billion package Congress approved in tax cuts and new federal spending that proponents say will help stimulate the economy.

Under it, the maximum amount for the Pell Grant will increase from \$4,731 to \$5,350 starting July 1. The grant is federal money given in varying amounts to students based on their income. The maximum amount goes up to \$5,500 in 2010-2011. It is estimated an extra 800,000 students, or about 7 million total, will now get Pell funding.

Dianne Cox, Dalton State's financial aid director, said about 40 percent of the college's students received Pell money this year. While she couldn't project exactly how the stimulus package will affect next year's enrollment, she said she expects a significant



Misty Watson/ The Daily Citizen

Emily Ibrahim, a sophomore nursing student at Dalton State College, takes a break from studying to fill out paper work in the student center on Monday. Ibrahim is one of 2,100 students at the college who rely on the Pell Grant to help them afford tuition.

increase.

"It's going to be a monster program," she said. "Nationally, it's going to be a huge influx of dollars."

Cox said more students will be eligible for aid next year since the government no longer factors in Social Security benefits as income.

Economics professor Larry Johnson said he has been discussing the stimulus bill with his students. He believes the package will have some effect on improving the economy, but said it isn't likely to be immediate. Even when the economy does improve, the unemployment rate takes about 10

months to catch up, he said.

"I don't think we have a choice really," Johnson said when asked what he thought of the bill. "We're about 6 to 7 percent below normal

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FROM TODAY'S FORUM

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America at work

U.S. still a major manufacturer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may seem like the country that used to make everything is on the brink of making nothing.

In January, 207,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs vanished in the largest one-month drop since October 1982. Factory activity is hovering at a 28-year low. Even before the recession, plants were hemorrhaging work to foreign competitors with cheap labor. And some companies were moving production overseas.

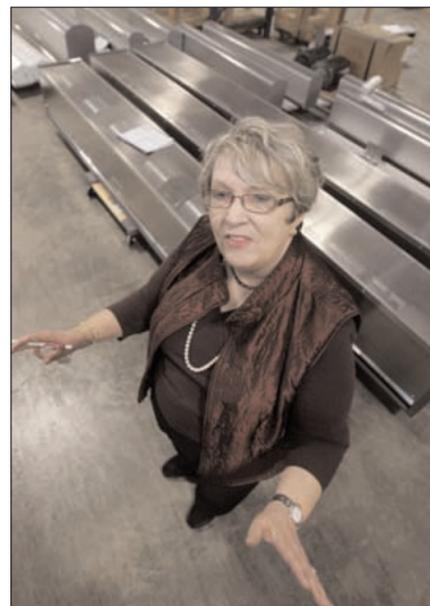
But manufacturing in the United States isn't dead or even dying. It's moving upscale, following the biggest profits, and becoming more efficient, just like Henry Ford did when he created the assembly line to make the Model T.

The U.S. by far remains the world's leading manufacturer by value of goods produced. It hit a record \$1.6 trillion in 2007 — nearly double the \$811 billion in 1987. For every \$1 of value

produced in China's factories, America generates \$2.50.

So what's made in the USA these days?

The U.S. sold more than \$200 billion worth of aircraft, missiles and space-related equipment in 2007. And \$80 billion worth of autos and auto parts. Deere & Co., best known for its bright green and yellow tractors, sold \$16.5 billion worth of farming equipment last year, much of it to the rest of the world. Then there's energy products like gas turbines for power plants made by General Electric, computer chips from Intel and fighter jets from Lockheed Martin. Household names like GE, General Motors, IBM, Boeing, Hewlett-Packard are among the largest manufacturers by revenue.



Berner International CEO Georgia Berner stands in the shipping area of their plant with some of their product in New Castle, Pa., on Thursday, Feb. 12.

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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 cheated on my wife today. I read the forum without her."

"Kids who go to the C-3 Center aren't gifted, they are privileged. How can half of some classes be gifted? As John Stossel would say, give me a break."

"I really enjoy Charles Oliver's column on Wednesday. He really has some interesting facts."

"I would love to know how much the C-3 Center spent on Legos for the robotics."

"My comments are as intelligent as anyone else's in the forum. The editor is a joke. He doesn't print what we say. Get over it."

"Any nation will be destined to failure when its leaders realize they can buy and keep power with social welfare programs."

"If you are a high school football player with the size, speed and talent to play college football, you either go to Dalton High or Northwest."

"I recently spent 17 days in Hamilton Medical Center. The staff, nurses, everyone at that hospital was so kind and really served me. I appreciate my stay there and thank them all for keeping me alive."

"Why did Murray County pick such a beautiful spot to build their high school while Whitfield County picked the sloppiest place in the county to build theirs?"

"I see where Dalton State College has wedding planning classes. In 1951 we went to a preacher's house and got married. I paid the preacher \$10 and we've been married every since. People must be getting dumber to need a class."

"The government doesn't have to borrow money to finance the stimulus package. Printing money only causes inflation. Borrowing money causes debt."

"In Thursday's forum the guy said he could name some good Democrats. Well, he might be able to name some Democrats, buy I don't know about good."

"Happy anniversary Gail Griggs."

"The city of Varnell needs to light up the front of city hall before someone falls and gets hurt. Please take of this."

"Shame on the person who made the comment about Southeast not comparing to Northwest. The kids in the football program work just as hard as the kids at Northwest. You're the loser."

"Welcome back Henry. I was afraid you might have moved out of the country."

"Why is Northwest Whitfield High School's graduation on a Saturday morning this year?"

"It wasn't President Obama's three weeks in office which got us in trouble. It was the 2008 Democratically-controlled Congress with its 18 percent approval rating. That's who got us in trouble."

"How can the county justify hiring three positions for the recreation department

when they are talking fur- lough for the county employ- ees."

"Howard Ensley could start looking right under his own nose for the chicken fighters."

"Congratulations to Eric Bishop, North Murray's new head basketball coach."

"The Chinese are coming to America and buying up foreclosed properties. Do you think this is a good idea? I don't."

"People don't want to try Bush for 'defending America.' They want to put him on trial for falsifying intelligence reports, torturing prisoners, spying on law-abiding American citizens, conducting an illegal war and a ton of other stuff."

"We got our electric bill today from North Georgia. I think its ridiculous and inexcusable that TVA is charging so much money to pay for their executive bonuses."

"It's a shame we have such a deficit because of the war in Iraq. The deficit keeps rising because of that war. It's the only problem we have."

Editor's note: We had a huge deficit before the war started.

"America is just about morally bankrupt. All people care about is lining their pockets. Shame."

"The person who wants President in front of Obama every time should get over it. That hasn't been done for other presidents."

"We know that Northwest is ahead of Southeast in sports, but Northwest is a bigger school in a wealthier community. I am just so proud of Southeast students and the way they are trying to build their sports teams. I wish them the very best."

"We want to know why the Whitfield County school board allowed a student to go back into school after being charged with possession of alcohol at a school activity?"

"In this bad economy I can't imagine why the new mayor of Varnell wants to buy a \$200,000 garbage truck. It seems the garbage truck will replace some of the workers so there would be job losses also."

"Thanks to the folks at A-1 Lock and Security who went above and beyond the call of duty to help me recover two lost keys inside my car."

"How is Obama's spending package going to help the American economy. It's full of nothing but pork barrel and welfare."

"To the editor, you use quotation marks but you do not print what the caller says word for word."

Editor's note: We try, but some callers are too verbose. Some mumble. Some can't stick to a single point. Some are rude. Some ramble. Some remember saying something a lot more clearly than they actually did. Some talk over barking dogs, loud TVs and squalling kids. We try."

"Our great country has been indebted to other countries for quite a few years now. Way to go Bush."

Editor's note: "Foreign debt" preceded Bush.

"Yup, you guessed it. The 14-kid California baby factory is on welfare."

"Chicken fighting has been going on in Murray County for years. I don't know where our sheriff has been."

"If you buy Exxon gas you are putting money in the hands of our enemy, Chavez."

"I thought we were in a deep recession. Must not be too bad if we can waste \$289,400 on that old train depot."

"That fellow who said you should give your money to St. Jude's instead of to animals, does he not know that you can support both. You can support charities and still be an animal lover."

"Congress grilled the bank execs for having private airliners. At least that creates jobs. Nancy Pelosi just blew \$30 million on a stinking field mouse. Way to go Democrats!"

"As a taxpayer I don't think its justifiable that the Dalton Parks and Recreation Police get to drive a Ford Bronco back and forth to work."

"Jimmy Espy is tone deaf. The greatest country music song of all time is, 'Thank God and Greyhound She's Gone.'"

"Being poor in most cases is self-inflicted."

"I wish people would give Obama a chance. It took Bush and the Republicans eight years to screw things up."

"Without parapros, some teachers would be totally lost."

"The trade center is a good asset for Whitfield County. It just isn't marketed very well. Put a digital sign up on I-75 to inform everybody about upcoming events."

"Let's hope that Obama and Biden don't meet their maker at the same time. Then we would have President Pelosi. Ugh!"

"To the comment on the paraprofessionals' salaries, I would like to see you work one day with as much motivation and dedication to the children as parapros do every day. I bet you will rethink your statement."

"Michelle Malkin is a moron."

"I understand why Lane Kiffin didn't make it as an NFL coach. He's a crybaby."

"Is that trolley in service yet or not? I need a schedule."

"Not only are smokers dumb, but they are selfish. Why else would they poison themselves and those around them?"

"Whoever said Jimmy Espy should go back to South Georgia is an idiot. If he doesn't like the news tell him not to read it. We love it."

The "idiot" calls again
Hey Espy, since old Pilcher is going back to South Georgia why don't you load up and go with him. You both can climb under a rock.

Editor's note: You big dummy ... I'm from north Georgia.

"I really enjoyed the article in today's paper about Dalton High's Taylor Duckworth. He is a fine young man and we are really proud of him. Thanks for the story."

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Rayven June Trammell
AGE: 14
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Ann Trammell; dad, Mike Trammell; brother, JT Trammell; sister, Shanda Stamper
SCHOOL: Southeast Whitfield High School
PLAY: Cheerlead, run track, drama, be with friends.
SHE SAID: "Live life with no regrets, do what you want and what makes you smile, break the rules, and never look back."



DSC: Funding

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growth (for the national gross domestic product)."

Johnson said college enrollment normally increases during an economic recession, especially at technical and community colleges. The number of people applying for financial aid rises, too.

Students get to keep money left over from Pell Grants after they have paid their school expenses. Freshman Riley Brooks of Dalton said the Pell Grant increase is good news. He received the maximum amount this semester and was able to use some of the leftover money to pay bills.

"So far, I'm doing good, but it'll just be extra money in my pocket," he said. "After everything I have to pay for, I have about \$1,000 (left over)."

Mixed reactions

There is also money in the stimulus package for modernizing educational facilities, funding university research and increasing the tuition tax credit. Altogether, the package spends an estimated \$32 billion on higher

education. Johnson said there is a possibility Dalton State professors may be eligible for some of the research funding.

Not everyone favors the package, however. Ibrahim said she would support the bill if she knew it would improve the economy.

"I don't see how it's going to help with spending more since we're already in debt now," she said. "I'm all for it helping, but I just don't think it will."

Tyler Burgess, a freshman business accounting major who lives in Ringgold, said he believes the stimulus package will have the opposite of its intended effect.

"Excessive spending is never a solution to anything," he said. "(Congress') answer is to basically get another credit card and pay off the current credit card with the new one."

Cox said even with an increase in Pell money, not every student will receive the maximum amount. Some will still have to take out loans to pay for their expenses.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

CLARIFICATION

Jeffery Layne Welch, 50, of 290 Dogwood Lane in Chatsworth, says he is not the Jeffery Franklin Welch, 42, of 1413 Holly Creek

Cool Springs Road in Chatsworth, who was arrested on Feb. 13 by the Murray County Sheriff's Office for DUI.

City may rename streets

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Garden Center sit on those properties.

Some Dalton city streets could be getting new names, thanks to Whitfield County's current addressing project. The Dalton City Council voted 4-0 Monday to adopt an ordinance that will determine how those streets are renamed.

■ Approve a package beer license for the EZ Stop at 1524 Murray Avenue, and beer, wine and liquor pouring licenses for the Holiday Inn and Suites at 879 College Drive.

The addressing project is aimed at removing duplicate addresses and changing any street names that might confuse emergency responders.

■ Re-appoint Martin Henderson and Greg Sims to the building code appeals board and Austin King and Kenneth Harless to the zoning appeals board.

The ordinance gives the fire chief or someone designated by him responsibility for naming and numbering streets. It also provides for public notification and public input in the naming or renaming projects.

City officials estimate some 40 streets may have to be renamed and another 40 that currently have no names will be named. Residents and businesses could be notified by the end of July if their streets will be affected.

The council also voted 4-0 to:

■ Annex two "islands" of unincorporated Whitfield county on Walnut Avenue into the city. The Steak 'n Shake and the Rosewood

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Correction
In the Education Briefs from Monday's newspaper, the college was omitted from the brief on Christie Eichberg. She attends the College of Charleston.

State probes Feb. 8 incident at assisted living residence

BY MARK MILLICAN

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State officials are again investigating an assisted living facility on Reed Road. Whitfield 911 received a call at 4:45 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, that "a person was down" at Pleasant Valley Assisted Living. "An elderly female was laying outside," a dispatcher said in a report based on the call.

