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Buffet: U.S. economy takes a fall

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Billionaire Warren Buffett remains confident that America's best days are ahead, but he says the nation likely will face higher unemployment and eventually inflation because of the current economic crisis.

Buffett said the nation's leaders need to emphasize a consistent message, and they should support President Barack Obama's efforts to repair the economy because fear is dominating Americans' behavior.

Buffett said the economy has basically followed the worst-case scenario he envisioned six months ago.

"It's fallen off a cliff," Buffett said Monday during a live appearance on cable network CNBC. "Not only has the economy slowed



Warren Buffet

save money on car insurance. The three-hour-long interview aired from another Berkshire subsidiary that has been hampered by the econ-

omy, the Nebraska Furniture Mart store in Omaha.

He predicted that unemployment will climb a lot higher before the recession is done, but he also reiterated his optimistic long-term view: "Everything will be all right. We do have the greatest economic machine that man has ever created."

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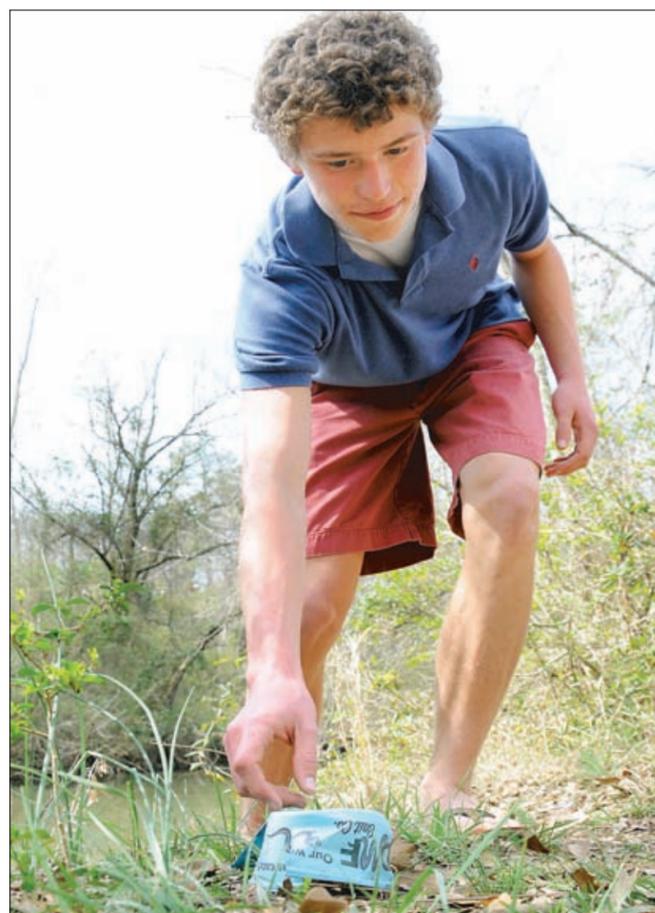
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Andrew Bruner picks up trash along Mill Creek in Dalton on Monday. Bruner is creating a biking and jogging trail along the creek where it runs parallel to Chattanooga Avenue for an Eagle Scout project.

Boy Scout Bruner a city trailblazer

By CHARLES OLIVER

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Running and bicycling have always played an important part in Andrew Bruner's life. So when the Dalton High School student was looking for a service project to earn the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout, he wanted to do something involving those sports.

"I really enjoy running on trails and biking on trails, and Dalton needs some more outdoor activities," he said.

So Bruner is clearing out a half mile bicycle and running trail along the banks of Mill Creek. The trail is on city-owned property just off Chattanooga Avenue. Bruner gives the city credit for letting him take on the project.

"They helped fix up the parking area, and they are bringing in a Dumpster and giving me some

Want to help?

BREAKOUT BOX: Andrew Bruner will be working on the trail from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. He invites members of the public who wish to help clear trash and brush from along the banks of Mill Creek to help out. Volunteers should wear work clothes and bring work gloves. The site is on Chattanooga Avenue, just north of the old Crown Mill. If you are traveling north on Chattanooga Avenue, go over the bridge and take the first dirt road on the left.

wood to build bridges," he said. Dalton City Council member Dick Lowrey said city officials

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Hard lesson

Dalton schools cut payroll

By CHARLES OLIVER

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Virtually every employee of Dalton Public Schools will see a pay cut under budget guidelines adopted by the Board of Education Monday night. But those at the top will see the biggest cuts.

"That's by design," said superintendent Jim Hawkins.

Board members voted 4-0 to approve guidelines for staff members while they draft the 2010 budget, which will take effect July 1.

The guidelines, and the average amount they will reduce the affected employees' pay, include:

■ Assistant superintendents reduced from four to one, 17-26 percent

■ 240-day employees cut to 220 days (mostly central office), 8.35 percent

■ 230-day employees cut to 220 days (mostly central office), 4.33

percent

■ Extracurricular supplements, 4.33 percent

■ 260-day employees (maintenance and operations workers), reduce by 10 paid holidays, 3.85 percent

■ 220, 215, 210 and 200-day employees, reduce by five days, between 2.27 and 2.5 percent

■ Dalton Middle and Dalton High counselors, reduce local supplement by 20 percent (average total salary decrease of 2 percent)

■ Teachers, reduce local supplement by 20 percent (average total salary decrease of 2 percent)

■ 190-day classified non-teaching staff, reduce total salary by 2 percent

■ 184-day food service workers, reduce by two days (1 percent)

The guidelines also call for cutting spending on supplies and

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Murray cuts teachers at Chatsworth Elem.

By RACHEL BROWN

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CHATSWORTH — Nicole Gazaway was one of six Chatsworth Elementary School teachers who said she was called into her principal's office on Friday and told she'd be out of a job.

"For what reason, we don't know," she said. "Chatsworth is the only school that did this."

The teachers addressed the members of the Murray County Board of Education during a meeting at Woodlawn Elementary School Monday night. Dozens of other teachers also attended. Some asked that the decision be reconsidered while others said they just wanted an explanation. Superintendent Vickie Reed said they can get the reasons for their contracts not being renewed if they request it in writing.

Board members voted 4-1, with Elizabeth Gould opposed, to uphold principal Mike Pritchett's decisions. However, kindergarten teacher Shannon Sneed, who nearly broke out in tears as she addressed board members, was told after the meeting she wasn't among the teachers whose contracts weren't

renewed. Human resources director Danny Dunn said her name was removed from the list earlier in the day, but he couldn't say why.

Pritchett wouldn't comment on his decision to not renew the teachers' contracts. He said it was not based on the system's preliminary plans to cut \$6.2 million from next year's budget, a figure finance director Steve Loughridge presented at the meeting. Loughridge said the budget will likely need to be reduced from \$60 million to \$54 million next fiscal year because of reduced state and local revenues. The fiscal year begins July 1.

Dozens of school system employees attended the meeting, and several said they are concerned about a proposed policy change affecting salaries.

Board members postponed voting on a policy that would allow them to change the amount by which they supplement certified employees' salaries each year. Most certified employees are teachers. The local supplement is currently 9 percent of the state approved salary, which varies according to experi-

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"Hats off to all our local basketball teams and for giving us such an exciting basketball season. Congratulations to all of you. I look forward to next year's teams and hope it's just as exciting."

"Congratulations to the Murray County JROTC drill team. You're going to state. Great job guys."

"The public should take advantage of the computer lab that has been opened at the Dalton Library on Sundays from 1:30-5:30."

"Why are so many cabinet nominees withdrawing their names? I thought it was an honor to serve your president."

"We need a school for special needs children. My son has been in Dalton schools for about eight years and all he does is bring home As and Bs. But he can't read or write. What's wrong with this picture?"

"Thank you Mr. Bowie for serving our country."

"Please quit picking on Rock Bridge for their parking. I wish every church in Dalton had a congregation like that."

"To the person that thinks Rock Bridge Church should be taxed on their downtown property: Do you not realize that are a lot of churches located in the city limits. Just because Rock Bridge happens to be on Hamilton Street does not mean they should pay taxes. Get real."

"It isn't right that teacher's kids can go to the school where their parent works instead of their neighborhood school. They get an abundance of special treatment and that isn't fair to the rest of the kids. Guess who gets all the special awards on awards day?"

"The president is urging Americans not to stuff money in their mattress. Who has any money!"

"If two cars are driving side by side on a two lane, must mean they are driving the speed limit. Look at it this way, they may be saving you from getting a speeding ticket."

"Bradley Wellness Center extending hours? How about dropping your rate so more can afford it?"

"Dalton teachers did get pay cuts. It will cost them about \$80 a month. Central Office staff got cut 20 days of work, basically a month's pay. Dr. Hawkins did start at the top."

"What's wrong with the stock market is there was a lot of crooked activity going on for the last few years. Quit blaming Obama and quit crying about it."

"Obama is showing his true colors. He plans on negotiating with the Taliban."

"Every American should read Jay Ambrose's column in The Daily Citizen on Sunday."

"Why is there freedom of speech for liberals and non-Christians but no freedom of speech for Christians and conservatives?"

"Criticizing the current

administration does not make you a Republican. We are all Americans, sitting in the same boat and it seems to have sprung a leak."

"All you people who are knocking Rock Bridge should come on in and try it. You're welcome to come."

"Bill Shipp's articles on state and federal corruption are awesome. How come this paper doesn't print anything about local corruption, like who made the most money off the new city hall."

Editor's note: Do you have any evidence of wrongdoing?

Today's conspiracy:
"Looks to me like Mr. Cope and TVA must have spanked little Jimmy Espy on the butt for all the negative power bill complaints in the last few days. The power of politics and publishing ... we love it."

"According to the History Channel show 'Gang Land,' illegals are the number one source of gang members and drug dealers who kill African Americans. I know you won't print this but I want you to know the facts. You can't justify amnesty for illegals."

Editor's note: Sure I can.

"The person who says they will not wear a seat belt today may not have that choice tomorrow. Your loved ones have my sympathy."

"I agree about the restaurants not having decaffeinated tea and coffee. Everyone can't have caffeine."

"I agree about the courthouse employees parking near the courthouse, but the parking deck is not empty."

"I am an elderly woman and would like to have a small Jack Russell pup. I'll give it a good home."

"The people who make snide remarks about 'Bible thumping Christians' may some day soon be looking for one to give them hope when they are living in Hell here on Earth. But they won't find one. They'll all be gone."

"We Socialist Democrats believe we have been ruined for the past eight years and what was done then didn't work."

"The \$300 million being sent to the Gaza Strip for humanitarian aid could be spent right here on humanitarian aid."

"Liberty Baptist Church on South Pentz Street feeds the hungry every fourth Saturday at the Dalton Community Center on Frederick Street. Please come out."

"Did you know that smoking cigarettes does kill? It causes cancer."

"Everybody needs to look at our gas prices again. We're about to be up to \$3-4 a gallon again."

"It's ridiculous that the county school board is starting this new school in these economic times."

"Even if some callers to the forum need to better research their comments, it is still good to have a place to state your opinion."

"I work at Dalton Public Schools Central Office. If I could vote myself a raise, why did I get an 8.33 percent pay cut and lost two weeks of personal vacation?"

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR MARCH 9

Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 8-7-8, Cash 4: 0-9-9-0, Evening Cash 3: 2-1-2
Cash 4: 3-8-5-9, Fantasy Five: 3-1-33-35-26
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 3-2-2, Lucky Sum: 7; Cash 4: 4-0-7-6, L Sum: 17;
Evening Cash 3: 2-7-8, L-Sum: 17, Cash 4: 7-7-7-0, Lucky Sum: 21

School

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materials at elementary schools 20 percent and at Dalton Middle School and Dalton High School 10 percent.

They also call for a hiring "chill" that will leave unfilled many positions that become vacant because of retirement or resignation. Among those are a football coaching position at Dalton High School and a cheerleading coaching post at Dalton Middle School.

Hawkins, who is among the central office staff who will have his days cut, told board members the budget situation had deteriorated even further since their February meeting, due to another cut in funding from the state and slower property tax revenue collections.

The school system currently has an annual operating budget of about \$60 million. Where they had forecast a \$2.9 million budget gap in 2010, they now project a gap of \$4.9 million without cuts. And where they had predicted a gap of \$4.1 million in 2011, they now foresee a deficit of \$6.2 million.

The proposals approved by the board will cut spending by about \$5.1 million. Hawkins said he and staff will continue to look for ways to cut money without affecting classroom performance. He said the proposals were developed with significant input from staff, who provided almost 900 suggestions for saving money.

Hawkins did say some asked whether the cuts were temporary or permanent.

"I would like to tell you they are temporary and will be restored at a certain date, but I think that's disingenuous," he said. "Would we like to restore the cuts? Absolutely. But it will depend on what the revenue future looks like."

Board members also voted 4-0 to approve a resolution supporting the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority's economic incentives policy.

Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce president Brian Anderson addressed the board members on that topic in their work session. He said the development authority's current tax incentive policy for new or expanding business is three years old and needs to be updated. He said the current policy abates only city and county property taxes on new development. One change being considered, he said, is also abating school taxes.

He said the policy would not affect the school system's current revenues but might impact future revenue. He said the new policy might make it unnecessary to keep increasing the freepport property tax exemption on many types of business inventory. Both the city of Dalton and Whitfield County exempted 20 percent of inventory starting in 2010 after voters approved freepport last year.

