

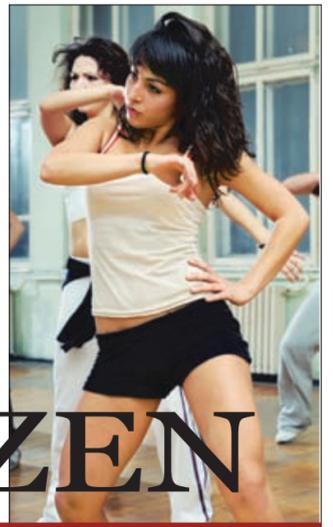
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## Local effects of stimulus eyed

By CHARLES OLIVER  
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The stimulus bill signed by President Barack Obama on Tuesday has already had one impact on Georgia residents. They will not get a second property tax bill this year because of it.

Gov. Sonny Perdue announced Tuesday a deal that will restore the homestead tax relief grant. Those grants allow local governments to give home-

owners a larger homestead tax exemption. Without that money, many local governments would have sent out a second tax bill. But the grants cost the state about \$428 million. Perdue said the deal to save the payments was possible because the state will get about \$465 million in additional Medicaid payments.

The reprieve is only for one year. Payments in future years will be tied to state revenue growth.

"But it gives us time to plan. We (the city) are just going to cut spending by that amount. We aren't going to raise taxes. But it gives us a year to plan for it. Instead of having to do it suddenly," said Dalton Mayor David Pennington.



Pennington

Without the homestead grant,

the city could lose about \$89,000 this year.

Pennington was one of several local political and business leaders who met Wednesday in Atlanta with Perdue and other state officials.

Local officials say it's too soon to tell what other effects the stimulus bill will have locally.

"The rumor is that the state is going to get about \$5.6 billion,"

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Kevin Smith, left, 14, and Luis Vazquez, 13, roll their arms and then their bodies during a hip-hop dance class at the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday. The dance moves are taught by Vince Gully during weekly, 45-minute classes at the club off Underwood Street.



Gabby Wright, 10, strikes a pose at the end of a hip hop dance routine at the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday.

## Bringing art to area youth, hip-hop style

By RACHEL BROWN  
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"Five, six, seven, eight. Walk, two, three, clap. Now on eight, everybody feet apart, OK?"

Vince Gully turns on the music for the real drill. Two dozen or so elementary school students follow his steps, their faces just as serious as his.

Yet, during a break from the hip hop dance class at the Boys and Girls Club on Underwood Street, 9-year-old Cory Strickland giggles and demonstrates his favorite moves.

"I get to mooove," he says, twisting his torso and moving his arms around. Cody is a bundle of energy, as is his brother,

Antar, 8. They attend City Park Elementary School, but after school they come to the Boys and Girls Club. The club is a nonprofit organization that offers enrichment, education, leadership and other kinds of classes after school, during school breaks and during the summer. Parents pay a weekly fee for activities, but the organization also provides scholarships for those who need financial help.

Gully is teaching weekly, 45-minute classes to about 20 elementary school students and about 20 teens for six weeks. The Dalton Arts Project pays his salary.

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## Soul food exactly what it says it is

By CHARLES OLIVER  
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They call it Soul Food for a reason.

"It's a chance to get out and fellowship with others. We enjoy that," said Teri Long. "We live right down the street, so it's convenient for us. And the people are very friendly."

Since March 18, 2008, Dalton's First Baptist Church has hosted

the free supper on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month from 4 to 6 p.m..

"We target the working poor. We started with 35, and we are

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Tish Sitton serves meals during Dalton First Baptist Church's "Soul Food" on Tuesday.



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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.**

"The people at President Obama's recent townhall meetings seemed to express the opinion that the government should give them a house, a car and a better job. Whatever happened to the American way of earning these things."

"If you read the new Testament, concentrating on the words of Jesus, you will find he was a liberal and a socialist."

"Is there no one in NASCAR who can stand up to Dale Earnhardt and make him go by the rules?"

"The divorce rates in Whitfield County are down because you can't get into court. It seems they are too backlogged."

"Is it a job requirement in law enforcement to be at least 75 pounds overweight?"

"Let's not speak ill of anyone. Let's give Republicans and Democrats that benefit."

"I don't think God loaned out talent for venom spewing and conflict."

"Who does Christian Heritage play? Yet they lead in every category of the basketball stats. What's wrong with this picture?"

**Editor's note: The numbers are the numbers. They are not meant as a comparison.**

"Bush is not the most destructive president this country has ever had. Abe Lincoln literally burned and destroyed the South with his thugs, Sherman and Grant."

"Would the Bible thumpers please take a day off from the Forum? Just one."

"If Dalton officials want West Hill Cemetery to be a tourist attraction, they really should think about cleaning it up and making some repairs."

"Slow pitch softball is for girls who don't like fast pitch or who can't play it. Fast pitch is much better."

"Why is North Georgia Electric gouging its customers since gas prices have gone down?"

*Mr. Negativity says:*  
"Politicians don't run for office for the salary it pays. They plan on getting rich from being in office. So why pay them any salary?"

"For the person who has two granddaughters who play fast pitch and love it, one must be the pitcher and the other must be the catcher."

"People in Dalton are losing their homes because local politicians for the last 20 years were owned by the carpet mills and kept out other industries."

"To the person who commented on the fat preachers, you really aren't supposed to judge."

"Mr. Obama said in his weekly radio address that we would turn this crisis into opportunity. I wonder what opportunity he is talking about — furthering his liberal agenda."

"I wish everyone in Whitfield County would get together, get a convoy and then go up to North Georgia Electric and find out what's going on. They're hitting everybody while they're down."

"How is Eton going to direct traffic at four schools when they only have three officers?"

"In the 50s, 60s, and 70s 'Made in the USA' meant something. People wanted that. Japan's products were laughed at. Now in the global market Japanese products are great and they have all the money and jobs. Global economy — who's it good for? Certainly not us."

**Editor's note: Many products formerly made in Japan are now made in other countries. Japanese unemployment is high (by their standards) and their economic growth is almost nil. Look for another boogeyman.**

"Republicans are mad because the Democrats are smarter and better at governing."

"The dictionary defines democracy as government by the people. There were millions of phone calls and e-mails to our elected representatives about they spending bill that were ignored. Remember this the next time they campaign for office."

"Is there anyone in this town who would like to have a python snake?"

"If Alexander Hamilton were alive today, he'd challenge Barney Frank, Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid to a duel. And this time he wouldn't miss."

"We have a vast country with all the resources we need. We do not need to have someone buying our country, buying our bonds. The citizens need to own America."

"I have some advice for President Obama — recruit Jimmy Espy as special adviser. He has all the answers for all the problems, not just for us but for all future generations. I have been reading this paper for over 75 years and never seen it as biased as it is now. And you don't have to thank me for reading your column."

"With the struggling economy, carpet mill owners need to eliminate the salaried jobs, not the hourly jobs. Most of the salaried jobs are made up jobs anyway."

"I am 85 and to the best of my ability have voted for the person not the party. I firmly believe we have the worst leadership in Washington in the history of America. America as we know it will no longer exist."

"Obama names Geithner as the new secretary of treasury. He then gives a speech on TV and the stock market drops 400 points. People don't trust a lying, cheating thief."

"I didn't like President Clinton when he was in office but when he left I quit complaining. The people who keep griping about Bush have a problem. Obama is doing such a bad job, they have to attack Bush."

"I am a baby boomer and I just watched a program about the 1960s. Two songs stood out two me — 'Eve of Destruction' and 'What the World Needs Now.' It reminds of how much the world has changed in 50 years but also how it hasn't. It's come back around again."

**LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR FEB. 18**

**Georgia:** Midday Cash 3: 7-1-5, Cash 4: 4-1-6-3, Evening Cash 3: 6-8-9  
Win for Life: 9-11-18-21-24-37, Free Ball: 39  
**Tennessee:** Midday Cash 3: 2-2-2, Lucky Sum: 6; Cash 4: 6-1-9-9, Lucky Sum: 25  
Evening Cash 3: 1-4-0, Lucky Sum: 5, Cash 4: 9-9-8-0, Lucky Sum: 26

**Ga. Senate panel takes up Sunday sales bill**

**By SHANNON MCCAFFREY**

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Sunday sales is back for another round.

Backers of a measure to allow Georgia stores to sell booze on the Sabbath launched a fresh push on Wednesday, arguing the state's struggling economy could use the extra revenue. They are also looking to link the bill this year with one that would crack down on those who sell alcohol to minors.

But opponents told a Senate panel that the bill would represent "one more tear" in the state's moral fabric.

"The majority of our citizens still have Sunday as a day of worship, a day of rest," the Rev. Ray Newman, of the Georgia Baptist

Convention, told the state Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee. "It's a further encroachment on the Lord's day."

Grocery store owners say Georgia customers have been clamoring for the change.

Officials with the Kroger Co. say that Sunday is now the second-busiest shopping day of the year.

Henry Colley, vice president of Sprint Foods, said for him it is a simple issue of business. Colley said his customers in East Georgia frequently cross the border into South Carolina, where stores may sell alcohol on Sundays. If Colley expands he said he'll do so in South Carolina.

"We must maximize sales potential and that includes alcoholic beverage sales to any legal customer," Colley said.

"Local option is all we

ask for; let the community decide," Colley said.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Seth Harp, a Midland Republican, would give local governments the option on whether to permit Sunday alcohol sales. Voters in those areas would have to approve the change at the ballot box.

Georgia is one of only three states that don't allow stores to sell alcohol on Sunday. The other two are Connecticut and Indiana.

The Sunday sales bill has failed to win passage for the past two years. It faces opposition from Gov. Sonny Perdue, a teetotaler and Christian conservative.

Perdue has argued that Sunday sales would lead to more alcohol-fueled traffic fatalities.

Supporters of the bill dispute his numbers.

But the argument was heard frequently at

**2 fires reported**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

No injuries were reported from two separate fires in Whitfield County on Tuesday and Wednesday, Whitfield County Fire Chief Carl Collins said.

Firefighters responded early Wednesday morning to a pull along travel trailer that caught fire on Cohutta Beaverdale Road. The cause of the fire had not been determined Wednesday afternoon, but Collins said there was nothing suspicious about the blaze.

On Tuesday, firefighters put out a fire in a vacant mobile home on Five Springs Road. The porch on the mobile home was damaged. Burning trash that blew onto the mobile home caused the fire, Collins said.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Amy Kleem  
**AGE:** 33

**HOME:** Rocky Face  
**FAMILY:** Husband, Curtis; children, Andrew, Own and DeAshia

**WORK:** Director of Family Promise of Whitfield County, a new homeless shelter for families in the area.

**HOBBIES:** Spend time with family (all there is time for!)

**SHE SAID:** "Please take time to lend a hand to assist those in need in our community."



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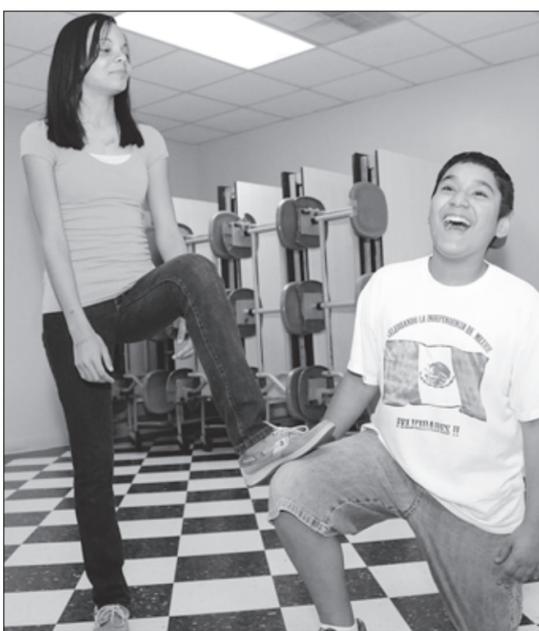
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Titus Underwood, left, 6, and his brother Timothy, 8, strike a pose during a hip-hop dance class at the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday.



Felipe Ramirez, 12, reacts as he finds out Nikki Moss, 15, will be placing her foot on his knee during the finale pose of a hip hop dance routine.



Adrianna Bryant, 11, front left, Raylin Macon, 10, and Iris Vines, 9, perform a routine during a hip hop dance class at the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday.

## Whitfield Rec looking to hire fitness instructors

By JAMIE JONES  
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Whitfield County is looking for a few good fitness instructors.

The parks and recreation department wants to hire three part-time employees to teach exercise classes at the county gym on Gillespie Drive and the Varnell gym. The county pays the city of Varnell \$10,000 a year in in-kind services to use the gym.

George Page, director of the county parks and recreation department, envisions the county hosting a wide range of programs for adults including aerobics, Tai Chi and yoga. But he said the department can't move forward with the programs until he finds certified instructors to teach the classes.

"We want quality instructors for our programs," Page said. "What we hope to do is have three so we can have a backup as well if someone has to miss or is sick. When you work with part-time folks, some of them have full-time jobs and things come up."

The county has a hiring freeze in some departments and could furlough employees one day a month later this year. Page said the fitness positions will pay for themselves through fees charged for the classes. Specific costs for the classes haven't been set, but the county expects to bring in \$50,000 in recreation activity fees this year.

Pay for the positions is not listed and is based on qualifications. They include a thorough knowledge of human anatomy and fitness instruction principles, a general knowledge of first aid and the ability to "deal tactfully with the general public." Strong preference is given to instructors having

certain national certifications. The instructors will be assigned to the recreation department and will report to Page.

He hopes the programs will attract adults and senior citizens, adding the county does not intend to compete directly with private gyms and fitness centers.

"The fact of the matter is we've got residents in the county that aren't members of gyms or wellness centers," Page said. "They're just looking for drop-in type deals. We've had a lot of folks call wanting this, so we're trying to meet the need of the residents. It's something they would love for us to do."

County officials had big plans for parks and recreation before the economic downturn hit, forcing a scaling back of those aspirations. The parks and recreation department's budget this year increased to \$1 million, up from \$883,633 last year and \$765,216 in 2005. Last year, the board of commissioners paid an Atlanta engineering and design firm \$36,000 to complete a recreation master plan. The 180-page plan outlines \$70 million in recreation improvements over the next 20 years, although the county doesn't have the money to pay for those wide-reaching upgrades.

The new Westside Park is a go, but it's been extended from a one-year to a two-year project, with \$600,000 being spent in 2009 and \$600,000 in 2010. Plans for the park include four softball/baseball fields, a soccer/football field, a playground area, picnic facilities and a walking path. The county spent \$590,200 to finish work at Edwards Park in north Whitfield County in 2008.

## Dance: Hip hop

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Gully has performed locally in "The Nutcracker" and teaches at various dance schools around Georgia. Working with the Boys and Girls Club differs somewhat from his other assignments, he said.

"The opportunity to work with underprivileged or less fortunate kids who are here and want to do it because they love to dance (is what sets this apart)," he said. "When you can't have something, and then you're afforded the opportunity to do it, you seem a little more grateful."

Robbie Slocumb, chief professional officer for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray and Whitfield Counties, said the hip hop classes tie into the club's mission "to enable all young people, especially

those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

"(Gully's) demeanor commands respect and the kids respond to him so well," Slocumb said. "He relates to them. He knows what he's doing, but he's down to their level."

Berrien Long, artistic director for the Dalton Arts Project, said the project's mission involves taking art to people so they can experience it.

Raylin Macon, 10, attends Blue Ridge Elementary School. She said she signed up for a dance class at the club over the summer and decided she liked it enough to sign up for this one.

"I like to dance," she said. Hakeem Macon, 14, said he already danced hip hop.

"I just figured I'd see if I could learn something new from it," he said.

One of his friends, Luis Vazquez, 13, said he comes to the club every day. One of his favorite moves involves waving his arms, he said.

Gully said he began dancing when he was 13.

"Before hip hop was called hip hop, it used to be called funk or street dancing," he said.

When he was 17, he attended Jones Junior College in Mississippi and used his free time to teach his friends the hip hop moves he had learned. His passion for teaching grew from there.

A self-described "artsy" individual of parents who were school teachers, the Marietta resident said he toured with local and regional bands and artists after finishing college. Now, he splits his time between Powerhouse Dance in Kennesaw, Studio Dance Inc. in Dallas, Ballet North in Paulding County and the Dalton Arts Project.

"Eventually I would like to go to film school and direct," he said.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Linda Carrol Brown, 49, 2123 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with criminal damage to property in the second degree and battery (family violence).

• William Kelly Arnold, 26, 13807 U.S. Highway 127, Dunlap, Tenn., was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with terroristic threats and acts and simple battery (both family violence).

• David Lee McCoy, 20, 173 Craneater Circle, Calhoun, was charged Tuesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with DUI and underage consumption.

• Teresa Dianne Newkirk, 45, no address listed, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with pedestrian under the influence, obstruction of an officer, drugs to be kept in original container and possession of hydrocodone.

• Edie Jean Wells, 33, 117 Northwest Midway,

Tunnel Hill, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of tools of the commission of a crime and possession of crack cocaine.

• Earl Junior Davis, 66, Route 2, Box 4725, Pennington Gap, Va., was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to dim headlights, failure to drive within a single lane and open container in vehicle.

• Ana Beatriz Diaz-Martinez, 30, 401 Water St., Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with identity theft, first degree forgery and false statements.

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### OUR VIEW

## High-speed rail a costly option

High-speed rail between Chattanooga and Atlanta has been the dream of many politicians for decades. And the dream isn't dead yet. The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners recently kicked in \$348,000 to help fund its share a study of a magnetic (Maglev) high-speed rail project. Georgia and Tennessee are trying to raise \$4.75 million in matching funds to get a \$15 million federal grant for the study.

But there's one big reason those earlier dreams have never become reality: cost. Proponents say a Maglev line would cost about \$4.5 billion. But government predictions of these sorts of massive transportation projects almost always dramatically underestimate their costs. Randal O'Toole, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute think tank, notes that recent rail projects in Denver and Seattle are running 60 to 100 percent over budget.

And for that money, there's very little benefit. O'Toole notes that rail lines in Europe have less than 10 percent of the total transportation market, even with high-speed rail, and that share is falling.

