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Capt. Neil Ratcliff of the Whitfield County Fire Department, left, briefs his rescue crew before searching for 19-year-old Brett Thomason on Sunday. Thomason went missing after boating on the Conasauga River on Thursday.

No luck in search for teen

By MISTY WATSON
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Hopes were high Sunday morning as approximately 250 public safety officials and community volunteers set out searching for Brett Thomason.

But as rescue crews came back after several hours in the cold without any signs of Thomason, the ground search was suspended by Whitfield County Emergency Services, said Jeffrey Putnam, the agency's director. A recovery mission will begin this morning if no evidence of Thomason is found after a search of a 40-acre parcel by law enforcement officials that crews didn't reach Sunday, Putnam said.

Thomason, 19, went missing Thursday evening after boating on the Conasauga River in southeast Whitfield County.

"Recovery operations will begin tomorrow on the river," Putnam said Sunday night. "Unless he ran away, the river is the only place he can be."

Dive teams from Forsyth, Gordon and Murray counties searched the river Sunday. Putnam said 13 miles of

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City at work on 'pocket park'

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Dalton drivers may have noticed workers clearing away the old buildings at the corner of Ridge and Crawford streets. That's the first step in a planned "pocket park" at the site, near historic West Hill Cemetery.

"It will be basically trees and greenspace, maybe a park bench or picnic table," said City Council member Charlie Bethel. "But it will be very simple, very open. So that we will have a nice green area for the people to enjoy."

The city bought the property, just over an acre, last year for \$160,000 and recently tore down two buildings there.

"I'm very excited. I'm glad those old buildings are gone," said Veronica French, the marketing director for the Downtown Dalton Development Authority who lives near the planned park. "They had been empty for some time, and they were in disrepair."

French said those living in the neighborhood will use the park.



The future site of a 'pocket park' at Ridge and Crawford Streets.

"It will be nice having some greenspace there," she said.

Bethel said the site might still need some small preparation but the final planting of trees and other things should be done by the fall planting season.

That Ridge Street property is just one of three pocket parks the city plans.

The second is on Chattanooga Avenue, near the old Crown cotton mill, on property donated by developer Lowell Kirkman last year.

"It's just a way to preserve it as unpaved greenspace," said Bethel.

Well under one acre, the property isn't large enough for many amenities, but city officials say keeping it green will maintain the looks of the area and also help reduce stormwater runoff.

The third planned park is on 1.8 acres on Walnut Avenue next to Garcia's restaurant.

Developer Roy Barrett donated the property to the city last year.

"Our initial plan is that when our crews' work load permits to get in and do some cleanup, to get the underbrush knocked down," said Bethel.

There are no detailed plans for the property yet, but city officials say it will be pretty simple, just trees and maybe some benches. The goal, again, is to preserve greenspace. But the park will also act as a buffer between the commercial properties on West Walnut Avenue and residential neighborhoods to the east.

There are no detailed budgets yet for the parks, but city officials say they should be relatively low since the plans are pretty simple.

Georgia Power pushes lawmakers

ATLANTA (AP) — The hallway outside the chamber of the Georgia Senate was thick with lobbyists as lawmakers voted recently on legislation allowing Georgia Power to charge ratepayers early for interest charges in a multi-billion-dollar nuclear expansion.

Lobbyists are a mainstay under the gold dome. But Georgia Power's full court press this year has raised eyebrows, even among some legislative veterans. In recent weeks, the powerful utility has hired a pricey fleet of the Capitol's most sought-after lobbyists. The minimum price tag for the hired help is \$50,000, according to lobbying registration documents. Additionally,

Georgia Power's chief executive officer, Michael Garrett, registered with state ethics officials this month to officially lobby on the bill.

"It's been the lobbyist employment act of 2009," said state Sen. Steve Thompson, a Marietta Democrat who voted against it.

At stake is legislation that would effectively boost electric rates for thousands of Georgia Power customers beginning in 2011. The bill allows Georgia Power to begin collecting interest costs for its nuclear expansion at Plant Vogtle six years before the new nuclear reactors are set to be completed.

Critics have blasted the measure as a raw deal

for consumers being asked to foot the bill for the reactors long before they'll see any benefit from them.

Supporters say it will slash some \$300 million off the project's estimated \$14 billion total price tag, saving consumers money in the long run. Either way electric bills will go up, they argue.

The bill passed the state Senate 38-16. It cleared a key subcommittee in the House on Friday by voice vote.

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"I wish Dalton and Whitfield schools would merge. I am tired of all the trash talking I've had to listen to over the years."

"The paraprofessionals at some schools might be as good as the teachers, but they should have gone to college for four years and earned a bachelor's in education and become certified. Those things are to be commended."

"Thank you for the fine tribute to Danny Dantzler."

"Two hundred thousand dollars for a garbage truck in Varnell is a little too much in this economy."

"I concur about the flowers being stolen from the grave. It's very expensive to have them stolen."

"Go Lady Bruins basketball. You've served your school well."

"The Democrats keep pushing to let prisoners in prison vote. I understand that. Eighty percent of the people in prison are Democrats."

"My father worked at the Dalton Freight Depot in the 1940s. He is deceased."

"Why do we never hear any news about the county-wide sewage?"

"A lot of girls who play softball don't have the money to go to pitching coaches and hitting coaches. Plus, a lot of girls might not even make it to middle school or high school in fast pitch. Slow pitch needs to come back for them."

"Over 4,400 lives lost and Republicans still believe the Bush lies about WMDs in Iraq."

"Not everybody in Tunnel Hill likes all those dogs."

"The forum has been the same thing lately — Obama or the mayor. Please change the subject."

"I'm the one that called in about the lake levels. We'd like Chickamauga, Alltoona, Carters, Lanier and Blue Ridge if possible."

"I hope everyone read the columns on Saturday by Bill Shipp and John Stossel. Boy were they great!"

"I'd like to see my non-gifted student get the same education as a gifted student. I thought it was a law, no child left behind."

"I don't care if Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were chicken fighters. It's not right."

"I live near the cemetery and I can tell you that when we have a storm or even a little wind, I pick up flowers from the side of the road or my yard. They need to be anchored in the vases."

"If you are unfortunate enough to live in the county and belong to the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation you need to plan in advance to go to their meeting and complain to them long and loud."

"I am yearning for the good old days when we had strong, trustworthy men like Zell Miller to

who were not afraid to stand for their ideals."

"I'm 78 years old and I have to pay for my eye care and my medicine."

"Teachers are teaching the basics today but it's hard to do without a paraprofessional because parents aren't disciplining their children. A teacher has to be a teacher, a counselor, a parent, and a disciplinarian."

"SOS. Obama is sort of scary. Biden is short of sense and Congress is sort of stupid."

"People shouldn't worry so much about chicken fighting as all the other crimes going on in this area."

"How is the Whitfield County School Board going to pay for a \$60 million high school?"

"A lot of Dalton High graduates are at Georgia Tech now or have graduated from there."

"I wouldn't call going to Six Flags to study motion a 'necessary education experience' for the C-3 kids."

"I think we should have a new national anthem, Connie Francis singing 'Who's Sorry Now?'"

"Why are you people criticizing Dr. Thomas? He's done more for the people of Georgia than any of the other people you keep voting for."

"All of our political problems would be solved if Congress was limited to two terms, just like the president."

"They do drug testing during football season. It's done on a regular basis for athletes."

"Mr. Editor, how many times can we call in in one day. I have so many smart answers I could keep your line busy all day."

Editor's note: Call in as much as you like, but I'm only going to print one.

"To the caller who talked about abortion limiting the number of criminals and liberals: Only bad people are aborted? That makes no sense."

"Scott Chitwood's election has nothing to do with graffiti. The best man won. Get over it."

"Maybe some of those heathens and haters will go to church on Sunday."

"Let's quit worrying about what the seniors get for free. They worked for it all their lives."

"Danny Dantzler was one of the good guys. We're really going to miss him."

"I'm glad Obama is president. He's getting all these crooks out of these businesses."

"Dr. Thomas, each year thousands of people are killed in automobile accidents. Why don't we make it illegal to drive?"

"Has that grandfather not heard of the prestigious schools of Georgia and Alabama and has he not heard of the great punter form Dalton High who went to Vanderbilt and the pros?"

"Republicans must like Bush's bailout better so the banks can get more money. At least this one has money coming down to the lower people."

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In the days before the Senate vote, five outside lobbyists registered to work on behalf of Georgia Power at a minimum cost to the utility of \$50,000. Pete Robinson, Arthur "Skin" Edge, Ernie Jones, Joe Tanner and Rob Willis each reported that they would be paid a minimum of \$10,000 for their work on behalf of Georgia Power. Under state disclosure requirements lobbyists do not have to be more specific about their pay scale. The five lobbyists supplement three Georgia Power in-house lobbyists — employed full time by the company — at the state Capitol. A fourth in-house lobbyist joined that team this month.

Lawmakers said they've felt the pressure.

State Sen. David Shafer, a Republican from Duluth, labeled the utility's lobbying efforts "above average," even by state Capitol standards. Shafer is the chairman of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee that approved the bill.

And Neill Herring, a veteran Sierra Club lobbyist who opposes the bill, said it's the most heavily-pushed measure he's seen in his three decades under the gold dome.

"It's unprecedented," Herring said. "Just the raw number of folks they have."

But state Sen. Don Balfour, the bill's sponsor, disputed that the bill is in a class by itself.

"In my 18 years in the Senate I have seen bills with far more aggressive lobbying," Balfour said.

A spokeswoman for Georgia Power said the utility was pushing the bill hard because it's good for consumers.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

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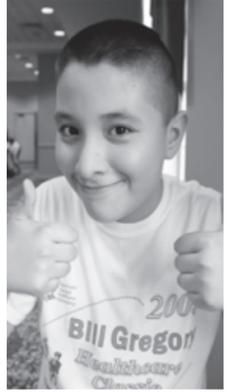
AGE: 11

HOME: Dalton

FAMILY: Mom, Paty Romero; brother, Hector; father, Armando Sr.

SCHOOL: Blue Ridge
PLAY: Play video games

HE SAID: "Indiana Jones rocks."



AREA ARRESTS

• Enock Sandoval, 18, 4622 Mitchell Farm Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with driving too fast for conditions, failure to stop at a stop sign, striking a fixed object, leaving the scene of an accident and DUI.

• Victor Mario Trevino, 40, 111 N. Adelia Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the WCSO with aggravated assault (family violence) and cruelty to chil-

dren in the third degree (family violence).

• Christopher Stephen Arnold, 20, 5000 Red Clay Road, Cohutta, was charged Sunday by the Tunnel Hill PD with speeding, underage consumption, failure to maintain a lane and DUI.

• Jose Candido Diaz-Martinez, 47, 812 Cascade Drive, Apartment 2, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton PD with DUI, improper lane usage and a turning violation.

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Varnell fires leaves 1 dead

By **MISTY WATSON**
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VARNELL — When Daniel Welch realized his duplex off Cleveland Highway was on fire Sunday night, he ran next door to help his neighbor out.

"I tried to go in his apartment, but I couldn't," Welch said. "The flames were too high to get in. I screamed for him."

A Whitfield County firefighter confirmed a person died in the duplex next to Welch's, but was not able to say who it was or if it was a man or woman because officials were still investigating.

The fire broke out in one of the duplexes at 4142 Cleveland Highway, north of the intersection with Ga. Highway 2, just before 8 p.m. Firefighters were still on the scene investigating at press time.

Whitney Thompson, who lives in the duplex with Welch, said their smoke alarm went off and they realized their spare bedroom had filled with smoke. She said the bedroom shared a wall with the living room of the duplex where the body was found.

Another residence caught fire earlier Sunday, but no one was injured.

A blaze broke out at a trailer at 1978 Collins Road off the South Bypass just after 4 p.m., according to a 911 operator. He said he believed the trailer was occupied, but didn't know if anyone was home at the time.

