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# Personnel takes huge bite

## Dalton operating on slashed budget

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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The Dalton City Council cut the city budget to \$27.6 million this year, about \$5 million less than 2008.

Council members took a number of steps, including cutting about 40 employees through early retirements and layoffs. The city now has some 372 full-time employees, and salaries and benefits account for about \$21 million of the city's budget.

Council members say they continue to eye those costs.

"We compare everything in our budget (to other local governments), including how much we are spending on fire, police and



**City finance director Cindy Jackson and city clerk Bernadette Chattam speak in the lobby of City Hall.**

everything else," said Mayor David Pennington. "Then we start drilling down to see if we are spending more than other places, why we are and also what we are getting."

City human resources direc-

## Salaries fuel costs to run Whitfield

BY JAMIE JONES  
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It takes a lot of people to run Whitfield County. It also takes a lot of money.

The county has almost 600 employees, from a county administrator who handles day-to-day operations to administrative assistants that attend to the behind-the-scenes work. Employees provide residents a myriad of services, including protection through

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**ROBOT CRITTER**

Molly Martin, 14, dressed as Albert Einstein, and Pratik Bhattar, 13, work on the center-piece of their "Teach Yer Creature" skit Saturday, an anamronic squirrel. Dalton Middle School hosted Odyssey of the Mind competition, in which students from the region and state applied their creativity to solve problems such as building mechanical devices or presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Competitors were grouped by grade and ranged from kindergarten through 12th grade.

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## 'Unrealized potential'

Start work now on tourism, says planner

BY CHARLES OLIVER  
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Whitfield County could attract some 250,000 visitors a year by 2011, says John Veverka, a tourism and interpretation planner.

"You have incredible unrealized potential here," said Veverka told business, political and community leaders Saturday at Dalton City Hall.

Veverka was hired last year by Whitfield County to develop an interpretive plan for Prater's Mill with a \$223,850 grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Veverka looked at a way to tie together Prater's Mill with all of the area's historic attractions, including Civil War sites and those related to the Cherokee Indians who once lived here.

Veverka said expanded tourism could pump some \$20 million into the local economy, with Dalton serving as a hub not only for Whitfield County but for Murray County and other surrounding areas.

"Tourists don't look at boundaries and county lines," he said.

He suggested that Prater's Mill could be turned into a "folk life" center, with a focus on traditional arts and crafts, as well as a hub for bicycle trails and nature tourism, taking advantage of the scenic and undeveloped northeast part of the county.

With tough economics times, he said that people are focusing more on what he called "staycations," one- or two-day stays at places within a two-hour drive of their homes. He said that with Dalton located so close to Chattanooga and Atlanta, it could draw on a significant market for such weekend visits.

He said the county should market different "loops" focusing on different areas of interest, such as a loop of Civil War sites or historic cemeteries or Cherokee sites or nature and wildlife areas that visitors could spend a day or two touring. He said it is

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# Troops leave town Monday

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The public is invited to help give the members of Charlie Troop a roaring sendoff Monday morning as they prepare to 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. 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 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 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 Downtown Dalton Development Authority office at 220 N. Pentz St.

Residents can also join their neighbors in posting 721 flags on the courthouse lawn and King Street today 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.

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**TODAY'S FORUM**

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

"The handicapped parking spots at city schools should be marked out. They are being taken advantage of."

"Mr. Espy. You are absolutely right. People who use the word racist are not decent people. I heard Al Sharpton and the leader of La Raza use the word and they are definitely not decent people."

**Editor's note: It's all in the context, my friend.**

"Gaza send rockets into Israel. Israel sends airstrikes at Gaza. We send \$900 million to Gaza to rebuild."

"Someone should ask Mohawk and Shaw how many people they employ in China. What are those numbers?"

"I think we should lay off Obama, too. See if he can make it on \$330 a week unemployment."

"When President Obama speaks, you can understand him. When President Bush speaks, it was umm, umm umm."

"Why does Georgia DOT have to begin a national search for Mrs. Evans? We've got plenty of good people right here."

"When I go out to restaurants and not have to smell cigarette smoke I want to thank Dr. Don Thomas."

"Why is President Obama still campaigning? He won, he needs to quit flying around and wasting fuel."

"You people who want smaller government need to send your Social Security, welfare and unemployment checks back in."

"Would Sheriff Chitwood please remove his billboard on U.S. 41 near Tijuana's that says Vote for Chitwood? We already did, he could put one up that says 'thanks.'"

"For those interested in public school education, take a look on the Internet at John Taylor Gotto."

"What does Dale Earnhardt and Pink Floyd have in common? Their last hit was The Wall."

"Quit talking about Dr. Thomas, y'all should be so good. He's a good Christian and a good doctor."

"What day are those chicken fights on? Will they take a check or credit card?"

"I live in the East Side of Dalton, and we don't have all-night singings or cars parked in the yard. We have a sheriff's department, not the police, and they do their job."

"The problem with Obama and his socialist policies is that you eventually run out of money."

"Barack Obama wants to spread his wealth around, I'd rather he spread my work ethic around."

"Marty Kirkland has done an excellent job reporting on the wrestlers in our area and I think he needs to be congratulated."

"President Obama would be interested in an electric company doubling its prices for the same amount of power."

"Chief Grossman and the Cohutta Police Department did a wonderful job recovering a stolen vehicle. Good job, guys."

"Who is the idiot out there who thinks the stock market crash is Obama's fault?"

"I wish people would lay off Varnell on the past. Varnell is where it is now because of the past. It is a thriving community because of the people in the past."

"The newspaper carrier for Clear Oaks Drive in Dalton, wonderful job."

"It is appropriate that the stock market report and the obituaries are on the same page of the newspaper."

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**HEARTS OF THE BALL**



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

American Heart Association regional director Emily Daily, left, shares a laugh with Zack and Rita Norville Saturday night at The Farm during the association's annual Heart Ball. Zack Norville was the Heart Tribute Award Recipient for this year's fundraiser.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**



**NAME:** Marie Hurst  
**AGE:** "Young at heart"  
**HOME:** Chatsworth  
**FAMILY:** Husband, Michael; son, Joshua  
**WORK:** McDonald's  
**PLAY:** Volunteering at Chatsworth Elementary and Faith Worship Center, coach youth baseball  
**SHE SAID:** "My son's favorite expression: 'Pay attention, use your head and listen.'"



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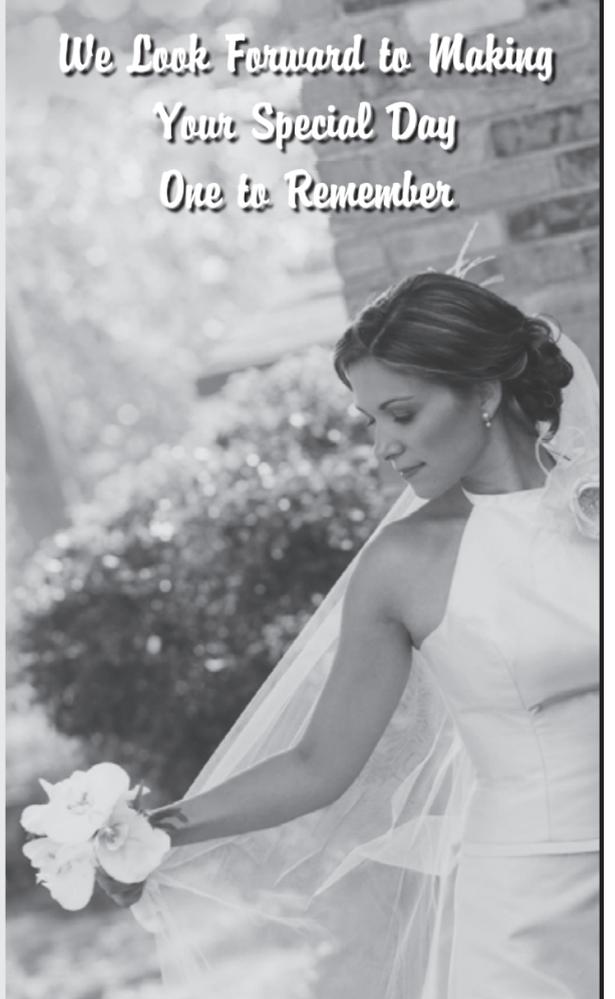
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# Top 10 salaries in Dalton, Whitfield governments

## City of Dalton (2008 numbers)

- City administrator Butch Sanders (contract called for \$103,209, resigned in July, position currently vacant)
- Recreation director Ronnie Nix: \$101,811.20, includes \$7,920 vehicle allowance
- Finance director Cindy Jackson: \$91,457.60
- Recreation assistant director John Milton Haley: \$90,878.40, includes \$7,200 vehicle allowance
- Fire chief Barry Gober: \$87,859.20 plus take home vehicle
- Acting trade center director Doug Phipps: \$87,068.08 plus take home vehicle
- Solid waste authority director Norman Barashick: \$85,030.40 plus take home vehicle
- Public works director Benny Dunn: \$85,030.40 plus take home vehicle
- Police chief Jason Parker: \$82,593.60 plus take home vehicle and \$600 in incentives or other pay
- Golf course superintendent Steve Alan Davis: \$81,280.20, includes \$1,429 in incentives and other pay plus take home vehicle

## Rome

- City manager: \$160,319, including vehicle and mileage
- Public services manager: \$113,571, including vehicle day use only
- Police chief: \$108,852, including vehicle and mileage
- Finance director: \$104,049, includes \$3,600 vehicle allowance
- Fire chief: \$103,004, including vehicle and mileage
- Water/sewer director: \$100,081, including vehicle and mileage
- Public works division director: \$98,000, including vehicle and mileage
- Engineer: \$97,839, including vehicle and mileage
- Tourism executive director : \$93,101, including \$4,800 vehicle allowance

## Dalton Utilities

- President/CEO Don Cope: \$302,500 plus reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicle for business purposes (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$407,000; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$457,000)
- Vice president, financial services Tom Bundros: \$219,991.20 plus access to company vehicle for business use (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$220,000; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$272,000)

■ Vice president, electric/gas engineering and operations Michael Jolly: \$169,592 plus access to company vehicle for business use (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$165,000; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$180,000)

■ Telecommunications sales representative Don Peterman: Base salary of \$45,894.61 plus commissions, total compensation of \$135,193.63 (Compdata recommended salary, \$99,941)

■ Vice president, water and wastewater engineering Mark Marlowe: \$123,753.14 plus access to company vehicle for business use (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$165,500; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$180,000)

■ Vice president, communication and technology Hank Blackwood: \$115,412 plus access to company vehicle for business use (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$162,000; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$193,000)

■ Vice president, water/wastewater plant operations Leslie Rush: \$114,132.69 plus access to company vehicle for business use (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$162,000; Deloitte Consulting's survey, \$213,210)

■ Electrical services manager Ken Finch: \$109,402.97 (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$100,933)

■ Electrical supervisor Rick Patterson: \$98,197.11 (Electric Cities of Georgia survey for city-owned utilities in Georgia, average salary of equivalent position \$90,935)

■ Vice president, human resources/administrative services/ training and safety Kelly Jones: \$94,380 (Compdata's survey of executive compensation for equivalent position in similar sized company in the Southeast, \$157,000)

## Whitfield County (2009 numbers)

- County administrator Bob McLeod, \$126,000.16
- Sheriff Scott Chitwood, \$104,446.68
- Juvenile Court Judge Connie Blaylock, \$98,844.72
- County engineer Edward "Kent" Benson, \$93,499.90 (includes engineer division — stormwater — SPLOST and public works)
- Tax commissioner Danny Sane, \$91,560.56
- Information technology director Mark "Tim" Miller, \$85,621.12
- Magistrate Judge Haynes Townsend, \$82,630.08
- Fire chief Carl Collins, \$80,843.10
- Clerk of Court Melica Kendrick, \$80,082.60
- Deputy Sheriff Maj. John Gibson, \$78,282.10

## AREA ARRESTS

- Anthony Damen Graham, 30, 2800 Maddox Chapel Road, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of crack cocaine and giving false information or name.
- Joni Leanna Harris, 29, 1179 Grove St., Chattanooga, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.
- Kenneth Scott Quinn, 44, 102 Pine Hill Drive, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with driving without headlights when required and DUI.
- Kelly Eugenia Robertson, 39, 64 Glen St., Eton, was charged Thursday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine and probation violation.
- Terry William Smith, 43, 1217 Hamil Hollow Road, Ringgold, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated stalking.
- Timothy Eugene Smith, 33, 156A Myrtle St., Jasper, was charged Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with burglary.
- Kendall Storey, 51, 813 Red Clay, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of tools for the commission of crime and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.
- Anthony James Clark, 17, 117 Downing St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with battery (family violence), entering an automobile or other motor vehicle with intent of felony, criminal damage to property-second degree and criminal trespass.
- Sherman Lee Crabtree, 47, 2401 Highway 52 Alternate, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to obey traffic control device and improper right turn.
- Jack Richard Curtis, 52, 2288 Tibbs Bridge Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine, possession of methadone, possession of Oxycontin, possession of tools for the commission of crime, expired vehicle tag or decal and no proof of insurance.
- Pamela Dawn Dill, 41, 412 Mountain View Drive, Tunnel Hill, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.
- Bobby Lee Dixon, 37, 2396, Smyrna Ramhurst Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine, possession of Oxycontin, possession of methadone and possession of tools for the commission of crime.
- Jose Luis Equivel-Ochoa, 31, 1012 Ponders Lane, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with driving too fast for conditions, driving without a license and DUI.
- Denise Joanne McBee, 34, 1204 Plainville Road, Plainville, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with improper lane usage and DUI.
- Cameron Edward Price, 50, 3812 Meers Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking, probation violation, burglary, and drugs not in original container.
- Kevin Ray Sanders, 32, 556 Smyrna Circle, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI, no proof of insurance and driving too fast for conditions.
- Devin Shawn Southerland, 34, 2441 Old Highway 411 South, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Chatsworth Police Department with loitering, possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of crime.
- Carissa Dawn Tapp, 32, 1011 Ponderosa Lane, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and failure to drive within a single lane.
- Dakota Lamar Townson, 18, 190 Parrish Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, driving with a suspended tag, affixing license plate with intent, no proof of insurance, open container in vehicle and underage consumption.
- Shane Maurice Walker, 24, 2603 Underwood St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and driving while license withdrawn.

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### OUR VIEW

# Don't take the money

Those who quit their jobs shouldn't get unemployment benefits, no matter what their reasons. The entire system was set up to protect those who lose their job through no fault of their own.

But to get some of the money promised by President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus bill, states would have to permanently expand their unemployment benefits system, providing coverage to many who are not currently covered, including those who quit their jobs for a "compelling reason," as well as provide benefits to some part-time workers.

Several governors, including Georgia's Sonny Perdue and Tennessee's Phil Bredesen, have said they may reject that portion of the stimulus. That could cost Tennessee some \$141 million and Georgia about \$220 million.

That money would certainly help in the short run. But state leaders need to keep an eye on the long term as well. The stimulus money for unemployment benefits runs out after two years, but those expanded benefits will cost those states that add them money for many, many years to come. To fund those additional benefits, state governments would have to raise taxes on businesses, which would translate into lower wages for workers, higher unemployment and higher prices for consumers. That's not a good bargain at all.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mother vows never to give up

To the editor:

We want to thank everyone who has given so much effort and experience for the search for Brett Thomason. But we are asking you today, if this were your child would the search end here?

Do you know your child well enough to know he wouldn't run away? Our search has just begun for Brett. Do not let Brett be among the thousands of teens who are never heard from again.

This didn't happen in another country. This happened here in our own back yard. This could be your child.

With God and your help we can bring Brett home. And last, we will never give up.

**Dana Massey**  
Mother of Brett Thomason

### Honor, but not with memorial

To the editor:

The departure of the 108th troops from Dalton on Monday deserves an honorable sendoff.

The suggestion has been made to display the Avenue of Flags in their honor. But in the overall scheme of things, is that what the Avenue of Flags was established for, and what will be the next event to call for the same display? Never let it be said that I am against showing due respect to the troops. I served when it was politically incorrect to show respect for military personnel. Thanks Jane!

The Avenue of Flags was established to show honor and respect for fallen soldiers and MIAs throughout time. To display the flags for various events along the way would not only diminish the significance of the original intent but would hasten the destruction of the flags people have paid hard-earned dollars to put there.

I stood in the rain and shot news video in 1992. I displayed my handheld flag under my umbrella as I did so. When I presented the video to the TV producer and apologized for the raindrops on the camera lens, his response was, "At least you were there and showed your respects."

I'm all for lining the streets with people from the National Guard Armory to I-75 and beyond. I wish the troops well and Godspeed in their assignments and their safe return. I just do not think the Avenue of Flags should be displayed for this event. It should be maintained for its initial purpose and kept sacred.

As for safety of the flags being displayed overnight, I also think that is a major issue given the times and circumstances. It would take a battery of soldiers to provide security for the more than 700 hundred flags displayed.

It's a patriotic idea but one that may be better left out of the plans.

**Lawrence Headrick**  
Tunnel Hill

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

2 Timothy 1:7

# Opportunity in difficult times

When our country, our state, and our community are going through difficult times, it can be hard to look to the future with optimism. Yet, I believe we should be optimistic that our community can enjoy a prosperous future. Why? Because we can control important elements of that future.

If we evaluate our strengths and weaknesses, work together, and are willing to make some tough decisions, there is good reason for optimism.

To prepare for the future, it is helpful to analyze the past. We are all painfully aware of the recent Wall Street meltdown and the housing crisis. I believe our country's economic woes began long before with the loss of our manufacturing base to other countries along with the stable, good-paying jobs and benefits it provides.

Many elected officials would like Americans to believe that this occurred because industry is unwilling to pay decent wages. I don't buy that argument. Remember the frog in the saucepan story? If you drop a frog in boiling water it will jump out, but if you put it in cold water and slowly turn up the heat, it will boil to death.

### Regulations handicap businesses

Over the years, heavy government regulations have slowly turned up the heat and placed a huge cost burden on our manufacturing industries. Wages are only part of the equation. When you add in environmental regulations, energy taxes, the highest corporate income taxes in the developed world, health care costs inflated due to government mandates plus product liability issues, well ... the water is boiling violently!

So, the manufacturing jobs began to move overseas, and our economy became overly reliant on services and retail business. We began consuming more than we produced. To finance this consumption we borrowed from other countries. Now we must face the painful truth that continuing down this path means the standard of living for our children and grandchildren will decline. Can we turn this ship?

### Value manufacturing again

I believe we have only two choices. Maintain the status quo and continue to get poorer, or change course and begin valuing manufacturing once again. With the right push, I believe our elected officials will make the wise choice — the choice for a far



**David Pennington**

more prosperous future. As Winston Churchill said, "Americans always do the right thing after they have exhausted all other possibilities."

So where is the opportunity for us? Let's compare our community to a computer system which requires both hardware and software.

### Sound hardware

From a hardware standpoint, we are in excellent shape. We have what America needs. Thanks to the carpet industry we are a manufacturing community.

We are located on the busiest interstate in America, I-75, with a bypass that circles our manufacturing center. Two railroad lines cross here. We are less than two hours from the busiest airport in the world, and five hours from two of the best deep water ports in America.

We boast one of the best five service utilities in America, Dalton Utilities, two modern telecommunication companies, Windstream and Charter Cable, and a 3G network operated by AT&T with the second broadest territory in Georgia.

Our regional college, Dalton State, is on track to become a university with the addition of on campus housing.

Our community "hardware" is sound.

### Software needs revision

However, we know that the best hardware is worthless without modern, robust software. This is where our community struggles; our "software" is out of date and we can't go buy what we need off the shelf. We have to debug and rebuild what we have.

Several key areas require our attention and action. High city property taxes discourage businesses and individuals from moving here. We've taken some steps to improve this situation.

Of 159 counties in Georgia, we rank 142 in adults with a college degree. High-tech companies that offer good paying jobs are reluctant to locate here because we cannot easily provide the manpower they need.

Our young people, the lifeblood of our community, are leaving. From 2000 to

2006, we lost 4.3 percent of our population aged 25 to 34.

Medical insurance is a large cost item to businesses and we offer no competing health plans. We are also hurt economically when a company purchases a health plan that is not part of the local network because patients leave the area to receive their health care.

This packs a double punch when you realize that health care is one of the most rapidly growing segments of the American economy and provides well-paying jobs.

As a manufacturing community, we suffer because Georgia taxes energy. We compound this problem with an additional 3 percent local tax. This is costing industry millions of dollars and makes our community less attractive to new investment.

Our community "software" requires work if we are to position ourselves for growth opportunities. What are some of those opportunities?

### Promising opportunities

One opportunity I believe we have is to become a center for the chemical industry. It is already a \$750 million industry here. We have most of the infrastructure required, such as railroads and utilities. The average jobs in this industry pay around \$58,000 per year with excellent benefits.

We also have the opportunity to become the Northwest Georgia center for health care and retail with the auto dealership industry of special interest. This industry is reducing the number of dealers and planning to concentrate dealerships in particular communities. These important businesses provide well-paying jobs and pay considerable taxes.

### Shaping future is up to us

Even in these tough times I look to the future with optimism because I see opportunities. Yes, we must make some changes if we want to realize these opportunities, and, yes, managing change is hard work and often uncomfortable.

While we can and should debate how best to make these changes, there is no debate regarding what we are working for — a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren. Shaping that future is up to us.

■ **David Pennington is mayor of Dalton.**

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Sunday, March 1**, the 60th day of 2009. There are 305 days left in the year.

### Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J.

### On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress declared the Articles of Confederation to be in force, following ratification by Maryland.

### One year ago:

President George W. Bush, speaking at his Texas ranch, declined to promise more U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq before leaving, underscoring the need for a strong military presence during Iraqi provincial elections.



# More freedom, less government in schools

I share President Obama's concerns about education. We certainly need to do a better job, particularly in our low-income communities.

But, from what I see so far, we're on very different pages regarding how to think about the problem.

For Obama, the solution to everything seems to be government and spending. But in improving education, more of neither seems to work.

According to Department of Education data, reported by the Cato Institute, K-12 spending per student, adjusted for inflation, went from \$5,393 in 1970 to \$11,470 in 2004. Over the same period, there were tiny increases in math scores among 17-year-olds and no improvement in reading scores.

In his address to Congress, Obama was clear that he understands it's not just money but how it's spent. "...our schools don't just need more resources, they need more reform," he said.

But can we really believe that over the thirty-five years that per pupil spending doubled it did not dawn on any educator that reform was in order? There are endless new ideas about how to spend money to manipulate kids into learning.

The problem with professional bureaucrats is that they think we learn about human beings in laboratories and academic studies. It never occurs to them the problem is a bankrupt culture, which they themselves often reflect, and what's needed is a return to traditional values.

I recently watched the made-for-tel-

evision movie, "Gifted Hands."

It's based on the book by the same name by Dr. Ben Carson about his remarkable life. I read it years ago when it was published and made my daughters read it.

Dr. Carson is one of the world's few black pediatric neurosurgeons, world renowned for his professional accomplishments. He is a professor and department head at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.



**Star Parker**

In his own words, he was an "at risk" child -- a black male raised in poverty by a young, poorly educated single mother.

According to Carson, "My mother worked as a domestic, two, sometimes three jobs at a time because she didn't want to be on welfare. She felt very strongly that if she gave up and went on welfare, that she would give up control of her life and of our lives, and I think she was probably correct about that."

When Carson was failing in school as a young boy, she laid down the law to him and his brother. Both of them would read two books a week and give her a book report (they had no idea she couldn't read). And, they'd be limited to three television shows per week.

Carson's young mother changed his life.

It's also relevant to mention that Carson's mother is a Christian woman of deep faith - a faith he shares. She redirected her boys' lives out of religious inspiration.

Ben Carson, of course, is an exceptional man. But his story verifies what existing studies show. The main predictor of a child's educational success is the parental guidance and involvement that the child gets at home.

Central to this also must be values. The problem is that these values - the traditional values that Ben Carson's mother taught him — are off limits in our public schools.

This is why throwing money at a government school monopoly is not going to change education realities. We need freedom, not money. Freedom to allow parents - certainly inner-city parents — to choose their child's school.

President Obama often uses the right words. He says that "responsibility for our children's education must begin at home." But then he will not allow parents' school choice and the option to choose a religious school.

Ben Carson's mother didn't need Harvard education theorists to know what her child needed.

We need more common sense and freedom in K-12 education — not more government programs and money.

■ **Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (www.urbanure.org) and author of three books.**

# Sebelius to lead HHS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is President Barack Obama's choice for secretary of health and human services, a White House source said Saturday.

The source, who was not authorized to speak on the record, said Obama will formally announce the nomination on Monday.

