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Teen declines polygraph test

By MARK MILLICAN
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The attorney for Macie Hinman — who was on the Conasauga River with 19-year-old Brett Thomason last Thursday before Thomason turned up missing — said Wednesday she will not take a polygraph test given by Dalton

police.

Hinman, 16, left from the boat with Collin Parrish, 15, before Thomason beached the craft downstream and disappeared. Officials said Parrish had been given a polygraph test.

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Dana Massey, mother of missing 19-year-old Brett Thomason, speaks to members of the media at Riverbend Baptist Church Wednesday morning about her plan to continue searching for her son.

Big sendoff for soldiers Monday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The public is invited to help give the members of Charlie Troop a roaring sendoff Monday morning as they leave for Fort Shelby, Miss., on their way to Afghanistan. Residents are asked to line the procession route through downtown Dalton with flags, banners, signs and other forms of appreciation.

Plans are for the procession from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. The Ga. Army National Guard troops will then go to the National Guard Armory on Crawford Street. Members of the public are asked to line the route beginning at around 11 or so.

The route will begin at First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. Tibbs Road in Dalton, then right on Tibbs Road to Walnut Avenue, left on Walnut Avenue to Thornton Avenue, left on Thornton Avenue to Crawford Street, right on Crawford Street to Selvidge Street, left on Selvidge Street to Waugh Street, left on Waugh Street to Thornton Avenue, left on Thornton Avenue to Crawford Street and right on Crawford Street to the Armory. A ceremony will begin at the armory at noon.

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

A commemorative Charlie Troop Deployment ornament has been created and will be on sale for \$10, with proceeds benefiting the Family Readiness Group that provides help to families during deployment. Several businesses already have the commemorative ornaments: Designs by Laura, Pentz Street Station, Raspberry Row, Sophie's Place and Studio 360. The ornaments are also available at the DDDA office at 220 N. Pentz St.

If you are a downtown business and are willing to sell the ornaments, contact the DDDA office at (706) 278-3332 or info@down-towndalton.com.

Residents can also join their neighbors in posting 721 flags on



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Sgt. Steven Grant, left, and Staff Sgt. Joel King speak about their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan outside the National Guard Armory on Crawford Street.

the courthouse lawn and King Street on Sunday at 3 p.m. (the rain date is Monday at 7 a.m.), with retrieval on Monday at 5 p.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for 'family time' with your children and grandchildren to teach 'hands on' patriotism as they become a part of community spirit and history," organizers said.

Businesses are encouraged to display a flag and/or yellow ribbon(s) until the troops return.

Edith Thompson, a stylist's assistant at Sophie's Place on Hamilton Street, holds up one of the ornaments that are being sold in support of Charlie Troop's deployment to Afghanistan. The money raised will benefit the Family Readiness Group that provides help to the families of the soldiers.



TV gig offers Martinez chance to advance cause

By JAMIE JONES
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When thrilled fans approach J.R. Martinez for a picture, an autograph or to chat about his role as a wounded veteran on ABC's "All My Children," Martinez can't help but feel a little awkward.

Five months into his acting stint on the popular soap opera,

being a celebrity hasn't sunk in yet. He still considers himself J.R. Martinez, a regular 25-year-old who has accomplished extraordinary goals almost six years after being severely injured by a land mine explosion in Iraq.

"I'm a symbol for hope, a symbol for life after death to some extent," said Martinez, a 2002 Dalton High School graduate who

was recently in town to visit his mother and friends. "People stop me and it's a great way for them to kind of say, 'This is real. It's not a game. It really can happen.' At



Martinez

the end of the day, those are the ones that are keeping me on the show, keeping me out in the public eye and supporting me. They're definitely part of this team as well."

The national — and worldwide — exposure on ABC has given

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"I am the parent of a Christian Heritage basketball player and I wonder how many of those people complaining about the stats have seen the CHS teams play. I root for all our local teams to win and wish everyone else would."

"Everyone is missing the point about the chicken fighting. Instead of worrying about the people who fight chickens, they need to be worrying about why this allowed."

"Please help me find my dog. She got hit Friday and a woman picked her up and took her home with her. It was in the lower end of Murray County. I have had her for 13 years and I would love to have her back."

"Bethel got a nice little park built for the football boosters."

"Where in the Constitution does it say a member of the government has a right to tell anyone what to do?"

"How can an 11-year-old be charged as an adult? He's nowhere near being an adult."

"Would everyone take a minute out of their day to pray for the safe return of Brett Thomason?"

"This November the nation needs to hold a special election and elect a real president and vice president. The make-believe is just not working."

Sarcasm alert
"To those of you who voted for Barack Obama and have a 401(k), I hope you are thoroughly excited by your selection."

"Obama and Congress need to take a vacation. Every time he talks the stock market falls."

"The senior citizen with the \$253 electric bill does have a problem. Turn down your heat. Don't use as many lights in your house. Have someone come in and check and make sure your meter is working properly."

"Why is your Spanish paper free and your English paper paid? Why the discrimination?"

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"Whoever said Chitwood is keeping drugs off the street must have bought some really good stuff out there."

"You people need to leave your state senator alone. He has never worked for a living in the real world."

Editor's note: Dr. Don Thomas has been a practicing physician for many years and has an excellent



Picking on Little E?
reputation.

"Dr. Thomas saved my life. He's one Republican who always gets my vote."

"Concerned citizens would like to know when and where the meeting is for North Georgia Electric complaints."

"The city of Varnell is shaking out very nicely, thanks to the current administration."

"The speed limit may be the same in both lanes but the law also says that slower traffic should keep right. That means move over and let traffic come through."

"I hope there are a bunch of new school board candidates running in the next election. It's time for a change."

"I watch NASCAR because I like racing. I'd watch it if Dale Jr. wasn't on there."

"Name one little man these social programs are bailing out."

"NASCAR would go on without Little E, just like it did when his daddy died"

"If someone asked you to build bridges and roads in Iraq, would you? I doubt it but that's where your money's been going the last eight years under President Bush."

"Congratulations to the Dalton High wrestling team, the coaches and the medal winners. Fourth place at State Traditionals. Best finish ever."

"You don't retire from a carpet mill. You either get fired or you quit."

"It is apparent that our new president is in love with his own voice."

"If anyone was thinking about moving to Dalton saw the Forum, they would head in the opposite direction. This is the worst publicity for Dalton there has ever been."

"There is no good reason for Christian Heritage's stats not to be in the newspaper."

"Bailing out all these big car corporations with their fancy jets and CEOs is wrong. They need to get out of this mess themselves."

"In October of 2007 the stock market set records under Bush and the Republicans. Yesterday, it dropped to the lowest level since Clinton and the Democrats were in charge."

"Whoever decided to put those medians down the middle of Walnut Avenue should be brought up on charges."

"My GPS is a woman. She always has the right directions."

"I hope when Mr. Cope gets in his late 80s he can set the temperature in his house in the 50s and enjoy it the way we do."

"You had an editor's note saying the Venezuelan National Oil Company owned Citgo. Who is it that

controls the Venezuelan National Oil Company? Last time I checked it was President for Life Hugh Chavez.

Editor's note: If Chavez died tomorrow, the Venezuelan National Oil Company would still control that country's oil supply. Chavez was re-elected in 2000 and must run again. As of now, he is not "president for life."

"As a North Georgia Electric customer I suggest we boycott them and go back to using kerosene lamps and heaters."

"They are cutting bus routes but still have the money to build a new high school."

"Scott Chitwood and his staff aren't doing a good job keeping drugs off the street. They are all over Rocky Face."

"All people who raise game fowl don't live in caves."

"You don't have to live in a cave to cook chicken. Most Americans cook chicken."

Editor's note: But most Americans don't pay money to watch the chicken get beat up by another chicken.

"I would be glad to contribute to high-speed rail anywhere in the country if it would help the jobless and the economy."

"To all the people who put down the police and fire, I bet they sing a different tune when they need help."

"Drug users, all those people on the Mexican border are dying so you can get your drugs."

"I agree that Christian Heritage isn't up there with Dalton or Northwest Whitfield, but I do believe in football last year they could have beaten Murray or Southeast."

"The person who said you can't discipline your kids is wrong. You can you just can't beat them."

"Don't pay any attention to those comments about Junior being bad. Those are just Jeff Gordon fans sounding off."

"In response to someone's comment, why would you want to undermine people's feelings and be so hurtful to those looking for the young man. Who cares what his reasons were, what matters is that he is lost and the good people of this community would help in the search, not ridicule the young man."

"Carpet employees who have been there 25 years also have kids. Usually high school or college age and government gives no help in raising them. So why should we quit jobs for you?"

"If Little E wants to be the face of NASCAR, maybe he should win a race every now and then."

"We can't do like the Israelites and get impatient. This recovery will take a long, long time but a high percentage of it will work."

"People need to write letters to President Obama about what North Georgia Electric is doing."

"If you don't have the intestinal fortitude to exceed the speed limit, stay in the right hand lane as the law requires."

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Bailey Saylor
AGE: 5
HOME: Cohutta
FAMILY: Mom, Courtney; dad, Nathan; sister, Allie
SCHOOL: Cohutta Elementary
PLAY: Firemen, football, baseball, 4-wheelers
HE SAID: "Call me Big Daddy."



4 charged in multi-state suicide assistance probe

ATLANTA (AP) — Four members of an alleged assisted suicide ring were charged Wednesday with helping a 58-year-old Georgia man end his life, and investigators in eight other states were looking into whether the group was involved in more deaths.

The FBI is also probing the Final Exit Network, an organization whose Web site said it is "dedicated to serving people who are suffering from an intolerable condition." It wasn't immediately clear how many deaths were being investigated.

On Wednesday, investigators raided the homes of the group's volunteers in seven of the states, a group office in Georgia and a company in Montana that authorities said supplied items used in suicides, according to a news release from authorities in Arizona, where another death was being investigated.

Group members Thomas E. Goodwin, who was identified as the organization's president, and Claire Blehr, a member, were both arrested at a home in northern Georgia, the GBI said.

Martinez: Soap star

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Martinez a much broader platform to further his cause of helping wounded veterans. Now living in New York City, Martinez has been featured prominently in the media. CNN named Martinez one of several "Young People Who Rock" (you can watch an interview on www.cnn.com) while numerous newspapers including the New York Daily News and magazines such as Soap Opera Weekly have featured his story.

Before he hit television screens across the country, Martinez already had plenty of fans. He's spent time as a motivational speaker. And for the past five years, Martinez has been a spokesman for the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. The nonprofit group helps severely wounded and disabled veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and their families rebuild their lives.

"The biggest thing I tell them is this is not how it's going to be for the rest of their life," Martinez said. "It may seem that way at the moment, but it's not what's going to turn out with your life. I've been down that road. There are dark days, but look, there are a lot of bright days, a lot of bright things that you can take advantage of. You've just got to be positive."

Martinez enlisted in the Army in September 2002 when he was 19, then deployed to Iraq in February 2003. Two months later, the left front tire of a Humvee he was driving hit a land mine. The explosion caused severe burns to more than 40 percent of his body and disfigured his face. Martinez endured 34 months in and out of hospitals and 32 different surgeries, including skin grafts and cosmetic surgery.

It was during those hospital visits that Martinez got an introduction to soap operas. His mother, at his bed side, would watch "telenovelas" (Spanish language soap operas) while Martinez recuperated. Because the surgeries left him immobile, he wasn't able to leave the room. He passed the time by watching the soap operas.

Since his television role in some ways parallels his life, Martinez finds revisiting those "dark days" difficult from time to time. But he realizes the tough experiences "remind you of how far you've come to who you are today."

"It's a bittersweet thing," Martinez said. "For me, it's more sweet than bitter

because I'm reliving something that helped me be what I am today, and I'm reliving something that will help educate millions of people across the country and eventually around the world."

His character, Broton Monroe, served in the Army and was injured in combat during a deployment to Iraq. While in the Army, he met and fell in love with Lt. Taylor Thompson (actress Beth Ehlers). Monroe let Taylor believe he died because he didn't want to burden her with his injuries. Months passed. After several surgeries, Monroe returned to find his fiancée grieving her loss, unaware he was still alive. He's since revealed himself to her and to society, and is trying to re-enter civilian life by working at the local hospital. Martinez said Monroe has good days, but there are days when "he's mad at the world."

Martinez isn't sure how long the part on "All My Children" will last. Producers originally told him it would be a three-month gig. He's caught the "acting bug right now," so Martinez is hoping movie roles will come his way. If not, he wants to write a book about his life. His ultimate goal is to host a syndicated talk show.

For the near term, he's teamed up with Los Angeles-based musician Don Preach on a project. Preach plans to release an album with a song he wrote about Martinez titled "I'm Just a Hero." A portion of the song's proceeds will be donated to groups that help veterans.

"I want to be that old man sitting on my front porch rocking myself, looking back and saying, 'I did it,' vs. saying, 'I wish I would have done it,'" Martinez said.

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Chase leads to 14 charges for Calhoun man

BY MARK MILLICAN

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A Calhoun man faces 14 charges following an early-morning car chase on Wednesday that officials said started in Dalton, continued into Catoosa County and ended back in Whitfield County.