Obama to name stimulus overseer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to announce Monday a former Secret Service agent who helped expose lobbyists' corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan.

Obama is set to name Earl Devaney as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, an administration official said Sunday. Vice President Joe Biden also will be given a role coordinating oversight of stimulus spending.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the White House had not made public the announcement.

Devaney, the inspector general of the Interior Department, helped turn up disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings at the department.

Obama has pledged to oversee how the government spends billions allocated to help the flailing U.S. economy.



Misty Watson/The Daily Citizen

David McKamey follows his search and rescue dog, Hachiko, through a field toward the Conasauga River where it flows behind Hunters Circle off Riverbend Road on Sunday while searching for 19-year-old Brett Thomason, who went missing Thursday evening after boating on the river.

Search: Missing teen sought

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the river has been searched by the dive teams and Department of Natural Resources officials.

Crews will focus on looking along the riverbanks today and will begin dragging the river on Tuesday if Thomason's body is not found, he said.

Thomason and two of his friends, Macie Hinman and Collin Parrish, put a jon boat in the river off Riverbend Road around 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Thomason let Hinman and Parrish out of the boat, but went further down the river by himself.

When Thomason did not return, his family called 911 and a search began around 1 a.m. Friday. A few hours later, rescue workers found the boat, some wet clothes and oars on a bank on the Whitfield County side of the river. They also found footprints leading away from the boat that they believe are Thomason's.

On Saturday, a face mask was found, but officials were unsure if it belonged to Thomason, said Ashlee Swilling, public information officer for Whitfield County Emergency Services. A boot was found Sunday, but Swilling said officials

believe "it was old" and wasn't Thomason's.

"My head is so scrambled," Natasha Thomason, his 21-year-old sister, said Sunday afternoon. "I'm going through every option. Maybe he's just so lost they can't find him. He's laying somewhere hurt. Maybe he fell back in the river... Sleeping is the bad part, knowing he's out there in the cold. You never think (a situation like this) will hit home."

"Brett's somewhere out there hurt," said Wanda Brown, Thomason's great-aunt with whom he lived. "He's not able to get back."

Brown worries coyotes, wild dogs or other wild animals may have played a part in Thomason's disappearance. One search crew spotted a coyote feeding on a dead deer in a thicket near the river Sunday afternoon.

Thomason had joined the Marine Corps and was scheduled for basic training in April.

Family members don't believe Thomason ran away, though emergency personnel have not ruled that out as a possibility.

"I don't want people saying he ran off," Natsha Thomason said. "He wouldn't put us through that."

Brown doesn't believe he would leave the area because she said he "had no money and no ID on him. Brett's not skipped out."

Thomason was "looking forward" to joining the Marines, Brown said.

"He was getting ready to go," she said. "He was getting physically fit."

The search was opened up to volunteers from the community on Sunday. Community volunteers were divided into teams of about 20 and searched along with trained search personnel, Swilling said.

Brown said she thought it was "wonderful" so many people helped with the search.

"I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart," she said. "The whole community has been so helpful."

Thomason's dad, Tim, echoed the sentiments.

"I've never in my life found people who will pull together like they are," he said. "I'll never forget it."

Riverbend Baptist Church, near where the command center had been set up, opened its doors for family members and friends so they would have shelter from the cold.

Chattooga prison fires six

TRION, Ga. (AP) — Six employees at a state prison in northwest Georgia have been fired after two inmates escaped in October.

Corrections Department spokeswoman Sharmelle Brooks says five corrections officers and a lieutenant had been fired because of the escape. And records show Warden Dale Herndon was suspended after the incident.

Brooks said she did not know when they were fired or if they had been replaced and also said she couldn't give their names.

Michael Tweedel and Johnny Mack Brown

escaped through a fence at the Chattooga County prison on Oct. 13.

Days later, a woman told authorities Brown took her hostage at knifepoint and

forced her to drive him to northeast Georgia, where he released her. He was captured weeks later.

Tweedel remains at large.

'Slumdog' scoops Oscar night gold

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Slumdog Millionaire" has cruised to seven Academy Awards wins including best director for Danny Boyle.

The evening is following the script of earlier Hollywood honors, with "Slumdog Millionaire" steamrolling its way toward the big prize, best picture. The other Oscars for "Slumdog Millionaire" include adapted screenplay, cinematography and both music awards, for score and song.

For his demented reinvention of Batman villain the Joker, Heath Ledger becomes only the second actor ever to win posthumously, his triumph coming 13 months after his death from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs on Oscar nominations day last year.

Penelope Cruz claimed the evening's first prize, supporting actress, for her role as a tempestuous artist in Woody Allen's Spanish romance "Vicky Cristina Barcelona," while the robot romance "WALL-E" won for feature-length animation.

For his demented reinvention of Batman villain the Joker, Ledger became only the second actor ever to win posthumously, his triumph coming exactly 13 months after his death from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs on Oscar nominations day last year.

His Oscar for the Warner Bros. blockbuster was accepted by Ledger's parents and sister on behalf of the actor's 3-year-old daughter, Matilda.

"I have to say this is ever so humbling, just being amongst such wonderful people in such a wonderful industry," said his father, Kim Ledger. "We'd like to thank the academy for recognizing our son's amazing work, Warner Bros., and Christopher Nolan in particular for allowing Heath the creative license to develop and explore this crazy Joker character."

Since his death, the 28-year-old Ledger has gained a mythic aura akin to James Dean, another rising star who died well before his time.

The Joker was his final completed role, a casting choice that initially drew scorn from fans who thought Ledger would not be up to the task given Jack Nicholson's gleefully campy rendition of the character in 1989's "Batman."

In the months before Ledger's death, buzz on his wickedly chaotic performance swelled as marketing for the movie centered on the



Kate Winslett
Best Actress winner

Joker and the perverted clown makeup he hid behind.

Ledger's death fanned a frenzy of anticipation for "The Dark Knight," which had a record \$158.4 million opening weekend last summer.

The previous posthumous Oscar recipient was Peter Finch, who won best actor for 1976's "Network" two months after his death.

"Slumdog Millionaire" was making good on its rags-to-riches roots, claiming the adapted-screenplay prize for Simon Beaufoy, as well as the cinematography, film-editing and sound-mixing Oscars, plus both music honors for score and song. The Harvey Milk film biography "Milk" won for original screenplay.

With two of the three song nominations, "Slumdog" won for "Jai Ho," the rousing Bollywood number that closes the film.

"Slumdog" composer A.R. Rahman, a dual Oscar winner for the score and song, said the movie was about "optimism and the power of hope."

"All my life, I've had a choice of hate and love. I chose love, and I'm here," Rahman said.

The epic love story "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," which led with 13 nominations, had three wins, for visual effects, art direction and makeup.

"The Dark Knight" had a second win, for sound editing.

Cruz triumphed as a woman in a steamy three-way affair with her ex-husband and an American woman in Allen's romance.

"Has anybody ever fainted here? Because I might be the first one," Cruz said, who went on with warm thanks to Allen. "Thank you, Woody, for trusting me with this beautiful character. Thank you for having written all these years some of the greatest characters for women."

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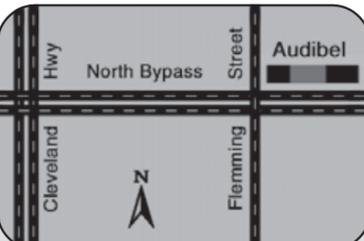
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Dalton Gang' helps out Kentuckians

To the editor:

I looked out my back window Jan. 31 and saw one of the happiest sights since the birth of my firstborn son — two linemen from your organization were looking at my power lines.

For five days our family had no electricity. The temperature in our home was nearing the 40-degree mark, and while we didn't consider ourselves in imminent danger, imagine going without hot coffee from the old kitchen percolator for that long.

When I noticed the arrival of our "Dalton Gang Rescuers," I couldn't resist ambling out in my backyard to snap a picture. I held a quick conversation with the guys and found them courteous, professional and most decent about telling me to scoot out of the way so they could get to work. It was then I realized how much they must have missed their families and understood the sacrifices they were making on behalf of my community.

I did not get their names because at the time I didn't have the presence of mind to say anything but "thanks" (they graciously said thanks was all they needed). I got to thinking back on this experience and decided I needed to write you to express my official gratitude.

Without organizations such as yours, our beleaguered state of Kentucky would still be in the dark. The linemen from Dalton and associated Georgia utilities are our heroes. You obviously choose well when you choose your employees. Not only is your area the beneficiary of your good judgment, but Owensboro, Ky. also has benefited to a degree you could possibly imagine.

Again, the two gentlemen who helped work to restore our power said 'thank you' was enough. So here it is again: Thank you Dalton, Georgia. As of this date, I'll be rooting for the Bulldogs when they are not playing you know who.

John Maglinger
Owensboro, Ky.

Be thankful for the American farmer

To the editor:

Where did your last meal come from? No, the answer is not the grocery store. It's just from where the food was distributed. Too many of us are unaware of the role of American agriculture and what it takes to have food on the dinner table.

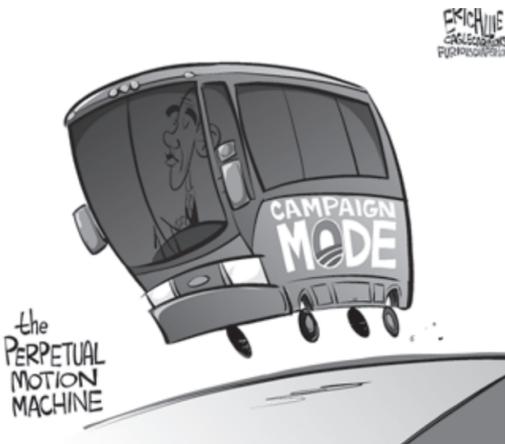
Let's go to school for a few important facts about agriculture. The Georgia farmers continue to supply farm production to the single largest industry in our state. Yes, agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of life — food, fiber, clothing and shelter.

The American farm is working harder than ever, and it shows. Today, each American farmer feeds more than 144 people and the need for food production is dramatic. Agriculture is this nation's No. 1 export and vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy.

Frankly, it's easy to take agriculture for granted in Georgia. Our food is readily accessible and safe. For this we're unbelievably fortunate, but that doesn't mean we don't have an obligation to recognize how it's made possible.

This March 20 is National Ag Day hosted by the Agriculture County of America. Ag Day is a good time to reflect — and be grateful for — American agriculture. Your local Whitfield County Farm Bureau recognizes and honors our local farmers and supporters.

Larry W. Thomas
Director, Whitfield County Farm Bureau



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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God."

Hebrews 3:4

Thought for Today: "Formerly, when religion was strong and science weak, men mistook magic for medicine; now, when science is strong and religion weak, men mistake medicine for magic."

Thomas Szasz
American psychologist (1920-)

Lott's pot shot

On Monday, after Richland County, S.C., Sheriff Leon Lott announced that he did not have enough evidence to arrest Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps for smoking marijuana at a November party in Columbia, the gold medalist issued a statement of regret.

"I used bad judgment, and it's a mistake I won't make again," Phelps said. "For young people especially — be careful about the decisions you make. One bad decision can really hurt you and the people you care about."

Phelps' mistake was not smoking pot so much as doing it in front of someone with a cell phone camera and no compunction about selling the picture to a British tabloid. And if that mistake hurt him, it's not because marijuana turned the record-breaking champion into a slacker or a drug addict. It's because consuming an arbitrarily proscribed intoxicant can result in serious legal (and therefore social and economic) consequences, which cause far more harm than marijuana itself.

This reality should be recognized by President Obama, whose own youthful pot smoking did not exactly hold him back but whose future might have been very different if he had been arrested on drug charges in high school or college.

The same, of course, could be said for the two drug-experienced baby boomers who preceded him in the White House. But there are some indications that Obama may take a less dogmatic approach to drug policy.

