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## Turmoil ruled Sosebee-Young relationship

By MARK MILLICAN  
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CHATSWORTH — Could the bullet wound in alleged murderer Rhonda Sosebee's leg have been inflicted by her ex-husband Steven Lee Young before he died of stab wounds?

Authorities are keeping mum about the possibility. Sosebee, 44, was arrested on Thursday in Calhoun after a nationwide search. She was treated for the wound before being incarcerated in the

Murray County Jail. She is expected to have a bond hearing in Murray County Superior Court today on the murder charge as well as probation violation on counts of theft by taking and theft by deception — both which involved Young, 37.

Sosebee is accused of stabbing



Sosebee



The body of Steven Lee Young was found at his residence on Valley Road in Murray County in February. His ex-wife, Rhonda Sosebee, who is charged with his murder, is expected to have a bond hearing in the case today

Young to death at his Valley Road home in Chatsworth on Feb. 12 or 13. Authorities believe Sosebee was angry at Young for having her jailed during the holidays. Neither Sosebee nor her court appointed attorney have offered their version of events, including how she received the gunshot wound.

The couple had been divorced for about a year following an eight-year marriage. But they continued living together, even though offi-

cers had responded to several domestic disturbance calls while the two were married.

"At some point (after the divorce) it appears Steven decided it was time for her to go," said assistant district attorney Scott Minter. "He was evicting her from the residence, and at one point was placing her belongings on the

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## Beware mortgage help for a price

By CHARLES OLIVER  
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Heather Bennett says she and her husband got behind a couple of times on their mortgage after the economy turned bad.

"But this last time, we said 'No more,'" she said. "So I went online and Googled a lot of modification companies. A lot of different companies came up, and I contacted several. They said, 'We charge \$1,200' or 'We charge \$1,500.'"

The Murray County resident said she found one company that charged only \$995 to help modify their mortgage. She says she contacted the company, and a few weeks later someone from the company called back and said the lender had agreed to work with the company to reduce their payments and interest rate. The Bennetts then sent a check to the company.

"They advised us not to make a

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## Voters: No Murray turns down school bond measure

By RACHEL BROWN  
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CHATSWORTH — Murray County voters said "no" in a special election on Tuesday on whether to allow the Board of Education to borrow \$500,000 to renovate Mountain Creek Academy.

Plans were to attempt to sell bonds at no interest, to offer the buyer a tax credit in lieu of interest, and to repay the money with another education special purpose local option sales tax

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Amanda Burt, director of the United Way, congratulates Clyde Taylor after he received the Connie Woodward Whitfield County Volunteer of the Year award from the United Way on Tuesday.

## Donations down, donors are up for United Way

By RACHEL BROWN  
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Pledged donations to the United Way of Northwest Georgia are slightly down from last year, but more people than ever are giving.

David Gregg, president of Alliance National Bank and United Way's 2008 campaign chairman, said at the organiza-

tion's annual meeting at Dalton City Hall Tuesday morning that community members pledged \$3.3 million for 2009. The goal the organization set in September was \$3.5 million. Pledges for last year totaled \$4 million. Some 11,000 individuals pledged campaign contributions last year while 12,000 pledged money for 2009.

"To me, that's just a testament

to the people of Whitfield, Murray and Dalton that when the challenge comes, we step up," said Chester Chaffin, a Shaw Industries executive who chairs the United Way's board. "That's phenomenal in today's environment."

Metro Dalton's unemployment

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## Groups to pay to play in Whitfield

By JAMIE JONES  
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Groups using Whitfield County athletic facilities will now have to pay to use them, but there will be no charge for people's regular, day-to-day use of county gyms, ball fields and tennis courts.

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 on Monday to approve an athletic rental policy. Commission chair-

man Mike Babb only votes to break ties.

For softball and baseball fields, the county will charge \$120 per field each day and \$120 per concession stand each day. Rent for the Gillespie Gym off Hill Road is \$30 per hour. Regulation soccer fields cost \$120 per field each day while junior size fields are \$60 per field each day. George Page, county parks and recreation director, said the fees are "very competitive" with the surrounding

area. Page and members of the recreation department steering committee put the policy together. Use of the fields by groups must be scheduled and approved by the recreation department. Page said county recreation department programs will be given preference followed by Whitfield County Schools programs. The lowest

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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.**

"We are so blessed to have the smiling faces to greet our children each morning, and afternoon in the carpool line at Brookwood Elementary School, regardless of the weather!"

"Pay attention to your children at Wal-Mart! I don't know how many times I've seen very small children wandering around unattended."

"I disagree with the negative comments about Bill Shipp. He is one of only two op/ed columnists this paper runs that I ever agree with. For me Michelle Malkin is the rabid dog."

"The churches around here should find a place for all these homeless people."

"Why didn't you have a picture of the people who caught Rhonda Sosbee, not a picture of Ensley?"

"That was a great article about 'Back in Time.' That brought back so many memories. Papa John's Seafood couldn't be beat and Chow Time couldn't be beat. Progress has changed everything."

"Leave it to the police officers and judges to bring money into Whitfield County. They'll pull everybody in the world over for anything they can."

"I am sick and tired of my tax money going for the building of all these new schools because we are over-run by illegals."

"Any of you lawyers around here ever think about running for Superior Court judge to get out some of these people who have been in there so long?"

"Wal-Mart needs to drop the slogan Buy the Best for Less. Their prices are just as high as Kroger or Food Lion or anybody else."

"Would someone please explain to Michelle Roberts that an undocumented immigrant to her is an illegal alien to the rest of us citizens. Because they are not citizens they are not entitled to be protected by the citizen's bill of rights."

"Mr. Espy, I dare you to write an article about restaurants in Dalton and not mention Cozy Corner or Parker's Restaurant. It's the oldest family-owned business in this area."

**Editor: My column mainly consisted of comments by callers about restaurants and other businesses that weren't around any more. Parker's was never mentioned by a caller.**

"People in North Georgia need to wake up to the DOT. If the governor gets full power over that department, we will get nothing. People, voice your opinion."

"I was born in America. I lived my whole life in America. I apply for a job in America and they want to hire me because I don't speak a foreign language. Please comment Mr. Editor."

**Editor: Evidently you lack a job skill crucial to the position.**

"Somebody asked Dr. Thomas 'If I quit smoking will I live longer. He said

"No, but it will seem like it."

"I get my hair cut at the Tunnel Hill Barber Shop and some days when I leave I'm as confused as a termite in a yo-yo."

"The pork in the stimulus bill is 60 percent Democratic and 40 percent Republican. Vote them all out after one term and you wouldn't have these problems. It would be that simple."

"I have nothing against people coming to our country. But if they come in and can't speak English while our people can't speak Spanish, that doesn't sound too good, does it?"

"How many alcoholics are in the tent camp? Living in conditions like that would make anyone an alcoholic. For that reason the doors of the trade center should be open so that these people would be able to make a good start."

"AIG should change its name to Satan. He's sure controlling that company."

"When will our courts realize that drug runners out on bail will never return to face the music?"

**Editor: Doesn't anyone around here watch cop shows? Sometimes you let the little guys go to try and catch the big guys."**

"I may not agree all the time with the editor but it's a bit much to say the Southerners are the only ones getting their comments in the paper."

"People should rally together and not say much about the tent city because in today's economy you may just be a step away from living in a tent city."

"Why can't you get the digital version of the Daily Citizen on the computers at the library?"

**Editor: We will check into that.**

"Based on my personal experience with Doyle Dobson I think the county has lost a good man. Mr. Brooker is out of order."

"Doyle Dobson deserved what he got."

"I think the Value Package for citizens who have your paper delivered is a wonderful idea. It's a great idea. Thank you."

"They need to have a homeless shelter in Dalton for women, too."

"Please remind the people here that Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and Utah were all part of Mexico. That's not well known here, but the Mexicans remember, no doubt."

"They tell us to get a good education, but it's the highly educated people in this country who have got us in trouble. We need leaders with good, common sense."

"I appreciate what Rock Bridge Community Church has done in our community and for my family."

"I enjoy Lloyd's comments in the forum. He's a good, old soul."

I see that the stock market got to 7,000. They just have 7,000 more to get to where it was under Bush and the Republicans in October of 2007."

"There are no illegal immigrants in the military. Why won't you print that?"

**LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR MARCH 17**

**Georgia:** Midday Cash 3: 5-9-9, Cash 4: 8-0-8-5, Evening Cash 3: 3-8-9, Mega Millions: 9-15-24-28-31, Mega Ball: 17  
**Tennessee:** Midday Cash 3: 7-9-9, Lucky Sum: 25, Cash 4: 7-2-3-8, Lucky Sum: 20, Evening Cash 3: 5-7-3, Lucky Sum: 15, Cash 4: 3-1-9-5, Lucky Sum: 18

**Meeting set Friday to identify services available for area**

There will be a meeting on Friday at 9 a.m. at Dalton City Hall for churches, social services agencies and others. It is a chance to find out what services are available in the area and for agencies to see how they might work together.

Mayor David Pennington and Whitfield County Board of Commissioners chairman Mike Babb are also scheduled to attend. Pastors, social service workers and others are encouraged to attend.

**Shriners to be out collecting money**

The Dalton Shrine Club will collect money in the city on the following days: Saturday, March 28; Saturday, April 4; Saturday, April 11; and Saturday, April 18. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The locations are Dug Gap Road at Walnut Avenue, Tibbs Road at Walnut, Murray Avenue at Walnut, and Thornton Avenue at Walnut. Money raised benefits Shrine hospitals.

**AREA ARRESTS**

- Karen Kay Burchfield, 49, 1285 Skyview Drive, apartment 26, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

- Manuel Cerda Manzanares, 24, 706 Carter Place, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with forgery in the second degree, underage consumption, giving false information and probation violation.

- Fabian Urbano Perez, 29, 905 Fifth Ave., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with driving while license withdrawn, open container in vehicle and DUI.

- Larry Craig Reece, 29, 1775 Lower Kings Bridge Road, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with headlight violation, failure to maintain lane and DUI (third offense).

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- Travis Prescott Reed, 20, 454 Baggett Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with open container in vehicle and DUI.

- Telina Elizabeth Wasserman, 36, 5367 Old Federal Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with financial transaction card theft, theft by deception, giving false information and probation violation.

