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# Massive stimulus bill signed

## Obama readies foreclosure aid today

BY LIZ SIDOTI AND TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writers

DENVER — Racing to reverse the country's economic spiral, President Barack Obama signed the mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a new \$50 billion foreclosure rescue for legions of Americans who are in danger of losing their homes.

There was no recovery yet for beleaguered automakers, who were back in Washington for more bailout billions. General Motors Corp. said it was closing plants, Chrysler LLC said it was cutting vehicle

models and both said they were getting rid of thousands more jobs as they made their restructuring cases for \$5 billion more for Chrysler and as much as \$16.6 billion more for GM. The United Auto Workers union said it had agreed to tentative concessions that could help Detroit's struggling Big Three.

Anything but reassured, Wall Street dove ever lower. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points, closing less than a point above their lowest level in five and a half years.

Obama focused on the \$787 billion stimulus plan, an ambitious package of federal spending and tax cuts designed to



AP PHOTO

In this three picture combo, President Barack Obama picks up the first pen, left; signs a page, middle; and then jokes about having to use more than one pen to sign the economic stimulus bill during a ceremony in the Museum of Nature and Science in Denver Tuesday.

revive the economy and save millions of jobs. Most wage-earners will soon see the first paycheck evidence of tax breaks that will total \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples.

The stimulus package was a huge

victory for Obama less than one month into his presidency. But he struck a sober tone and lowered expectations

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Tesla Jones, 8, a student at Antioch Elementary School, hangs upside down as she swings at Al Rollins Park on Tuesday during her winter break from school.

# No braking while on break

## Students, families stay busy during week off from school

BY RACHEL BROWN  
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While some students are putting in extra study time this week, many are hitting the parks, shopping or hanging out with friends.

Dalton, Murray and Whitfield public schools along with Christian Heritage School are on mid-winter breaks through the end of the week. While school breaks can be a babysitting nightmare for some who have to take off from work or find childcare, other families say they welcome the extra time with their kids.

At Al Rollins Park in Dalton on Tuesday, Casey Ledford was enjoying a day with her two children, niece and nephew on the playground. The stay-at-home mom said school breaks are a good time to wind down with the kids.

"We usually study and have

little family get-togethers," she said.

The family had a old-fashioned dinner recently with other members of Valley Baptist Church. Women dressed in bonnets and aprons and men wore overalls.

"We didn't have (any mid-winter) breaks when I was a kid," she said. "We just had (it) for two days."

However, her nephew, Jericho Ledford, a freshman at Southeast High School, said he's still spending much of his time this week in school-related activities.

"We have track practice still, and I have to study because I have to pass my finals," he said during a brief break from the wooden playground.

Asked what her favorite aspect of mid-winter break was,

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# Surprise in the mail

## Veteran receives 13 military medals

BY JAMIE JONES  
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Among the regular bills and letters stuffed in Louie Muse's mailbox last week was a bulky tan envelope.

Muse's curiosity piqued. He wasn't expecting a package nor did he recall ordering anything. So he opened it. The package contained 13 military medals — including a Bronze Star and Commendation medal — Muse had been awarded during a 21-year Army career that included service in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

"I was touched," said Muse, now 76 and living in the Carbondale community in south Whitfield County. "I was really touched because I didn't realize what all these medals really

meant. I've never been one to brag about what I did. I think what I did, I was doing it for the country. I just thank God that I came back alive."

Muse said he doesn't speak with his family much about his time in the Army. Because of his age, Muse wanted a copy of his military records for them. He has three children who still live in the area and several grandchildren. He went to the state veterans services department in Dalton and requested his records. After several months passed, his military records came in the mail along with a list of medals he had been awarded. Muse said he didn't think anything about the list and wasn't

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Louie Muse, a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, shows his Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman badge.

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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.**

"Isn't Afghanistan already a Third World country?"

"If Obama thinks \$13 a week is going to change nobody's life, I'd like to know what he's smoking."

"I am a proud Democrat and I pay my taxes."

**Editor's note: Would you like to be Commerce Secretary?**

"I don't know about the rest of you out there. But I hope they don't stick it to us next month on our electric bill."

"Sheriff Ensley knows who is doing the chicken fighting in Murray County. He just will not do anything about it."

"America doesn't need a perpetual candidate. It needs a president. Stop wasting fuel flying all over to make speeches."

"The elderly and the disabled should not have to pay for their medicines or eyeglasses and there should be no cutbacks on Social Security or disability."

"I see Don Cope has already found another reason to raise our rates. And it's not like those stiff on the board will tell him no."

"I hope the Braves get Ken Griffey. They need a big veteran bat in the lineup."

"One thing President Obama has done is help the gun industry. Sales are booming since he was elected."

"A firefighter gets arrested and it's on the front page. A veteran firefighter died and its on page 3. Go figure."

"The black and gold and the new mascot for North Murray High School is absolutely awesome."

"The trade center would make a great place for a new high school, much better than that swamp on the north end of the county."

"You know four people who say they made a mistake voting for Obama. That pales in comparison to the millions who made a mistake voting for George Bush."

"With the mess George Bush left him, how can anyone expect President Obama to clean up this mess in three weeks. He's trying."

"My wife is a 23-year parapros/slave for a local school and does more work than any teacher in the school. I resent the remarks about the schools. If not for the parapros the schools wouldn't work. And they work for slave wages."

"Pro-choice people, read Jeremiah 1:5."

"Who cares what the Bible says about abortion? It's a legal issue to be decided by our non-religious government, not a Sunday school debate."

"There are several of us parapros who have college degrees but choose to be parapros. We enjoy our jobs and are not complaining about our jobs."

"There is no Metro Dalton as mentioned on the front page. Whitfield County has not been voted into metropolitan government and neither has Murray County."

"I thought our law enforcement had stopped the graffiti artists but they are back at it. One of my husband's businesses was hit and I have seen other businesses around town hit too. Help. We need this stopped."

"I agree with closing the C-3 Center for Dalton Public Schools. It's a way for people who can't afford private schools to think they are getting a private education."

"The trade center would make a good addition to Dalton State College."

"A majority of parapros do hold college degrees. Many are teachers who stepped down and keep working in the school system at a lower salary. Parapros just want to make a living wage."

**Editor's note: Was the parapros system ever intended to be a "living wage" job?**

"I am sorry I voted for George Bush one time but I am not sorry I voted for Barack Obama. He's done a good job so far."

"I agree that's a 45 mph speed trap on Cleveland Highway."

"Smokers are suicidal trying to kill themselves and homicidal trying to kill those around them. Get a life!"

"Sports is taking over Dalton Middle School. The system is spending a fortune transporting students to Lakeshore Park, Indian Trace Golf Course, to the high school almost every day for practices. That should be cut before instructional programs."

"Where are all the jobs President Bush promised with the tax cuts?"

"If those people didn't keep calling about the firemen being on the front page of the paper, most of us what have forgotten about it by now."

"No matter how many new things are offered by Kroger on West Walnut Avenue, nothing will make up for Blockbuster leaving."

"If it were not for people with money, there would be no jobs for the poor."

"Would somebody tell us what brand of peanut butter not to eat?"

"Rules and courtesies need to be learned and followed at four-way stops in Dalton."

**Medals: 30-plus years later**

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aware the Army still made the medals. Then last week, to Muse's surprise, the medals came.

Although Muse didn't graduate from Valley Point High School — he "had words" with one of the administrators and dropped out — he was nonetheless energetic and joined the Georgia National Guard in 1949 because he "wanted to do something for my country." There was also a financial incentive to join and stay. The next year he entered the Army and participated in basic training in Ft. Jackson, S.C. After completing basic training, Muse was transferred to South Korea and joined an infantry division.

It was a definite shock for the young man who had lived in Whitfield County all of his life.

"You're not really afraid, you're not really scared," Muse said. "You find yourself on a ship going over. You've been in Georgia, you haven't been out of Georgia hardly and it's just like a vacation. But when you get to the place where you've got your combat boots on, your combat helmet and your rifle and you're moving with the enemy it's a little different

story. We didn't really have time to get scared. We had a goal and that was to move those people (North Koreans) out or they were going to move us out."

Muse's Korea tour lasted one year. His squadron moved toward the 38th Parallel (the dividing line between warring North and South Korea) and Muse spent his last week there on Heartbreak Ridge, which was the scene of a month-long battle during the Korean War. In 1953, Muse transferred to Germany and remained for three years. Upon returning to the United States, he attended at 60-week electronic school course in New Jersey and eventually settled in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he competed with an Army rifle team.

He returned to Korea for another tour, then spent time at Fort Benning in Columbus. He went on to serve two tours in the Vietnam War (1966-1967 and 1968-1970). He had a base station during the first tour, but his job in telecommunications took him all

over the country.

Muse earned the Bronze Star when he was assigned as a communications and electronics technician in Vietnam. The Bronze Star is awarded for "heroic or meritorious achievement or service."

The North Vietnamese had invaded a town in South Vietnam and taken over the radio station. Muse's general contacted him and asked him to take a group of six others into the town to disable the transmitter, then re-establish radio transmissions for the South Vietnamese.

"We took off right in the middle of enemy territory and put the transmitter in," Muse said. "That was something that was very dangerous and we didn't receive a shot."

Muse retired as an Army Chief Warrant Officer in 1971 and returned home to Whitfield County. After four years teaching at Calhoun High School, he went to work for the state Department of Labor to work with disabled veterans. He retired from the labor department in 1994.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Jeremy Burton  
**AGE:** 30  
**HOME:** Rocky Face  
**FAMILY:** Daughter, Dacie Burton; son, Christian Burton  
**WORK/SCHOOL:** Work and school at Dalton State College  
**HOBBIES:** Sleep, when I can  
**HE SAID:** "Sometimes you eat the bar, and sometimes ... well ... the bar ... he eats you."



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# Perdue signs homeowner tax grant bill

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue on Tuesday begrudgingly signed legislation funding homeowner tax relief grants worth \$200 to \$300 a household even as he continued to deride them as ineffective.

The tax relief came as Perdue ordered yet another round of budget cuts for state agencies to help fill a budget deficit that ballooned on Tuesday to a whopping \$2.6 billion.

"We've gotten down to scraping the bone," the governor said at a news confer-

ence flanked by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and House Speaker Glenn Richardson.

The \$787 billion federal stimulus package — which many Georgia Republicans have criticized as bloated — prevented the state from making even steeper cuts and helped fund the tax relief grants.

Perdue's signature on the tax bill Tuesday means that homeowners will not be hit with a second property tax bill this year. But local government lobbyists said property taxes would almost cer-

tainly rise down the road.

The legislation agrees to funnel \$428 million to the tax relief grants for the current fiscal year but ties the grants in future years to the state's economy. The state's dismal economic outlook is unlikely to improve anytime soon.

"It means everyone's tax bill will go up," said Jerry Griffin, executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

Perdue originally called for eliminating funding for the property tax grants to

help close the state's budget deficit. Local officials complained that they had included the tax relief in property bills that had already been mailed out. They warned that without the state money they would have to send out supplemental tax bills to recession-strapped homeowners.

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Gage McBee, 8, rides his Razor Scooter on the ramps at the North Georgia Skate Center on Tuesday during his winter break from school.

## Break: For mid-winter

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third-grade Varnell Elementary School student Chloe Medlin said, "Staying home with my family." She and her mother, Bobbie Medlin, came to the North Georgia Skateboard Center on Tuesday to hang out with friends. They also went bike-riding and Chloe plans to host friends at a sleep-over before the week ends.

Her mother said they haven't completely closed the books just because school is out. They recently bought a study guide for the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test, a state-

mandated exam third-graders must pass in reading to be promoted to the next grade.

"We've done like the first eight pages of it," Bobbie Medlin said of the study book.

Kellie Smith and her second-grade son Gage McBee said they had been to the skate park for the past three days. Gage said he likes racing dirt bikes in his spare time and was enjoying his break from school.

At Carmike Cinemas 12 behind Walnut Square Mall, Ai-Nhi Nguyen was working a few more hours during her mid-winter break. The Southeast High School

junior said she has been working at the concession stand since the theater opened last month.

"When I don't work here, I volunteer at the nursing home, Regency Park," she said. "I want to be an RN when I grow up."

Chatsworth residents Johnny Blair and Keshia Cochran were out with their two children and nephew at Walnut Square Mall on Wednesday. Cochran's daughter, Hope, was spending money she had saved from her ninth birthday.

"She's been saving it to get a bird but decided she wanted an iguana instead," Keshia Cochran said.

## AREA ARRESTS

• James Howard Lewallen Jr., 46, 160-2 Elder Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with theft by shoplifting, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of arms by a convicted felon and first offender probation.

• Dennis Shammad Love, 17, 715 Trammell St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with obstruction of an officer.

• James Kerry McElroy, 36, 81 Patricia Avenue, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with habitual violator, DUI and

failure to stop for stop sign.

• Roxann Zenobia Reeves, 41, 1016 apartment 2 Ponderosa Lane, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with DUI.

• Eric Richard Sanchez, 18, 1214 Wrinkle St., apartment 4, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with four counts of burglary and theft by deception.

• Ramon Ramos Velez, 30, 808 Riverbend Road apartment 146, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to obey traffic control device, failure to drive within a single lane and no tail lights.

## Isakson launches 2010 bid

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson has a \$2.3 million campaign war chest, solid backing from Georgia's Republican establishment and high name recognition from more than two decades in elected office.

So, perhaps it's no surprise that not a single Georgia Democrat has emerged yet to challenge the GOP incumbent as he officially launched his re-election bid on Tuesday.

With more than 20 months to go before Election Day in 2010, the race for governor in Georgia has already drawn a crowded field of would-be candidates. But ask the state's political operatives which Democrats might line up to take on Isakson and get ready

for silence.

"I think Isakson appears to be unbeatatable at this point," Emory University political science professor Merle Black said Tuesday.

"He looks like a very tough incumbent and I think Democrats in the state know that."

Isakson, an Atlanta real estate executive who served for 17 years in the state Legislature, kicked off his campaign at the state Capitol on Tuesday surrounded by a "who's who" of the Georgia GOP.

"In 2004 y'all gave me a great privilege, you elected me to the United States Senate," Isakson said to cheers. "I am repaying for the job."

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### IEWS

## Spay Day 2009

Of all the areas of animal rescue work, probably the least glamorous is the effort to promote spaying and neutering of pets.

Sterilization of animals does not have the warm fuzzy appeal of adoptions, nor the dramatic interest caused by the rescue of a helpless cat or dog. Yet spaying and neutering is essential in changing the tragic numbers of pet overpopulation.



**Nancy Mason**

We have heard the figures frequently: every eight seconds in the United States, still another cat or dog faces euthanasia because nobody wants it. We have heard the appeals of game show hosts who admonish us daily to spay and neuter our pets. We see the figures of Animal Control of Whitfield County where healthy animals by the thousands die every year.

Perhaps we hear the figures and the laments so often that we have become insensitive to them. The numbers are so staggering that the best efforts of hundreds of shelters and humane societies across the country hardly make a dent in the problem.

True, the dogs and cats, puppies and kittens, cannot speak with a human voice. But a bigger part of their story is told with their silence. Animals are capable of love, loyalty, fear, trust, and pain. The pets cannot speak, but the message of pet overpopulation comes to us in other ways.

It is the stray kitten that shows up on someone's deck so hungry that it tries to eat the bird seed.

It is the whimpering puppy a compassionate school girl rescues after the animal was tossed in a box on the side of the road.

It is the dismay of a couple who puts on food for its two yard cats, only to find a dozen strays joining their pets for breakfast.

It is desperate plea of the disabled person, the family who already has many pets, the retiree on a fixed income, the person with allergies ... the list seems endless.

It is the frustration and sadness of Humane Society volunteers who, too often, have to tell those who rescue

pets that there is no more room, that they cannot take in any more animals.

It is the dread of Humane Society volunteers to see warm weather approach, knowing that the spring and summer will bring new life to hundreds of animals that will be abandoned and which they cannot help.

It is the suffering of abandoned animals who face starvation or death from coyotes or traffic.

Some would solve the problem with mandatory spaying and neutering. Forcing people to sterilize their pets could bring about other concerns about the rights of individuals and the value of mixed-breed pets. Such laws would cause resentment and would be difficult to enforce. Critics feel that sterilizing all pets would, of course, eliminate all pets from our society.

Others would ignore the problem and let Animal Control facilities continue to perform a "free" euthanasia service to control the population. (Of course, euthanasia is not free. Taxpayers must pick up a hefty bill).

We need a balance of pet population control that includes education and spaying and neutering. The procedure needs to be available to all pet owners. In time, spaying and neutering would bring the pet population under control. The primary responsibility rests with the pet owner. Spaying and neutering of a dog or cat should be part of the owner's expenses.

As we participate in Spay Day USA, a national initiative on Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia encourages all citizens to spay and neuter their pets, support efforts to establish a permanent low-cost spay-neuter clinic in the area, and help educate pet owners about the benefits of spaying and neutering.

