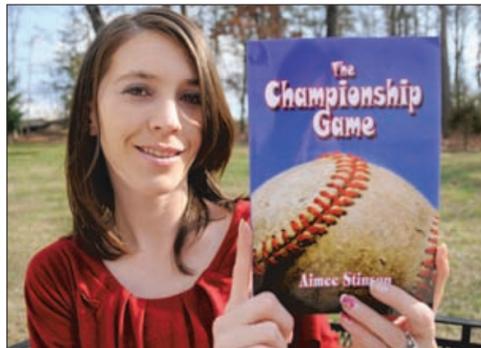




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Cleanup day set at Valley Point

Valley Point Ruritan Club members will hold their spring clean-up day at the Valley Point schools on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All friends of Valley Point schools and community members are encouraged to attend.

Volunteers will pick up trash and sticks, paint and do anything else they can to clean up and prepare the fields for spring sports. Participants are asked to bring their yard tools.

The rain date is March 21.

10 shot, killed in spree

SAMSON, Ala. (AP) — A gunman on a terrifying rampage across two southern Alabama counties killed at least nine people Tuesday, including members of his own family and apparent strangers, and burned down his mother's home before shooting himself at a metals plant, authorities said.

Police were investigating shootings in at least four different locations in several communities, all of

which were believed to be the work of a single gunman who had not yet been identified by investigators.

The afternoon of bloodshed began in Kinston, near the Alabama-Florida border, where the shooter burned down his mother's house, according to the Coffee County coroner, Robert Preachers. Officials located the woman's body inside the house, but they had not

been able to get inside the still-burning house to determine if he shot her first.

The gunman then headed east, into Geneva County, where he shot and killed five people — four adults and a child — at a home in the nearby town of Samson. Then he killed one person each in two other homes. The identities of all the victims were unknown, but Preachers said they included other

members of the shooter's family.

"He started in his mother's house," Preachers said. "Then he went to Samson and he killed his granny and granddaddy and aunt and uncle."

"We don't know what triggered it," Preachers added.

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STAR GAZER

Rosa Esteban, a student in Roger Studdard's fifth-grade class at Varnell Elementary, looks at constellations in a portable planetarium in the school's gym on Tuesday. Amy Phelps, a Northwest High School graduate and now a professor at Middle Tennessee State University, brought the portable planetarium to the school and taught students how to find the constellations, what they look like and the stories behind them. Phelps then took the outlines off to show the students what the night sky looks like.

Murray school vote Tuesday

By RACHEL BROWN

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Murray County voters have until the end of this week to vote early on whether to allow the school board to borrow \$500,000 to renovate Mountain Creek Academy.

The election is Tuesday. Voters will cast ballots at their precincts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day.

School system finance director Steve Loughridge said the Board of Education is asking voters to allow bonds to be sold at no more than 2 percent interest to renovate the school's auditorium and refurbish other parts of the building.

"It's roped off, and you can't even go in there," Loughridge said. "Without this (bond issue), I don't know of any way we'd be able to renovate it in the near future."

The special election is necessary because the school system needed

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Community garden opens in April

By CHARLES OLIVER

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Many people believe nothing tastes quite as good as a homegrown tomato. Except, maybe, homegrown squash or homegrown corn.

"I love the taste of food I grow. I love sharing the food. A lot of the vegetables we get in the grocery stores don't taste like they did when I was younger," said Dalton's Linda Ann White.

She's one of several people who have been taking part in planning meetings for a new community garden in Dalton's Lakeshore Park.

The Whitfield County Extension Office has organized the effort, and the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department has provided some land. The plots will be four feet by 20 feet, and there will be a \$20 annual rental fee for each plot to cover expenses.

Most of the initial organizers have been avid gardeners, but no experience is necessary.

"For someone who has never gardened

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■ A survey/application is on page 2A, or visit The Daily Citizen Web site www.daltondailycitizen.com as well as the county extension Web site www.ugaextension.org/whitfield.

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KidsNet helps troubled youth

By MARK MILLICAN

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CHATSWORTH — Having grown up in an orphanage and foster care homes, Cheryl Blackwell knows well the effect going from family to family might have on a young life. That's why she believes KidsNet — a state Department of Human Resources funded program that works with children who have emotional or behavioral problems — is a good fit for her.

"My heart's always been with the kids," she said. "Working with kids is something I've always wanted to do."

Formerly with the Murray County school system, Blackwell tried selling advertising after the school outreach program was ended due to a cut in grant funding. But she missed the interaction with young people. KidsNet focuses on youth ages 5 to 21.

"Growing up in foster care, I feel like I have a lot I can share," she said. "The training for this position was pretty intense, with the state requiring that I go through a lot of online classes."

Now as a KidsNet family advocate, Blackwell tries to steer troubled kids away from Juvenile Court and out of the foster care system. She works closely with local mental health agencies, Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and juvenile agencies.

"We're working with kids who are having emotional problems in school, we're trying to keep troubled youth in our community and work with them here instead of elsewhere, and keep those families intact," said Heather Stanley, the service coordinator for the program.

Stanley noted KidsNet tries to keep children at home through counseling, networking with other social service agencies and schools — and



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Cheryl Blackwell, a family advocate for KidsNet, speaks with one of the students she works with at Gladden Middle School this week.

also saves communities money.

"We've seen a decrease in hospitalization, in juvenile detention placements, in suicide-related behaviors and kids spending less time in the Juvenile Court system," she said. "We're trying to prevent these things from happening."

KidsNet offers "therapeutic residential treatment" in facilities for 30, 60 or 90 days, but "not state hospitals," said Stanley, who is a board certified art therapist. Those facilities are foster

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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.

"In Area Arrests in the paper there were 12 listings. Ten of those were DUI or open container violations. So, do you really think we need to vote in more alcohol?"

"It appears Mrs. Gould might have voted against a decision by the other board members because of her husband's job, rather than doing her job as a school board member."

"We are building schools to educate the children of illegals."

"If anybody at Whitfield County gets their budget cut it should be Animal Control."

"I have lived in Varnell since 1976 and I would like to thank Ralph Morgan and Lindsey Metcalf for the nice development and community we have here now."

"Politicians can muck up every single aspect of everything."

"Missionaries in Murray County? All of our surrounding counties have ignorant, undesirable residents who do horrific acts. Murray has its losers like Whitfield or any other county in the state."

"Mr. Espy, I have always read your columns and respected your views even when I didn't agree. But when you justify amnesty for illegals, that's going too far. You're all wet, and not from wading in the Rio Grande."

"If every right wing Republican in Washington and Atlanta came to Dalton, what could they say?"

"Any money you send to Gaza will be stolen by the terrorists."

"There is a great need for sugar free, decaffeinated teas and soft drinks in restaurants for people with diabetes and other diseases."

"I hope our sheriff was watching 'Geraldo' on Saturday night. It was about the Mexican drug gangs in Atlanta — right at our door step."

"How to turn the ink from red to black at the trade center? It's a no-brainer. Turn it into a full blown casino. Revenue for city, county and state."

"One thing you'll never do in the forum is print how illegal immigration has divided and bankrupted this country. You'll never print that, will you?"

Editor's note: Yup.

"I have lived in Murray County for 82 years and never seen a chicken fight or a dog fight. Lay off Murray County. Most of us are decent, law-abiding people. Judge not everyone by a few people's actions."

"This is for S.A. from Chatsworth who wrote the letter to the editor on Sunday. You made a choice and it worked out for you. But it might not work out for everyone. That's why it is a choice."

"Some of those people at the Family and Children Services' front area need to be kinder to people."

"See 'Watchmen.'"

"Can we please hire a coach at North Murray who doesn't have a kid?"

"Thanks to the Whitfield County sheriff's department for the two officers stopping the people who run the stop sign at Williams Road and Cherokee Trail."

"People should have to take a civics course before they are allowed to vote. The number of people who don't know the difference between capitalism and socialism is scary."

"Just because you think something is not true doesn't mean someone else agrees. That's why it's called free speech."

"Is anyone in the Varnell area going to be plowing gardens for people? Maybe they could leave and name and number in the forum."

"I am disabled and live on Rockdale Drive. This inspector who leaves red notes on your door about what needs to be picked up in your yard should pick it up or fix it up and move on."

"Don't worry about the people at Wal-Mart parking their cars. I'm 84 and when there's one in my way I just move it to its place and come on out."

"Why would the president lower himself to debate an idiot like Rush Limbaugh?"

"Leave Obama alone. He will be our president for the next four years. Be quiet."

"Hey Dalton newspaper readers, are you watching 'Dancing With the Stars?' It's going to be a good season."

"Does the forum telephone have caller ID? If so, I am going to quit calling."

Editor's note: It does. We hope you don't.

"How do you buy local in Dalton?"

"If the media people in this country would stop building this recession up — that's all you hear on TV about every day — and try some good news. People need a rest. Why don't we try it?"

"North Murray High cost \$34.68 million. Why is it they are letting go of people in the elementary system?"

"If I worked for North Georgia EMC and had a customer calling me about our rates, I'd say TVA raised our rates too, at least 20 percent. Sounds good!"

"The older lady who wants the Jack Russell terrier might want to reconsider. They are like a 4-year-old with ADD."

"Vickie Reed is the highest paid employee in the county schools. She could take half of that money and keep those teachers employed. She's just not worth it."

"I'd like to thank the Democrat who finally admitted they are socialists."

"I just read the letter from Kay Walker and her family. It was very inspiring."

"Why is Mohawk laying off employees and bringing in temps?"

"Can you tell me why the city of Dalton needs a landscape director and workers in these tough economic times?"

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR MARCH 10

Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 5-0-5, Cash 4: 8-0-4-9 Evening Cash 3: 6-3-2
Mega Millions: 2-27-31-39-40, Mega Ball: 23
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 3-1-3, Lucky Sum: 7; Cash 4: 6-9-7-3 Lucky Sum: 25 Evening Cash 3: 3-9-7, Lucky Sum: 19 Cash 4: 2-3-7-6, Lucky Sum: 18

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The gunman also shot at a state trooper's car, striking the vehicle seven times and wounding the trooper with broken glass.

He then killed someone at a Samson supply store, and another person at a service station.

Samson contractor Greg McCullough said he was pumping gas at the station when the gunman opened fire, killing a woman coming out of the service station and wounding McCullough in the shoulder and arm with bullet fragments that struck his truck and the pump.

"I first thought it was somebody playing," he said. He said the gunman roared into the parking lot and slammed on his brakes. Then he saw the rifle.

He said the gunman fired and the rifle appeared to jam, then he "went back to firing." Then he drove off.

McCullough, a father of two, said he tried to help the woman who was shot and yelled for someone to call an ambulance.

"I'm just in awe that something like this could take place. That someone could do such a thing. It's just shocking,"

KidsNet

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homes where parents have been trained to care for children with mental illnesses.

KidsNet is located in the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) office in Chatsworth at Murray Plaza. Probation officer Danielle Jones said the agency has only been in town six weeks, but already offers DJJ a "very positive" outreach and helps with their caseload.

"KidsNet is hosting a 'system of care' meeting where all the different programs — DJJ, DFCS, (mental health provider) Highland Rivers and others — elaborate on the families' needs and then put together a plan," she explained. "Our families are receptive to them, and it adds another layer of care to the families in need in our community."

A case in point, Jones shared, is when Blackwell went out to see why a family had missed their appointment with the DJJ office. What could have been a "sticking point" before was found to only be a problem with affording the gas to make the appointment.

KidsNet also partners with local school systems, child care providers and community advocates through a county's Family Connection Collaborative.

"So far, so good," said Jones. "We've got lots of kids on our case load, 30 or 40 for our two case workers, and they're able to spend more time with them — it's been very positive."

McCullough told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Police pursued the gunman to Reliable Metal Products just north of Geneva, about a dozen miles southeast of Samson, where he fired an estimated 30 rounds from a semiautomatic weapon, the Alabama safety department said. One of the bullets hit Geneva Police Chief Frankie Lindsey, who was saved by his bullet proof vest.

The gunman then went inside the plant and shot himself, according to the safety department's statement.

Reliable Metal Products makes grills and vents for heating and AC systems, mainly for hotels. A person who

answered the phone at the plant said no one could talk about the shooting.

State Rep. Warren Beck, a Republican whose district includes Geneva, said the gunman had worked at Reliable Metal.

"My secretary heard gunfire everywhere," he said. "This is one of the most tragic events ever in Geneva County."

State Sen. Harri Anne Smith, R-Slocumb, said some of those killed in Samson were sitting outside.

"He was just driving down the street shooting at people sitting on their porches," she said. "A family was just sitting on the porch and they were shot."

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Reid Thurmond
AGE: 17
HOME: Cohutta
FAMILY: Mom, Vanessa Meachen; stepdad, Jason Meachen; brothers, Adam York, Brien Bush, Jay Motley
SCHOOL: Northwest Whitfield High
PLAY: Hanging out with friends



HE SAID: "Being smart is easy. Think of something stupid and don't say it."

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Garden

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before, there will be a learning curve as far as insect control, weed control, water, etc.," said Brenda Jackson, Whitfield County agriculture and natural resources agent. "But there will be Master Gardener volunteers available to answer questions and show people what to do."

Michelle Corbin says she has done a great deal of gardening at home, but growing vegetables will be a challenge.

"I do a lot of gardening at home, but my home has a lot of shade," she said.

That has caused her to focus on plants that can thrive in shady areas, such as azaleas and Japanese maples.

"What appeals to me about this is that I knew there was going to be a spot of sun, and that I could learn how to vegetable garden," she said. "Working with a group in a community garden sounds great. You can see the other plots and what they have done. You can learn from that."



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The ground is turned where Dalton City officials are planning a community garden at Lakeshore Park.

Corbin says she has never participated in a community garden before but she visited one in Chattanooga that provides tours and bought produce there.

White says she has always loved gardening.

"My grandparents, when I was little, tore up their backyard in Philadelphia, tore up all the concrete and we had a garden there," she said. "When I lived in an apartment and didn't have a plot of land, I grew onions in pots,

carrots in pots, just about everything you could think of, except for things that require land. You can't grow corn in pots."

White says she hopes to get others in her church involved.

"My initial thought was to get the youth and other people who wanted to be involved to take part so we could have produce for our food bank," she said.

The group has put together a survey/application form

for those who are interested in taking part. It's available on The Daily Citizen Web site www.daltondailycitizen.com as well as the county extension Web site www.ugaextension.org/whitfield.

The forms should be returned to the address on the survey no later than March 20. Opening day for the community garden is scheduled for April 18.

For more information, call Jackson at (706) 278-8207.

AREA ARRESTS

• Charley Water Holmes, 52, 562 Sequoyah, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery.

• Samuel Lee Holsey, 30, 5164 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with entering an auto or other vehicle with intent of felony.

• Virginia Elmina Jamison, 68, 519 W. Hawthorne St., Apartment A5, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault.

• Roy Clay Drennen, 34, 323 W. High St., Mount Sterling, Ky., was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with two counts of illegal possession of prescription drugs.

• Lenville Howard Hall Jr., 32, 15 Clay St., Mount Sterling, Ky., was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with two counts of illegal possession of prescription drugs.

• David Howard, 31,

10315 Leve Road, Jeffersonville, Ky., was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with two counts of illegal possession of prescription drugs and false statements.

• Raymond Curtis Love, 30, 1316 Winton Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with sale of crack cocaine.

• Johnny Lee Mills, 36, 4881 Cleveland Road, Cohutta, was charged Tuesday by the Cohutta Police Department with speeding, habitual violator and DUI.

• Sherry Deyette Rayfield, 30, 410 Murray 1 Place, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI and driving on divided highways.

• Andrea Patrice Roberts, 26, 1316 Winton Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of tools for the commission of a crime and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

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lives. Working through the "Look Good ... Feel Better" (LGFB) program, specially trained cosmetologists help women with cancer rescue their appearance and self-image from the negative effects of cancer treatment by teaching them hands-on beauty and skin care techniques.

Susan Bagley recently attended a local "Look Good ... Feel Better" session. "When I received my diagnosis of cancer, one of my fears was that of losing my hair," Bagley said. "I decided from the very beginning that I was not going to look 'sick' or 'different' just because I had cancer. I saw myself as a winner, and it was important that I looked like one. 'Look Good ... Feel Better'

gave me all of the tools I needed to look like a winner."

"Look Good ... Feel Better" is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society, the Personal Care Products Council Foundation and the National Cosmetology Association. Together these groups provide the program free of charge to women actively undergoing cancer treatment.