A few days after that photo of Phelps sucking on a

bong appeared in the News of the World, the Obama administration signaled that the president will keep his campaign promise to stop the



Jacob Sullum

Drug Enforcement Administration's raids on medical marijuana dispensaries, five of which have occurred since he took office. "The president believes that federal resources should not be used to circumvent state laws," a White House spokesman told The Washington Times, "and as he continues to appoint senior leadership to fill out the ranks of the federal government, he expects them to review their policies with that in mind."

The week after Lott's deputies, looking for evidence to incriminate Phelps, raided two houses and charged seven people with marijuana possession, newspapers reported that Obama had chosen Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske to head the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Kerlikowske is known for decidedly milder treatment of pot smokers than the hard-line sheriff, who said investigating Phelps was necessary to avoid "sending a message of tolerance."

Norm Stamper, who preceded Kerlikowske as Seattle's police chief and now promotes drug policy reform as a member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, said the "one

thing I know for sure" about Kerlikowske is that "if Michael Phelps had bent over that bong in Seattle and not in Sheriff Leon Lott's Richland County he'd have nothing to fear but a foolish and fickle cereal maker" (a reference to the widely criticized decision by Kellogg's to drop its endorsement deal with Phelps).

Although Kerlikowske's personal views on drug policy are unknown, he has helped implement state and local reforms such as allowing medical use of marijuana and making pot possession Seattle's "lowest law enforcement priority."

Among other things, the latter policy means police can patrol Seattle's annual Hempfest, where the scent of burning cannabis is conspicuous, without arresting every other person. It is hard to imagine Lott exercising similar restraint.

If you're glad that police arrested a record 873,000 Americans on marijuana charges in 2007 (the vast majority of them for simple possession), you can thank zero-tolerance zealots like Lott.

The sheriff said he felt compelled to investigate Phelps, which involved busting seven people directly or indirectly linked to the party he attended, to show that "even with his star status, he is still obligated to obey the laws of our state."

In the end, though, this case worked out the way drug cases usually do: The big shot got off, and the little guys got shafted.

■ **Jacob Sullum is senior editor at Reason magazine.**



Sen. Burriss under the saddle

Like me, you probably had never heard of Arenda Troutman, an Illinois Democrat, until she was convicted in U.S. district court this past week, accused of taking payoffs from developers seeking zoning changes, thereby becoming the 27th Chicago alderman since 1972 to be convicted on public corruption charges. Illinois politics more and more looks like Louisiana's without the integrity.

Here in Washington, the Two Iron Rules of Political Scandals have been constant. Rule One: It is not the original act, but instead it is always the cover-up of the original act that proves politically fatal. And Rule Two: Everyone forgets Rule One.

The nation's most junior U.S. senator, Democrat Roland Burriss of Illinois (sworn in on Jan. 15, 2009) may well have amended the iron rules by getting himself in major trouble by both the original act and the cover-up.

On Jan. 5, Burriss testified before the Illinois legislature that was then considering the impeachment of since-ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who had been arrested four weeks earlier on federal bribery and conspiracy charges. On Dec. 30, Blagojevich had appointed Burriss to the Senate to fill the seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

Under oath, Burriss failed to admit that, yes, he had tried in the months before he was appointed to raise money for Blagojevich. Burriss testified that he was asked by the governor's attorney on Dec. 26 if he was interested in being appointed to the Senate and that "there

was not any contact between myself or any of my representatives with Gov. Blagojevich or any of his representatives regarding my appointment."

Three days later, on Jan. 8, under intense questioning, Burriss did concede that he had expressed his interest to one person, the governor's chief of staff. Four weeks later, he suddenly remembered discussing the appointment with three other Blagojevich lieutenants and the governor's politically engaged brother, with whom the subject was fundraising for the governor.

Obama and the Senate Democratic leadership were unequivocal in early January: No Senate appointee of the arrested, about-to-be-impeached Blagojevich would be seated. Then Burriss deftly played the race card, making sure it was known that he would be the only African-American in the U.S. Senate — replacing the Senate's only African-American.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said following a capitulation meeting with Burriss that "one of the first things he (Burriss) said to us (was), 'Hey, this is nothing that's racial.'" Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois reported that Burriss had reassured them they had "excellent records

when it comes to racial relations."

Senate Democrats and the president-elect caved. Democrats in Washington had been completely and publicly "rolled" by a Chicago pol, himself facing political execution, Rod Blagojevich.

Illinois politics has never suffered from an excess of romantic idealism. One of the state's most successful reform politicians, former congressman and federal appeals court judge Abner Mikva, tells the story of how in 1948, as a law student at the University of Chicago, he wanted to volunteer in the campaigns of two exceptional Democratic candidates, Paul Douglas for the U.S. Senate and Adlai Stevenson for governor. Mikva stopped in at his local Democratic ward headquarters to volunteer for the two men, where the glaring ward committeeman asked him, "Who sent you?" Mikva answered, "Nobody sent me." The committeeman dismissed him with, "We don't want nobody that nobody sent."

This entire Illinois Senate vacancy episode, much like the one in New York, has diminished nearly everyone involved, especially the "clarifying" Sen. Burriss. It's a shame that Roland Burriss never knew the late George V. Higgins, a master of crime fiction, who wisely observed: "Tell the truth. It's the easiest thing to remember."

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2009. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag twice. (The second flag-raising was captured in the iconic photo taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal).

On this date:

In 1633, English diarist Samuel Pepys was born in London.

In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington at age 80.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (The attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1998, 42 people were killed, some 2,600 homes and businesses damaged or destroyed, by tornadoes in central Florida.

Ten years ago: A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted white supremacist John William King of murder in the gruesome dragging death of a black man, James Byrd Jr.; King was sentenced to death two days later.

Five years ago: The Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program after sinking \$6.9 billion into it over 21 years.

Today's Birthdays:

Country songwriter Bob Willis is 75. Actor Peter Fonda is 69. Author John Sandford is 65. Singer-musician Johnny Winter is 65. Actress Patricia Richardson is 58. Singer Howard Jones is 54. Actress Kristin Davis is 44. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 44. Actress Niecy Nash is 39. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 38. Rock musician Lasse Johansson (The Cardigans) is 36. Actress Emily Blunt is 26. Actress Dakota Fanning is 15.

NATION**Boy, 11, jailed in woman's killing**

PITTSBURGH — A jail warden said Sunday he will ask a judge to move an 11-year-old boy accused of killing his father's pregnant girlfriend from an adult lock-up to a juvenile detention center because the jail cannot accommodate the boy.

Lawrence County Warden Charles Adamo said his 300-inmate jail cannot offer proper long-term care for Jordan Brown, of Wampum, who was charged Saturday with using his own 20-gauge shotgun to kill 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk.

Houk was eight months pregnant with the child of Brown's father and also had two daughters, ages 4 and 7, who lived together in the rural home where authorities said she was slain as she lay in bed Friday.

Police said the boy then hopped onto a school bus with Houk's oldest daughter. State troopers apprehended him at school after tree trimmers called 911 when Houk's youngest daughter told them she thought her mother was dead.

U.S. gas prices creep upward

CAMARILLO, Calif. — The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices says the average national price of gasoline increased 2.6 cents in the past two weeks.

Oil industry analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price of regular gasoline Friday was \$1.94 a gallon. The price of mid-grade was \$2.07 a gallon and the price of premium was \$2.19 a gallon.

Despite the increase, the price of regular gasoline is \$1.16 below its level one year ago.

Of cities surveyed, the nation's lowest price was \$1.60 in Cheyenne, Wyo. The highest price was \$2.39 in Anchorage, Alaska.

California GOP punishes six

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Republican Party has approved a measure reprimanding six GOP lawmakers who voted for the largest tax increase in state history.

The measure to deny the six party funding for the 2010 election was approved Sunday by delegates during the party's convention in Sacramento.

Three lawmakers each from the Senate and Assembly broke ranks last week to give Democrats and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger the necessary votes for passing a compromise budget solution to the state's \$42 billion shortfall.

Rice receives 3-book deal

NEW YORK — Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has agreed to a three-book deal with Crown Publishers, starting with a memoir about her years in the administration of President George W. Bush.

Rice's book is planned for 2011. The deal is worth at least \$2.5 million, according to two publishing officials.

Lugar: U.S. needs to rethink embargo

WASHINGTON — The U.S. policy of shunning communist Cuba by imposing a strict trade embargo has failed to prod the island nation toward democracy and should be re-evaluated, according to the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"We must recognize the ineffectiveness of our current policy and deal with the Cuban regime in a way that enhances U.S. interests," wrote Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., in a report dated Monday.

President Barack Obama has promised a fresh look at the U.S. policy.

The Associated Press

STUDENTS VISIT PICKENS

Students from Whitfield County Schools' ALPHA (Accelerated Learning Program for High Achievers) at Beaverdale, Dawnville, Pleasant Grove and Westside elementaries recently participated in the Helen Ruffin Regional Reading Bowl in Pickens County. Students have spent the school year reading the 16 Georgia Book Award nominees for 2008-2009 for the competition. Holding the school system banner are Alberto Lopez, Robbie Stavrow, Kyra Sheron, Taylor Plott, Lynsdy Raper and Susie Canup. Not pictured are Anna Cline, Katie Coker, Tess Shaheen, Julia Galloway, Kasey Jones, Kathleen Jones, Lauren Jones, Thomas McMullen, Molly Massingill, Emily Lugthart, Amanda Jones and teachers Phyllis Thompson, Donna Sullivan, Teda Huskey and Catherine Fearing.

SINGERS PERFORM IN MORROW

Several sixth-grade Murray County students participated in the Georgia Music Educators Association Statewide Elementary Honor Chorus at the Clayton County Performing Arts Center in Morrow recently. The two schools represented were Eton Elementary and Woodlawn Elementary. From left are Hayley Hart (Woodlawn), Makayla O'Dell (Eton), Reilly Wright (Woodlawn), Kaitlin Epps (Eton) and Cady Pressnell (Woodlawn).

Funeral home unveils new presidents' room

GAINESVILLE (AP) — The faces of all 43 men who have led the United States of America since 1789 are now on display at Memorial Park Funeral Home.

The Gainesville business' presidents' room holds pictures of all presidents from George Washington to Barack Obama, as well as pictures of the leaders' boyhood homes and resting places or monumental libraries.

The public is invited to view the presidential room during regular business hours at the funeral home's location at 2030 Memorial Park Drive.

Billy Hendrix, director of community affairs for Memorial Park, said funeral home owner Jack Frost has been wanting to complete the presidents' room for a number of years now. Hendrix said he put the final touches on the room just in time for its grand opening Monday on Presidents Day.

Hendrix said the business obtained portraits of the presidents through a contact who works closely with the Republican and Democratic national conventions.



The presidents' room at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Gainesville, Ga., is seen Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009. The faces of all 43 men who have led the United States of America since 1789 are now on display at the funeral home.

Hendrix also said he spent much time conducting research and gathering photos through the Library of Congress since he began working on the project in October.

Frost intends for the display to be permanent, and invites Scout troops, local schools and community members to use the room as an educational tool, Hendrix

said. Hendrix said it was intriguing to learn some presidents held jobs as shoe shiners or bag boys before they took office, and other American leaders were once members of the clergy.

Come and get it!**Rome man mixes western history, food**

By Severo Avila
Rome News-Tribune

ROME — Greg Allen admits he's part cowboy-wannabe and part historian.

The Georgia Power employee has an unusual passion, one that takes him throughout the Southeast competing for top prizes by cooking out of an authentic chuckwagon.

Using equipment and food only available on an 1870s cattle drive, Allen and fellow chuckwagon cooks must recreate authentic cowboy meals and outfit their chuckwagons to be judged at each competition.

On Feb. 21, he travels to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for the annual Saddle Up! festival to immerse himself in fast, furious but friendly competition.

About eight years ago, Allen helped a friend cook for the first time on an authentic chuckwagon.

"I've always had a passion for the cowboy tradition," he said. "A friend asked me to help cook on his chuckwagon and it fascinated me. I cooked with him for about four years. Then I decided to get my own wagon together."