- Aaron Cornelious Dixon, 61, 253 Nelson St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with concealing vehicle identification, driving while license suspended or revoked, no insurance, reckless driving, DUI, failure to maintain lane and failure to stop for stop sign.

- Brandon Keith

Langham, 27, 182 Weaver Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine, possession of tools for the commission of a crime, DUI and contraband across guard lines.

- Mario Enrique Moreyra, 26, 154 Bowen Road North, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

- Robby Gene Watkins, 31, 371 Red Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Chatsworth Police Department with driving while license suspended or revoked (third offense), open container in vehicle, DUI (third offense) and failure to maintain lane.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Sherri Bennett  
**AGE:** 37  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Mike, Justin, Jady and Jenna Bennett; Fred and Susan Toney; Jeff, Donna, Zac, Chase and Brett Cole  
**WORK:** Tandus  
**PLAY:** Spending time with family, watching Alabama football  
**SHE SAID:** "Let it go!"



**Electrician found to be unlicensed**

The Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board's division of electrical contractors has accepted a cease and desist order for unlicensed practice from Dalton's Miles Lively, according to a press release from the agency. A number for Lively could not be found in the telephone book.

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# 20-year-old dies in wreck

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A 20-year-old Cohutta man died in a single-car wreck at 3980 Standing Road in northwest Whitfield County Tuesday afternoon, officials said.

Dewayne Allen Dotson, of 4615 Forester Road, was killed when his 1995 Toyota Camry left the road and went down an embankment, said officers who responded to the scene.

A Whitfield 911 dispatcher said

the call was received at 3:21 p.m. Two Whitfield County fire engines, EMS personnel, members of the Cohutta and Varnell police departments, and state patrol troopers responded.

## Woman injured in two-car wreck

An unidentified woman was injured in a two-car wreck at the

intersection of the north bypass and Underwood Street around 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

Tracy Stanley, 39, of Calhoun, was traveling east on the bypass and turned into the path of a vehicle driven by the woman, who was heading west, according to a report from the Dalton Police Department. The woman was taken to Hamilton Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Stanley was cited for failure to yield.

# Slaying: Ex killed

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porch. They got into a spat and Steven threw her purse at her and hit her in the leg with it. At that point she contacted authorities and swore out a warrant for him on simple battery domestic violence."

Minter said Young came before Magistrate Judge Bryant Cochran, who understood that Sosebee at first told investigators that Young hit her with his hand but later said it was the purse. Young hired Dalton attorney Jim Toland, who said Young told him the purse bounced off a wall and struck Sosebee.

As a condition of Young's bond, Cochran directed him to avoid contact with Sosebee and to stay away from the residence.

"We didn't know he had been awarded the home as part of the divorce," Cochran said. "No one mentioned it, and there were no documents saying that. (Young) seemed to be meek and well-mannered."

But when Young heard rumors that Sosebee was selling his belongings out of the house, he called Toland, who asked for an emergency hearing before Cochran.

"I asked her on the stand directly if she was selling his belongings, and she said no, she was not selling them," Minter said. "I asked if we could verify that, and she said sure."

At the residence, everything appeared to be in order. An investigator took video of all the furniture and other items.

"I told Rhonda, 'If any of his stuff turns up missing, you know you're going to jail, don't you?' She said she did," Minter said. The next morning, when Sosebee was supposed to be gone and Young could return to his home, Minter got a call.

"She wiped me out," Minter recalled Young telling him, adding that the missing items included a horse and horse trailer, several jet skis, a sauna, living room furniture, bathroom fixtures, and a

washer and dryer.

Warrants were issued for Sosebee on theft by taking and theft by deception charges, the latter because she allegedly sold most of the belongings. She was arrested on Dec. 22.

"She had \$5,000 cash on her when she was arrested in Ringgold, and that money went to Steven and the people she sold his goods to since they lost their money (when the goods were recovered)," Minter said.

Sosebee pleaded guilty to the charges in January and received credit for time served in jail, five years on probation, a \$1,000 fine and 100 hours of community service — a first offender status sentence — plus an order to pay restitution.

Cochran said Young came to see him on Feb. 11, one or two days before his death.

"He had a voice mail recording with threatening messages (from Sosebee)," he said. "A warrant was issued when I heard probable cause for terroristic threats, but they couldn't find her and she was not arrested."

Toland said he took out a restraining order on Sosebee after "persistent threats" to Young.

"We could never get her served when she got out of jail on the guilty plea," he said. "They were death threats and threats of bodily harm, to Steven and to a friend of his."

Murray County Sheriff Howard Ensley would not say on Monday if Sosebee had revealed how she received the gunshot wound. He also would not say if a gun was found at Young's home. Toland said the only pistol Young owned had been taken by Sosebee at the time she sold his belongings.

Public defender Mike McCarthy said he was "not optimistic" that Sosebee would be released on bond.

Toland said he just wants to see justice done at this point.

"We're never going to get any answers since Steven is gone, so justice is all we can hope for," he said.

# Pot bust probe continues

**BY MARK MILLICAN**

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The discovery of 200-plus pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop on I-75 last week is still under investigation, according to investigators with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office.

A 2008 Honda Accord was stopped by Tunnel Hill Police Department officer Scott Reneau for a window tint violation. Reneau discovered several large bags of

marijuana in the trunk. Ylber Pilici, 23, and Teuta Lika, 18, both of Stone Mountain, were each charged with a count of trafficking in marijuana.

"Both of them were very cooperative after they were arrested," said Maj. John Gibson with the sheriff's office, whose drug unit took over the case. "Since the couple were headed to Bowling Green (Ky.), our investigators made contact with their drug unit in Nashville (Tenn.). We handed off

the suspects to them there, and they are following up."

Gibson said the sheriff's office "still has contact" with the Bowling Green officers, and that Whitfield investigators know where the suspects' families live in Gwinnett County.

"They're American citizens," he said of the couple who investigators say are originally from the Ukraine. "We're continuing to try and bring this to a conclusion, and they will stand for those charges."

# Police looking for armed robbery suspect

**SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Dalton Police Department is asking for information on an armed robbery that occurred Saturday morning at the Vitamin World store at 1001 Market St.

At approximately 11 a.m., a white male entered the store and asked the clerk for help. While the clerk helped the subject, he pulled a gun out of his coat and told the clerk to open the cash register. After telling the clerk to

go into the back of the store, the suspect left with \$262 in cash.

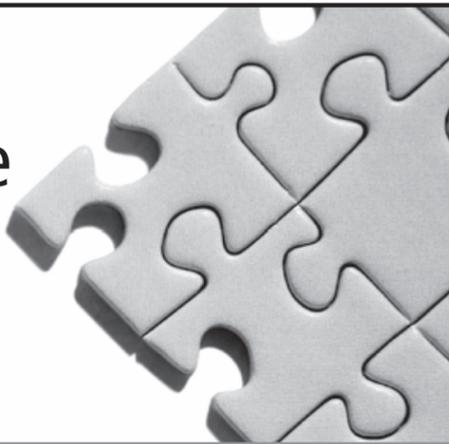
The suspect has a pock-marked complexion, is in his 50s, and is between 6 feet and 6 feet 3 inches tall. He has a stocky build and shoulder-length jet-black hair. He was wearing large aviator-type sunglasses. He wore khaki slacks and a salt-and-pepper colored coat and a fedora-type brown hat.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective John Helton with the Dalton Police Department at (706) 278-9085, extension 143.



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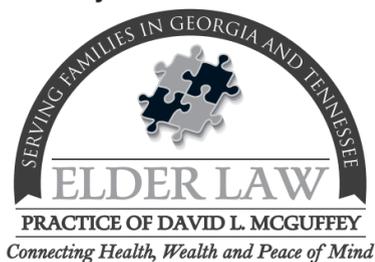
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## LETTERS

### The county is wasting our money

**To the editor:**

Money is tight for everyone these days. No one can afford for the county to be wasting our hard-earned dollars.

Unfortunately, this is happening daily. This wasteful spending is being brought on by the county allowing the personal use of school buses by the drivers. This is occurring mainly by allowing the drivers to take the buses home at the end of each route. I personally observed a Whitfield County school bus being driven to a personal residence as far as Calhoun.

Most school bus drivers have two routes daily. This means driving from their personal residence twice a day and driving back to their personal residence twice a day. This is in a county vehicle that gets its fuel from tax money.

School buses average about four to six miles per gallon with fuel costing more than \$2 per gallon. This personal use can easily add an additional 20 to 30 miles a day per bus. Now figure this for every bus in the county school system and you can see how hundreds of tax dollars are being wasted daily.

Everyone else working for the county school system has to provide his or her own way to and from work; why not the school bus drivers? If you agree with me and want this to change, please contact the Whitfield County Schools Central Office at (706) 217-6780 or 1306 S. Thornton Ave., Dalton, GA, 30722-2167.

**Anthony Kendrick**  
Dalton

### Aristocracy should be better stewards

**To the editor:**

The elected elite cry foul against AIG and the happy recipients of bonus payments made with bailout money, who correctly assert, "It is in our contract."

Did the doling out fearless and generous leaders in Washington place any conditions on the taxpayer funds provided to bail out the troubled giant that was too big to fail? I wonder how some of the Washington aristocracy would feel if we, the taxpayers, held them to the same standard of stewardship they demand from AIG?

After all, isn't it all "taxpayer money" that belongs to us, the "taxpayer"?

**David T. Blackburn**

### Southern hospitality is alive in Dalton

**To the editor:**

This is a story of genuine Southern hospitality: My friends and I were passing through Dalton on our way home from spring break in Orlando, Fla. While traveling along US 41, during rainy and foggy conditions, our two cars along with another innocent Dalton resident collided. The accident left five 20-year-old girls scared and confused.

Without a second thought, two kind and generous couples, Fred and Laurel Browning and Donnie and Melissa Quick, came to our rescue. Without their guiding influence and calm demeanors, we would have been lost in a foreign place with no transportation, six hours from home. They packed their cars with a week's worth of five girl's luggage and transported us to a nearby hotel. They comforted us in our time of need and were the decision makers when our brains were overloaded with thought and emotion.

