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Teen takes polygraph test

Search for missing boater extends in multiple directions

By MARK MILLICAN
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The search for missing boater Brett Thomason went in two directions Tuesday. While state Department of Natural Resources rangers were dragging and probing the Conasauga River, Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents gave a polygraph test to 15-year-old Collin Parrish, one of the boaters who left the boat before Thomason, 19. Maj. John Gibson with the Whitfield County



Thomason



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After hours dragging the river over a two-mile stretch, state Department of Natural Resources rangers probe the shallow banks of the Conasauga near the spot where teen boater Brett Thomason disappeared sometime Thursday night or Friday morning. Shown are operator Ben Cunningham and probes Brian Keener and Roger McConkey.

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Satterfield new fire chief

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When Bruce Satterfield was named Dalton's fire chief on Tuesday by the Public Safety Commission, chairman Bill Weaver jokingly told him commission members are expecting "15 to 20 more years" of service to the department.

The 28-year fireman leaned forward and sideways, then hid his face behind a sheaf of reports in his hand.

"I'm honored at the trust you've put in me," he said after recovering. "I pledge to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability."

Satterfield, 51, had served as interim fire chief since former chief Barry Gober's retirement in November 2008. His promotion was unanimous among the four commission members who were present — Weaver, Carlos Calderin, Keith Whitworth and Kenneth Willis. Commission member Terry



Bruce Satterfield was named Dalton fire chief Tuesday.

Mathis was not at the meeting. "I'm very glad to get the

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Bryant's developments helped to shape Dalton

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Through work as a state senator and later as a real estate developer, Wallace C. "Wally" Bryant helped change the complexion of Dalton, friends said.

"He was like an older brother to me," said Ken Boring, Bryant's business partner and friend for more than 50 years. "He was a great guy to be around with, either in the office doing business or out on a trip. He was one of my better friends and someone I really enjoyed associating with and being in business with."

Bryant passed away Monday at Hamilton Medical Center. He was 92.

Bryant was born in Cohutta in 1916. At 18, he moved to California to work at Paramount Pictures studio as a security guard. He eventually returned to Whitfield County.

He was a state senator from 1949 to 1950 and helped bring the state route that is now Walnut Avenue to Dalton. Bryant also helped secure federal Hill-Burton



Bryant

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Obama: We'll survive this 'day of reckoning'

By JENNIFER LOVEN
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama promised a nation shuddering in economic crisis Tuesday night that he would lead it from a dire "day of reckoning" to a brighter future, summoning politicians and public alike to shoulder responsibility for hard choices and shared sacrifice.

"The time to take charge of our future is here," Obama declared, delivering his first address to a joint session of Congress.

Offering words of reassurance to an anxious nation, he declared, "Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before."

"We are a nation that has seen promise and peril," he said. "Now we must be that nation again."

Cheered robustly as he entered the House chamber, Obama grinned, shook hands and kissed lawmakers and stopped for a lengthy embrace with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, back on the bench only this week after surgery for pancreatic cancer.

To deal with the current crisis, deepening each day, the president said



President Barack Obama addresses a joint session of Congress in the House Chamber of the Capitol in Washington Tuesday.

more money will be needed to rescue troubled banks beyond the \$700 billion already committed last year. He said he knows that bailout billions for banks are unpopular — "I promise you, I get it," he said — but he also insisted that was the only way to get credit moving again to households

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Dalton firefighter an All-Star nominee

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Dalton firefighter Gary Stanley says he was "very surprised and very humbled" to find he'd been nominated as an "All-Star" first responder for the television show "America's Most Wanted."

"My wife told me there was a message for me from (a representative) from 'America's Most Wanted' on our answering machine," he said. "When I called her back, that's how I found out I'd been nominated. I've never been nominated for anything like this before. It has yet to really sink in."

HOW TO VOTE

To find out more about "America's Most Wanted" All-Stars and to vote for Dalton firefighter Gary Stanley, go to www.amw.com/allstar/2009. You may vote once each day until April 12, 2009.

Each year, viewers of the show nominate firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical technicians as All-Stars, then they vote on their favorites online. The

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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.

"Instead of that pocket park, they need to put some more parking for the football field."

"The people at Mr. Biscuit in Rocky Face are really nice. They make my day."

"It would really be nice if someone would help the old people with their TV antennas that have got the box. Some of them have TVs but still can't get Channel 12."

"No Child Left Behind is a joke, just like the president who signed it into law."

"Could someone tell me if there is a reasonably priced summer care facility besides the Boys and Girls Club?"

"When will the county school board be letting parents know about the hiring of faculty and staff at the new Cedar Ridge Elementary School?"

"I was unaware that the right and left lanes on Cleveland Highway had two different speed limits."

"To the person still hung up about the WMDs, they were sent to Syria just before the war."

"I just got back from out of town for about four weeks. I opened up my paper and started sneezing. Have you changed the inks in the paper?"

Editor's note: No, sir.

"Surely our elected officials will not allow Georgia Power to do this to the people. Surely they have a conscience and a backbone."

"Obama is getting all the crooks out of businesses and appointing them to his cabinet."

"Chicken fighting: You might be a redneck if ..."

"Thanks to the young man who found my mother's pocketbook on Hall's Chapel Road and returned it to her."

"I watched the TV show 'Flip This House' and what those guys do to the unknowing home buyers and their children is criminal."

"The \$13 a week cut they are going to give us for the stimulus package is ridiculous. I don't want Mr. Obama's \$13 cut."

"Eighty percent of the prisoners are Democrats, but that's because the Republicans stole enough money to afford high-priced lawyers."

"Can we get a red light on Cleveland Highway at the Big D Flea Market?"

Editor's note: Contact your county commissioner.

"I'm a senior and I didn't know we got anything for free. Call in and tell me some more about that."

"I don't mind my tax money helping senior citizens. I don't like it keeping up these people too sorry to work."

"My husband and I went to the Holy Land with Danny Dantzler and his daughter, DeLancey. What a sweet time with Jesus. Danny and his family are truly a blessing."

"To the city of Dalton: I hate paying the taxes you charge me each year but I am glad you are spending on parks."

"How many more times must it be explained that the information that Bush had about the weapons of mass destruction came from the intelligence agencies. It's their failure, not his."

"I really wish the town of Cohutta would get an answering machine. I call Town Hall all the time and am never able to leave a message."

"To all the ones who voted for Obama, how do you like the socialist America now?"

"Can we have a pocket park on Cleveland Highway?"

"I wish all of you people would quit talking about paraprofessionals and other people needing degrees. Some people can't afford to go to college in early life and now they can't take the time to. And jobs that people without degrees do are just as important as people with degrees."

"The new Varnell city motto: If something breaks, don't fix it, just buy a new one."

"I can't believe the county is still considering building a new high school. Why don't they just add on to the two they already have?"

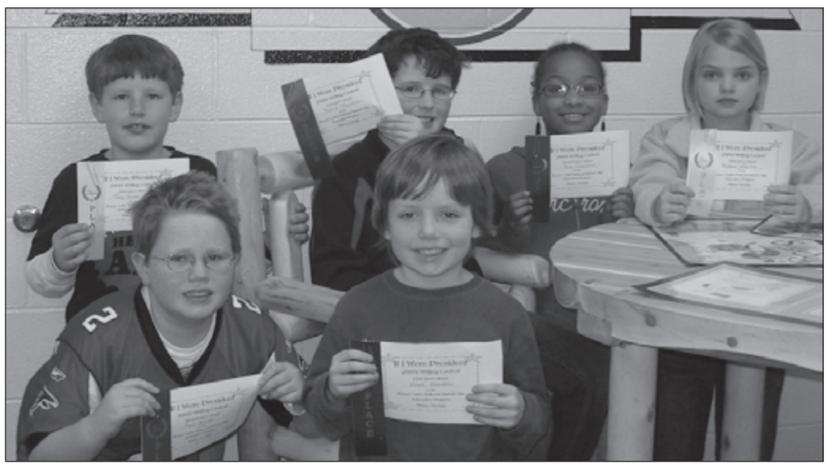
"To the dog lovers in Tunnel Hill, you've got your dogs, you love them, keep them in your yard. I don't need them in my yard. I love people, not dogs and animals. Keep your dogs at home."

"I think there should be a constitutional amendment immediately changing the term limits to one month for the president and the leadership in the Senate and House of Representatives. We have seen more harm to our country in three short weeks with the new administration than we have experienced throughout our history!"

"Although it pains me to admit that a Clinton was right, Hillary was on cue when she in the primaries stated that Obama was not qualified to be president."

"Danny Dantzler was a very special person. Thank you, Jimmy Espy and Larry Fleming, for your tributes in Saturday's and Sunday's papers. We will miss his million dollar smile."

"The Democrats say a project is shovel ready. The translation to taxpayers is shovel in your money."



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Students at Pleasant Grove Elementary recently participated in the "If I Were President ..." essay contest sponsored by the Jimmy Carter Education Foundation. Winners are, first row, Ryan Weeks and Noah Hamilton; second row, Trey Swinney, David Thomas, Bria Clemmons and McKenzi Marlow.

Chief: 28 years of service

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interim off the title," Satterfield said. "I think the entire department will be better now, and we can get down to business."

Weaver said it "spoke highly" of the department that it had six "quality candidates" for the chief position. "Unfortunately, only one could be chief," he said.

Satterfield said any budget-cutting he will have to do in view of the current economic downturn will not be made at the expense of training.

In other business, commissioners:

■ Approved beer pouring licenses for Club Fiesta at 801 E. Walnut Ave., Suites A and B, and La Providencia Taqueria at 634 Frazier Drive. Weaver asked applicants Jose Alonso with Club Fiesta and Francisco Palacios with La Providencia Taqueria if they understand that the city "frowns upon" serving alcohol to underage individuals. They said they did.

■ Approved a "Neighborhood Policing" program for the Dalton

Police Department. Chief Jason Parker said officers will have a more visible presence in the city, including foot patrols, and the department will also set up an "e-policing" Internet presence that will boost communications with residents (www.epolicing.com). The program will be funded for three years with \$20,000 in seized drug money.

■ Approved a self-defense class for women that will be offered at a reasonable price. "No one will be turned away for lack of funds," said Parker.

Bryant: Leaving a legacy

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funds to construct a new Hamilton Memorial Hospital.

Boring and his brother, the late Jim Boring, came to Dalton in the 1950s to start a rock crushing business. Bryant was in the paving business, so the three developed a partnership. They later teamed up for shopping developments, including the Home Depot and Wal-Mart on Shugart Road.

In 1962, Bryant and Bill Manton opened Bry-Man's Plaza, which was the first large-scale shopping center in Whitfield County. The center's name came from the first three letters of their last names. Fifteen years later, they opened Bry-Man's Plaza South.

In 1964-1965, the Borings and Bryant built the Downtown Motor Inn on Thornton Avenue. Bryant also developed shopping

centers in Calhoun and LaFayette. He retired in the 1990s.

"He was very low key but had a very kind heart for a lot of folks," said one friend who asked not to be identified.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from noon until the funeral hour at 2 p.m. Entombment will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

Senate outlaws sanctuary cities

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Senate has voted to outlaw sanctuary cities — where officials are prohibited from reporting illegal immigrants.

The bill's sponsor Sen. Chip Pearson, a Dawsonville Republican, said Tuesday that while there are no sanctuary cities in Georgia, there are some 60 across the country. Pearson says several more are in the works and the bill is a pre-emptive strike to make sure none crop up in the state.

The measure drew criticism from some Democrats.

State Sen. Emanuel Jones of Decatur, called it a bill "in search of a problem." State Sen. Nan Orrock, of Atlanta, said it sends "an increasingly hostile message to the international community."

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Paige Henderson
AGE: 16
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Parents, Pam and Tim Henderson; brother, Seth; sister, Tiffany; second family, the Greesons; Kristan Skiffen; aunt, Farrall Beach; cousin, Will Beach
SCHOOL: Northwest High School
HOBBIES: Cheerlead, babysit
SHE SAID: "Life is like a masterpiece, and I'm Picasso."



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Capt. Carroll Chastain, a regional supervisor with the Department of Natural Resources, points to the spot where Brett Thomason's jon boat was found. The river is more than three feet lower than when the boat was pulled ashore, he said, making search efforts easier.

Search: Dragging the river

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Sheriff's Office said he was unsure if the results of the polygraph would be released by the GBI to the public. Officials say the other person in the boat, 16-year-old Macie Hinman, is represented by Dalton attorney Todd Ray. Ray did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday. A phone message left at the Parrish residence was not immediately returned.

On the Conasauga, several DNR rangers worked throughout the day dragging between two and three miles of the river, then slowed down to probe the shallow areas next to the bank.

"We couldn't drag these areas because of the trees and other snags," said Capt. Carroll Chastain, DNR regional supervisor. "We've made excellent progress today, and the river being down three feet lower than it was a few days ago when this happened helps also. It gives us better visibility to see the (river) bottom easier."

Chastain said rangers will continue using two boats to search as much as they can before rain is expected to move in on Friday.

"There's so many different scenarios we're looking at," he said. "He could have fallen in the river and drowned, he could have got out wet and suffered from hypothermia — it got down to 23 degrees the night it happened and has been below freezing several nights since then. And he could still be alive somewhere."

Family organizing volunteer search today

A community volunteer search for Brett Thomason will be organized for the second straight day today by family members. Those interested in searching are asked to meet at Riverbend Baptist Church on Riverbend Road at 11 a.m.

The Department of Natural Resources will no longer drag the river, said conservation ranger Eddie Tompkins.

"There are so many logs and snags in the water we

keep breaking equipment," he said. "We'll be doing visual searches and using poles to search under logs."

Tompkins said if any boaters get on the river to search they should have one personal flotation device per person, lights if they plan to search at night, and should let someone know where and when they put in and plan to take out. He said DNR personnel will be on the river for several more days.

Chastain said a forward looking infrared (FLIR) heat-seeking device mounted beneath a helicopter "didn't even pick up a deer," leading him to believe Thomason is not on land. He said K-9 dog teams and their handlers that had been in boats on the river Saturday left ribbons tied streamside that the rangers would be "checking out" during the search on Tuesday.

Gibson said the sheriff's office "has to investigate all aspects of the case — whether it's a hoax, a drowning, or whether (Thomason) fled."

"It's all encompassing," he added. "Because of all the details coming out, we're trying to narrow the focus down a little better."

When Gibson was asked whether alcohol was involved in the disappearance, he said beer was found in the woods nearby but it was "not attributed" to the

case. He said a "couple of drops of blood" found on a road near the river had been sampled, but the results of the testing were not yet known.

Gibson said he was "comfortable" that the ground search had covered "all the areas where someone on foot would have been."

"With the situation on the water, we're continuing until dark every day," he said of DNR efforts. "We haven't had any success, and we're covering everything we possibly can. We're trying not to miss anything. The rescue and body recovery search is under way."

Asked about reports of two sets of footprints instead of just one where the boat was beached, Gibson said, "None of the footprints were defined. It was a slippery bank there when the water was higher. I can't say there were two definable sets of footprints."



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Bill Wilson, from left, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dalton, speaks with a panel of health experts, Dr. Brad DeLay, avid fitness enthusiasts Greg and Margie Bruner and nutritionist Erica Jones during the final program of "Surviving the Storm" Sunday evening at the church. The series is geared toward educating people on how to deal with the stress brought on by a financial crisis.

'Surviving the Storm' Church helps people deal with stress

By MISTY WATSON
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Without exercise, Margie Bruner doesn't think she would have handled the stress of her son's death as well as she did.

John Bruner, a former cross country standout at Dalton High School, collapsed during a race in Chattanooga in August of 2007 and died at a hospital. He was 19.

Exercise has "been an important part of making it through what we've been through," Margie Bruner told those attending the "Surviving the Storm" series at the First Baptist Church of Dalton Sunday evening. Bruner, who holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and a specialist's degree in school psychology, said exercise helps people concentrate during stressful times.

Bruner and her husband Greg were among the panelists who spoke on how stress affects the body — physically, emotionally and spiritually — and how to deal with that stress. The series was geared toward educating people on how to deal with the stress brought on by a financial crisis. Other programs focused on stress on the family and on finances.

The "recession is not all economic," said Bill Wilson, the church's pastor. "There's

increased stress in people's lives. It affects their families' physical health and finances. We wanted to address all those. We are seeing people with major life crises in our church and community."

George and Phyllis Sutherland, church members who are chicken farmers and who own several commercial and residential properties in the area, said they have seen the effects of the recession. They have adjusted their budgets and cut out unnecessary expenses. They have quit eating out as often and will not go on an annual ski trip this year.

"We'll pull through with the good Lord's help," George Sutherland said.

According to what financial experts have told Wilson, the Sutherlands are dealing with the economic uncertainty correctly.

"Talk about your needs vs. wants," Wilson said. "Find inexpensive ways to do things as a family. Rediscover what it means to live within your means."

Family members should talk openly about finances, even with children, Wilson said. Parents should tell their children what's going on financially without being "alarmist."

"Tell them you'll be cutting back the family vacations or you're not going to do as big of a Christmas this year," he said.

Ron Nix said he's glad

his church is addressing the economic situation, though he hasn't been directly affected.

"Our job in the church is to reach out to those hurting to meet the tangible needs they may have," Nix said. "I think we've been given some good, practical advice. I don't think there's been any profound information, but some very good reminders."