He estimates he's spent at least \$20,000 outfitting his wagon.

A chuckwagon was originally a wagon that carried food and cooking equipment on the prairies of the United States and Canada. They would form a part of a wagon train.

It was common for the "cookie," who ran the wagon, to be second only to the trailboss on the cattle drive. The cookie would often act as cook, barber, dentist and banker.

Allen found himself a wagon and set to work outfitting it.

"I started with an old farm wagon," he said. "Then you build a chucked. That's basically the kitchen where you store all your food items."

Allen's wagon, called Grumpy's Grub, contains everything one would need on a cattle drive: water barrels, rope, a harness and even shaving materials and bed rolls.

"Your wagon has to be trail worthy," Allen said. "You're judged on your wagon and the food you prepare on open fires and Dutch ovens."

At a chuckwagon cook off, like the one Allen plans to compete in at Pigeon Forge later this month, each team is judged on the authenticity of the wagon. Wagons must be in sound drivable condition with equipment and construction available in the late 1800s.

Contents of the chuckbox, including utensils, must also match what would have been used during the era. Wagons are also judged on the attire of their cooks. A typical chuckwagon cookoff is composed of five food categories: Meat, beans, bread, potatoes and dessert.

A team of judges evaluates the entries from each wagon, giving each a score. Once scores are tabulated, prizes are awarded to the top



Greg Allen

wagons.

Allen has already started cleaning and preparing Grumpy's Grub for the trip to Tennessee at the end of the week. It usually sits in his garage until a competition rolls around. Then he takes it out, packs it up into a trailer, then he and wife Nancy hit the trail.

Members of the American Chuck Wagon Association's Southeast chapter, Allen and other area wagoners now have six events in the region at which they compete.

Their wagons carry names such as Broken Spoke, Cow Camp, Ramblin' Rose, Fairplay Cattle Co., and Little Hard Labored Creek.

"We're going to a competition in Cartersville in March," Allen said, "and then there's one in Dothan, Alabama in May. We travel all over the place. We've even competed in Texas and won."

Allen said traveling and competing at events is a lot of work but he and his wagon partners have setting up and taking down Grumpy's Grub to a science.

"If the competition is on Saturday, we'll set up on Friday," he said. "Normally they judge the wagons on Friday afternoon then they furnish all the food, enough to feed 50 people, and you cook on Saturday. Around here they usually supply us ingredients to prepare different parts of a meal, such as cube steak, dry beans, potatoes, biscuits or cornbread and some sort of dessert."

But the cooking and competition is just one of the reasons Allen is so passionate about his hobby.

"You meet some great people and you make lifelong friends when you do this," he said. "It's a competition. But it's a friendly competition. If you forget something or you lose something, just send out the word and someone will help you out. There are cash prizes but we do it cause we love it and for the bragging rights."

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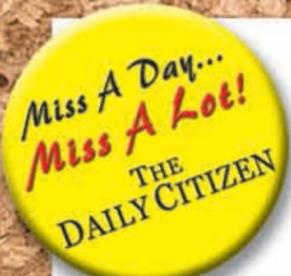
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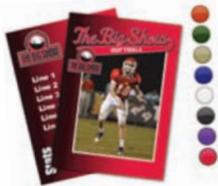
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BRIDGE

Famous hand

The 2007 world team championship for the Bermuda Bowl was won by Norway, which easily defeated the United States in the 128-deal final by nearly 100 International Match Points, 334-245.5.

After trailing early, the Norwegians went ahead to stay about a third of the way through the match and continued to build their lead by making one winning decision after another. Today's deal, from the session in which Norway assumed the lead, is a typical example.

When the deal was first played, the Norwegian pair of Boye Brogeland and Erik Saelensminde reached a slam in spades as shown. Saelensminde's decision to open two notrump with a 1-3-6-3 distribution convinced Brogeland to try for slam on the assumption that his side had at least nine spades.

Four diamonds was a slam try in spades, and the rest of the auction consisted primarily of cuebids leading to the slam. With the spades dividing 3-2, the defenders got only the heart ace, so the Norwegians were plus 1,430.

At the other table, with George Jacobs and Ralph Katz of the U.S. North-South, the bidding went:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
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Jacobs, North, considered bidding over three notrump, but this was not as clear-cut as it may seem. As played by most of today's expert partnerships, a rebid of three notrump after opening with one of a minor tends to imply a strong, possibly unbalanced hand containing a long, solid or near-solid suit.

Jacobs therefore had to allow for the possibility that South had only one spade, and chose the conservative course. After a spade lead by West, declarer had no trouble taking all the tricks for a score of 720, but wound up losing 12 IMPs.

Tomorrow: For whom the bells toll.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You owe it to yourself and the projects you want to get off the ground to ask others for help. You can make a difference to a lot of people by including them in your plans. Open your heart, your home and your good spirit. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have to use discretion if you want to avoid trouble. Stay away from anyone who is off-limits until you sort out what to do about the way you feel. Do what's best for everyone. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The more you share your thoughts and interests, the greater the support you will get. This is a great time to get ahead and make changes. Your outgoing personality will lead to happiness. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give greater thought to your financial position and who in your life is costing you too much. It's time to discuss a new budget or rules and regulations to incorporate into your life. Don't let your own uncertainty be your downfall. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give more time to a relationship that you care about. Plan a trip or just spend the day doing things that you both enjoy. If you are single, get involved in something that interests you and, before you know it, you will have some special in your life. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Indecision will come back to haunt you. Just because something is new or unfamiliar doesn't mean it cannot work. Open your mind to the possibilities and you will be able to perfect whatever needs adjusting. You are on

the verge of a breakthrough. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Involvement in projects you believe in or helping others will turn into something you least expect. Love looks promising and, with a little ingenuity, you can end up in a very nice position with someone you adore. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will try to meddle in your personal affairs. Go to the source and ask questions. This is not the time to make changes at home. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything will depend on your performance and ability to convince others to join your cause. An idea you have can work as long as you don't go overboard. Someone you care about can help you get things off the ground. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't let a personal relationship cause you to make a poor decision. When it comes to finances, don't let emotions take over. Stick to what you know works and you will maintain your position. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a bit of a chance when it comes to a partnership, friendship or personal relationship. Make rules that you feel will work for everyone involved. Educational pursuits or getting involved in an interest group will change your life. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is a lot you are unaware of so, before you make promises or pursue something new, make sure you fully understand the consequences of not sticking to rules and regulations. A secret connection may backfire if you haven't been completely upfront. 3 stars

Birthdays: You are adventurous, curious and interested in trying new things. You have a vivid imagination and are always ahead of the crowd. You are dynamic, interesting and original.



Eugenia Last

To Your Good Health
Dandruff a sign of seborrheic dermatitis

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My scalp has been very itchy. I used many shampoos without any relief. I finally saw a dermatologist, who diagnosed me as having seborrheic dermatitis. My girlfriend says that it's dandruff. Did I see a specialist only for dandruff? I want my money back. — D.J.

ANSWER: Seborrheic dermatitis is a chronic and often relapsing skin condition in areas of the skin with a large supply of oil glands. Seborrhea means "running with oil." The scalp is only one place where it occurs. It can affect the face, the lines running from the sides of the nose toward the chin, the chest, the eyelids and the ears — both behind them and within the ear canal. Involved skin is red with scales. Dandruff is one manifestation, but not the only one. Dandruff can be something most difficult to treat. Oil glands give the condition its name, but they aren't the source of trouble. A fungus whose name is Malassezia is. It produces byproducts that irritate and inflame the skin. Many over-the-counter shampoos and lotions can be

quite effective against this fungus, but sometimes, as in your case, prescription shampoos, lotions, creams or gels are needed to eradicate Malassezia. Ketoconazole and ciclopirox are two examples.

Selenium sulfide shampoo also works. The nonprescription brands of this material have a lower concentration of it than do the prescription preparations, which contain 2.5 percent selenium sulfide. It often takes the stronger items to do in the fungus.

You didn't waste your money. Lots of people have to consult a dermatologist for control of seborrheic dermatitis. You weren't getting anywhere with self-treatment. You'll be glad you spent your money for a plan that brings success.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My father was 67 when he passed away in 1989 from ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. He had it for only two years.

I am 60 years old and a Vietnam veteran from 1968. I had extensive nerve and muscle wounds in both legs and my left arm from the war. I get muscle spasms in my legs and am concerned that it might be ALS. Is ALS hereditary? — B.W.

ANSWER: Only in a few cases, 5 percent to 10 percent, does heredity play a major part in ALS. ALS is amyotrophic later-

al sclerosis. It's a dying off of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that control muscle movement. In its final stages, it leaves a person a prisoner of his own body, unable to move and often unable to swallow or talk.

The initial symptom of ALS is muscle weakness, not muscle spasms. You're not likely to have this illness.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I was diagnosed in 1986 with discoid lupus. I didn't get treatment then. I still have blotches on my face and head. I am currently incarcerated. I am on Valisone and hydrocortisone cream. Is this curable? — A.L.

ANSWER: Discoid lupus affects only the skin and sometimes the lining of the mouth. It starts out as dull red to purple patches with a scale that looks glued onto the patch. In time, the patches become paler and often hairless. They may or may not itch. Patches appear on the scalp, the bridge of the nose, the cheeks, ears and the upper lip. Other locations are possible. It's usually controllable but not always curable.

An important fact is that discoid lupus progresses to full-blown lupus (systemic lupus) in a few people, around 5 percent to 10 percent.

The medicines you are receiving are the standard

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

medicines for discoid lupus — Valisone and hydrocortisone creams, both members of the cortisone drug family. Sometimes cortisone drugs are injected into the patch when creams or lotions don't work. Even oral medicines, like hydroxychloroquine, used for systemic lupus might have to be prescribed. Above all, stay out of the sun and protect yourself with sun lotion with an SPF of 30 or higher.



MOVIE BOXOFFICE

Perry's 'Madea' tops box office

NEW YORK (AP) — Tyler Perry's "Madea Goes to Jail" reigned at the weekend box office, opening with \$41.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was the highest grossing film ever for both Perry and the film's studio, Lionsgate. Since Perry's 2005 "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" — his highest previous debut with \$30 million — the actor-director-producer's films have frequently opened strongly, while generating little mainstream buzz.

Perry's box office clout has lessened recently, but the success of "Madea Goes to Jail" reinforces the notion that Perry draws the largest audience when he dons a frumpy dress as his trademark grandmother character, Madea.

Steve Rothenberg, president of distribution at Lionsgate said the debut of "Madea" was the studio's best opening in its 14-year history. The studio's previous top opening was the \$33.6 million debut of 2006's "Saw III."

"You could argue that Madea is now the top female box office star in Hollywood," said Rothenberg, whose studio has distributed all seven of Perry's films, several of which were released straight to DVD.

Landing second was 20th Century Fox's revenge thriller "Taken," which earned \$11.4 million in its fourth weekend of release, bringing its cumulative total to \$95.2 million.

"Madea" was one of only two new releases. The other, Sony's cheerleader comedy "Fired Up," took in \$6 million

Last weekend's top earner — "Friday the 13th," — saw a steep drop in ticket sales, as is common for horror movies.