The sheriff's office, EMS and Fire Station No. 1 responded, arriving at 4:53 a.m. The 911 dispatcher told the units a "caretaker advised the female has Alzheimer's and is having pain all over." The woman was taken to Hamilton Medical Center. It was unclear from the report how long she was on the ground.

EMS director Jeffrey Putnam said officials with the sheriff's office and EMS unit contacted adult protective services with the county Department of Family and Children Services about the incident. On Monday, a spokeswoman with the Office of Regulatory Services of the state Department of Human Resources said an investigation is under way.

"There is an ongoing investigation of Pleasant Valley Assisted Living center," said Taka Wiley of DHR. "That's all I can say at this point."

Tracey Dawn, the owner of Pleasant Valley, said officials there filed a detailed report with the state the day after the woman was found. She called the incident an "unfortunate accident."

"She had never wandered before," Dawn said. "We have measures in place to prevent people from wandering, however she was not a wandering risk so she didn't have the WanderGuard watch on or a call pendant. Her family chose not to choose that option because she hadn't wandered."

The WanderGuard and call pendants are monitoring systems for individuals in settings such as hospitals and nursing homes.

Asked how the woman got outside the facility, Dawn said, "She walked. We have the WanderGuard watches and once somebody leaves the safety zone the watches will go off and will alert the staff pagers. However, her family did not use that option for her because she hadn't wandered. She's been in our facility ... for quite a while." Dawn could not immediately say how long

and did not want to provide a wrong figure, she said.

"It was unusual behavior for her," Dawn said.

She said she did not know exactly how long the woman was outside.

"I'll leave all that to the investigation," she said.

Dawn said family members of the woman want her to return to the facility after she finishes rehabilitation.

"That says a lot," she said.

On Oct. 2 of last year, Pleasant Valley manager Wayne Hardwick Dawn Jr. was charged with six felony counts of cruelty to a person 65 or older, six misdemeanor counts of theft by taking, six misdemeanor counts of reckless conduct, three counts of felony possession of hydrocodone, one felony count of possession of darvocet and two felony counts of possession of tramadol.

The sheriff's office was contacted then by a concerned family member of a resident. An undercover investigation included audio and video surveillance.

None of the residents became ill as a result of their drugs being allegedly stolen, said Maj. John Gibson with the sheriff's office.

Fireman loses pay

BY MARK MILLICAN
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A Dalton fireman who was placed on administrative leave with pay after being arrested is now on leave without pay prior to a court date, interim Fire Chief Bruce Satterfield said on Monday.

David Brandon Keith, 28, of 2302 Second Avenue in Dalton, was charged with DUI, reckless driving, second degree criminal damage to property and aggravated assault on Jan. 30. Satterfield said he "escalated" the punishment for Keith to leave without pay because of the department's investigation. He said he could not comment on the reason until the case goes through the justice system. The charges against Keith are expected to go before a grand jury on Feb. 26.

Another Dalton fireman, Franklin Dwayne Pangle, 28, of 1110 Lafayette Road, was charged with criminal trespass on Feb. 1. The charge involved the Creative Arts Guild on West Waugh Street. Pangle is scheduled to appear in Dalton Municipal Court on March 12 and remains on administrative leave with pay, Satterfield said.

"It's possible the charges against him may be dropped at that time," he said.

Murray woman hurt

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A woman suffered a serious head injury in a two-vehicle wreck on Highway 225 in Spring Place Monday morning. One of the drivers, her husband, was charged with failure to yield, said a spokesman with the Georgia State Patrol.

Junior Payne, 74, of 2246 Tibbs Bridge Road in Chatsworth, was driving a 1999 Toyota Corolla and was

cited for pulling into the path of a Ford F-150 pickup truck driven by Michael Dudley, 17, of 956 Highway 225 North. The wreck was at 9:30 a.m. near the Dollar General store.

Payne's wife, Bessie, 73, was airlifted with a serious head injury to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She was in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit Monday evening, a spokeswoman said.

Industry: U.S. still a major force

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Several trends have emerged over the decades:

■ America makes things that other countries can't. Today, "Made in USA" is more likely to be stamped on heavy equipment or the circuits that go inside other products than the TVs, toys, clothes and other items found on store shelves.

■ U.S. companies have shifted toward high-end manufacturing as the production of low-value goods moves overseas. This has resulted in lower prices for shoppers and higher profits for companies.

■ When demand slumps, all types of manufacturing jobs are lost. Some higher-end jobs — but not all — return with good times. Workers who make goods more cheaply produced overseas suffer.

Once this recession runs its course, surviving manufacturers will emerge more efficient and profitable, economists say. More valuable products will be made using fewer people. Products will be made where labor and other costs are cheaper. And manufacturers will focus on the most lucrative products.

Aircraft maker Boeing announced last month it was cutting about 10,000 jobs. At the same time, workers are streamlining the wing assembly for the 737, the company's best-selling commercial plane, said Richard McCabe, a wing line mechanic for 10 years and former Machinists union shop steward.

He and his co-workers at the factory in suburban Renton, Wash., were asked about 3 1/2 years ago to figure out how to switch from building wings in massive stationary jigs mounted vertically, "the way things have been done here forever," to "one-piece flow," assembling them horizontally on a moving line similar to automobiles. The new process is set to begin by the end of the year.



AP Photo

Pam Myers, a worker in the assembly are at Berner International reaches for an air tool while making one of their products at the plant in New Castle, Pa., on Thursday.

"I won't go to the wing. The wing will come to me," McCabe said. "It's going to save them millions in scrap and rework."

McCabe said there was a lot of initial resistance on the shop floor, but Boeing's increased outsourcing — including wing production for the new 787 to Japan — helped change workers' minds.

"I told the guys, it's development or die," McCabe said. "If we can get this done, it assures us the future."

About 12.7 million Americans, or 8 percent of the labor force, still held manufacturing jobs as of last month. Fifty years ago, 14.6 million people, or 28 percent of all workers, toiled in factories. The numbers — though painful to those who lost jobs — show how companies are making more with less.

Still, the perception of decline is likely to grow as factories and jobs vanish, and imports rise for most goods we buy at stores.

Thirty years ago, U.S. producers made 80 percent of what the country consumed, according to the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, an industry

trade group. Now it's around 65 percent.

American factories still provide much of the processed food that Americans buy, everything from frozen fish sticks to cans of beer. And U.S. companies make a considerable share of the personal hygiene products like soap and shampoo, cleaning supplies, and prescription drugs that are sold in pharmacies. But many other consumer goods now come from overseas.

In the 1960s, America made 98 percent of its shoes. It now imports more than 90 percent of its footwear. The iconic red Radio Flyer wagons for kids are now made in China. Even Apple Inc.'s iPod comes in box that says it was made in China but "designed in California."

"Some people lament the loss of manufacturing jobs we could have had making iPods. So what?" said Dan Ikenon, associate director of the Center for Trade Policy Studies at the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute. "The imports of iPods support U.S. jobs," including engineers, marketers and advertisers.

Some U.S.-made products are hiding in plain sight. Berner International

Corp., based outside Pittsburgh, doesn't make the clothes, dishes or sponges sold at Wal-Mart, but its products hang above shoppers' heads as soon they come through the sliding doors.

The company's 60 employees make air curtains — rectangular blowers mounted to the ceiling that keep out hot or chilly air, insects and dust while keeping in A/C and heat. Also called air doors, they hang from ceilings at Wal-Marts, Whole Foods, and Starbucks, and above the big factory doors at Ford and Toyota car plants.

Chief executive Georgia Berner keeps her company in the United States because she relies on her staff's deep knowledge of air blowers, which are custom made for clients using metal plates, fans, motors and electronic parts assembled at the company's 60,000-square-foot factory. Each box requires specific voltages and sizing, she says.

"I have a crew here (with) much of the product knowledge in (their) heads," she said.

To deal with the recession, her production manager is making the factory more efficient by move shelves of parts closer to workers.

She's also banking on a new line of air curtains for fast food drive through windows, noting that fast food demand is on the rise while other restaurants decline.

Other companies saddled with high labor costs — sometimes called legacy costs that insured workers high wages, pensions and handsome benefits — can struggle to survive.

In the early 1980s, the U.S. steel industry faced such pressure. Today, it's the auto industry, which is pressuring its unions to agree to deep reductions in pay and generous benefits. In fact, it's a condition of the \$17.4 billion in emergency loans from the government to keep

Cops kill chimpanzee

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A 200-pound chimpanzee kept as a pet and once used in commercials was shot and killed by police Monday after it mauled a woman visiting its owner and later cornered an officer in his cruiser, authorities said.

Stamford police Lt. Richard Conklin said the injured woman was hospitalized late Monday in "very serious" condition at Stamford Hospital; her identity was not immediately released. Conklin said she suffered "a tremendous loss of blood."

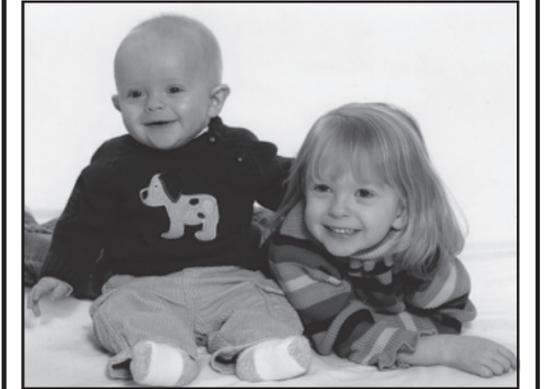
The 15-year-old chimp's

owner and two officers also were hurt, though police said the extent of their injuries was not immediately known.

Police said they had no idea why the chimpanzee, named Travis, attacked the woman as she got out of her car to visit the animal's owner, Sandra Herold. Conklin said Herold wrestled with the animal, then ran inside to call 911.

"She retrieved a large butcher knife and stabbed her longtime pet numerous times in an effort to save her friend, who was really being brutally attacked," Conklin said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Church-state mix remains dangerous

To the editor:

I was first turned on to President Obama when watching a CNN debate for the Democratic candidate hopefuls in which the topics came from questions posed on Youtube. When a question arrived about separation of church and state, Obama supported the principle just as did every one of his opponents. But Obama's explanation was the exact opposite of his fellow Democrats, stating that though he thought it important that the church remain separate from the state, he sees it as vital that the state remain distant from interfering with the work and calling of the church — a response that did not draw the approving reaction that the crowd gave the other respondents.

I have grown up in church and been involved in different capacities at several of them. I would hear from the pulpit that the government was trying to take away the church's right to proclaim what they believe to be true. This worried me, as the threat of losing one's rights should. But what I have seen as of late, and most vividly during the recent election, is not the church standing for its constitutional rights with a government that is trying to take them away, but rather the church waging war against the government. By dragging political and social issues under the ever-changing umbrella of religion some churches are being equal violators of the amendment they are trying to police the government on.

In his latest book, Pastor Rob Bell claims that Christians should get nervous when the flag and Bible hold hands. Even John MacArthur, a pastor on the right, has said that Christians becoming vocal on political issues will only make enemies out of those the church is called to reach. My fear is not that the church is having to stand against persecution in our area, but that they are creating it.

Aaron Marcelli
Cohutta

Proper focus on students has been lost

To the editor:

It has been brought to my attention in the past couple of years that in the world of education, the children in which I, as an educator, teach, has been slowly declining on the list of priorities set forth by the administration of Whitfield County schools.

As teachers we strive to teach the youth of our community not only algebra, Ga. studies, American literature, etc. But discipline, manners, and common courtesy for their fellow students. However, there is a small cluster of students, at every school, that can cause our job to be a challenge.

It should be the duty of the administration of a set school to handle these problems with ease, after all, this is the responsibility that should separate the job description of a teacher and an administrator.

This is most certainly not the case. Instead of being dealt with, these problems are being swept under rugs, kept from permanent record files, and disregarded all together, simply to further the so-called "prestige" of the school. The less disciplinary problems in a school will lead to a better looking administration, which will lead to more funding, which will lead to a principle being promoted, and so on.

When did the well being of the children of our town get violently shoved aside all so someone can try to make a name for himself? The same moral values we try to teach to our students have been vigorously ignored so that others can say that they have peaked at the top of their educating careers.

Not only does this apply to the students, but also to faculty. The gossiping and backstabbing that takes place all to better one's appearance. It is perhaps a little ironic, and quiet frankly absurd!

It is time that we as educators in this county stand up for what is right and return the focus to structuring character and building minds, so that when my children become adults, the leaders of Whitfield County are not morally corrupt sycophants out for their own well-being crushing the lives of those who actually care for the welfare of our neighbors.

David R. Frollins
Retired educator
Dalton

FREE MINDS

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

— Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

Thought for today: "Life has got to be lived — that's all there is to it. At 70, I would say the advantage is that you take life more calmly. You know that 'this, too, shall pass!'"

Eleanor Roosevelt
American first lady (1884-1962)

The other Indiana

When President Obama visited Elkhart, Ind., on Monday to flog his economic stimulus plan (aka more government spending), he saw a struggling town in the midst of a relatively prosperous state. Had he taken the time to visit Indianapolis and met with Republican Governor Mitch Daniels, he would have seen a different picture.

