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Left, 1st Sgt. Darrell Walker hugs his children John, from left, 4, Reilley, 10 and Tyree, 10, while his wife Kate speaks to him during a service Monday for the family of troops deploying to Afghanistan with the Charlie Troop, the Dalton-based unit of the Army National Guard. Above, City Park Elementary School students wave signs, pinwheels and flags as Charlie Troop passes by on Crawford Street Monday. See more pictures on Page 7A and at thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

Big sendoff Crowds show up to support Charlie Troop

BY MARK MILLICAN
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Nancy Carter is not related to any of the Charlie Troop soldiers who begin the first leg of a deployment to Afghanistan this week. But there she stood Monday morning at the corner of Thornton Avenue and Crawford Street, American flag in hand and bundled up against a wind chill factor in the teens, awaiting

the arrival of Dalton's Georgia Army National Guard unit.

"I'm here because my son, Darrin Edmond, has been there and came back," she said of his two tours to Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, "and because my first husband, Billy Edmond, didn't come home from Vietnam."

Members of the 108th Calvary are on their way to Mississippi today, where they will train for six

weeks at Fort Shelby fine-tuning their civilian-oriented mission in Afghanistan, which is scheduled to start April 16. The deployment of the 84 soldiers in the reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition outfit is expected to last a year.

Former Marine David Blackburn arrived in a wheelchair to salute the soldiers, along with hundreds of others who stood wait-

ing for their procession through downtown.

"I'm here to support our troops," he said, "and my son (Navy) petty officer Matthew Blackburn, who has been to Iraq twice."

Minnie Chastain said she was "here for (Guardsman) Daniel Roberts because I love him and I'm

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'THINKING DAY'

MISTY WATSON
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Miranda Helton, 12, a Girl Scout, pours tea for people to drink as they visit a table about Great Britain Monday at the Girl Scout's "Thinking Day" at New Hope Elementary School.

\$1 million sewer 'incentives' considered

BY JAMIE JONES
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The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners hasn't yet contributed \$1 million to a Dalton Utilities project to run a sewer line to Tunnel Hill.

But commissioners are already considering pledging the same amount for a sewer line in north Whitfield County to handle development from a new high school and possible growth from the Volkswagen plant in Tennessee.

Commissioners Monday night discussed the two sewer projects but took no action. They are expected to vote on a resolution supporting the Tunnel Hill project during their March 16 meeting. The line would run from the Mill Creek wastewater treatment plant to Tanyard Creek, just south of the Tunnel Hill Golf Club. It would not reach the Tunnel Hill business district.

Commission chairman Mike Babb said the county will probably never recoup the full \$1 million for the Tunnel Hill project. He said instead of looking at the money as a

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Shaw expects shaky sales for 2009

BY JAMIE JONES
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Dalton-based Shaw Industries officials expect continued "weak" sales this year because of the slumping residential real estate market, according to an annual report from parent company Berkshire Hathaway.

"The decrease in residential carpet volume in 2008 reflected the significant downturn in residential real estate activity that began in 2006 and was exacerbated by the credit crises during 2007 and 2008," the report stated.

Pre-tax earnings in 2008 were \$205 million, down \$231 million (53 percent) from \$436 million in

2007 and \$594 million in 2006.

Shaw officials attributed the decline to both lower sales volume and higher product costs. Increases in petrochemical based raw material costs along with reduced "manufacturing efficiencies" caused the product cost increases. Pre-tax earnings in 2008 also included \$52 million of charges in the fourth quarter related to asset writedowns and plant closure costs.

"To offset the impact of rising raw material and production costs, Shaw instituted multiple sales price increases in 2008 and closed certain manufacturing facilities," the report stated. "Management expects residential real estate

activity and, as a result, Shaw's sales volume to remain weak during 2009."

In 2008, Shaw had \$5.05 billion in revenues, down \$321 million (6 percent) from \$5.37 billion in 2007 and \$5.83 billion in 2006. The revenue decrease "was primarily due to a reduction in year-to-date residential carpet sales volume, partially offset by higher average selling prices and revenues from recent acquisitions."

Shaw, the world's largest manufacturer of tufted broadloom carpets, has cut nearly 2,500 jobs since 2006. The company now has 28,974 employees, down from 30,874 this time last year and 31,469 in 2006.

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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.

"Teenagers having sex is on the news as a moral issue. But you can't watch television without seeing ads for Viagra, Cialis and Levitra every 15 minutes."

"It's amusing that some local church CEOs earn more than the CEO of the utility company."

"To the person who called in to comment on Dale Earnhardt and Pink Floyd, that was very disrespectful. How would you like someone to comment on your family member who had died?"

"I see in the paper where Don Cope makes almost as much as the president of the United States. What's this world coming to?"

"The Dalton mayor and City Council are part time, so they don't participate in the city retirement plan. All the county commissioners are part time, but they participate in the county retirement plan. They shouldn't."

"The Democrats got control of the House and Senate two years ago. The Stock Market has crashed in the last year and a half. What does that tell you?"

"I'd like to thank Dr. Don Thomas for us being able to go out to restaurants and not smell cigarette smoke. That's the greatest thing he's ever done."

"I need some Girl Scout cookies. If they're around, I can't find any."

"A big thank you to WYYU 104.5 FM for broadcasting the girls' game Friday night. It was a great game. It was great to hear it."

"This is for the person who thinks Obama should be laid off because they only make \$330 a week unemployment. Try living on \$800 a month of Social Security."

"Something's wrong with the city's payroll structure if two people at the recreation center make more money than the four employees for public works."

"How can an interim director of the Trade Center, that loses money every year, make more money than a director of the solid waste landfill who has an engineering degree, and (the landfill) makes well over \$1 million to \$2 million a year profit?"

"The president's strategies are like a poker player drawing two cards to fill an inside straight."

"How much does it cost to deliver a well-written speech anymore? I think it costs the American people a good bit."

"Cock fighting in Murray County has gone on every Saturday and Sunday morning from November to August for the last 25 years. They make between \$4,000 to \$5,000 every weekend, tax-free money. It's all about the money."

"Do you reckon Don Cope will help us with a bailout on our light bill?"

"Even an idiot can see that it's Obama's disastrous bailout plan that has caused the Stock Market to fail."

"What is the Whitfield County School system coming to? My son was out of school due to his grandmother's funeral and I was told that they needed a note from the funeral home or an obituary to be an excused absence."

"Congratulations to my granddaughter for making the dean's list at Berry College every semester, thanks to the Southeast principal and teacher who prepared her for her college work. Great school."

"Are there any other viewers out there that are as annoyed as I am about NASCAR on Fox preview show? I would say that there are hundreds. And it would be nice that when a race is scheduled for 3:30, that we would see it at 3:30 and not 4:30."

"The article on the salaries in Whitfield County is very interesting. I hope that the top 10 high-salaried employees are taking at least a 5 percent pay cut."

"People around here don't need to worry. President Obama would never visit because Dr. Don Thomas wouldn't let him smoke."

"Congratulations Lady Bruins. I hope you win state."

"Why are people acting like, just now, our county is going to be in debt? Last year, both parties passed a \$700 billion bailout and our deficit was \$1 trillion or more."

"I want to thank President Obama for standing up for what's right in ethics and transparency in our government that's long been not there."

"To the one who said they couldn't make it on \$330 a week unemployment: My husband works and he only brings home \$325 a week."

"I wonder if anybody remembers a time not so long ago when someone spoke against the president, they were in trouble. They lost their jobs. The Dixie Chicks, boy weren't they in trouble? The remarks I read in the Forum are something else. People should be praying for our president and our world."

"I want to say thank you to the pastor's wife and another lady from Westside Baptist Church that helped me when my dog got run down by a car Sunday. They helped me get him in my car in the rain."

"In response to the person who thinks we should change the name of Hamilton Street to Church Street and two other streets to Rock Bridge I and II, why don't you join us on Sunday and see what we're all about? Come with an open heart and you'll be pleasantly surprised. Don't sit back and assume anything and complain about something you may know nothing about."

Alleman funeral planned

Funeral services for Michael Alleman, a 1996 graduate of Southeast High School who was killed while serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq, will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Hyrum 4th Ward Chapel, 245 Apple Drive, in Hyrum, Utah.

Alleman was a fifth-grade teacher at Nibley

Elementary near Logan, Utah, but abruptly resigned midway through the 2007-2008 school year to join the Army. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He was part of the 5/1 Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

He was the son of Boyd and Susan Alleman and sur-

vivors include his wife, Amy, and sons Kai and Kenneth.

The family will receive friends today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 162 E. 400 North, Logan.

Interment will be in the Hyrum City Cemetery.

Condolences may be extended to the family online at www.nelsonfuneralhome.com.

Sendoff: Come home safe

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proud of him — and I'm doing it for the other soldiers."

At the downtown intersection where the final turn toward the armory was made, most well-wishers probably didn't know any of the "Charlie Cobra" members, since many of the soldiers who attend weekend drills and other training are from out of town. Still, citizens were glad to show their patriotism in the bracing cold, including dozens of children from City Park School with red, white and blue posters and hats — all to show the departing servicemen and their families they were there to support them.

"I'm here to show how much we care about them," said Kathy Dial, who quickly became tearful, "and to let them know I'm keeping them in my prayers, that they'll come back safely. I pray that God will keep each and every one safe."

Earlier in the morning, the Guardsmen and their families gathered at First Presbyterian Church for a spiritual service, hearing sev-

eral speakers pledge their support and offer encouragement from their own experiences while serving in the military.

"You follow in a great tradition of service to this country," said an emotional Tyson Haynes, a veteran and the mayor of Chatsworth. "For family members, there will be a lot of tears, but these soldiers have the core values to see them through this. Gen. (George) Patton asked one of his commanders (in World War II), 'Where do you get such fine young men?' I would have told them they come from communities like Dalton and Chatsworth."

Dalton Mayor David Pennington told the men they "volunteered" their entire families to public service by the commitment they'd made to serve their country.

"We're proud of the honor you bring to our community," he said.

At the armory, where Guardsmen and their families had lunch and posed for photos, Pvt. Richard Hancock said he was "excited and anxious" to begin the deployment.

Sewer: \$1 million incentives

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contribution, commissioners should consider it an incentive payment to lure business.

"The question is how much money are we willing to contribute to the process?" Babb asked.

Commissioner Harold Brooker proposed the \$1 million for the Dalton Utilities project at the county's Feb. 23 meeting, saying sewer is the only way to promote growth.

"If we don't get this, we might as well die on the vine," Brooker said.

Commissioner Randy Waskul asked if the city of Tunnel Hill will contribute any money to the project since it will be a direct benefit to residents there. Brooker isn't optimistic city officials will.

Dalton Utilities plans to build three pocket wastewater treatment plants. The Mill Creek plant is operational while plans are for plants at Coahulla Creek and Sims Farm.

A combined city of Dalton and county building department could result in fewer paved roads in the city, county administrator Bob McLeod said.

That's because funding

for the new department would come from the city/county Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) agreement.

Commissioners passed a resolution 4-0 to pursue an agreement with the city to consolidate the building inspection, zoning and code enforcement departments. There is no timeline for the merger. The resolution only states it happen "as soon as practicable."

Commissioner Mike Cowan was concerned that he has not received any "particulars" or a plan on how the merger will happen. He has questions about funding, staffing and where the department would be located. Cowan said he supports consolidation, adding he would like to see a unified city/county government "at some time in the future." He hopes commissioners will have input into the new department.

McLeod said the new department's staffing would probably be fewer than the 12 current employees in the city and county offices, pointing to a decline in local building. He said the county would "hire to the need" and that the new department would be

housed in the current county department on Burleyson Drive. McLeod said he will brief commissioners every few weeks on developments.

Brooker hopes the departments will be consolidated by June 1.

According to the resolution — which has not been signed by members of the City Council — the new department would be under the control of the board of commissioners through the county engineer. It says McLeod should work with Dalton officials to make recommendations involving staffing, future codes, future fees and other issues. McLeod would work with the county's human resources department to advertise the inspections supervisor position. He would also consider changes to the amended LOST agreement.

The new department would be called the City of Dalton-Whitfield County inspections and enforcement branch.

The county's 2009 budget for the building department is \$638,802. The city's 2009 budget for the building department is \$357,080.

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Officials uneasy on proposed transportation changes

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Some Dalton officials expressed concern Monday about proposed changes in state transportation planning and funding.

City Council member Charlie Bethel said state transportation officials have been paying closer attention to Dalton's needs and he said the area has good representation on the State Transportation Board. Dalton attorney Steve Farrow currently serves as the 9th Congressional District on the board, which is selected by members of the General Assembly from each of the state's congressional districts.

Bethel said Dalton and other communities might suffer "if we do away with or marginalize our current board structure."