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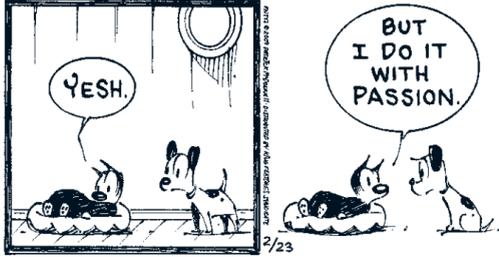
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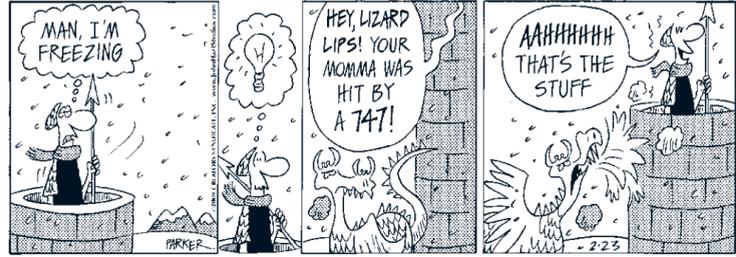
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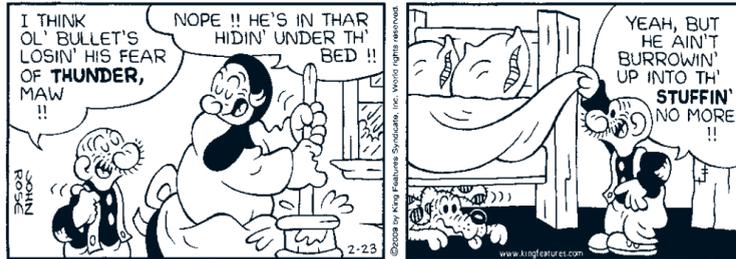
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DEAR ABBY

Books make time grow shorter

DEAR ABBY: My father recently began treatment for cancer. He has radiation daily and chemo once a week. Mom and Dad spend many hours sitting in the hospital for these treatments.

Several families from church have asked what they can do to make my parents' lives easier at this time. I have asked that instead of offering to make meals (Mom and Dad are both on restricted diets), donating puzzle books, meditation books and crossword puzzles to be enjoyed at the hospital would be a better idea. I also plan to assemble some "boredom-buster bags" for my parents each week, so they won't get antsy waiting around for the procedures to be finished. — TRISHA IN MOORESVILLE, IND.

DEAR TRISHA: That's a terrific idea. However, if the church members would like to become more involved, ask them to consider saving their fashion, sports and political magazines and deliver them on a regular basis to the chemotherapy center. That way they will not only help your parents, but also other patients who are undergoing treatment there. I'm sure the donations would be greatly appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: I recently graduated from college, but aside from that, I can't seem to finish anything I start. I am a creative and talented designer, but because I no longer have deadlines, I don't see any of my projects through to completion.

I have tried giving myself personal deadlines to no avail, because I know there will be no consequences. Then I become angry and frustrated with myself, and the piles of uncompleted work get large

er and larger. It seems like I am easily bored or stressed — that's when I stop working. I long for a sense of accomplishment and pride in my abilities. Could I have a disorder? — NEEDS HELP FINISHING TH...

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Not unless being disorganized and not a self-starter is a disorder. Your inability to abide by personal deadlines will have serious "consequences" if you plan to have a career in design, because if you can't complete a project, you will have nothing to show potential clients. If you have nothing to show, you reduce the chances of being hired. So stop the self-indulgence and get moving!

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I had beautiful wood floors installed in our home. My problem is my two sons, ages 20 and 21, who constantly track dirt through the house. I have asked many times that they please wipe their feet or remove their shoes. They do it only if I am in the living room and can see them when they walk in.

I would like to tack a sign on the front door that says, "Wipe your feet or remove your shoes before entering." My husband thinks it would be rude, but he's not the one who has to constantly clean the floor.

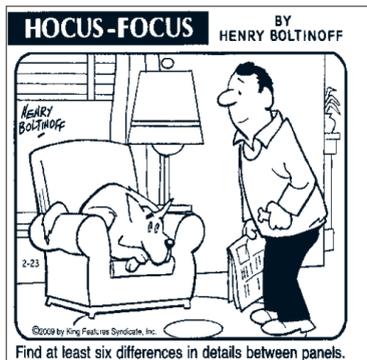
Would it be rude to put up a sign? Or must I just continue to sweep and mop daily? — TIRED OF MOPPING IN DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.

DEAR TIRED OF MOPPING: If your sons are the only offenders, hanging a sign should not be necessary. In your absence your husband should enforce the rules. And if he, doesn't, then HE should do the mopping.

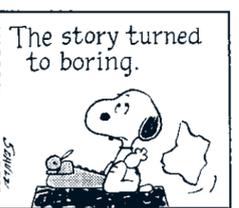


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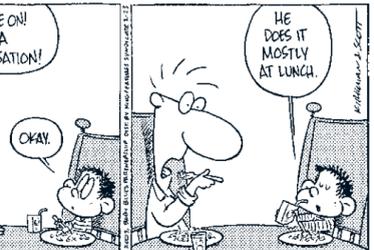
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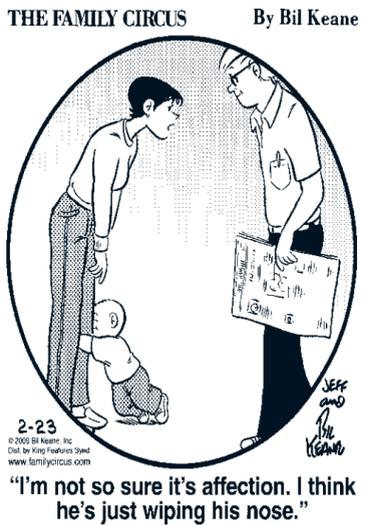
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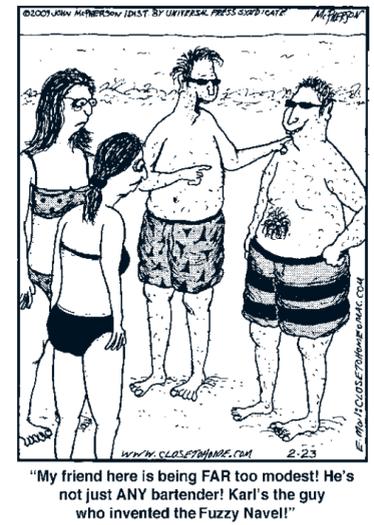
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 • **John Eugene Smith, Tunnel Hill**
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Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Jimmy Franklin Beal

Mr. Jimmy Franklin Beal, 67, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, February 22, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was the son of the late, Dock and Thelma Burke Beal and was preceded in death by his sister, Beverly Breeden; brother, Eddie Beal.

Jimmy is survived by his nieces, Wanda Fry and Gary Headrick of Chatsworth and Sandra Martin of Dalton; nephew, Lenny Martin of Chatsworth; great-niece, Keisha Rolan of Chatsworth; special friend, Mary Alice Wiley of Dalton.

Funeral services will be at 11 A. M. Tuesday in the Chapel of Love Funeral Home.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Monday from 5 to 8 P.M.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements.

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Ronald E. Beavers

After a robust life, Ronald E. Beavers, 58, of Tazewell, VA and a stroke survivor passed away peacefully on his hunting refuge in Bedford, VA Friday, February 20, 2009. Before moving to Tazewell, Ron was a native of Dalton, GA. Born August 30, 1950 at Chattanooga, TN he was a son of Gerry Hancock Beavers of Dalton, GA and the late James Robert Beavers. Early in his life Ron served his country as a member of the Georgia National Guard. Ron was never a stranger to anyone and his outgoing personality allowed him to build relations with his business partner Harold Keene and family. This relationship brought him to Southwestern Virginia and Southern West Virginia where he established Keene Carpet in Bluefield, WV. Ron's hard work ethic always meant

finding new challenges and later opened One Source Samples in Dalton, Georgia. Ron was an avid fisherman and hunter who loved the outdoors. Before the stroke Ron was a weightlifter who learned from this activity to persevere when times got rough. The most important thing is Ron was also a wonderful husband and father to his family. Despite Ron's busy schedule, he always found time to attend family events and moments, which were always his first priority. Ron's difficult journey these last years was made easier by the kindness, love, and support of family and friends who provided a foundation of strength to get through the toughest times and happiest days.

Ron is survived by his mother, Gerry Beavers of Dalton, GA, his wife, Annette Lyons Beavers of North Tazewell, VA; three sons, Brent Beavers and his wife Lauren of Germantown, TN, Thad Beavers of Charlotte, NC, and Craig Beavers, a student at the University of Kentucky and his black lab companion, Crew. His brothers Bob Beavers of Dalton, GA and Mike Beavers of Lancaster, PA, also share in this loss.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA. Honorary pallbearers are Jim Thompson, Jerry Cromer, Lynn Keene, Ricky Kendrick, Bob Beavers, and Mike Beavers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for you to support the Four Seasons YMCA 208 W. Main St., Suite 200, Tazewell, VA 24651, or Huddleston Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 5377 Smith Mountain Lake Parkway, Huddleston, VA 24104 (540)-297-7311.

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.



Davis

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

Mildred Marie Guinn

Mrs. Mildred Marie Guinn, 84, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life early Sunday morning, Feb. 22, 2009 at the Memorial Health Care System in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Guinn was born Jan. 16, 1925 in Polk County, Tenn., a daughter of the late Earnest and Susie Burns Ratcliff. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Anthony Guinn; great-grandson, Mattox Breckenridge Mayes; and a sister, Yvonne Waters.

Mrs. Guinn is survived by her loving husband, Ira Guinn of the residence; daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Dave Stewart of Carlton, Ga., Gail and Lee Fletcher of Greenville, N.C.; sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Patricia Guinn of Chatsworth, Ga., Ira Edwin and Brenda Guinn of Cleveland, Tenn., Wayne and Velinda Guinn of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Grace Dills of Tennaga; brothers and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Susie Ratcliff, Carroll Ratcliff all of Old Fort, Tenn.; a number of nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mildred Marie Guinn will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009 at 3 p.m. from the Deep Springs Baptist Church with the Revs. Dale Kidd and Joe Spann officiat-

ing. She will be laid to rest at Dawnville United Methodist Church Cemetery. Terry Guinn, Kim Stanfield, Brian Guinn, Chuck Guinn, Lori Long, and Caleb Fowler will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 after 6 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Please visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mrs. Guinn's family. Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton. (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home. 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, Iolia 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. Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton, 706-226-4002, Your Selected Independent Funeral Home. www.legacy.com

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. Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton, 706-226-4002, Your Selected Independent Funeral Home. www.legacy.com

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Ronald Edward Owen

Mr. Ronald Edward Owen, 49, of Tunnel Hill, Ga., departed this life Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center. He was born March 21, 1959 in Whitfield County, a son of Ella Steakley Owen of Tunnel Hill, Ga., and the late Roy

Lee Owen. Along with his parents he was also preceded in death by a sister, Gail Viator; and a brother, Gerald Owen.

Mr. Owen is survived by his companion, Melissa Chase; mother, Ella Owen; brothers and sister-in-law, Larry and Carolyn Owen all of Tunnel Hill, Lee Owen of Dalton, and Jeff Owen of Tunnel Hill; sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and Danny Skiffen of Tunnel Hill, Kathy Patterson and Brian Asherbranner of Ranger, Penny Duke of Tunnel Hill, Lisa and Joey Bagley of Cohutta; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Mike Ridgeway of Ringgold and Randy Dills of Texas.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Ronald Edward Owen will be on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at noon from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at Dunagan Cemetery.

The family will receive friends today from 6 until 9:00 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Please visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Owen's family.

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John Eugene Smith

John Eugene Smith, 31, of Tunnel Hill, Ga. departed this life on Sunday morning, Feb. 22, 2009 at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton, 706-226-4002, Your Selected Independent Funeral Home.

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, Marriann Adams; grandparents, Herman Artist and Velvie Idella Cochran Weaver and Addie and Elmer Wilson. Hoyt was a member of Yattes 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, Imagene 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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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'Bryant Williams.