The Sebelius pick caps a week in which Obama underscored his resolve to pass a major health care overhaul this year. He issued a challenge to Congress in his speech Tuesday, and followed up Thursday with a budget that requested an eye-popping \$634 billion over 10 years, which the administration called a "down payment" on coverage for all. This week, Obama will host lawmakers of both parties and representatives of major interest groups, from insurers to drug companies to consumers, at a

White House summit on health care reform.

Sebelius, 60, is seen as a solid choice to head HHS because as a governor responsible for the Medicaid program in Kansas, she faced the pressure of rising health care costs directly, and saw how hard it is to expand coverage, particularly in bad economic times. She is also familiar with the insurance industry, a key interest group in the health care debate. Before becoming governor, she served as insurance commissioner, and her fellow state commissioners selected her to be national president of their association.

However, Sebelius lacks the deep Washington connec-

tions of former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Obama's first pick for the job. Daschle, who withdrew after disclosing he had failed to pay \$140,000 in taxes and interest, was on a first name basis with most of the members of the Senate. And it's in the Senate where many expect Obama's health care effort to succeed or fail.

Originally, Daschle was to hold both the position of HHS secretary and a top White House post directing the health reform effort. An administration official said Saturday the White House position will not go to Sebelius, but will be filled by another person.

Sebelius had been seen the leading candidate for HHS for several weeks and word of her appointment was greeted favorably by both those who favor the expansion of health care coverage and health insurers.



Sebelius



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The Whitfield Healthcare Foundation recently presented The Daily Citizen with a plaque of appreciation for 25 years of sustaining support to Hamilton's Love Light Trees. From left are Daily Citizen publisher William Bronson, Whitfield Healthcare Foundation chairman Bryan McAllister and Daily Citizen executive editor Jimmy Espy.

## Healthcare Foundation honors The Daily Citizen

SUBMITTED BY HAMILTON HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

For the past 25 years, the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation and The Daily Citizen have teamed up to sponsor the Foundation's annual Love Light Trees year-end fundraiser in support of Hamilton Medical Center.

The Foundation recently recognized The Daily Citizen for its 25 years of sustaining support of Love Light Trees program at a board luncheon.

"Their sustaining com-

mitment to co-sponsor this event ensures its success," said Bryan McAllister, Foundation chairman. "We are grateful to publisher William Bronson, executive editor Jimmy Espy and news editor Wes Chance, who work so diligently to see that the contribution list is published each week in The Daily Citizen during December," said McAllister.

The Foundation's Annual Support Committee was successful in reaching its \$20,000 goal for the 2008 campaign, raising \$20,710 that was designated toward the purchase of two fetal

heart monitors for Hamilton's Turner Maternal and Infant Care Center.

Since 1983, the program has raised more than \$490,000 to enhance Hamilton Medical Center's patient care services.

"Philanthropic support is critical to the future of health care," said McAllister. "Each contributed dollar provides the financial strength to support Hamilton's response to the changing health care environment. A gift to the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation is an investment in the quality of life in our community."

## Tourism: Work to begin

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important for officials to protect such sites.

But while Veverka said the area has great potential, he also said it has little time to create these tours, get sites ready for visitors and market the area. He said that with the sesquicentennial of the Civil War set to start in 2011, many other areas are trying to market themselves to tourists as

well.

Veverka said planning would have to start immediately, products such as driving tours and walking tours would have to be ready for testing this year, and the area would have to begin its marketing by 2010.

Dalton Mayor David Pennington said some of that work had already begun. The Dalton Historic Preservation Commission is creating a walking tour of

historic West Hill Cemetery, and the county is putting together a driving tour of Civil War sites. Meanwhile, he said, the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is spearheading the area's marketing efforts.

Veverka said that events are just as crucial as sites in bringing in visitors, and he said the area needs for something to be happening every weekend.

## Help with prescription medicine arrives Monday

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

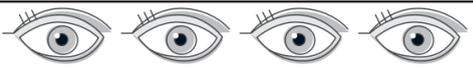
free.

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

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

The bus is staffed by specialists able to quickly help uninsured patients in need access information on more

than 475 patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. When the bus moves on, patients can visit PPA's Web site (www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) where trained operators field calls in 150 languages.



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# ONLY \$15 TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP BUT HAS NEVER BEEN TO A CHIROPRACTOR BEFORE

(Or Hasn't Been In A Long Time)

Dear Friend,

If you've ever thought about going to a Chiropractor but you've hesitated because you weren't sure it was right for you, please read on . . .

My name is Dr. Orville Stuckey.

We are celebrating the grand opening of our new office in Murray County at 2557 Hwy. 76.

I have agreed to "give away" (to anyone who asks for it) \$250 worth of my services for only \$15 - that's right \$15.

In the five years since I have opened my doors I've helped hundreds of people feel better and live healthier, more productive lives through chiropractic care. And now, I'd like to introduce the people of Murray County to the many benefits our profession has to offer.

For instance, chiropractic care may be able to help you if you are suffering from any of the following conditions.

- Migraine headaches
- Lower back pain
- Numbness or soreness in your arms or legs
- Constant fatigue; lack of energy
- Muscle spasms, sprains & strains

And a whole host of other problems ranging from dizziness to ringing in the ear.

These symptoms can be caused whenever the vertebrae in your spine are out of alignment, because these "misalignments" directly affect your nervous system.

Fortunately, if you are suffering from any of these problems or similar afflictions right now, they may be relieved or eliminated

by proper chiropractic treatment (Commonly called adjustment). So if you have always wanted to "check out" chiropractic care and see what it can do for you, now is the best time to do so because...

For one week only, \$15 will get you all the services I normally charge new patients \$250 for!

What does this offer include? Everything. Take a look at what you'll receive ...

- An in-depth consultation about your health and well being....
- A complete chiropractic spinal examination . . .
- A full set of specialized X-rays to determine if a misalignment in your spine is causing your pain or symptoms... (NOTE: Nobody gives these kinds of X-rays free, they would normally cost you at least \$250).
- An analysis of your X-rays and spinal exam results so we can see what needs to be done to help relieve your problem.
- Helpful literature that shows how your body works and why you experience pain . . .
- Answers to all your most probing questions about chiropractic care and what it can do for you . . .

he appointment will not take long at all. And like I said, I normally charge \$250 for this (most of which just covers the full set of X-rays). But now, as part of this one time offer, you can come in and find out for certain if you need chiropractic care and how it might help you eliminate the pain you are feeling.

Before you come in, though, you will probably

want to know a little bit about me. So let me tell you . . .

Meet the Doctor



I attended Murray County High School where I graduated in 1988. I received a degree in Criminal Justice from Dalton State College. My Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree came from Life University in Marietta. In addition, I also received extensive pre and post graduate studies from Logan College of Chiropractic in St Louis, Natural Health Sciences in Chattanooga, TN and New York Chiropractic College, where I received a degree in Physiological Therapeutics.

My extensive studies and experience have allowed me to successfully deal with problem cases such as structural rehabilitation, extremity problems, migraine headaches, etc.

Does Chiropractic Really Work?

Absolutely! Here are some findings from studies done by chiropractors and orthopedic surgeons . . .

Harvard Medical School Health Letter - Sept. 1990

"Chiropractic treatment of low back pain, which

affects 75 million Americans is superior to the standard regiment administered by medical doctors, a major British study has concluded. "Chiropractic almost certainly confers worthwhile long-term benefit in comparison with hospital outpatient management," said Dr. T. W. Mead, a British medical doctor who headed the study conducted at 11 hospitals and chiropractic clinics.

Federal Medical Study Endorses Chiropractic for Back Pain - U.S. Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

**December 8, 1994** - A panel of 23 doctors headed by Dr. Stanley Bigos, MD, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, studied 3,900 medical articles on low back pain. Their conclusions were that - "Chiropractor's manipulation of the spine was more helpful than any of the following: traction, massage, biofeedback, acupuncture, injection of steroids into the spine, back corsets, and ultrasound." Surgery was beneficial only in 1 out of 100 cases!

Would you like even more proof that chiropractic works? Then listen to these comments from a few of our patients...

Patient Success Stories

For the past 3 years I have suffered from Fibromyalgia, head and neck pain. In the past 4 months this pain has progressively started getting worse. My health situation has limited me to what I can do in my life. Frustrated, I started to lose hope, then I decided to call

the Stuckey Clinic. After meeting with me, Dr. Stuckey recommended a treatment plan. Now I am able to accomplish anything I put my mind and body to. Also, along with sleeping better I have more energy and better health. The Stuckey clinic has changed my outlook on life. I would recommend Dr. Stuckey and his wonderful staff to anyone who has health problems and are in need of care.

Annette D.

After suffering 20 years with pain in my right hip and lower back, I decided to come to the Stuckey Clinic of Chiropractic to get help with my problems. After following the treatment plan that Dr. Stuckey prescribed for me, I am now able to sit through church service without having to place song books behind my back for support. I can now lie in bed on my right side without being in pain. And now I finally get to go on vacation with my family. It is wonderful to know that since I have sought chiropractic help I can go on with my life. Dr. Stuckey has made a big difference in my life and the staff is outstanding. I would recommend the Stuckey clinic to anyone.

Mary T.

Guarantee Of Great Service

Obviously I cannot guarantee results. No one can. But there is one guarantee I can give you and that is a guarantee to give our best effort.

Plus, if I don't think I can help you, I will tell you and refer you to another specialist who might be

able to help.

Limited Time Offer

Obviously, with an offer like this I cannot afford to do it for very long, so I have picked March 1st through March 14th.

If you would like to take me up on my offer, and see what chiropractic can do for you, all you have to do is call our office and set up an appointment.

**706-517-0419**

Call any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am and 12 Noon on Friday. Tell the receptionist you'd like to come in for the special introductory exam between March 1st-14th.

I expect to get flooded with appointments for this event, so please call me as soon as possible to assure that you do not miss out.

Thank you very much, and I look forward to helping you get rid of your pain so you can start living a healthier, more productive life.

In Health

Dr. Orville Stuckey

## The Stuckey Clinic of Chiropractic

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Due to insurance regulations, Medicare and some other insurance may be excluded from this offer.

Any further treatment shall be agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties.

## Waugh St. bridge to be re-painted

Work on re-painting the structural steel on the Waugh Street Bridge will begin on Tuesday and is expected to take two weeks, city of Dalton public works department officials say. During construction, parking under the bridge may be restricted. Traffic along Hamilton

Street and the surface streets beside the bridge may be restricted or controlled. The public is asked to move through this area with caution and to take an alternate route if possible to avoid delays. Access to businesses in the area is not expected to be affected.

## Obama's balancing act on withdrawal strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama leaned heavily toward field commanders' preferences in setting a time frame for an Iraq pullout, as he weighed the fervent desires of anti-war supporters who propelled him into office and the equally strong worries of war generals.

"To this very day, there are some Americans who want to stay in Iraq longer, and some who want to leave faster," Obama said in his announcement Friday, summing up a debate that has divided the country like no other since former President George W. Bush launched the U.S. invasion six years ago.

Obama's description suggests he arrived at a split-down-the-middle compromise with one of the first and most important tasks of his young presidency.

Accounts of the process from officials in the White House, at the Pentagon and across the administration, who all requested anonymity so they could speak more candidly about behind-the-scenes discussions, show a more complicated picture.

At stake was the promise that most defined Obama's presidential bid: to bring all

combat troops home — effectively, to end one of the nation's longest and most controversial wars — 16 months after taking office. The details he offered in an appearance Friday before Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C., depart from that pledge in several ways:

■ The combat withdrawal will take three months longer than he promised. It is now to be completed by the end of August 2010, 19 months after Obama's inauguration. Though what Obama emphasized most as a candidate was his determination to bring about a quick end to the war, in the fine print of almost all his statements was a commitment to flexibility.

■ The withdrawal will not happen at an even pace of one combat brigade per month, as he had repeatedly said. Instead, it will be backloaded. The force posture for this year and into the first few months of 2010 probably will be essentially the same as it would have been under Bush. Under Obama's plan, troops will start leaving in large numbers probably only next spring or summer. The president intends to leave decisions about the pace to field commanders.

# Arts Guild kicks off busy week

## 6th annual Spring for the Arts is Thursday

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The Creative Arts Guild's Spring for the Arts, an annual fundraiser benefitting arts in the schools, is Thursday at the Dalton Golf and Country Club. This year's co-chairs, Janet Goodroe and Jane Harrell promise it will be better than ever.

"We have been so pleasantly surprised by our donors and sponsors generosity in spite of these tough economic times," Goodroe said.

"They clearly value the arts programming for our children and we can't thank them enough." The program reaches more than 60,000 children annually and serves Dalton, Whitfield and Murray County school systems as well as the Youth Detention Center and special needs schools Crossroads and Northstar.

The event has raised more than \$50,000 toward arts education since its inception six years ago.

Tickets are still available and may be purchased at the Guild for \$35 a person. Tickets include a lunch, fashion show and a dollar raffle with 30 gift packages available. Additionally, there will be two premiere items offered: A seven-day stay in a recently built condominium in Frisco, Colo., for \$25 per ticket and an Egyptian Arabian colt for \$50 per ticket. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Country Club and prior to the event at the Guild or



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Guests at last year's Spring for the Arts enter their raffle tickets for gifts at the Dalton Golf and Country Club. This year's fundraiser for arts in the schools program is Thursday.

from a board member.

## 45th annual Student Arts Expo kicks off Monday

March and April welcome a very special time at the Creative Arts Guild. The 45th annual Student Arts Expo showcases the art of a very special population in our area — our children.

Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students from Dalton, Whitfield and Murray counties, home and private schools participate.

Beginning Monday pre-K through fifth-graders will be exhibiting works in the Guild's main gallery. This age group offers some surprises as they explore art through still life work, 3-dimensional projects using a



Artist Jody Harris of Dalton calls this untitled acrylic creation one of his Neo Pop works.

variety of media and basic art assignments.

Sixth through eighth

graders' exhibit will kick off the week of March 9. Visitors to the gallery will see the obvious progression created by these young artists. Works at this level are in a number of media with hints of advanced skill sets.

Each week there is an opening reception with refreshments provided by local Girl Scout troops. Receptions will be on Thursday evenings March 5 and March 12. Area judges will award ribbons for each grade level and for collaborative classroom works.

The exhibit and receptions are free and open to everyone and are sponsored by the Jonas Foundation with the Creative Arts Guild.

## Jody Harris to exhibit at First Friday

Daltonian and painter Jody Harris will be featured as the Guild's First Friday artist.

Harris began his schooling at the Atlanta College of Art and completed his degree at Georgia State University with a bachelor of arts in studio art.

He describes his paintings as Neo Pop, Lowbrow Art, Afro-Folk, Urban Abstract and Graffiti art.

"The work I create is a reflection of my life, which is constantly changing and searching for stability and balance," Harris said.

This First Friday also welcomes guitarist James Etheridge playing a selection of "bluesy and traditional tunes" in the thumb picker style.

First Fridays are held the first Friday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

For additional information on these and other Guild events call the Guild at 706-278-0168.

## Three Out of Four Americans Have Warning Signs of Gum Disease!

- Gums that bleed when you brush or floss
  - Gums are Red, Swollen, or Tender
- Gums that have pulled away (receded) from teeth
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  - Permanent teeth are loose or separating
    - Persistent Bad Breath or Bad Taste
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## Dalton Public Schools Pre-K Registration, March 23-24 Kindergarten Registration, March 25-26

### Attn: Parents of Rising Kindergarteners

If you are a resident of the City of Dalton and intend to enroll your rising-kindergarten student in a school within your zone, outside your zone, or if you live outside the city and will be applying to kindergarten as an out-of-district (tuition) student, you may attend this K registration on March 25-26.

If unable to attend, you may register your rising-kindergarten student (or students new to DPS in grades 1-12) anytime after this registration event.

**Please note that the March registration event for both Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held at the Whitfield County Health Dept this year.**

For more information, call **706/876-4065**.

### Pre-K Registration

(4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009)

Whitfield County Health Dept. Bldg.  
808 Professional Blvd.  
March 23, 7:30am-4:30pm  
March 24, 7:30am-6:00pm

### Kindergarten Registration

Whitfield County Health Dept. Bldg.  
808 Professional Blvd.  
105 N. Thornton Ave.  
March 25, 8:00am-4:00pm  
March 26, 8:00am-5:30pm



**Dalton Public Schools**  
Educating students to become  
contributing citizens of the world

*Please bring the following items with you: GA proof of immunization form # 3231; GA Eye/Ear/Dental certificate - form # 3300; proof of residence in parent's name; child's social security card and birth certificate.*

**If registering for kindergarten, please bring your child for a simple readiness assessment.**



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The Murray County livestock show team included Caleb Martin, Krissi McCurdy, Hunter Ballew, Noah Bishop, Sloan Witherow and Sarah Loughridge.

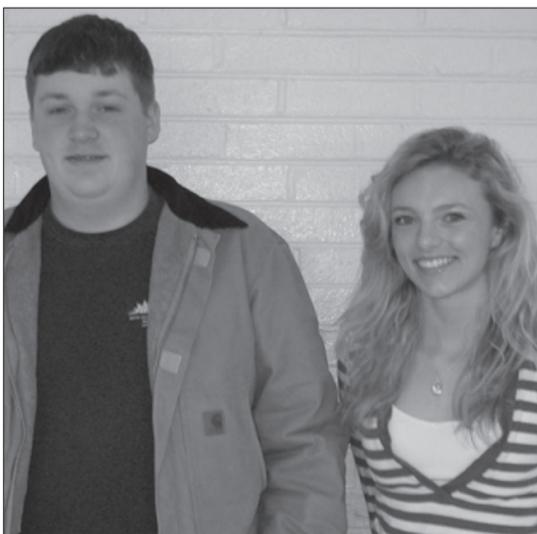
## Murray FFA/4-H Livestock Show Team places at state competition

Livestock showmen from Murray County FFA and 4-H teams competed in the Georgia Junior Livestock Show in Perry recently. Competitors had to exhibit heifers or steers against others their age. Showmanship competitors were judged on how well they controlled their animals and exhibited their strongest characteristics.

In the class competitions, judges determined the best animal in the show ring based on either its breeding or meat characteristics. Animals are broken into classes based on their weight, date of birth, breed and other factors. Some students entered several classes.

Murray competitors and their placings were Caleb Martin, first in class; Krissi McCurdy, fourth in 10th-

grade steer and heifer showmanship, first in class, second in class, grand in purebred Hereford steer show and grand in steer breed show; Hunter Ballew, fourth in class; Noah Bishop, second in 10th-grade showmanship and third in class; Sloan Witherow, fifth in 11th-grade showmanship, second and seventh in class; Sarah Loughridge, sixth in 12th-grade showmanship, first and third in class and Shorthorn Appendix grand champion; Mason Hooper, fifth in class; Bailli Douthitt, seventh in ninth-grade showmanship, first in class, Charolais grand champion; Michael Loughridge, third in class; Mark Lents, fifth in eighth-grade showmanship, second in two different classes; Brandon Webb, seventh in eighth-grade showmanship,



Mason Hooper and Bailli Douthitt competed with their livestock in Perry recently.

first in class; Josh Davis, first in sixth-grade show-

manship, third in class; and Chad Davis.

## Groups rally for immigration reform

By KATE BRUMBACK  
Associated Press Writer

NORCROSS — U.S. Rep. John Lewis on Saturday drew parallels between the civil rights movement four decades ago and the struggle of illegal immigrants today.

The civil rights icon spoke before a crowd of more than 2,000 people at a rally for comprehensive immigration reform at a church in suburban Atlanta. The event was part of a national "Family Unity" outreach tour that kicked off Friday night in Providence, R.I., and will travel to 17 cities over the next five weeks.

Lewis spoke of his childhood in rural Alabama and recalled asking his parents why segregation existed. He said they told him that's the way things were and not to get in trouble. But then, he said, he heard the words of Martin

Luther King, Jr., on the radio.

"I was moved, and I got in trouble," the Atlanta Democrat said. "It was good trouble, and it was necessary trouble. It is time for us all to get in trouble and say, 'Stop the deportations.'"

Lewis was joined by U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, a Democrat from Illinois and chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' immigration task force, and Georgia state Rep. Pedro Marin. Gutierrez is spearheading the tour, which aims to bring together faith-based groups from all over the country to help fight for immigration reform.

The goal of the national effort is to end deportations and raids that immigration activists say destroy families. People at Saturday's bilingual rally held blue and red signs that said "United Families" in both Spanish and English.

"What we are all here together saying in a very clear voice to everyone in

this country is that enough is enough. It is time to end the deportations," Gutierrez said to loud cheers. "It is time to end the separation of our families."

The crowd heard from American citizens who said their families have been torn apart by deportations — a 12-year-old girl who has lived with her grandmother since her mother was deported a year ago; a woman whose husband was rear-ended while waiting to pick their kids up from school and then arrested by the police officer who responded to the accident; and a 15-year-old whose father was deported last year, leaving her and his 13-year-old sister to live separately with relatives.

Lewis said the Congressional Black Caucus is working closely with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus on immigration reform and said he is optimistic that President Barack Obama will help make it happen.



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Hamilton Convenient Care, a walk-in primary care center, will open Monday. The clinic is at 1012 Burleyson Road.

## Hamilton to open Convenient Care

SUBMITTED BY HAMILTON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Hamilton Medical Center officials say Hamilton Convenient Care (HCC), a new primary care center, is scheduled to open on Monday.

"The number of family practice physicians has declined in both the region and the state, forcing patients to seek alternatives to traditional primary care," reports Sandy McKenzie, vice president of Hamilton Medical Center.

HCC will operate as an alternative to Hamilton's emergency department. The center will provide treatment of minor emergencies and common illnesses. It will also provide preventative and follow-up care, routine exams and immunizations. Basic laboratory and diagnostic radiology services will be available on-site to support the center's focus on minor emergencies and urgent care.

"Many patients have turned to using the hospital's emergency department for their primary care, which has challenged the hospital's ability to decrease wait times and increase patient satisfaction," said

McKenzie.

HCC will be physician-led by medical director Lee Whitaker and will include a staff of nurse practitioners, nurses and others trained in urgent care. Whitaker comes to Hamilton with seven years of urgent care experience and is board certified in family medicine.

"The opportunity to serve the North Georgia residents who have been unable to access primary care is extremely important to me. The goal of HCC is to complement, not compete with, the quality primary care already available in this region," Whitaker said.

Hamilton Convenient Care, at 1012 Burleyson Road, will be open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information regarding HCC and its services, call (706) 529-3245.

HCC accepts most health care insurances including Medicare and Medicaid.



Whitaker

## Homeowner shoots, kills intruder at door

LILBURN (AP) — Gwinnett County police say a homeowner shot and killed one of the intruders when two men kicked in his front door.

The incident happened shortly after 5 p.m. Friday when the men knocked at the door and when no one answered, kicked it in.

Police spokeswoman Illana Spellman said the resident fired, striking and killing one in the doorway. She said the second man ran away and police using search dogs were unable to find the man.

No charges have been filed in the incident.

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## Obama to lobbyists: gloves are off

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama challenged the nation's vested interests to a legislative duel Saturday, saying he will fight to change health care, energy and education in dramatic ways that will upset the status quo. "The system we have now might work for the powerful and well-connected interests that have run Washington for far too long," Obama said in his weekly radio and video address. "But I don't. I work for the American people." He said the ambitious budget plan he presented Thursday will help millions of people, but only if Congress overcomes resistance from deep-pocket lobbies. "I know these steps won't sit well with the special interests and lobbyists who are invested in the old way of doing business, and I know they're gearing up for a fight," Obama said, using tough-guy language reminiscent of his predecessor, George W. Bush. "My message to them is this: So am I."

## Pakistan says it's defeating Taliban

KHAR, Pakistan — Pakistan has beaten the Taliban in a major stronghold close to the Afghan border, is close to victory in another and expects to pacify most of the remaining tribal areas before the end of the year, commanders said Saturday. The upbeat assessment of conditions in the arid, mountainous regions of Bajur and Mohmand follows international criticism of Pakistan for accepting a cease-fire with militants behind a bloody campaign in Swat Valley, just next to the tribal regions. Many analysts also fear that growing political turmoil between the government and opposition could distract attention from the fight against al-Qaida and the Taliban just as Washington wants more concerted action.

## Iraqi budget hits another snag

BAGHDAD — Iraq's parliament pushed back voting Saturday on this year's budget and could be forced to make further cuts because of falling oil prices. The latest delay in trying to ratify the current \$64 billion budget proposal highlights the financial squeeze facing Iraq as declining oil revenues cut into reconstruction plans such as new roads and improved utilities — which the Shiite-led government hopes to use as showcases in national elections later this year. The pinch has also brought calls by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for proposals to diversify Iraq's oil-dependent economy with expansion of agriculture and other trade. But Iraq's plans for this year have been dragged down along with the price of oil, which is now less than \$45 a barrel after hitting highs last summer of \$150 a barrel.