Gov. Sonny Perdue, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson have proposed a plan that would strip transportation board members and the Department of Transportation (GDOT) of much of their power. The plan would create a new state board — appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker — that would be responsible for transportation planning. GDOT would primarily be responsible for maintaining existing roads and bridges.

Public works director Benny Dunn said he is concerned about proposals to change the state law that mandates federal transportation funds be shared equally among the state's congressional districts. He said that could make it harder for Dalton to get part of those funds.

The council voted 4-0 to:

- Revise the city's stormwater ordinance. City attorney Jim Bisson described the revisions as "housekeeping" that make no substantive changes to the law.

- Designate First Bank of Dalton as a depository for city funds. The bank had previously served as a depository for such funds.

- Revise the city's purchasing policy to require bids on public works projects of \$100,000 or more to be advertised once a week for four weeks. The city previously required such advertising for projects of \$40,000 or more. All projects of \$15,000 or more must be advertised for at least two weeks.

- Approve an amendment to the 2008 budget to reclassify revenues collected for other agencies and to reallocate excess funding for some departments to cover new servers and software.

- Approve an amendment to the 2009 budget that, among other things, adds \$149,500 in revenue from electronic monitoring of probationers and \$76,500 in expenses on probation contract services.

- Approve a memorandum of understanding with G4S Justice Systems for electronic ankle bracelet monitoring for those sentenced to monitoring by the Municipal Court.

- Confirm Bruce Satterfield as fire chief for the term expiring Dec. 31, 2009.

Mayor David Pennington also provided a financial recap for the city. He said the city projects \$31.1 million in revenue for 2009 and expects to spend \$28.7 million.

"If you included the rec commission, last year to this year, we have reduced budget expenditures by \$6 million," he said.

AREA BRIEFS

Construction on Waugh Street Bridge

Work on re-painting the structural steel on the Waugh Street Bridge will begin today and is expected to take two weeks, city of Dalton public works department officials say.

During construction, parking under the bridge may be restricted. Traffic along Hamilton Street and the surface streets beside the bridge may be restricted or controlled. The public is asked to move through this area with caution and to take an alternate route if possible to avoid delays.

Access to businesses in the area is not expected to be affected.

Public meeting

Murray County sole commissioner David Ridley will hold a public meeting this morning at 9 in the hearing room of the county annex. The public is encouraged to attend.

On the agenda are an amendment to a county ordinance adding the water control facility to the permitted use facility table; appointment of Dale Sluder to the Murray County Board of Appeals; and a cooperative lease agreement with Georgia Forestry for rural fire defense.

Ridley will be available for questions or comments.

Special event for Cystic Fibrosis

For many years, the Bagley Middle School Junior Beta Club has commemorated National Beta Club Month with a special event to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the group that finances much of the research about cystic fibrosis. The club has raised thousands of dollars in memory of Amanda Worley, a charter member of the Bagley Club who suffered from this disease and passed away in 1992.

This year, the club will remember Amanda and also honor Blake Larmon, a young Murray Countyian who also has cystic fibrosis. His cousin Katlyn is a member of the Beta Club and his Aunt Teresa works at Bagley.

On Friday, the school will celebrate "Hat Day." For a minimum donation of \$1, students and staff alike can get a sticker that entitles them to wear a favorite tacky, tasteful, colorful, fashionable or comfortable hat of their choice during the day at school. The stickers will say "Caps for a Cure."

Other Beta Club Month activities include continued paper and plastic recycling as well as an Adopt-a-Mile

litter pick up. For more information, contact Tim Howard, Bagley Junior Beta Club sponsor, at (706) 695-1115.

You're invited to walk Georgia

By Rhonda Payne, Health Promotion Coordinator, North Georgia Health District

Your challenge is simple: Spend eight weeks "walking" Georgia.

Through a program called Walk Georgia, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension's Whitfield County Office invites you to spend eight weeks increasing your physical activity level in a fun, community-oriented way. The goal is to be active, whether you're walking, biking or dancing.

"We hope that participants will start being active if they aren't already and continue to do some kind of physical activity when the eight-week period ends," said Janie Reeves, a Whitfield County extension family and consumer science agent. "We hope the program will be a lifestyle change that will improve participants' quality of life."

Walk Georgia is an online program where you log your exercise. Aerobics class during lunch break counts, and so does a walk with your dog or a game of basketball in your driveway. The time is translated into miles, and the Web site gives you the go-ahead to "move" around the state.

"Through an online map, you can electronically chart a course as you 'walk' Georgia," Reeves said. "Whether you visit the coast or hike the mountains, as you move you will read about the counties you visit and learn new ways to improve your health."

Registration for Walk Georgia is free and continues through March 9. Visit www.walkgeorgia.org to register yourself or your four-person team. While an e-mail address is required to register, individuals without one can join as part of a team as long as the team captain has an e-mail address. The program concludes April 25.

Walk A Weigh, an eight-week award-winning fitness and weight control program, will be offered in conjunction with Walk Georgia. The lunch time program offers a variety of topics about fitness, weight loss, physical activity and general health. Each lesson lasts 15 to 20 minutes and includes handouts that will help your team apply the information.

For more information, contact Reeves at 1-800-ASK-UGA1, (706) 278-8207 or jreeves@whitfield-countyga.com.

TODAY'S CITIZEN



NAME: Huong Ngo
AGE: 43
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Pierre, Maria, Catherine and Teresa Nguyen
WORK: Park Creek Cafe
PLAY: Nails, cook
SHE SAID: "Eat your fruits and veges for a strong, healthy body."

AWARD FOR RESTORATION



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Mac Belue, right, with the Conasauga River Alliance awards the Girl Scouts for their help with the Varnell Spring restoration project last fall. Receiving the award on behalf of the Girl Scouts are, Hannah York, from left, Diane Helton, Edna Gordon, Mary Wood and Anita Stewart.

Dug Gap Elementary getting upgrades

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Dug Gap Elementary School is the next in a long line of Whitfield County Schools facilities getting fresh paint and other amenities.

Nine students from the school shyly answered questions about the project for the Whitfield County Board of Education Monday evening. The second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders on the principal's advisory council said they are especially excited about the changes taking place in the school's lobby.

Plans are to use some of the funds from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to create an area where students will have access to bean bag chairs, a flat screen television and video games. Principal Mandy Locke said the games will be learning oriented, giving students additional options

for digesting the material. "Can learning be fun?" she prodded her semi-circled group.

"Yes," they chorused. School system spokesman Eric Beavers said the Dug Gap project is part of an at least three-year effort to renovate each of the older school buildings in the county. The \$1.3 million bid was awarded to J&J Construction, which offered the lowest price of 20 bidders. The bid also includes a new roofing system, heating and air conditioning upgrades on the older section of the building, all new flooring, fresh paint, an updated fire alarm and sprinkler system, new ceilings and lights, and renovations to the media center and administrative area restrooms.

Keith Burran, project manager for M.B. Kahn Construction, the construction manager, said the cost is well within the projected budget. Most of the work will be completed over the summer, he said. In other business, board members:

Plans are to use SPLOST funds to create an area where students will have access to bean bag chairs, a flat screen television and video games.

- Unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners' efforts to lure industry to the county by offering an enhanced tax abatement plan. Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce president Brian Anderson said there are "multiple prospects" looking to build in the county that would like property tax incentives.

School board member Tim Trew said nothing has been finalized, and board

members don't know all the details being discussed. The resolution states the school board "agrees in principle to any reasonable plan ... including a plan to defer ad valorem taxes, as long as such will not reduce the revenue the school district currently is receiving for education."

- Voted to purchase Versatrans Solutions Inc. software for \$55,015, plus about \$10,000 annually for maintenance. The software will save the school system \$333,000 a year and allow officials to park nine of the 126 buses that are on routes each day, said assistant superintendent of operations Richard Schoen. The transportation budget is \$4.8 million.

Superintendent Katie Brochu thanked board members for their service, since March 9-13 is Board Member Appreciation Week in Georgia.

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VIEW

There are other problems beyond the economy

It's difficult to find a noun or adjective related to the circumstance of disaster that hasn't been used to describe our current economic dilemma.

It's been called a "crisis" many times. Sometimes the crisis "deepens." Other times it "cascades." President Obama warns that inaction could turn "crisis into a catastrophe."

Others have called it "a collapse," "a downturn," "a breakdown," and "a meltdown." Bill O'Reilly calls it "Armageddon." Moving further into metaphor, we are in "uncharted waters," and we hang on the "edge of a cliff."

You get the picture. Action is called for. But what kind and how much?

Sometimes the side-by-side placement of editorials and columns on the opinion page of my local newspaper is in itself instructive. For example, last week my paper carried adjacent but divergent editorials, one from the Washington Post, and the other from the New York Times.

When critics accuse the mainstream media of marching in left-wing lockstep, these are two of the newspapers they have in mind. True to conventional expectation, the Times supports President Obama's stimulus package. Furthermore, it applauds his willingness to deal with health care, energy, and education. Obama is commended for mustering the ambition and audacity to grapple with these knotty issues at the same time he takes on a horrible economic environment.

The Post, on the other hand, favors more caution. In the face of economic, banking, housing, and auto industry crises, the editorial board wonders if the new administration has the capacity — or the money — to deal with the most immediate crisis, the "stomach-churning downturn," at the same time that it takes on energy, healthcare, and education. Perhaps it would be best to leave them for later. So much for reading mindlessly from the same liberal choir book.

And in yet another adjacent column David Broder, usually considered an even-handed centrist, portrays Obama-as-a-gambler for his theme, questioning whether the possibly naïve young president understands the size of the stakes he's placed on the table and the extent to which he's "putting at risk the future well-being of the country." Like the Post editorial, he counsels caution on any agenda beyond immediate economic recovery. Prudence suggests waiting on education, healthcare, and energy.

I don't understand economics very well, but my natural tendency is toward caution, as well: the economic crisis is immediately dangerous, whereas the needs of education, healthcare, and energy have always been with us. And if Obama can solve the economy, his accrued political capital will allow him to do almost anything in these other three areas.

On the other hand, real people suffer when our educational and healthcare systems are inadequate -- the impact on a good part of at least one generation of our citizens is both immediate and long lasting; the unfortunate cumulative effect is felt in private lives and in our country as a whole for years. And energy? Perhaps we can kick this can farther down the road, as well. But the same newspaper that carried the conflicting editorials carried also, a few pages away, an Associated Press story headlined "Antarctic glaciers melting faster than thought." Pesky scientists from 60 countries have been at it again, confirming a fact that we're desperate to deny: glaciers in Antarctica are melting at a much faster pace and across a much larger area than previous dire reports had predicted.

In fact, the head of the International Panel on Climate Change told lawmakers in Washington that Earth can tolerate about 6 more years of our current rates of carbon dioxide pollution. After that, we're locked into a downward-spiraling future of severe global warming.

Of course, not everyone allows himself to believe this. But if these scientists are even half-right, can we afford to resolve all of our other crises before we seriously address this one?

— Scripps Howard News Service

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away."

Psalm 37:1-2

Thought for today: "A good man can be stupid and still be good. But a bad man must have brains."

Maxim Gorky
Russian writer (1868-1936)

Guilty consciences

For social liberals, what is it about abortion that makes some of them consider it a sacrificial rite through which only the killing of an unborn child can truly liberate a woman from the clutches of paternalism?

A rule approved in the waning days of the Bush administration established broad protections for health-care workers whose religious faith, conscience or moral misgivings forbid them from participating in an abortion. Last Friday, the Department of Health and Human Services, which is still without a confirmed secretary, announced its intention to rescind the regulation. There will be a 30-day period of public comment before the rule is overturned. Here is mine.

No politician can be found who admits to favoring abortion. To acknowledge moral misgivings means that you are at least acknowledging that the beating heart and brain waves extinguished during an abortion are of greater significance than, say, the removal of an appendix or a tumor. Infected appendices can burst, killing the individual. A tumor can grow, become malignant and cause death. A growing unborn child can be born and contribute not only to the betterment of the country, but if you're utilitarian about it, increase the tax base. Abortion kills a potential taxpayer, which ought to override every other consideration for liberal politicians who are constantly looking for new sources of revenue.

Why do social liberals say they want to make abortion "safe, legal and rare," but then spend all their time on the first two and none on the third? It is



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relatively simple to reduce the number of abortions, even while keeping them "safe" and "legal." Show the abortion-minded woman a sonogram of the fetus she is about to destroy. A 2005 survey by Care Net, a network of about 1,000 antiabortion pregnancy centers in the United States and Canada, based in Sterling, Va., found that "72 percent of women who were initially 'strong leaning' toward abortion decided to carry their pregnancies to term after seeing a sonogram." That isn't depriving a woman of her "choice." It is providing more information so that her choice will be fully informed.

