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DALTON'S NEW HOME FOR:

Wrangler

Family, friends holding out hope

Search for boater continues

BY MARK MILLICAN
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Brett Thomason's mom said Saturday she'd "thought through" what might have happened to her son, and she was not giving up hope of finding him as his missing status stretched into 48 hours Saturday afternoon.

"I've analyzed it in my head," said Dana Massey. "He's free-spirited and all about a challenge — an adventure of some kind. I don't think he drowned. I've thought all that



Thomason

Resumes today at 10 a.m.

A community volunteer search for missing boater Brett Thomason will get under way today at 10 a.m. after Saturday's search used cadaver dogs and helicopters only. Searchers can assemble at the Whitfield County EMS mobile command post just past Riverbend Baptist Church on Riverbend Road, said director Jeffrey Putnam.

"Volunteer searchers should wear boots and warm clothes with thermal underwear and some type of hat," he said, since temperatures were not expected to climb out of the 40s and there could be slushy precipitation. "Please do not bring dogs or boats. Searchers will be organized and a trained person will go out with each group."



MARK MILLICAN/The Daily Citizen
A helicopter lifts off from a residence near Riverbend Baptist Church to resume the search.

through. I think, if anything, he's out there cold and hungry."

Thomason, 19, put into the Conasauga River with two friends around 6 p.m. Thursday. A relative who wished to remain unnamed said they planned to float "from property line to prop-

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MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Emergency vehicles sit in front of Riverbend Baptist Church Saturday as volunteers wait for news from search teams and their dogs.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Jesley Crider offers his sister Summer Bearden a roll during a lunch at O'Charley's Saturday afternoon as his wife Rachel Crider looks on. Also enjoying the meal with Jesley are his friend Cody Kitchens, left, and his grandmother Julie Brafford and mother Cindy Bearden.

Airman headed to Iraq

BY MARK MILLICAN
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Jesley Crider has covered a lot of ground since his graduation from Southeast Whitfield High in 2006, including marrying his sweetheart Rachel Piro six months ago. But today will be the first step of a journey he takes to Iraq with the U.S. Air Force.

"It's everything I expected it to be," he said on Saturday while spending one

last day with his family before a six-month deployment. "I expected (the military) to make me more independent and well-rounded, and now I'm finding I have the confidence to deal with high-tech equipment and also plan humanitarian missions."

Crider, who will be promoted to Airman First Class in a couple of weeks, has been given a lot of responsibility for his pay grade. Already trained as a command post apprentice who handles aircraft and their missions — including logistics like planning for fuel use and refueling during flights — in Iraq he will be responsible for dealing with classified

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Zack Norville is 'heart' of the ball

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Zack Norville is the first person in the Dalton area to "graduate" from kidney dialysis.

That's according to the local chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA), which is honoring Norville at the 23rd annual Dalton Heart Ball on Saturday as the Heart Tribute Award recipient.

Norville, the 80-year-old founder of Dalton carpet industry supplier Norville Industries, said he is living proof that research the American Heart Association funds benefits people. His family has a history of heart problems dating back at least three generations.

"I've got a broken heart," he explained when asked about

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MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Zack Norville is surrounded in his office by framed moments from his life. The Dalton businessman is this year's Heart Tribute Award recipient.

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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.

"Hats off to Coach Lanham and Coach Bryson for bringing the Murray County baseball team to Marietta to support the basketball team in its game against Osborne."

"Thanks to the commissioners of Whitfield County and especially Harold Brooker for getting our road paved on Lake Road in Tunnel Hill. Thanks once again."

"The person who wanted to make Jesus a modern day liberal and socialist needs to reread the Scriptures. It's the devil who steals, kills and destroys, not Jesus."

"Little E is a disgrace. NASCAR has got to do something about that kid. He's going to kill someone."

"We do need to eliminate some of the salaried jobs in the carpet industry."

"We are so proud our newspaper is still a hometown newspaper. I am glad you print things to uplift people like the story about First Baptist Church."

"The point is not that I want to ignore the Bible on abortion or any other moral issue. The point is our government is secular and not based on the Bible or any other religious doctrine. And it shouldn't be."

"Chavez owns Chevron, not Exxon."

"TVA and North Georgia Electric need to be investigated."

"I am a Democrat but I don't agree with either party if it's something we don't need now. Right now we don't need the high speed rail as a priority at all. Maybe down the road it would be nice."

"Homeowners who have criticized President Obama owe him an apology. He's going to save them a lot of money."

"I'll join that convoy that's going to North Georgia Electric. Just tell us where and when."

"When Gov. Perdue gets his share of the stimulus plan he can do a few more of his real estate deals."

"Larry Cope was the mayor's campaign manager. Should he be remodeling the old depot?"

Editor's note: Mr. Cope's company won a public bid.

"Someone said that Democrats are better at government, so why is every city in the country controlled by Democrats bankrupt?"

"According to the Constitution you have the right to say anything you feel like. However, it's a good idea to take care in what and how you say it."

"Where did Obama get his staff members from, Obama.com?"

"Were you at the recent Obama press conference to hear what those people were saying or are you just repeating the usual Republican spiel?"

"I'll take that python. Python meat is much better than dog meat."

"If you had to sit in a patrol car 12 hours a day,

seven days a week, you'd probably gain a few pounds too."

"People need to listen to preachers. They instruct on how to stay out of hell."

"I am aware that Cleveland Highway has a speed limit. But there's also a fast lane and a slow lane. Everyone who wishes to drive the speed limit, please merge to the slow lane."

Editor's note: And get the heck out of your way?

"North Georgia Electric is outrageous. My power bill this month was half my rent. Can we get something done about this please?"

"Would you explain why you can't go to church if you're on Social Security. I didn't get that."

"I own a small business out in Whitfield County and I'd like to thank the sheriff's department for coming out and checking it."

"If you are looking for slow pitch softball, it's alive and well. Check out the Westside community's fall softball league."

"What would people in Murray County do if they didn't have chicken fighting — the same thing they do in Whitfield County."

"If you had a stimulus package that stinks as bad as the one that Obama signed, wouldn't you take it out of the White House to sign?"

"I live in Tunnel Hill. I like dogs. I just don't like your dogs roaming through my yard."

"I do read the paper for news and opinion but last Sunday's editorial was too opinionated. I apologize."

Editor's note: No apology necessary. Thanks for reading and we appreciate your input.

"All these people pushing these liquor sales on Sunday need to go to Vegas and live out there. Then they could stay drunk all the time."

"Varnell City Council members Hamlin and Mosier need to be replaced."

"Local teachers cannot do an effective job because of too much paperwork and other activities."

"I take exception to the editorial on high speed rail service. The reason people would go to Atlanta or Chattanooga is not the rail service, it's the fact that quality of goods and food there is far superior to Dalton."

"Kudos to posting the times and schedules of all three NASCAR races in NASCAR Insider."

"We need to have a parade for all the beautiful, skinny models who make fun of all the overweight people in Dalton. We must have millions of them."

"Parapros are absolutely needed in our schools for children with learning disabilities to give them individual attention the teacher may not be able to give."

"I don't believe women should be judges. Their emotions are not stable enough and they'll fall for any lie."

"My dad E.T. worked at the Dalton Freight Depot for several years around 1925."

"Christian Heritage basketball program is nowhere close to the Georgia High School Association programs."

Editor's note: Christian Heritage would be very

competitive in the lower classifications.

"The ones complaining about the Tunnel Hill Police Department being on the Interstate are the ones who've been caught speeding. The police department has a right to be there."

"It is bad business for the local schools to use the trade center for graduation when they have facilities at their own schools for free."

"The paper likes to edit any remarks about Gov. Perdue or Mayor Pennington. Too bad."

"I wish we had Lenard Whaley back in local government. He did a fine job and didn't break the county."

"The stimulus package is already helping the citizens of Georgia. The tax increase that Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue was going to do is not going to be done now because of the stimulus."

"Whoever wrote that The Daily Citizen has a fair mix of columnists must be reading another newspaper. There is no Democratic writer in this newspaper."

"The people in Tunnel Hill who like their dogs need to keep them in their yards so they won't get hurt or run over by a car."

"Thanks a million Michelle Jones for closing all the roads up on Cohutta Mountain. Now four-wheelers have nowhere to go."

"When is the last time we heard from Osama bin Laden. Obama is in and Bush is out and Osama has quietened down."

"I have lived at this address for 14 years and this is the highest bill I've ever got from Dalton Utilities."

"Do you really think Obama could have made this mess on his own?"

"Larry Fleming is an excellent sports writer and an even better man."

"With so many undisciplined, spoiled, mama's baby kids in our schools I am surprised we have any teachers at all."

"I am one of those women who doesn't like to pump gas and so when I was in town today I stopped at Tate's. Ladies, don't forget about Tate's."

"I hope the new Murray County school is big enough to have a big auditorium so we don't have to go to the trade center for graduation. It's hard to park there."

"Have you ever looked into the eyes of beautiful, eager, young puppies and had to say there's no place for them, then take them to the pound for a quick and painless death. I did that today and many other days. Please spay and neuter your pets."

"Georgia has its hand out like every other state for the stimulus money. My question is why doesn't Georgia collect all the delinquent state income tax."

"We still have teams in the basketball playoffs but when I picked up the Friday paper you had a picture of a soccer team's season opener. You could run soccer pictures when their season gets to the playoffs."

Editor's note: Basketball isn't the only sports local fans are interested in. Plus, we had basketball lead photos on Tuesday and Wednesday. Wrestling was the lead on Thursday, soccer on Friday. That's a good mix.

DALTON HEART BALL

Where: The Farm Golf Club in Rocky Face
When: Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight
Cost: \$125 per person
Expected attendance: More than 200
Activities: Black Tie Heart Ball Fundraiser with gourmet meal, live and silent auctions, guest speakers, dancing and music by the Peace, Love, and Happiness band.
Heart Tribute Award Recipient: Zack Norville
AHA Heart Child: In memory of the late Sam Sucher
Presenting sponsor: Windstream Communications
Contact: Emily Daily at (423) 763-4403 or Emily.daily@heart.org
National Web site: americanheart.org

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EXPENSES

his health. "My little white dog did it the first time. A girlfriend did it the second time. Now it's fixed."

In 2007, Norville was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. He successfully underwent quintuple bypass surgery only to be diagnosed with kidney failure. He went to the Mayo Clinic three or more times a week, for four or more hours each time, for a year to receive dialysis that did the work his failing kidneys couldn't do.

Not everyone comes through kidney dialysis, but Norville is one of the patients who was able to make a recovery. Now, he has returned to sharing his love of travel, family history, old cars, airplanes and life with those around him.

"My recovery has been phenomenal, and I really respect and thank those who provided me surgery and care," he said.

Funding research

The American Heart Association funds research for developing treatments like those Norville received. AHA regional director Emily Daily said the Heart Ball on Saturday ties into the organization's effort to raise \$125,000 this year, \$25,000 more than last year. The money will be turned over to the Southeast affiliate, which includes Georgia, then redistributed among local organizations. Daily said Dalton always receives more money than it raises.

Organizers expect attendance to remain at least as high as last year (more than 200), and Daily anticipates donors will give at least at their usual levels despite the recession.

"Unfortunately, heart disease doesn't stop for the economy," she said.

Heart Ball funds have contributed to the development of pacemakers, to putting automatic external defibrillators in public places, and even to lobbying the Georgia Legislature to pass bills like the one approved several years ago to prohibit indoor smoking in most public places. Some of the money is sent to hospitals in Atlanta for research, and the research is used at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

W i n d s t r e a m

How is American Heart Association money spent in the Southeast?
 For every dollar ...
 ■ 58 cents is for public and professional health education programs.
 ■ 17 cents is for biomedical research within the Southeast affiliate.
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Communications is the Dalton Heart Ball's presenting sponsor for the third year in a row. Vice president Jim Kortum said heart disease, the No. 1 cause of death in the country, affects many of Windstream's employees. He said the company is partnering with the Heart Association again on behalf of its employees to educate people and work toward eliminating heart disease.

"Windstream has over 400 employees in the Dalton area," he said. "Statistically, most of them are affected in one way or another by this terrible disease."

Remembering Sam

Daily said the AHA honors one adult and one child at the Heart Ball each year. This year's child honoree, Sam Sucher, died in July at 27 months old from complications when he did not receive a heart transplant. His parents, John and Tanja Sucher, were invited to accept the award on his behalf.

John Sucher said people all over the community remember Sam's friendly nature.

"He had a way with people that would bring out the best in us," he said. "He made us realize how precious life is — ours and our loved ones — and we tried hard to make his life a little brighter while he was here."

"Sam has left Tanja and I stronger than I would have wanted to be and yet softened us to the needs and feelings of others."



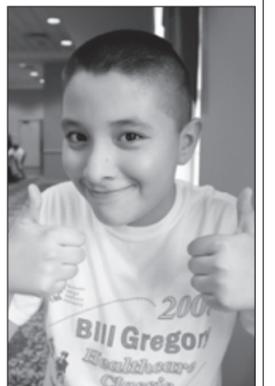
Sam Sucher

CORRECTION

Danny Dantzler, who passed away Friday night, is survived by his wife, Jean, and daughters Perry and DeLancey and sons Leland and Watts.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Armando Huerta
AGE: 11
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Paty Romero; brother, Hector; father, Armando Sr.
SCHOOL: Blue Ridge
PLAY: Play video games
HE SAID: "Indiana Jones rocks."



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Ceremony, procession planned for troops

Organizers are asking for the public's help in sending off the members of C Troop on Monday, March 2, as they prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan.

Current plans are for a ceremony for families at 9:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. Tibbs Road in Dalton, and a procession through downtown from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

The troops will then go to the National Guard Armory on Crawford Street. The public is asked to bring banners, flags,

signs, etc., to wave along the route.

The route from First Presbyterian Church is right on Tibbs Road to Walnut Avenue, left on Walnut Avenue to Thornton Avenue, left on Thornton Avenue to Crawford Street, right on Crawford Street to Selvidge Street, left on Selvidge Street to Waugh Street, left on Waugh Street to Thornton Avenue, left on Thornton Avenue to Crawford Street and right on Crawford Street to the Armory.

Ideas and suggestions

can be made to the Downtown Dalton Development Authority (DDDA) at (706) 278-3332. If you can help purchase small flags (usually \$1) to hand out, please let organizers know.

A commemorative C Troop Deployment ornament has been developed and will be on sale for \$10, with proceeds benefiting the Family Readiness Group that provides help to families during deployment. If you are willing to help sell the ornament, call the DDDA.

Airman: Heading for Iraq

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information and monitoring hostile threats on the base where he's stationed.

"My primary job will be keeping up with what's going on at the base," he said of his next duty station in northern Iraq at Quarayah, also known as Q-West. "Our wing commander will call me in the morning to ask what's coming up, and again in the evening to see how it went."

Crider met Piro while buying shoes at a mall near Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. They began dating and even kept their relation-

ship going long-distance when he had orders to go to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. She will stay behind as he begins the drive back to New Jersey today. In a few days he will board an airplane for the 18-hour flight to Iraq.

"I've had a while to deal with it — knowing that he was going — so I've come to accept it," said Rachel. They plan to communicate by phone often.

Crider said one of the highlights of his brief stint in the military was getting to meet President Bush last year.

"He was at McGuire, and

was actually en route from one place to another," he said. "But we got to meet him on the flight line and I shook his hand when he came off the jet. He spoke to everyone."

Crider expressed his feelings as "mixed" knowing he was leaving America without his relatively new bride.

"I'm comfortable about going to Iraq, but not about leaving Rachel," he said. "I hear that you get a different point of view from serving over there. But I know there's a lot of people praying for me. I feel confident."

AREA ARRESTS

- Anthony Lee Morgan, 22, 4411 Trailwood Drive, Cohutta, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with simple battery (family violence) and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

- Jason Keith Cables, 36, 114 Nassau Circle, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of methamphetamine, possession of tools for the commission of a crime and driving while license suspended or revoked.

- Micah Joeann Ingram, 23, 327 Chevelle Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI, failure to drive within a single lane and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

- Oscar Meza-Garcia, 35, 504 Concord Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with brake lights and turn signals violation, driving while license withdrawn (second offense), following too closely, DUI (second

offense), battery and criminal damage to property in the second degree.

- Brandon James Rogers, 17, 115 Graham Circle, Rock Spring, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI (drugs) and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

- Carolyn Nicole Simmons, 19, 115 Graham Circle, Rock Spring, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

Search: Continues today

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going to beach the jon boat further downstream and head home himself.

When he didn't arrive, his family called 911 around 12:45 a.m. to report he had not returned from the trip. The search started about 15 minutes later. On Friday, authorities from area agencies were joined by the state Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and dozens of community members in the search. By Saturday, more area fire departments and eight cadaver dog teams from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency had joined Whitfield County's EMS, sheriff's department and fire department in the search.

Local residents were asked not to participate in the search on Saturday while the dogs were in the field and on the river.

Ben Parrish, who said Thomason was his best friend, didn't agree with the decision to keep community members out of the search.

"I know they said we could go back in when the dogs couldn't take any more," he said, "but we should have been out there already and had a community-wide search. There's a lot of people here today who could have been used."

On Saturday the family hired a private helicopter firm to search the area. It took off and landed near Riverbend Baptist Church, where a mobile command post had been set up. Jeffrey Putnam, director of Whitfield County Emergency Services, said several scenarios had been considered.

"So many things could have happened," he responded to a question about possible foul play. "We've thought about him falling off the boat, running away, even the possibility of a hoax. We have to take all that into consideration and look at all the options. As awful as that may sound, you know, that somebody would do that, I would love for him to come out of someone's house and say, 'Hey, I was just hiding' for whatever reason. That

would make a lot of people comfortable."

Putnam said changing the status of the search from rescue to recovery had also been considered. Searchers are looking in a five-mile circumference of where the boat was found and four miles downstream from that point, he said. The helicopter operator hired by the family was searching Saturday down to the Gordon County line, Putnam added.

He confirmed that footprints led away from where the boat was located before dawn Friday morning, and that it was an area where other people's footprints would unlikely be found.

Massey said before her son joined the Marines — he is supposed to be at boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., in early April — he attended Dalton State College with an eventual goal of becoming a teacher and coach.

"He loves sports and he loves kids," she said. "If it's God's will for Brett to come home, he will. The only strength I have in this is by God's grace. I woke up this morning thinking, 'Grace is

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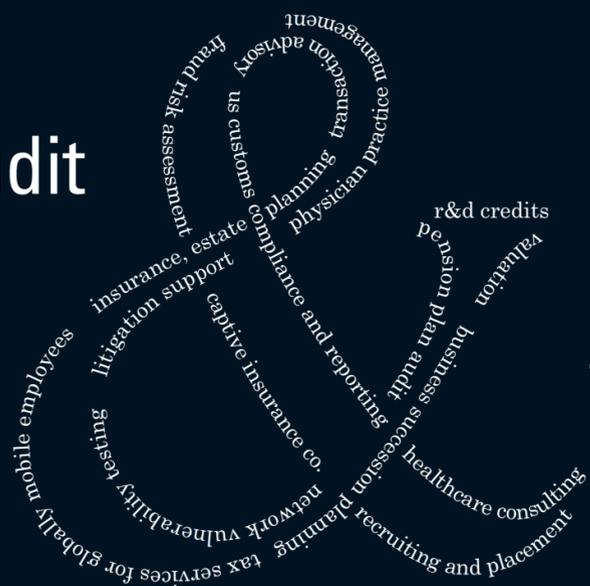


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OUR VIEW

A life well lived

On a sizzling August 2007 afternoon at Soddy-Daisy (Tenn.) High School, with the temperature seemingly hovering around 108 and the heat index holding steady at 120, Danny Dantzler, that ever-present smile splashed across his sweat-soaked face, said, "Man, doesn't it feel great out here."

About this time last year, Dantzler had just watched his son's Dalton High basketball team play Rome in the Region 7-4A basketball tournament at Rome High School. Standing outside the Catamounts' dressing room, Dantzler, again grinning broadly but moving a little less sure of what his body was going to do next, had this greeting: "It's great to be alive."

At a senior golf tournament at The Farm, when others suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, would have been at home in a dark corner of the bedroom, Dantzler was playing golf. His game a mere shadow of what it once was, the man was not giving in to a disease that was killing him. No way.

"Nobody's giving me any gimmes today," he said, breaking into laughter.

But God, the most important figure in Dantzler's faith-based life, gave him a "gimme" Friday night. Dantzler, the former football player at Dalton High and the University of Georgia, passed away at the age of 57. For months after the ALS diagnosis was confirmed, Dantzler told anybody he came in contact with that one day he would be cured, either in this life, or the one he would enjoy afterward in heaven. Today, Dantzler is feeling wonderful. He might even be trying to get up a golf game with a bunch of angels.

Folks who knew Dantzler are better off than those who didn't. His life was filled with blessings. He blessed everyone he came in contact with. After spending time with him, one never left not feeling inspired and uplifted by his approach to life. In dying, Dantzler consistently gave people a reason to live.

"He realized he had a shorter time — and we all have a time — than others," said Hunter Kranzlein, who played football at Christian Heritage when Dantzler stepped in as a volunteer coach to get the program off the ground. "But he kept going, kept speaking to kids at schools everywhere. And when he couldn't speak, he still encouraged others on his blog. He was a great encourager."

It is estimated that one to two people in 100,000 develop ALS each year in the United States, and most other parts of the world. The cause of ALS is unknown. The outcome for those who have the debilitating disease is clear. One other person comes to mind when thinking about ALS, and that's Bob Waters, the former football coach at Western Carolina. It's easy to remember Waters, a native of Sylvania, Ga., who played with the San Francisco 49ers for five years, coaching from the sidelines in a wheelchair. He died in May 1989 at the age of 50.

"You can't let yourself worry about the what ifs and what might bes," Dantzler once said. "You live each day the best you can. I want to be a living testimony for Jesus, and that's all I've ever wished for in my life."

Today, Danny Dantzler has no worries. No way.

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FREE MINDS

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

— Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5

Thought for Today: "How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it."