"Look Good ... Feel Better" not only gave me the tools I needed to learn how to apply makeup, but it gave me encouragement through being surrounded with other cancer patients going through the same struggle I was facing," said Bagley.

The local program meets once a month at the Judd

Cancer Center. For more information or to register for the program call the local American Cancer Society office at (706) 278-1960.

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OUR VIEW

Georgia could improve 'freedom'

Georgia ranks 17th in the nation in freedom. That's not bad, but we'd rather be No. 1.

George Mason University's Mercatus Center recently ranked all 50 states for total freedom.

The good news? Georgia ranked very high in economic freedom, sixth overall.

"The state and local debt ratio is one of the lowest in the country. Taxes and spending are lower than average (once federal grants are corrected for), and the state is relatively fiscally decentralized," the report states.

The bad news? Georgia ranks 42nd in the nation in personal freedom.

About the only bright spot the report could find on this measure is that Georgia has little in the way of gun control and little regulation of private schools.

The report scores against Georgia for punitive drug laws.

"Arrests for victimless crimes are very high, about a fifth of all arrests," the report notes.

The report also hammers the state for seat belt enforcement, open container laws, motorcycle helmet requirements and its statewide smoking ban.

All told, Georgians enjoy more freedom than residents of New York, the least free state. But we have quite a few laws to get rid of before we are quite as free as New Hampshire, Colorado and South Dakota, which the report found to be the freest states.

The Daily Citizen

New vision for Ga.

House Speaker Glenn Richardson has just unveiled a new vision for Georgia that would surpass previous endeavors and might even make a little money.

Richardson would make Georgia the marriage capital of the nation almost overnight. Atlanta could become Las Vegas east without quite as many home foreclosures with a lot more churches.

We've been given only a peek at Romeo's great cash project. Last week, in a rare appearance in the well of the House, Richardson delivered a rip-roaring argument for allowing the state's constitutional officers to perform legal wedding ceremonies.

The marriage measure sailed to passage in the House with only one dissenting vote. Spoilsport Rep. Bobby Franklin, R-Marietta, cast the lone "nay."

If the Senate signs off on the House action, Georgia will have more politician-parsons than any state east of the Ozarks. Just look at who would be given the legal right to hitch man and woman into legal matrimony: the current governor, the former governor, the lieutenant governor, House Speaker, House Speaker pro tem, Senate president pro tem, attorney general, secretary of state, state school superintendent, commissioners of labor, insurance and agriculture, and, of course, the state House clerk.

This new battalion of marryin' folk could set up booths on every corner of every county seat. Georgians and out-of-state tourists could customize their marriage ceremonies to fit



Bill Shipp

many people know that Georgia once hosted a thriving marriage mill industry. One such mill was located near Folkston to make it easy for Florida couples to sneak across the line and tie the knot. The other mill, at Ringgold, was located near the Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina state lines. That made the Georgia stop super-convenient for mountain couples with a sudden yen to get hitched.

Alas, Georgia's blue noses crusaded against the mills, labeling them illegal, immoral and perhaps unconstitutional. Like the roadside clip joints and pet bears and possums, wedding centers vanished from the landscape. Not a word has been heard about them... until now.

One might think the General Assembly would be working overtime in this especially crucial session. But no, that is not the case. Between planning marriage chapels and selling bass tackle, Georgia lawmakers have had little to do but twiddle their thumbs and watch the mailbox, awaiting the arrival of government bailout money.

Of course, they could have

their personalities. One might tap Gov. Sonny Perdue for the honors, and the governor might throw in a bass-fishing trip as a free prize.

occupied their time otherwise, with items such as:

■ Fixing the state laws that allowed subprime loans and set off an unprecedented wave of bankruptcies and foreclosures.

■ Investigating Georgia Power to determine why the company wants Georgia taxpayers to pay for a nuclear power plant seven years before it is built.

■ Calling for a referendum on casino gambling in several border counties. (Just think of the new revenues that would generate.)

■ Reorganizing Georgia's state budget writers. Last year's team missed Georgia's total estimated income and appropriations by 37 percent.

■ Creating a special ethics commission to oversee Gov. Perdue's method of estimating the annual revenue. Any project with "ethics" in the title always makes the legislators look good, and they don't have to work much to win praise.

We could think of a thousand other projects to keep state officials busy while they waited for the Obama bailout. When the bailout train finally does roll into the station, our lawmakers will have to get down to hard labor and forget wedding chapels for the moment. The lawmakers will need to work around the clock reorganizing Georgia's budget so we can spend our way out of debt. For this crowd, that should be just as easy as a walk down the aisle.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, March 11**, the 70th day of 2009. There are 295 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia. (MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than 2 1/2 years later.)

On this date:

In 1861, the Constitution of the Confederate States of America was adopted during a convention in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1957, Charles Van Doren's 14-week run on the rigged NBC game show "Twenty One" ended as he lost to attorney Vivienne Neuring; Van Doren's take was \$129,000.

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

Ten years ago: The House voted 219-191 to conditionally support President Bill Clinton's plan to send U.S. troops to Kosovo if a peace agreement were reached.

Five years ago: Ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people and wounding more than 2,000 in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

One year ago: The top U.S. military commander for the Middle East resigned amid speculation about a rift over U.S. policy in Iran; Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that Adm. William J. Fallon had asked for permission to retire and that Gates agreed.

Today's Birthdays:

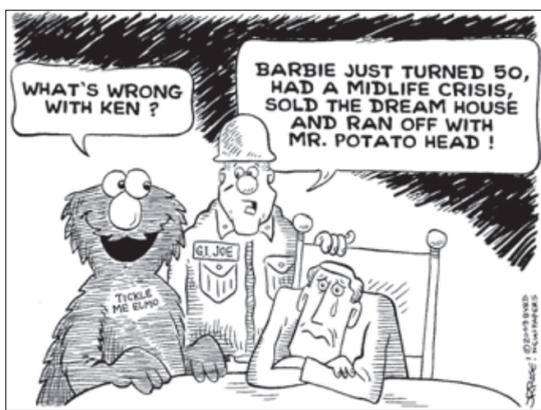
Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 78. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 75. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 73. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 64. Actor Mark Metcalf is 63. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 59. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 59. Actress Susan Richardson is 57. Singer Nina Hagen is 54. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 54.



FREE MINDS

"I do not call upon the state to compel everyone to accept my opinion, but, rather; not to force me to accept anybody else's opinion."

— Selected Essays on Political Economy
Frederic Bastiat
(1801-1850)



Read more from Daily Citizen editor Jimmy Espy at espysoutpost.blogspot.com

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23

Thought for today: "Death destroys a man; the idea of death saves him."

E.M. Forster,
English author (1879-1970)

To suggest a Bible verse, call (706) 272-7735.

Mexico's drug wars threaten U.S.

For five years in the 1980s, I lived in El Paso, often crossing the Rio Grande to Juarez and always encountering charm and conviviality and, once, great hope.

On that occasion, I witnessed a parade of candles held high as Mexican citizens in the city celebrated the breakthrough re-election of a mayor who was not just one more stooge of the nation's ruling party, but a member of PAN, a challenging party.

But I often saw less cheering things in Juarez, such as its poverty, and learned of other depressing news from Terrence Poppa, a reporter on a daily paper I was then editing. He wrote of a drug smuggling gang in Juarez, and ventured to nearby Ojinaga, where one trafficker told him about killings and bribery and how he sent vast amounts of cocaine into the United States.

All of that seemed bad enough then, but skip ahead to today, and, through published reports, you find that Juarez is now known as a "City of Terror," that 1,600 were killed in drug wars there last year, that some of these were bystanders, that others were defense lawyers, that 60 were policemen. You find that doctors are fearful of tending to wounded victims, that businessmen are kidnapped, that a police chief resigned after threats and that the mayor spends his nights in El Paso.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has sent 2,000 soldiers into the ravaged city, along with 425 federal agents, and a local vigilante group has joined in — it promises to kill a criminal a day until



Jay Ambrose

began fierce struggles against each other several years ago with the dissolution of a coordinated drug system. Distributing marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines primarily to U.S. consumers, and hauling in maybe \$25 billion a year, cartel members torture and decapitate each other, murder journalists and politicians, toss grenades into crowds and dissolve hundreds of bodies in vats of lye.

The sense is that Mexico, a corrupt, ill-organized, poor society in the best of times, may crash. The United States is clearly at risk. While El Paso remains one of the safest cities in the United States, drug gangs have exacted fatal vengeance on each other north of the Mexican border as they compete for American customers, and the Justice Department has responded with some 750 arrests. The United States could further help the Mexican cause, it has been argued, by legalizing drugs and banning assault weapons that frequent-

ly turn up in the hands of Mexican gangsters.

The ideas don't add up. Marijuana is already all but legal in some parts of the country, and demand has hardly thereby been curbed. You'd have to commercialize it and produce it here to make a difference — is that what the legalizing crowd wants? You sure don't want to legalize meth, which immediately grabs its users by their throats and ruins their lives. Cocaine is vicious, too.

As for the assault weapons, they are no different in their killing effectiveness than any number of other kinds of weapons, and meanwhile it has been reported that the drug cartels have equipped themselves with machine guns, anti-tank rockets, submarines, helicopters and sniper rifles. Banning assault weapons will accomplish nothing.

Even though stopping the trade northwards is very difficult and not a complete answer — dealers develop new markets among increasingly addicted Mexicans as our tactics gain in effectiveness — that's a major way in which we can and must continue to provide assistance. The Mexicans themselves must stop regularly reported official abuses, build up local governments, end corruption and restore hope; none of these easy matters, of course.

■ Jay Ambrose, formerly Washington director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard newspapers and the editor of dailies in El Paso, Texas and Denver, is a columnist living in Colorado.

Blazing a trail through Dalton

Editor's note: The following story did not run in its entirety on Tuesday. The Daily Citizen apologizes for the inconvenience.

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 wood to build bridges," he said.

Dalton City Council member Dick Lowrey said city officials hope the trail will provide another outdoor recreation spot for city residents.

"We thought it was a worthwhile project and will help clean up the area," he said.

Bruner has been working on the project for six months. He's planning a big workday on Saturday and



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Andrew Bruner stands on the bridge he built with his father Greg on a biking and jogging trail along Mill Creek where it runs parallel to Chattanooga Avenue in Dalton. Bruner is working on the trail as an Eagle Scout project.

asking local volunteers to help.

Saturday, I'm hoping to knock out most of the work," he said. "We really need to

WANT TO HELP?

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.

just clear off the trail. There's a lot of wood, a lot of garbage out here that needs to be picked up. There's garbage everywhere, in the woods and in the creek."

Bruner discovered the property four years ago, when he helped another scout clear the parking area for his Eagle Scout project.

"This will be a really good trail for beginning bikers and beginner runners, and the bike shop is just up the road, maybe 50 meters away," he said.

Bruner, 17, said he knew he was going to pursue Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank, when he first joined the Boy Scouts five years ago.

"My dad has always helped out a lot with scouting. He has always been my assistant troop leader and my brother was an Eagle Scout, too, a few years ago," he said.

Nominees sought for educator of the year

SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

JUST THE FACTS

What: Tom Jones Educator of the Year Award

Who: Anyone may nominate a Dalton Public Schools educator (teacher, counselor, media specialist or administrator) who is currently employed and has been with the city system at least three years.

Why: To recognize educators who have made significant contributions to the children of Dalton.

Where: Nomination forms are available from all city schools and the Dalton Education Foundation which sponsors the award.

When: Deadline for nominations is March 30.

Twenty-three years have passed since Tom Jones retired as chairman of the Dalton Board of Education. In that time, 22 Dalton educators have received the award that bears his name, Tom Jones Educator of the Year.

Jones personally presented the first two awards in 1987 and 1988 to Dalton High School counselor James Stephens and assistant superintendent Sheila Evans, respectively. The carpet industrialist died in September 1988, but family members have continued to announce the winner of the award, which is granted each year by the Dalton Education Foundation.

The foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2009 award. The nomination process is open to anyone in the community.

"The purpose of the award is to recognize educators in the Dalton Public Schools system who have made significant contributions to the education of children in Dalton," said Jean Lowrey, foundation executive director.

Nominees must be active educators, currently employed by the Dalton Public Schools system, who have a minimum of three years' experience with the city schools.

Criteria are the educator's relationships with students, parents and the community and the educator's professional accomplishments.

Deadline for nominations is March 30 at 5 p.m. Nomination forms are available at every city school, at the Dalton Public Schools' Central Office,

and at the Dalton Education Foundation.

For more information, contact the foundation at (706) 278-5427 or by e-mail at jean.lowrey@dalton.k12.ga.us.



The Tom Jones Educator of the Year Award in Dalton Public Schools was established in 1987 to recognize the former Board of Education chairman and industrialist. The late Thomas R. Jones and his wife Peggy, shown here, supplemented the fund to establish an endowment with the Dalton Education Foundation.

Trail of Tears topic at Tunnel Hill

Linda Woodward Geiger, a certified genealogist and genealogical lecturer, will present a program about the Trail of Tears at the meeting of the Tunnel Hill Historical Foundation on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center.

Geiger is an experienced researcher

specializing in Georgia and New England research as well as federal records in the Southeast and Southwest regions. She is a principal of Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance, which is dedicated to teaching historians research techniques in the National Archives. She is the current treasurer of

the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association and designs Web sites for genealogical and historical societies as well as for individuals.

For directions to the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center, visit www.TunnelHillHeritageCenter.com or call (706) 876-1571.

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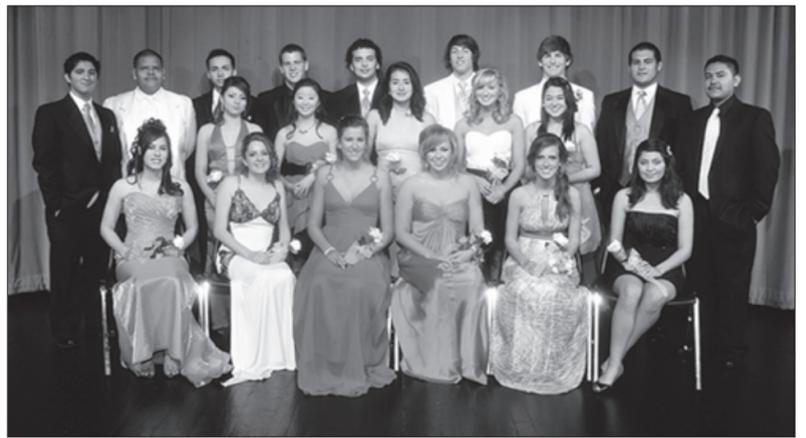
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Dalton High School Sweetheart and King of Heart candidates include on the first row, Daniela Molinar, Rachel Czyz, Marixa Ortiz, Carter Patterson and Bernice Quijano; second row, David Ramos, Jessy Magana, Carter Crutchfield and Pedro Avila.



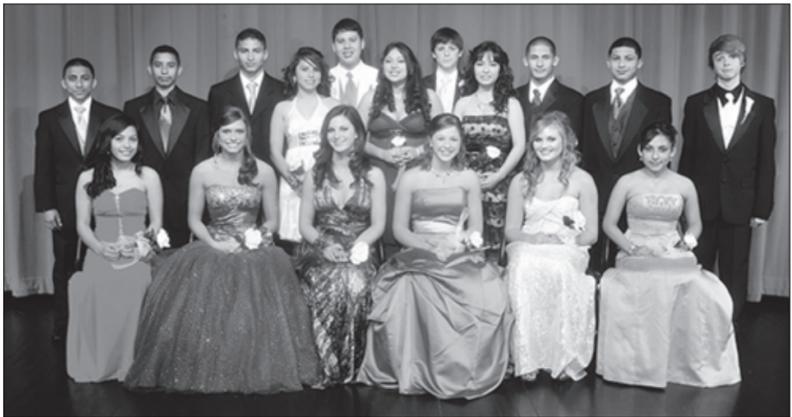
Senior Princess and Prince of Hearts nominees include on the first row, Daniela Molinar, Rachel Czyz, Emily Broadrick, Hannah Snyder, Taylor Spahn and Bernice Quijano; second row, Diana Manzano, Rebekah Park, Marxia Ortiz, Carter Patterson and Alma Nieto; third row, David Ramos, Fernando Aragon, Axel Morales, Ethan Bennett, Jessy Magana, Carter Crutchfield, Will Estes, Carlos Prieto and Pedro Avila.