While our experience in Dalton was certainly trying, the kindness we found in the Dalton community renewed our faith in humans' innate kindness. Thanks to everyone who we encountered along the way, whether they hugged us on the side of the road or simply listened to our story. To the Browning and Quick families, not only are we grateful for your amazing compassion for others, but our parents who were helpless and scattered around the country thank you as well. Dalton will always hold vivid memories for us, ranging from the fear of an accident to the utter relief of knowing that everything was going to be alright.

**With love and thanks,**  
**Alyssa Purvis, Sarah Woodson, Elise Ryan,**  
**Paige Houston, and Julie Spraggs**  
Students at Miami University of Ohio

## 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)

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "Then he said to all of them, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross every day and follow me. If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me, he will save it."

**Luke 9:23,24**

**Thought for today:** "Liberty is from God, liberties from the devil."

**Old German proverb**

# Obama tea parties

Long-time Washington hands conclude the public honeymoon is over for President Obama, and I guess so — look at the "tea parties" as angry citizens protest his policies, carrying signs that says such things as, "Honk if I am paying your mortgage."

Poor, benighted souls. They still think self-responsibility matters, not just allusions to it in Obama speeches, but the real thing. That would entail squashing policies in which the government robs hard-working, frugal Peter to pay slothful, reckless Paul while excusing the crime as social justice.

The demonstrations, scattered all over the nation, are patterned after the anti-tax Boston tea party of the 18th century, and just may grow in the face of anger over \$165 million in bonuses given to the executives of an insurance company sucking up taxpayer billions in a rescue package.

As obnoxiously avaricious as these AIG contractual bonuses were, it is authoritarian, unconstitutional overreach for the government to try to block them at this point. Obama does not care. He shares the blame for anger at the executives, having railed repeatedly and demagogically against economically insignificant CEO salaries, and now that this public fury is turning in his direction, his administration is making it clear it is perfectly happy to throw the rule of law overboard.

For all his articulateness and gift for oratory, this president seems to be spending his time in the Oval Office walking into walls. He has botched up more things in two months in office than most presidents



**Jay Ambrose**

how he engaged in fear mongering as he won rush-job passage of a sloppily constructed, do-little stimulus package that reversed the welfare reforms widely considered the most important achievement of the Clinton years. Now he whistles an optimistic tune. Did he finally get it that the more you talk down the economy, the further down it goes?

The likelier truth is that, after fear did its designated job, he turned booster as a way of justifying what could be the biggest, most costly budget that has ever come our way. Given that we have tens of trillions of dollars of unfunded liabilities from Social Security and Medicare and will spend incredible amounts to lift the economy, a very real possibility with such a budget is hyperinflation destroying the savings of everyone.

And don't forget that Obama has already nodded his head yes as the Democratic Congress passed a bloated, dishonest, pork-ridden 2009 supplemental budget bill, as if he had never pledged to make up for astonishing expenditures through heroic waste reduction.

manage over two terms, amply illustrating the campaign charge that his inexperience equipped him for next to nothing.

I was particularly shocked at how he engaged in fear mongering as he won rush-job passage of a sloppily constructed, do-little stimulus package that reversed the welfare reforms widely considered the most important achievement of the Clinton years. Now he whistles an optimistic tune. Did he finally get it that the more you talk down the economy, the further down it goes?

Though he wants to raise taxes on the so-called rich at the risk of curbing needed entrepreneurship and investment, Obama also signed a measure providing health insurance benefits for some of America's best-off families. He intends to pay for this unneeded extravagance through tobacco taxes that will mostly afflict lower-income groups which constitute the overwhelming majority of smokers today.

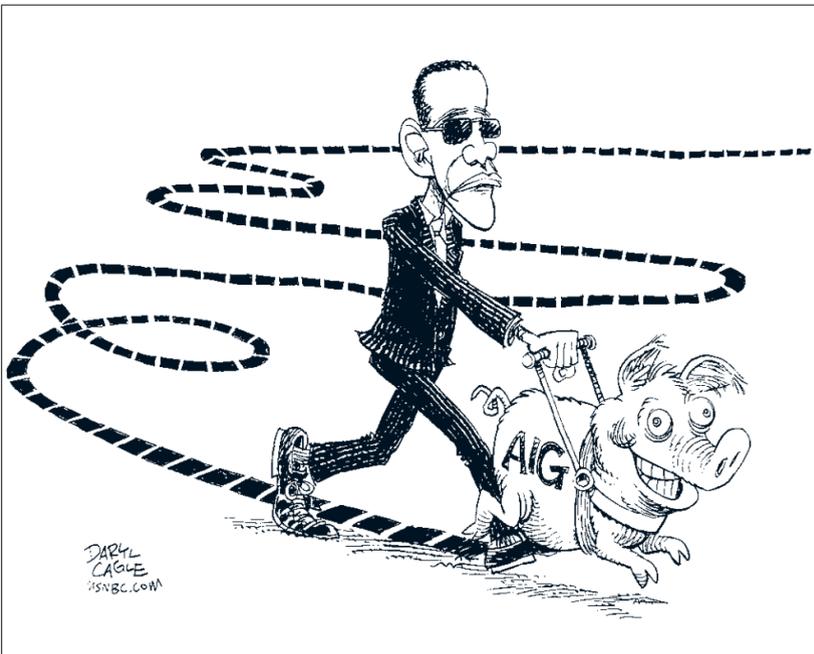
He also wants a bureaucratically impossible cap-and-trade carbon tax that will boost everyone's energy costs by an enormous amount and just might throw us back into an economic crisis, if we are already out of it before any such foolhardiness comes to pass.

In a bow to further inanity, this president has taken steps to turn auto emissions policy over to California, meaning that the nation's most politically wacky state could end up killing the already wounded auto industry by dictating what kinds of new cars Americans can buy — much more costly ones than now.

There's more, far more, but you get the idea, and so have others, as declining approval ratings show, and as we find in the tea parties. I can remember nothing like them so early in any administration in my lifetime.

Let's hope they slow this president down some.

**■ 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.**



# It couldn't happen here?

A couple of years ago, Florida residents figured out they have no law against bestiality. This year they finally got around to drafting a law against the interspecies dating. And as lawmakers usually do, they went just a little too far. Lawmakers from some rural areas expressed concern that the law was too broad and would criminalize some common animal husbandry practices. But state Sen. Larcenia Bullard, a Miami Democrat, didn't quite understand why this might be a problem. "People are taking these animals as their husbands?" she asked. No, one lawmaker explained, animal husbandry is the practice of breeding and raising animals. Bullard still didn't get it. "So maybe that was the reason the lady was so upset about the monkey?" she asked. This left everyone confused until they figured out she was talking about police in Connecticut shooting a chimpanzee recently after it mauled a friend of its owner.

Jeffrey Baker, a teacher at South Carolina's Battery Creek High School, has resigned after officials placed him on leave for shooting a student with a foam Nerf dart. Baker apparently was joking with the girl. But her mother says she wants him charged with assault.

Isaac Singletary was known as one of the people who would stand up to the drug dealers in his Jacksonville, Fla., neighborhood. Singletary, 80, would often run dealers off from his front



**Charles Oliver**

yard. So when he saw some men in his front yard dealing drugs he did what he'd done countless times in the past. He grabbed a gun and asked the men to leave. But this time, when the men saw the gun, they shot and killed him. What was different? The men dealing drugs in Singletary's yard were actually undercover sheriff's deputies. A departmental review absolved the deputies of any wrongdoing. But Singletary's family is suing the department. Meanwhile, neighbors have surely learned their lesson. Don't bother the drug dealers. They might be cops.

New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority was set to unveil its first new subway station in 20 years when inspectors found a problem. The platform was one inch farther away from the train cars than allowed by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The opening was delayed for a month while workers completed some \$200,000 in work to make the station comply with the law.

Two of the four charities Florida regulators get the most complaints about are the Florida Association of State Troopers and the Florida Highway

Patrol Command Officers Association. The state fields numerous requests from people saying the groups' telemarketers harass them or demand payment of pledges they never made. The groups are made up of current and former members of the highway patrol, and they allegedly provide services for patrol members and their families. An investigation by the Florida Sun-Sentinel found that most of their money is spent on staff and fundraising.

Howard County, Md., police knocked down the door to Mike Hasenei's home one night, knocked him to the ground, shot and killed his dog as it lay in his bed, held his family at gunpoint and tore his home apart. They were searching for weapons that had been stolen from two marked police cars. Hasenei said the search warrant they showed him dealt with his stepson who has not lived in the house for years. Police found none of the weapons they were looking for and made no arrests.

Officials in Arlington County, Va., aren't content with having banned drinking games such as beer pong from local bars and restaurants. Now, they want to ban those games from private homes. They are considering a measure that would ban those games from being played outside, even in private yards or on porches.

**■ Charles Oliver is a staff writer for The Daily Citizen.**

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, March 18**, the 77th day of 2009. There are 288 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:**

On March 18, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

**On this date:**

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1909, Einar Dessau of Denmark used a short-wave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years in prison for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1938, Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas nationalized his country's petroleum reserves and took control of foreign-owned oil facilities.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

**Five years ago:** Addressing thousands of soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., President George W. Bush warned that terrorists could never be appeased and said there was no safety for any nation that "lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers."

**One year ago:** Democrat Barack Obama confronted America's racial divide head-on with a speech in Philadelphia in which he urged the nation to break "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years."

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Peter Graves is 83. Composer John Kander ("Chicago") is 82. Country singer Charley Pride is 71. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 58. Singer Irene Cara is 50. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 46. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 45. Rock singer-musician Miki Berenyi is 42. Rapper-actress-talk show host Queen Latifah is 39. Actor-comedian Dane Cook is 37.



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Lisa Bauer will share creative scrapbooking techniques at Dalton State College's Over-the-Top All Day Crop that is coming up Saturday.

## All day scrapbook crop slated for Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Scrapbook crafters will want to take note of Dalton State College's Over-the-Top All Day Crop scheduled for Saturday at the Center for Continuing Education at the James E. Brown Center. Facilitated by scrapbook professional Lisa Bauer, the all day crop will offer tons of creative new ideas, fun and fellowship with fellow scrapbook aficionados, and make 'n takes.