Tracy Jerome Fox, 45, of 1261 Newton Church Road, eluded a Dalton police officer who attempted to stop his van on Tampico Drive on a license plate violation around 1:30 a.m., said police spokesman Bruce Frazier. Fox headed north out of town and the officer broke off the chase "after a mile," said Frazier, following the department's chase policy on minor traffic violations.

"(The officer) had information

on the tag and knew that the driver did not have insurance," Frazier said.

Tunnel Hill police officer Thomas Agredano gave chase on Highway 201 west of Rocky Face, said Chief Roy Brunson. Meanwhile, Whitfield 911 received information from a third party in a Gordon County hotel who chose to remain unnamed that Fox had a female, Tammy Pasley, in the van, and "says he's got a gun (on her) and will shoot her if (police officers) don't back off," according to the 911 recording.

Brunson said Agredano followed Fox "into a subdivision or two and back out, and failing to yield (Fox) went into Catoosa County." Up to that point, units from the Whitfield

County Sheriff's Office as well as the Dalton post of the Georgia State Patrol were involved.

Whitfield County Sheriff Scott Chitwood said the protocol for his department is to let state troopers cross county lines while his officers wait in support if the chase turns back their way. Catoosa County Sheriff's Office units joined the chase there.

A state patrol spokeswoman said the chase also covered Cottonwood Mill Road, Dogwood Valley Road and Houston Valley Road in Whitfield. Fox turned onto Wimpey Road, which is a dead end, in Whitfield County and then went onto a gravel road where he finally stopped, said Brunson.

"Police officers approached him

and ordered him onto the ground and he complied," Brunson said.

Officials said the chase lasted about a half hour. Fox was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer (two counts), driving while license withdrawn (two counts, second and third offenses), concealing vehicle identification (two counts), no insurance (two counts), reckless driving (two counts), driving on the wrong side of the road, failure to drive within a single lane and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. The only felony charge was criminal damage to property in the first degree.

"Mr. Fox is in a holding cell," Maj. John Gibson with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office said on Wednesday. "He may not

have been drinking, but anytime someone is acting that erratically we're going to keep a close eye on him."

Fox will likely have an appearance before a magistrate judge this morning via video link, said Gibson.

"It's my understanding Gordon County has outstanding charges on him also," Gibson said. "He'll have a hold put on him, and there will probably be no bond. But he will have to stand on his charges here first."

A detective with the Gordon County Sheriff's Office did not immediately return a phone call Wednesday. Brunson said Pasley was not charged and was helped in getting home by officers.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Black Marriage Planning Team is organizing Black Marriage Day for March 29. On the first row, from left, are Crosie Thomas, Cordia Starling, Annette Smith, Clara White and Minnie Marsh; second row, Jerry Smith, Marcus Starling, Hubert Marsh, Leynwood Thomas and Curtis Rivers.

Nominations sought for black married couples

Family Frameworks officials are planning a celebration of Black Marriage Day on March 29 at 5 p.m. at the Emery Center. The purpose is to highlight strong, healthy marriages in the black community.

The Black Marriage Day Planning Team is looking for black couples

who have been married for more than 20 years and who have been positive role models to young people in the community, and couples that have been married for four years or longer that show great potential. The planning team is seeking nominations. For more information, contact

office@marriageisforever.org or call (706) 313-0023.

Nominations must be made by March 15. Winners' pictures will be placed on the Emery Center's Marriage Wall of Fame, and winners will also receive other recognitions.

Burt assigned to Dalton patrol post

SUBMITTED BY THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Daniel Burt of Murray County has been assigned to Dalton Post 5 of the Georgia State Patrol after completing trooper school at the Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

Gov. Sonny Perdue was the keynote speaker for graduation exercises.

New troopers completed a 33-week, rigorous training school that included specialized training in impaired driving enforcement, pursuit driving, firearms, drug interdiction techniques, as well as extensive training in traffic crash investigations and self-defense.

Col. Bill Hitchens, commissioner of the Georgia



The Georgia State Patrol has assigned Daniel Burt to Dalton Post 5.

Department of Public Safety, said the 47 new troopers have earned the right to wear the traditional "big hat" of the Georgia State Patrol.

"These troopers have

received the best training available in the country," Hitchens said. "They have undergone grueling physical, textbook and field training to prepare them well for a career in the dangerous profession of law enforcement."

The new troopers have also completed 12 weeks of field training supervised under the guidance of seasoned troopers.

"With today's graduation exercises, the troopers are ready to begin patrolling in their newly assigned patrol post territory," Hitchens said.

The graduates of the 86th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School have been assigned to vacancies at the state patrol's 48 post locations across the state and most will report for duty on Friday.

Fatal wrecks decrease in Murray County

There were 2,718 arrests in Murray County in 2008 — including 81 for DUI — made by the Georgia State Patrol in Murray County, reported Sgt. First Class Shawn Tucker, commander of Post 43 in Calhoun.

The report said troopers from the post investigated 477 traffic crashes that included 357 injuries and four deaths.

"I am pleased to tell you crashes decreased in 2008 for the first time in four years," said Tucker. "In 2006 we investigated 542 crashes, and 545 crashes in 2007. Fatalities decreased from 15 in 2006 to six in 2007."

In 2008 troopers issued 4,503 warnings. Tucker said the "most notable" aspect of the report is the significant

decrease in fatalities on Murray County's highways.

"Our patrol presences will remain on Georgia 225 as staffing allows," Tucker said. "We remain short of personnel in Calhoun as do most posts throughout the state. However, the men and women I serve with remain constant in their mission to save lives."

Dalton police begin neighborhood policing project

SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Dalton Police Department is starting a Neighborhood Policing program, with a mission to create productive one-to-one relationships with residents and business owners that promotes two-way communication and cooperation between the department and the community.

The department is currently conducting the pilot phase of the program, and will be moving towards full-scale implementation later this year.

The city is being divided into more than 90 "beats" approximately six blocks in size. An officer is being assigned to each of these smaller beats and will spend part of each of his or her shift patrolling that area. The officers will also conduct foot patrols in the area, informing citizens about the program and exchanging contact information.

The idea is to establish communication with residents outside of emergency

situations. Citizens will be encouraged to share information about anything out of the ordinary, even if it's not necessarily a crime in progress or an emergency. The officer assigned to a beat will be that citizen's contact within the department for questions or concerns.

Later this year, the department will add an "e-policing" Internet presence for the program that will make communication even easier for officers and citizens. The service, which will be hosted at www.epolicing.com, will allow citizens to view an interactive map of the city with information about where different types of crimes are reported.

Citizens can also register with the site to receive e-mail updates from the department and neighborhood specific updates from their neighborhood officer. They'll also be able to contact officers through the Web site.

The program is used in communities across the country, including Savannah. Their "e-policing" site can be viewed at www.metro-crimemaps.org.

AREA ARRESTS

Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with identity theft, first degree forgery and false statements.

• Jerry Lee Farner, 27, 393 W. Allen Road, Chatsworth, was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, seat belt violation and failure to drive within a single lane.

• Robert Michael Kelley, 58, 86 Elm St., Chatsworth, was charged Wednesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with failure to drive within a single lane and DUI.

• Billy Gene Silvers Jr., 38, 313 Mill Trace, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated stalking.



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OUR VIEW

We suffer alone

Where's Sonny? Or Johnny? Or Saxby? Or Nathan? Or Casey? Or Bill?

Metro Dalton, which includes Whitfield and Murray counties, set a dubious standard in 2008 with the second largest growth in the unemployment rate in the nation, trailing only Indiana's Elkhart-Goshen area. Earlier this month, President Barack Obama visited that economically devastated area to assuage the fears of the residents there, yet few state officials can find the time for Dalton.

Few places in the nation, and perhaps none in the state, have felt the sting of the current economic downturn more than Dalton. The unemployment rate in Metro Dalton soared to 11.2 percent in December 2008, up from 5 percent in December 2007. That was well above the 7.2 percent national unemployment rate.

But have any of the above elected officials shown up to tell us what they plan to do about it? Have they even come here to offer words of encouragement? No. It has been months, in some cases years, since the governor, our U.S. senators, congressman, lieutenant governor and speaker of the state House of Representatives have graced us with their presence.

They seem to take the area for granted during good times and ignore it in bad.

There are few communities this size in the state that have the industrial base Dalton does, that create the jobs that Dalton does or that pay the taxes that Dalton does. You'd think state officials would be lining up to tell us what they are going to do to help. But if you are not a big landowner in south Georgia or part of the Atlanta boys club the message seems to be "You are on your own."

Our local leaders, and voters, have taken steps to keep the area business friendly. The city of Dalton has cut its property tax rate 20 percent. Voters approved "freeport" tax exemptions for several types of business inventory in both Dalton and Whitfield County last year. Dalton voters approved Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages in 2006, and Whitfield County voters approved the sale of distilled spirits by the drink last year.

And let's not forget the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) that Whitfield County voters approved to fund transportation projects in 2007. State transportation officials were glad to come here and promise hefty matching funds if voters approved that measure. But soon after it passed, they suddenly discovered the state transportation department had a huge budget deficit and the county wouldn't be getting that money after all.

What's particularly galling about all this is that almost all of the top elected officials in Georgia are Republican. Whitfield County is one of the most reliably Republican counties in the state, and it was one of the first to switch to the GOP. And still they don't seem to care. Or maybe that's why they don't care. If they believe the voters will stand by them no matter what, they may feel no need to offer the area anything more than crumbs.

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FREE MINDS

"I do not call upon the state to compel everyone to accept my opinion, but, rather; not to force me to accept anybody else's opinion."

— Selected Essays on Political Economy
Frederic Bastiat
(1801-1850)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6: 24-26

Thought for today: "Nothing is more frightful than laughter when it comes to jealousy."

Francoise Sagan
French author (1935-2004)

Nation of cowards



Walter Williams

Attorney General Eric Holder said the United States is "a nation of cowards" when it comes to race relations. In one sense, he is absolutely right. Many whites, from university administrators and professors, schoolteachers to employers and public officials accept behavior from black people that they wouldn't begin to accept from whites. For example, some of the nation's most elite universities, such as Vanderbilt, Stanford University and the University of California, have yielded to black student demands for separate graduation ceremonies and separate "celebratory events." Universities such as Stanford, Cornell, MIT, and Cal Berkeley have, or have had, segregated dorms. If white students demanded whites-only graduation ceremonies or whites-only dorms, administrators would have labeled their demands as intolerable racism. When black students demand the same thing, these administrators cowardly capitulate. Calling these university administrators cowards is the most flattering characterization of their behavior. They might actually be stupid enough to believe nonsense taught by their some of sociology and psychology professors that blacks can't be racists because they don't have power.

What about Holder's statement that America is "voluntarily segregated"? I say, so what. According to the census, in 2007, 4.6 percent of married blacks were married to a white; less than 1 percent of married whites were married to a black. While blacks are 13 percent

of the population, they are 80 percent of professional basketball players and 65 percent of professional football players. Mere casual observance of audiences at ice hockey games or opera performances would reveal gross voluntary segregation. What would Holder propose the U.S. Justice Department do about these and other instances of voluntary segregation?

Attorney General Holder's flawed thinking is widespread whereby people think that an activity that is not racially integrated is therefore segregated. Blacks are about 60 percent of the Washington, D.C. population. At the Reagan National Airport, which serves D.C., nowhere near 60 percent of the airport's water fountain users are black; I'd guess blacks are never more than 5 percent of users. The population statistics of states such as South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana and Vermont show that not even 1 percent of their populations are black. Does that mean Reagan National Airport water fountains and South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana and Vermont are racially segregated? If Holder does anything about "voluntary segregation" at the state level I hope it's not court-ordered busing; I'm not wild about their winters. Just because some activity is

not racially integrated does not mean that it is racially segregated.

The bottom line is that the civil rights struggle is over and it is won. At one time black Americans didn't share the constitutional guarantees shared by whites; today we do. That does not mean that there are not major problems that confront a large segment of the black community, but they are not civil rights problems nor can they be solved through a "conversation on race." Black illegitimacy stands at 70 percent; nearly 50 percent of black students drop out of high school; and only 30 percent of black youngsters reside in two-parent families. In 2005, while 13 percent of the population, blacks committed over 52 percent of the nation's homicides and were 46 percent of the homicide victims. Ninety-four percent of black homicide victims had a black person as their murderer. Such pathology, I think much of it precipitated by family breakdown, is entirely new among blacks. In 1940, black illegitimacy was 19 percent; in 1950, only 18 percent of black households were female-headed compared with today's 70 percent. Both during slavery and as late as 1920, a teenage girl raising a child without a man present was rare among blacks.

If black people continue to accept the corrupt blame game agenda of liberal whites, black politicians and assorted hustlers, as opposed to accepting personal responsibility, the future for many black Americans will remain bleak.

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Already time to test Obama

Joseph Biden is a prophet. On Oct. 19, 2008, the now-vice president said: "Mark my words. It will not be six months before the world tests Barack Obama like they did John Kennedy."

Forget about six months, the foreign affairs insults arrived within three weeks of Obama's presidency. And with the economy dominating the news cycle, very little attention has been paid.

