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Schools brace for cutbacks

Whitfield, Murray prepare for reduced state funding

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Whitfield and Murray county school officials say they don't know yet whether their school systems will have to lay off teachers or raise taxes. Budget planners say they expect

to lose more state funding for the upcoming fiscal year that starts July 1. How much is anyone's guess, said Whitfield Board of Education member Jerry Nealey. "We're just at their mercy," he said. Dalton Public Schools is already well into the process of

shaving \$6 million off its budget by essentially instituting a hiring freeze, demoting some of its higher-paid central office staff, cutting back locally funded supplemental pay, and shaving funding used to purchase supplies. While Dalton's expected cutbacks have been widely publicized, the Whitfield and Murray systems have been making a few plans of their own. "We're like every other school system," said Murray Board of Education member Crystal Felty. "We're looking at budget concerns."

How big those concerns are right now is a moving target, said Murray finance director Steve Loughridge. The Murray system is on track to be about 1.5 percent under its \$60 million budget this year, he said. However, the system has already made several cuts this year and is planning to meet with principals this week to discuss more possible cuts in the next budget

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Whitfield avoids furloughs, for now

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Whitfield County government appears to have avoided, at least for a month, a one-day-a-month furloughing of most employees. But as one county official says, "It's a fluid situation."

Mike Babb, chairman of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, said furloughs of some 550 employees will not begin in April. County officials had targeted April 1 to begin the furloughs unless sales tax revenues were in line with budget projections.

"As long as we're meeting what we have budgeted for the incoming sales tax and all, we'll probably try to postpone the furloughs," Babb said. "It's a fluid situation. I may talk to the commissioners and they may say, 'Hey, I don't think it's going to get any better, it's going to get worse.' And they may want to go ahead and talk about doing the furloughs regardless of what the incoming sales tax looks like."

The county is facing a \$4 million revenue shortfall this year because of lower sales tax receipts. To deal with the gap, county administrator Bob McLeod said there are no raises or promotions planned, staff has been reduced through attrition in departments with larger staff, and \$8 million in capital projects has been delayed for one to two years. If the furloughs had started in April, the county would have saved \$700,000.



Babb



McLeod

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SPRING CLEANING



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Katie Johnson, 11, from left, Mary Land, 13, and Kayla Herndon, 14, pull weeds near Varnell Springs Saturday. The Conasauga River Alliance, the city of Varnell and Dalton area Girl Scouts had a community workday at the springs to clear trash, put up signs and help remove Chinese privet, an invasive species that crowds out native plants.

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Long-time friend Linda Tibbs greets Julian Bowie as he arrives at his surprise party Saturday night.

A big surprise Party honors Dalton man who was first black in Ga. Guard

BY JAMIE JONES
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Julian Bowie waited 72 years to have his first birthday party. And he didn't even see it coming. About 50 friends and family threw a surprise birthday celebration at La Quinta Inn on Saturday night for Bowie, a Dalton resident who was the first minority to join the Georgia

National Guard in 1965. "I didn't know anything about it," Bowie said of the surprise party, which was a day after his actual birthday. "Total shock. I was totally dazed. It's been great. It's been real nice to see all of my friends and associates here and it just makes me feel real good."

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"Perhaps if Rock Bridge would step up to the plate and start paying taxes on their massive real estate holdings downtown, maybe there wouldn't be so much in the Forum."

"Judging by the girth of some of the employees of the courthouse, they should certainly be parking in the empty parking deck."

"I never thought a president could bring a country to its knees in one term, but the way Obama is going I'm getting really worried."

"The DDDA should change its name to the Downtown Dalton Church Development Authority."

"The Doughnuts With Dad event at Varnell Elementary should be renamed 'Give dad half a doughnut and pressure him into spending \$20 at the book fair.'"

"Congratulations to the new Dalton superintendent, he seems to know what steps to take."

"In the article on Doyle Dobson leaving as county public works director, Mike Babb's comments led me to believe he knows nothing, he hears nothing and he knows nothing."

"At the new Convenient Care facility, you need \$125 just to be seen."

"Why are we calling Dalton 'metro'?"

"Why are Murray County employees driving Murray County vehicles to pick up and drop off their kids at schools, their spouses at work, and even to buy groceries?"

"Why don't restaurants have decaffeinated drinks for people who can't have caffeine?"

"Business owners need to respect their customers and future customers by keeping signs so they people can get in and out of their parking lots before we have to make laws like Chattanooga did. You can't see the oncoming traffic."

"It's hard to find an open lane when you have two slowpokes side by side and there are only two lanes."

"It seems to me Bob McLeod needs to have his wings clipped. He's firing these good, loyal, old-time employees without any explanation to the public. It doesn't seem fair to me."

"Please explain why folks in Washington aren't losing their jobs?"

"I took my granddaughter to Hamilton Medical Center Emergency Room and they were so sweet to her."

"Does the city of Dalton still have yard sale ordinances or can people just sell whatever whenever?"

"I would like to thank Dick Yarbrough for his column in Friday's paper and to thank Dr. Don Thomas for all he has done for Whitfield County."

"I'm completely with whoever turns off the Billy Mayes commercials. I won't have that yelling in my house."

"I'll never pull the button on Johnny Isakson, Saxby Chambliss or Nathan Deal ever again."

"Please pray for Park Creek, it's dysfunctional."

"The only people who got pay cuts at Dalton Public Schools were the teachers."

"Wouldn't it be nice to work at Dalton Public Schools Central Office and vote yourself a pay increase?"

"I wouldn't buy anything Billy Mayes is selling even if I needed it."

"Is it peculiar to this Forum that most of the Republicans who call in sound like complete idiots?"

"I know that Mike Babb is one of five county commissioners, but as chairman he must lead our commissioners. If he doesn't know how, have him contact the Dalton mayor and he'll tell him how."

"I'd like a list of businesses that are open that Rock Bridge members are parking in front of."

"I've never smoked or wore a seat belt and I don't intend to start today or tomorrow."

"You socialist Democrats have really given us change we can believe in. You've robbed the hard-working class of their retirement, you're bankrupting the businesses that provide the life blood of our economy and you've sold your children's and grandchildren's future for a quick-fix government handout and destroyed millions of jobs. And it just took you two and a half months."

"To the one who said there are more deadbeat dads than deadbeat moms, I can't tell."

"What church is giving out free meals to the public, when and where are they located?"

"If the Dalton Police Department is so great, why are they trying to run off good officers?"

"Was the \$900 million donated to Gaza to pay for political blackmail or just a religious donation?"

"Thanks to God and Syble Campbell for putting up new flags at Veterans Park. Hey guys, great job."

"The proposed changes at Dalton Public Schools are very good ideas."

Schools: More cuts coming

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cycle. School officials have instituted a hiring freeze, plan to save \$290,000 by leaving three director positions unfilled next year, have reduced staff development funding, and have trimmed spending on supplies and materials. They are already using paraprofessionals instead of substitute teachers whenever possible, which has saved the system \$150,000 this year, Loughridge said.

Whitfield school officials have said little about their anticipated spending except that now is too soon to discuss concrete plans.

"We are preparing for some difficult budgeting challenges based on the available data," said spokesman Eric Beavers. "We are in the black for both revenue and expenditures through February. We do anticipate further revenue cuts from the state and will continue to trim expenses where possible to ensure the financial stability of the district."

Furloughs: Not set for April

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County officials will evaluate the sales tax revenue each month, McLeod said. If furloughs are necessary, he said the decision will be made in a public meeting about one month before the change goes into effect.

"Reasons will be given as to why furloughs are needed," McLeod said. "The principal reason will mostly likely be further decline in sales tax revenues, however, if other budget assumptions are incorrect, changes may be needed for several unfore-

seen events." Given the choice of laying off employees or making them take a day off each month without pay, Babb would pick the latter. If workers keep their jobs, they also keep their health insurance and other benefits, he said.

Because of the slumping economy and problems with the floorcovering industry, many local businesses have cut jobs. Whitfield County's unemployment rate in January was 12.1 percent, more than doubling from the 5.6 percent jobless rate a year

before. The county's unemployment rate in December 2008 was 11.7 percent. If needed, the furloughs will be staggered so that office hours and department services will not be interrupted, McLeod said.

"No manager or constitutional officer wants to see a reduction in their staff or service," he said. "In my conversations with our leaders, everyone is concerned about the national and local economy, further, there is an understanding that temporary reductions may be needed."

contingency plans," Thomas said. "We are preparing for it so we won't be caught off guard."

The state faces a multi-billion dollar shortfall this year. State officials expect federal stimulus funding to help, but much of that can be used only for specific programs.

Even before the legislative session began in January, school officials were expecting lawmakers to pass a 2 percent reduction in the state's school funding formula.

Local school systems depend on state funding for about half their budgets, but the funding amount changes each year depending on the state's financial situation and lawmakers' decisions. For the past several years, state funding for most Georgia school systems has gone down.

"We hope we'll have some preliminary figures (on anticipated state funding) within a couple of weeks," Loughridge said, "but we don't know."

Did you remember to set clocks ahead?

Saturday night was the time to set the clock forward by an hour.

Also, you can heat up the grill and break out the badminton set: Daylight-saving time has returned to shift an hour of light to the evenings. That means push the clocks ahead — spring forward — today if you didn't do it before going to bed Saturday night.

The official change occurred at 2 a.m. today. Daylight-saving time ends Nov. 1.

Time flies Sunday



Berry names dean's list

The following students were named to Berry College's fall 2008 dean's list. The dean's list honors students who posted an academic average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale while carrying a class load of at least 12 hours during the semester.

The students are Jada Marie Isenhower, a biology major and daughter of Troy C. and Donna Isenhower of Chatsworth; Mary Elizabeth Weaver, an exercise science major and daughter of Phil and Tammy Weaver of Chatsworth; Kalia Brooke Miller, a biology major and daughter of Donna Miller Cargle of Crandall; Joanna Kaye Jinright, an art major and daughter of Michael and Kaye Jinright of Dalton; Cassandra Nicole Lentz, a theater major and daughter of Richard Lentz Jr. and Susan Lentz of Dalton; Yuliana Lopez, a psychology major and daughter of Ana Belia-Lopez of Dalton; and Taylor Jo Minor, an exercise science major whose parents are Randall and Katrina Minor of Dalton.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Roger Rainey
AGE: 43
HOME: Chatsworth
FAMILY: Christie, wife of 22 years; Coby, 21; Blake, 19
WORK: Assistant principal at Bagley Middle School
PLAY: Golf, skiing, watching sports, UGA football
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WINNING SPELLERS



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Valley Point Elementary recently held its school-wide spelling bee. From left are Cole Shelton, first place; Cheyene Mills, second place; and Leah Shelton, third place. Shelton advanced to the Whitfield County Spelling Bee where he competed against winners from all 12 county elementary schools. Cole won first place in the competition.

Bowie: A birthday surprise

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Bowie thought he was coming to an event for his great-grandson, but when he walked into the banquet room at the motel he knew something was amiss. One of his daughters, Bernadette Whatley, helped coordinate the party. It included a dinner, remarks from friends and a DVD show of photographs through the years that drew chuckles from the crowd.

"We wanted to do this for him because he's been more than a father to me," Whatley said. "He's been my best friend."

Bowie was born in Carter's Quarter in Murray County, which is near Old Highway 411 South, on March 6, 1937. He got the urge to enter the military because, "I was going to school and things weren't going exactly the way I thought they should." Since he was not yet 18, Bowie asked his parents to sign a waiver to let him enlist, but they refused. He joined in the Army just a month shy of his 17th birthday.

"They wouldn't do it, so I did it," Bowie said. "I did it and wrote them a letter when I got to South Carolina to tell them where I was at."

He served in the Army from 1954 to 1956, then was in the Air Force from 1957 to 1960. Bowie returned to Dalton to work in a local carpet plant and worked his way up to vice president of operations. He recently retired.

"It was a great experience for me," Bowie said of his time in the military. "I grew up real fast. I never saw anybody I knew over there until I was there like a year and a half and I ran into two guys I went to high school with."

After retiring from the military, Bowie's service wasn't over. He was driving by the National Guard Armory of the 108th Armored Division on Crawford Street and had a thought.

"I passed by there one day and I decided to join the Guard," Bowie said. "I went in, took the test and at the time I was like 50 pounds overweight. They said, 'We'll, you're going to be the first black to belong to this

unit.'" Local commander Gene Rogers told Bowie he was heading to summer camp in six weeks. So Bowie had that time to go from 250 pounds to 218 pounds.

"In five weeks I was down to 212," Bowie said.

He was able to drop the weight by exercise and a strict 1,500 calorie-a-day diet. When asked if he had any reservations about being the first minority in the Guard, Bowie replied, "No. No. I wouldn't accept any less and didn't think anything about it when I did it. There was somebody sent from the governor's office to personally welcome me."

"I was well accepted at the time," Bowie added. "I made it without a problem. I got along with everybody and still see the members of the old Guard occasionally."

Whatley said her father entered the National Guard during "rough times" but was an inspiration to others.

"He opened up the door for other minorities to enter the military," Whatley said.

Bowie and his wife, Janie, have four children.

AREA ARRESTS

- Orville Lee Clayton, 39, 338 Carbondale Road, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

- Bobbie Cook, 27, 855 Reed Pond Road, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of schedule four drug (Alprazolam) and drugs not kept in original container.

- Wade Allen Goolsby, 31, 203 Meadow Dale Drive, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to yield when turning left and open container in vehicle.

- Johnny Terrelle Greene Jr., 39, 1606 Oak Hill Drive, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with unauthorized distribution of fictitious information.

- Aaron Nathaniel Haley, 30, 3950 S. Dixie Highway, apartment 8, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and turning position signals required.

- Stacey Renea Lewis, 36, 855 Reed Pond Road, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI (drugs), driving while license withdrawn, failure to drive within single lane and giving false information or false name.

- Miles Daniel Montgomery, 51, 1200 James St., No. 10, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and driving while tag is suspended.

- Trinia Kate Pina-Atanacio, 38, 200 N. Henderson St., No. 2, Dalton, was charged Friday by the Varnell Police Department with DUI (drugs) and failure to maintain a single lane.

- James David Rizer, 35, 1995 Old CCC Camp Road, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with false report of a crime and insurance fraud.

- Kristie Denease Rizer, 34, 1995 Old CCC Camp Road, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with false report of a

crime and insurance fraud.

- Joseph Lee Everette, 19, 416 Old Haig Mill Road, was charged Saturday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of schedule four drugs (Xanax), underage consumption, driving while license suspended or revoked and DUI.

- Roderick Shane Crenshaw, 33, 820 Shugart Road, apartment C-2, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, driving while license withdrawn and failure to drive within single lane.

- Juan Bernardo Esquibel, 20, 118 Adelia Road, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with entering an auto or other motor vehicle with intent of felony (two counts), criminal trespass and criminal damage to property in the second degree.

- Frank Bentley Fetzer III, 23, 104 Driftwood Lane, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, criminal damage to property in the second degree, terroristic threats and acts and reckless driving.

- Fred Richard Garland, 38, 1403 Rosewood Circle, No. 22, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, open vehicle in container and failure to stop for stop sign.

- Johnny Kevin McDonald, 45, 300 Autumn Court, apartment 2, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, driving while license withdrawn and failure to drive within single lane.

- Sarah Elisabeth Olson, 43, 610 Crystal Court, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, failure to drive within single lane, expired vehicle tag or decal, no insurance, open container in vehicle and driving without license.

- Federico Perez, 46, 11 Birch St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with trafficking cocaine, illegal drugs or marijuana.

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March 26, 8:00am-5:30pm



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OUR VIEW

Representatives ignoring region

Northwest Georgia doesn't need a pat on the back from politicians. It needs new home construction to rebound, a healthy carpet industry, economic diversification and jobs. Lots of jobs.

It is foolish to think that any politician can deliver those things on demand, no matter how badly they are needed. We don't expect miracles. Yet is it foolish to expect our political representation to communicate with the working people of this troubled region, particularly since the political class bears much of the responsibility for our economic woes?

No, it isn't.

That's why we've been disappointed with our representation in Washington. In the past they have breezed through town on occasion, mostly during political campaigns or on fundraising excursions. But when the going here got tough, our elected representatives certainly got going — back to Atlanta or Washington, anywhere but where the locals might be gathering pitchforks and torches.

U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal and U.S. Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson have failed miserably at connecting with their constituents in this region. And you can throw in the GOP power base in Atlanta as well. MIA, one and all. Not that there hasn't been some communication with a handful of local leaders, but the people of Northwest Georgia, the ones suffering the most during this tough time, have been ignored.

Northwest Georgia has supported these men and women for years at the polls. Did we make a mistake? More importantly, is it time we look to our own ranks for our future leadership? Whatever the political party — Republican, Democrat, Bull Moose — Northwest Georgians deserve representation from men and women who can find us on a map and then make use of that knowledge.

Y'all come.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't create a second victim

To the editor:

I was recently disturbed by a comment in the forum where the caller asked about women who are victims of rape who get pregnant by their attacker. They then thanked God for Obama giving women a choice.

I am a victim of rape, and I know other women who have been victims of rape. We are truly not alone, but I never once considered making my son a victim of this perverse man. My son is a strong, healthy young man with a bright future ahead of him. When I look at him I see myself, my parents and my grandparents. After all, he does have my DNA. I thank God for giving me such a blessing out of such a tragedy.

There are many others like my son. I know one young man who is serving our country in the military. Thank God he was not aborted. I know a woman who works hard every day, pays taxes and comes home every evening to care for her elderly mother, who without her daughter would be alone. Thank God for her not being aborted.

Scientifically, life starts as a unicellular organism, yet by the time most women miss their monthly cycle and get an abortion their unborn child is not only a many-celled embryo but it has a central nervous system. Thank God for science.

How many doctors, nurses, clergy, volunteers, teachers, future mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers have and will not be given the choice to live? Who do you thank God for?

S.A. Chatsworth

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Thought for Today: "How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it."

Nelson Mandela
South African statesman (1918-)

Bible verse: "Don't sin by letting anger gain control over you. Think about it overnight and remain silent."

Psalm 4:4

Unforgettable

Wandering around the Internet this week I came across a lighthearted photo feature called Places We Miss Most (www.walletpop.com/specials/places-we-miss-most).

The feature listed 29 beloved businesses that no longer exist. Most I was familiar with (Bennigan's, Steak and Ale). Some (Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor and Restaurant) were complete mysteries A Po Folks.

Remember when there was one of those marvelous "real country cooking" restaurants on Walnut Avenue, near the current site of O'Charley's.

In the late 1980s I went there with former Daily Citizen managing editor Terry Smith.

I can't prove it, but I suspect it was that visit from us that did in the franchise. On that crisp Sunday afternoon we set the world tag team record for fried chicken consumption.

Of course we both paid the astronomical price the next day at work, for which Terry held me completely to blame. Yup, I had held that 240-pound Vietnam veteran down and forced those gravy biscuits down his throat!

Burger Chef.

I had my first Burger Chef meal in Wheeling, W.Va., when I was a young'n visiting relatives. It was quite the revelation for a tow-headed country boy.

Apparently I was not the only one so affected.

Daily Citizen staffer Jamie Jones sings the praises of the downtown Dalton Burger Chef, once a mere block from this newspaper office. "Best



Jimmy Espy

hamburger in town" confirms another Daltonian, May Englebert. Jamie also recalls his glory days at Bryman's Plaza, when a Saturday afternoon with buddies consisted of too many hours blasting Space Invaders at Funway, scarfing pizza at Godfather's and slurping ice cream at Kay's Kastle for dessert.

None of those fine establishments survive here today. (Another Daily Citizen staffer bemoans the passing of Paper Dolls, but he asked me not use his name.)

I had my own doomed favorites in Summerville.

McGinnis Drug and Jackson Drug were across the street from each other.

Jackson Drug had a great comic book stand and one Tuesday a month all the new Marvel comics would magically appear. At the time they were only a quarter apiece, so a begged dollar and three hard-earned pennies netted me four comics.

McGinnis Drug didn't have comics, but they had something almost as wondrous, an ice cream fountain. Just like one in a Tab Hunter movie.

Both these superb establishments have since been crushed by the steamroller of modern commerce, in this case a chain pharmacy, which has neither comics nor an ice

cream fountain.

For years Summervillians were denied the pleasure(?) of mass market fast food chains. One of the first to finally roll into town was Jack's.

Good stuff.

The Big Jack burger was a quality slab of meat and they made a mean shake.

Eventually Jack's failed and reopened as a Dairy Queen. (A Dairy King had already tanked in another location, as had a Maryland Fried Chicken.)

Dairy Queen sold a lot of ice cream, but not much else and eventually succumbed. The building now houses an insurance company. Can't imagine they make a good milk shake.

Although I am not a native Daltonian I joined with many of you in mourning the loss of Lizzi's Deli last year. The wings were terrific and once, many years ago, I may have had a beer or two in there.

Anyhow, what do you think? What local businesses — culinary and non-culinary — do you miss? Hundreds have come and gone, but which ones stir your memory and bring a smile to your face?

Call me at 706-272-7735 and leave your name and the name of the late, lamented business you still miss. Or e-mail me at jimmyespy@daltoncitizen.com.

Just don't talk too much about Lizzi's, that one makes me cry.

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Putting Limbaugh in context

Rush Limbaugh wants President Barack Obama to fail, he has said more than once, and liberal commentators are aghast, either because they haven't bothered to check out the context of his remarks or are hopelessly fogged by bias.

A couple of minutes of Google searches would inform the lazy ones that while Limbaugh may characteristically have found a provocative way to phrase his thoughts, he was actually saying he hoped Obama would fail to afflict the nation with horrendous policies. Not so outrageous, huh?

But if you are a liberal, this is your hour, you will tolerate no opposition, and if someone keeps popping your gaseous balloons, you will either attempt to quell that constitutionally guaranteed freedom through reimposition of the radio-regulating Fairness Doctrine or commit another act of political thuggery.