"The is the first time that Continuing Education has sponsored an event like this, but our recent craft classes have been very successful and class members have requested more crafting opportunities," said Kelly Snyder, C.E. program coordinator. "The James E. Brown Center is an ideal facility in which to hold this event. We have large round tables, comfortable chairs, plenty of workspace, and great lighting. Not only will it be an extremely productive

day, it will be so much fun! I know that each person who attends will walk away with fresh tricks and new friends." The crop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. "The cost for this event is only \$15, and that is a terrific bargain," said Snyder. "But everyone attending the event must be pre-registered. That is simple to do. Call (706) 272-4454 or log onto [www.daltonstate.edu/cce](http://www.daltonstate.edu/cce) and register online. I hope to offer events like this at least once per session."

## Kroger raising money for Muscular Dystrophy Association

SUBMITTED BY KROGER

The arrival of March signaled the start of Kroger's Atlanta Division's annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) fundraiser, where customers are encouraged to purchase a \$1 green shamrock or a \$5 gold shamrock at their local stores' cash registers. The fundraiser ends April 4 with a goal of raising \$410,000.

Muscular dystrophy, a group of genetic diseases that causes progressive muscle weakness, affects more than a million Americans a year, which makes raising awareness about the disease and finding a cure imperative. While some cases may be mild and progress slowly over a normal life span, others produce severe muscle weakness, functional disability, and loss of the ability to walk. According to the MDA, the financial cost for medicines and treatment for

persons diagnosed with Muscular dystrophy is in the range of \$500,000 a year.

The MDA is a national voluntary health agency comprised of dedicated scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases. MDA contributes 78.4 percent of every dollar raised directly to research, services and education, providing those diagnosed with a national network of 230 hospital-affiliated clinics along with a valuable support system, practical information and essential services to improve their overall well-being. For more information on the MDA, please visit [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org).

"Kroger is devoted to helping the Muscular Dystrophy Association raise awareness about the disease and help the MDA provide services that include diagnosis and follow-up care, summer camps and support

groups," said Glynn Jenkins director of communications for Kroger's Atlanta Division. "Given the economic conditions of our country, even the smallest donation of \$1 or \$5 can make a difference."

## Apply for a plot at community garden

Those interested in applying for a plot at the new community garden at Lakeshore Park can find a survey/application form at the Web site of the Whitfield County extension office ([www.ugaextension.org/whitfield](http://www.ugaextension.org/whitfield)). Click on Agriculture and Natural

Resources.

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

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

## DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Welcoming Volkswagen: Lessons four and five

In my continuing series outlining the lessons learned from the South Carolina BMW experience, today I will discuss lessons four and five. Lesson four in the Applying Lessons Learned report stresses the importance of paying attention to minority involvement throughout the process. Members of the African-American community from the Chattanooga team were straightforward in questioning their Greenville hosts about minority inclusion in the BMW opportunity.

BMW proactively created a minority advisory board comprised of representation from education, construction, banking, law, and other sectors. The advisory board set a goal to make the BMW workforce resemble the upstate population: 80 percent white, 20 percent black. At plant start-up the goal had been achieved. The goal was then exceeded when BMW moved to multiple shifts.

As our region plans for the assimilation of Volkswagen as a major employer, we will benefit from insuring that our workforce is representative of the region's population. The approach needs to be a "two-way street, with local business advocates providing opportunities for businesses to achieve requisite certifications and to form inclusive, mutually beneficial networks."

As one of the communities that will most likely be affected by Volkswagen in north Georgia, we have a proven track record of minority assimilation. Dalton has successfully integrated its minority populations into its workforce without barriers normally associated along racial, ethnic, and even language differences. I am confident we

will be just as successful as Greenville/BMW was in welcoming our new neighbors from Volkswagen.

Lesson five: Create effective communication channels. In order to hit the ground running and to be able to provide clear communication, BMW hired a well-known former newspaper editor and lobbyist who knew the upstate South Carolina communities. Bobby Hitt was hired as the BMW communications chief, in essence BMW's "man on the ground." He became the face and voice of the community.

He was the one who sat down to with regional CEOs to explain BMW's hiring practices and reassure them that BMW would not be out to steal their employees. He was the one who created the minority advisory board. He fielded the tremendous number of philanthropic requests that totaled more than \$18 million before the first car was produced.

Upon returning to Chattanooga from the fact-finding mission, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce has been diligent in creating Team Volkswagen. In coordination with Tennessee state officials, they have opened a local office that will address all issues related to opening the new Volkswagen plant. This team is in the Chestnut Towers building. The team has also communicated with members of the Georgia Economic Development team. It will serve as the liaison between local com-

munities surrounding Chattanooga and Volkswagen.

Volkswagen has also taken a big step in naming Jill Bratina as Volkswagen Group America's corporate communications director. Jill has quickly established herself as the go to person for all things Volkswagen. She will be a true asset for the Volkswagen team from Germany, the local Volkswagen team, the Chattanooga community and the region as a whole.

As I mentioned in a previous column, I was very impressed by the approach of Tom Ed Wilson, president and CEO of the Chattanooga Chamber. He has stressed the importance of regional cooperation and communication from day one. From the earliest of coordinated events, the Chattanooga team led by the Chattanooga Chamber, has communicated, coordinated and cooperated with all of its regional stakeholders. I am confident that as the Volkswagen operation comes closer to building new automobiles in our region, we will be beneficially affected for years to come. How we are affected will be directly proportional to our efforts in collaborating with our neighbors.

I continue to be excited by the opportunities that Volkswagen will bring to our community and our region. If you have questions about anything related to Volkswagen or any of our economic development activities, please write or call me at the chamber. I firmly believe that our best days are ahead of us!

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



Brian Anderson

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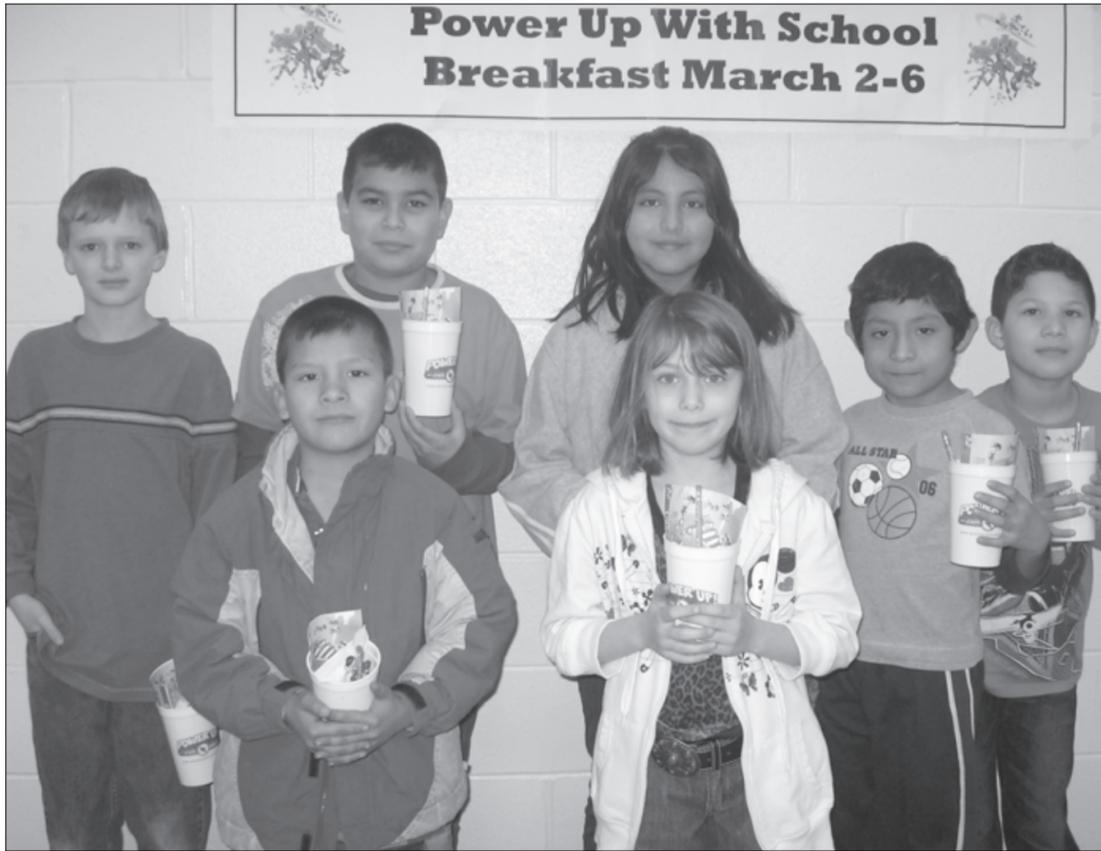
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# POWERING UP AT BREAKFAST



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In celebration of National Breakfast Week's "Power Up With School Breakfast," these students at Spring Place Elementary were randomly selected to receive a prize cup during breakfast. On the

first row, from left, are Dominique Rueda and Haley Ponder; second row, Tyler Clayton, Adolfo Ayala, Maria Ruiz, Miguel Pardo and Freddy Gonzalez.

# Vote: Turned down

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(SPLOST). The current 1 percent tax expires in 2012, and the money would have been due to be repaid by 2022.

Turnout was low. Of 19,977 registered voters in the county, 333 cast votes — a 1.67 percent turnout, according to unofficial results.

There were 130 who voted "yes" on the question of whether to issue bonds for the project while 203 voted "no."

Principal Danny Harkleroad said he's disappointed that the school's last apparent hope of being renovated any time soon failed. The auditorium has been closed off for years because it is in such poor shape.

"We were so looking forward to getting some renovations," Harkleroad said. "This was not to raise anybody's taxes ... I just feel like you have that certain group that's going to come out and vote against anything that has anything to do with money."

It was difficult to find registered voters who knew about the special election.

"I hadn't even heard about it," said Hobert Pankey, a Murray County resident since 1978. "I saw something on the headlines

last week, but I didn't know there was any kind of vote on it."

Dawn Bostic has a daughter who attends Chatsworth Elementary School, but she said she didn't know about the vote either.

"You would think we would have heard about it," she said.

At the largest voting precinct in the county, Chatsworth poll manager Randall Ingle said only 62 of about 5,000 registered voters had cast ballots as of 3:30 p.m.

At least one resident, who is also a teacher, said she voted against the bond issue based on the assumption that the city of Eton owns the property.

School system finance director Steve Loughridge said both the property and the building belong to the Board of Education. Eton employees maintain the grounds in exchange for city officials being allowed to use the building on special occasions, he said.