Carried to its logical conclusion, repealing the "conscience rule" would allow hospitals to require pro-life doctors and nurses to participate in abortions. The Catholic Church teaches that elective abortion is a mortal sin, so the government is considering a requirement that would place a Catholic in the position of risking excommunication and the eternal damnation of his or her soul. Evangelical Christians regard abortion as equally offensive. Where is the separation of church and state when you really need it?

Arguments in favor of overriding the conscience rule include concerns that it might apply to people dispensing contraceptives at the pharmacy. Others say it could be used to

prevent rape victims from receiving pregnancy protection assistance at a hospital. These are arguments we've heard before. Even if pro-lifers grant these exceptions, it isn't enough for the abortion lobby, which uses extreme situations to keep the door open to abortion on demand for any and all reasons.

In my view, there are far fewer people who oppose contraception than oppose abortion. Besides, one prevents conception and the other kills something that is living and, if left to be born, will breathe. Any employee at a pharmacy who doesn't want to sell contraceptives can ask another store employee to do it. You can't bring an aborted baby back to life, even if a woman later regrets the decision, which many do.

To repeal the conscience rule is an affront to ever American who believes government ought to be under God, not play God. It is an insult to religious faith and to pro-lifers of no religious faith who see the danger of rendering one category of human life as having less value than another. We should be aware of where this can lead. If you are a resident in an assisted-living center, you might consider putting an extra lock on the door, because you are next. By the time our consciences have been reprogrammed, the bureaucrat who decides you've outlived your usefulness will have forgotten how to feel guilty about anything.

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Taking the country to a dead end

It became clear back in October when the tsunami called the financial crisis washed over the United States (and the rest of the world), that the 2008 election might be a deeply consequential one. Until the economy tanked, the contest between Barack Obama and John McCain was about conventional Democrat/Republican disagreements. Even differences over the war in Iraq and foreign policy had seemed to contract with the continued progress of Gen. David Petraeus' strategy. Though Barack Obama had the most liberal voting record of any senator, his campaign gave no appearance of extremism. You might have had your private doubts, but on paper he was a gun-defending proponent of traditional marriage who simply wanted to make government work better. Pro-union? Sure. A down the line supporter of abortion rights? Yes. But an FDR-style statist with grand ambitions to alter the American political landscape? No.

Immediately after the election, Obama chose a number of centrist advisers and even kept Robert Gates at the Pentagon. Some of us wondered whether he was really planning to govern from the center. Left-wing bloggers began to shift uneasily in their chairs. But they can relax now. With his "stimulus" package and his quasi-State of the Union address this week, President Obama has made it abundantly clear that he intends to hustle this country into European nanny state socialism if he can (and just as fast as he can).

The president thinks he has the opening to do so because this contraction, a bust following a boom such as free markets have experienced since the dawn of trade, has been interpreted by the political and journalistic classes as an unprecedented collapse of capitalism. Obama, his serene, non-confrontational style notwithstanding, has been adept at fuel-



Mona Charen

ing this panic. Nothing less than "catastrophe" loomed if we failed to pass the most gargantuan government spending orgy in history. (James Glassman offers a useful historical tour of previous attempts to stimulate the economy through spending in the March issue of Commentary magazine. They are ineffective.)

With the public suitably frightened and biddable, Obama now strides to the podium and begins prescribing particular government policies. (Have you noticed his troubling habit of denying what he is doing? For example, in his speech to Congress he said he asked for the stimulus bill "not because I believe in bigger government — I don't." And in recommending a bailout of mortgage holders, he denied that any relief would go to "speculators" or those who "bought more house than they could afford" but that is exactly what the package will do.)

Suddenly, because the economy nosedived in the middle of an election, we are living in Obamaland, where Barack's policy ideas are to be rushed into legislation. He thinks it would be a good idea for medical records to be digitized. Well, some in the field have questioned whether the investment in digital records would really be worth the cost. Perhaps the money could have been better spent elsewhere while the digitalization would have been spread out over more years. But so much for that debate. It's in the stimulus bill now.

Similarly, Obama has decided that we should spend billions more on preschool

education because as he put it, "we know that the most formative learning comes in those first years of life." Well, that's actually doubtful. I refer the president to "The Myth of the First Three Years" by John Bruer. He argues persuasively that we have been misled about the importance of early learning; that the brain is actually quite plastic and lifelong learning is the norm. Other brain researchers agree. There is also controversy about even such gold-plated programs as Head Start.

But this is a strange way for a democracy to make policy. We shouldn't be in the position of trying to persuade the king or dictator. Policy shifts should be slow and gradual. One state should experiment with universal preschool and then compare results after say, five years, with other states that don't have it. That is how we successfully reformed welfare in the 1980s and 1990s. States like Wisconsin led the way with reforms that proved efficacious and then the nation followed. (That success, by the way, has been undermined by the stimulus law.)

Obama, like other liberals, wants to dispense with experimentation and debate (which he dismisses as the "the same old gridlock and partisan posturing") and sluice an enormous liberal/socialist wish list, to include single-payer health care, universal college education, and so-called green energy into law.

It will be difficult to resist this charismatic figure, but let's be clear about this: Though he denies what he is about, he is pulling the country dangerously toward a statist dead end.

■ **To find out more about Mona Charen and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday, March 3**, the 62nd day of 2009. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a measure making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscomb, Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their blind and deaf 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

Ten years ago: Monica Lewinsky, in an ABC interview timed to coincide with the publication of her book, recounted for Barbara Walters some of the fondest, as well as most painful, aspects of her relationship with President Bill Clinton.

Five years ago: Multnomah County, Ore., began issuing same-sex marriage licenses. The Walt Disney Co.'s board voted to strip Michael Eisner of his chairman's post while retaining him as CEO.

One year ago: Democrat Barack Obama said his campaign had never given Canada back-channel assurances that his harsh words about the North American Free Trade Agreement were for political show, despite a Canadian memo indicating otherwise.

Today's Birthdays:

Movie producer-director George Miller is 64. Actress Hattie Winston is 64. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 62. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 59. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 56. Actress Miranda Richardson is 51. Radio personality Ira Glass is 50. Actress Mary Page Keller is 48. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 47. Football player Herschel Walker is 47. Actress Jessica Biel is 27.

Computer classes offered at Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Those looking to tweak their technology skills and perhaps improve their chances in the job market should consider upcoming computer classes offered at Dalton State College.

Excel in a Day, offered Saturday, March 7, will introduce learners to the leading spreadsheet program on the market. "For many, proficiency in this software has become a workplace requirement," said program coordinator Kelly Snyder. "Students will be building strong foundational skills in Microsoft Excel terminology and basic spreadsheet development techniques. Technology professional James Combs will instruct students how to successfully navigate the spreadsheet, enter data, manipulate columns, rows and cells, as well as manage files and print." The class is completed in one day; it begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and concludes at 5 p.m.

Graduates of Excel in a Day and others seeking to learn more advanced skills should check out Intermediate Excel, which runs Tuesday and Thursday evenings, March 24 through April 2. "This in-

depth course will save you time and stress on the job by giving you the skills to effortlessly create charts and graphs, filter data along specified criteria and manipulate Pivot Tables," Snyder said. "Students will also learn how to share data with other programs and create 'what if?' analyses." There is a \$25 discount for those who register for both Excel in a Day and Intermediate Excel classes.

QuickBooks Pro 2008 is designed with small to mid-sized businesses in mind, making accounting easier with tools to organize finances all in one location, Snyder said. The class starts March 9 and continues Monday evenings through March 30. Brian Rudnicki is the instructor.

Among the skills participants in this class will learn are payroll, invoicing, bill tracking and check writing. In addition, they'll be able to find past-due invoices or overdue bills as well as look up account histories of customers and vendors. After completing this course, students will be able to track sales and expenses, create professional looking custom forms, and share data with programs such as MS Word and Excel.

Beginning March 10 and



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You can upgrade your computer skills by taking a class at Dalton State College.

continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 19 is Microsoft Word Essentials, taught by Stephanie Polen. "MS Word," Snyder says, "has been called by PC Magazine 'one of the strongest and most intelligent programs ever written' and it is a fixture in today's workplace culture." Among the skills taught in this class, Snyder said, are the ability to edit, stylize and save text as well as cut, paste, format and print doc-

uments. In addition, she said that Polen will guide class members as they learn basic Windows terminology and will teach them how to create and manage work folders.

For information on any of these programs or to register, visit online at www.daltonstate.edu/cce and click on Computer & Technology, or call (706) 272-4454. All classes meet in the computer labs at the James E. Brown Center on the Dalton State campus.

BRIEFS

Ga. Senate pushes tax break transparency

ATLANTA (AP) — A bipartisan effort is underway to provide more transparency in the tax breaks handed out by the Georgia Legislature.

A bill being pushed in the state Senate would require the state to track the cost of tax breaks every year.

It's being sponsored by Sens. Greg Goggans, a Douglas Republican, and Tim Golden, a Valdosta Democrat.

Goggans said the measure would require an accounting of whether tax breaks deliver the jobs and other benefits they promise.

Blagojevich to write book

CHICAGO (AP) — Rod Blagojevich, the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed from office by impeachment, signed a deal Monday to write a book "exposing the dark side of politics," his publicist said.

Blagojevich signed a "six-figure" deal to write a book for Phoenix Books, to be released in October, publicist Glenn Selig said in a news release.

Selig said the former governor "plans on exposing the dark side of politics that he witnessed in both the state and national level."

Obama releases terrorism memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration threw open the curtain on years of Bush-era secrets Monday, revealing anti-terror memos that claimed exceptional search-and-seizure powers and divulging that the CIA destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of interrogations and other treatment of terror suspects.

The Justice Department released nine legal opinions showing that, following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Bush administration determined that certain constitutional rights would not apply during the coming fight. Within two weeks, government lawyers were already discussing ways to wiretap U.S. conversations without warrants.

The Bush administration eventually abandoned many of the legal conclusions, but the documents themselves had been closely held. By releasing them, President Barack Obama continued a house-cleaning of the previ-

ous administration's most contentious policies.

The Obama administration also acknowledged in court documents Monday that the CIA destroyed 92 videos of involving terror suspects, including interrogations — far more than had been known.

NC mom recalled to Army duty will be discharged

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The North Carolina mother who reported for Army duty with her two young children will be discharged from the military, her attorney said Monday.

Attorney Mark Waple of Fayetteville said it wasn't yet clear if Lisa Pagan would receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. It also wasn't certain when she would be discharged.

The reason for the discharge will be that she doesn't have, and cannot have, an adequate family care for her two young children, he said.

Casey Anthony faces October trial

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A central Florida mother will go on trial in October on a charge of murdering her 2-year-old daughter.

Casey Anthony's first-degree murder trial has been tentatively set for Oct. 12.

She is accused of killing her daughter, Caylee, whose remains were found in the woods in Orlando last December, six months after she disappeared.

ATF warns spring breakers against Mexico travel

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has taken the unusual step of urging college students to avoid parts of northern Mexico during spring break.

The bureau's Los Angeles field division said Monday that it discourages travel to Tijuana and Rosarito Beach, noting that both cities just south of San Diego have witnessed a lot of drug-fueled violence. Rosarito has long been a mecca for Southern California students on spring break.

The warning goes a step further than one issued by the State Department last month advising travelers to Mexico to avoid areas of prostitution and drug-dealing and to take other commonsense precautions.

Trooper Chiesa assigned to Rome

Abraham Chiesa of Whitfield County has been assigned to Rome Post 38 of the Georgia State Patrol after completing trooper school at the Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

Two other troopers were assigned to Dalton's Post 5 — Steven Cruise Jr. of Catoosa County and Joseph Geddie of Dade County.

New troopers complet-

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

The troopers completed 12 weeks of field training under the guidance of seasoned troopers.



Chiesa

AREA ARRESTS

■ James Robert Brown, 48, 3087 Sydney Way, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with striking an unattended vehicle, DUI, failure to drive within a single lane and driving while license withdraw.

■ Gary Lee King, 45, 421 Florence Ave., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with failure to drive within a single lane, driving while license withdrawn (second offense) and DUI.

THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 6762.8 ▼ 300.10
Monday's NASDAQ: 1322.80 ▼ 55

	Friday	Monday			
Gold	952	937.2	Intel	12.74	12.31
Silver	13.065	13.11	IBM	92.03	89.05
Acuity	22.92	22.08	Interface	2.23	2.20
AAir	2.99	2.54	JCP	15.33	14.75
Apple	89.31	88.02	JNJ	50	47.86
AT&T	23.77	23.04	Kroger	20.67	20.32
BAC	3.95	3.63	Lowes	15.84	14.70
BB&T	16.13	15.63	McDonalds	52.25	51.85
BP	38.36	35.15	Merck	24.20	23.44
BristolMyers	18.41	17.74	Microsoft	16.15	15.79
HP-Compaq	29.03	28.07	Mohawk	22.65	21.14
Chevron	60.67	57.62	Motorola	3.52	3.38
CocaCola	40.85	39.69	Region-Fin	3.42	3.57
ConAgra	15.09	14.94	Rock-Tenn.	27.61	25.78
ColonialBnk	.45	.39	Sara Lee	7.71	7.45
Coke Ent.	11.48	10.69	SouthernCo	30.31	29.78
CrackerBrl	22.38	22.38	Synovous	3.48	3.07
CrwnCrafts	2.25	2.25	SunTrust	12.03	11.07
CSX	24.73	22.88	Torchmark	20.60	19.45
Dell	8.53	8.43	Total Sys	12.58	12.23
Delta	5.03	4.59	UPS	41.18	38.92
Dixie Group	1.36	1.10	Vulcan	41.41	40.63
Dow	7.16	6.94	Verizon	28.53	27.52
Duke	13.47	12.92	Wal-Mart	49.24	48.04
DuPont	18.76	17.44	Wells Fargo	12.10	10.84
Earthlink	6.30	6.23	Wendy's	4.53	4.53
Ericsson	8.16	7.51	Yum	26.28	24.96
Exxon	67.90	64.91	Xerox	5.18	4.75
Ford	2.00	1.88	<i>Stock information as of market closing is furnished by Hilliard Lyons, 511 Benjamin Way, Suite 112, Dalton, (706) 279-1810 or 800-437-6450. Hilliard Lyons is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.</i>		
FSG	3.50	3.50			
GE	8.51	7.60			
GM	2.25	2.01			
Goodyear	4.44	3.94			
HomeDepot	20.89	19.92			

STILL SEARCHING



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Dana Massey continues to place posters concerning her missing son Brett Thomason around the Dalton area. Thomason, 19, disappeared on a boating trip down the Conasauga River the night of Feb. 19. Since then searches on land and on the river have involved hundreds of people but he has not been found. Searches will continue this week, beginning at Riverbend Baptist Church on Riverbend Road, at noon each day through Sunday. The state Department of Natural Resources continues to search the river for several miles below where Thomason's boat was found.

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Whitfield Career Academy dominates regional contest

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Nine of 13 Whitfield County Career Academy students brought home medals after a SkillsUSA competition at Coosa Valley Technical College. No other school took home more medals than the academy.

During the spring holidays, 20 students will compete in the 2009 Georgia SkillsUSA contest in Atlanta for the right to represent Georgia in the National SkillsUSA contest this summer.

Students who received first and second place medals go on to the state

competition. They are:

- First place: Andrew Gazaway, precision machining technology
- First place: Elizabeth Sutton, cosmetology
- Second place: Josie Bentacourth, graphic communications
- Second place: Lee McFarland, technical drafting
- Third place students were:
 - Eduardo Fraire, architectural drafting
 - Kenneth Hawkins, auto service technology
 - Cesar Maldonado, carpentry
 - Cody Sullivan, masonry
 - Kevin Worley, job demonstration A

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Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Bro. 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, Stanley Caldwell, Sr. and Regina Caldwell; brother, Stanley Caldwell, Jr.; 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 McCreary of Tracy City, Tenn., Earlene and Douglas Hayes of Dalton, Bonnie Van Dyke of Jasper, Tenn.; brothers and sister-in-law, Leslie Caldwell of Fla., Pete and Hilda Caldwell of Tracy City, Tenn., Jerry Caldwell of Fla.; seven grandchildren; nieces and nephew also survive.

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

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, March 2, 2009 from 4 p.m. until the funeral hour on Tuesday.

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

Bobby L. Casey

Bobby L. Casey, 74, of Ringgold, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at Heritage Health Care Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Eula Casey; brother, Dennis Casey; and daughter, Marie Casey.

He is survived by his wife, Lora Casey of Ringgold; daughter, Patricia Casey of Ringgold; stepchildren, Cathye Reed, Danny Lowe, Jean Hickey and R.T. Lowe, all of Ringgold; brothers and sisters-in-law, Elbert Dolyes Casey of Rome, George Casey of Buchanan, Robert and Jean Casey of Douglasville, Allen and Faye Casey of Adairsville and Jim and Judy Casey of Auburn; sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Marvin Cooper of Calhoun and Juanita DeLee of Florida; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are today at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill with the Rev. Lillard Stringer officiating.

Burial will be in Gordy Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

Rayburn Lamar "Ray" Flood

Mr. Rayburn Lamar "Ray" Flood, 66, of Dalton,



Flood

departed this life Sunday afternoon, March 1, 2009 at the local hospital. Ray was born Jan. 1, 1943 in Whitfield County, a son of the late John Harrison and Lemmer Wilson Flood. He was also preceded in

death by an infant son, Timmy Flood; a son, Barry Flood; daughter-in-law, Karen Flood; sister, Edna Parks; and brothers, Wallace, John, Gerald, Floyd and Mack Flood.

Ray was a very hard worker who loved and provided for his family. He was the owner and operator of Flood's Cleaning Service and a member of Welcome Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Virginia Knight Flood; sons, Ray Flood Jr., Tim Flood, Hunter Flood and Matthew Flood; daughters, Tammie Quinton and Ashley Flood; grandson, Justin Flood and his little friend who thought of him as his Paw Paw, Renn Gann; brother and sisters-in-law, D.L. and Betty Flood, TerrElla Flood and Joy Holcomb; brother-in-law, John Parks; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Ray Flood are Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Guffey officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with Bobby Johnson, Bret Brownlow, Sean Brownlow, Kenneth Shelton, Benny Seiber and Justin Lynthlyn serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today and Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m.

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

Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home. www.legacy.com

Dennis Lee Gibson

Mr. Dennis Lee Gibson, 53, of Resaca, died Monday, March 2, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.



Gibson

Mr. Gibson was born June 16, 1955 in Whitfield County, a son of the late Arthur and Mary Gossett Gibson. Dennis was a correctional officer with Regional Youth Detention Center. He was a member and Past Master (2002) of Gordon Springs F& AM Masonic Lodge No. 463. He studied at Ben Kiker Heated Karate Studio and achieved the rank of black belt.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Elaine Akins Gibson of the residence; daughters and sons-in-law, Tara and Mark Bennett of Rome, Mandy and Darrell Touchstone of Tunnel Hill, Kari Gibson and LeeAnn and Sam Hammontree of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Stephanie Duke of Atlanta; brother, David Godfrey of North Carolina; sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Lamar Montgomery of Dalton, Carol Moore of North Carolina and Janie and Terry Harrow of Rock Springs; grandchildren, Brian Watson, Logan Touchstone, Bradley Bennett, Luke Bennett, Ruthie Bennett, Bryce Duke, Branson Hammontree, Samantha Hammontree and Kody Hammontree; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Gibson are Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Pastor Curtis Belcher and the Rev. Trey Starnes officiating.

Burial will be in the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with Billy Bargo, Phil Mulkey, Bobby Hughes, Mat Cline, Lynn Dyer and Anthony Henry serving as pallbearers.

OBITUARIES

Masonic graveside rites will be provided by the Gordon Springs F & AM Masonic Lodge No 463.

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

Please visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneral-home.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Gibson's family.

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Carol Sue Godfrey

Mrs. Carol Sue Godfrey, 68, of Dalton, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Erlanger Medical Center.

Mrs. Godfrey was born Nov. 16, 1940 in Fannin County. She was also preceded in death by her father, Everett Preston Stanley; and son, Barry James Godfrey.

She is survived by her husband, James H. Godfrey Jr. of Dalton; mother, Lois Mae Stanley of Dalton; sons, Joel D. Godfrey and Victor Godfrey of Dalton; brothers and sisters-in-law, David Preston and Vickie Stanley of Dalton, Daniel and Sharon Stanley of Blue Ridge, Darrell and Terri Stanley of Trenton and Dale and Joy Stanley of Dalton; sisters, Betty Holt, Jean Webb and Barbara Warren, all of Dalton and Wanda and Dennis Gilbert of Apison, Tenn.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Carol Sue Godfrey are Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Minister Barry Gilreath officiating.

Burial will be in the Stanley Church of Christ Cemetery in Fannin County with David, Daniel, Darrell, Dale Stanley, Jeremy and Blake Godfrey serving as pallbearers.

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

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Dartha Baker Henderson

Mrs. Dartha Baker Henderson, 83, of Rocky Face, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was the daughter of the late Eli and Emma Baker and was preceded in death by her husband, June Edward Henderson.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marcelle and Bruce English of Orange Park, Fla.; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Betty Henderson of Dalton; sister, Margaret Suddeth of Dalton; granddaughter, Valerie and Edward Silva of Tunnel Hill; special friend, Rose Marie Boyd of Rocky Face; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. George Ross officiating. Burial will follow in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Words of comfort may be sent at the family at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

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

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Ruby Jewell Sluder Postell

Mrs. Ruby Jewell Sluder Postell, 72 of Dalton, died Sunday evening March 1, 2009 in Hamilton Medical Center.

Ruby was born in Bartow County Dec. 26, 1936, daughter of the late Sidney Cornelius and Ruby Lou Martin Sluder. She was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in Whitfield County. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Lloyd Thomas Sluder, and a nephew, Ryan Avery Mosteller.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Carl Postell and his wife, Joyce Ann of Dalton; one daughter, Linda Kay Postell Atkins and her husband, Anthony of Tunnel Hill; two sisters, Frances Gilliland and Shirley Mosteller, both of Rocky Face; four grandchildren, Daniel Carl Postell, Jr., Derek James Postell, Jason Atkins and Eric Atkins; one great-grandchild, Anna Atkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 4 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Maynard Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Whitfield Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers serving include Daniel Postell, Eric Atkins, Derek Postell, Jason Atkins, David Gilliland and Tommy Davenport.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. You may send condolences to the family at www.thomasfuneral-home.com

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral arrangements for Mrs. Ruby Jewell Sluder Postell. www.legacy.com

Barbara Pearl Vineyard Rogers

Barbara Pearl Vineyard Rogers, age 65, of Chatsworth, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Murray Medical Center.

Barbara was preceded in death by her mother, Mandy Ellen Girley Miles; her father, Eugene Ervin Vineyard; a niece, Georgia (Joy) Davenport Russell.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Wanda Rogers of Dug Gap, Brian and Tamara Rogers of Chatsworth; daughter, Rennee Rogers Duck of Dalton; sisters, Sheila Winkler Flood, Linda Lunsford, and Betty Davenport, all of Chatsworth; brother Eddie Miles of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Sasha Hampton, Andrew Hampton, Kaitlyn Rogers, Price Rogers, Danielle Rogers; great-grandchildren, Hayden Hampton, Marissa Welch, Mathew Cavender; a close niece, Brittany Mauldin; nieces, and nephews also survive.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March

4, 2009, in the Chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with Brian Rogers and Rev. James Busie officiating.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday March 4, 2009 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Peoples 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 1, 2009 at Wood Dale Health Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman "Mike" Scott, Sr.; and a son, William T. Scott.

She was member First Baptist Church of Dalton.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Ransom Hudson of Riceville, Tenn., and Carolyn and Carroll Butler of Port Wentworth, Ga.; sons and daughters-in-law, Herman A., Jr. and Kathryn Scott of Greenville, S.C., Richard and Margie Scott of Chatsworth, and David and Millie Scott of Dalton; daughter-in-law, Wanda Scott of Gainesville, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Scott and Rev. David Hendrix officiating.

Burial will be in Eastview Cemetery in Rome, Ga.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the family and the guest register signed at www.julianpeoples.com.

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

Guinn Smith

Mr. John Guinn Smith, 88, of Dalton, passed away Saturday Feb. 28, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Born April 28, 1920 in Whitfield County, Guinn was the seventh son of the late Henry Clark Smith and Lillian Wyatt Smith of the Five Springs Community. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Rex Young Smith, Robert Earl Smith, Henry Wyatt Smith, Horace Cyrus Smith, W. A. Smith and Guy Clark Smith.

Mr. Smith graduated from Valley Point High School in 1940 and was awarded the American Farmer Degree that same year. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving from 1944 to 1946, with a tour of duty in the Philippines and Japan.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Five Springs United Methodist Church from birth and served on many boards and committees. He served as treasurer for the Men's Sunday School Class for over 40 years. He helped establish the first Boy Scout Troup at Five Springs and was an active leader for many years.

Guinn worked for the City of Dalton for over 41 years, retiring in 1991. He was an expert mechanic, carpenter, farmer and avid gardener. He was a master furniture craftsman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Bertha Mae McAdams Smith of Dalton; daughters and son-in-law, Guinnalyn and Jim Barclay of Dalton and Sandra Smith Franklin of Lawrenceville; grandchildren, Elizabeth and Andrew Cloud of Houston, Texas, Kathy and Chris Hammontree of Varnell, Lanna and Pete Knapp of Atlanta; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Hammontree, Anna Guinn Hammontree, Guinnalyn Cloud and Thomas Cloud; sister-in-law, Ruth McAdams Leak of Greenville, S.C.; nieces and nephews.