Let's take them one by one: By far the most important insult to the Obama administration came this week. Shortly after U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke visited Pakistan, the country surrendered to the Taliban and al-Qaida, putting the entire world in danger.

In a shocking abdication of responsibility, the Pakistani government now says the Taliban has the authority to impose sharia law in the northern part of the country. This means the Pakistani government is allowing these terrorists to do whatever they want, and that will include continuing their attacks on American forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

This is huge. And President Obama



Bill O'Reilly

would be wise to respond quickly and punish the Pakistani government. They have thrown in with terrorists and killers, and the United States cannot accept that, nor should any responsible country.

Insult two: The government of Kyrgyzstan is closing the U.S. air base on its soil. That air base supplies NATO forces in Afghanistan. Again, this is huge. The reason the base is being closed is because Russian tyrant Vladimir Putin doesn't like America assisting nations like Poland and Ukraine in their defense strategies. So Putin, whom the Kyrgyzstan government fears, has succeeded in hurting NATO's war against the Taliban. Nice.

The third insult comes from Iran. No surprise here. While the mullahs yak about talking with Obama, they continue to fast-track nuclear weapons. A report by the Institute for

Science and International Security says that Iran could have weapons-grade nuclear material this year. So there is now an urgency to the situation, and Obama must respond quickly or the nuke genie will be out of the bottle.

Finally, insult four: Crazy Kim Jong II, the leader of North Korea, celebrated his 67th birthday this week by threatening a nuclear missile test.

Again, because of the terrible economy, many Americans have no idea all of this stuff is going on, but there is no question that Obama is being tested and that villains are watching closely to see what he will do.

In that speech last October, Biden also told Americans to "gird your loins." I'm not exactly sure what that means vis-a-vis foreign policy, but it doesn't sound good. I also don't know whether President Obama is "girding" right now, but he had better be doing something.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2009. There are 308 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba in Italy.

In 1907, Congress created the Dillingham Commission to examine the impact of immigrants on America. (The panel later recommended curtailing immigration from southern and eastern Europe.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1993, a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton, outlining foreign policy goals for the final two years of his administration, urged continued American engagement in the quest for peace and freedom abroad during a news conference in San Francisco.

One year ago: A power failure later blamed primarily on human error plunged large parts of Florida into darkness. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, visiting Beijing, won a verbal assurance from Chinese officials to use their influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Fats Domino is 81. Political columnist Robert Novak is 78. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 66. Actor-director Bill Duke is 66. Singer Michael Bolton is 56. Actor Greg Germann is 51. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine is 51. Bandleader John McDaniel is 48. Actress Jennifer Grant is 43. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 41. Singer Erykah Badu is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kyle Norman (Jagged Edge) is 34. Rock musician Chris Culos (O.A.R.) is 30.

Trade center posts loss for January



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Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center officials say January's financial numbers — including a net loss of \$97,240 — are about what they expected given the current economic downturn.

Total revenue for the month was \$65,654, while total expenses were \$162,894. The 2009 budget projected a \$68,885 loss for the month, but the economy has continued to deteriorate since that budget was

prepared last year.

"We knew there were going to be a few surprises. We are still just getting our feet wet. But for the most part we were expecting to be in line or a little worse than these numbers," said trade center executive director Shashank Gairola.

Gairola was brought on board as interim director by facilities management company Global Spectrum, which took over management of the trade center on Jan. 1. He was named director on Wednesday.

Officials told trade center board members the recession has taken a big bite out of business.

"We have evaluated all aspects of revenue going forward, trying to see where we can find it. Unfortunately, anything that we are trying to rent now will only take effect four, six or eight months out. So that's really where we'll see the impact (of the new management team)," Gairola said.

Gairola previously served as assistant general manager of the Global Spectrum-managed

Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, S.C. He was also the assistant general manager for the Liacouras Center at Temple University, another Global Spectrum-managed facility.

Gairola began his facility management career at Global Spectrum's flagship arena, the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia, as an event manager. He graduated from Temple University in May 2005 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

"Shashank has quickly devel-

oped a plan for the trade center, as well as becoming heavily involved within the community," said Global Spectrum regional vice president Dave Anderson in a press release. "Shashank will be a tremendous asset to the trade center, to the authority and to the community. We're proud of his efforts and glad that he is now the full-time general manager at the trade center."

BRIEFS

\$634B sought for health care

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's first budget will seek \$634 billion over 10 years as a down payment on health care reform, a senior administration official said Wednesday. The official said Obama's proposal is meant to start a dialogue with Congress over how to provide coverage for an estimated 48 million uninsured while also slowing health care costs, which amount to \$2.4 trillion a year and keep rising even as the economy is shrinking. The budget won't be released until today.

\$410B bill bristles with earmarks

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House approved \$410 billion legislation Wednesday that boosted domestic programs, bristled with earmarks and chipped away at policies left behind by the Bush administration. The vote was 245-178, largely along party lines. Republicans assailed the measure as too costly — particularly on the heels of a \$787 billion stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed last week. But Democrats jabbed back. "The same people who drove the economy into the ditch are now complaining about the size of the tow truck," said Rep. James McGovern, D-Mass.,

Scores survive crash of airliner

HAARLEMMELEDE, Netherlands — A Turkish Airlines jetliner plummeted out of the mist and plowed into a muddy field Wednesday near Amsterdam's main airport, but nearly everyone on board — 125 people — survived. The nine dead included both pilots. The Boeing 737-800 was en route from Istanbul to Amsterdam carrying 134 people when it suddenly lost speed and fell out of the sky about two miles short of the runway at Schiphol Airport. The jetliner broke into three pieces upon impact: the fuselage tore in two near the cockpit and the tail was ripped off. Despite the catastrophic impact, the wreckage did not burn and scores of people walked away.

Chinese-American pick for Commerce

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama introduced former Washington Gov. Gary Locke as his nominee for commerce secretary Wednesday, trying a third time to fill a key Cabinet post for a country in recession. "I'm sure it's not lost on anyone that we've tried this a couple of times. But I'm a big believer in keeping at something until you get it right. And Gary is the right man for this job," Obama said.

Missing: Boater

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Dalton attorney Todd Ray said he advised President Barack Obama's first budget will seek \$634 billion over 10 years as a down payment on health care reform, a senior administration official said Wednesday.

"There's a number of reasons we're deferring," Ray said. "First of all, I've never been involved in a case where a 16-year-old took a polygraph. Secondly, the examiner at the Dalton police has only been doing this a year, and a lot of times these tests are like a computer — they're only as good as the operator, and the results can be misinterpreted. I'm not confident with that."

"From what I've heard, statements made between the family and investigators have led to a lack of trust. Under these circumstances I don't want her to take one at this time."

Ray held out the possibility Hinman might take a "private" polygraph test. He said she has been "extremely cooperative" in the investigation.

"Macie has been questioned extensively, and she has gone to the river and pointed out locations," Ray said. "She has identified items they've shown her on a list. She has been extremely helpful. It's not

like we're trying to impede the investigation."

Maj. John Gibson with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office and officials with the state Department of Natural Resources said Parrish was given a polygraph by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday.

A GBI official said Wednesday any results of polygraph tests will not be revealed by the agency.

"We don't comment one way or the other on a) whether a (polygraph) test was given, and b) the test results," said Jerry Scott with the GBI's Calhoun office. Scott would not confirm that a polygraph test was given to Parrish.

A phone message left at the Parrish residence was not immediately returned on Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, Sheriff Scott Chitwood said officials in his department were "dumbfounded" with "no new developments and no new leads."

"We're on a fact-finding mission, but we can't stop the rumor mills," he said, referring to unsubstantiated reports of a hoax or runaway situation. Chitwood said cell phones of the teens had been checked for text or other messages with



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Sheriff Scott Chitwood speaks with family members of missing 19-year-old Brett Thomason, including his sister Natasha Thomason, left, and his mother Dana Massey, center, prior to a news conference at the jail Wednesday morning.

no relevant information. "The search will continue this week," he said. "The DNR is planning a two to three day a week pattern (on the river)." Chitwood said he hoped rain predicted for Friday would create a "surge" that would loosen logs in the river, perhaps revealing a body.

Darron Moreland, a friend of the family who was helping in the search, said he has extensive experience floating the river. He

noted last year's drought may be contributing to the difficulty of the search.

"A lot of trees and plants have died and fell or been washed into the river," he said. "And then when it rains it can come in a rush and force a lot of stuff into the bends."

Thomason's mother, Dana Massey, has led searches the last two days. She said she is not giving up.

"I know my son well

Study: It's calories that matter in diet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Low-fat, low-carb or high-protein? The kind of diet doesn't matter, scientists say. All that really counts is cutting calories and sticking with it, according to a federal study that followed people for two years.

However, participants had trouble staying with a single approach that long and the weight loss was modest for most.

As the world grapples with rising obesity, millions have turned to popular diets like Atkins, Zone and Ornish that tout the benefits of one nutrient over another.

Some previous studies have found that low carbohydrate diets like Atkins work better than a traditional low-fat diet. But the new research found that the key to losing weight boiled down to a basic rule — calories in, calories out.

"The hidden secret is it doesn't matter if you focus on low-fat or low-carb," said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which funded the research.

Limiting the calories you consume and burning off more calories with exercise is key, she said.

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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

A candlelight prayer vigil for Brett Thomason will be at Riverbend Baptist Church on Riverbend Road tonight at 7. The service, to be led by the Rev. Ronald Guffey and youth pastor Reed Hicks, will follow the day's search that will begin at the church at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to take part in the search conducted by family members and to the vigil.

enough that he's not run away," she said in an attempt to dispel rumors. "I will never give up looking for him."

Massey said she last talked to her son on a cell phone of one of the friends on the boat around 7:30 last Thursday night.

"I told him I was going to Gatlinburg for a few days and he told me to call him when I got back. The last thing he told me was that he loved me," she said, holding back tears.

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Yesterday's answer 2-26

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BRIDGE

The truth rises to the surface

There are times when a falsecard by a defender may lead declarer down the pathway to disaster because he has no way of knowing whether the card played was a true card or not. In many of these cases, declarer can only hope he has his best guessing shoes on.

But there are also times when declarer can positively confirm whether the defender's play was an honest one.

In such a case, declarer has only himself to blame if he misreads the situation.

Consider this deal where South was in six notrump. He won the spade lead in dummy and, since a heart finesse had to be taken sooner or later, led the queen and let it ride, losing to West's king.

Declarer won the spade return with the queen and had the rest of the tricks if he could score four club tricks. But when he next led a club to the king, East smoothly followed with the eight. East's purpose was to try to convince South that he might be short in clubs, and had declarer next led a low club to the ace, he would have gone down one.

But South had seen a few falsecards in his time, so before committing himself in the club suit, he decided to first find out as much as he could about the adverse distribution. At trick five, he cashed dummy's high spade, on which East discarded a heart, disclosing that West had started with five spades. Next came the A-J of hearts, and when East discarded a diamond, West was proven to have started with four hearts.

Three rounds of diamonds, West following to each, completed the picture — West had started with exactly one club. South's course was now clear, so at trick 11, he cashed the club queen, then took a finesse against East's jack to make the slam.

East made a good try, but, unfortunately, South had come equipped with a lie detector.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A K 5
- ♥ Q 10 4
- ♦ K 8 2
- ♣ K Q 10 3

WEST

- ♠ J 10 9 7 2
- ♥ K 9 6 3
- ♦ 10 7 5
- ♣ 4

EAST

- ♠ 8 3
- ♥ 7 5 2
- ♦ J 9 6 4
- ♣ J 8 6 5

SOUTH

- ♠ Q 6 4
- ♥ A J 8
- ♦ A Q 3
- ♣ A 9 7 2

The bidding:

South West North East
1 NT Pass 6 NT All Pass
Opening lead jack of spades.

CRYPTOQUIP

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A M F W J J M C W Q W Q M I F J N Q ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CERTAIN MILITARY OFFICER IS DISCIPLINED, WOULD YOU CALL THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals I

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: If you can keep everyone around you guessing, you have a far greater chance of accomplishing your goals without interruption or intervention. Turn additional responsibilities into a learning experience. With an open mind and heart, you can accomplish what you strive for in the future. Your numbers are 2, 5, 12, 28, 32, 39, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take control if you want to be successful. An unexpected expense may set you back if you haven't put some cash aside. Someone from your past will make an impact on your life now. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone you least expect to cover your back will be there for you. Appreciation will ensure an ally in the future. Disappointment in someone you know well will be an eye-opener. Don't overreact. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone is likely to take advantage of your openness and willingness to share by using your ideas as his or her own. When it comes to launching what you want to do next, the element of surprise will lead to your success. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put things in perspective. Just because you are taken with someone's bubbly personality doesn't mean you should let this person take advantage of you. Consider how you can do what's being asked of you in such a way that it benefits you. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful what you take on financially. Responsibilities will cause you to question your future and your current status. Take time out to ease your stress by engaging in something you enjoy. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your decisions based on logic, not emotions. Concentrate on the present and forget past misfortunes. You can only move forward once you realize that it's what

you do now that counts. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let your inhibitions go and prepare to have some romantic fun. Take things as they come and enjoy the moment you are in. Self-improvement will come easy and feeling good about who

you are and where you are heading will be the result of the changes you make. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It will be vital that you bring about a few changes if you want to finish what you've been working on for so long. Let some of the people you have been connected to in the

past go, in order to clear the way for new friendships, partnerships and beginnings. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will bring on unexpected changes before someone else does, causing you to lose your footing. Compensation may be necessary. A passionate encounter will motivate you to move forward. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do what you do for a good reason and not because someone is nagging you to do so. Weigh whether or not the relationships in your life are beneficial. You must move forward with your plans. Your money and your reputation are at risk. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your inquisitive mind will lead to an interesting meeting with someone who sparks your enthusiasm. A new direction, profession or game plan can be put into play. Educational pursuits will turn out to be an excellent choice, leading you on a journey that will change your life. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stop running in circles when all you really have to do is reassess your position and strategize what needs to be done. It's actions, not big talk that will get you what you want. Uncertainty will lead to your demise. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

Grant funds offered to area high schools

The Georgia Appalachian Center for Higher Education at North Georgia College & State University is inviting 39 Appalachian high schools to submit proposals for grant funding for the 2009-2010 school year.

