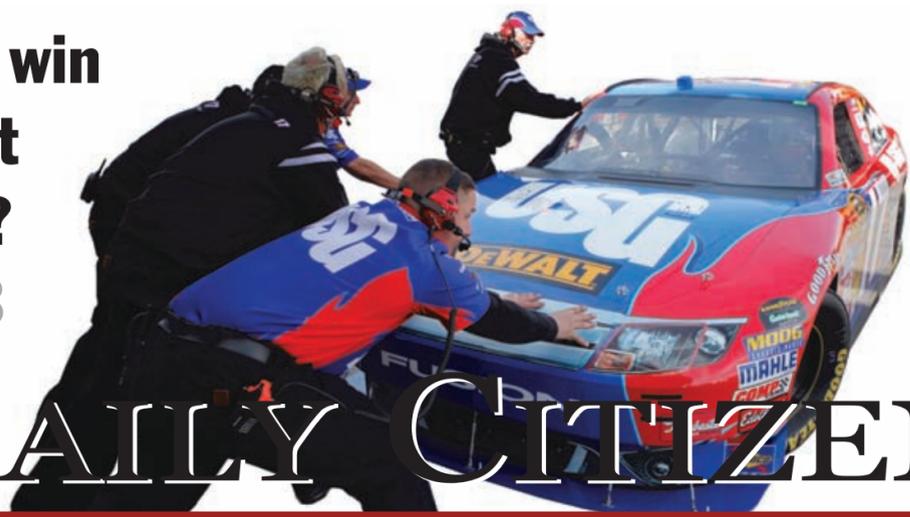


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Chatsworth Elementary sixth-grade student Joslyn Hobbs, 12, shows a library book to principal Mike Pritchett as they talk Friday in the school's office.

How much will stimulus help local education?

By RACHEL BROWN
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Faced with pending cuts in state funding — one of their biggest sources of revenue — many school officials are turning to the federal government for help.

The \$787 billion stimulus package passed by Congress promises an estimated \$21 billion for existing federal education programs that target poorer and special education students. Local school officials say they're hoping the money will be enough to offset anticipated state funding cuts.

"At this point we have nothing but questions," said Eric Beavers, spokesman for Whitfield County Schools. "We do not know for sure how much money we are going to receive, what conditions will be put on that money, or when we will get that money."

The U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor tentatively estimates that Dalton schools will receive \$1.9 million in stimulus funding, Whitfield schools \$3.2

million and Murray schools \$2.5 million.

Gov. Sonny Perdue must still authorize the state to accept the \$2.2 billion in education funding.

Georgia Association of Educators president Jeff Hubbard said the state should have at least some of the money in-hand within 30 to 45 days, but state officials must then determine how to disburse it to local school districts.

Dalton Public Schools superintendent Jim Hawkins said he isn't recommending the school board count any of the stimulus money toward the overall budget until more information is available. That's despite the school system's ongoing efforts to shed \$4 million from next year's

nearly \$64 million in operating costs to avoid debt later.

"The bottom line is that we have seen and heard multiple 'bits' of information regarding the federal stimulus package for education," Hawkins said. "... I expect that any dollars from the federal government will come with strings attached and be tied to specific programs with specific guidelines."

Local officials believe education has been consistently underfunded. About 50 school districts in Georgia, including Murray County, sued the state with that argument. The state has cut

"The federal government is giving us the money with one hand, but the state is taking away funding with the other."

— Sarah Hoskins, director for exceptional students at Whitfield County Schools

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Powered by vegetable oil



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Colin Coon, 18, of Sarasota, Fla., sits in his 1980 Mercedes station wagon that he converted to run off vegetable oil. Coon planned to stay in Dalton Sunday night while driving cross-country for his senior project.

By MISTY WATSON
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Colin Coon is skipping six weeks of classes in hopes to end his senior year of high school "with a bang."

The 18-year-old at New Gate preparatory school in Sarasota, Fla., left Sunday morning to complete his senior project, a six-week trek across America in a car running on vegetable oil.

"I've always worked on cars and stuff with my dad, and I was always interested in alternative energy," Coon said. "I thought, 'Why not combine the two?'"

He originally planned a stop in Dalton Sunday afternoon to refuel with recycled vegetable oil at The Dalton Depot restaurant and stay overnight with his friend, Scott

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A flag blows in the wind Sunday in front of the courthouse. The "avenue of flags" is on display at the courthouse and on King Street for the Charlie Troop's deployment today.

Time to get out the flags

Residents asked to show support as Charlie Troop is deployed

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The public is asked to line the procession route for Charlie Troop through downtown Dalton this morning with flags, banners, signs and other forms of appreciation as the soldiers in the Georgia Army National Guard unit prepare to leave for Fort Shelby, Miss., on their way to Afghanistan.

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.

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

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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.

"My heart and prayers go out to the family of Michael Alleman who was killed in Iraq."

"Northwest girls need to work on their foul shootings if they want to keep on winning."

"I like your smart alec comments."

"That's a good idea to change portions of Hamilton Street to Church Street, but don't forget to change the streets the bridges are on, Rock Bridge I and II."

"The letter to the editor from Joe Forsee is a wonderful idea."

"Now that we have a timetable for pulling our troops out of Iraq, let's all pray that we also hear of a timetable for pulling our troops out of Afghanistan."

"I'm really concerned about the boy on the jon boat and what really happened. If there was no foul play why would you need a lawyer. I and a lot of people are worried."

"From what I see and hear, our businesses were already destroyed when Obama became president. If this doesn't work, you Republicans can try again next time."

"I had a North Georgia Electric Power bill this month that was a little over \$400. And when I called them, they told me it was because TVA had a 20 percent increase."

"Why do the cars on Valley Drive get to park out in the road? Is that legal? I think if I parked out in the road where I live, my car would be towed. I think it's very dangerous when they do that?"

"No you don't have the right to drive in any lane you want. Don't you see the signs that say 'Slower traffic keep right?'"

"I'm sitting in the Lowes parking lot and I've already seen six too close for comfort misses and I just witnessed an accident, just because people have been flying across the parking spaces instead of driving in the lanes and being careful."

"Something just occurred to me while I was reading the paper and I saw this young man had been killed in Iraq. Dalton-Whitfield County needs a special cemetery for the young men and women who get killed in these wars, so we would know where to go to put flowers every so often."

"To the person who wanted to be pro-choice about wearing a seatbelt: I guess the reason they want people to wear their seatbelt is that they're tired of scraping them up off the road and the ditches when they get thrown out (of their cars). Seems like you would think about that."

"Little by little, one day at a time, Obama is stripping you of all the things you hold dear as a free American. What he doesn't take, he'll demand that you share it ... if you have anything left."

"It's time to direct the bashing where the bashing is due. Obama has already spent more money in less

than two months than Bush spent in eight years on the Iraq war, his budget and Hurricane Katrina victims."

"If the Murray County sheriff is not going to enforce the law, he ought to resign."

"I wonder how many people who will receive mortgage bailout money or free medical insurance are here illegally."

"Hey, left lane rangers from the 35 and Trucking Club, 'Slower traffic keep right' means you."

"As a medical doctor, I'm appalled at Rush Limbaugh. He said, 'I own the men, but what can I do to own the women?' He obviously is a narcissist and a misanthrope, who thinks he's God's gift to the world, but he obviously hates mankind and his body."

"If you don't want to hear the editor's remarks, then stop criticizing him."

"Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity are always putting our president down. They need to get behind him and pray for him that he will do good."

"Good luck to specialist Saul Russell who is deploying to Afghanistan. Your friends and family in Dalton love you, support you, and are proud of you."

"After seeing a do-nothing president in there for the past eight years, people just aren't accepting that there's one in there who's really going to do something, especially the rich. They're squirming because, for once, their going to have to pay up."

"These top dogs of the city and county government, and Dalton Utilities should be making \$75,000 a year, no car — pay them mileage. They're not going anywhere with the economy being bad. They'll work for it."

"Lay off of those of us who get Social Security. Most of us have worked years and years. We deserve it. We payed it in."

"To the people on Clark Street, will you please use your driveways to park your cars and not on the side of the road. There's going to be an accident."

"I don't live in the east side of town. I live in downtown Dalton, and we have singing and loud music all night long ... Let's just just do away with the Police Department. That would be a great thing."

"My prayers are with the Brett Thomason family."

"Whitfield County should think about pulling in businesses to put people to work instead of worrying about tourists. That's the downfall of many countries that relied on tourists."

"I'm commenting on the top 10 salaries in the Dalton-Whitfield County government. It's unbelievable the money these people make, and I don't understand why Dalton is in such a hole and can't get out of it. It's ridiculous. Come on people."

"I was shocked to read today that Judge Townsend only makes \$2,000 more than a clerk in the county courthouse."

"Could someone explain why we pay the recreation director, his assistant, and a golf course supervisor almost \$300,000 in these days and times. That is shameful."

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Colin Coon, 18, of Sarasota, Fla., stands with his 1980 Mercedes station wagon that he converted to run off vegetable oil. Coon planned to stay in Dalton Sunday night on a cross-country trip in the car for his senior project.

Oil: Vegetable powered project

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Brooks. But Coon left Sarasota later than planned.

While driving north of Tampa Sunday afternoon, Coon said he expected to arrive in Dalton late Sunday night or early this morning, depending on the road conditions around Atlanta following Sunday's snow showers.

"I haven't driven the car in snow yet. So that will be interesting," he said. "I'm feeling pretty good so far. But I've only been driving about two hours now."

Coon converted a 1980 Mercedes station wagon — which he named Norm — to run off recycled vegetable oil with a kit he bought.

"I thought it was going to be a lot harder than it was," said Coon, who plans to pursue a career in either mechanical or aerospace engineering. "I installed a second fuel tank in the trunk, then rerouted the fuel line. I did it in the course of a weekend."

Norm gets approximately 25 miles per gallon running on vegetable oil, compared to 28 running on diesel, Coon said. Coon gets used vegetable oil from

restaurants, then filters it so it can be used.

He has logged approximately 2,000 miles on the car since the conversion a few months ago, but he hasn't driven further than 300 miles at a time, until Sunday.

After Coon's stop in Dalton, he will go to Nashville, then up the east coast before heading west toward California. Coon, who is traveling alone with Norm, will be staying with friends and family along the way.

During his cross-country trip, Coon hopes to encourage others to use alternative fuels and hopes his trip shows people how easy it can be.

"I think it's great, really ambitious," said Brooks, who got to know Coon through the Internet. "I like what he's doing and the message he's trying to send. I support finding alternative fuels, and I'm impressed he's doing this as a senior project in high school."

Though this is Coon's senior project, it wasn't assigned to him.

"I went to the principal and told him what I wanted to do, and here I am," he said. "I'm trying to pave the way for other students at my school to do stuff like this."

"Colin's project exemplifies what a New Gate School education is all about," principal Paul Wenninger told WWSB ABC 7 in Sarasota. "A strong academic experience is limited without some real-world feedback. Our goal is to launch students with some authentic and meaningful experiences in projects and project management. Through creative, thought-provoking projects like Colin's, kids get excited about learning which is so much more than preparing to pass a test. At New Gate, students play a big part in creating their own experiences and pursuing what intrigues and excites them."

Coon may not be attending classes, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have to keep up with his school work.

"I'm technically still in school," he said. "I have homework and assignments to do the whole time I'm gone... but this is an example of our education."

For more information or to read Colin Coon's blog, visit: www.colinsgreenmachine.com

Education: Stimulus money

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Whitfield schools \$12.3 million since 2003, Beavers said. More cuts are anticipated, but educators don't know how deep they'll be.

"We hope these federal dollars will be used to fully fund the state's funding formula for distributing money to local school districts," Beavers said.

However, federal lawmakers have said one of the main aims of the stimulus package is preventing more teacher layoffs by helping states make up revenue shortfalls. Hubbard said \$775 million of the education money Georgia expects to receive will be funneled through the state Department of Education to individual school districts. The rest will go to the governor and must be directed at stabilizing Georgia's education budget and preventing teacher layoffs, he said.

Sarah Hoskins, director for exceptional students for Whitfield County Schools, said she expects the federal money to reach no further than counteracting state cuts. The Georgia Legislature, facing a \$2.6 billion shortfall this year, is considering slashing funding for school nurses and making additional cuts to the funding formula.

"The federal government is giving us the money with one hand, but the state is taking away funding with the other," Hoskins said.

She said Whitfield's spe-

cial education students — about 10 percent of the 13,000-plus student population — are receiving the services they need but no more.

The programs are successful thanks to the local school board and superintendent's money management practices, she said, since the federal government doesn't fund all of its mandates. School nurses to assist physically disabled students are one example.

Hoskins said the school system this year received about \$2.6 million in federal money under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA. The Committee on Education and Labor estimates Whitfield will receive an additional \$2.1 million in IDEA funds from the stimulus. Even if the figure is accurate, it could take several years before all the money comes in.

Title I schools — those with a high percentage of students receiving free or reduced price lunches because of family income —

are also slated to receive stimulus funding.

At Chatsworth Elementary School, a Title I Distinguished School in several recent years, principal Mike Pritchett said he doesn't know whether his school will receive additional funding.

The Title I money Chatsworth gets is spent primarily on technology items like interactive boards, computers and educational computer programs.

"We can in certain cases pay for some people's salaries," he said.

Murray County Schools finance director Steve Loughridge said the system is expecting state budget cuts and also planning to make local cuts for the upcoming budget year. How the stimulus will impact the system's budget and how favorably local officials will view the funding when all the details are in is unknown at this point.

"It should help us some," Loughridge said. "We could use it in any area."

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Mom: Deployment leaves no one to care for kids

By MITCH WEISS
Associated Press Writer

DAVIDSON, N.C. — When Lisa Pagan reports for duty Sunday, four long years after she was honorably discharged from the Army, she'll arrive with more than her old uniform. She's bringing her kids, too.

"I have to bring them with me," she said. "I don't have a choice."

Pagan is among thousands of former service members who have left active duty since the Sept. 11 attacks, only to later receive orders to return to service. They're not in training, they're not getting a Defense Department salary, but as long as they have time left on their original enlistment contracts, they're on "individual ready reserve" status — eligible to be recalled at any time.

Soldiers can appeal, and some have won permission to remain in civilian life. Pagan filed several appeals, arguing that because her husband travels for business, no one else can take care of her kids. All were rejected, leaving Pagan with what she says is a choice between deploying to Iraq and abandoning her family, or refusing her orders and potentially facing charges.

Then she hit on the idea of showing up Sunday at Fort Benning, Ga., with her children in tow.

"I guess they'll have to contact the highest person at the base, and they'll have to decide from there what to do," Pagan said. "I either report and bring the children with me or don't report and face dishonorable discharge and possibly being arrested. I guess I'll just have to make my case while I'm there."

Master Sgt. Keith O'Donnell, an Army spokesman in St. Louis, said the commander at Fort Benning will decide how to handle the situation.

"The Army tries to look at the whole picture and they definitely don't want to do



AP PHOTO

Lisa Pagan is shown with her husband, Travis, right, and her children Elizabeth, 4, and Eric, 3, at their home in Davidson, N.C., Friday. After spending more than a year fighting her recall to active duty, the mother of two has to decide by March 1 whether to deploy to Iraq and abandon her family — a move that would create financial chaos — or refuse to go and possibly face charges.

anything that jeopardizes the family or jeopardizes the children," O'Donnell said. "At the same time, these are individuals who made obligations and commitments to the country."