Margie Bruner said she believes it's important to discuss such matters in a church setting.

"God made us to be physical, emotional and spiritual beings," she said.

Greg Bruner added that 1 Corinthians: 6 states Christians are commissioned to care for their bodies because they are temples of God.

Nutritionist Erica Jones reminded of the importance of exercising, drinking plenty of water, eating fruits and vegetables, and getting plenty of sleep.

"Pay attention to what you're taking in," Jones said. "More people are turning to comfort foods (which are usually high in starches and sugars). Eating is a way to comfort ourselves. It makes us feel better. Be more aware of choices and keep healthier choices around the house. Instead of (potato) chips, keep fresh fruits or nuts to snack on."

Wilson said he would like to see other churches in the area hosting similar series.

Two injured in wreck

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two people were injured in a three-car wreck around 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday at 3219 South Dixie Highway. A Georgia State Patrol spokeswoman said a full report

was not available, but one citation was issued and the two people who were injured were taken to Hamilton Medical Center.

The nature of the citation was not immediately available, she said.

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OUR VIEW

Immigration policy must be addressed

President Barack Obama has his hands full trying to kick start the U.S. economy. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a myriad of other problems compete loudly for his attention.

But at some point in the not-so-distant future, Obama needs to return the nation's attention to immigration, both legal and illegal.

To his credit, President Bush attempted to move forward on a comprehensive immigration policy during his first term. But hostile opinion polls and a lack of support in his own party torpedoed those efforts. Bush backed away from what promised to be a bloody political fight.

President Obama must do better.

Immigration remains a highly contentious issue, but the fact that it is unresolved in 2009 is a discredit to both major political parties. They agree that that something needs to be done, but neither has been willing (or able) to put forward a legitimate policy option strong enough to gain bipartisan support.

Immigration, particularly illegal immigration, continues to have a substantial impact on many communities like Dalton. It raises the cost of law enforcement, health care and social services, and in these trying economic times, those costs are particularly burdensome. State and local governments can accomplish some good on this issue, but they cannot undo the damage caused by failed federal policy.

President Obama and Congress need to make some hard choices, recognizing that a political firestorm awaits. Change — as the president promised — won't just happen. Serious, committed lawmakers are going to have to step forward.

We remain supportive of a tough border control, combined with a realistic plan designed to integrate most illegal immigrants into our economic, social and civic structure.

That makes sense for America.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

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

Galations 5:13-14

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

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel
German philosopher (1770-1831)

Has Sonny lost it?

This is a one-question quiz on Georgia government. Only Gov. Sonny Perdue knows the right answer. Pay attention.

Here's the question: In the midst of Georgia's worst economic crisis in 75 years — unemployment is at a record high, so are foreclosures — why would the governor of the Empire State of the South decide now is the best time to reorganize the state highway board?

OK, select an answer:

a. The board is a tangled mess. Board members regularly engage in side deals with lawmakers. Transportation planning is a bigger joke than water planning, and we used to think water planning was the mother of all jokes.

b. The governor ought to control the highway board, a.k.a. the transportation board, and mostly remove the Legislature from the process of electing the highway board members. Corruption might drop off like a melting ice cap.

c. Gov. Perdue is being urged to join several other Republican governors in turning down billions of federal tax dollars to stimulate state economies. When the other "just say no" governors become too insistent, Perdue can say, "I don't have time for that now. I'm too busy reorganizing the state highway board." See? A perfect excuse.

The board that Perdue proposes would put the governor squarely in charge of transportation. The governor alone would be empowered to hire and fire a commissioner of transportation.

Perdue has said he wants to run the Transportation Department like a business. He has said that about state government before. For the same reason, he hired a battalion of retired bankers to become his



Bill Shipp

Opponents of the Perdue plan say it is nothing more than a naked power grab. Naked? That may be too harsh, but this much is true: Until now, the governor has shown little interest in comprehensive highway policy. He flies over traffic jams whenever possible, and he never looks down.

With so many things already on his plate, Gov. Perdue may have to hire additional personnel to run the board and the Transportation Department. How can Gov. Sonny run a financially strapped state plus his own personal finances, which include a mysterious \$21 million note, and still have time to sort out Georgia's transportation needs? Friends, it can't be done. Sonny needs to recruit another banker or two to help him. Bankers looking for new careers are available everywhere these days.

By the way, the Perdue transportation plan abolishes the geographic balance of highway districts and the rule requiring equal expenditure of highway funds in districts throughout the state.

You may say, "Speaker Romeo Richardson and his merry crew of legislators are certain to vote down the governor's plan. They don't want the governor horning in on highway business."

key assistants in the **G o l d D o m e . T h e s e** bankers, by the way, are mostly the ones who **h e l p e d** Bank of America **b e c o m e** what it is today.

You may be wrong. If the General Assembly kills Perdue's plan, the governor may withhold any new funding to build roads. And traffic will continue to get worse, assuming anybody has jobs to go to.

Legal beagles say Perdue's plan also contravenes the separation of powers doctrine, and furthermore ...

Wait a minute! Have we lost our minds? Is reshuffling an already ineffectual highway board the most vital issue at hand? I don't think so.

Gov. Charlie Crist of Florida, a solid Republican, has the right idea. Gov. Perdue, cooperate with President Obama's team and get as much "stim" money as possible for your state. Let those other screwball GOP governors ride off into the sunset, bragging they refused every federal dollar — just before their states went into bankruptcy. And, for the time being (probably the rest of your term), concentrate on getting us economically viable again. After all, Georgia was doing pretty well until you and the other elephants rose to power. You sort of owe it to us to put things back in place and make the cash registers ring again. Just forget about reshuffling those boxes on a piece of poster board, captioned "Sonny's Terrific New Plan for Reorganizing the Transportation Board."

P.S: If it weren't for this recession, Sonny, I would be squarely on your side. The highway board needs reorganizing. It is the worst muddle in state government, and that's no small accomplishment.

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It couldn't happen here?

In Vancouver, agents with the Canada Air Transport Security Authority refused to allow Jenny Kwan to board an airplane to Kamloops after they found a breast pump in her carry-on baggage. They said it might be a security threat.

A few years ago, Florida began allowing gifted seventh- and eighth-graders to take high school courses. The move proved quite popular with the students, many of whom said they were bored by their middle school classes. It also proved popular with their parents. So why are some schools considering ending the program? Most of the parents who have signed their children up are white. That's true even in schools where most of the children are black or Hispanic, and school officials are worried about civil rights lawsuits.

The Jackson, Miss., City Council voted 4-2 against a proposed ordinance that would ban saggy pants. Council members and the city attorney said they believe the ban is unconstitutional. Mayor Frank Melton says that doesn't matter. He says he'll issue an executive order for the police to enforce the rule anyway. "I certainly respect the Constitution," Melton said, "but we have some issues that are much bigger than the Constitution." Melton is currently on trial for leading his police bodyguard and several young people on a warrantless raid on a duplex he claimed was a crack house.



Charles Oliver

Attleboro, Mass., officials sent Eileen Wilbur, 74, a letter demanding she pay 1 cent in back sewer and water charges. The city threatened to put a lien on her house if she didn't comply.

The Houston City Council has banned people from parking cars, boats and other vehicles on their lawns if their neighbors object. A citywide ban failed to pass two years ago, so this time city officials will let homeowners' associations and other groups apply for a ban within their neighborhoods if 60 percent of residents agree. I'm not sure why they stopped there. I'm sure that an old or dented car parked in a driveway can hurt a neighborhood's looks. Why not require 60 percent of the community to approve the cars their neighbors drive?

In Ohio, police have charged Robert Eric McFadden with seven felonies, including promoting prostitution, for his alleged role in an online prostitution ring. McFadden is a former director of the state's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, who was named to the post because of his ties to religious groups.

A jury has found that Prince

George's County, Md., police used excessive force in arresting a TV reporter investigating misuse of county resources. Nine police cars were on the scene of the arrest. Police said that, for some reason, none of them captured the events on video.

They may be out of office, but the United States' former presidents are still costing us money. Taxpayers spent some \$2.9 million last year on staffs, pensions, office space and other expenses for former presidents Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Bill Clinton. No word on how much president George W. Bush will add to that total.

Boca Raton, Fla., police know Henry Farrell well. They've arrested him numerous times, most recently for carjacking. In fact, police across Florida have arrested Farrell almost 200 times over the past 26 years.

Let's say that you are the head of the Colorado State University Police Department, like Dexter Yarbrough. It's probably not a good idea to get caught on tape telling a group of students that beating suspects and paying informants with drugs were acceptable behavior for lawmen back when you were in the Chicago police department. Yarbrough has been placed on paid leave pending an investigation.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25**, the 56th day of 2009. There are 309 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1779, a militia led by George Rogers Clark routed the British from Fort Sackville in the Revolutionary War Battle of Vincennes in present-day Indiana.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1969, NASA launched the Mariner 6 probe on a mission to study Mars.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

Ten years ago: A jury in Jasper, Texas, sentenced white supremacist John William King to death for chaining James Byrd Jr., a black man, to a pickup truck and dragging him to his death.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court ruled states didn't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry.

One year ago: An Associated Press photograph of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama wearing traditional local garb during a visit to Kenya in 2006 began circulating on the Internet.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 82. TV writer-producer Larry Gelbart is 81. Actor Tom Courtenay is 72. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 72. Humorist Jack Handey is 60. Movie director Neil Jordan is 59. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 52. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 50. Actress Veronica Webb is 44. Actress Tea Leoni is 43. Comedian Carrot Top is 42. Actress Lesley Boone is 41. Actor Sean Astin is 38. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 36.

BRIEFS

Bing advances to mayoral runoff

DETROIT — NBA Hall of Famer Dave Bing is one of two winners in a special nonpartisan Detroit mayoral primary and will advance to a May 5 runoff. The second candidate to advance hasn't been settled, with incumbent Ken Cockrel Jr. and former deputy mayor Freman Hendrix competing for the other spot. The winner of May's contest will serve out the remainder of former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's second term. The three Democrats were among 15 candidates vying for the mayor's job. There will be another primary in August and a November general election to decide who will be mayor for a full four-year term beginning in 2010.

Sen. Burris refuses to resign

WASHINGTON — Sen. Roland Burris refused to resign on Tuesday, rebuffing a call from the Senate's No. 2 Democrat who made it clear that the embattled Illinois lawmaker has little hope next year of winning the seat vacated by President Barack Obama. "I told him that under the circumstances, I would resign," fellow Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Burris. "He said, 'I'm not going to resign.'" Burris was appointed by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was impeached and driven from office after he was accused of trying to sell the Senate seat.

Infant, 5 others shot at Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS — An infant and at least five other people were shot Tuesday along a parade route packed with Mardi Gras revelers, police said. Two suspects were in custody and the victims were recovering. The shootings happened near the Garden District about 1:40 p.m. after the last major parade of the celebration, Rex, had ended. Hundreds of truck floats that follow the parade were passing when gunfire broke out. The victims were taken to local hospitals. The infant was grazed by a bullet and not seriously hurt.

N. Korea closer to launching satellite

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea declared Tuesday it is making "brisk headway" in plans to send a satellite into orbit as part of its space program, a launch regional powers fear is a cover up for testing a long-range ballistic missile capable of striking Alaska and the western United States. Analysts called Pyongyang's announcement yet another bid for President Barack Obama's attention as he met in Washington with Prime Minister Taro Aso of Japan, a key ally in the regional push to get North Korea to give up its nuclear program.

Moderate drinking linked to cancers

WASHINGTON — A study of nearly 1.3 million British women offers yet more evidence that moderate alcohol consumption increases the risk of a handful of cancers. British researchers surveyed middle-aged women at breast cancer screening clinics about their drinking habits, and tracked their health for seven years. A quarter of the women reported no alcohol use. Nearly all the rest reported fewer than three drinks a day; the average was one drink a day. Researchers compared the lightest drinkers — two or fewer drinks a week — with people who drank more. Each extra drink per day increased the risk of breast, rectal and liver cancer, University of Oxford researchers reported Tuesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The type of alcohol — wine, beer or liquor — didn't matter.

— The Associated Press

Stanley

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winner will receive \$10,000 and a free weekend at the NASCAR Sprint Cup series All-Star Race in Charlotte.

"My family was very excited. My mom and dad were very proud, and my wife was very proud," Stanley said.

Stanley is currently in his fifth year with the Dalton Fire Department. He began firefighting over a decade ago, after leaving the U.S. Army, as a volunteer with the Whitfield County Fire Department.

"The best parts of this job are helping people and being around (other firefighters)," he said.

Stanley was one of the first to respond to the explosion at the McCamy law firm in October. He and colleagues treated those injured in the blast and then helped fight the resulting fire, keeping it from reaching a vehicle loaded with explosive and flammable materials.

He has received a commendation for rescuing someone in an apartment fire as well as a certificate of excellence for teaching fire safety to children. He says firefighting brings new challenges each day.

"The Columbia Recycling fire (in January



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Dalton firefighter Gary Stanley has been nominated as an "All-Star" first responder for the television

show "America's Most Wanted." He was nominated by Judy Suppinger.

2007) was tough. We were over there a couple of days. But each one has its own difficulties," he said.

The toughest part of the job, he adds, is dealing with deaths, especially those of children.

Stanley has been married to his wife Tinnie 15 years. They have a son, Dustin.

Stanley attends First Evangelistic Church of Dalton and was nominated for the All-Star award by Judy Suppinger, wife of the church's pastor.

"He has cancer, and I've been trying to help them out however I could. And she told me that I never took any credit, and she just wanted to

do something for me. She said none of us — firefighters and police officers and EMS — never get enough credit," he said.

Stanley said he believes that if he wins, it will be a victory for everyone in the fire department.

"It reflects well on the fire department. That was my

first reaction. I told my wife, 'What a great honor for the fire department to be recognized.' If it had been any of the other guys, I would be just as happy. Everybody here works extremely hard. They are very dedicated, and I believe we work for the best fire department in the state," he said.

Power outages shut down college for morning

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Dalton State College students awoke Tuesday morning to a phone call alerting them that morning classes were canceled.

"I had mixed feelings about it," said Bethany Marlin, a junior sociology major. "I kind of wanted to get my classes out of the way."

Fortunately, Marlin was able to make the most of the situation. She said she enjoyed her time off, was able to catch up on homework and went to an IHOP to take advantage of free flapjacks on National Pancake Day.

College spokeswoman Jane Taylor said power to four buildings went out

Monday around 6:30 p.m. but was restored by 11 a.m. Tuesday. When workers couldn't immediately fix the problem, the college used Connect-ED to send out an automated blast of phone calls to alert students at 6

a.m. that the college was closed until noon. "What we think happened is it's a faulty underground cable," Taylor said. "We're investigating to be sure it's the reason."

Taylor said the last time a

major power outage occurred at the college was a couple of years ago when power went out for two days during the summer. Ordinarily, the college tries to notify students by e-mail, but when power to the server was cut off this

time officials resorted to phone calls only. The buildings that lost power were Gignilliat Memorial Hall, Westcott Hall, Derrell C. Roberts Library and Lorberbaum Liberal Arts Building.

AREA ARRESTS

- Pedro Romero Agundis, 35, 20 Mountain View Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with trafficking in cocaine.

- Jaleesa Marie Howard, 20, 6400 Halena St., Dayton, Ohio, was charged Monday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with possession and distribution of marijuana.

- Donald Jay Robertson, 35, 817 Duncan Court, Dayton, Ohio, was charged Monday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with following too closely, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

- Ronald Armond Sims, 28, 39 Oxford Ave., Dayton, Ohio, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

- Walter George Wright, 43, 1092 Mount Carmel Church Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking, theft by deception and probation violation.

- Stephen Richard Crow, 23, 855 Reed Pond Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with seat belt violation, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and failure to drive within a single lane.

- Gregory Dewayne Marlow, 18, 200-A Old Prater's Mill Road, Cohutta, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and probation violation.



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ENGL 1201	20828	Introduction to Film as Literature	T,Th	4:45-7:25pm
HIST 2112	20831	U.S. History Since 1877	T,Th	3:05-5:45pm
HUMN 1100	20459	Political and Social Rhetoric	T,Th	9:25-10:40am
HUMN 1201	20829	Expressions of Culture	M,W	12:15-2:55pm
MATH 2200	20830	Introduction to Statistics	T,Th	1:45-4:45pm
MRKT 2210	20313	Introduction to Marketing	M,W	5:30-8:10pm
PHED 1005*	20799	First Aid / CPR / Cardio Fitness	M,W	8:30-9:45am
PHED 1030*	20512	Health/Wellness Concepts	M,W	10:00-11:15am
PHED 1110**	20725	Aerobic Walking	T,Th	10:50am-2:05pm
PSYC 1101	20832	Introduction to Psychology	M,W	1:40-4:20pm
PSYC 1101	20833	Introduction to Psychology	T,Th	3:05-5:45pm
READ 0096	20826	Learning Support Reading I	M,T,W,Th	12:15-1:35pm
SOCI 1101	20834	Introduction to Sociology	T	1:40-4:20pm
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Technical education courses:				
ALHT 1110	20795	Allied Health Terminology	T,Th	8:00-10:40am
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Welcoming Volkswagen: Lesson 3

In my last column, I discussed lesson two from the lessons learned report, Applying Lessons Learned from Upstate South Carolina to the Tri-State Valley. Lesson two outlines the importance of education and training as they relate to South Carolina being prepared for BMW and the Tri-State Valley being ready for Volkswagen. Although I stand by the findings in the report and their relevance to our situation regarding education and training, a good friend of mine pointed out a few important contrasts that I think need clarification.