The funds are to be used to increase the graduation and college-going rates of eligible schools in several counties, including Whitfield and Murray.

The center is dedicated to increasing post-secondary education for students in the Appalachian region by providing resources to help schools increase the number of students continuing their education beyond high school.

The center provides opportunities for students and teachers to participate in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer

Institute, the Huntsville Space Camp Program and the annual Drop-Out Prevention Conference.

Another project is the Appalachian At-Promise Scholarship Program for first generation college-going students. These scholarships are available to students who graduate from any of the eligible high schools and attend a college or technical college that offers the At-Promise Scholarship. For a list of participating colleges and technical colleges, visit www.ngcsu.edu/gache.

A grant writing workshop to help the schools with their proposals will be on March 4 at the Northwest RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) in Rome. For more information, visit www.ngcsu.edu/gache or call (706) 867-3272.

Babb earns ACE Award

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Kelly Babb of Babb's Body Shop in Chatsworth has received the American Towman ACE Award for achievement in service performance.

Recipients were nominated by the nation's major motor clubs and dispatch centers including Allstate Motor Club, Asurion, Coach-Net, Cross Country Automotive Services, Geico, National Automobile Club and American Towing Alliance.

The nomination guidelines for the ACE Award include the highest percentage of calls when the estimated time of arrival is achieved, consistency in response time, written appreciation from

customers and percentage of calls serviced (instead of turning them away), thereby reflecting reliability and overall professionalism.

ACE recipients rank in the top 1 percent of the towing industry's service providers. The ACE Award is presented by American Towman Magazine, a trade publication serving emergency road service professionals.

The ACE Award was commemorated by an original design belt buckle. The buckles were presented to the towing professionals during the ACE award ceremony Feb. 23 at the Baltimore Convention Center at the American Towman Exposition, the world's largest trade show and convention for emergency road service providers.

Accused kid killer's attorney wants him released to dad

BY CNHI NEWS SERVICE

NEW CASTLE, Pa. — The public defender for the 11-year-old boy charged with the shotgun slaying of his dad's pregnant fiance says he will ask a judge to release the youth into the custody of his father.

Attorney Dennis Elisco said the father has taken a leave of absence from his factory job and would post

a cash bond for his son's release from custody. "He is not a flight risk," said Elisco, who was appointed to defend the boy Saturday after his arrest. "He needs to be with his father."

Jordan Brown, a fifth-grader, is charged with killing Kenzie Houk, 26, and her full-term unborn child Friday morning while Houk slept in her bedroom.

He was moved today from a 10-by-10 county jail cell where he had been since his arrest to the juvenile detention center in nearby Beaver County.

"Our first goal was to get him out of jail," said Elisco. "Now, we need him with his father," who, he said, has been visiting his son daily.



MITCHEL OLSZAK/New Castle, Pa., News

A sheriff's car pulls away from the Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, jail Wednesday morning, taking 11-year-old homicide suspect Jordan Anthony Brown to a juvenile detention center in a neighboring county. Brown is accused of shooting Kenzie Houk to death.

The boy, who is undergoing psychiatric evaluation, has been automatically charged as an adult due to the murder charge, and Pennsylvania law does not allow a murder suspect to be released on bail.

But Elisco said an exception should be made because of the boy's age.

Furthermore, he said, he will petition the judge in the case to remove it from the adult court to the juvenile court. Even if that request is turned down, he added, the boy doesn't face the death penalty and would unlikely spend his lifetime in prison if convicted.

"Releasing him to his father is appropriate in this circumstance," said Elisco.

District Attorney John Bongivengo said he would oppose the effort to remove the boy from juvenile detention prior to a trial or settlement of the case.

He said there is strong evidence the boy planned the slaying, and thus should be kept under close supervision by authorities.

Police said the boy shot Houk in the back of the head with a single blast from a special-made child's 20-gauge shotgun he had received as a gift from his father on Christmas.

They said he tried to muffle the sound of the gun with a fleece blanket, then hid the gun and the blanket in his bedroom. Both were recovered by investigators.

Houk and her two daughters, ages 7 and 4, moved in with Christopher Brown and his son Jordan last November after the couple became engaged. They lived in a farm house just south of New Castle in western Pennsylvania.

Scores of family, friends and others attended a serv-

ice for the victim Tuesday night at a funeral home in New Castle.

Tonya Crowe, 17, who often babysat Houk's daughters, said Houk and Christopher Brown planned to marry this spring or summer.

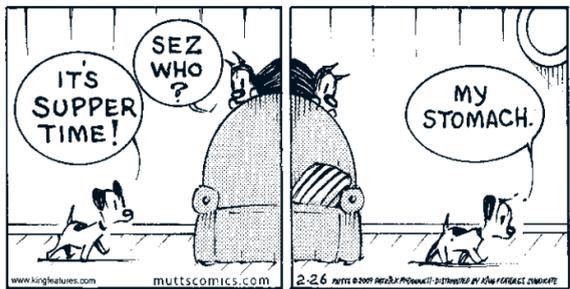
"She wanted a small wedding," said Crowe. "But she had so many friends."

Members of Houk's family have said that the accused killer did not get along with his prospective stepmother, and had once vowed to "pop her in the head" while making toy guns out of Lego blocks.

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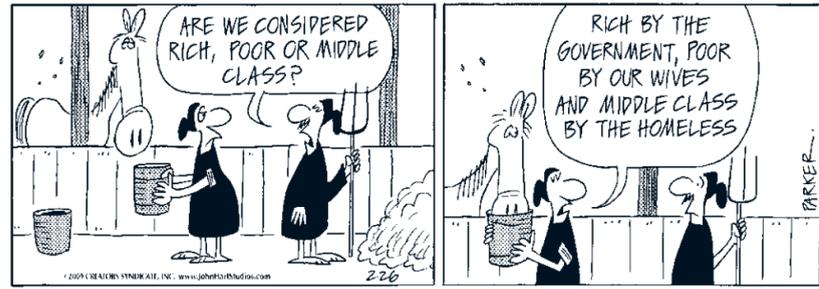
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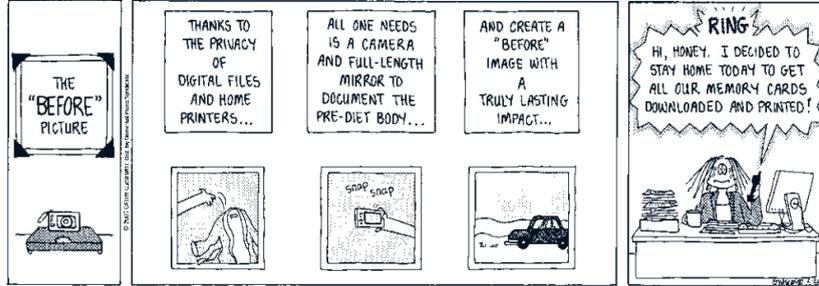
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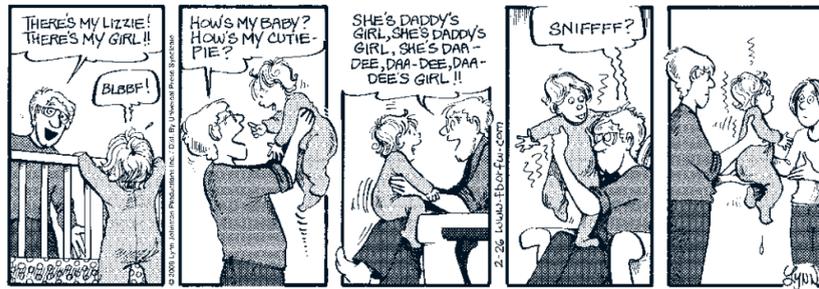
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DEAR ABBY

Woman forgotten by friends, former co-workers

DEAR ABBY: In this day of massive cut-backs and layoffs, please remind your readers that people who have recently lost their jobs need their friends now more than ever.

Having found myself in this situation, I know firsthand that people I thought were my friends truly are not. The phone calls and e-mails stopped almost immediately when word got out that I was laid off. Being treated as if I have some sort of contagious disease has been as bad as losing my job. I know what happened to me is a sign of the times and no reflection on me.

So — to all of you who have chosen to no longer communicate with me because of my employment status: I am fine. I have a positive attitude. This will not keep me down. I realize that my possibilities are endless. However badly you treat me now, when you are in the same situation, I will be there for you.

To the wonderful man in my life, thank you for standing by me and giving me daily encouragement. To my family, whom I worship beyond belief, thank you for your understanding and continued support. You have made me the person I am, and because of you, I will succeed. — UNEMPLOYED ... NOT DOWN AND OUT

DEAR NOT DOWN AND OUT: Thank you for so eloquently pointing out that people

who have lost their jobs should not be abandoned, and that the support of friends and family is crucial.

Although family relationships are our primary source of emotional support, the relationships we form at work and our work-related contacts can become like an extended second family.

If these relationships are treated as expendable, it can often be as traumatic as the death of a loved one. When a death occurs, there can be as many as five distinct stages of grief. These are anger, denial, bargaining, depression and acceptance. However, when it comes to job loss, there is also the added element of fear.

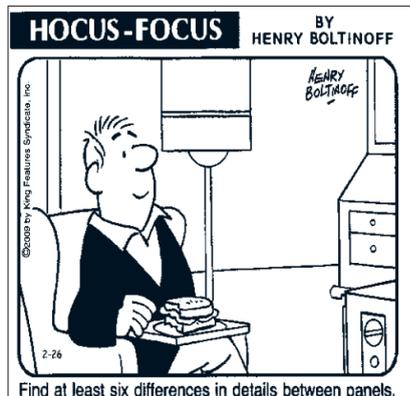
This is why I am appealing to you, my readers. No one can ignore the fact that times have grown uncertain. Millions of good, hardworking individuals have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. More bad news may be on the way.

Now is the time for all of us to reach out a hand to encourage and help one another. People who are unemployed should not be made to feel they have been discarded. There is strength in numbers. We will all be stronger if we stand together and observe the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. — LOVE, ABBY



Jeanne Phillips

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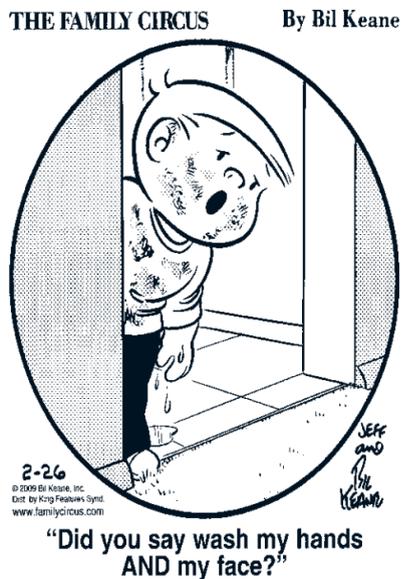
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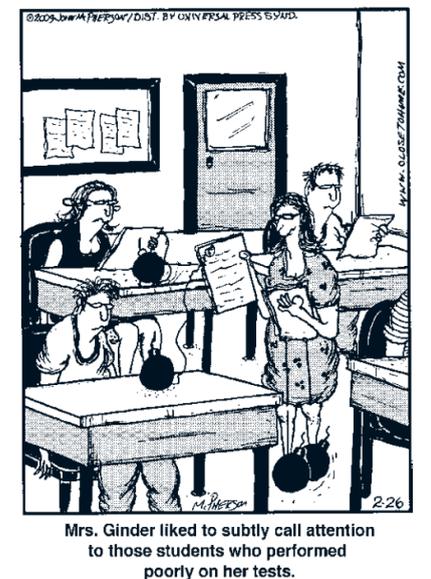
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OBITUARIES

• **Murvas Causby Arnold, Dawnville community**
 • **Bradley Thomas Cole, Ringgold**
 • **Julia Mac Conner, Mount Vernon**
 • **Louise Eddings, Dalton**
 • **Ronald L. Ensley, Dalton**
 • **Wilma Faye Kennedy, Dalton**
 • **Joseph N. "Joe" Ogles, Dalton**
 • **Genetta Payne, Resaca**
 • **David Ray Rhodes, Sweetwater, Tenn.**
 • **Patricia A. Yates, Turtletown, Tenn.**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Murvas Causby Arnold

Murvas Causby Arnold, 91, of the Dawnville community, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Arnold; sisters, Lois Mashburn, Ruby Godfrey, Tommie Kinsey, Elnora Williams and Dorothy Pearl Causby; brothers, Manuel, Thurman, John William, Fred, Rembert and Steed Causby.