Marcus Aurelius
Roman soldier (121-180)

Word wranglers

I interviewed David Cady for Dalton magazine this week. Some of you know Cady as a longtime Dalton High science teacher. Others know him best as a football coach at DHS, first as an offensive line boss and later an offensive coordinator.

Not as many know him as a novelist, but that number is growing.

Cady's book "The Handler" has been a popular read locally in recent months. It's a hard-edged crime thriller set in the Deep South.

Cady talked about his novel and how it came to be in an hour-long interview in my cramped office. He talked about researching the book, finding the time to write it and then, most notably, how he continued to refine and retool it for the better part of a decade before finally seeing it published by Surge Books.

I admire his tenacity. Writing can be fun, a pleasure and even a release.

But it can also befuddle your mind, decimate your patience and break your heart — all in the same day.

Writing a newspaper column doesn't seem like a tough task and sometimes it is a breeze. A fat idea parachutes into your brain and 90 minutes later you're smoothing down the rough spots. Voila!

Other times, writing a column is like dragging a grizzly bear out of a cave.

The late, great Lewis Grizzard told a story about being propositioned by a hooker who promised to make him the happiest man



Jimmy Espy

in the world for \$200.

O K , Grizzard said.

"Here's the money," he said.

"Now, go write my column for me."

If it's that hard to write a newspaper column, 500-700 words on average for me, imagine the suffering that would come with writing a 100,000-word novel.

That's what Cady delivered with "The Handler."

How many times did he want to chuck it all and go bowling?

How many times did he agonize over a chapter, a paragraph, the right word?

Sometimes it comes down to a single word.

Years ago I had a news reporter here. I asked his advice on a crucial descriptive word needed for an editorial. I wanted to use one word. He suggested another.

We talked about it, debating the merits — meaning, sound, etc. — of each word and I made the decision to stick with my original choice.

He shook his head in disagreement, but that was that.

Or so I thought.

Months later I fired the guy after some job-related problems. It wasn't a pleasant separation for either of us and he left a bitter man, so bitter in fact that he quickly penned me a letter ripping my parentage, my place of birth, my manage-

ment style and last, but not least, the fact that I had put the "WRONG!" word in that editorial all those many months before.

Sure he was nuts. But that's a common affliction among those of us who make our living herding words.

As for myself, I am the author of about a blue million newspaper columns and stories. I have also finished (mostly) a handful of short stories. I like to think of myself as a highly successful writer of fragments. Scattered in my files (paper and hard drive) are dozens of pieces of short stories, novels, screenplays, etc. Some of it is actually pretty good.

I have ideas aplenty and many of them are first class, if I do say so myself.

But converting those ideas into completed works is a bear, you know that same grizzly I mentioned earlier trying to force out of a cave.

I admire the David Cads of the world, the folks who have the determination and discipline to bring the word herd in, no matter how bad a blizzard is blowing. Some are very talented, some can't write a lick. But their sheer stick-to-it-iveness is to be admired.

I am not yet one of them. But I want to be.

It's time to finish this column and get home, grab a bite to eat and pop the top on a single can of liquid refreshment for the evening.

Then, it's time to get to work.

Jimmy Espy is executive editor of The Daily Citizen.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Sunday, Feb. 22**, the 53rd day of 2009. There are 312 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

In 1889, President Grover Cleveland signed an enabling act paving the way for the Dakotas, Montana and Washington to become states.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held in Daytona Beach, Fla.; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1973, the U.S. and China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1984, 12-year-old David Vetter, who had spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

Ten years ago: Levi Strauss, falling victim to a fashion generation gap, announced it was closing 11 plants.

One year ago: Turkish troops crossed into northern Iraq in their first major ground incursion against Kurdish rebel bases in nearly a decade.

Today's Birthdays:

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass, is 77. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 65. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 59. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 50. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 43. Actress Jeri Ryan is 41. Actor Thomas Jane is 40. Actress Tamara Mello is 39. Actress-singer Lea Salonga is 38. Actor Jose Solano is 38. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Michael Chang is 37. Actress Drew Barrymore is 34. Actress Liza Huber is 34. Singer James Blunt is 32. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 30.



The end of the American Dream

As our new political leadership leads us into the fiscal twilight zone, is it too much to ask for a little honesty as they do it?

The day after President Obama unveiled his plan to bail out distressed mortgage holders, Treasury Secretary Geithner and Housing Secretary Donovan wrote an op-ed in USA Today explaining it.

"Ordinarily, American homeowners don't need government help ... But these are no ordinary times," they say.

But practically every American homeowner does get government help by being able to deduct mortgage interest from their taxes.

And, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the taxpayer backed quasi-government mortgage behemoths, own or insure around fifty percent of all outstanding mortgages in the country.

So, how about a little truthfulness here. It would be extraordinary if the government did not get involved. Which gets to the broader point.

This \$275 billion mortgage plan, coupled with the "stimulus" package and the banks bailout, adds up to a cool couple trillion dollars. In one short month, the Obama administration has committed us taxpayers to new obligations equal to what the whole federal budget was a couple years ago.

Beyond any liberal Democrat's wildest dreams, this unprecedented government-spending binge, has been enabled by a narrative. According to this narrative, we now understand that unbridled capitalism doesn't work. Unregulated markets are behind today's problems and all agree that we need more government.



Star Parker

ing of it.

As government spends us into oblivion, and we recall Roosevelt and the New Deal, we should also recall the role that the Supreme Court played then in changing the rules by which we live.

In a decision in 1937, *Helvering v. Davis*, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of key provisions of the new Social Security Act. Until then, the power of Congress to tax us was limited to paying for those functions of government explicitly laid out in the Constitution. This decision opened the door to government taxing us for anything the Congress could deem in the "general welfare." In other words, anything they could pass.

A central tenet of capitalism, of course, is private property. But what is private property in a nation where citizens can be taxed to pay for anything politicians can get passed?

In 1938, the very next year, Fannie Mae was created, which got the government — taxpayers — into the housing business.

According to our president, because "Big banks traded in risky mortgages ... lenders took advantage of homebuyers ... homebuyers knowingly borrowed too much ..." we have today's housing crisis.

But it's all so untrue.

What has failed in our country is not capitalism. It is our intentional undermin-

In 1968, President Johnson took Fannie Mae off budget and transformed it into a government-chartered company to buy and insure mortgages. A private company whose securities were guaranteed by we taxpayers. Private investors get the profits and taxpayers pick up the losses.

Could we have had this housing disaster without Fannie Mae and its brother Freddie Mac? Certainly not.

Why would a mortgage originator sell a mortgage that couldn't get paid back? Only if it could be re-sold to taxpayer backed Fannie or Freddie.

Both went belly up last year and put under explicit government control. Their five trillion dollars in debt went right onto us taxpayers, doubling the outstanding debt of the US government.

Now President Obama is "solving" our mortgage crisis by adding another \$200 billion of taxpayer guarantees behind these two entities and, for the first time, allowing them to guarantee mortgage refinancing for more than 80 percent of the home value.

And those who can't make their mortgage payments will be subsidized by taxpayers to the tune of \$75 billion so they can.

A failure of capitalism? This could never happen in a country where private property was respected and people were not subsidized by government to buy what they can't afford.

Rather than saving the American dream, the Obama team could be bringing it to an end.

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Beware: e-mail scam making the rounds

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Want to win \$100 just for taking a quick survey?

An e-mail offer that appears to be from Appalachian Community Bank promises just that. The trouble is the survey also asks for customers' home addresses, date of birth, checking account information and even PINs (personal identification numbers).

According to bank spokeswoman Regina Todd, the survey is a scam that surfaced this week using a spoof e-mail address that appears to be from the bank.

The ploy appears legitimate enough on first glance. An e-mail linking to the survey tells the customer he or she has "been randomly selected to take part in this survey to let us know what we are doing well and where we need to do better." In return, the bank will deposit \$100 into the customer's account, the e-mail says.

The recipient must follow a link to a page that looks like the bank's Web site. However, the scam site has a slightly different Internet address.

How can you tell if you're being targeted for a scam?

"The key is to never divulge confidential banking account numbers, Social

Security numbers and/or passwords using e-mail/text/phone," said Danny F. Dukes, executive vice president/chief financial officer for Appalachian Bancshares. "The bank has this information on file and will not ask for it unless you call one of our listed numbers and we are verifying you are who you claim to be."

Dukes said he was not aware of anyone who had been a victim of the scam.

But the e-mails don't go to just bank customers.

"Many of the people who received this were not our customers," he said. "They are betting on the probability of getting some bank customers when using mass e-mail."

Dukes said the bank has put in place "the latest security technology to protect our customers' data."

Scams designed to gain access to someone's bank account aren't limited to e-mail.

At Dalton Whitfield Bank, customers have been getting hit with "snail mail" scams. Michael Sarkowski, corporate security officer for bank holding company First Security Group, said a fake mystery shopper job advertisement going around uses counterfeit checks to fool unwary account holders into giving away their money.

"There's been an increase in the number of individuals who have received counterfeit checks as a result of the economy," Sarkowski said.

The scam tells recipients that all they have to do is cash a check for, say, \$2,100 that the supposed employer will send to them. They get to keep \$800 and are told to go to a place like Western Union, get a money gram, and wire the rest of the cash to Canada. The checks are counterfeit, however, so the scam ends up paying the scam artist from his or her own account without realizing what happened until several days later.

Account holders who believe they have been scammed this way can file a report with the United States Postal inspector.

"Unfortunately, it's highly unlikely that they will be able to retrieve any of the money that they send," Sarkowski said.

The e-mail scam isn't unique to the Dalton area. It has also made the rounds in Michigan, Utah and other states.

Customers with concerns are asked to contact their bank. Sarkowski said banking customers should always look up the bank number themselves rather than trusting the number the sender of an e-mail or a letter provides.

CHENILLE ID SOUGHT



Can readers identify the individuals in this postcard photograph, probably made in the 1940s? Two tufters are shown in front of their chenille line on Highway 41 South. Information should be called to Erik Gallman at the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, (706) 278-0217. Thanks to Charles Haynes for sharing the postcard photo.

Boy charged with killing dad's pregnant girlfriend

WAMPUM, Pa. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy shot his father's pregnant girlfriend in the back of the head while she was lying in bed in their western Pennsylvania farmhouse, then got on the school bus and went to school, authorities said Saturday.

Jordan Brown was charged Saturday as an adult in the shooting death of Kenzie Marie Houk, who was 8 months pregnant, Lawrence County District Attorney John Bongivengo said at a news conference.

Brown, the son of Houk's live-in boyfriend, was charged with criminal homicide and criminal homicide of an unborn child, Bongivengo said. He was being held in Lawrence County Jail.

The fifth-grader was picked up from school Friday by Pennsylvania State Police, who found Houk's body after her 4-year-old daughter told tree cutters on the property that she thought her mother was dead, Bongivengo said.

The boy had told police there was a suspicious black truck on the property that

morning, causing investigators to look into a false lead for about five hours, he said.

Inconsistencies in Brown's description of the vehicle led police to re-interview the victim's 7-year-old daughter, who implicated the boy in the killing, Bongivengo said.

"She didn't actually eyewitness the shooting. She saw him with what she believed to be a shotgun and heard a loud bang," Bongivengo said, adding that the weapon, a youth model

20-gauge shotgun, was found in what police believed was the boy's bedroom.

The shotgun, which apparently belonged to Brown, is designed for children and such weapons do not have to be registered, Bongivengo said.

Brown's attorney, Dennis Elisco, said he met Saturday with the boy's father, Christopher Brown, and planned to file a motion to have the boy released on bail and move the case to juvenile court.

Obama now focusing on health care, cutting deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — After focusing his first month on the economic mess he inherited, President Barack Obama now starts rolling out his own far-reaching agenda with a summit on fiscal policy, his first speech to Congress and the unveiling of his budget for 2010.

This coming week will mark a turning point from what Obama felt compelled to do, to what he wants to do. It also may test how much spending, change and ambition the American people and their elected officials can stomach in a short time.

On Monday, Obama will try to snap Washington's collective mind-set back to fiscal restraint, just days after signing a record-breaking spending plan to stimulate the moribund economy. His afternoon-long "fiscal responsibility summit" at the White House is bound to set off sparks.

Come Thursday, he will send Congress highlights of

his budget request. One administration official says it will disclose that Obama plans to cut the federal deficit in half by the end of his first term, mostly by scaling back Iraq war spending, raising taxes on the wealthiest and streamlining government.



Obama

Liberals worry that renewed attention to long-term deficits will stall their progressive agenda, which they don't feel should suffer because of transgressions by banks, mortgage lenders and automakers. Some worry that Social Security is being unfairly lumped with Medicare's more serious financial problems, and they are determined to squelch any

hints of curbing benefits in the retirement program.

Conservatives worry congressional Democrats will live up to their reputation as free-spenders who ignore calls for restraint, sending the already soaring deficit into the stratosphere.

The debate resonates, albeit less publicly, in the White House, too.

The heart of Obama's economic team — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and chief economic adviser Lawrence Summers — are deficit-wary economists. They are now central to the tug-of-war in the administration and Congress over Obama's grand vision and his team's fiscal pragmatism.

Perhaps a bigger question is how much energy and credulity are left in a political world rocked by stunningly expensive plans to shore up Wall Street, the housing industry and auto manufacturers.



Andrew Muse

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Northwest Georgia disc jockey inducted in Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame

SUBMITTED BY RANDALL FRANKS

Pull up a chair, its time for "The Otis Head Show."

For more than 50 years, thousands of North Georgians have sought a weekly dose of down-home charm and bluegrass music from this beloved radio personality, who now airs Saturdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on WTTI 1530 AM.

Otis Head, 89, was recently inducted aside 27 2008 inductees to the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Honor from around the state.

Seven — including Felton Dunn, Kenneth Hood, George Jones, Barney Miller, Billy Puckett, Andy Thomas and Little David Young — were inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame and Honor coordinators Johnny Carson and Phyllis Cole adjusted the presentation to accommodate the special circumstances surrounding Head's acceptance.

Dalton banjoist Don Poteet and his wife Pam drove Head to the Atlanta event just one day following the death of his wife and radio co-host Mary Head. Mary died peacefully in her sleep with Otis at her side following a two and a half year battle with cancer.

"Mary made me promise no matter what, I would go down there and get that award and bring it back to her," Otis said. "That was her



PHOTO BY RANDALL FRANKS

North Georgia radio host Otis Head accepts his induction into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Honor from coordinator Phyllis Cole and Johnny Carson (not pictured).

last wish, so how could I have not fulfilled it." Obviously emotionally touched by the outpouring of

support he received from industry members in attendance, Head thanked all those who played a role in his long career, those giving the honor, and he accepted it for Mary.

Head originally began the radio program to promote his grocery store — the Plainview Superette, located north of Dalton on Cleveland Highway.

After just a year on the air, Head moved to WRCD where he remained for 28 years until programmers desired to move his weekly show from 12:30 in the afternoon to 7:30 a.m. He decided to end his nearly 30-year run and moved to WTTI. He has helped to start and affect a long list of entertainers' careers, helping to produce their first records or finance their initial trips to Nashville. Some among those were multi-million selling banjo player Raymond Fairchild, Clyde Beavers, the Fort Mountain Boys and a long list of others.

Head retired from the grocery business nearly 25 years ago but he had already built up a long list of program sponsors. He and Mary walked listeners through their radio map each week, inviting folks to stop by and do business with dedicated sponsors from Western Sizzlin' to First Bank of Dalton.

"I reckon I will keep doing the radio show as long as the good Lord allows me," he said.

Red Cross offers baby-sitting course

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■ Training CD-ROM — provides tools to run your baby-sitting business, including a baby-sitting organizer; a printable activity booklet with games, crafts, songs and recipes; a resume template and more.

The training is available at the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department at 904 Civic Drive on April 20 and 23 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$60.

For more information or to register, call Lisa Hughey at (706) 278-5404. Space is limited so reserve your seat by April 15.

Atkins earns Hospice Award

Mark Atkins, chairman of the Georgia Mountains Hospice Board of Directors, was awarded the 2008 Heart of Hospice Award for his tireless dedication to the agency, the staff and the board of directors.

Georgia Mountains Hospice is governed by a group of community leaders who donate their time and talents on a voluntary basis. They include Atkins, of Bent Tree; Gwen Rustin, vice chairman, Big Canoe; Alan May, treasurer, Ellijay; Darsa Pinholster, secretary, Ballground;

Judge Brenda Weaver, Jasper; Gail Barcus, Ellijay; Caroline Sisson-Carder, Blue Ridge; Kal Kelehear, Dalton; Eric Jensen, Dalton; Clarence Howard, Jasper; Paul Nealey, Jasper; Larry Toney, Big Canoe; Tom Eubanks, Jasper; and Jerry Tyson, Bent Tree.

Cleanup day at Varnell Springs coming up

VARNELL — The Conasauga River Alliance, the city of Varnell and Dalton area Girl Scouts will hold a community workday at the restored area of Varnell Springs on Saturday, March 7, starting at 9 a.m.

Volunteers will help clear trash, erect signs and help remove Chinese privet, an invasive species that crowds out native plants.

Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and work shoes and to bring

gardening shears if they have them. No advance registration is needed.

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Arrest imminent in Levy slaying

WASHINGTON — Investigators in the 2001 slaying of Chandra Levy have prepared an arrest warrant for a Salvadoran immigrant convicted of similar attacks in the park where the former intern disappeared, a person close to the investigation said Saturday. Ingmar Guandique's arrest is imminent and an official announcement is expected soon. Levy had just completed an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons when she went missing in May 2001 in Washington, D.C. The 24-year-old was wearing jogging clothes when she vanished, and her remains were discovered in Rock Creek Park a year later. Authorities questioned former U.S. Rep. Gary Condit in Levy's disappearance, but he was never a suspect in her death. Condit was reportedly having an affair with Levy, and the publicity from the case was cited as a main reason the California lawmaker lost reelection in 2002.

Efforts continue to kill e-mail case

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration, siding with former President George W. Bush, is trying to kill a lawsuit that seeks to recover what could be millions of missing White House e-mails. Two advocacy groups suing the Executive Office of the President say that large amounts of White House e-mail documenting Bush's eight years in office may still be missing, and that the government must undertake an extensive recovery effort. They expressed disappointment that Obama's Justice Department is continuing the Bush administration's bid to get the lawsuits dismissed. During its first term, the Bush White House failed to install electronic record-keeping for e-mail when it switched to a new system, resulting in millions of messages that could not be found.

Human rights take a back seat

BEIJING — In a last full day of talks in Asia, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday stressed American and Chinese cooperation on the economy and climate change, with few nods to human rights concerns amid signs of China's crackdown on dissidents. Clinton and Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said a regular dialogue between their countries on economic issues would now include terrorism and other security issues. Details will be finalized by President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao at an economic summit in London in April.

300 new jobs set

NORCROSS — YesVideo, a company that converts home movies and videos to DVDs and other digital formats, will bring 300 jobs to Norcross next month. The company said Friday it will be filing jobs in shipping and receiving or in video transfer production. Pay will start at \$9 an hour based on experience. Job interviews will begin on March 2.

Scouts revving up for Pinewood Derby

BY ROB STONE

Field Director, Conasauga District Boy Scouts of America

Racers, start your ... cars rolling!

Area Cub Scouts are getting ready for the color and excitement of tricked-out wooden race cars and gravity-induced speed. The Conasauga District Pinewood Derby is set for Saturday, March 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. Races begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

The Pinewood Derby was founded in 1953 by Don Murphy, a Cubmaster in California, for his son who was too young to compete in the popular Soap Box Derby competitions. The Pinewood Derby is a celebrated spring-time ritual for Cub Scouts, their fathers and family members.

The District Pinewood Derby is open to all derby winners that are registered Cub Scouts with the Northwest Georgia Council. The district competition includes the two top placers in the race and show categories from each pack. If either of these participants cannot attend, then the third place winner will take his place.

Each division will race in round-robin style with each Scout racing twice on each of the four lanes. The fastest seven of eight times will be totaled and the Top 3 times will receive awards. The



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Local Cub Scouts watch as their cars compete in the Pinewood Derby last year in Dalton. This year's races will be held Saturday, March 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Dalton and are open to the public.

Family Division is open to Scouts and/or their parents and siblings, and cars in the Family Division race must comply with the same rules as the other Pinewood racers. Registration fee is \$2 per entry, due at check-in.

Show cars will be judged on creativity, workmanship, appearance and, most of all, the effort put forth by the individual Scout. Trophies will be award for first, sec-

ond and third place winners in both race and show categories. The Grand Champion award will be presented in the race category only.

Dalton attorney Shane Lovingood has been building Pinewood Derby cars for 13 years, first with son Michael, 19, and now with his younger son, Miller, 10, whose car took first place in the Pack 2 Webelo group and will be competing in the dis-

trict race.

"He's tickled to death," Lovingood says. "He designed how he wanted it to look, filed the axles, painted it, and learned how to use the router to shape it."

The competition will be held in the First Presbyterian Church gymnasium and is open to the public.

"It's a fun thing," said Randy Russell, Conasauga District Pinewood Derby

chairman. "We have a computer program that converts the cars' race times to equivalent miles per hour speeds, and then projects everything up on a big screen. We've pretty much gotten it down to a science."

For information about the District Pinewood Derby or to participate in a race sponsorship, contact the Dalton Scout Service Center at (706) 272-7111.

Excel basics taught in one-day college course

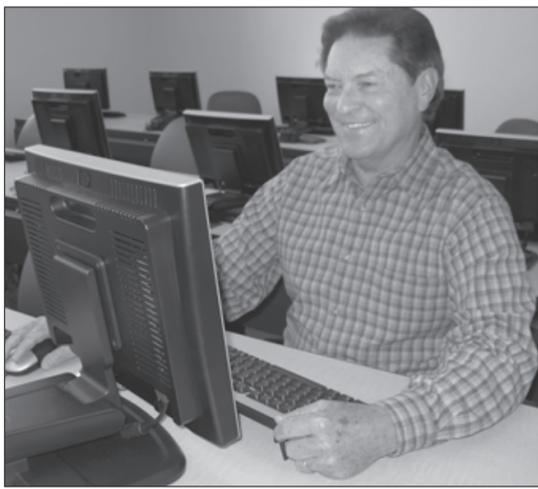
SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

The first course in Dalton State College's continuing education MS Excel curriculum is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. James Combs, a veteran professional adult educator of computer courses, will instruct this introductory-level Excel course.