You will demonize the talk show host as a powerful, propagandistic hate-monger while making him seem the very embodiment of everything you aim to defeat. You will say, as Obama's chief of staff did, that he is the "intellectual" withdrawal of the Republican Party, or you will call him the party's leader, as we keep hearing from a rather silly, labor-financed group called Americans United for Change. Because polls show most Americans don't like Limbaugh much, it's a clever strategy.

Yet then again, there might be some who figure it can be just as clarifying to put the man himself in context as to put his words in context. They might start with the observation that his only power is the power of persuasion, ordinarily seen as a legitimate, even primary instrument for deciding issues in a democracy.

True, he reaches an impressive 13 million people a week, but they are self-selected, tuning him in because they want to. He doesn't begin to reach as high a percentage of the population as Tom Paine did with his 18th century pamphlets urging



Jay Ambrose

Americans to support war against Britain. Given an adult population today of some 230 million, there are 217 million who aren't listening regularly while in many cases accessing the near-limitless radio, cable and broadcast TV, newspaper, magazine and Internet voices offering other views.

Limbaugh is certainly not "propagandistic" in any strict sense of the word, and easily less so than many hurtling the charge, such as Al Gore, someone who recently had to change material in a climate-change slideshow because it misrepresented a study's findings.

I do not doubt that Limbaugh has gone overboard at times, suffered lapses in taste and gotten some things wrong. Virtually everyone in the opinion business does the same to some extent or the other, and more of us would more of the time if we had to do what Limbaugh does on radio - gab almost three hours a day, five days a week.

A saving grace is that he is funny and fun, sometimes as much comedian as commentator. Maybe you won't like it that, in a speech to the Conservative Political Action Committee in Washington, he said John Kerry would be completely colorless except for his varicose veins, but compare that to some of what we get from large numbers on the left-wing side, including from the columns of another radio personality, the likeable Garrison Keillor. When commenting on issues of the day, he routinely morphs into a verbal version of Vlad the Impaler.

Politically, Limbaugh is a limited-government guy who happens to believe more than anything in individual liberty. He says the GOP is in such a "sad-sack state" that he wouldn't be its leader if asked, and at least some Republican spokesmen have made it clear enough they want little to do with him, and that's OK.

What will not be OK is a failure to stand up to horrendous Obama policies the president has lately told us he has in mind.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Sunday, March 8**, the 67th day of 2009. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1862, during the Civil War, the iron-clad CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) rammed and sank the USS Cumberland and heavily damaged the USS Congress, both frigates, off Newport News, Va.

On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1782, the Gnadenhütten (jih-NAY'-duhn-huh-tuhn) massacre took place as more than 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y., at age 74.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines were brought in to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

In 1988, 17 soldiers were killed when two Army helicopters from Fort Campbell, Ky., collided in mid-flight.

Ten years ago: New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla., at age 84.

One year ago: President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists.

Today's Birthdays:

Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 70. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 66. Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 64. Baseball Hall-of-Fame electee Jim Rice is 56. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 50. Actor Aidan Quinn is 50. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 50. Country musician Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 49. Actress Camryn Manheim is 48. Actor Leon is 46. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 41. Actress Andrea Parker is 39. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 33. Actor James Van Der Beek is 32.

2 grants announced for Dalton educators

SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Two new grants to provide funds for Dalton teachers to apply creative teaching ideas have been created by the Dalton Education Foundation (DEF) using donations given in memory of Rowena Hyatt Martin, a veteran Dalton Public Schools teacher.

"The Rowena Hyatt Martin Creative Teaching Award was established to celebrate the life, joy, creativity and teaching excellence of Rowena Hyatt Martin, a perennial favorite teacher of students and admired colleague of educators," said Jean Lowrey, Dalton Education Foundation executive director.

Since the purpose of this award is to recognize and reward an outstanding, creative teaching idea, designers recommended that only one award be given. However, it will be up to a selection committee appointed by DEF to make the final determination of how many awards, if any, to grant each year, Lowrey said.

Any subject area or areas may be considered, including language arts, mathemat-



A Creative Teaching Award has been established in memory of longtime Dalton educator Rowena Hyatt Martin.

ics, science, social studies, fine arts, technology and — Martin's field — physical education.

Friends enhance funds to help more teachers

The David and Linda Shaheen Foundation Inc. has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Dalton Education Foundation to provide The David and Linda Shaheen Foundation Inc. Creative Teaching Award in Memory of Rowena H. Martin.

This award complements

the Rowena Hyatt Martin Creative Teaching Award and enhances opportunities for Dalton Public Schools teachers to design and provide quality, engaging work for students to learn and succeed at a higher level.

The intent of and process for awarding this grant follow the same guidelines and procedures designed for the original award remembering Martin. Teachers will need to submit only one application for their ideas to be considered for both awards.

Rowena Hyatt Martin

For Rowena Hyatt Martin, teaching wasn't just a career or a profession; she was a teacher down to her soul, whether she was at school, at church, with friends, or at home with her own children, Del and Marla, and later with her granddaughter and her nieces' children, her daughters say.

"Whatever she knew or learned, she shared that knowledge — and in such a way that you sometimes didn't even realize you were learning, because it was fun," remembers her daughter, Del Martin of Atlanta.

Rowena Hyatt Martin spent more than 30 years in the Dalton Public Schools' classrooms, beginning at

Dalton High School in the early 1950s where she taught health and P.E, coached the girls' basketball team and met her husband, math teacher James E. "Jim" Martin.

She taught generations of Dalton's children, at Dalton High, Brookwood Elementary and Westwood School, but found her true teaching home at Westwood School with the youngest students. She loved helping those in grades K-3 find the joy in physical movement and gain new confidence in discovering how to jump rope or master the Westwood Roundup's obstacle course, which she invented, friends say. She was honored as Westwood School's Teacher of the Year for 1986-1987.

Her daughters, Del and Marla, realized that the best way to honor her memory would be to do something to recognize the dedication of Dalton Public Schools' teachers and help them make their dreams of additional projects and enrichment activities for their students come true. That is how the Rowena Hyatt Martin Creative Teaching Award was born.

The Martin sisters' initial gift to Dalton Education Foundation to establish this

award was enhanced by many generous memorial gifts from Rowena's friends and admirers. Gifts can still be made to the foundation in her memory and will be used to increase the amount and/or number of grants given each year. The Dalton Education Foundation's mailing address is P.O. Box 1408, Dalton, GA 30722-1408.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaheen have been long-time friends of the Martin family and chose to honor the family and remember Mrs. Martin by adding funds for teacher grants through DEF.

"Knowing that, through these funds, Rowena Hyatt Martin's legacy will nourish special teachers is a gift in itself for all who loved and respected this energetic and creative teacher," her daughter Marla Martin said.

Only certified staff members of the Dalton Public Schools are eligible to apply for these funds, but their creative teaching ideas will have an impact on students, schools and the community, Lowrey said.

Teachers have until March 30, 2009, to apply for a grant. Winners will be notified in May so that they can begin preparing their projects for next year.

Concert to aid Murray Red Cross

The Blackwood Quartet, an all-male traditional gospel group, will perform at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on March 19 at 7 p.m. to benefit the Murray County Red Cross food bank. Admission is \$10 at the door or \$7 with a can of food.

The concert is sponsored by the conference center and Chatsworth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"Our goal is to bring encouragement and hope to the community and collect food for the hungry," said Rev. Wendell Stover.

The group's Web site is www.theblackwoodquartet.com.

The conference center is at 1175 Cohutta Springs Road in Crandall. For more information, call (706) 695-9043 or (706) 517-5134.

Decision on gas storage tank delayed

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners won't meet on Monday, meaning commissioners' decision on a controversial rezoning on Tibbs Road will be delayed most likely until the board's meeting on March 16.

Stan Watkins, owner of U.S.A. Gas, wants the county to rezone 3.65 acres at 815 N. Tibbs Road from general commercial to light

manufacturing. Last month, the Dalton-Whitfield Planning Commission voted 4-0 not to recommend that the board of commissioners approve the rezoning. Whitfield County zoning staff does not support the rezoning.

At the center of the dispute is U.S.A. Gas' 30,000-gallon liquid propane storage tank. The land's current zoning classification does not allow for storage tanks of that size. About 50

residents of nearby Rocky Face Estates attended a public hearing last month. Ten people spoke against

the rezoning request, while Watkins and his attorney Greg Kinnamon spoke in favor of it.

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- Muscle spasms, sprains & strains

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

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

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Meet the Doctor



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

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Harvard Medical School Health Letter - Sept. 1990
"Chiropractic treatment of low back pain, which

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

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

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Annette D.

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When will this recession end?

The recession is already in its 15th month, making it longer than all but two downturns since World War II. For now, everything seems to be getting worse: The Dow is in free fall, jobs are vanishing every day, and one in eight American homeowners is in foreclosure or behind on payments. But the economy always recovers. It runs in cycles, and economists are watching an array of statistics, some of them buried deep beneath the headlines, to spot the turning point. The Associated Press examined three markets — housing, jobs and stocks — and asked experts where things stand and how to know when they've hit bottom. None of them expects it to come anytime soon.

Obama sounds theme of hope

WASHINGTON — Trying to buck up a dispirited nation, President Barack Obama on Saturday promised that prosperous days will return and cast these bleak times as nothing less than a "great opportunity." Packing some heft with his hope, he defended his fast-moving and expensive agenda. "We will get through this," Obama said in his weekly radio and video address, taped Friday after another week of downbeat news. The unemployment rate climbed to 8.1 percent, the highest in more than 25 years. Stock values kept tumbling, down to their lowest levels since 1997. The latest Gallup polling finds that an anemic 20 percent of people in the United States are satisfied with the state of the nation.

Palestinian PM Fayyad resigns

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Western-backed Palestinian prime minister submitted his resignation Saturday, improving the odds of a possible unity government of Fatah moderates and Hamas militants, followed by new Palestinian elections. Salam Fayyad announced that he will step down once a new government is formed, but no later than the end of March. Unity talks between the Islamic militant Hamas and the Fatah movement of moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are to resume this week in Cairo. Abbas aides noted that if the negotiations fail, Abbas might reappoint Fayyad. Fayyad, a respected economist, was appointed prime minister by Abbas in June 2007, following Hamas' violent takeover of Gaza.

Health care plan may be short-lived

WASHINGTON — The search for agreement on health care may be short lived. The flashpoint is a proposal that would give Americans the option of buying medical coverage through a government plan. President Barack Obama and many Democrats have endorsed it, as one part of a broader health overhaul. On Saturday, Republicans laid down a challenge. "I'm concerned that if the government steps in, it will eventually push out the private health care plans millions of Americans enjoy today," Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said in the Republican weekly radio address. Blunt, who will play a leading role in the debate, warned: "This could cause your employer to simply stop offering coverage, hoping the government will pick up the slack."

Obama to visit Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — For one of his first foreign visits, President Barack Obama will call on NATO ally Turkey, an overwhelmingly Muslim country viewed as critical to aiding the U.S. pullout from Iraq, turning around the Afghanistan war and blocking Iran's nuclear ambitions.

INSIDE INSURANCE

Reading the tea leaves

The insurance industry is not immune to the financial issues facing all American employers as the federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics pointed out in its latest report, saying that 62,000 job losses occurred across all sectors of the industry in February.

The good news is that with an industry employing nearly three million people, retirements and job changes will open opportunities moving forward, according to the BLS report.

A recent presentation over the Internet by the president of the Insurance Information Institute, Robert Hartwig, indicated that while insurers have no direct federal stimulus package provisions, there is expected to be a significant increase for commercial insurers. Infrastructure spending will result in the need for more property risk insurance and workers compensation insurance.

Hartwig noted other commercial lines to benefit from the stimulus package include commercial auto insurance, inland marine and surety coverage, but he cautioned that tax provisions providing incentives to buy cars and homes and acceleration of the depreciation of equipment will have little net impact on exposures.

Hartwig identifies infrastructure stimulus spending by state:

- Georgia: \$1,141,255,941
- Alabama: \$603,871,807
- South Carolina: \$544,291,398
- Tennessee: \$701,516,776

The expected number of jobs gained or preserved by stimulus spending:

- Georgia: 107,000
- Alabama: 52,000
- South Carolina: 50,000

■ Tennessee: 71,000

He noted that construction employment has been hit particularly hard in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida with losses ranging from 8.8 percent to 22 percent. An economic upturn is needed to restart the housing industry and bring up the trickle-down effect for those businesses and laborers who work in the support industry.

In reading the "economic tea leaves" for the next four to eight years, Hartwig agrees with other predictions that the government's role will increase in the lives of Americans more than at any other time in recent history.

In relation to financial strength and capacity, the insurance industry has weathered the storms well, and Hartwig emphasized that "insurers have the capacity to accommodate stimulus spending."

"Unlike banking," Hartwig said, "insurance markets are operating normally. This means that insurers continue to:

- Pay claims (whereas 38 banks have gone under as of Feb. 13).
- Renew existing policies (banks are reducing and eliminating lines of credit).
- Write new policies (banks are turning away people who want or need to borrow).
- Develop new products (banks are scaling back the products they offer).

Hartwig summarized, "Essentially, the basic function of insurance, the orderly transfer of risk from client to insurer, continues uninterrupted."

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sloan of Dalton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 14, 2009. A reception was at Trinity United Methodist Church in Dalton Feb. 15 in the Evans Family Life Center. They have two daughters, Rhonda and Mark Souther and Steve and Donna Pound, all of Dalton. They also have five grandchildren, Jason Souther of Columbus, Ohio, and Jess Souther, Preston Pound, Riley Pound and Amelia Pound, all of Dalton.

Alzheimer's advocates to gather at Capitol

SUBMITTED BY THE GEORGIA CHAPTER OF THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Monday is Alzheimer's Day at the state Capitol.

More than 200 advocates, family members and people living with Alzheimer's disease from around the state — including 35 from Whitfield and Murray counties — will rally. Advocates will meet with legislators to discuss issues important to the 199,457 Georgia families dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

Gov. Sonny Perdue will speak at a press conference at the Capitol and will issue a proclamation to the Georgia Chapter. State Sen. Don Thomas, R-Dalton, sponsor of the Senate resolution creating an Alzheimer's Task Force, will also speak. There will be a resolution in the Senate recognizing the Georgia Chapter.

Alzheimer's Day will include a lunch for advocates and legislators and the press conference between the morning and afternoon legislative sessions.

"This is a day for people all over Georgia who have been touched by Alzheimer's disease to raise their voices and be heard," said Leslie Anderson, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter. "There are nearly 200,000 of these families in Georgia and it is the responsibility of the Georgia Chapter to represent them. By raising our voice and working with legislators, we

can be a catalyst for change which will affect the lives of everyone dealing with the devastation of Alzheimer's disease."

The Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter has been helping families statewide since 1995. During that time, we have been a key part of enacting policy change, including Georgia's Mattie's Call legislation, which established a statewide protocol to help locate Georgia's missing elderly persons quickly and return them safely to their families.

The Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and promotion of brain health, and to enhance the care and support for all individuals, their families and caregivers. The Georgia Chapter has seven regional offices which serve all of Georgia's 159 counties.

For news and information, visit the Georgia Chapter Web site at www.alz.org/georgia.

Willie's Barbecue, 301 W. Emery St.

Current score: 97
Current grade: A
Previous score: 97
Previous grade: A
Comments: Do not use crates as shelving; need 6 inches clearance under and behind. Install stainless steel vegetable prep sink; must be air gapped. Three-compartment sink may not be tight-lined; direct drain must have air gap. Looks very good.

Peacock Alley Tea Room, 311 S. Hamilton St.

Current score: 97
Current grade: A
Previous score: 91
Previous grade: A
Comments: Preset tableware must be kept protected. Invert plates, bowls and glasses. Reseal loose wall panel. Very good.

Regional Youth Development Center, 2735 Underwood Road

Current score: 95
Current grade: A
Previous score: 96
Previous grade: A
Comments: Do not put sanitizer bucket in hand sink. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Air gaps required on plumbing for three compartment sink and food sink. Tight-line/direct drain is not permitted.

Wendy's, 214 Connector 3

Current score: 94
Current grade: A
Previous score: 93
Previous grade: A
Comments: Ice must be kept drained as it melts. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer when not in hand. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Tight-line/direct drain at three-compartment sink not permitted; must have air gap.

Spiced Apple, 365 Vista Drive No. 6

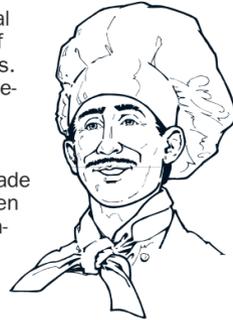
Current score: 94
Current grade: A
Previous score: 98
Previous grade: A
Comments: Proper cooling method for potato salad should be to place in shallow pan before placing in cooler or other approved method. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer.

Waffle House, 2505 E. Walnut Ave.

Current score: 93
Current grade: A
Previous score: 85
Previous grade: B
Comments: Keep ice bins covered when not in use. Store food 6 inches off floor. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Invert plates and bowls. Repair leak at base of three compartment sink faucet. Clean and repeat walk-in cooler floors.

Restaurant report card

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



Royal Oaks, 1218 Broadrick Drive

Current score: 93
Current grade: A
Previous score: 94
Previous grade: A
Comments: Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Sanitizing solution must be 200 to 400 ppm. Person in charge must be aware of signs and symptoms of foodborne illness that would restrict employees from working.

Peachtree Estates, 1300 W. Waugh St.

Current score: 93
Current grade: A
Previous score: 70
Previous grade: C
Comments: Need paper towels at hand sink. Clean ceiling vents, especially over dish machine.

Oakwood Café, 201 W. Cuyler St.

Current score: 93
Current grade: A
Previous score: 98
Previous grade: A
Comments: Store wiping cloths in sanitizer; do not store sanitizer buckets on floor. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Do not use magnetic knife strips. Protect sanitized equipment and utensils. Change gloves between changing tasks or touching soiled surfaces. Wash hands between glove changes. Replace torn gaskets. Repaint walls. Clean walls and ceilings. Clean hood housing.

Chili's Grill and Bar, 881 College Drive

Current score: 92
Current grade: A
Previous score: 90
Previous grade: A

Comments: Replace or resurface cutting boards on prep station due to deep grooves and melted surface that cannot be easily sanitized. Do not stack utensils up wet; must air dry first. Clean equipment throughout facility. Post second page of inspection sheet for public view.

Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 3595 S. Dixie Highway

Current score: 88
Current grade: B
Previous score: 81
Previous grade: B
Comments: Do not set employee drinks next to or over food or food contact items and surfaces. Segregate bent cans from good ones. Do not stack containers, plates or bowls up wet; must air dry first. Keep utensils protected. Invert single-serve containers. Change gloves when changing tasks. Tight-line/direct drain not permitted at three-compartment sink, dish machine or food sink; must have air gaps. Repair walls and floors. Service Ansel system.

Domino's Pizza, 2995 Cleveland Highway

Current score: 85
Current grade: B
Previous score: 94
Previous grade: A
Comments: When date marking potentially hazardous food, use maximum of seven days. Label all toxic items properly. Do not store toxic items next to food or food contact. Use only pesticides approved for use in commercial food service. Must have 12-foot radius on foggers. Need test strips. Must have vacuum breaker

in hose bibb. Three-compartment sink may not be tight-lined/direct drain; must have air gap. Dumpster must have lids and drain plug. Clean garbage off ground. Replace missing base tiles.

Espinoza's, 702 Fifth Ave.

Current score: 77
Current grade: C
Previous score: 83
Previous grade: B
Comments: Employee drinks must be in cup with lid and straw. Cover or wrap all stored food properly. All equipment and utensils must be properly sanitized. Date mark all potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food. To properly cool foods, use shallow containers and put in coolest part of walk-in. Store all food 6 inches off floor. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Do not store sanitizer buckets on floor. Handwashing sign required at hand sink. Do not stack containers up wet; must air dry first. Hair restraints required on all food and dish handlers. Invert all single-serve containers once unwrapped. Smooth ceiling required. Clean walls. Do not put clean bowls in cloths. When pre-wrapping silverware, cover or wrap food contact end.

Krystal, 301 W. Waugh St.

Current score: 69
Current grade: U
Previous score: 83
Previous grade: B
Comments: Employees must wash hands before donning gloves. Employee drinks must be in single-serve up with lid and straw. Do not put anything in hand sink. Sliced cheese out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. When using timer, discard out-of-temperature food after four hours. Change time stickers. Store food 6 inches off floor. Cover ice bins. Hair restraints required on food handlers. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Do not store scoop in ice machine. Invert all single-serve containers. Change gloves when changing tasks. Do not touch raw meat and then ready-to-eat foods. No hot water at back hand sink.



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Sales are booming for clinical strength diet pill

Participants in clinical study lost an average of 5 times more weight without additional exercise or diets; 48-hour time limit now in place

By K. Tedeschi
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) - Over 10 million doses have been shipped to dieters so far, and sales continue to climb every day for the diet supplement called Apatrim®.

"We knew we had a great product, but it's even exceeded our expectations," said Ken Geis, Manager of Call Center Operations for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the clinically tested weight loss supplement.

"People just keep placing orders, it's been pretty amazing," he said.

But a closer look at this weight loss sensation suggests that maybe the company shouldn't have been caught off guard by its success.

There are some very good reasons for Apatrim's surging popularity.

To begin with, the clinical test results were very impressive. Participants taking Apatrim's active ingredient lost an average of 400% more weight than those taking a placebo during the 4-week U.S. clinical study. These remarkable results were achieved without additional exercise or diets.^{1*}

Apatrim comes from a natural edible plant source. It's safe, as well as easy to use. This weight loss supplement can actually begin working the very first day. And since researchers believe Apatrim works to suppress appetite, most people can eat what they want and still lose weight.*

"By suppressing their appetite, most people will consume fewer calories which can lead to weight loss," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research & Development for PatentHEALTH. "Consumers should always keep in mind that there is no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight.**"

Impressive clinical results

Apatrim's active ingredient has a known ability to help control hunger pangs. This allows people to eat the foods they want and always seem to be craving because they'll just want to eat less.*

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles. The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. The caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise. Specifically, no changes to their daily routine; just take the recommended dosage 30-minutes before lunch and dinner.