She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Billy Anderson of the Beaverdale community; two sisters, Jean Welch of Red Bud and Bernice Barnette of Calhoun; special friends, Lelia Parker of Dalton, Hazel Hight and Miranda Neal, both of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

The funeral is Friday at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Joel Southerland and the Rev. Danny Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Dawn Rest Cemetery.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 4 until 9 p.m.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guest book signed at www.julian-peoples.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 Dec. 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 Church 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. today.

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.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; 706-226-4002

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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 August 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, 17 great-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 Mt. Vernon Garden Club, P.O. Box 153, Mt. Vernon, GA 30445.

Stewart Funeral Service of Vidalia is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

Louise Eddings

Mrs. Louise Eddings, 82, of Dalton died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. www.legacy.com

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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, Elijah Ensley and Austin Goss; nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Gentry officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Wednesday.

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

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

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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.

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 today at 4 p.m. at CrossPointe Christian Centre with the Rev. Stan Lester and the Rev. Jeremy Mew officiating.

The family received friends at the funeral home Wednesday.

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-peoples.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 Peoples 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

Joseph 'Joe' Ogles

Joseph N. "Joe" Ogles, 77, of Dalton, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roscoe and Grace Ogles; brother, Harold Ogles and sister, Georgia Ogles. He was a member of Good Samaritan Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Ogles of the residence; son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Patsy Ogles of Dalton; sisters, Agnes Ogles of Dalton, Beatrice (Fred) Grooms and Sarah Ogles, all of Chatsworth; brother, Glenn (Barbara) Ogles, of Ellijay; grandchildren Ashley (Russ) Teasley, Melody Ogles, Chelsey Ogles, Whitney (Adam) McClary; great-grandchildren, Parker Teasley, Molly Teasley, Aiden McClary, Bella McClary and Addi-Grace McClary; nieces and nephews and special friends, Jean and Shot Stafford.

The funeral is Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Corbin and the Rev. Billy Joe Cochran officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Tim Cheatham, Richey Cheatham, Donald Bartley, Junior Strickland, Earl Bartley, Frank Davis. Honorary pallbearers are Mike Stafford and Gary Johnson. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 5 until 9 p.m. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peoples.com.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call (706) 259-7455. www.legacy.com

Genetta Payne

Mrs. Genetta Payne, 84, of Resaca, departed this life Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25, 2009, at Gordon Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by family owned and operated Calhoun Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home, U.S. Highway 41 North, Calhoun, 706-625-7577.

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David Ray Rhodes

David Ray Rhodes, 62, of Sweetwater, Tenn., died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at his residence.

He was a native of Sweetwater, Tenn. He resided in Dalton for 22 years prior to returning to

Sweetwater.

He was the son of the late Hammie and Helen Rogers Rhodes and was preceded in death by two sisters; Kathy Carver and Barbara Rhodes.

He was owner and operator of Dave's Heating and Air in Sweetwater.

He is survived by his wife; Lourdes Rhodes of Sweetwater; three daughters; Monica Ray of Dalton, Barbie Higgins and her husband James of Dalton and Gabby Rhodes of Sweetwater; one stepson Nelson Tolentino of Manilla, Philippines; and one sister; Patsy Morgan and her husband David of Cohutta; four grandsons; John, Mitchell, Aaron and Hunter; and three granddaughters; Haley, Kaylee and Tarja; and nieces and nephews; Scott, Lisa and Mitzi; and special friends Frank and Kathie Givens.

The funeral is at 1 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Jerry Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chris Hampton officiating. Burial will be in the Niota Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

Pallbearers will be Mitchell McBee, Scottie Morgan, Aaron Higgins and Matt Layman.

If you are unable to attend this service or visitation you may sign the guest register at www.jerrysmithfuneralhome.com.

Jerry Smith Funeral Home of Athens, Tenn., is serving the family of David Ray Rhodes. www.legacy.com

Patricia A. Yates

Patricia A. Yates, age 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 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 are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Bryant and the Rev. Jesse Ward officiating.

Burial will be in Fairy Valley Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday.

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

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BAC	4.73	5.16	FSG	3.24	3.33	Torchmark	22.98	21.85
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Dixie Group	1.25	1.35	Mohawk	25.25	23.58			

Sunday alcohol sales vote delayed

ATLANTA (AP) — A state Senate panel has delayed a vote on a measure that would clear the way for Sunday alcohol sales.

State Sen. David Shafer delayed the vote by a week after the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee failed to reach a

quorum.

The bill would allow local communities to decide whether grocery and convenience stores should be able to sell alcohol on Sundays. It's failed to win approval for the last two legislative sessions and is opposed by Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Christian

conservative who doesn't drink.

Backers this year are touting the additional revenues selling beer and wine on Sundays could bring the cash-starved state. Opponents maintain it would sully what is a day of worship to many Georgians.

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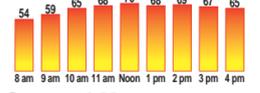
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Columbus	70/56/pc	73/54/c	71/49/t	Sparta	70/45/pc	71/49/c	70/47/r
Gainesville	62/48/pc	61/50/r	59/42/r	Valdosta	73/47/pc	76/53/pc	79/49/pc

National Weather for February 26, 2009

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Peterson, who has a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering, is a former NASA researcher who headed the flagship campus of the University of Colorado system since 2006. He was picked from a pool of 38 applicants to lead the 19,000-student Georgia Tech, formally known as the Georgia Institute of Technology, though no other candidates for the job were made public.

University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis said Peterson will provide the “high caliber leadership that will allow Tech to continue to build and expand upon its national and international reputation.”

He was scheduled to be on the Georgia Tech campus Wednesday afternoon to meet students, faculty and staff during a reception. He is expected to take office April 1.

University of Colorado spokesman Ken McConnell said CU



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President Bruce Benson will appoint a new chancellor. He said Benson has talked to faculty, students, alumni and donors on the Boulder campus and has solicited comments on the job and possible candidates.

Peterson will make \$440,000 a year in salary, with \$150,000 in deferred compensation and \$12,000 in car allowance. New Georgia State University President Mark P. Becker makes \$550,000 a year, and University of Georgia President Michael Adams, who has been in office for 12 years, makes \$420,300 annually.

Peterson has a long history of work in engineering,

including a stint at NASA’s Johnson Space Center as a researcher in the early 1980s and multiple university teaching jobs. He started his career at Texas A&M as an assistant professor of engineering in 1981 and worked his way up to associate vice chancellor in 1996.

During that time, he also served as a program director for the National Science Foundation. In 2000, he moved to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., where he was provost, or chief academic officer, until 2006.

It was then he took the job as chancellor at the 32,000-student CU-Boulder, arriving just after a spate of national scandals marred the reputation of the campus. CU System President Elizabeth Hoffman had resigned the previous year after a sexual assault scandal in the football program and after a professor, Ward Churchill, ignited a national firestorm by likening some Sept. 11 victims to Nazis.

Peterson helped calm upset donors, increasing fundraising by 80 percent. He also increased federal research money by \$14.1 million to \$280 million from 2007 to 2008, CU-Boulder spokesman Bronson Hilliard said.

“He’s been a very stabilizing force, both within the university and in relationship to the community,” said Stein Sture, vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate program at CU-Boulder. “We are very sad to see him go.”

Peterson’s annual salary at CU was \$373,478, which included a car allowance.

Peterson received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M.



Construction workers setup steel reinforcement for the concrete at the border wall under construction in Granjeno, Texas, on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The 1.76 mile concrete barrier skirting the town is nearly done and some residents say it’s had little impact with the movement of illegal immigrants entering the United States.

Town adjusts to barrier

GRANJENO, Texas (AP) — When the government announced plans to build a new fence along portions of the Mexican border, residents of this sleepy town along the Rio Grande feared the barrier would cut them off from their backyards and even destroy some homes.

Nearly two years later, the project is almost finished, and the village of Granjeno has managed to hang on — as have the illegal immigrants who still pour through town by climbing over or walking around the nearly two-mile barricade designed to keep them out.

Instead of building a steel fence, the government agreed to turn an existing earthen levee into a stronger concrete one, which was supposed to both keep out illegal traffic and offer the village improved flood protection. The levee is now taller, with a sheer 18-foot drop on the side that faces Mexico.

“The wall is going to help us in the future for a big flood. We’re not against that,” said Daniel Garza, 76, a lifelong resident. “But border security it ain’t going to help. It’s getting worse.”

This village of 330 people was founded on Spanish land grants in 1767, and most residents are descended from three families who survived the Spanish, the Mexicans and the short-lived Republic of Texas to become Americans. They live in modest frame houses and often take walks down toward the Rio Grande in the evenings.

In 2007, the Department of Homeland Security planned to build a double- or triple-layer fence as much as two miles from the river on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande. Residents feared their community would

wither if it were divided by the fence.

The original plan would have restricted access to the river and to valuable farm land. Parts of the fence would have run straight through existing houses or back yards.

By using the levee as a barrier, the government eliminated the need to take any private property. Now the \$20 million concrete barrier is nearly done. The houses have been saved, and families still have river access.

But most residents say the barrier has done little to stop immigrant traffic. Some people have reported large groups of illegal immigrants simply running around the ends of the levee or climbing over the top.

Garza, who lives at the eastern end of the barrier, said he’s seeing more traffic than ever.

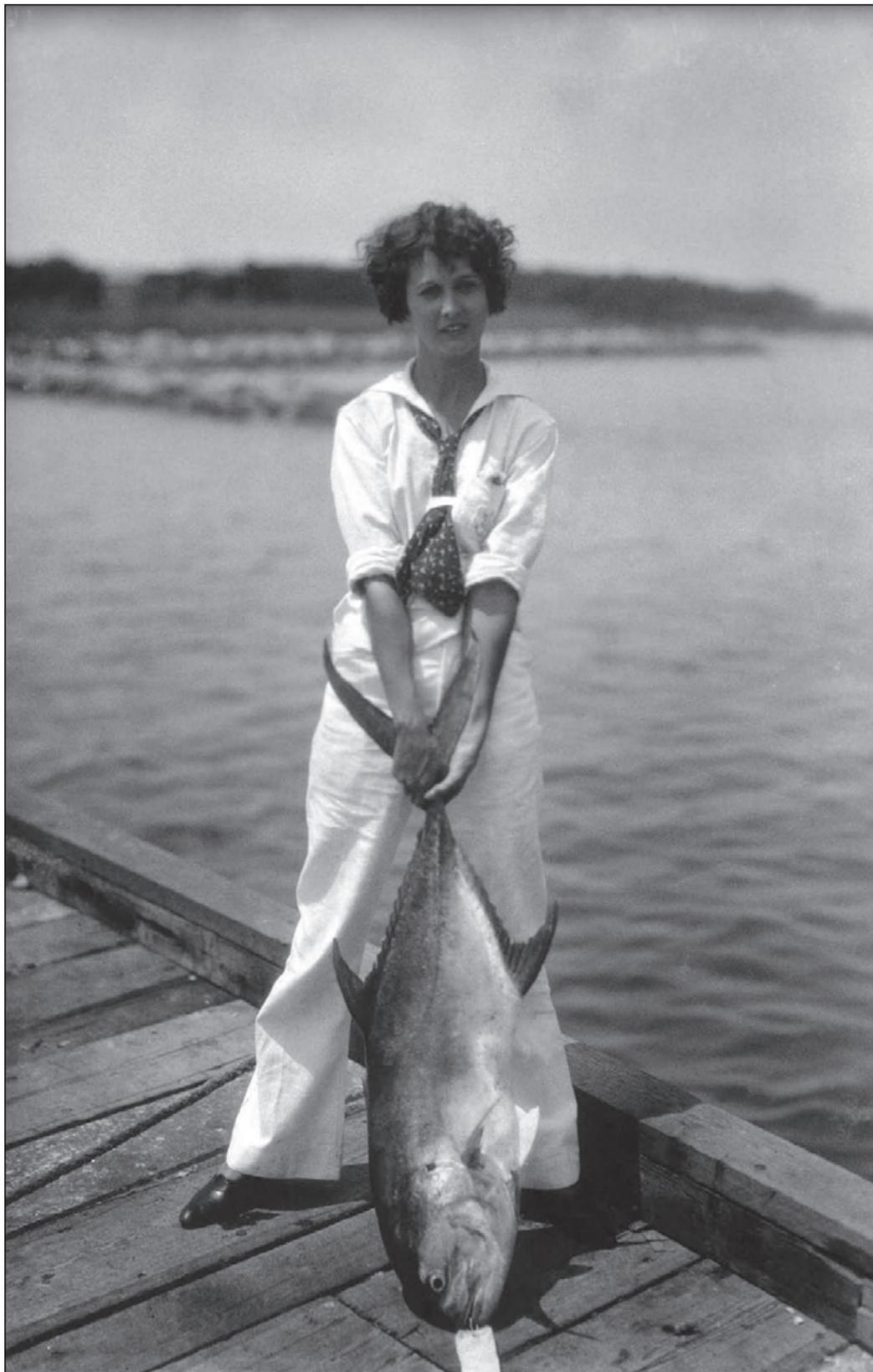
Before construction began, Garza would see a couple of people run by his house at a time. Now they move in groups of as many as 50, he said.