"This class covers the basic features of Excel software," Combs said. "Students will learn how to efficiently develop spreadsheets and how to put the spreadsheet information into the computer. In addition to being a trainer for Excel, I also use it. I am very comfortable with the material and feel that I provide a depth of knowledge to my students that they might not receive from someone who doesn't regularly work in Excel. I'm a former programmer who discovered that I enjoyed dealing with the more technical applications like Excel and teaching them to others."

Combs' hands-on experience and years of teaching make a positive difference for his students, according to Kelly Snyder, program coordinator for Dalton State College continuing education.

"James is extremely wise about Excel and works with the program all of the time," Snyder said. "He is also a veteran computer instructor and knows how to teach concepts in a way that students new to the program can understand.



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Computer whiz and veteran adult educator James Combs will instruct Excel in a Day for Dalton State College continuing education on March 7.

Students will leave his class with a solid foundation on which to build their Excel expertise and will be well-prepared for the Level II Excel course to be offered in the fall through continuing education. Excel is a terrific skill to be able to add to your resume, also."

While Combs allows his students to help set the pace of training for the day, Snyder pointed out that the class is not for computer novices. Excel students should already know computer basics.

"I like to know right away when students miss a step," Combs said. "I encourage questions because they usually ignite further dialogue in the class. I understand the

mental fatigue from hours of technical learning, so I like to use some jokes and humor, and we take regular breaks. It's most important to me that every student goes out the door with a positive learning experience."

Excel in a Day will be held in the James E. Brown Center for continuing education. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (706) 272-4454 or log on to www.daltonstate.edu/cce.

Oscars secrets revealed! Well, some are, anyway

BY JOSH L. DICKEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Pssst: Have you heard that the Oscars are going to be a little ... well, different this year?

Oh. You have.

The worst-kept secret in Hollywood this awards season has been how first-time producers Laurence Mark and Bill Condon, in a bid to build buzz and bounce back from last year's ratings nadir, are keeping their Oscars overhaul plans a secret. From promising sweeping format changes without elaborating to shrouding presenters' identities and shutting the press out of rehearsals, they've largely succeeded.

At the secrecy part, anyway.

"When (the producers) told me what they were going to do, I said, 'Look, if it works, you're geniuses, and if it doesn't, you're the putzes who sank the show,'" longtime Oscars show writer Bruce Vilanch said.

But lest cloaks and daggers become this year's hot red carpet couture, here are the details about the show that — whether by design, or loose lips — have come to light over the past week:

Song-and-dance (Jack)man: "Hugh (Jackman, the host) is going

to come out and say a few things, but he's not going to do a 10-minute monologue ... He's going to be doing a lot of musical stuff, so that will have a different feel to it." — Vilanch, in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

Need a montage: The original song nominees will be presented together in a medley-style performance, rather than sprinkled throughout the show and played in their entirety. — Nominee Peter Gabriel, who announced in a video blog on his Web site that he was declining to perform "Down To Earth" from "WALL-E" to protest the one-minute limit for his part.

I'm with the band!: The band will be onstage for at least part of the show, rather than in the orchestra pit. A circular ministage juts into the audience. The set is surrounded by a glittering circle of white lights and crystals, and is flanked by enormous chandeliers. — Seen in renderings released by the firm of architect and first-time Oscars set designer David Rockwell.

Nightclub jitters: "The look of the theater is very different. It's more like the nightclub of your dreams. It's very intimate. ... It's got to be a lot closer." — Jackman, in an AP interview.

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Saucy Bones Barbecue, 100-A Rhythm Drive
 Current score: 99
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: New business
 Previous grade: New business
 Comments: Clean grease containers. All lights in pit and storage area must be properly shielded. OK to open.

Subway, 2150 E. Walnut Ave.
 Current score: 97
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 96
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Handwashing sign required in restroom. Inspection sheet blocked. Invert single service containers once unwrapped. Looks good.

Red Lobster, 901 Westbridge Road
 Current score: 96
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 97
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Bag of sugar open in dry storage area. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Invert plates or store under some type of protection from potential contamination.

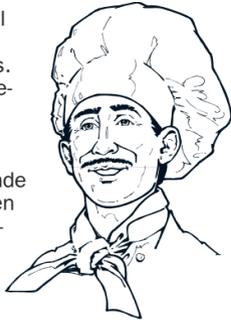
Chick-fil-A, 2150 E. Walnut Ave.
 Current score: 95
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 97
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Thermometers required in each hot holding drawer. Some floor tiles need regrouting.

Little Tokyo, 2150 E. Walnut Ave.
 Current score: 94
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 93
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Employee drinks must be in single-service cup with lid and straw. Do not put on or over food or food contact. Do not hang clean utensils; keep protected from contamination. Do not re-use boxes. Clean vents. Replace light in storage area.

Regency Park, 1212 Broadrick Drive
 Current score: 94
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 94
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Improper cooling methods used. Do not store food or single-service articles under exposed plumbing.

Restaurant report card

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



Hamilton Medical Center, 1200 Memorial Drive
 Current score: 94
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 86
 Previous grade: B
 Comments: Grits in dry storage in bag with rolled down top.; store in tightly closing container. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Store in-use utensils with handle up, on clean cutting board or sanitized surface. Wash hands and change gloves whenever changing tasks. Wipe cooler door handles between shifts. Replace ceiling tiles and maintain air conditioner discharge to eliminate dust buildup.

Pizza Hut, 1505 W. Walnut Ave.
 Current score: 92
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 88
 Previous grade: B
 Comments: Hair restraints required on dish handlers. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Invert single-service containers once unwrapped. Stainless steel fruit and vegetable sink required with air gap. Replace torn gasket in walk-in. Replace broken floor tiles. Repair ceilings. Clean restroom vents.

La Michoacana — 100% Natural, 2150 E. Walnut Ave.
 Current score: 92
 Current grade: A
 Previous score: 96
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Label all food containers properly with contents. Discard out of date food. Hair restraints required. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Segregate personal belongings.

Kenny's Restaurant, 1022 Riverbend Road
 Current score: 88
 Current grade: B
 Previous score: 89
 Previous grade: B
 Comments: All potential-

ly hazardous foods that are packaged and opened must be date marked. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Store single-serve utensils with handle one way. Install vegetable prep sink. Clean microwave. Ansel system out of date; service.

American Legion Post 112, 1118 N. Glenwood Ave.
 Current score: 87
 Current grade: B
 Previous score: 90
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Clean ice machine and microwave. Date mark potentially hazardous food that's been prepackaged and opened. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer when not in hand. Keep Dumpster doors closed. Clean floors under equipment along walls. Repair walls.

Las Chismosas, 2753 Old Grade Road
 Current score: 83
 Current grade: B
 Previous score: 71
 Previous grade: C
 Comments: Ready-to-eat foods may only be handled using utensils, deli paper or properly used gloves. Wiping cloths sanitizer too strong; must be 100 ppm. Door to mobile unit does not seal completely; flies inside unit.

Burger Den No. 3, 2620 Chattanooga Road
 Current score: 82
 Current grade: B
 Previous score: 89
 Previous grade: B
 Comments: Person in charge should ensure only authorized personnel in food service areas, surfaces are properly sanitized and hands are properly washed. Employee failed to sanitize equipment and utensils after wash and rinse. Date mark all potentially hazardous food in coolers. Rings with settings are not permitted on food handlers. Vegetable prep sink is for washing

fruits and vegetables only; no handwashing. Inspection comment sheet unavailable. Fire extinguishers and Ansel system way out of date. Need adequate ventilation over two-eyed burner.

Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 3595 S. Dixie Highway
 Current score: 81
 Current grade: B
 Previous score: 52
 Previous grade: U
 Comments: Reinspection. Dirty cookware obstructing hand sink. No soap at hand sink. Beef out of temperature; must hold hot at 135 degrees or above. Precook chicken to 165 degrees, hold at 135 degrees and reheat to 165 degrees. Store flour in tightly closing container. Dish area needs rolling dish cart for placing dirty cookware and excess dishes prior to washing. Do not stack dishes up wet; must air dry first.

Twelve Oaks Barbecue, 2948 Cleveland Highway
 Current score: 78
 Current grade: C
 Previous score: 86
 Previous grade: B
 Comments: Ribs, baked beans, hot dogs and corn out of temperature; must hold hot at 135 degrees. All food handlers required to wear hair restraints. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Must install stainless steel vegetable prep sink with air gap. Clean microwaves. Tight line not permitted on three-compartment sink; must have air gaps. Clean floors. Repaint floors and walls where paint is peeling. Flies. Keep door closed. Seal gap under door.

Peachtree Estates, 1300 W. Waugh St.
 Current score: 70
 Current grade: C
 Previous score: 94
 Previous grade: A
 Comments: Unpasteurized eggs used in a highly susceptible population for breakfast for more than one person. Person in charge not aware of employee health policy required in food service establishments. Paper towels needed at hand wash sink. Potentially hazardous foods not segregated from ready-to-eat food. Opened deli meat kept past seven-day discard date. Place open bags of dry goods in sealed food grade container. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Clean vent in two-door upright. Clean floor in walk-in cooler.

INSIDE INSURANCE

Economy down, property crime up

The current economic climate including layoffs, scaled back on the job time and the threat of losing one's livelihood puts pressure on homeowners, renters and anyone who owns a vehicle, paid off or not.

As the new home construction industry continues to suffer from low or non-existent sales, a shift is in progress as to where and how people live. The number of renters increases as foreclosures force lifestyle changes and as new home sales slump. In a down economy, the need for renters insurance may not be as high of a priority as it is when it's mandatory with a mortgaged home.

Motorists caught in an economic bind are either insurance-hopping to save a few bucks a month or worse — a dropping insurance altogether — leaving the rest of us vulnerable to an increasing number of uninsured drivers.

At the same time, reports across Georgia continue to remind us that property crimes are on the rise that affects us as break-ins increase to both single family homes and rental units.

Just the other day, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported: "... in some neighborhoods, particularly East Atlanta, property crimes such as house burglaries and thefts have skyrocketed since 2006."

WRDW-TV in Augusta reported, "This year burglaries are up nearly 10.92 percent. In 2008 there were 3,190 burglaries and in 2007, 2,876."

The Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department reported recently a 14 percent rise in property crime.

According to a Cobb County police officer in suburban Atlanta, valuables such as jewelry are a high priority as are prescription drugs, weapons and whatever else can be carried off quickly.

Another crime that is

escalating around Atlanta now has its own name: garage hopping. Local police say the bad guys look for open garage doors in single-family homes, condos or town homes where they can quickly run in, grab anything of value and run out.

Vehicle break-ins are also on the rise in shopping centers, parking lots and even on residential streets where people forget to lock their vehicles. While statistics are yet available, Cobb County police report the prime targets are GPS devices, satellite radio receivers and anything on the seats or in unlocked glove compartments that can be easily removed.

To minimize your chances of being a victim of these crimes, homeowners insurers and law enforcement continue to remind homeowners and renters of the basic rules that continually are not followed:

- Keep all doors and windows closed and locked at all time to prevent break-ins. Use your alarm systems if you have them.

- Keep your vehicles locked at all times, even when you are in them to prevent a carjacking, and remember to close your garage doors when you arrive home or leave home.

- Keep prescription medicines in a safer place than your medicine cabinet.

- My Cobb County friend said just this week, "If you keep soft drinks or items such as beer in your garage, and if they are in the original case, a thief can take them easily, but not if they are taken out of the case and put in a garage refrigerator or kept indoors."

In my next column, we will discuss how the economic downturn affects both policy holders and their insurers.

■ David Colmans is the executive director of the Georgia Insurance Information Service.



David Colmans

Breastfeeding book author to speak at conference at trade center

Nancy Morbacher, co-author of "The Breastfeeding Answer Book" (2003) and "Breastfeeding Made Simple: Seven Natural Laws for Nursing Mothers" (2005), will be the featured guest speaker at the 2009 Breastfeeding Conference at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center on March 25.

Presented by the Northwest Georgia Breastfeeding Coalition and sponsored by the North Georgia Health District, this conference is particularly designed for physicians, nurses, lactation consultants,

dietitians, certified nurse midwives, certified professional midwives, La Leche League (LLL) leaders, WIC employees, nutritionists, nurse practitioners and anyone who works with breastfeeding moms.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. on March 25, and full registration is \$110 for walk-in guests and \$55 for LLL leaders and students. However, reduced early full registration fees are \$90 for guests and \$45 for LLL leaders and students. The deadline for early registration is March 1 and must be completed online at www.nwgabfcoalition.com.

Walk-in registrants will receive program materials on a first come, first served basis, therefore early registration ensures that conference materials will be fully available.

Full registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch buffet (with vegetarian options), the newest DVD produced by the Breastfeeding Coalition, a seminar syllabus and educational credit certificates (if applicable).

Community members may attend for a \$10 fee; however, this fee will not include breakfast, lunch, DVD, syllabus, certifica-

tions or certificates.

"All health care providers who work with breastfeeding mothers and babies will gain valuable information at this seminar that will make an extraordinary difference in the lives of their patients and clients," said Patty Spanjer with the coalition. "For example, they will be better equipped to answer questions such as 'Does a baby get the same milk from a pump as he does from his mother?' We strongly urge them to register right away."

For more information, log on to www.nwgabfcoalition.com; e-mail nwgabfc@gmail.com; con-

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Guild fundraiser offers raffle items of condo stay, Arabian colt

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The sixth annual Spring for the Arts fundraiser is offering two premier raffle items that may be purchased in advance as well as the traditional 30 items offered the day of the event.

In addition to a delicious luncheon, stylish fashion show, and a chance at 30 raffle items, a condominium in Frisco, Colo., and an Egyptian Arabian gelding will be raffled off the day of the event.

The Creative Arts Guild's Spring for the Arts was the brainchild of board members Jane Harrell and Janet Goodroe who have served as event co-chairs for six years.

"The idea was to raise additional funding for the Guild's and the O.N. Jonas Foundation's arts-in-the-school programming which we feel is a critical component of our mission at the Guild," Goodroe said.

The program reaches more than 60,000 children annually and serves Dalton, Whitfield and Murray County school systems as well as the Regional Youth Detention Center and special needs school's Crossroads and Northstar. The event has been a great success story and has raised more than \$50,000 toward arts education since its inception five years ago.

This year's Spring for the Arts promises to be bigger and better than ever, Jane Harrell says.

"Adding these two premier raffle items is so exciting because it could mean not having to cut our residency programs this year," she said.

A seven-day stay in a recently built condominium in Frisco, Colo., will be raffled alongside an Egyptian Arabian colt with tickets pre-sold prior to the event on March 5.

The Colorado condominium offered sleeps six, has state-of-the-art amenities, with three bedrooms and baths. It is a top floor unit with a view of the Dillon Reservoir and is only a five-minute car drive to Frisco's historic downtown.

Depending on the season,



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Jane Harrell, left, and Janet Goodroe sell raffle tickets at last year's Spring for the Arts. This year's event is March 5 at the Dalton Golf and Country Club.

Frisco offers skiing, and a variety of water sports including kayaking, canoeing, power boating and sailing. The small town of Frisco sits at the base of the Rocky Mountains, was originally a mining community and boasts a number of hiking, biking, and horse trails.

Tickets are \$50 each and the winner has one year to use the condominium. Interested persons may visit the Web site www.townof-frisco.com to learn more about the community and the surrounding area.

Additionally, a 6-year-old Egyptian Arabian gelding, donated by Deer Orchard Arabian Farms, will be offered for raffle the day of the event. The colt, named Chantry, is a bay — dark brown with a black tail and mane and is described as having a sweet disposition. He will need adequate acreage to run and exercise as this horse is a high energy animal. Chantry is green



Chantry, an Egyptian Arabian gelding, is a prize in the Guild's Spring for the Arts fundraiser.

evidence of proper boarding facilities and care prior to the transfer of Chantry's papers.

Tickets for the Colorado condominium and Chantry, the Egyptian Arabian gelding, are currently on sale at the Creative Arts Guild or from Guild board members.

Tickets to Spring for the Arts at the Dalton Golf and Country Club on March 5 at 11 a.m. are \$35 each and are available at the Guild or by calling the Guild at 706-278-0168.

The Creative Arts Guild is the oldest multidisciplinary community arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Guild is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

broke to ride and is suited for endurance rides and competitive trails making him a great choice for seasoned riders. Interested parties may visit Deer Orchard Arabian Farm to preview Chantry and speak with the owners.

Tickets are \$50 each and purchaser must be 21 or older and agree to provide

Murray receives \$36,764 dividend

SUBMITTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GEORGIA

Murray County has received a dividend in the amount of \$36,764 from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia in the form of a Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (ACCG-GSIWCF). The dividend is Murray's share of a \$3 million dividend declared by the association's board of trustees.

"The dedicated and successful management efforts toward the implementation of loss control and the promotion of safety contributes significantly in the reduction of injuries, claims and costs," said David C. Uhlman, a chartered property casualty underwriter (CRCU) with the association. "The dividends will be returned in the form of a premium credit, applied toward Murray County's workers' compensation premium for the 2009 policy year."

Georgia law enacted in 1982 at the request of Georgia county governments allowed county members to pool their

resources by forming a non-profit insurance fund to provide for anticipated losses and expenses. The self-insurance program is an effective method of financing insurable risks, which reduced insurance costs for the county and benefits taxpayers.

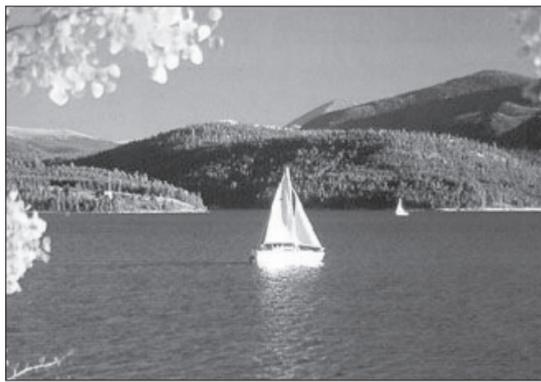
The ACCG-GSIWCF collectively self-insures a large portion of the risk, and is owned by Georgia county government members. The board of trustees, who are representatives from participating Georgia counties, manage the fund. The ACCG-GSIWCF provides professional loss control and safety services at no additional cost to help minimize claims.

The dividends are possible because of favorable results in the investment of premium dollars. The surplus of premium dollars held in reserve to pay claims belong to the member county governments and is derived from the underwriting gains when losses are less than expected. This investment income benefit is shared with the membership, and is an important part of the success of the ACCG-GSIWCF program, said Uhlman.

Newberry reunion postponed

The reunion of descendants of W.W. Newberry Sr. and Zelma Loughridge Newberry scheduled for Feb. 28 has been postponed due to sickness.

It will be rescheduled.



Sailing on the Dillon Reservoir in Frisco, Colo., where a seven-day stay at a condominium is being raffled by the Spring for the Arts fundraiser.

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How do you expect to get that job at Volkswagen — or one of their suppliers, or any other employer with great benefits and above average wages? ARE YOU PREPARED?

Almost everyone in East Tennessee, North Alabama, and Northwest Georgia has heard that Volkswagen will soon start hiring for their new assembly plant. According to Volkswagen Officials, we can also expect numerous parts suppliers and vendors to locate in the area. Many of the local municipalities in each state are already encouraging these companies to locate in their geographical area. These suppliers and vendors are expected to hire hundreds of additional people.

Have you ever applied for a job, been interviewed, and then never heard back from the employer? Maybe it was your resume, or your interviewing skills. You know that you were qualified for the position but perhaps you just weren't prepared for the interview. What went wrong? Ask yourself, "What can I do now to better prepare myself for a career with great benefits?" Maybe you just graduated and you want to start a career...not just get a job. Current expectations are that the new Volkswagen assembly plant will have over 150,000 applicants for roughly 1700 openings. Hundreds more will be applying to the suppliers. These will be some of the most lucrative careers to come to East Tennessee and the surrounding area in decades.

HR Solutions will be conducting small workshops in the area to help people better prepare themselves for finding a new career. These workshops will be kept small in order to provide the greatest amount of personal assistance. The workshops will be extremely informative for the unemployed, the underemployed and students graduating this spring and entering the labor market with little or no work experience. The cost of the workshop is \$79.00 and will be tax deductible in most instances. The workshop will be held on March 18, 2009 at the Courtyard Marriott located at 785 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720. The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

To register, please send a check or money order payable to HR Solutions at P.O. Box 1441, Dalton, GA 30722. If you have any questions about the workshop, please call (404) 695-8393.