Indiana has a \$1.3 billion surplus and a "rainy day fund" made up of contributions that come from a unique concept these days: government spending less than it receives from taxpayers, without raiding its cash reserves.

Among several things that troubled me about President Obama's appearance in Elkhart and his news conference that night was the absence of any call for individual initiative to help get us out of our economic funk. The president and the congressional majority party appear to believe that when one gets a job, he should hold that job all his life and retire with a good pension. Furthermore, that person should never be expected to move (migrate) in the pursuit of better opportunities — and the federal government must address anything that interferes with that scenario.

Opportunities remain in Indiana, despite the difficulties in Elkhart, for those with the vision and initiative to seize them. According to the governor's office, since January 2005, 647 businesses have committed to creating 80,043 jobs and to investing \$18.8 billion in their Indiana operations. In an online search of the Indianapolis Star newspaper on Tuesday, I found links to 2,398 jobs in, or within a 30-mile radius of Indianapolis. There are even



Cal Thomas

help wanted postings in the Elkhart newspaper. Have we become so indolent, so used to others doing for us, that we have lost the initiative so many of our forebears had, initiative that built and sustained this country through much harder times than this? I suspect many of them would have gladly traded their real hard times for what we have now, which is prosperity squared compared to apple selling, dust bowls and the shanties in which many of them lived.

Because Governor Daniels doesn't see government as a first resource, he has enough revenue to do what government should do — build and repair roads, encourage telecommunication reform, promote research and development, stimulate the manufacture of goods that others wish to buy. (In 2007, Indiana exported to foreign countries a record \$25.9 billion worth of goods, up more than 14 percent from the previous year.)

The state ranks first in the Midwest for its business climate (and fifth in the nation), reports Site Selection magazine, Nov. 2008. According to Forbes magazine, Indiana has the lowest business cost index in the Midwest and sixth lowest in the country. And most important of all in this "government knows best" climate, Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and 14th nationally in the Tax Foundation's 2009 Business Tax Climate Index.

Other states, like New York, New Jersey, California and Michigan are driving businesses away because of heavy taxation to support expanding government and increasingly oppressive and counterproductive regulations.

Indiana can balance its budget without tax hikes because Governor Daniels doesn't see government as primary, but somewhere down the list behind initiative, risk-taking, personal responsibility and accountability. While all may not start out the same in life, many can overcome whatever handicaps they might have, if they subscribe to certain principles known to every generation. Politicians that tell us we can't succeed without them and, if we do, they will grab increasing amounts of our prosperity, have replaced the stories of those who have overcome.

One of the questioners at the president's press conference expressed concern that he might be "talking down" the economy and causing people to lose faith in themselves and the country. The president brushed off the question, repeating that these are, in fact, tough times.

Where is the "we can do this together" spirit of yesterday? Maybe everyone should be required to watch the film "Hoosiers" about a high school basketball team beset by conflict on and off the court. With a new coach, the players catch the vision, start to believe in themselves, and manage to win the state championship. Where's our Hoosier spirit?

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'We love to talk,' declares Biden

Vice President Joseph Biden delivered the Obama administration's first major foreign policy address recently at the Munich Security Conference. It was just the sort of thing Europeans tend to like. Biden offered bouquets to diplomacy, to multinational institutions, and to respecting other cultures. "It was not an accident," he told his continental audience, "that (Obama) gave his very first interview as president to Al-Arabiya."

The new administration is entitled to pursue whatever foreign policy they think best in the next four years (God help us). But attempting to falsify the history of the Bush years should not go unremarked.

Just as he did during the campaign, when then-candidate Biden declared that we had "kicked Hezbollah out of Lebanon," among other whoppers, Biden is again (presumably with the full support and encouragement of President Obama) inventing his own history to suit his political purposes.

"Our administration is reviewing policy toward Iran," Biden declared, "but this much I can say: We are willing to talk."

Unlike whom? Obama's predecessor? The Bush administration held at least 28 separate meetings between Americans of ambassadorial rank and Iranian officials during the eight years of the Bush presidency. According to the Middle East Forum, more than 16 meetings were held in Geneva and Paris from November 2001 through December 2002 between Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Ryan Crocker and senior Iranian Foreign Ministry officials. A number of high-level direct negotiations were conducted in 2003, and a



Mona Charen

number of indirect contacts were maintained through the Europeans between 2003 and 2007. In March 2007, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad held a meeting with an Iranian team at a conference of Iraq's neighbors in Baghdad. Khalilzad's successor, Crocker, also met with the Iranian ambassador. Thus the U.S.

gave full backing to a (fruitless) European Union initiative to negotiate with Iran about its nuclear program.

Biden announced the first week of February, as if there were something new under the sun, "We are willing to talk to Iran, and to offer a very clear choice: continue down your current course and there will be pressure and isolation; abandon your illicit nuclear program and support for terrorism and there will be meaningful incentives."

Ah, "meaningful incentives." Why didn't someone think of that before? Let's see, here's a CNN clip from May 8, 2008: "The United States has signed off on a European plan that would offer increased incentives for Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment program, senior State Department officials said Thursday. ... The United States, along with the other nations, has been following a 'dual track strategy' with Iran, which includes tightening sanctions on the regime while offering incentives if Iran suspends its enrichment activities." Page back

through the past eight years and you can find the identical story over and over again. The U.S. and the Europeans have been perpetual Charlie Browns running to kick the football to the Iranian Lucy.

So now the Obama Administration proposes to do exactly, *exactly* the same thing. But they do so loudly proclaiming how different they are. And the clock ticks, and Ahmadinejad — who affirmatively desires global chaos because he believes it portends the arrival of the 12th imam — gets ever closer to a nuclear weapon.

"We do not believe in a clash of civilizations," said Biden. Another straw man. The Bush administration never framed the war on terror as a clash of civilizations and in fact made every effort to remind the world that we respected Islam. We heard that Islam was a "religion of peace" more from Bush and Co. than we ever heard it from leading Muslims. One of President Bush's first stops in the days after 9/11 was the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C. And it was Bush who began to observe Ramadan at the White House.

The new administration betrays a touching faith in diplomacy. Democrats always do. What they have never seemed to appreciate is that diplomacy without the threat of force is as effective as a watchdog with a muzzle. Perhaps Obama might consider a muzzle the next time Biden goes for an outing.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday, Feb. 17**, the 48th day of 2009. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 17, 1909, Chiricahua Apache leader Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") died at Fort Sill, Okla., at age 79.

On this date:

In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1809, the Ohio legislature voted to establish Miami University in present-day Oxford. (The school opened in 1824.)

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting, in Washington.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

Ten years ago: In a satellite-linked address to college campuses across the country, President Bill Clinton made his case for shoring up Social Security and Medicare. Israeli security guards shot and killed three Kurds who had forced their way into the Israeli consulate in Berlin; the protesters were enraged by reports that Israel had aided in the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

GEORGIA**Water bill could close Morris Brown**

ATLANTA — Officials at Morris Brown College scrambled Monday to raise \$154,000 to pay a long-standing city water bill due in 24 hours, or face having to shutter the historically black campus.

School president Stanley Pritchett told The Associated Press early Monday that the campus had \$60,000 of the \$214,000 due at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

"We're continuing to ask for donations, and particularly, major donors," said Pritchett, who added the school also planned to float a proposal to pay some of the bill Tuesday and the balance over the next 30 days.

If the funds couldn't be raised in that time, Pritchett said an unidentified, black-owned Atlanta bank had offered to lend the college cash.

If neither plan was successful, the school faced holding classes off campus and housing students in nearby hotels.

'Sick' firefighters shut down stations

ATLANTA — For the second time this month, Atlanta fire officials closed fire stations after a rash of firefighters called in sick over the weekend.

The four stations that had been temporarily closed reopened Sunday. The number of firefighters who called in sick dropped from 25 on Saturday to 14 on Sunday.

Officials say the department averages 13 absences due to illness for every shift.

Phone screwup derails Georgians

ATLANTA — One of nine phone systems in place to handle some 150,000 weekly unemployment claims has been repaired after being out of service for hours.

Georgia Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond says the system was repaired late Sunday afternoon after a technical glitch caused the circuits to overload. He says eight phone systems usually can handle the calls but that the current volume of people seeking to file unemployment claims is unprecedented.

The Labor Department said on Thursday that the number of Georgians filing first-time claims for state unemployment insurance benefits was up 80.7 percent from January 2008.

People receiving unemployment compensation from the state must call into the automated system every week to verify they're looking for work.

Greenway could link Georgia sites

CHICKAMAUGA — Work is under way on the first leg of a greenway that may one day link Chickamauga to Cloudland Canyon State Park on Lookout Mountain via 18 miles of walking path.

Walker County Road Department crews are preparing a 10-foot-wide paved corridor that will connect four city parks in Chickamauga in the first phase.

The Associated Press



AP Photo

In this undated photo released by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is shown a redbreast sunfish. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources hopes to save the redbreast sunfish, which is native to the Satilla River, by removing the invasive flathead catfish.

Sunfish coming back to the Satilla River

NAHUNTA (AP) — There will likely be more redbreast to catch in Southeast Georgia's Satilla River this year, according to state Department of Natural Resources data.

But that's because the flathead fishing will probably be worse than in years past.

Redbreast sunfish, prized by recreational fishermen for their tasty white meat, thrived on the Satilla up until the past few years, when a drought and voracious flathead catfish teamed up to decimate the population.

Flatheads aren't native to the river and were thought to have been introduced by fishermen. An ongoing effort to eradicate them — combined with wetter weather — seems to have led to an increase in the number of redbreast in the river, said Bert Deener, fisheries supervisor for the Wildlife Resources Division's South-central Region.

"There definitely will be redbreasts to catch this spring," he said. "We just don't know exactly how many quite yet."

Deener's optimism is based on sampling done in 2007 and 2008 as part of the flathead eradication effort. Electro-fishing was used to stun the fish, which causes them to surface briefly, where they can be netted. In 2008, DNR crews counted 180 redbreasts an hour, compared with 58 a year earlier.

Since April of 2007, 7,684 flatheads weighing 34,755 pounds have been removed from the river, greatly reducing the predatory pressure on native species, including redbreasts.

Most of the redbreasts netted in 2008 were in the 4- to 7-inch range, Deener said. Those fish were returned to the river.

"I anticipate there will be some nice fish caught in the spring," Deener said. "Some of those 4- to 7-inch fish could have grown up into trophy range, what they call on the Satilla 'rooster reds.'"

That should provide a little boost to the economy of counties along its banks. Fishermen from other counties, especially Coffee, own fishing cottages and clubs along its banks and buy bait, groceries and fuel at stores near the river.

All fishermen need is a little cooperation from nature, Deener said.

Redbreasts thrive when the river stays high through the winter out into its floodplain.

"We need the river to stay up for a couple of more months," he said. "It's gotten a littler drier recently, so we need it to come back up a little."

Satilla Riverkeeper Gordon Rogers said he was surprised to see an increase in redbreast so early in the flathead eradication project, particularly since drought conditions persisted until late last summer.

"What I had been telling people was that, once the flatheads were gone, it would take at least two years of high water before the redbreast population shows a meaningful increase," he said. "The fact that we're seeing an increase now is very encouraging."

While fishing may be improved in the spring, the quality of the fish caught will remain questionable, Rogers said.

Even the prized redbreasts are tainted with mercury, which is contained in emissions from coal-fired power plants and other sources of pollution. The DNR recommends consuming just one meal a week if the redbreasts are caught upstream from the U.S. 82 bridge. For fish caught downstream, it's one meal a month.

The flathead catfish removed by the DNR are so tainted with mercury that they are dumped in a landfill, rather than going to a charitable organization to help feed the poor, Rogers said.

Panel to oversee auto plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to appoint senior administration officials



Geithner

rather than a single "czar," as had been discussed — to oversee a restructuring of the auto industry.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and National Economic Council Director Lawrence Summers will oversee the across-the-government panel, a senior administration official said Sunday on the condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

"The president understands the importance of this issue and also understands that the auto industry affects

and is affected by a broad range of economic policies," the official said.

As the teams move forward, Obama "wants to make sure that we're getting the expertise and input of agencies across the government," the official said.

Obama and his aides face difficult choices on the fate of the U.S. auto industry, weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jumpstart the economy.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are racing against a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government. The plans are to be followed by weeks of intense negotiations ahead of a March 31 deadline for the final versions of the reports.

GM and Chrysler are living off a combined \$13.4 billion in government loans. If they don't receive concessions by March 31, they face

the prospect of having the loans pulled, followed by bankruptcy proceedings.

Any bankruptcy would be particularly painful, with some economists predicting the country could lose 2 million to 3 million jobs this year and the unemployment rate, now 7.6 percent, could swell past 9 percent by the spring of 2010.

In television interviews Sunday, White House senior adviser David Axelrod didn't respond directly when asked if the U.S. economy could withstand a GM bankruptcy. Nor did he directly address a question about whether the Obama administration would let GM go into bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to pre-judge anything. I think that there is going to have to be a restructuring of those companies. I'm not going to get into the mode of how that happens. We'll wait and see what they have to say on Tuesday," he told "Fox News Sunday."