Harkleroad said he understands voters' desires to prevent additional taxpayer expenses, but he also believes the bond issue would have been the best way to refurbish the building, which dates to the 1930s.

# UW: Awards given

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rate was 12 percent in January.

Randy Waskul of Mohawk Industries, who chairs the United Way board that oversees the 211 help line, said calls have escalated drastically. More than 25,000 individuals contacted United Way for help through 211 in 2008, he said, up from 16,700 the year before.

"Let that sink in for a minute," he said. "We're a community of 100,000. One-quarter of our community called for assistance."

United Way leaders recognized dozens of volunteers for their work. Special awards went to retired Whitfield County extension agent Clyde Taylor and Murray County Red Cross volunteer Ronald Payne.

Taylor received the Connie Woodward Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in Whitfield County. A substitute bus driver for Whitfield County Schools, Taylor volunteered to drive 4-H'ers to the Northwest District Project Achievement in Rome, summer camp in Eatonton for fifth- and sixth-graders, and summer camp at Jekyll Island for seventh- and eighth-graders.

Kandi Edwards, county extension coordinator and Whitfield County 4-H agent,

said Taylor's assistance has been invaluable.

Taylor volunteered with 4-H before Edwards was hired in 2005 to take his place after his retirement, and he said he continues to volunteer because of the special relationships he has with members. While chaperoning a group of Newton County 4-H'ers at a summer camp last year, he discovered that he knew many of their parents from when he worked with them in that county.

"When they find out that I know their mammas and daddies, they seem to want to mind me a little bit better," he said.

Other nominees were Rita Burrows, a kennel manager who works with the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia; Genia Kirby and Dana Curtis, who give up their lunch hour at Shaw Industries once a week to volunteer at Cross Plains Community Partner; and Tracy Ward, who volunteers at the Friendship House reading to children every week.

Payne's Elaine Butler Award for Volunteerism honors his service with the Murray County chapter of the Red Cross. He coordinated the fourth annual Ride for the Red event last year which raised almost \$4,000,



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Lori Rosen, left, director of the Murray County Red Cross, speaks to Ronald Payne after he received

the Elaine Butler Murray County Volunteer of the Year award from the United Way on Tuesday.

responded to six single family house fires to assist family members with emergency needs, and has put in more than 150 hours this year helping people in Murray

County. He works full time at Shaw Industries.

"Volunteering is usually in the early morning or evening hours, so it's not hard to do," Payne said.

# Facilities: County

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priority goes to commercial businesses outside of the county wanting to put on tournaments or other events.

Commissioners also voted 4-0 to purchase two wheelchair equipped buses for the transit service for \$15,240. The county is paying for the buses out of its reserve fund. The state has frozen its portion of all capital matching for rural transit programs, but has told local government officials they can still buy buses if they pay the full local/state match. The county has already paid its 5 percent local match, so it has to pay \$15,240 to cover the state match. The rest of the money comes from federal grants. The buses cost \$101,600 total.

The county took over the bus service on Jan. 1 from the Jasper-based nonprofit organization North Georgia Community Action. Cost for the bus service is \$1.50 for the first five miles and 32 cents each mile after that. Passengers can schedule a pickup by calling (706) 278-3606. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but some routes start as early as 6:30 a.m. The service is an approved Medicaid non-emergency transportation provider.

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# Easter sunrise service planned at cemetery

A community-wide Easter sunrise service at West Hill Cemetery will begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 12, at the cul-de-sac on the Crawford Street entrance, just over the hill from the National Guard Armory. A bluegrass band

will play instrumental music and a message will be given by the Rev. Jim Suddath of Fellowship Bible Church.

The service is expected to last 30 minutes. For more information call Richard Steele at (706) 280-8070.

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# Revelers fete all things Irish

By **VERENA DOBNIK**  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — St. Patrick's Day revelers took a break from worries about the global economy to enjoy a day of shamrock-themed frivolity, dyeing city fountains green, taking icy ocean plunges and crowding sidewalks along parade routes to see and be seen.

Organizers predicted 200,000 participants — and at least as many spectators — would line New York's Fifth Avenue for the city's 248th annual march.

Holly Lopez, a nurse from Buffalo, stood in the dozen-deep Manhattan crowd wearing a temporary shamrock tattoo, green feather necklace, an Irish flag in her cleavage and — she said — green underwear.

She was part of a group of women who have attended for 20 years, "except for pregnancies," said Pam Dempsey.

"We were here before we met our husbands and we'll be here until we're dead," said their friend, Lucy Hoffman.

One of the women held up a sign thanking soldiers. Another sign read: "Is it cold under those kilts?"

Earlier in the day at his Manhattan pub, Ciaran Staunton served up an over-the-top Irish breakfast — sausages, bacon, black and white pudding, home fries, fried tomatoes, and baked beans.

Even with all the revelry, the Ireland native said his thoughts drifted to his nephews back home — an unemployed carpenter, bricklayer and electrician who helped push Ireland's jobless



**Ceilida Sanders, left, of Savannah reacts to a float during the St. Patrick's Day parade Tuesday in Savannah. Celebrated here since 1824, this coastal**

rate past 10 percent.

"The economy's in shreds in Ireland," said the 45-year-old pub owner. "People are being laid off as we speak."

Ken and Mary Ferguson, of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, were on vacation in New York and reflected on the economy as they watched the marchers pass by on Fifth Avenue.

Ken Ferguson, a truck driver, said his work week had been cut to four days.

But on Tuesday they were soaking in the St. Patrick's Day spectacle.

"It's bigger and better than in Ireland," Ken Ferguson said of the parade.

In Los Angeles, a Roman Catholic priest celebrated St. Patrick's Day by giving away

some green.

Father Maurice Chase went to Skid Row with a wallet packed with \$20 bills to give to some of the city's neediest residents. More than 300 people lined up for cash.

Cities and towns around the nation honored Ireland with their own signature celebrations.

In Portland, Maine, 75

people greeted the day with an icy plunge in the Atlantic Ocean, charging into the 37-degree water and celebrating with a Guinness afterward.

Before dawn in Indianapolis, dye was poured into the city's downtown canal, triggering a fountain of green water before the city's parade. Fountains at the White House in



**Luke the yellow Labrador marches with the Trinity Catholic High School Celtic Pride Band from Ocala, Fla., during the St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah.**

Washington also ran green for the day.

And in Savannah, Ga., masses of revelers clad head-to-toe in green crammed sidewalks and oak-shaded squares for the best parade view.

A sad note rang through the New York festivities when a member of a New Jersey police band suffered a fatal heart attack. Steve Dunne, a 59-year-old tenor drummer in the Police Pipes and Drums of Bergen County, collapsed near 75th Street and was pronounced dead at St. Luke's Hospital shortly after 12:30 p.m.

Dunne, a state court officer, was a founding member of the band in 1992.

Despite all, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg summed up the spirit of the day.

"I can't think of any better time for a parade, when some people are distressed and some people are disappointed and some people are depressed," he said. "People need a pick-me-up, people need to know that we can get through this together."

AP PHOTOS

**city's sprawling parade and street party have become its most lucrative tourist attraction, drawing up to 400,000 revelers every March 17.**

## Teachers could face furloughs

By **SHANNON McCAFFREY**  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Georgia's teachers could face six unpaid furlough days a year as the state grapples with a massive budget shortfall.

Teachers have so far been immune to state-mandated furloughs that have hit other state agencies hard.

The chairman of the House budget panel that handles education said Tuesday that the state should consider having teachers give up six planning days. The roughly \$200 million in savings could then be funneled back to cash-strapped school districts to help them avoid layoffs.

"We would be remiss if we did not consider it," said state Rep. Ed Lindsey, an Atlanta Republican.

Such furloughs would need legislation. Lindsey said lawmakers were looking into how to continue.

The news drew a mixed review from teachers' groups.

Jeff Hubbard, president of the Georgia Association of Educators, sounded resigned to the possibility.

"We realize as good Georgia citizens and good public servants, we might be called on to do our part," Hubbard said. "It would take away from the time we could spend utilizing how better to work with our students."

A spokesman for the 75,000-member Professional Association of Georgia Educators called teacher furloughs a "terrible idea."

"We really ought not to be trying to balance the budget on the backs of the state's 125,000 educators and their families," Tim Callahan said. "This tells them planning days can easily be discarded when they are very important."

Unlike most state employees, who have had their pay frozen this fiscal year, teachers saw a 2.5 percent raise. Lindsey said the furloughs would effectively erase that salary hike.

Also Tuesday, the House Education panel cobbled together \$29 million to restore state funding for nurses in the state's schools. Gov. Sonny Perdue's budget recommended slashing state money for the school nurses, igniting howls of protest from parents and educators.

They said with student health problems — like diabetes — on the rise, the nurses are needed more than ever. In Georgia, there is currently about one nurse for every 1,598 students.

The spending plan the House education panel voted out on Tuesday also restored funding for graduation coaches.

The full House Appropriations Committee is set to vote on the 2010 budget Wednesday morning. The budget covers the fiscal year that begins July 1.

In other state budget news on Tuesday:

■ Health budget writers shoveled an additional \$200 million in federal stimulus dollars to Medicaid, filling a massive funding hole for hospitals. The panel also reduced proposed cuts to the state portion of state employees health plan.

■ The state Ethics Committee had its budget chopped in half, from \$1.5 million to about \$750,000. The commission's executive director, Rick Thompson, said the proposed cuts would mean significant staff reductions in the panel charged with policing the conduct of state officials.

## Rain lifts lake to highest level since '07

GAINESVILLE (AP) — Three consecutive days of rain have added 6 inches to the level of Lake Lanier, its highest since late 2007.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Director Carol Couch said the level is

still off what she had hoped it would be.

Three months ago, Lanier was 20 feet below full pool. Now it's more than 11 feet below. The decrease stems from winter rains and less water being released from

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the federal reservoir.

The Corps predicts the level will remain near 1,058.8 feet above sea level — its level on Tuesday — through April.

## DeKalb County woman stabbed while jogging

DECATUR (AP) — DeKalb County police are investigating after a 54-year-old woman was stabbed while jogging.