## Avalanche kills 3 snowmobilers

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A mile-long avalanche near the Wyoming-Idaho state line swept three snowmobilers to their deaths, authorities said Saturday. Lincoln County officials said the three victims were among four snowmobilers caught by the snow slide Friday near Alpine Mountain in the Snake River Range. Sgt. Shane Tindall said the fourth person walked out and used his cell phone to call for help. The survivor, 53-year-old Wade Clark of Soda Springs, Idaho, told authorities that the snowmobilers had dropped off a ridge line and into a draw when they saw the snow slab breaking away. The slide was about 100 yards wide and a mile long. "They tried to outrun it and they didn't make it," Tindall said.

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## Charity golf tournament to help Whitfield Education

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The Whitfield Education Foundation will host the 15th annual Foundation Golf Tournament at the Dalton Golf and Country Club on Monday, April 27.

Presenting sponsors are Mohawk Industries, M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Perkins & Will Architects and Windstream Communications.

All proceeds from the tournament help fund innovative teaching grants in local county schools. The grants reward teachers who are using new and creative ideas to motivate and challenge students. To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$305,000 in grants and we look forward to increasing that total. In order to accomplish our goal, we need the help of golfers and concerned citizens.

The registration fee is \$550 for a team of four players or \$150 for individuals, which includes green fees, a cart, unlimited range balls, lunch and tournament favors. Space is limited, so please complete a registration form



Johnny Pye hands the keys of a 2009 Nissan Altima (a hole-in-one prize) to tournament chairman Todd Bradley.

and return it to the foundation office as soon as possible.

The tournament will feature two shotgun starts: the morning flight will tee off at 8 a.m. and the afternoon flight will begin at 1 p.m. Players will receive a delicious lunch prepared by the chef and his staff at the Country Club. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to each team member for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place showings in each flight. The Hole-In-One sponsor, Pye Nissan, will award a 2009 Nissan Altima for a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. Several other hole-in-one prizes will be available including a golf trip to Atlantic City Trump/McCullough's

Emerald Golf Links.

For more information and to download a form, visit the Whitfield County Schools Web site at [www.whitfield.k12.ga.us](http://www.whitfield.k12.ga.us) and click on "Foundation." You may also contact the foundation by phone at (706) 217-6756, by fax at (706) 217-6755 or by e-mail at [wef@whitfield.k12.ga.us](mailto:wef@whitfield.k12.ga.us).

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## Dalton: Comparing city salaries with Rome

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grade system, with a minimum, mid-point and maximum for each grade. The system is based on the Hay job evaluation guide, a system widely used by corporations and other organizations to map out jobs.

Batts said in determining pay grades he looks at what similar positions are being paid by comparable local governments as well as in the private sector. Also considered are the skills and education required for the job as well as the responsibilities each job involves.

"It's probably not 100 percent objective, but it's probably as objective as anything you are going to find," Batts said.

He said the data used to score each position as well as to compare it to similar jobs in other organizations is continually being updated. The pay grade system covers the vast majority of city employees.

Those pay scales, as well as pay for city department heads, are ultimately decided by the members of the City Council.

"It's different for department heads because department heads are nonclassified," Batts said. "They don't necessarily have salary grades."

But Batts said the process is typically pretty similar.

"You can't compare a private industry job with, say, a fire chief's job," he said. "But you can compare jobs that oversee x amount of people and that require x amount of education and experience."

Batts said the city also tries to maintain "internal equity" so that department heads with similar levels of experience, responsibility and required skills have similar pay.

When a new department head is hired, Batts and the city administrator use the process to make a salary recommendation to the City Council. Council members ultimately decide the offer.

In the case of police and fire chiefs, the city uses basically the same process, but the members of the Public Safety Commission make the salary recommendation to the council.

Some independent authorities, such as the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Authority, contract with the city for employees. Those authorities set the pay for their department heads, but Batts said they typically work closely with the city on those matters. The Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center formerly contracted with the city for employees, but the authority board contracted out management of the trade center to facilities management firm Global Spectrum on Jan. 1.

The Daily Citizen compared the top 10 salaries for Dalton (population 33,045, according to the Census Bureau) to Rome (population 34,980). Typically, Dalton's salaries are lower. Rome's police chief, for instance, made about \$20,000 more than Dalton's in 2008. But Batts said those might not be an "apples to apples" comparison. Officials with the same job title in different cities might have different levels of experience, time on the job and responsibility.

"I don't know how long Rome's police chief has been on the job, but our's has been chief only about a year, so that's probably a big difference right there," said Pennington.

According to data provided by the city, recreation department director Ronnie Nix was the highest paid employee in 2008, with \$101,811 in total compensation, including vehicle allowance.

Butch Sanders had been making \$103,209 annually when he stepped down as city administrator in July.

Though Dalton Utilities is owned by the city, the City Council does not run it directly. Rather, it appoints the five members of the

## THOSE WHO SERVE

The Dalton City Council is currently comprised of Mayor David Pennington and council members Denise Wood, Dick Lowrey, George Sadosuk and Charlie Bethel. The Board of the Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commissioners is made up of Norman Burkett, George Mitchell, Smith Foster, Cathy Holmes and Frank Robertson.

Water, Light and Sinking Fund Commission, which oversees the utility.

"These are very seasoned and experienced business professionals, with a lot of experience. They are tasked with running it as a utility business," said City Council member Charlie Bethel, the council's liaison to Dalton Utilities.

"We ask (the board) to run that like any other business enterprise, for the citizens of Dalton," said Pennington.

Dalton Utilities has assets of \$1 billion and annual revenues of \$170 million, according to company officials. The city receives 5 percent of the utility's revenue

as a transfer payment each year. The city got about \$9 million in transfer payments in 2008 and about \$70 million in the past decade.

The board sets the compensation for president and CEO Don Cope (\$302,500). Cope sets other top salaries. Kelly Jones, Dalton Utilities' vice president for human resources, says Cope keeps board members advised of all compensation for vice presidents.

"The management team, he takes before the board to make sure they are aware and OK with those," she said.

Bethel said the board members and Cope also keep him informed about salaries.

Dalton Utilities has eight employees who earn more than the city's highest paid employee. But council members say it's even more difficult to compare those salaries than it is to compare salaries between cities.

"They are in a different business," said Bethel. "Is it fair to compare the salary of a professional baseball player with a professional dancer? They are both highly trained individuals. But they are in very different professions."

Council members say it would be more accurate to compare Dalton Utilities,

## Buffett optimistic

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Warren Buffett remains optimistic about the prospects for his company and the nation even though Berkshire Hathaway Inc. turned in its worst performance in 2008 and the widely-followed investor says the economy will likely remain a mess beyond this year.

Buffett used his annual letter Saturday to reassure shareholders that the Omaha-based insurance and investment company has the financial strength needed to withstand the current turmoil and improve after the worst showing of Buffett's 44 years as chairman and CEO.

Buffett wrote he's certain "the economy will be in shambles throughout 2009 — and, for that matter, probably well beyond — but that conclusion does not tell us whether the stock market will rise or fall."

In between the news of Berkshire's sharply lower profit and a thorough explanation of its largely unrealized \$7.5 billion investment and derivative losses, Buffett offered a hopeful view of the nation's future.

which has a budget six times that of the city, to similar companies. Data provided by Dalton Utilities indicates that pay for several of its top executives is a bit lower than the average salaries paid to those in similar posts in similar-sized companies in the Southeast. Those comparisons are based on data from industry surveys and compare companies with revenues and structure similar to that of Dalton Utilities.

"We are able to hire young people and provide them with challenges and responsibilities at a very early age that most engineering companies elsewhere may not be able to do," said Jones. "From the top down, we have people who believe in the work we do."

Dalton Utilities also caps the pay of some of its most highly paid employees.

"A lot of times, when someone is getting near the top of what the market can bear, their pay is frozen. They are not eligible for any increases, and sometimes not even eligible for cost-of-living increases," Jones said.

Bethel said the utility is able to "attract good talent."

"You just have to look at the awards they have won from statewide bodies and national bodies," he said.

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Julie Dixon is the producer of the film "Melungeon Voices," which will be screened March 20, with discussion to follow, as part of the "Diversity and Change in Appalachia" coming up at Dalton State College.

# Appalachia focus of presentation at Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

"Diversity and Change in Appalachia" will be the topic of this year's Cultural Competence Institute hosted by Dalton State College's School of Social Work. The Institute will be March 19 and 20 at the college; featured speakers will be Helen M. Lewis and Julie Dixon, according to Lynne M. Cabe, DSC assistant professor of social work.

The two-day Institute is open to social service and allied professionals and interested citizens across the region, Cabe said. Lewis is a veteran organizer of Appalachian communities and retired professor of Appalachian studies. Dixon is owner of words and pictures inc. of Raleigh, N.C., and producer of the documentary film "Melungeon Voices." The film is about the work of Brent Kennedy and his exploration of his roots as a Melungeon, the name given to ethnically mixed families descended from European, African and American Indian ancestry.

Lewis will open the Institute with a session on The Importance of Place-Based Study. Retired now, she enjoyed an extensive teaching career that included many years with Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia as well as Appalachian State University. She has worked with Berea College Appalachian Center and the Highlander Research and Education Center. Lewis is well published, especially in the areas of coal mining families and communities, Cabe said. She currently resides in Morganton, Ga., and enjoys writing, teaching part time and consulting on various projects related to



Helen M. Lewis

Appalachian culture and social change.

Dixon's documentary will be screened Friday morning, March 20, with discussion to follow. The film was produced from 50 hours of interviews conducted over six years. The controversial story, Cabe said, is ultimately one of how divergent cultures banded together in the earliest days of the American experience. Dixon's goal for the program is that participants will carry away a renewed interest in themselves, their families and their communities.

There will be a professional networking hour celebrating March as National Social Work Month on Thursday afternoon, Cabe said, followed by dinner at the Pope Student Center. A special highlight will be an Appalachian music education program featuring a live bluegrass and old time string band.

Those wanting more information about the Institute, or wishing to register, should visit the college's Web site at [www.dalton-state.edu/cce](http://www.dalton-state.edu/cce) and click on Social Work Institute, or call Dalton State's Center for Continuing Education at (706) 272-4454.

## Waffle House, 256 Connector 3

Current score: 95  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 58  
Previous grade: U  
Comments: Re-inspection. Invert single-serve containers once unwrapped. Replace torn cooler gaskets. Repair leak at base of faucet at three compartment sink. Food sink must have air gap in plumbing; tight line no longer permitted. Replace damaged ceiling tile. Much better.

## Honey Baked Ham, 100 W. Walnut Ave., Suite 118

Current score: 95  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 94  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Repair hand washing sink that is not operational. Thoroughly clean floor in back.

## Pentz Street Station, 109 N. Pentz St.

Current score: 93  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 96  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Date mark all potentially hazardous foods that are prepackaged and opened or prepared and in refrigerator. Install vegetable and fruit prep sink.

## Sonic, 1369 W. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 92  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 80  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Store wiping cloths in chlorine solution of proper strength. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Do not use magnetic knife strips. Replace torn gaskets. Some floor tiles need regrouting.

## Quizno's Subs, 100 W. Walnut Ave.

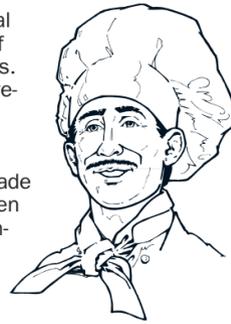
Current score: 92  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 83  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Store wiping cloths in sanitizer that is proper concentration. Place open bags of dry goods in a sealed food grade container. Make second page of inspection report available for public inspection. Person in charge not aware of employee health policy and symptoms of foodborne illness.

## Subway, 1281 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 92  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 90  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Vegetable prep sink is required; must be stainless steel with air gap. Clean vent in ladies room. Repair walls. Back door must be fully self-closing.

# Restaurant report card

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



## Perfect Cup Deli, 112 W. Crawford St.

Current score: 90  
Current grade: A  
Previous score: 80  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Do not store chemicals over food or food contact items. Segregate bent cans from good. Discard out of date food. Do not use magnetic knife strips. Keep sanitized utensils protected. Keep single-serve utensils protected. Change gloves after touching soiled apron. Clean ceilings. Repair freezer leak. Do not put jackets or aprons on food.

## Unique Impressions, 326 Terry Lane

Current score: 89  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 88  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Must have certified food safety manager on staff. Label foods properly when removed from original containers. Install smooth, nonabsorbent and easily cleanable ceiling.

## Domino's, 4111 S. Dixie Highway

Current score: 87  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 94  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Pepperoni and salami out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Date mark potentially hazardous food that is prepackaged and opened with seven-day use-by date.

## Outback Steakhouse, 955 Market St.

Current score: 87  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 93  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Date mark all potentially hazardous foods properly and consistently. Do not set foods out to thaw. Do not set sanitizer buckets on floor. Vegetable prep sink is for washing fruits and vegetables only. Post handwashing signs at each hand sink. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Clean walls in dish area.

## Mangrove Coffee Cabin, 800 S. Hamilton St.

Current score: 87  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 93

Previous grade: A  
Comments: Date mark all potentially hazardous foods properly. Use only pesticides approved for use in commercial food service. Sanitizer too strong. Discard out of date food and milk. Invert single-serve containers. Install vegetable prep sink.

## Domino's Pizza, 3591 Chattanooga Road

Current score: 85  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 94  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Employees must wash hands before re-entering work areas and when changing tasks. Bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food is not permitted. Date mark potentially hazardous food in walk-in cooler. Chlorine test strips required. Missing "buttons" in walk-in. Repair hole in walk-in ceiling. Re-glue baseboards.

## P.C.'s Deli, 2499 Lakeland Drive

Current score: 83  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 92  
Previous grade: A  
Comments: Gravy, baked chicken and meatloaf out of temperature; must hold hot at 125 degrees or above. Date mark all potentially hazardous foods that are prepackaged and opened or prepared in-house and put in cooler. Clean floors. Seal cracks and crevices. Door on ladies room unit must be fully self-closing.

## Tijuana's, 2306 Chattanooga Road

Current score: 83  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 80  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Must have updated disclosure and advisory on menus. Diced tomatoes, salsa mix and sour cream out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Ground beef cooling in walk-in at 73 degrees

after three hours; must cool foods to 70 degrees in two hours and 41 degrees in six hours. Store single-service articles 6 inches off floor. Employees must change gloves when changing tasks, leaving walk area. Replace broken floor tiles in bar. Clean walls. Shield all lights properly.

## Gondolier's, 904 S. Thornton Ave.

Current score: 83  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 83  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Provolone, steak and cut tomato out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. When date marking, day one is the day you prepare food or open package.

## Waffle House, 1515 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 81  
Current grade: B  
Previous score: 84  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: All employee drinks must be in a single-serve cup with lid and straw. Keep paper towels at all hand sinks. Sliced tomatoes, sliced cheese and sliced ham out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Discard damaged cutting board.

## Waffle House, 256 Connector 3

Current score: 58  
Current grade: U  
Previous score: 86  
Previous grade: B  
Comments: Person in charge shall ensure that employees are washing their hands as required, having no bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat food and maintaining safe food temperatures. Employees must wash hands before donning gloves. Bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat food is not permitted. Ham and sausage out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Date mark commercially processed foods such as milk and cheese. Label all chemical bottles and sprayers with chemical inside; use only pesticides approved for use in commercial food service. Segregate bent cans from good. Vegetable prep sink is only for processing fruits and vegetables. Do not process or wash in three-compartment sink. Do not stack glasses up wet; must air dry first. Roaches.



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# OBITUARIES

- Louise Holcombe Eddings, Dalton
- Fred Huggins Sr., Dalton
- Beulah Lee Thompson Kilgore, Chatsworth
- Max Mosley, Tunnel Hill

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## Louise Holcombe Eddings

Mrs. Louise Holcombe Eddings died on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

She was born on March 15, 1926, in Montevallo, Ala., and graduated from Montevallo College in 1946. She later obtained her master's degree from the University of Georgia.

She retired from the Dalton Public School System after 27 years where she taught fourth grade at City Park Elementary and Brookwood Elementary prior to serving as the system director of School Social Services. During her years of service, she received numerous honors including The Daily Citizen's Newswoman of the Year 1981 and School Social Worker of the Year 1985. She considered all of her students her favorite students, enriching their lives into adulthood.



Eddings

She was preceded in death by her parents, Idalee Moody Holcombe and Arthur Holcombe; her husband of 59 years, Raymond "Ray" Eddings; sisters, Hazel Nash and Mary Nita Collins; and brothers, Arthur Hoyt and James 'Pete' Holcombe.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Susan Eddings of St. Simons Island and Michael R. and LuAn Eddings of Rome; grandchildren, Phillip Eddings II of Salt Lake City, Michael Eddings of Atlanta and their mother, Mary Eddings of Robbinsville, N.C.; Erin Eddings of Gangneung, South Korea; Laura Eddings of Charleston, S.C. and their mother, Jennifer Besal of Charleston, S.C.; stepgranddaughter, Tracey and Andy Boozer of St. Simons Island; stepgreat-grandson, Zane Boozer of St. Simons Island; sisters, Ann Hill of Palo Alto, Calif. and Becky Bolton of Birmingham, Ala.; brother, Edward Holcombe of Little Rock, Ark.; many dear nieces and nephews; and special friends, Anne Jones and Charlie and Jane Jones, of Dalton.

Louise was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and served on many community boards, including president of GVTA in 1978-79. Her favorite pastimes were her grandchildren, her yard and her flowers.

Memorial services are Monday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 510 S. Tibbs Road in Dalton.

In lieu of flowers, contri-

butions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. Your presence to rejoice in the life of Louise Eddings will be welcomed.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of The Gardens at Royal Oaks, to the nurses and staff of Hamilton Medical Center, to Dr. Hasam Naguib and Dr. Eric Jensen and their staff.

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

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton is in charge of arrangements.

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## Fred Huggins Sr.

Mr. Fred Huggins Sr., 86, of Dalton, died Friday morning, Feb. 27, 2009, at Quinton Memorial Health Care Center.

Mr. Huggins was born April 19, 1922, in Whitfield County, a son of the late Virgil and Julia Robinson Huggins.



Huggins

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Willie Huggins, V.L. Huggins and Bill Huggins; and sister, Rachel Rymer.

Mr. Huggins was a veter-

an of the United States Coast Guard. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Fred Jr. and Vickie Huggins of Rocky Face; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jim Hawkins of Snellville; sister, Mary Smith of Detroit; grandchildren, Matthew Lee Huggins of Chattanooga, Jamii and Duane Caudle of Loganville and Jennifer and John Miller of Bethlehem; great-grandchildren, Alexandria Arnold, Bailey Hope Arnold, Michael Caudle, Andrew Caudle, Braden Miller and Christopher Miller; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Fred Huggins are today at 2 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Gary Mimbs officiating.

He will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife at the West Hill Cemetery with Matthew Huggins, Duane Caudle, John Miller, Randy Kelly, Don Thomson and Bill Bennett serving as pallbearers. American Legion Post 112 will handle graveside sides.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Visit the Web site [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com) to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Huggins' family.

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## Beulah Lee Thompson Kilgore

Mrs. Beulah Lee Thompson Kilgore, 87, of Chatsworth, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2009.

She was the daughter of the late Marion C. and Minnie Butler Thompson and was preceded in death by her husband, Grover B. Kilgore; daughter, Patsy Kilgore; sons, Lanny Kilgore, Charles Kilgore, and Buddy Kilgore; brothers, Creed Thompson and Malcolm Thompson; sisters, Dora Walls, Estelle Gordon and Leola Kilgore; daughters-in-law, Brenda Kilgore and Linda Kilgore.

Beulah is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, James and Margaret Kilgore of Lebanon, Tenn., Wayne and Lavada Kilgore of Chatsworth, Ronnie and Betty Kilgore of Hartford, Ill., and Jane Kilgore of Dalton; sister, Lucille Fox of Chatsworth; special niece, Rachel Crowe; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Edmond Kilgore and the Rev. Lamar Beason officiating.

Burial will be in New Hope-Kilgore Cemetery in Murray County.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today after 3 p.m.

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

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## Max Mosley

Mr. Max Mosley, 72, of Tunnel Hill, passed away Friday morning, Feb. 27, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Mosley was born July 27, 1936, in Walker County.

He was preceded in death by his father William Mosley.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joyce Mosley of the residence; mother Pearl Black Mosley of Tunnel Hill; daughter, Marsha Mosley of Atlanta; brother and sister-in-law Larry and Wanda Mosley of Dalton; sisters and brother-in-law Gayle West of Tunnel Hill, Faye and Vaughn Flanagan of Dalton.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Max Mosley are today at 4 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Gentry officiating. He will be laid to rest at United Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Visit the Web site at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com) to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Mosley family.

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# Paul Harvey dies at 90

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Harvey, the news commentator and talk-radio pioneer whose staccato style made him one of the nation's most familiar voices, died Saturday in Arizona, according to ABC Radio Networks. He was 90.

Harvey died surrounded by family at a hospital in Phoenix, where he had a winter home, said Louis Adams, a spokesman for ABC Radio Networks, where Harvey worked for more than 50 years. No cause of death was immediately available.

Harvey had been forced off the air for several months in 2001 because of a virus that weakened a vocal cord. But he returned to work in Chicago and was still active as he passed his 90th birthday. His death comes less than a year after that of his wife and longtime producer, Lynne.

"My father and mother created from thin air what one day became radio and television news," Paul Harvey Jr. said in a statement. "So in the past year, an industry has lost its godparents and today millions have lost a friend."

Known for his resonant voice and trademark delivery of "The Rest of the Story," Harvey had been heard nationally since 1951, when he began his "News and Comment" for ABC Radio Networks.

He became a heartland icon, delivering news and commentary with a distinctive Midwestern flavor. "Stand by for news!" he told

his listeners. He was credited with inventing or popularizing terms such as "skyjacker" and "Reaganomics."

"Paul Harvey was one of the most gifted and beloved broadcasters in our nation's history," ABC Radio Networks President Jim Robinson said in a statement. "We will miss our dear friend tremendously and are grateful for the many years we were so fortunate to have known him."

In 2005, Harvey was one of 14 notables chosen as recipients of the presidential Medal of Freedom. He also was an inductee in the Radio Hall of Fame, as was Lynne.

Harvey composed his twice-daily news commentaries for ABC from a downtown office near Lake Michigan.

At the peak of his career, Harvey reached more than 24 million listeners on more than 1,200 radio stations and charged \$30,000 to give a speech. His syndicated column was carried by 300 newspapers.

His fans identified with his plainspoken political commentary, but critics called him an out-of-touch conservative. He was an early supporter of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy and a longtime backer of the Vietnam War.

Perhaps Harvey's most famous broadcast came in 1970, when he abandoned that stance, announcing his opposition to President Nixon's expansion of the war and urging him to get out completely.



Harvey

## OUT WITH THE OLD

An "e-waster" recycling event was Saturday at Home Depot in Dalton as area residents turned in old computers and computer parts to be disposed of. Above, Norman Barashick, executive director of the Solid Waste Authority, stacks a computer monitor Saturday in the parking lot. At right, Holly Brooks, left, and Michael Foxx dump electronic paraphernalia into a large box. Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Authority, Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful and Atlanta Recycling Solutions sponsored the event.



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# Whitfield: Determining salaries

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the sheriff's department, access to public documents, fields to play sports on and road maintenance.

For 2009, the personnel portion of the county's \$43.85 million budget is \$25.33 million, or 57.76 percent. And taxpayers pick up the tab for much of the county's salaries.

The personnel budget includes salaries, overtime, supplemental pay, payroll taxes, pensions, health/life insurance, workers compensation and other personnel costs. The county's 2009 budget is down more than \$11 million from \$55.04 million last year — and more cuts could be on the way.

The most expensive cost to the county is people, but they are also its "most valuable asset," said county administrator Bob McLeod.

"Whitfield County has many educated, qualified, certified and experienced personnel that are essential to the efficient delivery of county services," McLeod said.

The 10 highest-paid county employees make a combined \$921,807. However, that amount could change depending on furloughs, which are days employees spend away from work without pay.

The highest-paid county employee is McLeod, who is slated to earn \$126,000 this year. The second highest-paid employee is Sheriff Scott Chitwood (\$104,446), followed by Juvenile Court Judge Connie Blaylock (\$98,844), county engineer Edward "Kent" Benson (\$93,499), tax commissioner Danny Sane (\$91,560, and the city of Dalton pays him an additional \$18,000), information technology director Mark "Tim" Miller (\$85,621), Magistrate Judge Haynes Townsend (\$82,630), Fire Chief Carl Collins (\$80,843), Clerk of Court Melica Kendrick (\$80,082) and Deputy Sheriff Maj. John Gibson (\$78,282).