Lesson 2 discussed that changes in preparing tomorrow's workers would be required by all stakeholders. It specifically spoke to the complexity of getting multiple local school districts on the same page. And spoke to the critical need of the K-12 entities being able to work with, collaborate with, and integrate with the post-secondary entities.

The report discussed that South Carolina had a culture of low expectations as far as education and training were concerned. The lesson specifically stated that South Carolina education leaders had to work to understand the deliverables and be willing to adapt curriculum to the standards set by the needs of BMW. Those of us in the Tri-State Valley would similarly need to adapt to the needs of Volkswagen.

The good news for us in Georgia is that under the leadership of Georgia education leaders, we are much further ahead today in meeting this need than South Carolina was 16 years ago. Our elected officials seem to fully understand the importance of preparing all future citizens appropriately for seeking and gaining employment after leaving the K-12 system. They understand and seem to be willing to fund education and training opportunities that enable those leaving high school but not pursuing the baccalaureate path to have options.

The focus on these students/future employees is appropriate. The majority of our high school graduates will not pursue a four-year traditional college degree. This majority, however, must have education and training beyond high school to succeed in today's economy. To fully maximize their earning potential and occupational happiness,

this group needs options.

As my friend so aptly pointed out, our state has worked hard to create this career pathway to success. They have developed and implemented a strong education component called the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) program. Under the CTAE umbrella, a graduating high school student has 10 program concentrations that will enable them to successfully enter their chosen career field. These concentrations include: Agriculture; Architecture, Construction, Communications and Transportation; Business and Computer Science; Engineering and Technology; Family and Consumer Sciences; Culinary Arts; Education; Government and Public Safety; Health Care Science; and Marketing, Sales and Services. Once a student chooses one of these concentrations, they are able to follow a pathway of learning that will eventually enable them to be certified in a career of their choosing.

Where South Carolina reactively created TechReadySC to be able to meet the needs of BMW, Georgia has a full complement of education and training options ready to enable our graduates to be ready for success at Volkswagen, its suppliers, or any other opportunity needing employees.

If we are ready from the state level to meet the needs of Volkswagen and others, what is needed to fully maximize our education and training opportunities? I would suggest that we have not fully enabled an easy transition from the K-12 system to the post-secondary system. The pathway is neither easily understood nor perceived accessible to most.

I began my community service in this community in the field of education and training. For the almost nine years that I have lived in Dalton, we have worked on integrating the educational process between K-12 and post-secondary.

Although we have succeeded in

some areas, I would argue that we are not where we need to be. We are still working on articulation agreements that enable high school students to be dually enrolled in both high school and college. We still struggle to identify local job needs and then train people for the needs. Over two-thirds of the counties in the state are certified work-ready communities. In northwest Georgia, all counties around us are certified work-ready communities except Whitfield and Murray.

Let me briefly illustrate this thought process. Would it make sense to know how many new jobs will be created in specific career fields and then have education slots for those jobs? Or to put it another way, if we know we will be able to employ six new cosmetologists on an annual basis, why would we spend education dollars (tax dollars) training more than that. Could our career academy and other high schools, armed with state and local data about future job needs, have the flexibility to alter its course offerings annually to train/educate students in career fields that have openings? Our community answer needs to be yes.

The Workforce Readiness Council, a diverse group of education, business and community leaders created under the leadership of the Joint Development Authority, are meeting today to further the work begun a few months ago.

As stated last week, our primary objectives will be:

- to identify the training and education needs for jobs within the high-tech and automobile manufacturing arena,

- to identify key strategic partnerships needed to create flexible and targeted training programs,

- and to identify the steps required to create articulation agreements bridging high school and higher education institutions.

With the support of these leaders and all appropriate stakeholders, we can insure that education and training expectations are achieved.

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



Brian Anderson



Pictured are a sampling of donated items to be part of the Spring for the Arts fundraiser for the Creative Arts Guild, coming up March 5.

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Spring for the Arts is March 5 at the Dalton Golf and Country Club. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, a dollar raffle with gifts, and a fashion show featuring regional shops and local models.

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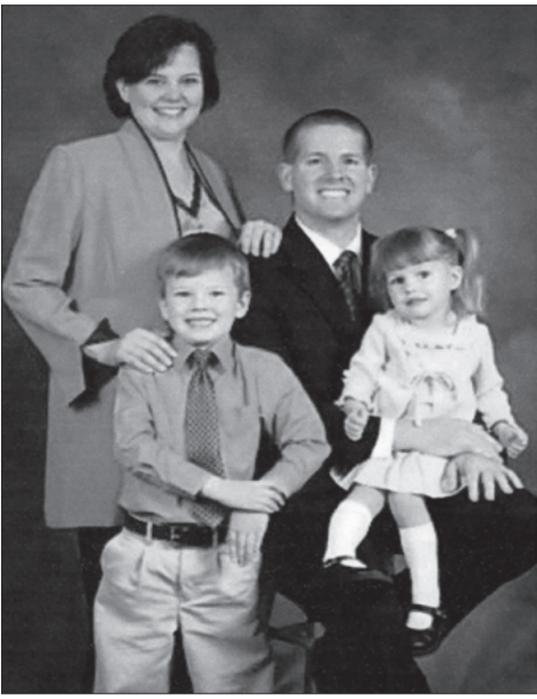


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Principal Emma Long recently recognized Wayne Coffelt, a member of the Spring Place Elementary School Council and Parent Teacher Organization, for volunteering to take down and construct walls to make the cafeteria stage more visually appealing for the students at Spring Place Elementary. Above, Coffelt stands next to the stage renovations.

The Rev. John Purrington, show with his wife Beth and their two children Ian and Grace. Purrington will be the guest speaker for the first Lenton Lesson Series at Dalton First United Methodist Church Thursday.

Weekly Lenton Lesson Series to be at First UMC

SUBMITTED BY DALTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. John Purrington, pastor of Ringgold First United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker Thursday at the first of the weekly Lenton Lesson Series presented each year by Dalton First United Methodist Church. He will speak at noon and 6 p.m. in the church chapel.

This year's theme centers around Jesus' teachings about how to bring purpose and joy into our lives while at the same time getting rid of anxiety and stress. The key is changing our focus from the wants and worries of our own lives to the needs and hurts of others. Finding ways to love, help and serve others will fulfill God's purpose in our lives, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The first step is to establish or rebuild relationships with others, and that will be Purrington's topic Thursday.

Purrington is from Jacksonville, Fla. He was called to the ministry early in life and earned his bachelor's of arts in religion at Florida

State University in 1992. He subsequently received his master of divinity in 1996 from Candler School of Theology.

He began appointed ministry in the Northwest Georgia district in 1997 at McCaysville/Epworth north of Blue Ridge. He next served at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Auburn east of Atlanta. For the next six years he led a new church, Wesley Way United Methodist Church in Henry County south of Atlanta. In 2007 he was appointed to Ringgold First United Methodist Church.

Purrington's wife Beth is from Rogersville, Tenn., and earned her physical therapy degree at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1992. She works part-time but spends most of her hours with family and church. She and John both enjoy reading. She also likes music and scrapbooking, while John is into most sports and the great outdoors.

They have two children, Ian and Grace.

Dalton First United Methodist Church is at 500 S. Thornton Ave. in Dalton.

Most troops out of Iraq in 18 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to remove all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August 2010, administration officials said Tuesday, ending the war three months later than he had promised during his presidential campaign.

The withdrawal plan — an announcement could come as early as this week — calls for leaving a large contingent of troops behind, between 30,000 and 50,000 troops, to advise and train Iraqi security forces and to protect U.S. interests.

Obama built enormous grass-roots support for his White House bid by pledging to withdraw troops 16 months after taking office. That schedule, based on removing roughly one brigade a month, was predicated on commanders determining that it would not

endanger U.S. troops left behind or Iraq's fragile security.

The contingent remaining will include intelligence and surveillance specialists and their equipment, including unmanned aircraft, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

The complete withdrawal of American forces will take place by December 2011, the period by which the U.S. agreed with Iraq to remove all troops.

A senior White House official said Tuesday that Obama is at least a day away from making a final decision. He further said an announcement on Wednesday was unlikely, but he said that Obama could discuss Iraq during a trip to North Carolina on Friday.

About 142,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq, roughly 14 brigades, about 11,000 more than the total in Iraq when President George W. Bush announced in January 2007 that he would "surge" the force to put down the insurgency. He sent an additional 21,000 combat troops to Baghdad and Anbar province.

Although the number of combat brigades has dropped from 20 to 14, the U.S. has increased the number of logistical and other support troops. A brigade is usually about 3,000 to 5,000 troops.

Removing so many people and tons of equipment presents logistical difficulties. The 19-month strategy is a compromise between commanders and advisers who worry that security gains could backslide in Iraq and those who think the bulk of U.S. combat work is long

since done. The White House considered at least two other options — one that followed Obama's 16-month timeline and one that stretched withdrawal over 23 months. The Associated Press reported earlier this month.

Some U.S. commanders have spoken more optimistically in recent months about prospects for reducing the force.

Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, who just left his job overseeing U.S. operations in Anbar Province, said Tuesday that he saw violence drop to an almost "meaningless" level over the past year.

Kelly told reporters Tuesday that in the area that was the home ground of the Sunni insurgency, American combat forces don't have enough to do and most could have pulled out months ago.

BOE questions pant costs

JONESBORO (AP) — Faced with millions in state cuts, the Clayton County school board is balking at paying \$75,000 for pants for the district's bus drivers.

The expense is part of a plan announced two weeks ago to put the district's 500 bus drivers and special-education bus monitors in uniforms. District officials say the uniforms are part of a homeland security upgrade aimed at preventing terrorists from hijacking school buses.

The district already has spent \$18,000 on shirts, but school board members said at a meeting Monday night the drivers should buy their own pants.

The expenditure comes as the 48,000-student district is losing \$23 million in state funding and is laying off 153 teachers and 102 workers.

Trail of Tears group to focus on Creek Indian removal

The next meeting of the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association will be on March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the old train depot in Newnan. The speaker will be Chris Haveman, a Creek Indian specialist. He is a graduate student at Auburn University majoring in history with a focus on Creek Indian removal.

Organizers say attendees can visit the nearby McIntosh Reserve, named after the famous Creek head man William McIntosh, and the Male Academy Museum, which

contains Indian artifacts, Civil War exhibits and memorabilia from country music star Alan Jackson. The museum will be open until 3 p.m.

The Trail of Tears Association was created to support the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail established by Congress in 1987. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.nationaltota.org and www.gatrailoftears.org. For questions about the March meeting, contact Linda Baker at (770) 704-6338 or badnil@windstream.net.

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Bus tour to help with prescriptions

The "Help is Here Express" bus tour will be in Dalton on Monday, stopping at the Kmart parking lot (1308 W. Walnut Ave.) from 9 to 11 a.m. The tour helps uninsured and financially-struggling Georgians access information on programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free.

The tour is part of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) — a nationwide effort sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies — raising awareness of patient assistance programs among residents who have been facing layoffs or a loss of health

care benefits in a struggling economy. Visitors to the bus can also learn about new medicines in development to fight chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and asthma.

The bus is staffed by specialists able to quickly help uninsured patients in need access information on more than 475 patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. When the bus moves on, patients can visit PPA's Web site (www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) where trained operators field calls in 150 languages.



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Rock Museum in Dawnville

The third-grade class at Dawnville Elementary utilized in-house expertise to extend the study of rocks, minerals and fossils. Mary Bandy, a kindergarten paraprofessional, provided an in school "field trip" for the students. Bandy has a collection of rocks, minerals and fossils from all over the

United States. The students explored her collection, bringing the rock unit to life. Above, Mary Bandy shows her rock collection to the students. Below, Autumn Swan, Andrea Castro, Madison Elrod, Sean Killham and Kyle Parangan explore the collection.

WINS VESPA



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Salesman Wayne James of Vespa of Dalton (Family Hyundai), left, hands the keys of a new scooter to Charles Johnson of Seymour, Tenn., after winning it in a drawing. Johnson attended the International Building Show in Las Vegas earlier this month and registered for two scooters being given away at the show. His name was chosen and he picked up his scooter at the local dealership. The show was sponsored by the National Association of Homebuilders.

Ex-Atlanta cops sentenced in deadly botched raid

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal judge sentenced three former Atlanta police officers to prison Tuesday for their part in a botched drug raid that ended with the death of an elderly woman in a hail of gunfire.

Jason R. Smith, Gregg Junnier and Arthur Tesler received sentences ranging from five years to 10. Kathryn Johnston, 92, was killed by police gunfire during the 2006 raid at her home.

After receiving an incorrect tip from a known drug dealer, police used a "no-knock" warrant to enter Johnston's house to look for drugs. As they tried to break in, Johnston fired a single shot through the door with a

rusty revolver and the officers fired 39 bullets in return. Prosecutors say officers found no drugs inside the house and tried to cover up the mistake by planting baggies of marijuana.

U.S. District Judge Julie E. Carnes sentenced Smith to 10 years in federal prison. She sentenced Junnier to six years and Tesler to five.

Prosecutors lowered their recommended sentences for Junnier, 42, and Smith, 36. They asked for about 10 years for Smith and five or six years for Junnier because they said the men cooperated with authorities. They did not, however, lower their recommended sentence — about 10 years — for Tesler, 42.



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Whitfield to buy ambulance, 911 server

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During the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night, commissioners voted 4-0 (chairman Mike Babb only votes to break ties) to:

■ Buy an ambulance from Georgia-based Custom Works for \$83,900. The ambulance it is replacing has logged almost 300,000 miles.

■ Buy a new server for the 911 department from HP for \$8,319.

Commissioners also recognized Michelle Pritchett, with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office, as the county employee of the month for January.

Dulcimer champ to teach workshops, give concert

SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON DULCIMERS GROUP

Joe Collins, the 2007 National Mountain Dulcimer Champion, will teach dulcimer workshops in the afternoon on March 8 and be featured in an evening concert at Dalton First United Methodist Church.

The event is sponsored by the First Methodist Music Committee and the Dalton Dulcimers group.

Dulcimer players are invited to participate in the workshops and the public is invited to the concert at 7 p.m.

Collins is a teacher and entertaining singer/songwriter. He combines mountain dulcimer playing with good, solid vocals. He graduated from East Carolina University with bachelor and master's degrees in English; from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of divinity with religious education; and from N.C. State University with a doctorate in adult education. He has worked in religious education for most of his professional career and is an assistant professor of religion at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.

The concert is free but attendees will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Dalton Organization of Churches United for People (DOC-UP) which provides utility/rent help and referrals to food banks. Proceeds



Joe Collins will teach dulcimer workshops on March 8 followed by an evening concert at Dalton First United Methodist Church.

from the concert will enable DOC-UP to continue helping North Georgia families.

To pre-register for the workshops or for more information, call (706) 278-7256.

THE MARKET

Tuesday's Dow Jones: 7350.9 ▲ 236.2

Tuesday's NASDAQ: 1441.8 ▲ 54.1

	Monday	Tuesday			
Gold	985.75	984.25	Intel	12.08	12.73
Silver	14.49	14.36	IBM	84.37	86.4
Acuity	22.6	23.67	Interface	2.65	2.72
AAir	3.46	3.6	JCP	14.47	15.33
Apple	86.95	90.25	JNJ	53.65	54.54
AT&T	22.68	23.25	Kroger	21.03	21.29
BAC	3.91	4.73	Lowes	15.09	15.61
BB&T	14.8	16.88	McDonalds	53.87	54.76
BP	38.65	40.07	Merck	27.88	28.53
BristolMyers	19.88	20.36	Microsoft	17.21	17.17
HP-Compaq	29.28	29.62	Mohawk	26.66	25.25
Chevron	62.94	65.28	Motorola	3.63	3.86
CocaCola	42.09	43.06	Region-Fin	2.69	3.29
ConAgra	15.28	15.74	Rock-Tenn.	26.42	28.37
ColonialBnk	.42	.51	Sara Lee	7.95	8.24
Coke Ent.	11.98	12.27	SouthernCo	29.71	30.97
CrackerBrl	17.95	20.89	Synovus	2.6	3.06
CrwnCrafts	1.9	2.34	SunTrust	7.88	9.34
CSX	24.97	26.73	Torchmark	20.36	22.98
Dell	7.99	8.26	Total Sys	12.29	12.78
Delta	5.71	5.95	UPS	40.92	43.17
Dixie Group	1.122	1.25	Vulcan	39.64	41.93
Dow	7.41	7.94	Verizon	27.85	28.57
Duke	13.91	14.31	Wal-Mart	48.88	50.01
DuPont	18.91	19.71	Wells Fargo	11.03	13.05
Earthlink	6.15	6.13	Wendy's	4.67	5.03
Ericsson	7.65	7.93	Yum	27.45	28.1
Exxon	69.3	72.09	Xerox	5.32	5.64
Ford	1.73	2			
FSG	3.5	3.24			
GE	8.85	9.08			
GM	1.77	2.22			
Goodyear	5.24	5.52			
HomeDepot	18.71	20.67			

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Thanks to Mary Anne Hendricks for sharing this photo of Ridge Grove School. The clothes and hairstyles appear to date the photo around 1905. Although no identities are known, the photo belonged to Matilda Watkins who lived in Tunnel Hill, 1894-1972. Can anyone tell us where Ridge Grove was located? Readers who wish to share identification information or historic photos of any Whitfield County school may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at (706) 217-6733 (24-hour voice mail).