Police say the woman was stabbed about 7 a.m. Tuesday at an intersection near Briarcliff Road. She is recovering at a hos-

pital. A man who was pulling out of a complex across the street said he heard the woman screaming and pulled up in time to stop the attack.

Police are still looking for her attacker.

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Obituary notices are posted online at [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com)

### Sheila L. Bartlett

Sheila L. Bartlett, 57, of Dalton died Tuesday, March 17, 2009.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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### Carolyn Brantley

Mrs. Carolyn Brantley, 73, of Dalton died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Maude McCollum; a sister, Frankie Smith; brothers, Harold McCollum and J.L. McCollum and grandson, Justin Shelton.

Survivors include her children, Clarence (Wayne) Bryson of Dalton, Cheryl and Rich Keslar of Apolo, Pa., and Terri (Bryson) Bays of Dalton; grandchildren, Collon McGarry, Mallory McGarry, Nicole Hall and Heather Bryson; sister, Jackie Hurley; several nephews and nieces.

Services are Thursday at 3 p.m. from the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Micheal Deems officiating.

Burial will be in Center Valley Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Oletha Coe Chance

Mrs. Oletha Coe Chance, 72, of Dalton, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, after a 13-year battle with cancer.

She was born July 3, 1936, in Polk County, Tennessee, daughter of the late John D. and Viola Pettit Coe and was preceded in

death by her brothers, W.M. Coe, Parnick Coe, Paul Coe and Ernest Denton Coe.

She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and was retired from J&J Industries after 26 years of service.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Raymon Chance of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, LaBron and Loraine Chance of Panama City Beach, Fla.; daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Mark Jamison of Dalton, Melody and Carl Richards of Benbrook, Texas; six grandchildren, Jeremy Chance of Brooklyn, N.Y., Caroline Chance of Dallas, Texas, Kara and Brandon King of Dawsonville, Brad Jamison of Dalton, Harley and Hayden Richards of Benbrook, Texas, and one great-grandson, Hunter King of Dawsonville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Opal Coe, Ruby and Uyless Teague and Odean and Roye Chance, all of Cohutta; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rayson and Margie Chance of Ellijay, Hubert and Pat Chance, David and Cecila Chance, Frances and Bradley Mathis, all of Dalton, Linda and Loyd Thomason of Cleveland, Tenn., Marlene Dugger of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Darlene and David Lucas of Pinellas Park, Fla.; 30 nieces and nephews; 42 great-nieces and nephews and four great-great nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Cantrell officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery with grandsons and nephews serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m. In honor of her love for the color red, anyone who would like to join with the family in the wearing of something red are invited to do so.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Antioch Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2103, Dalton, GA 30722-2103 or the American Cancer Society, 300 W. Emery St., Suite 106, Dalton, GA 30720 or to the charity of your choice.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.com).

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### Carl Dickey

Mr. Carl Travis Dickey, 72, of Dalton and formerly of Lawrenceberg, Tenn., departed this life Tuesday morning, March 17, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

Carl was born March 27, 1936, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Carl was a supervisor for Shaw Industries. He was a member of Abundant Life Baptist Church. He served his country in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the American Legion as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Aurthur and Vesta Travis Dickey; sisters, Mabel Rowe, Ortha Woods and Brenda Whitus; brother, Bryant Dickey.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Margie Garner Dickey of the residence; sons, Dewayne and Clay Dickey, both of Dalton; grandchildren, Crystal Pearl Dickey and Wesley Travis Dickey of Laurenburg, N.C., Amanda Lynn Dickey of Rutherfordton, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Christopher and Joshua Dickey of Laurinburg, N.C.; several nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, Tommy Whitus of Nashville, Tenn.; special friends, Jerry and Linda Totten of Marshville, Mo., Margaret Bearden of Dalton.

Services to celebrate the life of Carl Travis Dickey are Friday at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. J.R. Holcomb officiating. He will be laid to rest at the Center Point Baptist Church Cemetery with full military honors. John Garner, Cecil Carter, Donald Taylor, David Cochran, Kim Rowe and Billy Edward Garner will proudly serve as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Robert McCain, Melvin Wasdin and Lynn Croft.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 until 9 p.m. today and Thursday.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the Dickey family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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

### Eva Johnson Messer

Mrs. Eva Johnson Messer, 86, of Dalton, went to be with the Lord, Sunday, March 15, 2009.

She was the daughter of

the late Rev. James A. and Katherine Wilhelmina Lange Kammer Johnson and was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Ford Messer Sr.; grandson, Jesse



Messer

Ford Messer III; sisters, Grace Johnson, Deline Young Marshall, Lillie Leath Marshall and Matilda Messer Ritch; brothers, Herman Kammer and Lange Johnson.

Eva graduated from Central High School in Knoxville, Tenn., and after attending Business College she was employed as secretary of James A. Goodson (CEO and president and founder of JFG Coffee Company in Knoxville). In April 1944 she married and moved to Augusta where she worked for her sister and brother-in-law with Bill's Foods, then later at Augusta Chronicle and retired from Fort Gordon as a civil service employee in personnel.

Upon retirement she moved to Dalton where she lived the rest of her life. She was a devoted Christian and was a long time Sunday school teacher and loved to sing. She attended Hamilton Adult Day Care (RossWoods Day Care Center) and was a member of the Dalton Chapter 65 Order of the Eastern Star.

Eva is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Bond; son and daughter-in-law, Jesse "Jeff" F. Messer Jr. and Linda Faye; grandson, Jesse C. Bond; sister Irene J. Haney all of Dalton; brother, Hoover L. Johnson of Mascot, Tenn.; special lifelong friends, Ruth and Fred McDaniel of Augusta, Mae Lowery of Mascot, Wilma Phillips of Dalton and Rick, Margaret and Rowdy Zeisig and Grace Kling of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Denny F. Smith and the Rev. Trey Starnes officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery with Ernie Verhine, Stanley Bond, Danny Bond, Floyd Carrell, Jamey Messer and Labron Morgan proudly serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are James A. Messer, William J. Messer, Enice Wells, Richard Jackson and Rick Zeisig. A white dove release will conclude the ceremony.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the RossWoods Adult Day Health Services, 1428 Ross Drive, Dalton, GA 30721 or to Alzheimer's Association, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.com).

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### George C. Pitts

Mr. George C. Pitts, 59,

of Dalton, Georgia, departed this life Monday, March 16, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

George was born July 7, 1949, in Calhoun. George was preceded in death by a stepson, Ronnie Burris and a sister Frances Pitts.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Pitts; son, David Pitts of Dalton; stepdaughter, Debra Diane White of Dalton; brothers; Ronnie Pitts, Sammy Pitts and Hank Pitts, all of Calhoun, Glenn Pitts of Buford and Clifford Pitts of Florida; sisters; Lois Dover, Vicki Pitts and Marie Lovins, all of Calhoun.

In keeping with his wishes he will be cremated.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the Pitts family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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### Jesse Dale Young

Mr. Jesse Dale Young, 54, departed this life Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at home surrounded by his loving family in Calhoun.

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Georgia obligates all food service establishments to employ at least one certified food safety manager at each of their locations, said Pam Partain, director of Continuing Education for Dalton State. A poor score on the restaurant report card can be devastating to a food service business. ServSafe classes educate restaurant managers on all aspects of food safety.

"Our ServSafe class' one-day format is ideally suited to the busy lives of restaurateurs and food service professionals," said Partain. "Those who attend will be able to learn the required material and take care of their certification exam all in the same day."

The training dates are Tuesday, April 7; Saturday, May 9 (Spanish version); and Tuesday, July 28. The class is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Among the topics covered are food safety, food hazards and the microworld, personal hygiene, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP), purchasing/receiving safe foods, storing foods safely, maintaining food safety through preparation and service, cleaning and sani-

tizing facilities and equipment, integrated pest management and regulatory agencies and inspection.

The registration fee is \$165 and includes class materials, lunch, refreshments and certification exam.

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**Cost may turn to sticker shock**

WASHINGTON — Guaranteeing health insurance for all Americans may cost about \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, health experts say. That's more than double the \$634 billion 'down payment' President Barack Obama set aside for health reform in his budget, raising the prospect of sticker shock at a time of record federal spending. Administration officials have pointedly avoided providing a ballpark estimate, saying it depends on details to be worked out with Congress. "It's impossible to put a price tag on the plan before even the basics have been finalized," said White House spokesman Reid Cherlin. "Here's what we do know: The reserve fund in the president's budget is fully paid for and provides a substantial down payment on the cost of the reforming our health care system."

**Tax relief for Madoff investors**

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service issued guidelines Tuesday that will allow tax relief and refunds for some Bernard Madoff victims who were levied for investment earnings that turned out to be nonexistent. IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman told Congress the new guidelines are for taxpayers who have suffered losses from Ponzi investment schemes such as the massive Madoff swindle. He said the guidelines will apply to victims of all Ponzi schemes — financial scams in which early investors are paid returns from money put in by later investors. But given the scope of the Madoff scandal, the IRS wanted to establish an easy system for investors to recover taxes they paid on "fictitious income," Shulman said.

**Family confronts dad in incest trial**

ST. POELTEN, Austria — The woman who bore seven children through incest and was allegedly locked in a squalid dungeon for 24 years confronted her father Tuesday in a videotape shown in court — testimony that could send him to prison for life. Josef Fritzl, 73, has been charged with murder, enslavement, incest and rape in a case that has drawn media attention from around the world for its shocking allegations. On Tuesday, jurors, Fritzl and the rest of the court viewed videotaped testimony from his daughter Elisabeth, the key witness against Fritzl. Now 42, she was 18 when he allegedly imprisoned her in the cramped, windowless cell he built beneath the family's home in Amstetten. Fritzl has pleaded guilty to incest with Elisabeth and false imprisonment, but is contesting negligent homicide and enslavement charges against him and has acknowledged only partial guilt on rape and coercion charges.

**Pope says condoms will not solve AIDS problem**

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — Pope Benedict XVI said condoms are not the answer to the AIDS epidemic in Africa and can make the problem worse, setting off criticism Tuesday as he began a weeklong trip to the continent where some 22 million people are living with HIV. Benedict's first statement on an issue that has divided even Catholic clergy working with AIDS patients came hours before he arrived in Cameroon's capital — greeted by thousands of flag-waving faithful who stood shoulder-to-shoulder in red dirt fields and jammed downtown streets for a glimpse of the pontiff's motorcade. In his four years as pope, Benedict had never directly addressed condom use, although his position is not new. His predecessor, Pope John Paul II, often said that sexual abstinence — not condoms — was the best way to prevent the spread of the disease.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Wanda Densmore, office manager for the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp., listens as Dewayne Bain, of Gordon County, explains the trouble he's having with his mortgage.