Soldier killed

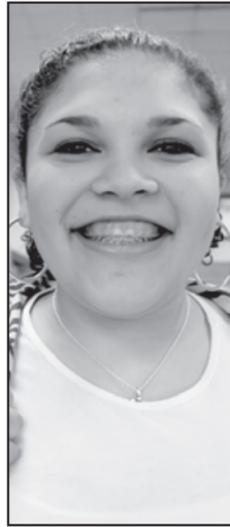
BRUNSWICK, (AP) — Brunswick police are investigating the shooting death of a Fort Benning soldier.

The body of 23-year-old Army Spc. Antonio L. Weems of Ventura, Calif., was found Saturday night in a car parked on a street corner. Police say Weems was killed by a gunshot to the head.

A woman, 19-year-old Vonquicha Moore, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the neck. Police had no immediate information about her condition Monday or her relationship with Weems.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Summer Bramblett
AGE: 17
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Sister, Lindsey Taylor; mom Cassy Washington; dad, Emmanuel Washington; sister, Camry Washington; brother, Emmanuel Washington Jr.
SCHOOL: Dalton High School
PLAY: Pep Club, hang with friends
SHE SAID: "Life goes on."



Buffet: Hard times

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dent, and he said all 535 members of Congress should stop the partisan bickering about solutions. He said politicians should also stop trying to use the current economic crisis to force through other policy changes.

"We ought to defer most of the things that get people riled up," Buffett said.

Buffett said he believes patriotic Republicans and Democrats will realize the nation is engaged in an economic war.

"What is required is a commander in chief that's looked at like a commander in chief in a time of war," Buffett said.

Whatever the government does to help the economy will likely benefit some people who made poor financial decisions, but Buffett said Americans should realize that everyone is in the same boat.

"The people that behaved well are no doubt going to find themselves taking care of the people who didn't behave well," Buffett said.

The current efforts to help revive the economy are likely to produce inflation that could be worse than what the country suffered in the late 1970s, Buffett said.

But even though the nation will have to pay for current policies with future inflation, Buffett said, the U.S. government still needs to act.

"We're in a big war, and we're going to use money to fight it," he said.

Maintaining faith in the nation's banking system will be important to restoring the economy's health, Buffett added. He said President Barack Obama needs to make it very clear that consumers won't lose money in banks even if more fail.

"If you don't trust where you have your money, the world stops," Buffett said.

Most banks are in good shape, Buffett said, and even some of the troubled banks will be able to remedy their problems over time by reducing dividends and collecting the difference between interest payments they receive on loans and the interest they pay on deposits.

"The banking system largely will cure itself," Buffett said.

A little over a week ago, Buffett released his annual letter to shareholders describing the worst of his 44 years at the helm of Berkshire. The Omaha, Neb.-based company reported sharply lower profit because of its largely unrealized \$7.5 billion investment and derivative losses.

Overall, Berkshire's 2008 profit of \$4.99 billion, or \$3,224 per Class A share, was down 62 percent from \$13.21 billion, or \$8,548 per share, in 2007.

Berkshire's fourth-quarter

numbers were even worse. Buffett's company reported net income of \$117 million, or \$76 per share, down 96 percent from \$2.95 billion, or \$1,904 per share, a year earlier.

Buffett said he doesn't regret writing a commentary in the fall encouraging people to buy U.S. stocks, but he joked that in hindsight he wishes he'd waited a few months to publish the piece. Since that commentary appeared on Oct. 17, the Dow Jones industrial average has fallen from 8,852.22 to close at 6,626.94 on Friday.

Buffett stands by his overall advice that owning stocks over time will profit people greater than so-called safe investments.

"Overall, equities are going to do far better than U.S. government bonds at these prices," he said.

Buffett said he doesn't regret investing \$8 billion of Berkshire's money in investment bank Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and conglomerate General Electric Co. last fall. Both companies gave Berkshire preferred shares paying 10 percent interest that Buffett said he doesn't think he could get now.

Buffett also said on CNBC:

— That General Motors Corp. needs a new business plan to survive because its costs are too high, but it's difficult to predict how a solution will be reached. "You are in a terrible, terrible time period for the car makers every place."

— Berkshire has made several large investments over the past year and reduced its cash on hand to \$24.3 billion at the end of 2008. Buffett said that means Berkshire will likely write fewer insurance policies on catastrophic events in 2009 because he wants to make sure the company always has at least \$10 billion on hand.

"My job is to be absolutely sure Berkshire doesn't need help from anyone in the worst of times," Buffett said.

— Any deal negotiated last summer made the sellers very happy and the buyers unhappy today. That's part of why Buffett said Dow Chemical Co.'s \$15 billion bid to buy rival chemical maker Rohm & Haas Co. has not been consummated. "The world has changed like nobody ever believed it would," he said.

But Buffett said the \$3 billion Berkshire committed to the Dow deal remains solid if the two chemical companies can agree on how to close the deal.

Berkshire owns a diverse mix of more than 60 companies, including insurance, furniture, carpet, jewelry, restaurants and utility businesses.

And it has major investments in such companies as Wells Fargo & Co. and Coca-Cola Co.

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DSC club hosts talk on war

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

A Dalton State College club, "Students United for Peace," will sponsor "The Cost of War: Six Years Later — A Speaking Tour on the Cost of the Iraq War" on Monday at 12:15 p.m. in the Pope Student Center.

The program will be presented by the American Friends Service Committee and Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition, which is taking its speaking tour to college campuses across the state to mark the sixth anniversary of the Iraq War.

"The goal of this tour is to educate Georgians on the human and economic cost of the war in Iraq," said Kim Shaw, president of Students United for Peace.

Raed Jarrar and Jason Hurd will lead the program. Jarrar was born in Baghdad and spent most of his life in Iraq. He has lived in the United States since 2005 and has worked on many Iraq-related projects as a translator, interpreter, consultant and political analyst.

Hurd is the Southeast regional director of Iraq Veterans Against the War. He spent 10 years in the Army and National Guard and was deployed in 2005 to Iraq as a medic. Since returning to the United States, he has been an advocate for Iraq veterans and a leading voice in the G.I. resistance movement.

The tour will also travel to colleges and universities in Columbus, Milledgeville, Atlanta, Athens, Augusta and Savannah.

ARRESTS

- David Blankenship, 47, 738 Market St., Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI and driving with a suspended license.

- Deborah Renae Canales, 30, 1774 N. Boyd Drive, Rocky Face, was charged Sunday by the Varnell Police Department with possession of methamphetamine, possession of tools for the commission of a crime and drugs kept in wrong container.

- Jeffery Lynn Johnson Jr., 33, 1412 Will Evans Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

- Alejandro Garcia Flores, 33, 512 Straight St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with driving without a license, turning violation, giving false information or false name, first degree forgery and bench warrant (forgery).

TAKING AIM



Misty Watson/ The Daily Citizen

Cody Dodson, 11, a member of Woodlawn Elementary School's archery team, takes aim during a demonstration at the Murray County Board of Education meeting Monday night at the school.

Lawmakers ponder 'super speeder' fine

ATLANTA (AP) — "Super speeders" who drive extra fast on Georgia's highways would pay an extra \$200 fine under a bill that lawmakers hope will raise money for the state's ailing network of trauma hospitals amid the souring economy.

A separate measure backed by key House leaders, meanwhile, would replace the annual car tag tax with a new, one-time fee on car sales that could help fund the system.

Georgia legislators have tried unsuccessfully for three years to bolster Georgia's trauma centers, which have long complained of chronic underfunding. The efforts have consistently failed amid concerns that they amounted to costly new taxes.

This year, though, legislative leaders say they have found common ground to support the proposals.

The House voted 113-53 on Monday for a plan that would tack an additional \$200 fine on drivers busted for topping 85 mph on four-lane roads and interstate highways, or 75 mph on two-lane roads. It also imposes new fees of up to \$400 for some drivers seeking seeking

to reinstate their licenses. The so-called "Super Speeder" proposal, backed by Gov. Sonny Perdue, is expected to raise more than \$30 million each year. The measure now goes to the Senate.

"We're trying to create a future that slows people down," said state Rep. Jim Cole, a Forsyth Republican who sponsored the measure.

Meanwhile, powerful House Republicans are lining up behind a new scheme that would eliminate the annual car tag tax and replace it with a one-time fee of up to \$1,500. Supporters hope the fee, which would only apply to newly purchased vehicles, would eventually funnel millions of dollars toward trauma care.

"It is probably one of the most progressive and innovative ideas I've seen since I've been at the General Assembly," said House Majority Leader Jerry Keen of St. Simons.

Lawmakers have struggled to bolster Georgia's trauma care hospitals since the 1970s, when hospital groups began lobbying for a state-funded trauma care system.

County looks at cost to hook up to sewer

By JAMIE JONES
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If the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners gives \$1 million to Dalton Utilities to run a sewer line to Tunnel Hill, current residents and business owners in the city won't be required to tie into the line unless they have a failing septic tank.

Commissioner Mike Cowan said only new construction and people with non-functioning septic tanks would be forced to pay to connect to the sewer main. The cost of tying into the sewer system varies by home, but costs could exceed \$10,000.

But Cowan also floated the idea of the county paying to hook new and existing homes and businesses to the sewer line at no charge. The financial return would come from more people paying for sewer service, he said. It's not known how much the county would pay to connect residents to the sewer system or how much money the county would receive from sewer rates.

If commissioners commit \$1 million to the \$3 million project, the county's portion will probably come from its general fund reserve. The county is expected to have a

\$4 million revenue shortfall this year due to lower sales tax collections. To make up the deficit, county officials trimmed some \$2 million from the 2009 budget and will use money from reserves to make up the rest. The city of Tunnel Hill is not expected to contribute money to the project.

Should commissioners spend \$1 million on a sewer line during such a profound economic downturn? Officials with the county and Dalton Utilities have talked about the Tunnel Hill project for months. Last month during a county work session, commissioner Harold Brooker proposed buying into the project.

"Everybody says we need sewer out in the county, well sewer costs money," commissioner chairman Mike Babb said. "If we take some of the fund balance to help sewer move forward, that will be good for us when the economy turns around. But in the meantime, it will be a cost to the budget."

Commissioners are expected to vote on a resolution supporting the Tunnel Hill project during their meeting on Monday. The line would run from the Mill Creek wastewater treatment plant to Tanyard Creek, just

south of the Tunnel Hill Golf Club. It would not reach the Tunnel Hill business district. Dalton Utilities plans to build two additional pocket wastewater treatment plants at Coahulla Creek and Sims Farm.

Commissioners are also considering giving Dalton Utilities another \$1 million to run a sewer line from the proposed Coahulla Creek plant to provide service to the new Whitfield County high school and development that is expected to follow.

Babb said the sewer projects will be different from the county-wide water project from several years ago. Much of that project was paid for by money from a special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST). Residents outside of the city of Dalton benefited from the water project by receiving clean drinking water and improved fire insurance ratings. Dalton residents benefited by having more rate payers for the city-owned utility.

"We know we have to get sewer for expansion, what is the fairest way to do it to all the citizens of Whitfield County who basically pay the taxes that we will be contributing to the sewer project?" Babb said.

AREA BRIEFS

Thomas to speak to club

Kris Thomas, city of Dalton landscape director and arborist, will speak to the Democrat Friends meeting tonight at 7 at Western Sizzlin on Legion Drive in Dalton.

Thomas will discuss "pocket parks" and trees in the city. The public is invited.

Oxendine to be in Dalton

John Oxendine, Georgia's insurance and fire commissioner, will be at the Dalton Whitfield Chapter of the American Red Cross on Wednesday from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. The visit is open to the public.

The Red Cross is at 1101 S. Thornton Ave. in Dalton.

Tax help stopped for 2 weeks

AARP will not offer taxpayer assistance

at the Dalton-Whitfield Library for the next two weeks.

Services will resume on March 28 and continue through April 15 following the original schedule: Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marine Corps League to meet

The newly-formed Dalton detachment of the Marine Corps League will meet on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Room 101 of the James E. Brown Center, 550 College Drive on the Dalton State College campus. All former or active Marines are invited.

An American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol in honor of the new detachment will be presented to the group.

For more information, call Kelly Johnson at (706) 272-2356.

Murray: Jobs eliminated

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ence, expertise and education. Gould called officials' hands on an attempt to pass the measure without first allowing public input. She said transparency is needed, and it normally involves allowing for three public readings before a final vote.

Board members decided to have two readings and vote on the policy at an April 2 meeting. The quick turnaround is needed because teacher contracts must be approved by April 15 under state law, administrators said. Dunn said the contract must specify the teachers' salary, a point local Georgia

Association of Educators director Fred Gould — Elizabeth Gould's husband — disputed, saying local supplement amounts are contractually based on the system having enough money to fund them.

In other business, board members listened to a proposed reduction in force policy from the Murray Association of Educators. The policy would use a point system for administrators to choose which teachers should have their contracts renewed first. It incorporates years in the system, level of education and expertise, among other measures.

Board members also approved the guaranteed maximum price for North Murray High School at \$34.68 million.

Whitfield kindergarten registration ongoing

The Whitfield County School system is holding kindergarten registration at Support Services at 201 E. Tyler St. in Dalton through Friday. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

No appointments are necessary. The child does not need to be present, but

must be at the kindergarten assessment.