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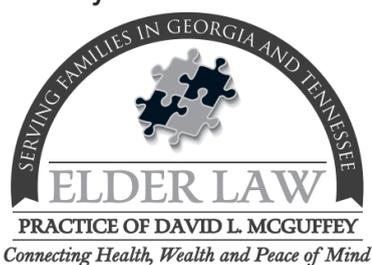
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OBITUARIES

• **Corporal John “C.J.” Banks, Dalton**
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 • **Rudy Cisneros, Varnell**
 • **Bradley Thomas Cole, Ringgold**
 • **Ronald L. Ensley, Dalton**
 • **Julia Mac Conner, Mount Vernon**
 • **Mildred Marie Guinn, Dalton**
 • **Wilma Faye Kennedy, Dalton**
 • **John Eugene Smith, Tunnel Hill**
 • **Patricia A. “Pat” Yates, Turtletown, Tenn.**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Corporal John ‘C.J.’ Banks

Mr. Corporal John “C.J.” Banks, 64, of Dalton, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Carl Banks and Mrs. Jessie Bell Mitchell Banks; three sisters, Mrs. Pearlie Mae Bonds, Ms. Louella Banks and Mrs. Rubye Tibbs; and one brother, Mr. Willie Traylor Banks.

Survivors are his daughter, Minister Cynthia (Kenneth) Taylor of Dalton; a longtime companion, Mrs. Catherine Saunders; adopted children, Mrs. Kathy (Raymond) Boston, Mr. Robert Saunders Jr., Mr. William Saunders, Mr. Kenneth Saunders, Mr. Mark Saunders and Mr. Ray Saunders; sister, Ms. Doris Ann Banks; brothers, Mr. Wade (Terri) Banks of Conneautville, Pa. and Mr. Terry (Alfreda) Banks, Mr. Willie Carl (Bridgette) Banks and Mr. Johnny (Andre) Banks, all of Dalton; 26 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; aunts, uncles, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church with Elder Claude Jones and Pastor Kenneth Scaife officiating.

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

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

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

Arrangements by Willis Funeral Home Inc. of Dalton. www.legacy.com

Wallace C. “Wally” Bryant

Mr. Wallace C. “Wally” Bryant, 92, of Dalton, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was the son of the late John A. and Nellie Pack Bryant and was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Doris McArthur Bryant in 1989; sister, Mildred Brackett; brothers, John A. Bryant, Ed Bryant and Ben Bryant.

Wally is survived by his wife, Hilda S. Bryant of Dalton; daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Harlan Godfrey



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of Dalton, Kaye Bryant Brown of Atlanta; grandchildren and their spouses, Tarre and Pete Green of Atlanta, Dawn and Scott Sellers of Dalton, Kara and Doug Allen of Atlanta, Chad and Kyle Brown of New York and Holli Kaye Brown of Atlanta; great-grandchildren, Payton Sellers, Hutton Sellers, Worthington Sellers, Barrett Green, Connor Green, Adeline Allen, Portman Allen, Myers Allen, Ryan Brown, Dillon Brown and Emily Kaye-Marie Brown; special and dear friends, Bob and Margie Painter of Dalton, Bobby and Candace Painter of LaFayette; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Matt Evans officiating.

Entombment will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from noon until the funeral hour at 2 p.m.

The family requests that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to Rock Bridge Community Church Building Fund, 100 W. Gordon St., Dalton, GA 30720 or to The Salvation Army, 1101 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton, GA 30720.

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

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Rudy Cisneros

Rudy Cisneros, 42, of Varnell, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Tammy Cisneros.

He is survived by his daughter, Courtney Cisneros of Varnell; father, Ididora Cisneros of California; four sisters; a brother, Astro Cisneros of Dalton, and five half brothers.

A memorial service is today at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home

with Armando Luna officiating.

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

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

Bradley Thomas Cole

Mr. Bradley Thomas Cole, 24, of Ringgold, departed this life Tuesday morning, Feb. 24, 2009, at his home.

Bradley was born December 2, 1984, in Dalton. Bradley was a 2003 graduate of Southeast High School. He loved to fish, jet ski and work on cars, but his passion was cooking. He loved to cook for his family and friends. He worked several years at the Outback Steak House and most recently worked with his father at Cole's Equipment Co. Bradley also loved his pit bull dogs, Sally, Cash and Cruze.

He is survived by his mother, Lynn Cole of Ringgold; father and stepmother, Larry and Rebecca Cole of Dalton; sister, Stephanie Cole of Tyler, Texas; grandparents, Tom and Robbie Cole of Dalton. Johnny and Joyce Tucker of Chattanooga, Sharon and Fred Simmons of Summerville; stepbrothers, Tony Taylor and Craig Springman; aunts and uncles, Janice and Clinton Hicks, Greta Locklear; cousins, Marla Henderson, Aimee Gray, Matthew Hicks and Carrie Burch; and many other relatives and friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Bradley Thomas Cole are Friday at 2 p.m. at the Central Church of Christ with Minister Ronnie Missildine, Minister Ross Jordan and Minister Clint Hicks officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tony Gray, Matthew Hicks, Matthew Burch and Nathan Henderson.

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

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Central Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 1201, Dalton, GA 30722.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Cole's family.

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Julia Mac Conner

Mrs. Julia Mac Conner, 95, of Mount Vernon, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, in the Bethany Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Conner was born Aug. 19, 1913, in Eastman, Dodge County, to the late Judge Oscar Jason Franklin and Rosa Clyde Rawlins. She is preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Arren Conner Jr. and one daughter, Dorothy Jane Conner.

Mrs. Julia Mac Conner is survived by two daughters and son-in-law; Beverly Anne Cole, Dalton; Vickie and Dick Kennedy, Dunwoody; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ben A. III and Judy Conner, Savannah, Franklin and Lyn Conner, St. Simons Island, Robert and Jean Conner, Jefferson, Ala., and Janice Conner, Columbia, S.C. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are Saturday at 2 p.m. from Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial contributions be made to the Julia Mac Franklin Conner Memorial Garden c/o Mount Vernon Garden Club, P.O. Box 153, Mt. Vernon, GA 30445. www.legacy.com

Ronald L. Ensley

Mr. Ronald L. Ensley, 75, of Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at Parkridge Hospital in Chattanooga.

He was the son of the late Lloyd and Mary Crump Ensley and was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Floriene Ensley, Eugene Ensley, Charles Ensley, Anna Bell Morgan and Donald Ensley.

Ronald was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was proud to be a mail carrier.

He is survived by a very special friend, Rosa Wilson of Dalton; children and spouse, Doug and Alice Ensley, Deana Ensley-Smith and Damon Ensley all of Dalton; sister-and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Lester Townsend of Ringgold; brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Lois Ensley of Tunnel Hill; grandchildren, Mimi Ensley, Emma Ensley, Jade Smith and Elijah Ensley; nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Gentry officiating. Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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Mildred Marie Guinn

Mrs. Mildred Marie Guinn, 84, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009.

Services are today at 3 p.m. from Deep Springs Baptist Church. She will be laid to rest at Dawnville United Methodist Church Cemetery.

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

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Wilma Faye Kennedy

Wilma Faye Kennedy, 53, of Dalton, passed away Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at her residence after having fought a courageous battle with cancer for almost six years. She was surrounded by her loving family and special friends.



Kennedy

Miss Kennedy moved from Shelby, N.C., to Cleveland, Tenn., and received her bachelor's degree from Lee College. She received her masters degree from UTC and her specialist degree from West Georgia College. She made her home in Dalton and taught at Pleasant Grove Elementary School for 26 years. She was a faithful, active member of CrossPointe Christian Centre and loved her church family.

Her smile was contagious. Her quick wit and humor along with her generosity were genuine and were shared with everyone she met. These attributes were evident in every aspect of her life.

She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Kennedy.

Survivors include her mother, Faye Dedmon Kennedy of Shelby, N.C.; special cousin, Jean Kennedy Dover of Grover, N.C.; other cousins; special friends, Bill Moore and Elizabeth Paynter, both of Dalton and a special cat, Smockie.

Services to celebrate her life are Thursday at 4 p.m. at CrossPointe Christian Centre with the Rev. Stan Lester and the Rev. Jim Talley officiat-

ing.

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

Flowers will be accepted or contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or CrossPointe Christian Centre Building Fund. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peeples.com

A graveside service is Saturday at 10 a.m. at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Fallston, N.C., with the Rev. Richard Shores of Royster Avenue Church of God officiating.

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

John Eugene Smith

Mr. John Eugene Smith, 32, of Tunnel Hill, departed this life Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009.

Services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Church of God of Union Assembly. He will be laid to rest at the Colonial Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

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Patricia A. ‘Pat’ Yates

Patricia A. “Pat” Yates, 63, of Turtletown, Tenn., passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at the residence.

Pat is preceded in death by her mother, Genevlyn Mullinax and her father, Luther Cline.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Devonda and Jeff Trantham of Turtletown, Tenn.; sons and daughter-in-law, Phillip Ward Jr. and Kathy of Crandall, Craig Ward and Jesse Ward of Chatsworth; stepdaughter, Christal Haynes of Birmingham, Ala.; stepson, Houston Ward of Cleveland, Tenn.; sister, Kathy Driscoll of Resaca; brothers, J.W. Cline of Dalton and Curtis Cline of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Kimberly Skinner and Diana Skinner; great-grandchild, Lillian Skinner; several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Bryant and the Rev. Jesse Ward officiating.

Burial will be in Fairy Valley Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 4-10 p.m.

Peeples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. www.legacy.com

Woman wins house in raffle after husband laid off

DANVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Susan Wells was thrilled to learn she'd won a \$2 million house in a raffle days after her husband had been laid off from his job.

"I'm floored," said Wells, who bought the ticket as a surprise to celebrate the couple's 16th anniversary. "I can't believe this has happened. Needless to say, my husband is very surprised."

The house is in upscale Marin County, just north of San Francisco. The couple already own a home in Danville, a suburb south of San Francisco, and if they don't want to move they have the option of \$1.2 mil-

lion in cash.

They're still deciding what do, but Brad Wells, who had been a sales executive for a Silicon Valley high-tech company, said the winnings are definitely a boost.

"I got laid off on Wednesday and the company went bankrupt on Friday," he said. The couple got word of their win on Saturday. "It's been a really rough ride for the last year. This gives us an unbelievable lift."

The raffle was held by Community Action Marin, which netted about \$1.3 million, down from \$2 million last year, the first time the

event was held.

"In this economy, we're still very pleased," said Russ Hamel, director of development for the group, a private social services organization.

There were 29,000 tickets sold and prizes in addition to

the dream house included \$200,000 in cash.

Susan Wells said the couple is celebrating by having dinner with their neighbors.

"We're bringing a very good bottle of champagne," she said.

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FACT CHECK

Glossing over complex realities

Editor's note — An occasional look at assertions by government officials and how well they adhere to the facts.

BY CALVIN WOODWARD AND JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's assurance Tuesday that his mortgage-relief plan will only benefit deserving homeowners appears to be a stretch.

Even officials in his administration, many supporters of the plan in Congress and the Federal Reserve chairman expect some of that money will go to people who should have known better than to buy that huge house.

The president glossed over a number of complex realities in delivering his speech to Congress and a nation hungry for economic salvation.

A look at some of his assertions:

OBAMA: "We have launched a housing plan that will help responsible families facing the threat of foreclosure lower their monthly payments and refinance their mortgages. It's a plan that won't help speculators or that neighbor down the street who bought a house he could never hope to afford, but it will help millions of Americans who are struggling with declining home values."

THE FACTS: If the administration has come up with a way to ensure money does not go to home buyers who used bad judgment, it hasn't announced it.

Defending the program Tuesday at a Senate hearing, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said it's important to save some of those people for the greater good. He likened it to calling the fire department to put out a blaze caused by someone smoking in bed.

"I think the smart way to deal with a situation like that is to put out the fire, save him from his own consequences of his own action but then, going forward, enact penalties and set tougher rules about smoking in bed."

Similarly, the head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. suggested this month it's not likely aid will be denied to all homeowners who overstated their income or assets to get a mortgage they couldn't afford.

"I think it's just simply impractical to try to do a forensic analysis of each and every one of these delinquent loans," Sheila Bair told National Public Radio.

OBAMA: "We have already identified \$2 trillion in savings over the next decade."

THE FACTS: Although 10-year projections are common in government, they don't

mean much. And at times, they are a way for a president to pass on the most painful steps to his successor, by putting off big tax increases or spending cuts until someone else is in the White House.

Obama only has a real say on spending during the four years of his term. He may not be president after that and he certainly won't be 10 years from now.

OBAMA: "Regulations were gutted for the sake of a quick profit at the expense of a healthy market. People bought homes they knew they couldn't afford from banks and lenders who pushed those bad loans anyway.

And all the while, critical debates and difficult decisions were put off for some other time on some other day."

THE FACTS: This may be so, but it isn't only Republicans who pushed for deregulation of the financial industries. The Clinton administration championed an easing of banking regulations, including legislation that ended the barrier between regular banks and Wall Street banks. That led to a deregulation that kept regular banks under tight federal regulation but extended lax regulation of Wall Street banks. Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, later an economic adviser to candidate Obama, was in the forefront in pushing for this deregulation.

OBAMA: "In this budget, we will end education programs that don't work and end direct payments to large agribusinesses that don't need them. We'll eliminate the no-bid contracts that have wasted billions in Iraq, and reform our defense budget so that we're not paying for Cold War-era weapons systems we don't use. We will root out the waste, fraud and abuse in our Medicare program that doesn't make our seniors any healthier, and we will restore a sense of fairness and balance to our tax code by finally ending the tax breaks for corporations that ship our jobs overseas."

THE FACTS: First, his budget does not accomplish any of that. It only proposes those steps. That's all a president can do, because control over spending rests with Congress. Obama's proposals here are a wish list and some items, including corporate tax increases and cuts in agricultural aid, will be a tough sale in Congress.

Second, waste, fraud and abuse are routinely targeted by presidents who later find that the savings realized seldom amount to significant sums. Programs that a president might consider wasteful have staunch defenders in Congress who have fought off similar efforts in the past.



Speech: Address to Congress

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and businesses, the lifeblood of the American economy.

Along with aid for banks, he also called on Congress to move quickly on legislation to overhaul outdated regulations on the nation's financial markets.

"I ask this Congress to join me in doing whatever proves necessary," Obama said. "Because we cannot consign our nation to an open-ended recession."

Thinking longer-term, Obama said in a speech lacking many specifics and devoid of initiatives that both political parties must give up favored programs while uniting behind his campaign promises to build better schools, expand health care coverage and move the nation to "greener" fuel use.

Just five weeks after his inauguration, Obama addressed an ebullient Democratic congressional majority and an embattled but reinvigorated GOP minority as well as millions of anxious viewers. Despite the nation's economic worries and the lack of support for his plans from all but a few Republican lawmakers, Obama enjoys strong approval ratings across the nation.

Louisiana's young, charismatic governor, Bobby Jindal, delivering the televised GOP response, exhorted fellow Republicans to be Obama's "strongest partners" when they agree with him. But he signaled that won't happen much, calling Democrats in Congress "irresponsible" for passing the \$787 billion stimulus package that Republicans have criticized as excessive and wasteful.

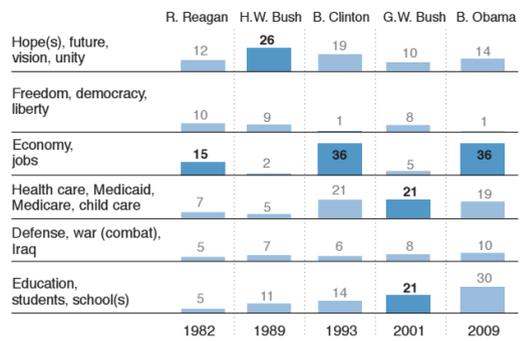
"The way to lead is not to raise taxes and put more money and power in hands of Washington politicians," Jindal said, according to excerpts of his remarks released by the Republican Party. "Who among us would ask our children for a loan, so we could spend money we do not have, on things we do not need?"

Jindal is considered a likely

First speech sounds familiar

Selected words have been used repeatedly by U.S. presidents in their first address to a "joint session" of Congress.

Words and number of times used in their first address:



NOTE: President Obama and Ronald Reagan addressed a "joint session" of Congress. George H.W. Bush's 1989 and Bill Clinton's 1993 messages are called "Administration Goals" speeches and George W. Bush's 2001 speech is referred to as his "Budget Message."

SOURCE: Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project AP

presidential contender in 2012.

Obama spoke as bad economic news continued to pile up, felt all too keenly in U.S. homes and businesses. Some 3.6 million jobs have disappeared so far in the deepening recession, which now ranks as the biggest job destroyer in the post-World War II period. Americans have lost trillions of dollars in retirement, college and savings accounts, with the stock market falling nearly half from its peak of 16 months ago.

And new polls — some with his public support rising and others with it dropping — show that the political climate can be as precarious as the economic one. Aware that his and his party's fortunes will suffer if he cannot right the economic picture, Obama sought to blend the kind of grim honesty that has become his trademark since taking office with a greater emphasis on optimism.