“Up here you don’t just see a few. You see bunches.”

The fence does not cover the entire border. It leaves large open spaces between. When planning where to build the segments, the government targeted places such as Granjeno, where an illegal immigrant emerging from the Rio Grande could blend into the population.

The goal was to force immigrants into open areas where Border Patrol agents could more easily intercept them.

“It has diverted smugglers to the east and the west,” said Dan Doty, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. “We have seen a shift in where alien traffic goes.”



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COMMENTARY

Big year is worthy of big honors

Not too long from now, we'll unveil this year's *Daily Citizen* All-Area Wrestling Team. The talent level among local programs this season won't make picking the lineup very easy, but there's no doubt the wrestlers granted the distinction will have done something special. And with three-time Wrestler of the Year winner Merle Bolton of Northwest Whitfield's reign ended by graduation, that crown will rest on a different head for the first time since 2005.



Marty Kirkland

But before those more official honors are decided with the input of local wrestling coaches, I'll take a moment to give out some awards of my own. The categories are somewhat arbitrary.

(That's a fancy way of saying I kind of made them up as I went along.) No overall or ultimate authority is claimed here, just what I recall from this season while covering local wrestling teams. For every award, you might as well add the phrase "... in my opinion."

As a matter of fact, that's exactly what we'll be calling the awards. Presenting, for the first time, The IMOs:

- **Wrestler who should want next season to start right now:** Dalton 125-pounder Henry Torres has another year to add to a resume already swelling with success after winning more than 70 matches — including area and sectional title victories — finishing third at state and delivering the clinching wins in both the semifinals and championship at Area 7-4A duals. No reason to believe his senior campaign won't be just as impressive.

- **Most explosive string of firecrackers:** An award for the strongest group of back-to-back weight classes has to be shared among Dalton's lightweights, Northwest's middleweights and Murray County's heavyweights. With each team boasting a strong stretch within its lineup, it's no wonder they claimed the top three places at the Area 7-4A traditional tourney. Imagine if you put them all together.

- **Most interesting move:** It didn't actually happen in a match, but while at a Southeast practice the week after the Area 6-3A tournament, junior 135-pounder Nick Didonato demonstrated the leg cradle he'd seen another wrestler perform during the tourney. The rare pinning combination — I've never seen it pulled off in a match, anyway — is so dominating, it deserves seven points.

- **Best weight class adjustment:** Murray County's Dalton Lane built some buzz as a 112-pound freshman, but returned this season as a 135-pound sophomore. Yet he had no trouble making an even bigger name for himself in that weight class, demonstrating his skills as a takedown artist on the way to a third-place finish at the Class 4A traditional state tourney.

- **Best timing:** Northwest's Russell Royal had come up short over and over against rival Jordan White of Dalton through the years, including a narrow loss in the 112-pound semifinals at this year's Area 7-4A tournament. But improving even as the season neared its end, Royal, a junior, defeated the senior Catamount the following week on his way to winning the Class 4A West sectional title. It proved to be Royal's final bout with White, who then bounced back to place fourth at state.

➤ Please see **BIG, 2B**

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield junior Baleigh Coley, a point guard, was at the forefront of the Lady Bruins' run to the Region 7-4A championship this season and she'll be counted on again as the GHSA Class 4A state tournament begins on Friday. Although reliable as a scorer, Coley is happy to make passing a priority for a team that has several good options on offense, including guards Callie Thomas, Jordi Cook and Emily Trew and posts Quaneisha McCurdy and Christy Robinson.

She has the floor

Coley points way for region champs

BY ADAM KROHN

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Every successful basketball team needs a talented, mentally tough point guard.

For the Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins, that's Baleigh Coley.

A junior, Coley took over the starting point guard job this season and has flourished in her full-time role. She averages 4.2 assists per game, is among the team leaders in steals and has a knack for hitting key shots in clutch situations.

That floor leadership may be a key ingredient when the Lady Bruins (26-2) host Loganville (18-10) at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the Georgia High School Association's Class 4A state tournament.

In the regular season finale against Region 7-4A rival Rome — then undefeated in league play — Coley lit up the Lady Wolves for a season-high 21 points, all in the second half. In the Lady Bruins' win against Osborne in last Saturday's region championship game, Coley contributed a pivotal 3-pointer during a 14-0 third-quarter run that put the game away.

You get the idea. "I love to shoot," Coley said. "But that's not the first thing on my mind. I'd much rather have the defense come at me so I can pass to Jordi (Cook) or Callie (Thomas), or drive the lane and

➤ Please see **COLEY, 2B**

UP NEXT ...

- **WHO:** Loganville (18-10) vs. Northwest Whitfield (26-2)

- **WHAT:** GHSA Class 4A girls basketball state tournament, first round
- **WHERE:** Northwest Whitfield High School, Tunnel Hill
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday



PREP BOYS BASKETBALL: CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

McClure's growth boosts run to state

BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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While filling a spot in Christian Heritage's starting lineup as a sophomore, Landon McClure stood an even 6 feet tall.

The nearly three inches he's added to his frame since then certainly haven't hurt the junior guard's abilities on the basketball court, but they might not be nearly as significant as his overall growth as a player.

"I think we've definitely been able to work our offense more around him," Christian Heritage coach Chad Woodson said. "This year he's more of a go-to guy instead of just a role player."

➤ Please see **GROWTH, 2B**



Landon McClure's skills as a clutch 3-point shooter make him a top option for the Christian Heritage Lions with the game on the line, but the junior guard's outside game also helps free standout post Damien Chaney to operate inside.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

PRO BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

Verlander sharp as Detroit squeezes by Braves

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKELAND, Fla. — Justin Verlander staked an early claim to regaining his role as the Detroit Tigers' ace, throwing two shutout innings Wednesday in a 5-4 win over the Atlanta Braves in each team's spring training opener.

Verlander struggled to an 11-17 record and 4.84 ERA last season.

"I felt strong," Verlander said. "Spring training got the best of me last year because I tried to do too much to be the ace. This year I just

want to let the batters make contact."

Detroit opened the scoring on Miguel Cabrera's first-inning sacrifice fly. Laird tripled and doubled in his first two at-bats, scoring on a wild pitch in the second inning and Adam Everett's sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Atlanta tied it in the fifth on Brian McCann's sacrifice fly and Freddie Freeman's two-run single, then went ahead in the sev-



Verlander

enth on Jordan Schaefer's leadoff homer. The Tigers tied it in the bottom of the seventh on a Casper Wells single that scored Ramon Santiago, and Santiago put Detroit ahead with an RBI single in the eighth.

Japanese import Fu-Te Ni got the win for the Tigers after pitching a scoreless eighth inning, retiring all three batters he faced. Kyle Bloom pitched a scoreless ninth.

Detroit veteran Gary Sheffield was kept out of the lineup after being hit in the left elbow during batting practice on Tuesday. Leyland said Sheffield could have played Wednesday, but he decided to give him two days off before he suits up on Friday against Toronto in Dunedin.

Verlander, who gave up one hit and two walks and didn't allow a ball out of the infield, said he expected the Tigers to bounce back from last season's 74-88 campaign.

GOLF



AP PHOTO
Tiger Woods pumps his fist after putting an approach shot 4 feet from the cup on No. 2 Wednesday. He eagled to go 2-up on Brendan Jones in the Accenture Match Play tournament.

Woods: Back in business

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press Writer

MARANA, Ariz. — Eight months later, Tiger Woods looked as though he had never been away.

Woods made a triumphant return to golf Wednesday in the Accenture Match Play Championship with a start that showed golf what it had been missing in the 253 days since he limped his way to an epic U.S. Open title.

Just past high noon in the desert, Woods fired an 8-iron into 5 feet for birdie. Then came a gentle fist pump when his approach to the par-5 second settled 4 feet from the cup for eagle.

He closed out Brendan Jones of Australia with a 3-foot par on the 16th hole for a 3-and-2 victory.

"I told Stevie I felt like we haven't been away," Woods said, referring to caddie Steve Williams. "It was business as usual."

Before thousands of fans who scurried through the high desert, Woods never showed any indication that he had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week after winning the U.S. Open.

"It held up," he said. "It felt good."

Woods said he had looked forward to the nerves of standing on the first tee and the rush of competing. It was as if all that time away from golf had been bottled up inside of him.

Fans packed into the bleachers around the first tee, with more lined up behind the ropes all the way to the green, and the cheer when Woods walked onto the tee could be heard all the way down the fairway.

Woods backed off his tee shot, and without much expression, belted a fairway metal down the right side of the fairway.

"You are back!" one spectator shouted.

Was he ever.

As Woods was on the practice green, he watched Stewart Cink and Richard Sterne walk from the 18th green to the first tee when their match was tied and required extra holes.

Cink teed off at 7:45 a.m., with only a few dozen people in the bleachers.

"I was surprised there were that many people," Cink said. "They got there early and claimed their seats for Tiger. Because really, Tiger's match was the only one that mattered today."

Woods won the first two holes before some rust settled in. Woods made three bogeys over his next five holes and was leading, 1 up, until he birdied the par-5 eighth with a 6-foot putt.

Jones never got any closer. Woods seized control of the match when Jones couldn't save par behind the green on the par-3 12th, and then Woods struck another familiar pose by raising his putter above his head as his 20-foot eagle putt dropped on the 13th.

Coley

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work the ball to the posts (Quaneisha McCurdy and Christy Robinson). But if I'm open, I'll shoot it."

With a lot of weapons on a talented team, Coley is at her best when she's pushing the ball downcourt and creating open looks for her teammates. Because of her court awareness, it doesn't matter if she's playing against a full-court press, a half-court defense or in transition.

"Baleigh does a great job of leading the team on the floor and setting up the offense the way she feels she needs to run it," Lady Bruins coach Margaret Stockburger said. "She sees the floor well and has confidence in herself to be the one to set the rest of the girls up."

A major reason Coley is an effective floor general is the chemistry she has with teammates. She's been friends with guard Emily Trew, Cook and Robinson since elementary school.

All four are juniors and have been on the varsity team since their freshman season.

"Me and Jordi have been friends since kindergarten," Coley said.

"We've been on every single recreation league team together. That's why we come together so well on the court and trust each other. I love to get her the ball because she's an excellent shooter."

"Whenever the four of us are out there on the court, things seem to click a whole lot more because we know what each other is capable of doing and that helps a lot."

During their recreation league years, Coley and Robinson weren't on the same team during the regular season, but always found themselves together on all-star squads. They became teammates at Westside Middle.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield point guard Baleigh Coley has been instrumental in the Lady Bruins' charge to the Region 7-4A tournament title and a berth in the state tourney against Loganville on Friday.

"Baleigh is an awesome point guard," Robinson said. "She always knows what to do in every situation and she does a good job of bringing the ball down the court and getting everyone where they need to be."

"I'm very confident in her shot, so if I'm getting double-teamed down low, I'll pass the ball out and she'll hit the shot. She's clutch at the free throw line

and she'll hit big 3s when we need her to."

Coley has high expectations for the Lady Bruins as the state tournament gets under way.

"I'd love to go all the way to the state championship," she said. "That's the main goal, but we can't look ahead. Right now, I'm just hoping to win on Friday and I think we have a good shot."

Big: Recognition

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• **Nicest consolation prize:** The ultimate goals are set for the postseason, as they should be, but this year's field for the Conasauga Cup — the annual regular-season quad meet between Dalton, Murray, Northwest and Southeast — was the toughest it's been since the Cup competition was resumed three years ago. So although Northwest found itself behind Dalton and Murray during the traditional postseason, the Bruins' 3-0 record at that event, ending Murray County's longtime Cup ownership, was something this year's team can count as a significant accomplishment.

• **Wrestler you least want to tangle with on the mat:** There are plenty of skilled guys in this area. Plenty of tough ones, too. But the athlete you'd least like cranking on your shoulder or head in the heat of battle just might be Dalton's Taylor Duckworth, who often took that route to back points and pins this season. No one seemed to enjoy the experience. Well, Duckworth did, I guess.

• **Biggest turning point:** Dalton High seemed a worthy candidate for some sort of recognition for its brutal holiday competition schedule, which seemed to play a big part in the Cata-mounts peaking well for postseason duals. But just as crucial were a win against Murray County and a loss to Northwest (on

criteria, after tying the Bruins in match points) at the Conasauga Cup the week before Area 7-4A duals. One result was sweet, the other sour, but each played an equally important part in Dalton's mental preparation for what turned out to be a championship effort at area duals and a second-place finish at Class 4A state duals.