The state sets the salaries of constitutional (elected) officers: clerk of court, county commissioner, coroner, magistrate judge, probate judge, registrar, sheriff and tax commissioner.

A \$4 million revenue shortfall from lower sales tax collections this year along with a national recession may result in furloughs for most of the county's 600 employees. Furloughs would mean a 5 percent reduction in salary for non-constitutional officers for the next nine months.



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**Then-Whitfield County Commission Chairman Brian Anderson speaks at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center as county administrator Robert McLeod looks on in this file photo. McLeod is the highest-paid county employee, right above the sheriff.**

McLeod said the county will decide whether to furlough workers this month. The furloughs would begin in April and save \$700,000. Employees will not receive a midyear 2 percent COLA (cost of living adjustment) this year, which will save the county \$212,100. Also, the county will not pay workers for the salary step increase program, which will save an additional \$212,100. Salary step programs are raises for receiving training and performance.

County commission chairman Mike Babb said furloughs could be difficult for county employees to handle, but workers losing one day a month pay is better than the alternative — layoffs.

"I understand people don't like furloughs, but furloughing everybody one day a month over a 30-day period, and letting everyone keep their benefits and insurance packages and all that, is better than sending some number of people to the unemployment line," Babb said.

**So how are salaries set?**

The board of commissioners plays a role in salaries during the budget process, but does not set spe-

cific salaries, Babb said. "We don't say a bulldozer operator makes x amount," he said. "There is a pay scale and formula that the human resources department uses."

The human resources department has a job classification table that organizes all county positions by pay grade, assigning a minimum, middle and maximum salary for each grade.

County officials, including human resources director Jackie Carlo and McLeod, review the table at least every other year.

All newly-hired county employees normally receive the minimum salary on the classification table, Carlo said. However, factors such as experience and education are also considered and could push an employee's starting salary above the minimum number. When setting an employee's salary, Carlo said officials consider "the type of work the person does, risk, level of authority, difficulty, need for a degree, abundance of professionals, etc."

After this initial salary is assigned, the employee may receive a COLA if the board of commissioners determines that it's needed and some department workers

may also receive work certification increases, she said.

When the county makes a new hire, Carlo said she normally assigns the minimum number on the classification table. That salary could change depending on the department head and McLeod.

"If the department head thinks this person has valuable experience, it is up to him/her to submit a letter to my attention with an explanation (and evidence)," Carlo said. "After I review all the evidence the county administrator makes a decision based on the information presented to him and the human resources recommendation."

The county also provides "considerable supplements" for pay purposes to state departments such as the public defender's office, the district attorney's office and Superior Court offices.

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia has a salary guide for constitutional officers but advises it should only be used for "information purposes."

"The way salaries are determined (for elected officials) is set in law and are different for each officer," said Carol Baker, with ACCG. "In addition, certain fees and such generated by the offices can enter into the compensation picture."

The minimum salary of each constitutional officer is computed by a formula that factors in base salary, longevity, supplements, cost of living adjustments and an optional expense allowance.

For example, the base salary for a sheriff hinges on county size. For counties with a population from zero to 5,999, the base salary is \$42,045. The base salary for counties with populations of 500,000 or more is \$114,040.

Whitfield County's population of 93,379 makes the sheriff's base salary \$78,247. If the sheriff serves the state, juvenile, magistrate or other courts, he or she earns at least an additional \$3,883.

How long the sheriff has been in office can raise the salary. For 2009, the rate of the longevity increase ranges in 5 percent increments from 0 percent for a first-term sheriff to a maximum of 40 percent for one who has completed eight or more terms of office. Chitwood was recently re-elected to his fifth term. COLAs from 2007 (2.89 percent) and 2008 (3 percent) are added to the salary. County commissioners can also add local supplements and an expense allowance.



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## HAMFEST IN TOWN

Above, Ham radio aficionados check out a wide array of antennas and other items available Saturday morning at the Hamfest sponsored by Dalton Amateur Radio Club. The Dalton club hosted the event that attracted hundreds from around the country to the North Georgia Fairgrounds. Below, Rockmart residents Randy Borders and Richard Borders, 10, look on as Donald Atkins spools 600 feet of copper wire for Randy at the Wire Man booth.



## River searched for car with girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Crews on Saturday were using sonar to search the bottom of the Colorado River after a car plunged 60 feet into a canyon and sank in the icy river, trapping a 5-year-old girl inside.

The 60-year-old driver, Evelyn M. Maestas of Mancos, Colo., and her 11-year-old adopted daughter, Tori, were able to escape through a broken window

and get out of the river after their car went off the road Friday, officials said. They told authorities they saw Maestas' granddaughter, 5-year-old Danica, still inside the sinking car.

Crews were walking along the shore and using the sonar technology, which provides underwater images of the river bottom, but the bottom of the murky water is strewn with large boulders.

## Woman with two wombs delivers twin daughters

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan woman with two wombs has given birth to twin daughters — one from each uterus.

The Mining Journal and WLUC-TV report that Sarah Reinfelder's two healthy babies were delivered seven

weeks premature by cesarean section at Marquette General Hospital in the Upper Peninsula.

The 21-year-old Sault Ste. Marie woman has a condition known as uterus didelphys, and doctors say such twin births are rare. The uteri are different

sizes, with the larger twin born from the larger uterus.

Dr. Connie Hedmark and Dr. Breanna Pond first delivered Kaylin Joy, then Valerie Marie, the larger twin by one pound. Kaylin Joy weighed 3 pounds, 15 ounces.



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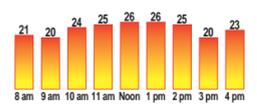
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Atlanta	42/25/sn	44/28/s	52/36/s	Macon	46/29/r	49/29/s	61/31/s
Athens	40/25/r	43/27/s	52/29/s	Marietta	40/26/r	45/27/s	53/27/s
Augusta	46/30/r	43/26/pc	55/28/s	Newton	48/30/sh	56/29/s	61/35/s
Brunswick	52/33/t	51/32/pc	56/39/s	Rome	39/30/sn	48/25/s	56/28/s
College Park	42/25/sn	44/28/s	52/36/s	Savannah	53/29/r	40/25/pc	56/33/s
Columbus	45/29/r	53/31/s	61/34/s	Sparta	46/26/sn	46/27/s	56/31/s
Gainesville	40/26/r	42/27/s	51/30/s	Valdosta	50/32/sh	54/29/s	61/33/s

**National Weather for March 1, 2009**

Key: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	28/16/c	21/9/sn	24/12/c	Denver	63/34/pc	70/36/c	66/36/pc	Okla. City	51/24/s	61/36/pc	68/45/pc
Anchorage	24/6/s	18/10/c	24/15/sf	Detroit	27/12/pc	27/13/s	35/18/s	Orlando	65/39/t	61/36/s	67/42/s
Baltimore	39/26/c	27/16/sn	35/16/s	Indianapolis	36/11/s	36/16/s	40/29/s	Philadelphia	38/25/sn	27/16/sn	35/20/pc
Billings	52/32/c	53/32/pc	52/30/pc	Kansas City	34/17/s	41/25/pc	50/36/pc	Phoenix	89/58/s	87/59/pc	83/59/pc
Boise	50/38/c	55/39/pc	52/32/c	Las Vegas	76/52/pc	76/57/pc	73/50/pc	Pittsburgh	34/13/pc	26/10/pc	33/16/s
Buffalo	26/11/pc	20/10/c	26/17/s	Los Angeles	75/56/pc	70/54/pc	70/50/pc	Portland, OR	53/41/r	55/40/sh	50/39/c
Charlotte	40/23/r	33/17/pc	40/19/s	Memphis	42/26/pc	46/29/s	55/39/pc	St. Louis	37/18/s	43/22/pc	43/36/pc
Cheyenne	57/35/pc	66/37/pc	63/33/pc	Miami	79/49/t	69/48/s	70/54/s	S.L. City	55/35/pc	55/40/c	58/36/c
Chicago	29/11/pc	31/17/s	34/21/pc	Milwaukee	26/13/pc	26/16/pc	30/22/pc	San Fran.	63/55/r	61/50/c	58/46/r
Cincinnati	38/16/pc	36/19/s	41/26/s	Minneapolis	16/7/s	24/11/pc	29/19/r	San Diego	70/56/pc	70/58/pc	64/54/pc
Cleveland	28/12/pc	24/13/pc	32/16/s	New Orleans	52/37/s	56/39/s	64/52/s	Seattle	52/41/r	53/40/sh	50/39/c
Dallas	52/30/s	66/46/s	72/55/pc	New York	36/23/sn	27/19/sn	32/26/pc	Wash., DC	37/28/sn	29/19/sn	39/26/s

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## PREP BASKETBALL: CLASS 4A BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT

# Rockdale rolls, Murray packs bags

BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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CONYERS — Rockdale County played its first state tournament game in nearly three decades in someone else's gym.

Yet no matter the situation or setting, the Bulldogs looked mighty comfortable most of Saturday afternoon — and that was anything but comforting to visiting Murray County.

Rockdale County proved too fast, too tall and, in the end, simply too much while dealing the Indians a 68-50 loss in the first round of the Georgia High School Association's Class 4A state tourney, a game that was moved to Conyers Middle School because of a leaky roof at the Bulldogs' home gym.

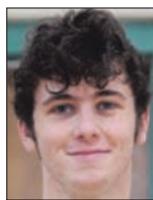
"They weren't as big as some teams in the

post that we've faced all year long," Indians coach Greg Linder said. "But at the guard position, they were so long and tall they really caused us some trouble in terms of being able to pass the ball, get into passing lanes, seeing the open man down the floor."

Rockdale County (20-8) — the No. 2 seed from Region 8-4A — took control in the second quarter, outscoring the Indians 19-4 by creating turnovers via pressure and attacking the backboard. Much of the rebounding work during that stretch was handled by 6-foot-6-



G. Sanford



Long

inch freshman Darion Clark, who came off the bench for 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Clark, just a year removed from playing at the middle school that feeds Rockdale County most of its athletes, made himself right back at home and helped turn things around after the Bulldogs fell behind 16-12 after one quarter.

"(Rockdale County coach Alvin Williams) just told me to come off the bench running and go hard," Clark said. "That's where my game comes from, just going hard."

Like Clark, junior point guard Cordarryle

Bethley said being at his old middle school gym was actually an emotional lift, rather than an adjustment.

"We won a championship here when I was in eighth grade," Bethley said. "I came in about two hours early and looked at the banner. I was standing here and it gave me chills, because our team now was our team in middle school when we won the championship, so it gave us a confidence level."

But Rockdale County's second-quarter surge came only after a first quarter that gave a big dose of hope to the Indians (19-10) and a vocal group of fans who made the trip

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## PREP BASEBALL: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD SEASON PREVIEW

# The blue-collar approach

## Bruins will grind out offense

### BRUINS 2009

Coach: Todd Middleton  
2008 record: 10-16, 6-8



Name	No.	Yr.	Pos.
Cory Cole	1	11	OF
Chase Plott	3	12	P/OF
Zach Sloan	4	10	3B/P
Justin Walraven	6	11	OF
Garrett Smith	8	10	OF
Drew Allen	9	12	1B
Bradley Stevenson	10	11	C/OF
Micah Hollifield	12	11	2B
Seth Vineyard	13	12	2B
Jordan Darnell	15	11	OF/P
Nick Wagner	16	10	OF/P
Diego Hernandez	18	11	SS
Jay Motley	20	11	OF/P
Hogan Hughes	21	11	1B
Brent Stephens	22	11	C/OF
Hunter Key	24	11	3B
Jarrett Bruce	25	11	3B
Zane Gordon	29	12	P/IF
Carter Thames	31	10	P/1B
Cody Jones	34	11	P/OF

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BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Like other Georgia High School Association baseball teams, Northwest Whitfield has been on the practice field since early February.

Like most high school teams anywhere in just about any sport these days, the Bruins have a year-round weight training program and other offseason workouts that help keep them sharp when they're out of competition.

But Northwest coach Todd Middleton — who starts his seventh season leading the Bruins eight wins shy of his 100th victory — is like any other coach in that he knows it will still take a little while to work out his batting order, pitching rotation and starting lineup. With four games scheduled for this week, including Monday's 5 p.m. season opener at Ridgeland, he'll soon have a chance to begin that discovery process.



Middleton

"You've got guys that you're not so sure about in practice that really step up when the lights come on," said Middleton, who is assisted by Shane Ramsey, Randy Poole, Michael Bolen, Bryan Kelly and Clay Keith. "Then in a game, you've got some that are just the opposite ... So these first 11 games are to see what we need to see and get it right."

The objective is to do that by the start of league play on March 26, when the Bruins travel to Rome. Region 7-4A baseball teams are divided into the same sub-regions used during this past football season and will play a home-and-home schedule that sets up a region playoff format identical to football.

That means having a shot at a state playoff spot



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield's Garrett Smith tosses a baseball to Zach Sloan during a batting practice session at the school. The Bruins are gearing up for their season opener Monday at Ridgeland.

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## PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

# Mr. Hitter: Jones still impressing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — For Chipper Jones, it all started in the backyard with his dad.

They would grab the bats and balls, set up behind their Florida home and take turns imitating the best lineups of the era. Young Chipper was a Dodgers fan, so he had to transform himself into Mike Scioscia or Reggie Smith or Rick Monday for authenticity's sake. Never mind that he was a right-handed hitter, and they all batted from the other side of the plate.

"I would see my dad switch back and forth, so I would say, 'I can do that,'" Jones recalled. "It got to the point where I preferred hitting left-handed when I was young."

He can remember back as far as 6, and was probably just a toddler — "I had a bat in my crib," he quipped — when his education in the art of switch-hitting began. The elder Jones said it would be easier to hit breaking balls from a right-handed pitcher if he swung left. Chipper quickly found that dad knew what he was talking about. Before long, the youngster was switch-batting back and forth with ease.

Ohhh, what a feeling it was to get hold of one during those carefree days



AP PHOTO

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, fouling off a pitch during a spring exhibition game last week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., is getting better with age. He won an NL batting title last week at the age of 36.

### THE FACTS

- **Born:** DeLand, Fla., April 24, 1972
- **Draft:** 1st overall pick, Braves, 1990
- **Highlights:** World Series champion, 1995; NL MVP, 1999; Nine 100-RBI seasons, including eight in a row; Career-best batting average .364, tops in NL, 2008 (career average .310); six-time All-Star.

just the right moment. To feel the tingling in his hands as that thin piece of lumber made contact with all the power and speed he could muster. To watch the ball soaring off into the haze of a muggy summer evening.

There was nothing better than that. OK, one thing was better — to see the look on his father's face.

of childhood. To rock back on his left heel before launching the bat forward at

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## COMMENTARY

# Former Cats coach up to his old tricks

Jed Douglas' baseball coaching tenures are lasting a bit longer these days. However, it amazes me the man continues to get jobs. With a track record like his, he should be placed permanently on the stay-away-from-this character at all costs list.

After the 2007 baseball season, Dalton baseball coach Teddy Craig resigned for personal reasons, taking a 41-36 record and the team's first state playoff appearance since 2002 with him to Nashville, Tenn.

Douglas was hired on June 21 as Craig's replacement.

But Douglas never got past first base with the Cats. In fact, he never coached a game.

He was fired a week before the 2008 season started for a "multitude" of reasons. He skipped town, never once offering to tell his side of the story, and seemingly rode off into oblivion.

I had forgotten completely about Douglas until I got a phone call the other day from a writer at the Jacksonville (Fla.) *Times-Union* asking about him.

My first thought? What had Douglas done now?

Stunningly, Douglas had talked his way into a head coaching job at Wolfson High School in Jacksonville, which routinely fields a solid baseball team.

Let's just pause here a moment.

In this time of immediate access to news and any information imaginable on the Internet, every athletic director at the high school level should be required to Google any coaching applicant and see what pops up.



Larry Fleming

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Make-A-Wish games slated March

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 11th Make-A-Wish All-Star basketball games have been scheduled for March 14 at Christian Heritage School.

The girls game will start at 6 p.m. and the boys are slated to start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Coaches and players for the North and South teams will be selected and announced at a later date.

The games were started in Dalton by Heidi McKinney Ingle, a two-time cancer survivor, when she was a student at Southeast in 1997. She was diagnosed with leukemia in high school. After she married Jeff Ingle in April 2007, Heidi relapsed. Hope McKinney, Heidi's younger sister, became a bone marrow donor and Ingle is doing well now. She just recently underwent hip replacement surgery

caused by the side effects of steroids and chemotherapy treatments.

In the past couple of years, 3-point shooting and dunking contests have been added to the all-star games.

Schools that will provide players for the North squad are Ridgeland, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, Northwest Whitfield, Ringgold, Dalton, LaFayette and Gordon Lee. The South roster will be made up of

players from Calhoun, Murray County, Southeast, Rome, Gordon Central and Christian Heritage.

Only seniors who have completed their high school eligibility in basketball compete in the games.

Coaches from the 13 schools submit player nominations.

Net proceeds from the game will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama.

Since its inception in 1980,

Make-A-Wish has expanded to 69 chapters in the United States and 27 international affiliates. The foundation has granted more than 170,000 wishes to children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions.

Last year, the North girls won 60-43 and the North boys won 108-81.

Admission to this month's games is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

**Northwest Whitfield second baseman Seth Vineyard, throwing to first after fielding a ground ball in a recent practice session, says the Bruins will face stiff competition in every game this season as they battle for a Region 7-4A championship. Defense and pitching will be key factors in whether Northwest can achieve its goal of a region title and a return to the state playoffs.**

MISTY WATSON  
The Daily Citizen



## Bruins: Seek increase in run production

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requires finishing the regular season among the top three in the sub-region standings. And it also means consistency will be a must-have quality for 7-4A teams.

"I really expect the region to be very competitive," said Northwest senior Seth Vineyard, who returns at second base after serving in a co-starter's role in 2008. "I don't think any one or two teams is going to dominate everybody. Every game's going to be stiff competition and that's what we're looking for, to try and go out and compete every day and just try to get a win."

For the Bruins the formula will likely involve smart pitching, sound defense and opportunistic scoring.

Zane Gordon, Cody Jones, Jordan Darnell, Zach Sloan, Jay Motley and Chase Plott are among the players expected to see time on the mound as Middleton waits on the roles from starter to closer to be carved out.

Several of them will be taking on a bigger pitching role for the first time in varsity ball, but they won't be expected to shatter radar guns or mystify opposing batters — just hit their spots and keep the mistakes to a minimum.

"We haven't had anybody who's just going to throw it by hitters and get a lot of strikeouts the last few years," Middleton said. "We've always stressed getting the ball put in play and playing good defense, so hopefully that's what's going to happen."

Handling the pitchers will be catchers Bradley Stephenson, an off-season transfer from Johnson-Gainesville, and Brent Stephens, who shared duties behind the plate last year and was one of the team's top three hitters — and

the only one returning due to the graduation of Jaron Hollifield and Mitch Souther.

Drew Allen, Hogan Hughes and Gordon are at first base, with Vineyard at second, Diego Hernandez at short-stop and Sloan, Gordon and Hunter Key possibilities at third. In the outfield, Jones will head to left and Darnell to center while Motley, Stephenson and Stephens patrol right.

The emphasis on contact pitching and, therefore, solid defense doesn't bother Vineyard. The Bruins were error-free in a preseason scrimmage vs. LaFayette, no doubt an early encouragement.

"There's not really any pressure," Vineyard said. "It's part of the game and really, my favorite part of the game is playing defense. We don't really have any pitchers who blow it by everybody, but we have really good, smart pitchers who know what they have to do and like to learn what to do. They're always going to try to find a way to get somebody out and I know they trust us to do the job behind them."

The Bruins will take the same blue-collar approach to the plate, where they sometimes struggled to produce last season — at 10-16, short of the state playoffs and Middleton's first losing campaign — and were shut out in their final three games.

"We're hitting the ball decent," Middleton said. "We're not going to come out and score a ton of runs, but I think we're going to be solid at the plate. We'll try to hit the ball in the gaps, put it in play and make something happen, be aggressive on the basepaths."

"We're not going to sit down there and wait on the three-run home run,

because it's probably not coming. Not often enough, anyway."

Gordon believes learning how to lock down victories will be crucial as well.

"We've just got to play together and finish ball games," he said. "Last year we didn't finish a lot of games and we got beat."

Even with last year's struggles, it's worth noting the Bruins have claimed two of the past four region crowns (2005, 2007).

With 11 juniors and seniors, they should be among the older teams in the league and able to count on maturity as a boost from the start.

And as for last season, it's clearly in Middleton's rearview mirror.

"When it was over, it was over," he said. "We started anew and we got a lot of experience for these guys in the summer. The guys that hadn't pitched a lot on varsity got a lot of innings and some of the other guys had to step into leadership roles. They're continuing to do that and doing a good job of it right now."

### 2009 Schedule

**March:** 2 — at Ridgeland, 5; 3 — Heritage-Catoosa, 5; 5 — Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 5; 6 — at Ringgold, 5; 10 — Southeast, 5; 12 — at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 5; 13 — at Ridgeland, 5; 16 — vs. Pope John Paul 11 at Heritage-Catoosa, 5; 17 — Ringgold, 5; 19 — at Southeast, 5; 23 — Trion, 5; 26 — at Rome, 5:55; 27 — Murray County, 5; 31 — at Woodland, 5:55

**April:** 3 — Cass, 5:55; 7 — at Dalton, 5:55; 9 — at Sequoyah, 5:55; 10 — Rome, 5:55; 14 — at Murray County, 5; 16 — Woodland-Bartow, 5:55; 20 — at Cass, 5:55; 22 — Dalton, 5:55; 24 — Sequoyah, 5:55; 29 — Region 7-4A playoffs

## Pack: Rockdale runs put hurt on MC

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south, then hung around after the game to applaud Murray County's seniors as they exited the locker room.

After spotting the Bulldogs a 6-0 edge to start, the Indians, 7-4A's No. 3 seed, settled in with a 14-0 run that gave them their biggest lead of the game.

"I think it took us the first few minutes to adjust to their speed," Linder said. "Once we settled in, we executed our game plan and it paid dividends."

The successful stretch was aided by better care of the basketball and success in a rebounding game paced by senior center Tanner Long, whose team-high 11 rebounds were packaged with 15 points.

"Tanner's an offensive weapon inside, he's 6-6, he can rebound," Linder said. "I felt like if we ever got them in a half-court game, we had the advantage inside."

"But we never could get it down there to him (later on) — that was the biggest difference in keeping him an effective part of the game."

Even 5-8 point guard John Kiser got into the act during that period, coming up with several crucial rebounds to set the offense in motion, but it was a short-lived relief.

With Murray County's lead at 16-8 and 2:06 to play in the first quarter, the

Bulldogs went inside to John-Tyler Shaw for the first basket of a 12-0 run that ended a minute into the second period with Rockdale County on top 20-16.

From there, it was never a matter of whether the Bulldogs were leading, just by how much. They were ahead 31-20 at halftime and pushed the margin to 19 points in the fourth quarter.

"One of our better things we do is pressure the ball well," said Williams, who's in his first season leading Rockdale County but coached in the past at Conyers Middle

"And I knew this team (Murray County) didn't play a lot of guys traditionally. I thought eventually that would catch up to them ... we normally play at least 11 guys."

The Indians kept pace in the third quarter, scoring 14 points to Rockdale County's 15 and cutting the deficit to seven points with 1:35 remaining, but by the end of that period the Bulldogs were well on their way to another offensive outburst, a 16-4 run that made the final half of the fourth a steep grade hill for Murray County.

The Indians fought on, running set plays designed to maximize the clock and pressing on defense even with the Bulldogs holding a double-digit lead and less than two minutes to play, but no miracle finish materialized for them.

"I felt like we could beat them," Long said. "We played really hard ... But as soon as they would get a turnover, they would take off for the break. We'd try to get back, but sometimes they were just so fast we couldn't do it."

Linder gave fans a chance to pay tribute by pulling his seniors off the floor during the final minute, signaling the end of the careers for a class that filled nine of 14 roster spots this season, including every starter's slot.

Garrick Sanford, who finished with 10 points, said he believes it's a group that will stay close even after high school — and they'll have the memory of a season that included the program's first state tourney berth since it won the 2005-06 Region 7-4A championship.

"One of our goals coming into the season was to make the state tournament," Sanford said. "Obviously we didn't want to lose, but we met our goal and we had a good season."

Chandler Puryear added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Indians, while Chase Sanford had nine points.

Rockdale County, which also got double-digit points performances from Julius Giles (15) and Byron Lawrence (10), moves on to a second-round meeting against 6-4A No. 1 Miller Grove, which clobbered 5-4A No. 4 Sandy Creek, 89-48.