In addition to cutting down on the number of unwanted animals, spaying and neutering helps curb aggressiveness in animals and can help prevent cancer and other diseases.

For more information on spaying and neutering, please contact the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at 706-226-6289 or at our Web site at [www.hsnwga.org](http://www.hsnwga.org).

**■ Nancy Mason is education chairperson for the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia.**

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "My brothers and sisters, you were chosen to be free. But don't use your freedom as an excuse to live in sin. Instead, serve one another in love. The whole law can be found in a single command. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

**Galations 5:13-14**

**Thought for today:** "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion."

**Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel**  
German philosopher (1770-1831)

## Peanut inspector

Georgia's 9th District congressman, Nathan Deal, usually doesn't make ripples in Washington. So when he came out of his shell the other day to defend the peanut before Congress, he made news. He told a House committee hearing on the recent Georgia peanut scandal that he often ate raw peanuts and suffered no ill effects.

His declaration didn't make much impression on his colleagues, who are determined to craft new laws regarding peanut safety.

They're all worked up because of an outbreak of salmonella in at least 43 states and Canada. Hundreds of people have been hospitalized, and several have died. The malady has been traced to single dirty peanut plant in Blakely, Ga. — a plant that obviously had not been inspected for sanitation hazards. The boss of the plant declined to testify when called at the hearing. He said he did not want to incriminate himself.

After listening to the hearing on C-SPAN for a couple of hours, I popped a cold one, grabbed a handful of goobers and jotted down these observations.

■ Despite Rep. Deal's testimony, raw peanuts will give a person a tummy ache if he or she eats too many.

■ Watch the dirty peanuts issue closely. Congress can debate bank bailouts, Iraq and Wall Street all day and not hear a peep from anybody. Bringing up clean food is a different matter. If you want to see Mama mad, just suggest that the food in the supermarket may not be safe. Try telling her that no one in authority has checked that peanut butter in the cute little jar. Then warn her that the cute little jar may be crawling with microscopic bugs that will make you really sick, a lot sicker than if you had



**Bill Shipp**

eaten raw peanuts. Two other Georgia congressmen — Dr. Phil Gingrey of Marietta and John Barrow of Savannah — acquitted themselves well before the hearing, even if most of the other lawmakers seem to take a dim view of anything from Georgia.

■ The Georgia Agriculture Department was represented by a couple of young scientists, who understandably seemed nervous. The future of the Georgia peanut industry may be on the line. Georgia Ag Commissioner Tommy Irvin couldn't make it, but he sent his able assistant, former House Speaker Terry Coleman of Eastman.

■ I shall not bore you with details of the hearing, but you ought to know this: That peanut plant and lots of others like it are inspected by people who are chosen and paid by the plants' bosses, the hearing revealed. As Rep. Barrow explained, "It's like trying your own case in court." In short, you need an impartial judge for a fair trial.

■ The Democrats on the committee, mostly Yankees from Ohio and Michigan, were really down on the federal Food and Drug Administration. They hinted that they would like to turn the FDA on its head and secure guarantees that the American food industry is producing safe and edible products. This is not China, somebody chimed in.

■ I'm willing to bet that, before long, Congress will introduce a measure called the

Georgia Peanut Act that will make peanut processors as closely watched as nuclear engineers and diamond cutters. Georgia or any other state cannot afford to produce a fun food like peanuts and have it loaded with killer bacteria. A bailout will not kill salmonella.

I wonder if any Georgia lawmaker is courageous enough to break his close ties with agribusiness and come down on the side of clean food and tougher regulations and inspections. Never mind. I already know the answer.

Let's get back to the performances of Reps. Barrow and Gingrey. Gingrey, who is a medical doctor, ought to quit wasting time in Washington. He ought to have his own TV show. He has that pleasant and agreeable manner required for the tube. At a town meeting recently I heard him talk with a woman who wanted a progress report on our war with Iran (not Iraq). He forgot to tell her that we're not at war with Iran.

On TV, Gingrey could call himself "The Other Dr. Phil" and have his friend and mentor Rush Limbaugh drop by as a guest to discuss problems related to marriages and drugstore prescriptions.

As for Barrow, he ought to stay where he is. It is pleasant to hear at least one Georgia congressman hold his own in debate and declamations in the House. Some have speculated that Barrow might go for a U.S. Senate seat one day. Johnny Isakson's post is up for grabs in next year's election. I just wish Barrow had not gone to Harvard Law after he left UGA. That kind of negative credential has a way of working against a candidate in Georgia elections.

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## It couldn't happen here?

Houston Independent School District officials got the bright idea to take drug-sniffing dogs through the employee parking lots of all the district's local schools. They found a few cars with pot in them. But what they mostly found were prescription drugs. Several teachers are now facing charges of having drugs in school zone because law enforcement found Xanax, blood pressure medicine and cholesterol pills. They also face professional discipline for having drugs on campus. Lawyers for some of the accused say the school system and law enforcement did not do an adequate job of investigating before pressing charges. They say their clients or someone else who used their cars have legitimate prescriptions for the drugs. "The worst thing that could have happened had she taken that medication is she would have had good cholesterol," said the attorney for one teacher arrested for having cholesterol medicine in her car.

Utah state Senate President Michael Waddoups says children should not be allowed to see bottles of alcoholic beverages in restaurants. The Republican wants the state to require a physical barrier to prevent customers from seeing drinks being poured or mixed or maybe even require them to prepare drinks in a room that customers can't see.

Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff's



**Charles Oliver**

Capt. Joel Fox has been fined \$315,000 for illegal campaign contributions after giving some \$105,000 to the state Republican Party and not filing the proper paperwork, including registering as a political action committee. That would have meant listing the sources of the income. Fox says the people who gave money to his Sheriff's Command Association did not want their names revealed. Critics have accused the GOP of using the money to create a series of negative ads against the Democratic opponents of Sheriff Joe Arpaio and his ally County Attorney Andrew Thomas.

Amber Carter, a fourth-grade teacher with the Bellfontaine, Ohio, school system, took a half-day sick leave one Tuesday. But shortly after she left she was arrested at a local hotel for prostitution. You know the economy is tough when hookers have to teach in public schools to make ends meet.

Clayton County, Ga., schools have lost their accreditation, enrollment is falling, school board members are talking about layoffs and auditors have

called for a review of its transportation department after finding large amounts of overtime and charges on purchasing cards. So naturally, school officials have just announced they are spending \$70,000 on uniforms for school bus drivers and monitors. They will all have to wear special red shirts, khaki pants and jackets. Officials say the uniforms will help prevent terrorists from hijacking school buses. I guess they think that no one will mess with someone in a red shirt.

If you get arrested for DUI and side-swiping a police cruiser, it isn't a good idea to repeatedly call the state police sergeant who arrested you, "Negro trooper." And if he ignores that and treats you in a professional manner, it's a really bad idea to bust out an even stronger N-word on him. And if you are a judge, it's a bad idea to tell him you are smarter than him and to threaten his job. You see you might just caught on video doing all of that, like Hartford, Conn., Superior Court Judge Curtissa Cofield. Cofield, the first black female Superior Court judge in Connecticut history, was given a 240-day suspension by the state's Judicial Review Council for her behavior.

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

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, Feb. 18**, the 49th day of 2009. There are 316 days left in the year.

#### Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time — having been published in Canada and England the previous December.

#### On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto — now designated a "dwarf planet" — was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968. Those convictions were later reversed.

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

**Ten years ago:** The Clinton administration warned Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to choose peace with ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, or face a devastating military strike.

**Five years ago:** Howard Dean's quest for the presidency ended as the Democrat, winless in 17 contests, abandoned his bid. In Iran, runaway train cars carrying fuel and industrial chemicals derailed, setting off explosions that destroyed five villages and killed at least 200 people.

**One year ago:** The Pakistan People's Party of assassinated ex-prime minister Benazir Bhutto won the most seats in the country's parliamentary elections. A suicide car bomber targeting a Canadian military convoy killed 38 civilians in southern Afghanistan.

#### Today's Birthdays:

Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 87. Actor George Kennedy is 84. Author Toni Morrison is 78. Movie director Milos Forman is 77. Singer Yoko Ono is 76. Actor John Travolta is 55.

# TV stations cut analog signals

By **PETER SVENSSON**  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — About a quarter of the nation's TV stations cut off their analog signals Tuesday, causing sets to go dark in households that were not prepared for digital television despite two years of warnings about the transition.

Though most viewers were ready — and people with cable or satellite service were unaffected — some stations and call centers reported a steady stream of questions from frustrated callers. Many wondered how to get coupons for converter boxes that translate digital signals for older TVs — or how to get the devices working.

"It's kind of an irritation, but I understand that everyone will have a much better picture. As far as I was concerned, they could have left things the way they were," said Dorothy Deleard, 67, of Minneapolis, who bought a converter box because a friend gave her a coupon that expires Tuesday.

Phones were ringing off the hook at a walk-in information center set up by stations in Providence, R.I.

A volunteer at the center, Jeremy Taylor, said he tried to calm agitated callers and explain the reasons for the disappearance of analog signals, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1950s.

"I try to explain that the digital switch is not something we're doing to extort them of money," Taylor said.

The federal government mandated the end of analog broadcasts to make room on those frequencies for wireless Internet service, emergency radio traffic and other uses. Digital TV broadcasts, which began several years ago, take up much less of the wireless spectrum.

Originally, all U.S. stations were to cut their analog signals on Tuesday, but at the urging of the Obama administration, Congress voted this month to give broadcasters more time.

Most stations, particularly those in big cities, accepted the offer to wait until June 12. Others wanted to stick to Feb. 17, a date they had spent much airtime advertising. Many of them had also booked engineering work on their antennas for that day.

The Federal Communications Commission, which wanted to ensure that no one would be entirely deprived of analog signals, cleared 421 stations to go all-digital this week. Another 220 stations have already made the switch, including all stations in Hawaii.

The most populous places where many or all major-network stations are cutting analog this week include San Diego and Santa Barbara,

## Switching analog to digital TV

By **PETER SVENSSON**

Here's a checklist to make sure you'll have TV reception after local stations cut their analog broadcasts. Some stations shut down analog transmissions Tuesday. Almost all will end analog after June 12.

■ Are all your TVs hooked up to satellite or cable feeds? If so, you're OK.

■ Do all your TVs have built-in digital tuners? Most TVs bought in the last few years, including flat panels, have these. If they do, you're probably OK. But you might need to force your TV to scan the airwaves to find all channels, because some are moving to new frequencies. Also see antenna issues below.

■ If you have digital converter boxes hooked up and you get some but not all the channels you expect, you should first force the box to rescan the airwaves, since some channels may have moved to new frequencies. Some converter boxes don't scan well, so you may have to key in the channel number manually. Check the box's directions, and look at [www.antennaweb.org](http://www.antennaweb.org) to figure out which channels should be available in your area. Rescan periodically until after June 12 to make sure you pick up stations that switch late.

■ If re-scanning doesn't help, the problem may be your antenna. Outdoor antennas properly pointed toward a TV tower are preferable, but indoor antennas work if you're reasonably close to the tower. Note that antennas should be capable of receiving both VHF and UHF signals — some older ones are VHF-only. Modern indoor antennas are available from \$40 to \$100.

Calif.; La Crosse and Madison, Wis.; Rockford and Peoria, Ill.; Sioux City, Iowa; Waco, Texas; Macon, Ga.; Scranton, Pa.; Rhode Island and Vermont.

In most cases, one station in each of those markets will continue sending analog signals until June or will offer a so-called "analog nightlight" for a few months, with limited local news and emergency broadcasts, as well as information about the digital TV transition.

The back-and-forth over the cutoff date threw both TV stations and viewers for a loop.

Jeff Long, manager of WHKY-TV, an independent station in Hickory, N.C., said the company's analog shutdown went smoothly on Saturday, but some viewers complained that they thought it had been postponed until June 12.

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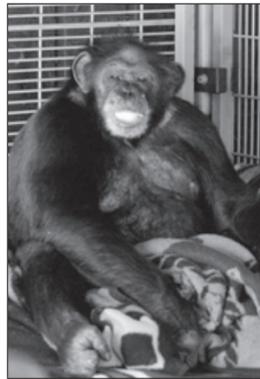
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Barbara Blakely Chastain, regent of the Georgia State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was honored Jan. 13 at a reception in Dalton. Shown are MichaelAnn Bailey, regent of the William Marsh chapter of LaFayette; Chastain; Brenda Davison Jessel, GSS coordinator of districts; and Virgelia Cleveland Meek, regent of the Robert Loughridge chapter in Chatsworth

## Animal experts baffled by chimp attack

By **JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN**  
Associated Press Writer

STAMFORD, Conn. — Travis the chimpanzee, a veteran of TV commercials, was the constant companion of a lonely Connecticut widow who fed him steak, lobster and ice cream. He could eat at the table, drink wine from a stemmed glass, use the toilet, and dress and bathe himself.



Travis, a 10-year-old chimpanzee, sits in the corner of his playroom at the home of Sandy and Jerome Herold in Stamford, Conn.

He brushed his teeth with a Water Pik, logged on to a computer to look at photos and channel-surfed television with the remote control.

But on Monday, the wild animal in him came out with a vengeance.

The 200-pound animal viciously mauled a friend of his owner before being shot to death by police.

Investigators are trying to figure out why — whether it was a bout of Lyme disease, a reaction to drugs, or a case

of instinct taking over. "It's hard to say what exactly precipitated this behavior," said Colleen McCann, a primatologist at the Bronx Zoo. "At the end of the day, they are not

human and you can't always predict their behavior and how they or any other wild animal will respond when they feel threatened."

Travis attacked 55-year-old Charla Nash as Sandra Herold frantically stabbed her beloved pet with a butcher knife and pounded him with a shovel. Nash was in critical condition Tuesday with "life-changing, if not life-threatening," injuries to her face and hands, Mayor Dannel Malloy said.

Police said they are looking into the possibility of criminal charges. A pet owner can be held criminally responsible if he or she knew or should have known that an animal was a danger to others.

Police said that Travis was agitated earlier Monday and that Herold had given him the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in some tea. Police said the drug had not been prescribed for the 14-year-

old chimp.

In humans, Xanax can cause memory loss, lack of coordination, reduced sex drive and other side effects. It can also lead to aggression in people who were unstable to begin with, said Dr. Emil Coccaro, chief of psychiatry at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

"Xanax could have made him worse," if human studies are any indication, Coccaro said.

Stephen Rene Tello, executive director of Primarily Primates, a sanctuary for chimps in Texas, said it is difficult to say what effect Xanax would have on a chimp, but he noted that chimps and humans have similar physiology.

Investigators said they were also told that Travis had Lyme disease, a tick-borne illness with flu-like symptoms that can lead to arthritis and meningitis in humans.

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# Obama

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for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.

"None of this will be easy," he said. "The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

Still, he declared, "We have begun the essential work of keeping the American dream alive in our time."

Underscoring energy-related investments in the new law, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flew separately to Denver where the president signed it at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science before roughly 250 people including alternative energy business leaders. Earlier, the pair examined solar panels on the museum's roof.

Today, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort — a \$50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures — in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by the mortgage defaults that are at the center of the nation's economic woes.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner mentioned the housing program last week as he rolled out a wide-ranging financial-sector rescue plan that could send \$2 trillion coursing through the financial system. Obama is expected to detail how the administration plans to prod the mortgage industry to do more in modifying the terms of home loans so borrowers have lower monthly payments.

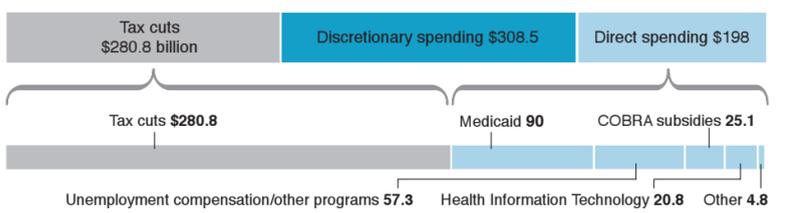
More than 2.3 million homeowners coast-to-coast faced foreclosure proceedings last year, an 81 percent increase from 2007. Analysts say that number could soar as high as 10 million in the coming years, depending on the severity of the recession.

In Denver, Obama said the stimulus package had received broad support in Washington and elsewhere, though Democrats pushed it to passage with only three Republican votes in the Senate and none in the House.

One of the biggest public spending programs since World War II, the new law is

## Rescue bill to revive the nation

President Obama signed into law the \$787 billion stimulus bill that is expected to create jobs and stimulate the economy. Tax cuts account for 35 percent of the measure.



SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office

## GM, Chrysler seek more aid, to cut more jobs

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors and Chrysler said Tuesday their request for federal aid ballooned to a staggering \$39 billion — only months after receiving billions in loans — in new plans that envision massive job losses and intense restructuring to survive a deepening recession.

General Motors Corp. presented a survival plan that calls for cutting a total of 47,000 jobs globally and closing five more U.S. factories, a move that represents the largest work force reduction announced by a U.S. company in the economic meltdown. Chrysler LLC said it will cut 3,000 more jobs and stop producing three vehicle models.