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

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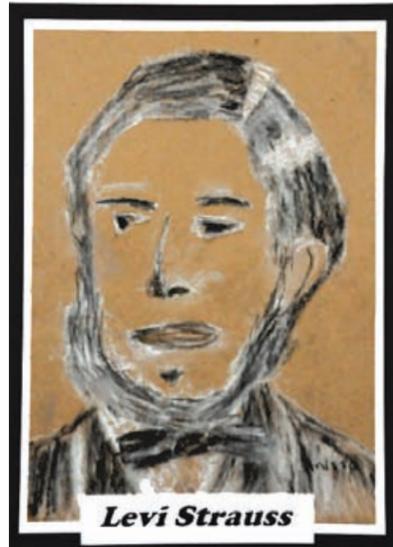
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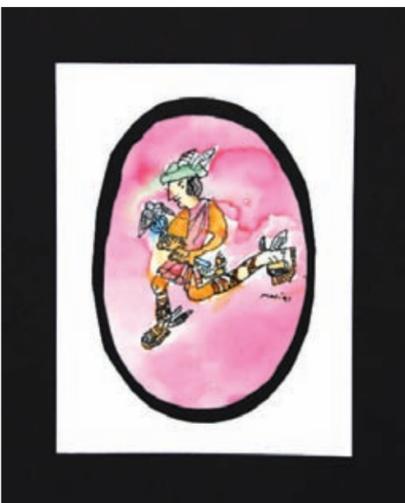
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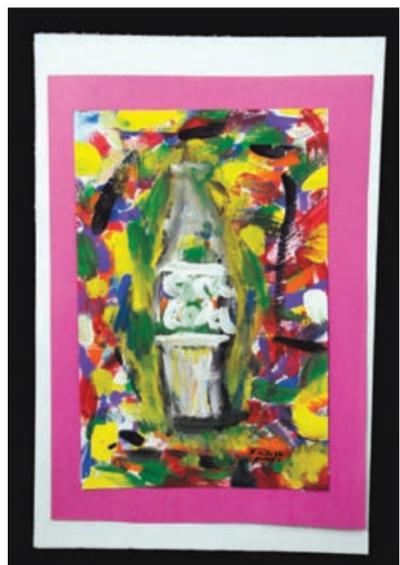
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GOLF: NORTHERN TRUST OPEN



AP PHOTO

Phil Mickelson holds the winners trophy during the award presentation on the 18th hole of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles on Sunday.

Mickelson wins

Avoids meltdown at Riviera

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Phil Mickelson nearly blew the biggest lead of his career, then had to scramble for par to avoid a playoff.

When his roller-coast week at Riviera ended Sunday, the Northern Trust Open turned out to be one of his more satisfying victories.

After watching tee shots sail in every direction, turning a four-shot lead into a two-shot deficit with three holes to play, Mickelson recovered with back-to-back birdies and stepped to the 18th tee with a one-shot lead.

Then, he had to bury some demons.

Two years ago, Mickelson had a one-shot lead until making a sloppy bogey on the historic finishing hole and losing in a playoff. This time, he poured his tee shot down the middle of the fairway and two-putted for par from 60 feet, making a tough 6-footer for the win.

"I'll take a lot out of this," Mickelson said after closing with a 1-over 72. "To be able to heart it out on 16 and 17 with two birdies,

then to make that par on 18 when two years ago I didn't, that meant a lot to me."

So ended his West Coast Slump.

Mickelson arrived at Riviera having failed to crack the top 20 in his first three tournaments, missing the cut in Phoenix and making it on the number with a birdie on the last hole at Pebble Beach.

But when one of his wildest weeks was over — 63-72-62-72 — Lefty won for the 35th time in his career, with 17 of those victories on the Left Coast.

He finished at 15-under 269 and joined Ben Hogan, Corey Pavin and Mike Weir as the only back-to-back winners at Riviera.

"I'm pleased to be sitting here as the champion," Mickelson said. "And it was not easy. I had a five-shot lead and I let it slide. The good thing was that I was able to fight hard. Even though I didn't have my best stuff, I was able to fight through it."

It was the first time since the 2005 PGA Championship that he won without breaking par in the last round.

Stricker closed with a 67 and was on his way to the range to get ready for a playoff when he saw Mickelson leave himself a tough par putt on the final hole, and stopped when he heard the cheer.

He had his chances. Stricker missed a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-5 17th that would have given him a three-shot lead at the time, then missed a 12-footer for par on the 18th.

It was the second time on the West Coast that Stricker had a chance to win. He had a three-shot lead at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic until he was blown away by the raging desert wind, closing with a 77.

"It's just a little disappointing when you don't finish it off, or have the opportunity to finish it off," he said. "And I didn't."

But the real heartache belonged to Fred Couples.

A two-time winner at Riviera, his favorite golf course west of Augusta National, the 49-year-old

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PREP SPORTS

Crutchfield earns All-State honors

BY LARRY FLEMING
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Dalton's Carter Crutchfield, a dual-threat star who helped the Catamounts to a 7-3 season his senior year, has been selected to the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class 4A All-State football team.

Crutchfield was equally effective as a wide receiver and safety for coach Adam Winegarden's Cats. He led the team with 19 catches for 322 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, Crutchfield had 46 tackles, a forced fumble and two interceptions to earn Daily Citizen All-Area honors for the second straight year. He was an all-area wide receiver in 2007.

"It's a real nice honor for Carter," Winegarden said. "To me this is the best all-state team because it's selected by the coaches."

Crutchfield was joined on the Class 4A squad by three Rome players — running backs P.J. Greene and Reggie Whatley and linebacker Van Calhoun. Greene was named GACA Offensive Player of the Year.

Northwest Whitfield's Dean Haynes, The Daily Citizen's All-Area Player of the Year who signed with North Carolina State earlier this month, was not selected to the GACA squad.

Crutchfield's versatility enabled him to handle key roles other than his two primary slots. He returned kicks, was the holder on extra points and field goals and the back-up quarterback to Stryker Brown.

The GACA All-State selec-

tion caps his outstanding career at Dalton High.

"It's a great honor to be named to that team," Crutchfield said Sunday. "It's exciting. I've worked hard these four years."

Crutchfield, also a standout baseball player, said he will make a decision this week on where to play college football. He will choose between Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay, both located in Middle Tennessee.

He visited Tennessee Tech early in the recruiting process and just recently went to Austin Peay, where he stayed with former Dalton teammate Preston Keck.

"I really liked Austin Peay," Crutchfield said. "I like their facilities and coaches. It's going to be a tough decision."

Crutchfield said when he visited Tennessee Tech that coach Watson Brown "laid out" Crutchfield's future at the school. Brown wants Crutchfield to come to Tech as a walk-on.

"He said he knew I could play at Tennessee Tech and that I could probably earn a scholarship in my first year up there," Crutchfield said. "It's pretty much the same situation at Austin Peay. The main thing is that I want to go somewhere that I'm going to be happy and get a chance to play. I'm going to talk to my parents this week and we'll analyze the two situations and make the best decision for me and my future. I won't be unhappy at either place."

Crutchfield admitted he started to wonder if he wanted to play football in college, and said now he's sure he does.

"I would regret it if I didn't," said Crutchfield, 18. "I've got to give it a shot."

COMMENTARY

Classic prepared NW for playoffs

The Lady Bruins of Northwest Whitfield spent Saturday night and all of Sunday celebrating their Region 7-4A championship game win over Osborne and reflecting on a 17-0 record in region play.

But today it's back to the drawing board.

As the Lady Bruins prepare for the Class 4A state playoffs, which for them begins Friday in Tunnel Hill against Loganville,

they have an invaluable experience to draw from that could be a huge difference-maker in their quest for a state championship.

It's called the Deep South Classic, a three-day tournament held at Snellville's Brookwood High, known for hosting top-tier

competition.

"We've been going down the for three or four years now," Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger said. "I feel like you have to play teams that are better than you are in order to be a better team. It allows us to see what we need to do to reach the next level. You've got to be challenged by different people, and we used the tournament to do that."

Leaving their comfort zone of Whitfield County and traveling to an unfamiliar environment to play against top competition naturally led to adversity for the Lady Bruins. They struggled at this year's classic, dropping two of three games for a sixth place finish in an eight team field.

Ironically, the team Northwest lost to in the tournament's fifth-place game was none other than Loganville, the Lady Bruins first-round opponent. Northwest fell

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL: TOP 25 ROUNDUP



Georgia Tech forward Alade Aminu (44) is defended by Clemson center Trevor Booker, right, during the first half of their game Sunday.

AP PHOTO

Jackets fall to Clemson

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Trevor Booker had 21 points and 12 rebounds to lead No. 13 Clemson, which overcame a 15-point deficit in an 81-73 victory over Georgia Tech on Sunday.

The Tigers (22-4, 8-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won six of eight and improved to 9-0 this season when Booker has a double-double.

Georgia Tech (10-16, 1-12) has lost 11 of 12 to remain in the ACC cellar, three losses behind 11th-place Virginia.

K.C. Rivers, who had 19 points for Clemson, gave his team the lead for good with a 3-pointer in the opening minute of the second half. Freshman Andre Young finished with 12 points, going 4-for-4 on 3-pointers.

Lewis Clinch had a career-high 27 points for the Yellow Jackets, who got within 46-45 on his 3 with 14:32 remaining.

■ **No. 6 Michigan State 61, Wisconsin 50:** In East Lansing, Mich., Kalin Lucas scored 17 points to help Michigan State keep a one-game lead in the Big Ten

with.

Wisconsin led by as many as 12 points in the second half, but the Spartans' comeback ended the Badgers' five-game winning streak.

Michigan State (21-5, 11-3) has a one-game lead over Purdue in the Big Ten with four games remaining. The Spartans are trying to win their first regular season title since 2001.

Goran Suton had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan State.

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MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen
Kayla Piorkowski (top left), Callie Thomas (center), Baleigh Coleigh (right) and Emily Trew (far right) pile on Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger after winning the Region 7-4A tournament on Saturday at Woodland High in Cartersville.

Krohn: NW fortunate to get rematch in first-round of playoffs

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to the Lady Red Devils, 47-45, on Britnee Hazel's basket with two seconds left.

Northwest hasn't lost since.

After Northwest's victory over Osborne Saturday, Lady Bruins post Christy Robinson said the Lady Bruins were "Lucky" for the opportunity to play Loganville in the first round of the state playoffs. Now, before all you Loganville fans try to turn her words into bulletin board material, understand she's not underestimating the Lady Red Devils as an oppo-

nent. She just realizes how rare it is for a team's first-round playoff game to be a rematch from the regular season.

With a 32-team field in the Class 4A girls state playoffs, only two first-round games will feature rematches. One is the aforementioned Northwest-Loganville game and the other, interestingly, involves Osborne, who will play Athens' Cedar Shoals, a team it played in its second game of the season.

Despite losing to Loganville earlier, the Lady Bruins are still better off in the first round than most teams.

Stockburger and the coaching staff won't have to prepare blindly for their opponent. Instead, they'll have film to fall back on. And the players have a feel for what Loganville's tendencies are and how they operate on the floor. And, of course, as a No. 1 seed, the Lady Bruins won't have to worry about playing in a hostile environment. They'll have a home court packed with the Northwest faithful to play in.

"We're really excited," Northwest sharp-shooter Jordi Cook said. "Usually, if a team beats you in a tournament, you don't get the chance to play them

again. We just want to show everyone that how we played (at the classic) is not how we play."

Both Loganville and Northwest prefer a fast-paced, up-and-down game that utilizes a full-court press. Though the Lady Red Devils lack the height possessed by 6-foot-5-inch Quaneisha McCurdy and the 6-3 Robinson (most teams do), they make up for that with quickness and athleticism. But overall, the teams are pretty evenly matched.

So, what went wrong for Northwest in its loss to Loganville? Cook admits the Lady Bruins' guards struggled in the shooting

department, which allowed Loganville to play a zone defense that also took away Northwest's post play.

Added Robinson, "When they were playing man-to-man defense, we (post players) were getting some open looks at the basket. But when they switched to the zone, there wasn't much room for us to work with and we had trouble getting open."

Just having that background knowledge will help the Lady Bruins immensely as they prepare this week.

And while the Lady Bruins may feel lucky to play a familiar foe in the

first round, and they are. But it's not just luck that has them in this situation. Stockburger's decision to put the team in the Deep South Classic plays just as much of a role in the position Northwest finds itself in. Her whole idea behind that long trip to Gwinnett County was to prepare her team for the postseason.