Junior Princess and Prince of Hearts nominees include on the first row, Yugeily Manriquez, Kate Houston, Jillian Lidderdale, Kathryn Sigmon, Audrey Puryear and Emily O'Brien; second row; Ivett Garcia, Ana Martinez and Adilene Hernandez; third row, Blake Garrett, Trae Washington, Trevor Wofford, Lane Smith, Angel Arellano, Israel Mata, Stryker Brown, Andrew Bruner and Jessy Gonzalez.



Sophomore Princess and Prince of Hearts nominees include Annalee Houston, Chayo Salazar, Mimi Huerta, Leticia Mendez, Darolyn Monroig, Ivanna Martinez; second row, Amairany Vidana, Pricilla Rendon, Naomi Hurtado, Karen Pineda, Molly Clark and Courtney Creswell; third row, Jacob Jewett, Joel Hernandez, Harris News, Beau Ridley, Toombs Norman, Antonio Olvera, Bernie Olvera, Santiago Nava and David Burton.



Freshman Princess and Prince of Hearts nominees include on the first row, Anniz Arroyo, Mary Chandler Crutchfield, Torey Cope, Chandler McKinney, Mary Mae Wilson and Jeissy Fraire; second row, Brizeyda Lopez, Leticia Jaines and Ambar Panigua; third row, Luis Juan, Rafael Esparza, Rolando Rosillo, Hector Prieto, Zach Keen, Alex O'Campo, Roger Melendrez and Gregg McCurry.



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Robbie Witherow, from left, a paraprofessional at Mountain Creek Academy, Jonathan Ross, also a paraprofessional, and Lisa Sanford, the school's secretary, speak in the school's auditorium about the repairs it needs. Mountain Creek is in the old Eton Elementary School.

Murray: Early voting starts

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state approval for the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, and the timeline fell between normal elections, officials said.

Principal Danny Harkleroad said the bond type requires a matching grant of 10 percent, which can be money or goods and services. Several local businesses have pledged their time to supporting the school's career programs to cover the match, he said.

Mountain Creek's auditorium has been roped off for several years because of safety concerns. The structure was built in the 1930s. It formerly housed Eton Elementary School.

Loughridge and Harkleroad said plans are to

replace the floor and roof, renovate the rest rooms, take out asbestos in the auditorium, and replace ceiling tiles and windows. The school is in downtown Eton and houses middle school and high school students with discipline problems. Once the work is finished, students will also be able to use three additional classrooms that are in poor repair, Harkleroad said.

Eton Mayor Billy Cantrell said the city began planning a few years ago to renovate the school with city dollars because of the building's historical significance, but those plans fell through when officials' focus turned to building a new city hall. He said Eton supports the school system's effort and hopes the town can one day

again use the venue for community functions.

"I think the last time we used it was about four to five years ago," he said. "From a historical significance, a lot of our people went to school there."

Plans are to attempt to sell the bonds at no interest, to offer the buyer a tax credit in lieu of interest, and to repay the money with the next education special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST). The current 1 percent tax expires in 2012, and the money is due to be repaid by 2022.

Early voting continues through Friday at the Murray County Elections Office in the courthouse annex at 121 N. Fourth Ave. in Chatsworth. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BRIEFS

Georgia man executed

JACKSON — A Georgia man expressed remorse for killing his “good friend” shortly before he was executed Tuesday for the murder of a neighbor he stabbed to death after the 27-year-old woman spurned his sexual advances. Robert Newland, 65, was put to death by lethal injection at the state prison at Jackson and was pronounced dead at 7:35 p.m. Newland was the first person executed in Georgia this year. “I’m sorry this happened. I wish I could go back to that day,” he said. “I have no grudges against anybody. I still don’t remember what happened, but what happened happened.”

Lawyer: Madoff to plead guilty

NEW YORK — In a courtroom surprise, it was revealed Tuesday that Bernard Madoff will plead guilty Thursday to securities fraud, perjury and other crimes, knowing that he could face up to 150 years in prison for one of the largest frauds in history. The revelation came as prosecutors unveiled an 11-count charging document against the 70-year-old former Nasdaq chairman, and as his lawyer, Ira Sorkin, told a judge that Madoff planned to plead guilty this week without a plea deal. Madoff has been under house arrest in his \$7 million Manhattan penthouse since he was arrested in early December after authorities said he confessed to his family that he had carried out a \$50 billion fraud.

Obama decries violence in Darfur

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, declaring the violence in Darfur and inaction in the face of its worsening humanitarian crisis are “not acceptable,” pledged Tuesday to work more closely with the United Nations to bring peace to western Sudan’s conflict-racked region. Obama’s response during a nearly hourlong Oval Office meeting with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon significantly ratcheted up the U.S. response to Sudan President Omar al-Bashir’s expulsion of 13 aid groups. Obama described Darfur as an ongoing crisis that has only gotten worse with the Sudanese president’s decision to kick out some of the most important nongovernmental aid organizations.

Obama to sign \$410B spending bill

WASHINGTON — Congress on Tuesday sent President Barack Obama a once-bipartisan bill to fund the domestic Cabinet agencies that evolved instead into a symbol of lawmakers’ free-spending ways and penchant for back-home pet projects. The Senate approved the measure by voice after it cleared a key procedural hurdle by a 62-35 vote. Obama is expected to sign the measure today to avoid a partial shutdown of the government.

Social work institute to focus on Appalachia at college

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State College’s School of Social Work will host a two-day Cultural Competence Institute focusing on Diversity and Change in Appalachia on March 19-20 in Memorial Hall on campus.

Among the presenters will be experts on both the Appalachian culture and the Melungeon culture of Southwest Virginia and Tennessee.

“The event is designed for social service and allied professionals, but it is also a great opportunity for interested citizens to learn more about the cultures of our surrounding region,” said Lynne Cabe, assistant professor of social work.

On Thursday, Helen Lewis, a retired professor of Appalachian Studies, will speak on the importance of place-based study. Her expertise is in the areas



Julie Dixon will speak Friday, March 20, at Dalton State’s Cultural Competence Institute.

of coal mining families and communities, and she has authored several books on those topics, including “Coal Mining, Culture, and Conflict; Fatalism or the Coal Industry?” and “Picking up the Pieces: Women In and Out of Work in the Rural South.”

On Friday, Julie Dixon, owner of a Raleigh, N.C.-

based communications company, will discuss the Melungeon culture. Melungeons claim to be descended from Spanish, Portuguese and Turkish soldiers and sailors who intermixed with Native Americans as far back as the 16th century and came to inhabit the Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee region.

Dixon, who descends from that line, has created a documentary film called “Melungeon Voices,” which was produced from 50 hours of interviews conducted over a six-year period. She will talk about what she’s learned from that project and will discuss her own desire to connect with her ancestors.

Registration for the institute will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday in Memorial Hall on campus and again at 8:30 a.m. on Friday in Memorial Hall. The price for attending

only Thursday’s programs is \$35; for Friday only the cost is \$25; and the cost to attend the full Institute is \$50.

Sessions scheduled for Thursday include a 2 p.m. presentation by Lewis, followed by a 5 p.m. networking session. At 6 p.m. in the Pope Student Center, participants will be served dinner, followed by a musical program at 7 p.m. called “Songs of Life, Survival and Hereafter: Appalachian Music Education.”

On Friday morning, the documentary screening and discussion of “Melungeon Voices” will take place in Memorial Hall from 9 a.m. until noon.

Participants can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for several of the sessions. To learn more, go to www.daltonstate.edu/cce and click on the Social Work Institute or call (706) 272-4454.

Knife show this weekend

The Northwest Georgia Knife Show will be at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center Friday through Sunday. Hours are Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to an auction Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

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Democracy in action

With your indulgence, I will postpone lesson four of the Chattanooga-Volkswagen Lessons Learned Report. But given my trip to our nation's capitol last week, I felt it timely and important to provide an overview of our visit.

I traveled to Washington, D.C., as a guest with the delegation representing the Carpet and Rug Institute. Thanks to Jennifer Mendez of the D.C. office of CRI, our trip was well-planned and well-executed.

Although visiting the Capitol is always a roll of the dice as to whom you actually see, we were successful in seeing both of Georgia's senators, four Georgia congressmen and staff aides to seven others over the course of the two days. The CRI also had an after-hours reception on Wednesday evening that was well attended by both elected officials and their staffs.

I am especially grateful to those elected officials who were able to meet with us in person: Sen. Johnny Isakson, Sen. Saxby Chambliss, Congressman Nathan Deal, Congressman Hank Johnson, Congressman Phil Gingrey and Congressman Jack Kingston. In many cases, we were given an extended amount of time with these officials.

The purpose for our visit was to discuss issues facing our industry. We discussed specific legislation that could be detrimental to the industry and legislation that is needed that would be beneficial to our industry. It goes without saying that our community is only as healthy as our industry. We discussed legislation

in three areas of policy and the positions that are supported by the Carpet and Rug Institute.

By Friday of this week, the official position of the Chamber of Commerce concerning these legislative issues will be approved and should align with the positions of the CRI.

Concerning employee relations, legislation called The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) or "Card Check" would eliminate the requirement for a secret ballot vote when employees consider requesting representation by a labor union in labor discussions with the management of a company. It is the position of the CRI and most pro-business organizations that this legislation is undemocratic and would tilt the balance of influence in the favor of labor unions against the business. If representation by a union for employees was a successful model, why is union membership declining everywhere and why are businesses that have labor union presence going out of business?

CRI's position — *oppose the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA).*

President Obama and his new administration are proposing tough new environmental standards that will utilize a cap and trade policy on emissions. He also plans

to require that the energy we use come from 25 percent renewable sources. There are many problems with both of these proposals.

Concerning the cap-in-trade policy — we must compete everyday with other countries that are not held to our already tough emissions standards. Under the president's plan we will be at a competitive disadvantage with China and India. Unless they are held to the same standards or unless tariffs are implemented to balance the playing field, we run the risk of forcing our flooring industry (among others) to locate elsewhere or the threat of more imported goods coming into the US.

CRI's position — *oppose the current cap-in-trade legislation.*

Due to minimal sources of renewable energy in the Southeast U.S.; we cannot meet the proposed new standards. Therefore this legislation would in effect raise taxes on individuals and businesses that are in the South.

CRI's position — *oppose the current mandate for renewable energy.*

We also discussed and offered our support for new legislation regarding incentives for improving the housing industry.

Three different approaches concerning housing incentives were presented.

The first would essentially provide for low to very low interest rate mortgages to be offered to first time homebuyers in the 2.9 percent to 3.9 percent range.

A second incentive, sponsored by Sen. Johnny Isakson, would have provid-

ed a \$15,000 tax credit on the purchase of a home (no strings attached). This legislation was in the recently approved stimulus package but at a reduced credit of \$8,000 and watered down. The legislation was supported by Sen. Chambliss and Congressman Deal.

And the third incentive sought by our industry is a similar tax credit for the purchase of home furnishings. This legislation has not been introduced yet but is supported by both Isakson and Chambliss and Deal.

The U.S. economy is suffering due to problems in the housing industry. And for our economy to improve, it will require improvement within the housing industry for us to recover. We in Northwest Georgia will not see our local economy improve and unemployment decrease until the housing industry improves. Therefore, CRI supports any and all legislation that will improve home sales and in turn provide stimulus to our local flooring industry.

I am grateful to the Carpet and Rug Institute for organizing our trip and our visits with our elected officials. I am grateful to each of our representatives who met with us and listened to us. I am especially grateful to Sens. Isakson, Chambliss and Congressman Deal for supporting our positions, our industry, and our Greater Dalton Community.

■ **Brian Anderson is president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.**



Brian Anderson

Factory to bring 320 jobs to Douglas

DOUGLAS (AP) — Gov. Sonny Perdue has announced that a new manufacturing and distribution center will create 320 jobs in Douglas.

The governor said Tuesday that GreenTech Manufacturing will invest more than \$20 million at the plant in south

Georgia. The company makes environmentally friendly construction products.

Perdue says the company will offer high-quality and high-paying administrative, technical and operational jobs.

GreenTech uses up to 95 percent recycled materials to

make lightweight construction products that it says are stronger than steel. The products are meant to be an alternative to metal, wood, concrete and fiberglass.

GreenTech Manufacturing is owned by Texas-based Gulf Coast Arms.

Bagley Quiz Bowl twice runners-up

SUBMITTED BY BAGLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The quiz bowl team at Bagley Middle School finished second in two competitions last week. The group has now won more than 30 matches this school year after winning first in the state at the Georgia Junior Beta Convention last fall.

Eighth-graders and veteran team members Austin Fariss, Anthony Silvers and Jacob Howard led the team in a three-way tie for first at the North Whitfield Invitational. All three were named to the all-star team, and their squad had to settle for second based on points and head-to-head competition in the round robin tournament among six area

schools. Hunter Cox, Timothy Southerland and Fermin Calderon also scored while Dara Dople, Catherine Hickey, Ethan Hart, Jacob Hickman and Alex Dyer completed the team roster.

Dalton State College hosted an area tournament and the Bagley group divided into two teams in a modified round robin event that saw abbreviated play due to time constraints. Alex Dyer was the top scorer for one team with 50 while Hunter Cox led the other team with 60 points. Others hitting the scoring column were Silvers, Fariss, Howard, Hickman and Southerland.

The next action for the "academic" Braves will be at New Hope Middle School on March 18.



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OBITUARIES

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- Gordon Lee Flowers, Dalton
- Ralph Jinkins, Chatsworth
- William Edward "Boot" Knight, Rock Mills, Ala.
- Jimmy Mahoney, Dalton
- Earl Lee McIntyre, Chattanooga
- Junior A. Payne, Chatsworth
- Vicki Wheeler, Dalton

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.

He was of the Methodist faith, a member of Cohutta Masonic Lodge No. 64 F & A M 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 today at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples 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&A.M. A white dove release will conclude the service.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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

Arrangements are by Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Highway, Dalton. Call (706) 259-7455 for further information.

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Archimandrite Damian (Hart)

Great Schema Archimandrite Damian, 77, reposed in the Lord on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at St. Silouan the Athonite Russian Orthodox Monastery, Ben Lomond, Calif., after a courageous

struggle with cancer. At the time of his repose, he was abbot of St. Silouan Monastery under the omophorion of His Grace Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco and Western America, Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia.

Archimandrite Damian was born William King Hart, Dec. 18, 1931, at Rocky Mount, N.C., the son of Floris and Mary Corbett Hart and brother of Mary O r p h a Hart, all of whom preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, William Andrew Hart of Tyler, Texas; several grandchildren, and a cousin, James E. Corbett of Richmond, Va.

Archimandrite Damian was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Salzburg, Austria, in the mid-1950s. He was a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J. (bachelor of music in organ performance, 1956), General Theological Seminary, New York City (master of divinity, 1959), and United States International University, San Diego, Calif., (M.A. 1966; Ph.D. in clinical psychology, 1969). He was headmaster of Saint John's School, Chula Vista, Calif. (1963-1966), All Saints' School, San Diego, Calif. (1966-1970), and president of St. Michael's Farm for Boys, Picayune, Miss., (1970-1980). A lifelong teacher, Archimandrite Damian was also a talented linguist and musician, playing both piano and organ.

Archimandrite Damian was instrumental in founding several Orthodox mission churches in the South and also two monasteries: the Congregation of St. Augustine, San Diego, Calif., (1966), which later became the Orthodox Monastery of the Glorious Ascension in Picayune, Miss., (1977), and later Resaca, (1980); and St. Michael's Skete, Cañones, N.M. (1992).

From 1977-2005, he was abbot of the Monastery of the Glorious Ascension, and then following several years in retirement, was appointed abbot of St. Silouan Russian Orthodox Monastery in Ben Lomond, Calif.

A pioneer of Orthodox monasticism in America, Archimandrite Damian converted to Orthodoxy in 1977, along with Hieromonk Michael Adams (+1984), Hierodeacon David (Colburn), and Igumen John (Harwell), the co-founders of the Monastery of the Glorious Ascension. Fathers Damian and Michael had been fellow students at Westminster Choir College and General Theological Seminary and co-founded a teaching order of monastics in the Episcopal Church, the Congregation of St. Augustine. Archbishop Dmitri (Royster) of Dallas and the South, at that time the Bishop of Hartford, Orthodox Church in America, ordained Archimandrite Damian as an Orthodox priest on September 23, 1977.

Archimandrite Damian was tonsured to the Great Schema, the most advanced level of Orthodox monasticism, by a representative of Abbot Parthenios and the elders of Saint Paul's

Monastery, Mount Athos, on Oct. 23, 1996.