The grim reports came as the United Auto Workers union said it had reached a tentative agreement with GM, Chrysler and Ford Motor Co. on contract changes. Concessions with the union and debt-holders were a condition of the government bailout.

GM said it could need up to \$30 billion from the Treasury Department, up from a previous estimate of \$18 billion. That includes \$13.4 billion the company has already received. The world's largest automaker said it could run out of money by March without new funds and needs \$2 billion next month and another \$2.6 billion in April. "We have a lot of work

to do," GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said. "We're still going at this with a great sense of urgency."

GM's request includes a credit line of \$7.5 billion to be used if the downturn is more pronounced than expected. But the automaker claimed it could be profitable in two years and repay its loans by 2017.

The company looked into three bankruptcy scenarios, all of which would cost the government more than \$30 billion, GM Chief Operating Officer Fritz Henderson said. The worst scenario would cost \$100 billion because GM's revenue would severely drop, he said.

designed to create jobs in the short term and to boost consumer confidence to battle the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. It also makes down payments on Obama's health care, energy and education goals.

Taking the long view, Obama cast the law as just "the beginnings of the first steps" to jerk the country out of a crisis he inherited from GOP President George W. Bush.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, asked by reporters, would not rule out another stimulus in the future, though he said a sequel was not in the works "at this point." He added, "The president is going to do whatever he thinks is necessary to get

our economy moving again." The nation's distressed economy has dominated Obama's first weeks in office.

While laying the groundwork to address woes in the auto, financial and housing sectors, Obama spent some of his political capital lobbying hard for the stimulus package that the Democratic-controlled Congress approved last week. Obama has essentially pinned his political future on his prescriptions for the ailing economy, going so far as to raise the possibility of a one-term presidency if he fails.

There's no guarantee that Obama's enormous marshaling of resources and multi-pronged approach will stunt the economic freefall, much less produce jobs or bring

prosperity. The only thing certain is that Obama is on track to boost a federal debt that stands at \$10.7 trillion.

Clearly mindful of that, Obama said: "We will need to do everything in the short term to get our economy moving again" as well as "begin restoring fiscal discipline and taming our exploding deficits over the long term."

As he spoke in Denver, General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC were racing to complete plans detailing how they would repay government loans and restructure their operations to remain viable. Detroit's third major automaker, Ford Motor Co., has not requested government help.

## Bulgarians charged in ATM card fraud

ATLANTA (AP) — Two Bulgarians have been charged with plotting to steal dozens of bank card numbers through automated teller machines and withdrawing thousands of dollars in metro Atlanta.

A federal grand jury accuses 23-year-old Nikolay Nikolov and 29-year-old Yordan Kavaklov of using a "skimming device" connected to Bank of America ATMs in metro Atlanta to record debit card numbers and videotape passwords

people punched into the machines.

Prosecutors said Tuesday that the information was downloaded onto a computer and transferred to magnetic tapes on stolen gift cards, which then were used to withdraw money from ATMs.

The two were arrested Nov. 8 after reports they were making multiple withdrawals at ATMs in Marietta. Authorities say they confiscated \$57,000, mostly in \$20 bills.

## COMMENTARY

# Thinking like a customer helps

The Dalton State College Business Networking Club recently hosted noted author and speaker Paul Greenberg to the Dalton State campus. Greenberg is an internationally known author and expert on Customer Relationship Management (CRM). His timely topic, "Retaining Customers in an Economic Downturn," was popular with members of the community and business students alike.

Greenberg is the author of the popular press book "CRM at the Speed of Light."

The field of customer relationship management is a hot topic in current business research and the practice of engaging customers is an important practice for all businesses, particularly in today's economy. CRM is learning what customers want from your business and sharing information with them, in a variety of formats. Done properly, customers are engaged and remain a customer. The byproduct of retention and a future profit stream is an important one.

Effectively managing and retaining customers is key to both short-term and long term survival. Greenberg suggested customer partnerships center around communication, value and service. Communication can be via multiple methods but choose those most important to your customers whether it is via e-mail, on the popular Facebook Web site or other social networking Internet sites, or even via face-to-face meetings with customers in a local coffee shop. Greenberg mentioned, though, that with the proliferation of direct mail advertisements, flyers and circulars, consumers have become numb to "deals" offered via direct mail. Some customers even sort their "junk" mail over the trash can and never look at the advertisements so lower cost, more effective methods for reaching customers are preferred.

Economics is another key area and discounts may be necessary in today's recession. Consumers want to do business with companies they trust and you may have to compromise on both sides of the business transaction and payments. Partner with your customers to find a

solution to costs and outstanding payments. These customers will stay with you during a recession and beyond. Loyalty programs are important, too. Just a quick note saying, "thanks for sticking with us during these difficult times" can mean a lot to your customers and doesn't cost much beyond your time to do. Calls to key customers may be important during our current recession.

Engaging customers in your business creates value. Via e-mail, send links to articles of interest or to blogs and podcasts that may be of interest to your customers. Start

your own blog on the Internet about your business, company and products. Starting a blog often costs less than \$150 a year for hosting fees and updating is easy.

Customer service is important too. Can your employees give a discount and deal with customers right on the spot? If not, they should be able to. Make it easy for customers to have their problems solved. They'll remember your company and the favorable solution.

Transparency or authenticity means a company is forthcoming in their actions. They create customer advocacy through truthfulness and offering information to customers. Share issues with your customers and tell the truth in all your communications.

Think like a customer and not a business or owner. Many business planners forget they, too, are customers in a variety of situations, yet in meetings and planning sessions they fail to put themselves in the customers' shoes. What can you do to engage your customers more in your business? If you are a customer, what could a business do to offer you better service and improve your customer experience? CRM is exploring these issues now and for the future.

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## THE MARKET

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Silver	13.41	13.62	Interface	3.48	2.97
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AAir	4.33	4.32	JNJ	57.10	55.98
Apple	99.16	94.53	Kroger	21.28	20.97
AT&T	24.19	23.22	Lowe's	17.80	17.07
BAC	5.57	4.90	McDonalds	56.81	55.68
BB&T	15.33	14.26	Merck	28.75	28.61
BP	43.85	42.02	Microsoft	19.09	18.09
BristolMyers	21.75	21.25	Mohawk	33.27	32.13
HP-Compaq	35.87	34.34	Motorola	3.87	3.70
Chevron	69.73	66.18	Region-Fin	3.38	3.09
CocaCola	43.85	42.60	Rock-Tenn.	28.65	27.62
ConAgra	16.22	16.27	Sara Lee	8.92	8.51
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Coke Ent.	13.40	12.85	Synovous	3.32	3.14
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CrwnCrafts	1.90	1.93	Torchmark	27.49	26.54
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Delta	7.11	6.35	Vulcan	45.73	44.12
Dixie Group	1.29	1.04	Verizon	29.56	28.26
Dow	9.53	8.62	Wal-Mart	46.53	48.24
Duke	14.74	14.11	Wells Fargo	15.76	13.69
DuPont	22.40	21.21	Wendy's	5.30	5.09
Earthlink	6.72	6.50	Yum	29.14	28.63
Ericsson	8.61	8.18	Xerox	6.44	6.06
Exxon	74.59	71.28			
Ford	1.76	1.69			
FSG	4.06	4.01			
GE	11.44	10.81			
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**Burriss admits to fundraising**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — U.S. Sen. Roland Burriss now acknowledges attempting to raise money for ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich — an explosive twist in his ever-changing story on how he landed a coveted Senate appointment from the man accused of trying to sell the seat. Burriss made the admission to reporters on Monday, after releasing an affidavit over the weekend saying he had more contact with Blagojevich aides about the Senate seat than he had described under oath to the state House panel that recommended Blagojevich's impeachment. The Democrat also said in the affidavit, but not before the panel, that the governor's brother asked him for fundraising help. Though Burriss insists he never raised money for Blagojevich while the governor was considering whom to appoint to the seat President Barack Obama vacated, the revelation that he had attempted to do so is likely to increase calls for Burriss' resignation and an investigation.

**More troops OK'd for Afghanistan**

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama approved adding some 17,000 U.S. troops for the flagging war in Afghanistan, his first significant move to change the course of a conflict that his closest military advisers have warned the United States is not winning. "This increase is necessary to stabilize a deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, which has not received the strategic attention, direction and resources it urgently requires," Obama said in a statement. That was an implicit slap at his predecessor, George W. Bush, whom Obama has accused of slighting urgent national security needs in Afghanistan in favor of war in Iraq. The White House said the new commander in chief would send a Marine brigade and one additional Army brigade to Afghanistan this spring and summer.

**California to begin layoffs**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California legislative leaders on Tuesday made what they hoped would be a last push for one more Republican to support their \$42 billion budget fix, warning of fiscal disaster if none of the holdouts puts aside opposition to tax increases. The leader of the state Senate said the chamber would remain in continuous session until the legislation is passed. Meanwhile, state officials were sending out layoff notices and were expected to freeze hundreds of public works projects employing nearly 92,000 construction workers. Tax revenues have plunged by billions of dollars as the recession clobbers California, leaving the state without sufficient cash to pay its bills.

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**Lessons from Volkswagen, part 2**

In last week's column I introduced the first in a series of eight lessons learned from a leadership team who visited South Carolina. Today, I will discuss lesson two: "Brace for Changes in Education and Training." What changes are needed concerning education and training? I would argue that a significant change has been needed and continues to be needed in preparing our citizens for the jobs of the future.

Let me explain some of the key aspects of the education infrastructure and culture in the area, at the time BMW announced it would locate a manufacturing facility in the upstate region of South Carolina. There were six school districts just in the immediate area around the BMW plant. Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce President David Cordeau described the education system as one with "a deep culture of low expectations in education." Working through the diverse bureaucratic maze and overcoming culturally low expectations presented huge challenges in meeting BMW's high expectations of their future workers.

But with the setting of high standards by BMW and the strong desire of local "would be workers" wanting to be qualified for these highly sought for jobs, educational achievement did improve. Cordeau further stated, "Now, the bar for education and work force training gets raised every day." It was stated that BMW does not hire high school graduates. Translation of this statement

is that BMW employees need more than a high school diploma to work and succeed.

Cordeau paraphrased this sentiment by saying, "Without a high school diploma, we have no use for you, and with just a high school diploma, you are nothing more than a commodity."

Many in our community have said for years that we must raise the bar for our future workforce. If our citizens continue to seek employment within the flooring industry, automotive suppliers, or most any other new industry we are working to recruit — they will need a higher level of education and training.

Since BMW began operations in South Carolina, the school systems have been doing their part. With a two-year degree being the threshold, every middle school and high school in the region supplements a traditional, college-oriented counselor with a full-time career counselor who has a background in business. The state's technical college system is also doing its part. Five different colleges within the state's technical system have created TechReadySC. Working together they have collaborated to promote mechatronics. Mechatronics is defined

as "a flexible, multi-technological approach in the integration of mechanical engineering, computer engineering, electronics and information systems."

This interdisciplinary approach is common practice in Germany. BMW workers who are qualified in mechatronics earn \$28 an hour plus overtime. David Just of TechReadySC told the visiting Chattanooga team that all trained mechatronic technicians living upstate are working.

In order for the entire region around the Chattanooga Volkswagen plant to be successful, each community will have to look hard at its education and training systems. Community leaders will need to think differently, raise expectations, challenge all stakeholders and meet higher standards. K-12 institutions will have to work with and partner with post-secondary institutions.

State education leaders will have to work to understand the deliverables and be willing to adapt curriculum to the standards set by the needs of Volkswagen. Regional cooperation will be imperative and articulation

agreements will need to be created between high schools and higher education programs. Business partnerships will be a must between business leaders, school boards and elected officials. And finally, duplication will have to be eliminated in order to guarantee efficiency in delivering training programs.

Locally, the Joint Development Authority led the effort to create a Workforce Readiness Council. This diverse group of education, business and community leaders began meeting a few months ago. The next meeting of this group is Feb. 25. In order for our community's external recruiting needs to be met by our Joint Development Authority, the chamber will take the lead in convening and facilitating this meeting and those going forward. Our primary objectives will be: identify the training and education needs for jobs within the high-tech and automobile manufacturing arena, identify key strategic partnerships needed to create flexible and targeted training programs and identify the steps required to create articulation agreements bridging high school and higher edu-

cation institutions.

Imagine a day when all young people understand the need for and obtain at least a high school diploma. Imagine the possibility of a high-tech, specialized collaboration around any type of high-tech manufacturing, including automobile manufacturing, which would be jointly developed between partnering businesses and area higher education institutions such as Dalton State College, Chattanooga State, Georgia Tech and The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Just as lesson one declares the imperative for regional cooperation, lesson two teaches us to brace for and embrace the changes needed in education and training. Your Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce will work diligently with our collaboration partners to enable changes that will deliver the high expectations called for. "Join In" to this conversation and help us make these objectives become reality.

■ **Brian Anderson is president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.**



**Brian Anderson**

**Woman uses wedgie, headlock to pin down fleeing suspect**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It took a wedgie and a headlock to pin down a man suspected of breaking into a car. Yvonne Morris, a technician at the Brickyard Animal Hospital, said she chased a man who broke into a co-worker's car, but he kept squirming away from her. Morris eventually

grabbed the man's boxer shorts and pulled. Salt Lake City police said she then she put a headlock on the man until help could arrive.

The man was booked into the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property and outstanding warrants.

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

### Bobby Leon Boring

Mr. Bobby Leon Boring, 73, Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Edna Bates Boring and a son, Jerry Boring.

Bobby was a lifelong hard worker, loved to play his guitar and wrestling and cherished his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Dorothy Louise Boring of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Freda Boring of Chatsworth; sister, Buna Dale of Cleveland, Ga.; May Whitmire of Lula and Helen Scero of Ohio; brother, Billy Boring of Round Mountain, Calif.; stepsister, Joyce Ann Brock of Michigan; grandchildren, Colby Boring and Elizabeth Boring; great-grandchild, Ashanti Beasley; nieces and nephews; special friend, Eddy Silvestre of Dalton.

Graveside services and burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Copper Hill, Tenn., with the Rev. David Stephens officiating.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

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### Geneva Dill

Mrs. Geneva "Nadine" Parrish Dill, 72, of Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Nadine had been a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Murray County for 36 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Dill, and her parents, Edward and Inez Parrish.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Brenda Dill, and Mickey Dill, all of Dalton, Junior and Deb Dill of Chatsworth; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and David Smith of Dalton; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law, Virginia and Herbert Samples of Dalton, and Joan Parrish of Chatsworth; brothers and sisters-in-law, Eugene and Betty Parrish of Dawnville, Charles and Mary Helen Parrish of



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Dalton; a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephew.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Mount Carmel Baptist Church with the Rev. Brian Clayton, the Rev. Matt Harris and the Rev. Marvin Brock officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday after 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Friday.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### 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.

Services are today at 1 p.m. at the Westside Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. John Bagley, the Rev. Darye Kittle, the Rev. Rick Edwards and the Rev. Hayward Duke officiating.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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

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

Messages of comfort may be sent to the Dye family at [www.julianpeoples.com](http://www.julianpeoples.com).

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face, is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Wilson 'Sir J' Edwards Jr.

Mr. Wilson "Sir J" Edwards Jr., 48, of Dalton, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009.

He was a member of Holy Gospel Temple Church and employed with Shaw Industries. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Wilson Sr. and Mrs. Lillian Thompson Edwards; and one sister, Ms. Linda Denise Edwards.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Simpson Edwards; one daughter, Ms. Kanecia Denae Edwards; two sons, Mr. Carlos Dewayne Dennard and Mr. Keon Demar Edwards, all of Dalton; sisters, Mrs. Bertha (Eddie) Cobb of Pelham, Mrs. Connie (Silas) Mason and Ms. Rose Edwards of Dalton, Ms. Carol Terry of Trenton, N.J. and Mrs. Donna (Marcus) Anderson of Chatsworth; special nephew and godson, Mr. Ernest Kennebrew; one grandchild, aunts, uncles, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Willis Funeral Home with Bishop Bennie L. Tibbs and Elder Claude Jones officiating.

His remains will lie in state today after 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Thursday.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.willisfuneralhomedalton.com](http://www.willisfuneralhomedalton.com).

Arrangements by Willis Funeral Home Inc. of Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Cecil Hayes Sr.

Cecil Hayes Sr., 68, of Dalton died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009.

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

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### Helen Mary (Young) Hicks

Mrs. Helen Mary (Young) Hicks, 81, of Chatsworth, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, in the Chatsworth Health Care Center.



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Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Charles Young and Ollie Mae Marsh Young; a brother, Charles Young; sisters, Christine Humble and June White.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dannie and Marla Bell of Chatsworth; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Mike Sitton of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Daryl Bell, Derek Bell, Michael Bell, Shelly Bell, Cody Sitton, and Sally Bell; great-grandchildren, Daryl S. Bell, Kaitlyn Broadaway, Logan Broadaway, and Nicole Bell; brothers, Billy Young of Muncie, Indiana and Kenneth Young of Frostproof, Florida; a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at noon in the chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Danny Cochran and the Rev. Shane Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Holly Creek Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 5-9 p.m.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Margaret Ellis Johnson

Ms. Margaret Ellis Johnson, of St. Charles, Mo. and formerly of Chatsworth, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009.