It's especially disconcerting to see communities between Atlanta and Chattanooga lining up behind high-speed rail. Yes, they all anticipate they train will stop in their downtowns. But if a train stopped at every city between Atlanta and Chattanooga, just how high-speed would it be?

And what would happen to those communities that did get a stop? Yes, it would be convenient for residents of Dalton to step on a train and be in Atlanta in 45 minutes. But wouldn't that just make them more likely to dine and shop in Atlanta rather than in Dalton?

We hope state and local leaders will take a long look at high-speed rail before committing any taxpayer money to it. Experience has shown that once they start down this path, they can't stop. There should be no high speed rush to waste money.

The Daily Citizen

## Economic miracles can't be planned

The idea that even the brightest person or group of bright people, much less the U.S. Congress, can wisely manage an economy has to be the height of arrogance and conceit. Why? It is impossible for anyone to possess the knowledge that would be necessary for such an undertaking. At the risk of boring you, let's go through a small example that proves such knowledge is impossible.

Imagine you are trying to understand a system consisting of six elements. That means there would be 30, or  $n(n-1)$ , possible relationships between these elements. Now suppose each element can be characterized by being either on or off. That means the number of possible relationships among those elements grows to the number 2 raised to the 30th power; that's well over a billion possible relationships among those six elements.

Our economic system consists of billions of different elements that include members of our population, businesses, schools, parcels of land and homes. A list of possible relationships defies imagination and even more so if we include international relationships. Miraculously, there is a tendency for all of these relationships to operate smoothly without congressional meddling. Let's think about it.

The average well-stocked supermarket carries over 60,000 different items. Because those items are so routinely available to us, the fact that it is a near miracle goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Take just one of those



Walter Williams

has recently proposed a car czar for our auto industry.

My question to you as tuna czar is: Can you identify and tell us how to organize all of the inputs necessary to get tuna out of the sea and into a supermarket? The most obvious inputs are fishermen, ships, nets, canning factories and trucks. But how do you organize the inputs necessary to build a ship, to provide the fuel, and what about the compass? The trucks need tires, seats and windshields. It is not a stretch of the imagination to suggest that millions of inputs and people cooperate with one another to get canned tuna to your supermarket.

But what is the driving force that explains how millions of people manage to cooperate to get 60,000 different items to your supermarket? Most of them don't give a hoot about you and me, some of them might hate Americans, but they serve us well and they do so voluntarily. The bottom line motivation for the cooperation is people are in it for themselves; they want more profits, wages, interest and rent, or to use today's silly talk —

items — people are greedy. Adam Smith, the father of economics, captured the essence of this wonderful human cooperation when he said, "He (the businessman) generally, indeed, neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting it. ... He intends only his own security; and by directing that industry in such a manner as its produce may be of the greatest value, he intends only his own gain." Adam Smith continues, "He is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention. ... By pursuing his own interest he frequently promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it." And later he adds, "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest."

If you have doubts about Adam Smith's prediction, ask yourself which areas of our lives are we the most satisfied and those with most complaints. Would they be profit motivated arenas such as supermarkets, video or clothing stores, or be nonprofit motivated government-operated arenas such as public schools, postal delivery or motor vehicle registration? By the way, how many of you would be in favor of Congress running our supermarkets?

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

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2009. There are 315 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful monthlong battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

**On this date:**  
In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.

In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution.

In 1909, the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, a precursor to Mental Health America, was founded by Clifford W. Beers.

In 1934, the U.S. Army Air Corps began delivering mail after President Franklin D. Roosevelt canceled private contracts that had come under suspicion.

In 1959, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence.

In 1997, Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died at age 92.

**Ten years ago:** President Bill Clinton posthumously pardoned Henry O. Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point, whose military career had been tarnished by a racially motivated discharge.

**Five years ago:** Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged in court with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in connection with the energy trader's colossal collapse.

**One year ago:** An ailing Fidel Castro resigned the Cuban presidency after nearly a half-century in power; his brother Raul was later named to succeed him.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Smokey Robinson is 69. Rock musician Tony Iommi (Black Sabbath, Heaven and Hell) is 61. Author Amy Tan is 57. Actor Jeff Daniels is 54. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is 50. Britain's Prince Andrew is 49. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Hana Mandlikova is 47. Singer Seal is 46. Rock musician Jon Fishman (Phish) is 44. Actress Justine Bateman is 43. Actor Benicio Del Toro is 42.



## Mideast peace processing 101

By Clifford May

There's an old joke about three guys stranded in the desert, dying of thirst. They have a can of water — but can't open it. One guy, an engineer, uses a stick as a lever and a rock as a fulcrum and ... nothing. The second guy, a physicist, does some calculations, drops the can from carefully considered height and angle and ... still nothing. Finally, the third guy, an economist, looks at the can and says: "OK. I have the solution. Assume a can opener."

A similar joke could be told about those who have worked on the "peace process" in the Middle East. Diplomats and negotiators have urged Israel to give up land (Gaza, for example) for peace. They have attempted to "build confidence" among the warring parties, as if the conflict were just a big misunderstanding. And they have assumed leaders who did not exist as a way to conjure a preferable reality.

Each of these approaches has failed, and if those who will be handling the Middle East portfolio in the Obama administration want to understand why, they should spend a little time listening to the extraordinary Palestinian journalist Khaled Abu Toameh. Recently, he gave a wide-ranging interview to a group of Americans, including Michael J. Totten who posted a transcript on his indispensable Web site, <http://www.michaeltotten.com/archives/2009/02/a-minority-repo.php>. Among other things, Toameh makes

clear how stupid experts can be. In the 1990s, for example, peace processors "gathered all these PLO fighters from around the world, released thousands of PLO fighters from Israeli prisons, gave them uniforms and guns, and called them security forces. And the result was the people who had never received any basic training, people who had never finished high school, became colonels and generals in Yasser Arafat's (Palestinian) Authority."

Arafat stole billions of dollars donated to aid Palestinians. "The fact that Arafat was crooked didn't surprise us Palestinians," Toameh says. We were only surprised by the fact that the international community kept giving him money and refused to hold him accountable when he stole our money."

Arafat's corruption and misrule, followed by the vacillation and weakness of his successor, Mahmoud Abbas, helped radicalize Palestinians and pave the way for Hamas to win elections under the banner of "reform." But based on its militant interpretation of Islam, Hamas also is committed to "resistance" — another way of saying that its non-negotiable goal is the extermination of what it sees as the infidel state of Israel.

"Hamas is not going to change," Toameh says. "All these people who believe that Hamas will one day change its ideology, that pragmatic leaders will emerge in Hamas, these people are living under illusions."

Toameh thinks it's time to think small, to look for ways to manage the

conflict, rather than attempting to solve it with some grand design. This conflict is not just about Palestinians and Israelis or even Arabs and Jews. "Iran, Syria, Hezbollah, al-Qaeda, Islamic Jihad, the Muslim Brotherhood, all these people are playing a very negative role in this part of the world," Toameh says. "Iran wants to fight to the last Palestinian."

He does offer some advice: "If I were an Israeli Jew I would go to the Palestinians and say, 'Listen, folks. I'm prepared to give you a Palestinian state and the Israeli majority approves of that, not because we love the Palestinians, but because we want to be rid of the Palestinians.' There's a majority of Jews today who want to disband most of the settlements and take only 2 percent of the West Bank. In the wake of these positive changes that have happened inside Israel, all you need is a strong partner on the Palestinian side."

Which, Toameh is quick to acknowledge, there is not at the moment. There could be in time, however, and working toward that goal would be a useful task for the peace processors to take on. But simply "assuming" that the Palestinians have decent leaders and that the Israelis have a Palestinian interlocutor willing and able to cut a deal that will lead to peace is as futile as wishing for water — or a can opener — in the desert.

(Clifford D. May is president of the **Clifford for the Defense of Democracies**, a policy institute focusing on terrorism.)

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.""

Acts 1:7

**Thought for today:** "The important achievement of Apollo was demonstrating that humanity is not forever chained to this planet and our visions go rather further than that and our opportunities are unlimited."

Neal Armstrong  
Astronaut (1930-)

**BRIEFS****UT president suddenly resigns**

KNOXVILLE — University of Tennessee President John Petersen abruptly announced his resignation Wednesday, saying he met his goals and wasn't forced out. "This was my choice," Petersen told a news conference, adding that he's also not contemplating retirement at age 61, though his future plans are undecided. Petersen has been at the helm of the 42,000-student, five-campus University of Tennessee system since 2004. His resignation is effective June 30. Petersen said it would be best for the school if he steps down now with budget cuts on the horizon of up to \$100 million that could shred programs and eliminate 700 jobs.

**Man kills self in cathedral**

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — A man shot and killed himself in front of a cross inside televangelist Robert H. Schuller's Crystal Cathedral on Wednesday as a nearby volunteer told a group of visitors about the church's suicide-prevention program, police and church officials said. The man handed a note and his driver's license to two ushers, walked to the cross and then shot himself in the head as he appeared to be praying. The Orange County coroner's office identified the man as Steve Smick, 48. Church spokesman Mike Nason said there was no record of Smick being a member at the cathedral.

**Obama launches \$75B for housing**

MESA, Ariz. — President Barack Obama threw a \$75 billion lifeline to millions of Americans on the brink of foreclosure Wednesday, declaring an urgent need for drastic action — not only to save their homes but to keep the housing crisis "from wreaking even greater havoc" on the broader national economy. The lending plan, a full \$25 billion bigger than the administration had been suggesting, aims to prevent as many as 9 million homeowners from being evicted and to stabilize housing markets that are at the center of the ever-worsening U.S. recession. Government support pledged to mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is being doubled as well, to \$400 billion.

**Ape owner denies giving Xanax**

STAMFORD, Conn. — As authorities considered criminal charges, the woman whose 200-pound domesticated chimpanzee went berserk and mauled a friend backtracked Wednesday on whether she gave the animal the anti-anxiety drug Xanax. Sandra Herold told The Associated Press on Wednesday that she never gave the drug to her 14-year-old chimp, Travis, who was shot dead by Stamford police Monday after he grievously wounded Herold's friend Charla Nash. However, Herold said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show that she gave Travis the drug in some tea less than five minutes before he attacked Nash — she even showed a reporter the mug. Police have said Herold told them that she gave Travis Xanax that had not been prescribed for him earlier to calm him because he was agitated.

**Man kills family, then himself**

BELLE VALLEY, Ohio — A man who told a sheriff's dispatcher he had money problems strangled his wife and 11-year-old son, then shot and killed himself, authorities said Wednesday. Theodore Bayly, 39, called the dispatcher around 2 a.m., saying he had already killed his family and was going to take care of himself, Noble County Sheriff Landon Smith said.



**Gail Duke passes out goodie bags during Dalton First Baptist Church's "Soul Food."**

**Supper**

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now up to about 350 each time," said Gail Duke, who supervises the program.

Long and her family have been coming for several weeks. Duke said that isn't unusual.

"It's mostly families," she said. "We've got one family who treats this like a night out. They come when we start and they stay until the very end. And they just have a good time."

The children, especially, seemed to be having a good time.

"We'll put up a sign in the corner that says 'Kid's Corner,' and we'll have someone read books to them. We used to have balloons. We always try to have something for the children because there are always so many children here," Duke said.

On Tuesday, gospel singers The Poplin Family were scheduled to perform.

"Tonight's a little special because it's so close to Valentine's Day," Duke said.

But she said they always feature someone playing the piano.

Most people hear about the program from friends



**Cindy Petway helps someone choose a dessert during Dalton First Baptist's "Soul Food" supper.**

and word of mouth, Duke said, but they've also put fliers out in city schools.

That's how Armando Huerta, 11, and his family found out about Soul Food in September.

"My mom, she always wants to come," he said. "It's pretty good."

Duke heard about a similar program at Rome's First Baptist Church and helped get it started in Dalton.

About 30 volunteers, along with the church's kitchen staff, spend much of

the day putting together the food. Walt Windley, heard of the church's ministry for outreach and community building, says several families volunteer together, since even small children can help serve the food.

Judy Stocks has been volunteering since the program started.

"I loved the idea. There's such a need out there for this," she said. "It gets a little hairy in the kitchen sometimes, but it's very rewarding."

**Stimulus: Locally**

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said Rep. Roger Williams, R-Dalton. "There's going to be money in there for transportation — highways and bridges and roads. We hope to get some of that money for some of our projects. But we don't know what sort of rules and restrictions are going to be put on it."

Brian Anderson, president of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce, noted that Obama said he is looking to fund projects that are ready to go and Whitfield County has several "shovel ready" projects.

"We've probably got \$10 (million) to \$12 million in projects ready to go to bid tomorrow," he said, referring to the transportation projects to be funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

"We've been working on all those that are 100 percent local. But there's a great number that need state money because they are state routes or intersect state routes and we've put them on the back burner (until the state Department of Transportation has the funding)," Anderson said.

Anderson was also part of the group that met with the governor. He said Perdue told them he believes the state should help communities that raise local money for projects.

Rep. Tom Dickson, R-Cohutta, said the bill contains billions for education in three major areas: special education, Title 1 funding for schools with high percentages of students from low-income families and renovation and expansions

of school buildings.

"There's going to be a lot of study over the next couple of weeks about how those dollars can be used," he said.

Dickson noted the money will be temporary, lasting only two or three years, and likely won't be used to add new positions because the schools would have to fund those jobs after the federal dollars expire.

"I assume it would be used for equipment, training, books and things like that," he said.

Two weeks ago, the General Assembly agreed to meet in session just three days a week until March 25, then recess until June. The plan then was to wait and see how much money the state would get from the federal government before putting the finishing touches on a budget for fiscal 2010, which starts July 1. The state currently faces a \$2.6 billion budget deficit.

Dickson said that remains the plan, for now.

"I would guess that we would continue what we are doing for the next couple of weeks. But we'll probably see some change in the calendar as we get more information on how the stimulus bill will affect the state," he said.

Some Dalton residents said Wednesday they welcome the stimulus spending bill but were not certain how much it will help.

"They've got to do something. But some of the things that I've heard are in there, birth control and stuff, I just don't know," said Dalton's John Garza.

Anderson said he doesn't believe the \$787 billion law is "pure stimulus."

"It's an excessively large bill. It's got some good intentions and good efforts married to some typical government spending. We aren't going to get stimulus-type results from every dollar in it," he said. "But there's enough in it that could help. Maybe it will get the ship righted. Sometimes when it comes to the federal government you have to take the good with the bad."



**Anderson**



**Dickson**

**Dalton to play host for Winter Chautauqua****Southern Living writer to be featured speaker**

SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

A talk by Southern Living's Taylor Bruce will be a highlight of Winter Chautauqua, an annual tourism education conference that will be in Dalton this year.

Winter Chautauqua is hosted by the Northwest Georgia Historic High Country Travel Association and the Northeast Georgia Mountains Travel Association. Each year the conference rotates between the two regions.

The conference will begin on Sunday, March 1, by shutting registrants to Paradise Arabians, the world's second largest Arabian horse farm. While there, registrants will sample wine from Cohutta Winery and the Georgia Winery, enjoy a barbecue dinner from Oakwood Café, tour the farm, feed the beautiful Arabian horses, and learn the ins and outs of a fast-growing tourism trend, agritourism. Scott Cagle, former owner of Cagle Dairies, now with www.agri-toursolutions.com, will be the guest speaker. He will explain how

attendees can promote local agriculture to attract visitors to their communities.

Monday's events will begin early at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. As the general session speaker, Bruce will explain how the changing economy is affecting the well-known magazine and what the tourism industry can do to keep up with the changes.

There will be 14 other speakers discussing topics ranging from agritourism to grant writing. Charlie Gatlin, deputy commissioner of tourism and marketing for the Georgia Department of Economic Development, will provide an overview of statewide tourism efforts during lunch. For a full list and

description of classes, visit [www.WinterChautauqua.com](http://www.WinterChautauqua.com).

Membership in the travel associations is not required to

attend Winter Chautauqua. For more information or if you would like to attend the event, visit [www.WinterChautauqua.com](http://www.WinterChautauqua.com).

**Kroger store in Dalton provides free health screenings to promote heart disease prevention**

To support heart disease prevention efforts, Kroger says 50 stores throughout its Atlanta Division, including the Kroger Pharmacy at 1365 W. Walnut Ave., will provide free health screenings Feb. 23 through March 7. The screenings include tests for cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes and body mass index.

Kroger customers and associates can make an appointment for a free health screening by calling 877-479-2546 or by visiting [www.kroger.com/hearthealth](http://www.kroger.com/hearthealth). Screenings will be conducted by pharmacists or other qualified professionals in store pharmacies.

Simple health screenings are a vital preventive measure, with coronary heart disease being the No. 1 cause of death and a major cause of disability among Americans. According to the federal

Centers for Disease Control, an estimated 785,000 Americans will have a new coronary attack in 2009.

"Heart disease is one of the most prominent illnesses affecting our country today," said Glynn Jenkins, director

of communications for Kroger's Atlanta Division. "We hope to create awareness and provide education about heart disease and the importance of frequent health screenings through this very important initiative."

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# Northwest Connection



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## FCCLA in action

Students celebrate National FCCLA week Feb. 8-14

The Family Career Community Leaders of America at Northwest Whitfield High School celebrated National FCCLA week from Feb. 8-14, but it didn't stop these active students from using the entire month to work on community service projects.

The club started in February by sponsoring Boxes of Love in which the club asked each first block class to put together a food box for needy Bruin families.

February was also the kick-off month for FCCLA's Student Body Project titled, "Livin' the Bruin Lifestyle." This project promoted health, wellness, and good nutrition and will continue until the end of the school year. To support this concept, club members created a video to share with the entire school that gave tips on how to be healthy, and Bruins were invited to try healthy snacks after the presentation.

Throughout the National FCCLA week, students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities. Sunday was Church Day, and members were asked to



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Eleven FCCLA students from Northwest Whitfield High School participated in Day at the Capitol on Feb. 9.

attend a place of worship and bring in the bulletin.