A remarkable 100% of the participants taking Apatrim as directed



■ **POPULAR PILL:** Allison Garwood (front) and Renee Pellegrini pick up a bottle of the breakthrough weight loss supplement called Apatrim® at the pharmacy. An amazing 100% of the participants in the U.S. clinical trial got results taking Apatrim and its popularity is soaring. Consumers can call 1-866-964-2349 to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes.

either lost weight or inches off of their waistline during the 4 week clinical study. Those losing weight lost an average of 5 times more than study participants who were taking the placebo pills.*

Some participants experienced fabulous results, losing as much as 8 lbs and up to 3 inches off their waistline. These amazing results were achieved without changes in lifestyle. All they did was take the pills as instructed.^{2*}

Professional support

Industry trends along with professional's support in the weight loss and fitness industries indicate that Apatrim is the real thing. This amazing pill is being recommended to companies and clients across the country.

Mark Loy, a personal trainer has had some of his clients use Apatrim with great success.³

"When I'm working with my clients I can control what they're eating," said Loy. "But when they leave they're on their own and that's when the tendency to cheat comes into play," he continued.

"I heard about Apatrim so I checked out the facts then decided to try it as a part of my training program," Loy said.

"It's really helped some of my clients to control their eating. I've watched people get some amazing results while taking Apatrim," said Loy. "Sign me up, I'm a believer."²

Dr. Joseph Dietz was impressed

with the quality of the clinical trials as well as the U.S. patent (#7,060,308). This patent protects the proprietary method of extracting the active ingredient. This process is what the developing scientists believe is the key to the active ingredient's effectiveness.

"When I read the clinical results, the U.S. patent and all of the other scientific support I immediately knew we needed to use this weight loss compound," said Dietz.

"The results are real; Apatrim is a great product that's been shown to

help people lose weight.**"

Where to get it

All of the national retail pharmacies including CVS and Walgreens have placed orders for Apatrim.

There have been some reports of out-of-stocks, so to make it easier for people to get it right away a Regional Health Hotline has been put in place for the next 48 hours.

Starting at 8:00am today, all consumers have to do is call 1-866-964-2349 and ask for Dept. AP3613; orders will be filled on a first-come, first-

served basis.

"For those people who call the hotline to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes, we guarantee they'll get product and they can also qualify for a direct-to-home discount," said Ken Geis. "But this discount is only available through the hotline for the next 48 hours," he said.

So for those who choose not to call or miss the deadline you may have to pay more for Apatrim or possibly run the risk of not finding it at the drug store. ■

Here's how to guarantee you get it:

To make it easy for people to get Apatrim quickly, the company has set up a Regional Health Hotline. Follow the instructions listed below to have Apatrim shipped directly to your home or you can check your local drug store to see if they have it in stock. For consumers who call the hotline, advise the operator that you want Apatrim shipped directly to your home so they can see if you qualify for the direct-to-home shipping discount.

Regional Health Hotline; 48-hours only

Consumers can begin calling promptly at **8:00am today**. The hotline will be available for the next 48 hours. **Call 1-866-964-2349** and ask for **Dept. AP3613**. All orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Retail Pharmacies:

National chains across the country that have ordered Apatrim include **CVS/pharmacy** and **Walgreens**. All of these stores have confirmed that they have received their initial shipments of Apatrim and are working to make certain they have stock available. Consumers not able to find Apatrim at their local pharmacies can call the hotline and have it delivered directly to their homes. You may also qualify for a special discount.

On the web: www.apatrim.com

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Mark Loy is a personal trainer and fitness consultant to PatentHEALTH, he is remunerated for his services. *THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE.

Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Darla Miller, Operations Manager for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Miller was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigosamine®.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigosamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Miller.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

Trigosamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronic acid also called HA-13 which is the building block of "natural joint fluid," medically known as synovial fluid.

This joint fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only

lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz.¹

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz.*

Trigosamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States govern-

ment found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigosamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.^{2*}

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so impressive.

"We get messages from consumers all the time telling us how great Trigosamine works for them," said Miller.

"Everybody wants it," added Miller.

"CVS/pharmacy was one of the first ones to order Trigosamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some inventory left," said Miller.

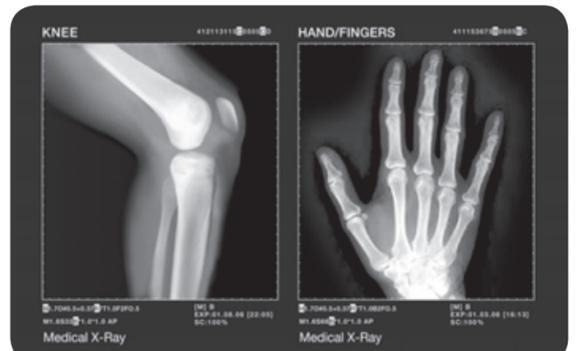
"And to make it easier for people

who can't find Trigosamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Miller.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," she added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able to get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigosamine and may be hard pressed to find it. ■

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■ **HEALTHY JOINTS:** X-rays reveal joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints. HA-13, one of Trigosamine's key ingredients is a component of synovial fluid.



■ **ALMOST GONE:** Sales of the joint pill Trigosamine are soaring which could lead to out of stocks as shown in this photo illustration. Consumers unable to find it can call **1-800-924-2109** and have it shipped directly to their homes.

Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigosamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72-hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigosamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY
1-800-924-2109
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Discount Ends in 72 hours

1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC, as Director of Health Science, Research Development.
2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the United States Government.
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The Brookwoods — Jim Todd, George Davies, Bill Sims and Hilliard Jolly — will be performing Friday at the Celtic Celebration at the Creative Arts Guild.

Concert-dinner Friday a Celtic Celebration

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The Creative Arts Guild's "Beat The Winter Blues Series" continues featuring Guild favorites The Brookwoods and Ceilidh on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include entertainment, beverages and an Irish meal prepared by The Filling Station.

The Brookwoods started playing together in 1963, performing predominately folk music from that time period. Bands like the Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, Tom Paxton, Gordon Lightfoot are the groups that influence their music.

For Celtic celebrations the band has added some Irish and bluegrass tunes. Hilliard Jolly and George Davies were the original founders of the group, adding Bill Sims a couple of years later. After nearly a 40-year hiatus, they re-formed for the opening of the Wink Theatre, adding Jim Todd on bass and Jayne Todd on female vocals and have been performing for the past several years.

This year's performance, as hinted by Jim Todd, will feature a few surprises for the audience.

Ceilidh is an eclectic quintet that was formed in July 2004. The word ceilidh

(pronounced KAY-lee) is Gaelic, meaning a concert at which tales are told, songs are sung, and music is played for dancing. The five members are Dalton's Beth Blackburn, Jim Burdick and Matthew Fearing, and Rome's Janet Baltzer and Sam Baltzer. They bring with them decades of experience in the performance of classical and folk music on a wide variety of instruments and a love of the haunting melodies and lively dance tunes of the Celtic tradition.

"Both The Brookwoods and Ceilidh have performed at past Celtic Celebrations as well as other Guild events, and have always been extremely entertaining and each in their own right a wonderful musician," said music director Lisa Elders.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Friday, dinner starts at 6:45 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling 706-278-0168.

The Creative Arts Guild is the oldest multidisciplinary community arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Guild is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

Humane society taps advisory board

SUBMITTED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia recently announced the formation of its first advisory board. Members are Dan Davis, Jane Harrell, Dr. Jay Hendley, Minnie Marsh, Mary McCleery, Jeff Mutter, Dr. Tim O'Boyle, Freda Stephenson and G. Gargandi Vaughn.

Davis is a Dalton native and educated in the Dalton school system as well as Rutgers University and LSU Graduate School of Banking. He has been involved with local banks for the past 28 years, serving as commercial lender, senior lender, retail coordinator and city executive. He and his wife Sarah Ann reside in the Dug Gap community.

Davis is a member of Olivia Baptist Church. He has been very active in the community as a member of Carpet City Rotary Club, Dalton Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Whitfield Healthcare Foundation, American Red Cross, Leadership Dalton and the Boy Scouts of America.

Originally from Jacksonville, Fla., Harrell moved to the Dalton area in 1971. She and her husband, Monroe, have two daughters, Kelly and Tracey. Harrell has been involved with the Prater's Mill Country Fair for 25 years and also serves on the boards of the Creative Arts Guild, Georgia Sheriffs Cherokee Estate and the Department of Family and Children Services. Always having pets, Harrell is a big admirer of the Humane Society.

Hendley was born in Statesboro and is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He married his wife, Betsy, in 2007. They are both employed with Animal Hospital of Whitfield County. They are the proud owners of two dogs, Annabell and Bandit, and two cats, Vixen and

Kitty. Hendley wants to be a part of the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia because of his concern for the welfare of animals.

Marsh was born in Atlanta and is a graduate of Dalton High and Berry College. She worked as an educator for 11 years as an elementary school teacher and presently serves as business manager for Willis Funeral Home. Marsh and her husband, Hubert, have been married 33 years and have two children, Andrew and Willis. They also have one granddaughter, Andrea. Marsh is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mary McCleery is originally from Southern California and moved to Dalton 19 years ago. She has three teenage daughters, Sarah, Elise and Mandy and is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. McCleery is a certified public accountant and tax manager at the Dalton office of Joseph Decosimo and Company LLC.

Mutter has been in newspaper advertising for more than 26 years beginning in 1982 at the Bluefield Daily Telegraph in his hometown of Bluefield, W.Va. He moved to Dalton in 1989 and served as advertising director at The Daily Citizen for two years. Mutter then transferred to several different markets before returning in 1999 to the same position. In

2008 Mutter became vice president of sales and marketing for CNHI Inc. (owner of The Daily Citizen) in Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. He is married to the former Carlene Butler of Chatsworth and has a 6-year-old son Riley. They reside in Dalton with their 13-year-old basset hound, April. The family is avid animal lovers and feel privileged to assist the Humane Society.

O'Boyle was born in Elmhurst, Ill., and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio. He is a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and completed his residency in ophthalmology at LSU Eye Center in New Orleans. O'Boyle was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, at the 97th General Army Hospital as staff ophthalmologist. Upon returning to the states, he served as chief of ophthalmology at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta.

O'Boyle has been with Professional Eye Associates in Dalton since 1991. He and his wife, Joan, have four sons. They have two dogs, Bridget and Samson, and a guinea pig named Charlotte. O'Boyle enjoys college football and basketball, travel, swimming, hiking, skiing and family activities.

Stephenson has been with the Alzheimer's Association eight years as development

director for the North Georgia region. She resides in Dalton with her husband, Donnie, and dog Hannah. Hannah was found eight years ago in a ditch as an abandoned puppy and was taken in by Stephenson.

Vaughn was born in Tunnel Hill and is a lifelong resident of Whitfield County. Following graduation from Northwest High, he attended the University of Georgia College of Business. Vaughn obtained his bachelor's of business administration in economics with honors in 1992 and later earned his juris doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1995. He returned to Dalton to practice law as a litigator with the Mitchell and Mitchell law firm. He currently serves as town attorney for Resaca and counsel for the Department of Human Resources, Child Support Services and was appointed by the Attorney General in 2006.

"We are proud to introduce a group of professional individuals dedicated to the mission of The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia," said president Micky Burrows. "Their expertise and experience is priceless and we could never thank them enough. With their guidance we will be able to better serve the animals and citizens of our county, so please thank them every opportunity you have."

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Man saved by his pants

DULUTH (AP) — The Gwinnett County Fire Department has saved a 21-year-old Duluth man who decided to climb a power pole, but slipped, only to have his pants catch on the metal tower.

Authorities believe the man, who they did not identify, had been drinking and ignored a companion's suggestion that he had gone far enough up the pole.

Something, perhaps static electricity, sparked what neighbors described as an explosion and flash fire.

The man lost his footing 35 feet off the ground and began falling, but somehow his pants caught on the metal tower.

A rescue team climbed the tower and got him down. He was taken to a hospital in stable condition with burns and cuts. No charges had been filed Saturday afternoon.



The five members of Ceilidh include Dalton's Beth Blackburn, Jim Burdick and Matthew Fearing plus Rome's Janet Baltzer and Sam Baltzer.

Notice Of Whitfield County GOP Convention

The Whitfield County Republican Party will hold its

ANNUAL CONVENTION SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2009

Doors Open at 9 a.m.



Across Selvidge Street from the Main County Courthouse
 Judicial Building, Courtroom A
 (County Commissioners meeting room)
 214 West King Street
 Dalton, GA 30720

Speakers include former U.S. Congressman Ben B. Blackburn, III, of the 4th Congressional District of Georgia — a four-term member and one of the first Republicans elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Georgia in more than 100 years following reconstruction after the Civil War.

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OBITUARIES

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 • **Franklin Roy Jackson, Chatsworth**
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 • **Athelee Worley, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Vaneta Bigham

Vaneta Bigham, 88, of Chattanooga, died Monday, March 2, 2009.

Born on July 14, 1920, in Dalton. She moved to Chattanooga in the 1960s.

She is predeceased by her parents Ernest and Lula Bigham, her sisters Annie Dell Bigham and Doris Bigham Donald and a brother Scott Bigham.

She is survived by her niece and husband, Margaret and Steve McCauley as well as cousins Max and Betty Curtis.

Vaneta was a very independent lady working many years as a bookkeeper and for Alexian Brothers. She was a member of The First Baptist Church of Chattanooga and D.A.R. She loved walking and being outdoors and would save food from her own plate to feed stray cats and wild creatures. She was a kind lady and required little for herself. She spent many years including her last days at Summit View.

Her family would like to express our deep gratitude for the attentive and loving care she received from staff members and the friendship of fellow residents.

On Monday March 9, viewing hours will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the funeral to follow. She will be buried Tuesday in the Bigham family plot at Black Springs Cemetery in Calhoun.

Arrangements are by the East Chapel of the Chattanooga Funeral Home, 404 S. Moore Road. Please share our condolences at www.mem.com.
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Robert Glen "Pops" Brewster

Mr. Robert Glen "Pops" Brewster, 62, of Dalton, departed this life Friday morning, March 6, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Brewster was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Cherokee County, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eloise Sexton Brewster, his granddaughter, Stephanie Brewster, and his parents, William and Jimmie Sue Trammell and his grandmother, Leona Brewster.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Kenny Turner of Maynardville, Tenn.; sons and daughters-in-law, Eddie and Joy Brewster of Chatsworth, Robbie and Jennifer Brewster of Dalton; grandchildren, Anthony Brewster, Zachary Turner, Bradley Brewster, Christopher Brewster, Tyler Brewster and Brian Brewster; brothers and sisters-in-law, Donnie and Geraldine Trammell, Billy and Viola Trammell and

Jimmy Dale and Bonnie Trammell all of Villanov; special friends, Buddie, Wyleen and James Beavers all of Dalton; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life Mr. Robert Brewster are Monday at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Johnson officiating.

He will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife at the West Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be James Beavers, Nathan Trammell, Donnie Trammell, Jr., James Nix, Billy Trammell, Buddie Beavers and Tim Duncan.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today.

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

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Franklin Roy Jackson

Mr. Franklin Roy Jackson, 76, of Chatsworth, departed this life Thursday afternoon, March 5, 2009, at the Murray Medical Center.

Roy was born Sept. 13, 1932, in Murray County, a son of the late Quinn Dooly and Vergie Bartley Jackson. He was also preceded in death an infant son in 1954 and brothers Buck, Ralph, Clyde, Burley and Grady Jackson; sisters Willie Mae Jones, Annie Painter, Elizabeth Silvers and Christine Dixon.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Chatsworth F&AM Masonic Lodge No. 664 and the Chatsworth American Legion Post No. 167.

He is survived by his wife, Mozelle Henderson Jackson of the residence; sons, Joe Jackson, Lee Jackson, both of Chatsworth; grandchildren, Heather Womac, Clint Jackson; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Cantrell, Avery Cantrell, Hunter Cantrell, Kayla Jackson, Dylan Jackson and Levi Jackson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Linda Jackson of Chatsworth, Jimmy and Naomi Jackson of Dalton, Alberta Jackson of Chatsworth, Louise Jackson Long of Dalton; sisters and brother-in-law, Minnie Ramey, Helen Crumbley and Virginia and Gene Banks all of Chatsworth; several nieces and nephews.

Services are Monday at 2 p.m. from the Mausoleum Chapel at Whitfield Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Winfred Casey officiating. Entombment will be in the Whitfield Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home on Monday after 9 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Chatsworth American Legion Post No. 167.

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Wayne Y. Lokey

Mr. Wayne Y. Lokey, 75, of Dalton, departed this life March 5, 2009, at the home of his daughter, Renea Jordan, surrounded by his family.

He was born on April 9, 1933, the son of the late Burt and Eula Clark Lokey of Centre, Ala., and was preceded in death by his first wife, Estelle Chesnut Lokey in 1990; brother, B.C. Lokey; sisters, Dot Weems and Lula Martin.

Wayne worked at Doyle Hayes Tire Service for 38 years. He was a past member of the Gideons International and through the years served as a deacon, and a teacher of several classes at various churches. He was a member of Rocky Face Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gertrude Bagley Lokey of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Renea and Curtis Jordan of Dalton, Regina and Gary Darnell of Calhoun; grandchildren, Kelly Gilstrap of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Kristi Gilstrap of Charlotte, N.C., Jessica Clingan of Calhoun, Joshua and Meghan Clingan of Chattanooga, (currently serving in Iraq); stepsons and wives, Mike and Shanda Hammontree, Randy and Lynn Hammontree all of Rocky Face; stepgrandchildren, Marla and Lance Howe, Zach Hammontree, Kerrie Hammontree and Shane Hammontree; step-great-grandchildren, Ali Howe and Jake Howe.

He is also survived by his brother and sisters-in-law, Hamp and Peggy Lokey of Albertville, Ala.; sisters-in-law, Mildred Lokey of Rome and Betty Chesnut of Centre, Ala.; nieces, nephews and other family.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Brinkley and the Rev. Erwin Crider officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens with Frank Hayes, Mark Freeman, Ray Scroggins, Ted Steed, Jerry Kinsey and Robert Sosebee serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Sidney Baxter, Jim Vines, Wendall Rann, Brooks Thrasher, Quinn Davis and Bill Clark.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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Dolores Mathis Petty

Dolores Mathis Petty, 78, of Dalton, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009, at

Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Morgan and Frances Mathis; a brother, Boyd Mathis; a brother-in-law, Alvin Taylor. She was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James Allen Petty of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Nelda and Steve Cox of Chatsworth; Kathy and Gary Harris of Dalton; Allen and Debbie Petty of Mount Vernon, Ky., and Jamey and Laura Petty of LaFayette; sister-in-law, Adele Taylor of Rio Linda, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Debbie Mathis of Jacksonville, Fla.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Larry and Jan Petty and Carl and Janet Petty, all of Aurora, Ind.; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rhoda Howell and the Rev. Fred Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service. Pallbearers will be Chris Petty, Brad Petty, Kenneth Harris, Alex Harris, Logan Petty and Zack Miller.

The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guest register signed at www.julianpeoples.com

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call 706-259-7455.
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Alan Antonio Velasquez Rafael

Alan Antonio Velasquez Rafael, infant son of Mario Rafael Velasquez and Cristobalina Rafael of Dalton, departed this life on Friday, March 6, 2009, at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Interment will be at West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the service.

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J.L. Roberson

Mr. J.L. Roberson, 58, of Dalton, departed this life on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Roberson was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Whitfield County, a son of the late Charlie Clifford and Samantha Hartness. Along

with his parents, he was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Roberson; a daughter, Rebecca Ann Roberson; brother, C.L. Roberson; and two sisters, Betty Nicholson and Lela Ruth Roberson.

He is survived by his best friend, Charlotte Brown of Dalton; son, Allen Patterson Roberson of Chatsworth; daughters, Crissy Roberson and Casey Roberson; sisters, Elizabeth Jones, Dorothy Hollifield, Vivian Phillips, Lola Lewis and Samantha Vaughn; brothers, Charlie W. Roberson, Robert Earl Roberson, Walter Lee Roberson, George L. Roberson, Jerry J. Roberson and John W. Roberson; a number of nieces and nephews.

Services are Wednesday at noon from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Henderson officiating. He will be laid to rest at Chattanooga National Cemetery following the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the service hour.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Roberson's family. Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton. (706) 226-4002. Your Selected Independent Funeral Home.
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Sallie Yvonne Warren

Ms. Sallie Yvonne Warren, 40, of Dalton, departed this life Thursday, March 5, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Sallie was born June 24, 1968, in Whitfield County, a daughter of the late William Glenn Sr. and Betty June Evans Grant.

She is survived by her special friend and companion Bob Gordy; son, Jessie Preston Warren; daughter, Georgia Kate Warren; brothers and sisters-in-law Glen and Angela Grant all of Dalton, Jeff Grant of Chatsworth, Danny and Mary Grant; sisters, Seidonia Griggs of Dalton, Glenna Ashton of Acworth, Dixie Hall of Dalton; special nieces Dee Benitez of Dalton, Donia Stephens of Calhoun and Lynn Pickle of Rocky Face; several other nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Ms. Warren are Monday at 7 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church with Pastor Donald Cantrell and Pastor Ricky Kisor officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church from 5 until 7 p.m. Monday.

The family requests flowers may be accepted or donations be made to the Antioch Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2103, Dalton, GA 30722 or Hamilton Hospice.

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Warren's family.

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Athelee Worley

Mrs. Athelee Worley, 83, of Dalton, departed this life Friday evening, March 6, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Mrs. Worley was born March 20, 1925, in Polk County, Tenn., a daughter of the late Edna Hall Griffin Kilpatrick Locke and Samuel Griffin.

She was married to the late Manuel Worley on April 15, 1945.