• **Best decision for the sport:** I can't address it from a coach or athletic director's standpoint of financial impact, but the addition of a sectional round to the traditional postseason seems to have been good for competition. It made the road to a state title tougher in some ways and cut in half the number of guys who go to state now, but upped the skill level of every match waged in the season's final event.

• **Biggest overachievers:** Murray County saw a boatload of seniors set sail after the 2007-08 season, giving no one much of any reason to think the Indians would be area contenders. But they put together a lineup that was as good as any in 7-4A, even though it included guys who hadn't wrestled in two years, hadn't wrestled varsity full-time before, hadn't wrestled varsity before at all or flat-out hadn't wrestled. I guess they saw no reason to wait on others' expectations.

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Growth: Shooter

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McClure is one of the main reasons the Lions (26-5) are among the four teams still playing for the Georgia Independent Schools Association's Class 2A state title. Christian Heritage faces Frederica Academy (13-10) at 4 p.m. Friday in a semifinal matchup at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville.

Although McClure's skills as a clutch outside shooter were clearly demonstrated last season — most noticeably when he sank a 3-pointer with a shade more than three seconds to play in the Lions' double-overtime victory against Pinecrest Academy — he went into the off-season knowing he wanted to come back even better.

"I worked real hard in our summer workouts," McClure said. "We lifted a lot of weights and we were in the gym shooting all the time ... me and (junior point guard Will Clark) would go to the Wellness Center a lot this summer and just shoot and play against each other."

Of particular importance to McClure, who slides into the point slot when Clark is off the floor, was speeding up his shot by cutting down the time between his catch and release.

Through dedicated repetition, he was able to do that. Along with the added inches — McClure said he generally has the height advantage on opposing guards now — it's a skill that has made him more dangerous from the 3-point line, where the threat of a McClure shot is sometimes as important as the shot itself.

With opponents forced to keep an eye and a body on him, it frees up others like Clark and senior post Damien Chaney, who especially benefits as teams consider carefully whether to commit to the double- and triple-team defense he sometimes faces.

"Usually, he's kind of the one that opens it up inside

for Damien," Woodson said. "It's not anything for him to hit three or four 3-pointers in the first quarter, then not shoot much the rest of the game. But that first quarter opens it up inside when everybody's trying to keep the ball from getting in Damien's hands."

Heading into the state tourney, McClure was averaging 9.8 points. While Chaney and Clark scored at a bigger clip — averaging 23.6 and 17.7 points, respectively — McClure is aware he plays a part in their ability to find the basket. And he knows they play a part in him doing the same.

"Going into a game, we try to get the ball down low because Damien's a real good post player," McClure said. "But it opens up the outside game for us when they collapse on him, so we're able to knock down some shots."

In addition to his physical skills, Woodson noted McClure's ability to tune into his own game and the Lions' objectives, whether or not things are going well.

Junior post Terrell Wilson believes McClure's mental approach is linked to his shooting success.

"He doesn't really show a lot of emotion, but when you get him that ball out on the wing, he's pretty consistent with his shot," Wilson said. "He's going to knock it down nine times out of 10 and he's going to stay focused the entire time."

Those are all reasons Woodson was glad to expand McClure's role this season, one that will likely fill out even more in his senior season with the Lions losing four seniors, three of them starters, to graduation this year.

"I think I've handled it pretty good," McClure said. "When we went out of last season, we lost a good senior in (guard) David Greene, so I knew I'd have to pick up the slack some. Next year I'll have to do even more."

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Andrews: Surgeons 'did well'

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tom Brady should have a full recovery from last September's knee injury, noted orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews said Wednesday.

Andrews, a Birmingham, Ala.-based orthopedist for elite athletes, said

Brady's doctors were aggressive in finding and treating the infection after his operation. Andrews added that preventing infection in the Patriots quarterback's knee was nearly impossible, no matter how good the doctors are.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Indians roll 6-0, will play for title

Murray County defeated Hart County, 6-0, Wednesday in the Mountain Madness soccer tournament at Fannin County to reach the championship game on Monday against Lakeview Academy.

Rolando Reyes-Ambriz, who played goalie in the first half, scored two second-half goals — two minutes apart — for the Indians (4-1-1). He also had an assist on a goal by Mickey Guerrero. Rafael Pacheco, Michael Lopez and Enrique Ruiz also scored for Murray, which took 21 shots.

Guerrero, Luis Jimenez, Pacheco and Eduardo Nunez were also credited with assists.

Reyes-Ambriz and Juan Leon combined for the shutout. Reyes-Ambriz recorded five saves and Leon added six.

The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 3 p.m.

State tournament games on WYYU

Radio station WYYU, 104.5 FM, will broadcast the Northwest Whitfield girls and Murray County boys Class 4A state basketball tournament games on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

No. 10-ranked Northwest will host Loganville with the tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Murray County will travel to Rockdale County High in Conyers, and that first-round game will start at 2:30 p.m.

Levick lands AD job at Georgia St.

ATLANTA — Georgia State has named Maryland administrator Cheryl Levick as its new athletic director.

Levick is a former AD at Saint Louis and Santa Clara. At Maryland, she served as executive senior athletic director, overseeing daily management of 27 varsity teams, a 180-member staff and an annual budget of \$51 million.

One of Levick's main duties at Georgia State will be completing the launch of a football program, which is scheduled to begin play in 2010.

Levick replaces Mary McElroy, who was fired in December by outgoing president Carl Patton. The new AD will assume her duties on March 30.

A-Rod hits homer in 1st spring game

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez was booed, then homered in his first game since admitting he used a banned substance from 2001-03 while with the Texas Rangers.

The New York Yankees slugger started the spring training season with a two-run homer and two walks Wednesday at the Toronto Blue Jays' ballpark.

There were a lot of cheers, a smattering of boos and occasional cat calls from hecklers.

Bucs cut Brooks, Dunn, Galloway

TAMPA, Fla. — Derrick Brooks, one of the best players in Tampa Bay history, was cut by the Bucs on Monday.

Brooks, the NFL's defensive player of the year when the Bucs won the Super Bowl, was among five players cut.

The others include wide receivers Joey Galloway and Ike Hilliard, running back Warrick Dunn and line-backer Cato June. The 29-year-old June is the only player under 30.

The releases save more than \$10 million in salary cap space.

— Staff, AP

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ATHENS — Ricky McPhee scored 14 points, including a 3-pointer that put Georgia ahead to stay with just under 2 1/2 minutes remaining, and the Bulldogs held on for their second Southeastern Conference win, 61-57 over Vanderbilt on Wednesday night.

Georgia (11-17, 2-11) led by 10 at halftime and stretched the margin as high as 14 in the second half, only to have Vanderbilt (16-11, 5-8) make a game of it down the stretch.

George Drake leaned into the lane to hit a jumper with 4:26 left, giving the Commodores a 54-53 lead and capping a 23-8 spurt that wiped out the Bulldogs' big advantage. But the

comeback seemed to sap Vandy's energy — the visiting team didn't make another shot other than free throws, finishing 31.4 percent from the field.

McPhee got wide open from outside the arc and swished a 3 with 2:21 left, putting Georgia ahead for good at 56-54.

• **UConn 93, Marquette 82:** At Milwaukee, Jim Calhoun's 800th career victory came thanks in large part to senior guard A.J. Price, who scored a career-high 36 points as No. 2 Connecticut beat No. 8 Marquette.

Calhoun became only the seventh coach in Division I history to win 800 or more games. Stanley Robinson added 19 points and 10

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

McPhee-led Dogs defeat Vandy



AP PHOTO
Georgia's Trey Tompkins shoots over Vandy's A.J. Ogilvy on Wednesday.

rebounds for the Huskies (26-2, 14-2 Big East). Jerel McNeal scored 26

points for the Golden Eagles (23-5, 12-3).

• **South Carolina 77, Kentucky 59:** At Columbia, S.C., Devan Downey scored 21 points and South Carolina set a school record with 16 blocked shots as the Gamecocks beat Kentucky.

South Carolina (20-6, 9-4) never trailed and led by at least 18 points the entire second half as it took sole possession of first place in the SEC East with three games left in the regular season.

Downey showed his versatility with five steals and five assists. Dominique Archie added 12 points and four blocks and Sam Muldrow had eight points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks.

Patrick Patterson scored

28 points and had 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats (19-9, 8-5).

• **Auburn 77, Ole Miss 57:** At Auburn, Ala., DeWayne Reed had 19 points and Tay Waller added 18 to lead Auburn past Mississippi.

The Tigers (18-10, 7-6) started a 26-5 run with Quantez Robertson's 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded to end the first half. Then, Waller hit two 3-pointers and a foul shot in the first 57 seconds of the second half.

Korvotney Barber had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Auburn. Terrico White led Ole Miss with 24 points while Zach Graham and David Huertas scored 15 apiece.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

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

Friday
Varsity baseball
Chattooga at Murray County, 5
Varsity 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
Chattooga at Murray County, 7

Saturday
Varsity basketball
GHSAA Class 4A state tournament
Murray County boys 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, 11 a.m.

TELEVISION

On Today

6:05 p.m.
GO!F
10:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Indonesia Open, first round, at Bali, Indonesia (same-day tape)
2 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour/WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, second round matches, at Marana, Ariz.
6:30 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Mayakoba Classic, first round, at Playa del Carmen, Mexico (same-day tape)
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason, Houston vs. Atlanta, at Kissimmee, Fla.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5 p.m.
ESPN CLASSIC — CIAA Tournament, quarterfinal, teams TBA, at Charlotte, N.C. (same-day tape)
7 p.m.
ESPN — West Virginia at Cincinnati
ESPN2 — Xavier at Saint Joseph's
ESPN CLASSIC — CIAA Tournament, quarterfinal, St. Augustine's vs. Bowie State, at Charlotte, N.C. (same-day tape)
9 p.m.
ESPN — Purdue at Michigan
ESPN2 — Memphis at UAB
ESPN CLASSIC — CIAA Tournament, quarterfinal, teams TBA, at Charlotte, N.C. (same-day tape)
11 p.m.
ESPN2 — Gonzaga at Santa Clara
ESPN CLASSIC — CIAA Tournament, quarterfinal, teams TBA, at Charlotte, N.C. (same-day tape)
NBA BASKETBALL
8:15 p.m.
TNT — Cleveland at Houston
10:30 p.m.
TNT — Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

HOCKEY

NHL Glimpse

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
New Jersey 38 19 3 79 182 151
Philadelphia 33 17 9 75 195 171
N.Y. Rangers 31 23 8 70 152 172
Pittsburgh 30 26 6 66 186 191
N.Y. Islanders 18 36 6 42 144 199

Northeast 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 23 26 12 58 182 220
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 29 12 52 155 196
Atlanta 22 33 6 50 180 214

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Detroit 40 13 8 88 232 178
Chicago 34 17 8 76 197 148
Columbus 30 25 6 66 166 173
Nashville 29 28 4 62 147 171
St. Louis 26 26 8 60 167 179

Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 36 18 6 78 191 174
Vancouver 30 22 8 68 181 173
Minnesota 30 24 5 65 152 137
Edmonton 30 25 5 65 170 185
Colorado 28 32 1 57 168 190

Pacific Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
San Jose 41 9 9 91 201 144
Dallas 29 23 7 65 174 180
Anaheim 30 27 5 65 176 179
Los Angeles 26 25 9 61 157 173
Phoenix 27 29 5 59 157 186
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

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
Nashville 5, Chicago 3

Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1, SO
St. Louis 2, Phoenix 1
Edmonton 5, Tampa Bay 3
Calgary 4, Columbus 1

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 2, Los Angeles 0
Detroit 4, San Jose 1
Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Islanders 0
Toronto 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, SO

Today's Games
Anaheim at Boston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glimpse

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 46 12 .793 —
Philadelphia 28 28 .500 17
New Jersey 26 32 .448 20
New York 24 33 .421 21 1/2
Toronto 23 36 .390 23 1/2

Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 42 15 .737 —
Atlanta 32 24 .571 9 1/2
Miami 30 26 .536 11 1/2
Charlotte 22 35 .386 20
Washington 13 44 .228 29

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 44 11 .800 —
Detroit 27 29 .482 17 1/2
Milwaukee 28 31 .475 18
Chicago 26 32 .448 19 1/2
Indiana 25 35 .417 21 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 38 17 .691 —
Houston 36 21 .632 3
New Orleans 34 22 .607 4 1/2
Dallas 33 23 .589 5 1/2
Memphis 15 42 .263 24

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Denver 37 20 .649 —
Portland 35 21 .625 1 1/2
Utah 35 23 .603 2 1/2
Minnesota 18 39 .316 19
Oklahoma City 13 44 .228 24

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Lakers 47 10 .825 —
Phoenix 32 24 .571 14 1/2
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
San Antonio 93, Dallas 76
Houston 98, Portland 94
Phoenix 112, Charlotte 102

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 104, Memphis 99
Philadelphia 106, Washington 98
New Jersey 111, Chicago 99
Orlando 114, New York 109
Utah 120, Minnesota 103
New Orleans 90, Detroit 87
Milwaukee at Dallas, late
Portland at San Antonio, late
Atlanta at Denver, late
Charlotte at Sacramento, late
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Men's College Results