- Please bring the following items:
- Georgia proof of immunization (form 3231)
 - Georgia eye/ear/dental certificate (form 3300)
 - Proof of residence in parent's name (i.e. rent receipt, lease agreement, settlement statement, utility bill that

shows "service address" or, if family is living with another family, notarized letter and utility bill from that person)

- Child's Social Security card
- Birth certificate

Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009. A simple school readiness assessment will be conducted at the child's school March

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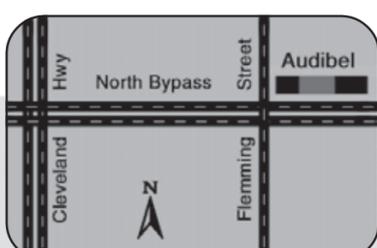


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LETTERS

Soldiers' families appreciate support

To the editor:

I'd just like to take a moment to say "Thank You" to the people of Dalton, Chatsworth and the surrounding communities for the way they supported all of us Monday as we honored the soldiers we sent off to Afghanistan. Sending away our husbands, sons and fathers for an entire year is a difficult thing to do, but knowing that we have the support of so many wonderful people makes the burden much easier to bear.

The First Presbyterian Church opened its doors and arms to our unit's soldiers and families, allowing us to use their beautiful facility and showing love and support in a Christ-led practical way. The city of Dalton prepared the way as the motorcade traveled from the church, through downtown and back to the armory. Men, women and children lined the streets to show their love and support. While we are giving up a part of our family to advance the War on Terror, you have shown us that our family has been infinitely expanded to include so many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Our "Thanks" go out to everyone who contributed their time, talent and resources in making the Send Off a very special day. We salute you.

Kate Walker and all the families of Charlie Troop

Humane Society event a success

To the editor:

A big hug and thanks to all the folks who supported the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia's annual pancake breakfast fund raiser recently at Applebee's. Once again, it was a tremendous success.

It was our pleasure to serve you and each year we hope to improve on our restaurant skills and management. Our many volunteers deserve a big thanks for their hard work. Special thanks to Applebee's for their community service in hosting this event.

The media, as always, has been outstanding in advertising our event and this year, we are also the recipient of matching funds from Modern Woodmen of America. Thank you!

We are once again overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community and on behalf of all of us (and especially our critters), we thank all of you!

Kathy Wasson, HSNWGA
Event coordinator

Americans must be unified

To the editor:

Unity must prevail in our country today. The bond of God's love must hold fast.

In John 17, Jesus prayed earnestly for the unity of believers: "That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in me, and I in you: that they also may be one in us." Many opposing forces are at work with the sole purpose of destroying the unity of believers. We must be on constant alert.

It is not always the obvious things that cause difficulty. A misunderstanding or a difference of opinion can be handy tools of Satan to break unity. Give each other the benefit of the doubt.

I Peter 5:6 says, "Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Let God's love prevail."

Louie Muse
Dalton

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

John 10:9

Thought for today: "There is no tyranny so despotic as that of public opinion among a free people."

Donn Piatt
American journalist (1819-1891)

Taxing situation

Class warfare costs, but not the people at whom the rhetorical mortars are aimed.

The drumbeat of anger by the many at the few who travel on private planes and live in big houses is having a negative effect on those who don't.

USA Today recently carried a story about conventions that have been canceled, at least in part, due to the public's negative reaction to seeing some people having a good time while they are not. Management fears condemnation from the public, so they cancel meetings rather than risk negative media attention and public scorn.

This might make some of the enlisteries in the class war feel good for the moment, but it does not improve their station in life. It is not the rich who suffer in this war. It is the middle class.

The U.S. Travel Association, according to USA Today, says meetings account for "about 15 percent of all travel spending, creating 2.4 million jobs, \$240 billion in spending and \$39 billion in tax revenue."

Incentive and motivational meetings generate 40 percent of the business at Marriott hotels, which reports a 12 percent decline. A spokesman blames this on the public vilification of meetings. Marriott says thousands of jobs have been lost due to reduced business. Presumably none of the newly unemployed fly on private jets or live in big houses.

When conventions don't meet, hotel rooms are unoccupied, restaurants are not patronized and wait staff do not earn tips, which figure prominently in their income. Las Vegas, alone, projects losses of \$20 million this year

**Cal Thomas**

Rossi Ralenkotter. Last month, State Farm Insurance canceled a convention it holds every three years to honor and reward its salespeople. As a result, 17,000 agents, and their spouses, won't be contributing to the economy (or government tax revenue).

It isn't that we don't know the outcome of the misguided policy of "soaking the rich." The last time it was tried was during the administration of George H.W. Bush. A 10 percent "luxury tax" passed Congress and was signed into law by President Bush in 1991 (he opposed its repeal in 1992). Its purpose was seen as a "way of proving that the 1980s glorification of greed and wealth were over," in the words of a 1993 Wall Street Journal story by David Wessel.

During that recession, sales of luxury cars and powerboats dropped significantly, resulting not in CEOs flying coach, but in the laying off of employees from boat and private airplane companies that build private planes and yachts. When the tax was repealed in the early days of the Clinton administration, many of those who had been laid-off were rehired as sales

What was that about those

who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it?

The stock market reacts not to the past, but forecasts the future. With proposed income tax increases and a boost in the capital gains tax rate, the stock market has fallen at percentage rates last seen in the Great Depression. The elderly and those about to become older Americans are seeing their savings and investments built up over a lifetime wiped out. Where is the party of compassion? Can the elderly, who have increasingly voted for Democrats after being peppered with demagoguery that Republicans will end Social Security, wake up and realize that the more rich there are, the richer they become?

President Obama can cling to liberal ideology and appease the left-wing fringe of his party, or he can do like President Clinton did and reduce capital gains taxes (how about eliminating them at least for a few years?) and watch the markets respond, re-filling individual retirement accounts and rekindling hope that millions of Americans won't have to abandon their lifestyles and their independence and become dependent on government.

This isn't about politics. It is about doing what works. We know what works. The question is will the president and congressional Democrats stop worrying about the rich and start worrying about the potential for increasing the number of poorer people?

Contact columnist Cal Thomas via mail at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY, 14207.

It's time to stand up for capitalism!

I find myself tuning in to CNBC these days. This is unusual for me as business news bores me. I'm one of those whose eyes glaze at the mention of credit/default swaps, futures trading, and derivatives markets. But now, with the Obama/Pelosi/Reid troika attempting to remake our nation, I will submit to chatter about all of those things as long as I am treated to some full-throated defenses of capitalism.

If ever there were a time when our market economy deserves a little codling and a soft pillow under its head, it is now. Battered by a financial meltdown, a plunging stock market, declining trade, and frightened consumers, now would be the time to cut corporate tax rates (which are among the highest in the world), reverse the "mark to market" rule for valuing assets, temporarily increase unemployment compensation and Medicaid (with sunset provisions), and keep taxes low. When Barack Obama agreed last autumn that it was not a good idea to raise taxes during a recession, it seemed that he was at least enough of a moderate to understand the importance of markets. One can no longer indulge that hope. Like blasts from a machine gun, Obama has announced higher taxes on the owners of small businesses (the most productive individuals), higher taxes on the energy industry (through the cap and trade system), green mandates on the auto industry that will increase the cost of each vehicle, a bailout of mortgagors that will increase the cost of mortgages down the road, increased unionization (which reduces jobs), a repeal of the successful welfare reform of the 1990s, and a rhetorical assault on Wall Street that leaves investors edgy.

The Democrats scoff when you use the "s" word (socialism). It's a bogeyman, they argue. Not so. If by socialism you refer to the sort of government-heavy

**Mona Charen**

economies that characterize most of Europe, then we are clearly headed there about as fast as Flight 1549 was headed for the Hudson River. By the sheer size of the budget they are pushing, Obama/Pelosi/Reid are increasing the share of the American economy that will be controlled by the government. Government spending accounts for more than 50 percent of the economies of France and Sweden and more than 45 percent of the GDPs of Germany and Italy. As recently as 2006, the federal government's share of America's GDP was 21 percent (with another 11 percent for state and local governments). Now it is approaching 40 percent and likely to grow significantly beyond that if Obama and Co. have their way on health care reform, universal pre-K to college education, and more.

We are rapidly narrowing the gap with Europe. This represents policy nirvana for the Democrats. They adore the sclerotic, slow-growing, cradle to grave security of the European Union. But do most Americans really want to go there? We will emerge from this downturn. But if the Democrats succeed in using it as an excuse to impose a huge new welfare state, we will not emerge as the same country.

Per capita economic output has been much higher in the United States than in the European Union. Our growth rates have been consistently higher since the Second World War. Until this recession began, America's unemployment rate was half of Europe's, and our unemployed spent less time jobless than did Europe's.

European industry has certainly contributed to world prosperity, but cannot match the United States for innovation, dynamism, freedom, or wealth creation. And the Europeans are failing the most basic test of vitality — they are demographically disappearing. That's one reason why the term "once-great" applies to places like Great Britain and France.

Yes, there's a recession on and it's deep. Capitalism is not perfect (though one harbors the suspicion that if government had not, in effect, subsidized risky mortgage lending, we would not be in this position). But with all its defects, capitalism remains the greatest engine of prosperity the world has ever witnessed. Just in the last 25 years, hundreds of millions of people, principally residing in China and India, who had been close to destitution and starvation are driving cars, sipping lattes, and chatting on cell phones thanks to free market reforms. Countries with few natural resources other than the brains of their people — like Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan — have become economic powerhouses by permitting the free market to work its magic.

Here at home, the U.S. has been able to dramatically improve standards of living not just for the wealthy (they do fine in every country) but for ordinary people. Hard work has been rewarded not punished. And the free market has given us everything from computers and iPods to Prilosec and the Mayo Clinic.

It didn't seem possible six months ago that capitalism in the United States could be in danger. If Obama/Pelosi/Reid have their way, the U.S., too, will bear the prefix "once-great."

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday, March 10**, the 69th day of 2009. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you."

On this date:

In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington D.C. of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea.)

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for just 13 months, died at age 73.

Five years ago:

Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced in Chesapeake, Va., to life in prison.

One year ago: A suicide bomber killed five U.S. soldiers as they chatted with shop owners while on a foot patrol in central Baghdad.

Today's Birthdays:

Talk show host Ralph Emery is 76. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 71. Actor Chuck Norris is 69. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 62. Actress Shannon Tweed is 52. Actress Sharon Stone is 51. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 46. Music producer Rick Rubin is 46. Britain's Prince Edward is 45. Actress Paget Brewster is 40.

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Stiffer speeding fines adopted

ATLANTA — The House has adopted stiffer fines on motorists who speed to help shore up Georgia's ailing network of trauma hospitals.

The measure would tack on an additional \$200 on drivers who top 85 mph on four-lane roads and interstate highways and those who top 75 mph on two-lane roads. The so-called "Super Speeder" measure passed 113-53 Monday and goes to the Senate.

Sponsors say it could raise more than \$30 million each year.

Critics say the measure is little more than a new tax.

Search resumes for plane crash victim

CARROLLTON — Dive teams are searching for a third person killed in the crash of a small plane into a private lake in west Georgia.

Emergency crews suspended the search of Shadinger Lake near Carrollton just before 10 p.m. Sunday. Carrollton Fire Department Chief Jimmy Bearden says the search resumed Monday morning.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen says the 1975 Cessna 182 had left Cobb County Airport-McCollum Field and crashed into the lake around 9 a.m. Sunday about three miles southwest of the University of West Georgia.

The first crews to arrive found the bodies of a man and a woman.

Killer faces execution

ATLANTA — A man scheduled to be put to death Tuesday for the murder of a female neighbor who spurned his advances has asked a state panel to spare his life.

Robert Newland was convicted in 1987 and sentenced to die for the slaying of Carol Sanders Beatty, 27, a former state and national amateur diving champion who was killed in the garden of her St. Simons Island home.

Newland's attorney Brian Kammer said in court filings that he would ask the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles in a closed-door meeting Monday to commute the sentence to life in prison with no chance of parole. He said Newland is remorseful and that the crime was a result of alcohol and drug abuse.

Proposal would ban video lottery

ATLANTA — A Savannah Republican has introduced a measure to ban video lottery terminals that is aimed at silencing a \$450 million proposal to build a casino in downtown Atlanta.

State Rep. Burke Day's proposal introduced Monday would specifically ban the video lottery terminals, which supporters compare to electronic lottery machines. Gambling is illegal in Georgia, but state law doesn't specifically ban the devices.

The devices are at the centerpiece of an unsolicited proposal by Atlanta developers to redevelop Underground Atlanta and build a 29-story hotel with more than 5,500 of the terminals. The developers say it could ultimately pump more than \$300 million each year into the state's lottery-funded education programs.

The Associated Press

Restricting research

Lawmakers push to curb stem cell use

BY SHANNON McCAFFREY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers on Monday rushed to restrict the use of embryos for stem cell research in the state even as President Barack Obama lifted limits on using federal dollars for such work.

Supporters believe embryonic stem cell research could lead the way to treating serious ailments, such as Parkinson's disease and spinal injuries. But opponents, including many religious groups, argue that the promise of embryonic stem cells is overblown and that the work is an assault on life in its earliest form.

On Monday, Georgia Senate Republicans pushed the "Ethical Treatment of Human Embryos Act" through a key committee with little debate and just eight minutes of testimony. The measure would define an embryo as a person. It would ban the creation of an embryo for scientific research in the state and would also prevent the destruction of fertilized embryos for any reason. Violators could face a fine of up to \$1,000 per offense and be stripped of their medical licenses.