"The weight of this crisis will not determine the destiny of this nation," he said.

The central argument of his speech was that his still-unfolding economic revival plan has room for — and even demands — simultaneous action on a broad, expensive agenda including helping the millions without health insurance, improving education and switching the U.S. to greater

dependence on alternative energy sources. This is the big lift of his young presidency: bringing the public behind what are sure to be enormous outlays on contentious issues.

His hope was to begin to persuade the country that those longer-term items on his presidential agenda are as important to the nation's economic well-being as unchoking credit and turning around unemployment numbers.

"The only way this century will be another American century is if we confront at last the price of our dependence on oil and the high cost of health care, the schools that aren't preparing our children and the mountain of debt they stand to inherit," Obama said. "That is our responsibility."

He urged lawmakers to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that cause climate change by creating a cap-and-trade system of limits and pollution allowances, especially for industries such as utilities with coal burning power plants. And he said the budget he is sending to Congress on Thursday will call for \$15 billion a year in federal spending to spur development of environmentally friendly but so far cost-ineffective energy sources such as wind and solar, biofuels, clean coal and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

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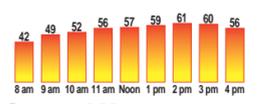
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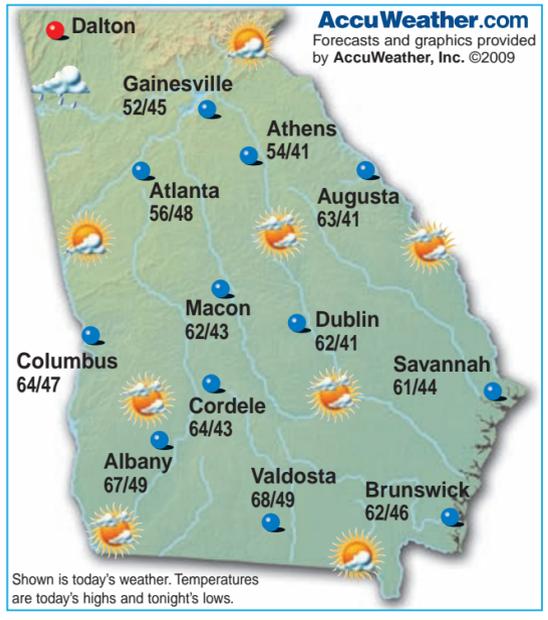
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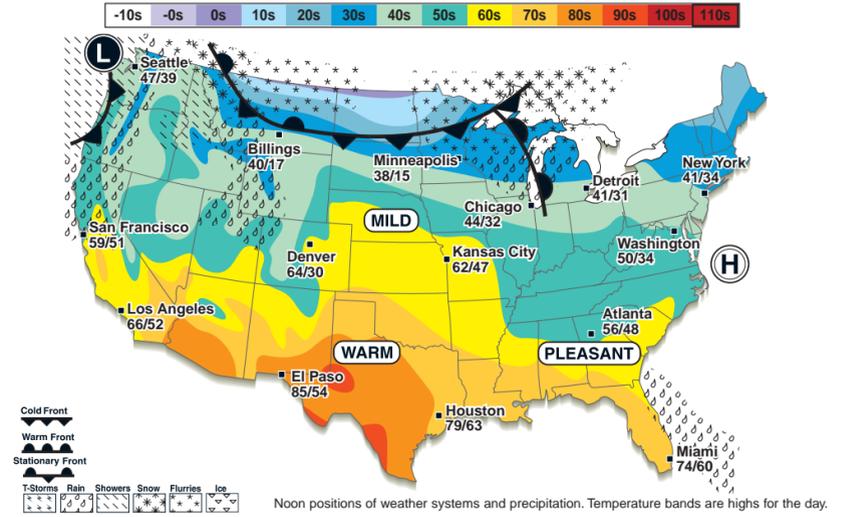
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Atlanta	56/48/pc	65/49/pc	65/45/r	Macon	62/43/pc	71/50/pc	73/51/c
Athens	54/41/pc	65/47/pc	66/44/r	Marietta	58/43/pc	66/47/pc	65/46/r
Augusta	63/41/pc	70/45/pc	72/50/sh	Newton	69/48/pc	76/49/s	75/52/pc
Brunswick	62/46/pc	67/51/pc	71/56/pc	Rome	58/46/c	69/53/pc	64/44/r
College Park	56/48/pc	65/49/pc	65/45/r	Savannah	61/44/pc	71/51/pc	75/55/pc
Columbus	64/47/pc	71/53/pc	71/54/r	Sparta	58/39/pc	68/45/pc	71/47/sh
Gainesville	52/45/pc	64/48/pc	63/43/r	Valdosta	68/49/s	75/51/pc	74/56/pc

National Weather for February 25, 2009



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Albany	34/26/pc	43/32/c	38/16/r	Denver	64/30/c	52/26/pc	56/29/pc	Okla. City	70/56/pc	69/38/pc	53/35/pc
Anchorage	31/23/pc	27/16/pc	28/16/pc	Detroit	41/31/pc	41/27/r	31/16/pc	Orlando	72/56/pc	77/55/pc	79/57/s
Baltimore	45/30/s	55/40/c	54/35/r	Indianapolis	50/41/pc	50/31/r	41/24/pc	Philadelphia	44/32/s	50/37/c	53/34/r
Billings	40/17/c	33/22/sn	41/20/sn	Kansas City	62/47/pc	48/23/r	42/28/pc	Phoenix	84/54/s	79/54/s	79/55/s
Boise	53/38/c	53/36/c	50/31/c	Las Vegas	70/47/s	71/47/pc	71/45/s	Pittsburgh	46/36/pc	52/43/sh	50/26/c
Buffalo	42/34/pc	43/33/c	34/11/sn	Los Angeles	66/52/pc	66/52/pc	68/52/pc	Portland, OR	50/40/r	49/36/sh	49/35/c
Charlotte	56/39/pc	63/48/pc	65/45/r	Memphis	58/55/pc	69/49/t	55/38/r	St. Louis	58/46/c	52/32/r	41/29/pc
Cheyenne	55/29/pc	46/27/pc	52/26/sn	Miami	74/60/pc	77/64/s	78/65/s	S.L. City	52/35/c	53/36/c	52/33/pc
Chicago	44/32/c	38/21/r	30/17/s	Milwaukee	40/30/c	33/18/sn	22/16/s	San Fran.	59/51/c	60/48/r	61/49/pc
Cincinnati	51/39/pc	56/38/c	46/25/pc	Minneapolis	38/15/c	23/3/sn	21/1/sn	San Diego	65/54/pc	64/54/pc	64/54/pc
Cleveland	44/36/pc	46/33/sh	40/17/sn	New Orleans	72/59/pc	76/62/c	77/58/c	Seattle	47/39/r	49/37/sh	47/37/c
Dallas	78/63/pc	85/52/pc	62/43/pc	New York	41/34/s	45/37/c	49/32/r	Wash., DC	50/34/pc	57/44/c	55/34/r

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PREP BASKETBALL: REGION 7-4A

NW's McCurty selected player of year

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Quaneisha McCurty's breakout season has been rewarded.

Northwest Whitfield's 6-foot-5-inch post, who helped lead the Lady Bruins to the region title last weekend, has been selected the All-Region 7-4A Girls Basketball Player of the Year by the league's coaches.

"I'm more excited that we won region," said McCurty, only a sophomore. "But this is very exciting too. It's huge, because I didn't even make the team last year as a freshman. But the journey's not over for us yet, we're

still trying to move on (in the state playoffs)."

Dalton's Amanda Rector, a sophomore point guard, was also a first-team selection. The others were Hillgrove's Larryqua Hall, Osborne's Shay Jackson, Sprayberry's Telisa Green and Rome's Candace Foster and Keesha White.

McCurty was the only first-team choice for



McCurty

the Lady Bruins, who defeated Osborne 55-37 in Saturday's tournament championship, but Northwest senior Callie Thomas, a standout defender, and junior Christy Robinson, a 6-3 post, were named to the second team.

"I think (McCurty's) well deserving of the honor," Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger said. "She's done a good job this season and I think the other coaches in the region are starting to see her potential as much as I do."

The other second-team selections were Woodland's Alexis Katt, Rome's Maury Wells

and Reese Elkins and Osborne's Bena Hanyard. Hillgrove's Darius Baugh was chosen as the boys player of the year.

Dalton's Caz Cole, a senior post, and Northwest's Tanner Reno, a senior shooting guard, were the area's first-team selections. Sequoyah's Tyler Deihl, Rome's Jamalcolm Griffin and Hillgrove's Millan Rodrigo and Heath Houston joined them on the first team.

Murray County's Garrick Sanford, a senior wing, and Tanner Long, a senior post, were second-team selections, along with Dalton junior Shaquon Moore, a guard.

PREP BASEBALL: SOUTHEAST SEASON PREVIEW

Cooking up right formula

Raiders seek winning season

RAIDERS 2009

Coach: Jason Keller
2008 record: 2-23, 1-13



Name	No.	Yr.	Pos.
Cory Bevans	32	12	P/UT
Michael Simpson	12	12	SS
Tyler Shpherd	15	12	P/UT
Caleb Moore	8	12	UT
Colby Cook	18	12	OF/P
Ryan Andrews	21	11	2B
Bradley Grant	2	11	P/UT
Dylan Massengill	20	11	P/1B
Tanner McCutchen	10	11	P/UT
Trey Parris	1	11	P/UT
Kyle Hale	5	11	UT/P
T.J. Lovain	23	10	INF/P
Andrew Shipman	24	10	P/3B
Austin Fowler	4	10	INF

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BY ADAM KROHN

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This season, Southeast is a team on the rebound.

The Raiders will be competing in the new Region 6-3A after years of struggling in 7-4A, where last year they finished 2-23 and 1-13 in region play. Though they enter a region that features 2008 state champion Cartersville and quarterfinalist Carrollton, coach Jason Keller likes the team he's putting on the field in 2009.

"This may be one of the best teams we've had in terms of chemistry since I've been here," said Keller, starting his fifth season. "We have a lot of unselfish players, kids willing to sacrifice themselves for the good of the team."

Team chemistry could go a long way in changing the team's fortunes. The Raiders were 0-5 against Region 6-3A teams last season, falling twice to Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe and Ringgold and once to Ridgeland.

To get on the winning track, they'll need a big season from shortstop Michael Simpson, a two-time *Daily Citizen* All-Area Team selection and



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> Please see **RAIDERS, 2B**



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Southeast coach Jason Keller, center, works with Carter Gillean on his swing as Dylan Massengill looks on during Tuesday's practice session. The Raiders open their season at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Coosa.

AREA ROUNDUP

Southeast rips Heritage, 6-0, in 6-3A debut

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Southeast's Raiders welcomed themselves into Region 6-3A soccer Tuesday with a 6-0 thrashing of Heritage-Catoosa.

Five minutes into the game, the Raiders were up 3-0.

Bernabe Rangel highlighted the game with two goals and two assists while Carlos Flores added a goal and two assists as the Raiders (3-1, 1-0) won their region debut. Also scoring goals were Rigo Garcia, Fernando Villasenor and Alejandro Garcia on a penalty kick.

Villasenor also added an assist. Keeper Cesar Maldonado had three saves in the shutout.

"We got some really good playing time by some freshmen," Raiders coach Jamison Griffin said. "Christian Lopez, a midfielder, played great. And Macario Gutierrez (a junior) played great at sweeper."

■ **Dalton girls 2, Cass 1:** Cass struck first, scoring on a long direct kick midway through the opening half, but Dalton's Rachel Czyz scored on a breakaway to send the game to halftime tied.

Imelda Cortez scored in similar fashion late in the second half as the Lady Cats (3-1-1) won their Region 7-4A opener in Cartersville.

Julie Parham was in goal for Dalton in the first half, while Nancy Gil shut out the Lady Colonels in the second.

■ **Fannin girls 2, Murray County 0:** At the Mountain Madness tournament at Fannin County, the Lady Indians (0-4) fell victim to a fluke goal after a defensive miscue in the first half and never rebounded. Fannin added an insurance goal with 45 seconds left in the game.

Southeast keeper Marlena Matos recorded 16 saves and defender Monica Cortez made a head save that may have been the game's best play, Indians coach Stephanie Wheeler said.

> Please see **AREA, 2B**

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Halo there: Braves ink longtime Angel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Garret Anderson will feel a little strange playing for a team other than the Angels.

After spending his entire 15-year career with the California-turned-Anaheim-turned-Los Angeles Angels, Anderson completed a \$2.5 million, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday.

"I have no idea what to expect," he said Tuesday at Atlanta's spring training complex. "I went through three uniform changes, but Anaheim was always home. It will be different, but my chapter with the Angels is closed."

The 36-year-old Anderson was a longtime stalwart for the AL team, making three All-Star appearances and batting .300 or better seven times. His best season was 2002, when he finished fourth in MVP balloting after hitting .306 with 29 homers, 123 RBIs and an AL-leading 56 doubles on a team that beat San Francisco in the World Series.

Anderson has 2,368 hits and a career average of .296. He has never batted below .280 in a season.

"We went into the offseason looking to upgrade the pitching staff and to add an outfield bat to hit in the middle of the order," general manager Frank Wren said. "I had a number of guys come up to me and tell me about Garret Anderson and it was all positive. He's a great addition."

The Braves had to go to a backup plan in the outfield after an apparent deal for Ken Griffey Jr. fell through last week. Anderson, a left-handed hitter, will likely platoon in left field with Matt Diaz, the same role the Braves had envisioned for Griffey until he decided to return to the Seattle Mariners.

In an interesting twist, Anderson had been talking with the Mariners — until they signed Griffey. Then he turned his attention to finalizing a deal with the Braves.

Even though Anderson was coming off a solid season — he batted .293 with 15 homers and 84 RBIs in 145 games — he remained unsigned

> Please see **BRAVES, 2B**



AP PHOTO

Former Anaheim star Garret Anderson is expected to share left field duties with Matt Diaz for Atlanta this season.

Times set for state tourney contests

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Times have been set for all three area high school basketball teams playing this week in their respective state tournaments.

Christian Heritage's boys play St. Simons' Frederica Academy at 4 p.m. Friday in the semifinals of the Georgia Independent School Association's Class 2A tournament. That game will be held at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville and if the Lions (26-5) —

the No. 2 seed from Region 4 — win against Region 2's Knights, they will play for the championship at the same location at 5 p.m. Saturday against the winner of Arlington Christian-Brentwood.

Northwest Whitfield's girls, the Region 7-4A champions, will also play on Friday. The Lady Bruins (26-2) host Loganville at 7 p.m. in a Georgia High School Association Class 4A tourney first-round game. If they win, they'll

host a second-round game next Tuesday against the winner of Miller Grove-Mays.

Murray County's boys, who finished third in Region 7-4A, travel to play Rockdale County at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the first round of the GHSA Class 4A boys tournament. If the Indians (19-9) win in Conyers, they'll play the winner of Sandy Creek-Miller Grove on Wednesday in the second round.

Admission to each GHSA game is \$7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: ACC TOURNAMENT

Sign of times: Tickets are available

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — In another sign of the trying economic times, Atlantic Coast Conference officials said Tuesday tickets are available for the men's basketball tournament.

The ACC will make tickets available to the general public for the first time since 1966. They go on sale starting next Monday for the March 12-15 tournament, which will be held at Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

While tournament seats are normally among the toughest in sports to land, ACC commissioner John Swofford attributed the availability to a "unique combination of playing this year's tournament in a dome during very trying economic times."

The Georgia Dome, normally the home of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, is the largest venue used for the ACC tournament, seating more than 30,000 in its basketball configuration. Last year, the facili-

ty gained notoriety when a tornado struck during the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament, forcing the remaining games to be shifted to nearby Alexander Memorial Coliseum on the Georgia Tech campus.

This will mark the second time the ACC tournament has been held at the Georgia Dome, and it's scheduled to return in 2012 — the only time in the next six years the event will leave its traditional home, the Greensboro Coliseum.

"Playing in the Georgia Dome provides a great stage for our conference teams and Atlanta has been a terrific partner," Swofford said in a statement. "Having already sold more tickets to this year's tournament than the capacity of any of our other venues, our schools felt it would be appropriate to offer the remaining tickets to college basketball fans in the Atlanta area."

All available seats are in the upper deck. The entire 11-game book must be purchased at a cost of

\$363 — an average of \$33 per game.

The ACC did not immediately respond to a query on how many tickets were still available for the tournament.

Tickets are normally sold out in advance through the 12 member schools, but the economic downturn made it tougher to find buyers. This will be the first public sale of tickets since the 1966 tournament, the last held at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, N.C.

PRO BASKETBALL

Lakers hold off Thunder

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kobe Bryant scored 10 of his 36 points in a 3-minute span of the fourth quarter to thwart an Oklahoma City rally and lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 107-93 victory on Tuesday night.

Bryant moved into 19th place on the NBA's career scoring list, moving ahead of Adrian Dantley only one game after he passed Elgin Baylor for 20th. Entering the game, he had needed only 13 points to tie Dantley.

He got to that point with the first of back-to-back jumpers that pushed the lead back to 18 with 7:05 left in the third quarter after Oklahoma City had gotten within 10.

The Thunder still had one last charge in them, closing within one before Bryant returned from the bench and took over.

Kevin Durant scored 32 to lead Oklahoma City.