## PREP BASKETBALL

## Northwest-Mays game slated for 7

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Northwest Whitfield's Lady Bruins will host Mays on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the second round of the Georgia High School Association's Class 4A state basketball tournament.

The Lady Bruins are coming off a convincing 55-40 first-round win over Loganville.

But Northwest — a No. 1 seed from Region 7-4A — will now focus its attention on Mays, a No. 2 seed from 5-4A which defeated Miller Grove, 54-42.

Northwest is 27-2 and Mays 26-2.

Admission to the game is \$7, a price set by the GHSA. The game will be broadcast by WYYU-104.5 FM.

The Lady Bruins, ranked No. 10 in the most recent GaSports.com coaches poll, go into the game riding a 17-game winning streak and haven't lost since Dec. 30. They head into

Tuesday's game trying advance to the third round for the first time in their last five state tourney appearances.

The Lady Raiders, ranked No. 2, have advanced to the state quarterfinals in each of the past three seasons and have had success against area teams in the postseason. In 2006, Mays defeated Dalton, 70-46, in the second round.

In 2005, the Lady Raiders defeated Northwest, 77-55, in a second round game in Tunnel Hill.

**Note:** Northwest athletic director Mike Falleur urges fans who will attend the Bruins' varsity and junior varsity baseball games Tuesday to park in the "upper" lot at the cafeteria side of the school building.

Falleur is expecting another large crowd for the Lady Bruins' second round game and baseball fans can help ease the parking concerns by using the "upper" lot.

## Fleming: Creatine?

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That's what the writer from Jacksonville did. He was steered to stories in *The Daily Citizen* concerning Douglas, so he phoned me at the office.

Resumes are nice, but they can be altered to suit any applicant's needs. Douglas told *The Daily Citizen* back in 2007 that he led Eagle's View Academy in Jacksonville to a Class A baseball championship. It turned out that Douglas may have been nothing more than an assistant coach at the school.

There is apparently a character flaw that Douglas can expertly hide when he's applying for teaching and coaching jobs all over the south. He's left a trail of deception and questionable coaching tactics from Florida to Alabama to Georgia and back to Florida.

A week after being hired at Dalton High, Douglas, then 31, had this to say: "I just don't want a quick fix for two or three years. I want to set it up and have good teams for many years to come. I plan on staying at Dalton for a long time, the good Lord willing."

Well, guess what?

On Feb. 4, 2008, Douglas was fired and replaced by veteran coach Bobby Brotherton, who guided the Cats to the Class 4A state playoffs where they lost to Heritage-Conyers in the first round. Brotherton made the transition from Douglas a smooth one and restored tranquility and on-field success to the Cats. Had Douglas stayed on, there's no telling what kind of damage he would have inflicted on the program.

Back to Jacksonville.

The *Times-Union* posted a story on its Web site a week ago with this headline: "Wolfson baseball coach dismissed," along with this sub-head: "Douglas coached one game; player says school asked about supplements."

Wolfson athletic director Frank Jenkins appointed Joel Chaitovicz as the team's interim coach, prompting Jenkins to say, "Circumstances made it nec-

essary for us to do this."

A Wolfson player said several members of the baseball team were questioned by school administrators a day before.

"They called some of us in and asked if we had seen him (Douglas) put creatine in the Gatorade," senior catcher Josh McCray told *Times-Union* writer Jeff Elliott. "I told them I had not seen this."

McCray continued, "But this really upsets me that someone could be messing with my Gatorade. What happens if sometime down the road I get tested and they find something in my system and I know nothing about it? I could lose my scholarship."

McCray has signed a scholarship to Pensacola Community College. Two other Wolfson players — pitcher Mike Clevinger and shortstop Even Edayan — have signed with Middle Georgia.

"You would think your coach would be looking out for your best interest, not doing something that would come back to hurt you," McCray said. "You bet I'm upset about this."

McCray, or any other Wolfson player, has not spoken with Douglas since his dismissal. That's Douglas' way. He's hired; he's fired. And he disappears.

"None of us had a chance to talk to this guy," McCray said. "They made him leave campus before school got out."

This is serious enough to bring a tear to a glass eye.

Wolfson typically fields one of the better teams in the Jacksonville area, according to the *Times-Union* story. The Wolfpack went 21-6 in 2008 and finished No. 2 in district play. Expectations, fueled by the return of eight seniors, were high for this season.

I think I'll keep up with the Wolfson team this year to see how things turn out in the wake of another Jed Douglas controversy.

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



AP PHOTO

Georgia Tech's Zachery Peacock (35) and Lewis Clinch try to stop North Carolina's Ty Lawson (5) from scoring in Saturday's ACC game.

# Heels hammer Tech

BY JOEDY MCCREARY

Associated Press Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Nobody takes as much low-post punishment as Tyler Hansbrough does. Now the North Carolina star has a record to go along with those bumps and bruises.

Hansbrough had 28 points and 10 rebounds, and set the NCAA's career free-throw shooting mark in No. 4 North Carolina's 104-74 rout of Georgia Tech on Saturday.

"There's a lot of fouls involved," Hansbrough deadpanned.

Danny Green added 23 points for the Atlantic Coast Conference-leading Tar Heels (25-3, 11-3), who bounced back from their overtime loss at Maryland a week earlier and used a pair of huge runs to reach the 25-win mark for the third straight year.

North Carolina took the lead for good during a 21-5 run midway through the first half that also put them up by double figures to stay, and pushed the lead to 20 barely 2 minutes into the second half while opening the half with a 14-2 spurt.

Lewis Clinch scored 22 points and Alade Aminu added 19 to lead the last-place Yellow Jackets (10-17, 1-13), who lost their seventh straight and were emphatically denied their first victory in Chapel Hill since 1996.

Deon Thompson and Wayne Ellington added 10 points apiece, and the Tar Heels shot 53.6 percent while forcing 18 turnovers and holding Tech's freshman star, Iman Shumpert, scoreless for the first time this season on 0-of-6 shooting.

But the star of this one — as it always seems to be whenever Georgia Tech comes to town — was Hansbrough.

"I wish we could have denied him the ball a little bit more," Tech coach Paul Hewitt said.

The big man's career high of 40 points came as a freshman in 2006 against the Yellow Jackets, and he averaged nearly 31 points in three meetings with them at the Dean Smith Center.

"You can't touch him. You can't even do anything. If you touch him, it's a foul," Aminu said. "He's a great player, and he's worked on his midrange (game). If you don't get close, he's got that midrange (jumper). I have to give it to him though. He

## SCORES

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LSU 73, Kentucky 70

### Atlantic Coast Conference

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Florida State 73, Clemson 66  
Wake Forest 70, Virginia 60  
Duke 72, Virginia Tech 65

never takes any plays off, he always working hard, crashing the boards."

He entered having made 899 free throws — six shy of Dickie Hemric's mark of 905. He tied Hemric with 6:43 left in the first half and broke the record by swishing a foul shot with 14:54 to play — and, in Hansbrough's typically understated style, appeared oblivious to the record until his accomplishment was announced a few minutes later during a timeout. He hit all eight of his foul shots, giving him a career total of 907.

"These records are kind of on the back burner," Hansbrough said.

Of course, his dominance wasn't limited to the free-throw line. He scored 11 of North Carolina's first 13 points, had 18 at halftime and was 10-for-13 from the field to bounce back from his 4-for-12 shooting performance last time out.

That 88-85 overtime loss to Maryland was one to forget for the Tar Heels, who were still fuming over their self-described selfish play in the defeat. After dwelling on it for seven days, they got back to the dominating form that has them in prime position to claim No. 1 seeds in the ACC and NCAA tournaments.

"This whole team was kind of miserable for a week," Hansbrough said. "We were more of a team today."

That's because they got back to getting their teammates involved: point guard Ty Lawson didn't hit a field goal, but he matched a career high with 11 assists a week after managing a season-low two against the Terrapins. The Tar Heels had assists on their first five baskets — they had that many in the entire Maryland game — and finished with 26.

# Hitter: Student of the game

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"I loved impressing my dad," Jones said. "Every time I hit the ball on the sweet spot, he would track the ball, then turn around and look at me."

"I enjoyed seeing those reactions from him, because I knew he was impressed."

Three decades later, Jones is still impressing.

He'll turn 37 in the opening weeks of the season, but he's never been better as a hitter. Last year, the Atlanta Braves third baseman won his first batting title with a career-best .364 average, after just missing out in 2007 when Matt Holliday nipped him on the final day of the season.

Sure, there are flecks of gray in Jones' hair, and wrinkles have invaded around the edges of a face that once seemed perpetually youthful. But he carries himself like a ballplayer who knows there's no one you'd rather have standing at the plate with the game on the line.

He doesn't walk so much as strut: slow, purposeful, exuding confidence and a bit of cockiness as his shoulders rock up and down, gently but distinctly, sort of like John Wayne in a baseball uniform. And when Jones strolls into the batter's box — no matter which side it might be — he looks as though he's been preparing for that moment his whole life.

Which he has been, of course.

"One of the best feelings you can have as a ballplayer is having 50,000 people sitting on every pitch when you're in the batter's box, just waiting to come out of their seats," Jones said in a drawling monotone that contradicts his emotions. "When you center one and send it out of the park, bring them to their feet to applaud your performance, that's as good as it gets."

"Because," he quickly adds, "hitting a baseball is without a doubt the hardest thing to do in professional sports. To be able to do it as well as anybody, that feels good."

Growing up, Jones tried to model himself after Mickey Mantle and Eddie Murray, the two greatest switch-hitters in baseball history. He may wind up eclipsing them, already holding the distinction of being the only one of their ilk with both a .300 career average and 400 homers.

Jones is hitting .310 over his 14-year career, better than either Mantle (.298) and Murray (.287). There's still some work to do on the home run line, where Mantle leads (536), Murray is second (504) and Jones ranks a distant third among switch-hitters with 408.

But clearly, he's getting closer to a pretty exclusive neighborhood.

"When I was 6 years old, I wanted to stand next to Mickey Mantle and Eddie Murray," Jones said.

"To stand here 30 years later and be next on the list behind those two, it's quite satisfying and gratifying. I know all the hard work has paid off. I've done it the right way. I've gone out and put together a long, successful career that I'm really proud of."

Terry Pendleton, the National League MVP in 1991 and now the Braves' hitting coach, is quick to note Jones' natural gifts as a hitter.

"He's been blessed by God," Pendleton said. "God touched him and said, 'You're a hitter.'"

But chalking it all up to genetics or a higher power does not tell the whole story. No one spends more time in the batting cage or studying tape of opposing pitchers.



AP PHOTO

Besides being one of the all-time great switch-hitters, Atlanta's Chipper Jones has also been a steady infielder over his 15 years with the Braves.

No one watches from the dugout more intently when it's not his turn to hit, absorbing every little nuance he can pick up on the mound.

"He's a student of the game. He's a student of hitting," Pendleton said. "People don't understand the mental part of it. He works at it. He understands it."

Before Jones' steps in the box, he already has an idea of what he wants to do.

Facing some pitchers, he'll try to drive it out of the park. But when he's up against someone who's especially tough, he'll merely try to hit it back up the middle. Situations also dictate the approach.

There are times that call for homers, then there are times that call for making contact. Jones will adjust accordingly. He's even keenly aware of how his own body feels, knowing he must shorten his stroke when he's a bit stiff or not picking up the ball as quickly as normal.

In fact, Jones credits a bum right shoulder for his first batting title. He was bothered most of 2008 by tendinitis, which prevented him from getting much power on his swing. So he sacrificed homers (22) and RBIs (75) for average, finishing 27 points above his previous career high.

"If I go out there and try to hit .350, I think I can do it," he said. "But I have to be able to find that balance between average and power. In order for me to put up the power numbers that everybody expects from me, I have to sacrifice a little average. ... I'm looking for more of a happy median this year."

Jones is the only everyday player left from those great Braves teams of the 1990s and early 2000s. He'd like to play his entire career in Atlanta, but knows there are no guarantees. Greg Maddux, Andruw Jones and John Smoltz all wound up playing elsewhere after long stints as his teammate.

"I would love to play here till I retire," Jones said. "We'll see how it works out. I know nothing is a given. I'm reminded of that every time I see one our icons go play somewhere else."

Entering the final year of his contract, he's had preliminary talks with the team on an extension. Those discussions should pick up steam now that the Braves have taken care of more pressing matters, signing a couple of starting pitchers (Derek Lowe and Kenshin Kawakami) and adding

another threat to the batting order (Garret Anderson).

"All things are in play right now, whether it be free agency, whether it's getting traded, whatever," Jones said. "Hopefully an extension will come before those other two."

As hard as it was for Braves fans to watch someone such as Smoltz depart during the past offseason, it's nearly impossible to envision this team without No. 10. A starting pitcher only takes the field every fifth day. Jones has been out there for nearly 1,900 games, though a series of nagging injuries have kept him from playing a full season since 2003.

Looking to stop that streak, Jones took six weeks off after the season to let his shoulder heal, then dove into a grueling workout routine. When he reported to spring training, he looked as strong and fit as any of those 20-somethings in the clubhouse.

"He's just one of those guys who comes in every day and gets his work done," outfielder Jeff Francoeur said. "He doesn't say much. He just goes about it. Chipper has never been a vocal leader. He lets his playing do his talking."

But Jones will speak out when he feels it's necessary. After Smoltz shockingly signed with the Boston Red Sox, saying they had made a vastly superior offer to Atlanta's, the third baseman he left behind ripped into management for letting a pillar of the franchise get away.

"I was frustrated. The fans of Atlanta were frustrated. And we vented," Jones said. "When you've gone to battle for 16 years with one guy, when there's no one you'd rather have on the mound in a must-win game, and we don't allow him to end his career here, well, I had a problem with it."

Jones' criticism was muted by the signing of Lowe, Kawakami and Anderson. He met with general manager Frank Wren and patched things up. Now, they're all focused on returning this franchise to the place it held while winning 14 straight division championships, not the wreck of a team that lost 90 games a year ago and missed the playoffs for the third season in a row.

"I feel proud that I've been in this uniform this long," Jones said. "Hopefully, four or five more years will follow, then I can ride off into the sunset and call it a really good career."

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# Sports Calendar

## Registration, tryouts

• Nob North Golf Course is taking entries for the 2009 Industrial Golf League, which plays a 10-week schedule and season-ending playoff. Each team plays once a week with matches starting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each team has nine players, with four participating in the weekly competition; entry fee is \$825 per team. Registration runs through March 14. Call (706) 694-8505.

• The Lakeview Lookouts, a youth basketball team, are holding tryouts for the following age groups on these dates: 14-under on March 2; 11-under on March 3; 17-under on March 24. Each tryout session will be held at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School and last from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For information, contact Mark Oliver at (706) 280-8121 or moliver.lfo@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

## Clinics

• Northwest Whitfield will host a baseball clinic for boys in grades 1-8 on March 7, with instruction provided by Northwest's coaching staff, feeder middle school coaches and Bruins players. Group and individual instruction in the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, position play and baserunning will be provided and reinforced with drills. Grades 1-4 will participate from 8:30 a.m. to noon and grades 5-8 will participate from 1:30 to 5 p.m.; from noon to 1:30 p.m., Northwest's varsity team will hold a practice for participants to watch. Cost is \$25. Location of clinic will be either baseball field or gymnasium, depending on weather.

• Dalton Parks and Recreation Department will host a clinic by the Doyle Academy's baseball and softball school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21 at Lakeshore Park. Groups will be divided by ages (6-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-older). Fee is \$45 if registered by March 13 or \$65 after that date. Participants should bring their own bat and glove, tennis shoes for indoor use and a lunch. Call (706) 281-1223.

• Advantage Basketball Camps is accepting registration for its spring break camp on April 4-6 and 10-12 at Trinity Chapel Academy in Powder Springs. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For information, visit advantagebasketball.com or call Charles Overall at (404) 425-0890.

## Tournaments

• USFA girls fastpitch tournaments are scheduled for March 7-8 at Heritage Point; March 14-15 at Warner Park in Chattanooga; March 21-22 at Heritage Point; and March 28-29 at Warner Park. All teams from 8-to-18-under are invited. Contact Garry Headrick at Garry\_Headrick2001@yahoo.com or (706) 483-1346.

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• The Westside Nationals benefit softball tourney for 11-12 girls is scheduled for today and the Westside Lil' Bruins benefit tourney for 7-year-old baseball for March 8. Both tourneys will raise money to buy uniforms for the teams. Format for each tourney is round robin; entry fee is \$100. Contact Chris at (706) 218-5771.

• Citizens Against Meth will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 5-7 at the Gordon County Recreation Complex to raise money for bulletproof vests for the dogs that serve Calhoun City, Gordon County and Resaca as K-9 officers. Grand prize is \$100 for the open division winner; entry fee for each team, which will consist of a five-man roster and be guaranteed to play at least three games, is \$75. Pool play games are scheduled for March 5-6; the single-elimination tourney will be March 7. You can register your team by downloading forms at citizensagainstmeth.org or stopping by the following locations: Georgia Bank and Trust, 940 N. Wall St., Calhoun; Georgia Bank and Trust, 135 W.C. Bryant Parkway, Calhoun; Calhoun City Recreation Dept., 601 South River St., Calhoun; Gordon County Recreation Complex, 7494 Fairmount Hwy, Calhoun. Space is limited to 32 teams for this year's tournament. If you would like to sponsor the tournament by way of advertisement or if your business would like to sponsor a team, contact Jeff Gallman at gallmanj@comcast.net, (706) 624-9403 or (770) 548-2237.

• The Eastside Community's 17th annual Early Bird Tournament for youth baseball and softball is scheduled for March 10 and 12-14. Divisions available are tee ball, 7-year-old boys, 8-year-old boys and 7-8-year-old girls. The tourney is open to all recreation teams from all counties, but no travel teams are allowed. Registration fee is \$50. Call Brad Ramsey at (706) 270-4752.

• The eighth "Bash-4-Cash" softball tournament will be held in Cleveland, Tenn., on March 13-15 for teams in classes B, C, D, E, as well as rec and women's divisions. Prize for winning is \$1,000; rec teams will receive plaques. Entry fee is \$235, plus an ISA sanction fee. Contact Billy Knight at (423) 479-5500, (423) 421-3285 or (423) 504-2574.

• The St. Patrick's Tennis Tournament for high school and middle school girls and boys will be held March 13-15 at Dalton Golf and Country Club. Both singles and doubles entries are guaranteed two matches; tennis balls will be provided. Trophies will be awarded to the finalists in each category and all participants will receive a tourney T-shirt. Online registration is available at racquetshop.com and runs through March 5. For information, call (706) 259-9524.

• The Northwest Whitfield golf team will host a fundraiser golf tournament at March 15 at Nob North. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Fees include lunch, three mulligans and one red tee. Awards will be given for closest to the the pin and longest drive. Contact Jim McGrew at (706) 516-2354 or 260-9179.

• The fourth Youth March Madness basketball tournament for boys and girls grades 1-12 will be held at various gymnasiums in the Dalton area on March 20-22. Entry fee is \$150. Contact Stacy Pardee at by e-mail at spardee@whitfield.k12.ga.us or (706) 483-7246.

• Southeast's boys soccer team will host a single-elimination soccer tournament on March 21. Teams may have unlimited rosters, but may not be co-ed and may only play seven at a time, including keeper. Each half will have a 20-minute running clock with a 5-minute halftime and no overtime — penalties will break ties — with indirect kicks for restarts; two officials per field, with all regular fouls enforced. Field dimensions will be 40 yards by 50 yards with a 15-yard box. Cost is \$80 per team and cash prizes will be awarded; registration ends March 9. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 16 at Nueva Vida Church on Riverbend Road for team representatives to draw opponents and match times — those teams without a representative present will be assigned opponents and times. Call Thomas Gonzales at (706) 313-0921.

• The Northwest Whitfield Dugout Club will host a fundraiser golf tournament with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on March 22 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ricky Darnell at (706) 217-9338 or Kip Allen at (706) 260-9664.

• The 2009 Jim Shafer Memorial Tournament of Angels is scheduled for May 14 at The Woodland and Chateau Courses at Château Élan Golf Resort in Braselton. The tourney will benefit Angel Flight of Georgia, a non-profit volunteer pilot organization that provides free air transportation for medical treatments not available locally and for other compassionate purposes for the benefit of the community. Rounds may be reserved online at angelflightsoars.org. On the day of the tourney, registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11. Lunch and dinner will be provided for participants.

## Add your news

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Paul Hewitt's Yellow Jackets join a long list of struggling men's college basketball programs in the state of Georgia. Mercer is the state's only school with a record above .500 with a 17-13 record.

AP PHOTO

# State teams struggling

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

ATHENS — The crowd — really, it's more like a gathering — settles in to watch a lame-duck coach lead a team that long ago began counting down a lost season. Those that came are enthusiastic, but there's not enough of them, not nearly enough, to drown out the incessant squeak of the sneakers or the banter among players, coaches and officials.

This scene at Georgia's Stegeman Coliseum has become the norm at college basketball arenas across the Peach State.

The sparse turnouts. The talent-poor teams. The overwhelming stench of defeat. All of it playing out during a truly wretched season for most of the state's Division I basketball programs.

Georgia and Georgia Tech, the two flagship universities, have managed a grand total of three wins in their respective conferences — two for the Bulldogs, one for the Yellow Jackets.

Kennesaw State has already reached 20 losses (21, actually), while Georgia Southern (8-19) and Georgia State (11-18) aren't far off the cutoff point for a truly miserable season. Only Mercer (17-13) has kept its head above the .500 waters, while

Savannah State, long one of the nation's worst programs, has managed a 14-14 record largely by throwing a bunch of cream puffs on the schedule. (Is Carver Bible College an actual team?)

"There's certainly enough talent in this state to carry our program," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "It's probably in the top five nationally."

But many of the top prep players have either left the state or skipped college altogether.

Before the NBA passed a rule requiring at least one year of college hoops before entering the draft, Georgia produced a pair of No. 1 overall picks straight out of high school: Kwame Brown in 2001 and Dwight Howard three years later. This season, Kentucky's Jodie Meeks and Wake Forest's Al-Farouq Aminu are among the Georgia natives having a big impact beyond state borders.

"It's strange to me," said Georgia Bulldogs freshman Dustin Ware, one of those who did stay. "Every year I was in high school, Georgia was THE state, especially in the South. We just ran the South."

But there's a huge disconnect between the level of play at the high school level and the standing of Georgia's

seven D-I programs.

Peach State teams are a combined 78-118 (.398), with conference records totaling 30-69 (.303). Georgia Tech has the highest RPI ranking in the bunch (No. 161) and the average for all schools is a miserable 239. The worst of the bunch is Kennesaw State at 336 — ahead of only seven other teams.

How did it get like this? Georgia Tech, which made it all the way to the NCAA championship game in 2004, hasn't come close to duplicating that magical run.

Georgia is still trying to bounce back from the shambles left by former coach Jim Harrick.

Georgia State is still rebuilding under second-year coach Rod Barnes. Georgia Southern never recovered from losing its top scorer to a knee injury. Savannah State and Kennesaw State would probably have been better off staying in Division II.

There is hope. Georgia Tech, which is 1-12 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, has signed three top players from within the state and landed a commitment from South Atlanta's Derrick Favors, one of the nation's best prospects.

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## GRPA District 5A Tourney

The Georgia Recreation and Park Association youth basketball postseason tournament continued Saturday, Feb. 28. Scores and highlights listed:

### Mite 12-under girls

Whitfield County No. 1 43, Rome 34 — (WC) Sidney Covington 12, Kristen Wyatt 11, Sidney Storey 10, Alex

West 7.

### Mite 10-under girls

Cartersville 27, Whitfield County No. 1 24 — (WC) Bowen Land 10, Taitlyn Chesser 7.

### Mite 10-under boys

Cartersville 53, Whitfield County No. 1 42 — (WC) Paxton Pardee 13, Allen Behr 10, Keaton McCutchen 6.

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**GOLF**

# Ogilvy tops teen, Cink

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MARANA, Ariz. — Geoff Ogilvy made five birdies on the back nine Saturday to outlast teenage sensation Rory McIlroy in the quarterfinals, then played his final four holes in 5-under par against Stewart Cink for a 4-and-2 victory to reach the final of the Accenture Match Play Championship for the third time in four years.

His opponent will be Paul Casey, who has turned in the most dominating performance in the 11-year history of this tournament.

In an All-England semifinal, Casey defeated Ross Fisher, 2 and 1, and will have a chance to become the first Match Play champion to never trail in any match the entire week. Even more astounding is that Casey has led 81 of the 82 holes he has played.

A tournament that no longer has Tiger Woods instead has the best two golfers in match play over the last three years.

Ogilvy is 17-2 in match play dating to his 2006 victory at the Accenture Match Play Championship, the final year it was held at La Costa. That includes a singles victory in the Presidents Cup.