A worship service of celebration of the life of Guinn Smith will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Five Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. R. Allen Stewart and Rev. Kenny Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in West Hill Cemetery.

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

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Five Springs United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2823 Five Springs Rd. Dalton, GA, 30721 or to The Alzheimer's Association - Ga. Chapter, 855 Abutment Rd., Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

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

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Eugene Wilson

Mr. Eugene Wilson, 62, of Chatsworth, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Hutcheson Medical Center.

Mr. Wilson was born Feb. 9, 1947 in Campbell County, Tenn., a son of the late Avery and Ruby Wilson. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Wilson; and stepdaughter, Angie Chastain.

He is survived by his sons, David Wilson of Chatsworth and Malcolm Ruben Wilson and Mark Lynn Wilson, both of Dalton; stepson, Billy Hyde of Chatsworth; stepdaughter, Teresa Hyde of Chatsworth; brothers and sister-in-law, Bill and Pearl Wilson and Junior Wilson of Oliver Springs, Tenn.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Eugene Wilson are Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

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And all the things he said and did that showed he really cared.

How well I do remember the day God called him home
Dad slipped into His loving arms and I felt so alone.

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Charlie Troop deploys to Afghanistan



Amy Grace, 3, holds a sign for her cousin Shane Richardson — and the rest of the soldiers in the Charlie Troop - while lining Crawford Street Monday as the troop's procession nears the armory. The Charlie Troop, the Dalton-based unit of the Army National Guard, is being deployed to Afghanistan.



Makayla Mays, 4, gives her brother Justin Grissom eskimo kisses at the armory Monday following the Charlie Troop's procession sendoff through Dalton.



Kristen Halman, 9, waves her flag as the Charlie Troop's procession through Dalton nears the armory on Crawford Street.



Lisa Panther, mother of Cpl. Joshua Panther, waves flags as Kathy Locke sings "Proud to be an American" while closing a service on Monday for family members of the Charlie Troop, the Dalton-based unit of the Army National Guard.



Sgt. Christopher Briasco holds his 3-year-old daughter Caslynn during the service Monday for family members of the Charlie Troop.



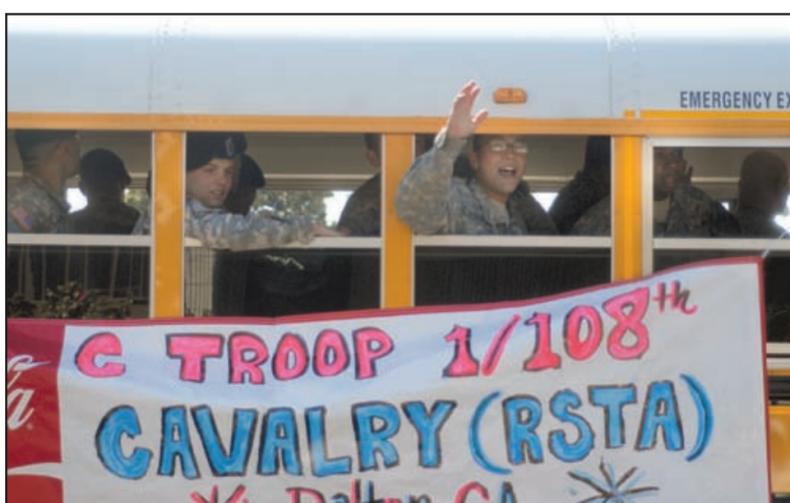
Retired Marine David Blackburn waves an American flag as the buses carrying Charlie Troop pass by on Thornton Avenue.



Ella Shoemaker, from left, grandmother to Kevin Myrick, Annette Ross, Myrick's mother, and Tammie Myrick and Angela Davidson, his sisters, line Crawford Street near the armory for the Charlie Troops procession through Dalton Monday. The troop, the Dalton-based unit of the Army National Guard, is being deployed to Afghanistan.



Daniel Roberts feeds his 7-month-old son Jayden while holding the hand of his wife Audrey during the service for family members of the Charlie Troop.



Soldiers wave to City Park Elementary students as they make their way down Crawford Street Monday.



T.J. Campbell clutches his sister Kalia Jennings while other family members and friends wait their turn for a hug during the service Monday for family members of the Charlie Troop.



Magaly Guerrero, 7, and Riky Aguilar, 9, both second grade students at City Park Elementary School, hold a sign along Crawford Street Monday.

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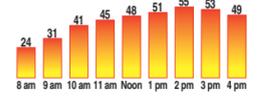
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Sunset tonight 6:37 p.m.

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Weather History
On March 3, 1994, as much as 30 inches of snow buried central Pennsylvania, pushing season totals to record levels.

Weather Trivia™
Q: Snowmen are built most readily out of what type of snow?

Georgia Weather

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Dalton	46/28
Gainesville	46/28
Athens	45/25
Atlanta	46/26
Augusta	49/20
Macon	50/25
Dublin	50/25
Savannah	50/24
Columbus	54/29
Cordele	53/26
Albany	54/26
Valdosta	54/28
Brunswick	50/28

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	54/26/s	64/40/s	73/47/s	La Grange	49/21/s	60/34/s	66/44/s
Atlanta	46/26/s	59/40/s	66/48/s	Macon	50/25/s	60/36/s	70/45/s
Athens	45/25/s	59/35/s	67/45/s	Marietta	46/23/s	57/32/s	68/44/s
Augusta	49/20/s	60/25/s	68/40/s	Newton	58/27/s	66/34/s	76/45/s
Brunswick	50/28/s	59/38/s	68/48/s	Rome	47/23/s	59/36/s	67/47/pc
College Park	46/26/s	59/40/s	66/48/s	Savannah	50/24/s	58/33/s	72/46/s
Columbus	54/29/s	62/41/s	72/50/s	Sparta	49/21/s	60/27/s	69/41/s
Gainesville	46/28/s	54/39/s	64/48/s	Valdosta	54/28/s	64/36/s	74/44/s

National Weather for March 3, 2009

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

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.	City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albany	18/6/c	24/8/s	32/17/s	Denver	71/36/pc	67/34/pc	65/33/pc
Anchorage	25/13/sf	24/13/sn	32/27/sn	Detroit	28/18/s	37/27/c	43/36/c
Baltimore	27/13/s	36/23/pc	45/32/pc	Indianapolis	35/23/s	45/35/pc	55/44/c
Billings	55/28/c	52/31/c	47/24/s	Kansas City	45/36/s	61/45/pc	63/43/pc
Boise	52/35/c	49/33/c	50/34/c	Las Vegas	73/50/pc	68/50/c	68/45/pc
Buffalo	18/15/s	29/19/pc	36/29/pc	Los Angeles	68/52/pc	70/48/pc	66/50/pc
Charlotte	38/19/s	47/30/pc	63/42/pc	Memphis	49/39/pc	60/53/pc	70/57/pc
Cheyenne	64/35/pc	62/33/s	60/29/pc	Miami	68/54/s	72/59/s	76/63/s
Chicago	36/20/pc	40/30/pc	51/37/r	Milwaukee	32/22/pc	36/29/pc	44/32/r
Cincinnati	37/21/s	49/32/pc	56/40/c	Minneapolis	34/21/c	36/26/pc	45/25/r
Cleveland	25/13/s	36/27/pc	44/37/c	New Orleans	57/44/s	70/58/s	75/60/pc
Dallas	68/51/s	81/59/s	86/59/pc	New York	23/15/pc	33/24/s	37/32/s
				Okla. City	63/47/s	76/49/s	84/53/pc
				Orlando	63/39/s	70/45/s	75/53/s
				Philadelphia	25/11/s	33/22/pc	43/31/pc
				Phoenix	85/59/pc	83/58/pc	75/57/pc
				Pittsburgh	24/10/s	34/22/pc	43/34/pc
				Portland, OR	56/37/c	51/39/sh	49/37/r
				S.L. City	58/38/c	54/33/c	52/33/c
				St. Louis	40/31/pc	57/44/pc	66/47/c
				San Diego	68/56/pc	66/55/pc	63/54/pc
				San Fran.	58/48/r	58/46/r	59/46/r
				San Jose	68/56/pc	66/55/pc	63/54/pc
				Seattle	50/37/c	48/39/pc	46/35/r
				Wash., DC	28/18/s	39/29/pc	51/37/pc

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PREP BASEBALL: DALTON SEASON PREVIEW



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Junior right-hander Colton Kinnamon, left, and senior catcher Garren Palmer — last year's *Daily Citizen* Player of the Year — talk in the bullpen during Dalton High baseball practice on Monday. A year after finishing second in Region 7-4A and qualifying for the state playoffs, the Cats have their eyes on both region and state crowns.

A taste for more

Experienced Cats aim for titles

BY LARRY FLEMING

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After turmoil at the top prior to last year's opener, Dalton's baseball team anticipates a peaceful beginning to what the Catamounts say is a season dominated by postseason championship aspirations.

Bobby Brotherton, already coaching Dalton softball at the time, was recruited to replace fired baseball coach Jed Douglas a week prior to the Cats' 2008 opener. Once the transition was complete, Dalton players adjusted to the new face in the third-base coaching box, finished second in Region 7-4A behind Rome and reached the second round of the state playoffs, where they lost to Heritage-Rockdale.

"Coming in when we did last year and kind of changing a little bit of everything," Brotherton said, "the kids progressed well and got into the playoffs. That taste of the state tourney will make us not only want to get back to the playoffs, but do even better."

With loads of experience, pitching depth, solid hitting, strong defense and the return of five *Daily Citizen* All-Area players, including Player of the Year Garren Palmer, the Cats should be preseason favorites to take Rome's place atop the sub-region standings. They open at 5:55 p.m. Thursday against visiting Ringgold.

This season, 7-4A teams must finish among the top three in the sub-region to have a shot at the postseason. The baseball playoffs are identical to the system used in football, necessitated by a mammoth 15-team region. That's OK with Brotherton.

> Please see **CATS, 2B**

CATAMOUNTS 2009

Coach: Bob Brotherton
2008 record: 16-14, 9-5



Name	No.	Yr.	Pos.
Will Kiker	2	10	OF/P
Will Estes	3	12	OF
Toombs Norman	4	10	SS/P
Phillip Schenck	5	12	OF
Mitch Townsend	6	11	OF
Murphy Martin	7	12	DH/IF
Stryker Brown	10	11	2B
Carter Crutchfield	11	12	3B/SS
Trevor Wofford	12	11	OF
Colton Kinnamon	14	11	P/UT
John Erwin	15	12	P/UT
Alex Roberts	17	10	P/UT
Blake Raber	20	10	C/1B
Nick Ray	22	12	P
Garren Palmer	25	12	C/1B
Joey Davis	28	11	1B/C
Beau Blackwood	35	12	OF

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PREP BASKETBALL: STATE TOURNAMENT

Lady Bruins want to keep ride going

BY ADAM KROHN

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In the 2005 state playoffs, Mays defeated Northwest Whitfield in Tunnel Hill, 77-55, led by guard Nikitta Gartrell's 32 points in a first-round game.

But that was four years ago, the Lady Bruins' senior class was in middle school and Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger believes too much time has passed to use the game as a frame of reference.

"I have a hard enough time remembering what I did yesterday," said Stockburger, who has guided Northwest to the state playoffs in nine of her 13 seasons.

Tonight in Tunnel Hill, the Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins, the No. 1 seed out of Region 7-4A, will put their season on the line when they host Mays — the Atlanta school is the No. 2 seed from 5-4A — once again in a second-round game in the Georgia High School Association's Class 4A state playoffs.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. and admission is a GHSA-set \$7. The game will also be broadcast on WYYU-104.5 FM.

In Friday's first-round action, Northwest (27-2) hosted and defeated 8-4A's Osborne 55-40, while Mays (26-2) coasted to a 54-42 home win over 6-4A's Miller Grove.

UP NEXT ...

- **WHO:** Mays (26-2) vs. Northwest Whitfield (27-2)
- **WHAT:** Second round, Georgia High School Association Class 4A girls state basketball tournament
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. today
- **WHERE:** Northwest Whitfield High School, Tunnel Hill
- **ADMISSION:** \$7
- **RADIO:** WYYU-104.5 FM
- **AT STAKE:** A spot in the semifinals, with the winner advancing to face the winner of Southwest DeKalb-Madison County.

The Lady Raiders, who were ranked No. 2 in the most recent GaSports.com Class 4A coaches poll, have reached the state quarterfinals in each of the past three seasons and the playoffs the last seven, including a state championship season in 2003.