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Spring 2009 C Session Classes

New split-semester classes offered March 4 – May 9:

Course #	CRN #	Course Title	Days	Time
General education courses:				
ENGL 0096	20825	Learning Support English I	M,T,W,Th	1:40-3:00pm
ENGL 1101	20827	English Composition I	M,W	12:15-2:55pm
ENGL 1201	20828	Introduction to Film as Literature	T,Th	4:45-7:25pm
HIST 2112	20831	U.S. History Since 1877	T,Th	3:05-5:45pm
HUMN 1100	20459	Political and Social Rhetoric	T,Th	9:25-10:40am
HUMN 1201	20829	Expressions of Culture	M,W	12:15-2:55pm
MATH 2200	20830	Introduction to Statistics	T,Th	1:45-4:45pm
MRKT 2210	20313	Introduction to Marketing	M,W	5:30-8:10pm
PHED 1005*	20799	First Aid / CPR / Cardio Fitness	M,W	8:30-9:45am
PHED 1030*	20512	Health/Wellness Concepts	M,W	10:00-11:15am
PHED 1110**	20725	Aerobic Walking	T,Th	10:50am-2:05pm
PSYC 1101	20832	Introduction to Psychology	M,W	1:40-4:20pm
PSYC 1101	20833	Introduction to Psychology	T,Th	3:05-5:45pm
READ 0096	20826	Learning Support Reading I	M,T,W,Th	12:15-1:35pm
SOCI 1101	20834	Introduction to Sociology	T	1:40-4:20pm
SPAN 1100	20397	Conversational Spanish	M,T,W,Th	1:40-3:00pm
Technical education courses:				
ALHT 1110	20795	Allied Health Terminology	T,Th	8:00-10:40am
DRFT 1151	20734	Intro to Computer-Aided Drafting	T,Th	5:30-9:40pm
OADM 1140	20661	Basic Keyboarding	M,W	8:00-8:50am

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OBITUARIES

- **Ronald Eugene Beavers, Tazewell, Va.**
- **Lloyd Byron “Danny” Dantzer**
- **Bessie Wilbanks Davis, Calhoun**
- **Myrtis McKinney Deck, Dalton**
- **Magnolia Hennon, Dalton**
- **Dona Nicholson, Dawnville community**
- **Ronald Owen**
- **Andrew J. “Jack” Paton, Acworth**
- **Eugene Williams, Dalton**
- **Hoyt L. “Iceman” Wilson, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Ronald Eugene Beavers

Ronald Eugene Beavers, 58, of North Tazewell, Va., passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, in Virginia.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father, James Robert Beavers Sr., in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Annette Lyons Beavers of the residence; three sons, Brent and Lauren Beavers of Memphis, Tenn., Thad Beavers of Charlotte, N.C., and Craig Beavers of Lexington, Ky.; his mother, Geri Beavers of Dalton and brothers Bob and Sharon Beavers of Dalton and Mike and Jana Beavers of Lititz, Pa.; five nieces and two nephews.

Ronnie was retired. He was the former co-owner of One Source Marketing in Dalton and Keene Carpets in Bluefield, W.Va.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Perry and St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, Va.

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Lloyd Byron ‘Danny’ Dantzer

Mr. Lloyd Byron “Danny” Dantzer, 57, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

Danny was a strong Christian, community leader and dedicated father. He was a member of Fellowship Bible Church and served as elder, Sunday school teacher, and disciple of God. In the last few months, Danny enjoyed reaching people and continuing his ministry through his online blog: dandydantzer.wordpress.com.

An avid golfer, world traveler and poignant reader, he inspired a love of life and learning in his family and friends, and his children remember and love him for his enduring legacy. He lived every day with joy to the glory of his Lord.

He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Byron Dantzer, and sister, Sharon McCraven.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Kennedy Dantzer of the residence; children, Perry Dantzer of Atlanta, Delancey Dantzer, Leland Dantzer and Watts Dantzer, all of Dalton; mother, Drusilla Bramlett Dantzer; mother-in-law, Elizabeth Kennedy of Decatur; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Greg West of Dalton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Leland and Diane Kennedy of Brooks, Carol Casby of Dalton, Carson and Janet Kennedy of Atlanta; and lots of wonderful nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to Fellowship

Bible Church, 2044 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, GA.

Services are today at 4 p.m. at Rockbridge Church (Wink) with Rev. Jim Suddath officiating. The family will receive friends at Rock Bridge Church (Stage 123) from 2 to 4 p.m.

Burial will be at West Hill Cemetery.

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

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Bessie Wilbanks Davis

Mrs. Bessie Wilbanks Davis, 92, of U.S. Highway 41 North, Calhoun, departed this life on Saturday morning, Feb. 21, 2009, at Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome.

Mrs. Davis was born April 12, 1916, in Gordon County, a daughter of the late Jessie Coleman and Ella Chitwood Wilbanks. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, William A. Davis; her daughter, Beverly Davis Roe; sisters, Lily Dodd, Ruth Stone, Pauline McBee, Ada Defore, and Maebeth Wilbanks; brothers, Bill Wilbanks and Fred Wilbanks.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Damascus Baptist Church in Calhoun and the Order of The Eastern Star. She loved to travel had many opportunities being a member of the “Gadabouts” at Georgia Bank and Trust. She was also well-known for her baking, having made many cakes over the years for many people and restaurants.

Mrs. Davis is survived by her son-in-law, Bobby Roe; grandchildren, Tina Roe Brooks, Tim Roe and his wife Robin all of Calhoun; sister, Lettie Silvers of Calhoun; great-grandchildren, Noah Brooks, Nathan Brooks, Noelle Brooks, Wimberly Roe, and Walker Roe; great-great-grandchildren, Jaydin Harris, Jaycie Sharp, Chase Brooks, Bailey Brooks, and Brit Brooks; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Bessie Davis are Monday at 3 p.m. from Damascus Baptist Church in Calhoun with the Rev. Mitch Phillips, the Rev. Bill Collins, and the Rev. Albert Field officiating. Pat Martin will provide musical selections.

Mrs. Davis will be laid to rest at the Chandler Cemetery with Ricky Silvers, Bob Johns, Brian Ruddell, Matthew Ruddell, Mitchell Dixon, and Alan Brown serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends today after 4 p.m. at the Calhoun Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mrs. Davis’ family.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Calhoun Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home, Highway 41 North, Calhoun; 706-625-7577. Your Selected Independent Funeral Home. www.legacy.com

Myrtis McKinney Deck

Myrtis McKinney Deck, 85, of Dalton, passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at Regency Park Assisted Living.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Myrtis Deck, and a

brother, Charley Deck.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton and was retired from Whitfield County Health Department as a District Nursing Director.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Jane Deck of Chickamauga; special friends, Gail Self and Kathy Bagley, both of Rocky Face.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Westside Chapel, Rocky Face, Georgia will be in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

Magnolia Hennon

Mrs. Magnolia Hennon, 91, of Dalton, departed this life Friday evening, Feb. 20, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Hennon was born October 7, 1917, in Gilmer County, daughter of the late Neil Gentry and Heddie White. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by her first husband, Dewey Pilcher; her second husband, Leonard Hennon; a son, Glenn Edward Pilcher; sister, Eunice Stokes; brothers, Webster White, Bob White, and Chester White.

She is survived by her stepson and daughter-in-law, Lamar and Sue Hennon of Rocky Face; daughter-in-law, Evalea Pilcher of Dalton; grandchildren and spouses, Gail and Richard Crider, Brian and Sherry Pilcher all of Dalton; step-grandchildren, Jerry and Lisa Hennon, Sue and Ken Brown all of Rocky Face, Rodney and Kim Hennon of Statesboro; sister, Ollie Ponders of Ellijay, Georgia; three great-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Magnolia Hennon will be on Tuesday at 3 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Wood officiating.

She will be laid to rest at West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home on Monday after 5 p.m.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mrs. Hennon’s family.

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Dona Nicholson

Dona Stanley Nicholson, 99, of the Dawnville community, passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at the home of her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Nicholson.

Survivors include daughters and their husbands, Thelma Bente of Calhoun, Reatha Guinn of Dalton, Ruth and Ben Messer of Chatsworth, Susie and Jim Harrison of Dalton; sons and daughter-in-law, Garvin and Dot McCamy of Varnell and Charles Nicholson of Dalton; sister, Minda Bryant of Dalton; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren one great-great-grandchild, nieces and nephews.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Dennis Self and the Rev. Clayton Brown officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Doug Phillips, Denny Phillips, Brian Bailey, Scott Nicholson, Tim Harrison and Shaw Nicholson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721

The family received friends at the funeral Saturday.

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

Funeral arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, Georgia. For more information, call 706-259-7455.

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Ronald Owen

Ronald Owen, 49, departed this life Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home.

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Andrew J. ‘Jack’ Paton

Jack Paton, 70, of Acworth, passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, after a brief battle with lung cancer.

He was born July 17, 1938, in Worcester, Mass.

In 1956 he graduated from Milford High School in Milford, N.H., where he was a stellar three-sport athlete. He was a member of the Class of 1960 at Columbia University where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, the Blue Key Society and the Senior Society of Nacums. He served in the U.S. Army, being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in 1962.

Jack had a successful life-long career in the floorcovering business, which began at Masters and Merrill in Everett, Mass., and included stints as president of E.T. Barwick Industries, Eagle Carpet Mills, Lotus Carpet and, finally, as founder and CEO of Paton Industries. He was a consultant at the time of his death. He was active in the Carpet Trade Golf Association, one of his most enjoyable activities.

Jack is survived by his wife, Jeanne; brother, Leland B. Paton; sons, John, Jeff and Craig, nine grandchildren, two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Anne L. Merrill; stepfather, Richard H. Merrill and father, Andrew C. Paton.

A celebration of Jack’s life is being arranged. Contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the A. J. “Jack” Paton Memorial Fund, and sent to The Floor Covering Industry Foundation, 2211 E. Howell Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806-6009.

Mayer Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home, 180 Church St., Marietta, GA 30060 is in charge of arrangements. 770/428-1511.

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Eugene Williams

The Rev. Eugene Williams, 74, of Dalton, went to be with his Savior, Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, as a result of an automobile accident.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Edward and Estelle O’Bryan Williams.

He was a staff outreach pastor at Cross Pointe Christian Centre. He loved the Lord, his family and his church was the love of his life.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Joyce Williams of the residence; daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Kirk Nation of Calhoun and Joy and Billy Dillingham of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Robin Williams of Calhoun; brother and sister-in-law, Edgar Joe and Norma Williams of Charleston, Miss.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service is Monday at 2 p.m. at Cross Pointe Christian Centre with the Rev. Stan Lester, the Rev. Hal Thompson, the Rev. Gary Tomberlin and the Rev. Clayton Brown officiating.

Burial will be at United Memorial Gardens. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at Cross Pointe today after 5 p.m. Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to Cross Pointe Christian Centre, 2681 Underwood St. Dalton, GA 30721

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

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

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Hoyt L. ‘Iceman’ Wilson

Mr. Hoyt L. “Iceman” Wilson, 57, of Dalton, was called home by our Heavenly Father Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at his home.

Hoyt was born Sept. 4, 1951 in White County. He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Weaver Wilson; brother, Leon Wilson; sister,

Wilson

Marriann Adams; grandparents, Herman Artist and Velvie Idella Cochran Weaver and Addie and Elmer Wilson. Hoyt was a member of Yates Springs Full Gospel Church in Ringgold.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Trisha Wilson of Portland, Ore.; Ryan Wilson of Dallas, Texas and Scott and Tracy Wilson of Ringgold; father, Lamont Wilson of Clovis, N.M.; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Carol Wilson of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law, Imogene and Steven Rainey of Amarillo, Texas; grandchildren, Meckinzy Hughes, Timothy Wilson and Avery Wilson.

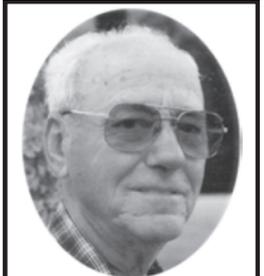
Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Hoyt L. Wilson are Monday at 11 a.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Tim Dennison and the Rev. Susan Tankersley officiating. The service will conclude with a white dove release.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Hoyt to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Personalized cards, tags, bags and boxes are special to receive and delightfully entertaining to create. Instructor Patricia "Cricket" Vigil is prepared to share years of crafting know-how with students in Dalton State College's new hands-on class Cards, Tags, Bags and Boxes: Embossed and Embellished.

"I have several projects planned for the workshop," said Vigil. "We'll be learning a variety of techniques for rubber-stamping, heat embossing and 3D embellishing. The end results are spectacular and add a designer touch to greeting cards, gifts, home décor, tablescapes and scrapbooks."

"Crafting is a creative outlet for many people and this class is perfect for those wanting to personalize their projects. I want the items created in this class to reflect each crafter's vision and personality. There are so many options available to crafters now."

"Whatever feeling you're trying to convey, whether it be nostalgic or contemporary, whimsical or sophisticated, there are supplies and tools to help you. Shopping for supplies is a big part of the fun of crafting and scrapbooking. I promise that everyone around you will be 'oooohing' and 'ahhhing' over your signature designs when you complete this class."

This all day craft blowout will leave students inspired and ready to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, according to Kelly Snyder, continuing education program coordinator.

"This new crafting workshop is appropriate for beginner and experienced crafters," Snyder said. "At Cricket's level of expertise,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Instructor Patricia "Cricket" Vigil, standing, works with student Whitney Young on a new heat embossing technique that she'll demonstrate in the new Dalton State College continuing education class, Cards, Tags, Bags and Boxes: Embossed and Embellished.

she has meaningful information to share with all students. It's going to be a great day for letting your fancy take flight!"

Cards, Tags, Bags and Boxes: Embossed and Embellished is Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the James E. Brown Center for continuing education. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (706)

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Branscomb Reed Brooks Crawford Brackin

WinterSong coming to DLT stage next weekend

WinterSong 2009 will be held Feb. 27-28 at 8 p.m. at the Dalton Little Theatre. Featured singer-songwriters include Louisa Branscomb, Linda McRae, Lisa Horngren, David Crawford, Earl Brackin, Martha Ann Brooks and Kathy Reed.

Branscomb's Grammy cut "Steel Rails" is the longest running No. 1 song on the bluegrass charts. McRae toured as a bassist, accordionist and vocalist with platinum recording artists Spirit of the West. Brackin has arranged, written commercial jingles and performed as a singer-songwriter. Whitfield County resident David Crawford's "Pachelbel's Bedtime Canon" racked up more than a million hits on YouTube.

Brooks is a versatile singer-songwriter from LaFayette. Reed is a singer and tunesmith from Atlanta. Bassist and Nyckleharpa

player Horngren toured with The Tennessee Three along with 2006 Tennessee state fiddle champion John Boulware, who will be sitting in during Friday night's performance.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.wintersong-workshop.com or Bigham Music and Pentz Street Station in Dalton, Weaver's Rocky Face Pharmacy, Wilborn's Music in Ringgold or Mountain Music in Red

Bank, Tenn. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Seating is limited and advance reservations are strongly encouraged.

The event is sponsored by Weaver's Rocky Face Pharmacy, Arb's Insurance, Mountain Music, ShopHereShopNow.com, Bigham Music, Capital Benefits, Wilborn's Music, Sassy Goat Milk Soap, eGrass Solutions, Pentz Street Station and Printer's Alley.



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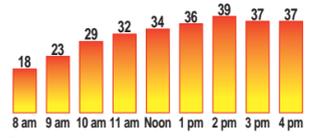
AccuWeather.com 5-Day forecast for Dalton

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
45° 26°	50° 26°	55° 29°	59° 41°	60° 44°
Partly sunny	Sunshine	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Cloudy

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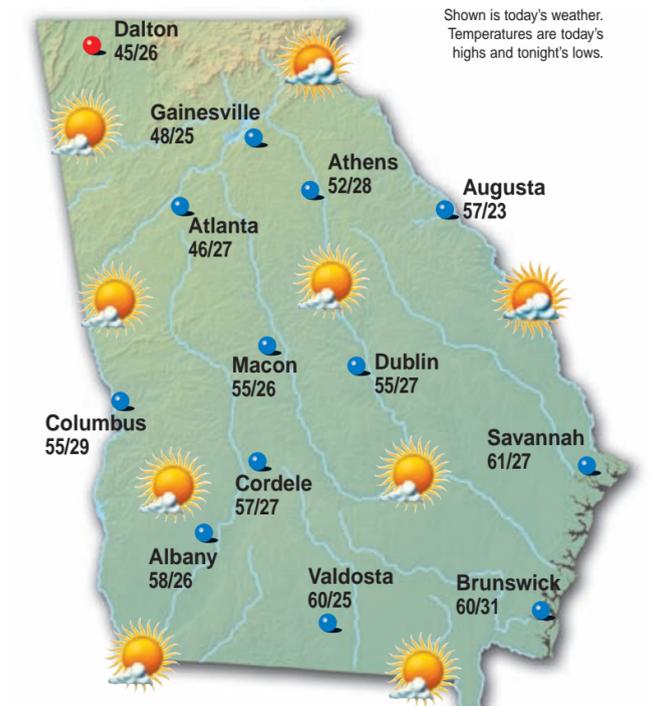
Weather History

On Feb. 22, 1980, Toledo, Ohio, was shrouded in fog for the seventh consecutive day. Fog is common in many parts of the country when winter snow melts.

Weather Trivia™

Q: How does February rank with other months in terms of cold?
 A: For most areas of the United States, it's the second coldest.

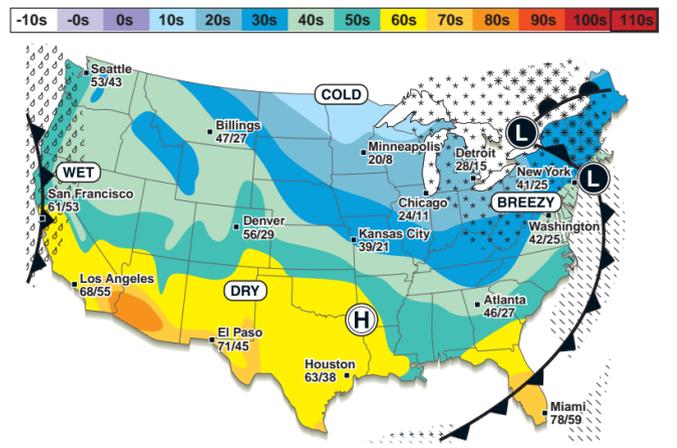
Georgia Weather



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

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	58/26/s	60/30/s	63/35/pc	La Grange	51/25/s	55/24/s	59/27/pc
Atlanta	46/27/s	53/30/s	55/36/pc	Macon	55/26/s	58/28/s	62/33/s
Athens	52/28/pc	56/28/s	54/31/s	Marietta	47/23/s	51/25/s	56/30/pc
Augusta	57/23/pc	57/22/s	58/27/s	Newton	60/29/s	61/30/s	64/36/pc
Brunswick	60/31/s	61/36/s	58/42/s	Rome	49/28/s	54/25/s	58/31/pc
College Park	46/27/s	53/30/s	55/36/pc	Savannah	61/27/s	58/29/s	60/36/s
Columbus	55/29/s	57/32/s	62/37/pc	Sparta	54/24/s	55/25/s	58/30/s
Gainesville	48/25/pc	53/29/s	54/32/s	Valdosta	60/25/s	63/30/s	64/38/pc

National Weather for February 22, 2009



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

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	34/20/sn	30/17/pc	29/14/pc	Memphis	49/29/s	51/34/s	55/42/pc
Anchorage	25/15/s	29/20/pc	30/22/c	Miami	78/59/pc	75/61/pc	75/62/pc
Baltimore	42/22/pc	39/20/s	40/21/s	Milwaukee	25/11/pc	18/12/pc	32/27/pc
Billings	47/27/pc	50/31/c	49/24/c	Minneapolis	20/8/s	26/16/pc	37/26/c
Boise	47/38/c	51/38/sh	51/35/c	New Orleans	57/42/s	60/44/s	64/53/pc
Buffalo	28/18/sf	21/15/c	29/21/pc	New York	41/25/r	34/24/s	36/27/s
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Denver	56/29/pc	61/34/c	64/32/s	St. Louis	35/19/s	42/26/pc	46/35/pc
Detroit	28/15/pc	22/13/pc	30/21/pc	Salt Lake City	48/32/pc	49/34/pc	51/33/sh
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Kansas City	39/21/s	50/31/s	57/42/pc	San Diego	69/56/c	67/55/c	63/54/pc
Las Vegas	68/47/pc	69/48/pc	70/46/pc	Seattle	53/43/r	50/41/sh	49/41/c
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Auckland	72/60/pc	72/58/pc	69/57/s	London	50/39/c	50/41/c	54/39/c
Amsterdam	51/43/c	46/36/r	43/34/s	Madrid	61/34/s	63/36/s	63/38/s
Baghdad	63/48/pc	65/47/pc	71/46/s	Montreal	28/21/sn	26/13/sf	25/12/c
Beijing	34/19/pc	39/27/pc	37/23/sn	Moscow	14/6/c	14/7/sn	19/17/c
Berlin	40/29/sn	39/27/sn	35/24/c	Paris	50/38/c	46/39/c	45/29/c
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Cape Town	75/61/s	82/64/s	88/66/pc	Singapore	90/77t	90/77t	91/78t
Caracas	88/71/pc	89/73/sh	89/73/sh	Sydney	77/66/pc	84/68/pc	79/69/pc
Dubai	49/39/c	51/41/c	48/41/pc	Tel Aviv	57/52/sh	59/50/sh	64/49/s
Geneva	33/32/sn	36/35/c	39/25/sf	Tokyo	55/46/pc	50/41/r	52/48/r
Hong Kong	77/68/pc	77/70/s	79/72/c	Toronto	29/15/sn	23/11/pc	27/18/c
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PREP BASKETBALL: REGION 7-4A TOURNAMENT

Northwest Whitfield senior Callie Thomas, right, gives a high five to sophomore Quaneisha McCurty as the Lady Bruins celebrate after a 55-37 win against Osborne in the Region 7-4A championship game on Saturday night at Woodland High in Cartersville.

MATT HAMILTON
The Daily Citizen



PREP WRESTLING

McConathy wins crown; Cats fourth

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Prior to this season, Murray County wrestler Jake McConathy had never won an area title or a state medal.

He made up a lot of ground as a senior — and he ended his high school career with an exclamation point few athletes are able to enjoy.

McConathy pinned Upson-Lee's Logan Winkles in the third period of the 285-pound final on Saturday night at the Class 4A state traditional tournament at Duluth's Gwinnett Center, becoming the 10th Indian to win a state title.



McConathy

"I felt like my high school career was going good," McConathy said. "This just makes it that much better."

STATE TOURNAMENT

He led the way among the eight local wrestlers who placed at the tourney, a group that included teammate Dalton Lane, the third-place finisher at 135 pounds. Dalton High's four medalists — Eduardo Gutierrez (103, third), Jordan White (112, fourth), Henry Torres (125, fourth) and Taylor Duckworth (160, third) — were the most for an area school, while Northwest Whitfield's Josh Lewis (145, third) and Garrett Henderson (160, sixth) also placed.