Of the 25,000 individual ready reserve troops recalled since September 2001, more than 7,500 have been granted deferments or exemptions, O'Donnell said. About 1,000 have failed to report. O'Donnell most of those cases are still under investigation, while 360 soldiers have been separated from the Army either through "other than honorable" discharges or general discharges.

He said Pagan isn't likely to face charges, since none of the individual ready reserve soldiers who have failed to report faced a court-martial.

Pagan, who grew up near Camden, N.J., was working in a department store when she made her commitment in September 2002. She learned how to drive a truck, and met Travis while stationed in

Hawaii. She had her first child while in uniform, and they left the service in 2005 when their enlistments were up.

She always knew there was a chance she could be recalled, so she buried the thought in the back of her mind.

"When I enlisted, they said almost nobody gets called back when you're in the IRR," she said.

The young family settled outside of Charlotte in the college town of Davidson, where Travis landed a job as a salesman. It required lots of travel, but that was OK — Pagan enjoyed her life as a stay-at-home mom to their son Eric and a daughter named Elizabeth.

She opened a child-care center in her home, and started taking classes at nearby Fayetteville State.

The orders to return to active duty arrived in December 2007. She told the Army there was no one to take care of her children: Her hus-

band spent most of his time on the road, and they believe quitting his job is a sure path to bankruptcy and foreclosure. Her parents live in New Jersey and her husband's parents live in Texas. Neither are able to help out. The Army wasn't persuaded.

Pagan hired attorney Mark Waple, who filed another appeal, which included a letter from Travis Pagan's employer that said bluntly: "In order for Travis to remain an employee, he will be required to travel." In December 2008, her appeal was again rejected.

"It's the obligation of commanders to make certain that service members have a valid family care plan and that clearly has not happened in Lisa's case," Waple said.

Tom Tarantino, a policy associate with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, a nonprofit group that helps veterans, said the Army has taken a hard line on many of these cases.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Dean's lists

■ Rachel Massingale of Rocky Face was named to the dean's list with honors at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn., for the fall 2008 semester. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.9 or higher are named to the list. She is the daughter of Willis and Pam Massingale.

■ Several students were named to the dean's list at Mercer University for the fall 2008 semester. They are Courtney Allyson Mathis of Dalton, a freshman in the college of liberal arts; Rocio Jacobo Dalton, a freshman in the college of liberal arts; Mario Karuta Do Nascimento of Dalton, a freshman in the school of engineering; Isaac Joseph Callahan of Cohutta, a sophomore in the college of liberal arts; and Rebecca Janay Boyer of Cohutta, a junior in the Stetson School of Business and Economics.

Inclusion on the list requires students to meet rigorous grade point average standards specific to their school within the university.

Strong forensics

A squad of only three Berry College varsity com-

petitors combined for a third-place finish at the University of Michigan tournament held as part of the "Tower Invitational Sing," a two-day competition consisting of two separate events hosted by the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, respectively. Berry trailed only Northwestern University and Bowling Green State University in the Michigan tournament.

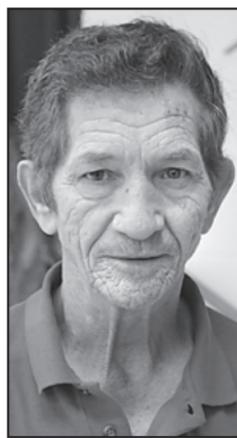
Individual honorees included Kalia Miller, who placed fourth in persuasive speaking. A freshman biology major, she is the daughter of Donna Cargle of Crandall.

Fall graduates

Several area residents participated in Berry College's fall commencement. Jennifer LeeAnn Tallent, daughter of Chris and Darlene Tallent of Rocky Face, received a bachelor of science degree in psychology. Stephanie Nicole Jinright, daughter of Paul Hart and Mary Jinright-Hart of Dalton, received a bachelor of science in chemistry. Danny Shane Lowrance, whose mother is Patricia L. Lowrance of Dalton, received a master's of education in middle grades.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Hubert Nelson
AGE: 62
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Wife, Wanda; daughter, Michelle; son, Chad
WORK: Park Creek
PLAY: Play guitar, watch TV
SHE SAID: "Love each other and work together in these hard times."



No major winter weather problems

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Most of Sunday's winter weather stayed south of Whitfield County, but high winds caused many trees to fall blocking roadways and leaving residents without

power, a 911 operator said. Fallen trees in the Dawnville community and on Underwood Street left neighborhoods without power for several hours, the operator said.

A tree fell across Mill

Creek Road near the Farm, blocking the road until crews could clean it up, he said.

By 5 p.m., all the reported fallen trees had been cleared and power had been restored, he said.

AREA ARRESTS

■ Carl William Brackett, 42, 3360 Headrick Circle, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with a tail-light violation, driving without a license, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and DUI.

■ Jesse Luke Cox, 21, 221 Griffin St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with cruelty to animals.

■ Corey Labon Donley, 36, 1035 Franklin Road, Apartment H-11, Marietta, was charged Saturday by the Georgia State Patrol with possession of marijuana.

■ James Henry Fisher, 37, 1483 Resaca LaFayette Road, Resaca, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with open container of alcohol and possession of less than an ounce

of marijuana.

■ Randell Eugene Painter, 37, 104 Gay St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with open container of alcohol and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

■ Francisco Javier Rojas, 34, 1002 Ponder Lane, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.

■ Ruben Cruz Aparicia, 31, 213 Pinehill Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.

■ Adolfo Cruz-Granados, 41, 1087 Vess Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

■ Matthew Lee Ensley,

33, 726 Vernon Drive, Tunnel Hill, was charged Sunday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, driving too fast for conditions and failure to maintain lane.

■ Jose Santos Hernandez, 42, 2605 Underwood St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

■ Alfredo Mendez-Perez, 36, 708 Juniper Ave., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to maintain lane and open container of alcohol.

■ Tyrone Anthony Person, 20, 934 Avenue F, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with DUI, underage consumption, failure to stop for a stop sign, failure to maintain lane and open container of alcohol.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Project Mittens and Gloves was a great success

To the editor:

The recent not-for-profit campaign Project Mittens and Gloves was a great success.

We appreciate all those who participated in any way.

A special thanks goes to these locations who had drop-off boxes for individuals to donate new mittens and gloves: Cindy's Beauty Salon, Fusion Tanning Studio, Wallpaper House, Buena Nuevas on Murray Avenue, Captain D's on West Walnut Avenue, Precious Possessions Preschool and Day Care, Southeast High School art department, A Style For You, Pine Grove Baptist Church on Airport Road, Carniceras LOA No. 1, Kiddie Carousel Day Care and Peak Fitness.

Thanks also goes to Michael McClure, Ann Kuzniak, Louise Coker, Cindy McClure, R. Dianne Stinnett, Pat Timms, Earl Coker, Clifford Timms, Box 1, Los Reyes Restaurant on South Hamilton Street, G&S Office Supply and the many donors of 436 new pairs of mittens and gloves, plus caps and scarves.

These donations were distributed to local Whitfield and Murray County community social and human service agencies.

In spite of the difficult economic situation, our local residents still show a kind and generous spirit of giving.

Myra Pletcher
Project Mittens and Gloves

Thank you Senator Thomas and Representative Williams

To the editor:

I would like to thank both Senator Thomas and Representative Williams for the work they do and the time they give to our community.

As part of Georgia's Prosecution Based Victim's Advocacy Day at the capitol last week, I dropped by Rep. William's office (unannounced and without an appointment). Although on his way to the floor, he stopped, invited me into his office and talked with me regarding our programs and issues.

Senator Thomas was just as gracious, leaving the floor to speak with me and dropping by our luncheon to meet and thank us for our service. Our GreenHouse Director was there the day before with Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia and they both met and spoke with her also.

This is not the case with some representatives from other districts. Our community is so fortunate to have these two men representing us. They are available to us and the message I came away with from these two very busy men was not that I was an inconvenience, but they were there to hear the voices of those they represent and that, although they are not always able to do everything we request, they are working very hard for all us and I wanted to take a moment to thank them.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."

Psalms 143:8

Thought for Today: "Just as we are often moved to merriment for no other reason than that the occasion calls for seriousness, so we are correspondingly serious when invited too freely to be amused."

Agnes Repplier
American essayist (1858-1950)

Indefinite detention

On Monday, Attorney General Eric Holder visited the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay as part of the preparation for closing the detention center there. Although the prison's days are numbered, the policy it has come to symbolize, indefinite military detention of terrorism suspects, is likely to continue. The form it takes will tell us a lot about the strength of President Obama's avowed commitment to protecting civil liberties.

"I don't think there's any question but that we are at war" with terrorists, Holder said at his confirmation hearing last month. We did not notice when the war began, he said, and we may never know when it ends. The battlefields are not only in Afghanistan, where U.S. forces continue to fight Al Qaeda's Taliban allies, but in countries around the world, including the United States.

Holder was not just speaking figuratively. In response to a question from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., he said that if someone suspected of helping to finance Al Qaeda were captured in the Philippines, far from any scene of combat, he would still be considered "part of the battlefield."

The implication — acknowledged by Holder and by Elena Kagan, Obama's choice for solicitor general, at her confirmation hearing this month — is that such a person could be held as an "enemy combatant" until the "cessation of hostilities," which in this case effectively means forever. So could, say, leaders of a U.S.-based Muslim charity suspected of

funneling money to a terrorist organization or a graduate student at an American university accused of helping Al Qaeda raise funds and attract followers by maintaining a website where incendiary anti-American messages were posted.



Jacob Sullum

Both kinds of suspects have been successfully tried in criminal courts, with one case resulting in convictions and the other ending in acquittal. But under Holder's theory, which was also the Bush administration's, the government need not have bothered; it could simply have transferred these defendants to military custody, where they could be held indefinitely without trial.

That is what happened to Ali al-Marri, a legal U.S. resident from Qatar whose case is now before the Supreme Court. Arrested seven years ago in Peoria, Ill., where he was studying computer science at Bradley University, Al-Marri initially was charged with credit card fraud and lying to the government. In 2003, just before he was scheduled to be tried, President Bush accused him of being "closely associated" with Al Qaeda and ordered him confined at the U.S. Navy brig in Charleston, S.C., where he has been ever since.

The new administration has until March 23 to weigh

in on Al-Marri's case. Since President Obama has said Al-Marri is "clearly a dangerous individual," the government probably will try to keep him imprisoned one way or another.

Unlike Bush, Obama will not assert unilateral, unreviewable authority to lock up anyone he thinks is connected to terrorism and throw away the key. The courts have made it clear they will not let the president exercise such power. Even Sen. Graham, who was so pleased by Holder's declaration of war that he offered to vote for him on the spot, concedes that in "a war without end," it is especially important to determine each prisoner's status through a "transparent" procedure that involves "an independent judiciary" and offers "substantial due process."

But that procedure inevitably will be far less rigorous than a trial, and the government will be tempted to use the easier option for anyone suspected of aiding terrorism, including U.S. citizens and legal residents, whether captured on or off the battlefield, in the United States or abroad. It is not at all clear what standards will be used to determine who receives full due process and, if convicted, a fixed sentence, as opposed to "substantial due process" and indefinite detention.

Holder got one thing right at his confirmation hearing. "How we resolve that issue," he said, "will say more about us as a nation than almost anything."

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Finally taking the Dover Test

As of this writing, 4,911 American men and women in military service have died since 2001 in the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. In peacetime -- in the natural order of things -- children bury their parents; in war, parents bury their children. The voice of the young father, now forever stilled, who will never guide the growth of his young daughter is recalled by his widow, his kid sister, his mother.

An American who lives every single day with the pain of war's sacrifice said it well: "War is awful. Nothing, not the valor with which it is fought nor the nobility of the cause it serves, can glorify war. War is wretched beyond description, and only a fool or a fraud could sentimentalize its cruel reality. Whatever is won in war, it is loss the veteran remembers." These are the words of John McCain.

The civilian leadership of the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan ignored, dishonored and repealed a genuine American value: War demands equality of sacrifice. All the sacrifice and all the suffering on the American side have been borne by the men and women who volunteered to serve in the military and their loved ones. For the rest of us, we have been asked to pay no price, to bear no burden. These are the first American wars in over 160 years that the nation has fought without a military draft and with tax cuts.

For all Americans except those who were sent to fight and, possibly, die, the Iraq war was to be ouchless and painless. You will look in vain to find any

federal budget item over the past seven years listing or even mentioning the price -- in trillions -- of that war, because the entire cost has been conveniently buried "off budget."

The reasoning was pretty basic: If Americans don't have to worry about the threat of having their children drafted or the inconvenience of any home-front shortages or the imposition of their taxes being raised to pay for the war, then the chances were pretty good -- even if the war went bad, as it did -- that Americans would not take to the streets in obstreperous protests.

One other precaution to further sedate us noncombatants was taken by the Bush-Cheney folks: Bar all photographic evidence of American fatalities in those wars. Out of sight, out of mind.

You can see President Ronald Reagan publicly grieving as he stood planeside, welcoming home the flag-draped caskets of American Marines killed in the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing. You can see President Bill Clinton openly crying at public ceremonies receiving the remains of American embassy personnel killed in Tanzania and Kenya. But you will find no pictures of the president who started the Iraq war anywhere near the casket

or funeral of any of those 4,911 Americans who, in the words of Lincoln, "gave the last full measure of devotion."

George W. Bush did authorize the nationwide display of a flag-draped corpse in 2004. It was the body of a victim being carried from the rubble of the World Trade Center, and that image was used in a television commercial produced and paid for by President Bush's re-election campaign.

In January 2000, the then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Hugh Shelton, gave us a standard by which to determine whether this nation ought to send its sons and daughters into combat. That decision "must be subjected to what I call 'the Dover test.' Is the American public prepared for the sight of our most precious resource coming home in flag-draped caskets into Dover Air Force Base in Delaware -- which is a point of entry for our armed forces? This is an issue, I think, that should be raised early on. It should be discussed, and it should be decided by our political leadership before any operation begins."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, consistent with the promised transparency and accountability, has decided to allow photos of the flag-draped caskets of American service members. Seven years too late, the country is finally taking the Dover test.

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

Medication help bus here today

The "Help is Here Express" bus tour will be in Dalton today, 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.

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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Iran has materials for bomb

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. military official said Sunday that Iran has sufficient fissile material for a nuclear weapon, declaring it would be a "very, very bad outcome" should Tehran move forward with a bomb.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, offered the assessment when questioned in a broadcast interview about a recent report by the U.N. nuclear watchdog on the state of Iran's uranium enrichment program, which can create nuclear fuel and may be sufficiently advanced to produce the core of warheads.

US military can help Mexico in drug fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military is in a better position to provide Mexico's military with training, resources and intelligence as its southern neighbor battles deadly drug cartels, Defense Secretary Robert Gates says.

More than 1,000 people have been killed in Mexico in drug-related violence this year. In 2008 the toll doubled from the previous year to 6,290. Both the U.S. and Canada have warned that murders related to drug activity in certain parts of Mexico, particularly along the border with the U.S., raised the level of risk in visiting the country.

Sebelius is Obama's choice for HHS secretary

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 today.

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.

However, Sebelius lacks the deep Washington connections of former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Obama's first pick for the job.

Olmert threatens retaliation to rocket fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister threatened "uncompromising" retaliation against Gaza militants Sunday as Palestinian rocket fire persists six weeks after Israeli forces halted an offensive meant to end the attacks.