Tenth-ranked Northwest is riding a 17-game winning streak dating to Jan. 6 and is in the state tourney for the fifth consecutive season, but has failed to make it past the second round during that run.

> Please see **RIDE, 2B**



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Sophomore post Quaneisha McCurty gives junior point guard Baleigh Coley a lift as Northwest Whitfield girls basketball team celebrates its 55-40 victory against Loganville in the first round of the state tournament on Friday.

COMMENTARY: IN THE PITS

Little brother wins, big brother smiles

LAS VEGAS

Few would have blamed Kurt Busch if he had skipped Victory Lane. After all, drivers who finish 23rd at their home track don't have much to celebrate.

Yet with a heartfelt smile, he stopped by the party Sunday night to briefly congratulate his kid brother.

If he had even one twinge of jealousy, he didn't show it.

Maybe he saved that emotion for later, for a personal moment away from all the cameras when Busch might have griped, "That should have been me."

No one would think anything less of Busch if he's had those thoughts in the year since his little brother suddenly emerged as NASCAR's newest superstar and



Jenna Fryer

knocked him from his reign as the family's top race car driver. Since moving to Joe Gibbs Racing last season, Kyle Busch has racked up win after win. He's cemented himself as a serious championship contender and put his career on the fast track to fame and fortune. His name was even mentioned last week as a possible candidate for a planned U.S.-based Formula One team — a nod that

> Please see **FRYER, 2B**



Kurt Busch, right, gives brother Kyle Busch a pat on the back after Kyle's NASCAR Sprint Cup win in Las Vegas on Sunday. Busch led 51 laps on the way to his first victory this season and the 13th win of his career in Cup races.

AP PHOTO

AREA ROUNDUP

Lady Cats stay hot on a cold day

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Considering recent local weather conditions, outdoor tennis is probably the last thing on most people's minds. But that wasn't the case for Dalton's Lady Catamounts, who lost just four games combined in a 5-0 rout of host Ringgold on Monday.

The Lady Cats (2-0) got singles wins from No. 1 Emily Harbin (6-0, 6-1), No. 2 Audrey Puryear (6-0, 6-1), No. 3 Lauren Long (6-0, 6-0), plus doubles victories from No. 1 Emily Broadrick and Malaka Awad (6-0, 6-1) and No. 2 Sarah Kelehear and Clara Norfleet (6-1, 6-0).

> Please see **AREA, 2B**

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The Whitfield County Recreation Department's No. 1 All-Stars won the Georgia Recreation and Park Association District 5A tournament championship on Saturday with a 43-34 victory over Rome at Anthony Recreation Center in Rome. They'll advance to the GRPA state tourney scheduled for March 6-7 in Griffin. Pictured are, front row left to right, Sydney Covington, Kristen Wyatt, Alex West, Cassie Marcus; back row, Erin Orem, Lexi Storey, coach Chris Storey, Sydney Storey and Mary Kate Allen.

Fryer: Brothers find trouble

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signifies the driver is considered one of the best in the world.

Kurt, meanwhile, has been seemingly stuck in neutral. His cars aren't as good, his trips to Victory Lane few and far between. Kyle earned 21 trips to the winner's circle last season. Kurt? Just one.

Still, he's weathered the shifting spotlight with grace, and that didn't change Sunday when a Busch finally won at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Growing up in the desert, young drivers didn't dream about NASCAR. That was a sport for the Southeast. Then came the glistening speedway, built on a dirt lot next to the .34-mile paved Bullring where Kurt and his dad, Tom, competed. Kyle was just a fan in the stands at the time, a little boy watching his big brother race. Sometimes he'd turn away from the action to get a glimpse of the construction on LVMS, which was rapidly growing before their eyes.

Eventually, Kurt scratched and clawed his way into a job for car owner Jack Roush. A chance to drive one of Roush's trucks was the break of a lifetime, and he parlayed it into a full-time Cup ride one year later.

It didn't take long for him to find success, but public acceptance did not come as easily. He tangled

with fan favorite Jimmy Spencer, starting a lengthy feud that ultimately turned the fans against him. Kurt, all of 24 years old, was suddenly Public Enemy No. 1.

Back home in Las Vegas, Kyle was making a name for himself on the race track. Of course, it helped that Kurt was already in NASCAR and had alerted the industry to Kyle's existence by once saying "if you think I'm good, you should see my little brother."

Roush wanted both Busch brothers, and locked Kyle into a contract before he even had his driver license. But when NASCAR said he had to be 18 to race in the big leagues, Kyle used the rule to void the Roush deal for a better one with Hendrick Motorsports.

It all came together so easily for Kyle because there were no doors for him to bang on: Kurt had already blown them all open. At first, the pecking order remained intact. Kurt still won at a decent clip and even grabbed the 2004 Cup championship. Kyle, meanwhile, slogged through his own set of mistakes and grew into Public Enemy No. 2. He ultimately got himself fired from Hendrick, who recognized his immense talent level but could no longer tolerate Kyle's immaturity.

Kurt had already moved on to Penske Racing by then, but success was hard to find in his new job — a

problem Kyle didn't have when he moved to JGR. Kyle Busch won a month into his new job, and seemingly every week after that.

Kyle was the top racing brother, and Kurt couldn't compete. But he never made it personal, never publicly complained about being overshadowed by a kid seven years his junior.

Instead, he focused on making his team better. And through three races this season, it seems as if his Penske crew has turned the corner.

Kurt was 10th at Daytona, fifth at California and won the outside pole for Las Vegas. No matter that Kyle won the pole — Kurt chose to relish in the stat that they were the first brothers since 2000 to sweep the front row, finally giving the Busches a legitimate chance to win at home.

Had his engine not lost a cylinder, Kurt might have been able to challenge his brother for the win. Instead, Kurt had to nurse his car home to a finish far lower than he planned. He knew it could have been him in Victory Lane. Maybe even should have been him.

But by spending more time fixing his own performance problems than worrying about being overshadowed, Kurt Busch ensured that it will be him in Victory Lane again. And soon.

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated Press.

Ride: Similar styles on court

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Though tonight's game will feature completely different players, the Lady Raiders still present the same type of problems for Northwest they did in 2005.

Instead of Gartrell, they have another talented guard in Kendra Long, a junior who has already eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for her career. Lady Raiders coach Natasha Harrigan said Long has season averages of 20 points, four assists and four steals.

Lady Bruins senior guard and defensive specialist Callie Thomas' main objective will be to limit Long's scoring opportunities.

"I'm basically going to shadow her wherever she goes," Thomas said. "I'm not going to be helping off as much as I normally would. I don't know her and haven't seen her, but I've heard she's really quick, she can shoot and she makes good decisions."

Both Harrigan and Stockburger agree the teams match up well and play the same up-and-down, fast-paced style.

In the post, the Lady

Raiders will try and combat 6-foot-5-inch Quaneisha McCarty and 6-3 Christy Robinson with Larissa Carter (5-11) and Qouston Crawley (5-9), whom Harrigan calls "great pounders inside."

At the guard position, Northwest's Jordi Cook and Baleigh Coley — the team's top 3-point shooters — will be met by Long and Morgan Goss.

Both teams feature do-it-all players in guard Emily Trew for Northwest and forward Davina High for Mays. And like Thomas for the Lady Bruins, Mays has a defensive stopper in Jaleah Holsley, a long-armed guard referred to by teammates as a "one man full-court press," Harrigan said.

The Lady Raiders are very effective in the full-court press and Stockburger knows Northwest will have to beat it if they want to beat Mays.

"We have to handle the press," she said. "That means limiting turnovers and making sure we use our personnel like we need to use it. If they're taking away the inside, we have to find a way to go outside and vice versa."

Though Mays is accustomed to seeing at least the

quarterfinals of the state playoffs in recent years, Harrigan — in her first season with Mays after stints at Atlanta's Carver and Cedar Grove — isn't counting on a gimme from Northwest for the Lady Raiders to advance this year.

"We know Northwest Whitfield didn't get here by chance," said Harrigan, who made school history at Carver by guiding the basketball team to its first state playoff appearance in 2004. "They're a good team and they're well-coached. I think it should be a very good matchup. It should be a good game and a great night for girls basketball."

The winner of tonight's game advances to the quarterfinals at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton and will play the winner of Southwest Dekalb (No. 2 seed, 6-4A) and Madison County (No. 1 seed, 8-4A). The quarterfinal game is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday.

Win or lose, tonight's game will be the last home contest for Northwest seniors Thomas and Jasmine Thornton.

"That's a big advantage to me," Thomas said. "Knowing that it's the last home game for me, I'll want to do that much better."

Cats: Pitching is a strength

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"I like challenges and each day this season will be a challenge," he said. "We have to be ready to accept those challenges, especially when the region games roll around. I like being the underdog like last year and fighting tooth and nail to get where we want to be. I hope our kids are ready for that type of challenge."

Underdogs? Not likely. The Cats won't sneak up on anyone this season. They were 16-14 overall and 9-5 in the region last season and will be "targeted" every time they take the field this year.

"Like everybody else, we're going into this season wanting to win the region, get a spot in the state playoffs and go as far as we can go," Brotherton said. "If I didn't say we wanted to win a state championship, I'd be kidding myself. But it's not an easy road."

Palmer — a catcher who batted .524 with nine doubles, a home run, 23 RBIs and a .667 average with runners in scoring position — will power Dalton's offense and handle deftly an experienced pitching staff. He has already signed with Milligan College in Johnson City, Tenn., and exudes a confidence shared by his coach and teammates.

"Last year we learned that we can play with pretty much any team in the state if we play our game," said Palmer, who's expected to take a few breaks from behind the plate to play first base. "I'm excited about this year. We're shooting for region and state championships."

After reaching last year's state playoffs, the Cats outscored Alexander 20-7 to sweep a two-game first-round series and set up the

second round against Heritage, then ranked No. 4 in the GaSports.com coaches poll. Heritage posted 6-5 and 6-2 wins to end Dalton's season.

But it taught the Cats something, said third baseman Carter Crutchfield, a returning All-Area selection.

"Competing with a team like Heritage convinced us that we could really be good this year," he said. "We saw what we needed to work on and everybody devoted the offseason to working hard and getting ready for this year. We definitely have high expectations."

Dalton's championship hopes start with a pitching rotation made up of senior John Erwin, junior Colton Kinnamon, senior Nick Ray and sophomore Alex Roberts. Will Kiker and junior Toombs Norman, who replaces Michael Richardson as the starting shortstop, will also see time on the mound.

Kinnamon was 5-1 with a 2.25 ERA in his sophomore season to earn All-Area honors. Opposing batters hit .168 against him and he recorded 60 strikeouts in 56 innings.

"These four returning guys threw a lot last year," Brotherton said. "The only starter we lost was Mackie Sheets and he's a big loss. But our guys back this year have good varsity experience."

Sophomore Blake Raber, who will spell Palmer behind the plate on occasion, is set to play first base. Junior Stryker Brown, another All-Area selection, returns at second base, with Norman at shortstop and Crutchfield at third.

Junior Mitch Townsend will be in left field, senior Phillip Schenck in center and senior Beau Blackwood

in right. Junior Trevor Wofford, Kiker and senior Will Estes provide depth in the outfield. Wofford can play all three positions, Brotherton said.

Blackwood, who also shared designated hitter duties last season, hit .314 with three doubles, a home run, 18 runs scored and six RBIs to gain his first All-Area selection. Brown was the Cats' leadoff batter last season, but is likely to hit in the No. 3 spot.

"Batting leadoff you want to go deep in the count and see what the pitcher has for everybody else," said Brown, who batted .378 with a .531 on-base percentage, 10 RBIs and 27 runs. "In the No. 3 slot, you might want to jump on the first pitch and drive in some runs. It's a different mental approach."

But he doesn't have to change his mental approach for the season to match with the rest of the Cats.

"We're shooting for nothing short of the state championship," he said. "If we play like we're capable and stay healthy, I think we have a good shot at doing that."

2009 Schedule

March: 5 — Ringgold, 5:55; 12-14 Hixson, Tenn., tournament; 17 — vs. Heritage-Catoosa at AT&T Park, Chattanooga, 5:55; 20 — vs. Science Hill at Red Bank, 4; 21 — at Red Bank, 7; 23 — at Ringgold, 5:30; 26 — at Murray County, 5:55; 31 — at Cass

April: 2 — Sequoyah, 5:55; 3 — at Woodland, 5:55; 7 — Northwest Whitfield, 5:55; 9 — at Rome, 5:55; 10 — Murray County, 5:55; 11 — Fannin County, 2; 16 — Cass, 5:55; 17 — at Sequoyah, 5:55; 20 — Woodland, 5:55; 22 — at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55; 24 — Rome, 5:55; 29-May 1 — Region 7-4A playoffs



Carter Crutchfield, a Dalton senior who returns to his starting spot at third base this season, throws toward first during practice on Monday at the school.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

Area: Dalton boys win, too

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"It was very cold," Dalton coach David Hillel said. "We were able to survive out there a little better than Ringgold. We just wanted to get some games in because some teams have already played four and five matches. Even though it was only our second match, we're getting better and I saw a lot more positive things than I did when we played Woodland."