Bulls 120, Magic 102: At Chicago, Derrick Rose scored 22 points and the Chicago Bulls got strong efforts from their three newcomers in a 120-102 victory over the Orlando Magic on Tuesday night.

The three Bulls acquired at the trade deadline combined for 37 points in their home debuts. Tim Thomas scored 17 points, John Salmons 11 and Brad Miller had nine points, seven rebounds and five assists.

The Bulls shot a season-high 56.5 percent, scoring the most points of a Magic opponent this season. New Orleans' 117-85 win last week set the previous high.

Heat 103, Pistons 91: At Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 31 points and set a personal best with 16 assists, leading Miami to a win and handing Detroit its seventh straight loss, the Pistons' longest slide in more than seven years.

Daequan Cook scored 16 points, Jermaine O'Neal added 14 and Jamarion Moon added 12 for the Heat, who took control with a 22-8 run to close the third quarter and held on from there.

Allen Iverson scored 22 points and Tayshaun Prince added 18 for the Pistons.

Cavaliers 94, Grizzlies 79: At Cleveland, Daniel Gibson scored 19 points and Mo Williams added 18, leading Cleveland past Memphis.

LeBron James scored 15 points and didn't play the fourth quarter, thanks to Cleveland's big lead.

Rudy Gay and Hakim Warrick scored 13 points apiece for Memphis.

RUNNERS-UP



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Tunnel Hill Hawks 9-10-year-old girls finished second in the postseason tournament. Front row, left to right, Haley McDaniel, Cynthia Coronel, Taylor Maxey and Sami Bennett. Back row, coach Paris McDaniel, Mia Chambers, Cayla Hughes, Jordan Belflower, coach Josh Smullen, Dalyn Hall and coach Bryon Bennett.

Raiders: Simpson sets table

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first team 2008 All-Region 7-4A selection. The lightning-quick infielder is a terror on the basepaths, stealing 20 bases in 21 attempts and also set single-season school records for at-bats (90), hits (36) and on-base percentage (.489).

Not only did the senior bat .400 last year, he also had an .840 fielding percentage.

"I know he only stands at 5-foot-3-inches, but he's our guy and makes our offensive attack happen," Keller said. "He leads off, gets on base, steals second, sometimes third, and he scores runs. He's so fast on defense he gets to balls that are normally base hits and he's got a good arm, quick hands and he's one of the most athletic kids to come through this program."

Simpson is the table-setter for the rest of the lineup, which Keller expects to feature Bradley Grant, Trey Parris, Caleb Moore, Tanner McCutchen and Dylan Massengill among the returning starters.

Moore will move from his spot in the outfield last year to catcher, where he played as a freshman. He's taking over for the graduated Dylan Gazaway.

The pitching staff took a big hit with the graduation of workhorse Kalup Bartley, who worked 58 of the pitching staff's 150 innings. Though Bartley's now pitching for the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kan., the rest of the Raiders pitching staff returns.

At the top of the rotation will be McCutchen, Massengill and Colby Cook, a lefty who is making the transition from the Raiders' bullpen. In 2008, he set a school record with 19 relief appearances.

McCutchen, also the starting quarterback for the Raiders football team, is looking to bounce back from a knee injury that shelved him for the 2008 baseball season.

"I feel like we've come a long way since last year," he said. "I think we can have a really good season. The way we've been performing in practice, we're definitely shooting for a winning season. And of course, we want to win the region and go to the state playoffs."

Another intangible Keller likes is the leadership provided by senior utility player Ryan Andrews. Keller feels the example



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Southeast shortstop Michael Simpson fields a ground ball during practice on Tuesday.

he sets will help bring the best out of his players.

"I usually don't appoint captains," Keller said. "But he's our captain. In high school sports, it's easy to get caught up in playing time, but he's the opposite. He's a leader and he wants what's best for our team. He's a true example of what kids need to be like and I think the players will feed off him."

Andrews wants to help his team achieve its first winning season since 2005 in any way he can.

"This year, we're trying to change how people look down on Southeast," Andrews said. "I really feel like we can win some ballgames and change that perception."

2009 Schedule

February: 27 — at Coosa, 4:30
March: 3 — at Sonoraville, 6; 5 — vs. Coosa, 6 — vs. Rome, 6; 9 — at Trion, 5; 10 — at Northwest Whitfield, 5; 12 — vs. Trion, 5:30; 14 — Fundraiser at Southeast, 11 a.m.; 17 — vs. Pope John Paul, Tenn., 6; 19 — vs. Northwest Whitfield, 5; 23 — vs. Ridgeland, 5:30; 26 — at Boyd Buchanan, 5; 27 — at Carrollton, 6; 31 — vs. Lakeview, 5:30.
April: 3 — vs. Central Carrollton, 6; 7 — at LaFayette, 5:30; 9 — at Heritage, 5:30; 10 — at Harlans County, 6; 14 — vs. Ringgold, 5:30; 16 — at Lakeview, 5:30; 17 — vs. Cartersville, 6; 21 — at Ridgeland, 5:30; 23 — vs. LaFayette, 5:30; 24 — vs. East Ridge, Tenn., 5:30; 28 — vs. Heritage, 5:30; 30 — at Ringgold, 5:30.
May: 1 — vs. Cedartown, 6.

Area: Cats PKs win

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Murray County boys 1, North Forsyth 1: The Indians' Luis Jimenez scored a goal seven minutes into the second half to tie the game. Murray County (4-1-1) had 10 shots on goal and keeper Rolando Reyes-Ambriz was credited with seven saves in the Mountain Madness tournament at Fannin County.

The Indians play Hart County today in the tourney.

Dalton 1, Cass 1 (Dalton 4-3 in penalty kicks): Jacobo Estrada scored with an assist by Ricky Rodriguez in the game's fourth minute and the Catamounts (3-1, 1-0), who outshot Cass 27-9, held that lead until the 60th minute, when the Colonels tied the game on a free kick. In the penalty kick round, Rodriguez, Heriberto Hernandez, Adrian Hernandez and Jose Rangel converted for the Cats. Keeper Ivan Salas earned eight saves.

Varsity tennis

Rome boys 3, Northwest Whitfield 2: Nathan Minor won at No. 2 singles, 7-5, 6-2 and the Bruins' No. 1 doubles team of Dillon Flood and Ashmit Mittal posted a 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 victory. Northwest is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in 7-4A.

Northwest Whitfield girls 4, Rome 1: The Lady Bruins (2-0, 1-0) got singles victories from Adrienne Orem 6-0, 6-0 and Kelsey Harmon 6-4, 6-3. In doubles, Kelsey Rice and Haley Dobson won 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 and Ashley Miles and Lindsey Denton won 6-3, 6-4. Jordan Greene and Harmon won an exhibition match 8-3.

MS baseball

New Hope 13, Eastbrook 1: In the season opener for both teams, Brady Middleton and Damien Casey each went 2-for-3 with an RBI double and Edwin Hernandez 2-for-2 with two doubles and an RBI. Kyle Brock and Diego Peralta added two RBIs and Brandon Smith one RBI.

Hernandez picked up the win, going two innings and striking out four.

Valley Point 9, Gladden 3: Matt Wells' three RBIs led the Green Waves. Tyler Hale had two RBIs, and Blake Young and Rhett Harper each added an RBI.

Hale pitched the final 3 2/3 innings for the win, allowing no runs and no walks while striking out five.

North Whitfield 4, Westside 0: Cody Wood's two RBIs led the Pioneers. Andy Whisenant added an RBI and Scout Plott led the team with two hits. Pitcher Alejandro Orozco had a complete game performance, striking out eight while giving up three hits. He walked seven.

MS soccer

Valley Point boys 4, Gladden 1: Manuel Caro and Byron Miranda scored two goals each for the Green Waves and Erik Salaises added three assists and Luis Montelongo one in the season opener for both teams. Green Waves keeper Luis Fraire recorded two saves. Cristian Davalos scored the Warriors' lone goal.

Eastbrook 4, New Hope 1: Marcos Arrenondando and Alex Rossilo scored two goals each as Eastbrook won. Cristian Perez scored New Hope's goal.

Gladden girls 4, Valley Point 0: The Lady Warriors won as Cheyenne Sancho scored two goals and Raven Henry and Zaraly Cortez one each. Keeper Tiffany Gardner got the shutout.

Westside girls 2, North Whitfield 1: The Lady Rockets got a first-half goal from Ana Nunez, assisted by Ashlee Huynh, and a second-half goal from Morgan Ewton, with Perla Casillas getting the assist. Westside keeper Anna Vasquez had 12 saves.
Eastbrook 1, New Hope 0: Andrea Lopez scored a goal and Maria Canales earned the shutout as Eastbrook won the season opener for both teams.

Friars upset Pittsburgh

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Weynmi Efejuku scored 16 and Providence upset No. 1 Pittsburgh 81-73 on Tuesday night for its first win over a top-ranked team in 33 years.

Sharaud Curry added 15 points for the Friars (17-11, 9-7 Big East), who picked up a big victory for their NCAA tournament hopes.

DeJuan Blair fouled out on a moving pick with 46 seconds left as Pittsburgh (25-3, 12-3) tried to rally.

Blair, the reigning Big

East player of the week, averaged 21 points and 20.5 rebounds in wins over No. 1 Connecticut and DePaul that elevated the Panthers to the top spot on Monday. But he picked up two quick fouls — his third and fourth — midway through the second half.

He finished with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Providence led by 20 after completing a 17-1 run with the first basket of the second half, but the Panthers cut it to five points, 75-70, on Blair's putback with 51 seconds left.

Qualifier shocks Nalbandian

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Top-seeded David Nalbandian was knocked out in the first round by Austrian qualifier Daniel Koellner 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the Mexican Open on Tuesday.

Nalbandian, last year's runner-up who won his 10th career title last month, appeared to be headed for a romp after winning the first set, but the Argentine's serve worsened and Koellner was able to take advantage to win only his sixth ever match on the main tour and his first since July.

Koellner broke early in the third set and clung to the advantage, saving break points at 3-2 and 4-3 against the Argentine in the biggest win of his journeyman career.

Earlier in the day, Nicolas Almagro of

Spain and Flavia Pennetta of Italy began their title defenses with straight-set victories.

Almagro, the fourth seed, spoiled Santiago Gonzalez's 26th birthday with a 6-4, 6-2 win over the Mexican wild card.

"He had some chances at the beginning but I found my game," Almagro said. "Winning the first match in straight sets, in a very short time only helps."

Three other Spaniards also started well, with two-time champion Carlos Moya fighting past countryman Pablo Andujar 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-2 seventh-seeded Marcel Granollers topping Fabio Fognini of Italy 7-6 (3), 7-5, and Alberto Martin putting away Marcos Daniel of Brazil 6-4, 7-5.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Whitfield teams win GRPA games

Two Whitfield County Recreation Department youth basketball teams won in GRPA District 5 action on Tuesday night. The WCRD's 10-under boys' Paxton Pardee scored 14 points as Whitfield No. 1 beat Bartow County 57-24. Keaton McCutcheon added 10 points, Grant Terrell eight, Allen Behr and Caleb Ramsey seven apiece and Trey Mantooth five. Whitfield No. 1 will play on Friday as the tournament continues. The WCRD's 12-under girls also won, beating Bartow County 41-23 in Rome. Brileigh Baggett scored 15 points, Sydney Snyder added 10 and Madeline Logan five.

Former UGA cpt. passes away at 81

ATHENS — Mike Merola, the captain of Georgia's football team in 1950, has died. He was 81.

The school announced that Merola died Monday after a lengthy illness.

A native of Newark, N.J., Merola enrolled at Georgia after World War II and caught the attention of the coaching staff during a pickup game. He was invited to spring practice, received a scholarship within a week and was a member of the 1948 Southeastern Conference championship team.

The following year, Merola became a starter at defensive end. As a senior, he was voted captain of the team that went 6-2-3 before losing to Texas A&M 40-20 in the Presidential Cup, a one-time-only bowl game played in College Park, Md.

Colts, Harrison can't work a deal

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts have released Marvin Harrison, ending the star receiver's 13-year stay with the team.

Colts owner Jim Irsay announced the move Tuesday after meeting with Harrison in a final effort to re-sign the franchise's career receiving leader.

Agent Tom Condon said a day earlier that the Colts had agreed to release Harrison after he declined a pay cut. Harrison had the highest salary-cap number of any NFL receiver at \$13.4 million.

Harrison is second in NFL career receptions. He turns 37 in August and is coming off the least productive season of his career in which he was not injured. Cutting him could save the Colts about \$6 million on next season's salary cap.

Marbury released by N.Y. Knicks

NEW YORK — Stephon Marbury has been waived by the New York Knicks, ending a turbulent five-year stint in which the former All-Star couldn't lead his hometown team to a single playoff victory.

Marbury is one of the highest-paid players in the NBA, set to make close to \$21 million this season, but has not played a game for new coach Mike D'Antoni.

Lady Vols' Baugh has knee surgery

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee forward Vicki Baugh has undergone surgery to repair a torn ligament in her left knee.

Baugh tore the ligament during the 18th-ranked Lady Volunteers' loss at Oklahoma on Feb. 2.

Baugh tore that same ACL during the Lady Vols' NCAA championship victory over Stanford in April and had surgery to repair it May 13.

— Staff, Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
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
Chattanooga at Murray County, 5
Varsity basketball
GHSAA Class 4A girls state tournament
Loganville at Northwest Whitfield, 7
Varsity soccer
Osborne at Dalton, 5:30
Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 6

Varsity tennis
Murray County at Ridgeland, 4
JV baseball
Chattanooga at Murray County, 7

Saturday
Varsity basketball
GHSAA Class 4A boys state tournament
Murray County at Rockdale County, 2:30
Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield girls at Gwinnett Open, 8 a.m.
Varsity soccer
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Savannah Christian at Pace Academy, 10 a.m.
Murray County at Fannin Tournament
Varsity tennis
Northwest Whitfield at First Serve tournament, Cartersville, 4:45

TELEVISION

On Today

GOLF
2 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour/WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, first round matches, at Marana, Ariz.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Connecticut at Marquette
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Virginia Tech at Clemson
9 p.m.
ESPN — Duke at Maryland
9:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Texas Tech at Texas

SOCCER
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 1, Chelsea FC vs. Juventus FC, at London

HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	38	19	3	79	182	151
Philadelphia	32	17	9	73	193	171
N.Y. Rangers	31	23	7	69	151	170
Pittsburgh	29	26	6	64	185	191
N.Y. Islanders	18	35	6	42	144	198

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	41	12	8	90	206	138
Montreal	32	22	7	71	187	184
Buffalo	31	24	6	68	181	171

Toronto	22	26	12	56	180	219
Ottawa	23	27	9	55	148	170
Southeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	38	18	5	81	203	176
Florida	30	22	8	68	167	165
Carolina	31	26	5	67	164	180
Tampa Bay	20	28	12	52	152	191
Atlanta	22	33	6	50	180	214

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	39	13	8	86	228	177
Chicago	34	16	8	76	194	143
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	22	8	68	181	173
Minnesota	30	24	4	64	151	135
Edmonton	29	25	5	63	165	182
Colorado	28	32	1	57	168	190

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	41	8	9	91	200	140
Dallas	29	23	7	65	174	180
Anaheim	30	27	5	65	176	179
Los Angeles	25	24	9	59	155	170
Phoenix	27	28	5	59	156	184

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Monday's Game

San Jose 1, Dallas 0

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim 3, Buffalo 2
Boston 6, Florida 1
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
Montreal 3, Vancouver 0
Ottawa 4, Carolina 2
Chicago at Nashville, late
Los Angeles at Minnesota, late
Phoenix at St. Louis, late
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, late
Columbus at Calgary, late

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	46	12	.793	—
Philadelphia	27	28	.491	17 1/2
New Jersey	25	32	.439	20 1/2
New York	24	32	.429	21
Toronto	23	36	.390	23 1/2

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	41	15	.732	—
Atlanta	32	24	.571	9
Miami	30	26	.536	11
Charlotte	22	34	.393	19
Washington	13	43	.232	28

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	44	11	.800	—
Detroit	27	28	.491	17
Milwaukee	28	31	.475	18
Chicago	26	31	.456	19
Indiana	24	35	.407	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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	33	22	.600	4 1/2
Memphis	15	41	.268	23

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	37	20	.649	—
Portland	35	20	.636	1
Utah	34	23	.596	3
Minnesota	18	38	.321	18 1/2
Oklahoma City	13	44	.228	24

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	47	10	.825	—
Phoenix	31	24	.564	15
Golden State	20	37	.351	27
L.A. Clippers	14	43	.246	33
Sacramento	12	46	.207	35 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 94, Memphis 79
Toronto 118, Minnesota 110
Miami 103, Detroit 91
Chicago 120, Orlando 102
L.A. Lakers 107, Oklahoma City 93
Dallas at San Antonio, late
Portland at Houston, late
Charlotte at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
Memphis at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Men's College Results

EAST
Boston College 72, Florida St. 67
Providence 81, Pittsburgh 73
Syracuse 87, St. John's 58

SOUTH
LSU 81, Florida 75
Tulane 73, Southern Miss 59
VMI 109, Liberty 72
Winthrop 57, Charleston Southern 52

MIDWEST
Creighton 65, Missouri St. 59
N. Iowa 69, Illinois St. 67, 2OT
Ohio St. 73, Penn St. 59
Wichita St. 76, Indiana St. 70

FAR WEST
New Mexico 76, TCU 62

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Moves

BASEBALL

American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Freddy Delis, LHP Clay Rapada, OF Brent Clevlen, OF Ryan Raburn and OF Wilkin Ramirez on one-year contracts.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with OF Garret Anderson on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with OF Chris Dickerson, C Ryan Hanigan, INF-OF Jeff Keppinger and INF Darny Richar on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Alberto Arias on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with INF Ruben Gotay on a minor league contract.
American Association
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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Mikki Moore.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived G Stephon Marbury.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Released WR Marvin Harrison.