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### James Virgile Patterson

Mr. James Virgile Patterson, 80, of Chatsworth, passed away on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, in Murray Medical Center.

Virgile was preceded in death by his wife, Ina Lou Patterson, and his parents, Erskin and Lola Patterson.

He is survived by sons and daughter-in-law, James W. Patterson, Ronnie V. and Rebecca Patterson all of Chatsworth; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Jackie Lawson of Chatsworth, Cleta and Mike Howell of Dalton; sisters, Mamie Betterton and Peggy Flood of Chatsworth; brothers, Earl Patterson, Ray Patterson, William Patterson all of Chatsworth, and Everett Patterson of Dalton; seven grandchildren; seven

great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p. m. today in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in Murray Memorial Gardens with a white dove release.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home until the funeral hour.

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### Evelyn Slaughter

Mrs. Evelyn Slaughter, of Dalton, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by her loving husband, Eddie Slaughter of the residence; sisters, Helen Smith, Norma Jean Arrant and Joyce Stewart; brothers, Frank Holden and Michael Holden, all of Atlanta; nieces and nephews.

Services are Thursday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. James Ghorley officiating.

Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Calhoun.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today after 3 p.m.

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### Kenneth Lee Sloan

Mr. Kenneth Lee Sloan, 62, of Dalton, 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 Co. 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 and Luke and Will Sloan, all of Dalton.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Kenneth Lee Sloan were Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian Fossett and the Rev. Joel Southerland officiating.

He was laid to rest at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Military graveside honors were provided by American Legion Post 112.

The family received friends at the funeral home Monday.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Liberty Baptist Church Building Fund, 4443 Tibbs Bridge Road S.E., Dalton, GA 30721.

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

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### Troy William Strickland

Mr. Troy William Strickland, 72, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga.

He was the son of the late Grady and Maud Smith Strickland and was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ida Strickland and stepsister, Martha Bryant.

Troy was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He served in the Georgia National Guard for many years and retired from Liberty National Life Insurance Co. in March 2002. During his more than 40 years of service in sales, he served as an agent and as sales manager. He received many awards from the company and the association of Life Underwriters.

Troy is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Joyce Bailey Strickland of Dalton; son, Greg Strickland of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Doug Staples of Front Royal, Va.; grandchildren, Noah Strickland of Dalton, Sydney and Oakley Staples of Front Royal, Va.; stepsister and husband, Mary Jo and Bob Braddock of Winter Haven, Fla.; sisters-in-law, Peggy Bailey of Chatsworth and Margie Bailey of Beech Mountain, N.C.; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. from Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rhoda Howell and Pastor Johnny Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 6 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 Veterans Drive, Dalton, GA 30721.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

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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 today at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guest book signed at [www.julianpeoples.com](http://www.julianpeoples.com).

Julian Peoples 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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### Steven Young

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

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

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Carleen and Brian McAtee of Dalton; father and stepmother, Mike Sr. and Joyce Young of Dalton; son, Brandon Young of Dalton; sisters and a brother-in-law, Holly and Daniel Stephens, Miranda Hackney and Nikki Young, all of Dalton; brothers and a sister-in-law, Mike Jr. and Pam Young of Rocky Face and Tracy McAtee of Dalton; paternal grandpar-

ents, Dewey (Bud) and Katherine Young of Dalton; special cousin, Rodney Boyd of Rocky Face; special friends, Crystal Westmoreland and David Lewis, both of Chatsworth; four nieces, Morgan Young, Kaytlin McAtee, Emma Hackney and Hope Stephens; a nephew, Gabriel McAtee.

The funeral is today at 3:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Brother Bill Cloud and Brother Chuck Harmon officiating.

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

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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

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

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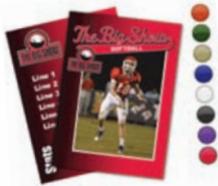
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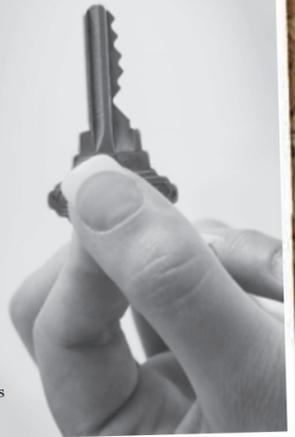
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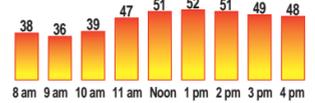
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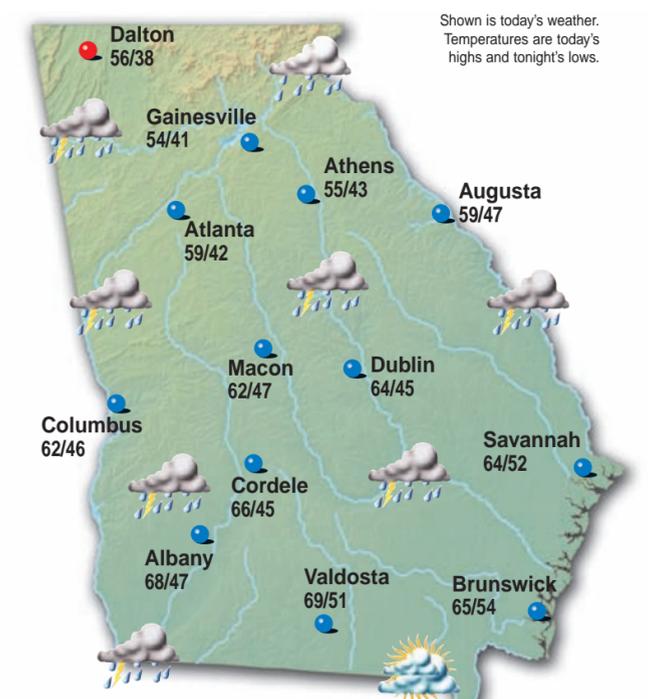
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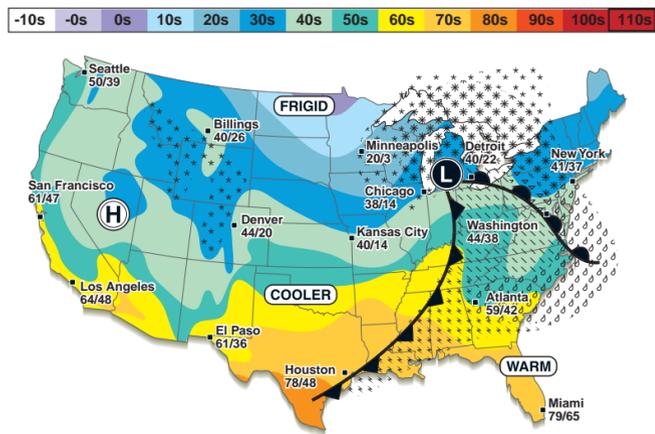
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Atlanta	59/42/t	52/25/s	51/30/s	Macon	62/47/t	60/27/s	57/30/s
Athens	55/43/t	53/26/s	54/29/s	Marietta	59/40/t	49/24/pc	51/28/s
Augusta	59/47/t	58/26/s	52/26/s	Newton	68/50/t	61/28/pc	57/27/s
Brunswick	65/54/t	64/33/t	55/35/s	Rome	59/42/t	53/24/pc	56/30/s
College Park	59/42/t	52/25/s	51/30/s	Savannah	64/52/t	60/31/pc	56/27/s
Columbus	62/46/t	55/29/s	57/34/s	Sparta	60/44/t	56/25/s	54/29/s
Gainesville	54/41/t	51/25/pc	47/30/s	Valdosta	69/51/t	62/30/pc	58/27/s

National Weather for February 18, 2009



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City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	34/29/sn	40/23/sf	33/21/sf	Memphis	66/34/t	50/28/s	54/33/pc
Anchorage	27/24/pc	33/24/sn	30/11/pc	Miami	79/65/s	80/53/pc	70/49/s
Baltimore	42/36/r	46/25/pc	38/24/pc	Milwaukee	36/14/sn	19/12/sf	24/13/pc
Billings	40/26/sf	42/24/pc	39/22/pc	Minneapolis	20/3/sf	14/7/pc	21/10/sn
Boise	45/27/pc	44/27/pc	45/28/s	New Orleans	75/50/t	65/40/s	58/44/s
Buffalo	38/31/sn	32/21/sn	30/19/sf	New York	41/37/sn	45/30/pc	37/29/pc
Charlotte	49/40/r	53/25/s	47/26/s	Okla. City	60/30/s	55/33/s	63/33/pc
Cheyenne	40/20/sf	40/21/s	40/20/pc	Orlando	76/59/pc	74/42/t	62/35/s
Chicago	38/14/r	20/14/sf	27/16/pc	Philadelphia	42/37/c	46/26/pc	37/28/pc
Cincinnati	54/24/t	29/16/sf	36/22/pc	Phoenix	66/45/s	73/47/s	75/50/s
Cleveland	44/23/sn	27/19/sf	31/19/sf	Pittsburgh	46/28/r	32/18/sf	28/18/sf
Dallas	75/39/s	59/38/s	68/45/s	Portland, OR	52/38/pc	54/35/c	55/37/pc
Denver	44/20/c	46/21/s	46/19/pc	St. Louis	48/20/c	34/20/pc	42/25/pc
Detroit	40/22/sn	28/17/sf	30/17/sf	Salt Lake City	42/26/sn	43/25/s	43/26/pc
Indianapolis	52/20/sh	26/14/sf	34/22/pc	San Francisco	61/47/pc	61/46/pc	61/46/pc
Kansas City	40/14/c	37/21/s	47/20/c	San Diego	65/49/s	68/51/s	66/51/s
Las Vegas	60/37/s	64/41/s	65/44/s	Seattle	50/39/pc	51/37/c	51/39/pc
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The World

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Auckland	74/63/r	75/74/c	79/71/r	London	50/39/pc	48/39/pc	48/41/pc
Amsterdam	41/34/c	45/39/r	45/37/c	Madrid	61/30/s	63/34/s	57/36/pc
Baghdad	62/43/s	60/47/c	73/48/pc	Montreal	30/28/sn	34/21/sn	27/16/sn
Beijing	32/27/sn	32/17/pc	36/22/s	Moscow	32/14/sn	27/14/pc	30/19/sf
Berlin	28/19/c	30/23/c	28/17/sf	Paris	45/39/pc	43/36/r	46/37/pc
Buenos Aires	95/75/s	95/77/pc	90/64/t	Rio	84/73/s	83/75/pc	83/73/s
Cairo	71/61/s	77/57/c	68/50/s	Rome	43/23/pc	46/25/s	50/35/s
Calgary	30/18/c	35/16/pc	34/19/pc	Seoul	37/25/pc	43/18/sn	27/11/pc
Cape Town	84/59/pc	71/57/pc	81/59/s	Singapore	90/77/pc	87/77/sh	88/77/sh
Caracas	86/68/sh	88/71/c	89/71/pc	Sydney	77/64/sh	82/68/pc	73/66/s
Dublin	48/41/pc	45/36/pc	46/41/pc	Tel Aviv	62/53/s	80/55/pc	60/56/r
Geneva	35/25/pc	35/34/s	39/32/pc	Tokyo	47/36/pc	46/41/pc	54/34/r
Hong Kong	70/66/c	73/64/r	70/64/s	Toronto	41/28/sn	35/22/sn	29/18/sn
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# B SPORTS

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## PRO BASEBALL

# Braves want Griffey, but deal not final

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves tried to close a deal with Ken Griffey Jr. on Tuesday, hoping the aging slugger who ranks fifth on baseball's career homer list can bolster an outfield that produced the fewest long balls in the majors last season.

The 39-year-old Griffey is clearly past his prime, but his 2008 numbers — a .249 average, 18 homers and 71 RBIs — were more productive than any of Atlanta's outfielders.

With right fielder Jeff Francoeur having a miserable season and no one able to win full-time jobs in center and left, the Braves got only 27 homers from those three spots.

Griffey had narrowed his search for a new home to Seattle, where he starred from 1989-99, and the Braves, a team his father played



Griffey

for in the 1980s and long on Junior's wish list.

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said he's talked with Griffey by phone, hoping to persuade him to sign with the Braves.

"Certainly all signs point to this being a good fit for him," Jones said after a spring training workout. "He's wanted to play here for a long time. Now he gets his opportunity. We'll see if he follows through."

There were conflicting media reports on Griffey's status, with one saying he had already chosen to play for the Braves and was merely trying to hammer out the details on a contract that would guarantee him about \$2 million, with a chance to earn more through incentives.

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But his agent, Brian Goldberg, told The Associated Press in a text message Tuesday afternoon that no decision had been made, and Griffey himself told mlb.com that he was going back and forth on what to do.

"We are still kicking things around with my family and have not made a decision," he said. "This is the first time in my career that I have been a free agent, and it's nerve-racking."

He added that he hoped to decide by this morning, perhaps in time to report to the

Braves for their first full-squad workout. Griffey lives in nearby Orlando and signaled that Atlanta had the upper hand in the negotiations because he could be closer to his family, both in spring training and during the season.

Braves manager Bobby Cox said he would be thrilled to have Griffey on a team that's trying to bounce back from its worst season since 1990. Atlanta went 72-90 and finished fourth in the NL East, 20 games behind the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies.

"Two years ago, he hit 30 homers," Cox pointed out.

The Mariners have declined to discuss their efforts to bring Griffey back to his original team. He split last season between the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox before becoming a free agent.

## PREP ROUNDUP

# Lady Cats miss out first time since '96

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

It was Black Tuesday for Dalton's Lady Catamounts in Powder Springs.

Hillgrove's Tala Black scored 24 points, Dalton couldn't overcome 25 turnovers and the Lady Hawks whipped the Lady Cats, 63-47, in the second round of the Region 7-4A tournament.

The disappointing loss snapped Dalton's string of 12 straight state tourney appearances that started in the 1996-97 season. The fifth-seeded Lady Cats, with junior standout Markisha Washington saddled with fouls most of the game, closed the season at 18-9.

Fourth-seeded Hillgrove (17-7), which has won six in a row and 12 of its last 13 games, advanced to a semifinal matchup against top-seeded Northwest Whitfield on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Woodland-Bartow High School in Cartersville. The Lady Hawks also earned a spot in the state tournament. Northwest defeated Cass, 53-37, in Tunnel Hill.

Black, a 5-foot-6-inch junior

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## PREP BASKETBALL: REGION 7-4A GIRLS TOURNAMENT



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen  
Northwest Whitfield's Jasmine Thornton, with ball, slices through Cass defenders Jasmine Wilson, left, and Yvonne Alexander during their second-round Region 7-4A tournament game in Tunnel Hill on Tuesday. Northwest won, 53-37.

# Case stated

## Northwest's latest win secures 4A tourney bid

BY ADAM KROHN  
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There are no gimmies in postseason basketball.

Northwest Whitfield, seeded No. 1 in the Region 7-4A tournament, escaped with a 53-37 win against eighth-seeded Cass on Tuesday in Tunnel Hill. The second-round victory clinched a spot for the Lady Bruins in the Class 4A state tournament for the fifth consecutive season.

Northwest (24-2) advances to play fourth-seeded Hillgrove — which ended Dalton's season on Tuesday with a 63-47 win — at 6 p.m. Thursday at Cartersville's Woodland High in the region semifinals.

Just two weeks ago, the Lady Bruins handled Cass with ease in a 27-point blowout, but with a new post player in Yvonne Alexander, pulled from the junior varsity squad, and a determined defense, the Lady Colonels put up a much tougher fight this time around.

The final score doesn't indicate how close the game was in the second half. With 4:36 left in the third quarter, Jasmine Wilson's layup pulled the Lady Colonels to within 29-27.

"That was not the feeling I wanted to have or what I wanted to be thinking about," said Lady Bruins



Stockburger

point guard Baleigh Coley, who finished with 10 points. "We beat this team last time by 20 or so, so getting it cut down to two in the region tournament was very scary."

On Northwest's next possession, Emily Trew nailed a 3-pointer and Coley followed with a 3 as part of a 10-2 Lady Bruins run to close out the quarter.

Cass (13-14) continued to hang around and cut the deficit to 41-34 on Alexander's putback with 4:37 to play. After a Northwest turnover, the Lady Bruins defense, which has been a team staple all season, got a huge lift from 6-foot-3-inch post Christy Robinson, who blocked Alexander's shot under the basket, grabbed the loose ball and drew a foul from Alexander — her fifth. With the Lady Bruins in the double bonus, Robinson hit one of two free throws to put the Lady Bruins up by 10 and give them some needed breathing room.