Plan would strip DOT of power

ATLANTA (AP) — A plan being considered by the state's top leaders could gut the responsibilities of the Georgia Department of Transportation Board.

The board now approves projects lists and sets policy for Georgia's \$2 billion annual transportation budget.

The state Transportation Board is elected by the Legislature.

But a draft organizational chart obtained by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution suggests the state would combine the current State Road and Tollway Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority into a new entity.

Members would be appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House. The authority would create long- and short-term range statewide transportation plans and would write "distribution criteria" for money.

The governor would recommend the road budget, and the General Assembly would approve it.

Gov. Sonny Perdue, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and

Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson have not released details about their talks, but they have acknowledged considering a plan.

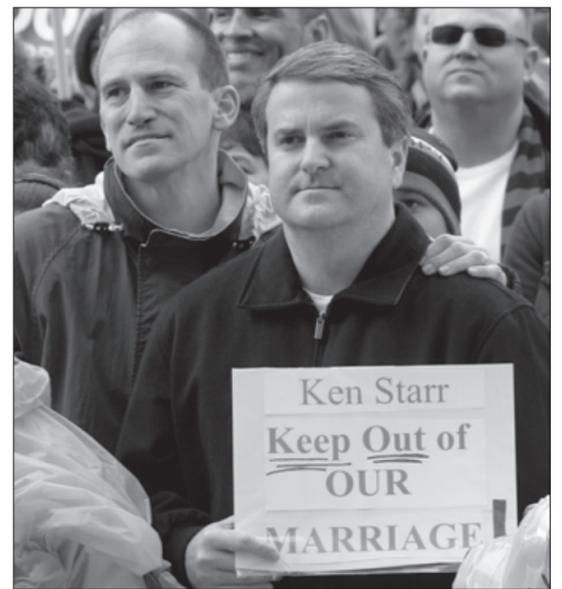
The three top leaders who would appoint the authority are all now Republicans. That leaves the question of whether Democrats in the General Assembly would vote for new taxes that could come under the influence of an authority.

Perdue's spokesman Chris Schimpf said there is no final plan. "When there is a final plan it will be announced," he said.

It's too early to know what the plan would mean for commuters, travelers and haulers.

Mike Meyer is a Georgia Tech professor and former chairman of the Transportation Research Board. He said roads could be built faster if the new system relies more on standardized formulas to determine which projects get money.

Information from: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, <http://www.ajc.com>



AP Photo

Peter, left, and Michael Wilson, right, who were married in July of 2008, joined more than 200 other members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and their supporters in a demonstration for gay rights at the Love and Marriage Rally for Equality held in Sacramento, on Monday.

AREA ARRESTS

- Marvin Del Pinal Alvarenga, 32, 389 Crest Drive, Rocky Face, was charged Sunday by the Georgia State Patrol with driving while license withdrawn, violation of child seat belt law, bench warrant and trafficking methamphetamine.

- Calvin Timmy Carpenter, 38, 199-A Cottonwood Mill Road, Tunnel Hill, was charged Sunday by the Georgia State Patrol with possession of marijuana and tail lights required.

- Nicolas Pasquel Diego, 27, 128 York St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with driving while license withdrawn, DUI and violation of child seat belt law.

- Elizabeth Jean Lovain, 30, 1702 Crow Valley Road, No. 806, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI.

- Ashley Ann Powell, 25, 124 Felker Circle, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the

Dalton Police Department with theft by taking, giving false information or false name, DUI, failure to obey traffic control device, driving while license withdrawn and wrongly affixing license plate.

- Kenny Lee Bishop, 46, 989 Oak Hill St., Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with open container in vehicle, DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.

- Jose Antonio Encinia Jr., 26, 4299 Old Dixie Highway, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with armed robbery, carrying a concealed weapon, obstruction of an officer, simple battery, false imprisonment, terroristic threats or acts and parole violation.

- Alicia Velazquez-Bravo, 27, 407 Treadmill St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with identity theft, first degree forgery and false statements.

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OBITUARIES

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- Wakim Y. Wakim
- Jewell C. Miller
- James Edward Dye
- Steven Young
- Bobby Leon Boring

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Troy W. Strickland

Mr. Troy W. Strickland, 72, of Dalton, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga.

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

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Wakim Y. Wakim

Wakim Y. Wakim, 71, of Dalton, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Mr. Wakim was retired from the Lebanese law enforcement and came to Dalton to join his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Samia Wakim of Dalton; one son, 'Nick' Naim Wakim of Rocky Face; daughters and sons-in-law, Maggie and Ted Young of Cohutta and Nisrine 'Nizzie' and Everett Collins of Dalton; and four grandchildren, Wakim Joseph Wakim, Elie Naim Wakim, Jake Chadwick Young and Samia Marie Young. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters and nephews and nieces in Lebanon, Australia and Canada.

Services to celebrate his life are Wednesday at 11

a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Bill Hoffman officiating.

He will be laid to rest at United Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Naim Wakim, Ted Young, Everett Collins, Afif Wakim, George Wakim, George Bourzaidan and George Haikal.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6-9 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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

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

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Jewell C. Miller

Mrs. Jewell C. Miller, 87, of Calhoun, died Feb. 14, 2009 at Erlanger Medical Center.

Jewell was born in Fulton County on May 22, 1921, daughter of the late Homer Lester and Lois Hunt Chastain. She was a member of Calhoun First Baptist Church and was employed at Calhoun First National Bank. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Renis Barrett; her second husband, Norman Miller Jr.; a brother, H.L. Chastain; and two nephews, Chuck Shook and Brad Pendley.

Survivors include two sisters, Betty Henderson and her husband Lamar of Dalton; and Doris Pendley and her husband Mike of Warner Robbins; eight

nieces and nephews, Steve Pendley of Calhoun, Phyllis O'Connell of Boston, Jeff Pendley of Mobile, Ala., Judy Murphy and Richard Shook of Dalton, Leslie Bullard of Chattanooga and Jenny Smith of Alabama.

Memorial services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Dr. Bert Vaughn officiating. The committal service is Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Fain Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

You may sign the online register book or express private condolences at www.thomasfuneralhome-calhoun.com.

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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James Edward Dye

James Edward Dye, 63, of Rocky Face, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Hattie Nichols and Wheeler and Fannie Dye.

He was a member of Westside Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Karla Dye of the residence; a daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Brian Blevins of Chattanooga; a son, Grant Dye of Rocky Face; parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Higgins Dye Sr. of Chattanooga; a brother, Bill Dye of Chattanooga; nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Services are Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Westside Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. John Bagley, the Rev. Darey Kittle, the Rev. Rick Edwards and the Rev.

Hayward Duke officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. A white dove release will conclude the service.

Pallbearers will be Dewayne Pangle, Barry Ogle, Bobby Fugate, Coy Henderson, Larry Ogle and Neal Owen.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the Dye family at www.julianpeeples.com.

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face is in charge of arrangements.

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Steven Young

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



He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Gordon & Mozelle Jones.

Survivors include his mother & step-father, Carleen & Brian McAtee of Dalton; father & step-mother, Mike, Sr. & Joyce Young of Dalton; son, Brandon Young of Dalton; sisters & a brother-in-law, Holly & Daniel Stephens, Miranda Hackney and Nikki Young, all of Dalton; brothers & a sister-in-law, Mike, Jr. & Pam Young of Rocky Face and Tracy McAtee of Dalton; paternal grandparents, Dewey (Bud) & Katherine Young of Dalton; special cousin, Rodney Boyd of Rocky Face; special friends, Crystal

Westmoreland and David Lewis, both of Chatsworth; 4 nieces, Morgan Young, Kaytlin McAtee, Emma Hackney and Hope Stephens; a nephew, Gabriel McAtee; aunts and uncles.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Cloud and Brother Chuck Harmon officiating.

Burial will be in Liberty Baptist Cemetery. A white dove release will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m.

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

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

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Bobby Leon Boring

Bobby Leon Boring of Dalton died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at his residence.

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

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Kenneth Lee Sloan

Mr. Kenneth Lee Sloan, age 62, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Sunday morning, Feb. 15, 2009 at the local hospital. Ken 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; daughter 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.

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

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Pakistan cuts deal in NW

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan agreed Monday to suspend military offensives and impose Islamic law in part of the restive northwest, making a gesture it hopes will help calm the Taliban insurgency while rejecting Washington's call for tougher measures against militants.

A U.S. defense official called the deal "a negative development," and some Pakistani experts expressed skepticism the truce would decrease violence. One human rights activist said the accord was "a great surrender" to militants.

Elsewhere in the northwest, missiles fired by a suspected U.S. spy plane killed 30 people in a house used by an extremist commander, witnesses said. It was the deadliest of almost three dozen apparent American attacks on al-Qaida and Taliban targets in the semi-autonomous tribal lands close to the Afghan border since last year.

Monday's peace agreement applies to the Malakand region, which includes the former tourist destination of the Swat Valley, where extremists have gained sway by beheading people, burning girls schools and attacking security forces since a similar agreement broke down in August.

U.S. officials complained the earlier accord allowed militants to regroup and rearm and urged Pakistan's government to concentrate on military solutions to the insurgency in the rugged frontier region, where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding.

The new agreement intensified that unease.

"It is hard to view this as anything other than a negative development," a senior U.S. official said.

CLINTON OPENS ASIA TOUR



AP Photo

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, visits Meiji Shrine in Tokyo on Tuesday. Clinton's Japan visit is part of an Asian tour that will also take her to Indonesia, South Korea, and China.

Church hosts conference

SUBMITTED BY PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD

The True Gospel Pentecostal Church in Dalton will host the Georgia State Council (GSC) conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Wednesday through Saturday.

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

Evening services begin at 7. Prayer, Bible study, preaching services, seminars and workshops sponsored by the GSC auxiliaries are scheduled throughout the day.

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

On Thursday, the GSC Men's Ministry is in charge of the services which include Bible

class at 10 a.m. and several workshops. The Men's Ministry will combine with the GSC Minister's Wives Auxiliary for a special service from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Friday, Bishop Nealon Guthrie will teach pastors and church leaders from 10 a.m. to noon. The GSC health care professionals will also meet from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

All services will be at True Gospel Pentecostal Church at 109 Henderson St. in Dalton. For information, please call Bishop Reuben Graham at (706) 259-9744 or the church at (706) 278-5696.

Cope: Verdict may cost DU customers

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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A court victory by environmental groups could lead to higher electric bills for Dalton Utilities customers, perhaps \$8 to \$10 a month for the average residential customer.

Utility president Don Cope told board members Monday that a federal appeals court in December upheld the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule. The rule is aimed at cutting sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Cope said Dalton Utilities will have to help renovate two plants it co-owns to comply with the rule and with Georgia's multi-pollutant rule. In addition, four other plants it buys electricity from must be upgraded. Cope said the changes are expected to increase the company's electricity expenses an average of 15 percent, and those increased costs will be passed on to customers in the form of a fuel and emissions charge.

"I expect it will add \$8 to \$10 to the average residential customer's bill," he said.

Cope said those charges will be added as the utility incurs increased expenses. They may vary from month to month. But customers could see a change as early as March.

The utility ended 2008

with net income of \$17.1 million, before its transfer payment to the city of Dalton, down from \$24.2 million in 2007. Chief financial officer Tom Bundros said that was a "respectable performance" given that revenues dropped by \$24 million last year to \$167 million.

The utility made a transfer payment of \$9 million to the city, leaving it with a final net income of \$8 million. In 2007, the city received a transfer payment of \$8.2 million, leaving the utility with net income of \$15.9 million. The transfer payment is 5 percent of total revenue.

Bundros said the utility put into place a number of cost-cutting measures early in 2008, including a hiring freeze, elimination of almost all overtime and large cuts in capital spending.

Water flow in the Conasauga River, the area's main source of water, has averaged 280 cubic feet per second so far in February. The historical average water flow for February is 908 cubic feet per second.

Cope said the area remains under Level 4c water restrictions from the state, which permit outdoor water use three nights a week, on an odd-even address basis, between midnight and 10 a.m. Cope said the long-range forecast calls for a dry summer.



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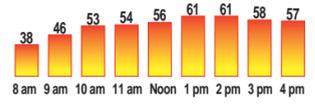
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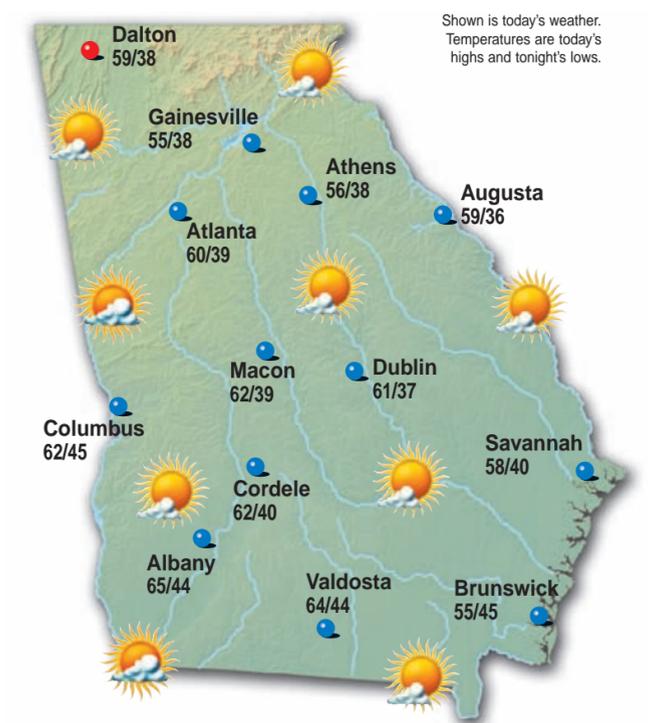
On Feb. 17, 1980, Albany, N.Y., had its only subzero temperature of the season. The next year on the same date, temperatures in nearby Connecticut soared into the 60s.