Casey is 16-3-1 in match play around the world, including his 2006 victory at the HSBC World Match Play Championship at Wentworth, when he never trailed over the final 71 holes of that event.

The only time they have faced each other in match play — except for games at their home club in Scottsdale, Ariz. — was two years ago, when Ogilvy scored a 5-and-4 victory in the quarterfinals.

**PGA**

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Bo Van Pelt shot a 3-under 67 on Saturday to catch Mark Wilson for the lead at the Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Wilson shot a 69, leaving both at 11-under 199 through three rounds of the PGA Tour's annual stop south of the border.

Van Pelt led after one round and Wilson was the co-leader after the second round. Now the two Midwestern boys who grew up playing against each other as teenagers will be in the final group Sunday, Wilson seeking his second career PGA Tour win and Van Pelt his first.

Briny Baird will join them in the final group Sunday. He shot a 67 to get within a stroke.

J.J. Henry (69) was another stroke behind at the 6,923-yard, par-70 El Camaleon course designed by Greg Norman.

Kevin Na, who opened the day tied with Wilson atop the leaderboard, shot a 72 to join Jarrod Lyle (66) and Chris Riley (69) at 8 under.

**LPGA**

PATTAYA, Thailand — American Paula Creamer had three consecutive birdies on the back nine for a 5-under 67 and a three-stroke lead heading into the final round of the \$1.45 million of the Honda LPGA Thailand.

The world's No. 3 player delighted the Thai galleries with birdies on holes Nos. 12, 13 and 14 to finish with a three-round total of 11-under 205, putting her ahead of Lorena Ochoa (68) and former Duke star Brittany Lang (71).

Ochoa, the top-ranked Mexican star making her first start of the season, started with a bogey but then had five birdies to get within striking distance.

Lang led after two bogey-free rounds. She bogeyed the fourth, but was still in contention for her first LPGA Tour win.

Australian Karrie Webb (69) was fourth, a shot ahead of Hee Young Park of South Korea, Japan's Mika Miyazato and American Angela Stanford.

# SCOREBOARD

**LOCAL**

**Prep Schedule**

**Monday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Heritage-Catoosa at Northwest Whitfield, 5  
 Chattahoochee at Murray County, 5  
 Southeast at Sonoraville, 6  
**Varsity basketball**  
**GHSAA Class 4A girls state tournament**  
 Mays at Northwest Whitfield, 7  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Dalton at Murray County, 5  
 Southeast at LFO, 5:30  
 Calhoun boys at Northwest Whitfield, 6  
**Varsity tennis**  
 Heritage-Catoosa at Southeast, 4  
 Calhoun vs. Dalton at Lakeshore Park, 4  
 Woodland at Northwest Whitfield, 4:45  
**JV soccer**  
 Calhoun boys at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30  
**Middle school baseball**  
 New Hope at Gladden, 4:30  
**Middle school soccer**  
 North Whitfield at Eastbrook, 4:30  
 Gladden at New Hope, 4:30  
 Westside at Valley Point, 4:30

**Wednesday**  
**Varsity golf**  
 Dalton girls at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30  
**JV tennis**  
 Ringgold at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30

**Thursday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 LFO at Northwest Whitfield, 5  
 Trion at Murray County, 5  
 Dalton at Ringgold, 5:55  
 Coosa at Southeast, 6  
**Varsity golf**  
 Southeast vs. Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30  
**Varsity soccer**  
 LaFayette at Southeast, 5  
 Murray County boys at Gilmer, 5:30  
**Varsity tennis**  
 Murray County at Gordon Central, 4  
 Sonoraville at Southeast, 4  
 Rome at Dalton, 4:30  
 Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 4:45

**Varsity track and field**  
 Murray County, Ringgold at Dalton, 4  
**JV baseball**  
 Trion at Murray County, 7  
**JV soccer**  
 Dalton at Rome, 5:30

**Freshman baseball**  
 LFO at Northwest Whitfield, 7:30  
**Middle school baseball**  
 Westside at New Hope, 4:30  
 Gladden at Eastbrook, 4:30  
 North Whitfield at Valley Point, 4:30  
**Middle school soccer**  
 Eastbrook at Gladden, 4:30  
 New Hope at Westside, 4:30  
 Valley Point at North Whitfield, 4:30

**Friday**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 5  
 Rome at Southeast, 6  
 Gordon Lee at Murray County, 6:30  
**Varsity soccer**  
 Rome at Murray County, 5:30  
 Northwest Whitfield at Woodland, 5:30  
 Dalton at Southeast, 6  
**JV baseball**  
 Gordon Lee at Murray County, 4:30  
 Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 7:30

**Saturday**  
**Varsity golf**  
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Apple Mountain Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Northwest Whitfield girls vs. North Forsyth, 8 a.m.  
**Varsity track and field**  
 Dalton, Murray County at Northwest Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**JV golf**  
 Northwest Whitfield at Apple Mountain, 9 a.m.  
**JV soccer**  
 Woodland at Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.

**Friday's Scores**  
 Washington 113, Chicago 90  
 Detroit 93, Orlando 85  
 Atlanta 91, Miami 83  
 Boston 104, Indiana 99  
 Philadelphia 108, New York 103  
 New Orleans 95, Milwaukee 94  
 Portland 102, Minnesota 82  
 Dallas 110, Oklahoma City 108, OT  
 Phoenix 133, Toronto 113  
 Denver 90, L.A. Lakers 79  
 Cleveland 97, San Antonio 86  
 Sacramento 98, L.A. Clippers 86  
 Charlotte 112, Golden State 109

**Saturday's Scores**  
 Orlando 106, Philadelphia 100  
 Miami 120, New York 115  
 Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Today's Games**  
 Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
 Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Atlanta, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Portland, 8 p.m.  
 Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
 Toronto at Dallas, 9 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**College Men's Scores**  
**EAST**  
 American U. 75, Lafayette 68, OT  
 Connecticut 72, Notre Dame 65  
 Delaware 79, James Madison 65  
 Georgetown 56, Villanova 54  
 Harvard 71, Cornell 70  
 Hofstra 88, UNC Wilmington 81  
 Holy Cross 64, Lehigh 49  
 Long Island U. 66, St. Francis, NY 54  
 Navy 77, Colgate 64  
 Old Dominion 57, Northeastern 54, OT  
 Penn 64, Brown 54  
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 Sacred Heart 90, Bryant 60  
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 Wagner 91, Monmouth, N.J. 60

**SOUTH**  
 Alabama 90, Mississippi 69  
 Alabama St. 64, Prairie View 49  
 Auburn 76, Mississippi St. 58  
 Centenary 77, S. Dakota St. 67  
 Charlotte 73, Fordham 55  
 Coll. of Charleston 69, Furman 58  
 Coppin St. 79, Md.-Eastern Shore 57  
 Davidson 99, Georgia Southern 56  
 Duke 72, Virginia Tech 65  
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 Florida A&M 71, Winston-Salem 69  
 Florida St. 73, Clemson 66  
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 Jacksonville 84, Belmont 82, OT  
 LSU 73, Kentucky 70  
 Liberty 92, Radford 85  
 Lipscomb 90, North Florida 69  
 Memphis 58, Southern Miss. 42  
 Morgan St. 64, Delaware St. 50  
 N. Carolina A&T 69, Howard 59  
 Nicholls St. 80, McNeese St. 76, OT  
 Norfolk St. 90, Hampton 68  
 North Carolina 104, Georgia Tech 74  
 S. Carolina St. 65, Bethune-Cookman 53  
 S.C.-Upstate 80, Kennesaw St. 51  
 SE Louisiana 98, Cent. Arkansas 61  
 Samford 72, Appalachian St. 63  
 Southern U. 90, Alcorn St. 61  
 Tennessee Tech 91, Jacksonville St. 74  
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**AUTO RACING: NASCAR SPRINT CUP**

# Kenseth goes for three straight wins in Vegas

**By JENNA FRYER**

Associated Press Writer  
**LAS VEGAS** — After a winless season, former NASCAR champion Matt Kenseth simply wanted to be competitive again.  
 He got his wish, and then some.  
 Kenseth has a chance at auto racing history today at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where a victory would make him the first NASCAR driver to win the first three races of the season. He started his streak by capturing the season-opening Daytona 500 to end a 36-race winless streak and followed with last week's victory at California.  
 "It took us a whole year to win a race, so everything has got to line up just right," he said. "But if it happened, that would be pretty wild. That would be pretty crazy and something I've never really

thought about."  
 Although a poor qualifying effort has him starting 40th, and he's been fighting the flu all week, his rivals think Kenseth can complete the sweep.  
 "It could be an incredible feat if they do it. I believe that they can," Jeff Burton said. "I am not saying that they will, but I believe they certainly can."  
 It's a position Kenseth hardly imagined he'd be in during a stressful two-season span in which he slowly faded as a weekly contender. He won two races in 2007, one at the start of the year and then the season finale to snap a 34-race winless streak.  
 Longtime crew chief Robbie Reiser stepped into a management role at Roush Fenway Racing following their final win at Homestead, and his absence was felt dur-

ing last year's winless season. Chip Bolin, Kenseth's lead engineer, was elevated to crew chief but the promotion cost the team in Bolin's old position.  
 Kenseth sat down with Bolin at the end of the season, and the two agreed they should find a new crew chief. They turned to Drew Blickensderfer, who sparked teammate Carl Edwards to a second-half surge in the Nationwide Series, and Blickensderfer has done the same thing for Kenseth.  
 "I hope it's magic. I hope it keeps going," Kenseth said, referring to the undefeated Blickensderfer. "We were just lacking that guy last year. We all knew it. Chip knew it. He was trying to be the engineer and the crew chief and that was just way too much, so to let him go back and work on the cars has been as big a deal

as anything.  
 "And to bring Drew in as crew chief with his leadership abilities and experience, and to be able to work side-by-side with Chip to help each other make us perform has been a big deal."  
 It's put Kenseth back on top, and he admitted following his Daytona victory he had grown increasingly frustrated by his lack of competitiveness. He vented to his wife as recently as the day before the season-opener, wondering what it would take to get the No. 17 team back among NASCAR's elite.  
 "Last year was pretty stressful on him and he was pretty displeased with how his season was," rival Kyle Busch said. "I think this year, for him starting out the year strong like he did ... it wouldn't be a shock to see Kenseth win here, too."

Kenseth has had great success at Las Vegas, winning races in 2003 and 2004, and Roush drivers have always been tough to beat on the 1.5-mile oval. Mark Martin won the first Cup race at the track in 1998 for Roush, and Roush drivers have won six of the 11 events since the track opened for NASCAR.  
 He'll certainly have to contend with teammate Carl Edwards, the defending race winner, as well as three-time defending Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who won three straight races here from 2005-07.  
 The Busch brothers are certain to challenge. Kurt and Kyle Busch had strong qualifying efforts, intent on winning on their home track. Kyle Busch won the pole and Kurt Busch qualified second, making them the first brothers to sweep the front row since

Rusty and Kenny Wallace at Martinsville in 2000.  
 But an engine change in Kyle Busch's car will send him to the back of the field at the start of the race, where he'll encounter Kenseth, who had a horrible qualifying run and needed a provisional to earn his starting spot.  
 Still, when the season started, Blickensderfer thought Las Vegas would be where they'd have their best shot at a win, and that hasn't changed.  
 "We're just going to take it one race at a time like we always do and just be business as usual," Kenseth said. "The pit crew has been operating at an extremely high level, and so have all the guys getting the cars to handle and run. I feel like we have the tools to be competitive and we'll just try to be as competitive as we can and hopefully be somewhere in position at the end."

**PRO FOOTBALL : NFL NOTEBOOK**

## Pats trade Cassel, Vrabel to Chiefs for draft pick

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Matt Cassel, who stepped in for an injured Tom Brady last year and led New England to an 11-5 record, was traded to Kansas City on Saturday with linebacker Mike Vrabel for the Chiefs' second-round draft pick.  
 Cassel emerged as a solid quarterback in his fourth season with the Patriots after Brady hurt his knee less than eight minutes into the opener against Kansas City and was done for the season. A career backup who hadn't started a game since high school, Cassel threw for 3,693 yards and 21 touchdowns in 15 starts.  
 The Chiefs, coming off a 2-14 season, sent the 34th pick in April's draft to New England.  
 While Brady began rehabbing a severe knee injury, which required a second operation because of infection, the Patriots put the franchise tag on Cassel. That meant the team would have to pay him \$14.5 million to keep him as insurance.  
 Scott Pioli, who was hired as the Chiefs' general manager in January after seven years as a Patriots executive, moved swiftly to address one of Kansas City's biggest needs. Tyler Thigpen, a former seventh-round pick who was No. 3 on the depth chart at the beginning of the year, wound up starting most of the time last season. That prompted owner Clark Hunt to change his general manager and coach.  
 "I have a long history with both players," Pioli said. "Mike and Matt are men that I respect both personally and professionally. I look forward to having them as new members of the Chiefs family."  
 Vrabel was part of three Super Bowl-winning teams in his eight years with New England, primarily as an outside linebacker.

and he is expected to be given a shot at winning the weakside job.  
 The very athletic Boley should be a better fit in the Giants' attacking style of defense.

## Cowboys acquire Kitna from Lions

**ARLINGTON, Texas** — The Dallas Cowboys have acquired quarterback Jon Kitna to back up Tony Romo.  
 The Cowboys sent cornerback Anthony Henry to Detroit in trade.  
 Kitna finished the 2008 season on injured reserve because of a back injury and was not expected to return to the Lions. He is due a \$1 million roster bonus March 3.  
 Kitna started four games for Detroit last year, completing 68 of 120 attempts for 758 yards and five touchdowns with five interceptions.  
 Henry started all 16 games for Dallas last season, recording 55 tackles, two sacks and one interception. He played four seasons with the Cowboys.

## Broncos sign Pro Bowler Dawkins

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo.** — The Denver Broncos have signed seven-time Pro Bowl safety Brian Dawkins, who spent his entire 13-year career with the Philadelphia Eagles.  
 Although Dawkins turns 36 next season and is clearly on the downside of his career, he brings a hard-hitting style and leadership qualities coveted by new Broncos coach Josh McDaniels.  
 McDaniels, the New England Patriots offensive coordinator before he was hired to replace Mike Shanahan in Denver, envisions his new veteran safety playing a role similar to what Rodney Harrison had in New England in recent seasons.  
 The Broncos also signed free agent safety Renaldo Hill, who helped lead the Miami Dolphins' turnaround last season.

## Brooking signs deal with Cowboys

**IRVING, Texas** — The Dallas Cowboys signed free-agent linebacker Keith Brooking to a three-year contract. Brooking, released Friday by Atlanta, played all 11 of his NFL seasons with the Falcons and was the last remaining player from their Super Bowl team a decade ago.  
 Brooking, a five-time Pro Bowler and Atlanta's leading tackler each of the last eight seasons, became a free agent after failing to work out a new contract with the Falcons. He was the team's first-round pick in 1998, and helped the team reach the Super Bowl as a rookie.

## New York acquires CB Sheppard

**NEW YORK** — The New York Jets have acquired two-time Pro Bowl cornerback Lito Sheppard from the Philadelphia Eagles for undisclosed draft picks.  
 The deal was completed after New York re-signed guard Brandon Moore earlier in the day and signed former Baltimore linebacker Bart Scott on Friday.  
 Sheppard, who spent his first seven NFL seasons with the Eagles, will help shore up a Jets secondary that ranked 29th against the pass last year despite having Pro Bowl cornerback Darrelle Revis and playmaking safety Kerry Rhodes.  
 Sheppard, 27, saw his role reduced last season as he started only three games with Asante Samuel and Sheldon Brown in the starting lineup. The former first-round pick out of Florida made the Pro Bowl in 2004 and '06.

## Ex-Falcon LB Boley signs with Giants

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — The New York Giants bolstered their defense by signing former Atlanta Falcons linebacker Michael Boley to a five-year, \$25 million contract.  
 The 26-year-old Boley is excellent in pass coverage

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## COLUMN

## I cannot die in winter

Friends, it is seldom that I preface by writing with a disclaimer. This week I need to do so. I am neither terminally ill or dreadfully discour-



**Robin Richmond Mason**

aged. My reality is quite the opposite. It has been a morning of sledding down our beautiful snow covered Kentucky mountainside with young Andrew, that has prompted this poetic moment. The poem is being shared with you, my faithful readers, because of a broad concern that I have for our citizenry.

I am concerned that economic slowness can be internalized as attitudinal discouragement. No depression of the stock market can be as devastating to a country, a family, or an individual as a great depression of the soul. When I hear our president use the word "crisis" two dozen times in a single speech, Diane Sawyer pine away about the tragedy of "A Hidden America: Children of The Mountains," and the nation's attorney general, Eric Holder, says that we are a "nation of cowards," all in one week, it is time for me to write.

"Without a vision, the people perish." That truth is much older than today's politics or this week's economic indicator. It is older even than my beloved mountains. Faith in God, our fellow man, and ourselves breathes life into our existence. The world is still round, the sun is coming up, the ocean tide has not changed, and life is a gift everyday.

I feel neither like a victim of a crisis nor a coward, and I've never been very good at hide and seek. The joy of living is something that the government can't take away and the media can't measure. It is something that you and I can embrace and guard. Look around you friends and find a vision that is real. We are active participants in our journey and core values based on a solid faith allow us to see a vision that extends beyond the moment.

**I Cannot Die In Winter**

By Robin Richmond Mason

I cannot die in winter, The snow calls me on to glide.

The ground hog needs my coaching

And the lake requires I slide.

I cannot die in springtime,

When the garden should be planted.

The red buds need admiring

Dogwood's call to worship granted.

I cannot die in summer,

Bobtailed kittens must be tamed.

➤ See MASON, 4C



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Pink Lady is the name of the last apples each season; the June opener is a Lodi. Gilmer County likes to call itself Georgia's apple capital.

# Core enjoyment

Ellijay's apples are just the beginning of vacation pleasures

BY CHRISTINE TIBBETTS  
CNHI News Service

ELLIJAY — Dinner in front of the fire is a good idea on a winter visit to Ellijay, a north Georgia mountain community with loads of cabins in the forest to rent. Many of the downtown chefs prefer cooking lunch, not dinner, in the winter months.

I ate out two nights but had I stayed a week in February, repeating locations would have been the plan since I stick to local cooking, not chains, when I travel.

Lunches were abundant, making it easy to explore the old downtown square and adjacent waters and woods.

Winter's short in Georgia, so in Ellijay everything is open morning, noon and night most of the year.

I like off-season explorations for a different perspective. Apples for instance. This is Gilmer County and it likes to call itself Georgia's apple capital. 600,000 bushels each year.

Pink Lady is the last harvest each year and baskets of crisp "ladies" were available at both of the year-round orchards. Very fun to go to orchards monthly, June onward to taste different varieties.

Ellijay claims 19 different kinds of apples. Fresh and crisp, just eat the apple please is my preference, but everybody else must like jellies and jams, butters and salsas, ciders and juices considering the rows of jars in the orchard shops plus fried fruit pies and breads made on the premises.

Apples overflow in October's second and third weekends during the annual festival, but for me in February the two open and busy orchards were R and A and Panorama.

R and A serves lunch, as well as apple treats. Each day is a different hot dish: chicken pot pie, potato soup and cornbread, chicken and dumplings, vegetable beef soup and the like served up at round oak tables.

Panorama has a viewing room: big glass windows on the second floor peering into workspaces processing hundreds of jars of apple butter the day I visited. Classic red wagons let you cruise the vast space, loading up just as many products as you can pull.

Cabins to rent, and a bed and breakfast or two, seem as abundant



Mountain bikers from all over the U.S. vacation and train along Ellijay's trails.

as the apples. I was a guest in a gated community of 3,000 homes and 7,000 lots in the woods, but looking for a rental might make you dizzy.

The list in the main tourism brochure totals 55 rental sources. I like researching my travel but that would be ridiculous. Asking the Chamber of Commerce tourism staff for leads is a better idea, especially if you narrow down the size of your group and budget parameters.

Expect steep stairs in many of these mountain homes, so put your knees in the equation when you check out the housing options.

I marveled at the knees and muscles of bicycle riders on Ellijay's mountain roads. They come here by the hundreds from all over the country for fun and for serious training on more than 100 miles of single-track mountain biking trails.

"Riding mountain after mountain after mountain is special here," Zach Reed told me. I saw him at the WiFi coffee shop on the historic square, and just a little later 12 miles up hill at the mountain bike bunkhouse called Mulberry Gap.

I drove. He and six biking friends from St. Louis pedaled and we got there at almost the same time.

They're members of the Dogfish Cycling Team and they were training for the upcoming competitive season.

"Weather's great here," Reed said. "Riding in Missouri in the winter's not as good."

The Dogfish friends sleep in cozy wooden cabins at Mulberry Gap on bunk beds with new mattresses and super-sized hot tubs in the yard.

"The riders get cold, and sore," says co-owner Ginni Taylor. "We give 'em all the hot water they want."

"They ride in the rain, the cold, all weather, getting muddy and they like the way we help them warm up."

Food too, Taylor said but I could already guess that since I was smelling pork smoking during my morning visit.

Three big meals every day — unless the bikers prefer to pack a sandwich to stay on the trails. Coffee 24/7, pots of soup and snacks add to the daily list. The pot-bellied kind of fire stove is the place to sit and jaw.

For that, up to 20 people can stay, each paying \$60 a night. Children are less, with babysitters available if parents want to bike and hike without the kids.

I wanted an invitation to the

evening show, since bikers often video their days on the trail with helmet-mounted cameras. I did see the show room walls filled with 30 years of mountain bicycling memorabilia: 300 shirts, plus caps and posters from USA and international competitions.

Search and rescue clinics happen here, and ladies biking and hiking overnight events. "Those sell out fast," Taylor said.

Mulberry Gap is dog friendly, yours and the ones they rescue. It's about 17 acres but no one's counting since it's surrounded by 500 acres of the Cohutta Wilderness Area.

I couldn't handle those mountain bikes, but I sure could hike awhile and soak in the hot tub.

Shopping in Ellijay was pleasant. The downtown square features antique shops and a fine Apple Country artist's cooperative so I started my Christmas shopping. So much simpler on a car trip than airplane travel.

Park the car and walk to everything in Ellijay. Taking bags to the trunk is the only disruption.

Eating works well in downtown too. River Street Grille is a streamlined, plain kind of place, with booths and stark walls, except for the televisions. Don't let that turn you around. The food's distinctive.

Owner and chef Steven Smith claims pot roast as his specialty; better hope mushroom Brie soup is also on the menu when you go because it was phenomenal.

Cantaberry Café is right across the street, with an entirely different mood. Homemade soups in a colorful, cozy kind of setting, local art on the walls and cheerful conversations everyone can share. Sandwiches, salads and desserts go with the soups here.

Charlie's Italian Restaurant is away from the downtown but simple to find. Red checked tablecloths, a modest wine list including California and Italian selections, and out of this world minestrone — complex number of vegetables and just a little thickening instead of a drippy broth.

Charlie Perrone was born in Italy in 1957 and he's a skilled on-site sauce and gnocchi maker. My Indianapolis dinner-mates said the veal piccata was superb; I tasted the chicken Alfredo on my Jacksonville, Fla., sister-in-law's plate and was delighted with its lightness. Alfredo can be heavy.

## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

### Sweetin, Burgener

Lindsay Anne Sweetin of Washington, D.C., and L Joshua Logan Burgener of Nashville, Tenn., were united in marriage Jan. 3, 2009, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dalton. The 5 p.m. ceremony was officiated by the Rev. C. Dean Taylor and the Rev. Paul H. Norris, III.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Martha Kling Minor of Dalton and Mr. Gary David Sweetin of Bradenton, Fla. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Burgener of New York, N.Y.

The program of nuptial music was provided by Dr. Matthew Krepps, organ, Beth Blackburn, harp, and George Barnett, trumpet.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore an ivory Anne Barge gown of satin organza with all-over lace appliqué. The dress featured a sweetheart neckline, small tip-of-the-shoulder cap sleeves and chapel-length train. The bride wore a full-length veil trimmed in vintage lace also worn by her mother. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of ivory roses and orchids.

Miss Katherine Elaine



Lindsay and Josh Burgener

Sweetin of Lexington, Ky., sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Mrs. Kelly Comiskey Chaffin of Flower Mound, Texas, Miss Elizabeth Ann Jackson of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Jordan Kime Perry of New York, N.Y., Miss Anna Katherine Drake of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Alexis Wells Casey of Washington, D.C.