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Celebration day

Lady Bruins win title, Indians third

BY ADAM KROHN

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CARTERSVILLE — It's official. No girls basketball team in Region 7-4A is better than the Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins.

The top-seeded Lady Bruins routed No. 2-seed Osborne, 55-37, on Saturday to capture their second region tournament title in four years at Woodland High School. Northwest

Whitfield defeated 17 consecutive region opponents this season without a loss.

Up next for Northwest, which is the region's No. 1 seed in the state tournament, will be Loganville, the No. 4 seed from Region 8-4A on Friday in Tunnel Hill at a time to be determined. It will be a rematch of a game played Dec. 30 in the Deep South Classic, with Loganville winning 47-45.

That's the last time this season the Lady Bruins tasted defeat.

"We're lucky we get to play them again," Lady Bruins post Christy Robinson said. "I think we could have beat that team the first time, we just didn't play our best. But if we

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COMMENTARY



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Despite blindness in one eye and deafness in one ear, Chatsworth golfer Emmett Carroll makes regular visits to Indian Trace Golf Course. His steady playing partners are younger, but say Carroll keeps up with them just the same.

At 83, Carroll stays the course

Golf Digest magazine has provided "acer odds" since the 1950s and in 2000 hired Francis Scheid, a retired chairman of the math department at Boston University, to calculate odds using the best and latest information available.

Scheid came up with these chances for making a hole-in-one: 5,000 to 1 for a "low handicapper," 12,000 to 1 for an "average player."

I'm wondering what the odds would be for Chatsworth's Emmett Carroll to make a hole-in-one.

Carroll is about a 14-handicapper. He took up golf in 1990 after his retirement from Cornet Carpet in Chatsworth. He is 83 years old. And, oh yeah, he's blind in one eye — not to mention deaf in one ear. OK, professor Scheid, calculate that. And while you're at it, figure the odds for Carroll making two holes-in-ones in his 80s.

The personable Carroll said he was born with "a bad eye" but could see until he got "a little age on me." His vision dimmed and eventually just "faded plum out," before his teenage years, he said.

Carroll never let the loss of



Larry Fleming

right eye and couldn't see a thing. He blurted out the exact same numbers from memory.

"They said," Carroll recalled, "20-20, you're in the Army now, son."

Carroll was discharged from the Army after two years, but re-upped with the Air Force. He was in Germany for three years and handled the dangerous job of refueling planes.

"They never asked about my bad eye," he said, "and I never told them."

A native of Chatsworth, Carroll "moved off" with his

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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT: PHIL GOLDBERG

Dalton native's drive created opportunity

BY ADAM KROHN

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Dalton native Phil Goldberg is one of the most self-driven athletes you'll ever meet.

While training as a gymnast during his high school years at The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Goldberg would make a five-day-a-week, 240-mile trip after school from Dalton to Knoxville, Tenn., to work with established trainer Phil Savage. His tireless work ethic has catapulted him from being a local gymnast to an All-American in the still rings at the University of Michigan.

Now a redshirt junior and team captain of the Wolverines, the 22-year-old Goldberg — who competes on the rings and pommel horse — is currently trying to help the Wolverines to a Big Ten title and, he hopes, a national championship, individually and in team competition.

"It's a real exciting time," Goldberg said. "I truly believe we have the best team (in the Big Ten) and we control our own destiny ... we control who wins the Big 10 championship."

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Phil Goldberg, a redshirt junior at the University of Michigan, finished fifth on the still rings at last year's NCAA meet to earn All-America status. But the road to such honors was a long one for the Dalton native.

PREP ROUNDUP

Lions win; GISA state semis up next

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christian Heritage got 18 points and a solid floor game from Will Clark and advanced to the Georgia Independent School Association Class 2A state tournament semifinals with a 51-48 victory over Tiftarea Academy on Saturday at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon.

The Lions (26-5) will take on Fredrica Academy on Friday at 4 p.m. at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville for the right to play for the state championship.



Chaney

guy. The big thing is not to focus on just getting there. We've got to do things that make the big thing (state title) happen."

Damien Chaney added 16

points and 14 rebounds for the Lions while Landon McClure had 10 points.

Tay Mallory led Tiftarea with 16 points.

Tiftarea led most of the game and had a 39-38 advantage heading into the fourth quarter before Christian Heritage rallied for the victory.

"Damien was in foul trouble early and only had two points at halftime," Woodson said. "He

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Region: Late push seals Murray's win

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play like we did tonight, we'll be ready."

Earlier Saturday, Murray County earned the region's No. 3 seed for the state tournament with a 68-60 win over Cass in the boys consolation game.

The Lady Bruins, who broke the game open with an 18-5 third-quarter run, appear as though they've saved their best basketball for the postseason.

Their defense, a constant all season, was relentless. Their guard play was solid as ever, committing just 10 turnovers and contributing timely 3-point scoring. And their post play, which was hardly a factor in a Feb. 6 win over the Lady Cardinals, was dominant, especially on the defensive end.

"I think, overall, this was probably the best game we've played," Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger said. "I thought we played a pretty good game against them at home (a 53-48 win), but I feel like this is probably more of a complete game, offensively and defensively, from the people that started and also from the people that came off the bench."

Defensively, Northwest (26-2) held the Lady Cardinals to a season-low point total, led by post Quaneisha McCurty's six blocks and three steals. Guards Callie Thomas finished with 13 points and five assists, both team highs, and Jordi Cook scored 12 points on four 3-pointers.

Northwest also dominated on the boards, with a 35-20 rebounding edge. McCurty grabbed 14 rebounds and Robinson seven.

Both teams were ready to play. McCurty — playing with noticeable emotion — blocked two shots from Osborne post Shay Jackson early in the first quarter. A game official separated the two after Jackson took exception to McCurty's celebration after the second block.

"This was a big game for us," said McCurty, whose 10 points gave her a double-double. "I was excited from the jump ball and when I blocked that shot, it just added more fire."

Osborne managed to hang with the Lady Bruins



Above, Osborne's Destiny Ham, left, and Northwest Whitfield's Emily Trew go for the ball during the Region 7-4A girls championship game on Saturday night at Woodland High in Cartersville. Below, Northwest's Baleigh Coley, left, makes the steal from Osborne's Ashlee Allen. To see more photos from the game, please visit thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

through two quarters, with the scored tied at 8-all after one quarter. The Lady Cardinals trailed 24-19 at the half.

But then came the third quarter.

After Osborne opened the second-half scoring with a free throw, the Lady Bruins went on a 14-0 tear highlighted by four points each from Thomas and McCurty and 3s from Baleigh Coley and Cook.

"I knew I was on from warmups," Cook said. "And I knew I had to step up and shoot."

Northwest kept pounding away, closing the final minute of the quarter with five consecutive offensive rebounds to wear Osborne down.

The game's fast pace was a nice change for Thomas, who was looking to run after a tedious 27-16 win over Hillgrove, in which the Lady Hawks held the ball for several minutes on each possession.

"We got to play our ballgame tonight," Thomas said. "None of that slow, lollygagging ballgame that Hillgrove plays. Osborne's kinda like the team we are, they like to push the ball and get it up and down the court."



The fourth quarter was nothing more than a formality for Northwest as it extended its lead to 24 on McCurty's basket with 2:20 left. Inside the game's final minute, the starters left to a standing ovation from the Lady Bruins' fans and reserves mopped up.

In the boys consolation game, the Indians (19-9) beat Cass for the second time in three games this season by maintaining their composure while the Colonels (19-10) lost theirs in a physical, back-and-forth game.

With the Indians leading 61-60 with 21.2 seconds left, Cass' Jamal Byrd was whistled for a technical after arguing a foul call.

Murray was in the bonus

at the time, and hit 3 of 4 free throws to essentially put the game away.

Tanner Long led Murray with 19 points and Garrick Sanford and John Kiser each scored 16.

"I felt like we needed this win for our confidence more than anything," Indians coach Greg Linder said. "As team, we felt like we let the last game (a 49-37 loss to Hillgrove in the region semifinals) get away from us and we wanted to come out and really bring our best effort and have that momentum going into the state tournament."

The Indians will travel to No. 2 seed Rockdale County on Saturday for their first-round game.

State: Four local wrestlers finish third

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Despite not advancing a wrestler to the semifinals, Dalton tied with South Effingham for fourth in team standings. The Catamounts finished with 75.5 points — on the heels of third-place Tucker (78.5 points), runner-up Whitewater (81) and Effingham County (99.5) — as they wrapped up a season that included finishing second at state duals and winning both the Area 7-4A traditional and duals titles.

"I was pretty pleased with the effort in the wrestlebacks," said Dalton coach Charles Mitchell, who will lose all of his state medalists to graduation save Torres, a junior. "We were out of the top 10 starting the morning, but we were able to gain enough points in the wrestlebacks because the guys wrestled hard."

Murray County finished 11th, while Northwest, fourth last year, was 14th.

With McConathy's final match tied 4-4 in the last minute of the third period, his third attempt at a take-down of Winkles was successful as he sent the Upon-Lee wrestler directly to his back, Murray County coach Chris Thornbury said.

"I wanted to win it before overtime, so that way there was no chance of me losing,"

said McConathy, who needed double overtime to score a 5-2 win against McIntosh's Sean Carney in Friday's semifinals. McConathy also won two other matches to claim his 16-man bracket at the three-day event, which was held in conjunction with all four other classifications' state tourneys.

The win by McConathy ended a drought for both Murray and Whitfield counties. Although at least one wrestler from one of those counties won state from 2000-05, none had done so since Murray County's Jeremy Norman (145) and Northwest's Nathan Lock (125) at the 2005 Class 4A state tourney.

A starter since his freshman season, McConathy wrestled at 285 his final two seasons and suffered a one-point loss as a junior in the Area 5-5A final. He finally won an area title this season with a 15-second pin in the Area 7-4A finals, but was disappointed by his fifth-place finish at last weekend's Class 4A West sectional — a performance McConathy said he had to "shake off" in preparation for state.

But McConathy had already been thinking about what he wanted to accomplish this season since finishing a victory shy of a state medal in 2008.

"I decided this year I didn't want to come short of placing," he said. "I wanted to win it all."

The group of Murray County state champions McConathy joined includes Thornbury, who was the second Indian to win a title when he claimed the Class 3A 185-pound bracket in 1985.

"I'm really, really proud of all the kids I've coached," said Thornbury, who also complimented the final-day effort of first-year wrestler D.J. Winters (215), a junior who was a win shy of placing. "I know they have a lot of pressure on them to do good, Jake especially, so for him to come out like this, I'm really, really proud of him."

Lane's finish after a quarterfinals loss also impressed Thornbury.

"He had a great tournament," the coach said. "He's good, one of the best I've ever coached, he just lost to a real tough kid and then he came back and dominated to get third. That's the kind of kid he is."

Northwest had higher hopes, but suffered a major setback on Friday when four of the six Bruins competing at state were put out of the tourney with their second loss.

Still, the medals for

Lewis, a junior who finished sixth at 152 in 2008, and Henderson, a sophomore who placed at state for the first time, were encouraging to Bruins coach Allen Tucker.

"Garrett put himself in position to place and he's done that all year," Tucker said. "He ought to be a leader next year. And Josh moved up from what he placed last year. He had a real tough match in the semifinals, there were some questionable calls in that match against Tucker, but he didn't let it bother him and he didn't pout. He came back and wrestled and won all his matches today and did as well as he could possibly do after Friday."

In the Class 3A tourney, Southeast's wrestlers were knocked out of contention on Friday. Nick Didonato (135) and Cristian Perez (215) both went 0-2, but Andy Pichardo (140) advanced to the quarterfinals before his first loss and won once in the wrestlebacks before finishing a victory short of placing.

"I'm proud of all three of them and all they've accomplished this year," Southeast coach Neil Nichols said. "This gives us something to build on for next year, so hopefully then we'll be wrestling on Saturday."

PRO FOOTBALL: NFL COMBINE

Crabtree's injury muddies picture

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree wanted to solidify his status as the top receiver in the NFL draft at this weekend's scouting combine. Instead, he left more questions than answers.

On Saturday, NFL doctors diagnosed Crabtree with a stress fracture in his left foot. He reportedly will need surgery to insert a screw and might face a recovery of 10 or more weeks.

"It's not a career-ending injury or anything like that," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "He's a good football player, and he's got plenty of time to get well."

NFL officials would not immediately confirm details of the injury or the surgery, though coaches were told about it during Saturday's first drills. Crabtree was not scheduled to work out until today.

NFL Network first reported the injury, and later reported that Crabtree would not have the surgery until after his pro day at Texas Tech next month, so he can run the 40-yard dash for scouts and coaches. Crabtree was not available for interviews Saturday.

All of the roughly 330 players at the combine spend their first day getting measured and going through medical checks. Those with additional questions are often sent to a nearby hospital for further



AP PHOTO
Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree has a stress fracture in his left foot that could affect his status in the upcoming NFL draft.

examination. That's apparently when Crabtree's injury was discovered, culminating a bad week.

Despite being listed at 6-foot-3 on Texas Tech's roster last season, Crabtree measured just slightly taller than 6-foot-1 Friday. The difference could change the opinions of some scouts, who thought Crabtree fit the mold of Larry Fitzgerald as a tall receiver.

Now there's even a bigger problem. Scouts may have to go through the entire evaluation process without seeing Crabtree work out in person. The draft is April 25-26, and Crabtree was expected to be picked in the top 10.

Prep: SE boys win

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scored 14 in the second half and Clark did a good job of penetrating to the basket and dishing off to set up some shots. He really took control at key times to get us buckets when we needed them."

Varsity golf

Dalton and Northwest Whitfield competed in the North-South Challenge at Kinderlou Forest Golf Club in Valdosta. Golfers from the north section of the state were paired against those from the south for the match play competition.

Since there were nine teams in the season-opening tournament, Dalton played Statesboro and won, 3-0.

The Catamounts' Zac Coquerille and Will Morrow won their match 4 and 3, Chase Miller and Dylan Coffee won 5 and 4 and McLean Davies and Cody Cleary posted a 4 and 3 victory.

"It's a great tournament to start with," Dalton coach Chad Jordan said. "With match play there's a little less pressure on the guys. Overall, they played pretty good to be our first time out."

Northwest and Harrison paired up to play golfers from Lowndes and Coffee.

The Bruins' Jordan Black halved his match while Hunter Keener and

his partner won 3 and 2, Ben Harris won 1-up and David Lomax won 2 and 1. Zane McDade lost 1-up and J.T. Meadows lost 4 and 3.

"We went 3-2-1 in our matches and played pretty good," Bruins coach Jim McGrew said. "Of course, Harrison is the defending state champion and it was a fun way to start the season. It's a different format and we had a good time."

Varsity soccer

■ Southeast boys 2, Indian Springs 1: Alam Tiador and defender Adrian Avalos recorded the Raiders' goals in the Oak Mountain tournament in Birmingham, Ala.

"A defender goal is pretty rare," said Kevin Kettenring, filling in for Raiders coach Jamison Griffin, who is ill. "We've played three games in three days and were tired, so we switched things up a little bit. We played hard and pulled out the victory."

Goalie Cesar Maldonado was credited with 12 saves for the Raiders (2-1).

■ Northwest Whitfield girls 1, Dade County 0: Julia Edwards scored a first-half goal and the Lady Bruins (2-2) played flawless defense to make it stand up.

Hannah Hensley got the shutout in goal, first of the season for Northwest. The Lady Bruins took 18 shots.

Injury can't stop NBA streak

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Philadelphia guard Andre Miller extended the NBA's longest current streak of games played to 502 on Saturday, facing the Miami Heat three days after straining his right calf.

He's missed only three games in his 10-year career,

the last of those coming Jan. 24, 2003, when he was with the Los Angeles Clippers and sat out against the Minnesota Timberwolves for personal reasons.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince has the second-longest current streak of consecutive appearances, at 465.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Rebels defense stymies Bulldogs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXFORD, Miss. — Terrico White scored 19 points, David Huertas added 17 and Mississippi beat Georgia 69-47 on Saturday.

The Rebels (15-11, 6-6 Southeastern Conference) held the Bulldogs (10-17, 1-11) to 25 percent shooting from the floor, blocked seven shots and dominated the paint with a 38-12 scoring advantage under the basket in their second straight win.

It was another lackluster loss for Georgia, which has dropped 13 of its last 14 and is 1-6 under interim coach Pete Herrmann. Terrance Woodbury led the Bulldogs with 19 points, becoming the 39th Georgia player with more than 1,000 career points.

Ole Miss struggled with its offense in the first half on the way to a 27-21 lead at the break, but White and Huertas combined on a 13-0 run to start the second half that gave the Rebels a 19-point lead.

Malcolm White had three of his five blocks during the run.

Ole Miss held Georgia without a field goal for 3:31 out of the locker room. It was the second significant scoreless period for the Bulldogs.

The Rebels also held them without a point for 6 minutes early in the first half. The stretch resulted in a 9-0 run for Ole Miss, but just an 11-6 lead thanks to poor shooting. The Rebels were just 11 of 29 from the floor in the first 20 minutes, but Georgia was even worse.

It was the second straight poor showing to start a game for the Bulldogs. After scoring just 19 in the first half against Auburn on Wednesday, they missed 21 of 29 shots against the Rebels and scored the fourth fewest points of the season in the opening half.

Georgia's struggles continued in the second half and it finished with just 14 total field goals.

Terrance Woodbury scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs.

• **Kentucky 77, Tennessee 58:** At Lexington, Ky., Patrick Patterson returned from an ankle injury to score 19 points and freshman Darius Miller added a career-high 17 points and six assists as Kentucky dominated Tennessee, sweeping the season series from the Volunteers to keep pace atop the crowded SEC East.

Scotty Hopson led Tennessee with 14 points and Tyler Prince had 11.



Ole Miss' Zach Graham (32) dribbles around Georgia's Jeremy Price during their SEC basketball game Saturday in Oxford, Miss. The Rebels won, 69-47.

AP PHOTO

Chatsworth golfer Emmett Carroll, left, accepts a plaque from Indian Trace golf pro Tracy Spurlock for making a hole-in-one on Feb. 6. It was Carroll's second ace in two years.

MATT HAMILTON
The Daily Citizen



Golf: In almost any weather

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family to Colquitt County in South Georgia where his father, Henry, farmed the land. Henry Carroll died of complications from double pneumonia in 1935 at the age of 45. Shortly afterward, the Carrolls moved back to Murray County.

Always a busy sort, Emmett Carroll's sons knew their father needed a hobby, and golf seemed like the perfect fit.

He made several visits to a local driving range before getting up enough nerve to make his course debut. Two decades later he's pretty much a golfing legend around Chatsworth's Indian Trace Golf Course. Carroll almost always plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays with basically the same three friends — Kenneth Sosebee, Ralph Parker and Andy Lusk.

"I think it's almost unheard of what he's done," said Lusk, a spry 70 years young. "I was with him both times he got aces. Honestly, for his age he's a pretty good golfer."

"I've been playing golf 15 years and my best score is 72. Emmett told me his best score was 79."

Carroll's first hole-in-one came two years ago on the par-3, 110-yard 11th hole at Indian Trace. On Feb. 6, Carroll used a 6-iron to ace the par-3, 105-yard fifth.

"That ball hit on the front of the green and rolled straight ahead into the hole," Carroll said. "That's a mighty good feel-

ing. I hit my first one, when I was 81, about six feet from the hole and it rolled right in too."

Carroll is about 15 to 20 years older than his steady playing partners, and the faces have changed over the years.

"Most of the guys I used to play with died out on me," he said. "These guys I play with now are younger, but I play right along with them."

Tracy Spurlock, head golf pro at Indian Trace, admires Carroll for his enthusiasm for golf.

Only bad days health-wise or extremely inclement weather keep him and his playing buddies away from the course. On a recent 28-degree morning, they were at the course rarin' to tee off.

"We call them the snowbirds," Spurlock said. "Sometimes it's a struggle for Emmett, but he seems to always get around pretty good for a man 83 years old."

Oh, by the way. That's another little tidbit for professor Scheid.

On the same day he got his second hole-in-one, Carroll also shot his ace.

"That's not real bad for an old man like me," Carroll said.

That's not bad for a young whippersnapper half his age.

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Roddick grinds out victory

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Andy Roddick struggled through nearly two sets against Lleyton Hewitt before pulling out a 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 victory in the semifinals of the Regions

KEEGAN MORGAN
TENNIS Championships on Saturday.

Hewitt won two more points than Roddick, trying to cap a week in which he started by upsetting No. 3 seed James Blake with a spot in the finals.

"I was lucky to get through," Roddick said. "He had me up against it for the better part of the match. I kind of just snuck out of the tiebreaker there, and I played my best tennis in the third set."

Roddick advanced to his second final this year and his fourth overall in Memphis where his lone win came in 2002. He will play Czech Radek Stepanek, who breezed past qualifier Dudi Sela of Israel 6-3, 6-1.

"I'd love to win this tournament again. It's been a long time," Roddick said.

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus will play Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark for the Cellular South Cup championship Saturday night.

Hewitt, from Australia, is working his way back from major hip surgery last August and playing in his first ATP World Tour semifinal since August 2007.

"It's another testament to Lleyton's willpower, which I don't think has ever been questioned in the first place," Roddick said.

Stepanek, trying to become the ATP Tour's first three-time winner this year, needed just 57 minutes to get into the finals for the second straight week. He is off to a career-best 16-2 start that includes wins at Brisbane and San Jose.

The Czech didn't win his 16th match until May last year.

"I'm feeling great on the court," Stepanek said.

Drive: Knew his destination

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The beginning

Before his ascension to the college ranks, Goldberg took up gymnastics beginning at the age of 6 at the now-defunct Body Mechanics in Dalton. The gym's instructor noticed Goldberg's natural strength when he was playing at a birthday party and suggested to his parents that he should give gymnastics a try.