PRO HOCKEY

Thrashers break skid

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ATLANTA — Ilya Kovalchuk got his 10th goal in eight games, and the Atlanta Thrashers had two short-handed scores to break a four-game home losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Tuesday night.

The Thrashers won for just the fifth time in their last 21 games at Philips Arena. Overall, Atlanta has four victories and eight points in its last seven matches.

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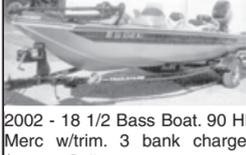
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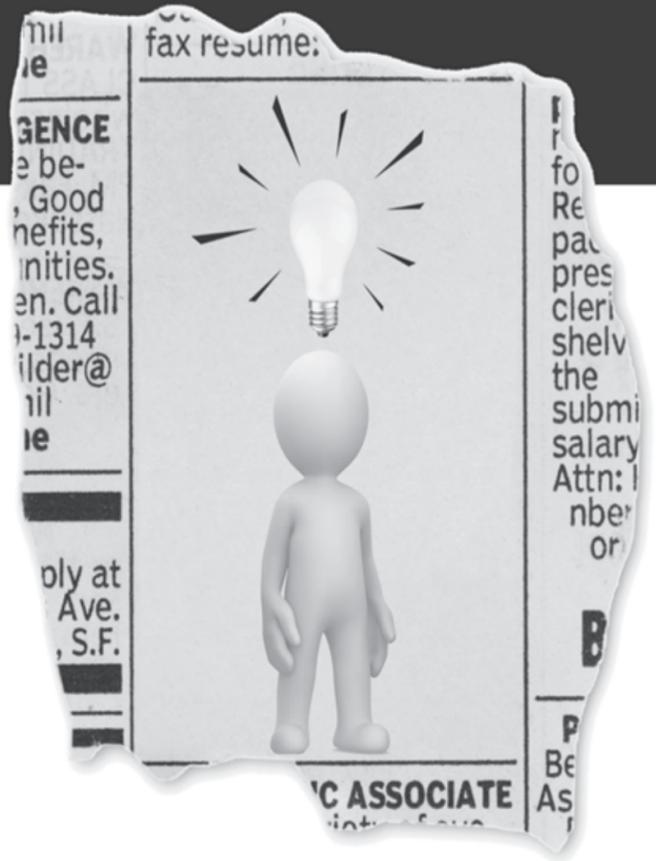
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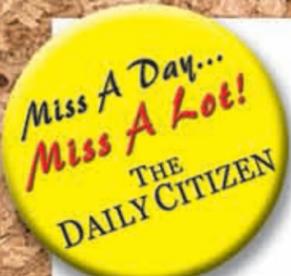
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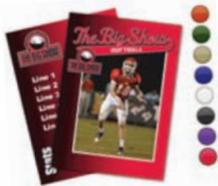
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Not all of his outdoor time was for fun, however.

"During the Depression it was necessary, hunting and fishing for food," he said.

Burnett received a bachelor's of science degree in forestry from the College of Forestry at Syracuse University, then went to work for the U.S. Forest Service. His first assignment was in Holly Springs, Miss., 45 miles from Memphis. For a New Yorker's first time in the South, the change was initially quite a jolt.

"It took a while to get used to the accent," said Burnett. "They didn't understand me and I didn't understand them."

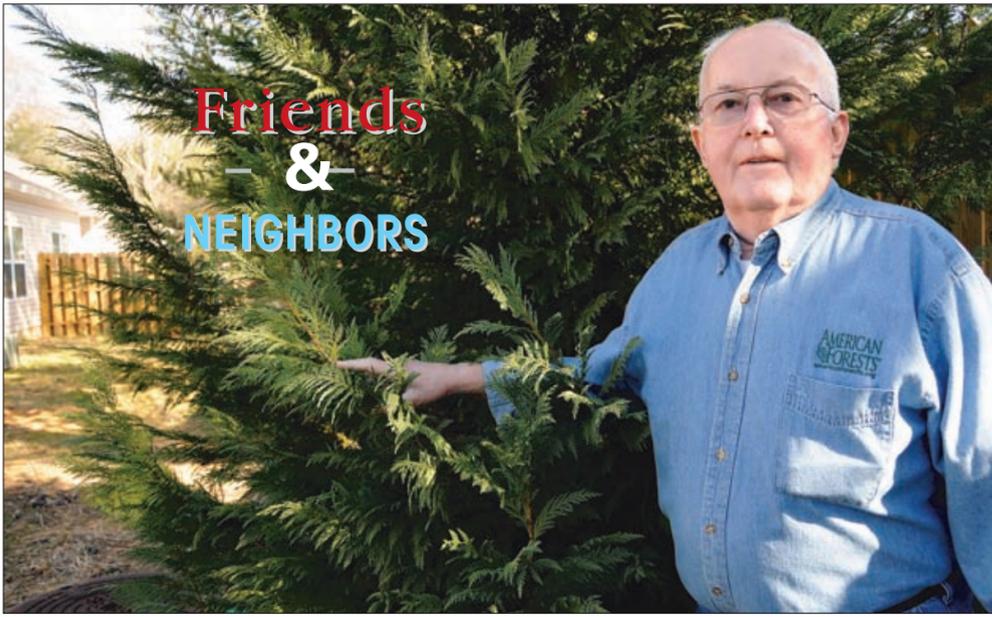
But it wasn't long before Burnett fell in love ... with the historical town.

"I loved Holly Springs," he said. "It's a beautiful antebellum town with a lot of Civil War history. And if you're doing what you want then you like where you do it."

Burnett stayed a year and then went to Lake City, Fla., where he spent four months marking wood that had been damaged in a wild-fire. After that, the North Georgia mountains beckoned him to Dahlonega. Four years later he transferred to Chatsworth to serve as the first district ranger of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Here he really found love when he met and married his wife, Martha Sue.

Martha Sue was a young widow



Howard Burnett, a retired forester, stands next to an Arizona cypress. The former New Yorker has worked in forestry all over the South before retiring in Dalton.

with a daughter, Charlene. Her husband was killed when she was seven months pregnant. To make ends meet, she worked as a waitress in a local restaurant where the new district ranger liked to eat. The two hit it off immediately.

"Our first date was on Labor Day," Burnett recalled. "We went to Atlanta to see 'South Pacific' because she wanted to."

The couple married the following summer and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. In addition to Charlene, they have two sons together, Alex and David. They also have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burnett oversaw the Cohutta Wilderness and 11,000 acres in north Whitfield County for four

years, then transferred to Franklin, N.C., for another four years. Following his stint there, he worked for two years as a safety officer at the Forest Service regional office in Atlanta, then moved to the Forest Service's state and private forestry branch. He spent the remainder of his career there, working in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., before retiring in 1986.

He and Martha Sue purchased a retirement home in Annapolis, Md., where they lived for 18 years. Eventually, when they weren't able to take care of their yard, the couple bought a condo in Dalton three years ago so they could be closer to Martha Sue's family.

Burnett kept busy during retirement working as a volunteer for American Forests and the National Association of State Foresters as Smokey Bear's banker.

"I kept track of the bank account that they paid for pencils and other things that had Smokey Bear on them with," he said.

At American Forests, Burnett made his mark as the "Tree Doctor," answering questions that were sent in to the organization's publication of the same name. The company averaged 150 to 200 letters per year, and Burnett tried his best to answer all of them.

"It started because letters would come in and American Forests didn't have a system of

answering them," he said. "I thought people deserved an answer in a polite, timely manner so they gave me the job."

Perhaps the strangest question came from someone who found a large seed in Montana and was looking for help in identifying it. The person thought it may have come from a pine tree but it was too large.

"Finally I decided it must have been an avocado seed," Burnett said. "I told him to plant the seed and let me know what happened."

Locally, Burnett helped with Dalton's acquisition of Georgia's Liberty Tree, which was planted on the grounds of City Hall in 2006. The tree is one of 14 grown from saplings of America's last remaining Liberty Tree in Annapolis. One sapling was planted in each of the original 13 colonies and Washington, D.C.

Burnett says Dalton should be proud.

"We have something no one else (in the state) has," he said.

Dalton's first Liberty Tree festival was held last year. Burnett says city councilman Charlie Bethel is trying to get the state Legislature to name the tree Georgia's official Liberty Tree. He predicts the tree will grow to 100 feet and dominate the landscape.

"Dalton has a very good tree program and gets a lot of benefit from trees," said Burnett.

Burnett retired as the Tree Doctor on Jan. 1. He now spends his time leading a memory writing class at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center, doing crossword puzzles, watching "Jeopardy!," reading and e-mailing. He still believes trees hold a lot of power.

"Planting trees is a way of fighting global warming," he said. "If it's proved to be false, the worst we can be accused of is doing the right thing for the wrong reason."

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COMMENTARY

A lesson in persistence, delusion

Rocky Balboa would not quit against Apollo Creed in "Rocky." Daniel Ruettinger would not give up his dream to play football for Notre Dame in "Rudy." The brothers of Lambda Lambda Lambda wouldn't allow the Alpha Betas to crush their geeky spirits in "Revenge of the Nerds." And, like those great stories of overcoming insurmountable odds, Cha Sa-son won't be sidetracked by a minor obstacle in pursuit of her dream.



Len Robbins

wasn't going to fulfill my dream of winning a Tony for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical for "The Wiz." There has to be a rational moment where you say: "Dream, I'm abandoning you." For what it's worth, for me, that moment came last Wednesday.

Apparently, our gutsy Ms. Cha Sa-son has been watching too many episodes of "Highway to Heaven" or reading too many inspirational quotes or persuasive adages. Sometimes, hard work and a plucky resolve don't pan out. There needs to be an addendum to some of these inspirational quotes and popular sayings so as not to mislead folks. Such as (with my suggested additions in italics):

■ Quitters never win, and winners never quit unless they've failed 775 times in a row. Then you're neither a quitter or a winner.

■ When the going gets tough, the tough gets going or quit when it's obvious they should.

■ Where there's a will, there's a way to fail.

■ Yes we can! not, if it's impossible!

Now, I'm not saying that our heroine should ditch her dream of having transportation completely - just tweak it a little. Like maybe she could aim for a mode of transport that doesn't require licensure. A horse perhaps. Or a lawn mower. A bicycle also sounds like a practical compromise.

As always, in searching for a functional quotation about life and success and such, we turn to the late, great W.C. Fields:

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being a fool about it."

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

The 68-year-old South Korean woman dreams of having a driver's license. It's that simple. According to a Reuters story, when she receives her license, she hopes to buy a truck and own a business.

The "minor obstacle" in Cha's way is the driver's license test - which she has failed 775 times. That's right - 775 times.

According to the story, Cha has been trying since 2005 to pass the written portion of the driver's license test, but has failed to get the 60 percent required to pass it 775 times. She has already spent 10 million won (the U.S. equivalent of \$6,800) on test applications.

But the little lady isn't giving up, thinking that - like the old saying goes - the 776th time will be the charm.

"I believe you can achieve your goal if you persistently pursue it," she said. "So don't give up your dream, like me. Be strong and do your best."

That's a great quote - and quite inspirational. It's also nuts.

I'm all for setting high goals and persistence and determination, but there has to be a point where practicality sets in, or, in this case, sanity. Sometimes, you have to be pragmatic with your goals and realize that some things just may not be attainable - like when I realized I probably



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Front, from left, are Haley Weaver, Vanessa Presswood, Ashley Hayes, Amber Davis, Fantasia Silvers and Meghan Lahmon; second row, Kirsten Grant, Breanna Grant, Katie Smith, Hanna Pate, Lauren Langford and Amber Charbeneau; third row, Latisha Harden, Kim Campbell, Kelcey Cualder and Kristen Poteet; in back is Tori Stafford.

Winterguard, Drumline compete

SUBMITTED BY MURRAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Murray County Winterguard and Indoor Drumline participated in Southern Association for Performance Arts (SAPA) competitions recently at Pope High School in Kennesaw. This was the premier performance of the Murray County High School Indoor Drumline for 2009.

The students performed "House: Rudiments of the Living Dead." The drumline

was ranked ninth out of 11, which included penalties for minor timing and logistics issues. Instructors Steve Smith, Craig Cochran and Angie Stafford are excited about the prospects for further development of this new production and the group's great potential for upcoming competitions.

The Winterguard performed its 2009 production, "Rain," for the second time this season. At the East Hall premier performance, the Winterguard came in third in

Class Scholastic AAA, but at the Pope contest it moved up to first place and won the Scholastic AAA class. Instructors Dusty Smith and Donna Weaver were ecstatic over the results, the highest finish ever for the Murray County Winterguard, which first began competing in 2004.

Both groups are part of the award-winning Marching Indians. These performances are continuations of a magical 50th anniversary season which has witnessed numer-

ous standing ovations, a fifth place overall finish at the Contest of Champions at Jacksonville State University and a Grand Championship at the Golden River Marching Contest at Haralson County High School.

Mike Weaver, director of bands, and the students of the MCHS band program wish to express their gratitude to the Murray County community and band parents for their wonderful support of the program.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

■ T.R.S. representative Mike Zarem will discuss retirement issues with current employees of Georgia school systems who are within five years of retirement Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. at Dalton Middle School. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is sponsored by the Dalton, Whitfield, Murray Retired Educators Association.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will have

bingo Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Prices start at \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is at 618 Veterans Drive in Dalton.

Feb. 27
 ■ A spaghetti supper fundraiser will be held Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Engine Room in Dalton. Plates are \$6 and include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic rolls, drink and dessert. Dine-in and carryout will both be available. Proceeds benefit the Wrangler Association, Junior Division Rodeo. The Engine Room is located on Waring Road.

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

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

March 3
 ■ The regular monthly meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held March 3 at 6 p.m. at Post 4985. The Post is at 618 Veterans Drive in Dalton.

■ The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will meet March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Whitfield County Health Department in Dalton. Ricardo Risco M.D. will speak on attention deficient hyperactive disease (ADHD). All members and registered nurses are invited. To RSVP or for more information, call J. Bernice Whaley at (706) 259-5508 by noon, March 2.

March 5
 ■ The Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission will have a special called meeting March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Georgia Regional Development Center in Dalton. The group will consider John Veverka's proposals as presented Feb. 28 and their impact on the commission's goals. The Center is at 503 W. Waugh St.

March 6-7
 ■ The Chattanooga Area Mothers of Multiples Club will host a spring consignment sale March 6-7 at the East Ridge Community Center in East Ridge. Available items include

children's clothing from preemie to kids, baby gear, shoes, toys, maternity items, household goods and more. Proceeds will benefit local charities and the club. Hours are March 6 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales are cash only. For more information, call Jennifer Gibbs at (423) 774-4488 or e-mail jennifer@chattanoogaofmultiples.com.

March 7
 ■ Junior Achievement will host its 18th annual "Boot Scootin" Bowl-A-Thon March 7 at Galaxy Bowling Lanes in Dalton. Bowling times are 9 and 11 a.m. Just get together a team of five bowlers who will each raise \$100 for Junior Achievement for a team goal of \$500. Each team will bowl two games and receive shoes, a custom T-shirt and team picture. There will be door prizes and incentive prizes. For more information or to register your team, call JA at (706) 278-9180.

■ Aimee Stinson, author of "The Championship Game," will have a book signing March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Book Nook in Dalton. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Stinson lives in Tunnel Hill. The Book Nook is located on North Hamilton Street.

LOCKS OF LOVE



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Amberly Holland, daughter of Steve and Christy Holland of Dalton, recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Holland is a second-grader at Woodlawn Elementary. Shown with Holland is stylist Laurie Dillingham of Shades of Summer.

Community Center offers programs for girls

Dalton Community Center is accepting enrollment for young girls ages 5 to 18. Admission is free; however, participants are responsible for some supplies and costumes fee.

Programs are arts and crafts classes, drama club, hip-hop dance club, tutoring program, Big Sister mentoring program, vocal club and fashion design club. Each month, participants will celebrate birthdays with various activities including skating parties, pizza parties, movies and field trips. Hygiene beauty classes and career guidance are available for girls over 15.

For more information, sign up March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center on

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SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR



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Westside Elementary School students recently participated in a Social Studies Fair. Students chose topics from different social science disciplines such as history, sociology and economics. Judges chose the top six projects to compete at the Whitfield County Social Studies Fair. **Brittney Caldwell** was chosen to move forward to the upcoming district-level competition which will be at Kennesaw State University. On the first row, from left, are Autumn Lankford, Caldwell, Kathleen Jones and Lynsey Bridges; second row, Kyle Fleming, Ansony Lara, Mason Shepard, Jessenia Perez and Ali Lovain.