Monday was Day at the Capitol, and 11 of the NWHS

students joined over 1,500 FCCLA members from all over the state on this day. This activity offered students

an opportunity to view firsthand the state government in action and to learn about the judicial and law making processes. Members also had the chance to meet with their local legislators and ended the day with a tour of the state exhibits inside the capitol building.

Tuesday was Career Awareness Day in which FCCLA members investigated a potential future career.

Wednesday's focus was on National Programs Day, and the club highlighted its student body program on this day.

Thursday was Member Recognition Day, and students wore their FCCLA T-shirts and attended Muffins for Members.

School Spirit Day was scheduled for Friday, and individuals were encouraged to show their Bruin pride.

The week ended with Family Fun Day on Saturday, and students took some time to complete an activity with their loved ones.

Northwest's FCCLA has been busy, but it has been a great time of learning for the club.

## A teen's take on teen driving

BY CAITLIN FREEMAN

Music blaring. Eyes off the road looking through the music on an iPod. Bass pounding so loudly the mirrors are shaking. Dancing, yelling, waving at guys in the next car, and being flat out rude. That is what it is like to ride with one of my friends. Honestly, it is terrifying.

Although teens are only 14 percent of America's population, young people between the ages of 15-24 are responsible for 30 percent of the total costs of vehicular injuries of males and 28 percent of those for females. Sadly, even though Health classes and Driver's Ed pump our students full of videos, most teenagers do not realize the dangers that come with driving.

In normal conversations in my classes within a week I have heard of four different accounts of teen drivers going anywhere from 20-30 miles over the speed limit and keeping their licenses. According to Georgia law, anyone going over 24 miles over the speed limit may have his or her license suspended. For teen drivers under the age of 18, the points system declares that licenses will be suspended if four points are accumulated in a 12-month period. Driving 24-33 miles over the speed limit is a four-point offense.

Under OCGA 40-6-1, the fines for driving 19-23 miles over the speed limit cannot exceed \$150, and the fines for 24-34 miles over the speed limit cannot exceed \$500.

One girl shared that she was caught going 30 over and got off with no more than the officer speaking to her parents. The actual offenses are not as surprising as the attitudes. Openly blunt and unaffected, the teens apparently were not shaken by the encounters or how much other drivers were endangered by the choices they

made to speed.

It is an unwritten rule for all teenagers, understood subconsciously, to always believe one to be invincible. Nothing can touch the individual personally, and nothing ever will. That may be in general, but it is the truth. Teens do not feel they are doing anything wrong by driving recklessly because nothing will happen. That is a widely known fact. Unfortunately, they are often proven wrong.

In the summer before last, my cousins' high school lost close to 10 lives in car accidents. No teen gets up in the morning thinking that that day would be the day he/she drives a little over the speed limit and ends up on the side of the road. Even tragedies are brushed off, for the children (that is honestly what we are, as much as we, including myself, will deny it) who died were obviously bad drivers. The videos and horror stories we are exposed to still cannot break through our invincibility.

Erie Insurance Company released a survey in April 2008, which revealed that 91 percent of teens think they are safe drivers, but only 34 percent think their friends drive well. However, 97 percent have seen other teens performing risky behaviors while driving. Seventy-six percent of teens talk on the cell phone, 57 percent text, 93 percent play loud music, and 48 percent are easily distracted when they have friends as passengers.

So maybe it is hopeless for teens. Maybe there is some speed hormone we all have. Adults do everything they can to help us, but the appeal of the open road and driving too fast call to us no matter what. I am no exception either. I find myself tempted to just go. I fight that urge, though, for I think of all the other drivers on the road. I realize that going just a couple miles faster could end in disaster.

## Future Business Leaders compete

This past winter was a busy season for Northwest Whitfield High School's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America.

The students competed in the regional competition through online testing in December and in front of a panel of judges at Armuchee High School in January.

Nine students placed in the top five in the region, and six of these will advance to the state competition.

Northwest has proven to be a solid competitor in the business competitions of FBLA in the past, and this year is no exception.

FBLA members who placed from NWHS are: Kate Hoyt, Business Calculations, first place, advancing to state; Keri Morton, Business



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In the front, from left, are Keri Morton, Karina Garcia, Kaila White, Mary Beth Salguero and Kate Hoyt. In the back are Josh Cavender, Jeremiah Stevens, Jorden Wade and Koty Swanson.

Calculations, fifth place, advancing to state; Jorden Wade, Business Ethics, second place; Mary Beth Salguero, Business Ethics, second place; Josh Cavendar,

Business Math, fifth place, advancing to state; Karina Garcia, Personal Finance, third place, advancing to state; Koty Swanson, Personal Finance, fifth place,

advancing to state; Jeremiah Stevens, Impromptu Speaking, second place, advancing to state; Kaila White, Public Speaking 1, fifth place.

## Students help students with reading

Northwest Whitfield High School's service learning class and the school's chapter of Family Career Community Leaders of America currently participate in the Georgia Reads More program by assisting young readers at Pleasant Grove Elementary School.

As part of a service learning activity, Northwest students have paired with every teacher at Pleasant Grove to serve as a "reading buddy" for the semester. Students visit the classroom for one hour each week to either read to the class or assist

young readers with their book assignments, and both groups benefit from the project.

The children eagerly read with the "high school kids" as they are referred to, and the NWHS students are rewarded with the knowledge that they have helped younger students to achieve in school.

The project also serves as job shadowing experience for the FCCLA members.

This program has been very successful, and there are plans to create a similar project in math.



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Cheto Chibuye is pictured participating in the Georgia Reads More program.

## Students introduced to computer science

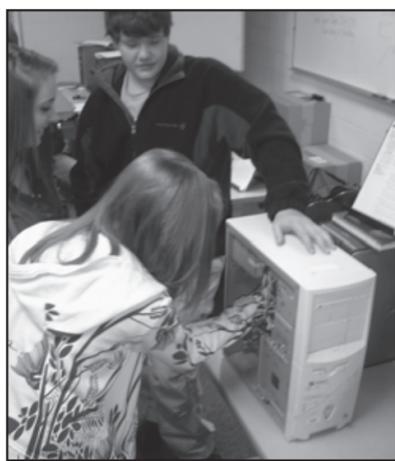
Last year, Northwest Whitfield High School began offering a new course that provides students with an introduction to the principles of computer science. Called "Computing in the Modern World," this class also shows how computer science relates to the present-day hustle and bustle.

The course presents students the skills necessary to use computers effectively in their everyday lives and allows them to acquire a fundamental understanding of the operation of computers.

Students dissect a computer and identify the main process-

ing units. Although the class is predominately male, female interest in the class has been growing.

"It is exciting and unusual to see female students taking an interest in a nontraditional high school course," says Shara Cook, the teacher of the course. She says she hopes her students will leave the class with a better understanding of how to purchase various technology items by knowing how exactly they work. She also hopes that girls will stay interested in the class because it could open more possibilities in an array of careers that have been, for the most part, dominated by men.



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Students dissect a computer in the Computing in the Modern World class.

## Talking Shakespeare

Sixteen students from Northwest Whitfield High School competed in the National Shakespeare Contest sponsored by the English Speaking Union on Jan. 23. Tayler Hayes won the competition.

Contestants memorized a Shakespearean speech of approximately 20 lines and performed in front of a live audience.

Judges for the contest were teachers from the English Department. Contestants were judged on voice, diction, interpretation of the Shakespearean language, and development of character. The top students did such a remarkable job with their presentations, that less than 1 percentage point separated them in the final tally. The top three winners each received gift cards to local bookstores.

The next round in the contest will be the regional competition on Feb. 21, at the Chattanooga Theatre Center. Tayler will represent NWHS at this competi-



Tayler Hayes

tion which starts at 10 a.m. and is open to the public.

The winner of the region contest earns a weekend in New York City to compete in the national championships against students from all over the United States. The national winner of the contest wins the grand prize of a summer at Oxford University in England to study Shakespeare and drama with some of the finest teachers in the world.

The school congratulates all the NWHS winners and wishes Tayler luck in the regional contest.

## Valentine sale success

The halls of Northwest Whitfield High School were filled with Valentine cards and small bags of candy Feb. 13, thanks to the Bruin Girls' Service Club.

The ladies worked hard to make this year's sale a success, and the money raised from this project will be used to complete several community outreach projects. The ladies aid in "Wheels with Wings," a bingo night and dinner for

the elderly as well as a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for NWHS educators, sponsorship of underprivileged children at Christmas, organization of the annual blood drive, and participation in March of Dimes activities.

Because the Valentine sale was a huge success, the Bruin Girls' Service Club will be able to continue its commitment of giving back to the community.

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### BRIDGE

#### Never relax

There are many hands where, at the outset, the contract seems very easy to make. But one of the marks of a top-notch declarer is that he asks himself, even in apparently "cut-and-dried" cases, whether anything can possibly go wrong.

Consider this deal where declarer won the opening heart lead with the ace, discarding a club. He then cashed the king of spades, discovering that he had to lose a trump trick.

South still had a chance to avoid a diamond loser if the opposing clubs were divided 3-3, in which case he could eventually discard a diamond on dummy's fourth club. So after drawing two more rounds of trumps, he cashed the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club. But when the suit failed to divide evenly, he could not avoid losing a diamond and a spade for down one.

However, declarer should have made the slam. The fault lay in his play to the very first trick, when he failed to make provision for a 4-0 trump split.

As a safety measure, he should have ruffed the opening heart lead in his hand, since there was no need to take the ace before testing the trump situation. When a spade to the king then reveals the bad trump break, South can embark on a plan to try to score all of the trumps in his hand.

He begins by cashing the ace of hearts, discarding a club, then ruffs a heart. Next the A-K of clubs are taken and dummy's last heart is ruffed. Finally, the A-K of diamonds are played and a club is led from dummy.

At this point, East has the J-10-9 of trumps and queen of diamonds, while South has the A-Q-8 of spades and seven of diamonds. If East discards his diamond, South ruffs low and loses only a diamond. If East trumps the club instead, declarer sheds his losing diamond. Either way, the slam is made as one of East's two "sure" tricks simply vanishes.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ A 7 6 2  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ K 10 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ —  
♥ Q J 9 8 5  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ Q 9 7 6

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 8 6 5 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ A 7 4  
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass 6 ♣  
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

### HOROSCOPE

**Happy Birthday:** You have unusual ideas that will help you shoot far beyond anyone's expectations. Use your gifts of compassion and caring to help others find solutions to problems this year. Your strong will power and ability to lead others will help you reach your goals. Your numbers are 5, 11, 18, 23, 31, 43, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Leave your feelings out of any decision you have to make, especially if it concerns people you've known a long time. Don't bend when it comes to your code of ethics or standards. Be brave. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be torn in different directions. Listen to reason and avoid big talkers who are looking out for their interests, not yours. A love affair will not turn out as planned. 5 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can come out on top if you do your homework and question someone who is pushy or giving you ultimatums. Take control by using your Gemini finesse and knowledge. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take better care of your assets, your future and your health. Say no if someone tries to put demands on you. An older, experienced individual will be your guiding light. Listen to the advice being given and you will see your way to victory. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll have to weed through the conversations, promises and intentions that everyone around you has before you can consider what action to take. Not everyone will be upfront and honest. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can build a strong home base and network system if you are consistent in the way you do things. Someone may use emotional blackmail. Discipline will bring you success and patience will help you stay on top. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You won't want to listen to reason. With everyone looking up to you and so many opportunities to choose from, you aren't likely to consider what someone who has always been there for you has to contribute. Analyze your motives. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be careful of anyone who is trying to meddle in your affairs. Do not give out information you don't want spread around. You have to be leery of someone you have dealt with in the past who wants to partner up with you now. Don't be

afraid to be pushy. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Mix business with pleasure and you'll not only get ahead, you will develop an interest in someone who can complement your every move. Use your ingenuity to come up with unique ideas. A service that lessens the workload, adds comfort or eases stress will be a winner. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Money will change hands and deals will close if you are willing to compromise. A last-minute change of plans may surprise you but it will be to your advantage. Rethink any relationship that tends to be negative or holds you back. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get involved in projects that interest you and you will meet someone special. The more you interact with others, the better your chance of finding a pastime or job that will lead to a brighter future. Help is but a heartbeat away if you ask. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Someone may make last minute changes that you aren't aware of. Before signing or promising anything to anyone, check the fine print. Emotional deception is apparent not only from others, but also within yourself. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

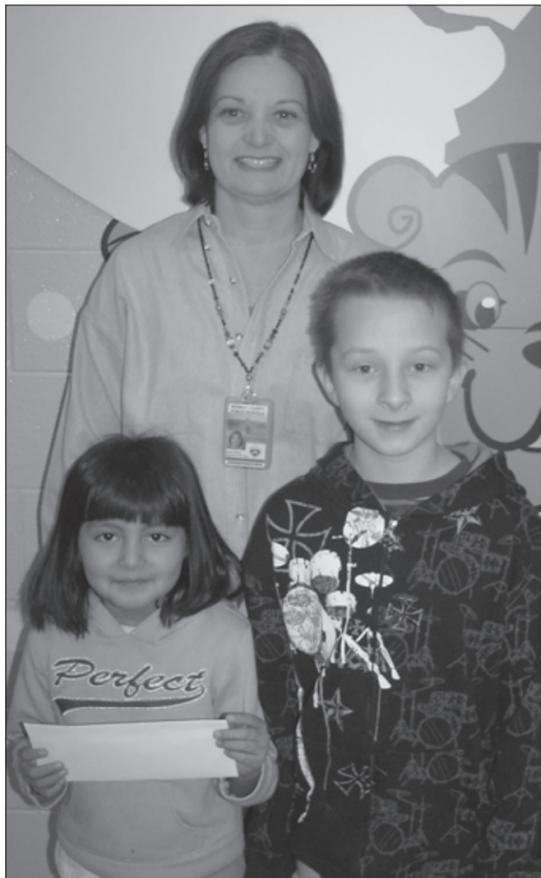
### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THOSE TWO STUBBORN OLD GOATS LOVE TO ARGUE OVER EVERYTHING. THEY ARE ALWAYS BUTTING HEADS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

### PRIZE-WINNERS



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Spring Place Elementary students Jennifer Ruiz, a first-grader in Betsy Arrowood's homeroom, and Trenton Clark, a fourth-grader in Christy Kelly's homeroom, received \$25 prizes in the perfect attendance drawing held recently. Students must have perfect attendance for nine weeks to be entered into the drawing. The prize money is generously donated by an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. Behind the students is assistant principal Kathy Moore.

## Panel considers Ga. Power bill

By GREG BLUESTEIN  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Few proposals this legislative session have sparked as much acrimony as a Senate measure that paves the way for Georgia Power to begin charging ratepayers early for a \$14 billion nuclear expansion.

The plan, which would effectively increase an average Georgia Power customer's monthly electric bill by about \$1.30 starting in 2011, passed the Senate last week. But critics hope they can cripple — or at least delay — the measure as it works its way through the House.

It faced its first test in that chamber Wednesday, as a subcommittee of the House Energy and Utilities Committee heard from a litany of speakers.

Supporters of the bill

have depicted it as a crucial job-saving measure that would help keep factories humming throughout the state. The company says it could shave about \$300 million from the total cost of the plant.

"If we decide not to pass this bill, we're giving jobs to North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and places with lower rates," said state Sen. Don Balfour, the measure's sponsor.

But critics say the measure is a raw deal for consumers, and that the decision belongs in the hands of the Public Service Commission, which regulates the industry.

Allison Wall of Georgia Watch said the talk about jobs was a "red herring" and that Georgia Power has signaled that it would build the plant regardless. She urged the committee to resist political pressure and sit on the bill until the commission can

debate it.

"Any day now the PSC is going to act," she told the subcommittee. "Why? Why are we here in a venue — with all due respect — with non-experts on the matter?"

Indeed, some members seemed unfamiliar with the proposal. One lawmaker, for example, asked where the nuclear power plant is located. It's clear, though, that they haven't heard the last of the bill.

Republican State Rep. Bob Smith, the subcommittee's chair, said the panel could consider the measure Friday. If it's adopted, it could reach a vote in the full House later this month or early March.

The measure would allow Georgia Power to start collecting the fees six years before construction of two nuclear reactors near Augusta are scheduled to be completed.

The utility giant estimates that customers would see their bill gradually rise from an additional \$1.30 a month in 2011 to \$9.10 per month by 2017. That is when the company's two nuclear reactors are scheduled to come online.

Balfour, a Snellville Republican, spent half an hour pumping the bill as everything from a "pro-American" proposal to help wean the nation from its reliance on foreign oil to a fiscal imperative for a utility giant seeking some consistency.

But he tried to stress that residents will likely wind up forking over the costs regardless. If the Legislature doesn't act, he said ratepayers wouldn't have to start paying higher rates until the plant is completed.

"And then," he said, "rates will jump 12 percent in the first two years."

## Gene test helps set accurate blood thinner dose

ATLANTA (AP) — People taking warfarin, a leading blood thinner to prevent clots that cause heart attacks and strokes, soon may have a better way to get the tricky dose right.

A new formula that includes gene testing proved much better at setting the ideal dose than what doctors do now: Give a standard amount and adjust it by trial and error. The formula was tested in a large international study, which found the usual approach gets it wrong about half the time.

About 4 million Americans take warfarin, also known as Coumadin, the top-used blood thinner worldwide. It could be

used even more, but doctors have worried about the all-too-common risks to patients if they get the dose wrong. Too little means a risk of stroke and too much can mean fatal bleeding.

The new study is one of the first to show genetic testing can be used to prevent dosing problems, experts said.

A new experiment will soon test the gene study's results in a more rigorous way. Most patients will likely have to wait at least a few years before genetic testing becomes a common factor in warfarin dosing, some experts said.

Patients are generally started on 5 mil-

ligrams a day, but that's just a starting guess. The proper amount for one patient may be 10 times as much as what's best for another. Improper dosing leads to problems for thousands of patients each year and can even result in death, according to some estimates.

"You need to be just right," said Donna Arnett, a researcher of genetic testing and cardiovascular health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who wasn't involved in the study.