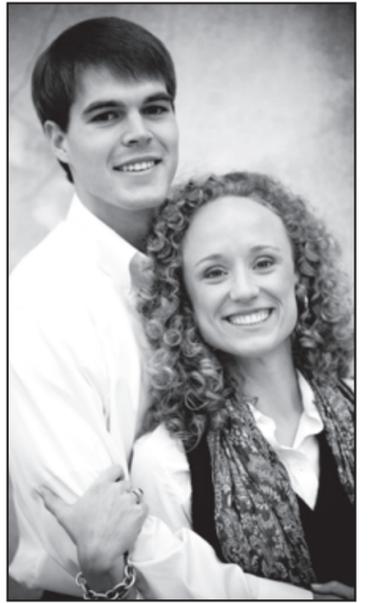
Mr. Evan Brownstein of New York, N.Y., performed the duties of best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Colin Joseph Reginald Moncrieff of New York, N.Y., Mr. Robert Davis Williams of Boston, Mass., Mr. Austen Michael Heim of Austin, Texas, Mr. Avi Millman of New York, N.Y., and Mr. Jared McKenzie Lister of New York, N.Y.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in honor of the couple at the Walden Club in Chattanooga, Tenn. The rehearsal dinner was held Jan. 2 at the Chattanooga Hotel. It was hosted by the parents of the groom.

Following a wedding trip to Anguilla, British West Indies, the couple will reside in Nashville, Tenn.

### McKnight, Kinsey

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis McKnight of Augusta are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Marie McKnight, to Joseph Ridley Kinsey IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ridley Kinsey III of Dalton. The wedding is planned for May 16, 2009, at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church in Augusta.



Joseph Kinsey and Jane McKnight

Miss McKnight is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aubrey French, Mrs. Mason McKnight, Jr. and the late Mr. Mason McKnight Jr., all of Augusta. She is a 2003 graduate of the Academy of Richmond County and a 2007 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and currently works as a Forecast Analyst for Lowe's Corporate in Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Kinsey is the grandson of Mrs. Joseph Ridley

Kinsey, Jr. of Winter Park, Fla., and the late Mr. Joseph Ridley Kinsey, Jr. and Mrs. Morris Donald Lambdon and the late Mr. Morris Donald Lambdon of Roanoke, Va. Joe graduated from Dalton High School in 2003 and the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2007 where he was a member and president of Sigma Chi fraternity. He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and currently works as a land development engineer for McKim and Creed in Charlotte, N.C.

### Provence, McMillian

Elizabeth Ellen Provence and Everett Eugene McMillian were united in marriage January 17, 2009, at Christ Church in Greenville, S.C. The 6 p.m. wedding was officiated by the Rev. Ted Duvall.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall Provence III of Greenville. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Lester Frank Scoles of Greenville, S.C., formerly of Atlanta, and the late Mrs. Scoles and Mrs. Herbert Hall Provence, Jr. and the late Mr. Provence of Greenville, S.C. Elizabeth is a graduate of Christ Church Episcopal Church and the Fine Arts Center. She earned a Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from The Hartt School in West Hartford, Conn. and master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. She is employed with The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts Foundation in Greenville.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John William McMillian. He is the grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Nesbitt Posey of Dalton, GA, formerly of Spartanburg, S.C., and the late Col. Everett Ozell Posey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene McMillian of Milton, W. Va. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from The Citadel. He is currently employed as a pilot with AirTran Airways.

The program of nuptial music was selected by the bride and included a string octet, trumpets, herald trumpets, organ and soloist. The organist was David Turner. The soloist was LaFredrick Coaxner, tenor, of Bronx, N.Y.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore her mother's dress, a candlelight ivory satin dress with alencon lace. Her cathedral length train was hand-made with alencon lace trim



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eugene McMillian

and medallions. She carried a bouquet of winter white amaryllis and white roses.

Miss Harriet Provence Gullivan, cousin of the bride of Charleston, S.C., served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Anne Genevieve Gullivan of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Lauren Elizabeth Moyer of Boston, Mass.; Miss Avital Rosen of Allendale, New Jersey; and Miss Ann Morgan Scoles of Atlanta, Ga. They wore dresses of loden green dupioni silk and carried bouquets of apple blossom amaryllis with deep pink roses.

Mr. Joshua Robert McElroy of Atlanta, Ga., friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Walker Pearce Phillips of Charleston, S.C.; Mr. Herbert Hall Provence IV of Greenville, S.C.; Mr. Brad Alan Steinbeck of Charleston, S.C.; and Mr. Joshua Bartley Wellner of Arlington, Va.

Readers were Miss Katherine Victoria Chisholm

of Greenville, S.C. and Miss Laurie Simpson Mason of Charleston, S.C.

Program attendants were Mallory Rose Beckett and Elizabeth Jennings Pressley.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception buffet and dance, hosted by the bride's parents, was held at the Poinsett Club. Music was provided by the band, Second Nature.

The bridesmaids' luncheon was held January 16, at the Poinsett Club. It was hosted by Mrs. Susan Botts Chisholm, Mrs. Carol Anne Gullivan and Mrs. Anne Foster Provence.

On the eve of the wedding the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Greenville Country Club. The buffet dinner included a groom's cake, a replica of Spike, the mascot bulldog of The Citadel. Dinner music was provided by a trio with Watson Wood Music.

After a wedding trip to Negril, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Greenville, S.C.

To announce your engagement or wedding in The Daily Citizen, call 706-217-6397

### Huggins, Dearborn

Amy Elizabeth Huggins of Acworth and Edward Marsh Dearborn of Marietta were united in marriage on Nov. 22, 2008, in Sea Island, Ga. The ceremony took place at half past three in the afternoon in the Cloister Gardens. The Reverend Dr. Ron Watson was the officiating minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Huggins of Chatsworth are the parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Marcia Dearborn of Marietta and the late Robert Dearborn.

A classical trio of violin, cello, and flute, led by Pegge Ealum, provided the nuptial music.

Escorted to the altar by her father and presented by her parents, the bride was attired in a strapless a-line dress with a draped bodice and sweep train. The gown was made of ivory silk dupioni with silk covered buttons accenting the back and down through the train. The gown was customized with a blush silk dupioni bustle accented with roses in shades of blush and mocha. The sash had trailing ties adorned with silk rosebuds down the length. Amy wore a cathedral length veil made of ivory silk tulle with a rolled edge, custom made especially for the bride. In addition to a pink Bible given to the bride by her great grandmother, she also carried a hand tied bouquet of open deep cream Sahara roses, dusty mauve Charming Unique roses, fragrant cream caramel garden roses, pale pink Panama roses, and pink ranunculus. The bride's bouquet was wrapped with silk dupioni matching her bustle and ivory lace from the train



Edward Dearborn and Amy Huggins

of her mother's wedding gown. The bouquet was accented with a blush dupioni silk covered button, monogrammed in mocha with the bride's new initials. Amy also wore a Tiffany charm bracelet and heart pendant, monogrammed with her new initials, a gift from the groom.

Mrs. Michelle Koneman of Chatsworth, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Alison Hubbs of Acworth and Leigh Watson of Ringgold. The attendants wore strapless, chocolate brown silky, satin dresses with a gathered bodice and a-line skirt. Each bridesmaid wore a pearl necklace with a silver, monogrammed pendant, a gift from the bride. Each attendant carried a hand tied bouquet of open Sahara, Panama, and Charming Unique roses, in various shades of pink, and lime green snowberry, bound with dusty rose silk dupioni ribbon.

Mr. Jason Dearborn, brother of the groom, performed the duties as best man. Groomsmen were David Dearborn of Atlanta and Dr.

Aaron Solomon of Chattanooga, Tenn. Mark Huggins of Atlanta, brother of the bride, read the scripture passage.

After the ceremony, guests were escorted to the Beach Club on Sea Island for hors d'oeuvres and a dinner reception in honor of the bridal couple. The Richard Stratton jazz band provided music during the evening.

As the couple left the reception, the bride exchanged her veil for a blush wrap knotted and pinned with an ivory silk rose. The couple was honored with a rose petal and sparkler send-off.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's mother hosted a rehearsal dinner at Gnat's Landing on Saint Simons Island.

A luncheon in honor of the bridesmaids was held the week before the wedding at Teacup Cottage in Acworth, hosted by Gertrude Kilgore, the bride's grandmother.

Following a honeymoon at The Cloister, the couple resides in Acworth with their two dogs.

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## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

### Reed, Farmer

Zane and Krista Reed of Dalton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katie Mae Reed of Dalton, to Mark Keith Farmer of Dalton, son of Mitchell and Donna Farmer of Dalton.

The wedding will take place on April 18, 2009, at 2 p.m. at The Kelehear Farm.



**Katie Mae Reed and Mark Keith Farmer**



**Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chrisinger**

### Hemphill, Chrisinger

Leigh Hemphill of Victor, Idaho, and Chris Chrisinger of Jackson, Wyo., were married June 14, 2008, at Schwabacher's Landing, Moose, Wyo.

Dr. Billy T. Nimmons of Dalton was the officiant.

The bride's parents are Charles and Karen Hemphill

of Dalton. Mr. Hemphill gave the bride away.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eric Chrisinger of Melrose, Wisc.

The maid of honor was Holly Hemphill, bride's sister-in-law, of Eugene, Ore.

The best man was Eric Chrisinger, father of groom, of Melrose, Wisc.

The reception was held at Dorman's in Moose, Wyo.

The couple's future residence will be Victor, Idaho.

### Boling, Hayes

Tim Boling and Faye Weza of Chatsworth announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angie Boling to Tim Hayes, both of Chatsworth. He is the son of Jenny Hayes of Chatsworth and Dennis Hayes of Ringgold.

The bride is employed with Priority Care as med-



**Angie Boling and Tim Hayes**

ical office assistant. The groom is employed with Avalon Industries.

The wedding is scheduled for May 17 at 4 p.m. at Cohutta Springs.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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Wink and Sally Jones of Dalton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14. A reception was held in their honor at Central Church of Christ in Dalton. They have three children, Tracy and Charlene Jones of Katy, Texas; Brad and Jennifer Jones of Dalton and Jim and Allison Zirbes of Chatsworth. They also have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

# Beauty and the brain

Women use more of their minds than men when processing good looks

By **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Beauty is in the brain of the beholder.

Go to any museum and there will be men and women admiring paintings and sculpture. But it turns out they are thinking about the sight differently.

Men process beauty on the right side of their brains, while women use their whole brain to do the job, researchers report in the electronic edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

They even explain it differently.

Novelist Margaret Wolfe Hungerford: "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

Essayist David Hume: "Beauty in things exists merely in the mind which contemplates them."

Researchers were surprised by the finding.

"It is well known that there are differences between brain activity in women and men in cognitive tasks," said researcher Camilo J. Cela-Conde of the University of Baleares in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. "However, why should this kind of difference appear in the case of appreciation of beauty?"

The answer seems to be that when women consider a visual object they link it to language while men concentrate on the spatial aspects of the object, Cela-Conde said in an interview by e-mail.

He noted, however, that this doesn't explain why —



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Women use the right and left side of the brain to process beauty. Men use only the right side.

and how — the human capacity to appreciate beauty evolved.

"The differences that we have found might relate to the different social roles that, hypothetically, men and women had during human evolution," he said.

The researchers tested 10 men and 10 women, showing them paintings and photos of urban scenes and landscapes, asking them to rate each scene as either "beautiful" or "not beautiful."

At the same time the scientists looked at images of the magnetic fields produced by electrical currents in the brains of the men and women.

For the first 300 milliseconds, there was no difference

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between male and female brains, and from 300 to 700 milliseconds activity was greater for objects that were rated as beautiful than for those that were not beautiful.

For both sexes the most active region was the parietal lobe that deals with visual perception, spatial orientation and information processing, but it was focused on the right side of the brain in men while both sides participated in women.

While there are differences between people as to what is beautiful and what isn't, Cela-Conde said they did not find identifiable dif-

ferences related to sex.

"Any person can find beautiful a landscape, a building or a canvas that some others will find awful. But sex has little to do with those differences. Perhaps they relate with other variables, such as age or education," he said.

"It is curious that, using different neural networks, the final result is very similar in women and men. But this seems to be the case," Cela-Conde said.

He added: "Human nature is complex and difficult to study and understand. Nevertheless, thanks to scientific tools we are starting to know a bit more about some very important aspects of our nature."

## Bradley Wellness Center offers classes

Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:

■ Krystal Vasquez and Michael Davis, a daughter, Braelyn, Feb. 16.

■ Brittani Curl, a son, Jayden Blade, Feb. 17.

■ Uzma and Mohammed Mutahir, a son, Ayyan, Feb. 17.

■ Brandi and Jonathan Russell, a son, Christian Tyler, Feb. 17.

■ April Chadwick, a daughter, Jenayie Rancee, Feb. 18.

■ Kristy and Billy Hammonds Jr., a son, Leland Joe, Feb. 18.

■ Whitney and Justin Hawkins, a daughter, Averece Grace, Feb. 18.

■ Gloria Anaya and Benjamin Reyes, a son, Morgan Adair, Feb. 19.

■ Courtney Anderson and

Federico Nietzsche, a daughter, Taylor Annette, Feb. 19.

■ Staci and Jerry Fowler, a son, Brayden Gage, Feb. 19.

■ Danielle and James Miller, a daughter, Margot Marie, Feb. 19.

■ Ana and Luis Orozco, a son, Jonathan, Feb. 19.

■ Angela Perez, a daughter, Lilianna Angelica, Feb. 19.

■ Amarissa and Josh Powell, a daughter, Sarenidy Grace, Feb. 19.

■ Karen and David Truesdale Jr., a son, Koleton Joseph, Feb. 19.

■ Candace Cavett and Shawn Workman, a daughter, Sara Olivia-Jean, Feb. 20.

■ Tonya and Mark Dean, a daughter, Bailie Addison, Feb. 20.

■ Laura Hayes and

Harrison Hand Jr., a son, Lucas Alexander, Feb. 20.

■ Hollie Heath and Ricky Green, a daughter, Trinity Nevaeh, Feb. 20.

■ Maria and Homero Hurtado, a daughter, Mayrin, Feb. 20.

■ Teresita Lira and Paulo Liquidano, a daughter,

Aundrea Paola, Feb. 20.

■ Dana McCullough and Ricky Wooten, a son, Jesse Lee, Feb. 20.

■ Evelia Marques and Uriel Rubio, a son, Alexis, Feb. 21.

■ Tiffany McClure and Danny Hawkins, a daughter, Cali Lynn, Feb. 22.

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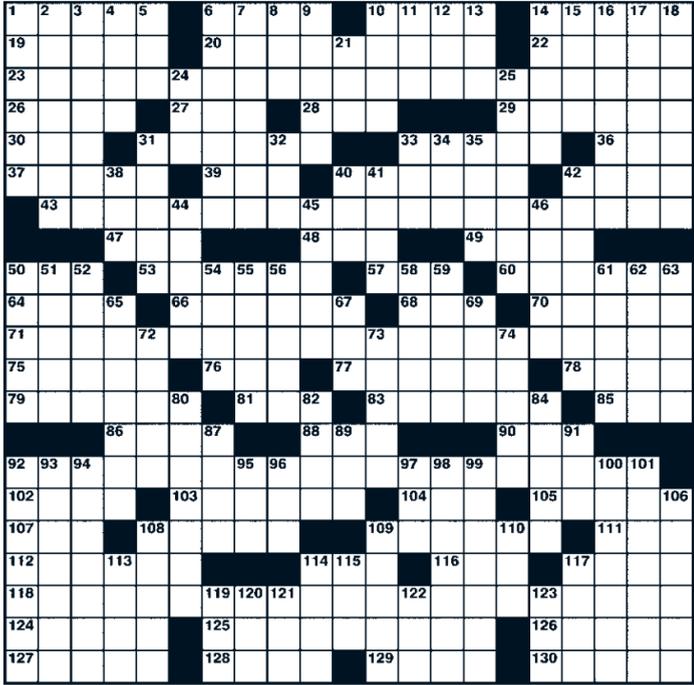
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Mason

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Blackberries swell up for their picking  
 Clusters, vines, cages bounty claimed.

I cannot die in autumn,  
 Painted maple bids me dance.

Firewood calls for stacking, burning  
 Yams dare my shovel "take a chance."

Oh, I cannot die in winter,  
 When the savior had his birth.

Though the flake says, "come fall with me"  
 Icy creek flows sing their dearth.

Spring is coming, summer's promise  
 Time moves forward in a row.

I can plod or I can court-esy,  
 Life will never let me go.

**Robin Richmond Mason grew up in the Beaverdale community of Whitfield County. She currently resides with her husband and three daughters in Paint Lick, Ky., and teaches at Eastern Kentucky University. She can be reached at rkmason@gte.net.**

ANSWERS ON 8C

Westside Middle sends representatives for Honor Choir



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Pictured are Kennedy Hughes, Landon Norris and Megan Parker.

SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Each February the Georgia Music Educators Association hosts the Statewide 6th Grade Honor Choir at the Clayton County Performing Arts Theatre in Atlanta. Each school is allowed to send three representatives to participate. Students chosen from auditions to represent Westside Middle School were Megan Parker, Landon Norris and Kennedy Hughes.

This program gives the students an opportunity to work with other students of

equal caliber under the direction of highly qualified conductors. Selection to the choir is the association's way of recognizing excellence in musical knowledge, technique and interpretation.

After rehearsals, the students presented a program that will be broadcast on the radio by Georgia Public Broadcasting. A CD of the performance will also be made.

Conductors for this year's chorus were Christy Ray and Adam Jonathan Con. Con is serving his third term as the repertoire and standards chair for multicultural and ethnic music for Georgia State University and is associate professor of music at Georgia Southern University. Ray is serving her 25th year in Fulton County Schools.

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Ask the Fool

Payout Ratios

Q What's a "payout ratio"? — R.B., Hartford, Conn.

A It's the percentage of a company's earnings (net income) paid out to shareholders as a dividend. For example, McDonald's is expected to earn approximately \$3.82 per share in fiscal 2009, and its annual dividend amount is currently \$2. Divide \$2 by \$3.82 and you'll get 0.52, or a payout ratio of 52 percent.

High payout ratios leave companies with little flexibility regarding what they can do with their cash. That can be OK, if a firm is big and established and doesn't need to reinvest much in the business. Sometimes reinvested earnings would return less than shareholders could get investing the payout on their own.

Steep payout ratios can be red flags. If a company's ratio is 125 percent, for example, it will have to dig into reserves to pay its dividend, something it can't keep up forever. It may have to reduce its dividend.

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Q Do I need life insurance? — T.N., Reno, Nev.

A If you're young and debt-free, with no children and no house, you might consider skipping it — for now. Think of insurance as protection against a financial loss, not as an investment. (After all, there are more effective ways to invest.) If a spouse or children depend on your income, carrying insurance would be smart, to protect against income loss, should something happen to you. But if you don't need to protect any income stream, consider parking your money elsewhere. (Learn about better investment strategies at [www.fool.com/investing/basics/index.aspx](http://www.fool.com/investing/basics/index.aspx).)

Still, do take some time to read up on insurance — at [www.insweb.com](http://www.insweb.com) and [www.fool.com/insurance](http://www.fool.com/insurance).

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Misleading Numbers

Never blindly accept what you read. Think critically about not just words, but numbers. They're not always what they seem.

For example, many companies will report "record earnings." This isn't necessarily impressive. Porcine Aviation (ticker: PGFLY), for example, might earn a record \$5 per share in 2008. But if it earns \$5.01 in 2009, \$5.02 in 2010 and \$5.03 in 2011, each of those will also be record earnings, but they'll represent meager growth. You need to examine how quickly a company's earnings are growing. (That alone isn't enough either, though.)

Imagine that Fingernail-on-Blackboard Car Alarm Co. (ticker: AIEEEE) reports revenue up 200 percent over the past year. That's more telling than "record growth" and would intrigue most investors. Check to see what the actual revenue numbers are, though. Perhaps Fingernail has been struggling and took in only \$200,000 in 2007. Two hundred percent growth would put it at

\$600,000 in 2008. That's still mighty tiny. It's important to consider companies in the proper context. A behemoth such as Wal-Mart can't double earnings as quickly as a small upstart can. It's usually easier to double \$50 million than \$50 billion. As companies grow larger, expect their growth rates to slow. They can't keep doubling annually forever.

Another potential danger is the "annualized" growth rate. When a company (or mutual fund) takes its total return over a number of years and annualizes it, it's telling you how much it earned, on average, per year. This is generally handy, but check what period of growth is covered. For example, if Librarian Supply Co. (ticker: SHHHH) increased its earnings from \$0.12 per share in one year to \$0.37 five years later, its annualized growth is about 25 percent. If Buzzy's Broccoli Beer (ticker: BRRRR) doubled its earnings in three months, its annualized rate would be more like 1,500 percent. Annualizing a short period's returns will magnify the numbers and can distort things. Those might have been extraordinary months.

Numbers can tell you a lot — if you look carefully.

My Dumbest Investment

Eye Off the Ball

My dumbest investment was loading up on Freddie Mac back in September, when it was going up for a brief period. My next dumbest moves were not following the news on the company after having purchased the stock and holding on to it for too long.

Needless to say, I found out about the government takeover when it was too late for me to sell out, so I hopelessly watched myself lose thousands and thousands of dollars in a matter of seconds as the price quickly dropped from around \$5.10 a share to around a \$1 a share, where I finally sold. — Mike, Centreville, Va.

**The Fool Responds:** At least you sold then — last time we checked, the stock was trading for considerably less than \$1 per share. Many people mistakenly think that a stock that has fallen far can't fall much further. About a year before you bought into Freddie Mac, it was trading in the \$60s. Remember that if a company has dropped sharply, something is going on and needs your attention. Such holdings should be followed closely and are often best just abandoned altogether.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Costco in Perspective

Costco (Nasdaq: COST) reinforced what we already knew when it gave a negative second-quarter forecast recently. Things are pretty bad out there, and no retailer's immune.

The warehouse discounter disclosed that second-quarter earnings will be "substantially below" analyst estimates. Chief Financial Officer Richard Galanti pointed to general economic conditions pinching sales and said sales of non-food merchandise have been challenging. So the difficult economic climate has also hurt merchandise margins.

None of this is really that surprising, since there were similar tidings in last quarter's results. One difference last quarter was that Costco was helped by gasoline profitability.

Meanwhile, it's no secret that consumers are really reining in their spending, because of fear or necessity. This bodes well in some ways for discounters, but at the same time, retail in general is struggling.

Costco's recent price drop presents a good opportunity. It's a company with a great business model and an impressive management team, and its mission to provide low-priced wares makes it one of the retailers that should be able to do well despite the economy. It's also got manageable debt levels and cash on the balance sheet. The current environment is not the end of the world for Costco.



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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

My founder started me in 1984 when he sold pizzas out of a back room in his father's tavern. A year later, he opened his first restaurant. Today, based in Kentucky, I'm America's No. 3 pizza provider, trailing Pizza Hut and Domino's. I sport more than 3,000 restaurants worldwide, including more than 100 in the United Kingdom and China. I've been rated No. 1 in customer satisfaction among all national pizza chains and have received high marks for quality. My dough is never frozen. I went public in 1993, and my stock is up nearly fourfold since then. Who am I? (Answer: Papa John's Pizza)

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# Diving in

## Scuba classes immerse disabled in new experiences

BY ERICA BLAKE  
Toledo Blade

Peter Lindau isn't able to use his legs.

Born with the degenerative disease spina bifida, Peter has spent most of his 17 years in a wheelchair, and has no sensation below his lower ribs.

But use of his legs wasn't necessary when he plunged recently into the pool at the Aqua Hut scuba-instruction facility in Toledo, Ohio. With the help of instructors and members of the Toledo Fire Department and Water Rescue team, he was able to don a mask, suck air through a regulator and for the first time experience what it was like to scuba dive.

"It was fun but I think it

was my experience in the water that really helped," said Peter, who learned to swim several years ago, allowing him to build his upper-body strength. "I was the only one that day that they had taken into the deep end."

They didn't all make it to the deep end, and in some cases they didn't make it underwater at all. But despite their limitations, each of the 12 participants in the first Discover SCUBA program was able to experience to some degree a world that had never been opened to them.

Initiated locally by retired Toledo firefighter Greg Lochar with support from Aqua Hut owner Jeff Davis, Discover SCUBA is a free diving program for those



SHNS PHOTOS

Program director Greg Lochar helps move Peter Lindau, 17, through the water during a Discover Scuba program. Lindau was born with spina bifida.

with disabilities who are ages 12 and older. Certified by the Handicapped Scuba Association, the instructors

are trained to help people with a myriad of disabilities become comfortable underwater.

For sisters Chelsea and Christina Czerniejewski, who are both autistic and speak little, comfort in a new environment is something that comes with time, said their mom, Sheila. Because autism is such an individualized disability, Czerniejewski said she is always looking for new activities where her daughters can thrive.

That quest led them recently to Aqua Hut's pool.