EAST
Adelphi 75, Concordia, N.Y. 50
American U. 64, Navy 59
Army 79, Lafayette 55
Bucknell 72, Lafayette 51
Charlotte 59, George Washington 57
Duke 94, Massachusetts 77
Holy Cross 60, Colgate 58
Mansfield 82, Bloomsburg 68
Muhlenberg 52, Haverford 50
Northeastern 47, Drexel 46
Queens, N.Y. 78, Molloy 52
Rhode Island 93, Dayton 91, OT
Scranton 78, Fordham 68
Scranton 71, Catholic 64, OT
Seton Hall 75, South Florida 60
St. Bonaventure 72, Saint Louis 55
Towson 75, Delaware 74

SOUTH
Alabama 88, Arkansas 67
Auburn 77, Mississippi 64
Davidson 70, UNC Greensboro 49
Gardner-Webb 78, Presbyterian 72
George Mason 53, UNC Wilmington 52
Georgia 61, Vanderbilt 57
Georgia 176, Hofstra 55
Longwood 109, N.C. Central 89
Marshall 76, East Carolina 62
Newberry 73, Brevard 62
Northwestern St. 77, Texas-San Antonio 74

Old Dominion 64, William & Mary 63
Radford 69, High Point 64
Rice 69, UCF 66
S.C.-Aiken 58, Clayton St. 53
SE Louisiana 70, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 68
Sam Houston St. 75, McNeese St. 60
South Carolina 77, Kentucky 59
Va. Commonwealth 71, James Madison 52
Virginia Tech 80, Clemson 77

MIDWEST
Ball St. 53, Cent. Michigan 44
Connecticut 93, Marquette 82
E. Michigan 58, Toledo 49
Evansville 56, Bradley 49
N. Illinois 78, W. Michigan 63
Northwestern 75, Indiana 53
Notre Dame 70, Rutgers 65
Villanova 74, DePaul 72

SOUTHWEST
Angelo St. 54, Midwestern St. 52
Lamar 75, Texas-Arlington 64
Nicholls St. 60, Cent. Arkansas 58
Stephen F. Austin 68, Texas St. 52
Tulsa 77, Houston 68

FAR WEST
Wyoming 82, Colorado St. 79

BASEBALL

Spring Exhibition

Wednesday's Games
Detroit 5, Atlanta 4
Florida 5, St. Louis 5, tie, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 1
Houston 6, Washington 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Baltimore 3
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 2
Oakland 3, Milwaukee 3, tie, 10 innings
Texas 12, Kansas City 7
Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
San Francisco 10, Cleveland 7
L.A. Angels 12, Chicago White Sox 3
Arizona 5, Colorado 3
Minnesota 5, Boston 2

Today's Games
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:15 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

GOLF

Match Play Results

Wednesday
At The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain
Marana, Ariz.
Purse: \$8.5 million
Yardage: 7,849; Par 72
First Round
(Seeds in parentheses)
Lee Westwood (12), England, def. Prayad Marksaeng (53), Thailand, 2 and 1.
Stewart Cink (21), United States, def. Richard Sterne (44), South Africa, 19 holes.
Anthony Kim (11), United States, def. Wen-Tang Lin (54), Taiwan, 7 and 5.
Oliver Wilson (43), England, def. K.J. Choi (22), South Korea, 3 and 1.
Camilo Villegas (9), Colombia, def. Rod Pampling (56), Australia, 7 and 6.
Miguel Angel Jimenez (24), Spain, def. Rory Sabbatini (41), Australia, 2 and 1.
Matthew Goggin (55), Australia, def. Kenny Perry (10), United States, 2 and 1.
Paul Casey (23), England, def. Aaron Baddeley (46), Australia, 1 up.
Phil Mickelson (5), United States, def. Angel Cabrera (60), Argentina, 19 holes.
Zach Johnson (28), United States, def. Graeme McDowell (37), Northern Ireland, 3 and 1.
Davis Love III (59), United States, def. Henrik Stenson (6), Sweden, 21 holes.
Justin Leonard (27), United States, def. Andres Romero (38), Argentina, 2 and 1.
Geoff Ogilvy (8), Australia, def. Kevin Sutherland (57), United States, 19 holes.
Shingo Katayama (40), Japan, def. Trevor Immelman (25), South Africa, 3 and 2.
Peter Hanson (58), Sweden, def. Robert Karlsson (7), Sweden, 3 and 2.
Stephen Ames (39), Trinidad & Tobago, def. Alvaro Quiros (26), Spain, 1 up.
Ernie Els (13), South Africa, def. Soren Hansen (52), Denmark, 4 and 2.
Steve Stricker (20), United States, def. Dustin Johnson (45), United States, 2 and 1.
Jim Furyk (14), United States, def. Anders Hansen (51), Denmark, 2 and 1.
Martin Kaymer (19), Germany, def. Stuart Appleby (46), Australia, 1 up.
Rory McIlroy (16), Northern Ireland, def. Louis Oosthuizen (49), South Africa, 2 and 1.
Hunter Mahan (48), United States, def. Mike Weir (17), Canada, 1 up.
Boo Weekley (50), United States, def. Justin Rose (15), England, 1 up.
Sean O'Hair (47), United States, def. Adam Scott (18), Australia, 1 up.
Vijay Singh (4), Fiji, def. Soren Kjeldsen (61), Denmark, 2 and 1.
Luke Donald (36), England, def. Ben Curtis (29), United States, 19 holes.
Pat Perez (62), United States, def. Padraig Harrington (3), Ireland, 1 up.
Ross Fisher (35), England, def. Robert Allenby (30), Australia, 1 up.
Tiger Woods (1), United States, def. Brendan Jones (64), Australia, 3 and 2.
Tim Clark (32), South Africa, def. Retief Goosen (33), South Africa, 3 and 2.
Charl Schwartzel (63), South Africa, def. Sergio Garcia (2), Spain, 1 up.
Ian Poulter (31), England, def. Jeev Milkha Singh (34), India, 4 and 3.

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Thicker than water

Murray County High School has successful blood drive

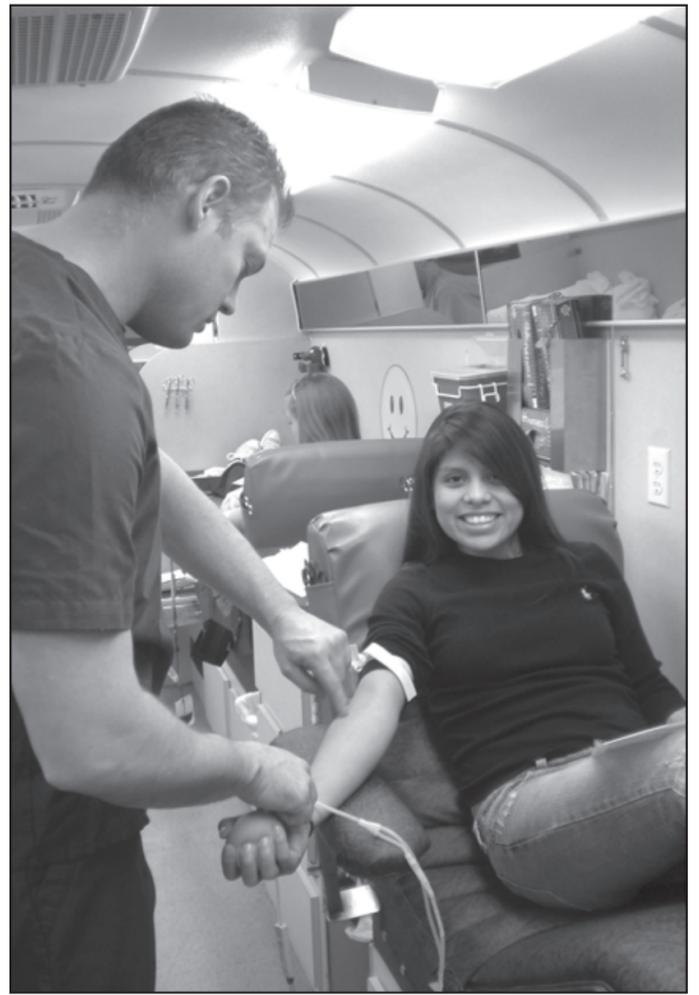
BY BREANN SITTON

With the economy in a tailspin, people are wondering how they can still help others without breaking the budget. A free way to continue to give is by donating blood. One blood donation can help three people. For example, one donated pint of blood can aid in the treatments of a 6 year old with cancer, an accident victim, and a burn unit victim.

At Murray County High School, Mrs. Hahn's health-care classes host two blood drives a year through Blood Assurance. Their goal is to encourage people to start donating at an early age. These people will then be more likely to donate regularly throughout their lives. Blood Assurance visits high schools because, of the 5 percent of eligible people who donate, 11 percent of that blood comes from students.

Bob Cheli, a North Georgia donor recruiter for Blood Assurance, stated, "We appreciate the willingness of the students who come out to save a life."

Blood Assurance also operates at Murray Medical Center and at their office in Bryman's Plaza in Dalton. All donations are greatly appreciated. Remember, every time someone donates, three different people are helped. Extra money is becoming a rarity these days, but there will always be blood.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BREANN SITTON

Left, Breann Sitton speaks with Mr. Bob Cheli, the North Georgia donor recruiter for Blood Assurance. Right, Martha Gonzalez donates blood regularly. Unlike many who gave blood, she was not nervous or fearful.

MCHS Prom 2009 set for March 14

BY EMILY SCOTT AND SARAH LOUGHRIDGE

Despite the controversy surrounding the date and location of this year's prom, a date, time and theme have been chosen. Cirque du Soleil — Prom 2009 was a clear favorite for the prom committee.

The committee, sponsored by Mr. Smith and Ms. Steele and composed of juniors, was able to reserve March 14 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.

Members of the junior class, led by President Kelsey Swilling, Vice President Jennifer Snow, Secretary Hadley Scott and Treasurer Carley Smith, are putting forth an extra effort to make sure that all of the details are covered, with prom scheduled earlier than usual. Such details include fundraising, decorations, ticket sales and music selection — just to name a few. The prom committee wants to make sure that the Class of 2009 has a senior prom that meets and exceeds MCHS standards.

Cirque du Soleil — Prom 2009 will take place from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, March 14. Chatsworth Portrait Studios will be on site to take photographs starting at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased before and after school and during all lunches for \$30 each.

We're sure that it will be a night to remember!



PHOTO BY EMILY SCOTT

Kati Stainton and Jennifer Snow, members of the prom committee, sell prom tickets during lunch.

MCHS congratulates Jake McConathy State Wrestling Champ!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Casey Lovain plays bass for The Gullibles at the Alzheimer's Fundraiser on Feb. 12.

Rock show benefits Alzheimer's Association

On Feb. 12, MCHS held a benefit concert for Alzheimer's disease in the school's auditorium. The concert was all put together by MCHS senior Chris Deal.

The concert featured an acoustic introduction by Chris Deal and fellow classmates, followed by Dalton's own My Summer Hero!, which features MCHS students Tyler Jones and Jordan Mason and SHS students Eric Acosta and Zach Hall. Tyler plays lead guitar with Jordan on rhythm guitar.

"It's an amazing feeling doing something you love in front of people you love," said Tyler.

The last band to perform that evening was The Gullibles. The Gullibles is a

three-person band that features MCHS students Casey Lovain on bass guitar and background vocals, Corey Shields on guitar and lead vocals, and Brandon Singleton on drums.

"This show was a very rewarding experience," said Casey. "It was great playing music that we love and also be able to help an important cause."

The concert raised several hundred dollars to contribute to the Alzheimer's Association in their efforts to promote awareness.

For more information about The Gullible, visit www.myspace.com/thegullibles. For more information about My Summer Hero!, visit www.myspace.com/mysummerhero.

Spring GHSGT testing schedule

Writing, Feb. 25, 8 a.m.
Language arts, March 30, 8 a.m.
Math, March 31, 8 a.m.
Science, April 1, 8 a.m.
Social studies, April 2, 8 a.m.

Review schedule

Review will be held Monday through Thursday beginning Feb.

23 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. for all subjects and will continue through the dates of the test.

Language arts, Feb. 23 to March 26, Mr. Hamilton's room, English Hall 342

Math, Feb. 23 to March 30, Ms. Earle's room, Math Hall 324

Science, Feb. 23 to March 31, Mr. J. Smith's room, Science Hall 303
Social studies, Feb. 23 to April 1, Mr. Langford's room, New Wing 607

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

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

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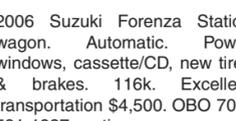
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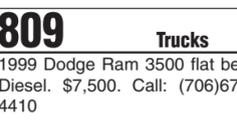
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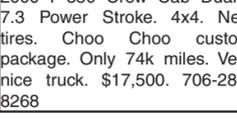
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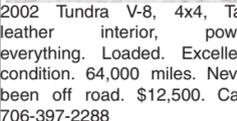
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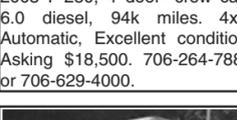
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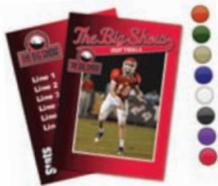
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