Ehud Olmert met with his Cabinet to decide how to respond now that it appears clear that the goal of ending the rocket fire from the Gaza Strip was not achieved.

The military says Palestinians have launched over 110 rockets and mortar shells at Israel since the offensive ended Jan. 18.

States' budget woes will outlast recession

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press Writer

Even after \$135 billion in federal aid gets spent, many states will be staring down budgetary black holes unless they initiate dramatic spending cuts or tax increases, or both. Georgia's deficit is more than \$2.2 billion, about 11 percent of the state's overall budget.

In the short-term, the massive stimulus will help balance budgets and keep key services, such as Medicaid, going. But economists agree the money will not quickly eradicate high unemployment, low consumer spending or distress in the housing market — the triple threats behind a nationwide tax-collection shortfall that is expected to drag on even after the economy begins to rebound.

Without higher taxes, bigger cuts to government services — or yet more federal funding — states face budget gaps that could reach \$120 billion nationwide in their 2011 budgets, according to an analyst at the Rockefeller Institute, a think tank in Albany, N.Y. James Diffley, managing director of Global Insight's U.S. Regional Services Group, says it's unlikely budget gaps will close before 2013.

"States' budget problems lag the economy," Diffley said. "What we see in budgets will get worse for at least another year."

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke last week told Congress that the recession might end this year if the government is able to prop up the shaky banking system.

States simply are not taking in enough money to cover



AP PHOTO

Tanya Duarte and her husband, Fernando, look over mounting bills Feb. 19, in Fresno, Calif. Due to the recession, the Duartes, like many families throughout the country, are close to losing their homes to foreclosure.

expenses that are rising with the recession. So far, neither the spending cuts nor the tax and fee increases being discussed appear large enough to address the impending revenue shortfall, economists said.

Spending increases were easier to cover in flush times earlier this decade, when tax collections jumped 40 percent over five years. Then the bubble burst. Inflated housing wealth collapsed, consumers hunkered down, businesses slashed jobs and tax collections plunged.

Sales and income taxes can provide around two-thirds of tax revenue. Other revenue streams, like the real estate fund transfer tax, continue to take hits, too, as the housing market scrapes bottom.

States' combined deficits have already climbed to around \$50 billion in their 2009 budgets and are expected to grow in the following budget cycle, leaving governors and lawmakers with more painful choices over the likes of education cuts and layoffs.

"They're going to have to cut their budgets significantly," said Mark Vitner, senior economist and managing director at Wachovia.

Exhibit A for state budget messes is California, where lawmakers struggled to reach a deal to raise taxes, borrow money and cut services to close a multiyear \$42 billion deficit. The state was hit as hard as any by the housing collapse, and residents like Tanya Duarte in Fresno illustrate the chal-

lenge California and other states face to turn things around.

When the housing bubble burst, work dried up for Duarte's husband, a house painter, and they could not afford the \$2,215-a-month mortgage payment on their home. They have since struck a deal with the bank to avoid foreclosure, but have had to cut back on everything to piano lessons for their 13-year-old son to cable TV.

"We're just doing the best we can," she said, "we're hanging in there."

Duarte was fortunate enough to avoid foreclosure in a state plagued with them. And her husband now has a job, but roughly 1.7 million Californians don't — showing how deep and intercon-

nected the revenue problems are for states.

Fewer jobs mean less income tax. Even wealthy people with steady work are earning less taxable income because investment income is down. Losses for high earners add up fast due to progressive tax rates — a loss of \$1 million in capital gains can hurt a state treasury more than dozens of workers losing \$40,000-a-year jobs.

New York and other states dependent on finance will be hardest hit, but many states will feel the pinch, said Scott Pattison, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine recently warned that losses in investment income could expand the state's shortfall.

The reduction in Wall Street bonuses alone will cost New York nearly \$1 billion in personal income tax revenues, state comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said.

These states could get a rude awakening after tax returns are filed in April. The financial crisis became significantly worse late last year, and experts say it's likely that many quarterly filers overestimated their capital gains and other investment income. That could sharply drive down states' collections in the final quarter.

"It's probably going to be bad in April," said Donald Boyd, senior fellow at The Rockefeller Institute. "And it's probably going to be bad a year from April."

Lost income, lower wages and job security fears are in turn sapping demand for retail goods.

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Digital TV reception eludes some

By PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

Harry Vanderpool, a beekeeper, lives on a hill nearly 1,000 feet above the Willamette River, outside Salem, Ore. It should be a good spot for TV reception, and it used to be.

But now that analog signals are disappearing, leaving only digital ones, he may be losing all his channels.

"When you listen to the advertisements, it's 'Oh, all you have to do is get this little digital converter box and hook it up,'" Vanderpool said. "Well, we get nothing. Zero signal strength."

While generally better than analog, digital reception with antennas can be tricky. Although millions of people will receive more channels when switching to digital, many others are finding that stations they used to get in analog form won't come in on their converter boxes or digital TV sets.

In Ionia, Mich., retiree Bruce Jones is down to watching the two or three channels, rather than the dozen he used to get.

"They tell me I need an outdoor antenna, which I just can't afford," he said. To spare the \$10 for the converter box, he had "cut out a day of groceries."

It's not just rural and small-town viewers like Vanderpool and Jones who are having problems with the phase-out of analog TV, which has been on the air for nearly 70 years. It's being done to give more room on the airwaves to wireless broadband, TV for cell phones and emergency communications.

A third of the country's TV stations have already turned off their analog signals. Many of them stuck to the original Feb. 17 deadline set by the government, even though it was hastily extended to June 12 to provide additional funding for converter box coupons. However, most of the stations that have turned off early are



AP PHOTO

Grady Marshall, 18, takes a closer look as teens learn about conversion boxes and the change to completely digital television programming at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, in Seattle, on Friday.

in smaller cities and sparsely populated areas. The big-city stations are mostly waiting until June 12.

On Feb. 18, the day after more than 400 stations went all-digital, nearly half of the 25,320 people who called the Federal Communications Commission's DTV call center did so because of a reception or antenna issue. Of the rest, most called because they had problems relating to the converter boxes or coupons.

There are several issues that conspire to make digital reception tricky. They can be especially vexing because digital broadcasting is an all-or-nothing proposition: You either get a perfect image or you get nothing at all. The only in-between state is the intermittent freezing that

Puopolo experienced, which is more irritating than snow or static wandering across the screen of an analog TV.

A study published last year by market research firm Centris estimated that more than half of all households will have problems with digital reception. The study was criticized by several groups as exaggerating the problem. The FCC itself said 5 percent of households were likely to have problems.

Vanderpool's reception problem is likely due to the fact that nearly all digital signals are in the UHF band, which doesn't travel well over hills compared with the VHF band — channels 2 through 13, where most major stations broadcast in analog. While Vanderpool is on a hill him-

self, his home is in a small dell. Even the UHF addition to his antenna doesn't seem to overcome that.

The FCC official in charge of engineering and technology, Julius Knapp, said that when a station moves from VHF to UHF, there are spots where the signal will not reach as well as it did before, even though overall coverage will be the same.

The good news for people like Vanderpool is that some stations will use their VHF frequencies for digital transmissions after June 12.

But overall, there will be fewer VHF TV signals because channels 2 to 6 in that band are difficult to use for digital transmission, particularly the lowest ones. As Puopolo put it, the electrical noise from a thunderstorm or a passing bus can disrupt a digital TV picture on those frequencies.

And moving digital signals from UHF to VHF carries its own set of problems. Some indoor antennas that have been marketed as being for "HDTV reception" are designed for UHF only and will do a poor job with VHF. In general, it's difficult to make good indoor antennas for VHF.

Bruce Franca, vice president of policy and technology at the Association for Maximum Service Television, a broadcast industry group, said new "smart" antennas can help a lot of people. These can direct themselves electronically to pick up the best signals, which is particularly useful in households that lie between major cities.

Many stations now have an analog antenna at the top of their transmission tower and a digital one mounted lower down on the side of the tower. Many plan to eventually move the digital antenna to the top, which can improve coverage. The FCC also has given stations clearance to put up a new type of small repeater station for digital signals to help with coverage in hard-to-reach pockets.

Republican strategy makes national races tough

By CHARLES BABINGTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Can a strategy that helps Republicans get re-elected be bad for their party?

Some politicians think so, and they point to House Republicans' solid opposition to President Barack Obama's economic recovery plans as a good test.

The House Republicans' united stand against the Democratic president seems to play well in their conservative districts. But it could hurt their party's national image and its efforts to regain control in Washington.

Democrats cite polls showing considerably higher support for Obama and his economic policies than for the House Republicans who twice voted unanimously against his \$787 billion stimulus package, the heart of his economic agenda. Only three Republican senators backed the bill, and congressional Republicans now are condemning Obama's budget proposal with equal fervor.

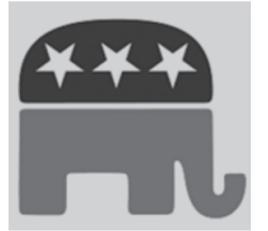
Those polls survey national audiences, however. House Republicans are responding to much smaller constituencies — those in their districts. Many of those districts are solidly conservative, just as many Democrats' districts are solidly liberal.

House Republicans say their constituents support their opposition to Obama, and that's their chief political concern.

"Congressmen think of the world in terms of their districts, not in terms of the national mood," said Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma, who formerly oversaw House Republicans' campaign efforts.

But the national mood is vitally important to Republicans in their bid to retake the White House or reverse their party's minority status in the House and Senate. Republicans hold 178 House seats to the Democrats' 257. Their give-no-quarter approach, which they are now applying to Obama's budget proposals, provides a murky blueprint for closing the gap.

"I don't think the strategy is going to work," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Baltimore Democrat whose district is heavily liberal. Congressional Republicans



underestimate Obama's popularity, which is likely to endure despite the huge problems facing the country, he said.

Congressional Republicans and Democrats seem to be from different planets when discussing the economic crisis.

Democrats feel certain that Americans want vigorous government action to recharge the economy and to stop the frightening disappearance of jobs. Republicans seem just as convinced that voters abhor the heavy spending and eventual tax increases (even if they affect only high-income people) envisioned in Obama's stimulus and budget plans.

"The more people realize how bad some of those programs are, the better we are looking," said Republican Rep. Jack Kingston of Georgia.

Kingston, elected to the House nine times, has a good feel for his Savannah-based district. But partly because of widespread gerrymandering when House districts are redrawn each decade, many districts are much more conservative or much more liberal than the overall electorate. For now, at least, the national average leans toward Obama.

In the latest New York Times/CBS News poll, about three-fourths of those questioned said Obama was trying to be bipartisan. Almost as many faulted the response of Republican officials, which was seen as politically motivated.

Republicans are unfazed.

"I don't believe those polls," said Rep. Zach Wamp of Tennessee. "The stimulus was unpopular with rank-and-file Americans of all stripes. In the hinterlands, it's not popular."

Some Republicans are encouraged by signs that Obama's economic proposals are less popular than the man himself, and that Democratic leaders in Congress are even less popular.

Golden Agers turning to virtual sports

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

BETHEL, Vt. — There's no bowling alley in the airy basement room where Gifford Medical Center runs its adult day program. That's OK.

Sylvia Hook is throwing strikes, and at 65, she feels like a kid again.

Hook grasps a white remote in her hand, pulls her arm back and then swings it forward with an underhand motion, like she's rolling a bowling ball. Thanks to Nintendo Wii, she is: On the 42-inch Sylvania flat screen TV in front of her, a blue ball rolls down a virtual alley.

"Got it, got it, got it!" The quiet voice of encouragement comes from 55-year-old Marla Maskell, who's seated in a wheelchair next to Hook, her voice competing with the noise from a six-person bingo game being played at a folding table nearby.

Almost, but not quite: Only six pins drop.

Chalk it up to rust. It's been 40 years since Hook actually went bowling. She uses a cane to walk now, because of hip problems. But she doesn't even have to stand up to bowl this way.

"I'm afraid of computers, but it doesn't seem like that's what you're doing. It's wonderful. You can bowl without going out to bowl," she said.

Forget Tuesday afternoon bridge: Wii's the new game for folks of a certain age. Or handicap.



Virtual sports are finding an audience among older people.

The video game system, which allows players to smash overhand aces on a tennis court, pick up the 3-7 split and play golf without walking the links, is finding an unlikely audience in Golden Agers. And it's becoming a staple of nursing homes, senior centers and adult day programs across the country.

"You don't have to rent a bus, put everyone on the bus, go to the bowling alley, rent shoes, rent balls. But you can provide an equivalent experience," said Elinor Ginzler, senior vice president for livable communities for AARP.

Launched in 2006, Wii has sold 17.5 million units, though Nintendo says it doesn't know how many were bought by seniors or for them.

Its day-room popularity isn't completely a surprise.

Months before Wii hit the market, Nintendo showed it off at an AARP trade expo. Dozens of the games were given away to retirement com-

munity operators in hopes of drumming up interest. It worked.

"We realized one, that people were able to pick it up, and two, that it was filling a void for people who either because of their age or medical conditions couldn't play these sports," said Amber McCollom, a spokeswoman for Nintendo of America. "People feel like they're young again."

Some have bought their own game system for their homes, others have learned to play at senior centers.

At Swartz Creek Senior Center in Swartz Creek, Mich., they've had Wii bowling and Wii golf tournaments.

"I have several women who say, 'It beats sitting at home in my dressing gown, having coffee and watching the boob tube all day,'" said Phil Bracey, a 60-year-old volunteer organizer.

Depending on how able the

players are, all the swinging, twisting, stretching, bending and throwing seems to have therapeutic value, although that hasn't been proven medically.

"We know that physical activity and cognitive stimulation are good for older adults," said Dr. Ellen Binder, a geriatrician at Washington University in St. Louis. "It makes intuitive sense that Wii might be something that's accessible to people and might encourage them to be more physically active."

Wii is motivating people to get out of their rooms — or get off their sofas — and join friends at something fun. And they're finding other benefits along the way. "It's that eye-hand coordination," Hook says, when asked what Wii's done for her.

At the Gifford adult day program, they break out the game a couple of times a week on days not designated for crafts classes. The room comes to life once activities specialist Bonnie Pettit hands the remotes to Hook and Maskell.

Judy Santamore, a licensed nurse who runs the day program, says the bowling game is the most popular with her 17 clients, who are either elderly — the oldest is 93 — disabled, or both.

"They're excited about doing it. And the people watching them are excited for them," Santamore said.

So much for old dogs and new tricks.

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Famous hand

The United States won the 1996 World Olympic Women's Teams, defeating China in the 96-deal final. The final margin over the Chinese, who during the past two decades have become a world bridge power, was 70 International Match Points.

In the final, the Chinese women got off to a fast start, leading by 20 IMPs after the first 32 deals. But the Americans gained 66 IMPs in the next 16 deals and never trailed again.

Today's deal is the one that thrust the U.S. into the lead for good. When Jill Blanchard and Irina Levitina held the North-South cards, they reached six clubs as shown. Blanchard's double of two spades was of the "negative" variety, and Levitina cuebid four spades over East's three-spade nuisance bid to indicate a powerful hand. Blanchard felt a five-club bid would not do justice to her excellent support for that suit, so she leaped to slam.

West led a low spade, and East withheld the king as South won with the ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and ruffed a spade in her hand, felling the king. This allowed Levitina to discard one of her heart losers on the spade queen, so the slam came rolling home.