The Georgia bill is believed to be the first state measure reining in embryonic stem cell research since Obama revealed plans to overturn restrictions put in place by his predecessor, President Bush. Obama's announcement in Washington on Monday morning came as the state Senate Health and Human Services Committee cleared the Georgia measure by a vote of 7-6. The bill had only passed subcommittee



AP PHOTO

Stem cell researcher Tadashi Sato, not seen, adds growth medium to a dish where stem cells are grown, in Omaha, Neb., Monday, at The University of Nebraska Medical Center.

about two hours earlier by a 2-1 vote.

"We are asking for the destruction of human life to be curtailed in the state of Georgia," Dan Becker, president of the group Georgia Right to Life, told the Senate panel. "This is the beginning, the foundation."

Gov. Sonny Perdue said he does not favor embryonic stem cell research.

"I am absolutely opposed to creating embryos to cure a disease," Perdue told reporters Monday. "I think there are other tissues that can be used and we can develop that research to cure disease."

As part of his economic development strategy, Perdue has been pushing to make Georgia a hub for life sci-

ences and biological research and development.

But critics said the bill would undermine that. They contend the measure closes the door on promising forms of stem cell research in Georgia even as federal money begins to flow to promote it.

Also, medical experts said the revised bill still complicates in vitro fertilization treatments in the state by banning the destruction of human embryos. Fertility clinics could be forced to store unused embryos forever and doctors could also face worries about what would happen if they destroy embryos as part of the fertility treatment.

The bill could face a Senate vote this week. It must still pass the House.



AP PHOTO

President Barack Obama gestures after signing an Executive Order on stem cells and a Presidential Memorandum on scientific integrity, Monday, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Obama overturns Bush policy on stem cells

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing Bush policy, President Barack Obama on Monday cleared the way for a significant increase in federal dollars for embryonic stem cell research and promised no scientific data will be "distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda."

Obama signed the executive order on the divisive stem cell issue and a memo addressing what he called scientific integrity before an East Room audience packed with scientists. He laced his remarks with several jabs at the way science was handled by former President George W. Bush.

"Promoting science isn't just about providing

resources, it is also about protecting free and open inquiry," Obama said. "It is about letting scientists like those here today do their jobs, free from manipulation or coercion, and listening to what they tell us, even when it's inconvenient especially when it's inconvenient. It is about ensuring that scientific data is never distorted or concealed to serve a political agenda and that we make scientific decisions based on facts, not ideology."

He said his memorandum is meant to restore "scientific integrity to government decision-making." He called it the beginning of a process of ensuring his administration bases its decision on sound

science; appoints scientific advisers based on their credentials, not their politics; and is honest about the science behind its decisions.

Fulfilling a campaign promise, Obama signed the order that on stem cell research that supporters believe could uncover cures for serious ailments from diabetes to paralysis.

Obama's action reverses Bush's stem cell policy by undoing his 2001 directive that banned federal funding for research into stem lines created after Aug. 9, 2001.

The president said his administration would work aggressively to make up for the ground he said was lost due to Bush's decision.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE



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Halen Thomas, left, and Jesse Ray, fifth-graders at Spring Place Elementary, were nominated to serve as ambassadors as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program because of their character and academic success, school officials said.

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Ford, union reach new deal

DETROIT — Unionized workers at Ford Motor Co. have approved contract changes that include freezing wages and cutting benefits in a move aimed at helping the automaker remain competitive.

The United Auto Workers said Monday a majority of hourly workers voted in favor of modifications to the 2007 contract with Ford, eliminating cost-of-living increases and cash bonuses.

The agreement is expected to be a model for Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corp., which need to bring their labor costs in line with those of foreign auto companies' plants in the U.S. as a condition for the \$17.4 billion they have received in federal loans so far.

ICE official gets 3-year sentence

DETROIT — A former senior immigration official has been sentenced to more than three years in prison for taking bribes in exchange for favors that included the release of illegal immigrants from detention.

A federal judge on Monday sentenced Roy Bailey to 37 months in prison and fined him \$30,000.

Prosecutors say the 55-year-old Romulus man accepted money and gifts in exchange for releasing immigrants awaiting deportation while working as an acting director in the Detroit office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Man jailed in murder of four

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A former male stripper accused of fatally stabbing and slashing his estranged girlfriend and three other people as they slept spent time in state prison on a child abuse conviction, authorities said Monday.



Abbott

Scott Lamar Abbott, 24, was freed in October after serving two stints in state custody for a conviction in Dekalb County, according to officials with the Department of Corrections and the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Soon after, 27-year-old Jeri Lyn Cole posted photos on MySpace, a social networking Web site, of herself and a man who appears to be Abbott. The self-described mother of two mentions her relationship with someone named Scott. A photo showing Abbott and a woman who appears to be Cole can be seen on his MySpace page, describing him as being "in love with my woman and future wife."

Cole was found dead in a house in the Birmingham suburb of Hueytown over the weekend with three other people: William Chad Gilbert, 31; Nika Sandlin, 24; and Joshua Gilleo, 26. Abbott is charged with four counts of capital murder in their deaths.



AP Photo

The Assembly of God Church offers their sympathy on a display outside as a neighboring church, the First Baptist Church prepares for prayer and grief counseling in Maryville, Ill., on Monday. Murder charges were filed Monday in the shooting death of an Illinois pastor gunned down as he preached Sunday at the church.

Pastor shooter's family blames Lyme disease

MARYSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A prosecutor says the 27-year-old man charged with gunning down a suburban St. Louis pastor in the middle of his sermon marked the day as "death day" in a planner.

Madison County State's Attorney William Mudge says investigators found the planner in the home of alleged gunman Terry J. Sedlacek (SEHD'-lack).



Winters

Mudge also says Sedlacek brought enough rounds of ammunition to First Baptist Church in Maryville on Sunday to kill 30 people. Investigators say four rounds were fired before the his gun jammed.

The Troy man is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated battery in the attack that killed the Rev. Fred Winters and left two congregants with stab wounds.

Winters, 45, died of a single shot to the heart, the coroner said Monday. Authorities said they didn't know whether the married father of two knew Sedlacek. They did not comment on a possible motive or on the gunman's mental state.

"We're still not sure what the reasoning was," Illinois State Police Lt. Scott Compton said Monday.

Sedlacek once suffered bouts of erratic behavior his family said was due to Lyme disease. His attorney, Ron Slemmer, told the Belleville News-Democrat that Sedlacek's mental and physical condition suffered after he contracted the disease several years ago.

But Dr. Eugene Shapiro, a Lyme disease expert at Yale University, said it would be unlikely that the tick-borne illness would make someone so violent.

"Lyme disease doesn't cause people to shoot people," Shapiro said.

Sedlacek was ordered held without bond even as he remained hospitalized

Monday in serious condition. Authorities said after the shooting, he pulled out a knife and stabbed himself in the throat while being wrestled to the ground by two worshippers, who also were wounded.

A 39-year-old congregant, Terry Bullard, was also in serious condition Monday. The third victim, Keith Melton, was treated and released.

Sedlacek was featured last year in a St. Louis Post-Dispatch article detailing his battle with Lyme disease. In the article, his mother said the disease left lesions on his brain and that doctors had diagnosed him as mentally ill before discovering the disease.

In the August 2008 article, Ruth Abernathy said her son was taking several medications and had difficulty speaking after contracting the tick-borne illness.

A phone call to a number listed for Robert and Ruth Abernathy in Troy rang unanswered Monday.

Slemmer, Sedlacek's attorney, said the family is "very sorry" about Winters' death and that they spent Sunday evening with a pastor.

Untreated Lyme disease can spread to the bones, heart and nervous system. It can cause brain inflammation and in rare cases, problems with concentration and short-term memory, and sleep disturbances, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site.

Other rare nervous-system symptoms include severe headaches and neck stiffness, which can be treated with antibiotics, Shapiro said.

There are also isolated reports of hallucinations and psychotic illness blamed on Lyme disease. But these are controversial and some experts, including Shapiro, believe affected people likely had pre-existing mental problems or were misdiagnosed and never had Lyme disease.

Several visitors stopped by the church Monday — one with tear-redened eyes who dropped off a card.

Texans letter to IRS touches a nerve in U.S

By **AMANDA WARNER**
Scripps Howard News Service

It began as a joke, a way to let off a little steam -- now "Dear IRS" has infiltrated the nation's newspapers, Internet blogs and Web sites, and it continues to spread.

Once tax season hit, Ed Barnett was feeling sour. After simmering for a few weeks, he poured his frustrations into a letter to the Wichita Falls (Texas) Times Record News, which was published Feb. 6.

In it, the Wichita Falls native and former Times Record News staffer apologized to the Internal Revenue Service for his inability to pay income taxes this year.

After listing several dozen reasons why -- he's already paid cigarette, dog license and social security tax, to name a few -- he asked for the same treatment Democratic Reps. Charles Rangel of New York, Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Barney Frank of Massachusetts, ex-Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. and Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner received: "no penalties and no interest."

"I don't think people realize all the taxes we pay every day," Barnett said. "The letter wasn't meant to be a public service, but I think people are tired of the irresponsibility of Congress."

The nation's taxpayers seem to appreciate Barnett's cool sense of humor and playful jabs at government officials -- newspapers from Dallas to Florida have run his now-famous work. He's received calls from Arizona and Rhode Island for permission to share his letter. It's been forwarded back to his e-mail account multiple times from friends and family.

"It's pretty wild," Barnett said. "I'm sure it's going to get me audited! I had no idea this was going to happen."

While he's new to such widespread recognition and acclaim, this isn't Barnett's first letter to the paper, and it certainly won't be his last.

To read the full version of Barnett's letter, visit www.TimesRecordNews.com and search "Letters to the Editor, February 6."

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BRIDGE

Declarer has blind spot

Some deals contain built-in traps that may lure declarer to an unnecessary defeat. For this reason, declarer should carefully examine all his assets before committing himself to a particular line of play.

Take this case where South got to four hearts and West led the queen of clubs. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, drew two rounds of trumps ending in his hand, then led the ten of diamonds and let it ride. East won with the queen, cashed the king of clubs and shifted to a spade, and West's A-Q of spades put the contract down one.

South bemoaned his bad luck in finding the queen of diamonds and both missing spade honors offside. However, with proper play, the contract was a virtual certainty from the outset. The fault lay in South's becoming overly enamored of dummy's diamonds and the potential spade discard it afforded. Had he instead looked at the hand as a whole, he would have realized that his spade holding was actually an asset rather than a liability.

The correct approach is to draw trumps ending in dummy and lead a spade toward the K-10. After East follows low, South can either finesse the ten or play the king, depending on where he thinks the ace is located.

As it happens, both spade honors are offside, so declarer cannot avoid losing two spade tricks. Nevertheless, the contract is assured.

For example, suppose West wins the ten of spades with the queen and shifts to a diamond. Declarer puts up the ace and plays a second spade to the king and ace, establishing dummy's jack. Whatever West returns, South cannot be stopped from discarding a diamond on the jack of spades, and he winds up losing only two spades and a club.

Tomorrow: In the arms of Morpheus.

North dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ J 8 3
 ♥ J 10 7 2
 ♦ A K J 8
 ♣ A 5

WEST
 ♠ A Q 6 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ 7 6 2
 ♣ Q J 9 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 7 5 4
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ Q 5 4
 ♣ K 10 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 10
 ♥ A K Q 9 4
 ♦ 10 9 3
 ♣ 8 7 4

The bidding:
 North 1♦ East Pass South 1♥ West Pass
 2♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You have to be ready to jump, make changes and do things differently. Your ability to adapt quickly will determine your fate. You will have the drive but the focus may be lacking. Be realistic, practical and patient in order to balance your life. Your numbers are 2, 10, 24, 26, 27, 30, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't wait for others to do things — it's crucial that you do what needs to be done on your own. Put everything else on hold and focus on the most important things in your life. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You don't have to be open about what you are planning to do. Surprise everyone with your actions and your plans. A short trip to have a one-on-one conversation will pay off. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't give in to what everyone else thinks or wants to do. Follow your own ideas and, if that means opening up new friendships, that's what you have to do. You can't let anyone hold you back. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Making a residential move, changing jobs or even just doing things a little differently at home will make your life easier. Assess your situation and act accordingly. Don't wait for someone else to do it for you. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love may be up for grabs or a relationship you are in can take a turn for the best. Plan a trip that brings you in contact with someone you miss. Love is in the stars. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Anxiety is likely to develop if you are involved in personal talks or partnership disputes. If you at least listen, you will have a better understanding of what

needs to be done. You don't have to give in but you do have to find a solution. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get too caught up in what's happening at work or with your peers. Keep things light and concentrate on your personal life. Getting involved in a creative hobby or self-improvement will bring the highest rewards. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got too much going for you to give in to someone's complaints. If you need to get out of the house in order to achieve peace of mind, do so. You have something good in the works and you mustn't let anyone stifle your plans. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't make a move unless you want to backtrack. Sit tight and wait to see what everyone else does first. Sudden changes at home or with friendships may be alarming but, in the end, you will realize that it's probably time for you to move on. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for something new to do and you will make money doing it. You are on a roll and will be able to pull things together quickly. Don't let a new acquaintance get you all worked up when you probably should be taking a pass. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hard work will pay off. Someone from your past will make a difference in your life now. The lessons you've learned will keep you on the right track. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Everything appears to be up in the air. Turn this into an advantage by letting other people's uncertainties be your strength. Before you know it, you will be the one calling the shots. It's confidence that will lead to success. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Energy efficiency Energized Guyz visit Valley Point Elementary

SUBMITTED BY VALLEY POINT ELEMENTARY

The Tennessee Valley Authority partnered with the National Theatre for Children (NTC) recently to educate Valley Point Elementary students on the importance of energy efficiency.