Chelsea, 14, who was familiar with swimming, had no problem trading in her swimming goggles for a scuba mask and dived right underwater, her mom said. But she did find the taste of the regulator in her mouth somewhat "yucky."

Younger sister Christine, 12, breathed easily through the regulator from the scuba tank on deck. But attempts to

submerge didn't exactly go as smoothly.

"If there was a way to combine skills, I'd be set," Czerniejewski said. "They had a great time. If there was a way for me to do it on a regular basis, I think I could get them both to do it. It would be something they could learn."

Discover SCUBA also hopes to team up with summer camps for those with disabilities to offer an afternoon of scuba diving.

"I want these people to walk out of there and say, 'Wow, I went scuba diving,'" said Lochar, Aqua Hut disabilities program director.

"How often can you get out of a wheelchair and take advantage of the water? It takes away the disability."

"What you can't do on land, you can do in the water," he said.

Those with both cognitive and physical disabilities are welcome to try scuba diving. For some, Lochar said, the

ultimate goal would be to train them as a certified scuba diver.

And to help them through the training, Lochar hopes service groups will donate equipment and other divers will volunteer their time.

"Long-term goal ... I'd love to bring these divers to somewhere that's not a quarry," he said.

Sally Stemen, recreation therapist for Bowling Green, Ohio-based Wood Lane Residential Services, said two residents attended the last Discover SCUBA event and she hopes to bring them back for more.

In the pool there is a freedom that brings many people away from the constraints of their disabilities, she said.

"Both the residents who went were just ecstatic and were so proud of themselves," Stemen said. "It's not a sport that the majority of the population has done, so for them to be able to experience it is quite an accomplishment."



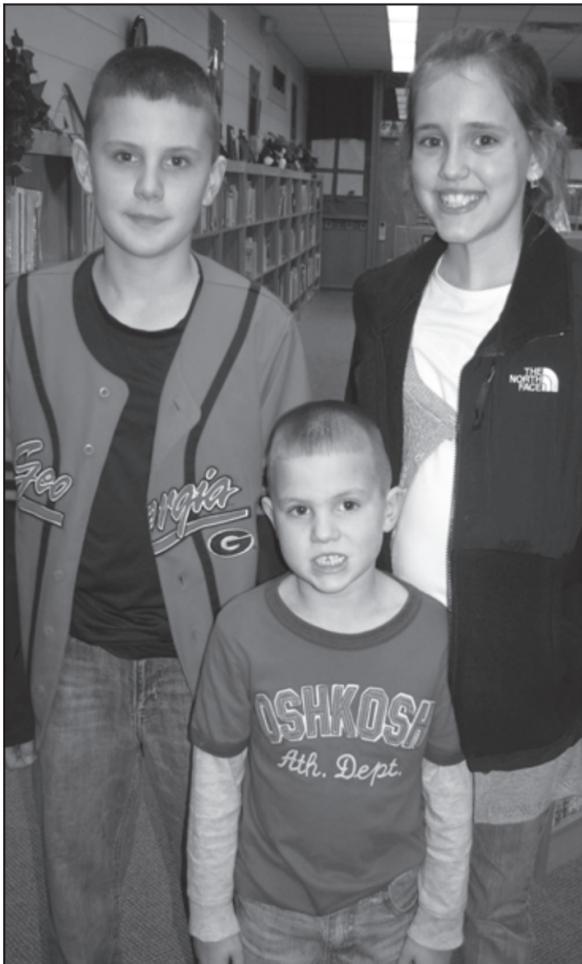
Lt. Greg Yingling, a Toledo, Ohio, firefighter, tries to coax Chelsea Czerniejewski, 14, into the deep end of the pool during a Discover Scuba program. The autistic girl and her sister, Christina, who also has autism, were participating in the program.

## VOLUNTEERING



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Above, at the Murray County Board of Education meeting recently at Spring Place Elementary, Principal Emma Long thanked individuals who volunteered countless hours during the summer months to help remove old tiles, place new tiles, install sinks, build new stalls in the gym's student restrooms, place carpet and paint the gym office area. From left are Michelle Coffelt, Wayne Coffelt, Nicole Brown, April Hooker and Eric Hooker. Not pictured is Virgil Hooker. Left, Andrew Hooker, Caleb Hooker and Brooke Coffelt volunteered their time to help sweep, paint and clean restroom stalls and toilets to help make their school an even more beautiful place.



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# Reducing difficult behaviors

## Dementia care training launched

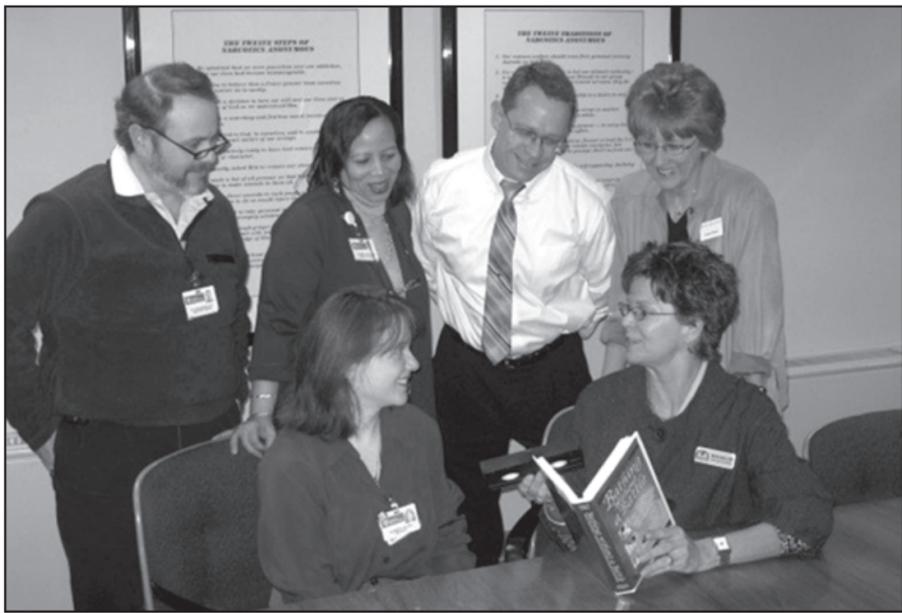
Recently, a new seven-hour training program for certified nursing assistants was launched at the Brown Conference Center located on the Hamilton Medical Center campus.

Topics offered included an overview of Alzheimer's disease, strategies to reduce troubling behaviors, improving communication skills and reducing stress in the workplace. The interactive program received a rating of 95 percent very good to excellent from the professional caregivers in attendance.

Gregg Martin, administrator of Ridgewood Manor, spearheaded the collabora-

tion with the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter and Westcott Outreach Services creating a program that focuses on helping caregivers to think objectively and provide them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to manage stress and carry out their caregiving role effectively.

This free program is available to all professional direct care workers in Whitfield and Murray counties. However, space is limited and registration is required. For more information and to register, call the Alzheimer's Association at (706) 275-0819.



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Shown sitting from left are Elizabeth Day of Westcott Center Outreach, Marnie Dodd of the law practice of David L. McGuffey; standing are Mike Stein of Westcott Center, Chandra Fears of Westcott Center, Gregg Martin, administrator of Ridgewood Manor, and Laurie Parker of the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter.

## PET OF THE WEEK



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Gracie is a female gray tabby about 2 years old.

## Gracie needs a home

Gracie is very loving and likes sitting next to you or in your lap for her petting time. She is a large girl but that's all the more to love. Gracie has been spayed, is up to date with vaccinations and tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV. If you are interested in this pretty girl, fill out an online application at [www.hsnwga.org](http://www.hsnwga.org).

For more information about this pet, call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706)

226-5002 and press "2" to leave a message. To see other adoptable cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, visit our Web site or write HSNWGA, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, GA, 30719.

The next Humane Society meeting will be March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Charles and Evelyn Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited. Adoption days at the facility are on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

## Peanuts, healthy or not?

BY SAM McMANIS  
Sacramento Bee

Peanuts have been getting some bad press lately — for good reason. But the salmonella outbreak tied to the peanut-processing plant in Georgia shouldn't scare us away from enjoying what is essentially a healthy food.

Test your knowledge with our quiz about peanuts.

1. One cup of peanut butter contains 1,517 calories, 1,088 of which come from fat. What's the positive part of the figures?

a. Your average peanut-butter sandwich contains less than a quarter-cup of peanut butter.

b. Nearly 50 percent of it is healthy monounsaturated fat.

c. It's high in protein and fiber.

d. All of the above.

2. One cup of peanut butter contains 397 milligrams of magnesium, which is what percentage of the daily value:

- a. 50 percent
- b. 75 percent
- c. 99 percent
- d. 150 percent

3. What positive effect does magnesium have on your diet?

- a. Absorbs calcium
- b. Stabilizes heart rhythm
- c. Lowers blood pressure
- d. "a" and "c" but not "b"
- e. "a," "b" and "c"

4. True or false: Peanuts have more protein than any other legume or nut.

5. How many ounces of peanuts would you have to eat to reach the daily value of vitamin E, which has antioxidant properties?

- a. 1 ounce
- b. 2 ounces
- c. 6 ounces
- d. 9 ounces

ANSWERS: 1. d; 2. c; 3. e; 4. true; 5. c

Sources: [usda.gov](http://usda.gov); [www.nutritiondata.com](http://www.nutritiondata.com); [peanut-institute.org](http://peanut-institute.org)

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# Americans finally starting to save more, or at least trying to

BY CLAUDIA BUCK  
Sacramento Bee

It's taken a financial crisis, but it's starting to stick: Americans are saving more. Or at least trying.

Part of it has been forced. As paychecks shrink, jobs dry up, mortgages collapse and credit card companies clamp down, many Americans have had no choice. They couldn't keep spending.

And the savings are beginning to add up. Last month, the federal government reported that the U.S. personal savings rate jumped to 3.6 percent in December, a staggering leap up from near-zero, where it's languished in recent years.

That means the third annual America Saves Week, which runs through March 1, could hit home like never before.

"It's not about saving vs. spending, but finding that healthy balance," said Nancy Register, director of the nonprofit America Saves project in Washington, D.C. "Particularly in hard times, individuals and families need that safety net so an unexpected expense (job loss, car repair) doesn't become a nightmare."

Register said this year's goal is to reach 40 million people and sign up 75,000 new savers, getting them to "begin saving or start saving more."

Hundreds of banks, nonprofit groups, community groups, military bases and others are trumpeting the start-saving mantra.

Karyn Hodgens, co-founder of Rocklin, Calif.-based KidNexions, has been handing out paper coin wrappers to students. She urges them to "search the couch cushions" and use the coins to open a savings account.

"Kids like to act like adults," said Hodgens, and a savings account is "the first step to getting on a path to managing their



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**The current economic climate seems to be encouraging Americans to save.**

money."

Earlier this month, Hodgens sent a letter to the White House, urging the "first kids," Malia and Sasha Obama, to lobby their parents for a big raise in their allowance.

Hodgens urged the girls, who reportedly get only \$1 a week, to request an allowance equal to half their ages, \$5 and \$3.50 respectively. And she suggested asking their parents to match their savings, dollar for dollar.

As her letter to President Obama's daughters noted: "Your dad is busy working on solutions because a lot of people did not know how

to manage their money properly."

The military is also working to make sure soldiers stay debt free. For details, go to: [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org).

Banks, investment brokers and credit unions are rolling out new saving incentives. Charles Schwab, the discount investment brokerage, this week is debuting a new high-yield savings account, with a 2 percent annual interest rate and no monthly service charges, ATM fees or minimum balance.

WalMart, in a move aimed at Americans living paycheck to paycheck, has

announced it's slashing fees on its MoneyCard, a pre-paid, reloadable Visa debit card. Requiring no credit check or existing bank account to open, the card can be loaded in any amount up to \$3,000 a month. It's usable anywhere that accepts Visa debit cards. When the amount is gone, there are no overdraft or late fees.

WalMart is re-pricing all basic fees at \$3: initial activation, monthly service and reloading charge. Previously, those MoneyCard charges were \$9, \$4.95 and \$4.65. For those who use direct deposit and minimum amounts, the \$3 monthly and reloading fees are dropped entirely.

"We thought originally it was (mainly) for 'unbanked' customers, but we're finding a new set of customers who are using it to get their finances in order," said Jane Thompson, president of Wal-Mart Financial Services. Since the debit card was launched in June 2007, Thompson said, more than 1 million cards have been activated.

Curtis Arnold, founder of CardRatings.com, a Little Rock, Ark.-based credit card comparison site, gave Wal-Mart's announcement a thumbs-up. "For a company that prides itself on being a price leader, they weren't prior to these changes. Now, they are."

Meanwhile, officials of the third annual America Saves Week hope it will pick up even more savings converts, especially given the economy's turbulence.

"It's an annual chance to look at your spending and saving ... identify a goal and a time frame to reach it," said Register, the America Saves director. "The whole idea is to take action and get into a savings habit. Even if it's only a small amount, it's transformative."

For more information on America Saves: [www.americasaves.org](http://www.americasaves.org)

## DEAR ABBY

# Couple clashes over best way to handle pushy salespeople

**DEAR ABBY:** My new boyfriend, "Paul," and I seem to discover good qualities in each other every time we get together. I think he's wonderful. Recently, though, he said he has noticed something about me that he considers rude.

At the mall, I have always been irritated by kiosk salespeople who practically block your way to sample their product. I ignore these pushy merchants because they usually won't take no for an answer, even if I attempt to say, "No, thank you."

Paul thinks I'm being impolite, so he's the one who ends up being detained, trying to be kind, while I wait for him to finish apologizing for not wanting their product.

I don't feel my way of handling this is rude. I have told Paul he doesn't have to please everyone, act interested or waste his time at the kiosk. Who do you think is right? — **NOT RUDE IN HOUSTON**

**DEAR NOT RUDE:** I agree with your boyfriend that to ignore someone is rude. However, rather than ignore these salespeople, a firm "Not interested" should be sufficient. And if the person persists, keep walking.

**DEAR ABBY:** Please help my husband and me settle an argument. He hates when I step out of the shower onto the bath mat to dry off, leaving it wet. I think that's what the bath mat is for. Who's right? — **LISA IN LEXINGTON, S.C.**

**DEAR LISA:** You are. The alternative would be to step out of the shower onto a tile floor — which could cause a slip and fall, or onto carpet, which would become moldy. After you have finished drying off, however, the bath mat should be hung up to dry.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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## HOROSCOPE

**Happy Birthday:** Emotions may get the better of you this year if you give in to trivial matters. Think beyond the immediate and set a game plan that will work for you. Overdoing must be avoided. It's best to cut your losses and recognize what needs to be done in order to stabilize

your future. Your numbers are 4, 11, 18, 20, 35, 43, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may want to consider that you've been doing too much, for too many, for too long and you need a break. See what others have to offer for a change and you may be surprised who steps forward. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't rely on others to do things that you should be doing yourself. You will be criticized if you don't take care of business. An event that helps your community or a group you believe in will be a perfect chance for you to volunteer your services. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let anyone take advantage of your willingness to help out. A good idea will lead to a partnership. That person can offer you what you need to develop and promote what you want to do. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let anyone talk down to you, push you around or cost you money. You should be intent on connecting with someone who wants to help you with a project or has a proposal that could lead to a brighter future. 4 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Love and emotions will be conflicting. Consider your motives and those of others before you make a choice. Don't feel compelled to do what someone else does or expect the same in return. 2 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Visit an old friend or a place that interests you or to which you might consider moving. You are up for changes that will allow you to expand your horizons, friendships and even your

professional position. The price you pay will be worth it. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't overspend, overindulge or overdo. Don't be enticed by a fast-cash scheme. Network and get your own ideas out in the open for others to invest in, instead of helping someone

else with his or her cause. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't give in to demands, emotional blackmail or hearsay. Now is not the time to challenge others when you need to protect and defend your position. Arguments will slow you down. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Taking on too much will cost you personally, financially or emotionally. Restrict your promises and your expenditures. A quiet time at home with someone you like to spend time with will be your best bet. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make some changes at home that will raise the value of your assets or help you get your finances under control. The more you do to ensure your future security, the better you will feel. Make sure that whoever is in your life is on the same page. 5 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You cannot give in to someone who has waited too long to meet you halfway. Nothing will change if you don't initiate what you want to see happen. Keep your emotions out of any decision. 2 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** An old friend will have an interest in something you are doing and will offer to contribute. Before you accept, find out what he or she wants in return. Spell out the terms and conditions and delegate the responsibilities beforehand. 4 stars



Eugenia Last

## TIGER ART



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Kristy Sitton, an art teacher who hand drew a tiger, the school's mascot, on the Spring Place Elementary gym floor, was recently recognized by principal Emma Long at the Murray County Board of Education meeting at the school.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**March 3**

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

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

**March 4**

The Woman's Community Club will meet March 4 at 4 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. All members are asked to attend so finalizations may be made for the upcoming Hat Show. The show will be held March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. Admission is a \$5 donation. The Center is located on Fredrick Street in Dalton.

**March 5**

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

**March 6-7**

The Chattanooga Area Mothers of Multiples Club will host a spring consignment sale March 6-7 at the East Ridge Community Center in East Ridge. Available items include children's clothing from preemie to kids, baby gear, shoes, toys, maternity items, household goods and more. Proceeds will benefit local charities and the club. Hours are March 6 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales are cash only. For more information, call Jennifer Gibbs at (423) 774-4488 or e-mail [jennifer@chattanoogamothersofmultiples.com](mailto:jennifer@chattanoogamothersofmultiples.com).

ples.com.

**March 7**

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

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

The Murray County High School Band Boosters will sell chicken or barbecue chicken plates March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murray County High School football stadium concession stands. Plates are \$5 and include choice of chicken (breast and drumstick), baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. All proceeds benefit the school band. For information or to place orders, call Teresa at (706) 581-4881.

Harmony Baptist Church will host a benefit singing for cancer patient Kenneth Prue March 7 at noon. Special singers include New Melodies and others. There will also be a cakewalk, bake sale and door prizes. Lunch will be provided after the singing. Raffle tickets for door prizes are \$1 each and may be purchased in the fellowship hall immediately following the singing. The church is at 187 Lower Dawnville Road in Dalton.

**March 19**

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will offer Season Tickets March 19. There will be two classes offered. For more information call Talk, Listen, Communicate at (423) 622-TALK. Mention code DWC for special pricing.

**March 29**

The Oakwood Café will host a fundraiser Sunday lunch March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit Friendship House. Plates are \$8 and include fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and drink. For carryout, call ahead at (706) 529-9663. The Oakwood Café is at 201 W. Cuyler St. in Dalton.

# CAREER PREPARATION



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Dalton High School's DECA club recently participated in the Georgia DECA Region 5 competition at East Paulding High School in Dallas. Ten DHS students advanced to state contests by placing in the region event. On the first row, from left, are Tommy Tran, third place in Internet Marketing; Cynthia Rangel, sixth place in Selling Testing; and Tanya Huang, first place in Restaurant and Food Service Management; second row, Juan Barragan, first place in Marketing and Business Foundations; Emily Liner, first place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Chanwoo Lee, third place in Marketing Math; Mirella Villafuerte, first place in Hotel and Lodging Management; Sofia Mendoza, first place in Job Interview; Cynthia Castro, third place in Hospitality Services; and Rubi Ortiz, fourth place in Entrepreneurship. Students who are successful at the state level advance to the international competition in Anaheim, Calif. The adviser for Dalton High's DECA is Joey Wills.



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Actor Jack LEMMON (29 Across) won his two Academy Awards for "Mister Roberts" and "Save the Tiger." Lima-born ALBERTO Fujimori (80 Down) was the first person of East Asian descent to lead the government of a Latin American country. GISELLE (94 Down) is the title character in a ballet by French composer Adolphe Adam.

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# REAL ESTATE

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## REAL ESTATE WATCH

# Home equity lenders may block loan refinances

As homeowners try to refinance their mortgages at lower rates, their home equity lenders are telling them, "Not so fast."

Home equity lenders are throwing roadblocks in front of their clients who want to refinance their primary mortgages. In some cases, they delay refinances for a month or more. In other cases, they block homeowners from refinancing altogether — all because of something called "resubordination."

"It can completely blow a refi out of the water," says Christopher Cruise, senior loan officer for GOTEHomeLoans.com in Bethesda, Md.

Resubordination comes into play when a homeowner wants to refinance a primary mortgage and keep the second mortgage in place, either as a home equity loan or a home equity line of credit. Before the refi can happen, the home equity lender has to agree to let the second mortgage remain where it is, in second position. That agreement is a resubordination.

Think of the situation as a restroom queue at a concert. Your name is Primary, and you're at the front of the line. Behind you is someone named Equity. Then your friend Refi runs up and needs to go —

really bad. You ask Equity if it's OK if Refi takes your place. If Equity denies permission, or takes too long to grant it, there can be messy consequences.

A bank's refusal to resubordinate can be costly to the homeowner. Caleb Shaffer has two mortgages on his duplex in Oakland, Calif. Both loans are with SunTrust. A credit union offered to refinance the primary mortgage at a lower rate, saving roughly \$250 to \$300 a month. Shaffer says he couldn't go through with the refinance because SunTrust refused to resubordinate the second mortgage. SunTrust has received \$5 billion in TARP funds from the federal government, or \$34.13 for every working American.

Shaffer says he was told that he could refinance with SunTrust, but not with another lender. "They're saying their policy is they don't subordinate unless it's within the

family of SunTrust," he says.

SunTrust offered to combine his two mortgages and refinance them into one loan. But if the loans were combined, he would end up with a higher-rate jumbo mortgage with much higher monthly payments. The point of getting two mortgages, of \$500,000 and \$100,000, was to avoid getting a jumbo loan with its higher rate.

A SunTrust spokesman denies that there's a policy requiring borrowers to refinance with SunTrust. "While I can't comment on specific individual relationships, in general, we do consider resubordinations of second liens on a case-by-case basis taking into account numerous factors," spokesman Hugh Suhr says.

Undoubtedly one of those factors is loan-to-value ratio. Shaffer paid \$670,000 for the duplex in March 2008. He borrowed \$600,000. Zillow.com, the real estate Web site, estimates its value now at \$644,000. The loan-to-value ratio was about 90 percent when Shaffer got the loan, and now the ratio is around 93 percent. Nowadays, lenders are reluctant to let people borrow more than 80 percent of a home's value, and 93 percent is really pushing it.

You would think that a home equity lender would welcome a refinance of a primary mortgage if the refi results in a lower monthly payment. But from the equity lender's perspective, the optimal outcome would be for the borrower to pay off the equity loan and close the account. "They probably figure if they play hardball, they'll get paid off," says Matt Hackett, underwriting manager for Equity Now, a mortgage bank headquartered in Manhattan.

Jeff Lazerson, president of MortgageGrader.com, an online brokerage based in Southern California, says equity lenders want borrowers to close their accounts, "because then they can get the cash back that was in the account, and their balance sheets look better."

Loan officers and mortgage brokers say it's not unusual to wait for more than a month for a resubordination decision. One broker says it took more than six weeks, from Dec. 26 to Feb. 10, for Wells Fargo to approve a resubordination request. Wells Fargo has received \$25 billion in TARP funds, or \$175.93 for every working American.

"So many lenders have been

swamped by these — and they're frankly not a priority," Cruise says. "Even those that are not being denied are taking 30 to 45 days and can cost \$50 to \$250, depending on how much the lender wants to charge."

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The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose modestly this week.

The average 30-year fixed rate increased 7 basis points, to 5.41 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

This week's average 15-year fixed — a popular option for refinancing — remained unchanged at 4.93 percent.

The average jumbo 30-year fixed fell 5 basis points, to 6.87 percent.

Adjustable-rate mortgages also rose this week. The one-year adjustable-rate mortgage jumped 11 basis points, to 5.58 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM ticked up 3 basis points, to 5.4 percent.

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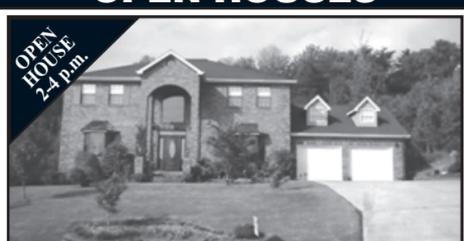
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121 Hillwood Drive



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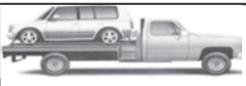
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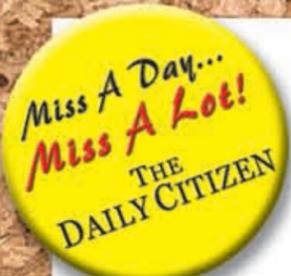
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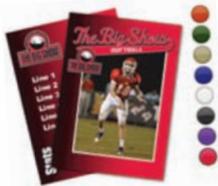
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