"I just try to give it my all on defense," said Robinson, who led

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## COMMENTARY

# Give A-Rod (partial) credit

If the point was to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, credit Alex Rodriguez with going 1-for-3.

Just as during an interview last week, he was forthcoming about most topics in his first news conference since. Not to mention more convincing by a mile than any other active player — and most retirees, too — unlucky enough to get snared in the drug-testing net.

Unfortunately, like almost everything else A-Rod does, his answers were too clever by half.



Jim Litke

The problem wasn't owning up to his mistake. He did that over and over.

"For a week, I've been looking for people to blame," Rodriguez said, "and I keep looking at myself at the end of the day."

He admitted injecting performance-enhancing

drugs for some 18 months between 2001-03 and, without identifying him, said his supplier was a cousin who first suggested they experiment with "boli," then transported it from the Dominican Republic and became a fellow guinea pig.

But here's the part I'm having a hard time believing. Eight questions in, Rodriguez was asked if he knew he was taking steroids and whether he considered the consequences.

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## I'LL GET OFF HERE



Jed Ward is bucked off by T Money during the PBR Bud Light Bullriding Classic at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn., last weekend.

AP PHOTO

## PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

# With tough year behind, 'Frenchy' hopes for better

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jeff Francoeur graced the cover of Sports Illustrated not long after he got to the majors. The headline dubbed him "The Natural."

He was the hometown kid who made good. Little girls squealed when he came to bat. Little boys wanted to be just like Jeff.

Now, after hearing boos for perhaps the first time in his charmed



Francoeur

life, Francoeur is trying to get his once-so-promising career back on track with the Atlanta Braves.

"He's learned the game of baseball will truly humble you, like

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New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez looks up at photographers after leaving his news conference on Tuesday at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla.



AP PHOTO

# Prep: Cats romp

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guard, riddled Dalton's defense for 15 first-half points as the Lady Hawks built a 34-27 advantage.

Washington had three fouls and sat on the bench for the final four minutes of the second quarter. She picked up her fourth foul early in the third quarter and fouled out with 5:57 left in the game and finished with seven points.

Sophomore guard Amanda Rector led Dalton (18-9) with 20 points and senior Emily Broadrick added 10 in her final game with the Lady Cats. April Besley had seven points.

Washington's bucket to open the third quarter cut Hillgrove's lead to 34-29. The Lady Hawks' Maisie Steed and Rector swapped field goals, but Hillgrove scored five straight points in quick fashion to open a 42-31 lead.

Two Broadrick free throws and Besley's rebound putback pulled Dalton to within 42-35 as the third quarter wound down.

Hillgrove, which led by 12 points three times, outscored Dalton 9-4 and led 53-39 on Steed's two free throws with 3:24 remaining.

The Lady Hawks made just two field goals in the fourth quarter, but hit 15-of-22 free throws over the final eight minutes as they continued to pull away from the Lady Cats.

Steed finished with 14 points for Hillgrove and Larryqua Hall pulled down 14 rebounds.

The Lady Cats trailed most of the first quarter until Broadrick made 1-of-2 free throws and Rector drilled a 3-pointer, giving Dalton an 11-9 lead. The Lady Hawks outscored Dalton 4-1 the rest of the quarter and had a 13-12 advantage.

Washington's bucket and another 3-pointer by Rector gave the Lady Cats a 17-16 lead early in the second quarter. But the Lady Hawks, who came into the game riding a five-game winning streak, scored two quick goals to regain the lead at 20-18.

Besley hit a free throw, but a series of crippling turnovers helped Hillgrove score 11 straight points to grab a 31-19 lead. The last Hillgrove basket in that run came from Black.

Over the remaining 3:37 of the second quarter, Dalton outscored Hillgrove 8-3 and trailed 34-27 at the break. Broadrick had half of Dalton's eight points in the closing run. Rector finished the half with 10 points.

Dalton coach Jeff McKinney did not return several messages on his cell phone seeking comment for this story.

The Region 7-4A boys tournament continues today with its second round and Murray County's Indians and Northwest Whitfield's Bruins both will hit the road in hopes of securing a state tourney berth. A win for either means a spot in the Class 4A state bracket, while a loss for either signals the season's end.

Murray County, the tourney's No. 5 seed, heads to Marietta to face fourth-seeded Osborne. The

Indians beat South Paulding 59-47 during Saturday's first round, while Osborne topped Allatoona 66-49. Osborne beat Murray County 65-48 on Jan. 13 in a regular-season matchup.

Northwest Whitfield, the tourney's seventh seed, will also be in Marietta to face No. 2 seed Sprayberry. The Bruins beat Woodland 56-45 in the first round of the region tourney, while Sprayberry defeated North Paulding 71-52. During the regular season, Sprayberry beat Northwest 63-48.

Southeast's boys and girls, who won the consolation finals in the 6A-3A sub-region tourney on Saturday, both play in the first round of the Region 6-3A tourney Thursday at Allatoona High. The Lady Raiders play Cartersville at 4 p.m., while the boys play Cedartown at 5:30.

Both of those games are also for spots in the Class 3A tourneys, while losses will mean the end of the season.

## Varsity soccer

### ■ Dalton boys 7, Heritage-Catoosa 0:

Ricky Rodriguez scored three goals and added an assist for the Cats (2-0).

Heriberto Hernandez, Israel Mata, Angel Arellano and Ildiberto Suazo scored one goal apiece. Suazo and Jose Rangel each had two assists.

Antonio Ovara and Jose Gonzalez combined for the shutout in goal. Ovara had four saves and Gonzalez two.

### ■ Northwest Whitfield boys 4, LaFayette 1:

Eduardo Aguero had two goals and the Bruins (4-0) outshot the Ramblers 28-7, for the victory.

Jorge Solarzano and Fabian Hernandez each scored one goal for the Bruins while Giovanni Villa and Mauricio Morales had assists.

### ■ Dalton girls 2, Heritage-Catoosa 1:

Rachel Czyz scored a direct-kick goal with about one minute left, giving the Lady Cats their second win of the season against a tie.

Imelda Cortez scored the Lady Cats' first goal about 20 minutes into the first half. Heritage tied the match early in the second half.

Dalton goalie Julie Parham recorded 10 saves.

## Varsity golf

### ■ Murray County boys 318, Southeast 429:

The Indians' Tyler Simpson shot a 4-over-par 76 to win medalist honors at Spring Lakes Golf Course, which was playing to 6,298 yards.

Chase Jones shot 80, Zach Gibson 80, and Caleb Langford 82 for Murray County.

Josh Wilson led Southeast with a 96 while Jake Rakely posted a 97, Chris Clayton 115 and Zack Sneed 121.

## JV soccer

### ■ Northwest Whitfield boys 11, LaFayette 1:

Manny Pacheco, Mario Perez, Alberto Pedro, Jorge Solarzano and Juan Fraire scored two goals apiece in the Bruins' rout. Jose Delcid scored the other goal for Northwest (2-0).



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Cass' Yvonne Alexander (34), Miecha Baker (10) and Natasha Morris (12) battle Northwest Whitfield guard Callie Thomas for a loose ball during their Region 7-4A tournament game Tuesday in Tunnel Hill. Northwest won, 53-37.

# State: McCurty drops in 12

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Northwest with eight rebounds and added two blocks. "They were very physical and big players.

"It was hard to get in front and block them out, so me and (Quaneisha McCurty) just tried our best to get physical with them and I was able to block a shot and get to the free throw line."

The Lady Colonels cut Northwest's lead to single digits (44-36) one last time on Wilson's bank shot from the top of the key with 3:28 left.

Cass never got any closer. "We thought we had a chance there for a minute," Cass coach Jamison Horton said. "When we came up here we thought we had a chance to shock a few people and we came real close. We just didn't quite have enough depth to get there."

Cass' effectiveness in the full-court press, which was absent in its first trip to Tunnel Hill, kept the Lady Bruins out of

rhythm and forced them into turnovers. Coley was uncharacteristically called for a double-dribble and travel in the fourth quarter, and her fellow guards made a number of miscues as well.

"It's a do-or-die game," Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger said. "And that puts a little pressure on us. I just felt like we played tight the whole game instead of just relaxing. We had loose balls going through our hands that haven't gone through our hands all year long. It might not have been a pretty game, but winning is pretty and we get to advance."

McCurty led Northwest with 12 points and added seven rebounds. Trew had seven points, six steals and four assists. Cass' Wilson led all scorers with 18 points.

Though the Lady Bruins didn't play their best basketball, Robinson believes the team will be ready to face the Lady Hawks.

"We hadn't played in almost a week," she said. "So we got that out of the way and we're just focused on Hillgrove."

# Litke: There's no hope folks will forget what A-Rod did

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This was his answer:

"I didn't think they were steroids. I mean, that's again part of being young and stupid. It was over-the-counter. It was pretty basic, and, you know, it was really amateur hour. I mean, it was two guys. We couldn't ask anyone. We didn't want to ask anyone. We went outside team doctors, team trainers. It was two guys doing a very amateur and immature thing.

"And we probably didn't even take it right. ... We used to do it about two times a month. I don't even know if that's proper. So when this gentleman asked me about how it affected us, I'm not sure if we even did it right to affect us in the right way. So, all these years, I never thought I did anything that was wrong. Perhaps, but not wrong, and come to find out 'boli' triggered a positive test in '03."

"Boli" is very likely street slang for Primabolan, one of two anabolic steroids (the other was testosterone) which Sports Illustrated reported were found in Rodriguez's 2003 test sample. Known by the chemical name methenolone, Primabolan is not something you would stumble on combing the shelves at GNC, trying to find a replacement for "Ripped Fuel."

It's the kind of substance very sophisticated dopers use, more expensive than most steroids and detectable for a shorter time, with fewer side effects. Taken in tandem with testosterone, part of a routine called "cycling," Primabolan increases strength and adds lean muscle, but little bulk.

Maybe it was just Rodriguez's good luck that he stumbled upon it.

According to his account, he noticed few changes while taking it and none after stopping.

"I'm not sure what the benefit was," he said. "I will say this, when you take any substance or anything, especially in baseball, it's half-mental and half-physical. If you take this glass of water and you say, 'I'm going to be a better baseball player,' if you believe it, you probably will be.

"So I certainly felt more energy, but it's hard to say, hard to say," Rodriguez added, his voice trailing off. "Hard to say."

Maybe so.

But just as Rodriguez cites numbers to support his contention that two of his best seasons — 1996 and 2007 — came on either side of using "boli," it's worth examining them during those 18 months, too. Compare A-Rod's average stats from 2001-03 with the averages from the rest of his career and what you find is someone playing a dozen more games each season, with roughly a dozen more home runs and RBIs, and a slugging percentage nearly 40 points higher.

"The only thing that I ask this group today and the American people," Rodriguez said at the end of the 35-minute, question-and-answer session, "is to judge me from this day forward."

Sad to say, but there's no chance of that happening now.

Rodriguez is hardly the only one to blame for the haphazard, piecemeal fashion in which confirmation that the era he just witnessed was supersized. He's only the latest and most credible source to be frozen in the headlines.

He may reap the reward for his honesty 15 years down the road, right about the time he becomes eligible for the Hall of Fame — assuming enough other players, general managers, owners, trainers and assorted hangers-on come clean or provide the context against which the rest of us can confidently measure their accomplishments.

For the time being, though, we continue to wrestle with the dilemma best expressed as "Who are you going to believe, me or your lying eyes?"

During one of the long pauses interspersed among his answers, A-Rod scanned the crowd of reporters, a number of whom will vote for the Hall of Fame the first time his name turns up on the ballot. He knows how Mark McGwire was rejected, how Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens are likely to be.

"I hope that after my career is over, the evidence falls in my favor. But if it doesn't," Rodriguez said, "I also understand that, too."

That better be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Jones still debates WR Owens' future

ARLINGTON, Texas — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones insists he hasn't decided whether Terrell Owens will return and that coach Wade Phillips will be his own defensive coordinator in 2009.

Jones also said Tuesday he wasn't surprised an agreement couldn't be reached with Dan Reeves. The former Cowboys player who coached Denver and Atlanta to the Super Bowl was set to join the team as a consultant before the deal fell through at the last minute.

Speculation about Owens' future has swirled since the Cowboys' season ended.

Defensive coordinator Brian Stewart was fired a few weeks later, and Jones said he decided not to hire a replacement.

### Kentucky Speedway sets \$70M expansion

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Speedway Motorsports Inc. owner Bruton Smith plans to spend upward of \$70 million to help Kentucky Speedway land a lucrative NASCAR Sprint Cup race.

The Kentucky state legislature is ready to help offset some of the cost, if Smith can finally end the track's decade-long pursuit of a date on the crowded Cup calendar.

Lawmakers are working on an amendment to the Kentucky Tourism Development Act that would allow SMI to recoup 25 percent of the expansion costs over a 20-year period through sales tax revenue.

The proposal comes with a caveat: no Cup race, no tax break.

### Vick's Atlanta home on the auction block

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick's suburban Atlanta home will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on March 10.

The judge presiding over Vick's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case issued an order scheduling the auction Tuesday. The order sets an opening bid of \$3.2 million for the eight-bedroom home in a gated community in Duluth.

The auction will be held in either Atlanta or Gwinnett County, upon agreement by Vick and the committee representing his creditors.

### Lions rework deal to keep Culpepper

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions have restructured the contract of Daunte Culpepper and signed potential free agents Jason Hanson and Stephen Peterman to long-term deals.

The team did not release terms for any of the contracts.

Culpepper, who came out of retirement midway through last year's 0-16 season, was due to receive a \$2.5 million roster bonus this month, but that the deal had been restructured. He is on the last of a two-year deal.

Detroit signed Hanson, their kicker since 1992, to a four-year deal and kept Peterman, a starting guard, for five more seasons.

— Associated Press

# Braves: Impact

➤ *Continued from page 1B*

we've all had to learn," said Braves hitting coach Terry Pendleton, the NL MVP in 1991. "It taught him that you have to persevere and deal with some harsh and rough times."

Francoeur came under increasing criticism last season as his batting average tumbled and his powerful stroke turned feeble. The automatic cheers at Turner Field turned to muffled groans, then morphed into full-scale heckling every time "Frenchy" failed to come through in a clutch situation.

Francoeur's struggles fell right in line with the

Braves' downfall. He was a convenient whipping boy for the ills of a franchise that went from dominant — Atlanta won a record 14 straight division titles from 1991-2005 — to its worst record (72-90) in 18 seasons.

"It had more impact last year because we weren't doing well," Francoeur said.

Everyone sure took note of his numbers: a .239 average with 11 homers and 71 RBIs.

He laughs off those who call this a crossroads in his career. He just turned 25. He's still got plenty of time to live up to the potential he showed during that magical debut of 2005 and the two productive seasons that followed.



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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL: MEN'S TOP 25**

# Book it: Tigers rout Maryland

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CLEMSON, S.C. — Trevor Booker had 11 points and 14 rebounds to lead No. 13 Clemson to a 93-64 victory over Maryland on Tuesday night.

The Tigers (21-4, 7-4 ACC) bounced back from a puzzling loss to Virginia two days earlier with their second conference win of 27 points or more this season.

Landon Milbourne scored 13 points to lead the Terrapins (16-9, 5-6), who could be on their way to missing the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years.

Clemson never trailed after the first 6 minutes of the game, and went on a 43-17 run that started from the last minute of the first half. Eight Tigers scored during the run, but the team seemed to feed off Booker, doing things not usually expected from a big man like throwing a no-look pass for an assist or stepping back and burying a 3-pointer that put Clemson up by 10 points with 16 minutes to go.

■ **Purdue 72, Michigan State 54:** At West Lafayette, Ind., JaJuan Johnson scored 17 points to lead No. 19 Purdue over No. 6 Michigan State and move the Boilermakers within one game of the Spartans in the Big Ten standings.

E'Twaun Moore scored 13 points and Robbie Hummel added 11 for Purdue in his first start since

missing three games with a hairline fracture in his lower back. The Boilermakers (20-6, 9-4), who have five games left, won their third straight.

Kalin Lucas scored 14 points and Durrell Summers added 11 for Michigan State (20-5, 10-3), which had won three in a row. The Spartans tied a season low for points.

Michigan State had held its previous three opponents under 50 points, but the Boilermakers shot 48 percent and scored their 50th point with nearly 11 minutes remaining.

■ **No. 10 Marquette 79, Seton Hall 67:** In Milwaukee, Wesley Matthews scored 24 points and No. 10 Marquette opened the second half with a decisive run to pull away from Seton Hall for a 79-67 victory Tuesday night.

Lazar Hayward added 14 points for the Golden Eagles (22-4, 11-2 Big East), who trailed by three points at halftime but outscored the Pirates 16-3 coming out of the break — and then Marquette got to shoot six straight free throws after a personal foul and two technicals were called on Seton Hall.

Jeremy Hazell scored 23 points for the Pirates (14-11, 5-8), who have lost two straight games to top 10 teams after having their five-game winning streak snapped by No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday.