The Energized Guyz, a live theatrical production developed by the NTC, engages students from kindergarten through sixth grade with its colorful characters, interactive script and the latest information on renewable energy.

The Energized Guyz features two professional actors who play a variety of characters in the 25-minute program.

Students learn about energy efficiency while cheering on the play's hero, an apprentice superhero who needs to stop an evil villain who is wasting all the energy in town.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
 The National Theatre for Children performed convocation for the students at Valley Point Elementary recently. Actors Brady Blevins and Courtney Grile joined with Valley Point student Cheyenne McCurry for a skit.

WINNING SPELLERS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
 Maria Ruiz, left, and Autumn Meadows were the spelling bee winners in Reba Howard's fourth-grade class at Spring Place Elementary.

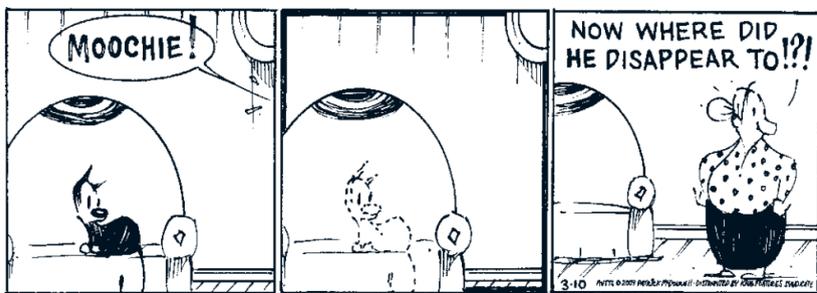
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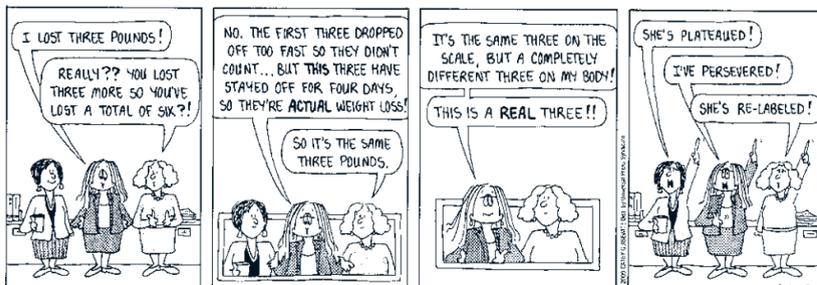
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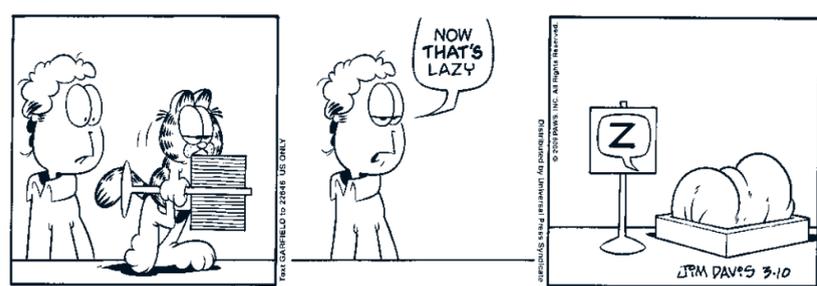
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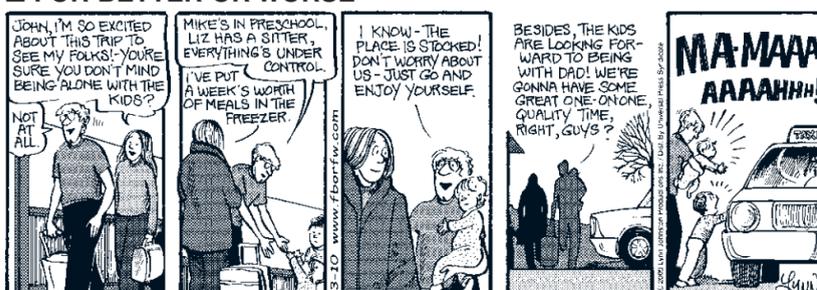
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DEAR ABBY

Boss allows business meeting to become personal chat fest

DEAR ABBY: How do you convince co-workers to stay on topic and on track in business meetings? Each week I am required to attend a mandatory meeting, and each week the people in that meeting drag in personal issues or start talking about the news.

DEAR ABBY: A dear cousin let me know that she'll be coming to visit for two weeks. My problem is, she's allergic to everything and has asked me to purchase special foods for her and to board my cats for the duration of her stay.



Jeanne Phillips

I have tried suggesting that we stay on track and keep the meetings brief, but it's not working — especially since management is one of the worst offenders. Please respond! — ON TRACK IN LAWTON, OKLA.

DEAR ON TRACK: Some companies have eliminated meetings for exactly the reason you have described and found that productivity increased. Those who schedule regular meetings keep them on track by listing the subjects to be discussed on an agenda and sticking to it. However, someone must control the meeting and ensure that the agenda is adhered to.

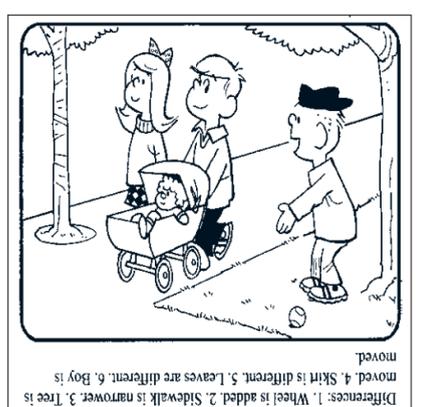
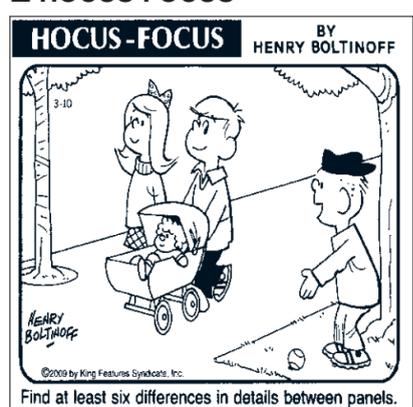
The food and boarding fees are very expensive, and I don't earn that much. Also, my cats are my children. They won't be happy to be away from me, nor will I be happy to have them away. My cousin asked me to do these things after she informed me that she had already purchased her airline tickets. What should I do? — BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

Because your boss is causing the problem, there is nothing you or I can do about it. If it was another employee, "someone" could suggest that the topic of conversation wasn't on the agenda and a better time for discussing it would be during a break or at lunch.

DEAR BETWEEN: If your presumptuous "dear" cousin is "allergic to everything," then surely she must be aware that her allergies will be triggered if she is exposed not only to your cats, but also the dander that they have shed on the furniture, carpets and possibly the window treatments in your home. In other words, boarding your "children" may not be enough to prevent an allergic reaction.

For her sake and yours, before she arrives give her a list of reasonably priced, pet-free hotels and motels close by. Her health could depend on it. And room service should be able to cater to her dietary needs.

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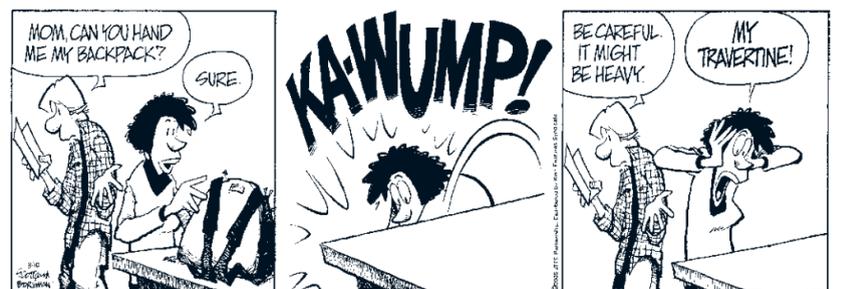
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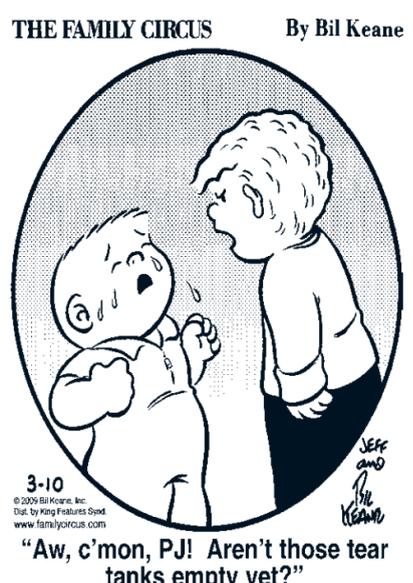
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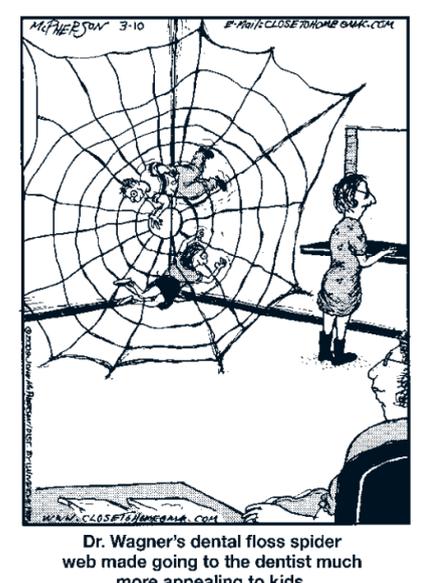
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OBITUARIES

- Charles Wesley Burnette
- Gordon Flowers
- Kathryn Roberts Griffin
- Jessie Lee Howell
- Geneva Coats Keeter
- Mary Alice Pendley Combs McCowan
- Junior Payne
- J.L. Roberson

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Charles Wesley Burnette

Charles Wesley Burnette, of Cohutta, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" Harrison Burnette, and a daughter, Vickie Burnette Nations.



Burnette

He was of the Methodist faith, a member of Cohutta Masonic Lodge No. 64 F&AM and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite. He was an avid pilot and enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Mr. Burnette was also the owner of Three Way Carpet and Burnette's Auto Sales.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Helen Osborn Burnette of the residence; daughters and son-in-law, Karen and Chuck Todd of Dalton and Chrissie Burnette of Cohutta; mother, Ota Burnette Fetzer of Dalton; grandson, Wesley Nations of Cohutta; great-grandsons, Gregory and Landon Nations of Cohutta; a niece, Jessica Osborn of Dalton; nephew, Jeffrey Osborn of Crandall; aunts, uncles and many loving friends and colleagues also survive.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Tommy Ridley officiating.

Pallbearers will be Doyle Sutton, Ronnie Williams, James Kennedy, Leon Lewis, Harold Sutton, Glen Kendrick and Leonard Quinn.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens. Masonic graveside rites will be rendered by Cohutta Masonic Lodge No. 64 F&AM. A white dove release will conclude the service.

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

Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at www.julianpeoples.com.

Arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove

Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Highway, Dalton. Call (706) 259-7455 for further information.

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Gordon Flowers

Gordon Flowers, 73, of Dalton, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at his residence. Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton.

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Kathryn Roberts Griffin

Mrs. Kathryn Roberts Griffin, 79, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday evening, March 8, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Griffin was born Aug. 17, 1929, in Columbia, S.C., a daughter of the late Wilbur and Marie Dobson Roberts. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Benjamin Roberts. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Kathryn and her husband, Franklin, would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in April.

She is survived by her husband, Franklin Griffin of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Franklin Herschel and Faye Griffin of South Pittsburg, Tenn.; grandchildren, Britney Byram and Cason Griffin of South Pittsburg.

Memorial services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Kathryn Griffin are Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. She will be laid to rest at West Hill Cemetery.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the family at www.pondersfuneral-home.com.

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Jessie Lee Howell

Jessie Lee Howell, 93, of Athens, Tenn., died Monday, March 9, 2009, at NHC Healthcare of Athens, Tenn., after a lengthy illness.

She was a native of Sparta, Tenn., and a daughter of the late Ray and Ovie Bussell Howell. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Raymond Howell, and two brothers, Ray Thomas Howell and William H. Howell.

Mrs. Howell was a member of North Athens Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years. She prepared the sacraments for the Lord's Supper for more than 25 years. She influenced many young ladies to become lifelong leaders in women's ministries. She

attended Pleasant Hill Academy in Pleasant Hill, Tenn., where she cultivated skills for baking and cooking. She was noted for entertaining her family and friends with delicious food. She was a hairdresser and owned Jessie Lee's Beauty Shop for 30 years. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and friend.