Goldberg quickly developed a knack for the sport, but Body Mechanics didn't have much in the way of a boys program, so he began training at the Tennessee Academy of Gymnastics in Chattanooga. He continued to excel and finished third in Future Stars, a USA Gymnastics program, and earned a national ranking by the age of 13.

But as he aged and the competition became more challenging, Goldberg became discouraged and considered quitting the sport. That's when Goldberg's parents, Robert and Faith, who now reside in Ringgold, discussed with Savage, who operates Premier Athletics in Knoxville, Tenn., the possibility of Goldberg training with him.

"He was at the end of his rope and ready to quit," Savage said. "I told him to just try us out, make the two-hour drive and see what we're all about. He loved the workout and the guys on the team and he stuck it out."

As Goldberg neared his 2005 high school graduation, the possibility of competing in college was a realistic goal. Goldberg and Savage sent DVDs to 16 different schools and the promising prospect drew interests from the likes of Nebraska, Temple, Oklahoma and Penn State.

Initially, Michigan was not in the mix, though Goldberg sent a tape to the school. Then Wolverines coach Kurt Golder, a good friend of Savage, contacted the Knoxville instructor after viewing footage of Goldberg.

"I told Kurt that he'd be an All-American for you and probably your next national champion," Savage said. "Phillip wasn't on the national radar at the time and usually big-time coaches go by the black and white, they want to know 'What have you done?' Few go on potential because they've got a lot (of athletes) to choose from. (Phil) didn't have a track record, so (Golder) went on my word."

Savage gave Golder such

a bold recommendation because he was sold on Goldberg's work ethic.

"Just the fact that he drove 240 miles every day," Savage said. "That's a strong commitment and a flag that this guy's serious. He did that for five or six years. And he worked really hard. The rings are all about being strong and working very hard. And his grades are extraordinary."

Golder offered Goldberg an official visit and a chance to be a walk-on at Michigan.

"A lot of it was going on Phil's word," Golder said. "He said (Goldberg) had a good future, was a strong kid and so I checked him out and he was exactly how Phil described him."

Goldberg, also a workhorse in the classroom, where he was a U.S. Gymnastics Federation Academic All American all four years at McCallie, was quickly sold on Michigan during his visit to Ann Arbor.

"I knew within the first 30 minutes of stepping foot on the campus that I was going to go there," said Goldberg, a psychology major. "I did my research and learned they were very prestigious and respectable in the academic world. I had decided before I even met the coaches. There was no further recruiting necessary."

Going 'Big Blue'

Upon accepting Golder's walk-on offer, Goldberg was guaranteed nothing more than the opportunity to work out with the team. There was no scholarship offer, no assurance of a spot on the roster. Unfazed, Goldberg quickly climbed the ranks of Michigan gymnastics.

"My first intention was to not get cut," Goldberg said. "Then it was to get in the lineup. Then it was to be an All-American. Now it's to be a national champion."

Golder made the roster his freshman year in rings and pommel horse. More impressively, he placed seventh on rings at the 2006 Big Ten meet finals and narrowly missed the final cut for the NCAA championships, something that disappointed

him and made him want to work harder.

"Right from the get-go he had a good work ethic," Golder said. "He gets his business taken care of and does what we ask and then takes care of more on his own. He just has his own recipe for success."

Added Goldberg: "I've always worked hard, but one day it clicked. I knew how hard I had to work and what I had to do, and my past failures motivated me. I didn't do so well as a freshman on rings and that motivated me to become better."

But Goldberg got a little carried away in his offseason workouts and tore his biceps, failed in a rushed comeback attempt and was forced to redshirt his sophomore year.

"Phil became so strong that the muscle fibers became stronger than the attachment," Golder said, explaining the injury.

Despite sitting out the 2007 season, Goldberg managed to pick up one accolade — a Michigan Athletic Academic Achievement Award.

In 2008, a healthy and determined-as-ever Goldberg had his best season as a Wolverine, culminating with a fifth-place finish on rings at the NCAA meet, which earned him the All-American honors he'd sought.

"It was a surreal feeling," Goldberg said. "It just hit me this year and I'm sure it will hit me again when they put my name on the Wall of Fame (an honor all Michigan All-Americans receive)."

Now all that's left for Goldberg is that national championship.

He's posted some strong showings so far this year, with his best a third-place finish on rings at the Winter Cup Classic in Las Vegas. With the NCAA Championships set for April 16-18 at the University of Minnesota, Golder believes Goldberg is on the brink of his ultimate goal.

"I think he's got a very realistic chance," Golder said. "He made the final cut last year and finished fourth."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

2 Whitfield teams win in GRPA play

Whitfield No. 1 defeated Gordon County, 45-44, Saturday in the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association District 5 basketball tournament in Rome.

Wyatt Erwin scored 13 points for Whitfield while Ty Pendley and Kalbe Hill each had 10, and Chad Payne added nine in the 11-12 boys contest.

In 10-under girls action, Whitfield No. 1 beat Rome/Floyd, 30-6. Haley McDaniels had eight points and Bowen Land six.

In other 11-12 play, Whitfield No. 2 lost to Rome/Floyd, 61-25. Cody Edwards led Whitfield with nine points.

In 10-under boys, Cobb County beat Whitfield No. 2, 45-37. Wesley Hagan had 14 points for Whitfield while Mica Ward and Cole Roberts scored five points apiece.

Whitfield No. 2 lost to Cartersville, 20-13, in a 10-under girls game. Kyle Ward had six points for Whitfield.

Sharks take a bite out of Thrashers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jeremy Roenick picked up his 700th career assist, and Ryane Clowe broke a scoreless tie 30 seconds into the third period of the San Jose Sharks' 3-1 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday.

Evgeni Nabokov made 22 saves for the Sharks, who set a franchise record with their NHL-best 26th home win already this season.

Bryan Little scored during a 5-on-3 advantage for the Thrashers, who lost in regulation for the first time on their four-game road trip.

Busch dominates in truck victory

FONTANA, Calif. — Kyle Busch led 95 of 100 laps in capturing his second straight Camping World Truck Series win on the 2-mile Auto Club Speedway oval. It was his 10th series victory.

Todd Bodine was second while Chad McCumbee finished third, followed by David Starr, T.J. Bell, Ron Hornaday Jr., Matt Crafton Ricky Carmichael, the top finishing rookie.

Leipheimer keeps TOC overall lead

PASADENA, Calif. — Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy lunged ahead of New Zealand's Hayden Roulston at the finish line to win Stage 7 of the Tour of California on Saturday.

American Levi Leipheimer of Astana retained his overall lead after the 88.9-mile leg from Santa Clarita to Pasadena's historic Rose Bowl stadium.

— Staff, AP Reports

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Monday
Varsity baseball
Southeast at Polk County (scrimmage), 4:30
JV soccer
Murray County at Woodland, 5:30

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Varsity soccer
Dalton at Cass, 5
Southeast at Heritage, 5
Murray County at Fannin Tournament
Varsity tennis
Rome at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Cass at Murray County, 5
JV tennis
Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 4

Wednesday
Varsity soccer
Murray County at Fannin Tournament
Varsity tennis
Southeast at Ridgeland, 4

Thursday
Varsity baseball
Murray County at Trion, 5
Varsity soccer
Ringgold at Southeast, 6:30
Varsity tennis
Cartersville at Northwest Whitfield, 9 a.m.
Dalton at Woodland, 4:15
Osborne at Murray County, 4:30
JV soccer
Dalton at Murray County, 5
Ringgold boys at Southeast, 5

Friday
Varsity baseball
Chattooga at Murray County, 5
Varsity soccer
Osborne at Dalton, 5:30
Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 6
Varsity tennis
Murray County at Ridgeland, 4
JV baseball
Chattooga at Murray County, 7

Saturday
Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield girls at Gwinnett Open, 8 a.m.
Varsity soccer
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Savannah Christian at Pace Academy, 10 a.m.
Murray County at Fannin Tournament
Varsity tennis
Northwest Whitfield at First Serve tournament, Cartersville, 4:45

TELEVISION

On Today

AUTO RACING
5 p.m.
FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Auto Club 500, at Fontana, Calif.
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — NHRA, Arizona Nationals, final eliminations, at Chandler, Ariz. (same-day tape)
BOWLING
1 p.m.
ESPN — PBA Bowling, Plastic Ball Championship, at Wheat Ridge, Colo.
CYCLING
5 p.m.
VERSUS — Tour of California, final stage, Rancho Bernardo to Escondido, Calif.
EXTREME SPORTS
3 p.m.
NBC — Winter Dew Tour, at Lake Tahoe, Calif.
FISHING
10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Bassmaster Classic, final day weigh-in, at Shreveport, La. (same-day tape)
GOLF
1 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, The ACE Group Classic, final round, at Naples, Fla.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Northern Trust Open, final round, at Pacific Palisades, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
CBS — Illinois at Ohio St. or Villanova at Syracuse
3 p.m.
ESPN — Wisconsin at Michigan St.
7:30 p.m.
FSN — Wake Forest at Duke
10 p.m.
FSN — Arizona at Arizona St.
NBA BASKETBALL
Noon
WGN — Chicago at Indiana
2:30 p.m.
ABC — Boston at Phoenix
5:30 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Orlando
8 p.m.
ESPN — Detroit at Cleveland
NHL HOCKEY
12:30 p.m.
NBC — Pittsburgh at Washington
9 p.m.
VERSUS — PBR, Glendale Invitational, at Glendale, Ariz. (same-day tape)
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
FSN — Iowa St. at Kansas
3 p.m.
FSN — Georgia at Auburn

HOCKEY

NHL Glimpse

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	19	3	79	182	151
Philadelphia	31	17	9	71	189	169
N.Y. Rangers	31	23	6	68	149	167
Pittsburgh	29	25	6	64	183	186
N.Y. Islanders	18	35	6	42	144	198
Northeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	40	11	8	88	197	133
Montreal	31	22	7	69	184	184
Buffalo	31	23	6	68	179	168
Toronto	21	26	12	54	177	217
Ottawa	22	27	9	53	144	168
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	17	5	79	196	170
Florida	30	21	8	68	166	159
Carolina	30	25	5	65	157	174
Tampa Bay	19	28	12	50	148	188
Atlanta	21	33	6	48	176	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	12	8	86	226	172
Chicago	34	15	8	76	193	141
Columbus	30	24	6	66	165	169
Nashville	27	28	4	58	141	168
St. Louis	25	26	7	57	165	177
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	34	18	6	74	184	171
Vancouver	30	21	8	68	181	170
Edmonton	29	25	4	62	163	179
Minnesota	28	24	4	60	144	132
Colorado	28	30	1	57	163	181
Pacific Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	40	8	9	89	199	140
Dallas	29	22	7	65	174	179
Anaheim	29	27	5	63	173	177
Los Angeles	25	24	9	59	155	170
Phoenix	27	28	5	59	156	184

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

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 3, Dallas 1
Montreal 5, Ottawa 3
San Jose 3, Atlanta 1
Phoenix 6, Los Angeles 3
Buffalo 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 2, Boston 0
Anaheim 5, Columbus 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 0
Vancouver 3, Toronto 2, SO
Detroit at Minnesota, late
Nashville at St. Louis, late
Calgary at Edmonton, late

Today's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glimpse

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Boston	44	12	.786	—		
Philadelphia	27	27	.500	16		
New Jersey	24	32	.429	20		
New York	23	31	.426	20		
Toronto	21	36	.368	23 1/2		
Southeast Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Orlando	40	14	.741	—		
Atlanta	32	23	.582	8 1/2		
Miami	29	25	.537	11		
Charlotte	22	33	.400	18 1/2		
Washington	13	42	.236	27 1/2		
Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Cleveland	42	11	.792	—		
Detroit	27	26	.509	15		
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	17 1/2		
Chicago	25	30	.455	18		
Indiana	23	34	.404	21		
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Southwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
San Antonio	36	17	.679	—		
Houston	34	21	.618	3		
New Orleans	32	21	.604	4		
Dallas	32	22	.593	4 1/2		
Memphis	15	40	.273	22		
Northwest Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	37	18	.673	—		
Portland	34	20	.630	2 1/2		
Utah	32	23	.582	5		
Minnesota	18	36	.333	18 1/2		
Oklahoma City	13	42	.236	24		
Pacific Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Lakers	45	10	.818	—		
Phoenix	31	23	.574	13 1/2		
Golden State	19	36	.345	26		
L.A. Clippers	13	42	.236	32		
Sacramento	12	44	.214	33 1/2		

Saturday's Games

Miami 97, Philadelphia 91
San Antonio at Washington, late
New Orleans at Utah, late
Sacramento at Dallas, late
Oklahoma City at Golden State, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Indiana, Noon
New York at Toronto, Noon
Boston at Phoenix, 2:30 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 5 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Men's College Results

EAST	
Connecticut 64, South Florida 50	Cornell 85, Brown 45
Dartmouth 66, Princeton 63	Harvard 66, Penn 60
Hofstra 61, Fairfield 56	Marquette 78, Georgetown 72
Navy 59, Army 54	Notre Dame 103, Providence 84
Pittsburgh 80, DePaul 61	Rhode Island 77, Fordham 58
Yale 57, Columbia 49	
SOUTH	
Alabama 87, Mississippi St. 85, 2OT	Butler 75, Davidson 63
Charleston Southern 57, Presbyterian 52	Chattanooga 67, Samford 62
E. Kentucky 73, Ohio 51	Florida 82, Vanderbilt 68
Georgia Southern 66, Jacksonville St. 63	Kentucky 77, Tennessee 58
LSU 79, Auburn 72	Maryland 88, North Carolina 85, OT
Miami 69, Boston College 58	Middle Tennessee 74, Florida Atlantic 68
Mississippi 69, Georgia 47	N.C. State 72, Virginia 67
North Florida 78, Stetson 66	Radford 97, VMI 90
Richmond 65, Charlotte 58	S. Carolina St. 76, Norfolk St. 66
South Carolina 82, Arkansas 78, OT	Tulane 57, Marshall 51
UAB 86, Southern Miss. 56	UNC Asheville 74, Coastal Carolina 63
UNC Wilmington 75, Elon 72	W. Carolina 69, UNC Greensboro 56
W. Kentucky 79, Fla. International 66	Winthrop 65, Appalachian St. 63
Wofford 85, Furman 82, OT	

MIDWEST

Ball St. 59, Tennessee Tech 55	Bradley 86, Loyola of Chicago 75
Canisius 71, Bowling Green 66, OT	Cent. Michigan 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 62
Chicago St. 56, Olivet Nazarene 68	Drake 71, Austin Peay 54
E. Illinois 59, W. Michigan 57	Evansville 75, Miami (Ohio) 61
Georgia St. 63, E. Michigan 58	Indiana St. 69, Toledo 62
Kansas 70, Nebraska 53	Kansas St. 50, Iowa St. 46
Kent St. 79, Morehead St. 76	Louisville 72, Cincinnati 63
N. Dakota St. 77, Wis.-Milwaukee 69	Northeastern 69, Wright St. 57
Oakland, Mich. 81, IUPUI 76	Purdue 81, Indiana 67
Wichita St. 70, Cleveland St. 59	Youngstown St. 68, St. Peter's 64

SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Pine Bluff 54, Texas Southern 45
Memphis 70, UTEP 63
Oklahoma St. 84, Baylor 74
SMU 69, Rice 66
Stephen F. Austin 45, SE Louisiana 38
Texas A&M 79, Texas Tech 73
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 49, McNeese St. 46
Texas St. 71, Nicholls St. 66, OT
Texas-Arlington 87, Cent. Arkansas 73
Tulsa 72, East Carolina 62

FAR WEST
Colorado St. 71, Air Force 66
Missouri 66, Colorado 53
Montana 79, Idaho St. 64
N. Arizona 68, Sacramento St. 58
New Mexico 75, San Diego St. 49
Oregon St. 65, California 54
Portland St. 93, Boise St. 81
Saint Mary's, Calif. 75, Utah St. 64
Washington 60, Southern Cal 51
Washington St. 82, UCLA 81
Wis.-Green Bay 86, Long Beach St. 75
Wyoming 61, TCU 56

GOLF

Northern Trust Open

Saturday		At Riviera Country Club		Los Angeles	
Purse: \$6.3 million		Yardage: 7,298; Par: 71		Third Round	
Phil Mickelson	63-72-62	—	197	-16	
Andres Romero	66-70-65	—	201	-12	
Fred Couples	67-70-65	—	202	-11	
Rory Sabbatini	68-67-67	—	202	-11	
K.J. Choi	66-69-67	—	202	-11	
Scott McCarron	64-68-70	—	202	-11	
Mark Calcavecchia	70-69-64	—	203	-10	
Dustin Johnson	66-70-67	—	203	-10	
Steve Stricker	68-66-69	—	203	-10	
J.B. Holmes	73-67-64	—	204	-9	
Luke Donald	66-69-69	—	204	-9	
Dean Wilson	66-72-67	—	205	-8	
Richard S. Johnson	70-68-67	—	205	-8	
Robert Alenby	70-67-68	—	205	-8	
Briny Baird	67-70-68	—	205	-8	
Hunter Mahan	69-69-68	—	206	-7	
Brian Davis	69-69-68	—	206	-7	
Brendon de Jonge	69-70-67	—	206	-7	
Ben Curtis	68-69-69	—	206	-7	
Tim Clark	68-72-66	—	206	-7	
Chris DiMarco	68-72-66	—	206	-7	

ACE Group Classic

Saturday		At TPC Treviso Bay		Naples, Fla.	
Purse: \$1.6 million		Yardage: 7,005; Par: 72		Second Round	
Gene Jones	70-70	—	140	-4	
James Mason	74-67	—	141	-3	
Loren Roberts	70-71	—	141	-3	
Don Pooley	68-73	—	141	-3	
Brad Bryant	73-69	—	142	-2	
Lonnie Nielsen	71-71	—	142	-2	
Mike McCullough	71-71	—	142	-2	
Bernhard Langer	70-72	—	142	-2	
Dan Forsman	70-72	—	142	-2	



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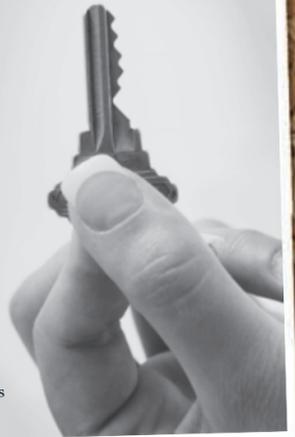
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Time to start a new tradition

Braves look ahead, not to the past

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jeff Francoeur was there for the tail end of The Streak.

He was promoted from the minors midway through the 2005 season, got swept up in Atlanta's winning ways and helped the Braves capture their 14th straight division championship. Francoeur led the celebration on the night they clinched yet another NL East title, dunking his head in a bucket of ice water and wrestling in the middle of the clubhouse with Chipper Jones.

Sure seems like a long time ago, doesn't it?

The Braves have endured a different kind of streak the last three seasons, stuck at home each October after once being the gold standard for regular-season consistency.

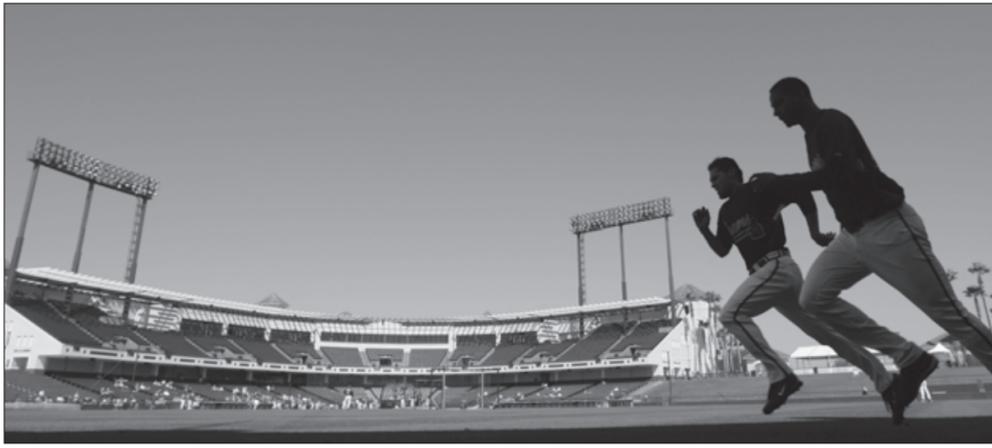
Francoeur is tired of looking back. "They had a great run," the right fielder said. "We've got to move on."

Francoeur was one of the lucky ones, getting a chance to celebrate the last of the 14 titles, the longest such streak by any franchise in any of the major American sports. Most of the guys in the clubhouse today weren't around for any of The Streak. They don't remember how it seemed to feed off itself, providing the sort of inner confidence that assured the Braves would finish first in their division no matter who they put on the field.

Pitcher Tom Glavine, third baseman Jones and manager Bobby Cox are the only real holdovers, the last true links to all those championships. There's a new owner, a new general manager, basically a whole new roster.

The Streak means little to someone who wasn't a part of it.

"I didn't come here saying just because they won 14 championships in row, they'll be able to do



AP PHOTO

Atlanta players run in the outfield at the Braves' spring training ballpark in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., last week. The Braves are living in the shadow of the team's highly successful run of 14 consecutive NL East titles, but have retooled the 2009 team in hopes of returning to the top.

it again," said Derek Lowe, the new ace of the staff after signing a \$60 million, four-year contract during the offseason. "There's definitely nothing wrong with respecting what they've done, acknowledging that they set the bar. But it's our job in here to get them back to those winning ways."

Atlanta was on the fringe of the playoff race in both 2006 and '07, but the bottom fell out a year ago. Injuries decimated the once-proud pitching staff, which had only one projected starter make it through the season unscathed and lost two key relievers.

In a stunning move, the Braves gave up on their season at the trade deadline, dealing away Mark Teixeira and getting a head-start on 2009. They stumbled to a fourth-place finish in the NL East, 20 games behind Philadelphia with a 72-90 record that was their worst since 1990, the year before The Streak began.

Even at 67, Cox has never been one to spend much time dwelling on the past. When the Braves were winning all those division titles, he never thought there was any secret formula that assured they would always finish on top of the standings.