Variations in two genes can indicate how effective the drug will be, but such a test is not yet widely used.

Tim Couch, right, service center director at Averitt Express' Chattanooga facility, recently presented Robert Bates of Dalton with an "Over 20 Team" award. Bates is now among more than 450 Averitt associates who are members of the company's "Over 20 Team," a group of associates who have served 20 or more years with Averitt.



## TV personality Howard battles cancer

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta television personality Clark Howard has revealed that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Howard is a consumer adviser for WSB-TV Channel 2. The station on Wednesday said doctors first noticed that there might be a problem after a blood test during a routine exam two years ago.

Since then, Howard's doctors have kept an eye on it.

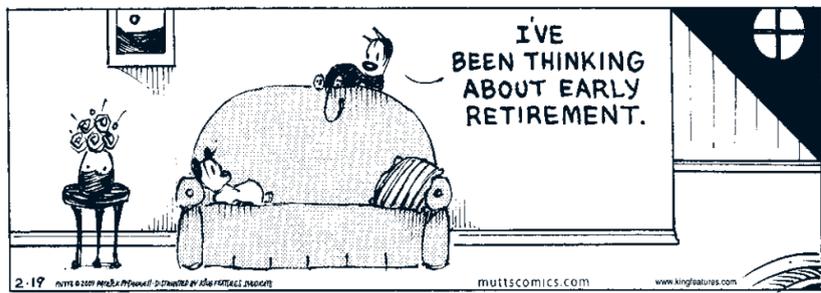
Howard was diagnosed earlier this month. He said it is in its early stages and is treatable.

He said he's telling the public about his cancer because he wants to remind people, especially men, about the importance of paying attention to their health.

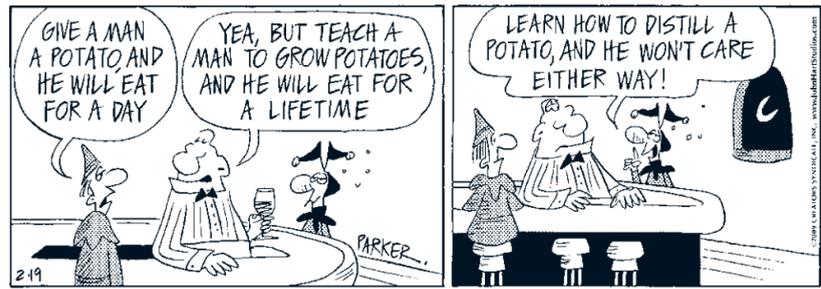
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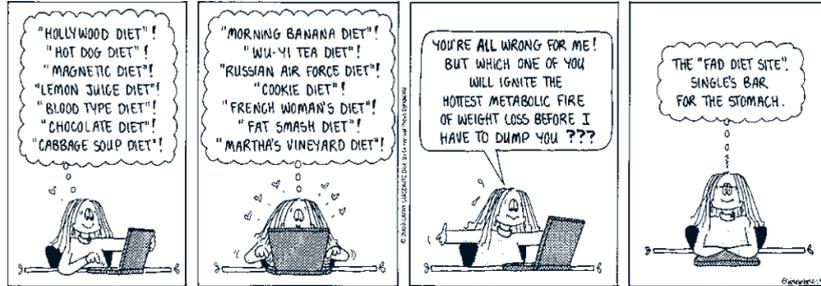
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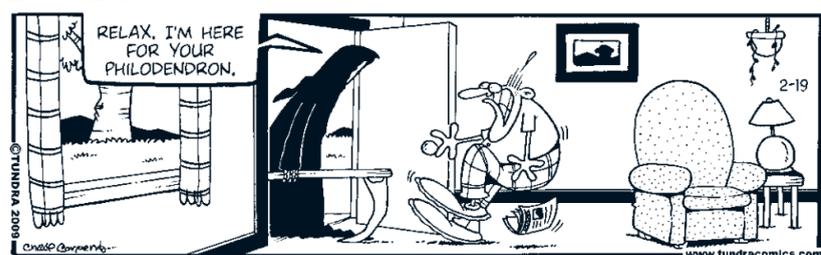
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DEAR ABBY

Couples choose to separate church and state in marriage

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the letter from "Deceived in Arizona" (Nov. 30). I agree the couple shouldn't have misled their guests and should have let them know it wouldn't be a state-sanctioned wedding. But these days, many couples choose not to legally wed, and for others it is not a choice.

DEAR ABBY: Oh, boy, did you open a can of worms with that one! Don't you know that many gay people are frustrated with the government's refusal to grant them a legal marriage? And many couples today no longer have any desire to "register" their union with the government, and have decided to forgo the legal benefits associated with it. A "government-approved" marriage means far less to them than one affirmed by God, family and community. — ALEXANDRA IN OAKLAND



Jeane Phillips

Most gay and lesbian people do not have the opportunity to have a state-sanctioned marriage, and many progressive couples choose not to legally wed because of unequal marriage laws. Other couples view marriage as oppressive and prefer not to invite the state into their relationship.

DEAR ABBY: "Deceived," who complained about the marriage ceremony that was "not legal," pointed out the difficulty we have here in the U.S. where marriage is the only sacrament that is completely entwined with civil law. We need separation of church and state.

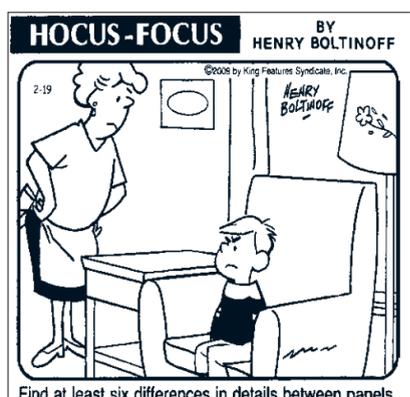
Also, some churches will no longer perform state-sanctioned marriages until marriage is available to all couples. If members of those churches decide to be legally married, they must go to the courthouse.

My advice to that stepmother: Get over it! Celebrate the fact that your stepdaughter found her lifelong companion and is happy. And be thankful your new grandchild will have loving parents. — BETHANY IN MINNEAPOLIS

Governments should allow the CIVIL marriage of any two individuals who want to take on the rights and responsibilities of marriage. Churches should provide a RELIGIOUS marriage to those couples who satisfy their requirements for a religious marriage. Then the government would be only in the business of conferring legal rights and responsibilities upon committed couples. — BECKLEY, W.VA., LAWYER

DEAR BETHANY: Thank you for writing. When I printed "Deceived's" letter I had no idea I was catching a hot potato. The mail from readers about this has been most interesting and enlightening. Read on:

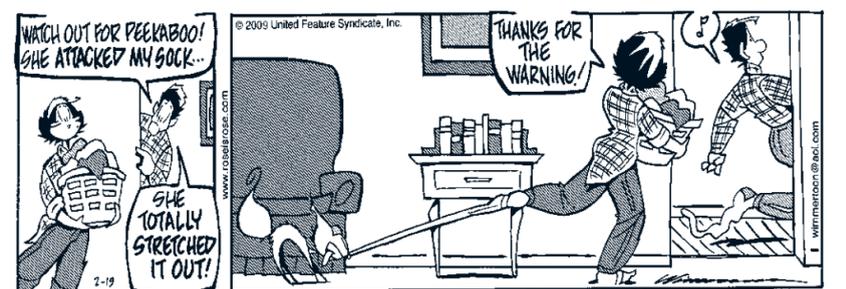
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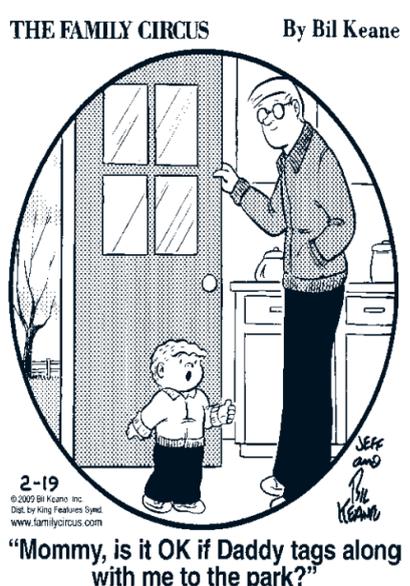
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**OBITUARIES**

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- **Laura Lovenia Green, Chatsworth**
- **Cecil Hayes Sr., Dalton**
- **Helen Mary (Young) Hicks, Chatsworth**
- **Margaret Ann Ellis Johnson, O'Fallon, Mo.**
- **Vera Price, Rossville**
- **Fred Thomas Raines, Ringgold**
- **Troy William Strickland, Dalton**
- **Hoyt L. Wilson, Dalton**

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

**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.



Dill

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 Dalton; a number of aunts, 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 today 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)

**Laura Lovenia Green**

Laura Lovenia Green, 86, of Chatsworth, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at her residence.

She was a member of Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Church and retired from

Crown Craft Chenille of Chatsworth in 1985.

Laura was preceded in death by her father, Arnold Green; mother, Mattie Green; sisters, Oma Phillips, Chassie Payne, and Edith Jones; a niece, Katerine Reynolds.

She is survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Howard and Viola Green of Chatsworth, Talmadge and Anna Lee Green of Chatsworth; sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and T.J. Brackett of Old Fort, Tenn.; a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews.

Services will be at Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Elder Lawrence Mooney, Elder Paul Mooney, Elder Ed Smith, and Elder Virgil Herrin officiating.

Burial will be in Harrison Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest beside her father and mother.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Blue Ridge Primitive Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from 3:30-9 p.m.

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

**Cecil Hayes Sr.**

Mr. Cecil Hayes Sr., 68, of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at his residence.

He was the son of the late Robert and Annie Mae Hall Hayes and was preceded in death by his sisters, Edna Brock, Dee Hailey, Ruby Rogers, Dimple Hayes, Cora Hayes and Lucille Morrison; brothers, Larry Hayes and James Hayes.

As owner and operator of Dalton Wrecker for the past 37 years, Cecil was a good man to work for, as he would treat his employees like sons and family. His caring and compassion was with him at all times, with employees, business and family. He loved to collect Hot Wheels and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ruby Payne Hayes of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil Hayes Jr. and Lesa Hayes, Jim and Anne Hayes, all of Dalton; sisters, Faye Anderson of Dalton and Frances Stafford of Chatsworth; brothers; Robert Hayes and Broadrick Hayes, both of Dalton; grandchildren, Robyn Hayes, Ashley Hayes and Haley Hayes; longtime friends and employees.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev.

Chuck Harris and Doug Jensen officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

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

Love Funeral Home 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center), is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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**Helen Mary (Young) Hicks**

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

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.



Hicks

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 Broadway, Logan Broadway, 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 today 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 Ann Ellis Johnson**

Ms. Margaret Ann Ellis Johnson, 37, of O'Fallon, Mo., and formerly of Chatsworth, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at her residence.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Shelby Ellis, and a brother, Michael Willoughby.

Survivors include Britnie Sasha Elaine King, Joshua David Lee Caldwell and Caleb Joseph Andrew Caldwell; grandchildren, Ty Ronnie Joe Rodrick-Sells and Elizabeth LaSasha Dawn Windom, all of Dalton; two sisters, Marsha Sims of O'Fallon and Tera Bridges of St. Augustine, Fla.; brothers and sister-in-law, Dennis Hunt, Keiff and Tammie Ellis and Gary Ellis, all of Chatsworth; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the Chatsworth Heights Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today after 6 p.m.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory of Chatsworth. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

**Vera Price**

Vera Inthel Grammar DeFlippo Elders Price and a member of the Johnson family, 87, of Rossville, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at her residence.

The daughter of the late Tony and Nellie DeFlippo, she was a member of Shepherd's Chapel Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley Price; son, Carl Price; and daughter, Eve Elders.

Survivors include her children, Charlie Price, Phillip Price, Johnny Price, Terry Price, Jimmy Elders, Jerry Elders, Ann Decker Scoggins, Viola Wylene Price; grandchildren, Rocky Price, Adam Creek, Summer Downs, Jennifer Kirby, Michelle Price, Teresa Price, Awanda Price, Melissa Price, Misty Price, Angel Severa Letson, Tamitha Letson and Billy Ray Wilson II; several great- and great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel.

Burial will be in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park.

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

The family will receive friends from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

**Fred Thomas Raines**

Fred Thomas Raines, 68, of Ringgold, went home to be with his Lord and Savior

on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009.

He was born Feb. 21, 1940, in Dalton to the late Lee Roy Raines and Edith Ruth Johnston, but has lived in the Ringgold area for the last 43 years. He was a member of the Duncan Park Baptist Church and was previously employed with Mohawk Industries for more than 23 years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a huge Georgia Bulldog fan, but his priority in life was caring for and adoring his family. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 48 years, Joyce Oden Raines of Ringgold; two sons and daughter-in-law, Gregory Raines of Dalton and Donald and (Angel) Raines of Rossville; daughter and son-in-law, Regina and (Richard) Steinwinter of Chickamauga; brother, Bill Raines of Dalton; stepbrother, Terry Johnston, and step-sister, Carol Oliver, both of Dalton; six grandchildren, Heather and Anthony Raines, Chris and Scott Brown, and Aubrie and Donovan Raines; great-granddaughter, LaRaina Brown; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with the Rev. Matt Hall officiating. Burial will be in Grove Level Cemetery in Dalton. The family will begin receiving friends after 4 p.m. today and prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416; (423) 892-4289.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

**Troy William Strickland**

Mr. Troy William Strickland, 72, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, Feb.



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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 are today 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 received friends at Love Funeral Home Wednesday.

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.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.com).

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center), is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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**Hoyt L. Wilson**

Mr. Hoyt L. Wilson, 57, of Dalton, departed this life Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, 2009, at his home.

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

**THE MARKET**

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 7555.60 ▲ 3  
 Wednesday's NASDAQ: 1468 ▼ 2.70

| Tuesday      | Wednesday | Duke  | 14.11      | 14.41 | Rock-Tenn. | 27.62       | 27.88 |       |
|--------------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Gold         | 968       | 964   | DuPont     | 21.21 | 21.14      | Sara Lee    | 8.51  | 8.24  |
| Silver       | 13.62     | 13.98 | Earthlink  | 6.50  | 6.51       | SouthernCo  | 30.41 | 30.72 |
| Acuity       | 25.35     | 24.34 | Ericsson   | 8.18  | 8.33       | Synovous    | 3.14  | 3.10  |
| AAir         | 4.32      | 4.12  | Exxon      | 71.28 | 71.94      | SunTrust    | 7.11  | 7.46  |
| Apple        | 94.53     | 94.37 | Ford       | 1.69  | 1.67       | Torchmark   | 26.54 | 27.06 |
| AT&T         | 23.22     | 22.96 | FSG        | 4.01  | 3.95       | Total Sys   | 12.64 | 12.85 |
| BAC          | 4.90      | 4.57  | GE         | 10.81 | 10.86      | UPS         | 42.95 | 42.73 |
| BB&T         | 14.26     | 14.61 | GM         | 2.18  | 2.06       | Vulcan      | 44.12 | 42.81 |
| BP           | 42.02     | 40.72 | Goodyear   | 6.02  | 6.38       | Verizon     | 28.26 | 28.07 |
| BristolMyers | 21.25     | 20.92 | HomeDepot  | 19.94 | 19.80      | Wal-Mart    | 48.24 | 50    |
| HP-Compaq    | 34.34     | 34.08 | Intel      | 13.21 | 13.36      | Wells Fargo | 13.69 | 13.05 |
| Chevron      | 66.18     | 66.12 | IBM        | 90.67 | 91.51      | Wendy's     | 5.09  | 5.10  |
| CocaCola     | 42.60     | 42.68 | Interface  | 2.97  | 2.79       | Yum         | 28.63 | 28.94 |
| ConAgra      | 16.27     | 16.07 | JCP        | 15.42 | 14.86      | Xerox       | 6.06  | 5.98  |
| ColonialBnk  | .47       | .48   | JNJ        | 55.98 | 55.83      |             |       |       |
| Coke Ent.    | 12.85     | 12.46 | Kroger     | 20.97 | 21.72      |             |       |       |
| CrackerBrl   | 18.19     | 17.93 | Lowes      | 17.07 | 16.89      |             |       |       |
| CrwnCrafts   | 1.93      | 1.77  | McDonalds  | 55.68 | 56.41      |             |       |       |
| CSX          | 27.48     | 27.85 | Merck      | 28.61 | 28.64      |             |       |       |
| Dell         | 8.88      | 8.65  | Microsoft  | 18.09 | 18.12      |             |       |       |
| Delta        | 6.35      | 5.71  | Mohawk     | 32.13 | 30.34      |             |       |       |
| Dixie Group  | 1.04      | 1.06  | Motorola   | 3.70  | 3.63       |             |       |       |
| Dow          | 8.62      | 8.60  | Region-Fin | 3.09  | 2.99       |             |       |       |

Stock information as of market closing is furnished by Hilliard Lyons, 511 Benjamin Way, Suite 112, Dalton, (706) 279-1810 or 800-437-6450. Hilliard Lyons is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.



**All Pro Dad's Day will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Chick-fil-A at 1517 W. Walnut Ave. in Dalton. This one-hour breakfast is held on the third Saturday morning of each month. Fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids to discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together and get equipped with resources to strengthen the relationships between fathers and their kids. This month's topic is "Spending Time with Dad." Each breakfast features prizes for the children.**

**Propex seeks to sell assets**

Propex Inc., a carpet industry supplier that once had operations in Dalton, filed a motion Wednesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chattanooga to sell assets to an affiliate of Minnesota-based Wayzata Investment Partners.

The sale is expected to be approved on or before March 24. The court had previously approved a \$65 million loan facility with Wayzata.

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# Paws for a Cause

## Saving Animals one Life at a Time

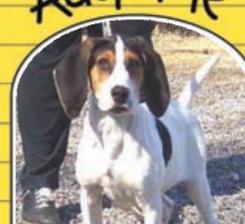


For Adoption Information Please Contact:  
**The Humane Society of Northwest GA.**  
 1703 Cleveland Hwy, Dalton, GA. 706-226-5002  
[www.hsnwga.org](http://www.hsnwga.org)

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA, INC.