Survivors include daughter, Carole Whaley of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry H. and Velva Howell of Athens; four grandchildren, Randy Dockins of Dalton, Todd and Michelle Howell of Manchester, Tenn., Mark and Penny Howell of Georgetown, Ky., and Carol and Jimmy Brooks of Athens; eight great-grandchildren, Stephen Howell, Isabel Brooks, Elliott Brooks, Ryan Howell, Andrew Howell, Abby Howell, Allyson Howell and Olivia Howell; two step-grandchildren, Carl and Nancy Whaley and Brenda and Bobby Cantrell of Dalton; brother, Kenneth Howell of Englewood, Tenn.; three sisters, Nellie Howell of Madisonville, Tenn., Wilma Howell Boylin of Nashville, Tenn., and Laverne Fuqua and her husband Bryant of Nashville; four nieces, one locally, Karen Burrell, and one nephew; also great-nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends and caregivers, particularly those in NHC Nursing Home.

Services are today at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with Dr. Bob Kerr, the Rev. J.J. Christman and the Rev. Mark Howell officiating.

Burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Mike Morrison, Jimmy Rogers, Terry Smith, Clyde Morrison, Doyle Chambers and J.B. Wilson.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions to The Building Needs of North Athens Baptist Church, 402 Tellico Ave., Athens, TN 37303; or American Heart Association, c/o Citizens National Bank, P.O. Box 220, Athens, TN 37303.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 7 p.m. and those not able to attend may send condolences to www.laycock-hobbs.com.

Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements. This announcement is a courtesy of Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton.

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Geneva Coats Keeter

Geneva Coats Keeter, age 85, of Chatsworth, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2009 after a long illness.

Geneva was born on Sept. 6, 1923 in Concord, N.C. but

spent most of her life in the Dalton and Chatsworth area. She and her husband owned several businesses including



Keeter

Keeter's Truck Stop and Restaurant in Chatsworth, Keeter's Carpet and Keeter's Restaurant in Asheville, N.C. and Keeter's Salvage in Dalton. Geneva was food services manager at Dalton College for several years. After her retirement, Geneva spent much of her time cooking at the soup kitchen in Dalton and sitting with the sick. She loved the senior centers in both Dalton and Chatsworth and loved playing cards, attending functions and taking trips with the seniors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. D. Keeter; parents, Walter Coats and Lula Belle Coats; brothers, Kenneth and Franklin Coats; sister, Joyce Coats Chappell; daughter, Debbie Keeter Thomison.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Daryl and Sheila Keeter of Chatsworth, Mitchell and Nancy Keeter of Dalton, Dudley and Lisa Keeter of Cohutta, Michael Keeter of Fletcher, N.C.; daughter, Kim Keeter Chapman of Calhoun; sister, Christine Coats Thompson of Dalton; 10 grandchildren, Dawn and Eric Barr, Shawn and Cathy Keeter, Shannon Sneed and Justin Felts, Shea Sneed, Stephanie Wood, Mindy Keeter Hodsdon, Jennifer Keeter, Brock Keeter, Rachel Keeter, Heather Keeter Fleire; 13 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews also survive.

Services are today at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with Bro. Tommy Crider and Bro. David LeGrand officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc., 855 Abutment Rd. Suite 6, Dalton, GA, 30721.

The family received friends at the funeral home Monday. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guest register signed at www.julianpeoples.com.

The family would like to thank the staff of Chatsworth Healthcare and Georgia Mountain Hospice for the wonderful care of Geneva during her illness.

Funeral arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, Ga. For more information, call (706) 259-7455.

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Mary Alice Pendley Combs McCowan

Mary Alice Pendley Combs McCowan, 88, of Oak Ridge and formerly of Dalton, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 1, 1920, in Chatsworth. She moved to Oak Ridge during World War II, while it was still the "Secret City." She did the general ledger for Roane Anderson and remembered well the day the world learned of Oak Ridge and its role in ending the war.

She retired from ORNL in 1991 after 31 years of service. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge for 65 years. She loved her church and served as a deacon for many years. She belonged to the Christian Women's Club, the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Oak Ridge Women's Club, Joyful Reconcilers, and volunteered at the YWCA. She was a bridge Life Master, and in recent years continued to play bridge several times a week at the Senior Center.

She considered her children and their families the accomplishment of her life and loved to travel with family, play games, and laugh.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lincoln Combs, and her second husband, Herb McCowan; parents Dewey and Edna Pendley; and sister, Louise Adams.

She is survived by three sisters, Rose Marie Westmoreland, Eileen Mullinax and husband Larry, and Janet Suddeth, all of Georgia; and one brother, Dewey Pendley of Bristol, Tenn.

She is also survived by six daughters, Alice Carole Holtzclaw and husband Terrell of Dalton, Jo Anne Lavender and husband Neal of Knoxville, Marti Parrish and husband Leo of Statesboro, Marie Westfall and husband Joe, Mary Anthony and husband Gary and Janice Combs, all of Oak Ridge; three sons, Henry Combs and wife Caroline of Knoxville, Curtis Combs and wife Bonnie of Huntsville, Ala., John Combs and wife Susan of Asheville, N.C.

She is also survived by 25 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, Shawn, Ann, Nathan, Katie and Samuel Holtzclaw, Traci, Carter, Cassie and Kelli Cleveland, Tad, Krista, Rand and Claire Holtzclaw, Charlotte, David and Rebecca Combs, Waylon and Jamie Howell, Dianne, Steve, Mick, Candi, John, Cristen, Madison and Abbey McCoy, McKenzie Queener; Julia, Noah and Cayden Thomas, Lindsey and Tim Murphy, Lauren Thomas, Katie, Mike, Jill, Sydney and

Alison Combs, Brian Ballard, Willie Bender, Christi, Matt, Emma and Hannah Oliver, Wesley, Jacob and Lucas Anthony; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge with the service to follow from 6 to 7. An online guest book may be signed at www.weatherfordmortuary.com. The family requests that memorials be in the form of donations to First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, The Oak Ridge Women's Shelter (YWCA), UT Hospice, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Weatherford Mortuary of Oak Ridge is in charge of arrangements.

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Junior Payne

Mr. Junior Payne, 63, of Chatsworth, died at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth.

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J.L. Roberson

Mr. J.L. Roberson, 58, of Dalton, departed this life 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 Resaca; 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, Jerry J. Roberson and John W. Roberson; a number of nieces and nephews.

Services are Wednesday at noon in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Henderson officiating.

Burial will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

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

Please visit our Web site at www.pondersfuneral-home.com to share words of comfort 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.

PURIM CELEBRATED



Children of the Romanian Jewish community dressed in costumes are seen during celebrations of the Jewish festival of Purim, at the Great Synagogue in Bucharest, Romania on Monday. Jews celebrate Purim by dressing up in costumes and reading the Book of Esther, which recounts a victory by the Jews over their enemies in ancient Persia.

N. Korea puts troops on alert

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea put its troops on alert and cut the last hot line to Seoul on Monday as the American and South Korean militaries began joint maneuvers. The communist regime warned that even the slightest provocation could trigger war.

The North stressed that provocation would include any attempt to interfere with its impending launch of a satellite into orbit. U.S. and Japanese officials fear the launch could be a cover for a test of a long-range attack missile and have suggested they might move to intercept the rocket.

"Shooting our satellite for peaceful purposes will precisely mean a war," North Korea's military threatened in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency. Any interception attempt will draw "a just, retaliatory strike," it said.

The North has been on a steady retreat from reconciliation since President Lee Myung-bak took office in the South a year ago. After Lee said the North must continue dismantling its nuclear program if it wants aid, Pyongyang cut ties, suspended joint projects and stepped up its belligerence rhetoric.

"The danger of a military conflict is further increasing than ever before on the Korean peninsula because of the saber

rattling which involves armed forces huge enough to fight a war," the North's news agency warned as Pyongyang put its armed forces on standby for combat.

Allied commanders say the exercises are the annual drills the two nations have held for years, while the North has been condemning them as a rehearsal for invasion.

"Our military exercises with the Republic of Korea are not a threat to the North," U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Wood said Monday, using South Korea's official name. "What is a threat to the region is this bellicose rhetoric coming out of the North."

Analysts say North Korea's heated words are designed to grab President Barack Obama's attention. With South Korea cutting off aid, the impoverished North is angling for a diplomatic coup of establishing direct ties with the U.S., said Kim Yong-hyun, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University.

For weeks, the North has said it is forging ahead with plans to send a communications satellite into space — a launch that U.S. and Japanese officials say would violate a U.N. Security Council resolution banning the North from testing ballistic missiles.

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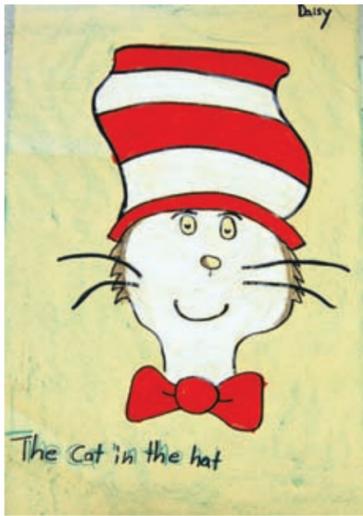
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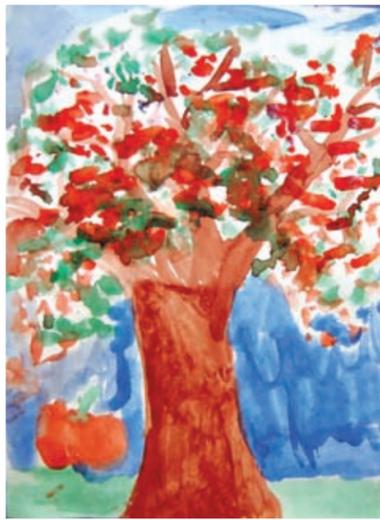
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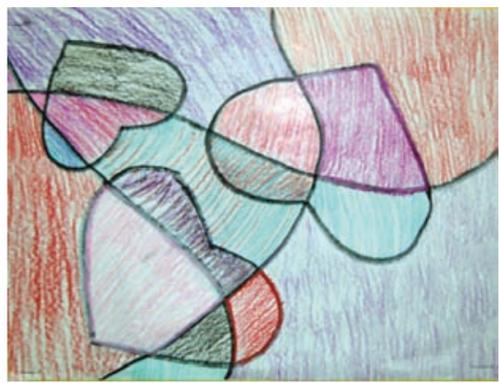
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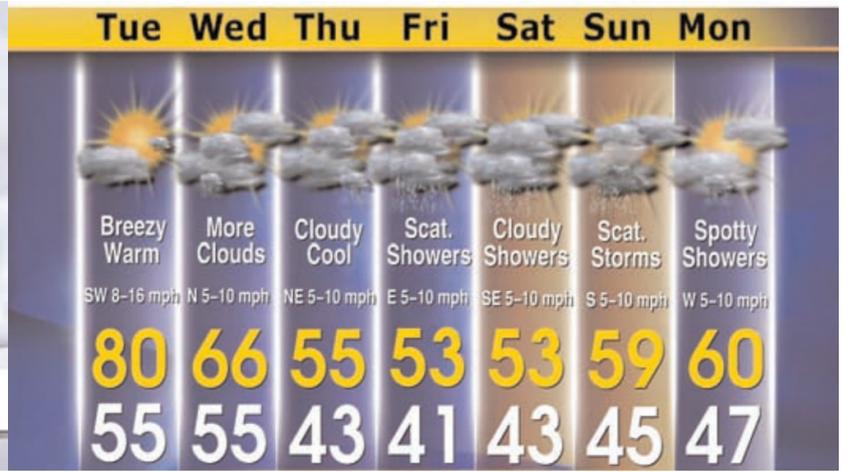
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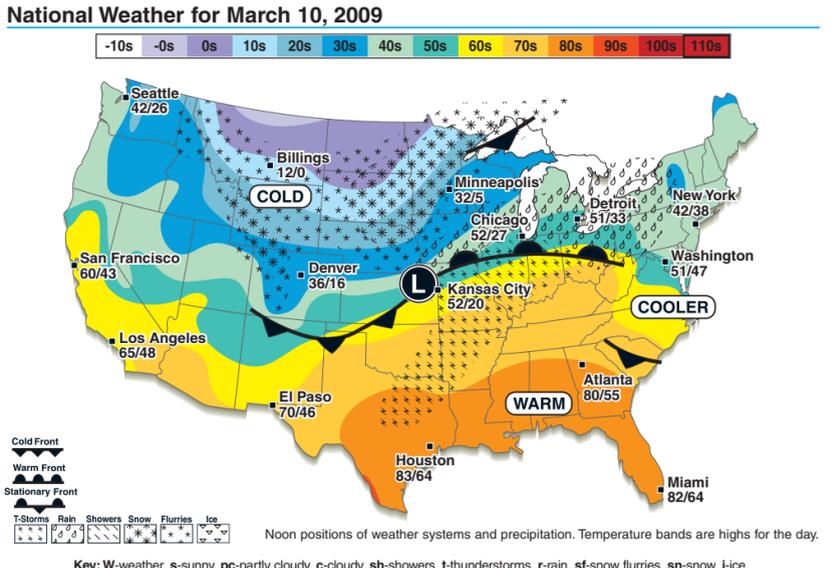
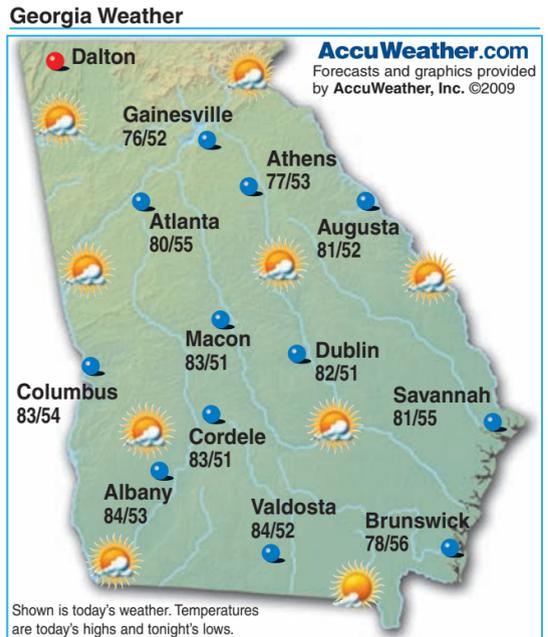
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PREP FOOTBALL



Dalton High senior offensive lineman Alex Burse, right, gets a hug from his sister Rakesha, who is holding her son Malachi, 3, just before he signed scholarship papers with Shorter College on Monday at the high school.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

Bajer to suit up for Scots

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Murray County's Jacob Bajer knew he would go to college, with or without the opportunity to play football. A flawless academic standing throughout high school made sure of that.