**Mortgage: Free services**

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payment. I asked why. They said you are under assistance because you are behind, and if you make a payment it will mess the whole modification up. That was in November," she said. "She said she'd call me each week with updates. That never happened. If I called her, I'd always get a voice mail."

On Wednesday, Bennett says, a friend called and told her her home had been listed in the newspaper as being foreclosed.

"I thought it was a joke," she said.

She called her lender and found her home is going to be auctioned on April 2. She contacted the modification company, which she says assured her everything was OK.

Bennett's father advised her to talk to the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp., which is a federally certified housing counseling agency. Development Corp. director Gaile Jennings immediately called the loan company and began working with the company.

"They asked me to send a letter detailing what had happened to this couple," she said. "They usually work with us, and I don't think we are going to have any problems."

But Bennett said she won't rest easy until the fore-

closure has been called off.

"I'm still scared. It's not guaranteed. But I feel so much better. Their tone was so much different when they spoke with Gaile than with me," she said.

An Internet search by The Daily Citizen could not find a telephone number for the company Bennett said she hired to modify her loan. The Daily Citizen also tried several times to reach her lender but no one picked up either the main line or the media relations telephone number listed on its Web site.

Jennings' voice grew angry when she noted that when a home goes into foreclosure it adds legal fees to the process. She said with foreclosures growing daily, she's seeing more and more stories like Bennett's. She said many individuals and companies are charging large amounts of money to try to modify mortgages but some of those companies don't actually provide any services. Some do. But she said the Development Corp. provides those services for free.

Wanda Densmore, a Development Corp. office manager, said she got an unsolicited telephone call from someone claiming to be from the "FHA," presumably the Federal Housing Administration.

"They said the FHA could stop my foreclosure," she said. "I said, 'How much is this going to cost?' and she

said \$2,000. So I said, 'If I could pay you \$2,000, I wouldn't be in foreclosure.' She said, 'Maybe you could borrow it from a friend.'"

Densmore, of course, wasn't close to foreclosure. She said these companies get publicly available databases and simply call the people on them hoping to find someone who will take their offer. She said people have also been bringing in official-looking fliers and letters they've received that offer to help modify their mortgage.

America Gruner, a housing counselor with the Development Corp., said many in the Hispanic community are also getting these fliers in Spanish.

Development Corp. officials say beware of any firms that demand money up front or that promise certain results. They say you should also be aware that they can work with lenders to modify home loans and will do so for free.

"Before you sign anything, before you send money to California or Rhode Island or wherever, you bring it to us and let us check it out," said Densmore.

Jennings said it is important to call as soon as you fall behind on your mortgage payments and not wait until you are actually in foreclosure.

To contact the Development Corp., call (706) 876-1630.

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	Monday	Tuesday	IBM	91.22	92.91	Torchmark	23.53	25.12
Gold	919.5	915.5	Interface	2.03	2.22	Total Sys	12.89	13.05
Silver	13.21	12.93	JCP	16.09	16.64	UPS	44.73	46.42
Acuity	22.56	23.26	JNJ	50.73	50.72	Vulcan	39.87	41.15
AAir	4.07	4.42	Kroger	21.13	21.40	Verizon	28.55	29.83
Apple	95.42	99.66	Lowe's	15.46	16.42	Wal-Mart	48.80	50
AT&T	24.36	25.40	McDonalds	51.69	53.64	Wells Fargo	13.70	14.66
BAC	6.18	6.27	Merck	26.21	26.61	Wendy's	4.74	5.05
BB&T	16.98	17.53	Microsoft	16.25	16.90	Yum	26.65	27.38
BP	38.42	39.35	Mohawk	21.20	22.26	Xerox	5.12	5.19
BristolMyers	20.52	21.06	Motorola	3.65	3.89	<i>Stock information as of market closing is furnished by Hilliard Lyons, 511 Benjamin Way, Suite 112, Dalton, (706) 279-1810 or 800-437-6450. Hilliard Lyons is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.</i>		
HP-Compaq	29.02	29.75	Region-Fin	3.85	4.09			
Chevron	62.94	65.31	Rock-Tenn.	25.30	25.42			
CocaCola	41.27	41.45	Sara Lee	7.93	8.03			
ConAgra	14.90	15.27	SouthernCo	28.16	28.82			
ColonialBnk	.67	.69	Synovous	2.95	3.23			
Coke Ent.	11.57	11.87	SunTrust	11.48	12.15			
CrackerBrl	25.34	26.48						
CrwnCrafts	2.06	2.06						
CSX	62.94	25.08						
Dell	8.90	9.34						
Delta	5.54	6.15						
Dixie Group	.98	.99						
Dow	7.90	8.06						
Duke	13.16	13.52						
DuPont	20.26	20.58						
Earthlink	6.28	6.57						
Ericsson	8.85	9.34						
Exxon	66.97	69.09						
Ford	2.10	2.28						
FSG	3.50	3.89						
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**'Smart drug' Provigil may carry addiction risk**

CHICAGO — A so-called "smart drug" popular with young people may carry more of an addiction risk than thought, a small government study suggests. Scans of 10 healthy men showed that the prescription drug Provigil caused changes in the brain's pleasure center, very much like potentially habit-forming classic stimulants. Modafinil, the drug's generic name, is sometimes used as an illegal study aid by college students.

"It would be wonderful if one could take a drug and be smarter, faster or have more energy," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, who led the study with a Brookhaven National Laboratory scientist. "But that is like fairy tales. We currently have nothing that

has those benefits without side effects."

The study, appearing in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, may bust the myth that the drug is safe for healthy people, experts said.

Provigil is approved to treat excessive daytime sleepiness caused by narcolepsy. On the market since 1999, it's the flagship product of Cephalon Inc. of Frazer, Pa., and its sales approached \$1 billion last year. The company is developing a spin-off called Nuvigil.

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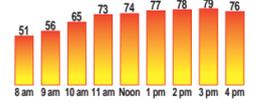
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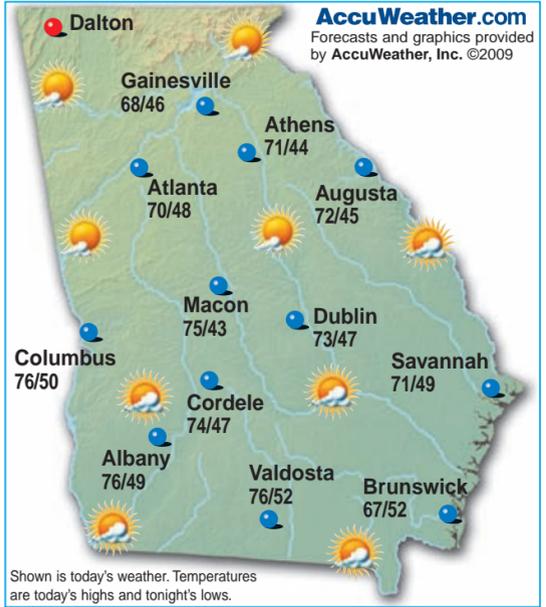
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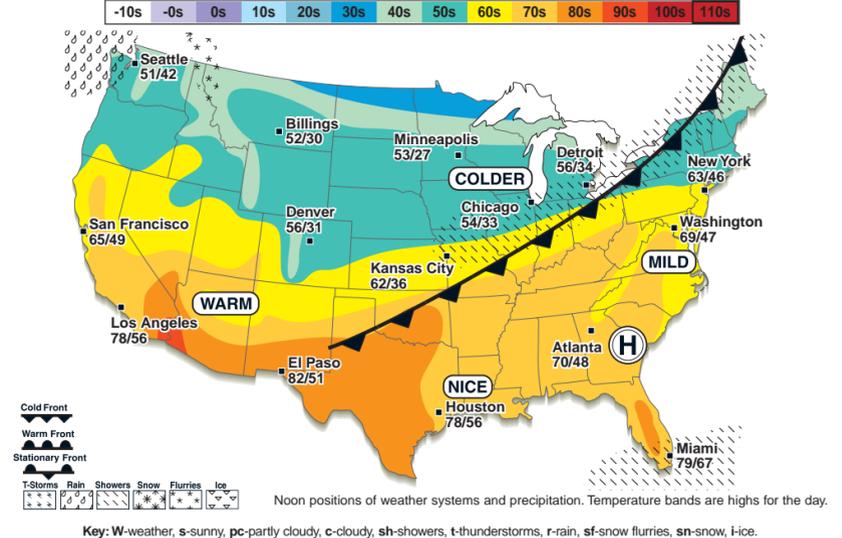
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## YOUTH SWIMMING: CARPET CAPITAL AQUATICS CLUB

# Back Storey

## Dalton 10-year-old has nationally notable time

BY MARTY KIRKLAND  
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When Tanner Storey was first learning to swim, he probably got as much exercise running from the pool as he did splashing in it — and so did Charles Todd, the Carpet Capital Aquatics Club coach who taught the then 4-year-old Storey as part of the club's Swim America instructional program.

"He'd cry every day," said Tanner's mother, Kathy. "He'd run out the door and coach Todd would have to chase him down."

The young, would-be swimmer simply didn't like the idea of putting his head under the water, his mother explained, but he adjusted and was competing for the Dalton Dolphins — the CCAC's recreational summer swim team — a few months later after turning 5.

Now 10, he's become one of the most reliable sources of points for the Dolphins, finishing second in

the individual high-point standings for his division at the Chattanooga Area Swim League's season-ending City Meet last summer. He's also a member of the CCAC's year-round Makos squad and helped them to a second-place finish in state competition earlier this month by winning the 100-yard backstroke title for his division.

"As he progressed and kept in the water, by the time he was 5, he was swimming the length of the pool," Todd said. "It was like, 'Wow, this kid's a little fish now.' He's gradually evolved into an elite swimmer."

While he's proven talented at several strokes, it just so happens that Storey's best performances of late have come in the backstroke — which, it just so happens, doesn't require dunking his head.