"We had good players," he said. "That helps."

It all started with the rotation, a group dominated for years by the likes of Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Glavine — Cy Young winners all.

"We're going through a transition," Jones said. "When you replace Maddux, Glavine and Smoltz with kids out of the minor leagues — news flash! — you're going to take your lumps."

Certainly, the Braves no longer can rest on their laurels. With each passing season, they pull a little further away from that winning tradition, the one signified by all those pennants painted on the facade above the left-field stands at Turner Field.

"We've got to go out and play the game harder," said Francoeur, who went from being a hometown hero to a frequent target of boos during a miserable 2008 season. "A team we need to emulate is the Phillies. The Phillies play the game the right way. They play the game hard."

His comments are telling. Those are the sort of things they used to say about the Braves. Now it's left to other organizations — Philadelphia, Boston, even Tampa Bay — to show how it's done.

Perhaps the most telling change in this organization is at the top. Ted Turner used to own the Braves, a hands-on, free-spending billionaire who watched games from his

box right next to the dugout and made sure Atlanta was always had one of the highest payrolls in the game. If they needed to sign someone such as Maddux or Andres Galarraga, Turner would willingly write out the check.

But his influence began to erode when his company was gobbled up in a series of massive corporate mergers.

Turner's last ties to the franchise were effectively stripped away when Time Warner sold the franchise to Denver-based Liberty Media, a massive conglomerate that seemingly takes little interest in the franchise beyond the bottom line.

The Braves finished the 2008 season with a payroll of about \$92 million, which ranked in the middle of the pack — 14th out of 30 teams, to be exact — and was less than half of the nearly \$223 million spent by the in-a-league-of-their-own New York Yankees.

The trickle-down effect has been apparent. The streak coincided with a time when general manager John Schuerholz had plenty of money to spend (and, no, that doesn't diminish his remarkable accomplishment, a legacy tarnished only by Atlanta's failure to win more than one World Series).

But the Braves failed to make the

playoffs in his final two years as GM, and then last year after he moved up to president and handed off his former duties to Frank Wren.

Wren believes Atlanta remains a favored destination among players looking for a team, though it certainly didn't appear that way over the past few months:

- The Braves tried hard to land free agent pitcher A.J. Burnett, but he took an even better offer from the Yankees.

- Former Atlanta shortstop Rafael Furcal appeared set to resign with his original team, only to take more money to stay with Los Angeles Dodgers.

- Smoltz, who had spent his entire big league career in Atlanta, signed with the Boston Red Sox after receiving what he described as a significantly inferior offer from the Braves.

- Then, over the past week or so, Ken Griffey Jr. approached the Braves about the possibility of finishing his Hall of Fame career in Atlanta, only to have a last-minute change of heart that led him to accept an offer from his original team, the Seattle Mariners.

"The history with this team is all positive," Wren insisted. "It's a great place to play, a great organization, with a great manager. Those are all positives that endure. That goes on."

To their credit, the Braves have taken steps to improve their injury plagued rotation, signing Lowe, trading for Javier Vazquez and going all the way to Japan to acquire their first player from that country, all-star Kenshin Kawakami. On Friday, they brought back the 42-year-old Glavine, who'll serve the dual role of fifth starter and resident historian.

"There's a long history of success with the Atlanta Braves," Glavine said. "A lot of the younger guys on our team grew up watching that."

"Maybe I can bring answers to some of their curiosity about how we did it all those years, what it took to do it all those years, what it takes as a team and what it takes as an individual."

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What Obama housing plan will and won't do

President Barack Obama introduced a \$75 billion homeowner relief program this week. Who will it help?

Two sets of homeowners will be eligible to get help under the Obama administration's foreclosure-prevention plan:

1. People who got plain-vanilla conforming mortgages and who have never fallen seriously behind on the monthly payments might qualify to refinance at lower interest rates — even if they owe as much as the house is worth.

2. People who have subprime mortgages or exotic loans, such as pay-option adjustable rate mortgages, might qualify to keep their current loans, but have them modified to make the payments more affordable.

"The plan I'm announcing focuses on rescuing families who played by the rules and acted responsibly," Obama said, announcing the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, or HASP. He explained this would be done by "refinancing loans for millions of families in traditional mortgages who are underwater or close to it, by modifying loans for families stuck in subprime mortgages they can't afford as a result of sky-

rocketing interest rates or personal misfortune, and by taking broader steps to keep mortgage rates low so that families can secure loans with affordable monthly payments."

The Obama administration estimates that HASP will help 7 million to 9 million families avoid hardship or foreclosure. But many won't be eligible to get help because of the limitations and exceptions in the plan.

Probably the biggest hole in HASP is that it won't help many people where house prices have fallen most: California, South Florida, Las Vegas and Phoenix. A lot of these people won't be eligible for refinancing because they owe much more than their houses are worth.

Another gap in the plan: It provides a path to refinancing for people whose loans were securitized by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Millions of homeowners have

mortgages that were securitized, but not by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. They might find it difficult to refinance, whereas their neighbors who got similar loans securitized by Fannie or Freddie might have an easier time qualifying for refinancing. Most borrowers won't know if they have a Fannie or Freddie loan until they ask the servicer.

The administration has set for itself a March 4 deadline for getting the refinancing and modification programs rolling. The plan has two main pieces: refinances for conforming loans, and modifications for subprime and exotic loans. The refinance piece is designed to help 4 million to 5 million "responsible homeowners."

That last requirement effectively imposes a limit on loan amounts. Few mortgages for more than \$417,000 will qualify for refinances because that is the conforming limit.

Also, a mortgage that's deeply underwater wouldn't be eligible for refinance. An example of a hypothetical loan illustrates why:

Let's say someone in South Florida borrowed \$310,000 to buy a \$350,000 house a few years ago. Now the house has lost one-quarter of its value and is worth \$262,000.

The owner still owes \$300,000, or about 115 percent of the appraised value. That's far more than the 105 percent limit. The owner wouldn't be able to refinance without coming up with about \$25,000 cash to bring the loan balance down to 105 percent of the home's value.

If you think that's complicated, wait until you get a look at the mortgage modification plan for people with subprime or exotic loans. Under this plan, the lender would have to reduce the interest rate until the monthly principal and interest payments are no more than 38 percent of the borrower's before-tax income.

After reducing the rate to get to that point, the federal government and lender would kick in equal amounts to the monthly payments to reduce the borrower's debt-to-income ratio from 38 percent to 31 percent. The lower interest rate would stay in place for five years, then would rise in steps until it met the prevailing conforming rate on the date of modification.

There's a missing piece here. The plan addresses borrowers' housing debt to income, but not total debt to income. Some homeowners are too deep in debt on their credit cards and car loans, in addi-

tion to owing too much on their houses. The White House is aware of this oversight, says Josh Denney, lobbyist for the Mortgage Bankers Association. He says that if a borrower's total debts exceed 55 percent of income, he or she will have to get credit counseling before being eligible for a modification.

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Mortgage rates were largely unchanged this week.

The average 30-year fixed-rate was unchanged at 5.34 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

This week's average 15-year fixed — a popular option for refinancing — fell 10 basis points, to 4.93 percent.

The average jumbo 30-year fixed slid 6 basis points, to 6.92 percent. Adjustable-rate mortgages split this week. The one-year adjustable-rate mortgage fell 20 basis points, to 5.47 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM remained unchanged at 5.37 percent.

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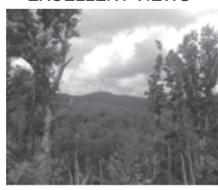
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751 Apartments

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*1130/1132 Burleyson \$485 Mo, \$240 dep. 2 BR /1BA
*707-2 Lance 2 BR 1.5 BA. Newly remodeled, 1st week free w/1yr.lease. 706-279-1380 wkdays 9-5:30

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2 BR 1 BA -601 Willis, \$465 mth, \$230 dp. *503B Colter, 2BR 1.5BA \$445 mth, \$220 dp. 890 W. Addis \$125 wk, \$250 dep. 706-279-1380 wk 9-5:30

2 BR, 1 BA. 116 Fernwood Ave., \$550/mo + \$250/dep. All utilities included. W/D Conn., C/H/A. 706-226-0503

2 br., 1 ba. Duplex, Hwy 225 North. C/ H/ A, W/D hook-up, appliances, water furnished. No pets. \$375/mo., \$200/dep. Call: 706-581-2062

2BR/1.5BA Townhouse. In the city. C/H/A, kitchen appliances, W/D hookup. \$495/month or \$145/wk. \$200/dep. Utilities included. 706-280-6478 or 706-264-3267.

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1st MONTH FREE!
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Move In Specials \$70-\$90 for first week!
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752 Homes For Rent

! Great Rental Spots!! Choice of 2-4 bd rental / rent to own homes in Dalton, Varnell, LaFayette, Jasper, Resaca & more. Full details and pictures! therentalspot.net

*2 and 3 bedroom homes for rent starting at \$495 month. Call 706-463-2332 or 706-397-2087 hhf@vol.com
City West. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath house. C/H/A, large rooms. \$525/month. Call 706-463-9500

443 ACRES IN GORDON COUNTY FAIRMOUNT, GEORGIA

Property is in 2 tracts; 137 acres and 306 acres, with approximately 1/2 mile double road frontage. The property has gently rolling topography with timber, deer and turkey. Owner has installed a steel bridge over Salacoa Creek which runs on the property. Conveniently located 10 minutes from Highway 411 and I-75. This property could be a real hunters' paradise or a timber farm. *Call for directions and a plat.*
Owner / Agent 770-401-4256 \$4,750 per acre

752 Homes For Rent

1 ac, 1.5 bath, 3-4 bdrm. Very close to town/I-75, rent/lease to own. Pets allowed. \$800/mo., \$600/dep. 706-673-4382

2 bedroom 1 bath home, large lot, garage and carport. \$500 month plus deposit. Haigmill Rd off Reed Rd. 706-673-7716

****3 Br. house Tile, laminate. \$625/mo. Also 2Br/1Ba Duplex, Washer/dryer hkps, c/h/a, kitchen appl's furn., 5min. from N.Bypass. \$450/mo, \$300/dep. 706-537-6584.

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Brand New 3 bdrm, 2 bath home 2 miles off Carbondale Rd. exit. \$1700 mon, \$500 dep. No pets. Call: 706-260-9656.

Cute 2 bd 1 bath home, Pleasant Grove schools \$395 per mo. \$200 dep. We have many more homes for rent or sale w/owner financing 259-8170 or

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Westside area. Nice 2 Bdrm 1 Bath house, Kit Appliances, \$500/mo. \$300 Dep. 1-yr lease, Call Dovie at 278-1163.

ATTENTION!

Winter Special- 1st wk. FREE - 1 yr. lease - Sweetwater Rd. 3 BR 2 BA, \$145wk, \$290dep. So. end of Murray Co off Hwy 225 S 1/2 + acre lots, beautiful country setting. Several to choose from. Sweetwater Rd., Chatsworth Hwy, 225 Fm Chats Hwy. Take Hwy 225 S 13 mi. Fm Calhoun, take Hwy 225 N, 6 mi past Elks Golf Course, 1 mi N. of 4-way at Nickelsville. 706-279-1380 wkdays 9-5:30

753 Condos For Rent

2 bd, 2.5bath Condo in Dalton city. Hardwood & ceramic floors., fireplace, appliances furnished. \$750/mo \$300/dep. Also, 2bdrm w/garage \$800 mon. \$350 dep. 1-706-397-9987 or 706-264-2976

Condo for sale or rent. North Summit. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. End unit, 2 story. (706)280-6977

Lease or Lease Purchase. New condo's. N. Summit. 2 & 3 bedr, single level w/garage. Gas fireplace, hardwood floors, pool, clubhouse, fenced yard. \$850 - \$1050/mo. \$800/dep. 706-463-1139 or 706-463-3392.

New Condos in Hammond Creek, lease w/option to buy. 2 bd, 2.5 bath. Gated community & swimming pool. Starting \$900 mon (includes monthly fees) daltoncustomhomeconstruction.com
706-673-2121 or 706-581-2778

Newly remodeled condo for rent. 2 bdrm 1.5 bath. Crow Valley Rd. \$675 month. Pool, tennis, & more. 706-217-7152.

755 Rooms to Share

Looking for a qualified male renter in my nice home (Calhoun) \$400 month + half the utilities. No smoking, no drinking, no drugs. Background check w/good references req'd. Lots of storage space. 770-877-1119 - Jack for info.

MOBILE HOMES

776 Mobile Homes For Sale

2001 doublewide on permanent foundation. FHA approved. New CHA, hardwood floors. Call 706-537-1475

778 Mobile Homes For Rent

1 & 2 bdrm mobile homes & Apartments in Whitfield & Murray Co. \$85 per week & up. Utilities furnished. 706-278-4048

2 bd trailer \$85/wk. Also 3 bd trailer \$95/wk. Range & refrig., 2 ba. Hwy 225 N. Chatsworth 706-280-2618 or 706-694-3388

2 BR 1 BA 2012 -1 Abutment Rd. 122 Fields Rd. Rocky Face \$100 / wk, \$200 dep. 2 BR 2 BA - 2111 B Dixie Hwy. \$120 wk, \$240 dep. 706-279-1380 wkdays 9-5:30.

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Westside Area: 1 and 2 bedroom mobile homes. Call 706-673-4000

On the Market . . .



REDUCED PRICE!
314 N. Thornton Ave. \$72,900
Very nice condo in city offers 2 bedroom 1.5 bath, recent upgrades including new carpet, ceramic tile, fresh paint & hot water htr. Large open living & dining room, large bedrooms, rear deck, kitchen includes appliances, tiled backsplash & laundry closet. This is move in ready, within walking distance to schools, stores, etc.
Mike Langley 706-217-8084
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Nice large house with 3 BRs, 2 BA and 2 additional rooms with attached shelves on walls. Living room with fireplace and separate dining room with hardwood floors. On beautiful 3.81 acre level lot. Very close to Pleasant Grove schools. Call to see it!
\$184,900 (91849)
Century 21 Belk Realtors 706-278-6800
Silvia Magana 706-264-6577



HUD Acquired!!! Rocky Face area!!!
Sales price of \$81,000.00, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, \$1,000.00 earnest money, and an estimated payment of \$434.83 P.I. Call **Peggy Holmes Realty at 706-278-5000**



HUD acquired!!! City of Dalton!
Sales price of \$60,000.00 comes with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$1,000.00 earnest money, Seller paying 3% closing cost, and an estimated payment of \$322.09 P.I. Call **Peggy Holmes Realty at 706-278-5000** and ask for **Peggy**. She can help with all the great incentives offered by HUD.



Beautiful home nestled in a private peaceful setting. A place you will love to come home to! Nice family neighborhood. Tastefully decorated, like new home, fully updated. Up to 5 bedrooms. In-Law/ teen suite with private entrance, full bath & walk in closet. Lg. .67 acre lot, fenced backyd. Storage building included. \$224,900. (90854)
Call **Pat Moore 706-260-9990**
Success Realty & Development Office 706-694-0017



HUD Acquired!! Dug Gap Area!
This spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has a sales price of \$86,400.00, seller to pay 3% closing cost, \$1,000.00 earnest money and a estimated payment of \$463.81 P.I. Call **Peggy Holmes Realty at 706-278-5000** and ask for **Peggy**. Great incentives HUD is offering ask **Peggy** she can help.



HUD Acquired!! Tunnel Hill Area!
This spacious 4 bedroom ranch home with basement is priced to sell at \$79,000.00. WOW...with \$1,000.00 earnest money, \$100.00 down payment, seller paying 3% in closing cost and an estimated payment of \$424.09 P.I. This wonderful home can be yours. Call **Peggy Holmes Realty at 706-278-5000** and ask for **Peggy**.



Great area in Murray county.
Home for all seasons - fireplace for winter, in-ground pool for summer. Plenty of storage room including storage building. Shop just built last year. MLS91870
Call **Velma Ray @ Peach Realty** for details. 706-517-4333 Ext 103 or 706-217-5059



3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home, large lot, priced to sell! Beautiful setting.
MLS91922
Call **Peach Realty Inc 706-517-4333**
Velma Ray Cell Phone 706-217-5059 or **Johnny Wade - 706-280-7892** to view.



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OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

1049 Cavender Drive • Dalton



\$164,900

Spacious ranch on .77 acres in Dug Gap! This home features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen with all appliances, family room - dining room combo with hardwood floors, den or office area, large laundry room and double carport. Nice deck overlooking large flat back yard. Nice home on corner lot! (91765)
 Directions: off Dug Gap Rd, past Dug Gap Elem)
Lesia Clark, GRI 706-271-7215
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 706-226-7075

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

3015 STRIPLIN TRAIL • \$76,500



THIS YOU HAVE TO SEE!!!

Nice home featuring cozy fireplace in living room, kitchen with all appliances, three BRs, 2.5 baths. Rocking chair front porch, level lot. Only \$76,500. "I hope to see you there."
 Directions: From N. Bypass, go north on Cleveland Hwy, right on Dawnville Rd, left on Striplin, house on left.
Gale Martin • 706-847-8177
 Classic Realty, LLC • 706-278-5809

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

1043 Haven Dr



Beautiful 4 BR, 3.5BA home equipped with beautiful hardwood floors in living rm, formal dining rm & master bedroom. Open & lovely kitchen with tile floors & built-in island, pantry & laundry room. Large walk-in closets, double vanity & jetted tub in master bath. Lg BRs upstairs w/jack-n-jill bath. 4th BR has a bath of its own. Well landscaped & lovely patio on back. A MUST SEE \$214,900 (90512)
 DIRECTIONS: North on Cleveland Hwy left on Waring Rd, right on Rauschenberg, right on Haven Drive, 1st house on right.
 Hosted by
Rebecca Robertson 706-463-2488
 Century 21 Belk Realtors
 706-278-6800

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

1801 WoodValley Dr



Must see this fabulous full brick home with basement. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Grand entry foyer with marble tile. Beautiful new kitchen including new cabinetry, granite & stainless appliances. Hardwood floors on the main level. Newly renovations include, windows, Dual CHA, water heater & more. Lot size is 1.25 acres. \$349,900 (90888)
 Directions: west on Walnut Ave, rt on Tibbs Rd, left on Wood Valley Rd, 1st home on the left.
 Hosted by **Julie Sane 706-271-7965**
 Century 21 Belk Realtors
 706-278-6800

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

600 Thornton Ave



This historic home offers over 460 square feet of living space, heated pool house, beautiful pool and hot tub, large private back yard. \$474,900 (91471)
 DIRECTIONS: Walnut Ave to Thornton, corner of Thornton and Emery
 Hosted by
Ryann Payne 706-463-0557
 Century 21 Belk Realtors
 706-278-6800

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

10701 N. Hwy 411 • Crandall



MLS 91335

All brick ranch with full basement on 10.27 acres. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, screened porch, large barn. \$265,000
 Directions: N. on Hwy 411, 10 miles N. of Chatsworth, left side, corner of 411 & Richard Bennett Rd.
Mary Weaver 706-260-0344
 Century 21 Belk Realtors
 706-278-6800

OPEN HOUSE SUN.2-4PM

2153 McCamish Rd., Dalton - \$529,900



Nestled on 5 Acres



View from front porch

Impressive 2-story custom built home on 5 acre lot. Approximately 5200 sq. ft. (3600 sq. ft. finished approx.) featuring 4 BRs, 4 full baths & 2 half baths. Main level is formal dining & living rooms, greatroom w/gas log fireplace, large kitchen w/island and breakfast area, master suite w/sitting room, jetted tub & sep. shower, double vanities, huge walk-in closet & more. Upper level: 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & bonus room. Lower level: 1-car garage & storage area, partially finished bedroom w/full bath, recreational room, laundry room & half bath. Amenities Galore! Beautiful hardwood flooring, ceramic tile & crown molding throughout. Security, central vac, & intercom system, 3 laundry rooms. Screened back porch, large deck, pool & hot tub is just an added bonus on this beautiful home.
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104 Lost

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Lost from Central/Chatsworth area. Miniature Red Dachshund. Wearing red collar with bone tag w/ name and phone #. (706)422-8584

105 Special Notices

Fish Day! Live fish for pond stocking. Wednesday, February 25th, 9am-10am at Chatsworth Farm and Garden in Chatsworth. 706-695-4321. Tommy's Fish Truck 501-796-6349.

106 Travel

Affordable/ Deluxe Chalet & Cabin Rentals Pigeon Forge in the Smokies Free brochure. **VACATION SPECIALS** www.firesidechalets.com Toll Free: 800-876-1773

FINANCIAL

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254 Money to Lend

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EMPLOYMENT

301 Accountants Bookkeeping

Accountant Position: Must have experience generating monthly/yearly financial statements. Must be proficient in an ERP system, preferably Axapta or SAP. CPA preferred but not required. Job location is Calhoun, GA. Job will be part-time initially. Expect to work 2 days/week with most of the work occurring at the first of each month. Please fax resume to 706-629-4306.

310 General

Ashton Staffing Medical Job Fair Feb. 24 10-2pm 306 N. Thornton Ave. Dalton, Ga 30720 (706) 370-4695

Assistant Director
The NWGA Family Crisis Center is seeking an Assistant Director. 4 year degree, Management experience required. Working knowledge of domestic violence and Human services experience preferred, Organizational, problem solving, supervisory skill required. Apply to P.O. Box 554 Dalton, GA 30722

Business Coordinator Position Available

Position will entail hands on coordination of day-to-day business operations for local adhesive company. Areas of responsibility to include:
• Customer Service
• Accounts Payable
• Accounts Receivables
• Production Processing
Requirements include the following:
• Minimum 5 years experience
• Meticulous attention to detail/accuracy of high volume production and sales processing
• Ability to recognize issues and capitalize on opportunities for process improvement
• Willingness to lead and participate in fast paced, dynamic environment
Ideal candidate must have extensive knowledge with Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, and standard business softwares.