Archimandrite Damian fell asleep in the Lord surrounded by his Brotherhood of St. Silouan and many brothers and sisters in Christ and spiritual children.

Services were served by Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco at St. Lawrence Orthodox Christian Church, 6192 Highway 9, Felton, Calif.: Vigil at 4 p.m., Monday, March 9; funeral was at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, with a meal following.

Thereafter, Archimandrite Damian's remains will be transported to St. Mary of Egypt Russian Orthodox Church, 1765 Woodstock Road, Roswell, for a Panikhida (Orthodox memorial) service at 10 a.m., Thursday Interment will follow immediately at Holy Resurrection Cemetery, Monastery of the Glorious Ascension, U.S. Highway 41 (just north of the Whitfield County line), in Resaca with the V. Rev. John Townsend of St. Mary of Egypt Russian Orthodox Church officiating. A memorial meal will follow at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m.

In accordance with monastic tradition, mourners are requested not to send flowers. Memorial gifts may be made either to the St. Silouan Monastery Bell Fund or to the fund for Archimandrite Damian's tombstone. Tax-deductible gifts may be sent to: St. Silouan the Athonite Russian Orthodox Monastery/One Brooks Road/Ben Lomond, CA 95005.

May the Lord grant rest eternal in blessed repose to the Great-schema Archimandrite Damian, and may his memory be eternal!

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Gordon Lee Flowers

Mr. Gordon Lee Flowers, 73, of Dalton, went to be with the Lord on March 9, 2009 at home surrounded by his loving family and friends.

He was the son of the late, Vestor and Dovie Millsap Flowers and was preceded in death by his sister, Louise Oetchings.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and also served in the National Guard and was a member of North Whitfield Missionary Baptist Church in Tunnel Hill.

Gordon is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Linda Ray Flowers of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Delbert Haynes of Tunnel Hill; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Carl Teasley of Dalton; grandchildren, Jacob Haynes and Lucas Haynes of Tunnel Hill; great-grandson, Jett Haynes of Tunnel Hill and Alyssa Crane of Dalton; loving pet, Joy Bell; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Barbara and Mike Garrett; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Marvin and Gail Ray of Chatsworth and Jerry Ray of Dalton; nephew, Tony Sewell of Dalton; lifetime

and special friend, Bob Burchfield of Dalton; special extended family, Hamilton Hospice and volunteers.

Services to celebrate the life of Gordon Lee Flowers will be 2 P.M. Thursday in the Chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Lillard Stringer, Dr. Harry Roberts and Delbert Haynes officiating.

He will be laid to rest in United Memorial Gardens with Delbert Haynes, Jacob Haynes, Lucas Haynes, Donald Flowers, Thurman Pate and Jimmy Pate proudly serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Wednesday after 3 P.M.

In Lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to, Hamilton Hospice, P.O. Box 1168, Dalton, GA. 30722-1168.

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

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

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Ralph Jinkins

Ralph Jinkins, 84, of Chatsworth, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Minnie Jinkins; brothers, R.M., Claude and Talmadge Jinkins; and sisters, Lucille Jinkins, Rachel Jinkins and Dimple Smith.

He is survived by sister-in-law, Ruth Jinkins of Chatsworth; nephew and wife, Charles Ray and Virginia Jinkins of Chatsworth; niece, Linda Smith of Chatsworth, niece and husband, Diane and Meredith Crow of Summerville, niece, Sharon Gilbert if Chatsworth and Emily and Conley Rollins of Chatsworth; three great-nephews, three great-nieces, four great-great-nephews, seven great-great-great-nieces.

Services are today at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth with the Rev. Meredith Crow officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of arrangements.

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William Edward "Boot" Knight

Graveside services for Mr. William Edward "Boot" Knight, of Rock Mills, Ala., 82, were Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. from Randolph Memory Gardens with the Rev. Paul Pratt officiating. Quattlebaum Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The family received friends at the funeral home from Monday.

Mr. Knight died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Randolph Medical Center in Roanoke, Ala.

Survivors include is wife, Louise Pike Knight of Rock Mills; two daughters, Jeri Childers of Chatsworth, Becky (husband Paul) Pratt of Corrington, Tenn.; three sons, Michael Knight of Rock Mills, Ronnie (wife

Shirley) Knight of Ringgold, Robby Knight of Rock Mills; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Mr. Knight was born April 5, 1926, son of Grant and Dessie Mae Lovvorn Knight. He was a member of the Rock Mills Church of the Nazarene, vice president of manufacturing for E.T. Barwick Mills in Dalton, and retired from Shaheen Mills in Resaca.

Mr. Knight was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Waymon Norris Knight; one great grandchild, Anna Elizabeth McCamy.

Quattlebaum Funeral Home of Roanoke, Ala., is in charge of arrangements.

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Jimmy Mahoney

Mr. Jimmy Mahoney, 69, of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at his home surrounded by his wife, three sons and their families.

He was the son of the late R.L. Mahoney.

Jimmy was a pharmacist in the Dalton area for 46 years. Jimmy loved serving the church, most recently serving as a deacon at Dalton First Baptist Church.

Jimmy was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Pheliece White Mahoney of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Kelley Mahoney of Rocky Face, Pat and Erica Mahoney of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Jeff and Katie Mahoney of Rome; mother, Elizabeth Mahoney of Dalton; sister, Anne Hammontree of Dalton; grandchildren, Caleb Mahoney, Hannah Mahoney, Grace Mahoney and Luke Mahoney; nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Dalton First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Wilson and the Rev. Larry Flanagan officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Atrium of the First Baptist Church on Thursday from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 827, Dalton, GA 30722-0827.

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

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Earl Lee McIntyre

Mr. Earl Lee McIntyre, 65, of Chattanooga and formerly of Cohutta, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at

Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga.

He was retired from Hamilton County Schools and was a member of Wesley Chapel Community Church. Mr. McIntyre was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Arthur L. McIntyre and Mrs. Gladys M. Chatman McIntyre; sister, Mrs. Robbie Mae Robinson Preston; and brother, Mr. A.C. McIntyre.

Survivors are his loving family, ex-wife, Mrs. Cheri McIntyre of Cincinnati; two sisters, Mrs. Sara Johnson of Chattanooga and Mrs. Betty (Henry) Baker of Cohutta; goddaughter, Ms. Belinda; sister-in-law, Mrs. Jean McIntyre of Chattanooga; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services are Thursday at noon in the chapel of Willis Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Payne and other ministers officiating.

His remains will lie in state at the funeral home today after 11 a.m. and the family will receive friends Thursday one hour before the service.

Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.willis-funeralhomedalton.com.

Arrangements are by Willis Funeral Home Inc. of Dalton.

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Junior A. Payne

Mr. Junior A. Payne, 74, of Chatsworth, passed away Sunday, March 8, 2009, at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga.

Junior was a member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church. His CB handle was "Snuffy."

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Aileen Payne; parents, Elisha Payne and Dollie M. Payne; son, Tony A. Payne; brothers, Clyde Jefferson Payne and Oliver Payne; sister, Irene Allen Payne; and daughter-in-law, Jackie Payne.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Wright Payne; stepson, Ronnie Russell; sons and daughters-in-law, Alan Payne, Scott and Krissy Payne, and Robert Payne; daughter, Robin Payne; grandchildren, Frank Russell, Tommy Russell, Rodney Roden, Andy Roden, and Karrison Payne; sister, Erma Payne of Copperhill, Tenn.; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Manis, the Rev. David Newport, and the Rev. Andy Lands officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

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

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of arrangements.

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Vicki Wheeler

Mrs. Vicki Wheeler, 52, of Dalton, departed this life early Tuesday morning, March 10, 2009, at Southern Hill Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

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Anisha Mittal, a student at New Hope Elementary, placed first at the Whitfield County Schools Social Science Fair 2009 for her work on geography. She also placed first at the 4-H District Project Achievement for her project on recycling.

New Hope's Anisha Mittal a winner many times over

Anisha Mittal, a fifth-grader at New Hope Elementary School, had several achievements recently. She captured first place at the 4-H District Project Achievement, representing Whitfield County in the recycling

category. She explained the benefits of recycling and how to reuse recyclable items. For example, she showed how to make a mat using plastic bags and mail holders using cereal boxes. She also placed first in

the Whitfield County Schools Social Science Fair 2009 in the geography category. She placed second at the regional competition in Kennesaw. She also placed second in the New Hope Elementary spelling bee.

Author Engel to kick off lecture series at library

SUBMITTED BY THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

On Tuesday, March 24, famed author, professor and lecturer Elliot Engel will kick off the Davison Lecture Series at the Dalton-Whitfield Public Library.

A prolific writer and lecturer, Engel is internationally known for his keen wit and entertaining style of presentation.

The Davison Lecture Series was named in memory of former Dalton resident Bob Davison.

The program will take place at the library at the corner of Waugh and Capps streets in Dalton. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with light refreshments at a pre-lecture reception in the presenter's honor, sponsored, in part, by the Friends of the Dalton-Whitfield Public Library.

During the reception, Engel will discuss portions of "Scarlet Fever: Gone With the Wind." The Margaret Mitchell classic, set in 19th century Georgia, is one of the most popular novels and motion pictures of all time. However, Engel assures us that we will be surprised when we learn the real story behind the novel

and the glamorous Hollywood legends surrounding the film. Few know that the novel has little to do with the Civil War and the Deep South, but is really a glimpse into the real life and loves of Margaret Mitchell.

The feature lecture, which will follow the reception at approximately 6:45 p.m., will discuss "A Light History of the English Language." Engel reveals why our language developed in such a fascinating way from the Celts, to the Anglo-Saxons, to the invading French. The origins of some of our common words and phrases we use each day are sure to surprise the audience. His videos have been described as "the perfect introductory lectures" because they combine just the right mixture of history, information, and humor, and because they tend to generate future interest and study.

Engel lives in North Carolina where he has taught courses at N.C. State University, the University of North Carolina and Duke University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at UCLA. He has been awarded North Carolina State's Distinguished Outreach Professorship and the

Victorian Society Award of Merit.

Engel has published seven books. The most recent, "A Dab of Dickens & A Touch of Twain," was released by Simon & Schuster in 2002. He has written three plays. PBS television stations around the country aired his mini-lecture series on his favorite author and literary hero, Charles Dickens.

Library director Joe Forsee has attended many of Engel's lectures and has purchased several CDs of his presentations for his own library.

"I knew Elliot was as good as I thought when I played his Shakespeare lecture for my 11-year-old, football-playing son (on the way to practice). He laughed and asked a number of thoughtful questions. I was sold — yet again — on the power of a fine presentation," Forsee said.

The Dalton library has more than 60 audio recordings of Engel's lectures in its circulating collection.

The March 24 program is free and open to the public and is most suitable for an audience ages 12 and up. For further information, please contact the library at (706) 876-1370 or by e-mail to fogarty@nrgl.org.

FFA Alumni meeting set for Thursday at Southeast

David Chapman, north region member director for FFA Alumni, will speak at the agricultural organization's alumni meeting on Thursday at Southeast High School.

Current members and alumni of FFA are invited to the meeting, which will begin in the agriculture department at 7 p.m. The

entrance is near the greenhouse.

"This is a booster club for the FFA program for parents, graduates and community members who would like to help our program grow, could chaperone events or serve as judges for local contests," said agriculture teacher Ginger Bushey.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact one of the agriculture teachers at Southeast. Bushey is available by e-mail at ginger_bushey@whitfield.k12.ga.us or by phone at (706) 876-7004. Matthew Waters' e-mail address is matthew_waters@whitfield.k12.ga.us and his phone number is (706) 876-7033.



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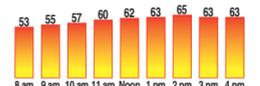
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PREP SOCCER: DALTON AT NORTHWEST WHITFIELD



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Dalton High's Rene Real (10) tries to put a header past Northwest Whitfield's Hugo Carillo, from left, Joseph Torres and keeper Oscar Solorzano (concealed) during their Region 7-4A match in Tunnel Hill on Tuesday. After two losses by shootout to area rivals last week, Dalton beat Northwest 5-0.

On their feet

Cats halt skid with victory

BY ADAM KROHN

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Heading into Tuesday night's soccer game at Northwest Whitfield, the past four contests hadn't been too kind to the Dalton Catamounts.

The Cats averaged just one goal per game during a stretch when they lost three of four and their past three matches came down to penalty kicks.

But against the Bruins, the Cats got their groove back as Ricky Rodriguez and Jacobo Estrada scored two goals each and Dalton coasted to a 5-0 Region 7-4A victory in Tunnel Hill.

"We've been playing good as far as the passing game," Cats coach Matt Cheaves said. "We just haven't been scoring very well and have had to end our games in penalty kicks. So when we scored that first goal, it took the pressure off and allowed us to score more."

Estrada scored the game's first goal in the 12th minute from the corner of the 6-yard box as a group of four Cats were kicking at the ball. Estrada's foot got there first and his shot ricocheted off another player before sneaking inside the post to give Dalton the lead.

"I don't know how I kicked the ball but I did," Estrada said. "I was kind of surprised at how it bounced to me. Someone (from Northwest) could have kicked it back out."

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Five minutes later, Dalton (4-3, 2-1 in 7-4A) capitalized when a Northwest defender covering the back post slipped and fell, leaving a large area open for Rodriguez to emerge and head the ball in to put the Cats up 2-0.

Northwest (5-3, 1-1) had a golden opportunity to get back in the game with 16 minutes left in the half, taking four decent shots at the goal in the span of 10 seconds, but Ivan Salas formed a wall around the goal and the Bruins never saw a better scoring opportunity the rest of the game.

"Those are the chances you've got to put home," Bruins coach Ryan Scoggins said. "Especially in terms of momentum. If we finished one of those, maybe we settle in and finish the half strong and have some momentum going into the second half."

Instead, the Cats all but put the game away with Ruben Serrata's goal with 4:29 left in the half.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Finishing touch puts Bruins past Southeast

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Southeast kept battling back on the diamond at Northwest Whitfield on Tuesday — but in the end, the Bruins held their visitors back far enough to seal the victory.

After an opening week with more frustrating finishes than Northwest coach Todd Middleton would have preferred, the Bruins picked up an 8-6 non-region victory over their intracounty rivals at Richard S. Chumley Field in Tunnel Hill.

The Bruins (2-3) pulled within a game of .500 with the win against Southeast (2-3).

"We haven't been able to finish a game very strong yet," Middleton said. "We played well all last week, we just didn't finish some close games, so it was great to finish a game and get the win."

Jordan Darnell worked 4 2/3 innings to earn the victory on the mound, while Chase Plott recorded the final two outs in relief of Cody Jones to pick up the save and stop a bases-loaded rally by the Raiders.

"Our problem has been sustaining that lead," Middleton said. "We just haven't done it yet and we were kind of iffy there tonight, but Chase did a good job of closing it out."

Darnell allowed four runs on six hits while striking out three and walking one. Plott allowed one hit and struck out one in 2/3 innings and Jones worked the middle.

The Bruins started well against Southeast, getting home runs in the first and second innings, respectively, from Bradley Stevenson and Cody Jones, but the Raiders responded with a big third,

during which Bradley Grant delivered a three-run homer. Another Raiders run that inning gave Southeast a 4-2 lead.

It was then Northwest's turn to slug back, which the Bruins did by stringing together an error, walk and two hits into a three-run fourth that chased Raiders starter Dylan Massengill from the mound. Massengill, who took the loss, finished with five runs, four earned, on five hits with one walk and one strikeout.

The Bruins also added two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth, but Southeast stayed in striking distance with a solo home run from Massengill in the sixth. The Raiders crept back by scoring one run in the top of the seventh with the bases loaded, but couldn't finish the comeback.