Could a team be more prepared than to have already played its opponent?

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College: UConn women remain perfect

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Trevon Hughes had 12 points for Wisconsin (17-10, 8-7), while Marcus Landry added 11.

■ **No. 9 Duke 101, No. 8 Wake Forest 91:** In Durham, N.C., Gerald Henderson scored a career-high 35 points and Duke held on to beat Wake Forest 101-91.

Jon Scheyer added a career high with 30 points for the Blue Devils (22-5, 8-4 Atlantic Coast Conference). They twice led by 22 points in the first half and let the Demon Deacons creep within two points before finally putting them away with a 16-6 run that was keyed by Henderson.

Jeff Teague scored 28 points and James Johnson added 26 for the Demon Deacons (20-5, 7-5). They shot 61 percent but allowed Duke to hit 54 percent of its attempts — the worst performance of the season by the ACC's stingiest defense.

■ **No. 12 Villanova 89, No. 24 Syracuse 86:** In Syracuse, N.Y., Dwayne Anderson scored a career-high 22 points to lead Villanova to a season-series sweep.

Syracuse missed six shots in the final minute, including three 3-point attempts in the final 8 seconds before the buzzer sounded as Jonny Flynn's shot from the left corner bounced off the rim.

Corey Fisher scored 16 points and Dante Cunningham had 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (22-5, 10-4 Big East), who won for the eighth time in nine games.

Eric Devendorf scored 22 points for Syracuse (19-8, 7-7), which dropped to 2-6 in its last eight.

■ **No. 16 Xavier 71, George Washington 53:** In Cincinnati: C.J. Anderson led five players in double figures with 14 points and Xavier moved back into first place in the Atlantic 10.

The Musketeers (22-5, 10-3) steadied themselves after having lost three of four and moved a half-game ahead of No. 25 Dayton for the conference lead.

Damian Hollis scored 15 points for the Colonials (8-16, 2-10), who fell behind 26-8 and trailed by as many as 25 points.

■ **No. 18 Illinois 70, Ohio St. 68:** In Columbus, Ohio, four days after mustering just 33 points in a pitiful home loss, Illinois placed three players in double figures, led by Mike Davis' 22 points, and shot 58 percent from the field.

The victory kept the Illini (22-6, 10-5) alone in third place in the Big Ten and gave coach Bruce Weber his 150th win at the school.

Trent Meacham added 17 points for Illinois, while Demetri McCamey had 15 points and seven assists.

Jon Diebler and Evan Turner each had 17 points for Ohio State (17-8, 7-7), which has lost three straight Big Ten games on the heels of winning four straight.

Women's Top 25

■ **No. 1 Connecticut 76, No. 24 Notre Dame 66:** In Hartford, Conn., Renee Montgomery had 20 points and eight assists as



AP PHOTO

Wake Forest's Al-Farouq Aminu (1) and Jeff Teague (0) watch as Duke's Gerald Henderson (15) dunks during the first half of Sunday's game in Durham, N.C.

Connecticut beat Notre Dame to remain the nation's only undefeated team.

Tina Charles added 19 points and eight rebounds and Maya Moore had 18 points to help the Huskies (27-0, 13-0 Big East) get their 37th consecutive home win and fifth victory against a ranked opponent this season.

Ashley Barlow led Notre Dame (18-7, 7-6) with 18 points. Lindsay Schrader added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Notre Dame led for much of the first half, and was up 43-41 almost 4 minutes into the second, the first time the Huskies had trailed after intermission this season. However, two baskets by Moore and two 3-pointers by Montgomery started a 22-1 run over the next 7 minutes.

■ **No. 3 Auburn 65, Georgia 59:** In Auburn, Ala., DeWanna Bonner scored 22 points and No. 3 Auburn made 9-of-10 free throws over the final 44 seconds to clinch at least a share of its first SEC title in 20 years.

The Tigers (26-2, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) were coming off a 73-70 defeat at Vandy, which lost earlier Sunday at Mississippi to ensure Auburn will at least share the conference title.

The Lady Bulldogs (15-12, 5-7), who handed Auburn its first loss of the season nearly a month ago, lost their fifth straight game. Georgia is just 1-5 since then.

Georgia closed to 54-53 on a basket by Christy Marshall with 2:47 left, but then the Tigers scored the game's next seven points.

■ **No. 9 Maryland 77, Duke 59:** In College Park, Md., Kristi Toliver scored 34 points, Marissa Coleman added 24, and No. 9 Maryland used a big second-half to breeze past seventh-ranked Duke.

After Toliver kept the Terrapins close with 17 first-half points, Coleman provided offensive aid after the break. When the two seniors walked off the floor to a standing ovation with 1:43 left, they had combined to outscore Duke 58-57.

It was the 33rd straight home win for the Terrapins (23-4, 10-2) and their seventh in a row overall. The victory also capped a marvelous weekend for Maryland basketball — on Saturday, the men's team upset No. 3 North Carolina.

Chante Black and Carrem Gay each scored 13

points for Duke (22-4, 9-3). Jasmine Thomas, the team's third-leading scorer, had 6 points on 1-for-15 shooting.

■ **No. 11 Florida State 59, Miami 58:** In Tallahassee, Fla., Alysha Harvin made two free throws with 8.7 seconds remaining, lifting No. 11 Florida State to a 59-58 victory over Miami on Sunday.

Harvin's free throws gave the Seminoles their first lead since midway through the first half. Florida State (23-5, 11-1) preserved its Atlantic Coast Conference lead when Miami's Shenise Johnson missed a tying free throw attempt and a follow shot with 5 seconds left.

Florida State junior center Jacinta Monroe scored 14 of her team-high 16 points in the second half as the Seminoles rallied from a 16-point deficit. Tanae Davis-Cain added 15 points.

LaToya Cunningham led Miami (13-14, 2-10) with 20 points.

■ **No. 13 Tennessee 82, Mississippi State 68:** In Knoxville, Tenn., Kelley Cain had 17 points and 11 rebounds to help No. 13 Tennessee avoid its first three-game losing streak since 1986.

Tennessee (19-8, 8-4 Southeastern Conference), which has won all 30 games in the series, shot a season-high 52 percent.

The teams were tied at 64 when Alex Fuller's layup launched a 15-1 run. Mississippi State (19-8, 6-6) hit only one more field goal, a 3-pointer by Mary Kathryn Govero with 31 seconds left.

Alexis Rack led Mississippi State with 24 points.

■ **No. 15 Florida 82, South Carolina 66:** In Gainesville, Fla., Sha Brooks scored 24 points, Marsha Dotson added 18 and No. 15 Florida snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Gators (23-5, 9-4 Southeastern Conference) were 10-of-19 from 3-point range and 18-of-21 from the free throw line.

The Gamecocks (10-15, 2-10) were 3-of-23 from behind the arc, but cut a double-digit lead to 43-40 early in the second half thanks to several of their 20 offensive rebounds. Florida pulled away behind Brooks and Dotson.

Lakeisha Sutton finished with 17 points for South Carolina, which lost for the 10th time in its last 12 games.

layup gave Mississippi the lead with 6 seconds left, and what seemed like a game-tying shot by Jence Rhoads was overturned, preserving the Rebels' stunning win over No. 18 Vanderbilt.

Melson's layup was her only basket of the game, pushing the Rebels (16-12, 5-8 Southeastern Conference) to a late two-point lead.

Rhoads, who finished with 13 points, dribbled the length of the floor and put up a two-point attempt at the top of the key as the buzzer sounded. The shot went in, seemingly forcing overtime, but video replay confirmed the ball left her hands after time had expired.

Bianca Thomas led the Rebels with 25 points.

Christina Wirth paced the Commodores (21-7, 10-3) with 20 points.

■ **No. 20 Ohio St. 79, Indiana 67:** In Bloomington, Ind., Star Allen tied a career high with 22 points, and No. 20 Ohio State moved into sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

Brittany Johnson had a career-high 18 points and Jantel Lavender added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Buckeyes (22-5, 13-3).

Jori Davis scored 17 points, Amber Jackson had 14 and Whitney Thomas added 10 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana (17-9, 10-7).

Ohio State is one game ahead of Michigan State and Purdue after Michigan State lost at Wisconsin earlier Sunday. All three teams have two games left.

■ **Kansas 58, No. 21 Iowa St. 47:** In Lawrence, Kan., Danielle McCray scored 16 of her 24 points in the second half as Kansas snapped its four-game losing streak.

McCray, who finished 8-for-19 from the field, had 16 rebounds for the Jayhawks (14-11, 3-9 Big 12).

Sade Morris added 16 points for Kansas, which led 26-24 at the break and made all 17 of its free throws in the second half.

Iowa State (19-7, 7-5) shot 27 percent and had 12 turnovers. The 21st-ranked Cyclones entered the game second in the Big 12 in 3-point field goal percentage, but converted only 3-of-16 from behind the arc.

Nicky Wieben had 19 points for the Cyclones, who missed their last nine shots.

■ **No. 23 Virginia 90, Boston College 70:** In Charlottesville, Va., Lyndra Littles and Monica Wright scored 27 points apiece as No. 23 Virginia beat Boston College.

Littles, playing in the final home game of her career, shot 9-for-16 from the field and 8-for-8 on free throws for the Cavaliers (21-8, 7-5 Atlantic Coast Conference). Virginia shot 61 percent from the floor (19-for-31) in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 55-33 after halftime.

Carolyn Swords scored a game-high 31 points on 13-for-17 shooting for Boston College (18-9, 6-6). The Eagles had a woeful shooting experience in the second half, missing 19 shots from the field — including 0-for-10 on 3-pointers.



AP PHOTO

Fred Couples reacts to a missed putt on the eighth hole in the final round of the Northern Trust Open at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles on Sunday.

Golf: Couples

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had a chance for one last victory in his final full season on the PGA Tour. Couples was one shot behind when he fanned his approach to the 18th green and watched in disgust as it struck a eucalyptus tree. He finished with a bogey for a 69 to tie for third with K.J. Choi (69) and Andres Romero (70).

Couples learned earlier in the week that his estranged wife, Thais Baker, died Tuesday of breast cancer. They never divorced after splitting up nearly four years ago, and Couples said he is not welcome in their home in Santa Barbara.

"She was a nice person," he said. "She did everything she could to make it another month."

Mickelson had never lost a PGA Tour event when leading by more than four shots going into the final round, but what could have been his biggest collapse turned into a stunning recovery.

First, he began hitting 3-wood off the tee to gain some confidence. And when he unloaded a tee shot down the 15th fairway, the comeback was under way.

Two behind with three to play, he hammered a 9-iron at the flag on the par-3 16th and made a 5-foot birdie down the hill. Then he hit his best drive of the day on the par-5 17th, reaching the green with a 3-wood and two-putting from 70 feet, making another tough birdie putt from 6 feet above the hole.

"I knew he was going to

pull it off at some time, but he waited until the last couple of holes," said Couples, playing in the final group for the first time since Mickelson beat him at the 2006 Masters.

Mickelson led by as many as five shots when he opened with an eagle for the third straight day, although it might have been the first sign of a struggle to come. The hole was in the middle toward the back, easy to access, yet Mickelson had to make a 40-foot putt.

The next two holes were more obvious.

He had trouble with the sticky kikuya grass, muffing a chip on the second hole to make bogey, and with his driver, hooking his tee shot on the third so badly that it struck a eucalyptus tree 170 yards off the tee, leading to another bogey.

And yet, no one in the final group took advantage.

Couples opened with an eagle from 3 feet, and his wedge on the third hole checked up 3 feet from the cup. He made birdie, but it was a nervous stroke, and he badly missed a 3-foot par putt on the fourth, a 8-foot birdie on the sixth and a 6-foot birdie on the seventh.

Romero went at every flag, but couldn't make a putt unless it was for par — or bogey.

Stricker made three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn, with a 6-footer at No. 12 giving him the lead for the first time all week. He never had another good look at birdie until the 17th, and that was the one he badly needed to make.