Resumes accepted via mail to the following address:
Business Coordinator Position
4284 South Dixie Hwy
Resaca, GA 30735

CDL Wrecker Driver Needed. Call Bob's Towing at 706-529-2627

Desk Clerk / Housekeeper needed. Experienced only. Apply at super 8 Motel. I-75 exit 336. No phone calls.

Wanted Experienced Graphics Punch Mender. Must be able to use a punch needle and mending gun. Self motivated in fast paced work environment. Play based on experience. Send resume to:
Position
P.O. Box 1065,
Dalton, GA 30722

310 General

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST 1, 2 OR 3 at the Whitfield Co. Environmental Office, in Dalton to perform inspections, interviews and technical reviews. EHS 1 must have bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university which included 40 qtr hrs, 27 sem hrs of lab sciences OR bachelor's degree in a directly related field; EHS 2 - bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university which included 40 qtr hrs, 27 sem hrs of lab sciences and one yr of env compliance exp OR one yr of exp at a level equiv to the EHS 1; EHS 3 - bachelors' degree from an accredited college or university which included 40 qtr hrs, 27 sem hrs of lab sciences and two yrs of env compliance exp OR one yr of exp at a level equiv to the lower level EHS 2. Full time, state benefits pkg. Minimum salary EHS 1 - \$2,222.68/mo, EHS 2 - \$2,449.96/mo, EHS 3 - \$2,701.53/mo. To apply contact Chad Mulkey or Robin Rush at 706/272-2005. www.nghd.org EOE

Janitorial Help needed. Seeking part time cleaning crew to work in a large retail store in the Dalton area. AM hours. Cleaning & floor care experience a plus. Please call 1-800-860-8057 job reference number 6280

Maintenance person needed. Must be knowledgeable in electrical, boiler maintenance, hyster maintenance, hydraulic press, PLCs & machinery upkeep. Fax resume to 706-277-4400. Email: sales@stolerindustries.net

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Taxi Cab Driver Needed. Night shift. Apply in person at City Cab 1425 Murray Ave. No Phone Calls Please.

Truck Washer. Dependable, mature, motivated, Diploma, GED, drug free. Full time. \$10.95 w/ goals achieved. I-75 No. exit 345, go left, located on left @ 1st light. 706-965-8191

311 Health Care

DENTAL ASSISTANT: No Experience? We can refer you to a 10 week Saturday program taught in an actual dental office for training in this exciting field. Begin your new career in this rewarding profession. Call North GA School of Dental Assisting at 706-639-3422 or visit us at: www.ngsoda.com

Home Health RN clinical consultant part or full time for local projects in Chattanooga / North Georgia area. Excellent pay. Fax resume to: 423-892-2628.

LPN INSTRUCTOR. BSN required with current Georgia licensure and 3 years recent acute care nursing experience (within the past 7 years). College teaching experience preferred and teaching demonstration required. Position available Summer Semester 2009. Please submit a letter of interest, current vita, official transcripts of all college work, and three current letters of reference. Applications will be accepted until 4/1/09. Send all materials to Mrs. Susan D. West, Chair, Health Occupations, School of Technology, Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720, (706) 272-2605. University System of Georgia policy requires a background check to be processed for any candidate to whom an offer of employment is made. [HYPERLINK www.daltonstate.edu](http://www.daltonstate.edu) AA/EEO

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER - Full Time. Family oriented Hospice organization is seeking a full time Medical Office Manager in Dalton. Must be a well organized team-player, proficient in Word and Excel. College degree required. May fax resume to 706-272-1036.

311 Health Care

PART-TIME CLINICAL NURSING INSTRUCTOR. RN with current Georgia licensure and 3 years acute care nursing experience (within the past 7 years) to supervise and evaluate PN students. Position available Summer Semester 2009. Please submit a letter of interest, current vita, official transcripts of all college work, and three current letters of reference. Applications will be accepted until 4/1/09. Send all materials to Mrs. Susan D. West, Chair, Health Occupations, School of Technology, Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720, (706) 272-2605. University System of Georgia policy requires a background check to be processed for any candidate to whom an offer of employment is made. [HYPERLINK www.daltonstate.edu](http://www.daltonstate.edu) AA/EEO

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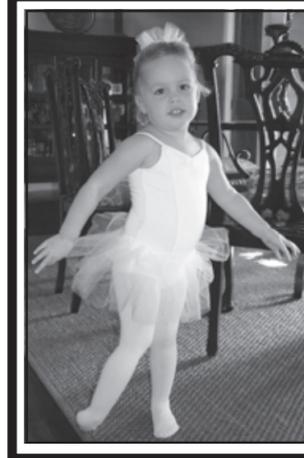
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401 General Services

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501 Pets for Sale

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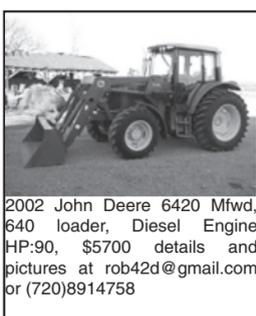
Siamese male cat free to a good home. Call 706-673-4519 or 706-264-1263.

ITEMS FOR SALE

605 Computers

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706-858-5888 or 423-499-1975

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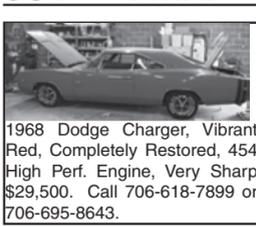
611 Misc. Items For Sale

5 floor length, formal dresses. Sizes 2 and 4. Some worn once. 706-217-7825

Baseball card collection for sale. Over 13,000 cards. Lots of rookies (Cal Ripken, Wade Boggs) error cards. Sets of all the major brands. Call 706-313-0091 for detailed listing.

TRANSPORTATION

801 Antiques & Classics



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

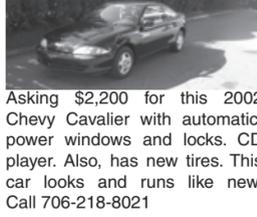
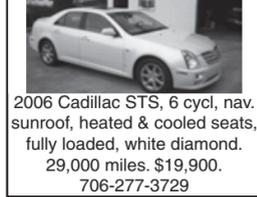
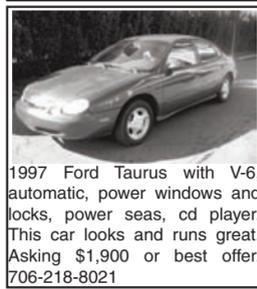
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 5D of the classifieds.

806 Domestic Autos



807 Import Autos

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



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



807 Import Autos

2000 Mercedes Benz E320. Silver, auto, leather, clean condition, like new. Great on gas. 35K miles. \$10,500. 561-512-7521.

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

2006 Suzuki Foreza Station wagon. Automatic. Power windows, cassette/CD, new tires & brakes. 116k. Excellent transportation \$4,500. OBO 706-581-1837 anytime.

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807 Import Autos
Mercedes Benz 1999, Mint condition. Very clean. Model S320, black. \$7,500. 561-676-3335 or 706-370-4649.



Reduced. 2006 Honda Accord EXL. Like new. Gray. Full warranty. 36k miles. Loaded. Leather seats, XM radio, sunroof, 34mpg. Like new. Great Cond. Must sell! No tax!
\$17,999. obo.
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Well Maintained! Local Car! 2004 Mercedes CLK 320 Coupe with 80,000 miles. Black ext., Beige int., 2DR, Semi-Automatic, Rear WD, 6 Cylinder, Sunroof, 6 Disc Changer, Push Button Start/Stop, ASKING: \$21,000/obo.
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808 4-Wheel Drive
1989 Ford Bronco XLT. Red and white two tone. 4x4. Very clean. \$3,800. Call 706-260-6547



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809 Trucks
1999 Dodge Ram 3500 flat bed. Diesel. \$7,500. Call: (706)673-4410



2002 Tundra V-8, 4x4, Tan leather interior, power everything. Loaded. Excellent condition. 64,000 miles. Never been off road. \$13,000. Call: 706-397-2288



2003 F-250, 4 door- crew cab, 6.0 diesel, 94k miles. 4x4. Automatic, Excellent condition. Asking \$18,500. 706-264-7883 or 706-629-4000.



2006 GMC 16 ft box truck Yellow. 6.0 V8 Unleaded engine w/ 300 hp. Auto. Transmission, A/C, ABS brakes, Power Steering, 2 Bucket Seats, AM/FM radio, 10 ft loading ramp w/ 1000lb capacity. Mileage ranging from 40,000 - 75,000 miles. Sale price is \$12,000 - \$14,000. Only method of payment accepted is certified check or money order. Sorry no financing Contact Josh Hall @ Penske, Day- 706-277-9477, Night- 423-304-6669

811 Utility Trailers
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812 Sport Utility Vehicle
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2006 FORD Expedition - Eddie Bauer 2WD, leather, 3rd row power fold down, 6 disc CD changer, 22K miles, like new, Excellent condition. \$24,900. 706-422-8617 - 706-260-1029

812 Sport Utility Vehicle
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RECREATION

851 Boats
2001 21' Bullet Bass Boat. 225 Optimax. \$15,500. Call: 706-226-2161



2002 - 18 1/2 Bass Boat. 90 HP Merc w/trim. 3 bank charger. \$7,500. Call 706-226-2161

2003 17' GENERATION JOHN BOAT. 60 Hp Johnson (04' model, runs great) Recently added sound proofing to hull. Boat has tilt & trim on the front & back. Heavy duty trailer, a 55 thrust trolling motor, paddles, & a depth finder GPS included. PRICE REDUCED TO: \$4,500 obo. 706-934-4757 Email: Tathazar@yahoo.com

851 Boats
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2006 CBR 600 F4i, blue. 5,300 miles, jardine slip on pipe. 2 years warranty remaining. Never been laid down. Excellent condition. \$5,400 or best offer. Call: 706-508-3955

2006 Honda CRF230, electric start, excellent condition, like new, rode very little, Aftermarket pipe and stock pipe. \$2,100. Call day 706-673-3500 or evening 706-259-9584.

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908 Bids
Sealed bids for Renovations to Dug Gap Elementary School located in Dalton, Georgia, will be received until 2:00 PM for bid packages A through E and until 2:30 PM for bid package F on March 2nd, 2009, in the Board Room of Whitfield County Schools located at 1306 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia 30721. The following packages will be accepted:
Building & Finishes
D. HVAC
Fire Protection
E. Electrical
C. Plumbing F.
Single Prime
The Owner: Whitfield County Schools, 1306 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, GA 30721, Phone 706/278-8070
The Architect/Engineer is: Community Tectonics Architects, 10651 Coward Mill Rd., Knoxville, TN 37931, Phone 865/637-0890
The Construction Manager: M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., Construction Management Division, 1209 Cleveland Rd. #106, Dalton, GA 30721, Phone 706/876-7261, Fax 706/876-7278, Keith Burran, Project Manager
The scope of the work consists of renovations to existing facility including HVAC upgrades, installation of new sprinkler system, electrical upgrades, painting, flooring, new ceilings and roof replacement.
No bid packages will be opened prior to 2:30 PM and will be opened in alphabetical order.
Bidding documents may be obtained by bidders and sub-bidders from M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., Construction Management Division, 1209 Cleveland Rd. #106, Dalton, Georgia, 30721.
Bidding documents may be examined at the offices of M. B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc., Construction Management Division, 1030 Hill Road, Dalton, GA 30721; McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, 1750 Enterprise Way, Suite 103, Marietta, GA 30067 and Reed Construction Data (HYPERLINK "http://www.reedplans.com" www.reedplans.com), Document Processing Center, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 500, Norcross, GA 30092-2912.
All project documents, drawings and specifications are the property of the Owner, Architect, Construction Manager

SOLUTION:

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908 Bids
and their agents. Unauthorized use of any kind, including electronic versions published by outside sources, is strictly prohibited. The Owner, Architect, Construction Manager and their agents will not be held liable for any content published by others relating to this project. As such, it is the Contractor, Subcontractor, Vendor or Supplier's responsibility to perform due diligence when obtaining project information. Please call Construction Management Division to obtain a list of authorized sources for this project.
Bids will be binding for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the date bids are opened. All bids are to be accompanied with a bid bond or certified check for five (5%) percent of the base bid. Bids are to be submitted on the Form of Proposal provided and in strict accordance with the Instructions to Bidders Section of the Project Manual for this project. All bids must comply with the laws of the State of Georgia.
A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on February 19, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Dug Gap Elementary School. The building will be available at this time for contractors to walk through.
WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS encourages participation by minority businesses to submit bids for this construction project. The Owner shall award public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapping condition.
THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OWNER.
Whitfield County Schools Renovations to Dug Gap Elementary School
INVITATION FOR BIDS
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6th Grade High Honor Roll A's

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6th Grade

Honor Roll A/B

Jade Amos, Brileigh Baggett, Drake Carter, Valeria Contreras, Michael Coppock, Jack Creswell, Matt Crumpton, Ethan Davis, Amber Drain, David Douhne, Alli Eaton, Brandon Falconer, Brandon Gibson, Kylee Harris, Blake Hayes, Freedom Henry, Kaleb Hill, Ben Holsomback, Felisha Hooper, Andrew Janow, Ryan Rhudy, Makray Kyer, Caitlin Lane, Luke Lanning, Tania Lopez, Alma Mahmutovic, Clarissa Martinez, Joanna Martinez, Jose Martinez, Haley Neighbors, David Paz, Edward Pabon, Karina Perez, Issac Phillips, Jennifer Raburn, Julissa Romero, Joey Roth, Guadalupe Santiesban,

Rebecca Sprowl, Justin Smith, Sydney Storey, Jack Thomas, Zulma Tovar, Alexis Vaca, James Viney, John Wagner, Alex West, Karli Williams, Luis Vasquez.

7th Grade

High Honor Roll A's

Nathan Allison, Marlee Bingham, Lane Bramblett, Nicholas Bramblett, Gracie Canler, Rebekah Cope, Aracely Diaz, Tiffany Dyer, Cleo Evans, Erin Gazaway, Ana Hannah, Braden Howard, Kimberly Jimenez, Kerrigan King, Macie Maret, Merlin Martinez, Kelly Morales, Marcela Muniz, Daniel Padron, Matthew Pipkin, Sara Richards, Alyssa Russell, Grecia Torres, Christian Villanueva, Beth Waskul, Bryson Williams, Hannah Yarbrough.

7th Grade Honor Roll A/B

Jonathon Aguilar, Salud Alanis, Erica Beard, Hope Bagley, Avery Cagle, Cole Collins, Damaris Cruz, Jessica Darnell, Alex Dempsey, Aracely Diaz, Ryan Falconer, Sarah Faulkenberry, Logan Faulkner, Chad Flanders, Leah Forrester, Jake Gordon, Juliana Gomez, Christian Harris, Dala Haynes, Sergio Hernandez, Gracie Holmes, Jacob Jackson, Linnea Ledford, Sydney Ledford, Edwin Mendoza, Johnny Moore, Asfandyar Nadeem, Kimberly Norton, Sarah Palmer, Daniela Peralta, Tyler Price, Ruben Ramos, Mayvit Sandoval, Omar Sheikh, Nathan D. Smith, Triston Smith, Tyler Smith, Mallory Souther, Abby Thomas, Vanessa Urbana, Yamileks Vaca, Emily Vaughn, Allison Wagner, Quinn Wagner, Michael Ward, Angel Wigand, Hunter Williams, Javier

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8th Grade High Honor Roll A's

Daulton Ash, Ellison Beard, Shelby Bielling, Kyle Brock, Chris Brown, Blake Dean, Caitlyn Fortner, Silas Ledford, Kaleb King, Hannah Pike, Maddie Richards, Mackenzie Mastin, Case Mathis, Brady Middleton, Natalie Williams, Lillian Sanchez, Dominic Suarez, Sarah Thomas, Christine Tran, Sydney Wagner.

8th Grade Honor Roll A/B

Cameron Alday, Olivia Allen, Guadalupe Alvarez, Tony Anderson, Lorena Balino, Marvin Beecher, Savannah Bond, Zach Bramblett, Jared Brown, Stephanie Cervantez, Lauren Claiborne, Michelle Diaz, Trenton Dyer, Samyra Finley, Destiny Ford, Haley

Forester, Angel Godoy, Chyna Gowan, Whitney Graves, Jade Haden, Justin Hawkins, Blake Heard, Kayla Hernandez, Sirena Hernandez, Kristy Holliday, Hunter Horn, Stephanie Huerta, Cody Hufstetler, Nick Hutchison, Brandon Janow, Alexa Jimenez, Payton Kell, Brooke King, Clay Kittle, Kaitlyn Kittle, Damain Lara, Triston Ledford, Ethan Marlow, Tyler Marshall, Wyatt Miracle, Maria Paz, Cody Parson, Blake Phillips, Julia Poston, Kennedy Premachandra, Tanner Quarles, Courtney Revels, Lizet Rodriguez, Brittany Roy, Hannah Shupe, Haley Silvers, Krista Starr, Jamie Steadman, Savannah Stone, Kevin Teasley, Caleb Thompson, Cara Tucker, Israel Urquiza, Austin Wade, Kaitlin Wade, Heidi Welch, Thomas Whitmire, Shelby Wilson, Taylor Wimpey, Charles Woodruff.

EASTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Eastbrook Middle School announces that the following students received all A's and have been placed on the High Honor Roll for the second nine weeks:

Eighth Grade

– Marcos Arredondo, Tyler Bogard, Chelsea Carraway, Conner Cross, Mikayla Defore, April Dominguez, Selena Garza, Matthew Gonzalez, Angelica Herrera, Kateland Harris, Chris Lance, Heidi Lopez, Kory Mack, Rosie Salaises, Mayra Sandoval, Mario Sayes, Elizabeth Silverio, Jessica Torres, Bryce Young

Seventh Grade

– Brandy Bowman, Roberto Duarte, Sarahi Fraire, Kara Headrick, Cindy Hernandez, Elizabet Hernandez, Alexander Hidalgo, Alyssa McDermott, Kevin Nguyen, Yuleyka Nunez, Roman Ponce, Tiffany Robertson, Nicholas Stuard, Olivia Taylor, Samantha Vazquez, Daisy Villegas, Brandon Welch, Austin Williams, Hunter Young

Sixth Grade

– Shayla Bryson, Hunter Floyd, Katie Hermann, Jackie Hernandez, Tiffany Lawson, Karen Llanas, Tanya Llanas, Evelin Lopez, Miguel Martinez, Marlena Mondragon, Gisselle Pinion, Areli Pineda, Brittany Sandoval, Daniel Satterfield, Jesus Torres

Young, Arely Zuniga

Seventh Grade

– Sulema Aguerro, Christian Alanis, Miguel Amezquita, Nasario Arellano, Imelda Arenas, Juan Arias, Jacqueline Arriola, Belen Barajas, Jose Beltron, Seth Brackett, Alexis Brinkley, Maritza Chavez, Joey Conner, Erika Corona, Cassie Cross, Steve Cruz, Whitney Cruz, Jennifer Dominguez, Diapme Duarte, Barbara Elliott, Yulissa Fraire, Kristen Frazier, Marco Gallardo, Selene Gutierrez, Christian Hernandez, Adan Federico, Jose Franco, Alex Garcia, Dylan Grooms, Diana Heredia, Wendy Hurtado, Brittney Lance, Aaron Land, Andrina Long, Bryan Love, Tania Macia, Andriana Maldonado, Juan Madrigal, Daisy Martinez, Abel Mendiola, Andrew Miranda, Remigio Miranda, Yecenia Miranda, Erika Morales, Julie Morales, Manuel Morales, Cindy Montemayor, Diego Nunez, Eric Ortiz, Josh Phillips, Seth Patterson, Emanie Penn, Wendy Perez, Jaime Ponce, Nancy Rangel, Gerardo Rodriguez, Kayla Rogers, Jonathan Rosas, Brizeida Salaises, Francisco Sanchez, Johnathan Sanchez, Erica Shuler, Eric Sosebee, Trey Terry, Alex Toledo, Diana Torres, Christian Trevino, Genesis Zelaya

Sixth Grade

– Tanner Acosta, Javier Almanza, Gaspar Andres, Oscar Andres, Ibis Arrendondo, Selena Azua, Judith Barrientos, Austin Beavers, Alexis Becerra, Amany Broome, Jeremy Bryant, Gerardo Calderon, Ashely Campbell, Brenda Canales, Edgar Cardona, Javier Celis, Desmond Chavarria, Jonathan Cochran, Justin Cooper, Whitney Cowart, Matthew Cross, Veronica Diego, Spencer Flood, Alex Gambino, Ivan Garcia, Yanelic Garcia, Brianna Giron, Tyra Gonzalez, Lindsey Grant, Miriam Guerrero, Isael Gutierrez, Zac Harris, Mason Hearn, Francisico Hernandez, Judelle Herrera, Ashley Hodge, Daisy Hurtado, Alexandria Jackson, Andrew Jones, Titus Jones, Danielle Kleeis, Camron LaRue, David Limas, Adan Lopez, Andrea Lopez, Andrew Lopez, Maria Lopez, Daniel Lozano, Enrique Lugo, Cameron Maddox, Jacob Maddox, Andres Mancera, Jacob Mashburn, Logan McDermott, Jesse McMackin, Tyler Millsap, Baleria Morales, Vanessa Morales, Cheyenne Mulkey, Phuc T. Nguyen, Jacqueline Ortega, Anthony Ortiz, Freddy Ortiz, Silvia Ortiz, Emerald Pearce, Angel Perez, Jacob Petty, Enrique Ponce, Alan Ponce, Shukri Rahman, Claudia Ramirez, Merari Ramos, Ana Rangel, Armando Rangel, Paulina Rodriguez, Sandra Rodriguez, Jorge Ruedas, Omar Ruiz, Alejandra Sanchez, Jose Sanchez, Youri Sanchez, Roberto Sandate, Pedro Sandoval, Joe Shelton, Diana Silva, Julia Simmons, Trevor Stone, Brianna Thomason, Juan Toribio, Maria Torres, Josh Tucker, Samantha Tucker, Shane Willingham, LaShanda Woodruff, Olivia Worley, Shawntay Worley.

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