Weather Trivia™

Q: What type of cloud has been mistaken for a UFO?

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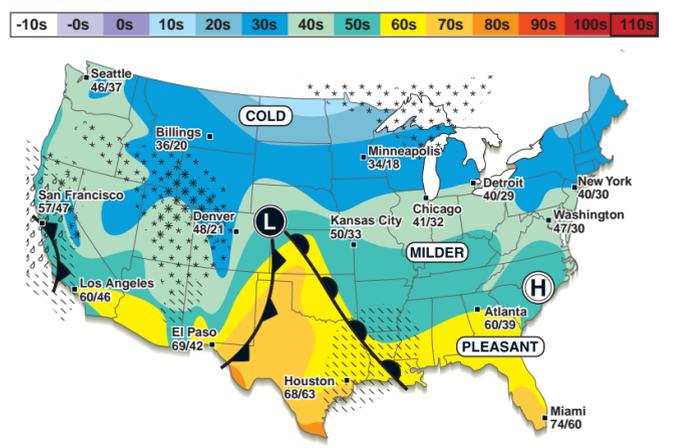
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	65/44/s	68/53/t	60/27/pc	La Grange	62/42/pc	61/45/t	51/26/pc
Atlanta	60/39/s	59/42/t	45/25/pc	Macon	62/39/s	61/50/t	55/27/pc
Athens	56/38/s	53/43/t	50/26/pc	Marietta	57/36/s	58/43/t	46/24/pc
Augusta	59/36/s	59/47/t	59/30/pc	Newton	67/42/pc	68/49/t	59/28/pc
Brunswick	55/45/s	65/52/c	64/36/c	Rome	58/38/s	59/44/t	53/26/s
College Park	60/39/s	59/42/t	48/25/pc	Savannah	58/40/s	62/50/c	57/31/pc
Columbus	62/45/pc	64/48/t	57/29/pc	Sparta	59/36/s	59/44/t	53/25/pc
Gainesville	55/38/s	52/43/t	45/25/pc	Valdosta	64/44/s	70/51/c	62/30/pc

National Weather for February 17, 2009



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

Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front T-Storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	36/16/s	36/27/sn	40/23/sf	Memphis	56/53/pc	66/34/r	44/28/pc
Anchorage	30/18/sf	27/22/sf	33/22/sn	Miami	74/60/s	77/65/s	80/54/s
Baltimore	42/28/s	42/36/r	46/25/pc	Milwaukee	38/30/sn	39/14/sn	22/12/sf
Billings	36/20/c	34/21/sf	40/22/pc	Minneapolis	34/18/c	20/3/sn	20/7/pc
Boise	44/31/sh	45/27/pc	44/25/pc	New Orleans	65/58/pc	75/52/t	62/40/s
Buffalo	34/25/c	38/31/sn	35/21/sn	New York	40/30/s	42/37/c	44/27/pc
Charlotte	51/36/s	49/42/r	53/25/pc	Okla. City	68/43/pc	56/27/s	52/29/s
Cheyenne	42/23/c	35/18/sf	40/19/pc	Orlando	68/50/s	77/59/pc	72/42/t
Chicago	41/32/c	41/18/sn	24/12/sf	Philadelphia	42/27/s	42/37/r	46/26/sf
Cincinnati	50/33/s	51/27/r	32/16/sf	Phoenix	63/45/sh	66/45/s	73/47/s
Cleveland	42/28/c	47/28/sn	32/19/sf	Pittsburgh	40/29/pc	46/28/sn	30/16/sf
Dallas	68/52/sh	70/37/s	54/33/s	Portland, OR	46/36/c	53/36/pc	54/35/pc
Denver	48/21/c	40/17/c	44/19/pc	St. Louis	50/43/pc	52/20/r	29/20/pc
Detroit	40/29/c	42/27/sn	31/17/sf	Salt Lake City	38/28/sn	42/26/sn	41/25/pc
Indianapolis	48/39/pc	48/23/r	27/16/sf	San Francisco	57/47/sh	58/47/pc	61/46/pc
Kansas City	50/33/pc	39/14/c	35/17/pc	San Diego	59/50/sh	65/49/s	66/51/s
Las Vegas	56/38/pc	60/37/s	64/39/s	Seattle	46/37/pc	50/37/pc	51/37/pc
Los Angeles	60/46/sh	66/48/s	70/50/s	Wash., DC	47/30/s	46/38/r	46/26/pc

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

The World

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Athens	50/40/pc	48/41/pc	51/43/sh	Jerusalem	51/38/sh	59/52/s	72/47/pc
Auckland	74/63/sh	74/66/sh	73/65/c	London	50/41/pc	48/39/pc	48/41/sh
Amsterdam	43/36/r	39/34/c	41/34/pc	Madrid	57/30/pc	59/30/s	57/32/s
Baghdad	68/45/pc	62/43/s	61/47/c	Montreal	27/14/s	27/23/sn	32/18/sn
Beijing	32/23/pc	36/27/sn	32/16/pc	Moscow	32/28/sn	32/21/pc	27/12/pc
Berlin	30/21/c	28/19/c	30/19/c	Paris	49/41/sh	50/40/c	48/36/r
Buenos Aires	93/72/s	93/73/s	91/75/pc	Rio	84/75/s	84/73/pc	83/75/pc
Cairo	66/50/s	74/67/pc	77/57/pc	Rome	50/37/pc	45/32/pc	48/37/s
Calgary	26/7/pc	28/14/pc	28/13/pc	Seoul	27/16/s	37/25/s	39/14/sn
Cape Town	84/60/s	79/61/r	71/51/r	Singapore	89/77/pc	90/77/pc	90/77/sh
Caracas	89/73/sh	89/71/r	88/71/c	Sydney	75/68/r	77/68/r	86/70/t
Dublin	52/39/pc	48/41/pc	45/37/pc	Tel Aviv	61/46/sh	65/60/s	78/59/pc
Geneva	35/31/sn	35/22/sf	33/23/c	Tokyo	46/36/pc	48/34/pc	45/43/pc
Hong Kong	70/65/c	72/66/c	77/68/pc	Toronto	34/26/c	36/30/sn	35/20/sn
Istanbul	41/36/pc	49/43/sh	54/45/r	Warsaw	32/23/c	30/21/sn	32/18/sn

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COMMENTARY: IN THE PITS

A nice guy not enough right now

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

Matt Kenseth is not boring or bland. Get to know him a bit, and one might find he's actually rather funny. Sure, he's a bit quiet in a crowd. But the driver with a dry wit is also calm, consistent and a very classy NASCAR champion.

He just won't sell any tickets.

That's the conundrum NASCAR faces following Kenseth's win in Sunday's rain-shortened Daytona 500. It was a

popular victory inside the garage, where the 2003 NASCAR champion is regarded as one of the good guys.

Outside of that bubble, though, Kenseth is no threat to challenge Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s reign as most popular driver. Fans will never root against him the way they do Kyle Busch, and, it's a good bet unproven 18-year-old Joey Logano will draw more interest than the well-established Kenseth.

And interest is what NASCAR needs more than anything, particularly as the sport moves West this week into the less-than-enthusiastic Los Angeles market. A thrilling Daytona 500 finish and a dynamic winner would have been akin to a winning lottery ticket for Gillian Zucker, who try as she might just can't catch a break as president of the beleaguered Auto Club Speedway. Give her Junior, Jeff or Jimmie to parade through her market all week, she might be able to move some tickets.

Instead she's got Kenseth, a guy so steely that the rare emotion he showed after the victory likely will be the lasting image of this year's race.

It isn't fair, though, for anyone to be disappointed by Kenseth's victory or the anticlimactic end to NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl. Calling the race 115 miles short of completion was not ideal for anyone, particularly for a sanctioning body desperately needing a strong kickoff to the season after months of economic turmoil. NASCAR, despite the strong health of the overall organization, is saddled with a "the sky is falling" perception because the economic crisis has hit some independent team owners harder than others.

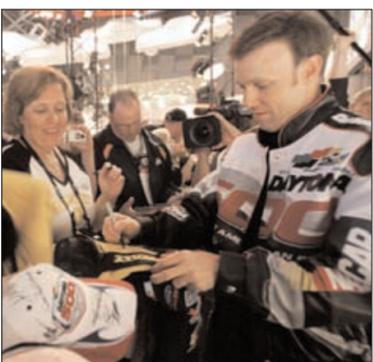
The only stimulus package with any shot at settling the storm is on the track, where good, hard racing can cure most ills. That's what people got Sunday — at least for 152 laps. Everyone knew all week that rain would threaten the big event, so the entire day was a race against Mother Nature. The 3:40 EST start time left people standing around waiting for the action and wondering why, if the rain was coming, weren't they racing while it was still dry?

When the green flag finally fell, it became a race to the halfway point that makes it an official event. The racing was calm, with drivers just trying to avoid trouble through the first 100 laps. Then it got interesting. Whoever was leading when the rain came had an excellent chance of claiming the \$1.5 million grand prize.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., down a lap because two mental errors in the pits had taken him out of contention, had to turn it up a notch to have any shot at victory. It led to an aggressive jostling for position with Brian Vickers that triggered a nine-car accident.

Busch, who declared after he was "100 percent" certain he was going to win the race, was collateral damage and wound up wrecked after leading a race-high 88 laps. On a scale of 1 to 10, Busch placed his disappointment at 15 and was likely seething at Earnhardt.

> Please see **FRYER, 2B**



AP PHOTO
Matt Kenseth was busily signing autographs on Monday after his victory on Sunday in NASCAR's season-opening Daytona 500.

PREP BASKETBALL: REGION 7-4A GIRLS TOURNAMENT



Northwest Whitfield's girls, including Callie Thomas, left, and Christy Robinson, were able to celebrate after a home win against Osborne on Feb. 6 moved them closer to the No. 1 seed for the region tourney, but without a victory today against Cass in the second round of the Region 7-4A tournament, their season will come to a quick end. Dalton's Lady Catamounts travel today to face Hillgrove.

MATT HAMILTON
The Daily Citizen

Back to business

State on line for Northwest, Dalton

By **ADAM KROHN**

adamkrohn@daltoncitizen.com

It's mid-February — which means if you play high school basketball, it's win-or-go-home time.

Tonight, in separate venues, Northwest Whitfield and Dalton will take the floor for second-round games in the Region 7-4A girls basketball tournament.

The fifth-seeded Lady Catamounts (18-8), who defeated Hiram 46-25 on Saturday at the Cats' Den in the first round, travel to Powder

Springs' Hillgrove to take on the fourth-seeded Lady Hawks (16-7), who also won their first-round game with ease, 67-35, over Paulding County.

After a first-round bye, the top-seeded Lady Bruins (23-2) — who went 14-0 in region play — host eighth-seeded Cass (12-14), which on Saturday ended visiting Murray County's season with a 57-43 win.

Both games start at 7 p.m. If the Lady Bruins and Lady Cats win, not only will both clinch a spot in the Class 4A state playoffs,

they'll also play each other at 6 p.m. Thursday at Cartersville's Woodland-Bartow High in the tourney semifinals.

Two weeks ago today, the Lady Bruins hosted Cass and beat them 57-30.

Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger attended Saturday's Cass-Murray County game and noticed two differences in the Lady Colonels since Northwest played them.

> Please see **REGION, 2B**

PREP SOCCER: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD

Ego-free Bruins 3-0

By **ADAM KROHN**

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Northwest Whitfield soccer coach Ryan Scoggins has never had a team play this well this soon.

Led by sophomore sensation Giovanni Villa — who scored seven goals and added two assists in the Bruins' first two games this season — and the senior leadership of Emmanuel "Manny" Sanchez and Arturo Urbina, the Bruins are off to their best start of the Scoggins era, now in its seventh season.

After Monday night's 3-2 win over Paulding County, Northwest is 3-0.

With the game inside its final minute, Sanchez's high, bending shot from more than 40 feet away sailed past diving Patriots keeper Alex Phelps and through the left corner, and Northwest reclaimed the lead it enjoyed for most of the game to earn the dramatic win.

Eduardo Aguero led the scoring for Northwest with two goals and Villa added to

his assist total with two, giving him three. The Bruins outshot the Patriots 21-7.

Though Villa had carried the scoring load up to tonight's game, he was glad to see his teammates join in on the fun.

"We're passing the ball more this year," said a smiling Villa after the win. "I like getting assists, too."

Scoggins is most impressed with how quickly the team has come together.

"They're figuring it out," Scoggins said. "And it's very exciting. We've played well up to this game and we played well tonight and you can tell it's just a bunch of guys that like playing together. There are no egos at all on this team. They don't care who touches the ball as long as it goes in the net and that's a special thing to see on a soccer field."