■ **Dalton boys 4, Ringgold 1:** Winners for the Catamounts (2-0) were No. 1 singles Sam Awad (7-5, 6-1), No. 3 singles Hunter Carson (6-2, 6-0), No. 1 doubles Price Puryear and Andy Partain (6-2, 6-3) and No. 2 doubles Jeffrey Hair and Sam Batts (6-0, 6-0).

Varsity baseball

■ Northwest Whitfield's game at Ridgeland on Monday, intended to open

the Bruins' season, was moved to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The Bruins will instead open their year at home today with a 5 p.m. first pitch against Heritage-Catoosa.

JV soccer

■ **Rome boys 2, Northwest Whitfield 0:** The Bruins (2-1-1) outshot the Wolves 30-6, but Rome shot at a better percentage, scoring with 10 minutes left in the first half and again with less than two minutes in the game.

MS soccer

■ **Valley Point girls 3, Westside 1:** The Green Waves (1-1) got two goals from Byron Miranda and another from Erik Salaises while keeper Luis A. Fraire finished with four saves, one on a penalty kick.

The lone goal for the Rockets (0-3) came from Dave Perez.

■ **Westside girls 5, Valley Point 0:** Ashlee Huynh and Perla Casillas each had two goals and an assist, while Arley Torres added a goal and Monica Lopez an assist in the road victory for the Lady Rockets (2-0-1).

Ana Vasquez was in goal for the shutout and included stopping a penalty kick among her saves. Valley Point fell to 0-3.

■ **Eastbrook girls 3, Northwest Whitfield 0:** Diana Sandate, Alejandra Lerma and Heidi Lopez each scored and Maria Canales was in goal for the shutout as the Lady Mustangs picked up their second win as many matches to start the season.

■ **Eastbrook boys 8, Northwest Whitfield 1:** Jorge Hurtado had a pair of goals, while Jaime Arenas, Victor Garcia, Ramiro Guerrero, Jesus Leon, Diego Nunez and Josue Quintero each scored once for the Mustangs (2-0).

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SWIMMING



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Tanner Storey won the 10-year-old state championship in the boys 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:09.24.

Storey a state champ

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Carpet Capital Aquatics Club Makos coach Charles Todd has an army of swimmers capable of big things in the pool and this past weekend at the Georgia Swimming 14-under state championships at the Augusta Aquatic Center, big things happened.

Ten-year-old Tanner Storey won the state championship in the boys 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:09.24, highlighting a meet that was attended by 22 Makos swimmers. Storey also took third in the 50 backstroke (33.12) and fifth place in both the 100 and 200 freestyle with times of 1:02.76 and 2:18.25, respectively.

"He did an unbelievable job," Makos assistant coach Olga Davis said. "I could tell how aggressive he swam and just to get this achievement is just excellent. Like his parents said, this was unexpected. But he really took it to another level, absolutely."

Others who placed for the Makos at the meet were 10-year-old Jamie Fuller in the 100 breaststroke (sixth, 1:26.38) and 50 breaststroke (seventh, 39.65), 14-year-old Taylor Dale in the 100 backstroke (seventh, 56.56) and 14-year-old Hunter Mulkey in the 100 backstroke (fifth, 1:04.56).

The Makos took second place at the meet. "We haven't had a top 3 finish here since 2003," Todd said. "So it was nice to finish second and I'm real proud of the kids. We had some huge swims."

Survivor found on NFL boat

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The Coast Guard on Monday narrowed the search area for two NFL players and a third man missing since a weekend fishing trip off the Florida Gulf Coast after crews rescued a fourth man clinging to their capsized boat.

Survivor Nick Schuyler, a former University of South Florida player, told rescuers that the boat the four good friends were aboard was anchored when it flipped Saturday evening in rough seas, said Coast Guard Capt. Timothy M. Close. Schuyler, who was wearing a life vest, had been hanging onto the hull that a Coast Guard cutter discovered 35 miles off Clearwater.

The 21-foot boat belongs to Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, who, along with free-agent defensive lineman Corey Smith and former South Florida player William Bleakley, were missing.

The Coast Guard wouldn't speculate on the men's chances of survival, but Petty Officer Robert Simpson said their size and good health were advantages.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

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

Wednesday
Varsity baseball
Northwest at Ridgeland, 5
Varsity golf
Dalton girls at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30
JV baseball
Northwest at Ridgeland, 7:30
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
Sonarville 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.

Chicago	27	33	450	20	1/2
Indiana	26	36	419	22	1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
San Antonio	39	19	.672	—	
Houston	38	22	.633	2	
New Orleans	37	22	.627	2 1/2	
Dallas	36	24	.600	4	
Memphis	15	43	.259	24	
Northwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Denver	39	21	.650	—	
Portland	37	22	.627	1 1/2	
Utah	37	23	.617	2	
Minnesota	18	41	.305	20 1/2	
Oklahoma City	15	45	.250	24	
Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
L.A. Lakers	48	12	.800	—	
Phoenix	34	25	.576	13 1/2	
Golden State	20	39	.339	27 1/2	
L.A. Clippers	15	45	.250	33	
Sacramento	13	48	.213	35 1/2	

Sunday's Scores					
Detroit	105	Boston	95		
Phoenix	118	L.A. Lakers	111		
New Orleans	99	New Jersey	96		
Houston	105	Minnesota	94		
Indiana	100	Denver	94		
Portland	102	San Antonio	84		
Cleveland	88	Atlanta	87		
Dallas	109	Toronto	98		
Utah	112	Golden State	104		
Monday's Scores					
Atlanta	98	Washington	89		
New Orleans	98	Philadelphia	91		
Cleveland	107	Miami	100		
Oklahoma City	96	Dallas	87		
San Antonio	at L.A. Clippers	late			
Today'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.			
Wednesday's Games					
Milwaukee	at Cleveland	7 p.m.			
Phoenix	at Miami	7:30 p.m.			
Boston	at New Jersey	7:30 p.m.			
Atlanta	at New York	7:30 p.m.			
Washington	at Oklahoma City	8 p.m.			
Golden State	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.			
Houston	at Utah	9 p.m.			
San Antonio	at Dallas	9 p.m.			
Indiana	at Portland	10 p.m.			
Memphis	at L.A. Clippers	10:30 p.m.			

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's 26; Utah State 17; Texas 15; Creighton 13; Brigham Young 12; Utah 10; Dayton 9; California 6; Boston College 4; Providence 4; West Virginia 2.					
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The AP Women's Top 25					
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:					
	Record	Pts	Pvs		
1. Connecticut (45)	29-0	1,125	1		
2. Stanford	24-4	1,043	3		
3. Oklahoma	25-3	999	2		
4. Maryland	25-4	971	5		
5. Baylor	23-4	927	6		
6. Auburn	27-2	915	7		
7. Louisville	26-5	887	8		
8. Duke	24-4	806	10		
9. California	23-4	743	4		
10. Texas A&M	22-5	731	12		
11. North Carolina	25-5	710	9		
12. Florida St.	24-6	603	11		
13. Ohio St.	24-5	603	14		
14. Pittsburgh	21-6	434	15		
15. Texas	20-8	408	16		
16. Xavier	25-5	363	13		
17. S. Dakota St.	27-2	324	21		
18. Arizona St.	22-6	307	24		
19. Tennessee	20-9	302	18		
20. Notre Dame	20-7	291	23		
21. Florida	23-6	268	17		
22. Vanderbilt	21-8	217	19		
23. Iowa St.	21-7	212	25		
24. Virginia	22-8	194	22		
25. Bowling Green	25-2	74	—		

Others receiving votes: Kansas St. 63, LSU 27, Middle Tennessee 26, Wis.-Green Bay 12, DePaul 10, Georgia Tech 9, Marist 7, Michigan St. 7, Va. Commonwealth 2, Florida Gulf Coast 1, Gonzaga 1, Purdue 1, San Diego St. 1, Temple 1.					
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Top 25 Men Schedule					
Today's Games					
No. 7 Duke	vs. No. 24 Florida State	8 p.m.			
No. 8 Michigan State	at Indiana	7 p.m.			
No. 10 Wake Forest	at Maryland	9 p.m.			
No. 14 Gonzaga	vs. South Carolina-Upstate	9 p.m.			
No. 18 Clemson	vs. Virginia	7 p.m.			
No. 25 Syracuse	vs. Rutgers	9 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games					
No. 2 North Carolina	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.			
No. 3 Pittsburgh	vs. No. 13 Marquette	7:30 p.m.			
No. 4 Oklahoma	at No. 15 Missouri	9 p.m.			
No. 5 Memphis	at Houston	8 p.m.			
No. 6 Louisville	vs. Seton Hall	7 p.m.			
No. 9 Kansas	at Texas Tech	9:30 p.m.			
No. 12 LSU	vs. Vanderbilt	8 p.m.			
No. 19 Purdue	vs. Northwestern	6:30 p.m.			

PRO HOCKEY

NHL										
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	20	36	7	47	154	206				
Northwest 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				
Tampa Bay	21	30	12	54	164	204				
Atlanta	23	34	6	52	188	221				

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	26	6	68	168	176				
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	19	6	80	201	183				
Vancouver	32	22	8	72	186	175				
Edmonton	31	26	5	67	173	188				
Minnesota	30	26	5	65	155	144				
Colorado	28	35	1	57	171	204				
Pacific Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
San Jose	42	10	9	93	205	148				
Anaheim	31	28	5	67	180	188				
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.

Sunday's Scores					
New Jersey	3	Philadelphia	0		
Chicago	4	Los Angeles	2		
Florida	6	Washington	2		
Pittsburgh	4	Dallas	1		
Tampa Bay	8	Calgary	6		
Vancouver	3	Columbus	1		
Monday's Score					
N.Y. Islanders	4	Colorado	2		
Today'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.			
Wednesday's Games					
Montreal	at Buffalo	7:30 p.m.			
Detroit	at Colorado	9 p.m.			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The AP Men's Top 25

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	Record	Pts	Pvs		
1. Connecticut (67)	27-2	1,792	2		
2. North Carolina (3)	25-3	1,678	4		
3. Pittsburgh (1)	26-3	1,612	1		
4. Oklahoma	26-3	1,576	3		
5. Memphis (1)	26-3	1,543	5		
6. Louisville	23-5	1,462	6		
7. Duke	24-5	1,340	7		
8. Michigan St.	23-5	1,302	9		
9. Kansas	24-5	1,190	15		
10. Wake Forest	22-5	1,158	13		
11. Villanova	23-6	1,113	10		
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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
 1 Harvest
 5 Crafty
 8 One of Henry VIII's Catherines
 12 Shrek is one
 13 Go like the wind
 14 Hodge-podge
 15 French fries, e.g.
 17 Turnpike payment
 18 Curvy letter
 19 Scepter
 20 Relieve
 21 Trench
 22 Sticky stuff
 23 Take ten
 26 Baby food
 30 Blueprint
 31 The whole shooting match
 32 Nevada city
 33 Whodunit
 35 Make pigtailed
 36 Sphere
 37 Luau staple
 38 O'Neill's specialty

41 Columnist Smith
42 Energy
45 Hindu royal
46 Grand view
48 Teensy bit
49 Superlative ending
50 Rainbow
51 Kelly or Rayburn
52 Personal question?
53 Prohibits

4 Pod occupant
5 "Phooey!"
6 Told a big one
7 "Of course"
8 A little of everything, on "Jeopardy!"
9 Burn soother
10 Streamlet
11 Somersault
16 Silly Rabbit's desired cereal
19 "Clue" weapon
20 Weep loudly
21 Marceau forte
22 Cowboy's sweetie
23 Spinning meas.
24 Tarzan portrayer
25 Part of UNLV
26 Thickness
27 Meadow
28 Half of bi-
29 Chic, to Austin Powers
31 Wall St. wheeler-dealer
34 Mound stat
35 Long-popular clown
37 Mottled pony
38 Party pooper
39 Assess
40 In due time
41 Whip
42 Brazilian rubber
43 Eastern potentate
44 Just say no
46 Church seat
47 Eve, originally

DOWN
 1 "Clue" weapon
 2 lds' counterparts
 3 The "A" in "A&E"

Solution time: 21 mins.