GROWINGS ON

Risks of winter pruning of fruit trees

People always become anxious to begin pruning this time of year. Maybe it is because they can finally see all the limbs inside the canopy. For others, there is simply the unexplained urge to prune. In any event, this is not a good time to be pruning fruit crops (and many other types of plants as well) if it can be helped. Essentially, the reason that pruning is not advised at this time of year is that the cut stimulates activity (increases hormones and free water content while decreasing the level of the plant's natural "antifreeze") in tissue, thereby resulting in a loss of hardiness to low temperatures. This is not a good time of year for plants to lose hardiness as there is still a high probability that we will have some extreme low winter temperatures. If and when such low temperatures occur, plants that are less hardy because of pruning will be more prone to winter injury. This effect, that winter pruning increases tree injury and mortality, was demonstrated for peaches in some now classic research by UGA researcher Jeff Daniell. That this winter pruning effect has a much wider application has been established by research in other types of woody plants.



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apple should be pruned before peach and muscadine. Older plants should be pruned before younger ones.

Pruning neglected trees

Many people, during the purchase of a home or old farmstead, find themselves in the possession of trees which have been "neglected" for some length of time, appearing large and overgrown and most commonly producing poor quality fruit. Aesthetically, however, I often find these large trees very pleasing due to the beauty of the natural rounded crown shape which has developed over several years. On first impulse, however, owners are often inclined to prune such trees immediately and severely.

There is nothing inherently wrong with pruning as long as there is some clear objective or reason for pruning. There are numerous reasons for pruning — training growth into a particular form or within a specified space, controlling or limiting size and shape, or improving overall fruit quality. When pruning, it is important to first determine what one is trying to accomplish. One must remember, too, that achieving the ideal shape and form of a tree which has not been pruned regularly is difficult if not impossible and is often not needed. One need not sacrifice the intrinsic beauty and aesthetic appeal of a tree in its natural form in order to make a tree more manageable or improve the number and quality of fruit which are produced.

Commercial growers often prune this time of year but only because they have to do so to cover all their acreage before bloom time. If you ask them, however, they will tell you that they know of the risk. Pruning at this time of the year really represents a gamble between getting the job done in time and the risk of winter injury. For small acreage growers and others, however, the best approach is to delay pruning until late winter or early spring (but before any growth begins) when the risk of low temperatures is reduced. Fruit trees such as pear and

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

Bradley Wellness Center offers classes

Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

■ **H.E.A.T. Boot Camp** — This high-intensity aerobic training class emphasizes cardiovascular endurance without the complexity of highly choreographed routines. HEAT is suitable for all fitness levels and guarantees to push your personal limits. Ages 16 and up only. Noticeable changes in cardiovascular and muscular endurance will occur. Using a circuit training class format, exercises are designed to increase core strength and stamina by physically challenging your heart and muscles. A variety of equipment is used as well as sports-based agility drills to tone up and burn more calories. Be prepared for the unknown. Options include indoor and outdoor workouts. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a bottle of water and a towel. Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15 to 8 p.m. from March 31

to May 7. The fee is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. Sign-up deadline is one week before class.

■ **Eat Healthy and Shop Smarter** — This class will be held March 23 from 6 to 7 p.m. The fee is \$10 for members and nonmembers. The class will help you learn how the new food pyramid can be customized to fit your lifestyle and your budget trans fat and why it's on the new food label, whole grain versus whole wheat and how to read food labels. Sign-up deadline is March 16.

■ **Group swim lessons** — BWC will offer several levels of group swim lessons this spring. Splash Babies is designed to introduce babies to the water. This class is for ages 6 months to 3 years. Children 4 and up may enroll in Tadpole, Guppy or Dolphin class depending on skill level. The front desk can assist in choosing the right class. Classes begin in March. Call for schedule and availability.

The fees are \$55 for first child and \$45 for each additional sibling for members and \$65 for first child and \$55 each additional sibling for non-members. Registration is required at least one week prior to lesson start, and payment is due upon registration.

■ **Hiking Club** — The Hiking Club will travel to the Red Clay Council Ground in Cleveland March 14. Hikers will leave the BWC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Registration is required by March 7. Hikes are free. For more information on hike rating, length, what to bring and to register, call the Center.

■ **Yoga** — BWC will offer basic yoga this spring. A Wednesday evening class will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. from March 11 to April 15. The fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. A Monday-Wednesday morning class will meet from 8:15 to 9 a.m. from March 23 to May 13. The fee is \$40 for members and \$80 for nonmembers.

■ **Kid Tennis** — Need a spring P.E. credit for home school? Why not try tennis? Earn credit and have fun at the same time. Tennis pro Stephanie Reynolds will lead a midday tennis clinic for ages 7 to 14 with a minimum of four children. The clinic will meet each Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. from March 5 to 26. The fee is \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members.

■ **Hiking Workshop** — A free hiking workshop will be offered March 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. The workshop is for all levels of hikers and will feature BWC's own hike leaders. Important hiking topics will be covered. Participants will also be able to get more information on the hiking club and upcoming hikes. Since space is limited, registration is required by March 1.

The Center is at 1225 Broadrick Drive in Dalton. For more information or to register for any class, call (706) 278-9355.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Above, Napoleon is a domestic short hair adult cat with a bold personality, meaning he would need to be the only cat in the household. Lovable and friendly, this kitty would be happy as an indoor/outdoor cat. Napoleon has been neutered, feline leukemia tested and vaccinated. For adoption information on Napoleon or any of the other dogs, cats, kittens and puppies available through the Murray County Humane Society, call (706) 695-2642 or e-mail muchopups@windstream.net.

IN SERVICE

Pfc. Andrew Chance Hambright, 24, of Dalton graduated Feb. 13 from boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

Hambright completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training as one of 59 recruits in Platoon No. 3009 of Third Battalion Quebec Company. While in basic training, Hambright achieved expert rifleman, squad leader and first class in physical fitness.

Following 10 days home leave, he will report to Camp LeJeune for one month at Military Combat Training then Military Occupation Specialty School.

Hambright is a graduate of Murray County High



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School and the son of Dennis and Pat Hambright of Cohutta and David and Darlene Lucas of Pinellas Park, Fla

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BRIDGE

The battle for trump control

Assume you're in four hearts and West leads a club. How should you play the hand?

You start by assuming that the opponents' hearts are divided 3-2, partly because they are likely to be and partly because it's hard to see how the contract can be made if they're not.

With the hearts 3-2, you can count nine tricks — four hearts, three diamonds and the two black aces. A 3-3 spade break would eventually enable you to develop a 10th trick in spades, but a 3-3 break is only a 36 percent chance.

However, there is a line of play available that does not depend on how the spades break, and it should be adopted. It involves boosting your heart winners from four tricks to five, and you do this by means of a dummy reversal. Nothing can go wrong, so long as the hearts are 3-2.

You begin by taking the club ace and ruffing a club at trick two. Then, after cashing the A-K of trumps, you ruff another club, enter dummy with a diamond and ruff dummy's last club.

As a result of these maneuvers, you have no more trumps in your hand, while dummy still has one. But more importantly, in the course of your travels back and forth, you have won the first seven tricks — and you still have three more coming in the form of the A-Q of diamonds and ace of spades. Come what may, you are sure to make the contract by simply playing your high cards. If one of your winners happens to get ruffed with the missing high trump, then dummy's last trump will score the 10th trick.

By ruffing dummy's club losers in your hand — which is the reverse of the usual procedure — you eliminate entirely the danger of an unfriendly spade division.

Tomorrow: The truth rises to the surface.

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Happy Birthday: Take care of emotional matters this year. Your creative spin to an old idea will interest someone you have not talked to in a long time. Reconnect by making the first move. The results will positively affect how far ahead you get this year. Your numbers are 10, 12, 16, 21, 26, 34, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Judge your next move based on your own position and what you want to see unfold. Talks will help but only with those who are already on board. It's OK to sit back and observe. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A past problem at work will surface again if you didn't take care of it the first time around. Rely on your allies in order to win a better position. It's all about standing up for your rights. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone will pull a fast move that could derail your plans. Uncertainty regarding some of your social and family relationships must be put aside and not be allowed to influence what needs to be done immediately. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got more going for you than you realize. Take a stab at something you enjoy doing. Changes to your environment will enable you to find a space that contributes to your comfort and peace of mind. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love is skyrocketing and solid ground can be found on which to build your life. Past connections that were never allowed to develop will now help to fulfill your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've got a lot at stake and if you don't resolve past issues first, you may lose out on something good. A little fancy talking and a few crucial maneuvers and you should be in the ballpark for

an opportunity that develops. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your best offers will come from the past and, with your ability to develop and creatively and intelligently put things together, you will find yourself placed in a key position. Social activities and networking will be to your advantage. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get out and about where you can breath easy and discover what it is you really want to see happen. Get away from your normal routine and negative people. It will help you gain a clear picture of what you must do. It's up to you to bring about positive change in your life. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will try to outmaneuver you by making last-minute alterations or decisions. Don't fall into an unstable trap. Follow your heart and stay within your means financially, mentally and emotionally. Positive changes should be made at work and at home. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything will be dependent on how you feel and what you do. Don't let an emotional relationship cause you to second-guess your next move. An interesting change in what you do to earn a living will allow you to go in a direction that has always interested you. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be looking through rose-colored glasses and must give yourself a reality check. Put things in perspective. You may be surprised to find out who's been watching and waiting for you to notice him or her. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be forgiving, open and respectful of others. Consider your own faults and fix anything you have left unfinished. Change will bring about stability and a better future. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEING THE OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL PASSENGER BOAT FOR MANY YEARS, HE HAS A LOT OF FERRY TALES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals L

DISPLAYED PAINTINGS



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Eastbrook Middle School students Evonne Perez and Abel Mendiola recently met with state Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox during the Capitol Art Exhibit in Atlanta. Evonne and Abel were selected to be among more than 140 students across the state to have their paintings displayed at the exhibit, an annual display of Georgia students' artwork at The Twin Towers building. The Georgia Art Education Association and the office of the Secretary of State sponsor the exhibit, which will be up through Saturday.

DARING ESSAY



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Dawnville Elementary fifth-grade students recently completed a 10-week DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. At graduation, the DARE essay contest winner was announced. Officer Lewis visits with Edgar Corona, the first-place winner of the essay contest.

To Your Good Health

Cancer is only one explanation for lymph node enlargement

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a question about lymph nodes. I have a 4 mm to 5 mm, palpable lymph node in my neck. I have noticed it for four months. I saw my family doctor, who told me not to worry about it. He did some tests, including a chest X-ray, and all were normal. I started to read things on the Internet and went into a panic. I can't stop checking the lump. My wife assures me it has not grown. I saw an ENT doctor, who said it was so small that nothing need be done. Everyone I talk to has a story of someone who had cancer and it hit the lymph nodes and they all died quickly. I even saw a surgeon, who said the lump is so small that removing it would be dangerous. Am I freaking out over nothing? — Anon.



Paul G. Donohue

The Internet is not always a source for the best information. Your doctors should be that source for you. You are freaking out, but that's understandable. Who wants less than 100 percent assurance when it comes to cancer? If you can't get the cancer fear out of your mind, see an oncologist — a cancer specialist — and listen to what that doctor says. I am sure he or she will be able to dismiss your cancer ruminations.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband has a couple of different cancers but is responding to treatment. We received a report from his doctor that says he has a lymph node under his arm and that it is slightly enlarged. What is the function of lymph nodes? — D.G.

ANSWER: The body has more than 600 lymph nodes that function as sanitation stations. They filter out germs and other foreign materials that make their way into the body. Tonsils are an example of lymph nodes that can be seen. Infections are the most common causes of lymph node enlargement. Allergies and illnesses like rheumatoid arthritis can enlarge them too. Cancer cells can spread to nodes near to the site of the cancer. Your husband's doctor carefully looks for such nodes, evaluates them and makes a calculated

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.

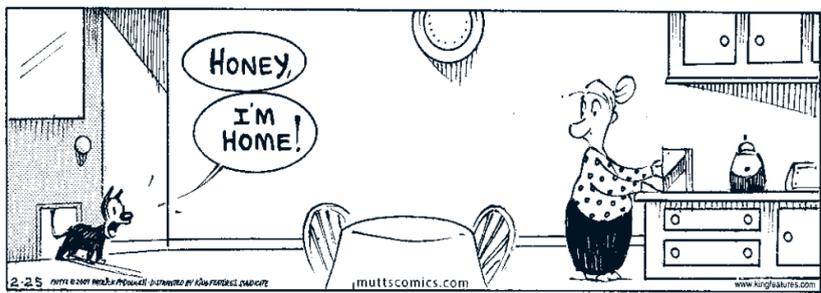
decision if they are cancer-containing or not. I take it your husband's doctor doesn't think his node is a cancer node.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Something you wrote really has me worried. I have a digestive problem and have to take digestive enzymes. They help me greatly. You suggest that these enzymes inhibit stomach mucus production and lead to a stomach ulcer. Am I reading this correctly? — A.A.

ANSWER: No. It's not your fault. I could have been clearer. You refer to a question about a person taking NSAIDs, medicines like aspirin, Aleve, Advil and Motrin. When taken in large doses or for protracted periods of time, these medicines reduce the stomach's mucous layer. That layer protects the stomach from the corrosive effect of stomach acid and the digestive effect of enzymes. The result can be an ulcer. Your stomach mucus is intact. You have no worry. You can continue taking your digestive enzymes without fear.

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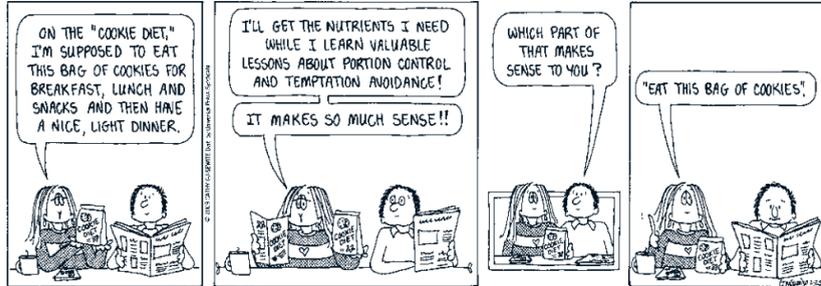
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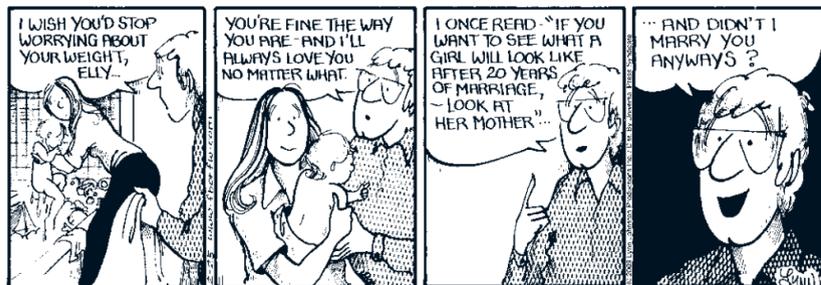
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DEAR ABBY

Wife's inability to reciprocate affection frustrates husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Warren," and I are happily married. We love each other. We are both hardworking career professionals and have raised our family. We have always been faithful to each other.

Warren is very open with his emotions and often talks to me how much he loves me. He is also very passionate during our intimate moments. The problem is, he expects me to act the same way — which I can't. Although I love my husband and always will, I do not feel comfortable expressing myself the way he does during our lovemaking. I am content to just "get it over with" while he yearns for the kissing, hugging and talk.

Despite an active sex life with Warren, he has told me many times he wishes I were more expressive and open with my feelings. I respond by telling him, "I am who I am." He is not happy that I refuse to change.

Warren is a wonderful man. Other women probably would have no problem giving him what he wants, but we are not compatible this way. I have never spoken to anyone else about this, and I'm wondering what you think. — CONFUSED IN PENNSYLVANIA

considered the fact that by "refusing" to change, you have limited some interesting and rewarding possibilities in your marriage. One important aspect of "performance" is receiving feedback, as anyone in the arts can attest. Lovemaking is an art, and partners need to know when they, too, are doing something right.

I wish you would have this discussion with a therapist who specializes in sexual issues. Perhaps the person can help you more effectively communicate. If you make the effort, you'll have a happier husband, and a more satisfying marriage will follow.



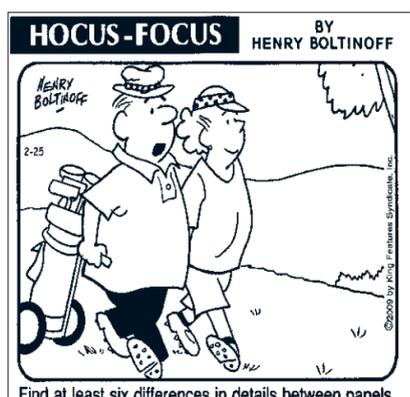
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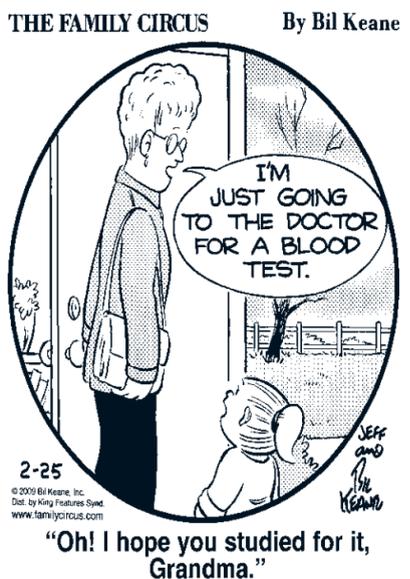
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