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Whitfield County. Our funds are derived from membership dues, donations, memorials, and fund raising events. We are a network of people concerned with animal welfare and dedicated to the humane treatment of animals.

Our goal is to educate and motivate the citizens of our community to be responsible pet owners in order to reduce pet overpopulation and prevent animal neglect and cruelty. Some of our objectives are to recruit volunteers to carry out programs, research and pursue county wide licensing of pets, implement adequate fund raising activities and a budget to maintain existing programs along with future programs; and develop a long range plan to locate a permanent home for an adoption center and education center. Currently we are leasing property and buildings from the Wade family located at 1703 Cleveland Highway. Our facility is known as the Dr. Charles & Evelyn Wade Adoption Center.

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|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Kendell</b></p>  | <p><b>COLDWELL BANKER</b></p> <p>KINARD REALTY<br/> <b>CAROLYN ROAN</b><br/>                 REALTOR</p> <p>(706)217-8073 CELL<br/>                 (706)226-5182 OFFICE<br/>                 croan@coldwellbanker.com</p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Chance</b></p>   | <p><b>GRAND PAWS AT HOME</b></p> <p>EXCLUSIVE PET SITTING SERVICES<br/>                 FOR EXTRA INSURED AND BONDED ORDINARY PETS</p> <p>706-271-7618<br/>                 PET FIRST AID &amp; CPR CLASSES</p> <p><a href="http://www.grandpawsathome.com">www.grandpawsathome.com</a></p>   |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Sienna</b></p>  | <p><b>Four Paws Pet Resort</b><br/>                 Managed By Renee Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-hour professional on-site care</li> <li>• 4'x17' &amp; 6'x18" indoor/outdoor runs</li> <li>• Baths or grooming available</li> <li>• Veterinarian on call 24/7</li> </ul> <p>1737 Sane Road, Dalton, GA (Off Airport Rd.)<br/>                 706.428.9937<br/> <a href="http://www.4pawsresort.net">www.4pawsresort.net</a></p> <p>"MATCHING RESUED PETS WITH LOVING HOMES"</p> |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Carmel</b></p>  | <p><b>Paw Paw Reflections Pet Mobile</b></p> <p>I Come to You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-to-One Grooming Dogs and Cats</li> <li>• Standing Appointments Available</li> </ul> <p>Professional Pet Styling</p> <p>706-370-4116</p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Mugsy</b></p>   | <p><b>TS SUPER STORES</b></p> <p>Pye Honda<br/>                 2704 E. Walnut Ave.<br/>                 Dalton, Ga. 30721<br/>                 706-278-5141</p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Cindy</b></p>  | <p><b>Alpines Boarding Facility For Dogs &amp; Cats</b></p> <p>Life's necessities are water, food, shelter, and friendship<br/> <b>ADOPT A FRIEND</b></p> <p>For a pawisitive experience in board &amp; bath<br/>                 Contact Alpines Boarding Facility<br/>                 706-694-2311<br/> <a href="http://alpinesboardapet.com">alpinesboardapet.com</a></p>   |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Marsha</b></p>  | <p><b>E &amp; L REMODELING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressure Washing (Commercial &amp; Residential)</li> <li>• Vinyl - Gutters - Roofing</li> <li>• All Types of Floor Care</li> <li>• All types of Decks</li> </ul> <p>INSURED<br/>                 REFERENCES AVAILABLE<br/>                 FREE ESTIMATES<br/>                 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE</p> <p>706-264-9482 or 706-264-2301</p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>ChaCha</b></p>  | <p><b>Dalton Animal Care</b></p> <p>Two locations<br/>                 1022 S. Hamilton St 278-1113 &amp; 2685 Cleveland Hwy 281-4770.<br/>                 "Adopt your new best friend today!"</p>   |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Lucky</b></p>  | <p><b>DALTON BEACH CLUB DELUXE TOWNHOME</b><br/>                 Must See to Believe<br/>                 1902 Brady Dr.<br/>                 706-279-1801</p>  |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Mac</b></p>     | <p><b>COLDWELL BANKER</b></p> <p>KINARD REALTY<br/> <b>DEBBIE DANIELS</b><br/>                 REALTOR</p> <p>(706)218-0929 CELL<br/>                 (706)226-5182 OFFICE<br/>                 dani@kinardrealty.com</p>   |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Gracie</b></p>  | <p><b>The Daily Citizen</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.daltondailycitizen.com">www.daltondailycitizen.com</a></p> <p>308 S. Thorton Ave<br/>                 Dalton, GA 30720<br/>                 706-217-6397 (News)</p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Tiny</b></p>   | <p><b>VALU MED PHARMACY</b></p> <p>2705 Airport Airport Rd<br/>                 Dalton, Ga. 30114<br/>                 706-278-4337</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fast, friendly service</li> <li>-Se Habla Español</li> <li>-Free city-wide delivery</li> </ul>  |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Trotter</b></p> | <p><b>Petland</b><br/>                 PETS MAKE LIFE BETTER™</p> <p>Bring in coupon to receive <b>20% off Any-One-Item</b><br/>                 Create-Your-Own-Special</p> <p>Valid only on regularly-priced merchandise. May not be combined with any other coupon or discount. This coupon is not redeemable for pets, kits, tanks, dog or cat food, flea &amp; tick products or cash. Cannot be used for gift certificates or for previously purchased merchandise. Limit one per customer. (In Kroger Shopping Center)<br/>                 1349 W. Walnut Ave. • 706-226-PETS (7387)</p> |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Pocket</b></p>  | <p>120 W. Cuyler St.<br/>                 Dalton, GA 30720</p> <p><b>TOP DAWG Grooming</b></p> <p>*Trained Stylist*<br/>                 *All-Breed Grooming*<br/>                 IN-STORE - OR - AT YOUR HOME<br/>                 TOP DAWG GROOMING<br/>                 706-272-3294<br/>                 TOP DAWG MOBILE SPA<br/>                 706-313-7246</p> |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Autumn</b></p>   | <p><b>PEACH REALTY INC.</b></p> <p><b>Velma Ray</b><br/>                 Realtor, Accredited Buyer Representative</p> <p>(706)217-5059<br/>                 (706)517-4333<br/> <a href="http://www.viewsandvalues.com">www.viewsandvalues.com</a></p>   |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Tex</b></p>     | <p><b>Weaver's Rocky Face PHARMACY</b></p> <p>2600 Old Chattanooga Rd.<br/>                 Rocky Face, GA 30720</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Delivery Available</li> <li>*Experienced Pharmacists</li> <li>*Billing For: Medicare, Medicaid, Tri Care and Insurance</li> </ul> <p>Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.<br/>                 Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.<br/>                 (706) 259-0668</p>   |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Pearle</b></p> |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Pearle</b></p>   | <p><b>dalton</b><br/>                 the good life in northwest georgia</p> <p>308 S. Thorton Ave<br/>                 Dalton, GA 30720<br/>                 706-217-6397 (News)</p> |   |
|  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Chato</b></p>   | <p><b>Patricia's Grooming and More</b></p> <p>Grooming, Boutique &amp; Doggy Day Care</p> <p>815 B North Tibbs Rd. - Dalton, GA 30720<br/>                 Ph: (706) 529-7885 Fax: (706) 529-8191<br/>                 Email: <a href="mailto:groomingandmore@optilink.us">groomingandmore@optilink.us</a></p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Sissy</b></p>  |  <p><b>Adopt Me</b></p> <p><b>Pierre &amp; Purrsy</b></p>  | <p><b>American Home Mortgage Co.</b></p> <p>222 W. Morris St<br/>                 Dalton, GA.<br/>                 706-275-0414</p> <p> Nail Down a Low-Fixed Rate</p>                |   |

AccuWeather.com 5-Day forecast for Dalton

| Today         | Friday       | Saturday | Sunday   | Monday       |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|
|               |              |          |          |              |
| 48° 24°       | 49° 32°      | 46° 29°  | 40° 22°  | 47° 27°      |
| Windy, colder | Mostly sunny | Cloudy   | Some sun | Partly sunny |

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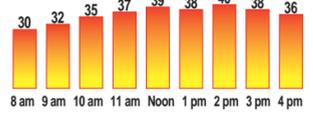
Statistics for Chattanooga through 3 p.m. yest.

**Temperature:**  
 High ..... 70°  
 Low ..... 42°

**Precipitation:**  
 24 hrs. through 3 p.m. yest. .... 1.11"

Real Feel Temperature®

The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. Shown is the highest values of the day.



Sun

Sunrise today ..... 7:21 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 6:26 p.m.

Moon Phases

| New    | First | Full   | Last   |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|
|        |       |        |        |
| Feb 24 | Mar 4 | Mar 10 | Mar 18 |

Weather History

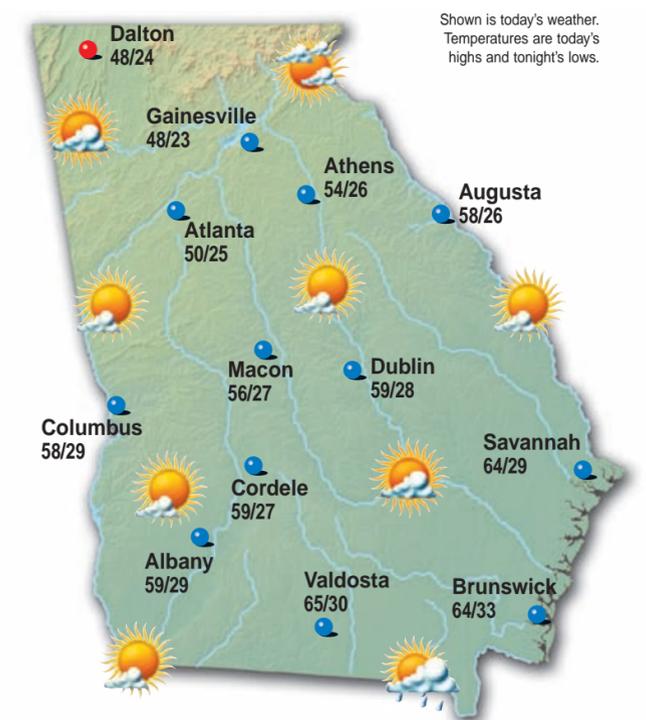
An outbreak of more than 60 twisters on this date in 1884 ripped through Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, killing 420 people.

Weather Trivia™

Q: What type of energy increases in February?

A: Solar radiation.

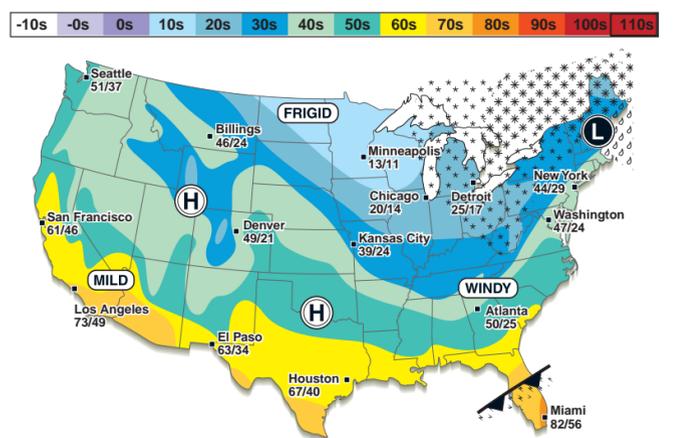
Georgia Weather



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

| City         | Today   | Fri.    | Sat.     | City      | Today    | Fri.    | Sat.     |
|--------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Albany       | 59/29/s | 58/28/s | 62/33/pc | La Grange | 51/26/s  | 53/24/s | 53/29/c  |
| Atlanta      | 50/25/s | 51/32/s | 51/29/c  | Macon     | 56/27/s  | 57/30/s | 61/34/pc |
| Athens       | 54/26/s | 52/29/s | 55/31/c  | Marietta  | 47/24/s  | 49/28/s | 51/28/c  |
| Augusta      | 58/26/s | 55/22/s | 61/35/pc | Newton    | 63/30/s  | 59/28/s | 65/35/pc |
| Brunswick    | 64/33/s | 53/32/s | 62/41/s  | Rome      | 47/28/pc | 53/28/s | 51/28/r  |
| College Park | 50/25/s | 51/32/s | 51/29/c  | Savannah  | 64/29/s  | 56/27/s | 63/36/s  |
| Columbus     | 58/29/s | 57/31/s | 58/35/pc | Sparta    | 54/25/s  | 53/26/s | 58/30/pc |
| Gainesville  | 48/23/s | 46/30/s | 48/28/c  | Valdosta  | 65/30/s  | 58/24/s | 64/35/s  |

National Weather for February 19, 2009



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

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

| City         | Today    | Fri.     | Sat.     | City           | Today    | Fri.     | Sat.     |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Albany       | 38/23/sf | 30/21/sf | 35/19/c  | Memphis        | 42/31/s  | 54/39/s  | 45/27/c  |
| Anchorage    | 33/24/sn | 30/14/pc | 22/8/s   | Miami          | 82/56/s  | 70/53/s  | 74/63/s  |
| Baltimore    | 46/22/pc | 35/21/s  | 40/28/pc | Milwaukee      | 21/12/c  | 24/16/pc | 24/14/sn |
| Billings     | 46/24/pc | 37/17/sn | 47/25/s  | Minneapolis    | 13/11/pc | 23/10/sn | 22/10/c  |
| Boise        | 46/27/pc | 45/28/s  | 46/30/pc | New Orleans    | 65/40/s  | 58/44/s  | 63/40/c  |
| Buffalo      | 30/21/sf | 25/19/sf | 30/18/sn | New York       | 44/29/c  | 33/27/pc | 38/29/pc |
| Charlotte    | 53/25/s  | 47/23/s  | 54/30/pc | Okl. City      | 57/33/s  | 63/27/s  | 48/27/s  |
| Cheyenne     | 40/23/s  | 37/17/c  | 39/22/s  | Orlando        | 74/44/r  | 60/35/s  | 70/48/s  |
| Chicago      | 20/14/c  | 27/20/pc | 22/14/sn | Philadelphia   | 46/26/c  | 34/23/pc | 38/27/pc |
| Cincinnati   | 28/16/sf | 34/22/s  | 35/18/sn | Phoenix        | 73/47/s  | 75/50/s  | 77/52/pc |
| Cleveland    | 27/19/sf | 25/19/sf | 27/19/sn | Pittsburgh     | 29/15/sf | 26/16/sf | 30/20/sn |
| Dallas       | 59/38/s  | 68/42/s  | 48/30/c  | Portland, OR   | 54/35/pc | 55/37/pc | 57/39/c  |
| Denver       | 49/21/s  | 44/16/pc | 44/23/s  | St. Louis      | 32/22/s  | 44/25/pc | 31/19/c  |
| Detroit      | 25/17/sf | 26/19/sf | 28/17/sn | Salt Lake City | 43/23/s  | 43/23/pc | 43/27/s  |
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## PREP BASKETBALL: POSTSEASON

# Indians earn spot in state

## Northwest falls at Sprayberry; CHS girls moving on

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Murray County avenged an early-season blowout at the hands of Osborne and knocked the Cardinals out of the postseason Wednesday night with a 59-54 victory in the Region 7-4A basketball tournament in Marietta.

The fifth-seeded Indians (18-8) advanced to the semifinals of the tournament and will play the Rome-Hillgrove winner Friday at 6 p.m. at Woodland High School in Cartersville.

Second-seeded Sprayberry outscored Northwest Whitfield 19-0 during the second

and third quarters and then held off the Bruins' furious rally in the final period to post a low-scoring 33-31 victory at Sprayberry High School.

No. 4-seed Sprayberry also earned a spot in the semifinals on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against the Cass-Sequoyah winner. That game was postponed Wednesday due to bad weather in the Marietta area and will be played tonight. In another postseason game, the



Richards



Linder

Christian Heritage girls won a 53-51 overtime thriller in the Georgia Independent School Association state tournament at Middle Georgia College in Cochran.

"Getting to the state tournament is a great feeling," Murray County coach Greg Linder said. "It has been a couple of years since we've been there, but I felt like we had the team to get to state. I feel great for our 10 seniors."

The Indians' second-quarter slump allowed Osborne to overtake them and lead 27-20 at halftime.

Midway through the fourth quarter Murray County grabbed the lead and managed to keep it by hitting 5-of-8 free throws in the period.

Chandler Puryear led the Indians with 14 points while Garrick Sanford added 13 and Tanner Long 12.

Basil Jones scored a game-high 16 points

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## COMMENTARY

# Wrestling buzz is about classes

Among the 22 local wrestlers who will begin competition today at the state traditional tournaments, there are almost certainly some talented and tough enough to win an individual title.

On the other hand, after two consecutive years of being personally stunned to see the area come up short in that department — and the drought actually extends back to 2005, when Murray County's Jeremy Norman (145 pounds) and Northwest Whitfield's Nathan Lock (125) each won Class 4A crowns — I'll stop short of making any bold predictions. Let's just say I wouldn't be surprised if a local wrestler did

win a state title, jumping right back in line with an area that has long shown up well in the wrestling postseason, including producing at least one state champ every year from 2000-05.

But regardless of what part of Georgia they're from, this year's state champions could be the last to win classification-based crowns. At least, that seems to be a real



Marty Kirkland

possibility if you believe the scuttlebutt — and some scuttlebutt does indeed become gospel in the long run — tossed around in some coaching circles this season, where talk of a "true" state champion has heated up in recent weeks.

No one seems to have an idea of what the concrete plan would be, but all four local wrestling coaches acknowledged they've at least heard talk from other coaches that the change could be on the way.

Would they be OK with that? Well, that depends. On who you ask. And what the prospective plan is. And whether it means a complete overhaul of the traditional postseason or simply an extension.

Southeast coach Neil Nichols grew up wrestling in Tennessee and recalls the days when that state simply had one champ at each weight class. The Volunteer State eventually shifted to private and public school divisions in the mid-1990s, but Georgia went just a few years as an open event in the 1960s before expanding to three divisions and, a few years after that, four classifications. When the Georgia High School Association expanded to five classes in 2001, so did wrestling.