OFF ABC BULB
POLO BAH OREO
EWER ANI UNIT
CLEAN GLEN
NIP INTOTO
GARGLED SYRUP
AGEE GUM HEBE
BRACE DEFUSE
SAMOAN WAN
UTAH STARK
AMEN SUM EVEN
SHORT AGE RIDE
SWAY LEG DOE

Yesterday's answer 3-3

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BRIDGE

Score one for the defense

The right time to win a trick is crucial in many hands, and this applies just as much to the defenders as it does to the declarer.

Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. At both tables, the final contract was three notrump, but the contract was made at one table while at the other it was defeated.

At the first table, West led a diamond, East taking the queen with the ace and returning the nine to the king. South had eight cashable tricks at this point, and in an effort to gain a ninth he led a low spade to the ten.

West took the queen but had no satisfactory return. When he led a heart, declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the king. West took the ace and cashed the jack of diamonds, which he would otherwise have lost, so South made exactly three notrump.

At the second table, the defense was far more effective. A diamond was led here also, but instead of winning with the ace, East signaled with the nine.

Declarer could not prevail against this play. He also led a spade and finessed the ten, but West took the queen and returned a diamond.

East won the king with the ace and returned the five, West's J-8 gobbling up South's 10-7, so here the defense scored three diamonds and two spades to put declarer down one.

At the second table, East recognized that it would be better to take the ace of diamonds later in the play, when he could more effectively lead through whatever values South might have in the suit.

Tomorrow: Triumph of mind over matter.

CRYPTOQUIP

TAXIXZH VMQN XZ RMQN INAD
 VNOID BAOEEXK, O LPZKV
 ME WNSSD EOKBMAD LPTTXNR

HMB KOPHVB XZ O WOQ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CATCHY SONG ABOUT A CASINO WORKER MOVING FROM LAS VEGAS TO NEW YORK: "SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO."
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals N

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Nothing will be as it appears. Uncertainty regarding direction, location and your future may plague you but it will also help lead you in a direction that will satisfy your needs. This is a year to think matters through and then take action. Let go of the past and move forward with clear vision. Your numbers are 13, 15, 20, 24, 36, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider what you want to accomplish in terms of your relationships, comfort and status. You can make some decisions based on the encounters you have with people from different backgrounds. Get involved in a humanitarian cause. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Surprise others with your choices. You have to stay one step ahead of everyone else and not give in or give up because of the competition. Take on a challenge and show your strength of character and courage. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Everything will be out in the open and easy for you to see. Don't get emotional when there is so much you can accomplish if you are focused on what you want. Added responsibilities for younger or older relatives or friends can be expected. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The time to look for a new job or to get involved in a project that is different and captures your interest is now. Don't give up what you've already got until you know you have something to go to. Change is apparent but stay in control. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gatherings, travel or even a convention will lead to some interesting contacts. Don't be surprised if someone from your past plays a role in a decision you have to make regarding love, contracts or a partnership. Expand your horizons. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't give in to a sob story, threats or ultimatums. Stand your ground and show

you aren't a pushover. You can make headway with the people you have to deal with. Serious talks will bring about change. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything is there for you to excel, make improvements or enjoy your life — just make the effort. An encounter with someone you care for will lead to life-changing plans. Dealing with children will be a positive learning experience. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't be fooled by a fast talker or someone who wants too much from you. Self-deception will be your enemy, so be

sure to rule out any misconception you may have about the possibilities of what you are trying to accomplish. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need to make some changes regarding your earning potential and the way you are doing things currently. Pick up a new skill or try something altogether different. Someone who cares for you will encourage you to move in the direction best for you. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You don't have to be aggressive to get what you want. Don't let a personal relationship you have with someone interfere with what you need to do to get ahead. Children will be a source of inspiration. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Experience can be gathered by getting involved in something different or signing up for a course that interests you. Most of all, do things that are different from your normal routine. The interaction you have with others will spark your imagination. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your emotions well hidden. Observing others will help you make the right choices. Someone you respect will open your eyes to the reality you are facing regarding your current relationship with someone from your past. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

TAKING AIM



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Woodlawn Elementary School students competed in a state archery championship recently. First row, from left, are Cody Dodson, Jocelyn Griggs, Sarah Johnson, Nathan Spivey, Jase Chastain, Trey Williams and Isiah Watters. Second row, from left, are Haley Ensley, Kendall Gay, Macy Briley, Jeremiah Beavers, Riley Wright, Samantha Phillips, Laura Alton and Morgan Ray. Third row, from left, are Haley Harris, Blake Langham, coach Kellye Flood, Christina Hall, coach Brad Bates, Joshua Rodriguez, coach Will Linginfelter, Aaron Mendez, Harmony Jones, Grady Scott, coach Sherry Karabensh and Sharee Sherrill. Back row, from left, are Seth Peden, Asa Hibbett, Haley Butler, T.J. Jones, Daniel Bennett, Alonda Bennett, Colton McCurdy, Stephanie Henry, state champion Haley Bagley and state runner-up Bailey Coker. Coach Greg Welch is not pictured.

Murray students winners in state archery tournament

Woodlawn Elementary School placed third overall in the elementary division at the Georgia Archery in the Schools state tournament in Perry recently.

Haley Bagley, a fourth-grader from Woodlawn, fired a 268 out of a possible 300 and took the state champion title.

The students shot one practice round and three scoring rounds at 10 meters and at 15 meters. The highest scoring male and female in grades 4-12 received a \$1,000 scholarship. Haley lost that title by two points to a high school senior.

Bailey Coker, a fifth-grader from Woodlawn, took the state runner-up title with a score of 249. The team qualified for the national tournament in Louisville, Ky., May 8-9. Haley and Bailey both qualified as individuals.

School officials are very proud of the students' hard work to prepare for the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bailey Coker and Haley Bagley were winners at the Georgia Archery in the Schools state tournament recently.

tournament. The team thanks principal Jackie Townsend, assistant principal Pam Rich, school superintendent Vickie Reed and the parents for their help and support, along with the team's sponsors.

Lynda Carter loses the hero suit, picks up a mic



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Actress and singer Lynda Carter is pictured in New York, Feb. 2.

By MARK KENNEDY
 Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Long before Lynda Carter donned her famous star-spangled one-piece in the Wonder Woman television series, she was a singer. She's getting back to it now with a new CD and a cabaret tour, proving that the 57-year-old is still something of a wonder woman.

"She's really a very incredibly talented singer," says drummer Paul Leim, the leader of her band who

has worked with Carter since her "Wonder Woman" days and also with the likes of Lionel Richie, Dolly Parton, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Kenny Rogers and Faith Hill.

The album contains covers of standards like "Cry Me a River," "Blues in the Night" and "Summertime," as well as playful torch songs such as "Million Dollar Secret."

Carter even covers the Etta James' classic "At Last," a song that also lends the CD its name. "It was 'At Last'

for a long time before I knew it was the president's dancing song," she says, slightly chagrined.

Carter, who grew up in Phoenix, got her first professional singing job at 14. At 17, she was on the road, playing the Catskills, clubs in the Reno-Tahoe area, and made her debut at the Sahara Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas in a band called The Garfin Gathering.

Carter returned to singing and performing in 2005 in a London performance of "Chicago," and a year later

was part of the musical's 10th anniversary show on Broadway.

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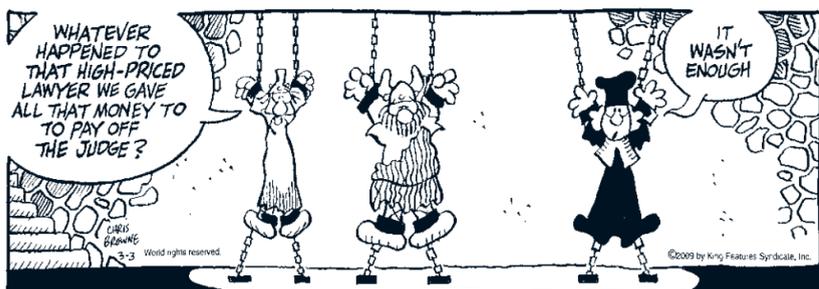
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DEAR ABBY

Reader's ideas turn restless dreams into restful slumber

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Once a Mechanic ... in Arizona" (Dec. 24), who still dreams about his job even though he is now retired. I once worked in the customer service department of a major retailer. During one Christmas season, a recurring dream would interrupt my sleep each night. In my dream, my bedroom door would open and a stream of customers would file in and line up next to my bed, their arms loaded down with purchases or returns.

ful slumber. Allow me to offer another: Each night before I fall asleep, I say my prayers and count my blessings, one by one. "Sweet dreams are made of these ..." Read on:



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A rich and blessed retirement sounds wonderful. If the dreams of "Mechanic's" lifelong trade persist and he finds he really misses working, there is a way to honor that gift while still enjoying his retirement. He should check around to see if there are any mentoring programs in his area offered through social services. I'm sure many teens and young men would appreciate knowing someone with his skills. — JAN IN SPRING, TEXAS

After many frustrating nights of restless sleep, I finally figured out a solution. I envisioned a flashing neon sign on my headboard that read: "Lane Closed." The following night when the customers began filing in, I took control. I sat up and pointed to the flashing sign above my bed. The customers turned around, walked out the door, and my sleep wasn't disturbed again.

"Mechanic" needs to acknowledge that it is only a dream and direct it on a different path, as you suggested, by thinking about his hobbies or his family. Dreams are a part of our subconscious, but that doesn't mean we can't control their content. — DREAM WEAVER IN MANITOWOC, WIS.

DEAR ABBY: I have a master's degree in physics and have been known to solve calculus problems in my dreams. "Mechanic" should understand he is not alone, and probably was very good at his job. — A.J. IN LITTLETON, COLO.

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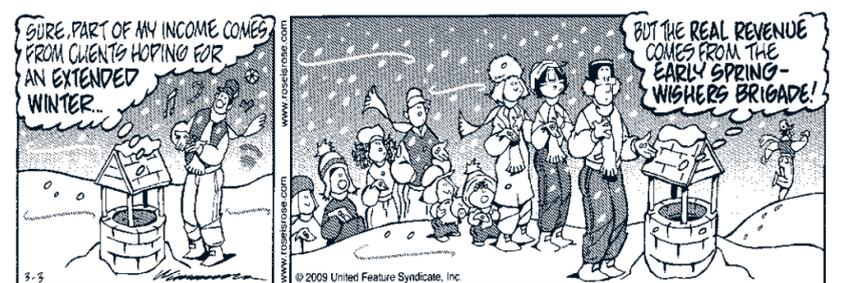
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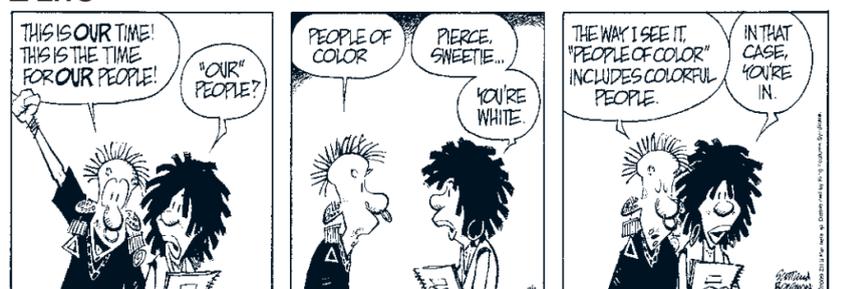
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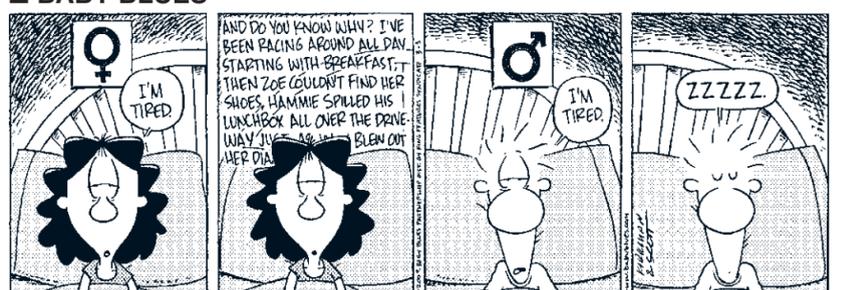
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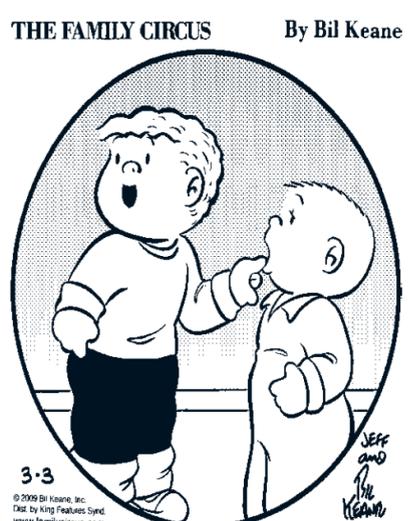
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