At the other table, the Chinese South, Zhang Yalan, also opened one club, but her bid was strong, artificial and forcing, saying nothing about clubs. Juanita Chambers bid three spades, and North, Gu Ling, bid three notrump, ending the auction without the Chinese locating their excellent club fit. North made 11 tricks, but the Americans gained 12 IMPs.

Tomorrow: Score one for the defense.

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SOME MEANIE TORE ALL MY DRAWINGS IN TWO. I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT AN ART-RENDING STORY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals F

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Happy Birthday: Put more emphasis on your career or your next phase in life. Consider upgrading your skills or getting involved in something to help you enjoy your life more. You can secure your future by making conservative but well-thought-out moves this year. It's action that is required. Your numbers are 3, 8, 15, 24, 32, 34, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't get emotionally involved in things that don't concern you. You will make a far greater impact if you concentrate on hooking up with people who can help you get ahead. Partnerships and new projects are highlighted. A love relationship will improve with nurture. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be emotional about issues over which you have little control. Travel, work, education or rethinking your basic life philosophy will help you make the right choices. Sometimes an adjustment is all that's required. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set your sights high and go after what you want. Don't let emotional matters or anyone who is wrapped up in a melodrama drag you into his or her ordeal. Someone from your past will help you out. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Experience something a little different. You will find different ways to make your life easier. Working toward greater security is fine but not at the expense of activities and events that offer you new knowledge and wisdom. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your mind should be on following as creative a venue as possible. Entertain the idea of a partnership if it will be conducive to making one of your goals or dreams come true. Now is a great time for love. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sudden changes will turn out to be in your favor, so don't shudder at the first men-

tion of something new. Traveling will give you a broader view of the possibilities that exist. Don't be tricked into doing something for someone when it's not your responsibility. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on fun, romance and relationships. You can reconnect with old friends and discover a lot about who you are. Self-improvement projects will cost a lot but, in the end, will be worth it. Try to stay within your means. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. Before you make up your mind, consider the consequences. It's a no-win situation but you may have to put someone else's best interests first this time. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't listen to what others want you to do. Follow your own instincts. A new direction may be necessary but don't rule out utilizing some of your old skills, ideas or projects. The timing is probably much better now. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't waste time trying to explain your actions when you have done exactly what was required of you. Put some effort into your personal life and home. A residential move or making some alterations to your current situation will help you feel better about your future. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give in to emotional manipulation. There are always more options and time is on your side. Take a wait-and-see approach. Joining a group or organization that interests you will bring you greater confidence. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An unexpected change will result if you are unreasonable regarding a proposition or proposal being offered. There are underlying details of which you are probably unaware. Be smart and read between the lines. 4 stars



Eugenia Last

GOOD BET?



AP PHOTO

Actress Jennifer Aniston stands next to a dog and kennel, part of a bet, during the television show "Wetten Dass..?" (Bet it..?) in the western German city of Duesseldorf, Saturday.

To Your Good Health

Medicines help control schizophrenia

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is schizophrenia mental or emotional? What are the medicines given? Is it passed from one generation to the next?

My niece's husband was 35. He was taken to the emergency room by his mother, who understood his situation. Another person had put him down verbally, and he began ripping off his clothes and heading for the door. He ran across railroad tracks, jumped into a fishing hole and lost his life.

Could he have had a gene and have given it to one of his daughters, ages 5 and 15? — B.K.

ANSWER: I think it's better to consider schizophrenia a brain disease. Something has gone wrong with the proper connection between brain cells or with the chemical messengers through which they communicate with each other.

People with this illness are afflicted with erroneous beliefs, like that there is a conspiracy against them or a criminal syndicate is pursuing them. Erroneous beliefs are delusions. Schizophrenia also gives rise to hallucinations. Patients see things that are not there or hear voices telling the person to act in a certain way. Frequently,



Paul G. Donohue

function harmoniously in society. It is not something that people bring on themselves. It is an illness.

Genes do have a hand in its generation. If a mother or father has the disorder, their child has an increased risk of coming down with it. That does not mean that every child of every affected parent will develop schizophrenia. It means only that children of schizophrenics have a greater risk of it than do children born to people who do not have the illness.

I can't list all the medicines available. There are far too many. But today's medicines allow many people with this affliction to function in society without hallucinations or delusions. This is a far cry from what the outlook was only a generation ago.

they lose fluency in expressing themselves and withdraw from social contact. This illness makes it difficult to hold a job or to

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have talked with people who have had prolotherapy. Each had marvelous results. Do you have information on it? How do you find a practitioner? — M.A.

ANSWER: Prolotherapy involves injecting a substance (often the sugar dextrose) that causes local inflammation to boost the production of collagen. Collagen is the body's support tissue. It's like a steel girder. The increased support eases pain. It's used for ligament and tendon injuries. Low-back pain is a frequent reason for prolotherapy injections.

Personally, I don't know any doctor who practices prolotherapy. I don't mean this as a flip answer, but why not ask those people who got such marvelous results?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a condition called stasis dermatitis. I would like to know its origin and treatment. — L.D.

ANSWER: If you pay attention to people's legs, you won't have any trouble finding someone else with stasis dermatitis. With it, the skin of the lower third of the

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legs turns reddish brown with flecks of darker pigmentation scattered in the involved area. It comes from leakage of fluid out of leg veins whose valves are no longer working. Vein valves keep blood flowing back to the heart. Defective valves cause blood to pool in the veins. Fluid and blood cells leak out into the surrounding tissue. Skin can become dry and itchy.

Elevation of the legs above heart level for one hour, twice a day, helps drain blood out of those veins. You have to lie down with your legs propped up on pillows. Compression hose (elastic stockings) help move blood back to the heart and out of those veins.

Cortisone ointments or creams relieve skin inflammation and itchiness.

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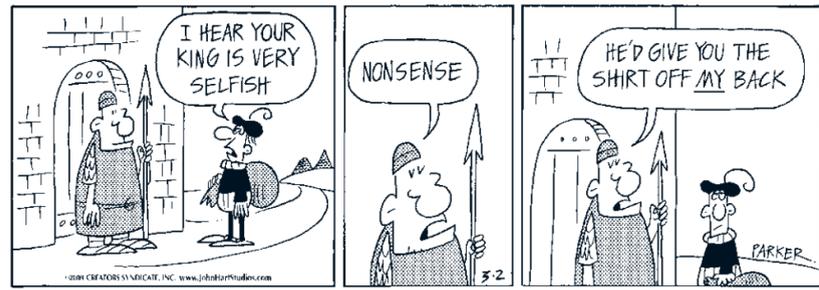
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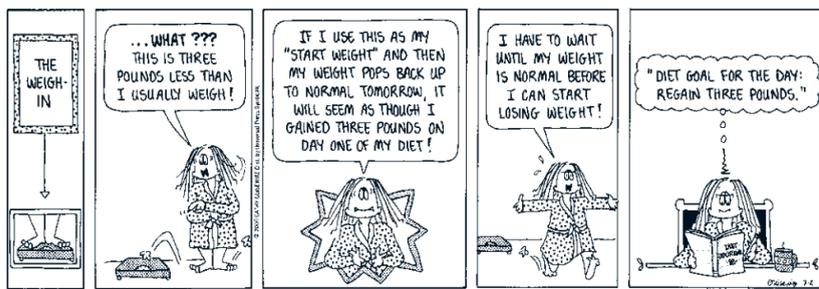
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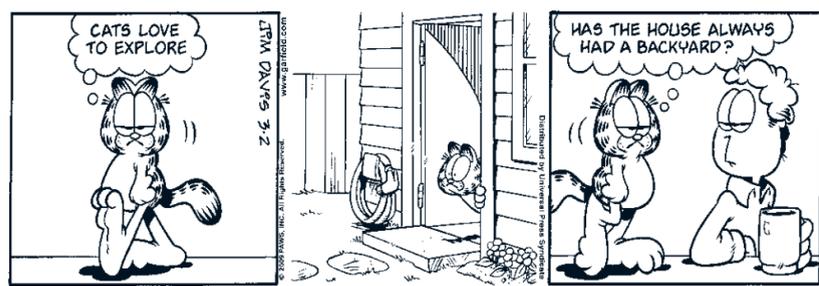
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DEAR ABBY

Compatible relationships are built on respect, not argument

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a wonderful man I'll call "George" for the past 14 months. We have never had an argument or even a disagreement. We both have good jobs, like doing the same things, and we see each other every weekend. Our co-workers and family members have commented that we seem remarkably happy as a couple.

Intelligent, mature people do not necessarily agree on everything. However, they respect each other's right to disagree without it degenerating into an argument.



Jeanne Phillips

Don't get me wrong. George and I know what we like and dislike in life. We talk about things, have serious discussions and deal with whatever comes our way. But for some reason, my sister insists that by now my boyfriend and I should have had at least one good argument. She thinks it's weird that we haven't, and says we are "trying too hard" to make each other happy. She says George and I are ignoring things that could cause unhappiness.

It appears that you and George recognize how lucky you are to have found each other. Whether your sister is jealous is beside the point. When you are ready to take the next step, premarital counseling — which I think is a good idea for all couples — can ensure that you and George are on the same page about the things you both think are important.

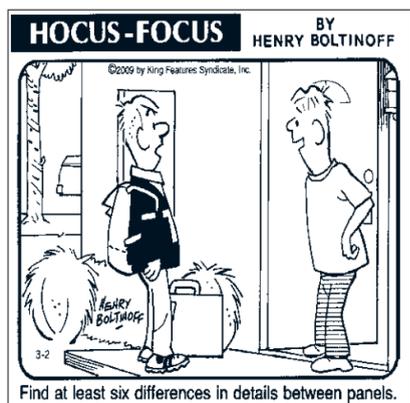
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My sister is younger, married, works full-time and has three kids. I think she may be secretly jealous of our relationship. So I ask you, Abby, DO all couples have to argue or have disagreements? — "MISS BLISS" in N.Y.C.

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Dear "MISS BLISS": No, they do not. Some couples have a higher compatibility

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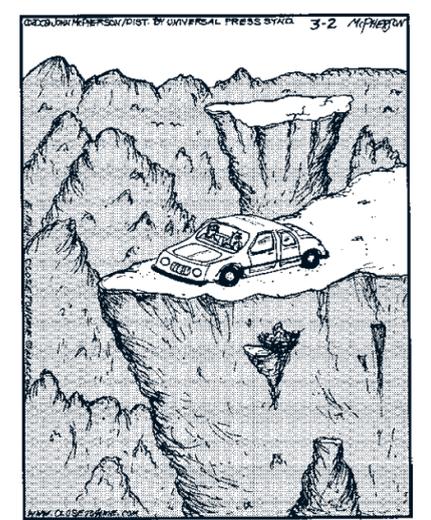
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- Bradley "Scott" Ridley, Sr., Murray County
- Lessie E. Scott, Dalton
- Guinn Smith, Dalton

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Shirley Caldwell

Bro. Shirley Caldwell, age 72 of Crandall, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Bro. Caldwell was preceded in death by father and mother, Bro. Shirley Caldwell and Sister Thelma Ray.

He is survived by his wife Regina Caldwell; ex-wife, Jewell Smith of Dalton; daughters and son-in-law, Misty Caldwell of Crandall, Terri and Ben Blackburn of Dalton, Connie Caldwell of Dalton; sons and daughter-in-law, Audie and Gardenia Caldwell of Dalton, Johnny Wayne Caldwell of Dalton, Steve Caldwell of Dalton; sisters and brother-in-law, Doris and Arvil Roberts of Tullahoma, Tenn., Velma McReay of Tracy City, Tenn., Earlene and Douglas Hayes of Dalton, Bonnie Van Dyke of Jasper, Tenn.; brothers and sister-in-law, Leslie Caldwell of Florida, Pete and

Hilda Caldwell of Tracy City, Tenn., Jerry Caldwell of Florida; seven grandchildren; nieces and nephew also survive.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Opportunity Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Davis and the Rev. Gary Bowen officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

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

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

Ray Flood

Mr. Ray Flood, age 66, of Dalton, Ga., departed this life Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

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Roy Lee Hammontree

Mr. Roy Lee Hammontree, 96, of Varnell, passed away, Saturday Feb. 28, 2009 at his residence.

He was the son of the late, Walter and Dora Arwood Hammontree.

Roy was a veteran of World War II having served in the United States Army.

He loved his family very much. Enjoyed gardening and his flowers. He was of the Baptist Faith.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Dorothy Hackney Hammontree of Varnell; children and their spouses, Robert Hammontree of Tunnel Hill, Betty Floyd of Varnell, David Ray and Phyllis Hammontree of Ft. Oglethorpe, Donnie and Laura Hammontree of Varnell and Debra and Danny Roach of Rocky Face; 13 Grandchildren, 40 Great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held today.

Burial will be in Varnell Cemetery.

The family ask that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to the Varnell Baptist Church Building Fund, 313 Mail St., Varnell, GA 30755.

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

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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.lovefuneralhome.com.

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Bradley "Scott" Ridley, Sr.

Mr. Bradley "Scott" Ridley, Sr., age 45, of Murray County, passed away Sunday, March 01, 2009 at his residence. Scott was a member of the Zion Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Chip Ridley; grandparents, Leonard and Ima Lee Ridley, Joe and Nell Goss; an uncle, Russell "Sam" Ridley.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Ridley of Dalton; sons, "Bradley" Scott Ridley, Jr. of Dalton and Joshua Nathan Ridley of Chatsworth; parents, Clyde and Joyce Ridley of Chatsworth; sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Greg Ogle of Chatsworth; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronnie Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Murray Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today after 5 p.m. until the funeral hour on Tuesday.

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

Lessie E. Scott

Lessie E. Scott, age 99, of Dalton, passed away, Sunday, March 01, 2009 at Wood Dale Health Care Center.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton. www.legacy.com

Guinn Smith

Mr. Guinn Smith, 88, of Dalton, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009.

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

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Definition of assisted suicide not always clear

BY GREG BLUESTEIN
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — An undercover agent describes the setup this way: A person seeking to commit suicide places an "exit hood" over his head and inflates it by turning on a tank of helium as the gas fills his bloodstream. After a few breaths, he loses consciousness. Ten to 15 minutes later, he dies.

The question now is whether four members of an assisted suicide ring facing criminal charges in a Georgia man's death actively helped him kill himself that way or merely gave him guidance about how to end his life on his own.

The distinction is still being hammered out by state, district and federal courts, legal experts say.

"There's not a big body of case law that distinguishes between the two," said William Colby, an attorney who is a fellow with the Center for Practical Bioethics.

"The reason society set up criminal laws was to stop behavior that many of us find inappropriate for civilized society. That's very clear in a murder. But it's far less clear in a situation where medical technology is deeply involved in sustaining our lives."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2006 that it was up to states to regulate medical practice, including assisted suicide.

Rules vary from state to state — Oregon and Washington both allow doctors to help terminally ill people kill themselves, while other states impose penalties, up to five years in prison in Georgia's case. A judge in Montana has ruled that doctor-assisted suicide is legal there, though that could be overturned by the state Supreme Court.

Georgia authorities charged four members of a group



AP PHOTO

Jerry Dincin, vice president of Final Exit Network, an alleged assisted suicide ring investigators say may have been involved in as many as 200 deaths around the country, poses at his home in Highland Park, Ill., Friday.

known as the Final Exit Network with assisted suicide Wednesday in the death of John Celmer, 58, who suffocated himself north of Atlanta in June. A state law passed in 1994 defines assisted suicide as anyone publicly advertising or offering to "intentionally and actively assist another person" in ending their life.