Northwest's first goal came 13 minutes in after Sanchez dumped a pass from midfield

> Please see **BRUINS, 2B**

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Finally healthy, Gonzalez should offer bullpen boost

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mike Gonzalez feels 22 again. He's lost a few pounds. His left arm is strong and limber. And there's not a lick of pain to mess things up. It's time to show the Atlanta Braves what they thought they were getting two years ago: one of baseball's most dominant relievers. Gonzo is ready to go gonzo.

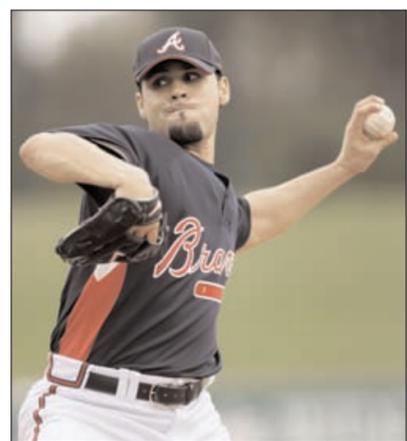
"Man, it's been a few years since I felt the way I do now," he said Monday, having just arrived at his locker for the second workout of spring training. "I feel crispy. I lost 10 or 12 pounds. I feel really good. I feel agile."

The Braves are mostly concerned with his left arm, which broke down not long after the

Braves acquired him from Pittsburgh in the winter of 2007. The previous year, Gonzalez converted all 24 of his save chances in a break-out season for the lowly Pirates, with 64 strikeouts in 54 innings. But his elbow began hurting, so he shut it down for the final month.

Gonzalez got a clean bill of health before the trade to Atlanta, but it quickly became apparent he was still hurting. He pitched in only 18 games before doctors discovered a torn ligament in his elbow. He underwent the dreaded Tommy John operation, which generally requires at least a year to come back from.

> Please see **GONZO, 2B**



AP PHOTO
Healthy and strong as spring training begins, Mike Gonzalez may finally be what the Atlanta Braves thought they were getting two years ago.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Panthers top No. 1 UConn

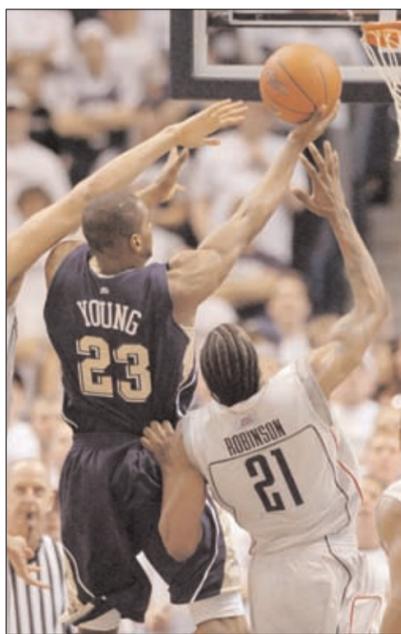
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HARTFORD, Conn. — DeJuan Blair had 22 points and 23 rebounds and LeVance Fields scored all 10 of his points in the final 3:09 as No. 4 Pittsburgh beat No. 1 Connecticut 76-68 on Monday night, the Panthers' first win ever over a top-ranked team.

Fields missed his first seven shots from the field but the senior guard gave the Panthers (24-2, 11-2 Big East) the lead for good with a 3-pointer with 3:09 left that made it 64-61. He added another 3 with 2:21 left to make it 67-61, and he added four free throws in the final minute.

■ **No. 7 Duke women 62, No. 13 Tennessee 54:** In Knoxville, Tenn., Jasmine Thomas scored 19 points and Duke beat Tennessee, the Blue Devils' third straight win in Knoxville.

Duke (21-3) joins only Texas and Louisiana Tech as teams that have won three straight games on the Lady Volunteers' home court. The Blue Devils also won in 2004 and 2007.



AP PHOTO
Pittsburgh's Sam Young goes to the basket against Connecticut's Gavin Edwards during their game on Monday in Hartford, Conn.

Bruins: Latest win dramatic

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down to Villa, who headed the ball, gained control in traffic and stabbed it down the sideline to a streaking Agüero, who took a couple of dribbles and kicked the ball through uncontested.

Paulding County (0-3) saw its chances of winning take a significant hit in the 18th minute when a Patriot was red-carded for an intentional handball inside the penalty area, leaving Paulding a man down for the remainder of the game. The Bruins failed to build on their lead when the penalty kick was missed.

The Patriots tied the game in the 28th minute on a direct kick by Nick Lonergan. Bruins keeper Oscar Solarzano dove to get his hands on the ball, but it managed to trickle past him, rolling slowly into the net.

In the 44th minute, Northwest regained the lead when Villa charged down the sideline and created for himself a crossover shot that Phelps, whom Scoggins said is committed to a Division I

school, dove and deflected. The ball rebounded to Agüero, who was by himself to kick in his second goal.

The lead stuck and it appeared the game would end 2-1 in Northwest's favor as the Bruins controlled the ball and limited Paulding to just one second-half shot up to the 76th minute, when a Patriots player was fouled inside the penalty area, leading to a game-tying penalty kick by Lonergan.

"They could have died out there and the game could have been lost," Scoggins said. "And maybe in the past, that's what would have happened. But this team, they just came right back out there and didn't quit. That's what we've been preaching all year and it looks like it's clicking."

Moments later, Sanchez's highlight-reel shot came on a busted play.

"Jose (Declid) had the ball and it got a little bit ahead of him," Sanchez said. "So I told him to just leave it to me. I just shot it with everything I had, and luckily it curved enough to go in."

Sanchez's communication with Declid was not only the key for the game-winning goal, but it's also been the key to a winning season thus far.

"Manny and Arturo are our two captains," Scoggins said. "They're the leaders of the team, no question. Those two, since day one, they've run through the warmup and lead the stretches every day and I try to give them responsibilities, even the smaller discipline things. I'll tell (a younger player) to go talk to them and they've been handling that role as captain and they take it very seriously."

With Northwest's season coming together so quickly, Villa wants to ride the momentum wave all the way through the season.

"I want us to be state champions," he said.

Northwest's junior varsity team also won its game over Paulding by a 4-0 score.

The Bruins (1-0) got goals from Fabian Hernandez, Mario Perez, Alberto Pedro and Jose Declid.

Region: Must-win situations

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"They're using a 6-foot-1 inch girl that was on the JV team the last time we played them," Stockburger said. "They're using her as a sub and that makes them taller. And their guards did a good job of pushing the ball up the floor against Murray County and handled their full court press and man or zone presses well."

Despite finishing the regular season with a perfect region record, without a win tonight, Northwest's season would still end.

With a region championship and a deep run in the state playoffs both realistic goals for the Lady Bruins, Stockburger is preaching heavily to her players to focus on the task at hand.

"We're only concentrating on Cass," she said. "Before that, we were focusing on Murray, too. But we'll just do things to prepare and we'll come out and play, and

if we're fortunate enough to win, we'll prepare on Wednesday for whoever we have to play next."

If both the Lady Cats and Lady Bruins win tonight, they'll face off for the third time this season. On Dec. 16 in Tunnel Hill, the Lady Bruins defeated Dalton, 55-33. On Jan. 23, Northwest won in Dalton, 61-32.

While Northwest only wants to repeat history, Dalton will be looking for revenge. To keep its season alive, Dalton will need different results in its second trip this season to Hillgrove.

On Jan. 16, the Lady Hawks edged out a 47-44 win thanks to a 20-10 third-quarter scoring run on 9-for-11 shooting from the field. Dalton outscored Hillgrove in every other quarter.

"We just have to put together four quarters as a team," Dalton coach Jeff McKinney said.

As McKinney points out, the two teams have a lot of

similarities. Both are strong at the point guard position, with Dalton's Amanda Rector and Hillgrove's Celina Rodrigo year-round players in AAU basketball. And McKinney likens Lady Hawks post Larryqua Hall to Markisha Washington for their athletic ability at forward.

Both teams execute the full-court press effectively and both prefer a faster-paced game.

With evenly-matched lineups, there's a high likelihood the two teams are in for the long haul for another close game. In order for Dalton to win it this time around, McKinney said they'll have to limit Hall's opportunities in the low post.

"Last time we played them, we mixed up the defense and it worked well except for the third quarter," McKinney said. "We'll try to do that again and hope to not get in any foul trouble. Hopefully, it will get us the win this time."

Fryer: Weather was no help

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Vickers was, too, and couldn't quite understand why NASCAR didn't penalize Earnhardt for aggressive driving. One day earlier, Jason Leffler was parked for five laps for intentionally causing a wreck, but Earnhardt escaped a similar fate because NASCAR said his actions weren't deliberate.

That's the extent of the Daytona drama, all of it overshadowing Kenseth's slide past Elliott Sadler a half-lap before caution came out and the field was frozen for the final time. The rain had finally arrived.

It took NASCAR less

than 20 minutes to decide to call it, because officials knew it would rain for at least an hour and take three hours beyond that to dry the track.

So that's how Kenseth won his first Daytona 500, and why everyone but him felt a little flat following the race.

There's no one obvious person to blame for the let-down. Maybe Fox for insisting on a late afternoon start that backed NASCAR into a corner in terms of waiting out the rain. Or maybe Earnhardt, for starting an accident that wiped out Busch, the class of the field. But even if Busch had

still been around when the race was finally called, the anticlimactic ending would not have changed.

Some may use the Daytona 500 as an example to avoid this weekend's race in California, maybe even write off the entire season. But tuning out because Kenseth isn't exciting or weather spoiled the day isn't fair.

The show will go on, NASCAR will guarantee that, and maybe just maybe, next week will be a little bit better.

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated Press.

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Glavine likely on way

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Day 2 of spring training. Still no Tom Glavine.

But it appears more and more likely baseball's only active 300-game winner will soon be in camp for the Atlanta Braves.

The two sides had a good meeting last week, and Glavine's agent, Gregg Clifton, was planning to talk with the team again Monday in hopes to moving closer to a deal.

The Braves are eager for the 42-year-old Glavine to return as the fifth starter in a rebuilt rotation, but only if he'll take a significant cut in the \$8 million he made last year, when he made only 13 starts before season-ending elbow surgery.

Clifton sounded hopeful that a deal will be reached.

"We continue to make progress," he said. "When you have too sides that want to be together, it shouldn't be too difficult to reach a resolution."

Manager Bobby Cox said there's no rush. Glavine has been working out on his own in Atlanta, which might be a better situation than being in camp.

"The plan all along was to keep him there rehabbing," Cox said. "If he gets down here, he starts trying to throw harder and gets out of his routine. It's better the way it is."

If healthy, Glavine would be a nice fit at the back end of a rotation that includes newcomers Derek Lowe,

Javier Vazquez and Kenshin Kawakami, along with 13-game winner Jair Jurrjens.

While Glavine's situation moves toward a resolution, much of the speculation in camp has shifted toward the possibility of signing outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

The Braves are eager to bolster an outfield that produced only 27 homers last season. While Griffey's best years are certainly behind him, he did have 18 homers and 71 RBIs splitting time between Cincinnati and the Chicago White Sox in 2008.

General manager Frank Wren has acknowledged that Griffey is one of several available outfielder that he's considering, but won't say anything more.

Gonzo: Full year of recovery

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"It's one of those things where you go out there and try to grind through," Gonzalez said. "Obviously, I went as far as I could. But you can't compete at 80 mph when you're used to being a guy who throws 90-plus."

While Gonzalez returned on schedule in July 2008, he wasn't quite himself. There were nagging doubts about his health, the sort that plague every player coming back from that first major injury. Each time he felt a little ache, he wondered if his elbow had broken down again. There was even some moments of fear, which simply can't be a part of a closer's mindset.

"You don't really understand your body for the first few months because you've never gone through it," Gonzalez said. "A couple of time you go out there and throw and say 'Ohhhhhh, did I hurt that again?' That's

part of the process of breaking the scar tissue. But those are things you've never done before."

He did have 14 saves, but his ERA (4.28) was unacceptable for a closer. While showing flashes of his old dominance with 44 strikeouts, he gave up six homers in 33 2/3 innings. Compare that with his last season in Pittsburgh, when he surrendered just one homer and pitched far more innings.

Now, there's no excuses. Gonzalez, 30, had a full year to recover from the surgery. He pitched 36 games last season, more than enough to work through any lingering issues. He had the whole offseason to get in the best shape of his career.

"I always felt the only issue for me was my health," he said. "I'm 100 percent now. I don't see any reason I'm not going to go out there and dominate."

That's what the Braves want to hear. A rash of

injuries to the pitching staff sent them spiraling to their worst season since 1990, far behind the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies in the NL East.

Determined to avoid a repeat, the Braves acquired three durable starters — Derek Lowe, Javier Vazquez and Japanese all-star Kenshin Kawakami. Rafael Soriano and Peter Moylan, both coming off season-ending surgeries, are expected to handle setup duties once they're fully recovered. That leaves the ninth inning.

Chipper Jones, the NL's reigning batting champ, remembers what it was like to stand at the plate against the full Gonzo.