## MCRD tourney

Murray County Recreation Department played its post-season basketball tournament on Jan. 24-31. Scores and leading scorers included.

**7-8 Girls**

Lady Vols 13, Lady Mocs 5 - (V) Kailee Tipton 8, Tatum Brown 5.

Bobcats 10, Indians 7 (B) Katie Ashe 6  
Shooting Stars 19, Jayhawks 2 - (SS) Savannah Satterfield 16.

Wildcats 15, Heat 11 - (W) August Miles 9, Haley Tate 6 (H) Allie Ausmus 9.

Shooting Stars 14, Bobcats 8 - (SS) Savannah Satterfield 12.

Lady Vols 11, Wildcats 2- (V) Kailee Tipton 7.

Championship:  
Lady Vols 12, Shooting Stars 11 - (V) Kailee Tipton 8 (SS) Savannah Satterfield 10.

**9-10 Girls**

Knockouts 20, Wildcats 16 - (K) Hannah Long 12, Julie Swanson 5; (W) Ashley Harrison 12.

Rounders 18, Sky Rockets 10 - (R) Skylar Key 7, Lauren Wells 5; (S) Kelli Barnes 6.

Angels 16, Rounders 9 - (A) Tisha Sexton 9.  
Spurs 25, Rounders 12 - (S) Katelyn Crumley 10; (R) Jordan Rymer 5.

Lady Vols 15, Lady Knockouts 7.  
Championship:  
Spurs 24 Lady Vols 12.

**11-12 Girls**

Bulldogs 23, Lady Crush 17(B) Bailee Cox 12; (LC) Harmony Jones 8, Sara Bramblett 6

Lady Vols 23, Lady Jackets 20 (V) Katlyn Richardson 15; (J) Meghan Hamilton 8, Reilly Wright 7

Black Hawks 27, Blue Devils 21 (BH) Sarah Massengale 17; (BD) Brittany Flood 10, Allie Davis 9

Black Hawks 30, Lady Crush 17 (BH) Sarah Massengale 17, Chloe Brown 6; (L) Sarah Bramblett 10, Amber Bandy 6

Lady Vols 31, Bulldogs 16 (V) Katlyn Richardson 23; (B) Khrystina Morgan 6.

Heat 21, Lady Jackets 8 (H) Hannah Campbell 9, Ransley Defoor 8; (LJ) Reilly Wright 6.

Lady Vols 26, Lady Hawks 17 (V) Katlyn Richardson 15; (H) Sarah Massengale 7.

Heat 24, Bulldogs 13 (H) Ransley Defoor 9, Bailey Vance 8; (B) Bailee Cox 7.  
Championship:

Lady Vols 16, Heat 13 (V) Katlyn Richardson 8.

**7-8 Boys**

Indians 16, Wildcats 11 - (I) Zach Blaylock 6.  
Hoosiers 14, Bama Dawgs 6 - (H) Ladd McConkey 11.

Hawks 18, Warriors 6 - (H) Waylyn James 12.

Clemson 26, Bruins 2 - (C) Jaden Baggett 16, Tal Martin 6.

Hawks 24, Blue Devils 12 - (H) Waylyn James 22; (B) Jordan McClure 5.

Blue Devils 18, Indians 7 - (B) Jackson Quarles 10.

Hoosiers 20, Bruins 3 - (H) Ladd McConkey 13.

Hawks 8, Clemson 6 - (H) Waylyn James 6; (C) Jaden Baggett 5.

Championship:  
Hawks 17, Hoosiers 13 - (H) Waylyn James 17; (H) Ladd McConkey 12.

**9-10 Boys**

Stars 33, Tarheels 7 - (S) Tate Tipton 9, Garrett Elrod 7, Tyler Richardson 7, Ethan Payne 6

76ers 25, Storm 10 - (76) Gage Earley 9, Julio Chavez 8, Uriel Carrillo 6.

Indians 27, Cyclones 22 - (I) Nikolas Malchesky 11, Connor Rice 5, Adrian Winters 5; (C) Samuel Miles 10, Chris Cooks 6.

Hawks 33, Jayhawks 12 - (H) Kyle Nelson 9, Dylan Greeson 8, Brody Frazier 6, Colby Callahan 6; (J) Tucker Humble 9.

Stars 29, Indians 16 - (S) Tate Tipton 10, Tyler Richardson 5; (I) Dustin Gibson 7, Tucker Gregg 7.

Championship:  
Stars 33, Hawks 25 - (S) Tate Tipton 20, Tyler Richardson 9; (H) Brody Frazier 10, Dylan Greeson 5

**11-12 Boys**

Tide 26, Celtics 18 - (T) Alex Viars 9, Caleb Parker 9, Ezekiel Fraire 5; (C) Seth Satterfield 8, Phillip McClure 5

Wildcats 38, Hawks 35 - (W) Adrian Cooks 16, Josh North 10, Jordan Adams 10; (H) Joseph Starks 11, Nathan Spivey 17.

Stars 37, Wildcats 24 - (S) Tyler Tipton 24, Jacob Hixenbaugh 6, Hunter Ary 5; (W) Adrian Cooks 15.

Championship:  
Stars 25, Tarheels 20 - (S) Payton Swilling 9, Tyler Tipton 5, Neal Shukla 6; (T) Lucas Sexton 12, Alex Hibbs 5.

# SCOREBOARD

**LOCAL**

**Prep Schedule**

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

**Thursday**  
Region 6-3A Tournament  
At Altoona High School  
Southeast girls vs. Cartersville, 4  
Southeast boys vs. Cartersville, 5:30  
Varsity soccer  
Northwest Whitfield boys at Southeast, 5

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

**JV soccer**  
Southeast boys at Northwest Whitfield, 3:30

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

**JV soccer**  
Dalton boys at McIntosh, 6:30

**Saturday**  
Varsity golf  
Northwest Whitfield boys at North-South Challenge, 9 a.m.

**Varsity soccer**  
Gordon Central girls vs. Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette, 10 a.m.  
Southeast vs. Spain Park at Oak Mountain Tournament in Birmingham, Ala., 7  
Varsity wrestling  
Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournament, Gwinnett Center

**Junior varsity soccer**  
Calhoun at Murray County, TBA

**TELEVISION**

**On Today**

**CYCLING**  
4 p.m.  
VERSUS — Tour of California, stage 4, Merced to Clovis, Calif.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Providence at Louisville

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — Orlando at New Orleans  
10:30 p.m.  
ESPN — L.A. Lakers at Golden State

**PRO HOCKEY**

**NHL Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Atlantic Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
New Jersey 37 18 3 77 179 145  
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 40 10 8 88 197 131  
Montreal 30 21 6 66 172 172  
Buffalo 30 22 6 66 172 160  
Ottawa 22 25 8 52 137 155  
Toronto 21 26 10 52 172 210

**Southeast Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Washington 36 16 5 77 191 163  
Florida 29 20 8 66 164 155  
Carolina 28 25 5 61 147 171  
Tampa Bay 19 27 11 49 145 181  
Atlanta 21 32 5 47 172 204

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Central Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Detroit 37 12 8 82 215 168  
Chicago 32 15 8 72 186 140  
Columbus 28 23 6 62 155 158  
Nashville 27 27 3 57 138 160  
St. Louis 24 25 7 55 160 172

**Northwest Division**  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Calgary 33 18 5 71 178 165  
Edmonton 29 23 4 62 159 171  
Vancouver 27 21 8 62 169 163  
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 9 57 146 157  
Phoenix 25 28 5 55 146 178

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

**Monday's Scores**  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO  
Dallas 3, Columbus 2, SO  
St. Louis 2, N.Y. Rangers 1  
Ottawa 2, Nashville 0  
Edmonton 3, Phoenix 1  
Atlanta 7, Los Angeles 6, SO

**Tuesday's Scores**  
Boston 5, Carolina 1  
Buffalo 4, Toronto 1  
Florida 4, New Jersey 0  
Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 3  
Ottawa at Colorado, late  
Vancouver at Calgary, late  
Edmonton at San Jose, late

**Today's Games**  
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Montreal at Washington, 7:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA Glance**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Atlantic Division  
W L Pct GB  
Boston 44 11 .800 —  
Philadelphia 27 25 .519 15 1/2  
New Jersey 24 29 .453 19  
New York 22 31 .415 21  
Toronto 21 34 .382 23

**Southeast Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Orlando 39 13 .750 —  
Atlanta 31 21 .596 8  
Miami 28 24 .538 11  
Charlotte 21 32 .396 18 1/2  
Washington 12 42 .222 28

**Central Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Cleveland 40 11 .784 —  
Detroit 27 25 .519 13 1/2  
Milwaukee 27 29 .482 15 1/2  
Chicago 23 30 .434 18  
Indiana 22 33 .400 20

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Southwest Division  
W L Pct GB  
San Antonio 35 17 .673 —  
New Orleans 31 20 .608 3 1/2  
Houston 32 21 .604 3 1/2  
Dallas 31 21 .596 4  
Memphis 15 37 .288 20

**Northwest Division**  
W L Pct GB  
Denver 36 17 .679 —

Portland 32 20 .615 3 1/2  
Utah 30 23 .566 6  
Minnesota 17 35 .327 18 1/2  
Oklahoma City 13 41 .241 23 1/2

**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

**Monday's Scores**

No games scheduled  
**Tuesday's Scores**  
Orlando 107, Charlotte 102, OT  
Indiana 100, Philadelphia 91  
Washington 111, Minnesota 103  
Milwaukee 92, Detroit 86  
New York 112, San Antonio 107, OT  
New Orleans 100, Oklahoma City 98  
New Jersey at Houston, late  
Memphis at Utah, late  
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late  
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, late

**Today'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.

**Thursday's Games**  
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
Boston at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

**College Men's Scores**

**EAST**  
Alfred 71, St. John Fisher 63  
Bloomfield 93, Caldwell 77  
Bryant 70, N.J. Tech 46  
Hamilton 77, Hobart 76  
Mount St. Vincent 88, Staten Island 84  
Penn 62, Princeton 55, OT  
Vermont 77, UMBEC 65  
Wilkes 62, Misericordia 57

**SOUTH**  
Austin Peay 72, Jacksonville St. 60  
Clemson 93, Maryland 64  
Southern Miss. 69, East Carolina 59

**MIDWEST**  
Bethel, Ind. 63, Taylor 55  
Bradley 71, Missouri St. 60  
Creighton 89, Evansville 84  
Kansas St. 95, N.C. Central 49  
Kent St. 64, Ohio 51  
Marquette 79, Seton Hall 67  
Mount Vernon Nazarene 63, Malone 62  
Murray St. 79, SE Missouri 60  
N. Dakota St. 96, S. Dakota St. 74  
Purdue 72, Michigan St. 54

**TRANSACTIONS**

**Tuesday's Moves**

**BASEBALL**  
National League  
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with 3B Edwin Encarnacion on a two-year contract.  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed manager Fredi Gonzalez to a contract extension through 2011.  
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Andre Ethier on a one-year contract.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RF Corey Hart on a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with RHP Eric Gagne on a minor-league contract.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Nate McLouth on a three-year contract. American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Robert Wooley and RHP Maximino DeLa Cruz. Released C Dylan Parzyk, INF Walter Olmstead, RHP Carl Scheafer and LHP Adam Blackley.  
FORT WORTH CATS—Released INF Pat O'Sullivan.  
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Signed 1B Andres Rodriguez.  
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed LHP Richard Salazar, LHP Brad A. Davis and INF Brennan Herrera.

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
ATLANTA HAWKS—Assigned F Othello Hunter to Anaheim (NBADL).  
BOSTON CELTICS—Traded G Sam Cassell to Sacramento for a conditional 2015 second-round draft pick.  
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Traded F Joe Smith and F-C Chris Wilcox to New Orleans for C Tyson Chandler and the rights to C DeVon Hardin.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed WR Justin Jenkins.  
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Steve Hagen tight ends coach and Gary Brown running backs coach.  
DETROIT LIONS—Signed PK Jason Hanson to a four-year contract and G Stephen Peterman to a five-year contract.  
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released RB Deuce McAllister.

**Canadian Football League**  
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed FB Graeme Bell, S Scott Gordon, OL Kyle Koch, LB Maurice Lloyd and RB Jesse Lumsden.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed F Fredrik Modin on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 14.  
DALLAS STARS—Placed C Brad Richards on injured reserve. Recalled RW Chris Conner from Peoria (AHL).  
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned D Ryan O'Byrne and F Sergei Kostitsyn to Hamilton (AHL). Recalled F Greg Stewart from Hamilton.  
PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned D David Schlemko to San Antonio (AHL).  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Ty Wishart from Norfolk (AHL).  
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned D Karl Alzner and F Jay Beagle to Hershey (AHL).

**SOCCER**  
Major League Soccer  
D.C. UNITED—Announced the retirement of G Zach Wells.

**COLLEGE**  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Announced QB Antonio Henton has left the program to seek playing opportunities elsewhere.  
KANSAS STATE—Suspended G Denis Clemente one game for his involvement in two incidents against Kansas on Saturday.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—Signed women's basketball coach Gene Roebuck to a contract extension through June 30, 2012.  
SEVÁNIA—Named Hank McClung offensive line and golf coach.  
UNC-WILMINGTON—Named Amy Bambenek women's volleyball coach.

**AP SPORTLIGHT**

**Feb. 18**

1951 — Manhattan District Attorney Frank S. Hogan orders the arrest of three CCNY basketball players on bribery charges, and two professional gamblers and two intermediaries in a game-fixing scandal that involves college teams across the country.

1981 — Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores five goals and adds two assists to lead the Oilers over the St. Louis Blues 9-2.

1990 — Dale Earnhardt blows a tire with one mile remaining in the Daytona 500, giving unheralded Derrike Cope the biggest upset in stock car racing history.

1992 — Italy's Alberto Tomba wins the men's giant slalom in Albertville, France, to become the first Alpine skier to win the same event at two Winter Olympics.

1995 — Utah guard John Stockton becomes the first NBA player with 10,000 assists in a 108-98 victory over the Boston Celtics.

2001 — Dale Earnhardt, the greatest stock car star of his era, is killed in a crash on the last turn of the last lap of the Daytona 500 as he tries to protect Michael Waltrip's victory.

2003 — Kobe Bryant scores a season-high 52 points to make it 10 consecutive games with 35 or more — and a franchise-record six straight with at least 40 — in the Lakers' 106-99 win over Houston in double overtime.

2004 — New Jersey Nets coach Lawrence Frank sets an NBA record for most consecutive wins to start a coaching career with 10 with a 98-92 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

2005 — Yelena Isinbayeva sets her second pole vault world record in a week and becomes the first woman to clear 16 feet indoors at the Norwich Union Grand Prix meet in Birmingham, England. The Russian betters the mark of 15-11 3/4 set on Feb. 12 by clearing 16-0.

**PRO BASEBALL**

# Rays block Kazmir from WBC games

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Scott Kazmir will not pitch for the United States in next month's World Baseball Classic because the Tampa Bay Rays were concerned about the risk of injury to the All-Star left-hander.

The AL champions petitioned to have Kazmir removed from Team USA because the 25-year-old missed the opening month of last season with an elbow strain suffered during spring training and then pitched through October because of the playoffs and World Series.

"With health issues that he had last year, coupled with the fact he played an extra month, we felt the prudent thing to do would be to push him back a little bit in spring, as we're doing with some of our other pitchers as well," Rays executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman said Tuesday night.

"We felt like the difference between pitching competitively in early March with USA on your chest as opposed to some time in the second week of March in a Grapefruit League game differed greatly in terms of what it takes to get to that point, as well as stress on the arm."

Kazmir, a two-time All-Star, was 12-8 with a 3.49 ERA in 2008. Even though he just turned 25 last month, he's already Tampa Bay's career leader in wins, innings pitched, strikeouts and ERA.

Friedman called the Team USA invitation "very well-deserved," but stressed the Rays felt Kazmir's participation "had a chance to be problematic over the span of a six-month season, and hopefully an extra month beyond that."

Last May, the left-hander signed a three-year contract extension that guarantees him \$28.5 million. The deal through 2011 includes a club option for 2012 and could be worth up to \$39.5 million.

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**103 Found**  
Found near Old Ringgold Road area. Large, black German Shepherd mix dog. Wearing blue collar. Call: 706-271-6940

**104 Lost**  
Lost Dachshund / Jack Russell mixed male, brown dog in the Rocky Face area. Reward offered. Call if seen 706-618-6366

Missing since: Feb. 5th. American Pitt Bull. Male, tan & white. Lost from South 41 Hwy area. Very friendly. 706-847-7077

**105 Special Notices**  
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**YARD SALES**



**TIP OF THE DAY**

- SIGNS**
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  - Post your signs at main intersections, street corners and at the end of your driveway.
  - Put a few signs up several days before the sale to raise awareness.
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**611 Misc. Items For Sale**  
5 floor length, formal dresses. Sizes 2 and 4. Some worn once. 706-217-7825

**UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle**

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

	3		2		6	
1		7	6		4	9
				7	5	
						5
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2			7			1

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 6B of the classifieds.