John Bankhead, a spokesman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, says the network may have been involved in as many as 200 other deaths across the country since it was founded in 2004. Fourteen sites in nine states have been searched as part of the investigation.

Georgia authorities say assisted suicide cases are often difficult to prove, but the network is different because it's an organized group with clear guidelines and policies that an undercover agent was able to infiltrate.

Instead of trying to prose-

cute, for example, a husband who made the gut-wrenching decision to help his terminally ill wife end her life, they're going after people who barely knew Celmer. Prosecutors say he was recovering from cancer and merely embarrassed about his appearance after several surgeries, and family members say they are glad authorities are "zealously" pursuing the case.

Prosecutors are tightlipped, deferring questions to Bankhead.

Network members claim they carefully screen people who want to commit suicide.

Leaders of the network describe the process they promote as a humane and compassionate way of ending the lives of those suffering from incurable conditions.

The group offers guides who will hold the hands of people who decide to kill themselves and — authorities say — make sure they don't pull

the exit hoods off their heads. But members insist they don't actively help with suicides.

Jerry Dincin, who became the group's leader after the president was arrested Wednesday, calls this type of end-of-life support the "great cause of the 21st century." Critics consider the practice murder.

Georgia began investigating the Final Exit Network shortly after Celmer died in June. Authorities cite a note in which he mostly discussed how his "deteriorated jaw caused him social embarrassment and financial hardship" but never mentioned extensive pain.

Dincin said the group believes in trusting its members and giving them repeated chances to change their minds in the days before they go through with suicides.

Defense attorneys say their clients violated no state laws and will be exonerated.

Fewer kids have high lead levels

BY LINSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — In a stunning improvement in children's health, far fewer kids have high lead levels than 20 years ago, new government research reports — a testament to aggressive efforts to get lead out of paint, water and soil.

Lead can interfere with the developing nervous system and cause permanent problems with learning, memory and behavior. Children in poor neighborhoods have generally been more at risk because they tend to live in older housing and in industrial areas.

Federal researchers found that just 1.4 percent of young children had elevated lead levels in their blood in 2004, the latest data available. That compares with almost 9 percent in 1988.

"It has been a remarkable decline," said study co-author Mary Jean Brown of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's a public health success story."

The 84 percent drop extends a trend that began in the 1970s when efforts began to remove lead from gasoline. The researchers credited continuing steps to reduce children's exposure to lead in old house paint, soil, water and other sources.

The study was being released today in the March edition of the journal Pediatrics. It is based on nearly 5,000 children, ages 1 to 5, who were part of a periodic government health survey.

The government considers levels of at least 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood to be elevated, although research has shown that levels less than that can still cause problems

including attention and reading difficulties. There is no known "safe" level, the study authors noted.

Caroline Cox, research director of the Center for Environmental Health, a California-based advocacy group, noted that lead poisoning "is entirely preventable."

"There's no reason even one child in the United States should be poisoned by lead," Cox said. "It's great there aren't as many now as there were, but there are still too many."

By 2004, racial disparities among children with blood-lead levels higher than 10 micrograms had mostly disappeared: About equal numbers of white, black and Mexican-American children had levels in that range.

Lead-based paint in old housing, which can contaminate house dust and soil, is the main source. Children also can be exposed to lead in water, mostly from old plumbing pipes, as well as toys and certain folk medicines.

The CDC recommends that pregnant women and young children avoid housing built before 1978 that is undergoing renovation. Other recommendations include regularly washing children's hands and toys; frequent washing of floors and window sills, where paint dust can collect; and avoiding hot tap water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Hot tap water generally contains higher lead levels from plumbing than cold water.

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Tough economic times? Not at the seed store

BY DEBBIE ARRINGTON
Sacramento Bee

Amid the crowded front aisle, the feeling of expectation is palpable. On a frosty February morning, farmers and gardeners alike are lined up at the huge oak counter, eagerly awaiting their chance at the drawers.

Inside those drawers is the future, packed into tiny seeds. Row upon row of drawers reach the ceiling, each slot filled with promise.

This is the busy time of year for Lockhart Seeds, the West Coast's only bulk and retail seed store. During these tough economic times, it's also one of the few businesses enjoying a boom.

With a surge of interest among consumers in growing their own vegetables, some seed are in short supply. Northern California retail nurseries, which get most of their vegetable seed from Lockhart, saw veggie transplant sales double in the fall and expect that trend to continue this spring.

"We sold out of onion sets in December," said Lockhart clerk Ray Starrick. "We're running out of a lot more things than usual. It's surprising. But don't worry; we have lots of seed left."

Lockhart Seeds is a throw-back with an eye on tomorrow. For eight decades and four generations, this family business has supplied seeds to farmers and backyard gardeners throughout the Central Valley while staying on top of what people want to eat and grow. That includes a vast selection of certified organic vegetable seed.

"We have people come from Fresno and Bakersfield to Chico and Redding," said retail manager Steve Auten, who has been part of the Lockhart Seeds family for 27 years. "Plus we mail worldwide."

Housed in a white-and-red building, Lockhart Seeds has kept the Valley's vegetables



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Employee Joe Arana weighs and packages hot pepper habanero seeds at Lockhart Seeds on the West Coast.

growing from this same location since 1935. The Stockton landmark housed another seed company, Silva-Sackett Seed, for several years before that.

Ian Lockhart, who took over the family business from his father in 1973, keeps his operation low-key. Besides mostly vegetable seeds, the company is a large supplier of grass and turf seed.

"It's a unique business, that's for sure," Lockhart said. "We have our niche."

As old-fashioned as its massive seed chest, customer service is another drawing card for Lockhart.

"Most bulk seed companies now require customers to buy in large quantities," Auten said. "We break it down to fit our customers' needs. That allows us to serve the home gardeners as well as the big farms."

Be it a hundred seeds or a million, Lockhart also offers a huge selection with at least 400 different vegetable varieties in stock. Its no-nonsense catalog lists more than 30 each of tomatoes, peppers and pumpkins.

"But we can find just about anything," Auten said. "If you want a special order, we can usually track it down."

For restaurant chefs and small specialty farms, the store stocks gourmet Italian varieties. For the Valley's large Asian population, Lockhart supplies a cornucopia of exotic vegetable seeds.

"We've definitely seen a lot of growth in Asian vegetables over the last 20 years," Auten said. "About 25 percent of our walk-up customers are local Asian growers."

Lockhart's seed comes from around the globe.

"Producing seed is very labor-intensive, especially the hybrids," Auten explained. "The hybrids have to be hand-pollinated and isolated. Most of that seed comes from Mexico, Chile, Vietnam and China, where labor costs are low."

Lockhart's biggest seller is onion seed, mostly to the Valley's many major growers. Through the winter, the company's warehouse ships carton after carton of onion seed.

The potential of each box is staggering. One case contains 4 million seeds, each no bigger than a pinhead. With 90 percent germination, that represents 1.2 million pounds of onions at harvest time per box.

"We had boxes stacked almost to the ceiling," Auten said. "I've never done the math, but that's a lot of food."

Awaiting shipment are

scores of 50-pound bags of corn seed, mostly of the super-sweet varieties such as Xtra-Tender and the always-popular Snow White and Silver Queen.

Most requested by backyard gardeners are peppers (especially hot varieties) and tomatoes (particularly heirlooms), Auten said.

"We've also seen a huge increase in demand for pumpkins and other Halloween products such as fancy gourds and ornamental corn," he added. "People particularly want the giant (pumpkin) varieties. When I started here, we carried four types of pumpkin. Now, we have 50 to 60 pumpkins and gourds."

Bulk seed is sold by count, not weight. A seed-counting machine keeps tabs on the inventory.

Changes in consumer

tastes, meanwhile, are reflected at this ground level.

"Everything is cyclical," Auten noted. "When this store opened, all anybody grew was old-style tomatoes, what people call 'heirloom' now. Then, commercial growers switched to tomatoes that could ship better and those old varieties went out of style."

"But those old varieties taste better," he added. "So, now we sell lots of heirlooms."

Seed has a limited shelf life; if it's not sold this season, it doesn't stay in the warehouse for next year.

"Seed (life) varies quite a bit," Auten explained. "Some seed will stay good for two seasons. Tomato seed can last eight to 10 years. But we have our standards."

Lockhart donates its old seed to the Stockton-based "Seeds to the World" project, which provides surplus seed to groups that fight hunger worldwide. Instead of being destroyed, the seed will feed thousands of poor and hungry people in Africa as well as the Philippines, Serbia, Mongolia, Central America, the Caribbean and Middle East.

But feeding people closer to home is the company's focus.

"At least half the farms in Central and Northern California get their seed through us," Auten said. "That keeps us busy."

Many smaller farms have switched to growing only organics to supply the many farmers markets in the state as well as fill the demand for organic produce in supermarkets and restaurants.

Like the seed it sells, Lockhart will keep watching the demand grow.

"Organics just keep getting stronger and stronger," Auten said. "Twenty years ago when people were trying to get started with (organic vegetables), it was scoffed at. Now every year, its momentum increases as customers accept it more. There's certainly demand."

Job seekers hit the Internet

BY JAMES DERK
Scripps Howard News

Obviously in these tough economic times more and more people are turning to online resources for networking, job hunting, support and even faith to support their road to recovery.

With more bad news piled on top of bad the Web especially has become a lifeline for job seekers, who are reconnecting with old classmates and former co-workers in an effort to find that next position. Sites like LinkedIn and Facebook are reporting huge spikes in traffic as people try to reconnect with others for job leads, references and more.

(Many people have

accepted LinkedIn has a bona-fide business tool but dismissed Facebook as a teen toy; I disagree strongly. Despite the inaccurate and misleading media stories of late Facebook can be a significant business networking tool that can help you reconnect with people you have not seen in years. Because of its ability to link you socially it is much more effective at getting the links started than LinkedIn and as long as you don't post pictures or text of yourself being an idiot you're not going to adversely affect your career.)

Wacky products have popped up including the "Layoff Tracker," a desktop widget that keeps track of major news outlets and keeps

a running tally of the number of U.S. jobs lost (I wonder if The White House has this running?) and, of course, the "CEO Slapper," which lets the laid-off log in and slap rich businessmen and hand out bags of money to deserving homeowners.

The game, from Addicting Games, is driving millions of hits to the company's servers and is providing to be another wildly popular flash in the pan as players take a trillion dollars and try to do a better job than the U.S. Congress did in doling it out. (How hard could that be?)

Anyway, if one considers also the rise in traffic on the job boards like Monster and CareerBuilder it really is

turning into a banner year for online page views, which is running against all predictions for traditional means of finding a job during the last downturn a few decades ago.

Another huge push for online traffic has been financial news as people have logged in every day (or sometimes all day) to see the state of their retirement plans. That news has been universally terrible so more people have been logging in to new sites to read that news as well and to hopefully chart a better course for retirement funds and equity positions.

Lastly people have been using the Web to read the news, which is bad news for printed newspapers but great



for online news sites. Consumers have been gobbling up news about President Obama's taking of office, his cabinet picks and the related drama, bad weather sweeping the nation and the changes to come in the wars.

What all of this means is despite the number of cutbacks in American homes,

most have been reluctant to plug the plug on their Internet access. Providers are reporting at least stable numbers in most parts of the country (which cannot be said for premium cable and other forms of entertainment.)

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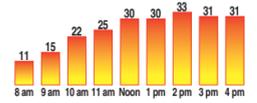
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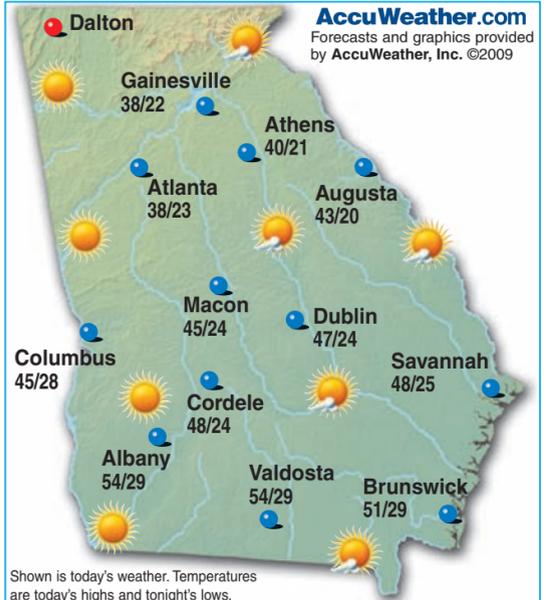
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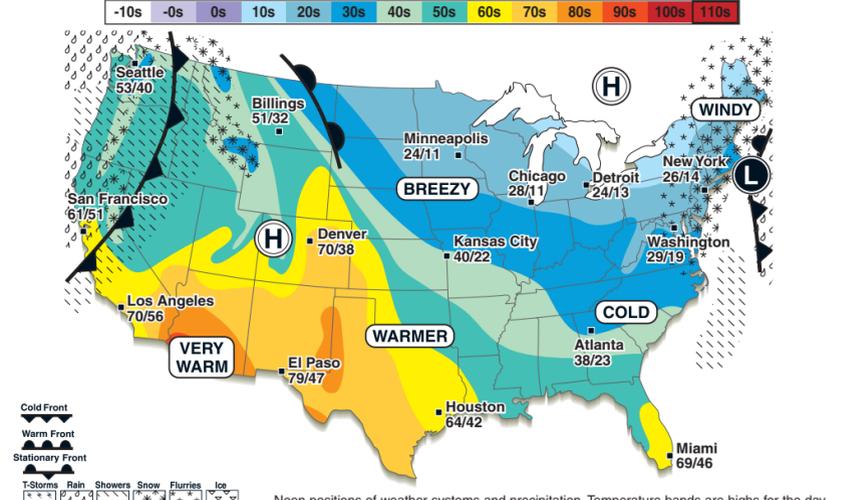
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Anchorage	18/10/s	27/17/sf	27/18/sn	Macon	45/24/s	54/29/s	64/38/s
Anchorage	18/10/s	27/17/sf	27/18/sn	Marietta	37/21/s	49/25/s	59/35/s
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Anchorage	18/10/s	27/17/sf	27/18/sn	Savannah	48/25/pc	54/28/s	62/37/s
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National Weather for March 2, 2009



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Anchorage	18/10/s	27/17/sf	27/18/sn	Kansas City	40/22/pc	45/36/pc	58/43/pc	Phoenix	89/59/s	83/59/pc	79/55/pc
Anchorage	18/10/s	27/17/sf	27/18/sn	Las Vegas	74/50/pc	73/50/pc	66/45/pc	Pittsburgh	21/7/s	26/12/s	37/27/pc
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Kyle Busch does a burnout after winning the Shelby 427 auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Sunday. Matt Kenseth, trying to become the first driver in NASCAR history to win the first three races of the season, lost his engine six laps into the race and finished last.

A win for Busch

Youngster makes comeback

By JENNA FRYER

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Kyle Busch notched the biggest win of his young career Sunday by driving from the back of the field to win at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his hometown track.

Although there are far more hallowed tracks in NASCAR, this 1.5-mile oval in the desert was where "The Wild Thing" most wanted to win.

He came prepared at the start of the weekend, beating big brother Kurt for the pole to put brothers on the front row for the first time since 2000. But an engine change in his motor meant he had to drop to the back of the field at the start of the race, and Busch had to power his way through the field.

He took the lead with 57 laps to go, then lost it during a late round of pit stops. Busch was third on a restart with 22 laps to go, then chased down Jeff Burton and leader Clint Bowyer to move out front again.