"He's no fun to face," Jones said. "He's got an outstanding fastball and an outstanding slider. And he's got the mentality to be a closer. He's a bulldog out there. He's a go-getter. He's got everything you want in a closer."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Maddux will help Padres in training

PEORIA, Ariz. — Greg Maddux just can't stay away from spring training.

Maddux, who retired in December after winning 355 games and 18 Gold Gloves during a 23-year career, has agreed to become a spring training instructor for the San Diego Padres.

Black said he and Padres general manager Kevin Towers kept in contact with Maddux over the winter about the possibility of returning as a coach. Black said the Chicago Cubs also inquired about Maddux returning as a coach.

"His role is undefined," Black said. "It gives me and Kevin and the other coaches a great resource."

Thrashers receive picks from Habs

MONTREAL — The Montreal Canadiens acquired defenseman Mathieu Schneider from the Atlanta Thrashers on Monday for two draft picks.

Schneider began his career with Montreal and helped the Canadiens win the Stanley Cup in 1993.

The Thrashers received second- and third-round picks for the 39-year-old Schneider, who has four goals and 11 assists in 44 games this season.

Schneider, who played for Montreal from 1987-1995, has 216 goals and 501 assists in 1,241 career games.

Porter's out after Suns take tumble

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns have fired coach Terry Porter, just four months into his first season with the club and the sputtering team barely in playoff contention. Assistant Alvin Gentry was appointed interim coach.

Phoenix (28-23) lost five of eight going into the All-Star break and trails Utah by one game for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

The Suns are the eighth team to fire a coach this season. This marks the second time Porter has been fired as an NBA coach. He was let go by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2005 after two seasons.

Big names caught in latest NFL cuts

Fred Taylor and Chris McAlister, two former Pro Bowlers, fell victim Monday to the NFL's annual purge of high-salaried veterans.

The 33-year-old Taylor, Jacksonville's all-time leading rusher, was cut after 11 seasons as the team continued its offseason make-over. Due to make \$6 million next season, Taylor has 11,271 yards rushing and is the 16th leading rusher in NFL history.

The 31-year-old McAlister, a three-time Pro Bowler, was cut by Baltimore after 10 seasons. He was scheduled to make \$8 million in 2009.

No charges filed on star swimmer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A South Carolina sheriff said Monday he was not going to charge swimmer Michael Phelps after a photo of the 14-time gold medalist showed him smoking from a marijuana pipe.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said during a news conference that he didn't have enough physical evidence to charge the swimmer, but he defended his investigation.

The photo showed Phelps smoking from a marijuana pipe at a party in November when he visited the University of South Carolina.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity basketball
Region 7-4A tournament

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

Murray County boys at Osborne, 7
Northwest Whitfield boys at Sprayberry, 7

Varsity golf
Murray County boys vs. Southeast at Nob North

Thursday
Varsity basketball
Region 7-4A tournament

Girls semifinals at Woodland-Bartow High, Cartersville, 6 and 7:30

Varsity soccer
Northwest Whitfield boys at Southeast, 5

Varsity wrestling
Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournaments, The Arena at Gwinnett Center, Duluth

JV soccer
Southeast boys at Northwest Whitfield, 3:30

Friday
Varsity basketball
Region 7-4A tournament

Boys semifinals at Woodland-Bartow High, Cartersville, 6 and 7:30

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, Birmingham, Ala., 7

Varsity wrestling
Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, The Arena at Gwinnett Center, Duluth

JV soccer
Dalton boys at McIntosh, 6:30

Saturday
Varsity basketball
Region 7-4A tournament

Girls consolation final, 1
Boys consolation final, 2:30
Girls championship, 6
Boys championship, 7:30

Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield boys at North-South Challenge

Varsity soccer
Gordon Central girls vs. Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette, 10 a.m.
Southeast vs. Spain Park at Oak Mountain Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., 7

Varsity wrestling
Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, The Arena at Gwinnett Center, Duluth

JV soccer
Calhoun at Murray County

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Brad Wilkerson on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
NBA
DETROIT PISTONS—Traded G Alex Acker and a 2011 second-round draft pick to the Los Angeles Clippers for a conditional 2013 second-round draft pick.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived C Cheikh Samb.
PHOENIX SUNS—Fired coach Terry Porter, Named Alvin Gentry interim coach.

FOOTBALL
NFL
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Terminated the contract of CB Chris McAlister.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Designated PK Shayne Graham as their franchise player.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released RB Fred Taylor.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DE Jordan Reffett.

HOCKEY
NHL
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired D Mathieu Schneider from Atlanta for two draft picks.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Activated D Kurt Sauer from injured reserve.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled G Justin Pogge from Toronto (AHL).

COLLEGE
MICHIGAN—QB Steven Threet announced he has been given release and plans to transfer.

TELEVISION

On Today

CYCLING
5 p.m.
VERSUS — Tour of California, stage 3, San Jose to Modesto, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Michigan St. at Purdue
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Maryland at Clemson
9 p.m.
ESPN — Kentucky at Vanderbilt

NHL
7 p.m.
VERSUS — Buffalo at Toronto

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	35	16	.686	—
Houston	32	21	.604	4
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

West All-Stars 146, East All-Stars 119

Today's Games

Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Connecticut (30)	24-1	774	1
2. Oklahoma (1)	25-1	739	2
3. North Carolina	23-2	711	3
4. Pittsburgh	23-2	689	4
5. Michigan State	20-4	634	9
6. Memphis	22-3	618	10
7. Louisville	19-5	508	7
8. Wake Forest	19-4	489	8
9. Duke	20-5	468	5
10. Missouri	22-4	429	19
11. Marquette	21-4	409	12
11. Arizona State	20-5	409	18
13. Clemson	20-4	393	11
14. Villanova	20-5	377	13
15. UCLA	19-6	324	6
16. Illinois	21-5	294	20
17. Xavier	21-4	278	14
18. Kansas	20-5	268	16
19. Washington	19-6	224	24
20. Gonzaga	19-5	191	21
21. Purdue	19-6	176	23
22. Butler	22-3	162	15
23. Utah State	24-2	121	17
24. LSU	21-4	114	NR
25. Syracuse	19-7	74	22

Others receiving votes: Texas 83, Utah St. 72, Ohio St. 45, Arizona 38, California 34, Utah 34, West Virginia 26, Florida St. 18, Davidson 15, South Carolina 10, Minnesota 6, Boston College 5, Kentucky 5, Miami 2, Tennessee 2, Wisconsin 2, BYU 1, Robert Morris 1.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

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	22	6	66	144	162
Pittsburgh	27	25	6	60	173	178
N.Y. Islanders	17	33	6	40	137	189

Northeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	39	10	8	86	192	130
Montreal	30	21	6	66	172	172
Buffalo	29	22	6	64	168	159
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	28	24	5	61	146	166
Tampa Bay	19	26	11	49	142	176
Atlanta	20	32	5	45	165	198

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	6	62	155	158
Nashville	27	26	3	57	138	158
St. Louis	24	25	7	55	160	172

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	33	18	5	71	178	165
Vancouver	27	21	8	62	169	163
Edmonton	28	23	4	60	156	170
Minnesota	28	24	3	59	142	129
Colorado	26	30	1	53	156	178

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	37	8	9	83	188	135
Dallas	28	21	7	63	169	174
Anaheim	28	25	5	61	163	166
Los Angeles	24	22	8	56	140	150
Phoenix	25	27	5	55	145	175

THE AP WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Connecticut (45)	25-0	1,125	1
2. Oklahoma	22-2	1,080	2
3. Auburn	25-1	999	5
4. Stanford	20-4	979	6
5. Baylor	21-3	942	7
6. California	20-3	865	3
7. Duke	20-3	800	4
8. Louisville	23-3	794	10
9. Maryland	21-4	787	11
10. North Carolina	22-4	785	8
11. Florida St.	21-5	665	14
12. Texas	19-5	652	13
13. Tennessee	18-6	538	15
14. Texas A&M	19-5	505	12
15. Florida	22-4	497	9
16. Kansas St.	20-3	408	20
17. Xavier	22-4	345	21
18. Vanderbilt	20-6	293	24
19. Pittsburgh	18-5	281	19
20. Ohio St.	20-5	276	18
21. Iowa St.	18-6	263	16
22. S. Dakota St.	24-2	200	23
23. Virginia	19-7	169	17
24. Notre Dame	17-6	130	22
25. Arizona St.	19-6	76	—

PRO HOCKEY

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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	22	6	66	144	162
Pittsburgh	27	25	6	60	173	178
N.Y. Islanders	17	33	6	40	137	189

Northeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	39	10	8	86	192	130
Montreal	30	21	6	66	172	172
Buffalo	29	22	6	64	168	159
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	28	24	5	61	146	166
Tampa Bay	19	26	11	49	142	176
Atlanta	20	32	5	45	165	198

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	6	62	155	158
Nashville	27	26	3	57	138	158
St. Louis	24	25	7	55	160	172

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	33	18	5	71	178	165
Vancouver	27	21	8	62	169	163
Edmonton	28	23	4	60	156	170
Minnesota	28	24	3	59	142	129
Colorado	26	30	1	53	156	178

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	37	8	9	83	188	135
Dallas	28	21	7	63	169	174
Anaheim	28	25	5	61	163	166
Los Angeles	24	22	8	56	140	150
Phoenix	25	27	5	55	145	175

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Connecticut (66)	24-1	1,794	1
2. Oklahoma (4)	25-1	1,709	2
3. North Carolina (2)	23-2	1,676	3
4. Pittsburgh	23-2	1,589	4
5. Memphis	22-3	1,465	8
6. Michigan St.	20-4	1,443	9
7. Louisville	19-5	1,280	5
8. Wake Forest	19-4	1,217	7
9. Duke	20-5	1,048	6
10. Marquette	22-4	1,045	10
11. Missouri			

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fishing spear
 - 5 Impale
 - 9 Supreme Being
 - 12 Hodge-podge
 - 13 Met melody
 - 14 Anger
 - 15 April paper-work
 - 17 "Do the Right Thing" director
 - 18 Elbow counter-part
 - 19 Private instructor
 - 21 Fathered
 - 24 Relaxation
 - 25 Took care of weeds
 - 26 PC peripheral
 - 30 Lamb's dam
 - 31 Anna of "Scary Movie"
 - 32 Coll. transcript stat
 - 33 Dadaism pioneer
 - 35 Existed
- DOWN**
- 1 Understood
 - 2 Carte lead-in
 - 3 Repair
 - 4 Like a snake's tongue
 - 5 Fill to excess
 - 6 Verifiable
 - 7 Atmosphere
 - 8 Small chickens
 - 9 Of the best
 - 10 Sandwich quality
 - 11 Antelope's suffix
 - 16 Conclusion
 - 20 Gls' entertainment org.
 - 21 Son of Noah
 - 22 Hawk-eyes'
 - 23 Double-check
 - 24 Egress
 - 26 Bleacher-ites
 - 27 MGM motto start
 - 28 Foil's kin
 - 29 "Death in Venice" author
 - 31 Big road
 - 34 Shade source
 - 35 Censors, in a way
 - 37 Yoko of music
 - 38 Fence opening
 - 39 A party to
 - 40 Skating jump
 - 41 October birthstone
 - 44 100 square meters
 - 45 Spigot
 - 46 Nasdaq debut
 - 47 Heathcliff, for one

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 2-17

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BRIDGE

Famous hand — 2

The semifinal match between Brazil and the United States at the 1985 Bermuda Bowl in Sao Paulo, Brazil, could not have been any tighter. Incredibly, with just one deal of the 160-board confrontation remaining, the two teams found themselves in a dead tie.

As reported yesterday, the deadlock was created when the Americans gained 6 IMPs on Board 159 after the Brazilians failed to cash in on opportunities for substantial gains at both tables. That set the stage for this dramatic last deal, with a place in the final — and possibly the world championship — at stake.

When the hand was first played, Bob Hamman of the U.S. opened one notrump with the North cards, and everyone passed. After an opening heart lead by East, Hamman had nine top tricks, using the ace of diamonds as an entry to cash dummy's clubs.

When the deal arrived at the second table, with a large partisan audience watching on Vu-Graph, the question was whether the Brazilians would bid the game the Americans had missed. Using a strong club system, the Brazilians, to the accompaniment of wild cheers, proceeded to reach three notrump as shown.

However, many of those watching failed to realize that with South as declarer, a different opening lead would be made. And if that lead were a diamond, the ace of diamonds would be driven out before declarer could score his long clubs.

Sure enough, the U.S. West, Lew Stansby, led the five of diamonds, and when the smoke cleared, the contract was down two, giving the Americans a gain of 9 IMPs on the deal and a place in the final.

Three days later, the U.S. team completed a relatively easy win over Austria to capture the world title, but those who were there will never forget the last two deals of the semi-final match with Brazil, which propelled the Americans into the championship round.