Bajer had the chance to attend Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and be a walk-on with the football team. Or he could have gone to North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega or Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., and been an every-day student at either school.



Bajer



Lowe

But last week, Bajer and his mother, Rhonda Evans, visited Tennessee's Maryville College and discovered a perfect fit. Before he left the campus, located about 10 miles from Knoxville and at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Bajer told Scots assistant coach Shaun Hayes he had decided to attend Maryville.

Bajer can take his 4.0 grade point average and study either physical education or accounting — he hasn't made that decision yet — and be a member of the Scots' football team as well.

"Right when I stepped on campus I knew that's where I wanted to be," Bajer said. "It's a nice setting and people are friendly. I'm very excited and very fortunate. Not many people get to play football four more years and get a great education too. And I'm getting most of my school paid for through academic scholarships."

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A big day for Burse

Dalton lineman signs with Shorter

BY ADAM KROHN

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When Alex Burse was a freshman at Murray County, he was failing two classes and treading in the direction of losing his spot on the 9th grade and junior varsity football teams to academic ineligibility.

As a senior at Dalton High, Burse finished the fall semester with a 3.1 grade point average in addition to being a standout offensive lineman for a Catamounts football team that featured two of the top five area rushers and finished with a 10-3 record in 2008.

He was also named to *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Football Team for the first time with a team-best 32 pancake blocks.

His outstanding efforts were officially rewarded on Monday when he signed with Shorter College, a four-year school in Rome,

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where he will play football for the Hawks on a partial athletic scholarship.

Burse said other schools — such as the University of West Georgia — were in the mix, but he chose the Hawks, an NAIA school that competes in the Mid-South Conference, because they offered the opportunity to play immediately.

"I don't want to be standing on the sidelines," said the 6-1, 285-pound Burse. "Playing time means a lot. (Coach Phil Jones) told me that five (starting linemen) graduated and that if I came (to Shorter), I could get playing time as a freshman."

From an academic standpoint, Burse, who's considering majoring in criminology, believes Shorter is the best fit for him. But Burse didn't always think in terms of academics — certainly not during his freshman year.

"I was immature and always goofing off or getting into fights," Burse said. "The coaches were really getting on to me. I didn't understand the importance of being a student-athlete."

Burse said his mom, Bridgette Craig, believed a change of scenery would serve him well, so he transferred to Dalton his sophomore year. With encouragement from Dalton head coach Ronnie McClurg and line coach Johnnie McIntosh, Burse began shifting his focus from goofing off and fighting to studying and football.

COMMENTARY: IN THE PITS



AP PHOTO

Mark Martin slides across the infield grass during Sunday's Kobalt Tools 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Although this was the season Martin had his best shot at winning a Cup championship, things haven't gone according to plan so far.

Little luck might go long way for Martin

If Mark Martin didn't have bad luck, he probably wouldn't have any luck at all. He's learned that the hard way over his 27 years at NASCAR's top level.

There have been four runner-up championship finishes and a myriad of small disasters on a resume that most likely will still go down as one of the greatest in series history.

So is it really any surprise Martin's start to the season has been hit by misfortune?

"I do have a history of not being the luckiest guy out there," he said Monday, softly chuckling a day after yet another malfunction ruined what was on pace to be a top-five run.



Jenna Fryer

He was fourth at Atlanta on Sunday when he apparently ran over something on the track, causing his right rear tire to fail. But despite a severely damaged Chevrolet, crew chief Alan Gustafson was

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AREA ROUNDUP

Shaky start hurts Lions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christian Heritage baseball coach Noah Stokes didn't want the season to begin with the Lions committing three first-inning errors that led to both of the Chattanooga Patriots' runs in a 2-0 loss.

But he anticipated his team might be a little rusty going into Monday's home game.

"It's the first time this year we've all been on the field at the same time," Stokes said. "Basketball season took half our team and once their season ended, the juniors and seniors started taking their class trips. So it looked like we were on vacation tonight."

Jarred Cronan took the loss despite giving up just one hit, striking out six in four innings. Tommy Malerbi pitched three hitless innings while walking one and striking out two.

After the wild first inning, the Lions defense settled down as Christian Heritage allowed just two other baserunners. The Lions had several opportunities to get back in the game, but failed to capitalize.

Cronan — who led the offense with two of the team's five hits — hit a first-inning double, but never moved past second. In the fourth inning, they had runners at first and second with no outs before two infield flies and a strikeout ended the inning. In the fourth inning they had runners at second and third with two outs and struck out and in the seventh, they had the bases loaded with one out and failed to score.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Christian Heritage senior Jarred Cronan pitches during the Lions' season opener on Monday at home. Early errors hurt the Lions, who lost 2-0 to the Chattanooga Patriots.

"We just couldn't get things to tip in our favor tonight," Stokes said. "We'll play at Griffin Christian tomorrow, so hopefully we got all that out of the way."

■ **Southeast 18, Trion:** The Raiders (2-2) set a new school record for hits with 24, led by Michael Simpson and Ryan Andrews, who had four each.

The Raiders started slowly, leading 1-0 after the first inning and 3-1 after the third. But they continued to pile on to their lead and were up 11-6 after five innings before adding seven runs in the sixth and seventh.

Simpson finished with five

RBI, two runs, a double and a triple in six plate appearances and Andrews added two RBIs in five at-bats.

Trey Parris was 3-for-6 with an RBI, a run and stolen base, Tanner McCutchen was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, two runs and two stolen bases, Caleb Moore was 2-for-5 with a two-run home run, three RBIs, two runs and a stolen base, Andrew Shipman was 2-for-2 and Colby Cook was 2-for-3.

Cory Bevans picked up the win for Southeast, going two innings

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Area: Dalton tennis teams move to 4-1

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while striking out one, walking one and giving up no runs on five hits. The Raiders pitching staff combined to give up eight hits and five walks while striking out seven.

Defensively, Southeast struggled as five errors led to three unearned runs.

"We're extremely excited to be hitting the ball this well," Raiders coach Jason Keller said. "But we have to play better defense if we're going to be great."

Varsity golf

■ **Murray County boys 165, Gordon Lee 199:** At Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth, the Indians navigated the nine-hole, par-36 course led by Zach Gibson (40) and Tyler Simpson (41). Chase Jones, Jacob Wildes and Dylan Lankford all finished with a 42.

■ **Gordon Lee girls 96, Murray 105:** Alicia Money maker shot a 45 and Ashley Webb a 56 for the Lady Indians.

Varsity tennis

■ **Dalton boys 8, Red Bank 1:** In pro-set play, the Catamounts (4-1) earned singles wins from No. 1 Sam Awad (8-2), No. 2 Price Puryear (8-0), No. 3 Blake Garrett (8-2), No. 4 Hunter Carson (8-4), No. 5 Jeffrey Hair (8-0) and No. 6 Sam Batts (8-0). In doubles, No. 2 Hepin Patel and Erik Morton (8-3) and No. 3 Awad and William Sanchez (8-0).

■ **Dalton girls 7, Red Bank 2:** The Lady Catamounts (4-1) got singles wins from No. 1 Emily Harbin (8-4), No. 2 Audrey Puryear (8-1), No. 3 Lauren Long (8-4), No. 4 Emily Broadrick (8-2), No. 5 Malaka Awad (8-1) and No. 6 Mary May Wilson (forfeit). In doubles, No. 3 Emily Liner and Gita Khote won by forfeit.

JV soccer

■ **Murray County girls 5, Adairsville 1:** Kayla Terro's two goals led the Lady Indians (1-4) to their first win of the season and Vanessa Carlos and Karla Sinaloa also added goals.



Christian Heritage's Landon McClure fields a fly ball during the Lions' 2-0 loss to open the season at home against the Chattanooga Patriots on Monday. The Lions return to action today with a trip to play Griffin Christian.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

The remaining Murray goal was scored by an Adairsville player. Keepers Guadalupe Miranda and Roxanna Cervantes combined in goal.

MS tennis

■ **Christian Heritage boys 5, Spalding 4:** In Independent Schools of Chattanooga play, the Lions won their first match in school history, getting singles wins from No. 1 Phillip McClure (8-3), No. 4 Devin Sanders (8-4) and No. 5 Morgan Craig (9-7). In doubles, the Lions got wins from No. 1 McClure and Evan Townsend (8-4) and No. 3 Morgan Craig and Gregory Howard (8-0).

■ **Spalding girls 8, Christian Heritage 1:** In their season opener, the

Lady Lions earned a win at No. 5 singles from Tegan McEntire (8-5).

■ **Dalton Middle's tennis teams** swept boys and girls matches with Heritage-Catoosa this past Thursday, winning both season openers 5-0.

In pro set competition, the Cougars picked up singles wins from B.J. Rowland (8-2), Thomas DeLay (8-0) and Nathan Bryant (8-4), plus doubles victories from Pratik Bhattar and Ryan Harper (8-2) and Sam Dyer and Efra Uscona (8-2).

For the Lady Cougars, Kara Pendley (8-1), Anna Grace Wilson (8-1) and Rachel Bakker (8-1) won in singles, while Cortney Morton and Marylyn Braun (8-1) and Kathryn Harbin and Sheridan Fromm (8-0) did so in doubles.

Burse: Joins a Hawks team on the rise

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"They were like father figures to me," Burse said of McClurg and McIntosh, both of whom stepped down from their coaching duties after the 2007 season.

Dalton coach Adam Winegarden realizes the significance of Burse's achievements in the classroom.

"You've got to have A's and B's at least to get a 3.1 grade point average," he said. "I couldn't be prouder."

Burse also made impressive strides on the field as well. When he first arrived at Dalton, Burse was relegated to the JV team his sophomore year as mandated by the Georgia High School Association.

Cats offensive coordinator/line coach Chad Jordan, who worked with Burse for all of his three seasons at Dalton, said it was Burse's attitude and willingness to learn that led to his accelerated development as a football player.

"When he first came to us we had him playing defense on the scout team," Jordan said. "And he could really move. He was all over the place. And we're talking a 240-250 pound kid. He's got excellent feet and good strength."

"His attitude was great



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High senior offensive lineman Alex Burse, the Catamounts' starting right tackle in 2008, signed football scholarship papers with Shorter College on Monday at the high school. Pictured are, front row left to right, grandmother Ernestine Hagans, Burse, sister Rakesha Burse, nephew Malachi Burse, mother Bridgette Craig, cousin Whitley Watson; back row, Dalton football coaches Bill Mayo, Chad Jordan, Scott Thompson, Adam Winegarden, Charles Mitchell, Jim Bennett, Reggie Upshaw and athletic director Ronnie McClurg.

and he worked hard to get better. Once he learned the concepts we were teaching him, he took off. He could have helped us as a sophomore, but he (wasn't allowed) to play."

Shorter's football program — which completed its fourth season this past fall — finished 9-3 overall in 2008, which ended with a first-

round playoff loss at Cumberland.

When Burse joins the team, he will have familiar company in former Cats teammate David Hall, a defensive lineman and 2007 Dalton graduate.

Burse said he will join the team "probably the day after I graduate," adding that he's already been faxed the paper-

work necessary to participate in summer camp. He believes he's ready for the new challenge that awaits him.

"It's going to be a little tough," he said, "but I'm going to work to gain the respect of a new program after being at Dalton for three years."

"I've got to start all over again."

LOCAL SPORTS: CALENDAR

Road race

• The Carpet Capital Running Club's St. Patrick's Day Road Race, a two-mile event, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 12. Race day registration only, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Tibbs Rd; entry fee is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members and 2009 club dues may be paid at the race. Food and drinks will be served after the race, door prizes and awards will be presented and the first 100 runners to sign up will receive a T-shirt. For information, visit carpetcapitalrunningclub.com or call (706) 264-8547.

Leagues, tryouts

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

• The Dalton Parks and Recreation Department is registering teams for adult softball leagues in co-ed, men's, women's and morning (12 games, \$400 per team) and church, Wednesday night and Friday night (eight games, \$325). Managers meetings are scheduled for March 23 (men's B, C and C+ at 6 p.m.; women's and co-ed at 7 p.m.) and March 24 (morning at 10 a.m.; Wednesday night, Friday night and church at 7 p.m.). For information, call (706) 278-1057.