"Say goodnight, Gracie," spotter

Jeff Dickerson radioed.

Busch had to hold off the competition over two final restarts for his first victory of the season, and first win at Las Vegas in six career Cup Series starts.

He celebrated with thick burnouts through the grass, then apparently blew his engine again. Enveloped in thick white plumes of smoke, he emerged from the clouds to make his trademark bow to the crowd.

He then collected the checkered flag from NASCAR, and kneeled to kiss the finish line on the track.

"I tell you what, this is pretty cool," Busch said. "I didn't know exactly what it would mean, but coming to the checkered flag, there were knots in my stomach. It's bigger than winning the Daytona 500. I said it wasn't going to be, but it is."

Bowyer finished second and Burton was third, bouncing back from a horrible run last week at

California.

David Reutimann, one of the five Toyota drivers who had to change a motor this weekend, finished fourth and was followed by Bobby Labonte and Jeff Gordon, who missed pit road late in the race and blew his tire on the subsequent trip around the track.

Greg Biffle was seventh and Brian Vickers, another Toyota driver with an engine change, was eighth. Jamie McMurray and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounded out the top 10.

Jimmie Johnson, strong all afternoon, wrecked with six laps to go to finish 24th.

Carl Edwards' motor blew with two laps to go while he was running fourth. He finished 17th.

Matt Kenseth, trying to become the first driver in NASCAR history to win the first three races of the season, lost his engine six laps into the race and finished last. In all, Roush Fenway Racing lost three of five motors.

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Philadelphia Phillies' John Mayberry Jr. (40) slides safely into second base as Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones, left, applies the late tag during the sixth inning of a spring training game on Sunday in Kissimmee, Fla..

AP PHOTO



Myers, Phillies too much

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Brett Myers made his Grapefruit League debut Sunday, allowing two runs and three hits over three innings in the Phillies' 7-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Myers' goal this spring is to become more confident in his changeup.

"You need four good pitches," said Myers, down to about 222 pounds. "I want a reliable change-up."

Jo-Jo Reyes is hoping for another chance after a disastrous

finish last season.

The Braves left-hander threw three scoreless innings against the Phillies, showing a confidence that had all but disappeared when he closed out 2008 by losing seven consecutive decisions.

"I want to prove all those people wrong, those people who don't think I have a chance," said Reyes, who went 3-11 with a 5.81 ERA last year.

Atlanta's rotation is set with Derek Lowe, Jair Jurrjens, Javier Vazquez, Kenshin Kawakami and

Tom Glavine, hurting Reyes' chances of making the team.

"Who knows?" manager Bobby Cox said. "You never know what might happen. He was with us last season. And he looked good today."

Peter Moylan pitched one inning for Atlanta in his first game since undergoing serious elbow surgery almost 10 months ago. He allowed one run and two hits, but it didn't matter to Cox.

"It was a big day for us with him. 'I didn't care about the results.'"

COMMENTARY

What a ride for the Indians

With Murray County's Saturday loss to Rockdale County in the GHSA Class 4A state playoffs, the boys basketball season



Adam Krohn

officially ended for all area teams. But for the Indians, the 2008-09 season was a great ride. The season started with high expectations because the team was dropping down a classification to Region 7-4A after two years in 5-5A. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, the team went into the year with 10 seniors on a 14-man squad.

The Indians lived up to their

billing, finishing the regular season 16-8 and earning a state playoff appearance with a win over Osborne in the second round of the region tournament. As an added bonus, they beat Cass for a second time this season in the Region 7-4A consolation game to earn a No. 3 seed in the state playoffs, finishing with a 19-10 overall record.

Surprisingly, the Indians were the only GHSA area school to make the state playoffs on the boys' side, despite all the talent on 7-4A teams like rivals Dalton and Northwest Whitfield.

In a conversation with Indians coach Greg Linder, I asked him what his reaction would have been if, before the season started, I told him there would only be

> Please see **KROHN, 2B**



Garrick Sanford, one of 10 seniors on the Indians' 14-man roster, was the team's leading scorer this season. Murray finished the season 19-10 and was the only GHSA area team to make the state playoffs on the boys' side. The Indians fell to Rockdale County on Saturday in the first round of the state playoffs.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: TOP 25

Lady Dawgs beat No. 17 Florida

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS — All season long, Georgia coach Andy Landers has been preaching to his players to make plays.

Led by 20 points from Porsha Phillips, Georgia did just that and defeated No. 17 Florida 84-75 on Sunday.

"We have had athletes standing around," Landers said. "Today we had athletes hustling. That is what we have been preaching all year."

Landers couldn't single out one sequence from the Lady Bulldogs' hard-played game, but said he liked what he saw out of Phillips.

"Florida stepped up in the second half with an intensity to stop (Phillips)," Landers said. "And they denied her a couple of passes, but on the next two or three possessions, there was no denying her."

Georgia (17-12, 7-7 Southeastern Conference) got 14 points apiece from Ashley Houts and Christy Marshall. Senior Danielle Taylor, who started in place of Phillips during the home finale, scored all 12 of her points in the first half to pace the Lady Bulldogs to a 45-38 halftime lead.

> Please see **BALL, 2B**



Florida's Sha Brooks (3) and Georgia's Christy Marshall (22) fight for a rebound during the second half of their game at Stegeman Coliseum on Sunday in Athens.

AP PHOTO

Krohn: 10 seniors formed unbreakable bond

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one area team to make the state playoffs and that would be the Indians.

"Now that's a loaded question," said a laughing Linder. "I'm not going there."

Ah, c'mon coach. When have I ever tried to stir something up? I'll ask another way. Were you surprised that Murray County was the only team to make the state playoffs?

"I would say I'm surprised," Linder said. "I felt like we could make the state playoffs without a doubt, because I knew we had the team to do that, but I'm surprised that Dalton and Northwest didn't make it because they were both talented and had the components to play at a high level."

The talent Murray competed with in the region is what makes the Indians' run

so impressive. There were a lot of evenly-matched teams in 7-4A and nine of the region's 15 teams finished with winning records. For Murray to rise to the top and finish fourth in the regular season standings is a feat worth noting.

And the Indians made their run in style, beating their area rivals — Dalton and Northwest — with two thrilling road victories. They topped the Catamounts at Dalton, 70-76, in overtime on Dec. 13 and, a month later, marched into Tunnel Hill to grind out a 38-34 win.

Revenge was another theme for Murray this season. The Indians' road win over Northwest came two weeks after they blew a 15-point second-half lead in a 50-48 Bruins win in Chatsworth. And perhaps the season's sweetest victory came against Osborne in the



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Jake Parker (left) and Jackson Corbin, two of the Indians' 10 seniors, close in on a North Paulding player during their region playoff game.

region playoffs. Earlier in the season, the Cardinals beat Murray by 17.

The win over Osborne meant the Indians were in the playoffs for the first time since the 2005-06 season, when they finished 24-5 and won the Region 7-4A title in Linder's first season

as coach.

"It was a great ride," said Linder of this season. "We talked about the expectations as the season went on and to make the state playoffs was not only a blessing, but a relief because of those expectations. But it was a lot of fun because the play-

ers really got along and were such a good group — especially the seniors."

One of those seniors, starting point guard John Kiser, said the seniors on the team formed an unbreakable bond that will last well beyond their days at Murray.

"We've been playing together since we were 11 and 12 years old," Kiser said. "We knew what each other was going to do on the court, we didn't even have to talk."

"It's just a bond that you don't have with your other friends, because we were all working towards the same goal for the last four years. During the season, those are pretty much the only people you see."

So now what? That mammoth senior class is graduating, and while the Indians will be in rebuilding mode next season, Linder is just as excited about the future

of his program as he was coming into this season.

"Our JV team went undefeated," he said. "And our ninth grade team lost only two games, so the future is bright. There will be growing pains and we'll have to learn on the fly, but we're talented."

"We'll just have to have a quicker learning curve."

Linder expects three juniors from this year's team — Luke Mealer, Will Ross and Seth Davenport — to help accelerate the learning process for the underclassmen.

Mealer is ready to help lead the future of the program.

"It's hard to replace an entire team," said Mealer, also a standout on the football team. "But I don't plan on the expectations for the team being any different."

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Ball: Louisville gets win over Marquette

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Marsha Dotson scored 22 points to lead Florida (23-6, 9-5) and Steffi Sorensen added 15 points.

Florida used aggressive defense to reclaim the lead early in the second half.

The Gators went up 59-54 on a putback by Amanda Stewart with 11:41 to play.

"We played a great five minutes and gained the lead," Florida coach Amanda Butler said. "The rest of the game we let them be offensive and let them have the shots they wanted, and they did not miss often. We just did not put the pressure on. The story of this game is the shots we gave up."

Georgia went on a 14-0 run midway through the second to go ahead 68-59 on an acrobatic shot by Jaleesa Rhoden. Phillips scored eight points during a seven-minute stretch.

The Gators trimmed the deficit to 71-67, but Georgia brought its lead to 81-69 on a steal and layup by Houts with 1 minute to play.

"Florida came out with their backs against the wall and clawed back," said Houts. "We weathered the storm and were able to come back and stay on top. We attacked the basket."

Florida finished fourth in the SEC and will have a bye in the first round of the conference tournament, which starts in Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday.

Landers said he still would like to see more fight out of the Lady Bulldogs, who finished ranked seventh in the SEC and plays Kentucky on Thursday.

"We never had a single player grab another by the collar and shake them," said Landers. "I hope we are learning to fight."

■ **No. 5 Maryland 89, Miami 64:** In Coral Gables, Fla., for the first time in 20 years, Maryland is the Atlantic Coast Conference champion.

Marissa Coleman scored 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, Marah Strickland also scored 17 and the Terrapins enhanced their chances of claiming a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament by beating Miami to clinch a share of their first ACC crown since 1989.

Kristi Toliver scored 11 for Maryland (25-4, 12-2), which took command with a 16-3 run over a 4:49 stretch of the first half and closed the regular season on a nine-game winning streak.

Riquna Williams scored 17 points and Lamese James added 16 for Miami (13-16, 2-12). Epiphany Woodson scored 10 for the Hurricanes, who were outrebounded 52-35.

Maryland finished in a tie atop the ACC when Florida State beat Wake Forest, but the Terps will get the top seed in the conference tournament because of the tiebreaker: they beat the Seminoles on Feb. 2.

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■ **No. 3 Stanford 85, USC 74:** In Los Angeles, Kayla Pedersen had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Stanford moved into sole possession of first place in the Pac-10.

Jayne Appel also scored 20 points for the Cardinal, which won its 11th straight game.

Stanford (24-4, 14-1 Pac-10), entered the game tied for first place in the Pac-10 with No. 4 Cal, which lost Sunday to UCLA and fell to 23-4, 14-2.

Camille LeNoir scored 17 for Southern Cal (14-13, 8-8), including 12 in the second half. She also had nine assists.

■ **UCLA 71, No. 4 California 56:** In Los Angeles, Erica Tukiainen scored a 18 of her career-high 25 points in the second half for UCLA in its biggest win against a ranked opponent since Jan. 7, 2008, when the team beat No.2 Stanford.

UCLA (17-10, 8-8 Pac-10) hit two key 3-pointers, one by Christina Nzekwe at 5:55 and another by Tukiainen at 5:20, to give the Bruins the lead for good, 54-49.

Ashley Walker had 17 points for Cal (23-4, 14-2) and scored her 2,000th career point when she made a layup with 18:17 remaining in the second half. Walker became the second player in Cal history and the 11th in Pac-10 history to do so.

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■ **No. 11 Florida State 58, Wake Forest 47:** In Winston-Salem, N.C., Jacinta Monroe had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Florida State earned a share of its first Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Tanae Davis-Cain had 11 points for the Seminoles (24-6, 12-2), who tied with No. 5 Maryland for the league crown after being picked to finish fifth in a preseason media poll. But because Florida State lost to Maryland 72-71 on Feb. 2, the Seminoles will be seeded second to the Terps in the conference tournament.

Brooke Thomas scored 13 points for the Demon Deacons (18-10, 5-9), who closed out the regular season with four consecutive losses.

■ **No. 12 Texas A&M 71, No. 20 Kansas St. 45:** In Manhattan, Kan., Sydney Carter scored 17 points to lead Texas A&M.

Takia Starks added 15 points for the Aggies (22-5, 10-4 Big 12). Ashley Sweat and Marlies Gipson led the Wildcats (21-6, 8-6) with 12 points each.

Texas A&M took control early, holding Kansas State scoreless for over nine minutes during a 17-0 run midway through the first half. Consecutive 3-pointers by Kari Kincaid cut the Wildcats' deficit to nine with 7:40 remaining, but the Aggies responded with an 8-0 run and coasted to a 38-21 halftime lead.

■ **No. 14 Ohio State 74, Penn State 63:** In Columbus, Ohio, Star Allen scored a career-high 25 points in her final home game and Jantel Lavender added 28 points and 12 rebounds for Ohio State.

The Buckeyes (24-5, 15-3) were already the outright Big Ten champs even before tipoff, thanks to Purdue's 57-55 home loss to Michigan State.

Tyra Grant and Mashea Williams each scored 14 points and Julia Trogele had 10 for Penn State (11-17, 6-12), which has lost the last 10 meetings with the Buckeyes.

■ **Men's Top 25**

■ **No. 6 Louisville 62, No. 8 Marquette, 58:** In Louisville, Ky., Andre McGee scored a season-high 16 points as Louisville edged Marquette to keep its hopes for a Big East title alive.

Terrence Williams added 14 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Cardinals (23-5, 14-2 Big East), who have won five straight and can clinch at least a share of the regular-season title by winning their final two games.

Wesley Matthews led the Golden Eagles (23-6, 12-4) with 19 points, but Marquette lost its second straight despite a game effort without star Dominic James, who broke his left foot in a loss to No. 2 Connecticut last week.

The Cardinals harassed Marquette into a season-low 34 percent shooting and survived a couple of runs by Marquette, who never led in the second half but never let Louisville get comfortable.

Yet when the Cardinals needed a basket, Williams or McGee obliged with the kind of steady play the two seniors have provided for the last three seasons.

Jerel McNeal, Marquette's leading scorer, managed just 10 points on 3-of-19 shoot-

ing, including 2-of-10 3-pointers. Lazar Hayward had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Golden Eagles, but Marquette wore down just enough in the second half to let the Cardinals escape.

It wasn't easy. Louisville nearly let an 12-point lead evaporate and didn't have victory in hand until Matthews' leaning 3-pointer bounced around the rim before hopping out with 10 seconds left. Earl Clark collected the rebound and Louisville dribbled out the clock.

James didn't make the trip following surgery to repair his foot, but backup Maurice Acker played admirably while guiding Marquette's offense. He finished with three points, three rebounds and three assists and used his quickness to disrupt the Cardinals on defense.

Louisville's size, however, proved to be just a little too much. After spending the first half trying to match the Golden Eagles 3-pointer for 3-pointer, the Cardinals took control by getting in the paint.

■ **No. 15 Kansas 90, No. 11 Missouri 65:** In Lawrence, Kan., Sherron Collins scored 25 points and dished out key assists during an early 18-1 run, and No. 15 Kansas stretched its nation-leading home court streak to 40 straight wins.

Cole Aldrich had 19 points and 14 rebounds in a surprisingly lopsided win that puts Bill Self's young Jayhawks (24-5, 13-1 Big 12) on the cusp of a fifth straight Big 12 title and ninth in 13 years.