She was also preceded in death by her step-fathers, Fred Kilpatrick and Lee Locke, also granddaughters, Debbie Marie Worley and Amanda Jo Worley.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Melvin and Wanda Worley of Andrews, N.C.; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Dale Bates of Dalton; grandchildren, Lesley Bates and Jeremy and Sally Bates; great-grandchildren, Cassidy Bates, Kelsey Bates, Deanna Bates, Caitlyn Bates; step-grandchildren, Terri L. Moore, Robert W. Moore, Colin Hutton, Marie A. Belvins; step-great-grandchildren, Jacob M. Hutton, Autumn M. Blevins, Alora D. Moore, Amanda A. Moore; sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Zane Payne of Loganville; sister-in-law, Pearl Dale of Ellijay; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Athelee Worley are Monday at 11 a.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Dale Bates, Jeremy Bates and the Rev. Gary McPhearson officiating. She will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at the Flat Branch Baptist Church Cemetery in Gilmer County. Pallbearers will be Lesley Bates, Mark Hice, Avery Hice, Glenn Hutton, Bob Monroe and Adam Newton.

A special thanks to her caregivers, Lesley Bates, Kim Parks, Karen Roberson and Willette.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. today.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Amanda Worley. Thoughts and memories may be shared with the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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VISTA, Calif. (AP) — A former bookkeeper embezzled \$9.9 million, forcing her company to make layoffs as she bought 400 pairs of shoes that she kept in a room-sized closet decorated with a crystal chandelier and a plasma television, authori-

ties claim.

Annette Yeomans, 51, surrendered at the Vista jail on Friday and was booked for investigation of grand theft and embezzlement. She was being held Saturday at the San Diego County jail in lieu of \$10 million bail.

It was not immediately clear whether she had an attorney.

Authorities allege that Yeomans embezzled the money from 2001 to 2007 while she was chief financial officer for Quality Woodworks, Inc., a cabi-

netry business in San Marcos.

She spent at least \$240,000 on 400 pairs of shoes, \$300,000 on designer clothing and 160 purses valued at \$2,000 each, investigators allege. She also remodeled a bedroom into a

closet with the chandelier and a 32-inch TV, they said.

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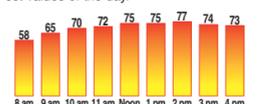
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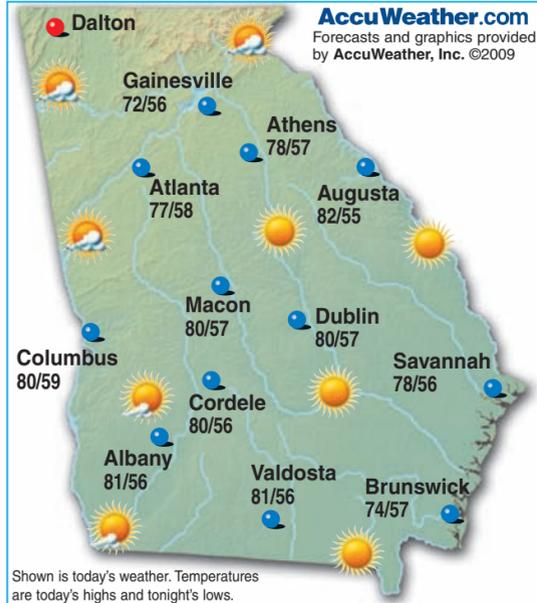
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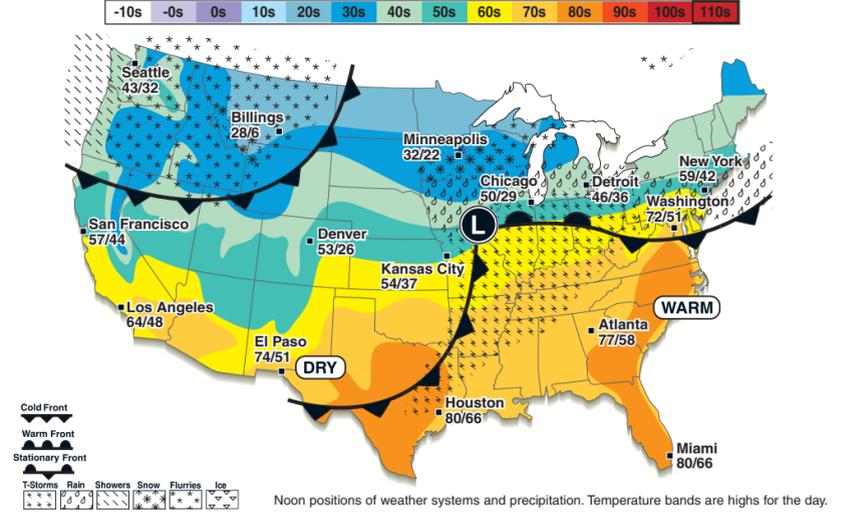
Georgia Weather



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

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Albany	81/56/s	83/54/pc	82/56/s	La Grange	78/57/pc	75/50/pc	80/53/s
Atlanta	77/58/pc	73/55/pc	76/52/s	Macon	80/57/s	81/53/pc	80/53/s
Athens	78/57/pc	75/53/pc	75/53/s	Marietta	77/55/pc	73/51/pc	77/51/s
Augusta	82/55/s	80/53/pc	80/55/s	Newton	82/54/s	83/53/pc	84/53/s
Brunswick	74/57/s	76/56/s	78/60/s	Rome	76/57/pc	74/53/t	76/51/pc
College Park	77/58/pc	73/55/pc	76/52/s	Savannah	78/56/s	79/55/pc	81/57/s
Columbus	80/59/s	80/55/pc	82/57/s	Sparta	80/57/s	78/50/pc	81/52/s
Gainesville	72/56/pc	74/55/pc	72/51/pc	Valdosta	81/56/s	82/54/s	81/56/s

National Weather for March 8, 2009



City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	46/33/c	40/29/sn	48/29/pc	Denver	53/26/s	51/19/pc	36/16/pc
Anchorage	25/20/pc	31/22/sn	35/21/sn	Detroit	46/36/r	46/35/pc	52/29/r
Baltimore	72/46/pc	64/42/pc	54/43/r	Indianapolis	62/42/t	59/46/pc	63/35/c
Billings	28/6/sf	18/5/sn	10/10/sn	Kansas City	54/37/r	58/43/pc	50/23/r
Boise	41/24/sf	42/24/sn	44/24/pc	Las Vegas	68/45/s	67/44/pc	67/41/s
Buffalo	46/37/c	43/32/c	49/33/pc	Los Angeles	64/48/s	62/48/s	68/48/s
Charlotte	80/58/s	78/52/pc	70/54/c	Memphis	75/62/t	73/62/t	77/45/c
Cheyenne	50/24/s	41/13/sn	28/15/pc	Miami	80/66/s	82/68/s	82/68/s
Chicago	50/29/r	48/40/pc	55/27/r	Milwaukee	40/28/r	40/35/pc	45/22/r
Cincinnati	68/43/t	62/42/pc	61/40/c	Minneapolis	32/22/sn	38/20/pc	27/5/sn
Cleveland	50/39/r	48/36/pc	52/35/r	New Orleans	79/63/pc	79/64/pc	81/60/s
Dallas	84/64/t	82/61/t	79/44/t	New York	59/42/r	46/39/r	48/38/pc
				Okla. City	74/54/pc	79/52/t	65/34/pc
				Orlando	82/56/s	84/60/s	84/59/s
				Philadelphia	65/46/pc	52/40/r	51/39/pc
				Phoenix	74/52/s	75/52/s	76/51/s
				Pittsburgh	60/45/t	55/34/pc	55/45/r
				Portland, OR	47/34/sn	46/33/r	47/32/pc
				St. Louis	66/45/t	64/50/pc	65/34/r
				S.L. City	45/26/pc	36/20/sn	39/22/s
				San Fran.	57/44/s	57/42/pc	60/45/s
				San Diego	62/53/s	61/51/pc	62/52/s
				Seattle	43/32/sn	41/29/c	45/31/pc
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PREP BASEBALL: NORTH MURRAY

Granger will head Mountaineers program

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Steve Granger, 36, who for the past two years has served as Bagley Middle School's athletic director, has been hired as the head baseball coach at North Murray High School in Chatsworth.

North Murray will open in the fall and the Mountaineers will compete in Region 6-3A.

"I'm extremely excited about this new job," Granger said Saturday. "I've worked with the

Bagley baseball program the past couple of years and I know these kids who will be going to North Murray, so that's a big plus and will help in the transition."

Josh Lowe, who along with North Murray principal Maria Bradley made up the two-person selection committee, said Granger was chosen from among four in-system candidates for the job.

"Steve was so passionate about baseball when we interviewed him," Lowe said. "He has a great



Granger

help in the transition to the new high school. Granger, a native of Cleveland,

Ohio, has lived in the Dalton/Chatsworth area since 1978. He attended Southeast High and played baseball for the Raiders. He went to West Georgia in Carrollton and graduated in 2003. He worked in the carpet industry while earning his teaching degree.

Granger's first teaching job was at Eastside Elementary School, and while there he helped coach the wrestling team at Southeast in the 2003-04 school year.

After a year at Eastside, Granger

moved to where he split time between Gladden and Bagley middle schools and coached football, baseball and wrestling.

The challenge of starting a new program is not foreign to Granger. He got Bagley's junior varsity baseball program off and running and it was the only JV team in the area until Dalton Middle added a JV team this year.

➤ Please see **COACH , 2B**

PREP TRACK: NORTHWEST INVITATIONAL



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton's Ahmed Farag, left, and Northwest Whitfield's Cameron Griffin battle toward the finish line during the 300-meter hurdles competition in the Northwest Invitational in Tunnel Hill. Farag turned in a time of 41.42 seconds to win the event. Northwest won the boys team title with 148 points. Dalton claimed the girls crown with 127 points. More photographs from the meet can be viewed by visiting The Daily Citizen Web site: thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

COMMENTARY

Phelps a key part of volunteer army

From the very beginning, Terry Phelps has been there for the Make-A-Wish All-Star basketball games.

When they were played at the Northwest Georgia Convention and Trade Center, Phelps, a longtime referee, was there. When the games moved to Southeast, Phelps moved with them. He worked the games at Murray County High and since they have settled in at Christian Heritage School, Phelps settled in with them at 1600 MLK Blvd.

Phelps, a retired school teacher, has officiated one or both of the games since their inception 12 years ago. Along with George Raley, Phelps has made sure officials have been in place for every Make-A-Wish basketball doubleheader.

An avid baseball statistics researcher, and he can talk diamond numbers with you all day long, Phelps and many other officials that work the Make-A-Wish games, gives his time freely to an event that benefits children with life-threatening illnesses.

It costs money to provide children their wishes. Like a trip to Hawaii, which is exactly what Heidi McKinney, the founder of these local Make-A-Wish All-Star games, and her family received while she battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia several years ago.

So, Phelps and his officiating pals have donated their usual fees — that's \$46 per man these days — to do their part to increase the funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama. Every \$276 counts.

Phelps has seen the games grow in stature and, while he's just a small part of the overall structure that makes the games successful, this year organizers are honoring him with the second James Taylor Humanitarian Award, given in memory of the late owner of Taylor Tires and Service. Murray County High School English teacher and veteran public address announcer David Witherow, who has also been with the games from the start, was the first recipient at last year's games.

"Anytime you receive an award like this," Phelps said, "while you certainly don't lobby for it, it really makes you feel good."

Phelps, 64, understands the reason for these games. He knows the players chosen to represent their schools in North Georgia are there for a good cause. There is nothing more significant than lending a helping hand to a youngster fighting cancer, or some other dreadful illness. And for a few hours on March 14, this ever-growing network of volunteers will stage the 12th annual Make-A-Wish All-Star Games. Phelps, secretary for the North Georgia Basketball Officials Association, is happy to do his small part to make them go off without a hitch.

"All the officials," he said, "look forward to working the games. They're easy to work because everyone is there to have a good time. It's a laid-back atmosphere and we just let them play. We tell them not to be too intense or dive after balls risking injury because some of them will be going on to play ball in college. We also tell them if someone breaks away for a shot down court let them go. There's a bigger cause here."

Phelps has officiated, by his own count, 16 or 17 state tournaments during his 37-year career. He usually works about 100 varsity, junior varsity and middle school games per year and routinely leaves those games satisfied with his on-court effort.

When he leaves the Christian Heritage gymnasium on Saturday, he'll once again take with him a special feeling that, admittedly, is hard to put into words.

"You leave knowing you've contributed to a good cause to start with," he said. "Usually there is a person or persons there the organizers have highlighted specifically to be helped by the proceeds from the games. That puts a human face on what everyone is doing, like when Turner Fordham was helped a few of years ago."



Larry Fleming

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Record-setting day

Haynes breaks Bruins' triple jump mark

BY DOUG HAWLEY

Daily Citizen Correspondent

Northwest Whitfield High's Dean Haynes is best known for his football exploits as a North Carolina State University signee, but he also has a nice reputation on the track.

Haynes won two events, setting a school record in one, and led the Bruins to the boys championship in the 13th annual Northwest Invitational on Saturday at Bruin Stadium in Tunnel Hill.

The versatile Haynes won the triple jump with a record leap of 45 feet, 8 inches and claimed the 200-meter dash in 22.43 seconds. He also anchored Northwest's

winning 4x400 relay team that turned in a 3:37.

Haynes' heroics helped the Bruins amass 148 points while Rockmart finished second with 109. Gordon Central was third with 80, Dalton fourth with 63 and Calhoun's 59 rounded out the top five. Rome had 55, Murray County 49 and Southeast 43.

In girls competition, Dalton won with 127 points and Southeast was runner-up with 113.8. Defending champion Northwest was third with 94.5 and was followed by Gordon Central with 76.5; Rockmart 63, Rome 56, Calhoun 36, and Murray County 35.1.

"I jumped two feet farther than I ever have in a meet," Haynes said of his strong triple jump effort. "I owe it all to coach (Larry) Kesler, who came here last year. I want to stay in shape for football, and track has helped me to get a lot faster. I also want to help my team."

Haynes broke the school record of 44-4 3/4 set by Deandre Crowder in 1999.

"It was a great team performance," Bruins coach Jason Jackson said. "I was pleasantly surprised with a lot of kids for our first meet. Our kids fought hard."

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PREP BASKETBALL: CLASS 3A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

LFO wins, rolls into state semis

BY ADAM KROHN

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Nothing was going to stop Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe from reaching its first Final Four in school history.

Not a smothering defense by Dunwoody that forced multiple second-half turnovers. Not even the injury of a key player. In fact, the Lady Warriors went the entire fourth quarter without making a field goal. No sweat.

LFO made 14 of 18 free throws in the final eight minutes and held on to beat the Lady Wildcats, 52-49, Saturday night in the Class 3A state basketball tournament quarterfinals at the Northwest Georgia Convention and Trade Center. Jasmain Carey powered the Lady Warriors with 20 points, 19 rebounds and five blocks.

Kayla Weaver added 17 points on two 3-pointers and led the team with five assists.

The win puts LFO, the No. 1 seed out of Region 6-3A, in the tourney semifinals where the Lady Warriors



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dunwoody's Christian Brower, left, and Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe's Jackie Shaddeck scrap for a loose ball Saturday in the Class 3A state basketball tournament at the trade center.

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PRO BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

Braves' Jurrjens solid in beating N.Y.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Chien-Ming Wang passed another test, and it had nothing to do with his pitching arm.

Wang allowed one run and three hits over three innings in the New York Yankees' 3-1 loss to the Atlanta Braves on Saturday.

The right-hander missed the final 3 1/2 months of last season because of a right foot injury that occurred while he was running the bases during an interleague game against Houston on June 15.

"No problem," Wang said. "It's

behind me completely. Feels good."

Atlanta leadoff hitter Josh Anderson started Saturday's game by pulling a bunt between the mound and the first-base line. Wang quickly moved off the mound, tracked down the ball and made a flip to first baseman Mark Teixeira for the out.

"That's a great athletic play," Teixeira said.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi admits there is still some concern when Wang runs off the mound to make a play.

"Yes, because the way I saw it happen last year was kind of freaky," Girardi said. "I still worry about it, but what I do see is him pushing off that foot. To me it looks strong."

Wang, who won 19 games in both 2006 and '07, was 8-2 when he went on the disabled list two days after his injury last season. He struck out two during his second spring training start.

Braves starter Jair Jurrjens gave up one run and four hits in 3 2/3 innings. He had three strikeouts.

"I love J.J. As soon as I saw him

last year when we traded for him, I was very impressed," said Teixeira, who played with Atlanta last season. "He's a great kid. Has a great work ethic. Got good stuff. At a young age is already a pitcher."

Jurrjens finished third in NL Rookie of the Year voting last season. He led the Braves with 13 wins and 139 strikeouts.

Casey Kotchman, Greg Norton and Brandon Jones hit solo homers for the Braves.

Kotchman put Atlanta up 1-0 on his first-inning shot off Wang.

Teixeira took away a two-out RBI single in the third from Kotchman with a nifty, backhanded grab on a hard-hit grounder.

After Justin Leone pulled the Yankees even at 1 on an RBI single in the fourth, Norton made it 2-1 with a long homer during the sixth. Jones homered in the seventh.

Teixeira said it was weird playing against the Braves for the first time since signing with the Yankees. "Brought back some memories," he said. "I had a great year with the Braves. It was a lot of fun."

Fleming

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"It makes you feel like you've contributed something to the community. Everyone involved has a good time. The players, used to competing at a high level, are there but not as real competitors. They're doing their part to help someone too. It's a win-win situation. It's a feel good situation."

That's the bottom-line result Heidi McKinney envisioned as a teen-age cheerleader and student body president at Southeast when she suggested an all-star game to raise money for Make-A-Wish.

It's simply a humanitarian endeavor, like the James Taylor Award suggests, where an entire community can come together to help youngsters in a tough medical time in their lives.

That's what got Terry Phelps involved in the first place. That's what keeps bringing him, and his fellow referees, back year after year.

Last year organizers, such as Donna and Louis Fordham, Turner's parents, started the Greater Atlanta and North Georgia chapter of Make-A-Wish. Funds from next weekend's games will benefit that new chapter, keeping the money closer to home.

The girls game will start at 6:30 p.m. on the 14th with the boys game to follow at about 7:30 p.m. Three-point shooting and dunking competitions will be held during halftime and between games.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Terry Phelps, and a lot of people like him, will be there doing their part to "share the power of a wish."

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Coach

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"I headed up getting the Bagley program started," Granger said. "And that was our plan because I knew I was going to apply for the baseball job at North Murray. Whether I got the job or not, I still wanted to get something started at Bagley to help whoever would be coaching at North Murray."

"By starting the JV program, we already had things in motion for the new school."

Granger has coached travel baseball teams for several years. He took a team to Cooperstown, N.Y., home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, to play in a 96-team tournament, playing teams from across the country.

"I'm very enthused about the opportunity to continue working with our kids and those coming in the future at North Murray," Granger said. "It's a great day to be a Mountaineer."



Dalton High's Katarina Yi can't quite clear the bar at five feet in the high jump on Saturday during the Northwest Invitational track meet. The Lady Catamounts won the girls competition with 127 points.

Track: Character spurs Lady Raiders

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Other Northwest individual winners were Keonce Lovelace in the 400-meter run (52.63); A.J. Meyer in the 1,600 (4:46) and Luke Woodason in the pole vault (12-0).

Cameron Griffin, Lovelace and Meyer joined Haynes on the triumphant 4x400 relay (3:37).

Josh Stanley of Murray earned the boys' Most Valuable Runner award by claiming the 800 (2:03) and 3,200 (10:15) runs. He also anchored a second-place 4x400 relay team.

"That was easily the best 800 I've run," Stanley said. "I didn't even know I was going to run it until 10 minutes before the race. I showed more foot speed than I thought that I had. I'm really better in the 1,600 and 3,200."

Gordon Central's Dayton Luther earned the boys Most Valuable Field honor by winning the shot put (59-1) and discus (150-1), which produced the meet's only record on the day.

Dalton had one first-place finisher — Ahmed Farag in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.42.

Rockmart went home with a double winner in Trebor Holmes, who captured the 110 hurdles (15.10) and long jump (22-8).

Deshawn Printup of Calhoun won the 100 dash (11.26).

"We're really excited about winning," Dalton girls' coach Pam Brackett said. "It's the first time that we've ever won it here. I really didn't expect it."



Murray County's Josh Stanley nears the finish line on the anchor leg of the Indians' winning 4x400 relay team effort.

Carina Nieto easily claimed the 3,200 run (12:50) as was the Lady Catamounts' lone individual winner. She finished second in the 1,600 at 5:58.

"It helped that I had a good season in cross country (last fall)," said Nieto, a sophomore. "I love cross country. Track not as much."

Nieto also was a part of the winning 4x400 relay (4:28), along with Markisha Washington, Katrina Yi and Anna Lee Houston.

Indians capture soccer tournament title

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Murray County's Indians defeated Lakeview Academy, 3-1, Saturday and captured the weather-delayed Mountain Madness soccer tournament championship in Blue Ridge.

The title game was scheduled for 28 but inclement weather forced a week's delay in the tourney.

"We're happy to win it," Murray County coach Randy Baggett said. Edgar Reyes, Mickey Guerrero

and Edwin Velazquez each scored goals for the Indians (7-1-1). Carlos Ortiz got an assist on Velazquez's goal.

Murray goalie Juan Leon had five saves.

Varsity golf

■ Dalton and Northwest Whitfield's boys teams were at the Apple Mountain Invitational at Apple Mountain Golf Course in Clarksville and the Catamounts came away with

a fourth-place while the Bruins finished "somewhere near the top 10," Bruins coach Jim McGrew said.

The Catamounts shot a 299 and were led by Chase Miller, who shot a 72 on the par 70 course, Dylan Coffey (74), McLean Davies (76) and Zac Coquerille and Cody Cleary (both 77).

The Bruins shot a 304 and were led by Hunter Keener (69), Zane McDade (77), J.T. Meadows (78)

Ben Harris (80) and Jordan Black (81). David Lomax competed individually and shot a 77.