What that's meant in Georgia has been more chances at state titles for more wrestlers — and, some would argue, a better shot for athletes at smaller schools to have a shot at winning an individual title, too, not to mention a team crown.

"It would be interesting to see," Nichols said of the possible change. "But I don't ever want to see the little guy, the 1A school, not have a chance."

Murray County coach Chris Thornbury has some of those same concerns, though he believes leaving the state duals untouched as the definitive event for a team state wrestling champion — and firmly rooted in the present classifications — could take away some of the little guy's worries about being overshadowed.

On the other hand, Thornbury's not even entirely sure about the already-in-place move to add state sectionals, which had a practical purpose in cutting the state traditional field from 32 to 16 wrestlers at each weight class but means half as many wrestlers in Georgia can say they've been to the state tourneys.

"I just hope we don't do anything that's going to eliminate kids from getting recognition," he said. "Because it's not an easy sport."

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## PREP WRESTLING: STATE TRADITIONAL



Area wrestlers like Northwest Whitfield's Andrew Bennett and Murray County's Zach Shoemaker, front, have worked all season in preparation for the postseason. The Class 4A state traditional tournament starts today in Duluth.

# Local teams shooting for titles

### BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Some local wrestlers gained ground at last weekend's state sectionals.

Others lost valuable territory in seeding and, perhaps, the confidence department.

But no matter what direction their athletes headed in the round between the area traditional and state tournaments — this is the first year the Georgia High School Association has staged a sectional round — local coaches spent this week making sure their athletes put the experience to good use, because they were well aware the time was short for their wrestlers to return to the competitive arena.

All five classifications will converge at Duluth's Gwinnett Center today for the state traditional tournaments, which will continue through Saturday.



Tucker

"It helped us with our draws," said Northwest Whitfield coach Allen Tucker, whose Bruins took seven wrestlers to last weekend's Class 4A West sectional in Thomaston.

All but one placed among the top eight in their respective weight classes, the standard for qualifying for state from the 16-man sectional brackets. And some of them, like senior 140-pounder Kenny Michael — who had already won the Area 7-4A title and was no shocker in adding the sectional crown — simply continued what were already highly successful seasons.

Others, like 112-pounder Russell Royal, who won his weight class after finishing

third at area, might have picked up the missing ingredient in pushing their seasons to their full potential. Included in Royal's victories were a semifinal pin of Dalton's Jordan White, whom Royal had never beaten in a string of matchups that included a one-point loss at this year's area semifinals.

"What it really helped us with, more than anything, was our confidence," Tucker said. "Russell knows now he can wrestle with the best in the state."

Joining Michael and Russell at state will be David Lewis (135), Josh Lewis (145), Garrett Henderson (160) and Adam Wilkins (285). After what Tucker believes was his team's best performance to date, the Bruins will try to make a run at the state traditional

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## PREP BASKETBALL: TOURNAMENTS

# Southeast eyes rare state berth

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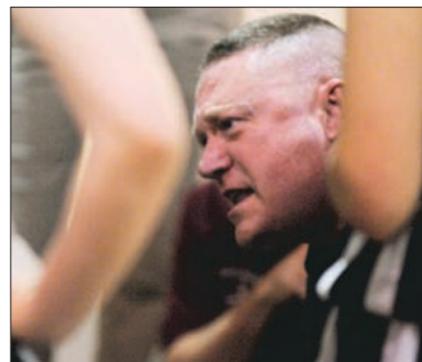
Southeast's Raiders and Lady Raiders are prepared for the next hurdle in their bids to earn berths in the Class 3A state basketball tournament. Now, the only trick is to clear it.

The third-seeded Lady Raiders play second-seeded Cartersville today at 4 p.m. in the Region 6-3A tournament at Allatoona High School in Acworth. Southeast is 12-12 and the Lady Hurricanes are 12-14. The teams split two regular-season games, the Lady Raiders winning 51-44 on Dec. 12 and the Lady Hurricanes posting a 72-56 win on Dec. 2.

Southeast's boys (10-15), the No. 3 seed, take on second-seeded Cedartown (17-8) at 5:30 p.m. The Raiders and Bulldogs did not play during the season.

Victories would earn both Southeast teams berths in the state tournament.

"Our girls are ready to go play," Southeast coach Jeff McDonald said Wednesday. "They realize this is do-or-die time. We talked about it a little at practice (Tuesday) and challenged them to help us put a banner up on the ceiling of the gym. Southeast's girls haven't been to a



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen Southeast coach Jeff McDonald will direct the Lady Raiders against Cartersville today in the Region 7-4A tournament at Allatoona High School.

state tournament since 2000 and that's our goal right now. Win one and go to state."

That's the exact scenario the Lady Raiders face: get past Cartersville and earn a spot in the state tournament.

"We discussed early in the season getting to region, placing in region and going to state so we could put a banner up in the gym,"

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## PRO BASEBALL

# Still no sign of Griffey Jr.

### BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Long after the Braves had called it a day, a gleaming black luxury SUV pulled into the parking lot beyond the right-field wall at Atlanta's spring training stadium.

It might be? It could be?

No, it wasn't Ken Griffey Jr. The SUV came and went. There was no sign of Junior on Wednesday, even though everyone seemed to think the fifth greatest home run hitter in baseball history would be in camp as the Braves held their first full-squad workout of the spring.

Griffey was apparently in seclusion, trying to decide if he wanted to play for the Braves — a longtime dream, by all accounts — or return to Seattle to finish his illustrious

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AP PHOTO

Ken Griffey Jr., playing golf in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am last week, is keeping the Atlanta Braves and Seattle Mariners waiting while he tries to make up his mind where to play baseball in 2009.

## Braves: Decision likely soon

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career with the team that gave him his start. Though a couple of media reports Tuesday said Atlanta was his choice, he had not signed with anyone more than 24 hours later.

His agent, Brian Goldberg, did not return several messages sent to his cell phone Wednesday after saying a day earlier that Griffey had not decided where he wants to play in 2009.

All the Braves and Mariners could do was wait.

"It's one of those things where he's contemplating his decision," Braves general manager Frank Wren said. "We'll see what he decides."

Around the batting cage, there was all sorts of speculation about Griffey's motives. Was he legitimately torn about which offer to take? Was he trying to save face with the Mariners because the reports he was going to Atlanta broke before he could talk with his former team?

Was he upset with the Braves, believing they leaked the news?

"From every indication we have, he'll be making his decision pretty shortly," Wren said. "When he does, we'll know."

The Braves still seemed confident that Griffey would be joining them in the next day or two, especially third baseman Chipper Jones.

The NL batting champ has made several calls to his fellow slugger, lobbying him on the benefits of playing in Atlanta.

"Ken is excited about some of the moves that were made in the offseason," Jones said.

"He thinks, as do the rest of us in this clubhouse, that we're going to be a little better than people think. And he's excited about it."

The drawn-out negotiations have become something of a cruel running joke around the Mariners camp in suburban Phoenix, with constant, almost mocking questions of: "Anything new on Griffey?"

Seattle executives had heard nothing from Griffey or his agent. Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik would only say through a team spokesman, "There's nothing new to report from Peoria."

Zduriencik was trying to come up with a backup plan in case Griffey does sign with

the Braves, talking to the agent for free agent outfielder Garret Anderson.

Without Griffey, the Mariners also held their first full-squad workout. Rookie manager Don Wakamatsu called it "a big day for us" — part introduction and part getting started on a new philosophy for a team that has an entirely new coaching staff and an overhauled roster.

"We are not thinking about who we are going to acquire or not acquire," Wakamatsu said. "I'm going to focus on today and tomorrow — and that's all I'm going to look at."

Braves manager Bobby Cox would love to plug Griffey and his 611 career homers into the lineup, even though he's coming off a mediocre season and, at age 39, is clearly past his prime. Splitting time between Cincinnati and the Chicago White Sox, Junior hit .249 with 18 homers and 71 RBIs last year.

But Griffey underwent surgery on an ailing left knee after the season, and the Braves are convinced he'll be closer to the form he showed in 2007, when he had 30 homers and 93 RBIs.

"We think he's got some playing left in him," Cox said. "We're looking for a stronger bat, and he's just the guy to supply that."

Even an over-the-hill Griffey would be an improvement on the production Atlanta got from its outfield in 2008.

With right fielder Jeff Francoeur having a miserable season and no one locking down the jobs in center and left, the Braves got only 27 homers from those three positions — worst in the majors.

Wren and Cox met with Griffey on Monday, and it wouldn't take long for Junior to get to Atlanta's camp. He lives within a half-hour drive of the Disney World complex, part of the geographic advantage that works in the Braves' favor.

Griffey wants to remain close to his wife and children, and the Braves are the obvious option both during spring training and once the season begins.

Flights between Orlando and Atlanta take about an hour; the flying distance between Orlando and Seattle is about six hours.

"My impressions are all very positive," Wren said. "We had a very positive meeting with him. We went away from that with the idea he would consider us when he makes his decision."

## Postseason: A killer quarter

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for the Cardinals, who beat Murray County 65-48, on Jan. 13. Barney Rawls had 11 points and Roland Assinzo added 10.

"We executed our game plan defensively and rebounded extremely well, especially in the second half," Linder said.

The Bruins (17-7) trailed 32-25 late in their game against Sprayberry, but Tanner Reno hit a 1-of-3 free throws, Delic dropped in two with 57 seconds remaining and Reno, the Bruins' career leader in 3-pointers, nailed one with 26 seconds left to pull Northwest within 32-31.

After a Bruins turnover with five seconds left in the game, Sprayberry made a free throw, but Northwest had one last chance. Reno's long 3 hit the front of the rim and bounced away at the final buzzer.

"This loss was brutal," Bruins coach Ryan Richards said. "We put ourselves in position to win and Tanner had a great look at the goal from about the time line. It was on line but just didn't fall."

The Bruins, seeded seventh, started the game at a torrid pace and jumped to a stunning 14-3 advantage. Up 5-3, Nermin Delic hit a field goal, Tanner Reno drained a 3-pointer and Baker Chiddister and Reno countered from two-point distance to give the Bruins the early lead.

Neither team scorched the nets in the second quarter, with Sprayberry outscoring Northwest 5-3. The Bruins led 17-11 at halftime.

The surging Yellow Jackets (17-9) then outscored Northwest 15-0 in the third quarter and grabbed what looked like a fairly save 26-17 lead over the Bruins, who were crippled over the final three quarters by costly turnovers.

"The third quarter was it," Richards said. "The kids played great in the other quarters, but for whatever reason we didn't execute anything in the third. We only took three shots. But I'm going to focus on the guts and characters of our kids to battle back and have a chance to win. I'd love to have another play here or there, but it just wasn't meant to be. One bad quarter cost us the chance to advance."

Reno made a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter and Romeo Williams hit two free throws, cutting Sprayberry's lead to 26-22. But the Yellow Jackets stretched their lead to 32-25, setting up the final hectic minutes.

Reno scored a game-high 14 points and Delic was also in double figures with 10.

Bradley Grayson paced Sprayberry with nine points as both teams managed season-low point totals.

For Christian Heritage's girls, Meg Crawford scored a career-high 22 points and

the Lady Lions made 5-of-8 free throws in overtime to post the victory in the Georgia Independent School Association state tournament at Middle Georgia College in Cochran.

The Lady Lions (22-5) made just two baskets in overtime but the free-throw shooting preserved the win. Crawford made 4-of-6 free throws and Maggie Peoples hit 1-of-2 in the extra period.

"We got into foul trouble early in the game and that affected our defense," Christian Heritage coach Heather Lowery said. "We had to slack off our pressure defense and that hurt us some because we couldn't keep up our pressure."

"We were up by three points at halftime and Meg hit back-to-back 3s to start the third quarter, but the game was back and forth after that."

With 24 seconds left, Crawford's free throw gave the Lady Lions a 53-50 lead.

Cassie Avant, who led Brentwood with 18 points, made a free throw but the Lady Lions got the rebound on a missed second attempt and ran out the clock.

Peoples finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds while Caty Nagel added eight points and 10 rebounds.

Christian Heritage advanced to the second round and will play Tift Area on Friday at 7 p.m. at Brewton-Parker College.

## Kirkland: Would plan work?

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Northwest Whitfield coach Allen Tucker is even more definitive.

"I've heard people talking about wanting to do that," he said. "But I wish we wouldn't."

Tucker's proposal would be to maintain the five separate state traditional tournaments, then stage a champions tourney the following weekend by taking the top two from each classification in all 14 weight classes.

That would mean no fewer wrestlers get the chance to call themselves state champions, but that some of them would get to call themselves something more. It's a plan that would satisfy the conservative and experimental factions within the state's wrestling scene. It's a plan that would give us something new while respecting the old.

And it might be totally unworkable for a sport with a calendar that has a final month and a half already flooded with postseason events.

Coaches have already raised their eyebrows at having to deal with sectionals, which has meant another weekend of travel and all the costs associated with such trips. For the "true champion" tourney to work, the sectionals would likely have to be done away with unless areas were combined, allowing what's now sectional weekend to become classification state tourney weekend.

Obviously, there are a lot of details to work out — for something that might not

even happen — but unless classification champs are still awarded, Dalton coach Charles Mitchell isn't interested. That's despite the fact that like Nichols, he came from Tennessee, where having fewer champs was a reality. Mitchell believes "classifications have really helped grow the sport" in Georgia by luring more athletes into a tough athletic pursuit with the glory of standing on that highest step on the state medal stand.

"I think the state needs to look at it," Mitchell said, "from a student-athlete standpoint."

But if there's a formula to respect the classifications and create the cross-class dream matchups that, for now, are only talked about in online forums and the bleachers and hospitality rooms of wrestling tournaments, there's no reason not to go after it.

Imagine this. A year from now, 14 wrestlers on each side of a single mat, standing shoulder to shoulder preparing for the final match of the season. All five classes are there — some more represented, some less, but all having earned their place the old-fashioned way — and the debates are settled once and for all about who is truly Georgia's best.

What student-athlete wouldn't want a shot at that kind of glory?

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## State: 7-4A title hopefuls

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title. The Bruins finished fourth at last season's Class 4A state traditional tourney.

"If we put four in the finals," Tucker said, "I think we can win it."

Both Dalton, which qualified all seven of its Class 4A West sectional entrants, and Murray County, which advanced six of seven, head for Duluth with similar hopes.

But Dalton's Catamounts — who swept the Area 7-4A duals and traditional titles and finished second last month to Whitewater at the Class 4A state duals — are attacking the tourney from a different direction than Northwest.

With the notable exception of 125-pound champion Henry Torres, who also won that title in 7-4A, coach Charles Mitchell was disappointed with the second-day effort of his team at its sectional. Mitchell feared complacency would set in after most of the team locked up state berths during Friday's wrestling, and he believes that's part of the reason his wrestlers didn't claim better finishes during Saturday's action.

Still, Mitchell noted, Dalton met its goal of advancing everyone who went to the tourney. Along with Torres, Eduardo Gutierrez (103), Jordan White (112), Christian Washington (119), Renaldo Torres (130), Taylor Duckworth (160) and Dean Menchaca (215) will also compete at state.

And their coach has worked to turn what he believed was a negative into a positive during this week's workouts.

"If we do good and we all have a nice draw at state, maybe you don't get that sense of urgency," Mitchell

said. "I really feel like now we've got something to prove. We can learn from the lessons of Saturday."

Like Northwest's Royal, Murray County's Dalton Lane took a step forward last week at sectionals. After losing by a point in the 135-pound finals at area, he erased that shortcoming and helped his seeding for state by winning the sectional title. He'll be joined by teammates Brian McMillan (160), David Thornbury (171), Zac Dills (189), D.J. Winters (215) and Jake McConathy (285).

While some of his wrestlers might have lost seeding position at sectionals, Indians coach Chris Thornbury said he believes they've been given fair draws for this weekend.

"And the way they battled in the final rounds at sectionals, if they'll do that again, we'll take what we get," he said.

Despite the concerns of some coaches that Area 7-4A would hurt its own chances for a state title by beating up on each other for two consecutive weekends, Thornbury believes the area's teams have as good a shot as any at bringing home a state title.

"I think us, Northwest and Dalton are all three good teams," he said. "I think all three should feel good about their chances."

For Southeast, which will compete in the Class 3A tourney, it's about the individual experience for the Raiders who have battled their way to state: Nick Didonato (135), Andy Pichardo (140) and Cristian Perez (215), a trio of juniors.

And since it will be a first-time experience for both Didonato and Perez — at last year's 4A traditional, Pichardo advanced to the

135-pound quarterfinals and was two wins shy of earning a medal — Southeast coach Neil Nichols has been focused on cutting down the awe factor for them this week.

"We've tried to talk to them about what to expect," Nichols said. "Nick's at least been there before as a manager, because we took him last year when he was injured so he could kind of experience it. Even last Saturday (at the Class 3A West sectional in Atlanta), I thought probably Nick and Cristian's first matches were their worst matches."

"Both of them said they had been nervous. So we've been talking to them about the size of the arena and the number of mats they're going to see, so they'll know what to expect when they walk in the door."

With the heaviest lifting already done in the practice room, Nichols has focused on the details this week.

"We went over stuff they did wrong and fine-tuned that," he said. "We've worked on the individual little things and made sure their lungs are still with them."

According to the GHSA's official Web site, wrestling will begin today at 5:30 p.m. on 12 mats — with Class 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A each competing on three each — and continue through 10 p.m. Action will resume at 9 a.m. Friday as Class 1A joins the competition and the semifinals for all five classes is set for 7 that night. On Saturday, the consolation finals are scheduled for noon and the finals for 5 p.m.

Admission to the tourney is \$7 on Thursday and \$10 per day on Friday and Saturday. A tourney pass is also available for \$24.

## Tournaments: NW girls in semis

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McDonald said. "We used that as a catalyst all year, pushing ourselves, staying hungry for this. We've met our short-term goals and we're going for the final goal this year, playing in the state tournament."

McDonald said his Lady Raiders must contend with a strong post player and terrific point guard Cartersville will put on the floor. But he'll revert to his second-game strategy used against the Lady Hurricanes that worked out splendidly.