Picked fourth in the conference preseason poll after losing all five starters off their NCAA championship team, they're the first Kansas team to win 13 of its first 14 league games since the senior-laden 2001-02 squad finished 16-0.

Leo Lyons had 20 points and DeMarre Carroll had 16 for Missouri (24-5, 11-3), which had won seven in a row and exceeded last year's victory total by eight games.

■ **No. 9 Michigan State 74, No. 20 Illinois, 66:** In Champaign, Ill., Michigan State won the Big Ten regular season championship, holding off a late charge by No. 20 Illinois.

Kalin Lucas led the Spartans (23-5, 13-3) with 18 points. Raymar Morgan added 14 points and Delvon Roe had 10.

After Jeff Jordan's steal and layup tied it at 58 for Illinois (23-7, 11-6) with just over seven minutes to play, but Michigan State regained the lead and won coach Tom Izzo his fifth conference title in 13 seasons with the Spartans.

Mike Tisdale led the Illini with 15 points, all but two in the second half.

Lacking an answer for Tisdale, Michigan State coach Tim Izzo sent 6-foot-11, 260-pound reserve center Idong Ibok into the game.

He all but shut Tisdale down, and Michigan State outscored the Illini 16-8 down the stretch. Six of those points came from Lucas, four from the free throw line.

PRO FOOTBALL



AP PHOTO

The father and step mother of Nick Schuyler, Stuart Schuyler, right, and Jackie are seen at the Seminole Boat launch Sunday in Clearwater, Fla. The Coast Guard was searching off Florida's Gulf Coast for a fishing boat carrying NFL players Corey Smith and Marquis Cooper and two other men Will Bleakley and Nick Schuyler missing nearly a day in choppy seas.

Two NFL players among missing after boat vanishes

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press Writer

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The Coast Guard searched off Florida's Gulf Coast on Sunday for a fishing boat carrying NFL players Corey Smith and Marquis Cooper and two other men missing nearly a day in choppy seas.

Smith, a defensive end for the Detroit Lions, and Cooper, a n Oakland Raiders line-backer, were on a 21-foot vessel that

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Clearwater Pass for a fishing trip Saturday morning and did not

return as expected, the Coast Guard said Sunday.

Crews

used a helicopter and an 87-foot ship to search a 750-square mile area west of Clearwater Pass, but poor weather made the search difficult. Officials did not receive a distress signal from the missing craft.

Cooper owns the boat and he and Smith have been on fishing trips before, said Ron Del Duca, Smith's agent. The pair had been teammates on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004. Two others were aboard: Will Bleakley and Nick Schuyler, both former University of South Florida players.

Coast Guard Capt. Timothy M. Close said the weather early Saturday had been fair, but worsened toward the evening as a front still battering the area moved in. The National Weather Service said seas were about 2 to 4 feet Saturday morning and increased to 3 to 5 feet in the afternoon. Late Saturday night, a small craft advisory was issued, when winds were around 20 knots and seas were up to 7 feet or more. There were no thun-

derstorms in the area.

Close said the men were traveling in a boat manufactured by Everglades. At least one of the men was an experienced boater, and relatives provided the Coast Guard with GPS coordinates from previous fishing expeditions.

Close said there was no communication with the men even before the weather started to pick up. They were expected home by early evening. No sign of them or the boat had been spotted by late Sunday afternoon. Relatives told the Coast Guard the men had lifejackets and flares onboard.

Poor weather conditions could be dangerous for a boat the size of Cooper's.

"A 21-foot boat is a relatively small vessel to be 50 miles off shore in bad weather conditions, certainly the current weather conditions," Close said.

Close said there was no sign yet that the men sent a distress signal.

"That's not to say they didn't send one out," he said. "We didn't receive anything."

Danielle Mayes, owner of Jaxson's Bait House near the ramp where the men departed, said Saturday had been deceptively beautiful. The weather was warm, and boaters had packed the small parking lot overlooking seaside condominiums and light blue waters.

Mayes said many of the boaters who returned Saturday evening, after the weather picked up, said they were surprised that the water had gotten so rough.

The Coast Guard search was mainly by air, and was hampered by the poor weather, Close said. He said there were 14-foot seas offshore and wind gusts of up to 30 mph. Water depth in the search area ranges from 20 to 50 feet. The Coast Guard originally sent a 47-foot ship to search for the men around 2 a.m. Sunday. It returned to dock about eight hours later and was replaced by a larger ship, in part because of the weather.

GOLF: COLLEGE

Ogilvy gets match win over Casey

By DOUG FERGUSON
Association Press Writer

MARANA, Ariz. — Geoff Ogilvy won the Accenture Match Play Championship for the second time in four years with a 4-and-3 victory over Paul Casey of England to stake his claim Sunday as the best in the world at match play.

In a relentless performance at Dove Mountain, the 31-year-old Australian did not trail over the final 63 holes of the tournament and did not have a bogey on his card over the last 57 holes.

He took the lead with a 6-foot birdie on the first hole of a 36-hole title match, and never gave Casey a chance. Ogilvy had a 3-up lead after the morning round, then shot 31 on the front nine to pull away.

A tournament that began with so much buzz over the return of Tiger Woods ended with a newfound appreciation for the match-play prowess of Ogilvy, who ran his career record to 18-3 in this fickle format.

“The best thing I can say is I enjoy the format,” Ogilvy said. “Generally, when you enjoy something, you do it well.”

Ogilvy won his third World Golf Championship — he will defend his title in two weeks at Doral in the CA Championship — the most of any player besides Woods, who has won 15 of these elite events.

And while Woods is a three-time winner of the Match Play Championship, Ogilvy ran his record in this tournament to 17-2. He lost in the championship match two years ago to Henrik Stenson, and lost in the first round last year to Justin Leonard.

Casey, who brought a 16-3-1 record in match play into the final, faced a 3-up deficit after the morning match and knew he had to play well to get back in the game. He birdied three of his next eight holes, and Ogilvy still stretched his lead to 5 up.

“I have no excuses right now,” Casey said.

Ogilvy closed him out with a 6-foot birdie on the 15th hole. He won \$1.4 million and moves up to No. 4 in the world ranking. He became the first player this year with multiple victories on the PGA Tour, having opened the year with a wire-to-wire win at Kapalua.

This was like a home game.

Ogilvy now has won three times in the Tucson area over the last five years, starting with a victory in the old Tucson Open in 2005, before the Australian was eligible for the 64-man field at the Match Play Championship.

Since then, Ogilvy has won a U.S. Open, three WGCs and the winners-only Mercedes-Benz Championship.

Casey came into the final match having led 79 of the 80 holes he had played in his five previous 18-hole matches.

That amazing mark didn't last long.

Ogilvy made birdie from 6 feet on the first hole, and when Casey failed to match him from 5 feet, it was the first time the Englishman had trailed all week. From there, it only got worse.

Ogilvy had a putt to win on the next eight holes, converting three of them for a 4-up lead at the turn.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Monday
Varsity baseball
Heritage-Catosa at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Chattooga at Murray County, 5
Southeast at Sonorville, 6
Varsity basketball
GHSA 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-Catosa 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
Sonorville 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.

TELEVISION

On Today

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Villanova at Notre Dame
9 p.m.
ESPN — Baylor at Texas
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
VERSUS — Colorado at N.Y. Islanders
TENNIS
7:30 p.m.
HBO — Women's exhibition, BNP Paribas Showdown, at New York
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Connecticut at Rutgers

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
New Jersey 41 19 3 85 196 153
Philadelphia 33 18 10 76 198 178
N.Y. Rangers 32 24 8 72 159 175
Pittsburgh 32 26 6 70 195 196
N.Y. Islanders 19 36 7 45 150 204
Northeast Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Boston 42 12 9 93 215 142
Montreal 34 22 7 75 194 189
Buffalo 31 25 7 69 182 175
Toronto 25 26 12 62 191 227
Ottawa 23 28 10 56 152 176
Southeast Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 40 19 5 85 213 188
Florida 32 23 8 72 177 175
Carolina 32 27 5 69 169 186
Atlanta 23 34 6 52 188 221
Tampa Bay 20 30 12 52 156 198
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Detroit 41 14 8 90 234 187
Chicago 35 17 9 79 205 155
Columbus 31 25 6 68 167 173
Nashville 31 28 4 66 159 172
St. Louis 28 26 8 64 173 181
Northwest Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 37 18 6 80 195 175
Vancouver 31 22 8 70 183 174
Edmonton 31 26 5 67 173 188
Minnesota 30 26 5 65 155 144
Colorado 28 34 1 57 169 200
Pacific Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
San Jose 42 10 9 93 205 148
Anaheim 31 28 5 67 180 189
Dallas 29 26 7 65 179 191
Los Angeles 26 27 9 61 160 179
Phoenix 27 31 5 59 159 193

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

Saturday's Scores

New Jersey 7, Florida 2
Washington 4, Boston 3, OT
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3
Montreal 3, San Jose 2
Toronto 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Atlanta 5, Carolina 3
N.Y. Islanders 2, Buffalo 0
N.Y. Rangers 6, Colorado 1
Nashville 8, Detroit 0
St. Louis 3, Phoenix 1

Edmonton 3, Minnesota 2

Sunday's Scores
New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 4, Los Angeles 2
Florida 6, Washington 2
Pittsburgh 4, Dallas 1
Tampa Bay at Calgary, late
Columbus at Vancouver, late
Today's Game
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Florida at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 47 14 770 —
Philadelphia 29 29 500 16 1/2
New York 26 32 448 19 1/2
New Jersey 24 35 407 22
Toronto 23 37 383 23 1/2
Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Orlando 43 16 729 —
Atlanta 33 25 569 9 1/2
Miami 31 27 534 11 1/2
Charlotte 25 35 417 18 1/2
Washington 14 45 237 29
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 45 12 789 —
Detroit 29 29 500 16 1/2
Milwaukee 29 33 468 18 1/2
Chicago 27 33 450 19 1/2
Indiana 25 36 410 22
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 39 18 684 —
Houston 37 22 627 3
New Orleans 35 22 614 4
Dallas 35 23 603 4 1/2
Memphis 15 43 259 24 1/2
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Denver 39 20 661 —
Portland 36 22 621 2 1/2
Utah 36 23 610 3
Minnesota 18 40 310 20 1/2
Oklahoma City 14 45 237 25
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Lakers 48 12 800 —
Phoenix 34 25 576 13 1/2
Golden State 20 38 345 27
L.A. Clippers 15 45 250 33
Sacramento 13 48 213 35 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Orlando 106, Philadelphia 100
Miami 120, New York 115
Oklahoma City 99, Memphis 92
Chicago 105, Houston 102
Milwaukee 109, Washington 93
Utah 102, Sacramento 89
Charlotte 100, L.A. Clippers 95

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 105, Boston 95
Phoenix 118, L.A. Lakers 111
New Orleans at New Jersey, late
Denver at Indiana, late
Houston at Minnesota, late
Cleveland at Atlanta, late
San Antonio at Portland, late
Utah at Golden State, late
Toronto at Dallas, late

Today'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.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

College Men's Scores

EAST
Boston U. 67, Hartford 57, OT
Loyola, Md. 70, Iona 63
New Hampshire 58, Stony Brook 57
Niagara 80, Marist 72
Providence 73, Rutgers 66
Rhode Island 73, Duquesne 71
Rider 73, Fairfield 69
Saint Joseph's 73, St. Bonaventure 62
Siena 78, Canisius 74
St. Peter's 66, Manhattan 63
Syracuse 87, Cincinnati 63
UMBC 68, Albany, N.Y. 64
Vermont 93, Maine 81
SOUTH
Louisville 62, Marquette 58
Tennessee 79, Florida 75
West Virginia 64, South Florida 50

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 50, Akron 46
Buffalo 68, Ohio 66
Kansas 90, Missouri 65
Miami (Ohio) 68, Kent St. 63
Michigan St. 74, Illinois 66
Wisconsin 60, Michigan 55
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 89, Georgia 67

FAR WEST
N. Colorado 77, Montana St. 50
North Texas 73, Denver 59

Women's Scores

EAST
Boston College 58, N.C. State 52
Boston U. 71, Maine 57
Delaware 62, Georgia St. 51
Drexel 64, George Mason 47
Duquesne 71, Rhode Island 54
Temple 59, George Washington 49
UNC Wilmington 58, Hofstra 53
SOUTH
Auburn 94, Arkansas 57
Florida St. 58, Wake Forest 47
Georgia 84, Florida 75
Georgia Tech 74, Virginia 66
James Madison 73, Old Dominion 57
Kentucky 70, South Carolina 53
LSU 59, Mississippi 48
Maryland 89, Miami 64
Middle Tennessee 87, W. Kentucky 61
Mississippi St. 67, Alabama 49
Richmond 66, Saint Louis 58
UCF 74, UAB 59
Va. Commonwealth 68, Northeastern 39
William & Mary 61, Towson 50

MIDWEST
Dayton 84, Saint Joseph's 57
Evansville 63, Wichita St. 56
Illinois 61, Minnesota 50
Indiana 67, Michigan 61

Indiana St. 62, Bradley 58

Iowa 86, Northwestern 79
Michigan St. 57, Purdue 55
Missouri St. 69, S. Illinois 57
N. Iowa 76, Illinois St. 73, OT
Ohio St. 74, Penn St. 63
Texas A&M 71, Kansas St. 45
FAR WEST
Stanford 85, Southern Cal 74
UCLA 71, California 56

PRO BASEBALL

Spring Training Glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W L Pct
Seattle 3 0 1.000
Los Angeles 4 1 800
Minnesota 4 1 800
Baltimore 3 2 600
Chicago 3 2 600
Toronto 3 2 600
Kansas City 2 2 500
Boston 2 3 400
Cleveland 2 3 400
Detroit 2 3 400
New York 2 3 400
Texas 2 3 400
Oakland 1 3 250
Tampa Bay 1 4 200

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Chicago 4 1 800
Pittsburgh 4 1 800
St. Louis 3 1 750
Arizona 3 2 600
Atlanta 3 2 600
Cincinnati 3 2 600
New York 3 2 600
Milwaukee 2 2 500
San Diego 1 1 500
Los Angeles 2 3 400
Philadelphia 2 3 400
San Francisco 2 3 400
Washington 2 3 400
Florida 1 3 250
Houston 1 4 200
Colorado 0 5 000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores

Atlanta 6, Toronto 3
Detroit 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Baltimore 4, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 6, Houston 5
Philadelphia 12, Tampa Bay 5
St. Louis 9, Washington 2
Minnesota 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Texas 6, Arizona 4
Oakland 1, Cleveland 0
Milwaukee 5, L.A. Angels 3
San Diego 2, Kansas City 2, tie, 10 innings
Seattle 6, San Francisco 4
Chicago Cubs 13, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Dodgers 13, Colorado 5
Boston 16, Cincinnati 5

Sunday's Scores

Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 2, Minnesota 1
St. Louis 14, Florida 10
Baltimore 7, Washington 5
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 13, N.Y. Yankees 11
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 4
N.Y. Mets 13, Houston 1
Seattle 13, Texas 6
Arizona 9, Oakland 7
San Diego 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Cleveland 6, Colorado 4
L.A. Angels 6, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 2

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida Southern vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Canada vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Panama vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Italy vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Venezuela vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Puerto Rico vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Netherlands vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Dominican Republic vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
USA vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:15 p.m.
Colorado vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

AP SPORTLIGHT

March 2

1940 — Seabiscuit, ridden by Red Pollard, wins the Santa Anita Handicap in his final race. Beaten by a nose in both the 1937 and 1938 Santa Anita Handicaps, Seabiscuit beats Kayak II by one-half length to retire as the leading money-winning horse in the world.
1962 — Wilt Chamberlain scores an NBA-record 100 points to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to a 169-147 triumph over the New York Knicks. Chamberlain scores 59 second-half points and 28 points from the free-throw line for records. Both teams combine for 316 points to surpass the record of 312 set by Boston-Minneapolis on Feb. 27, 1959.
1966 — Chicago's Bobby Hull becomes the first NHL player to have two 50-goal seasons during the Black Hawks' 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.
1969 — Boston's Phil Esposito becomes the first NHL player to score 100 points in a season, scoring a goal in the Bruins' 4-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.
1991 — Del Ballard Jr. throws the most famous gutter ball in PBA Tour history in the finals of the Fair Lanes Open. Ballard, needing seven pins on his last roll to beat Pete Weber, gets none as his ball falls into the gutter. Weber wins 213-207, claiming the \$30,000 first prize, while Ballard takes \$15,500.
1997 — Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic wins the quickest final in ATP Tour history, beating Spain's Sergi Bruguera 6-2, 6-2 in 47 minutes in the Italian Indoors.