JV soccer

■ Northwest Whitfield 4, Woodland 2: Jose Delcid scored three goals for the Bruins (4-2) and added an assist. Alberto Pedro got the other Bruins goal and Fabian Hernandez was credited with an assist. Michael Kelly had five saves in goal.

State

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will play Region 3-3A's No. 1-seed Baldwin, which defeated Peach County, 48-35, at Columbus State. The semifinal game will be played Tuesday at the Macon Centreplex at 7 p.m.

Before this season, LFO had not won a state playoff game despite making an appearance in the tournament in each of the last three years. But with a healthy Weaver — various injuries kept the senior guard out of all three state appearances — and Carey leading the way, the Lady Warriors (29-3) are now making school history with each playoff win.

"We made some big free throws," said LFO coach Wayne Weaver, who is in his 14th year with the team. "We made them when it counted and they missed. We shoot free throws at 7 a.m. and eat breakfast before every game. We shoot them and chart them and they hate it, but I try to make them concentrate and that's what I kept saying to them tonight, '7 a.m. biscuits, girls. 7 a.m. biscuits.'"

After LFO jumped out to a 29-18 halftime lead behind Carey's 16 points, Dunwoody (21-9) turned on the heat with its full-court press, forcing seven turnovers and unleashing a 16-8 third quarter run to get the Lady Wildcats back in the game.

LFO got a scare at the five-minute mark of the period when post Michelle Morgan went down with an ankle injury. She did not return to the court.

"When she got hurt," Wayne Weaver said, "I had to put someone else in and (Morgan) runs the floor so well for us and that made a big difference in handling pressure, and not handling pressure."

In the fourth quarter, LFO was in the bonus by the five-minute mark, and hit a series of key foul shots down the stretch, although Dunwoody closed the gap to 42-39 with 4:42 left.

After Carey air-balled her first free-throw attempt with 3:53 remaining, she made the first of seven straight for the Lady Warriors that culminated with a 50-47 lead with 30.4 seconds left.

As Lady Wildcat standout Kristin Nash, who led Dunwoody with 19 points, attempted the potential game-tying 3, Madison Smith blocked it and then recovered the loose ball and passed to Ashley McKenzie, who was immediately fouled with 11.8 seconds left.

McKenzie, who had made her previous four free throw attempts, missed both and Nash grabbed the rebound and went coast to coast, made the layup and drew a foul with 6.7 seconds left to bring the Lady Wildcats to within 50-49.

But Nash missed the free throw and LFO's Elizabeth Smedema grabbed the most important of her 10 rebounds and made both free throws at the other end with 5.3 seconds remaining for the game's final margin.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Whitfield County girls fall in GRPA

The girls 12-under Whitfield County No. 1 all-star team was eliminated from the Georgia Recreation and Park Association state tournament on Saturday by Griffin, 49-34, in a first round game at Griffin High.

The loss concludes the season for Whitfield, which won the Whitfield County Recreation Department's District 5 tournament, finishing 5-1 overall. Whitfield was coached by Chris Storey and Kip Allen.

Lexi Storey scored 10 points, Erin Orem 9, Sidney Storey 6, Kristen Wyatt 5 and Cassie Marcus 4.

Kemp wins battle of local coaches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chatsworth native Karen Kemp, in her 15th season with East Tennessee State, has led her team to its second consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference tournament championship with a win over Jacksonville, who is coached by Dalton native Jill Dunn, in her fifth year with the school.

Siarre Evans scored 12 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and ETSU earned a second straight trip to the NCAA tournament Saturday by winning 58-52.

The Lady Bucs (20-10) hadn't been to the NCAA tournament before winning the Atlantic Sun title a year ago.

Jacksonville (19-13) missed out again on earning the first NCAA tournament berth in school history.

Yang fires 70 for 1-shot Honda lead

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Y.E. Yang shot even-par 70 on Saturday, good enough to give him a one-shot lead over Jeff Klauk (67) and Jeff Overton (70) entering the final round of the Hondaya classic.

Yang bogeyed the third hole, birdied the 15th and made nothing but pars the rest of the way, a slow-and-eady approach that worked.

Ben Crane got into the lead with an ace on the 162-yard fifth hole, then chipped in on the next hole for another birdie to get to 7 under. He then made two double-bogeys in the next five holes, finishing three shots back.

Charlie Wi (65), Brett Quigley (67) and John Rollins (68) all finished two shots off the pace, at 5 under.

Mark Calcavecchia shot a 65 to move into contention. He will start today tied for seventh and in position to pull off something statistically bizarre. He won the Honda in 1987, prevailed again 11 years later — and now, 11 years after that, is in contention again, at 4 under for the week.

Hull takes lead in HSBC Champions

SINGAPORE — Australia's Katherine Hull had seven birdies en route to a 6-under 66 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Angela Stanford after the third round of the HSBC Women's Champions.

Hull, who won the Australian Ladies Masters last month, had an 11-under 205 total on the Tanah Merah Country Club, where play was suspended for 2 hours, 19 minutes because of lightning and heavy rain.

Sun Young Yoo (68) was one shot ahead of Korean compatriot Mi Hyun Kim (70), with second round co-leader American Paula Creamer (72) five strokes off the lead.

— Wire, AP reports

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Monday
Varsity baseball
Southeast at Trion, 5
Chattanooga Patriots at Christian Heritage, 5
Varsity golf
Gordon Lee at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30
Varsity tennis
Dalton at Red Bank, 4
JV soccer
Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 4:30
Middle school baseball
Christian Heritage at Silverdale, 5
Middle school tennis
Spalding vs. Christian Heritage at DGCC, 4:15

Tuesday
Varsity baseball
Southeast at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Christian Heritage at Griffin Christian, 5
Varsity golf
Rome at Murray County, Spring Lakes, 3:30
Varsity soccer
Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Southeast at Ridgeland, 5
Varsity tennis
Cleveland, Tenn., at Dalton, 4
Southeast at Ringgold, 4
Christian Heritage at Berean Academy, 4
Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 4:30
Varsity track and field
Dalton, Gordon Lee at Northwest Whitfield, 4
Murray County at Southeast

JV baseball
Fannin County at Murray County (DH), 4:30
Southeast at Northwest Whitfield, 7:30

JV golf
Gordon Lee girls vs. Dalton, Nob North, 3:30

Middle school baseball
Grace at Christian Heritage, 4:30
New Hope at Valley Point, 4:30
Westside at Eastbrook, 4:30
Gladden at North Whitfield, 4:30

Middle school soccer
Eastbrook at Westside, 4:30
Valley Point at New Hope, 4:30
North Whitfield at Gladden, 4:30

Middle school softball
Christian Heritage at Boyd-Buchanan, 5

Wednesday
Varsity golf
Southeast, Murray County, Ringgold boys at Nob North, 3:30
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Dalton, DGCC, 3:30
Varsity tennis
Northwest Whitfield at Gordon Lee, 4
JV golf
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Dalton, DGCC, 3:30
JV soccer
Murray County at Rome, 5:30

Thursday
Varsity baseball
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 5
LaFayette at Murray County, 5
Trion at Southeast, 5:30
Dalton at Hixson, Tenn., tournament

Varsity golf
Murray County at Ringgold, Windstone, 3:30
Southeast vs. Gordon Central at Fields Ferry, Calhoun, 3:30

Varsity soccer
Fannin County girls at Dalton, 5
Heritage-Catoosa at Southeast, 5

Varsity tennis
Southeast at Sonorville, 4
Sequoyah at Dalton, 4:15
Murray County at Woodland, 4:30

Varsity track and field
Gilmer, Fannin at Murray County

JV baseball
LaFayette at Murray County, 7
JV golf
Dalton boys vs. Northwest Whitfield at Nob North, 4

JV soccer
Fannin County girls at Dalton, 6:45

Freshman baseball
Northwest Whitfield at LFO, 7:30

Middle school baseball
Eastbrook at New Hope, 4:30
North Whitfield at Westside, 4:30
Gladden at Valley Point, 4:30

Middle school soccer
New Hope at Eastbrook, 4:30
Westside at North Whitfield, 4:30
Valley Point at Gladden, 4:30

Friday
Varsity baseball
Ridgeland at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Christian Heritage at Flint River
Dalton at Hixson, Tenn., tournament

Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Savannah Christian at Pace Academy, 2:30

Varsity soccer
Oak Mountain Academy girls at Christian Heritage, 4
Northwest Whitfield at Cass, 5:30
Sequoyah at Dalton, 5:55
Adairsville at Murray County, 5

Varsity tennis
Christian Heritage at Heritage Academy, 4

JV baseball
Ridgeland at Northwest Whitfield, 7:30

Middle school tennis
David Brainerd vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 4:15

Saturday
Varsity baseball
Southeast 100 Inning Fundraiser, 11 a.m.
Fannin County at Murray County (DH), Noon
Dalton at Hixson, Tenn., tournament

Varsity basketball
Make-A-Wish All-Star Basketball Games, 6

Varsity golf
Dalton boys at Burke County Invitational, Waynesboro CC
Dalton girls at Lady Warrior Spring Swing, Mossy Creek GC, Cleveland, 3:30

Varsity soccer
Cass at Murray County, 1

Varsity track and field
Northwest at South Paulding Invitational, 9 a.m.

JV baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Gordon Lee, Noon

Freshman baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Gordon Lee, 2

Middle school soccer
Christian Heritage at Gladden, 4

BOXING

10 p.m.
HBO — Junior lightweights, Robert Guerrero (23-1-1) vs. David Jordan (23-0-0); junior welterweights, Victor Ortiz (23-1-1) vs. Mike Arnaoutis (21-2-2); junior middleweights, James Kirkland (24-0-0) vs. Joel Julio (34-2-0), at San Jose, Calif.

NBC — PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, third round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

6:30 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, Toshiba Classic, second round, at Newport Beach, Calif. (same-day tape)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

3 p.m.
WGN — Preseason, Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee, at Phoenix

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
CBS — National coverage, Connecticut at Pittsburgh
ESPN — Michigan at Minnesota

2 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage, California at Arizona St. or Kentucky at Florida
ESPN2 — Missouri at Texas A&M

3:30 p.m.
ABC — Teams TBA

4 p.m.
CBS — National coverage, Texas at Kansas
ESPN2 — Big South Conference, championship game, teams and site TBA

5:30 p.m.
FSN — Washington St. at Washington

6 p.m.
ESPN2 — Atlantic Sun Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at Nashville, Tenn.

8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Ohio Valley Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at Nashville, Tenn.

9 p.m.
ESPN — Louisville at West Virginia

MOTORSPORTS

8 p.m.
SPEED — AMA Supercross, at Daytona, Fla. (same-day tape)

RODEO

8 p.m.
VERSUS — PBR, Kansas City Invitational, at Kansas City, Mo.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
FSN — Atlantic Coast Conference, semifinal, teams TBA, at Greensboro, N.C.

3:30 p.m.
FSN — Atlantic Coast Conference, semifinal, teams TBA, at Greensboro, N.C.

Utah	39	23	629	1/2
Portland	38	23	623	1
Minnesota	18	43	295	21
Oklahoma City	16	45	262	23

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	50	12	806	—
Phoenix	34	28	548	16
Golden State	21	41	339	29
L.A. Clippers	15	47	242	35
Sacramento	13	49	210	37

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Thursday's Games
New Orleans 104, Dallas 88
Denver 106, Portland 90

Friday's Games
Charlotte 98, Atlanta 91
Orlando 105, New Jersey 102
Miami 108, Toronto 102
Boston 105, Cleveland 94
Detroit 108, Golden State 91
Houston 116, Phoenix 112
Chicago 117, Milwaukee 102
San Antonio 100, Washington 78
L.A. Lakers 110, Minnesota 90
Utah 97, Denver 91

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 87, Detroit 83
Cleveland 99, Miami 89
Charlotte 114, New York 105
Philadelphia at Memphis, late
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, late
Golden State at Milwaukee, late
Washington at Dallas, late
Minnesota at Portland, late
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Utah at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Men's College Scores

EAST
Boston College 67, Georgia Tech 66
Brown 69, Dartmouth 59
Cornell 60, Princeton 51
Georgetown 48, DePaul 40
Harvard 69, Yale 59
Massachusetts 72, Rhode Island 71
Penn 51, Columbia 50
Pittsburgh 70, Connecticut 62
Rutgers 45, South Florida 42
Saint Joseph's 71, Fordham 54
St. Bonaventure 74, Charlotte 68
Temple 63, George Washington 53

SOUTH
Auburn 69, LSU 53
Florida 60, Kentucky 53
Jackson St. 77, Alabama A&M 63
Memphis 74, Tulane 47
Miami 72, N.C. State 64
Mississippi St. 82, Mississippi 80
Richmond 80, Xavier 75
SE Louisiana 79, Northwestern St. 69
South Carolina 68, Georgia 51
UAB 70, Marshall 52
UCF 74, East Carolina 71
Virginia 68, Maryland 63

MIDWEST
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Iowa St. 78, Texas Tech 76
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Kansas St. 76, Colorado 64
Michigan 67, Minnesota 64
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Houston 89, SMU 77
Nebraska 66, Baylor 62
Nicholls St. 50, Lamar 36
Oklahoma 82, Oklahoma St. 78
Sam Houston St. 92, Texas St. 82
Texas A&M 96, Missouri 86
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 79, Texas-Arlington 66
Tulsa 60, Rice 50

FAR WEST
Arizona 101, Stanford 87
Arizona St. 83, California 66
New Mexico 74, Wyoming 73
Southern Cal 68, Oregon St. 52
UC Irvine 65, Cal St.-Fullerton 62
UCLA 64, Oregon 68
Utah 68, TCU 49
Washington 67, Washington St. 60

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	42	20	3	87	202	162
Philadelphia	35	19	10	80	207	186
Pittsburgh	34	26	6	74	202	198
N.Y. Rangers	33	24	8	74	163	177
N.Y. Islanders	21	37	7	49	163	213

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	43	14	9	95	223	151
Montreal	34	24	7	75	195	196
Buffalo	33	26	7	73	195	183
Toronto	26	27	13	65	196	235
Ottawa	25	29	10	60	165	187

Southwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	40	21	5	85	216	195
Florida	34	24	8	76	187	185
Carolina	35	27	5	75	189	192
Tampa Bay	21	32	13	55	171	220
Atlanta	24	35	6	54	193	225

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	43	15	8	94	244	197
Chicago	36	18	9	81	211	162
Columbus	33	27	6	72	183	186
Nashville	33	29	4	70	170	183
St. Louis	29	28	8	66	180	194

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	39	20	6	84	213	193
Vancouver	33	22	8	74	190	177
Edmonton	32	27	6	70	184	199
Minnesota	31	28	5	67	164	155
Colorado	28	36	1	57	173	207

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	42	11	10	94	209	156
Dallas	31	26	8	70	190	199
Anaheim	31	29	6	68	184	194
Los Angeles	28	28	9	65	173	191
Phoenix	28	32	5	61	162	199

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

Friday's Games
Carolina 6, Calgary 1
Buffalo 5, Phoenix 1
Atlanta 2, Montreal 0
St. Louis 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Dallas 3, Anaheim 2

Saturday's Games
Boston 5, Chicago 3
N.Y. Islanders 7, New Jersey 3
Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 3
Ottawa 6, Buffalo 3
Florida 5, St. Louis 3
Columbus 8, Detroit 2
Edmonton 4, Toronto 1
Philadelphia 4, Nashville 1
Carolina 9, Tampa Bay 3
Phoenix at Vancouver, late

Today's Games
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
Calgary at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Paula Creamer	67-71-72	—	210	-6
Jane Park	67-71-73	—	211	-5
Julie Inkster	62-70-69	—	211	-5
Lorena Ochoa	69-73-69	—	211	-5
Amy Yang	73-69-69	—	211	-5
Jiyai Shin	72-73-66	—	211	-5
Eun-Hee Ji	69-73-70	—	212	-4
Yani Tseng	72-71-69	—	212	-4
Al Miyazaki	68-72-72	—	212	-4
Angela Park	67-76-69	—	212	-4
Se Ri Pak	69-72-72	—	213	-3
Suzann Pettersen	72-70-71	—	213	-3
Meena Lee	72-70-71	—	213	-3
Lindsey Wright	72-69-72	—	213	-3

Toshiba Classic

Saturday
At Newport Beach Country Club
Newport Beach, Calif.
Purse: \$1.7 million
Yardage: 6,584; Par: 71 (35-36)

Third Round

Mark O'Meara	67-66	—	133	-9
Bernhard Langer	65-68	—	133	-9
Eduardo Romero	66-68	—	134	-8
Denis Watson	67-68	—	135	-7
Tom Jenkins	69-67	—	136	-6
Fred Funk	69-67	—	136	-6
John Cook	69-67	—	136	-6
Sandy Lyle	70-67	—	137	-5
Morris Hatalasky	70-67	—	137	-5
David Elder	70-67	—	137	-5
Jeff Sluman	69-68	—	137	-5
Jim Thorpe	69-68	—	137	-5
Gene Jones	68-69	—	137	-5
D.A. Weibring	71-67	—	138	-4
Mike McCullough	70-68	—	138	-4
Tim Simpson	68-70	—	138	-4
Bobby Wadkins	69-69	—	138	-4
Andy Bean	68-70	—	138	-4

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup

Kobalt Tools 500 Lineup
Friday's qualifying; Today's race
At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Georgia
(500.5 miles, 325 laps)
(Car number in parentheses)

- (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 187,045 mph.
- (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 186,365.
- (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 186,309.
- (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 186,209.
- (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 186,184.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186,165.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 186,053.
- (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 185,922.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 185,891.
- (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 185,834.
- (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 185,741.
- (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 185,579.
- (9) Casey Kahne, Dodge, 185,430.
- (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 185,337.
- (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 185,282.
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 185,269.
- (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 184,948.
- (100) David Reutimann, Toyota, 184,868.
- (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 184,658.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 184,499.
- (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 184,499.
- (28) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 184,260.
- (11) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 184,107.
- (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 184,009.
- (25) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 184,003.
- (62) Scott Speed, Toyota, 183,978.
- (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 183,948.
- (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 183,923.
- (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 183,881.
- (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 183,795.
- (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 183,765.
- (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 183,753.
- (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 183,285.
- (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 183,273.
- (21) Bill Elliott, Ford, 183,267.
- (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 183,248.
- (8) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 182,934.
- (44) A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge, 182,922.
- (6) David Ragan, Ford, 182,856.
- (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 182,783.
- (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 182,621.
- (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, Owner Points.
- (59) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 182,645.
- Failed to qualify
- (35) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 182,111.
- (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 181,271.
- (41) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 179,936.
- (64) Geoff Bodine, Toyota, 178,735.

BASEBALL

Spring Training Glance

Saturday's Games

Florida 3, Baltimore 2, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 15, Boston 7
Toronto 7, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 5, Houston 1
Philadelphia 8, Detroit 2
Pittsburgh 10, Minnesota 1
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Seattle 8, L.A. Dodgers 7
Oakland 15, San Diego 6
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 0
L.A. Angels 9, Arizona 5
Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Colorado 9, San Francisco 7
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 4

Today's Games

Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Boston	49	14	.778	—
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	18
New Jersey	27	35	.435	21
New York	25	36	.410	23
Toronto	2			

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Carolina hammers Bulldogs

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ATHENS — Devan Downey scored 23 points and South Carolina protected its NCAA tournament hopes by pulling away in the second half to beat Georgia 68-51 on Saturday.

South Carolina (21-8, 10-6 Southeastern Conference) snapped a two-game losing streak but may need more wins in next week's SEC tournament in Tampa to secure the NCAA bid under first-year coach Darrin Horn.

"We wanted to come out and play hard," said Evaldas Baniulis, who made three of the Gamecocks' nine 3-pointers. "We needed to get back our confidence and this was a perfect game for that."

Zam Frederick scored 15 points while making 4 of 5 3-point attempts. Frederick hit a 3-pointer which capped a 10-0 run for a 48-32 advantage midway through the second half. Evaldas Baniulis had 11 points and Mike Holmes had 10 for the Gamecocks.

South Carolina also scored 10 straight points in the first half after Georgia held its last lead at 9-7.

Chris Barnes and Trey Thompkins each had 10 points for Georgia (12-19, 3-13). The Bulldogs completed their disappointing regular season under interim coach Pete Herrmann, who took over after Dennis Felton was fired on Jan. 29.

Georgia trailed only 27-23 at half-time despite making only 25 percent of its shots from the field. Terrance Woodbury, who scored 30 points in the Bulldogs' win at Kentucky on Wednesday, made only 2 of 12 shots for 4 points in the half and finished with 9 points on 4-for-21 shooting.

"We wanted to come out and play hard," said Evaldas Baniulis, who made three of the Gamecocks' nine 3-pointers. "We needed to get back our confidence and this was a perfect game for that."

South Carolina made 9 of 16 3-point attempts. Georgia made only 4 of 22 3-point attempts and shot only 27.3 percent overall (18 of 66).

■ **Florida 60, Kentucky 53:** At Gainesville, Fla., Walter Hodge scored 18 points, Erving Walker added 10 and Florida stopped a three-game losing skid by beating Kentucky.

The Wildcats dropped their fourth straight and eighth of their last 11 games — a slide that could keep the storied Southeastern Conference program out of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1991.

Kentucky (18-12, 8-8 SEC) likely will have to win the league tournament in Tampa next week to make the school's 18th consecutive NCAA tourney.

Even with the win, the Gators (22-9, 9-7) could end up in the NIT for the second straight year, but they certainly improved their chances of getting back to the NCAA tournament. Florida still might need to win a couple of games in the SEC tournament.

■ **Miss. State 82, Ole Miss 80:** At Oxford, Miss., Barry Stewart scored 17 points and Mississippi State defeated Mississippi in the SEC regular-season finale for both teams.

Kody Augustus and Dee Bost added 13 points apiece for Mississippi State (19-2, 9-7), which used a 12-2 spurt midway through the second half to take a 71-66 lead with 6:32 to play. The Bulldogs hit 7 of 10 free throws the rest of the way to seal it.