Meanwhile, coach Joey Bryson's Raiders will have to contend with Cedartown scoring whiz Brandon Brown, a sharpshooting two-guard who Bryson said averages "around 24 or 25 points a game."

"He's really good," Bryson said of Brown. "He's pretty quick and very athletic. In fact, their team is very athletic, so we're going to have to use different strategies, make them shoot outside and hope to contain their athleticism."

Bryson said the team most comparable to Cedartown, in terms of athleticism, is the Chattanooga School of Arts and Sciences, which played in the Raiders' Thanksgiving tournament.

Both of those teams are athletic and they

like to press," Bryson said. "Our assistant coaches have done a good job scouting them and we've had a couple of good days of practice getting ready. I think we're prepared. We'll go play and see what happens."

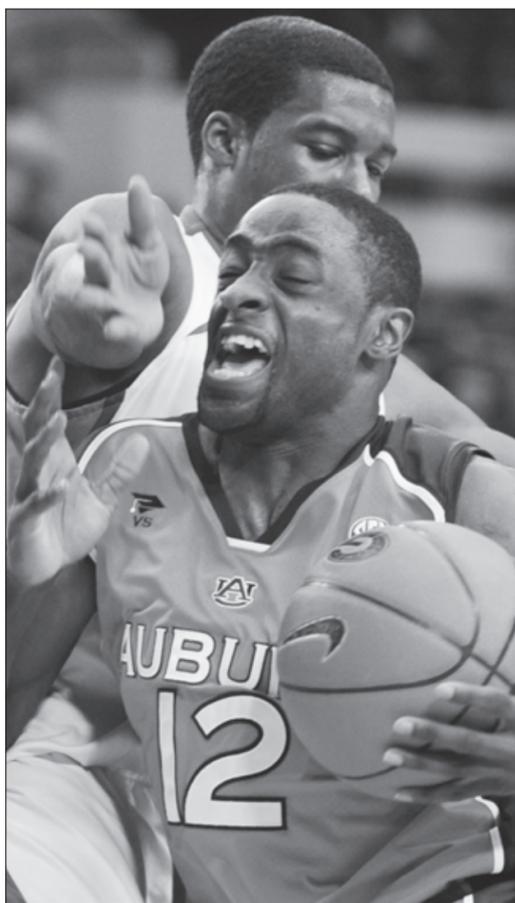
Elsewhere today, Christian Heritage's Lions (24-5) try to bounce back from a lopsided, 78-38, loss to Arlington Christian in the Region 4-2A tournament title game when they play Westminster Christian Academy — a team they have not played this season — of Watkinsville at 4 p.m. in the Georgia Independent School Association state tournament at Middle Georgia College in Cochran.

And in the Region 7-4A tournament semifinals at Woodland High School in Cartersville, the top-seeded Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins (24-2) roll into today's game against fourth-seeded Hillgrove riding a 14-game winning streak, having last lost on Dec. 30 to Loganville (47-45) in the Deep South Classic.

In their winning streak, Northwest has posted an average margin of victory of 32.2 points. Twice in the streak Northwest beat teams by 80-plus points and twice scored in the 90s.

Hillgrove (17-7) knocked Dalton out of the postseason on Tuesday with a 63-47 victory behind Tala Black's 24 points.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**



AP PHOTO

**Auburn's DeWayne Reed (12) is fouled by Georgia's Dustin Ware while driving to the basket during first-half play of their SEC game Wednesday night.**

# Auburn wallops Bulldogs; Tech falls to Deacons

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ATHENS — Tay Waller scored 20 points and Korvotney Barber had 11 points with 18 rebounds to help Auburn earn a fourth straight victory in the Southeastern Conference for the first time in six years, 71-59 over Georgia on Wednesday night.

The Tigers (17-9, 6-5 Southeastern Conference) struggled to hold off Georgia despite leading by 27 points early in the second half.

After Quantez Robertson's layup put Auburn ahead 49-22 with 16:27 remaining, the Tigers slumped on both ends of the floor.

Georgia (10-16, 1-10) never led, but Dustin Ware's straightaway 3-pointer cut Auburn's advantage to less than 10 points for the first time since the 14:28 mark of the first half.

The long jumper woke up the sparse crowd at Stegeman Coliseum, which is rarely filled and was even farther under capacity with tornado warnings echoing 45 minutes before tipoff.

The Bulldogs twice came within six points in the final minutes, the second time coming on Ricky McPhee's two free throws with 4:39 remaining.

A four-point possession, coming on Barber's free throw and a three-point play by Rasheem Barrett, ended the suspense by putting Auburn ahead 69-58 with 58.5 seconds left.

The Tigers left with their largest margin of victory in Athens since 1977. They have their first four-game winning streak in the SEC since 2002-03, when a 4-0 start helped propel them to the Sweet 16.

Georgia was coming off a surprising two-point upset of Florida on Saturday, but dismal field-goal shooting in the first half led to its 12th loss in 13 games.

The SEC's lowest-scoring team, the Bulldogs showed why they were ranked 220th nationally when the game started with a 65.7 average. They missed 16 of their first 18 shots, including a 1-for-10 ratio on 3-pointers, before Trey Thompkins' layup made it 35-9.

Waller's 3-pointer at the 5:27 mark of the first half gave the Tigers their largest lead at 29.

Ware had 14 points for Georgia.

• **Wake Forest 87,**

**Georgia Tech 59:** At Winston-Salem, N.C., James Johnson had 24 points and 11 rebounds and No. 8 Wake Forest avenged its worst loss of the season by holding off Georgia Tech.

Less than three weeks after the Yellow Jackets stunned the Demon Deacons for their only Atlantic Coast Conference win of the season, Wake Forest saw a 23-point lead cut to five before pulling away behind Johnson's dominance inside.

Jeff Teague added 15 points for Wake Forest (20-4, 7-4), freshman Al-Farouq Aminu scored 14 and got the better of his older brother, Georgia Tech senior Alade Aminu, who was held to nine points.

Lewis Clinch hit six 3-pointers and scored 24 points and Iman Shumpert added 14 for Georgia Tech (10-15, 1-11), which has lost five straight and 10 of 11.

• **Mississippi 81, Tennessee 65:** At Oxford, Miss., Terrico White scored 21 points, Murphy Holloway had 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Mississippi beat Tennessee, further muddling the race for the SEC title.

The Rebels (14-11, 5-6) held the Volunteers (16-9, 7-4) without a field goal for more than 5 minutes to take control and the SEC's hottest shooting team hurt itself by missing 33 of 57 shots and 13 free throws.

Wayne Chism had 19 points and Tyler Smith added 16 to lead Tennessee, while David Huertas scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half to boost Ole Miss.

• **Florida 83, Alabama 74:** At Gainesville, Fla., Nick Calathes scored 22 points, Alex Tyus added 16 and Florida snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory over Alabama.

Kenny Kadji had eight points and eight rebounds for the Gators, who had lost three of their last four coming into the game. Florida (20-6, 7-4) beat Alabama for the eighth time in the last 10 meetings. The Gators also extended their streak of 20-win seasons to 11, the second-longest streak in league history. Tubby Smith holds the record with 12, 10 at Kentucky and two at Georgia.

Alonzo Gee led the Crimson Tide (13-12, 3-8) with 17 points.

# SCOREBOARD

**LOCAL**

**Prep Schedule**

**Today**  
**Region 6-3A Tournament**  
 At Alatoona High School  
 Southeast girls vs. Cedartown, 4  
 Southeast boys vs. Cedartown, 5:30  
**Region 7-4A Tournament**  
 At Woodland High, Cartersville  
 Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Hillgrove, 6  
**GISA State Tournament**  
 At Middle Georgia College, Cochran  
 Christian Heritage boys vs. Westminster Academy Christian, 4  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Southeast, 5  
**Varsity wrestling**  
 Class 3A, Class 4A state traditional tournaments, Gwinnett Center  
**JV soccer**  
 Southeast boys at Northwest Whitfield, 3:30

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

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

**Varsity soccer**  
 Gordon Central girls vs. Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette, 10 a.m.  
 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 5, Visalia to Paso Robles, Calif.

**GOLF**  
 9:30 a.m.  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Johnnie Walker Classic, first round, at Perth, Australia (same-day tape)

3 p.m.  
 TGC — PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, first round, at Pacific Palisades, Calif.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Duke at St. John's  
 ESPN2 — Xavier at Charlotte

9 p.m.  
 ESPN — Wisconsin at Indiana  
 ESPN2 — Rutgers at Villanova

11 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Hawaii at Fresno St.  
 FSN — Washington at UCLA

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 8:15 p.m.  
 TNT — San Antonio at Detroit  
 10:30 p.m.  
 TNT — Boston at Utah

**HOCKEY**

**NHL Glimpse**  
**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   | 31 | 22 | 6   | 68 | 147 | 163 |
| Pittsburgh     | 27 | 25 | 6   | 60 | 173 | 178 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 17 | 34 | 6   | 40 | 138 | 192 |

**Northwest Division**

| W        | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
|----------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Boston   | 40 | 10 | 8   | 88 | 197 | 131 |
| Montreal | 30 | 21 | 7   | 67 | 175 | 176 |
| Buffalo  | 30 | 22 | 6   | 66 | 172 | 160 |
| Ottawa   | 22 | 25 | 9   | 53 | 139 | 158 |
| Toronto  | 21 | 28 | 10  | 52 | 172 | 210 |

**Southeast Division**

| W          | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
|------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Washington | 37 | 16 | 5   | 79 | 195 | 166 |
| 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   | 38 | 12 | 8   | 84 | 221 | 170 |
| Chicago   | 32 | 15 | 8   | 72 | 186 | 140 |
| Columbus  | 29 | 23 | 6   | 64 | 159 | 161 |
| Nashville | 27 | 28 | 3   | 57 | 140 | 166 |
| St. Louis | 24 | 26 | 7   | 55 | 163 | 176 |

**Northwest Division**

| W         | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
|-----------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Calgary   | 33 | 18 | 6   | 72 | 181 | 169 |
| Vancouver | 28 | 21 | 8   | 64 | 173 | 166 |
| Edmonton  | 29 | 24 | 4   | 62 | 161 | 175 |
| Minnesota | 28 | 24 | 3   | 59 | 142 | 129 |
| Colorado  | 27 | 30 | 1   | 55 | 159 | 180 |

**Pacific Division**

| W           | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
|-------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| San Jose    | 38 | 8  | 9   | 85 | 192 | 137 |
| 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.

**Tuesday's Games**

Boston 5, Carolina 1  
 Buffalo 4, Toronto 1  
 Florida 4, New Jersey 0  
 Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 3  
 Colorado 3, Ottawa 2, OT  
 Vancouver 4, Calgary 3, SO  
 San Jose 4, Edmonton 2

**Wednesday's Games**

Columbus 4, St. Louis 3  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Detroit 6, Nashville 2  
 Washington 4, Montreal 3, SO  
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, late

**Today'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.

**Friday's Games**

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
 Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA Glimpse**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

| W            | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|--------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Boston       | 44 | 11  | .800 | —      |
| Philadelphia | 27 | 26  | .509 | 16     |
| New Jersey   | 24 | 30  | .444 | 19 1/2 |
| New York     | 22 | 31  | .415 | 21     |
| Toronto      | 21 | 35  | .375 | 23 1/2 |

**Southeast Division**

| W          | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Orlando    | 39 | 14  | .736 | —      |
| Atlanta    | 31 | 22  | .585 | 8      |
| Miami      | 28 | 25  | .528 | 11     |
| Charlotte  | 22 | 32  | .407 | 17 1/2 |
| Washington | 12 | 42  | .222 | 27 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| W         | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|-----------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Cleveland | 41 | 11  | .788 | —      |
| Detroit   | 27 | 25  | .519 | 14     |
| Milwaukee | 27 | 30  | .474 | 16 1/2 |
| Chicago   | 24 | 30  | .444 | 18     |
| Indiana   | 22 | 34  | .393 | 21     |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**

| W           | L  | Pct | GB   |   |
|-------------|----|-----|------|---|
| San Antonio | 35 | 17  | .673 | — |

|             |    |    |      |        |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| New Orleans | 32 | 20 | .615 | 3      |
| Houston     | 33 | 21 | .611 | 3      |
| Dallas      | 31 | 21 | .596 | 4      |
| Memphis     | 15 | 38 | .283 | 20 1/2 |

**Northwest Division**

| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|---------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Denver        | 37 | 17  | .685 | —      |
| Portland      | 32 | 20  | .615 | 4      |
| Utah          | 31 | 23  | .574 | 6      |
| Minnesota     | 18 | 35  | .340 | 18 1/2 |
| Oklahoma City | 13 | 41  | .241 | 24     |

**Pacific Division**

| W             | L  | Pct | GB   |        |
|---------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| L.A. Lakers   | 43 | 10  | .811 | —      |
| Phoenix       | 29 | 23  | .558 | 13 1/2 |
| Golden State  | 19 | 35  | .352 | 24 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 13 | 41  | .241 | 30 1/2 |
| Sacramento    | 11 | 43  | .204 | 32 1/2 |

**Tuesday's Games**

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  
 Houston 114, New Jersey 88  
 Utah 117, Memphis 99  
 Phoenix 140, L.A. Clippers 100  
 L.A. Lakers 96, Atlanta 83

**Wednesday's Games**

Cleveland 93, Toronto 76  
 Charlotte 103, Indiana 94  
 Denver 101, Philadelphia 89  
 Minnesota 111, Miami 104  
 New Orleans 117, Orlando 85  
 Chicago 113, Milwaukee 104  
 New Jersey at Dallas, late  
 Atlanta at Sacramento, late  
 Memphis at Portland, late  
 Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, late  
 L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late

**Today's Games**

San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
 Boston at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.  
 Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**College Results**

**EAST**  
 American U. 58, Army 36  
 Binghamton 62, Hartford 44  
 Bowling Green 59, Buffalo 48  
 Georgia St. 70, Northeastern 68  
 Holy Cross 74, Navy 69  
 Lafayette 71, Bucknell 68  
 Lehigh 49, Colgate 40  
 Rhode Island 71, Massachusetts 59  
 Richmond 62, La Salle 53  
 Rider 90, Niagara 87  
 Stony Brook 66, Boston U. 54  
 Temple 72, Fordham 45  
 West Virginia 79, Notre Dame 68  
 William & Mary 76, Towson 54

**SOUTH**  
 Auburn 71, Georgia 59  
 E. Kentucky 74, Morehead St. 70  
 Florida 83, Alabama 74  
 Florida St. 80, Miami 67  
 George Mason 49, Drexel 48  
 Georgetown 65, South Florida 40  
 Louisville 94, Providence 76  
 Marshall 88, Houston 83  
 McNeese St. 88, Northwestern St. 74  
 North Carolina 89, N.C. State 80  
 Old Dominion 84, UNC Wilmington 65  
 Savannah St. 79, Florida Atlantic 66  
 Texas-Arlington 70, SE Louisiana 66  
 The Citadel 64, Davidson 46  
 UNC Asheville 81, High Point 78, OT  
 Va. Commonwealth 78, Delaware 67  
 Wake Forest 87, Georgia Tech 69  
 Winthrop 60, Gardner-Webb 55

**SOUTHWEST**  
 UTEP 67, Rice 58

**TRANSACTIONS**

**Wednesday's Moves**  
**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
 MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Ayala on a one-year contract.  
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jerry Blevins, RHP Santiago Casilla, RHP Joey Devine, RHP Jeff Gray, RHP Brad Ziegler, INF Eric Patterson, INF Gregorio Petit, OF Chris Denorfia and OF Javier Herrera on one-year contracts.  
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with 3B Willie Aybar on a two-year contract.  
**National League**  
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Claimed RHP Bobby Korecky off waivers from Minnesota.  
 ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 2B Kelly Johnson on a one-year contract.  
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP RHP Brad James, LHP Tyler Lumsden, IF Edwin Mays and OF Yordany Ramirez on one-year contracts.  
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with OF Josh Willingham on a one-year contract.  
**American Association**  
 EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed OF Adam Hale.  
 SHREVEPORT BOSHER CAPTAINS—Signed LHP Jorge Lugo. Acquired 1B Brett Amyx from Windy City (Frontier) for a player to be named.  
**Northern League**  
 JOLIET JACKHAMMERS—Acquired LHP Ryan Gehring from Traverse City (Frontier) to complete an earlier trade. Acquired INF Ismael Castro from Washington (Frontier) for a player to be named.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**  
 NBA—Suspended L.A. Clippers C Zach Randolph two games for striking Phoenix F Louis Amundson in the face during a game on Tuesday.  
 CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed F Carter Martin for the remainder of the season.  
 CHICAGO BULLS—Traded F Andres Nocioni, F-C Drew Gooden, F Cedric Simmons and F-C Michael Ruffin to Sacramento for C-F Brad Miller and G-F John Salmons.  
 SACRAMENTO KINGS—Traded F-C Michael Ruffin to Portland for F Ike Diogu.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 ARIZONA CARDINALS—Designated LB Karlos Dansby as their franchise player.  
 BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed LB John DiGiorgio.  
 MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released RB-KR Maurice Hicks. Named Diron Reynolds assistant defensive line coach.  
**Canadian Football League**  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS—Signed DB Dante Marsh and DB Jerome Dennis to contract extensions.  
 WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Announced the retirement of WR Mitt Stegall.  
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 a12—Assigned L Maurice Smith and L Frashon McGee to Mahoning Valley.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 BUFFALO SABRES—Reassigned F Nathan Gerbe to Portland (AHL).  
 CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Placed G Nikolai Khabibulin and RW Patrick Sharp on injured reserve.  
 DALLAS STARS—Recalled RW Chris Conner from Peoria (AHL).  
 EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned F Carl Corzazini from Springfield (AHL) to Peoria (ECHL).  
 OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Josh Hennessy from Binghamton (AHL).  
 ST. LOUIS BLUES—Reassigned F Charles Linglet from Peoria (ECHL) to Springfield (AHL).  
**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
 NEW YORK RED BULLS—Waived M David Roth. Signed M Dane Richards to a multiyear contract.  
**COLLEGE**  
 ALVERNIA—Named Bill Stiles director of athletics and recreation.  
 CINCINNATI—Named Bob Diaco defensive coordinator. Promoted defensive backs coach Kerry Coombs to associate head coach, and special teams and recruiting coordinator-tight ends coach Mike Elston to assistant head coach, in addition to their previous duties.  
 HARVARD—Named James Frazier director of strength and conditioning.  
 INDIANA—Reinstated junior G Devan Dumes to the men's basketball team after a two-game suspension.  
 INDIANA STATE—Named Troy Walters offensive coordinator and quarterbacks and wide receivers coach.  
 JPPITTSBURGH—Named Frank Cignetti Jr. offensive coordinator.