Tomorrow: Actions speak louder than words.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 7 6 4
♥ A K 4
♦ J 10
♣ A K Q

WEST
♠ A 8 5
♥ 8 6 3
♦ K 8 6 5
♣ 7 6 2

EAST
♠ K J 3 2
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ Q 7 2
♣ 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ J 10 5
♦ A 9 4 3
♣ J 10 9 8 4

The bidding:
North 1♣
East 1♠
South 1♦
West 2 NT

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Adventure awaits you if you are quick to respond to suggestions, dares and offers. Uncertainty about current relationships should be dealt with. You cannot push others but you can push yourself, so focus on what you want to accomplish this year. Your numbers are 10, 17, 19, 24, 28, 34, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on making money. Make a list of all the acquaintances you have made in the past who might be interested in your plans and start cold-calling. Once you have your team together, the rest will be easy. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't believe everything you are told. Anyone trying to discourage you from following your dreams should be shut out of your circle. Home will be your refuge, even if there is someone causing you grief. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work partnerships and love are all looking extremely positive if you make a move. You can advance by sharing your ideas with a superior, by starting your own business or even by turning something you love into a paying service. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Beware of anyone with a fancy idea trying to get you to invest or donate. Love is in the stars and, with a little Cancer charm, you will entice someone you think is special to engage in a little fun. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got a lot going for you so harness and run with it. Love, travel and intrigue are looking positive. Someone you have known for a long time will be interested in what you are doing. Together you can achieve everything you desire. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't put all your hopes on one person or project or you will be disappointed. Expand your way of thinking and be innovative and imaginative if you want to excel. Don't over-spend. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ingenious ideas and your creative touch will attract a lot of potential partners. Present and promote whatever it is you want and you will be successful. Love is on the rise. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Protect whatever you cherish. You are up for change and, if you want to maintain certain aspects of your life, it will be necessary to fight for them. Focus on success and positive action. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a ride on the wild side and you will spark enthusiasm in others. Someone will have your vision and stand by your side. Love is reaching an all time high and favorable changes at home can be made. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be feeling a little pushy but, if you aren't careful, you will end up doing things alone. A short trip or visiting someone who can steer you in the right direction will help you decipher your next step. Volunteer for something you believe in. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A chance to get ahead is evident and someone who has always been there for you will help. Talk over your plans and you will get greater insight into what is and isn't possible. Someone from your past will surface; don't go there. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): At some point you have to trust someone, so open up discussions regarding your ideas and plans for the future. Someone from your past can help you. The uncertainties about a past partnership should not stop you. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

Q G B W V B D A F S W J Z M S H S F W F W H
F D B F D D B H A B E F W E X F S J B E,
S T M B H H K Z M Q Z M J E H F K
A G F A ' H V F T S W T V F X M W H.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW SITCOM ABOUT A WEASEL-LIKE MAMMAL WHO RETURNED TO HIS OLD SCHOOL: "WELCOME BACK, OTTER."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals S

READING TO STUDENTS



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Maria Casas, an eighth-grader at Gladden Middle School and a member of the Junior Beta Club led by Lisa Gribble and Jeanelle Hobbs, read to students in Mary Mueller's third-grade class at Spring Place Elementary recently. Students in the class are Abi Abdrade, Brandon Baggett, Caleb Baker, Saria Beason, America Bermudez, Jesus Capistran, Zulema Cortes, Luis Cruz, Victoria Ferran, Dakota Fox, Ashley Hackney, Lesly Hernandez, Taylor Johnson, Tessa Loftin, Justin Lowery, Tabitha McKee, Christian Perez and Elisabeth Sanchez Soto.

Urban avoids 'Days of Thunder' plug at Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Country music star Keith Urban performed a surprise two-song set for reporters to kick off his day at the Daytona 500, where he was the featured artist for Sunday's pre-race concert.



AP PHOTO

"First time playing a press room," he quipped before launching into "Sister Golden Hair" by America.

It was the first press room concert performed by any of the musical acts that Daytona International Speedway officials have brought before the media. Urban said he wasn't trying to one-up previous music guests Big & Rich, Bon Jovi or Brooks & Dunn, but played because "I just wanted to get in my comfort zone."

Urban took brief questions and laughed awkwardly when asked what his favorite racing movie is.

"Uhhhhh ... 'Cars'?" he stammered, choosing the animated movie over the more obvious "Days of Thunder" that featured his

Country music star Keith Urban performs before the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race in Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 15.

wife, Nicole Kidman, with her ex-husband, Tom Cruise.

Later, Urban and Cruise both attended the pre-race driver meeting. The two were seated on opposite ends, but Cruise heartily applauded Urban when the singer was introduced.



BUZZ WORDS

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Dawnville Elementary School recently held a spelling bee for fourth- and fifth-grade students. James Ring, left, was the winner. Josue Dominguez was the runner-up.

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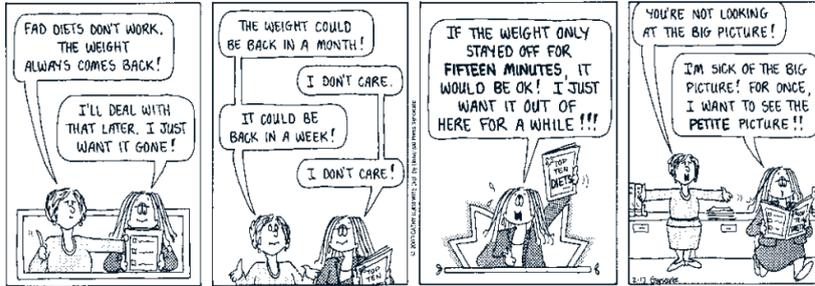
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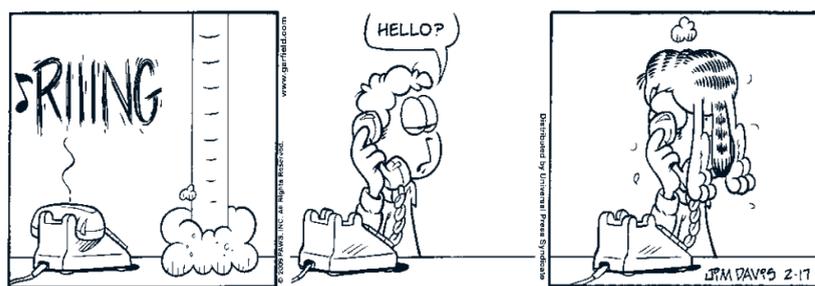
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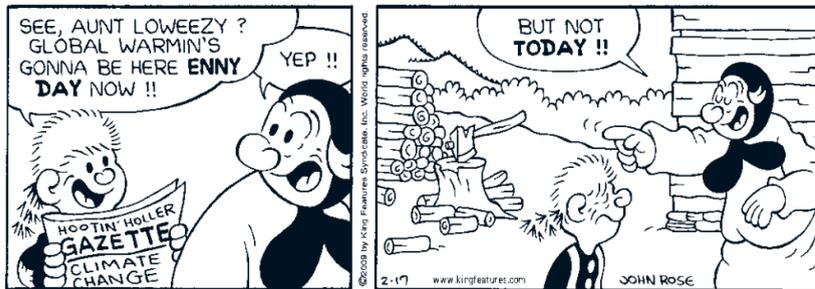
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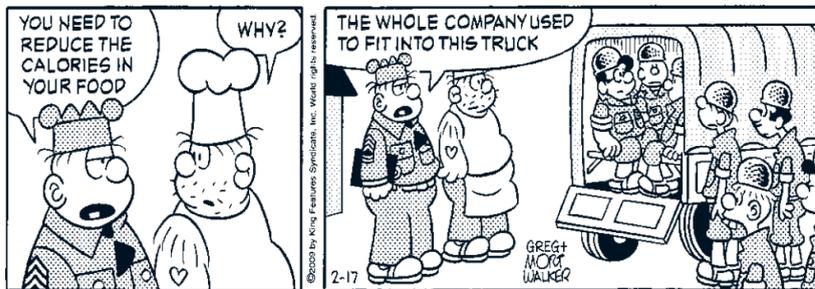
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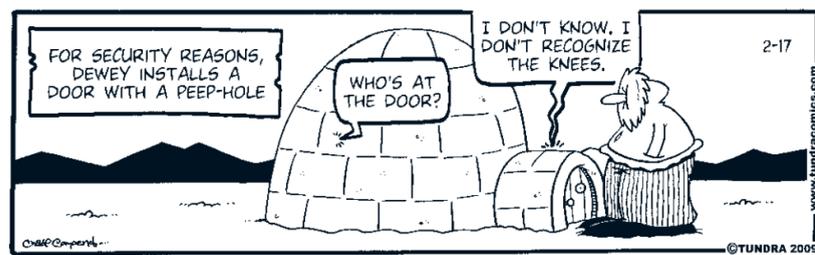
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DEAR ABBY

Woman questions belief that there's no place like home

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible — or normal — for someone to lack the desire to travel? I am a 23-year-old female college graduate with a good job. I am involved in a serious relationship and still live with my parents because of financial constraints. I like to think my life is pretty normal.

When my friends graduated from college, they all backpacked through Europe before starting their jobs. I was content to stay home, relax and readjust to life off-campus. Now that my friends are accruing vacation time, they are planning all sorts of trips — cruises, vacations, road trips to visit old roommates, etc. None of this appeals to me.

I am a nervous traveler and tend to feel uncomfortable when I'm outside my "comfort zone." I'm not afraid to admit that I can be uptight, and I don't "roll with the punches" very well.

Last summer my boyfriend and I spent several weekends in a beach town about two hours away. I had a great time, although I was just as happy to go home at the end. I am not depressed or aloof. Give me an afternoon at the local mall or a movie rather than a weekend in Las Vegas. Am I weird? — HOMEBODY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR HOMEBODY: Weird? No. However, because of your reluctance to step out of your "comfort zone," you are missing an opportunity to learn firsthand that this country — and the world around you — is filled with wonderful people who would be worth knowing if you could only broaden your horizons. If this didn't bother you on some level, you would not have written me. A therapist who specializes in anxiety disorders could help you do that. I wish you good luck — and maybe even "bon voyage."

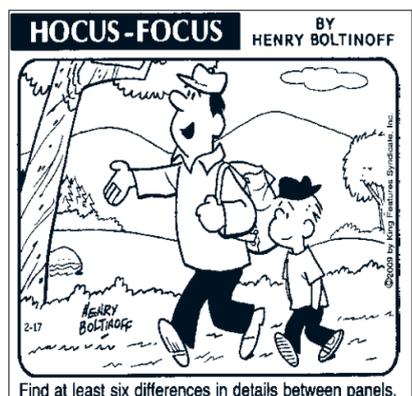


Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been with my girlfriend for the last four years. I want to take a break and see what else is out there, but I don't know how to tell her without freaking her out and making her cry. Abby, how do I tell a girl who loves me that I want to take a break and see other people? — TEEN IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TEEN: Do it in person and in plain English before you waste one more minute of her time. When you do, be sure to tell her that the reason has nothing to do with her and everything to do with you. Be prepared for the fact there may be tears. However, not every relationship is permanent, and breaking up is part of dating.

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PEANUTS



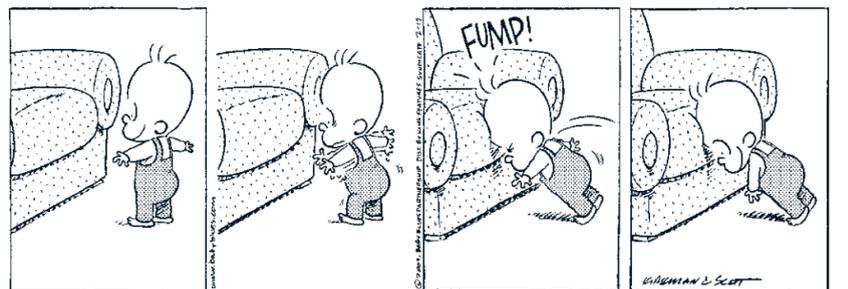
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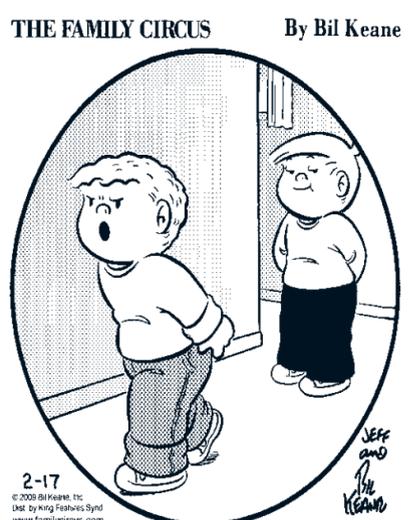
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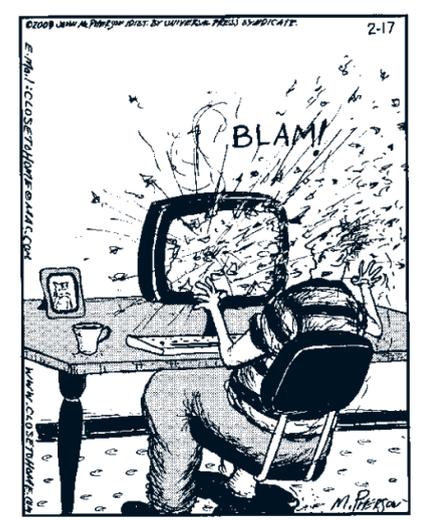
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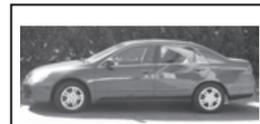
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