Mississippi State finished 28 of 37 from the free-throw line, including a 9 of 10 performance by Bost. Stewart went 4-for-6 from beyond the arc.

The Rebels' (16-14, 7-9) Terrico White misfired on a 35-foot shot at the buzzer for the win after scoring seven of his 21 points in the final 44 seconds. Malcolm White scored 20 points and Murphy Holloway had 11 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

The scored was tied 42-42 at half-time.



AP PHOTO
Georgia forward Trey Thompkins, right, collides with South Carolina forward Evaldas Baniulis as they fight for a loose ball during Saturday's game in Athens. The Gamecocks won 68-51.

■ **Auburn 59, LSU 53:** At Auburn, Ala., Korvotney Barber had 16 points and 17 rebounds as Auburn defeated No. 12 LSU for its seventh win in eight games.

Auburn (21-10, 10-6 SEC) scored 42 points in the paint and outrebounded the regular-season champions 45-37.

Marcus Thornton had 23 points for LSU (25-6, 13-3), which lost its second straight.

Rasheem Barrett has 12 points for Auburn and DeWayne Reed added 11. Barrett made two free throws with 6:31 left in the first to start a 10-2 run by Auburn, which went on to lead 34-28 at halftime.

Barber also had a layup and a dunk during the run that gave Auburn a 31-21 lead with 2:53 to play in the half.

Barber had a double-double before halftime with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Auburn finished the season as the only SEC team to beat both West Division champion LSU and East Division champion Tennessee.

ACC

■ **Boston College 67, Georgia Tech 66:** At Boston, Rakim Sanders hit an off-balance, 15-foot fallaway jumper from the right baseline with 1.7 seconds left to lift Boston College over Georgia Tech.

Sanders finished with 19 points and Tyrese Rice had 17 for the Eagles (21-10, 9-7 Atlantic Coast Conference). Boston College, which won for just the third time in seven games, likely solidified an at-large NCAA tournament berth with the win.

"We accomplished what we wanted to accomplish, keeping the ball from Tyrese Rice's hands," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "The kid made a great play. I actually thought Gani (Lawal) was going to get a piece of the shot."

The Yellow Jackets (11-18, 2-14) had taken a one-point lead with 12.4 seconds to play when Lewis Clinch hit two free throws after Sanders was called for a reach-in foul, attempting to tie him up for a jump ball 20 feet from the basket.

After Clinch hit his two free throws, BC inbounded the ball to Rice, who raced it up the court before calling time-out in front of his own bench.

Following a pair of BC timeouts, Sanders took the ball at the top of the

key, cut to hit left and nailed the tough shot.

Clinch's desperation half-court heave came after the clock expired and caromed after the backboard anyway.

Gani Lawal and Clinch led Georgia Tech with 16 points apiece.

The two teams could meet again in the opening round of the ACC tournament next week in Atlanta.

Georgia Tech finished the regular season with its worst league record since going 0-14 in 1980-81.

■ **Miami 72, N.C. State 64:** At Coral Gables, Fla., Jack McClinton overcame a slow start to score 24 points Saturday, and Miami held North Carolina State without a field goal for more than 12 minutes in the second half.

McClinton missed his first seven shots before sinking a 3-pointer early in the second half. He finished 3-for-15 from the field but was 16-for-16 from the line.

The Hurricanes (18-11, 7-9 ACC) helped their slim hopes of making the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row. North Carolina State (16-13, 6-10) is likely out of the mix unless it makes a big splash in the league tournament.

The Wolfpack missed 12 consecutive shots during their drought, which began when they led 42-36. Javier Gonzalez ended the streak with a minute left to cut Miami's lead to 63-56.

Gonzalez led North Carolina State with 19 points.

■ **Virginia 68, Maryland 63:** At Charlottesville, Va., Mamadi Diane hit a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 39 seconds remaining to give Virginia a victory over Maryland in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Diane, who had been relegated to the bench for much of the season, finished with 23 points on 7-of-12 shooting, including 3 of 4 from beyond the arc. He nailed what would be the game-winning 3-pointer with the game tied at 61 and the shot clock running down.

Virginia hit four free throws in the final 11 seconds to seal the win.

With the win, Virginia (10-17, 4-12 ACC) snapped a four-game skid and completed a regular season in which it won just two ACC home games.

The Terrapins (18-12, 8-8), who were led by Greivis Vasquez's 21 points, will likely need to go on a run in next week's ACC tournament starting on Thursday to get into the NCAA tournament.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bonner propels Tigers past UT

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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — DeWanna Bonner scored 26 points, and No. 6 Auburn went on a 21-4 run at the start of the second half to rout No. 19 Tennessee 78-58 on Saturday night in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Whitney Boddie added 19 points for the Tigers, who advanced to the championship game for the first time since winning the title in 1997. Auburn (29-2) trailed by five at halftime before Bonner and Boddie turned a close game into a blowout.

Angie Bjorklund scored 17 points for Tennessee, but couldn't prevent the most lopsided loss for the Lady Vols (22-10) in an SEC tournament game. Alabama beat Tennessee 85-66 in 1984.

Boddie scored 17 of her points in the second half, including eight during the Tigers' decisive run. Bonner sank a long 3-pointer to make it 60-41 with 9:04 remaining, then backpedaled with her tongue out and her shooting hand extended.

The celebration really began at the start of a timeout with 3:34 remaining, when the Tigers came off the court exhorting their small section of fans to cheer louder. The Auburn band began playing "Ticket to Ride" — with Tennessee 20 points behind and facing certain elimination.

Auburn will bring that swagger into Sunday night's championship game against either No. 22 Vanderbilt or LSU in the championship game Sunday night.

Bjorklund scored all of her points in the second half, but that wasn't nearly enough to keep it close. Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt was annoyed enough with her team that she called a timeout with 2:38 remaining and the outcome no longer in doubt.

The first half went much better for Tennessee, which was seeded fifth in this tournament but appeared poised for an upset with the help of its usual crew of orange-clad fans.

Despite an early injury to

6-foot-6 Kelley Cain, the Lady Vols led 31-26 at half-time.

Briana Bass, the Lady Vols' 5-foot-2 guard, drove to the basket and scored after faking a pass to the perimeter. That started a 14-6 run to close the half that had Summitt pumping her fists as her team headed off the court.

Cain returned for Tennessee in the second half, but it was Auburn that took control of the game.

ACC

■ **Maryland 95, North Carolina 85:** At Greensboro, N.C., Marissa Coleman scored 29 points and No. 4 Maryland ended North Carolina's dominance of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, beating the 11th-ranked Tar Heels 95-84 on Saturday in the semifinals.

ACC player of the year Kristi Toliver added 25 points and rookie of the year Lynetta Kizer finished with 15 for the top-seeded Terrapins (27-4).

They advanced to their first league championship game since 2006 and moved within one victory of their first conference tournament title since 1989 by snapping four-time defending champ North Carolina's 13-game winning streak in the event.

Maryland, which has won 11 straight and 14 of 15, will face either No. 8 Duke on today's title game.

■ **Duke 75, Florida State 57:** At Greensboro, N.C., Jasmine Thomas scored 14 points to help No. 8 Duke beat No. 12 Florida State 75-57 in the ACC tournament semifinals.

Carrem Gay added 13 points for the third-seeded Blue Devils (26-4), who easily avenged a regular-season loss and reached Sunday's championship game for the second straight year. They will face No. 4 Maryland, the top seed, as they look for their first title since a run of five straight from 2000-04.

Tanae Davis-Cain had 14 points for the second-seeded Seminoles (25-7), who have lost 28 of the past 31 meetings in the series.



AP PHOTO
Tennessee's Shekinna Stricklen (40) moves around Auburn's Sherell Hobbs (12) during the SEC tournament game Saturday. The Tigers romped, 78-58.

Pitt beats No. 1 UConn for second time this season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Sam Young dominated one of this season's biggest games with 31 points and No. 3 Pittsburgh likely secured one of the top seeds in the NCAA tournament, opening up a 14-point lead early in the second half before holding off top-ranked Connecticut 70-60 on Saturday.

Pitt (28-3, 15-3 Big East) had never beaten a No. 1-ranked team in school history, only to accomplish it twice in less than a month — both times against Connecticut (27-3, 15-3), which still hasn't figured out how to slow down Young.

Pitt becomes the seventh school to beat a top-ranked team twice in a season. The last it

happened North Carolina defeated Duke in 1998.

The Panthers had to wait for the outcome of Saturday night's game between No. 6 Louisville and West Virginia to see if they would win a share of the Big East regular season title. If West Virginia won, Pittsburgh and Louisville would be tied with the Panthers getting the No. 1 seed in next week's tournament. A Louisville win and Pitt would get the tiebreaker over UConn and the No. 2 seed.

Young scored 56 points in the wins over UConn.

Still, the Panthers did it a different way than they did in winning at UConn, when 6-foot-7 DeJuan Blair pushed around 7-3 Hasheem Thabeet for 22 points and 23 rebounds and Thabeet ended with only five

points and four rebounds. This time, Blair had eight points and eight rebounds in a relatively quiet performance and Thabeet had all 14 of his points in the first half.

Young scored the two biggest baskets of the game after Connecticut went on a 12-0 run, keyed by A.J. Price's eight points, to close within 52-50 with 8:24 remaining.

Young, a senior playing his final home game, hit a driving layup through traffic to make it 54-50, then went above the rim to put down LeVance Fields' high lob pass — a dunk that drew the loudest roar of the game from the standing-room crowd of 12,908 and seemed to take the life out of UConn's rally.

Price responded with another 3 — he ended with 19 points — but Jermaine Dixon drove the lane after a frustrated Thabeet, who

twice couldn't score from in close, swatted the ball downcourt in an attempt to maintain UConn's possession.

Young dunked again on Pitt's next possession and added a free throw to finish off a three-point play created when Blair turned the ball away in the backcourt to force a turnover, giving Pitt a 61-53 lead with 4:42 left.

With Thabeet not scoring inside, UConn didn't have enough to come back in its first loss in 10 road games this season despite Jeff Adrien's 11 points and 10 from Kemba Walker.

Pitt finished 19-0 at home, the second time since the Petersen Events Center opened in 2002 that it swept every home game.

Reserve Brad Wanamaker scored 13 points and Fields added 10 despite missing 10 of 14 shots.

AUTO RACING: NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Hang on, it's time to go racin'

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

Associated Press Writer

HAMPTON — Grab hold of that steering wheel and hang on, guys.

It's time to go racin' in Atlanta.

The best stock car drivers in the world are preparing for another treacherous day on the high-banked oval that resembles an old country road from up close, but feels more like a sheet of ice when you're pushing the pedal toward speeds of 190 mph.

It's a throwback to old-style tracks like Darlington and Rockingham, the winner usually determined by which driver is most adept as straddling that fine line between going as fast as possible without ending up in the wall.

"As confined as Darlington is, it's still easier to drive than this place," said Mark Martin, who'll start from the pole in today's Sprint Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. "This thing is so big, so sweeping. When you're sliding for your life from turn 1 to turn 4, you're sliding for your life for a long time."

Sounds like this should be "The Track Too Tough To Tame."

While the quality of tires provided by Goodyear is often the focus of handling issues — few will ever forget Tony Stewart's memorable tirade against the company after last year's spring race in Atlanta — it's really a perfect storm of various factors that forces cars to slip-slide their way around the 1.54-mile oval.

Start with the Car of Tomorrow, which is a lot harder to control than the cars of yesterday. Then go racing on a track that hasn't been paved in 12 years, leaving a rough, gritty surface. Throw in long, sweeping turns that generate some

of the fastest speeds on the Cup circuit. And try to keep it all together on four tires that are designed for reliability first, speed second.

"It's a handful, man," said Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose daddy won nine Cup races in Atlanta, all but one of them on the track's old configuration.

In 1997, the facility was redesigned from a pure oval into a quad-oval. The main straightaway became the backstretch. A slight bend was inserted into the new front stretch. The entire surface was repaved, transforming Atlanta into the fastest of the non-restrictor plate races.

Now, a dozen years later, the place is showing plenty of wear and tear.

"The track just developed these bumps and swells that continue to grow," said three-time defending Cup champion Jimmie Johnson. "When you walk out there, there's nothing but jagged rocks and stones sticking out."

So they need to repave, right?

Nope. Most drivers despise a new surface because it takes years to reform the grooves that naturally work their way into a track, allowing for more passing.

"As soon as you repave a track, it kills the racing," Stewart said. "You're down to one lane, and it's three or four years before you can do anything. That puts us in an

even worse position. I like it when they leave it the same."

Stewart went off on Goodyear after last year's Kobalt Tools 500, saying the company "can't build a tire that is worth a crap." Now, he seems more inclined to spread the blame around for the less-than-ideal driving conditions.

"The track is getting to the point where it's falling off worse than the tires are," Stewart said. "It seems like every year the track changes



AP PHOTO
Aaron Kuehn stacks tires in Tony Stewart's garage during Saturday's practice for today's Kobalt 500 Sprint Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

more than what they can anticipate. I don't know if anybody can do it right now."

Smoke has been one of the early surprises in this Cup season, holding down the eighth spot in points after the first three races. Most expected him to go through a bit of a transition period after he left powerful Joe Gibbs Racing to take control of his own team, especially since he's always been a notoriously slow starter anyway. But he's been strong in qualifying (11th this week) and showed that he's likely to be a Chase contender in his red No. 14 Chevrolet.

Also standing out through the first three events: teammates David Reutimann and Michael Waltrip, both inside the top 12 in the points after struggling mightily the last couple of seasons, and former Cup champion Bobby Labonte, ninth in the standings after moving

to a new, merged team.

As for the winner of the last three Cup championships, well, it's a much different story.

Johnson is 19th in the standings after getting caught up in a wreck at the season-opening Daytona 500, where he finished 31st, and making a series of uncharacteristic mistakes at Las Vegas last weekend. He nearly wrecked on pit road, overshot his stall, and finally drifted too high on the track, which sent him

crashing into the wall for a 24th-place finish on a day when he led more laps than anyone.

"We just need to hit our stride," Johnson said. "One thing we didn't have last year was fast race cars. We hit our stops. Our strategy was good. I didn't make any mistakes. This year, the car is ready but we're making mistakes. Last week, I was looking for the walk-off home run but I swung and missed and stuck it in the fence. We'll certainly race for wins. But we don't need to be in a big hole. We just need to come out and have a strong race."

Martin became the second-oldest pole winner in Cup history when he turned a white-knuckle lap of more than 187 mph in qualifying. He said the setup of the car will be vital today.

"Under the best conditions, it's very treacherous out there," said the 50-year-old Martin, also off to a sluggish start in his return to full-time racing with Hendrick Motorsports. "The thing you've got to do is have the best race car on the track. Then you don't have to drive it as hard and it feels like it's handling pretty good. If you have to drive it as hard as you can, you're going to be all over the racetrack. It's going to feel horrible."

Martin, a part-time driver the last two seasons, joined Hendricks to take another crack at the first Cup championship of his illustrious career. But blown engines the last two weeks have already left him with plenty of catching-up to do; he comes into Atlanta 34th in the standings.

"You can always find a silver lining if you look hard enough," he said. "We know we had a fast car at Daytona, a top 10 car at California and a top five car in Vegas (before the engine problems). All the guys kept their chins up because of that."

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COMMENTARY: RUNNING

Quick starts will burden a runner down the stretch

There's a well-known philosophy by an anonymous source from years ago that leads perfectly into today's subject matter: Pacing 101.

"It's not how you start the race, but how you finish it."

Years ago, my introduction to running came largely through a book, "Track Techniques Illustrated," written by Don Canham, a successful track coach at University of Michigan who later became the school's athletic director.

A section about "even" pacing in middle distance and distance races proved most enlightening. Even today high school coaches and their runners continue to start too fast and pay over the last half of the race.

Canham provided one illustration in the mile run (now 1,600 meters, 10 yards shy of a mile) involving three runners of equal ability. The goal was a 4 minute, 40 second mile, or a 1:10 average for each of four laps, which still represents a solid time for high school boys.

Runner A negotiates the first lap in 1:05 which is too fast. Runner B comes through on target at 1:10. Runner C at 1:15 starts too slowly.

At the half-mile point, A continues too fast with another 1:05 at 2:10 though with a big lead. Runner B, with another 1:10, runs comfortably at 2:20, but C still is too slow with a repeat 1:15, or 2:30.

By the end of the third quarter, Runner B comes through with another 1:10 and pulls even at 3:30 with a tiring A. Meanwhile, a timid C continues to lose ground.

Over the last lap, B continues on pace and wins easily. Runner A, fatigued by the quick start, struggles home.

Runner C, who conserved too much energy, has a basic sprint. It's 50-50 whether he can catch A.

"There is a real danger in a middle-distance race in the carrying of too fast a pace during the first lap," Canham said "This burdens the athlete too early with an oxygen debt, and he will have little energy for the final stage."

From personal experience, I can vouch for his philosophy.

As a senior, the most disappointing race of my high school career came in the region mile. Too fast a start resulted in a disastrous second-place finish.

One week later at the state meet, my first

lap was four seconds slower than the region. A better balanced race the remainder of the distance produced a personal-best 12 seconds better than the region and an unlikely runner-up spot.

You can use similarly balanced figures for other distance races such as the two-mile and even a much shorter half-mile.

Some coaches believe their runners, who do not have natural foot speed, should go out hard at the start to take away the kicking ability of opponents.

Taking out the kick can be important. However, surging in the middle of the race often is overlooked.

Years ago as a participant in a small area 5-kilometer race (3.1 miles), a high school region half-mile and mile champion — about 15 years younger — shared the lead with me through the first mile. He obviously had superior speed.

Consequently, a big surge on the second mile provided me with a comfortable lead. This led to an easy win.

Afterwards the opponent said, "You were too fast for me." In reality, it was not a matter of speed but strength in the middle of the race.

On a much bigger stage in the 1972 Olympic marathon race at Munich, Germany, Frank Shorter of the United States was with a pack of runners about a third of the way through the 26.2 mile race. He proceeded to have a big surge over the next several miles and enjoyed a sizable advantage.

Shorter later said, "I wanted to see how sincere they were." Nor enough to close to close the gap.

This tactic helped him become the first American marathon Olympic champion in more than 50 years.

In running a balanced pace, distance runners on the track have flat surfaces. That rarely is true for road or cross country participants who often run into hills. Nevertheless, these performers still need some semblance of good pace for the best results.

MISCELLANEOUS: In the adopted metric system which you find now at nearly all high school and college races, a standard 400-meter track is 437.5 yards, or 2.5 yards short of the old 440 yards.

Doug Hawley, a competitive distance runner for more than 50 years, can be reached through dhawley@optilink.us.



Doug Hawley

Analyst Barkley in jail, sort of

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PHOENIX — Former NBA star Charles Barkley began serving a three-day jail sentence Saturday for a drunken-driving charge.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said Barkley already had been acting like a "model inmate," even chatting with others at Tent City, where inmates are housed in tents rather than traditional jail cells.

Barkley has a private tent, but is close enough to other inmates to talk, Arpaio said.

Barkley, a TNT studio analyst, was to spend all of Saturday in custody, but will be given work release from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. He will get work release at 8 a.m. Monday and will not have to return to the tents at 8 p.m.

That's a total of 36 hours in jail.

Arpaio said Barkley is not being given special treatment and has a separate tent for his own safety. Meals will be brought to him.

"I didn't have to put him in the tents. I could have put him in a cell all by himself — that would be special," he said.

Arpaio said he planned to meet with Barkley on Saturday and ask him to talk to the county's 200 inmates ages 15 to 17 about not making the same mistakes he did.

The 45-year-old Barkley pleaded guilty last month to two misdemeanor DUI charges stemming from his Dec. 31 arrest, shortly after leaving a Scottsdale nightclub and failing a field sobriety test. He had a blood-alcohol level of .149 percent, nearly twice the legal limit.

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It's hard to always practice what you preach

Be careful about what you preach, because sooner or later, somebody will hold you to it.

I learned that lesson



Sharon Randall

from my granddad, an itinerant preacher who worked for the Lord, as my grandmother said, when he couldn't find a

paying job.

There was no sin he could ever commit without hearing about it from his wife or nine daughters or (and I'm not proud of it) me. Like the time he took a pan of cornbread out of the oven with his bare hand.

"Granddaddy," I said, "didn't you tell me it's wrong to cuss?"

He shot me a damnation look he used in sermons. "It's also wrong to kill," he said, dabbing butter on his blisters, "but, hell, I've been wrong before."

The lesson grew clearer when I became the mother of three, all born with an ability to forget anything I said that I wanted them to remember and to recall in detail every word I ever prayed they'd forget.

Once, when my oldest was 10, he did something at church to embarrass me. Yes, worse than usual. OK, I'll just say it. He told his little brother to run through the social hall naked.

So I gave the boy a talking-to about character, the lack of it and how one's actions, good or bad, reflect on one's parents.

"Mom," he said, grinning. "If parents could turn out perfect kids, where did God go wrong with Adam and Eve?"

I should never have told him about Adam and Eve. I ought to have said, "It's wrong to kill, but I've been wrong before."

My kids aren't the only ones who hold me to what I say. Readers do it, too. Here's an e-mail from Valerie in Alabama:

"I recently celebrated my 80th birthday by enrolling in a writing school. Your column inspired me to do this.

"Since my husband died, I have been in a depressed funk. Your words of wisdom, which I read every week, made me realize life does not have to be lived this way.

"I shut down my pity party and started on a new adventure and if I can spread a smile across someone's face or instill hope into anyone's heart, should I be so fortunate to get something published, it will be worth the time I spend learning to be a better writer.

"Thank you for your inspiration, which proves an old dog can always learn new tricks. Have a belated Happy Birthday -- Valerie."

It was a lovely note, much appreciated, though I couldn't for the life of me recall what I had written to make her feel that way. Also, as I read it, I was sitting at my computer in my "Viva Las Vegas!" flannel pajamas, wallowing in a deep, depressed funk.

Never mind why.