# Van Pelt, former Giants LB, dies

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

OWOSSO, Mich. — Brad Van Pelt, a five-time Pro Bowl player with the New York Giants who helped form one of the NFL's best line-backing corps in the early 1980s, has died. He was 57. Van Pelt was found dead Tuesday by his fiancée at his home, the Giants said Wednesday. He died from an apparent heart attack.

A second-round draft choice out of Michigan State in 1973, Van Pelt played 14 seasons in the NFL, 11 with the Giants.

Although he played on only one winning team in New York, he made the Pro Bowl five consecutive seasons from 1976-1980.

Van Pelt's only winning season with the Giants came in 1981, when Lawrence Taylor was drafted and the team made the playoffs for the first time in 18 seasons. Van Pelt played strong side linebacker with Taylor on the weak side and Harry Carson and Brian Kelley in the mid-

dle of a group called the "Crunch Bunch."

Van Pelt left the Giants in 1983 and spent two seasons with the Los Angeles Raiders before finishing his career with Cleveland in 1986. He played in 184 regular season games and had 20 interceptions and 24 1/2 sacks.

"Brad was a very good friend," Carson said.

"Obviously he was a great teammate, but I consider him more of a very good friend and very much like a brother. Then the relationship after football and the things that we did as a group of linebackers really bonded us together."

At Michigan State, Van Pelt also played baseball and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals as a pitcher, lasting into the second round of the NFL draft because many teams thought he would play baseball. He was an All-American safety in 1972, and became the first defensive player to win the Maxwell Award as the nation's top player.

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## AUTO RACING: NASCAR

## Roush pushes propane fuel

BY CHRIS JENKINS

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If Jack Roush has anything to say about it, propane soon will be used for more than grilling hamburgers and hot dogs at the infield cookout.

In the wake of Sunday's Daytona 500 victory by Roush-Fenway NASCAR team driver Matt Kenseth, Roush was back at his headquarters outside Detroit this week to promote his company's new line of propane-fueled Ford trucks and vans.

A veteran of racing and the automotive industry, Roush loves the sound of a snarling gasoline-powered V-8 as much as the next guy — probably more. But Roush sees alternative fuels as a positive step in the struggling U.S. auto industry's journey out of the economic wilderness.

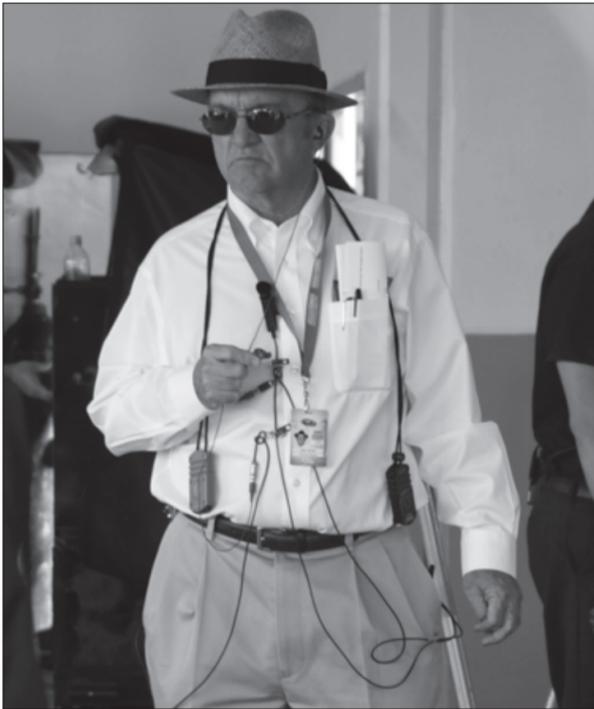
"We're getting ready for the upswing here," Roush said, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The automobile industry is going to survive. We're going to morph ourselves into a shape where we can have better market share for the things that we do than we've had in the past. And life's going to be good."

Roush said alternative fuels are "certainly not a fix-all," but represent potential good news for an industry beleaguered by talk of bailouts and bankruptcy.

And Roush's decision to embrace alternative fuels — he's touting propane as an immediate answer, and his company is working on electric and hydrogen power projects for the future — is another example of a slow shift toward environmental awareness within the NASCAR community.

Although the Indy Racing League has switched to ethanol, NASCAR only recently switched from leaded to unleaded fuel and its cars still use carburetors instead of fuel injection.

But NASCAR recently hired a director of "green innovation," and NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France has spoken to former vice president Al Gore



AP PHOTO

Jack Roush, shown during practice at the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway, believes propane would be a nice alternative fuel in trucks and vans.

about making the sport more environmentally friendly.

Not that Roush expects NASCAR to race on an alternative fuel anytime soon.

"If you wanted to look at electric motors, I guess you could race slot cars," Roush joked.

But wouldn't it be easier to talk to your buddies in the grandstands as the cars whooshed by in Pirus-like silence?

"You could do that," Roush said. "You could also go to sleep."

Clearly, Roush is more interested in getting alternative-fuel vehicles on the road than on the track.

Although Roush is best known for the success of his NASCAR team and the trademark fedora he wears in the garage area, he says only about 500 of his 3,000 employees

work on racing. The rest work on other business interests that include engineering projects for the automotive industry and beyond.

And in stark contrast to many businesses in the hard-hit state of Michigan, Roush is planning to expand. He sees the propane fuel truck conversions as an area for growth.

"The thing that I've done in running my company that's kept it viable is that we have been quick to give up on things that were no longer timely or needed, and we've morphed ourselves into a new form, a new shape, that would follow the needs of the automotive industry and the interest of things that were happening in the economy," Roush said.

Roush's propane truck conversions will be marketed primarily to large business fleets.

Although there are an estimated 2,500 public propane refueling stations in the U.S., Roush said the propane-powered trucks make the most sense for companies large enough to maintain their own refueling stations.

The Roush propane conversion isn't cheap — it costs just shy of \$9,000 for parts and installation on a Ford pickup.

When combined with federal and state tax incentives that subsidize major chunks of the conversion and subsequent propane purchases, Roush estimates the cost will justify itself within a year. According to Roush's research, business fleets hold on to their vehicles much longer.

Propane also burns cleaner than gasoline — Roush says his modified trucks will be certified by the strict California Air Resources Board — and propane generally doesn't need to be imported because it is a byproduct of the refining process for oil and natural gas that often goes to waste.

Those big flames you see shooting out of refinery smokestacks?

"For the most part, that's burning off propane," Roush said.

Roush says the propane-powered truck gets the same horsepower and torque as the gasoline version.

"It's seamless," Roush said. "You can't tell the difference."

However, Roush acknowledges an approximate 13 percent drop in fuel economy because a gallon of propane contains less energy than a gallon of gas.

The loss in efficiency can be offset when large business fleets take advantage of wholesale propane prices that have been below \$1 per gallon this year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Web site.

Roush's propane push runs parallel to the widely publicized natural gas transportation fuel initiative being promoted by Texas oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens.

## Draft choice duped Nats

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press Writer

VIERA, Fla. — A top baseball prospect from the Dominican Republic who received a \$1.4 million signing bonus from the Washington Nationals lied about his age and name in what team president Stan Kasten called "an elaborate scheme."

"This was a deliberate, premeditated fraud" that involved bribes, along with falsified hospital and school records, Kasten said Wednesday.

## PRO BASEBALL

In July 2006, the Nationals signed a 16-year-old shortstop named Esmailyn "Smiley" Gonzalez and held a news conference at which general manager Jim Bowden compared the player to Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith. Still known as Gonzalez, he wound up leading the rookie-level Gulf Coast League with a .343 batting average in 2008.

But while the Nationals have been listing his date of birth as Sept. 21, 1989 — which would make him 19 now — Kasten said Wednesday that a Major League Baseball investigation determined Gonzalez is actually Carlos David Alvarez Lugo, born in November 1985 — meaning he is really 23.

Kasten spoke after SI.com first reported the Gonzalez/Lugo issue.

Jose Rijo, a special assistant to Bowden, was credited with spotting the player in the Dominican about two years before the Nationals signed him.

"I loved him from the beginning," Rijo said Wednesday in the home clubhouse at Space Coast Stadium, where the Nationals hold spring training.

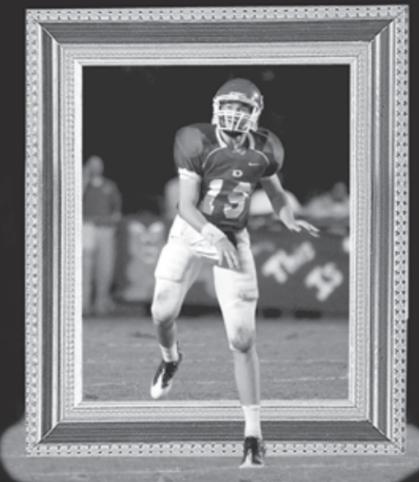
"In the Dominican, you never know. You just never know anymore. That (stuff has) been going on for so long," Rijo, the 1990 World Series MVP for the Cincinnati Reds, said about players lying about their ages.

Asked whether he had ever seen Gonzalez's documents, Rijo said: "You see a document, but you're going to see a real or a fake one, anyway. It doesn't matter. But you've got to go through Major League Baseball before you can get the kid to sign. They do the investigation, they do everything."

Shortly after those comments, the Nationals announced that Kasten would be the only member of the organization, including Bowden, who would speak about the matter.

While Kasten said there were "a number of people involved" in the hoax, he would not say whether anyone employed by the Nationals is suspected of playing a role.

"I'm not going to say anything right now while the investigation continues," Kasten said.



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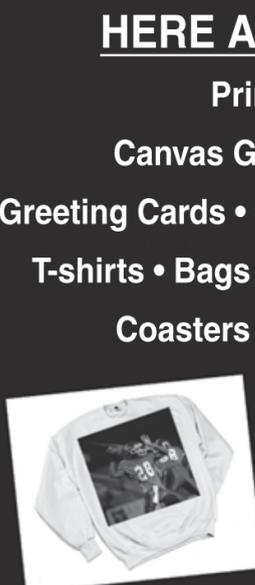
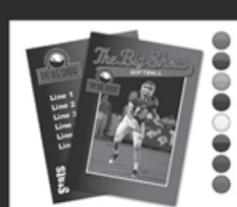
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\*19,000 sq.ft. - 2105 E. Walnut Ave. Retail space, Next to Hobby Lobby, across from Mall.  
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\*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut  
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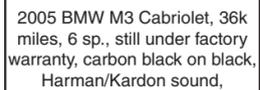
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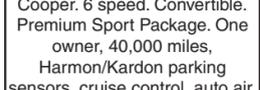
2005 BMW M3 Cabriolet, 36k miles, 6 sp., still under factory warranty, carbon black on black, Harman/Kardon sound, navigation, heated seats, xenon headlights, garage kept, one owner, asking \$43,000. Call: 706-260-1673



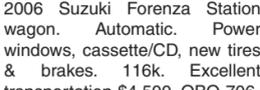
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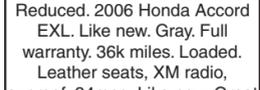
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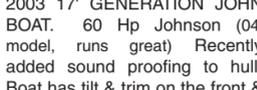
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# 7 smart places to stash your cash

## Home safe sales smash 60 year record due to new banking worries

By Aaron Robinson  
Universal Media Syndicate

So you're still hiding money under the mattress or in the bread box?

Well, you're not alone. Ever since financial institutions have been dropping like flies, millions of Americans have stopped relying solely on their bank.

Are banks safe? Well maybe. But with so much to lose, here are 7 things we can consider to protect the little we have left.

**1. Be sure your institution is insured.** If you're not sure if your bank is FDIC insured find out or get your money out.

Insured or not, the fact is this. The FDIC has only enough cash on hand to cover about 2% of nationwide deposits. Pretty scary stuff, so it's not always wise to have all your eggs in one

basket.

**2. Start and grow a coin collection.** Coin collections are tangible assets that will always keep their face value, instead of just owning stocks that could depreciate or lose you money.

If times ever get really tough, U.S. Gov't coins will always bail you out. A good safety net is to insist on only never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins.

**3. Keep cash safe at home.** Cash is King. Believe it, but remember not to keep it in a thief's favorite spot; like in the bread box or the mattress.

These will never have the protection that a quality home safe can provide to safeguard your money. See #7 for more.

**4. US Saving Bonds, an old favorite.** U.S. Saving Bonds are easy way for your money to stay safe in the

future.

However, if lost or stolen they could be difficult to replace unless the serial number was kept in a safe place. But be careful because they must now be held for at least 1 year before cashing them in.

**5. Gold and silver still shine.** If you own gold or silver, great, hold on to it. But if you don't, one of your best bets is to try to get as many U.S. Gov't issued gold and silver coins as you can. Due to the recent demand, the U.S. Mint had to halt the production of some of their most valued gold coins.

**6. Hold on to real estate.** With interest rates at historic all-time lows the market is sure to recover and property values will once again bounce back. So those who hold on to their homes for the long term

**■ SHOULD HAVE HAD MONEY IN A SAFE:**

Stunned customers show up at this California bank only to find the bank suddenly closed.



will likely reap the benefits of these investments.

**7. Buy a good safe.** Home safes become an absolute necessity during economic turmoil.

If you already have one make sure it's big enough and heavy enough to foil a thief. It will also keep nosy relatives out of your business.

A good safe made from solid steel construction can cost anywhere from

\$300 to over a thousand dollars. But, because of the huge spike in recent sales, safes may be hard to come by.

But if you can find a good one, you'll have your own Fort Knox to keep everything safe including: official documents, coin collections, currency, U.S. Saving Bonds, guns, gold, silver, deeds, wills and other legal papers.

With all this you'll be much safer, just in case your bank is the next to fail. ■

# Free armored safes being doled out to public

## Armored Safe giveaway ends public worry for those who rush to buy up hoards of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that will never lose their cash value

By Shawn Oyler  
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Imagine finally getting something that will never lose its value. Sounds too good to be true?

Well, it's true and word is quickly spreading about the free handout of Armored Safes that are being stocked with the 4,100 brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't issued coins that by law will never be minted again.

These free Armored Safes are being turned over to the general public who make it in time to beat the order deadline for their share of the hoard of brilliant, never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins before the 72-hour shutoff.

"The frantic demand for U.S. Gov't coins has caused the U.S. Mint® to officially halt the sale of many of its most valuable coins," said lead consultant for the World Reserve Thomas C. Harris, Retired Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

"Today, the World Reserve began to release this hoard consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins in a free Armored Safe to the general public. Having valuable U.S. Gov't coins serves as an economic life raft. This valuable Collection will never, never, never lose its face value. You will always have something worth a lot of money," said Harris.

Here's the best part, among the 4,100 never-circulated U.S. Gov't coins that everyone gets there are 100 of the highly sought after Presidential Golden Dollar coins.

Here's why that is so important. Just think if you would have saved the same number of uncirculated Eisenhower Dollar coins from 1974. Remarkably, they would now be worth 600% more in collector value.

This gives you a hint that these are not the same grade as the coins found in loose change, or from the local bank. In fact, these coins remain in brilliant, never-circulated condition if left sealed and untouched.

U.S. Gov't Savings Bonds used to be a favorite way to keep money safe and popular to give as gifts. But no one can take a Savings Bond and go buy something with it.

That's why this hoard of valuable coins gives everyone the comfort of having full control of their money. No matter what, they will never lose their U.S. cash value.

If times ever get really tough



**■ HELP IS ON THE WAY:** This never-before-seen photo captures the rapid shipment of free Presidential Armored Safes that are now being shipped to U.S. citizens in select regions of the country. The private World Reserve is handing out the Armored Safes free to the general public who rush to beat today's published deadline to buy up the newly released World Reserve Collection consisting of 4,100 U.S. Gov't issued coins. Those who get through by calling the National Delivery Hotline at 1-866-948-2597 and beat the 72 hour order deadline will get the Armored Safes for free.

any coin in the hoard could be used to buy anything. But unless it is a good reason, only a fool would do that because this personal hoard of money is already worth so much more in collector value.

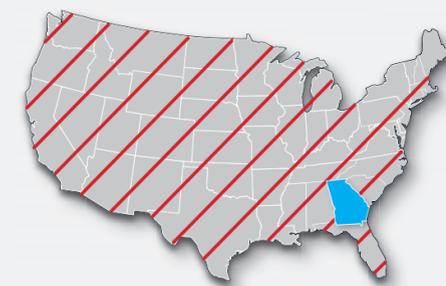
"So many people are buying up these coins. Even for those people who give away some of their collection as gifts, they are keeping the Armored Safe for themselves," said Robert Castaldo, Director of the private World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"This Safe is one of the absolute best places to keep valuables and important papers. People will now have a safe place to store their wills, guns, jewelry, antiques, keys, coins and even cash," Castaldo said.

"The only problem the Safe creates is when it's time to read your Will. You need to make sure everyone knows who you want to leave it to," he said.

"When Americans get their hands on this Safe and their very own personal hoard of U.S. Gov't Coins, they'll really do a double take. Everyone will feel like they just won the lottery," he said. ■

## How to get the free Armored Safes



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**■ NO MORE WORRIES:** Carolyn Ford of Perry Town, OH thought she hit the jackpot when her free Armored Safe was delivered. "I already have some old coins, but I wanted this whole hoard of U.S. coins as a nice nest egg. I'll also set aside some of my hoard for my Grandchildren. Now I don't have to worry where to keep my important papers and my Grandfather's gun since I have my new safe," she said.