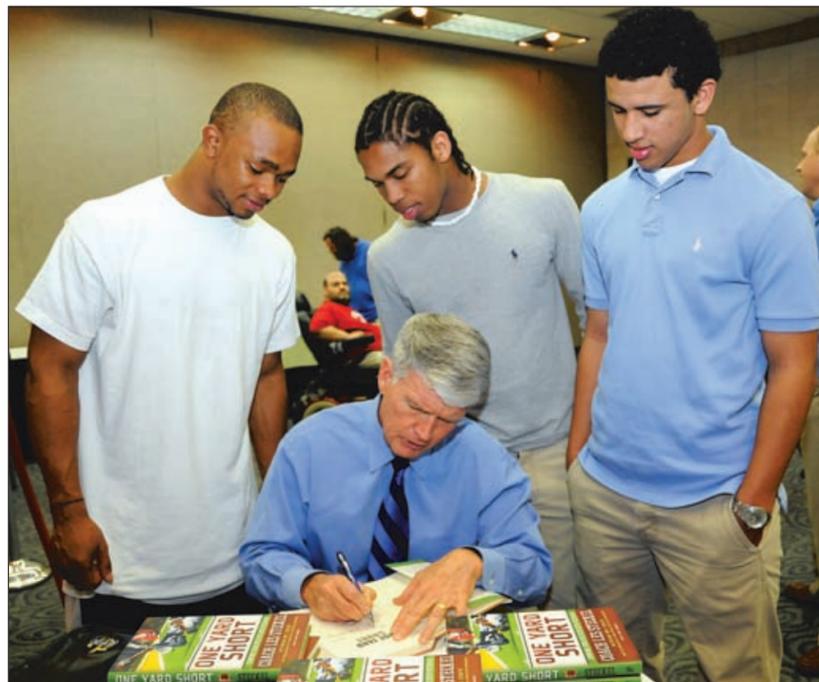
"We had one out and a chance to drive them in," Southeast coach Jason Keller said, "but we couldn't get them in. But we competed well. We hung in there and played well."

At the plate, Darnell went 2-for-4, Zane Gordon was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, Cody Jones was 2-for-3, Jay Motley was 2-for-3 and Brent Stephens had a double and drove in a run.

Southeast's Michael Simpson was 2-for-4 with a pair of stolen bases, Trey Parris was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Bradley Grant was also 2-for-4 with four RBIs. Carter Gillelan, a freshman, was 2-for-2 with a pair of leadoff singles in the third and sixth.

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Former pro and college football coach Les Steckel, who currently serves as president and CEO of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, signs copies of his book "One Yard Short" for Dalton High athletes Shaquon Moore, from left, Chris White and Tevin Collins on Tuesday night at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. Steckel, who worked as the offensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans when they advanced to Super Bowl XXXIV, was the featured speaker at the 10th Home Team Banquet, which benefits FCA chapters in Gordon, Murray and Whitfield counties.

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Lowe eases into new job

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN

Associated Press Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Derek Lowe is getting comfortable with his new team — on the field and off.

Atlanta's new No. 1 starter, signed in the offseason as a free agent, struck out six in four hitless innings to lead the Braves over the Houston Astros 7-4 on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old right-hander felt like the new kid in school when he first joined the team, but has since shed that status and feels great on the field and at ease in the clubhouse.

Lowe agreed to a four-year, \$60 million contract with the Braves in January after going 14-11 with a 3.24 ERA for the Los Angeles Dodgers last season.

"At first everyone kind of looks at you, but no one really says anything," Lowe said. "Eventually you've got to break the ice. But it's like that anywhere you go. This place is no different. It's getting a lot more where everyone feels comfortable around each other."

Lowe said Tuesday was his best work of the spring.

"That's about as good as I can do," he said. "It really is, as far as command, being



Lowe

able to throw pitches for strikes. It's important to throw strikes. It's steadily gotten better."

Atlanta reliever Rafael Soriano made his first appearance of the spring after starting camp with an upper respiratory infection.

The 29-year-old ended last season on the disabled list after surgery on his right elbow in August.

He allowed one hit and struck out one in a scoreless inning and said afterward that he's "very close" to 100 percent healthy.

"I'm much better now after what happened last year," Soriano said. "Today I felt much better because I got to be on the mound, be in the game and tried to help the team."

The Braves scored three times in the first inning thanks to an error by first baseman Lance Berkman and a triple by Omar Infante. Atlanta added a run in the third and another in the seventh before scoring twice in the ninth.

Houston struggled offensively, managing just one run until a three-run ninth when most of the starters were gone.



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Northwest Whitfield baseball players, including Jordan Darnell (15), greet Bradley Stevenson (10) at the plate after his solo home run in the first inning against Southeast on Tuesday at Richard S. Chumley Field in Tunnel Hill. The Bruins held off the visiting Raiders for an 8-6 non-region win.

PRO FOOTBALL



AP PHOTO
Mike Peterson will be reunited with his old coach, Mike Smith, in Atlanta this fall.

Jag now a Falcon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
FLOWERY BRANCH, — The Atlanta Falcons bulked up their depleted linebacker corps, signing free agent Mike Peterson on Tuesday.

Peterson will be reunited with Falcons coach Mike Smith, who previously served as defensive coordinator in Jacksonville. Terms of the two-year contract weren't immediately available.

Peterson, 32, played the last six seasons with the Jaguars. He started his 10-year career in Indianapolis.

"Mike is a very sound, versatile linebacker who has gained plenty of experience and knowledge over his 10-year career," Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff said. "He is the type of player who will lead the team on the field and in the locker room."

Atlanta was looking for a veteran at linebacker after losing five-time Pro Bowl selection Keith Brooking to the Dallas Cowboys and Michael Boley, who started much of last season on the strong side, to the New York Giants. The only full-time starter still on the roster is middle linebacker Curtis Lofton, a rookie last season.

Peterson's days in Jacksonville were numbered when he ran afoul of Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio last year. The linebacker was sent home twice for insubordination, fined \$10,000 and benched for a game during Jacksonville's disappointing season.

Cats

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Dalton came out determined in the second half as Rodriguez and Jacobo each scored a goal within the first 10 minutes.

Northwest was unable to respond and with less than 13 minutes to play, both teams had their subs in.

For the game, Dalton outshot Northwest 12-8. Bruins keeper Oscar Solarzano finished with six saves and Cats keeper Ivan Salas finished with four saves in the shutout before being pulled late.

Estrada hopes Tuesday's game is a sign of more to come.

"I know we've lost some games, but hopefully we can just start scoring goals again," he said. "We're just going to try to keep it going."

■ Dalton girls 3, Northwest 0: Lisa Mata scored Dalton's first goal 15 minutes in and the Lady Catamounts (6-1, 3-0) added two insurance goals in the game's final 10 minutes from Rachel Cxyz and Daniela Molinar. Keeper Julie Parham recorded three saves in the shutout.

"I was happy to see the girls come together in the second half," Dalton coach Rebecca Snellman said. "They settled down, got their touches under control and made better passes."

Dalton attempted 38 shots on goal and Lady Bruins keeper Hannah Hensley (2-4, 0-2) saved 26 of them.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: TOURNEY ROUNDUP

Vikings set sail for tourney with upset

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
INDIANAPOLIS —

Cedric Jackson scored 19 points and Cleveland State used a flurry of 3-pointers to beat No. 16 Butler 57-54 Tuesday night, winning the Horizon League tourney championship and its first NCAA tournament berth since 1986.

Six of Cleveland State's first seven field goals in the second half were 3-pointers, helping the Vikings (25-10) erase an 8-point lead by the Bulldogs (26-5).

Butler's last lead was 48-47 midway through the period, then Jackson hit a 3-pointer and a floater in the lane to put the Vikings in front for good. Butler had two chances to tie in the closing seconds, but Shelvin Mack and Gordon Hayward missed 3-pointers.

Mack led Butler with 18 points and a career-high nine rebounds.

Cleveland State, which lost to Butler in the Horizon championship game last year and twice again to the Bulldogs this regular sea-

son, earned its first tourney title, giving it the conference's automatic spot in the NCAA tourney. Butler, ranked in the Top 25 most of the season, is expected to receive an at-large NCAA tourney bid Sunday.

The Bulldogs led most of the first half, although a late rally helped Cleveland State close within 32-28 at half-time.

Butler regained an 8-point lead at 39-31 on a dunk by Matt Howard, but a 3-pointer by J'Nathan Bullock started the Vikings' comeback.

They pulled within 42-40 on consecutive 3-pointers by Jeremy Montgomery and tied the game at 42 on a basket by Bullock. There was one more tie and one more Butler lead before the 3-pointer by Jackson put the Vikings on top for good.

Cleveland State's biggest lead was at 56-50 on the final basket by Jackson, who was voted tournament most valuable player.

Montgomery finished with 11 points and Bullock

added 10 for the Vikings. Howard, the league's MVP for the season, added 14 for the Bulldogs.

■ Seton Hall 68, South Florida 54: In New York, Jeremy Hazell scored 23 points to lead Seton Hall to a victory, snapping the Pirates' five-game losing streak in the Big East tournament.

Eugene Harvey added 16 points for Seton Hall (17-14) in the opening-round win that sent the 11th-seeded Pirates on to face sixth-seeded and 18th-ranked Syracuse in the second round today at Madison Square Garden.

Dominique Jones had 14 points for the Bulls (9-22), who were making their first appearance in the Big East tournament since joining the conference four years ago.

Hazell scored 12 points in the Pirates' 21-9 run to open the second half that gave them a 51-41 lead with 12:05 left. Seton Hall, which last won a game in the tournament in the opening round in 2003, pulled

away by holding South Florida to three field goals over the final 11 minutes.

Women

■ No. 1 UConn 75, No. 5 Louisville 36: In Hartford, Conn., Maya Moore scored 28 points and Connecticut cruised to its 15th Big East tournament championship with a victory over Louisville.

When the sensational sophomore walked off the floor with eight minutes left, she had single-handedly outscored Louisville 28-27. Moore was selected the tournament's most outstanding performer.

The Huskies (33-0) have now won four of the last five conference tournament titles and enter the NAAs unbeaten for the fourth time in school history. UConn went on to win the national championship in 1995 and 2002. In 1996-97 they lost to Tennessee in the regional final.

Connecticut's road to a sixth national championship will begin on March 22 at

home in Storrs as the Huskies host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

All-Big East forward Angel McCoughtry was held to nine points to lead Louisville (29-4).

■ No. 17 South Dakota State 79, Oakland, Mich., 69: In Sioux Falls, S.D., Jennifer Warkentien scored 23 points and South Dakota State earned an NCAA tournament bid in its first season of Division I eligibility with a victory in the Summit League championship.

The 17th-ranked Jackrabbits (31-2) trailed by as much as 14 in the first half, but used an 11-0 run late in the second half and 10 of 12 free throw shooting in the final 4:13 to win their 17th consecutive game.

Kristen Rotert added 15 points, including 12 in the second half for SDSU, the regular-season league champion and the tournament's No. 1 seed.

Jessica Pike led No. 2 seed Oakland (26-6) with 22 points.

Area: Southeast sweeps four-way meet at home

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"Northwest executed really well with runners in scoring position," Keller said. "They got the base hits when they need them and that was the difference in the ballgame."

Colby Cook finished up on the mound for Southeast, allowing three runs on four hits with two strikeouts.

■ Christian Heritage 12, Griffin 4: Gray Hutchinson went 3-for-5 with a pair of home runs and four RBIs and picked up the win on the mound as helped the Lions rebound from a season-opening loss with a road victory to open GISA Region 4-2A play.

Mason Sikes went 3-for-3 with a walk and drove in three runs, while Landon McClure had two RBIs and Parmelee Ward added one.

On the mound, Hutchinson worked five innings, allowing three hits while striking out nine. He gave up three runs, though all were unearned.

Varsity golf

■ Murray County 161, Rome 206: Tyler Simpson's 1-over par 38 earned medalist honors and helped the Indians to their third victory in as many dual meets this season. Chase Jones (38), Zach Gibson (41) and Dylan Langford (42) also scored for Murray County in the home match played on the front nine at Spring Lakes.

Varsity soccer

■ Southeast boys 10, Ridgeland 0: Alam Tiador had six assists in the first half as the Raiders sprinted to the easy lead and the game was called with two minutes to play for a mercy-rule victory.

Varsity tennis

■ Christian Heritage girls 6, Berean Academy 3: The Lady Lions won their season opener on the road with singles victories in pro set play from No. 2 Emma Reigel (8-2), No. 3 Ali McClure (8-0), No. 5 Ann Kathryn Anglea (8-2) and No. 6 Catherine Landers (8-1), plus doubles wins from No. 2 Katie Long and Anglea (8-1) and No. 3 Camden Hardaway and Landers (8-1).

■ Northwest girls 4, Murray County 1: The Lady Bruins improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in Region 7-4A play with singles wins from No. 1 Adrienne Orem (6-0, 6-0) and No. 3 Bernadette Valleriano (injury default), plus doubles victories from No. 1 Haley Dobson and Kelsey Rice (6-2, 3-6, 6-4) and No. 2 Lindsey Denton and Ashley Miles (6-6 (9-7), 4-6, 7-5).

Murray County did not report its side of results from the match.

■ Murray County boys 3, Northwest Whitfield 2:



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Southeast junior Dylan Massengill pitches during the Raiders' game at rival Northwest Whitfield on Tuesday at Richard S. Chumley field in Tunnel Hill. Massengill, who started for the Raiders, helped himself at the plate with a solo home run in the sixth inning, but Southeast still fell short in the 8-6 loss.

Murray County claimed the Region 7-4A victory with wins at the top two single spots and No. 2 doubles. Northwest's victories came from Alex Powell at No. 3 singles (6-2, 3-6, 7-6) and Nathan Davies and Austin Poole (7-5, 6-3).

Murray County did not report its side of results from the match.

■ Dalton boys 7, Cleveland 2: The Catamounts moved to 5-1 with the non-region victory as they picked up singles victories in pro set play from No. 1 Sam Awad (8-3), No. 3 Blake Garrett (8-3), No. 4 Hunter Carson (8-0), No. 5 Jeffrey Hair (8-4) and No. 6 Andy Partain (8-5). In doubles play, No. 1 Awad and Garrett won 8-2, while No. 3 Walker Gallmon and Sam Batts won 8-4.

■ Cleveland girls 7, Dalton 2: The Lady Cats dropped just their second match in six outings this season. Audrey Puryear's 9-8 (10) win at No. 2 singles and Emily Broadrick's 8-4 win at No. 4 were the highlights for Dalton.

■ Southeast girls 4, Ringgold 1: The Lady Raiders (3-1, 1-0) swept singles, getting wins from No. 1 Mariselle Rodriguez (6-2, 6-3), No. 2 Casey Crump (6-4, 6-0) and No. 3 Whitney Napier (injury default), plus a doubles victory from No. 1 Isabel Limas and Amanda Posey (6-2, 6-3) to take the Region 6-3A match.

■ Ringgold boys 5, Southeast 0: The Raiders dropped their first match in four this season and fell to 0-1 in Region 6-3A.

Varsity track

■ Southeast swept both the boys and girls portions of a four-way meet at home with Murray County, Ringgold and Heritage-Catoosa at Raider Stadium.

In the girls meet, Southeast won with 81 points, while Murray County (52.5), Ringgold, (51.5) and Heritage-Catoosa (44) rounded out the field.

The Lady Raiders got first-place individual efforts from Hillary Nevad (triple jump, 34 feet, 1 inch), Briana Sosebee (discus, 95-7 1/2), Shelby McFarland (1,600, 5:50; 800, 2:34) and Jelisa Griffin (200, 27.39). Southeast's 4x400 relay team of Summer Faith, Amber Young, Sosebee and McFarland also won with a time of 4:30.

In the boys meet, Southeast won with 78.5 points, while Murray County (72), Ringgold (58) and Heritage (24.5) completed the order. Southeast's winners were Chase Worley (shot put, 45-10), Damond O'Neal (110 hurdles, 16.7) and Kevin Southerland (300 hurdles, 45.4).

JV baseball

■ Northwest 7, Southeast 2: Three Bruins homered and Carter Thames struck out seven as he picked up the win on the mound as Northwest improved to 2-1 with the win over its intra-county rival.

Garrett Smith went 2-for-2 with a home run and a double, Jarrett Bruce was 2-for-2 with a double and RBI, Conner Jones had a two-run home run and Nick Wagner had an inside-the-

park homer. Thames allowed two runs, both unearned, on two hits, a walk and a hit batter.

Edardo Chavarria, who had two hits, took the loss for Southeast (2-3), working four in the five-inning game.

■ Murray County split a doubleheader with Fannin County, losing game one, 10-7, before taking game two, 14-2.

In the victory for the Indians (3-2), Josh Flood was the winning pitcher, while Gavin Ledford had two hits and Dylan Silver an RBI single. In the loss, Ben Crump took the loss and Shawn Welch contributed a pair of hits.

MS baseball

■ New Hope 11, Valley Point 0: Diego Peralta went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs and Blake Phillips pitched a complete game as the Kodiaks (5-0) strolled in the six-inning, mercy-rule victory.