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TENNIS

# Federer will skip Cup play

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press Writer  
Roger Federer pulled out of Switzerland's Davis Cup series against the United States next month and a tournament in Dubai next week because of a back problem that has bothered him since last year.

The 13-time Grand Slam singles champion had announced in October he would play for his country against the U.S. team led by Andy Roddick in Birmingham, Ala., on March 6-8. It would have been the first time since 2004 that Federer played in first-round Davis Cup matches.

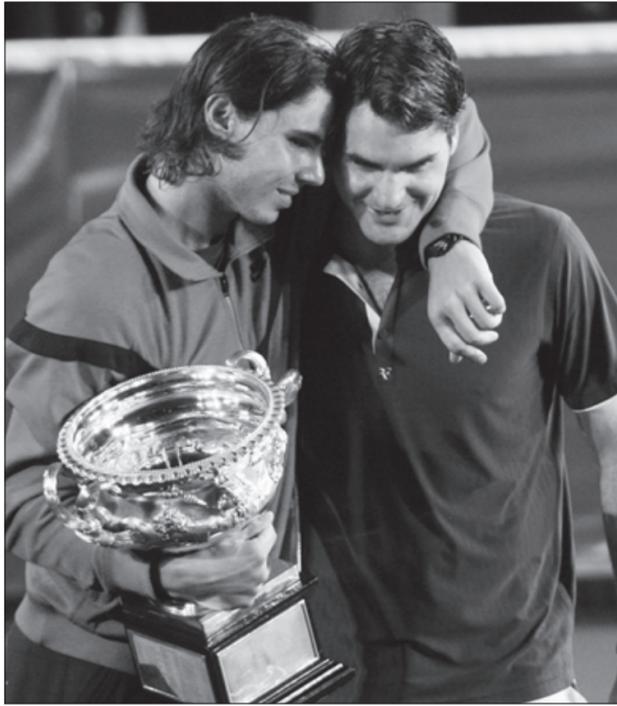
"As a precautionary measure, I will use the next few weeks to make sure the back injury is fully rehabilitated and I am ready for the rest of the 2009 season," Federer said in a statement posted on his Web site Tuesday.

He has not played a competitive match since Feb. 1, when he lost to top-ranked Rafael Nadal in five sets in the Australian Open final.

A victory over Nadal in that match would have allowed Federer to tie Pete Sampras' career record of 14 majors.

A right leg injury could force Nadal to miss the Feb. 23-28 Dubai tournament, too, but he said Monday he hopes to play for Spain in the Davis Cup.

"This was a hard decision to make as I am missing not only one



AP PHOTO  
**Roger Federer, right, being consoled by Rafael Nadal after losing in the Australian Open final, will be sidelined a few weeks by a back injury that has plagued him for more than a year.**

of my favorite events on tour in Dubai, but I am also missing out on an opportunity to help my country try and move on to the next round of Davis Cup," Federer said.

Tickets for all three days of the Switzerland-U.S. contest at the 16,000-seat Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena sold out in less than an hour last month.

"I'm kind of disappointed, to be honest. Obviously, it changes the complexion of the match, in that it makes us a pretty significant favorite," U.S. Davis Cup

captain Patrick McEnroe said in a telephone interview.

"He's a big part of the reason we sold out. I'm kind of disappointed for tennis," McEnroe said.

Without the No. 2-ranked Federer, Switzerland probably will rely heavily on No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka against the United States. Wawrinka teamed with Federer to win the gold medal in doubles at the Beijing Olympics.

The U.S. team is expected to include No. 6 Roddick, No. 13 Blake and the doubles pairing of twins Bob and Mike Bryan.

COMMENTARY

# Dogs' Norton pulling out all stops to win track title

It has been 72 years since Georgia won the Southeastern Conference track championship in 1937. Wayne Norton figures it's been long enough since the Bulldogs' title in 1937 and wants that to change.

In his 10th year as the Bulldog coach, Norton's biggest challenge with his program has been to change a curious trend with the outstanding track athletes in the state of Georgia.

"It is amazing, the attitudes that have existed," he said. "So many of the kids have developed the thinking that they should go out of state when there is a great opportunity right here at home with several college programs. It is difficult to change the trend, but we are beginning to make some progress."

One of the factors is that many former Bulldog track athletes are now coaching in the state. When Norton recruits, he uses his own experience as part of his pitch.

"My wife, Priscilla, and I really like Athens," he said. "We have lived in other parts of the country. We feel that we know. Athens is nice and friendly. You feel good when you walk down the streets. I tell high school kids that you should go some place where you feel good when you wake up on a cold morning in winter. Athens is that kind of place."

Georgia produces an abundance of athletes, especially in football and basketball. Track athletes are out there, too, but they have traditionally looked outside the Peach State to pursue college careers. While Norton doesn't speak out, he knows the problem.

Track in Georgia has not been given the emphasis of other sports. Too often the track coach is a volunteer, whereas in other states there is greater emphasis on facilities and salaries for track coaches.

As he looks toward the spring, Norton sees a balanced men's team with good experience. "We have a good number of juniors and seniors coming back," he said.

One reason for Norton's optimism about this year's men's team

is sprinter Torrin Lawrence, a freshman.

"I believe," Norton said, "that Torrin is the best freshman sprinter we have ever had here."

That is saying something, since Herschel Walker spent time in a Bulldogs track uniform.

The women's team is experiencing significant personnel losses, creating a challenge to equal results of the recent past when the Lady Dogs finished in the top 11 in the NCAAs five years in a row.



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Former Georgia track coach John Mitchell hired Norton from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. While at Northern Arizona, he got to know three football coaches who would become head coaches in the National Football League — Bill Callahan (Raiders), Brad Childress (Vikings), and Andy Reid (Eagles).

A New Jersey native, Norton is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and got his masters from Indiana University.

His geographical exposure has led to the finest place, in his opinion, to call home. His mission has become to convince the state's best track athletes that staying home makes sense.

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# Pettitte speaks with prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors have interviewed Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte as they investigate whether his former teammate Roger Clemens lied to Congress when he denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

Two people familiar with the case told The Associated Press on

Tuesday that Pettitte was in Washington last week to meet with prosecutors.

The same week prosecutors were talking to Pettitte, they also won a guilty plea from the Houston Astros' All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada for a misdemeanor count of lying to Congress about steroids in baseball.

Pettitte could be a crucial witness for any case against Clemens. The two trained together for years.

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That's how far it is between Fort Riley, Kan. and Baghdad. Sounds like a lot, right? Not if you're a determined father like Capt. Jay "J.D." Sterrett III.

J.D. is currently on his second deployment to Iraq, leaving behind his wife, Angela, and their 2-year-old son, Braxton. Also anxiously awaiting his return are his parents, Jay and Sherry Sterrett of Cohutta. The long separation has been difficult for all — especially little Braxton — who is too young to understand why his "da-da" can't be there to tuck him in at night.

From a young age, J.D. looked to the military as a career, joining the Army National Guard in high school. He turned down The Citadel and Texas A&M to attend North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega after graduation. In the process, he also turned down a full Georgia Military Scholarship — which didn't make his dad too happy at first.

"They told him he'd have to join the Georgia National Guard and he said 'no' and gave them their scholarship back," said J.D.'s father. "By the time he got back to his room, the Army was waiting and told him they would give him a full scholarship. He called and told us what he had done and how much money he owed, and I was like 'you did what?' Then he told us about the Army offer."

J.D., 30, finished college in 2002 and entered the Army as an officer. He married Angela in 2004. A year later he was off to Iraq to serve as his company's executive officer, an assignment that quickly changed to being embedded with the Iraqi Army. He



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Jay and Sherry Sterrett of Cohutta hold up photos of their grandson, Braxton, and their son, J.D., who is on his second deployment to Iraq.

returned home with a Bronze Star and attended Captain's School at Fort Knox, Ky. After that he transferred to Fort Riley as an intelligence officer.

Last fall the call came down that J.D.'s company was being deployed yet again. The group of 87 men headed out on the night of his wedding anniversary. As of now he is in charge of four qatahs, which are areas bigger than a county but smaller than a state. He oversees the development of government, economics and infrastructure. However, the company is set

to move its area of operation to Southern Baghdad in preparation for President Obama's plan to withdraw U.S. troops.

According to Jay, the idea isn't sitting too well with the locals.

"Some Iraqis are excited about the U.S. leaving but most are scared," he said. "They're afraid Al-Qaida will get stronger."

In the meantime, J.D. continues to do his job — far, far away from his family. Near the end of 2008, he thought about how he wasn't home to share his and Braxton's nightly bedtime ritual. Then it

dawned on him ... he didn't have to be home.

J.D. took his small handheld video camera issued to each soldier for interrogations, bought some mini-discs and a children's book, found a quiet corner and recorded himself chatting to Braxton and reading the book. He then mailed the book and disc home so Braxton could watch his dad on their computer. After several times, the company's chaplain took him aside and explained that there was a small problem.

"He said, 'Some of your men

have seen you doing this and they want to do it, too,'" said J.D.'s father. "He called home at 3:30 a.m. and said, 'Dad? I have a problem.'"

Jay and Sherry immediately pitched in to help, buying books and discs and mailing them to the company. They sent one to two packages per week, each costing \$12.95 in postage. About a month later, J.D. called again and said he had another problem. Word had spread among the other companies in the battalion, and they wanted in on the action, too.

All 1,300 of them.

Jay and Sherry are eager to do whatever it takes to assist their son, but the task has its challenges. Sherry is limited by multiple sclerosis, and then there is the financial issue. Friends have donated books and money, but they can only do so much.

"If this takes off and we start helping the battalion, we're going to need a lot of help," Jay said.

"We had no idea it would take off like it has," said Sherry. "But when we give our promise to our child, we'll help him."

Their ultimate goal is to help alleviate the toll of long separations that they take on youngsters like Braxton and keep military families together.

"Braxton broke his arm recently, and when he went to the hospital he saw a man in a military uniform," said Jay, wiping away tears. "He thought it was his dad and ran to him yelling 'da-da!'"

The man asked Braxton where his da-da was.

"He's in I-roq (Iraq)," Braxton replied proudly.

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COMMENTARY

# The birth of basketball's 'Pickle Defense'

As I've said in this space before, I am afraid of pickles.

I simply hate being around them — been that way since I was a kid. I detest looking at them, abhor smelling them, just loathe being in their presence — sort of like how I feel about Florida Gator fans, except pickles rarely wear jean shorts.



**Len Robbins**

I really don't know how I developed this picklephobia. Perhaps I was kidnapped by a pickle as a child, or got trapped in a pickle jar (I was rather squirrely and thin as a youngster).

Again, I can't recall the experience or instance where pickles became my personal El Guapo. But it's there — which naturally leads me to a story about coaching little girls' basketball.

I was coaching a team of 7-to-9-year-old girls. We were in the midst of a game against our arch-rivals, the Cheetah Girls.

I remember that we were short on personnel that night because of Little Miss Sweetheart pageant rehearsals. We had six players that evening, which meant we only had one reserve. At the end of the first quarter, I told one of the girls who had started that she was going to sit the second quarter.

"Coach Len, can I go get something to drink?" she asked sweetly.

"Sure," I replied, then gave the five other girls their second quarter instructions, which consisted of: "See that goal over there? That's the one we're shooting at."

Early in the second quarter, one of our players on the court got hurt — the ball glanced off her leg — and she came to the sideline in tears.

I ushered her gently to the bench and told my one reserve — for the sake of this story, we'll call her Brittany — to go in for her sobbing teammate.

About a minute later, we were on defense, and I noticed something odd. All of our players had their hands up — as per my instructions — except for Brittany.

She had one hand up.

Upon closer inspection, I realized why. In her other hand was a pickle, halfway wrapped in a napkin.

Apparently, between quarters, while Brittany went to get a drink, she also stopped by the concession stand and purchased a pickle.

I have either played or coached basketball for over 30 years, but never witnessed this particular dilemma — what to do about a player eating on the court. I had two choices. I could: A. Call a timeout and confiscate the pickle; or B. Let it go and see what happens.

I chose B. because: 1. I thought it would be funny; and 2. In order to confiscate the pickle, I would have to touch it (albeit wrapped in a soggy napkin).

After a change of possession, we were on offense, Brittany playing on the wing. She basically stood out there, taking a bite every few seconds, watching the game before her. Then it was back to defense, and this went on for a number of minutes.

While we were on defense, I noticed another oddity. Brittany was in the middle on defense, positioned at the free-throw line. Whenever the opposing team's point guard would come near her with the ball, instead of penetrating to the basket, she would wince, back away, and dribble elsewhere. This happened about four or five times.

I figured out the reason: The pickle. Apparently, I wasn't the only one with an aversion toward the briny loaf of yuckiness and its malodorous funk. We actually took the lead right before halftime because of our new defensive strategy.

Unfortunately, Brittany finished off her dinner before the start of the third quarter, and, pickleless, we lost by 20.

But it wasn't the fault of the "Pickle Defense."

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

# Push through weight loss plateau with better nutrition

It is the third week of February, you're regularly hitting the weight room and cardio workouts. You've seen some improvement in overall health, a little increase in strength but hardly any weight loss. This is the point where some people either become discouraged and give up or kick it into "high" gear.

First off, there's no need to be discouraged and abandon the goals you've set. Secondly, there is no need to overdo it and perhaps incur an overuse injury. Let me suggest an alternative. Take a look at your nutrition plan!

It has often been said, "You can't out train a bad diet." How true those words are. No matter how hard you work out, if you still make poor nutritional choices all of your hard efforts will be sabotaged. You need to make sure you are using the right fuel for your training. Try implementing some or all of these foods into your diet along with your exercise program.

**Whey protein.** This type of protein is possibly the best option for influencing your metabolism. It comes in powder form and is produced from cow's milk. As a high quality protein, your metabolism actually burns more calories digesting it than a comparable amount of either carbohydrate or fat. Protein is also a more satiating nutrient, helping you cut calories by making your body feel fuller longer. You can find it in the nutrition section of most grocery stores or in any specialty nutrition store.

**Rolled oats.** They can be prepared with whey protein and flaxseed earlier in the day to boost your metabolism with high quality carbohydrates, protein and good fats. Consuming these oats in the



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Good nutrition is an important part of weight loss.

morning will allow for more efficient brain and body function throughout the day, which is so important for cutting down on the cravings and snacking that so often occurs when we don't get a high quality breakfast.

**Almonds.** These nuts are packed with good fats, fiber and protein. Almonds contain essential fatty acids that help elevate your metabolism just by consuming them. They are good to use if a small handful cuts down appetite and helps prevent blood sugar swings and cravings. However, since they have a high calorie content, you must limit your portions to a small quantity when fat loss is the goal.

**Lean meat selections.** Turkey can be one of the leanest and easiest protein choices. Its high content of protein keeps your metabolism burning hot and the variety of ways to prepare it makes it easy to eat several

times a week. Skinless chicken breast is another good source of lean protein.

Also, did you know lean red meat is full of creatine, an important substance that helps your body build muscle? Maintaining or even building your muscles some is the best thing you can do to boost your metabolism and get that strong, lean look. Muscles are the primary place where most calorie burning occurs.

**Spinach.** This leafy green is known for containing iron, vitamin C, potassium and magnesium. It is also packed with antioxidants that can help repair damaged muscles and its calcium content and alkalizing effect is used to help strengthen your bones. When trying to get the most nutrition with the fewest calories, green leafy vegetables like spinach are the smart choice.

**Vegetables.** They are low



in fat and low in calories and contain lots of fiber. This allows your metabolism to rise and alleviates hunger sensations by keeping your stomach full. There are plenty of options when it comes to selecting vegetables. The key is to keep the colors bright and assorted. When fat loss is the goal, many do well by trading out breads, pasta, rice, etc., for more vegetables. They allow you to fulfill a fantasy — eat all you want and more than you ever thought of eating and still lose weight.

**Beans and legumes.**

These peas or lentils pack a powerful punch of fiber, protein, potassium and antioxidants. Due to their high amount of protein and fiber, your stomach will again feel full longer and expedite your metabolism. They also add other health-related benefits such as reduced risk of heart disease and colon cancer. Try adding some to your next dip, salad or soup.

These are just a few examples of foods that can either increase your metabolism or help you cut more calories by encouraging a more stable blood sugar — cutting down on cravings and appetites. Remember, eating healthier is all about making smarter choices.

If you have nutrition questions, you should always refer to a professional. Here at the Bradley Wellness Center, we have such a person in Erica Jones, a registered dietitian. She can be reached at (706) 278-9355.

Submitted by Ben Palmer, fitness consultant, Bradley Wellness Center

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**Feb. 19**

■ The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will host a Member Mixer Feb. 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Moe's Southwest Grill in Bry-Man's Plaza.

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

**Feb. 20**

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

**Feb. 21**

■ The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will host its annual Pancake Day

fundraiser breakfast Feb. 21 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's on Walnut Avenue in Dalton. Carryout orders are available. Tickets are \$5 by calling (706) 226-5002 or may be purchased at the door.