> See RANDALL, 2C

From ragtime canvas tents to royalty's velvet

Morning had broken when a house resident opened a door in response to a ringing doorbell. A stranger who stood outside on the front porch had detected some darkening clouds overhead as he stepped onto the porch. The man inside the house possibly would have welcomed the stranger with a cheerful greeting such as: "It's going to be a sunny day!" To that, the visitor replied: "Yeah, but not for long!" with possible additions of theatrical language and expressions to gain the attention of the man he was addressing.



Mark Pace

Actually, the man inside the house in Lancaster, Pa., was the caretaker of Kirk Hughes, now of Dalton, but, with his family, are former residents of Lancaster. The fellow on the porch outside the doorway was a stranger. But not a total stranger. He was a face-to-face stranger because the man in the house had never before seen the caller in person. But the name was not strange. It was a familiar name. Lo and behold, the householder was surprised. Red Skelton, the entertainer, was the stranger on the porch, who was there, he declared, making a plea for money.

Daltonian Kirk Hughes recently recalled the incident as he stood beside a copy machine in his place of business here, making photographic reproduction copies for publication in this column about Skelton and of a former Dalton theater manager, "Poppa" John Lawrence. Hughes was quick to state however, based on information from his caretaker, that Skelton was not there raising money for himself; but possibly for a book-coloring firm, to benefit school children. Skelton's history actually notes that he did solicit funds for children projects.

All of the door-opening dialogues on the front porch episode in the first and second paragraphs above should not be accepted as exact dialogue involving the two men. It's more like the pattern of Skelton in his performances and ad-libs he deemed most suitable and more applicable to the production theme as he talked. For instance, showman Lawrence, in an interview I had with him back in 1948 at the old Dalton Theater on West Cuyler Street, gave this example about Red Skelton, whom he had hired about 1926 when the latter was but a teenager.

Lawrence explained that although he had youngsters in his acting group he needed another. It was then he hired Red Skelton from Vincennes, Ind. At the time, youngsters in his group were Paul Harris and Arthur and Frances Lake. As they advanced they all had important and well-known stage names, including motion pictures and radio.

Skelton could ad-lib even then, and Lawrence was surprised when he first did it on stage during one of Lawrence's scripted melodramas. Red and a girl were getting ready to elope. As they embraced each other in the library, Poppa John Lawrence, in his theatrical role as the girl's father, was hiding behind a large screen with only his shoes showing underneath. Red saw Lawrence's feet and warned in a large stage whisper, "There's a man behind that screen!" The girl's line in the script was: "Is it father?" Red was supposed to answer: "I don't think so, but I can only see his shoes." Instead, he replied, "No! This man has shoes on!"

The working relationship between Skelton and Lawrence continued for only a few years, according to records on Skelton's biography.

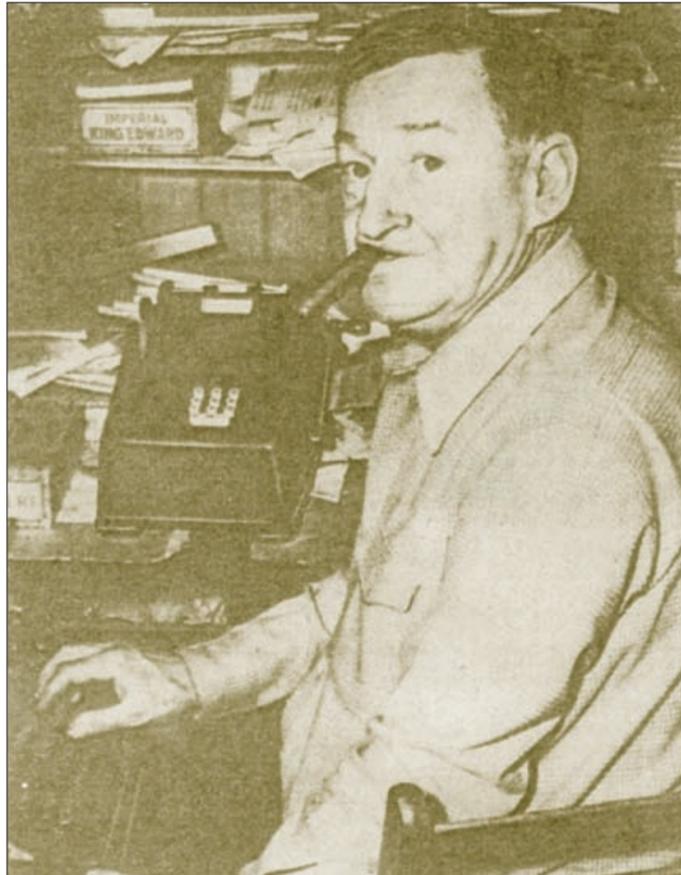
Poppa John came to Dalton in 1942 to visit his daughter, Marigold Armond, her husband, Bill Armond, WBLJ radio announcer, and their son, Larry.

The first time I met Poppa John at the Dalton Theater it was he who did most of the talking. Standing, using body and hand motions and voice, he was performing as if standing center stage under colored lights focused on him as he unwound his vocally humorous fanfare. But invisible, naturally, were the crowded throngs of farmland folk, who had gathered under the canvas top, laughing at the humorous dialogue, on occasions clapping their hands



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Not only did John Lawrence pen good script copy for his traveling tent show cast, he kept interesting "copy" for the Dalton Theater marquee, such as the one above. Local citizens made special trips by the theater just to read Lawrence's promotional copy.



Above, "Poppa" John Lawrence is pictured at the typewriter in the old Dalton Theatre in 1947. He referred to the office as "an old broom closet." Left, well-known, popular theatrical actor Red Skelton rose to showmanship fame after John Lawrence gave him an actor's start around 1928.



and stomping their feet on Midwestern farm soil.

While Red Skelton was not on Lawrence's repertory schedule for a long time, Lawrence held a serious opinion that his stage instructions and assistance's to the youth were of value in Skelton's basic skills on stage. Skelton was with comedian Ed Wynn for a short time before he joined Lawrence. Writers in that period gave justifiable beginner's training credit to Wynn. As time went on, wider were the physical and contact distances between Lawrence and Skelton.

But not the thoughts, memories and respects between the two for one another. Their fond memories continued until Lawrence's death here in 1950. It continued in Skelton's mind at least until early 1980.

Skelton continued from his tent show days to new entertainment careers on stage, in movies, radio, television and personal appearances.

The height of them all could well have been in 1984 during three Royal Command Performances. One in London, and two in Canada. Should anyone had ever asked Skelton if he had performed before royalty, he could have made the same reply as the one to a man at the door in Lancaster, Pa.: "Yeah, but not for long!"

Thus, the careers of Richard "Red" Skelton went from the country shows' leaky canvas tents to royalty's velvet.

The night Red Skelton didn't sing in the rain

Early in our acquaintance, Lawrence talked mainly about Red, and his fondness about him was obvious. I often wondered if he was not making up some of those stories as if he were writing script for a stage show. On one occasion he recalled this incident that occurred the second night after Red had gone to work for him. Lawrence went elsewhere and left Skelton in the tent. A heavy storm came up and frightened Red. When Lawrence returned he found this message Red had chalked on top of a drum. It read:

"Mr. L: The rain, it blew, the tent it flew, the lightning flashed, it rained a spell. If you want me I'm asleep under the stage. Red."

After that interview, I wrote a story about it in 1947 for both The Dalton Citizen and The Atlanta Journal Sunday magazine. Some 30 years later, Red Skelton was booked for a personal performance at Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga.

I attended the promotional press interview for him at the theater and carried with me one of the copies of the Atlanta Journal magazine. Skelton sat at the head of a conference table and I sat at the table corner next his left side.

I asked him: "Red, what do you remember about John Lawrence, the old tent showman?"

In typical Red Skelton reaction, his eyes and mouth popped open in real — not comical — style.

In surprise, he asked how I had ever known about John Lawrence, I explained about the press interviews I'd had in Dalton with him. His first response to that: "Did Poppa John ever tell you about the time I was alone in the tent when a storm hit the tent and I was so frightened I hid under the stage?"

My reply to that was that Lawrence told me of that account, and that I had brought with me a copy of the newspaper that contained the story. Red accepted with pride the copy I gave him.

That one occasion reaffirmed my thought of the close and lasting friendship between the two, and that Poppa John's stories he had told me about Red Skelton underscored their accuracy.

With his traveling tent show days gone, Lawrence had some solace with his position as manager of the Dalton Theater.

He brought in motion picture actors for stage presentation — mostly prominent cowboys for personal appearances.

Horses were left across the street at a service station operated by Cochran Wear. I asked him once how he liked having those horses in back of the service stations. "I don't like it," he replied. "Horses don't run with gasoline."

Through use of the outdoor marquee over the theater's entrance, Lawrence was able to continue in an unusual method, continued bits of theatrical script writings such as shown in the attached photo about two features, one labeled a "Pipperoo" and the other a "Stinkeroo."

Norman McCoy of Dalton, remembers the marquee message when a popular cowboy was on his way here, stating on the marquee that "Tim McCoy, cousin of B.B. McCoy, coming in person." B.B. was Norman's father.

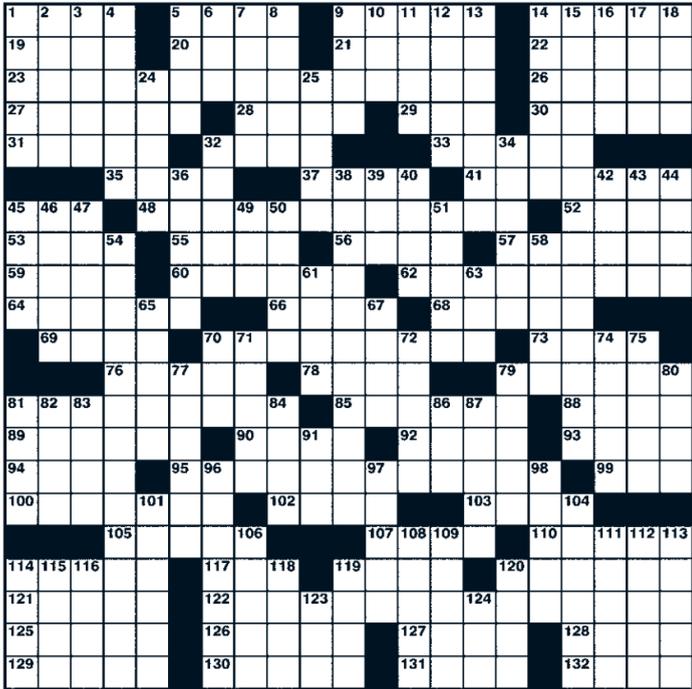
Lawrence's friendship with local people was enjoyed by many. For instance, Julian Saul, industrialist, recalled that his dad, the late Harry Saul, and Lawrence were close friends. Through their friendships and Skelton having numerous dinners in the Saul home, Julian said he had recollections of several stories Lawrence had told about Red Skelton, who died in the mid-1980s.

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"Why" never matters. Instead of feeling, as Valerie said, inspirational and wise, I felt like a hypocrite, not to mention a total loser.

I can't speak for you. But people like Valerie and me? We get that way sometimes. When we do, it helps to have a friend to remind us of things we know, things we preach, but don't always practice.

It's hard to always practice what you preach, whether you're a preacher or a mother or a newspaper columnist.

We need to take turns, like soldiers in battle, propping each other up, binding our wounds, reminding one another of the things we hold true.

I read Valerie's note and felt it put a smile on my face. Then I read it to my husband and watched it do the same for him.

So I shut down my pity party and wrote Valerie to thank her. But I forgot to tell her the best part: Valerie, if you're reading this? You just got published. And it won't be the last time. I'm sure of it — even though I've been wrong before.

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ANSWERS ON 6C



ALL THE WORLD LOVES A CLOWN

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Dalton Shrine Clubs president Bruce "Bazooka" Ridley, standing far right, recently won third place in the International Shrine Clown Association White Face Clown competition. More than 300 Shrine clowns attended from the United States, Canada and Mexico. Also pictured are, standing from left, Bill "Steins" Amspaugh from Columbus, Ohio, and Chris "Sunshine" Wade from Anaheim, Calif. Kneeling, from left, are Chris "Happy" Jones from Las Vegas, Nev., and Leon "Joey" Portman from Mexico City, Mexico.

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Putting short-term money in "safer," less volatile investments such as savings bonds or CDs will give you a modest return and minimize losses. But over most long periods of time, stocks will outperform bonds and CDs.

An index fund is a great way to start with stocks. You might also invest at least a little money in the stock of a few companies that your children know, such as McDonald's or Nike. Then you can follow the fortunes of the companies and your investments together, as they learn about the stock market.

Learn more about savings bonds at www.savingsbonds.com and about index funds at www.indexfunds.com and at www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm.

Q What does it mean when I see that "Today's Volume" for a stock is 16,300,000? — P.W., Batavia, N.Y.

A Imagine the Scandinavian drug maker, Fryynder and Ulf Pharmaceuticals (ticker: GULPP), whose motto is "Värsågod och svälj!" (That's Swedish for "Here, swallow this pill!"). If its current volume is 16,300,000, that just means that so far today, 16.3 million shares of the stock have changed hands. Volume can vary widely — IBM averages about 10 million shares per day, vs. 1.7 million for Burger King. If a stock's volume is much higher than its average, then something is probably going on, such as good or bad news.

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Great Leadership, by George

In our current economic environment, many are looking for companies helmed by great leaders. Tom Gardner, co-founder and CEO of The Motley Fool, recently discussed leadership with former Medtronic CEO Bill George, author of "True North" (Jossey-Bass, \$30) and "Authentic Leadership" (Jossey-Bass, \$20). George is worth hearing out, as he led Medtronic to a 60-times increase in its value during his 10-year tenure. He identifies five dimensions of an authentic leader:

- First, leaders must have a purpose. They must know why they want to lead and where they're going.
- They must practice and live their values every day — and not just the ones they articulate.
- They must lead with their hearts, not just their heads. Obviously, intellect is necessary, but George believes that having the heart is key: "This means having the passion for the work, having a real understanding of compassion

for the people you work with, having a real deep understanding and empathy for your customers, and having the courage to make difficult decisions.

"When you think about it, passion, compassion, courage and empathy are all matters of the heart, not of the head. There are so many leaders who have been brilliant leaders but have failed because they failed in that dimension."

• George noted that many leaders have vast networks of superficial relationships, when they really need deeper networks, where there's "a sense of two-way commitment between the individuals."

• His fifth dimension is "having the self-discipline to get results."

George suggested that "anyone who wants to be a leader in their own way. ... Maybe they wouldn't be the best CEO, but they certainly can lead in their own way. They can set the standards for other people, and they can demonstrate a certain level of enthusiasm and commitment that can cause other people to want to perform better. ... Those that fail typically are ones who are trying to be something different than who they are. They come across as fake."

My Smartest Investment

Sweet Profits

Years ago, a friend who visited Los Angeles told me about a line half a block long outside a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop. When it went public in 2000, I bought some shares at \$36. Over just about a year, the stock rose and split twice. I sold half of my stake between the splits and the rest in 2002, netting a 190 percent gain in less than two years. — W.L. Fink, Escondido, Calif.

The Fool Responds: You did well, especially in your selling of the stock, as it has recently been trading for around \$1.40 per share. Investors were very excited about Krispy Kreme at first, many swayed by the devotion of its fans. But it's not enough for a company to have a popular product. The company must also manage its finances, operations and growth effectively. Krispy Kreme's revenue has been falling over the past few years, as it struggles to turn its losses into gains. It may well turn itself around, but for now, there are much safer investments around.

The Motley Fool Take

Buffalo Wild Wings

The restaurant industry has largely had a difficult time in this economy, with the exception of cheap eats such as McDonald's. But Buffalo Wild Wings (Nasdaq: BWLD) recently reported spicy fourth-quarter results, with net income increased up 29 percent to \$7.7 million and revenue up 33 percent to \$121.2 million. The company believes its goals of 15 percent unit growth, 25 percent revenue growth and 20 to 25 percent net earnings growth are achievable.

But the company is running negative free cash flow, like last quarter, with cash and securities down 35 percent to \$45 million. Still, the company does have cash on hand and no debt, both of which currently work in its favor.

After a surge in its stock price, Buffalo Wild Wings shares recently traded with a P/E ratio around 21, which looks pricey compared to its peers. (McDonald's has been quite a performer, but its P/E is only around 15.) But the company is showing impressive growth, and its yearly earnings did increase by 24 percent, so its P/E isn't too out of whack. With the economy in rough shape, investors have learned to look for outliers that are performing well despite the troubles. At the moment, Buffalo Wild Wings looks like it fits the bill. (Buffalo Wild Wings is a Motley Fool Hidden Gems recommendation, and The Motley Fool owns some shares of it.)

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Based in Massachusetts, I'm the world leader in serving science, with annual revenue of \$10 billion, more than 30,000 employees, and more than 350,000 customers within pharmaceutical and biotech companies, hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies. I supply labs with high-end analytical instruments as well as equipment, chemicals, supplies, software, services, reagents, education and more. From beakers and slides to pipettes and syringes, to mass spectrometers and centrifuges, I have it all. My stock has grown by a compound average rate of 10 percent annually over the past 20 years. Who am I? (Answer: Thermo Fisher Scientific)



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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



PHOTO BY TOM SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Stuart Hoskins

Gouffon, Hoskins

Ashley Suzanne Gouffon and Chad Stuart Hoskins, both of Nashville, Tenn., were united in marriage Sept. 13, 2008 at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville. The 6 p.m. ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dean Taylor and the Rev. Matthew Corkern.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gouffon of Dalton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. Hoskins of Raleigh, N.C.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride wore an ivory silk empress gown by designer Monique Lhuillier. The strapless gown was accented with a gold Swiss satin sash at the waist. An heirloom brooch decorated with Svarovski crystals and pearls adorned the sash. The ivory veil was chapel length, accented with hand-corded alencon lace. She carried a bouquet of English roses, old garden roses and hydrangeas all in shades of white and cream.

Mrs. Abbie Hendry of Franklin, Tenn., sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Brooke Mayberry, Miss Jessica Inkster and Miss Lauren Staley, all of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Sarah Lewis of Roswell; Miss Kate Hurlbutt of Hartford, Conn.; Miss Hollye Hamilton of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Lori

Whiteside of Atlanta and Mrs. Hilary Villareal of Raleigh, N.C.

The bridal attendants wore dark champagne cocktail-length halter top dresses featuring a natural waist by designer Vera Wang. The bridesmaids carried bouquets identical to the bride except in colors of coral, green and hot pink.

Miss Claire Hendry, niece of the bride, of Franklin served as flower girl.

Mr. Carter Hendry, nephew of the bride, of Franklin served as ringbearer.

Mr. Ron Hoskins performed the duties of best man for his son. Groomsmen were Chuck Hendry and Marty Lotito, both of Franklin; Bobby Villareal and Shane O'Brien, both of Raleigh; Sloan Smith of Spring Hill, Tenn.; Chris Rasnake of Knoxville, Tenn.; Greg Nelson of Nashville and Michael Ringhoffer of Springfield, Va.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in honor of the couple at One Eleven in downtown Nashville.

A rehearsal dinner was held at the The Standard at the Smith House in Nashville.

A bridesmaids' luncheon was held the day before the wedding at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville. It was hosted by Mrs. G. Robert Buchanan and Mrs. Ward Tishler.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Nashville.

Wilson, Ellis

Mike and Shelby Wilson of Ooltewah, Tenn., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Wilson of Ringgold, to Christopher Heath Ellis of Dalton. He is the son of Kevin and Cindy Ellis of Dalton.



Heath Ellis and Jennifer Wilson

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Sally Surber and the late John Surber of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. and Betty and E.J. Wilson of Palm Bay, Fla. She is the sister of Carrie McWilliams of Ringgold and Scott Wilson of Ooltewah.

Miss Wilson is a 1998 graduate of Greater Beckley Christian School in West Virginia. She obtained a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education from Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn. and a master's degree from Kennesaw State University. She also obtained an education specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University. She is

employed with Dalton Public Schools as a third grade teacher.

Mr. Ellis is the grandson of Martha Brown and the late Jimmy Brown and Kathryn Ellis and the late Dewral Ellis, all of Dalton. He is the brother of Kacie Ellis of Dalton.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Dalton High School. He obtained a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education from Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon and will continue pursuing his master's degree in the summer. He is employed with Dalton Public Schools as a fifth grade teacher.

The wedding is scheduled for April 11 at 5 p.m. in Dalton.

Favorite, Spanjer

Terry and Cindy Favorite of Pleasant Hill, Ohio announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brenda Rae Favorite to Michael Vreeland Spanjer, both of Williamsburg, Ky. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Spanjer of Dalton.



Michael Spanjer and Brenda Favorite

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Shirley Horn of Laura, Ohio and the late Donald E. Horn; Larry and Linda Everett-Favorite of Fletcher, Ohio and the late Janet Favorite. She is the sister of Tracy and Chris Roberts of Nashville, Tenn.; Diane Lesley of Pleasant Hill and Kevin and Sandra Favorite of Havelock, N.C.

Miss Favorite obtained a degree in elementary education from University of the Cumberlands in 2006 and is currently taking a graduate class at Morehead State University for interdisciplinary early childhood education. She is employed with Bell-Whitley CAA as a preschool Head Start teacher at Whitley County Central Primary School.

Mr. Spanjer is the grandson of Lillian Lawrence and the late Earl Lawrence of Dalton and the late Dr. and Mrs. Ray Spanjer. He is the brother of Tim Spanjer of Smyrna, Genevieve Wright of Washington, D.C. and Alex and Andrew Spanjer of Dalton.

The future groom is a graduate of Dalton High School. He obtained a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering from Grove City College in Grove City, Pa. He is currently employed as a mechanical engineer at Firestone/Bridgestone in Williamsburg.

The wedding is scheduled for June 6 at 3 p.m. Williamsburg First United Methodist Church in Williamsburg.