Phillips — allowed four hits and walked two while striking out nine — was supported by big days at the plate from Hunter Williams, who was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, Brandon Smith, who was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI, Kyle Brock, who was 3-for-4, and Tanner Cockburn, who was 2-for-3. Valley Point's Abram Stanley went 2-for-2 and Rhett Harper had a double.

■ Christian Heritage 7, Grace Academy 3: The Lions opened with a victory at home behind the pitching of Michael McKinney, Josh Barnes and Wesley Sheppard, who combined for seven strikeouts while allowing five hits.

At the plate, Tre Mason went 2-for-3 with an RBI, Robert Hardaway added a double and two RBIs, Barnes had a triple and two RBIs and Jake Roberts a double and an RBI.

McKinney picked up the win, allowing four hits and walking two while striking out four in five innings on the mound.

■ North Whitfield 11, Gladden 1: Alejandro Orozco drove in two runs and pitched four innings for the win, allowing one run on three hits and two walks while striking out six.

Jarrod Farmer added three hits and two RBIs and Scout Plott drove in a pair of runs for the Pioneers (3-1).

■ Westside 17, Eastbrook 10: Brandon Dale struck out 14 to pick up the win on the mound and Wade Terrell and Tucker Shera each had a pair of hits to lead the Rockets (2-2) to the win.

■ Dalton 7, Cleveland, Tenn., 2: Will Erwin and Brandon Potts combined for a three-hitter on the mound to help the Cougars to the season-opening victory.

Erwin struck out 11 with no walks and hits in four innings of work, while Potts finished the job with three strikeouts and one earned run.

At the plate, Potts added a double, Saul Lara had a hit and two RBIs, Erwin had a hit and an RBI and Brandon Painter had a hit and two RBIs.

MS soccer

■ Eastbrook girls 3, Westside 1: Andrea Lopez, Heidi Lopez and Diana Paramo each had a goal for Eastbrook (5-0), while Ana Nunez scored for Westside.

■ Eastbrook boys 7, Westside 0: Jorge Hurtado scored twice, while the Mustangs (5-0) also got a goal piece from Victor Garcia, Isael Gutierrez, Cristobal Ortiz, Alex Rosillo and Mario Sayes. Jesus Leon added an assist.

MS softball

■ Boyd-Buchanan 20, Christian Heritage 0: The Lady Lions opened their season and Independent School Conference play with the loss. Susan Meinders had the team's only hit.

MS track

■ Bagley Middle's Brady Swilling tied the school record for the high jump with an effort of 6 feet during a meet with Gilmer, Clear Creek and Gladden.

"He should be jumping 6-4 pretty easily by the end of this school year," said Gladden athletic director Eric Bishop, who is Swilling's private instructor and will coach him — the two are cousins — in both basketball and track next year at North Murray High.

SPORTS BRIEFS

N. Murray club meets at Bagley

The Mountaineer Athletic Booster Club for North Murray High will meet at 7 p.m. on March 16 at Bagley Middle.

Carpet Capital to host holiday 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 Thursday.

Registration is available on race day 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.

Ads still sell well for tourney time

NEW YORK — CBS executives say their advertising sales for the NCAA tournament have held up well in the economic downturn.

The network is keeping a major sponsor that has cut back on marketing; General Motors, which did not buy time during the Super Bowl, is honoring its multiyear contract.

Not surprisingly, advertising from financial institutions, a major component in recent years, is down. But that's partly offset by increased interest from movie studios and the tech industry.

Feds make new finds on syringes

NEW YORK — Federal authorities have found performance-enhancing substances on the materials Brian McNamee said he used to inject Roger Clemens, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

McNamee turned over the syringes, vials and gauze pads to federal investigators last year, after he told baseball investigator George Mitchell he injected the pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone. The Washington Post reported Feb. 6 that tests linked Clemens' DNA to blood in the syringes given to investigators by McNamee.

Longtime Rams lineman released

ST. LOUIS — Orlando Pace has been released by the St. Louis Rams. The seven-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle was dogged by injuries in recent seasons.

The 33-year-old Pace was the first overall pick of the 1997 draft. The move on Tuesday cleared \$6 million in cap space for the Rams, after they were 2-14 last season.

Pace was the first offensive lineman chosen No. 1 overall since the Minnesota Vikings chose Ron Yary in the 1968 draft. He was named to seven straight Pro Bowls from 1999-2005.

UNC's Lawson is ACC's top player

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — No one has been able to keep up with Ty Lawson all year, not even in the race to be considered the Atlantic Coast Conference's top player.

The speedy junior was named the ACC player of the year Tuesday after guiding top-ranked North Carolina to the league's regular-season championship. He became the first point guard to win the award since Tar Heel legend Phil Ford in 1978. Florida State's Toney Douglas finished second.

— Staff, AP Reports

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
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 Sonoraville, 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
 Make-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

7 p.m.
 ESPN — Big East Conference, second round, teams TBA, at New York

8:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Northeast Conference, championship game, Mount St. Mary at Robert Morris

9 p.m.
 ESPN — Big East Conference, second round, teams TBA, at New York

FSN — Pacific-10 Conference, first round, teams TBA, at Los Angeles

10:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Big Sky Conference, championship game, teams TBA, at Ogden, Utah

11:30 p.m.
 FSN — Pacific-10 Conference, first round, teams TBA, at Los Angeles

SOCCER
3:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 2, Manchester United vs. Internazionale FC, at Manchester, England

6 p.m.
 ESPN CLASSIC — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 2, Barcelona vs. Lyon, at Barcelona, Spain (same-day tape)

1 a.m.
 ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, first round knockout, leg 2, Manchester United vs. Internazionale FC, at Manchester, England

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Boston	49	15	.766	—
Philadelphia	30	31	.492	17 1/2
New Jersey	28	35	.444	20 1/2
New York	26	37	.413	22 1/2
Toronto	23	41	.359	26

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	46	17	.730	—
Atlanta	36	28	.563	10 1/2
Miami	34	29	.540	12
Charlotte	28	35	.444	18
Washington	15	49	.234	31 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Cleveland	49	13	.790	—
Detroit	32	30	.516	17
Chicago	29	35	.453	21
Milwaukee	30	37	.448	21 1/2
Indiana	28	38	.424	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	42	20	.677	—
Houston	42	23	.646	1 1/2
New Orleans	39	23	.629	3
Dallas	38	25	.603	4 1/2
Memphis	16	46	.258	26

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	41	23	.641	—
Portland	40	23	.635	1/2
Denver	40	25	.615	1 1/2
Minnesota	18	45	.286	22 1/2
Oklahoma City	17	46	.270	23 1/2

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	50	13	.794	—
Phoenix	34	29	.540	16
Golden State	21	42	.333	29
L.A. Clippers	15	48	.238	35
Sacramento	14	49	.222	36

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Atlanta 89, New Orleans 79
 Detroit 98, Orlando 94
 Washington 110, Minnesota 99
 Miami 130, Chicago 127, 2OT
 Houston 97, Denver 95
 Portland 111, L.A. Lakers 94

Tuesday's Scores

Utah 112, Indiana 100
 New York 120, Milwaukee 112
 Charlotte at San Antonio, late
 Dallas at Phoenix, late
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, late
 Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, late

Today'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.

Thursday's Games

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	43	20	3	89	205	164
Philadelphia	36	19	10	82	212	188
Pittsburgh	36	26	6	78	210	204
N.Y. Rangers	34	25	8	76	167	183
N.Y. Islanders	22	37	8	52	168	218

Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	43	16	9	95	226	157
Montreal	36	24	7	79	202	200
Buffalo	33	27	7	73	197	188
Toronto	27	28	13	67	200	239
Ottawa	26	29	10	62	167	188

Southeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	41	21	6	88	221	200
Florida	34	24	9	77	190	189
Carolina	36	27	5	77	192	192
Atlanta	25	35	6	56	198	227
Tampa Bay	21	32	13	55	171	220

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	44	15	8	96	247	199
Chicago	36	19	9	81	212	167
Columbus	34	27	6	74	185	186
Nashville	33	29	5	71	171	185
St. Louis	29	28	8	66	180	194

Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	39	22	6	84	217	201
Vancouver	34	23	8	76	195	181
Edmonton	32	27	7	71	187	203
Minnesota	32	28	6	70	171	162
Colorado	29	36	1	59	178	208

Pacific Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	43	12	10	96	215	163
Dallas	31	27	8	70	191	202
Anaheim	31	30	6	68	186	197
Los Angeles	29	28	9	67	176	193
Phoenix	28	33	6	62	166	205

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

Monday's Scores

Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
 Ottawa 2, Toronto 1
 Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 2

Tuesday's Scores

Columbus 2, Boston 0
 New Jersey 3, Buffalo 2
 Philadelphia 5, Calgary 2
 Detroit 3, Phoenix 2, OT
 Montreal 4, Edmonton 3, OT
 Pittsburgh 4, Florida 3, SO
 Toronto 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
 San Jose 5, Minnesota 4, OT
 Washington 2, Nashville 1, OT
 Dallas at St. Louis, late
 Atlanta at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tournament Schedules

Atlantic Coast Conference
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
First Round
Thursday, March 12
 Virginia Tech vs. Miami, Noon
 Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 2:30 p.m.
 Maryland vs. N.C. State, 7 p.m.
 Boston College vs. Virginia, 9:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Friday, March 13
 North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech-Miami winner, Noon
 Florida State vs. Clemson-Georgia Tech winner, 2:30 p.m.
 Wake Forest vs. Maryland-N.C. State winner, 7 p.m.
 Duke vs. Boston College-Virginia winner, 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 14
 North Carolina-Virginia Tech-Miami winner vs. Florida State-Clemson-Georgia Tech winner, 1:30 p.m.
 Wake Forest-Maryland-N.C. State winner vs. Duke-Boston College-Virginia winner, 4 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 15
 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Southeastern Conference
At St. Pete Times Forum
Tampa, Fla.
First Round
Thursday, March 12
 Kentucky vs. Mississippi, 1 p.m.
 Mississippi State vs. Georgia, 3:15 p.m.
 Alabama vs. Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m.
 Florida vs. Arkansas, 9:45 p.m.

Quarterfinals
Friday, March 13
 LSU vs. Kentucky-Mississippi winner, 1 p.m.
 South Carolina vs. Mississippi State-Georgia winner, 3:15 p.m.
 Tennessee vs. Alabama-Vanderbilt winner, 7:30 p.m.
 Auburn vs. Florida-Arkansas winner, 9:45 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 14
 LSU-Kentucky-Mississippi winner vs. South Carolina-Mississippi State-Georgia winner, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee-Alabama-Vanderbilt winner vs. Auburn-Florida-Arkansas winner, 3:15 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 15
 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Tuesday's Scores

MEN'S TOURNAMENTS
Big East Conference
First Round
 DePaul 67, Cincinnati 57
 Notre Dame 61, Rutgers 50
 St. John's 64, Georgetown 59

Big Sky Conference
Semifinals
 Portland St. 61, Idaho St. 53

Mid-American Conference
First Round
 Akron 93, Toledo 92, OT
 Cent. Michigan 62, E. Michigan 49
 Kent St. 64, N. Illinois 61
 Ohio 62, W. Michigan 55

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
 Hampton 51, Delaware St. 32

Summit League
Championship
 N. Dakota St. 66, Oakland, Mich. 64

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

Big East Conference
Championship
 Connecticut 75, Louisville 36

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
 Florida A&M 54, S. Carolina St. 50
 Hampton 68, Norfolk St. 49
 Howard 63, Bethune-Cookman 43

Mountain West Conference
First Round
 Colorado St. 64, Wyoming 56
 New Mexico 84, Air Force 41

Summit League
Championship
 S. Dakota St. 79, Oakland, Mich. 69

Sun Belt Conference
Championship
 Middle Tennessee 74, Ark.-Little Rock 54

Western Athletic Conference
First Round
 Hawaii 70, San Jose St. 57

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ITEMS FOR SALE

604 Appliances
All Restaurant equip. Both front and back of house for sale Price neg. For more info please call 717-383-2787

605 Computers
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611 Misc. Items For Sale
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726 Commercial Buildings

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*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail. 706-279-1380 Wkdy 9-5:30

728 Commercial Rental

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*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut
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809 Trucks

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809 Trucks



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809 Trucks



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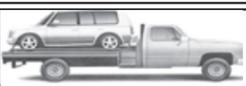
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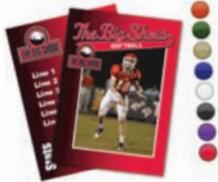
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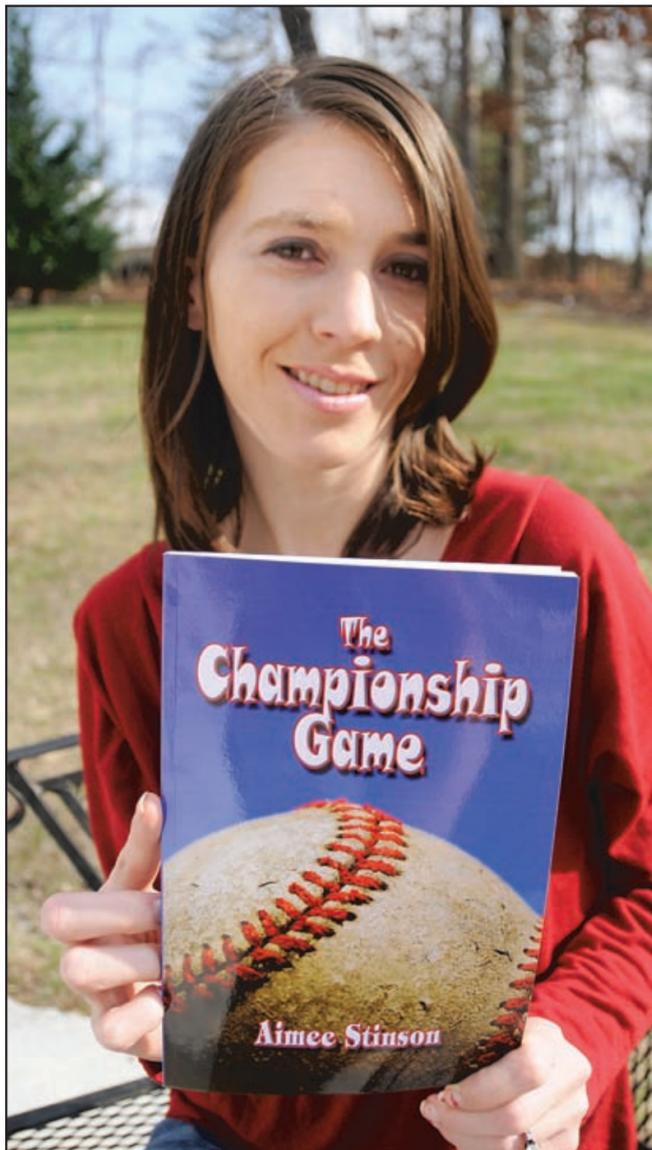


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MATT HAMILTON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Amy Stinson holds "The Championship Game," her first book.

Local author Amy Stinson publishes her first book

BY LARA HAYES
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A year ago, Aimee Stinson was pursuing an elementary education degree, working as a substitute teacher and composing short stories to try and satisfy her desire to write. Last Saturday she had her first book signing at The Book Nook.

Quite a jump in just a few months. If you saw Stinson as a child growing up in Tunnel Hill, chances are she had her nose buried in a book. Out of that love of reading grew an interest in writing which was fostered by her teachers. Writing assignments were based on personal experiences and people she knew.

"My first story was about a bike I got for Christmas," Stinson said. "I had a pretty active imagination."

Her mom, Kathy Sornson, sensed a budding talent and encouraged her daughter to develop it.

"She believed in me more than I believed in myself," said Stinson.

And Mom wasn't her only cheerleader.

"My second grade teacher at Tunnel Hill Elementary, Ms. Patillo, encouraged me a lot," she said. "She always said she loved (my stories), that they were very descriptive for that age."

Stinson has no idea where her ability comes from. No one else in her family writes aside from her cousin, Andrea Kulman. In her mind, it all goes back to the books.

"I love to read," she said. "I used to love Danielle Steel and Beverly Cleary. I was always around books one way or another."

Nowadays Stinson's tastes lean more to suspense thrillers, at least when she sits down to read. Her

author's heart, however, lies in children's books and trying to spark their love of learning.

"My first love is writing, but I felt a desire to teach after my son Chase was born," she said. "I would work a lot with him on schoolwork, I wanted him to do well."