PRO BASEBALL

Bowden resigns as GM

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Jim Bowden resigned Sunday after four seasons as the Washington Nationals general manager, leaving under the cloud of a federal investigation into the skimming of signing bonuses given to Latin American prospects.

No replacement was immediately announced.

Bowden is the only GM the Nationals have had since the franchise moved from Montreal to Washington before the 2005 season, overseeing a team that went 81-81 in that debut season but has been below .500 ever since.

Last season, the Nationals were a majors-worst 59-102.

Bowden drew unwanted off-field attention, including in 2006, when he was charged with driving under

the influence after failing a field sobriety test while in Miami.

He met last year with FBI investigators looking into allegations of skimming of signing bonuses and it was reported last weekend by SI.com that Bowden's actions are being looked at as far back as 1994, when he was GM of the Cincinnati Reds.

Bowden's resignation came two days after Jose Rijo, a special assistant to Bowden, was fired by the Nationals.

That was fallout from a Major League Baseball investigation that determined a top baseball prospect from the Dominican Republic who received a \$1.4 million signing bonus from the Nationals lied about his age and name.

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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of Winter rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the 'Fireless Flame' patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. Now that it's really cold outside, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time to save a lot of money," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-235-8052 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm through the dead of winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour on the standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we

are turning away all dealers in order to let readers have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who really want to save a lot of money are

surprising the whole family by getting two. So when lines are busy keep trying or log onto amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Milton said.

"You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. ■

On the worldwide web:
www.amishfireplaces.com

How to get 2 free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 48-hour order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

Use the map below to locate the weather zone you live in and call the Hotline number for your zone.



Claim Code: FP8637



■ **ON THEIR WAY:** Winter rush orders have turned country roads into pipelines to the big city delivery system. Everybody wants a fireplace that comes fully assembled with a handmade Amish mantle in oak or cherry finish and gets delivered by truck right to your door. All you do is plug it in.

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HEAT SURGE® Fireless Flame

How It Works: The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard outlet. It uses only about 8¢ of electric an hour on the standard setting. Yet, it produces up to an amazing 5,119 BTU's on the high setting. So watch out, a powerful on board hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room from the vent so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee.



■ **JUST ANNOUNCED:** The Heat Surge miracle fireplace has earned the prestigious Good Housekeeping Seal. The product has earned the Seal after evaluation by the Good Housekeeping Research Institute.

Rolls anywhere to throw an instant heat wave with no chimney, no vents, no wood and no smoke



■ **EASILY ROLLS ANYWHERE:** This is the portable Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace that easily rolls from bedroom to living room to keep you warm. No vents, no chimney and no tools. Just plug it in.



■ **SAVES ON BILLS:** Everyone can get low bills and stay warm and cozy. The new Roll-n-Glow Fireplace saves a ton of money and makes your front room look like a million bucks.



■ **SAFE FLAME:** The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everyone but there is no real fire. That makes the flame window safe to the touch under the watchful eye of a parent. It's where the kids will play and the cat and dog will sleep.



■ **FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 48-hour order deadline for your choice of the oak or cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already encased.

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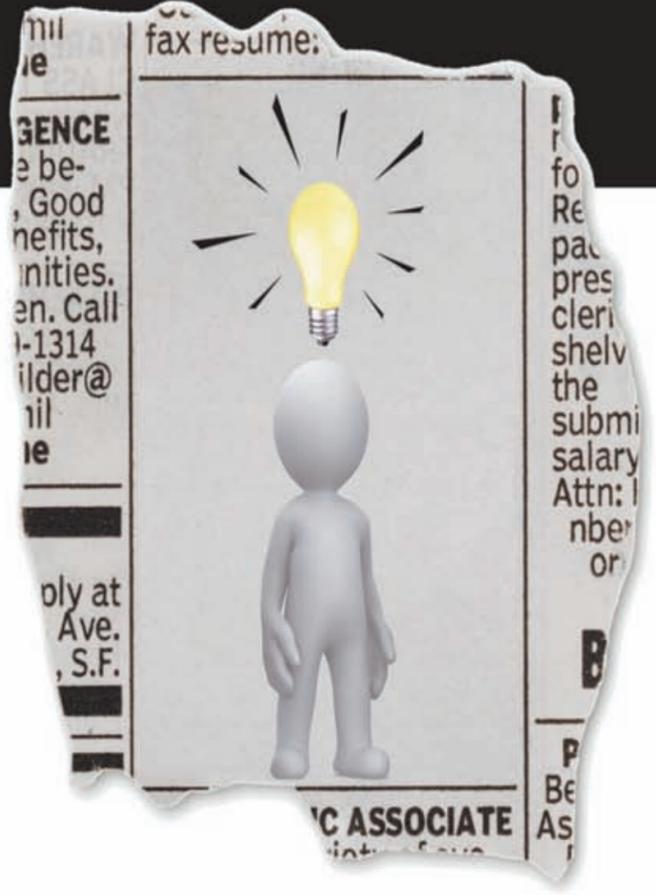
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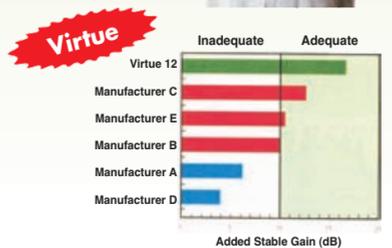


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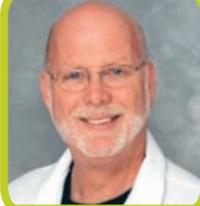
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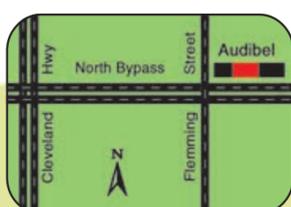
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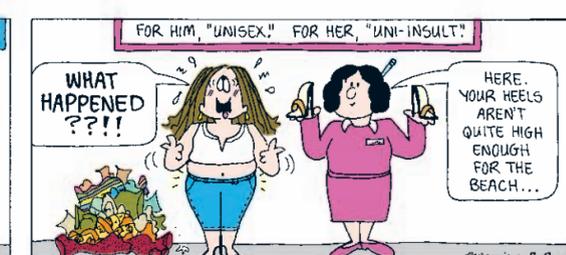
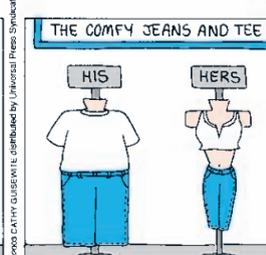
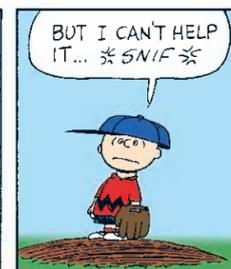
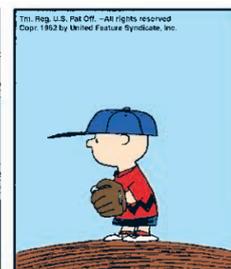
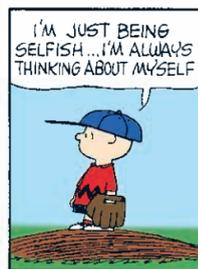
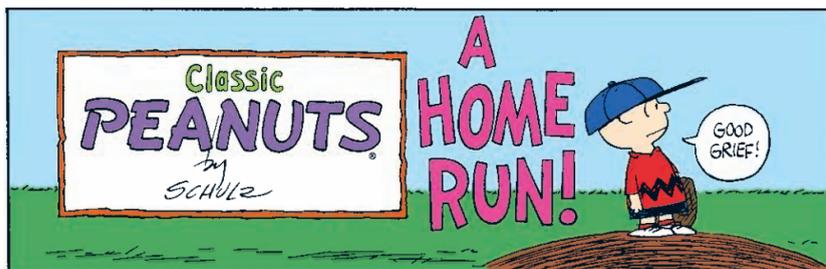
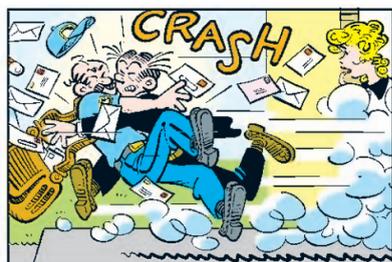


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NO.

GREAT. NOW I HAVE NO INCENTIVE TO DO A GOOD JOB ON THIS AWARD THING.

KEEPING YOUR JOB SHOULD BE ALL THE INCENTIVE YOU NEED.

THOSE BOYS LIKE HOW YOU LOOK. WOO WOO! WOO WOO! HELLO PRINCESS! YOU'RE SUCH A SWEETIE!

MARM! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? AAAAA! HELLO CUTIE!

THEN WHY DOES ANYONE NEED A TEAMWORK AWARD?

LET'S JUST SLAP SOMETHING TOGETHER AND RANDOMLY NOMINATE PEOPLE.

I GOT A TEAMWORK AWARD AND YET I FEEL NO DIFFERENT. YUP.

WHAT NOW? HE'S BEEN HIDING UNDER THE BED EVER SINCE THE GIRL TOOK HIM FOR A RIDE IN THE WAGON.

DOG GONE FUNNY GETZVILLE, NY. MICHAEL & LAURA GARRICK HAVE DUNCAN, A CAVALIER KING SPANIEL WHO CHASES AIRPLANES. WHEN ONE FLIES OVERHEAD, HE RUNS AFTER IT, BARKING. THEY HOPE... HE NEVER CATCHES IT.

NANCY

BY GUY & BRAD GILCHRIST

Nancy is in bed reading a book.

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HI-- SLUGGO? IT'S ME-- I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I WAS SO MAD AT YOU, I COULDN'T SLEEP-- BUT I'M NOT ANY MORE-- SO-- GOOD NIGHT

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH

Woman brushing a dog.

Woman brushing a dog.

BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH BRUSH

Woman brushing a dog.

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Woman brushing a dog.

Woman brushing a dog.

DOONESBURY "FLASHBACK"

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

HEY, DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE VISCOUNT ST. AUSTELL-IN-THE-MOOR-BIGGLESWADE-BRIXHAM WHO PRECEDED ME?

APPARENTLY, ONE NIGHT IN OCTOBER OF '87, HE TOOK OFF IN HIS BELOVED DE-COMMISSIONED SPITFIRE MK1 FROM NEW-CASTLE-UPON-TYNE BOUND FOR WILL-HELMSHAVEN. HE NEVER ARRIVED!

WITH NO HEIR, HIS ESTATES WERE SOLD OFF TO SETTLE HIS GAMBLING DEBTS. I ACQUIRED HIS TITLE AT AUCTION.

WELL, GUESS WHAT! IT TURNS OUT HE'S BEEN LIVING QUIETLY IN NORWAY! HIS SOLICITOR HAS JUST EMAILED ME, DEMANDING I RELINQUISH THE TITLE...

HANG ON, HERE'S AN UPDATE ... GOOD GOD! LAST NIGHT HIS LORDSHIP DROPPED DEAD OF A MASSIVE STROKE! THE CLAIM IS FORFEIT! THE TITLE REMAINS WITH ME!

WHAT AN EXTRA-ORDINARY TURN OF EVENTS, WOULDN'T YOU SAY? I'M SORRY, HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO ME?

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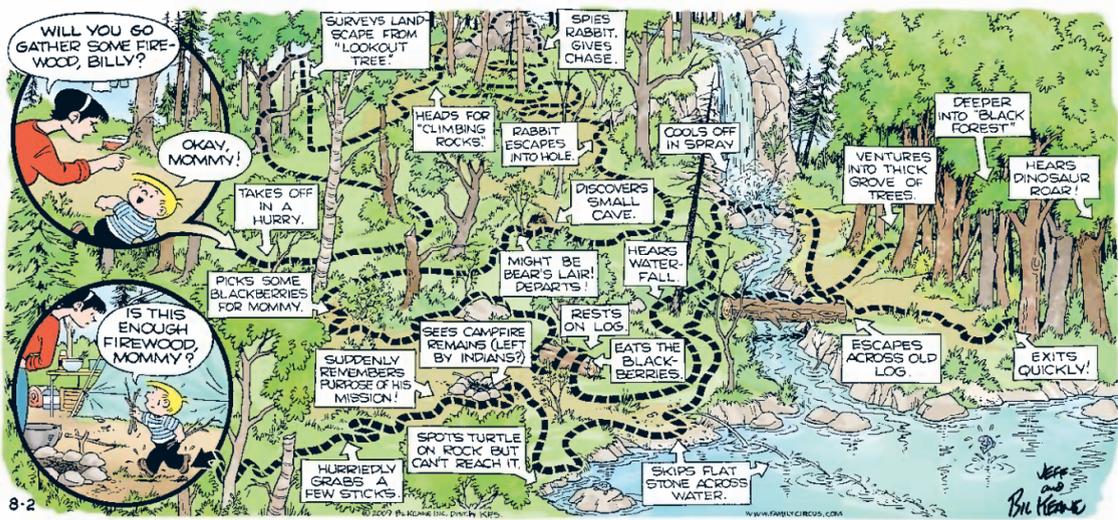


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

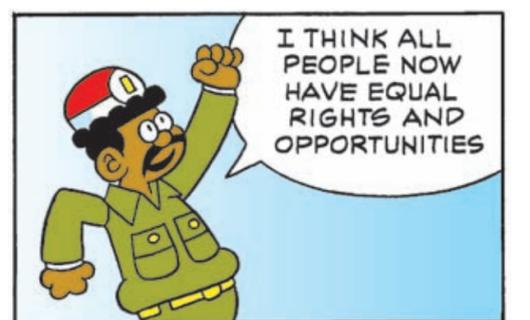
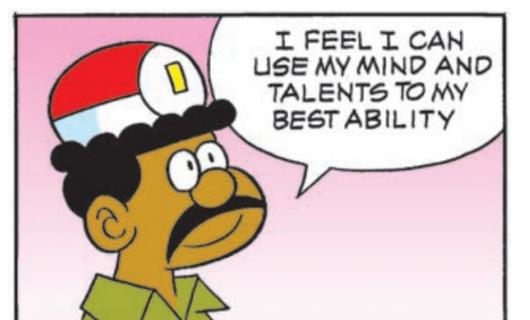


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