Ferguson, Mowery

The Rev. and Mrs. Keith Ferguson of Dalton announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Ferguson of Nicholasville, Ky. to Matthew Dale Mowery of Louisville, Ky. He is the son of Holly Mowery and Dale Mowery, both of Louisville.

The bride-elect will obtain a bachelor's of arts degree in journalism from Asbury College in May. Mr. Mowery is a student at Asbury College and serves as



Hannah Ferguson and Matthew Mowery

director of worship and programming at Southern Acres Christian Church in Lexington, Ky.

The wedding is scheduled for June 6 at Evangelical Methodist Church in Dalton.

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LOCKS OF LOVE

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Emma Kennett, 6, the daughter of Clint and Carla Kennett of Chatsworth, recently donated 15 1/2 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. She is a student at Woodlawn Elementary in Chatsworth. Shown with Kennett is stylist Becky Carpenter of Becky's Hair Designs in Tunnel Hill.



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Gillian and Rubin are providing ballroom and Latin dance entertainment for the evening.

Music, dancing, games planned for fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, GEORGIA CHAPTER

The 10th annual Alzheimer's Association "Evening of Chance and Dance" will be March 13 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Farm in Rocky Face. Entertainment will be provided by The LooSe ShoEs Band and professional ballroom dancers Rubin and Gillian.

The LooSe ShoEs Band is one of Atlanta's undiscovered suburban treasures. Niall Brennan, Pam and Ric Cushman and drummer Jeff Pullen bring a depth and quality to the music they play that comes only from seasoned musicians. Whether rocking to the music of the Allman Brothers and Eric Clapton, getting down with the blues of Bonnie Raitt and Ray Charles, swirling around with Van Morrison or Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young or sharing that South Seas feeling with Jimmy Buffet, the LooSe ShoEs band will take you there with a wide repertoire of oldies but goodies sprinkled with a smidgen of current pop and a spray of original songs.

Gillian and Rubin are providing ballroom and Latin dance entertainment for the evening. They have been dancing together for many years and collectively have been teaching ballroom and Latin dancing for 15 years, winning many awards and competing throughout the world.

"Every donation and every ticket purchased could mean the difference in someone else being diagnosed with Alzheimer's," said Freda Stephenson, director of development for the North Georgia office. "Today in the U.S. someone new is diagnosed every 71 seconds. We are the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and there are no survivors. We can change that with your help."

"This event has a wonderful reputation of being a lot of fun and having something for everyone," she continued. "There are out-of-this-world raffle prizes and game prizes for you to choose from. Again, there is something for everyone."

Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Space is limited. For reservations, call the Alzheimer's Association at (706) 275-0819.

AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:

- Stephanie and Daniel Skojal, a son, Anthony Thomas, Feb. 20.
- Chastity Ingle and Alan Lassetter, a son, Matthew Kevin, Feb. 22.
- Candace Ammons and Tad Davis, a son, Bristin Carter, Feb. 23.
- Whitney Hampton, a daughter, Aiyana Tahira Naite, Feb. 23.
- Tammy and Michael Jones, a son, Zackariah Michael, Feb. 23.
- Sheree and Steve Patton, a daughter, Addison Maylee, Feb. 23.
- Misty and Brian Phillips, a daughter, Harley Madison, Feb. 23.
- Cheryl and Kenneth Abrams, a daughter, Savannah Grace, Feb. 24.
- Veronica Chung and Javier Carrillo, a son, Juaking Javier, Feb. 24.
- Cecilia Davis, a daughter, Neahra Shani, Feb. 24.
- Aaron Lutz, a son, Aiden Christopher, Feb. 24.
- Kayla and Seth Pellom, a son, Elijah Seth, Feb. 24.
- Francisca and Onorio Trejo, a son, Yahir Gabino, Feb. 24.
- Blanca Vazquez and Miguel Gallegos, a daughter, Angela Idaly, Feb. 24.
- Miriam Navas and Alex Perez, a son, Yair, Feb. 25.
- Maria and Gabino Herrera, a daughter, Jimena, Feb. 25.
- Olga and Saul Benavides, a son, Saul, Feb. 25.

- Ciesman Gaivez and Erwin Soto, a son, Yedwin Eugenio, Feb. 25.
- Tosha and William Capehart, a son, Charles Logan, Feb. 26.
- Tina Diaz and Jorge Silva, a son, Orlando Brian, Feb. 26.
- Linda and Kenneth Durham, a son, Kenneth Kayden, Feb. 26.
- Carol Guerrero and Derrick Hardin, a daughter, Sarah Danielle, Feb. 26.
- Maria Bibian and Ryan Mitchell, a daughter, Melanie Selina, Feb. 27.
- Stephanie and Joel Corn, a son, Ty Paynter, Feb. 27.
- Kelli and Johnny Doyle, a daughter, Jazmyn Makenna, Feb. 27.
- LaDonna Oden and Shane Green, Ja'Maya Elizabeth, Feb. 27.
- Victoria Phillips and Kevin Brock, a daughter, Emma Lynn, Feb. 27.
- Maria and Jose Ramirez, a daughter, Kaylee Valeria, Feb. 27.
- Rachel and Brad Stone, a son, Eli Henley, Feb. 27.
- Tiffany and Joseph Upton, a son, Leland Ryder, Feb. 27.
- Reyna Inestroza and Zeferino Chavez, a daughter, Giselle Vanessa, Feb. 28.
- Leah and Shane Meaux, a daughter, Madelyn Dawn, Feb. 28.
- Maria Camacho and Humberto Jimenez, a daughter, Allison, March 1.
- Haley Douglas and Eddie McCollum, a son, Justin Curtis, March 1.

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

March 9

The Lesche Literary Club and Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center will co-host a local artist round-robin exhibit, "The Talents Within Us," March 9 at 7 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. The program will be on women in

art. Each table will feature a different artist sharing and involving each attendee in various types of artwork, including painting, jewelry making and stained glass. The arts and crafts instructors and students from the Senior Center will have a roundtable presentation on delicate stitch beading, polymer clay, stained glass, crochet, oil painting, drawing and watercolor painting. Admission is free. The church is located on Tibbs Road in Dalton.

March 10

The Carpet Capital Women's Network (CCWN) will have its monthly luncheon meeting March 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Western

Sizzlin' Steak House on Legion Drive in Dalton. Amy Holcombe will be the guest speaker. Membership is not required and all ladies are invited. For more information, call Susan Swinney at (706) 278-8260 or Clydine Tyson at (706) 275-7509.

March 12

The Northwest Georgia Transportation Club will have its monthly lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Dalton Golf & Country Club. The speaker will be Thomas L. Rennie, owner of TLR Consulting. Rennie is an international carpet consultant. He will speak on business during these tough economic times.

Cost is \$20. RSVP is required by calling Dianna Bailey at (706) 673-1574.

March 16

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will have its monthly meeting March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Wade Adoption Center. The Center is at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

March 19

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will offer Season Tickets March 19. There will be two classes offered. For more information call Talk, Listen, Communicate at (423) 622-TALK. Mention code DWC for special pricing.

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'Strut Your Mutt' Annual walk, contests set for March 28

SUBMITTED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will hold its ninth annual "Strut Your Mutt" dog walk and contests March 28 at 10 a.m. at Edwards Park on Cleveland Highway in Dalton. Rich Phillips of Mix 104.5 will serve as master of ceremonies.

Early registration is \$25 and must be received by March 20. After that date and on the day of the event, the fee is \$30. Cash, checks and money orders are accepted. The fee includes the walk, any contests your canine wishes to enter, a t-shirt and canine bandana along with a goody bag. Registration forms are available for veterinarians and groomers throughout the community, at the Humane Society Adoption Center on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. or online at www.hsnwga.org.

Entrants must show proof of their dog's current vaccinations and rabies tag or rabies certificate. No dogs in heat or aggressive dogs will be allowed. Dogs must be at least 6 months old and kept on leashes at all times except during certain contests. No retractable leashes for safety reasons, please, and participants are



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Pictured are "Sir Toby" with Matt and Cobb.

limited to one dog per person.

A couple of new things have been added. Those who would like to raise money for the care of shelter dogs may do so by pledging support. Just obtain a form, ask people for a pledge, collect the money and return to

the Humane Society either by mail or turn it in on the day of the event.

For \$1 each, participants may purchase Paws of Honor and engrave them with the pet or person's name. The Paws will be used the day of the event marking the Strut route.

Participants may take their Paw(s) home after the event.

A new contest will be canine musical chairs. When the music stops, the last dog that sits is eliminated. Other contests are Wagginest Tail, Best Kisser, Largest Dog, Smallest Dog, Best Costume, Look-a-Like and Most Talented. Judges will award certificates, medals and/or ribbons and prizes for first, second and Honorable Mention in each category.

The Strut is approximately one mile throughout the forest at Edwards Park. You do not need a dog to participate, or if you would like you may rent a shelter dog for the event for \$25. You will receive a t-shirt and goody bag and any contests you would like to enter. The Adoption Center will be open for adoptions from 2 to 5 p.m.

Concessions will be available along with vendors and merchants from the community. Vendors who wish to participate must fill out a vendor registration form and send it along with \$25. You must provide your own table and chairs, and set up must be completed by 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the event.

For more information or to obtain forms, call the Humane Society at (706) 226-5002 and leave a message.

DEAR ABBY

Romance that began online is no cause for embarrassment

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Sean," and I met online six months ago. We are now at the stage where we are meeting and going out with each other's friends and co-workers, and the question, "How did you meet?" is coming up.

Sean prefers his friends and family not know we met on an online dating site, while I have been up-front with my circle of friends. I would rather get our history straight before these groups meet each other.

How do we balance his need for privacy with my openness? I would also like to use this as an example to de-stigmatize online dating for my single friends. — **DATING IN D.C.**

DEAR DATING: Doesn't your boyfriend know that many people meet online these days? Would he prefer his friends and family thought he picked you up in a bar? Joining a dating site is nothing to be ashamed of, and I have known several online matches that have led to happy marriages.

Doesn't the fact that Sean wants to fudge the truth with his family and friends bother you? I find that to be more of a concern than how you met.

DEAR ABBY: A year and a half ago, right before I turned 16, I made the decision to start dating.



Jeanne Phillips

Before I had my first boyfriend, I set some guidelines for what I wanted in a relationship — someone who isn't controlling, who treats me well, etc.

I also decided to wait to have my first kiss until I found someone special. These days, I think too many people my age are too sexually active. I don't want a boy to feel that because I let him kiss me, I will take the next step with him. I think there is a line that should never be crossed before marriage.

Do you think I am taking this too far by wanting to wait to be kissed? Or are the boundaries I'm setting for myself reasonable? — **HOLDING OUT IN OREGON**

DEAR HOLDING OUT: Of course the first person you kiss should be "special." And when you meet him, I am sure you'll know he's the right one. You have to do what is right for you. I respect the fact that you have set boundaries and refuse to do something just because someone else may be doing it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



Above, Josh Bowen and Meredith Weeks serve students.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Northwest Whitfield High School students and teachers recently took part in Bruin Health and Fitness Day activities. They produced a televised show about the importance of developing healthy habits for life. Fruits and vegetables were available for tasting. The event was sponsored by Northwest's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Club and CPAN. CPAN, the Childhood Physical Activity and Nutrition grant, encourages students and families to eat healthy, move more and reduce screen time.



Luke Mathis is pictured holding a platter.



Above, Allie Mullins and Ashley McPherson serve students.



Left, Jada Barton and Paige Henderson were servers.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Play harder, have more fun and loosen up a little if you want this year to be spectacular. Do with less and enjoy yourself more. Don't feel you have to keep up with your neighbors, relatives or friends. Satisfy your own needs. Simple will be sensational. Your numbers are 3, 14, 22, 25, 31, 38, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You owe it to yourself and your family to plan something you can all enjoy. Love is on the rise, so a romantic plan for the evening will probably bring its rewards. Creative thoughts will result in a prosperous idea. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch out for anyone trying to unnerve you or push you into a corner. Demanding children or parents must be put in their place. A trip to your local spa or joining an interest group will help calm your nerves. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take on a challenge at home and you will satisfy a need you've been having for some time. You can rid yourself of burdens and alter the relationship you have with someone you are close to by letting your thoughts and feelings be known. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone is likely to feed you false information, so check references. A trip to visit someone you haven't seen in a long time will be emotional but good and will provide prospects for friendship or more. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your ability to make things happen will attract someone who is a doer just like you. Together, you can muster up some interesting concepts leading to a prosperous partnership. Now is the time to expand. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will be open about intentions. You may have to ask more questions if you want to know where you stand. Don't be afraid to be nosy when your

future is dependent on what you know. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is not the time to be lazy when you have so much to offer and, in return, so much to gain. Love is likely to develop or the relationship you are in get better if you are open about your feelings. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will be difficult to control but that might be a good thing. If you are too secretive about the way you feel, someone will take advantage of you. Speak up, clear the air and state what it is you expect and need. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find, win or come into cash. A chance to make a couple of changes to the way you earn your living will pay off. Love is on the rise and the person you are involved with can turn into a crucial part of your financial future. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid anyone who wants you to take a risk. Love may be an issue and you should probably question your motives and those of your current partner. You may be surprised by what you discover. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Have some fun with someone who interests you and you will come up with an exciting plan for the future. Your ideas are stellar and anyone you share them with will respect your talent and help you put them into play. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Work on yourself and what you aspire to be. Making a few personal changes can alter your life and help you achieve the goals that have eluded you in the past. Stop dreaming and start doing. 3 stars

CLASS OF 1946 REUNION



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The Dalton High School Class of 1946 recently gathered for an overnight get together at Whitewater Inn of Ocoee in Ocoee, Tenn. The group also has a monthly breakfast meeting the first Saturday of each month. Shown are (front row, from left) Katherine (Cameron) Bramlett, Mary H. (Talley) Wilson, Billie Ann (Wilson) Osborn, Elizabeth (King) Holland, (second row) Leroy 'Bud' Roberts, Manual Bryson, Mary H. (Hardin) Horne, Martha A. (Wood) Robertson, Hazel (Mulkey) Campbell, Peggy (Bright) Glaze, Drennon Crutchfield and Dr. Lawson Broadrick.

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COOKING CLUB

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Westwood Elementary School students participated in Cooking Club activities during their after-school program recently. The activity was led by members of the Dalton Junior Women's Club. Cooking Club resources were provided by the CPAN (Childhood Physical Activity and Nutrition) grant, which encourages students and families to eat healthy, move more and reduce TV/screen time. At left are Dalton Junior Women's Club members Kristy Souther, Ansley Harrison, Amanda Conley and Rachel Bray. Below is Maddie Hagberg. At right are Josh Barrett and Hunter Miller.



Nathan Miller tries some healthy food.



PET OF THE WEEK



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Austin, a Lhasa Apso, needs money for operations.

Can you help Austin?

Austin is a 12-pound male Lhasa Apso mix that is approximately 1 year old.

Austin had been roaming the streets, limping around and surviving on scraps to eat for some time before he was picked up by the local Animal Control. He wasn't hard to catch with an obvious injury to one of his legs and maybe with the thought of being fed and a loving pet on the head or belly rub, he was an easy pick up.

When we saw how happy he was to just get a little attention — even with the obvious pain in his leg — we knew we had to help him. He was rescued from the pound and taken to the vets where we learned of the severity of his injuries. What we do know is that sometime in the past, he had been hit by a car which left him crippled without treatment. He has severe arthritis in his untreated back leg along with a hip injury and has been in pain ever since it happened. Knowing we were going to do

all we could for him, he was given his shots, neutered and tested negative for heartworms.

What we need now is your help. The operations he needs will cost close to \$800 but will make him a healthy, happy dog ... able to run and play again. If you can help with a donation, please make a notation that it is for "Austin's Care."

For more information about this pet, call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002 and press "2" to leave a message. To see other adoptable cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, visit www.hsnwga.org or write HSNWGA, P.O. Box 3946, Dalton, GA, 30719.

The next Humane Society meeting will be held March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Charles and Evelyn Wade Adoption Center at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited. Adoption days at the facility are on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

Crossword answers from 2C

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The dance career of Sir Frederick ASHTON (27 Across) was inspired by an Anna Pavlova performance he attended as a teen. Opening in 1997, Arthur Ashe Stadium (79 Across) succeeded Louis Armstrong Stadium as the primary venue for the U.S. OPEN. The PONCHO (101 Down) originated in Peru, but is seen worldwide today.

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Rules set for mortgage modification

People with unaffordable mortgages now have one set of rules, applicable nationwide, to determine whether they can get lower monthly payments.

Folks who can afford their mortgages but need help to refinance to lower rates don't get a lot of help.

The Obama administration's housing plan encourages lenders to modify the mortgages of homeowners who can't afford their monthly house payments because of hardship. The definition of hardship is loose and includes: lost income, increased expenses, payment shock from an adjustable-rate mortgage, and "other indications of being at risk of default."

Qualified homeowners would keep their current loans, but the payments would be reduced to 31 percent of before-tax income. Most borrowers would see their payments rise after five years.

The aim of the Making Home Affordable program is to "prevent the destructive impact of foreclosures on families and communities," according to the Treasury Department.

Two weeks ago, the Obama administration announced the outlines of the foreclosure prevention program, which then was dubbed

the Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan. The guidelines for the mortgage modification plan

explain who is eligible and how those monthly house payments are reduced to 31 percent of income.

Here are some qualifications to be eligible for a loan modification:

■ It has to be the homeowner's primary residence, and must be occupied and habitable.

■ The balance on the first-lien mortgage can't be more than \$729,750 for a single-family home.

■ It's OK if foreclosure proceedings already have begun or if the borrower is suing the lender.

■ If the borrower qualifies, then the mortgage servicer figures out what it will take to decrease the monthly house payments to 31 percent of income.

Here's how that shakes out:

■ Under this plan, the house payment includes principal, interest, taxes, homeowners insurance

(including flood insurance), and homeowners association or condo fees. It excludes mortgage insurance premiums.

■ Past-due interest, taxes and insurance are added to the mortgage's balance. Late fees must be waived.

■ As a first step, the lender drops the interest rate as low as 2 percent. If that's sufficient to bring the payment down to 31 percent of income, then that's the rate. For example, if cutting the interest rate to 4 5/8 percent drops the payment to the 31 percent threshold, the rate doesn't go any lower.

■ If dropping the rate to 2 percent doesn't do the trick, the next step is to extend the term of the loan up to 40 years. It doesn't have to be 40 years; it's all good if a 2 percent rate over a 37-year term brings the monthly payments down to 31 percent of income.

■ If a 2 percent rate and a 40-year term don't get the payment down enough, the third step is to "forbear principal." This means that the borrower owes the same amount as before but pays interest on only part of the mortgage balance. For example, someone might owe \$300,000 but pay 2 percent interest for 40 years on \$250,000.

All \$300,000 must be paid back if the homeowner sells the home or refinances the mortgage later.

Those last three bullet points are somewhat misleading because the lowered interest rates don't last for the entire term of the loan. They last only five years. After that, the lender is allowed to raise the rate by 1 percentage point per year until the rate is close to the prevailing rate during the week that the modification was approved.

For example, if Freddie Mac's weekly mortgage rate survey says the average rate on a 30-year fixed in a given week is 5.3 percent then a modification that's approved on that date will have a rate that eventually rises to 5.3 percent. It might go from 2 percent to 3 percent in Year 6, then to 4 percent in Year 7, then 5 percent in Year 8 and finally 5.25 percent in Year 9.

For at least a year, the mortgage world has recognized the need for one national standard to decide who gets a mortgage modification and who doesn't. Academic studies have shown that different servicers apply wildly different rules governing modifications. Housing counselors say there's a lot of variation within mortgage servicers, too. These guidelines are designed to

elicit more consistency.

"From where we sit, it's important that there's a recognized framework for modifications," says Douglas Robinson, spokesman for NeighborWorks, a government-sponsored nonprofit that trains and provides funding for housing counselors.

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Mortgage rates were unchanged this week.

The average 30-year fixed-rate remained unchanged at 5.41 percent.

This week's average 15-year fixed — a popular option for refinancing — edged up 1 basis point, to 4.94 percent. A basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

The average jumbo 30-year fixed dropped 10 basis points, to 6.77 percent.

Adjustable-rate mortgages were down this week. The one-year, adjustable-rate mortgage fell 15 basis points, to 5.43 percent. The popular 5/1 ARM slipped 1 basis point, to 5.39 percent.

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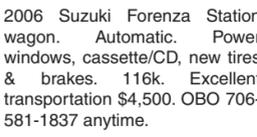
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Ask any teacher at Woodlawn Elementary School how to give a child a good start to the day and they will tell you that eating a healthy breakfast is essential. The Food Services Department provides a healthy breakfast every school day to nearly half of the 867 students enrolled at Woodlawn, not to mention many teachers and parents. The cost of a stu-

dent breakfast is 75 cents. To encourage more students to eat breakfast, Food Services offered a drawing for a T-shirt. To be entered, a student had to eat breakfast every day during the week. Rasean Graham was the winner. Here he visits with members of the Woodlawn Food Services Department and assistant principal Pam Rich.

Bond granted to student charged with bringing gun

CANTON(AP) — A 17-year-old Woodstock High School student charged with bringing an unloaded gun to school has been granted bond of about \$36,000 and has agreed to leave Cherokee County until his trial.

Busby's attorney says she expects him to spend the weekend in jail while arrangements are made for a monitoring device.

Defense attorney B.J. Bernstein said Busby will

live with his biological mother in Fulton County, pending trial on three felonies and four misdemeanors, stemming from Thursdays lockdown at two Cherokee County schools. Police seized three guns and about 200 rounds of ammunition from his home.

One of the guns was found at the school. Authorities believe all three were stolen by Busby's 15-year-old co-defendant.

Inmate tries to get back into jail

WOODBINE (AP) — A Camden County inmate has been arrested trying to sneak back into jail.

Sheriff Tommy Gregory said Saturday that 25-year-old Harry Jackson of St. Marys had broken out of the jail, strolled to a nearby convenience store where he broke in and stole about 14

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