Unlike authors, there is no shortage of educators in Stinson's family. Her husband's sister is a teacher, her mother-in-law is a former parapro and her sister-in-law's husband works as a principal. Even though her first love is writing, practicality kept Stinson from going after it as a career.

"I held back because I thought it would be impossible," she said. "It's a hard industry to get into. But I kept doing it on the side, anyway."

Her fellow family writer finally had enough and gave her a big push.

"Andrea called me about a year ago telling me her publisher had accepted her second book," said Stinson. "She was always trying to get me to submit one."

"The Championship Game" — a 48-page tale about four first-graders who make it to the county championship during their first year of playing baseball — was born. Actually, Stinson didn't have to look too far.

"It had been written for a while," she said. "I wrote it when my son was 4. The overall message is the importance of working as a team, it doesn't matter if you win or lose."

The story also features a twist, a female team member who is forced to deal with nonstop teasing from her male counterparts.

Stinson sent the manuscript to Publish America in November and received an e-mail within a week that it had been accepted. She says the neighbors probably heard her scream-

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ing, she was so excited.

"I literally jumped up and down," she said. "I was alone in the house. I got on the phone and started calling everyone. My first call was to Mom. She was like 'I knew you could do it.' My husband (Tim) took me out to eat at Longhorn to celebrate."

"The Championship Game" became available for purchase online on Jan. 12 at Amazon, Target, Barnes and Noble and Books A Million. Locally it is available at The Book Nook, and the Barnes and Noble in Chattanooga should have copies soon.

Stinson says seeing her book in print is amazing ... and a bit strange.

"I brought it everywhere with me for a while showing it to people," she said. "A year ago I never thought I'd ever have a book published and another on the way."

That one is a picture book called "The Bearless City" featuring artwork by Stinson's mom. Stinson says it should be out by the end of May.

Next up is another book signing on April 19 at Apison Elementary in Apison, Tenn. Otherwise Stinson keeps busy substitute teaching. She hopes to become a parapro next year. Her spare time is spent playing sports mom to Chase, who participates in football, basketball and softball.

Her ultimate hope is to see her books on bookshelves, but not where you would think.

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Catch phrases key to early retirement

This going to work thing is entirely too hard.

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I find that hard to stomach when there is so much wonderful daytime television programming and crunchy snacks in my cupboard unconsumed.

I've considered retirement. What I found was that, without a steady paycheck, I can't live the extravagant lifestyle I've become accustomed to (Little known fact: TVs don't work if the power has been cut off).

What I've decided is that I can enjoy the luxury of early retirement without lifting a finger. I can be the father of a child star.

I have a perfectly-able 5-year-old son who is adorable, telegenic, and doesn't even have a job, wasting his days away by learning and stuff.

I know – there are pros and cons to everything – and being a child star is no different.

Sure, the bright lights of celebrity sometimes produce a maladjusted brat who ends up broke at 21, robbing pharmacies and beating up hookers. I suppose that's the con part. The pro part is that you rarely hear about the parents of child stars getting in trouble. You never heard about Shirley Temple's parents being arrested on drug charges. You didn't hear a word about the parents of Opie Cunningham (Ron Howard) throwing hissy fits in public. You never heard anything about Rodney Allen Rippey's parents strangling a photographer. They did, but that's not the point.

The parents of child stars are typically happy as can be, riding around the countryside in their brand-spanking-new RVs, sipping pina colodas and eating Doritos, enjoying the good life courtesy of the



Len Robbins

labors of their child, entertainment's latest darling.

With this in mind, I've starting practicing my youngest son for his superstar debut. First, we've had to work a "catch phrase" – a trademark that's instantly recognizable. All the child stars have them. For instance, there was Gary Coleman's "Whatchu talking about, Willis?" Macaulay Culkin had that hands-on-cheek expression he did about 12 times a movie. Buckwheat had his "O-Tay." And there was little Emmanuel Lewis, aka "Webster," with his "Quit sitting on me Alex Karras!" (Never really caught on.)

That's what we're working on now. I'm trying to figure which one of my son's oft-heard expressions is best suited for his ear-grabbing catch phrase. So far, we have the following:

"I hate (insert anything)!"

He recites this with vigor whenever you tell him to do something, whether it be to take a bath, go to bed, or eat ice cream – doesn't matter. Probably a little too negative, which would turn off fans.

"I never want to sleep again."

I can't fathom this sentiment, but he says it every day. Doctors say 95 percent of Americans are lazy, so I don't think this would be too popular.

"Why isn't our house made of bacon?"

Add bacon to any question and that's his quizzical mantra: Why isn't our car made of bacon? Why aren't my pants made of bacon? Etc., etc.

Cute, but could turn off the vegetarians.

"There's a booger in my nose again."

I think we have a winner. RV retirement, here I come.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

'All in the Timing'



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Dalton Little Theatre has announced the cast for the upcoming night of one acts from "All in the Timing" by David Ives. Performances are scheduled for March 26-28 and April 2-4 at 8 p.m. and April 5 at 2 p.m. This comedy is recommended for ages 15 and up. Advance reservations are suggested. For tickets, call (706) 226-6618 or e-mail dlt@optilink.us. Shown are Maria Rochelle, seated; second row, Randel Ovbey, Joanna Key, Hardie Dawn, Anne Velez, William Brooks and Matt Byrum; third row, Bethany Richmond, Helen Crawford and Walter Glass.

RELIGION

Learn good lessons for tough times

When I was a young boy, I loved to stay with my granddaddy every summer on his farm. He taught me many things about farming and life. He had come through the depression of the late 1920s. He had survived the hardest of the tough times by working in a ply wood factory that was next to the river in Dublin, Ga. He also used a big net to catch catfish out of the river before he went to work and after he got off. He sold the fish just to be able to provide for his family. He proved that hard work could and would pay off.



Gary Mimbs

would reply, "You need to learn this because you never know, some day you may go through a depression." I thought it was odd at the time for his saying that but now it looks like his words were prophetic. Even today I still use some of the skills that he taught me as

a child.

Besides the survival lessons that my granddaddy taught me, there were the "life lessons" that I still live by today. He taught me to be a man of honor and integrity. He used to say, "Your word is your bond. If you tell someone that you are going to do something then do it." If people loose their trust in you it takes a long time to get it back." I have found this true even today.

He also taught me to share with others. I can remember many times taking vegetables from the farm or meat from an animal that we had butchered to people who were "down on their luck" or had less than we did. Granddaddy would say, "We don't have much but what we do have God didn't intend for us to horde while our neighbors starve."

He also taught me to trust in God. Even when he didn't know how he was going to pay his bills I can still hear my granddaddy praying and telling God what he needed. He always got up from his knees with a confident look in his eyes because he believed that God was going to come through. And He always did. Granddaddy seemed to talk to God face to face.

Granddaddy taught me to respect other people no matter what they looked like or how rich or poor they were. One time my cousin and I were making fun of another kid who had raggedy clothes and granddaddy gave us a good talking to. He reminded us that this person couldn't help that his family was poor. And he told us that, but by the grace of God, we could be the one that people were laughing at. I have never forgotten that lesson.

Granddaddy taught me to enjoy life in it's simplicity. Some of the greatest days that I can remember were fishing with him at the creek or swimming in the old pond. We would make toys from corn cobs and he taught me how to whittle a sling shot from a piece of wood and make a rabbit trap.

Granddaddy taught me to be thankful for everything that I had. Since he had come

through the depression and didn't have a whole lot of material things, everyone of them meant something to him. Since he had to work hard for what he got he appreciated them more and took good care of them. Granddaddy didn't focus on what he didn't have but was grateful for what he did have. People always meant more to him than things did.

The most important lesson that granddaddy taught me was that this life that we are living is not the end. He told me that no matter how bad or how good things were here, what really mattered was what happened after we die. He told me that if I lived my whole life and was a great success but missed heaven I would be a total failure for all eternity.

So even though we are going through hard times right now, we can all learn from those who have come through them before. I hope that this stroll through memory lane that I have shared will give you a new sense of hope and determination to leave great memories for our children and grandchildren of how we survived these tough times.

■ Gary Mimbs is senior pastor of the Dalton First Church of the Nazarenes.

Black Marriage Day set for March 29

SUBMITTED BY FAMILY FRAMEWORKS

The Family Frameworks (formerly Northwest Georgia Marriage Initiative) Black Marriage Day committee, in cooperation with Wedded Bliss Foundation Inc., will host the Black Marriage Day 2009 Marriage Hall of Fame March 29 at 5 p.m. at The Emery Center. Nominations are being accepted through March 15.

The event is an effort to recognize and awaken in others the importance and significance of marriage in the African-American community. Family Frameworks seeks

to honor those couples who have led by example, holding together their marriages for decades, and whose enduring bond inspires us.

Georgia Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham will be the keynote speaker. The theme is "First Comes Love: Guiding Our Youth to Marriage." Five married couples will be selected as honorees. They will also recognize a sixth newlywed couple that shows great promise for a successful marriage.

The Emery Center is at 110 W. Emery St. in Dalton. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, call (706) 313-0023.



EAGLE SCOUT STATUS

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Seth Graham, a member of Troop 98, recently received his Eagle Scout award in a special court of honor. Nationally, approximately 3 to 4 percent of all boys involved in Boy Scouting ever reach that goal. Graham has been a member of Troop 98 for seven years. The troop is chartered to and sponsored by First Christian Church in Dalton. Shown from left are Debbie Graham, Seth Graham and Scoutmaster Tim McIntosh

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GROWINGS ON

Take care of your fruit, vegetables

As we clean off the tools and warm up the tiller for the 2009 gardening season, there are a lot of things that need to be done within the next couple of weeks. Take advantage of the warmer days and do not work the soil, when it is too wet and hopefully this will be a year of a bountiful harvest for everyone.



Louis Dykes

Here are some jobs that you need to take care of right away.

The optimum time to prune all fruit trees is just before they bloom. Pruning allows the tree to direct nutrients to branches that will bear high quality fruit. The objective is to remove dead, diseased, or damaged wood. Also, remove shoots that are growing straight up or straight down, as neither provides good fruit development. Growth crisscrossing the center of the tree should be removed as well. A more open tree allows greater light penetration and air circulation, thereby increasing fruit quality and reducing disease and insect pressure.

Don't turn under grass and weeds to plant strawberries. Enough old growth will survive to compete with the young plants, making for a weedy mess. There is increased danger of grubs in such locations.

For your first raspberry patch, think small; six to 10 plants will do for a start. Since raspberries send out underground runners which can be invasive, you may want to sink

an 8- to 12-inch sheet of metal vertically around the planting.

Before planting a backyard orchard, map out the site, giving particular attention to air and water drainage. Avoid frost pockets, areas where cold air gathers, or you may be disappointed year after year when flower buds freeze and drop. Good water drainage is also important for good tree growth. If drainage is questionable, drainage tiles or land reformation may be required for productive fruit trees. Shallow soils may require irrigation.

Spring applications of pesticides should be made on peaches, apples and pears. Correct timing for spraying depends on the stage of development of flowers.

Weed control is one of the most time-consuming, yet most important, practices in any fruit planting. Young strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, grapes and tree fruits all suffer if weed growth is uncontrolled. Peach trees, of all the fruit trees, suffer the most from weed competition. Mulching helps control weeds.

What you plant is what you get with potatoes. When you plant a seed-potatoes (pieces of potato tuber), there is no true seed that may have been cross pollinated. So you can plant different varieties side-by-side in your garden and rest assured that each will produce the type of potato expected.

Plan your garden. Remember, it takes at least two hours per week to care for a 20- by 50-foot garden, not including harvesting and planting.

The lure of new varieties, colors, or yields often is hard to resist. Try a new type on a small scale until the plant has proven itself in your particular soil and climate. All-American selections are always good to try.

Don't dig too far down when planting asparagus crowns. Yields improve dramatically when crowns are set at a depth of 5 to 6 inches — not the commonly advised 12 inches. Contrary to the standard practices of deep planting and not harvesting for up to three seasons, recent studies show that harvesting shallow-planted asparagus after the first year boosts yields 40 percent over three years.

Lettuce is very sensitive to low pH. Lime should be applied to the soil if the pH is below 6.0.

If your garden is on a hillside, plant across the slope (not up and down) to help hold moisture in the soil and reduce erosion.

Spinach does not grow satisfactorily during continually wet weather. If your soil is somewhat heavy, plant on low ridges to provide extra drainage.

Some potato varieties are more drought tolerant than others. Research by USDA scientists showed that under dry conditions, Nooksack potatoes produced up to 60 percent U.S. Grade No. 1

potatoes, while Russet Burbank potatoes only yielded 40 percent high-grade tubers.

Remember, hardy vegetables, such as cabbage, broccoli, lettuce and Brussels sprouts, can be transplanted two weeks prior to the average date of the last frost. Warm season crops, such as tomato, eggplant, pepper, muskmelon and watermelon, should not be planted until all danger of frost is past.

The flavor and quality of the new, white and yellow varieties of beets are similar to the traditional, red cultivars.

To extend the asparagus harvest, remove the mulch from only half the bed at first. The sunlight will encourage these plants to sprout more quickly. In two to three weeks, when shoots appear in the mulched half, carefully remove the remaining mulch.

Don't plow your garden when the soil is wet. It will form clods that are difficult to break up and interfere with cultivation during the summer.

Unsterilized soil may contain organisms that cause damping off, a disease that makes young seedlings wither and die suddenly. Use a sterilized, potting mix in clean pots or flats.

■ Louis Dykes is County Extension Coordinator for Murray County. If you have any questions about growing plants in your garden or if you are having trouble with pests, call the Georgia Cooperative Extension Office, Murray County at 706-695-3031 or e-mail ldykes@uga.edu.

PET OF THE WEEK



This lovable pup, Lucky, was found under a bridge and his rescuer can't keep him.

Lucky needs a home

Lucky is approximately 12 weeks old and yearns for a forever home. For more information on this pup or any of the other dogs, cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption through the Murray County Humane Society, call (706) 695-2642 or e-mail muchopups@windstream.net.

The Murray County Humane Society is always in need of items such as bleach, cedar shavings, paper towels and garbage bags, but currently topping the list is dry puppy food. Donations can

be dropped off at the Murray County Animal Shelter or call to arrange pickup.

Dr. Emily Felker performs low cost spays and neuters for Murray and Whitfield County residents each Tuesday and Thursday at the Murray County Animal Shelter. Call (706) 695-8003 for costs and appointment.

The rabies clinic at Tractor Supply in Chatsworth is scheduled for March 28. More details will be announced soon.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the Living section each Wednesday and Sunday on a space-available basis. To announce your meeting, simply e-mail the information to larahayes@daltoncitizen.com or send by fax to (706) 275-6641. Please send your item at least two weeks in advance and include a telephone number to contact for more information.

March 12

■ The Northwest Georgia Transportation Club will have its monthly lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Dalton Golf & Country Club. The speaker will be Thomas L Rennie, owner of TLR Consulting and an international carpet consultant. He will speak on business in tough economic times. Cost is \$20. RSVP is required by calling Dianna Bailey at (706) 673-1574.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will offer bingo March 12 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

March 14

■ Dalton Community Center is accepting enrollment for girls ages 5 to 18 for arts and crafts club, drama club, hip-hop dance club, vocal club and fashion design club. Birthdays will also be celebrated each month with various activities including skating parties, pizza parties,

movies and field trips. Hygiene beauty classes and career guidance will be available to girls 15 and up. Sign up will be held March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center located on Fredrick Street. For more information, call (706) 278-8205 or (706) 483-0181.

March 16

■ The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will have its monthly meeting March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Wade Adoption Center, 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

March 17

■ The Coosa Valley Regional Development Center Area Agency on Aging's GeorgiaCares program and the elder law practice of David McGuffey will host a free lunch and learn March 17. The event will be held at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall on Thornton Avenue in Dalton. Dr. Mark Elam will discuss effective communication with your doctor. Service and resource providers will also be avail-

able with information on resources available to area seniors. RSVP to (706) 428-0888 by March 13.

March 19

■ The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will offer Season Tickets March 19. There will be two classes offered. For more information call Talk, Listen, Communicate at (423) 622-TALK. Mention code DWC for special pricing.

March 26

■ The regular monthly meeting of the Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 112 in

Dalton will be held March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Post. For membership information, call the Post at (706) 226-5120 or Lisa Elliott at (706) 259-5423 or (706) 264-3897.

March 28

■ "Strut Your Mutt" will be held March 28 at 10 a.m. at Edwards Park on Cleveland Highway. Early registration before March 20 is \$25; after and on the day of the event is \$30. The fee includes contest(s) entry, the walk, a T-shirt and goody bag. Merchants and vendors who want to set up can call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002.