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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
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Northwest Whitfield girls at Gwinnett Open, 8 a.m.

Varsity soccer
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Savannah Christian at Pace Academy, 10 a.m.

Varsity tennis
Murray County at Fannin Tournament

Varsity tennis
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TELEVISION

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PRO HOCKEY

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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	26	6	64	185	191
N.Y. Islanders	18	35	6	42	144	198

Northeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	40	12	8	88	200	137
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	38	17	5	81	201	172
Florida	30	21	8	68	166	159
Carolina	31	25	5	67	162	176
Tampa Bay	20	28	12	52	152	191
Atlanta	21	33	6	48	176	211

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W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	39	13	8	86	228	177
Chicago	34	15	8	76	193	141
Columbus	30	24	6	66	165	169
Nashville	28	28	4	60	142	168
St. Louis	25	26	8	58	165	178

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	35	18	6	76	187	173
Vancouver	30	21	8	68	181	170
Edmonton	29	25	5	63	165	182
Minnesota	29	24	4	62	149	134
Colorado	28	31	1	57	165	186

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 Scores

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, New Jersey 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 0
Vancouver 3, Toronto 2, SO
Minnesota 5, Detroit 2
Nashville 1, St. Louis 0, OT
Calgary 3, Edmonton 2, SO

Sunday's Scores

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2
Carolina 5, Colorado 2
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3
Minnesota at Chicago, late
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, late

Today's Game

San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	42	11	.792	—
Detroit	27	26	.509	15
Milwaukee	28	31	.475	17
Chicago	25	31	.446	18 1/2
Indiana	24	34	.414	20 1/2

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Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	37	17	.685	—
Houston	35	21	.625	3
Dallas	33	22	.600	4 1/2
New Orleans	32	22	.593	5
Memphis	15	40	.273	22 1/2

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	37	19	.661	—
Portland	35	20	.636	1 1/2
Utah	33	23	.589	4
Minnesota	18	36	.333	18
Oklahoma City	13	43	.232	24

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	45	10	.818	—
Phoenix	31	24	.564	14
Golden State	20	36	.357	25 1/2
L.A. Clippers	13	43	.232	32 1/2
Sacramento	12	45	.211	34

Saturday's Scores

Miami 97, Philadelphia 91
San Antonio 98, Washington 67
Utah 102, New Orleans 88
Dallas 116, Sacramento 95
Golden State 133, Oklahoma City 120

Sunday's Scores

Indiana 98, Chicago 91
Toronto 111, New York 100
Boston 128, Phoenix 108
Milwaukee 120, Denver 117
Houston 99, Charlotte 78
Orlando 122, Miami 99
Portland 116, L.A. Clippers 87
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, late
Detroit at Cleveland, late

Today's Games

Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Men's College Results

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 80, Maine 69
Binghamton 70, New Hampshire 69, OT
Duke 79, La Salle 68
Lafayette 68, Lehigh 66
Massachusetts 70, Saint Joseph's 69
St. John's 70, Seton Hall 65
Temple 70, St. Bonaventure 56
Villanova 89, Syracuse 86
West Virginia 74, Rutgers 56

SOUTH

Clemson 81, Georgia Tech 73
Lipscomb 61, Kennesaw St. 44
Mercer 89, Belmont 83

MIDWEST

Illinois 70, Ohio St. 68
Iowa 70, Michigan 60, OT
Michigan St. 61, Wisconsin 50
Xavier 71, George Washington 53

Women's Results

EAST

Canisius 70, Iona 67, OT
Connecticut 76, Notre Dame 66
Drexel 58, Northeastern 53, OT
Georgetown 73, Syracuse 72
Marist 78, Siena 49
Massachusetts 58, Rhode Island 52
Niagara 70, Loyola, Md. 65
Towson 71, Delaware 55

Va. Commonwealth 55, Hofstra 43
Vermont 70, New Hampshire 48

SOUTH

Auburn 65, Georgia 59
East Carolina 70, UAB 60
Florida 82, South Carolina 66
Florida St. 59, Miami 58
George Mason 63, Old Dominion 57
Georgia Tech 89, Clemson 54
James Madison 63, Georgia St. 62
LSU 57, Kentucky 56
Marshall 70, Memphis 61
Maryland 77, Duke 59
Mississippi 71, Vanderbilt 69
New Orleans 74, Louisiana-Lafayette 62
Savannah St. 59, Longwood 54
Tennessee 82, Mississippi St. 68
UNC Wilmington 70, William & Mary 66, OT
Virginia 90, Boston College 70
Virginia Tech 79, Wake Forest 55
W. Kentucky 83, Fla. International 74

MIDWEST

Bail St. 71, Cent. Michigan 67
Iowa 68, Michigan 64
Kansas 58, Iowa St. 47
Kent St. 79, Miami (Ohio) 62
Ohio St. 79, Indiana 67
Penn St. 67, Illinois 56
Wisconsin 54, Michigan St. 51

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 74, Alabama 69
Arkansas St. 72, Denver 65
SMU 63, Rice 41
Tulsa 59, Houston 55

FAR WEST

Boise St. 75, Nevada 74
Southern Cal 77, Washington 53
UCLA 65, Washington St. 50
Utah St. 70, Idaho 64, 20

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The Westside Pistons (11-12 year old) basketball team completed their regular season with a 13-0 record, winning the WCRD ACC Division regular season championship. Pictured left to right are, front row: Robert Lee Nichols, Blake Ownbey, Mason Shepard and Colten Leonard. Second row: Nathan Ensley, Caleb Shiflett, Ethan Hayes, Drew Guffey and Clay Phillips. Back row: Coaches Chris Shiflett and Keith Hayes.

AP SPORTLIGHT

Feb. 23

1938 — Joe Louis knocks out Nathan Mann in the third round to defend his world heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden in New York.

1960 — Carol Heiss captures the first gold medal for the United States in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, Calif., winning the figure skating event.

1980 — Eric Heiden wins his fifth gold medal and shatters the world record by six seconds in 10,000-meter speed skating at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. His time is 14:28.13.

1983 — Mark Pavelich of the New York Rangers scores five goals in an 11-3 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

1985 — Indiana coach Bob Knight is ejected five minutes into the Hoosiers' 72-63 loss to Purdue when he throws a chair across the court. Knight, after two fouls called on his team, is hit with his first technical. While Purdue was shooting the technical, Knight picks up a chair from the bench area and throws it across the court, earning his second technical.

1987 — Seattle's Nate McMillan sets an NBA rookie record with 25 assists to lead the SuperSonics over the Los Angeles Clippers 124-112.

1991 — North Carolina becomes the first team in NCAA basketball history to win 1,500 games with a 73-57 victory over Clemson.

2000 — Boston's Marty McSorley is suspended for the rest of the season (23 games) for hitting Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick on Feb. 21.

2001 — Jeremy Roenick records the ninth three-goal game of his career and becomes the third U.S.-born player to reach 400 career goals in leading Phoenix to a 7-3 win over Buffalo.

2002 — The Americans end nearly a half-century of Olympic frustration for the U.S. men's bobsled team, driving to the silver and bronze medals in the four-man race.

2006 — Japan's Shizuka Arakawa, the 2004 world champion, stuns favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim the women's figure skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

2007 — Tiger Woods' winning streak on the PGA Tour, which began in July, comes to a shocking end. Woods fails to notice a ball mark in the line of his 4-foot birdie putt that would have won his third-round match against Nick O'Hern. Woods misses, then loses in 20 holes when O'Hern saves par with a 12-foot putt at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

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Kenseth makes it two in a row

BY MIKE HARRIS
Associated Press Writer
FONTANA, Calif. — Daytona 500 winner Matt Kenseth made it two victories in a row Sunday, holding off a late challenge from Jeff Gordon to win the Auto Club 500.

Kenseth took the lead from Gordon in the pits under caution with 38 laps to go in the 250-lap race and stayed ahead in a battle of former NASCAR Sprint Cup champions, pulling away over the last 20 laps.

It is the first time a Cup driver has won the first two races of the season since Gordon did it in 1997 on the way to the second of his four championships.

"It's such a great team," Kenseth said. "I just thank these guys (on the crew). They gave me a great stop and got me in clean air and that's just a huge difference.

"Our pit stops started out great and then we had a bad one," he added. "I complained a little and then, all of sudden, we seemed to pick up three or four spots on every one after that."

Earlier in the race, Kenseth, who led a race-high 84 laps, got out ahead and Gordon caught and passed him on a long green-flag run. But, after the final restart on lap 216, Kenseth found a way to stay in front.

At that point, both Kenseth and Gordon were much faster than the rest of the field at the end. They



AP PHOTO
Matt Kenseth drives to victory lane after winning the Auto Club 500 race Sunday in Fontana, Calif.

steadily pulled away from the pack. But Gordon, like Kenseth winless last year, was unable to get to Kenseth's rear bumper and get a real run on the No. 17 Roush Fenway Ford.

"I thought he was going to pass us," Kenseth said. "Earlier, I had a good run and, in the middle of it, he just caught up, ran right by me and took off. I thought it was going to happen again.

"I could tell right away (the car) was better (after the last stop), but I honestly thought it was going to be too loose before it was over. I guess his car got a little too tight and was able to hang on there. (My crew) just made the perfect adjustment and I had the perfect pit stop."

Gordon, who has 81 career victories, hasn't won a points race since October of 2007 at Charlotte. But he did win a 150-mile qualifying

race at Daytona, then ran strong and finished 13th last week in the rain-shortened 500.

"It was a lot of fun," Gordon said. "This is a new team and they showed it tonight. We've still got a little bit of work to do. I'm so excited on one side because we ran so well and we started the season so great, but I'm still mad on the other side because I felt like we had what it took to win tonight."

It was Kenseth's 18th career victory and third on the 2-mile Auto Club Speedway oval. It was also the fifth straight February victory here for team co-owner Jack Roush.

Both Kenseth and Roush gave a lot of the credit for the fast start to Drew Blickensderfer, who became crew chief of the 17 over the

winter.

"Drew has brought magic to the team," Roush said. "He knows how to build a team. He knows how to capitalize on the energy within a team and we needed it. We had all the people with the right skill sets on the team and we just needed someone to find the magic."

Kyle Busch, who made NASCAR history by winning both the truck and Nationwide races on Saturday, came up short of weekend sweep.

"It's never been done before, so you know it's a challenge," Busch said after finishing third. "The last one's always the hard one to get. It's on Sunday and it's the biggest show. Maybe one day."

Greg Biffle was a contender throughout the race, but fell to 12th after being penalized for running over his own air hose on a pit stop on lap 209. He charged all the way to fourth, but was still upset by his mistake.

"They should fire me," said Biffle, one of four Kenseth teammates. "You just can't make mistakes like that."

Kurt Busch finished fifth, followed by Denny Hamlin, defending race winner Carl Edwards, two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart and three-time reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who led 74 laps but faded in the late-going.

Braves sign past-his-prime veteran Anderson, 36

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves shored up their outfield Sunday after being spurned by Ken Griffey Jr., reaching a preliminary agreement with Garret Anderson on a one-year deal.

Anderson, 36, is expected to undergo a physical on Monday or Tuesday, according to a person familiar with

the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been finalized.

The Braves thought Griffey was going to join them Wednesday but he decided to return to the Seattle Mariners, where he started his career. The jilted Braves were surprised by Griffey's decision but they

bounced back quickly with the acquisition of Anderson, who hit .293 with 15 homers and 84 RBIs in 145 games with the Los Angeles Angels last year.

Anderson joins an outfield that produced only 27 homers last season, worst in the majors. He could platoon in left with the righty-hitting Matt Diaz.

A three-time All-Star, Anderson had spent his entire career with the Angels and holds several franchise records, including games played (2,013), runs scored (1,024), hits (2,368), doubles (489), total bases (3,743) and RBIs (1,292). He ranks second in home runs (272) and career batting average (.296).

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