• The Lakeview Lookouts, a youth basketball team, are holding tryouts for their 17-under team from 6-7:30 p.m. on March 24 at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School. For information, contact Mark Oliver at (706) 280-8121 or moliver.lfo@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

• The Whitfield Reds are looking for one 8-year-old boy to play travel baseball. Call Ricky Chumley at (423) 593-5020.

Clinics

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

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

Tournaments

• USFA girls fastpitch tournaments are scheduled for March 14-15 at Warner Park in Chattanooga; March 21-22 at Heritage Point in Dalton; March 28-29 at Warner Park; April 4-5 at Cleveland (Tenn.) Industrial Park; and April 11 at Heritage Point. All teams from 8-to-18-under are invited. Contact Garry Headrick at Garry_Headrick2001@yahoo.com or (706) 483-1346.

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

• The eighth "Bash-4-Cash" softball tournament will be held in Cleveland, Tenn., on March 13-15 for teams in classes B, C, D, E, as well as rec and women's divisions. Prize for winning is \$1,000; rec teams will receive plaques. Entry fee

is \$235, plus an ISA sanction fee. Contact Billy Knight at (423) 479-5500, (423) 421-3285 or (423) 504-2574.

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

• The Lady Falcons will host the "Board-Breakin' Blast" basketball tournament for ages 8-17 boys and girls on March 13-15 at the Murray County Recreation Department in Chatsworth. Format will be pool play, with top two teams per age group advancing to championship. Three-game guarantee, with team trophies and T-shirts for top two teams. Entry fee is \$175 per team; registration deadline is March 11. Contact Chris Tipton at (706) 263-0313 or tipton7@charter.net or Linda Kilgore at (706) 260-6506 or linda.kilgore@murray.k12.ga.us.

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

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

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

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

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

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Bajer: Indians' leading rusher in 2007

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Bajer, a 6-foot, 195-pounder with the versatility to play several positions at Maryville, has been fortunate before. During the first practice following Murray County's 2008 season opener, a 17-13 victory over East Hall that snapped the Indians' 21-game losing streak, Bajer suffered a serious knee injury. He tore the anterior cruciate ligament and partially tore the medial collateral ligament in his left knee.

That would mean the end of the year for most players, but Bajer didn't let his senior season slip away. He dedicated himself to returning to action and played in the Indians' final three games, though he was limited to playing mostly at tight end. In 2008, Bajer rushed

17 times for 59 yards, a 3.5-yard average, and made three tackles.

"I've never had a player in 12 years recover from a knee injury like Jacob had," said former Indians coach Josh Lowe, now the athletic director at North Murray High. "I didn't doubt his love for football, and for me he was always one of the most dedicated workers on the team. He was always one of the first to arrive and last to leave. But to overcome that injury was a blessing."

While the Indians struggled through an 0-10 season in 2007, Bajer was the Indians' leading rusher with 267 yards on 93 carries for a 2.9-yard average. He caught two passes for 9 yards, returned 15 kickoffs for 211 yards (a 14.1-yard average) and two punts for 22 yards.

Defensively, Bajer

recorded 13 tackles and 12 assists, with two tackles for lost yardage, and caused one fumble to finish with 47 points in Murray's defensive grading system.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he could play in the secondary or linebacker or tight end at Maryville," Lowe said. "In conversations I've had with coaches up there, that's kind of what they've got in mind."

Maryville is a Division III school, which does not give athletic scholarships, and is a member of the USA South Atlantic Conference. The Scots were 7-3 in 2007 and 5-5 last season. They are coached by Tony Ierulli, who is preparing for his seventh season at the school. Ierulli, who attended Maryville College and played football and baseball, is a cousin to New York

Yankees manager Joe Girardi.

Ierulli won't have to worry about Bajer handling the football schemes — or the academic workload.

"I think my lowest grade was a 93, something like three points from a B," Bajer said. "To be honest, I never had to study that much. I studied when I needed to. It just comes natural."

Bajer said math was his strongest subject, thus the interest in accounting. If he chooses to major in physical education at Maryville, he will likely end up teaching and coaching.

"Since I started playing football I always thought about coaching," Bajer said. "And since there's no chance I could go pro, it would be all right to think about coaching."

Falcons sign former Rams O-lineman

ATLANTA (AP) — Free-agent center Brett Romberg, who started six games for the St. Louis Rams in 2008, has signed with the Atlanta Falcons. Romberg, 29, played in

33 games, including 18 starts, for the Rams the last three years. He started nine games in 2007.

Romberg is expected to compete for playing time behind Todd McClure.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mountaineers to face MC in Oct.

North Murray High has announced its inaugural football schedule for this fall, which will be highlighted by an Oct. 29 meeting with Murray County's junior varsity team at Murray Field, where both teams will play home games this season. The Mountaineers will also open the season by hosting Dade County's JV team on Sept. 5.

Other home games include River Ridge's varsity team (Sept. 11), Southeast's JV team (Sept. 15), Locust Grove's varsity team (Oct. 2) and Gordon Central's JV team (Oct. 15).

Away games include a scrimmage against Heritage-Catoosa's varsity team (Aug. 21) and regular-season contests vs. Gilmer County's JV team (Sept. 24), Cherokee's JV team (Oct. 8), Locust Grove's varsity team (Oct. 23) and River Ridge's varsity team (Nov. 6).

Although they will not play a region football schedule this year, the Mountaineers will be aligned with Region 6-3A for other sports.

Pro skate team coming to Dalton

The eight-man team for Bacon Skateboards, based out of Portland, Ore., will put on a demonstration at the North Georgia Skate Park at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$8. For information, contact Loretta Scrivin at (706) 272-0901.

Mocs win SoCon, grab NCAA bid

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Keyron Sheard scored 18 points and Chattanooga beat College of Charleston 80-69 on Monday night to win the Southern Conference tournament.

The Mocs (18-16) earned their 10th NCAA tournament appearance with the automatic bid. They last appeared in the tournament in 2005, losing in the opening round to Wake Forest.

Stephen McDowell, who earned the tournament's most outstanding player award, added 15 points for the Mocs. Ty Patterson had 12 and Kevin Goffney scored 10.

Two Tech players earn ACC honors

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina star Tyler Hansbrough became the first player to be unanimously selected four times to the all-Atlantic Coast Conference team when the squad was announced on Monday.

Tar Heels teammate Ty Lawson joined him on the first team, along with Florida State guard Toney Douglas, Duke swingman Gerald Henderson and Miami guard Jack McClinton.

Georgia Tech's Gani Lawal was named to the third team, while fellow Yellow Jacket Iman Shupert landed in the all-rookie lineup.

Chipper's injury not a big concern

TORONTO — Chipper Jones will take at least five days off to recover from a mild strain on his right side and the Atlanta third baseman hopes to return to the United States' lineup in the second round of the World Baseball Classic.

Jones was injured swinging at a pitch in the fifth inning of Sunday's 15-6 victory over Venezuela, which ensured the U.S. would move on at the WBC. He limited himself to light running during Monday's workout but said he might try "some light stuff" today.

— Staff, AP Reports

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
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
 Dalton at Cleveland, Tenn., 4:45
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 JV baseball
 McCallie at Dalton, 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 baseball
 Dalton at LaFayette, 5
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
 Ake-A-Wish All-Star 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

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
 NEW YORK YANKES—Optioned RHP Andrew Brackman to Charleston (SAL). Reassigned RHP J.B. Cox, RHP George Kontos and RHP Kaneoqa Teixeira to their minor league camp.
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned RHP Jeff Gray to Sacramento (PCL). Reassigned RHP Brett Hunter, RHP Jared Lanford, RHP Arnold Leon, RHP Tyson Ross, C Josh Donaldson, INF Tagg Bozied, INF Adrian Cardenas, INF Chris Carter, INF Yung-Chi Chen and INF Jamie Weeks to their minor league camp. National League
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Assigned RHP Joe Batsman to their minor-league camp.
 NEW YORK METS—Named Danielle Sessa Parillo director of communications.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Reassigned LHP Daniel Haigwood, INF Pedro Lopez and C Miguel Perez to their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Romulo Sanchez to Indianapolis (IL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed S Anthony Smith.
 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed OT Tre Thomas to a three-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
 ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled D Anssi Salmela from Chicago (AHL).
 CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled C Brandon Sutter from Albany (AHL).
 MONTREAL CANADIENS—Fired Guy Carbonneau, coach. Announced general manager Bob Gainey will take over the coaching duties.
 OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Craig Schira to a three-year contract.
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled D Tyler Sloan from Hershey (AHL).

TELEVISION

On Today

BASEBALL
 5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — World Baseball Classic, round 1, teams TBA, at Toronto
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Summit League, championship game, teams TBA, at Sioux Falls, S.D.
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Horizon League, championship game, teams and site TBA
 10 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Sun Belt Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at Hot Springs, Ark.

NHL		7 p.m.	
VERSUS — Buffalo at Philadelphia			
SOCCER		3:30 p.m.	
ESPN — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 2, Liverpool vs. Real Madrid CF, Liverpool, England			
6 p.m.		ESPN CLASSIC — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 2, Juventus FC vs. Chelsea, at Turin, Italy (same-day tape)	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		7 p.m.	
ESPN — Big East Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at Hartford, Conn.			

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA		EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	49	15	.766
Philadelphia	30	31	.492
New Jersey	28	35	.444
New York	25	37	.403
Toronto	23	41	.359
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	46	17	.730
Atlanta	36	28	.563
10/12			
Miami	34	29	.540
Charlotte	28	35	.444
Washington	15	49	.234
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	49	13	.790
Detroit	32	30	.516
17			
Milwaukee	30	36	.455
Chicago	29	35	.453
Indiana	28	37	.431
22			
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	20	.677
Houston	41	23	.641
2			
New Orleans	39	23	.629
3			
Dallas	38	25	.603
4			
1/2			
Memphis	16	46	.258
Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	40	23	.635
1/2			
Portland	39	23	.629
1/2			
Denver	40	24	.625
1/2			
Minnesota	18	45	.286
2			
Oklahoma City	17	46	.270
23			
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	50	12	.806
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Phoenix	34	29	.540
16			
Golden State	21	42	.333
29			
L.A. Clippers	15	48	.238
35			
1/2			
Sacramento	14	49	.222
36			
1/2			

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores	
Utah 109, Toronto 101	
Orlando 86, Boston 79	
San Antonio 103, Phoenix 98	
New Jersey 106, New York 101	
Houston 93, Memphis 83	
Oklahoma City 89, Philadelphia 74	
Sacramento 114, Denver 106	

Monday's Scores	
Atlanta 89, New Orleans 79	
Detroit 98, Orlando 94	
Washington 110, Minnesota 99	
Miami 130, Chicago 127, 2OT	
Houston at Denver, late	
L.A. Lakers at Portland, late	

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

PRO HOCKEY

NHL		EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division			
W	L	OT	Pts
New Jersey	42	20	3
20			
Philadelphia	35	19	10
80			
Pittsburgh	35	26	6
76			
N.Y. Rangers	34	25	8
76			
183			
N.Y. Islanders	22	37	7
51			
166			
215			
Northeast Division			
W	L	OT	Pts
Boston	43	15	9
95			
226			
155			
Montreal	35	24	7
77			
198			
197			
Buffalo	33	26	7
73			
195			
183			
Toronto	26	28	13
65			
197			
237			
Ottawa	26	29	10
62			
167			
188			
Southeast Division			
W	L	OT	Pts
Washington	40	21	6
86			
219			
199			
Carolina	36	27	5
77			
192			
192			
Florida	34	24	8
76			
187			
185			
Atlanta	25	35	6
56			
198			
227			
Tampa Bay	21	32	13
55			
171			
220			
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
W	L	OT	Pts
Detroit	43	15	8
94			
244			
197			
Chicago	36	19	9
81			
212			
167			
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
Calgary	39	21	6
84			
215			
198			
Vancouver	34	22	8
76			
193			
178			
Edmonton	32	27	6
70			
184			
199			
Minnesota	32	28	5
69			
167			
157			
Colorado	29	36	1
59			
178			
208			
Pacific Division			
W	L	OT	Pts
San Jose	42	12	0
94			
210			
159			
Dallas	31	27	8
70			
191			
202			
Anaheim	31	30	6
68			
186			
197			
Los Angeles	28	28	9
65			
173			
191			
Phoenix	28	33	5
61			
164			
202			

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

Sunday's Scores	
N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 3	
Atlanta 5, Calgary 2	
Colorado 5, Chicago 1	



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706 Condos For Sale

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726 Commercial Buildings

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*19,000 sq.ft. - 2105 E. Walnut Ave. Retail space, Next to Hobby Lobby, across from Mall. *97,000 sq. ft., 454 Hwy 225 (Bretlin)
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728 Commercial Rental

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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

728 Commercial Rental

Restaurants for rent: *410 S. Hamilton (fmrly Bailey's Diner) Incl. equipment \$3,495 mo. 30 day setup time - Free Rent. *801 E. Walnut Ave. Barrett Marketplace \$2995/Mo. \$2000 dp. (fmrly El Taco) fully furnished. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30

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908 Bids

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Proposals must be received by 1:00 pm Monday March 9, 2009. The RFPs are posted on our web site at: <http://www.whitfield.k12.ga.us>
The link to the Technology RFPs is listed in the "Announcements" section.
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