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'LIL ABNER'



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Mark Orr and Mary Rose Threet are Pappy and Mammy Yokum in the upcoming Artistic Civic Theatre musical "Li'l Abner." Performances are scheduled for March 19-21 and 26-28 at 8 p.m. and March 22 at 2 p.m. at the ACT Playhouse in Dalton. For tickets and reservations, call (706) 278-4796.

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This class will train, test and certify attendees in critical food safety practices as well as offer techniques for implementing food safety training in their own operations.

This course is accepted by Georgia Environmental Health for required food safety manager certification. Anyone responsible for foodservice staff management is required by the state of Georgia to take a course of this type. Certification is valid for five years.

Cost is \$140 which includes the textbook. Registration forms are available at www.ugaextension.com/whitfield or by calling the extension office at (706) 278-8207.



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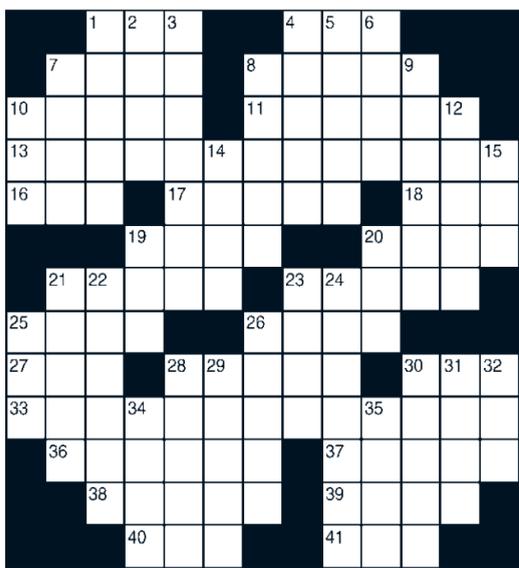
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BRIDGE

In the arms of Morpheus

Dear Mr. South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q J 10 9
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ 10 9 2

WEST
 ♠ K 8 3
 ♥ 9 7 5
 ♦ 7 5 4 2
 ♣ 8 6 3

EAST
 ♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ K J 4 3 2
 ♦ 9 8 6
 ♣ 7 4

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ A K Q J 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass
 7 ♣

Opening lead — five of hearts.

I say this knowing full well that my name is unknown to you and the bridge-playing public. It also is true that I have never won a world or national championship. Nevertheless, I still think no one can equal my accomplishments at the bridge table.

There is one thing seriously wrong with my game, though. The trouble is that I play brilliantly only while I'm asleep, but badly while I'm awake. I don't understand why this is so, but I am sure no one can hold a candle to my skills when I am in the arms of Morpheus.

For example, last night I held the East hand and my opponents got to seven clubs. They should have known I would defeat them, but my opponents never learn.

My partner led a heart. As anyone can plainly see, there is only one way for declarer to play such a hand. He must take the ace and place all his hopes on the spade finesse. It would be foolish to finesse the queen of hearts and then later have to finesse in spades also. This would be running two risks instead of one.

So South, being a good player, went up with the ace — and on the ace, I played the king!

You can't really blame South for falling for this play. He naturally thought the king was a singleton. Accordingly, after drawing trumps, he led a heart and finessed the ten, since there was no longer any reason to take a chance on the spade finesse.

But I took the ten with the jack to defeat the slam, and I'm sure I would have won the rubber on the next deal except that just then my wife woke me and said it was time to get up and go to work.

Cordially yours, Ford E. Winx
Tomorrow: Improving the odds.

CRYPTOQUIP

G P X Q T ' E D C J B X G A H B A
 Q A J G A D P D A R G A H H B L D , Y N D A
 G M T C C Q M D X Q T L G H N Y
 F D T M G A H B R X F D E - M B F D E .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AWARE THAT IT WASN'T DOING ANYTHING USEFUL AT ALL, ONE TREE YELLED TO ANOTHER "GET A LEAF!"
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals U

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You can settle a lot of old misunderstandings this year. You need to make amends in order to proceed with your plans for your personal and professional future. You must take some of the blame for past mistakes. Once you have cleared the air, you can successfully take on a new and satisfying challenge. Your numbers are 3, 10, 18, 25, 27, 38, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you allow your emotions to take over and become impulsive in your actions, you will make mistakes that will be hard to reverse. Take a watchful approach to whatever is going on. Now is not the time to share or to give too much to others. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can expect someone to come through for you at the last minute. Believe in what you are trying to accomplish and in your abilities and everything will turn in your favor. Questions should not deter you from pressing forward. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't lose sight of your goals. Concentrate more on the task that is required of you without getting sidetracked by someone who doesn't have your best interests in mind. Emotional demands may be hard to deal with but you have to be prepared to say no and move on. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tie up paperwork and odd jobs you've left undone. You can make changes to your environment that will help you move in a new and profitable direction. Consider how to apply what you have learned. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Forget about what everyone else wants from you. Start to do the things that mean the most to you and you will find your calling. Put your charismatic charm to work for you and you will soon have others willing to support your efforts. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Work must come first. There is no time to waste on things that don't matter. Your reputation and your future will depend on what you do now. Don't let love cost you financially or professionally. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have trouble controlling your emotions. Don't let this put you in a compromising position. Take care of your responsibilities before someone complains. Your friends will wait for you, so put work first. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get past what everyone else is doing or saying and follow your own instincts. It's not how long it takes you to get something done, it's how detailed and accomplished you have been. Patience will be required. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have to pull yourself together, especially if someone is causing personal uncertainty. Keep your thoughts a secret and don't meddle in someone else's business. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is something coming down the pipeline that you won't want to miss out on. Look for an unusual investment or deal. Don't let someone else's uncertainty hold you back when you know your timing is right. Cover your back and protect your assets. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If someone is asking too many questions, back away until you feel comfortable giving out that information. Preparation will be the key to staying out of the line of fire. Be ready to deal with what anyone throws your way. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anyone push you when you aren't sure what you want. Stand firm and make up your mind. Taking action will show you mean business and cannot be manipulated. 3 stars

To Your Good Health

Heart death most often due to abnormal rhythm

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My father suddenly died when I was 17 and he was 45. There was an autopsy, and we were told he had a "cardiac" death. They did not say he had a heart attack. To this day, my mother and I wonder what this actually means. I am now 37, married and have two children. I wonder if the same thing could happen to me. — W.S.



Paul G. Donohue

ANSWER: Sudden death from a cause traceable to the heart happens to 450,000 Americans every year. Most people would think that a heart attack is the cause. Actually, the cause comes from ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation about 80 percent of the time. They are two very dangerous heart rhythms. They're associated with a heart attack in only 20 percent of cases. Quite often, people who die from these rhythms had no

previous warning of heart disease. Your dad might have been one of those people. Silent changes can occur in a heart, and those changes predispose people to developing one of these two heart rhythms. To save a life, the rhythm must be stopped quickly. Ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fibrillation are not the same as atrial tachycardia and atrial fibrillation. The "ventricular" indicates the heartbeats arise in the lower, pumping heart chambers, the ventricles. In both rhythms, the heart's pumping is impaired, especially in the

ventricular fibrillation variety. Death occurs rapidly if ventricular fibrillation is not ended quickly. You're probably aware that defibrillators are now available in many public places. A defibrillator delivers an electric shock to the heart that can pull it out of these lethal rhythms. Are you at risk? It's hard to say. It would be most helpful if you had a copy of your father's autopsy report so that you could provide your physician with it. If that's impossible, you should establish yourself with a doctor so that any hidden or genetic heart disease can be detected early. The booklet on heart attacks explains what happens during such an event and what can be done to prevent it. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 102, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no

cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 47-year-old male. I am 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weigh 195 pounds. I ran three miles a day and lifted weights for 45 minutes, five days a week. I ate and eat a good diet and limit my alcohol. I was stricken with a gallstone attack and pancreatitis. It came on suddenly at work. I had surgery to remove my gallbladder. Why did this happen? What causes gallstones? Why did pancreatitis occur? Will it recur? — L.K.

ANSWER: Genes, obesity, rapid weight loss, estrogen, increasing age, pregnancy and a high-calorie, high-fat diet are some of the factors that cause gallstones. You had none. That shows you that medicine cannot provide all

the answers. Your gallstone traveled from the gallbladder through the bile duct and into a duct that the gallbladder shares with the pancreas. It blocked the pancreas's secretion of digestive enzymes into the intestine. Those enzymes started to digest your pancreas — pancreatitis. It shouldn't happen again. You have no gallbladder.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A neurologist diagnosed my niece (bumping 60) with progressive supranuclear palsy, PSP. She has double vision, often falls and cannot feed herself. What can you tell me about it? — D.K.

ANSWER: Early on, PSP is often mistaken for Parkinson's disease. People walk stiffly, lose their balance and fall repeatedly. They cannot aim their eyes. They cannot look down. Often they have double

ASK THE DOCTOR

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

vision. In time they become forgetful and irritable. They speak softly and in a monotone. Swallowing is a challenge. The cause is unknown. Medicines for Parkinson's disease are often prescribed, but they don't work as well as they do for Parkinson's. Contact the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy at 800-457-4777 (in Canada, 866-457-4777) for in-depth information on this illness and its treatment.

PRESENTING THE COLORS



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On behalf of Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, field representative Ricki W. Weaver, right, recently presented an American flag to Whitfield County Fire Chief Carl Collins and administrative assistant Sharon Ratcliff. The flag is to be flown over the fire department central office.

IN SERVICE

■ Army National Guard Pvt. James A. Kincaid has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat and field maneuvers and tactics. He is the son of James Kincaid of Jasper and Eugenia Donaldson of Holly Springs. He received a GED in 2008 from Gordon

Central High School in Calhoun.

■ Air Force Airman April L. Young has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received



Young

physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force. Young earned distinction as an honor graduate. She is the daughter of Sheila and Willie Silvers of Tenna and a 2006 graduate of Murray County High School.

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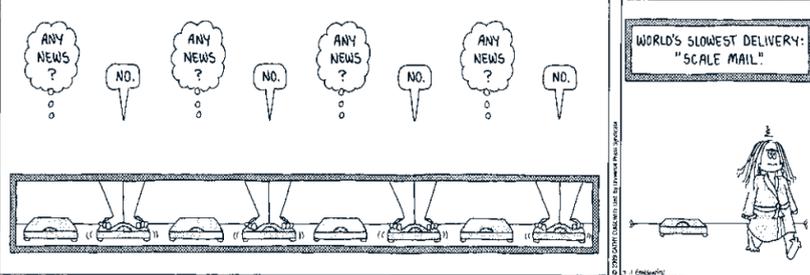
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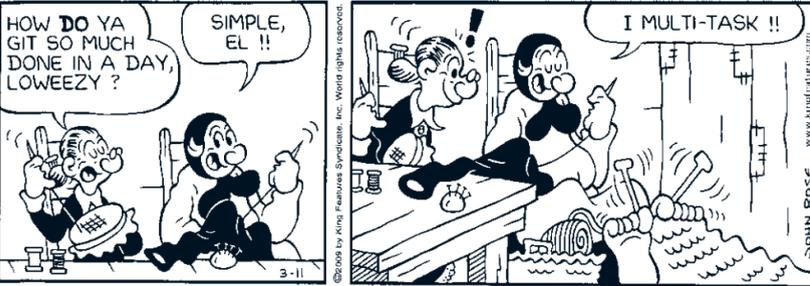
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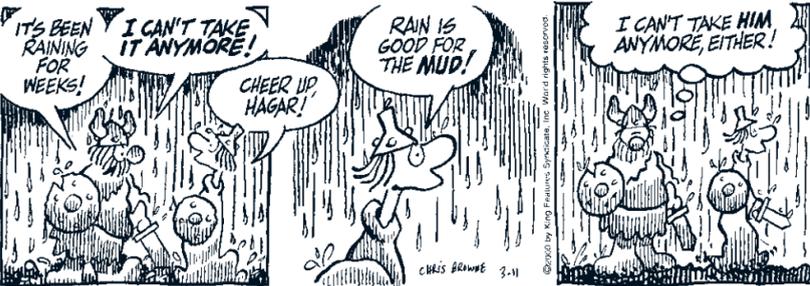
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DEAR ABBY

'Other woman' advises wives on marriage care

DEAR ABBY: I am the "other woman." I marriage together. This connection brings a never in a million years thought I'd be in this position. I had been divorced for several years. I should have run the other way once I learned that my lover was married, but I was lonely. I wanted to feel like a woman again — someone a man found attractive and would like to spend time with.



Jeanne Phillips

Some things I have come to understand as the other woman: If husbands and wives treated each other as well as they do their best friends, there would be fewer affairs. I don't consider myself a "mistress." There is no exchange of money, cars, jewels, etc. Nor am I a home wrecker — my lover's marriage is still intact. What do I get? A wonderful lover, best friend and someone who helps me out around my home.

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: That's good advice. Now allow me to offer some to you. I, too, believe your lover came into your life for a reason. He was bored, you were needy and both of you were vulnerable.

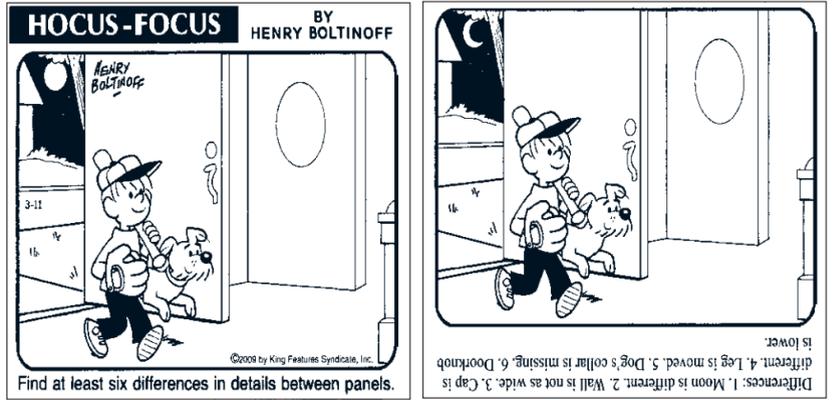
We give each other our undivided attention when we're together. We make the most of every opportunity we have to enjoy each other's company. I can't imagine life without him. We please and give to each other during our lovemaking. I believe we came into each other's lives for a reason.

The times your lover steals to be with you are hours he should be spending with his family. The passion he devotes to you guarantees that his energies won't be spent working on his marital problems.

Please advise men and women to love each other even when it hurts. Don't let issues fester. Make love with your spouse even if it's not your cup of tea. Sex is a glue that can keep your

You may be "best friends," but when the chips are down where do you think your lover will be? With his wife, his family and his money. Honey. If you need a handyman, hire one. And now that you know what mistakes NOT to make in a relationship, find a man who can be 100 percent yours and pray he has more character than your lover does.

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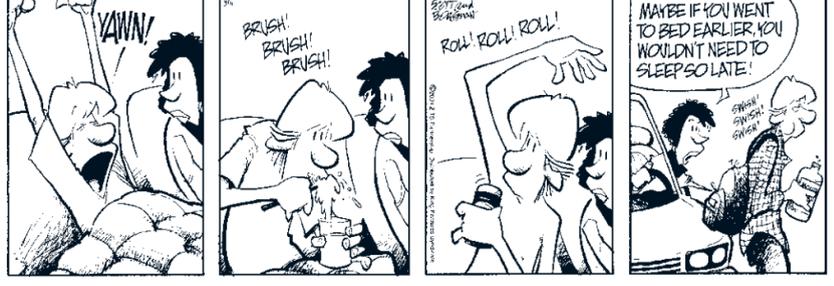
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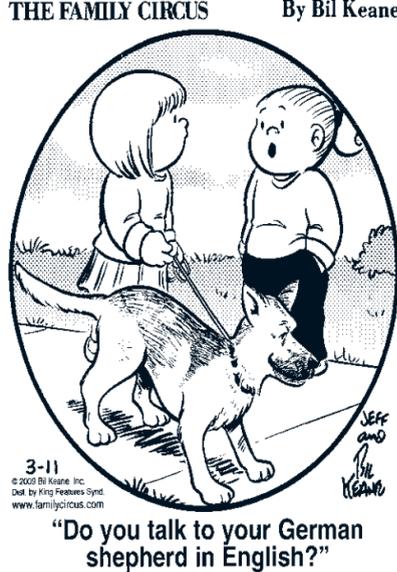
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