■ All Pro Dad's Day will be held Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. at Chick-fil-A in Dalton. Fathers and children meet with other dads and kids to discuss family topics, spend time together and strengthen relationships. This month's topic is "Spending Time With Dad." There will be prizes for kids. Chick-fil-A is at 1517 W. Walnut Ave.

**Feb. 22**

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

**Feb. 24**

■ The Dalton Herb Society will meet Feb. 24 at 11:45 a.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. Local artist and instructor Judy Sorrow will present a program on "Drawing and Painting Botanicals." RSVP

no later than Feb. 18 to (706) 673-9369. Hostesses will be Sorrow and Jennifer Detweiler.

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

**Feb. 26**

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

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

**Feb. 27**

■ A spaghetti supper fundraiser will be held Feb. 27

from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Engine Room in Dalton. Plates are \$6 and include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic rolls, drink and dessert. Dine-in and carryout will both be available. Proceeds benefit the Wrangler Association, Junior Division Rodeo. The Engine Room is located on Waring Road.

■ The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will host Chamber Connections Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Outback Steakhouse in Dalton. The cost is \$15 for members and \$65 for non-members.

**Feb. 28**

■ The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church homecoming committee will host a play and dinner in observance of Black History Month Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Church of Christ in LaFayette will present "Right On King Jesus." Admission is a \$10 donation. The church is at 2014 M.L. King Jr. Blvd. in Dalton. The public is invited.

■ Descendants of W.W. Newberry Sr. and Zelma Loughridge Newberry will have a reunion Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. at Welch Memorial Baptist Church, 433 Bethel Church Road in Dalton.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will have its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser Feb. 21 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's on West Walnut Avenue in Dalton. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds up to \$2,500 will be matched by Modern Woodmen of America and will be used for pet care. Those who cannot attend may send tax-deductible donations to HSNWGA, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, GA 30722. Items needed are paper towels, bleach, large garbage bags and used blankets and towels.

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## HEALTHY VALENTINE COOKING



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Students at Faith Christian Academy in Chatsworth recently participated in a healthy Valentine cooking contest. Shown from left are Taylor Carnes, Tristan Taylor, Taylor Blair, Susan Harris, Cyric Graham, Faith Scriven, Lilly Harris, Preston Bartley and Kaitlyn Chastain.

## CELEBRATING LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY



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Commemorating Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Feb. 12, students at Faith Christian Academy in Chatsworth toured Chickamauga Battlefield. Shown from left are Preston Bartley, Kaitlyn Chastain, Lilly Harris and Syd Goble

## GROWINGS ON

# Get into the garden before winter is over

As the temperature starts to warm and the buds begin to swell, everyone is ready to start working in the garden. Winter is not over yet, but there are many jobs that you need to take care of now, so that you will be ready when the growing season starts. The following list will give you some ideas on what work you need to look at.

■ Prune muscadines in January or February. If this job is left too late in the season, bleeding from cut ends will occur.

■ Some mail order seed companies offer pelleted seed of lettuce, carrot, and a few other small-seeded crops. Pelleted seed has a special coating to make them larger. This is especially valuable for children and gardeners with arthritic hands, weak eyesight, or poor coordination. Wide spacing of seed helps eliminate thinning. When using pelleted seed, plant in moist soil and keep it moist because the coating has to dissolve before the seed can germinate.

■ Gardeners with small plots, who want to try a few of many types of plants, can turn to seed companies offering mini-packets or mixed-seed packets.

■ Review your vegetable garden plants. Perhaps a smaller garden with fewer weeds and insects will give you more produce.

■ Sow seeds of cool-season vegetables now for transplanting into the garden in March and April. Use individual peat pots, or simply cover the floor of the cold frame with a rich soil mix and sow seeds directly into it. Start broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, lettuce and spinach.

■ If you have a sandy soil that dries out extra fast in the summer, you may want to experiment with gardening in a depression. Prepare the soil in a hole or trough several inches below the surface of the paths to reduce evaporation and make watering easier.

■ Plan on hanging a few vegetable plants on your porch or deck for convenient harvest. Bush cucumbers, small tomato varieties and even lettuce and spinach can be grown in hanging baskets. Many herbs including chives, parsley, and thyme are also well-suited to baskets.

Keep these ideas in mind when the weather lets you get outside.

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



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  - 45 Italian volcano
  - 47 Parlor piece
  - 48 Wading bird
  - 49 Perches
  - 50 Wander about
  - 51 Past
  - 52 Use a ray-gun
  - 53 Massage
  - 54 Under the weather

Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 2-18



**BRIDGE**

**Actions speak louder than words**

False carding effectively is just as much an art in bridge as the ability to execute, say, a complicated squeeze or endplay. The general purpose of the false-card is to try to convince the opposition that a certain situation exists that in fact does not exist.

Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. At the first table, the bidding went as shown, with South ending up in four hearts. West led the ace and another spade to East's king, and East shifted to the ten of diamonds.

South took his king and cashed the ace of hearts, West contributing the nine and East the three. Declarer's only chance for the contract now was to continue with the queen, hoping West had started with the doubleton J-9 and East with the K-x-x-x. When this proved to be the case, South lost only one trump trick and so made the contract.

At the second table, South also got to four hearts, and again West led the ace and another spade. Here too East returned a diamond to the king and declarer then played the ace of trumps. But at this table, West dropped his jack on the ace, thus posing an altogether different problem for South.

If West's jack was on the level, declarer's only chance now was to lead a low trump in the hope that West had started with the K-J alone and East with the 9-6-5-3. Leading the queen at this point would result in later losing a second trump trick to East's nine if West had actually started with the doubleton K-J.

And so, having decided that West's jack at trick four was probably from the K-J, South led the seven of hearts at trick five. As a result, he lost a trump trick to the nine and later lost another to the king to go down one.

**Tomorrow:** Never relax.

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 7  
♥ —  
♦ A 8 7 5 4 2  
♣ A K 9 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ A J 10 3 2  
♥ J 9  
♦ Q J 3  
♣ 10 5 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ A Q 10 8 7 4 2  
♦ K 6  
♣ J 3

The bidding:  
**North** 1♦  
**East** 2♣  
**South** 4♥  
**West** Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

Opening lead — ace of spades.

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** Not everyone has as innovative and original a mind as you. Open up about your ideas and plans and set the pace for others. You are the one to make reforms and to standardize what's going on in your community. Be prepared to lead.

Hard work, lots of detail and not letting others meddle will determine the outcome of whatever you are trying to achieve. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You have positioned yourself well so don't let anyone cause you to question your choices. A unique approach to life, love and creativity will bring others to your side, giving you the strength to follow through with your plans. 4 stars



Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Promote love and good times. The encounters you have had with different people you've helped out will be honored now, so do not hesitate to ask for help or to share your plans. An unexpected surprise will cause alterations. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It's not one's business what you are doing with whom and, by being vocal, you will invite opposition. Don't make promises without knowing what you will get in return. A professional change will be dependent on the decisions you make now. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make the changes that will help you get ahead. You can be a leader who makes a difference so don't hold back. If someone questions you, address that person and continue confidently down the path you have chosen. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may have to be a little more creative with your money but that doesn't mean you should invest in some fast-cash scheme. Don't fear trying something new or pushing for advancement. Utilize your skills to the fullest. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You have what it takes to sway people to think the same way you do. If you can form a group, you will be a driving force, accomplishing what you set out to do. A partnership could unravel your plans. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep your emotions out of your decision-making if you don't want to make a mis-

take. It's not worth the risk of losing the confidence of someone who can help you in the future. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Criticism will discourage you and can be avoided if you are diligent and perfect what you are pursuing. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You have to take action based on what you feel is right, not what someone else is telling you. Have faith in who you are and what you can do. An imaginative approach to some of your old projects can turn things around drastically now. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Taking chances is for amateurs who don't know how to play the game. You can stay in control by keeping things as stable, simple and safe as possible. Change will come when the time is right. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will build strength of character by pursuing things that are good for you — like a fitness regime and healthy diet. Learning will lead to a whole new world of prosperity and increased self-esteem. Show confidence in all that you do. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** It's time to venture into talks with someone who can contribute to what you are working on. A past partnership that was shaky or ended on bad terms needs to be readdressed and reestablished in order to finish what you began. 2 stars

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Customers are reminded to pick up their Indian River pink grapefruit, temple oranges and citrus samplers Feb. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Learning Tree School in Dalton.

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Prices are grapefruit, \$28 box, \$17 half box; temple oranges \$27 box, \$16 half box; and citrus samplers \$17 per bag.

**ON THE HOMECOMING COURT**



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Tabatha Reece, a biology major from Dalton, was recently elected freshman class representative for the 2009 Homecoming Court at Reinhardt College in Waleska. She is a member of the Concert Choir, a member of theater performance, and a student worker in Reinhardt's Support Services. Reece was also first runner-up in the Miss Reinhardt College Competition.

**To Your Good Health**

**When does a cold warrant a doctor visit?**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:**

When does a cold become an ear infection or sinus infection, and how can one tell? My husband and I have disagreements about when to go to the doctor. He says one should never go to the doctor for a cold because it is a viral infection and nothing can be done. I agree. But how long does a cold last, and how do we know when it might be complicated by a bacterial infection? I have kids, 5 months and 4 years. I don't want them to get antibiotics unnecessarily, but my school-age daughter gets a cold a month. — C.N.

**ANSWER:** Colds are viral infections, and the rhinoviruses — of which there are more than 100 strains — are the ones most often implicated as a cause of colds. Antibiotics do nothing for viral infections

Cold symptoms appear from less than a day to three days after the virus has entered the body. They include a runny or stuffed nose, a low-grade rise in temperature, a scratchy or sore throat and sometimes hoarseness and a dry cough. On average, a cold lasts seven days.

This makes cold diagnosis simple. Well, it's not always so simple. Some things that prompt a doctor visit are colds lasting longer than 10 days, a temperature over 101 F (38.3 C), a cough with lots of thick, yellow sputum and labored breathing. If young children clutch their ear, that's a sign of an ear infection, and they should see a doctor.

Adults get fewer colds



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than children because they have been exposed to many cold viruses and have developed a quasi immunity to them. Very young children get anywhere from eight to 10 colds a year; adults come down with two to four each year.

A word about spreading colds is worthwhile. The virus can be transmitted through droplets that are sneezed or coughed, but they're mainly spread from hand-to-hand contact. People with colds have a coat of virus on their fingers. When they touch the hands of another, virus sticks to the hands and fingers of the second person, who then touches the nose or eyes, and the virus has found a new home. Handwashing is the best preventive.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What kinds of foods cause kidney stones? Do almonds have anything in them that cause stones? I love to put almonds in some of my baking. — A.

**ANSWER:** The most common kind of kidney



stone is a calcium oxalate stone. Logically, that would make cutting back on calcium foods (dairy products including cheese) the way to prevent them. For years, doctors told their stone patients to cut back on calcium. The fact is that calcium foods don't cause stones. In fact, a low-calcium diet favors their formation.

Oxalate foods might have a role to play. Chocolate, peanuts, spinach, beets, rhubarb and sweet potatoes are high in oxalate. Almonds are on the list. A person doesn't have to completely cut these foods out of the diet, but he should eat them in moderation. Adding almonds to your baking isn't going to put anyone in trouble.

The best preventive for kidney stones is staying well-hydrated. Drink lots of fluid. You know you're drinking enough if your urine is pale yellow to colorless.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Some time ago, you answered a letter from an

**ASK THE DOCTOR**

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80-year-old lady who asked if she still needed to have mammograms. I say an unqualified yes. Two years ago, at the age of 82 1/2, my mammogram detected cancer. Surgery was followed by radiation. Two years later, I am feeling fine and doing well. — A.S.

**ANSWER:** Experts argue about the value of mammograms late in life. Stories like yours make me side with those who promote having mammograms as long as a woman is in reasonable health. If a woman has an estimate of living at least four more years, mammograms are a good idea.

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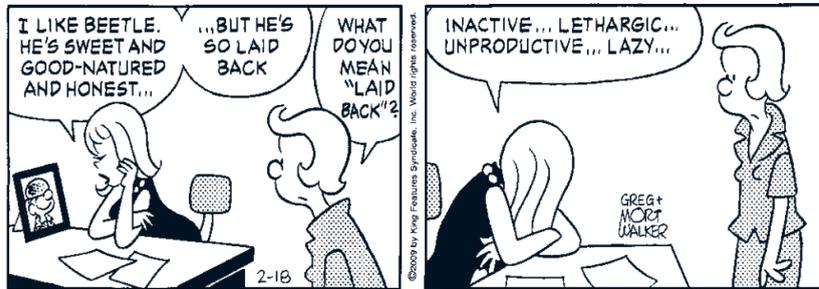
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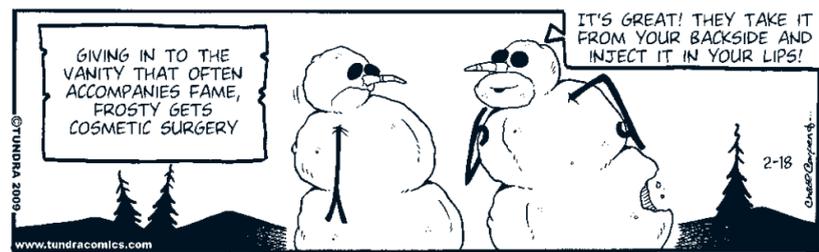
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DEAR ABBY

Neighbor takes advantage of trusting elderly woman

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother lives in a rural area. Luckily, she is surrounded by wonderful neighbors who enable her to continue living in her home without assistance. They shop for her, maintain her lawn, do handyman repairs, cook for her and regularly check on her well-being.

Unfortunately, after being discharged from a recent hospital stay, Mama discovered that one of her "trusted" neighbors has been using her credit card to pay their utilities. She is heartsick. She has taken the necessary steps to cancel the credit card, but now is conflicted about the best way to handle such a sensitive issue.

Abby, is there a way for everyone to save face in this situation? — LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

needs to live independently, you should contact your state's Area Agency on Aging or Department of Social Services and arrange for someone who is bonded to do it.

A social worker can help your mother report this matter to the police in a way that she will not be embarrassed and that may help her recover the funds that were stolen.

DEAR ABBY: When dining out at an establishment where you order your food at the counter and then they bring your food to the table, is a tip necessary?

Also, when going to coffee shops, tip jars frequently sit on the counter. How obligated should I feel to tip the people behind the counter?

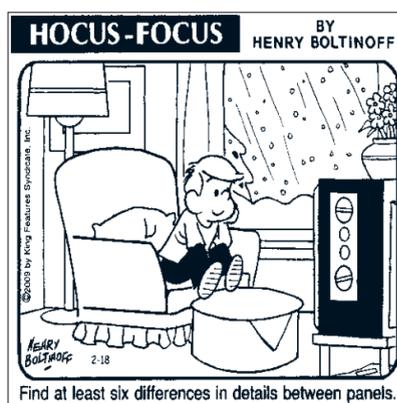
DEAR JAMI: Food servers often earn minimum wage, which they supplement with the tips they receive. If your server is efficient and pleasant, you should leave a tip. The usual amount is between 10 and 20 percent.

At a coffee shop where there is a tip jar, assuming that you did not sit down to be served, you should put your spare change into the jar.



Jeanne Phillips

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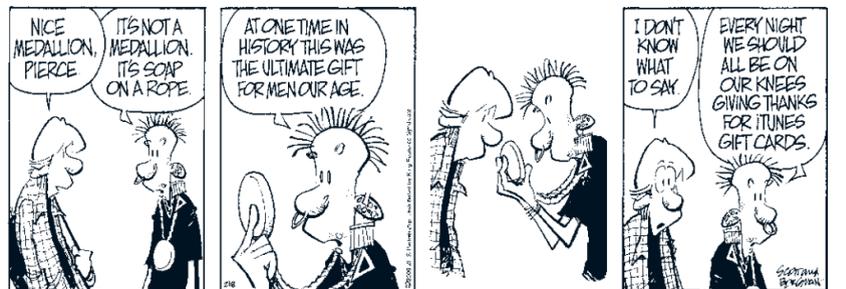
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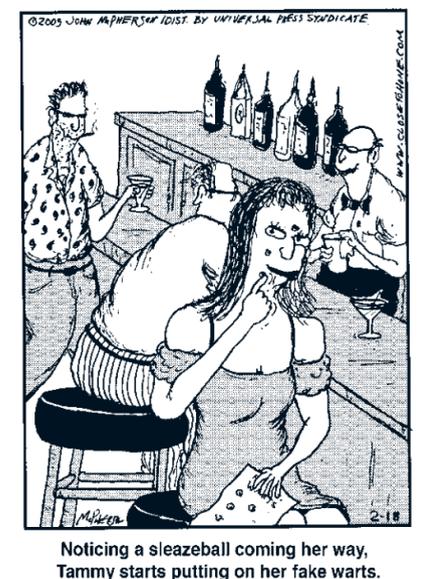
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