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen  
Tanner Storey, a 10-year-old swimmer for the Carpet Capital Aquatics Club and Dalton Dolphins, recently won his division in the 100-yard backstroke at a USA Swimming age group sectional meet in Charlotte, N.C.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# New era under way for Dawgs

BY CHARLES ODUM  
Associated Press Writer

ATHENS — The changing of the guard on Georgia's offense became official on Tuesday. With Matthew Stafford watching in street clothes, Joe Cox was the No. 1 quarterback as the Bulldogs opened spring practice.

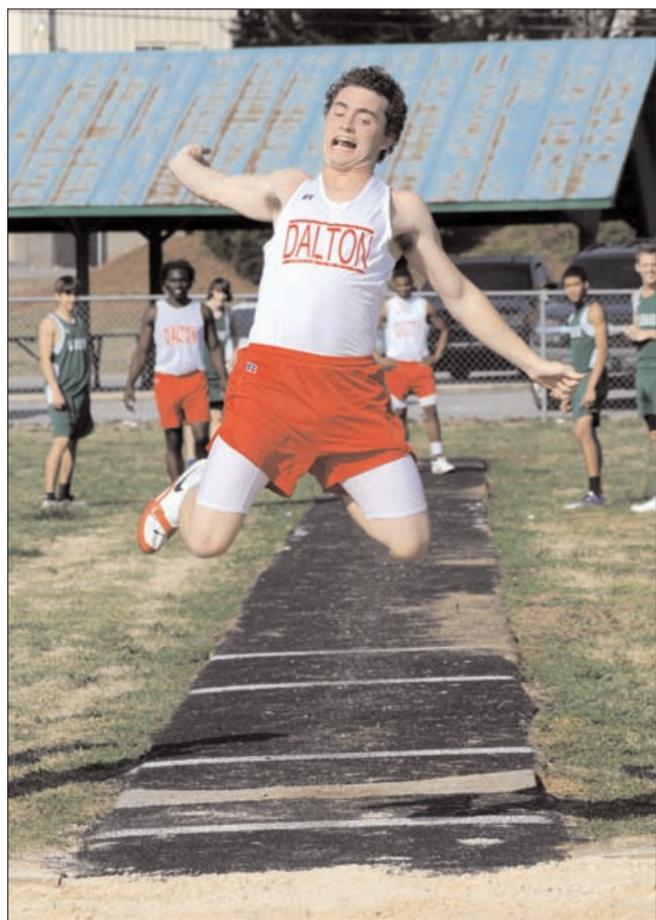
Stafford and Knowshon Moreno could be the top quarterback and tailback, respectively, selected in next month's NFL draft. That's a major bragging point for any college coach, but before Mark Richt can enjoy the draft, he must make sure the Georgia offense is ready to move on without the stars.



Richt

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## HAPPY LANDING



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen  
Dalton senior Reaves Coker competes in the long jump on Tuesday during a track and field meet at Murray County. Coker didn't win the triple jump, but was first in the long jump at 38 feet, 8 inches. For results, see area roundup at right.

## AREA ROUNDUP

# Good day for Raiders

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Southeast High's baseball team went north of .500 on Tuesday, and the Raiders might have even better things in store if they can maintain that positive direction.

The Raiders' Dylan Massengill came within one out of a shutout to lead his team to a 6-1 victory over visiting Pope John Paul of Tennessee in a game coach Jason Keller calls one of the team's best so far.

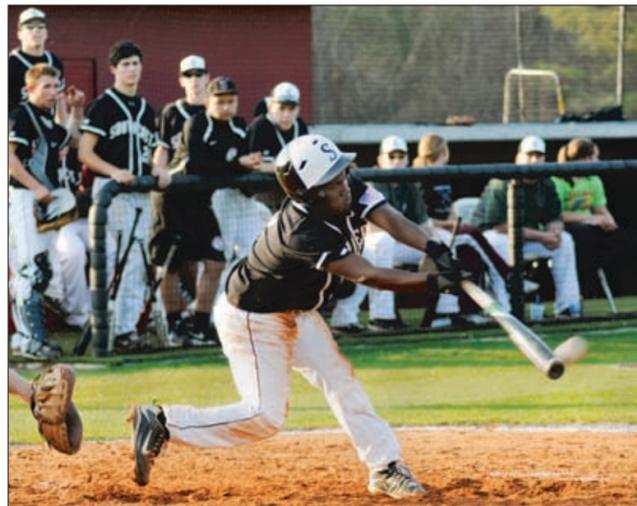
"Tonight was probably the most complete game we've played this year offensively and defensively," he said.

"Dylan did a great job throwing the fastball for strikes and getting them out with the off-speed stuff and the offense did a great job of battling and scoring runs."

The Raiders (4-3) quickly jumped ahead with two runs in the first inning and added four more in the sixth.

Massengill allowed three hits on 80 pitches through the first six innings before giving up three hits and an earned run in the seventh. He finished with a complete game and gave up six hits, three walks and struck out five while facing just 28 batters.

Michael Simpson led the attack, going 4-for-4 with a run and stolen base. Bradley Grant had a hit, an RBI and a run and Carter Gilleen had a hit and an RBI.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen  
Southeast High's Michael Simpson protects the plate during the Raiders' home game against Pope John Paul of Tennessee on Tuesday. Simpson went 4-for-4 with a stolen base and scored as the Raiders won 6-1.

■ **Northwest Whitfield 6, Ringgold 3:** The Bruins (4-4) built an early lead with three runs in the first inning with an RBI single from Brent Stephens, an RBI double from Zane Gordon and a sacrifice fly by Diego Hernandez.

After the Tigers scored in the third, the Bruins answered in the bottom half when Bradley Stevenson hit a solo home run. Northwest added two more runs

in the fifth on Stephens' two-run home run. Ringgold added runs in the sixth and seventh inning.

Jordan Darnell picked up the win in six innings. He gave up two runs on four hits and three walks and struck out three. Stephens was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and Gordon 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

> Please see **AREA, 2B**

## GOLF: ON THE FRINGE

# Lefty's caddy has adventure

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press Writer

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The only way Phil Mickelson could advance his ball from beneath a bush on the 12th hole at Doral was to swing from the other side. As is often the case, there was a risk involved.

"I certainly didn't want to have to hit a right-handed shot with the lead," he said.

What concerned his caddy was the chance it could hit a palm tree and ricochet into even worse trouble, if not out-of-bounds. That's why Jim "Bones" MacKay suggested a more conservative option by taking a penalty stroke and moving 20 yards back. He was overruled. Lefty was adamant about going righty.

"I've done this before," Mickelson told him.

That might make the top 10 list of the worst things a caddy can hear his player say, but it's not on MacKay's list. He knew Mickelson had actually done it before.

### INSIDE SPORTS

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- ▶ Thrashers win streak ends, **3B**
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"One year Phil was playing at Summerlin with Neal Lancaster," MacKay said, referring to the Las Vegas tournament. "The 12th hole was a par 4 where you drive it short of this lake, and then it runs all the way up the right side. Phil drove it next to a tree in front of the lake, so the next shot was entirely over water. He turns over an 8-iron and knocks it right-handed onto the green, 15 feet from the hole."

"Neal hits it to 30 feet and left the first putt 15 feet short. Before he putted the next one, he turns to Phil and says two things — 'I can't believe that shot you hit,' and 'I've got no chance of making this putt.' And he missed it."

The right-handed shot at Doral came out perfectly — except that it

hit a tree. Luckily for Mickelson, it dropped down into the rough, and he wound up making only a bogey. Mickelson went on to win the CA Championship by one shot.

The caddy-player relationship took on a peculiar twist Tuesday afternoon on the practice range at Innisbrook when J.P. Hayes hit a smother-hook into the trees and uttered with genuine surprise, "Whoooooaaa!"

Paul Goydos looked over at him and smiled.

"That's probably the worst thing a caddy can hear his player say," Goydos said.

And so began an animated discussion of the worst things a caddy can hear his player say. Among them:

- "I think it's time for us to make a change."

This is player-caddy code for "You're fired."

> Please see **CADDY, 2B**



Jim "Bones" MacKay, right, has learned the rules are a little different when you're caddying for PGA Tour big gun Phil Mickelson, whose daring style of play rarely fits the conventional wisdom of golf.

AP PHOTO

## Back: Good future

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"I like how you don't have to hold your breath," Storey said.

The fact that he's pretty speedy in the event probably doesn't hurt, either. At this past weekend's USA Swimming 14-under age group sectionals in Charlotte, N.C., Storey won the 100 backstroke title with a time of 1:07, shaving more than two seconds off his state-winning time of 1:09.24 and qualifying for the national reportable time standard.

That time, Todd explained, is set by the top 16 performances in the nation the previous year and is recognized by USA Swimming with a certificate he'll receive later. More to the point, it classifies Storey among the top 1 percent of his age group and is a good sign for his swimming future.

In 10 years as coach of the Makos, Todd estimated that six to 10 swimmers from more than 1,000 CCAC members have turned in national reportable times. All have gone on to swim in college.

"It doesn't happen every day," Todd said. "It's big."

Storey was busy throughout the weekend, swimming other strokes and other backstroke races, including the 50-yarder, where he finished fourth on Saturday. But that race's somewhat disappointing finish gave CCAC coaches — Storey's age-group instructor is Olga Davis — a chance to make a correction after noticing Storey was bending his knees too much.

On Sunday, in his final event of the day and weekend, he was as fast as he's ever been.

"All of his events, he swam quite well," Davis said. "He really put out everything he had. It was his last day, last event, he said, 'I'm so tired, so tired.' I said, 'You've got to pull yourself together, do your best and have fun.' He just did what he usually does, left us speechless."

Said Storey: "Coach Davis just kept telling me that, just don't worry about the way you swim, just go out there and have fun. And I won."

Davis credited Storey's determination with helping him achieve much of his success to this point, but said his backstroke is "natural." Still, the elite time was a surprise even from Storey, who said he told Davis he would not only win, but drop four or five seconds from what he'd done at state while in Charlotte.

That didn't happen, but it didn't need to for Davis to be impressed.

"I told his parents when he

went to state championships and dropped four or five seconds, I told them, 'Look, we worked on it and tried to polish details,'" Davis recalled. "But I said, 'To drop any more time within two weeks would be a miracle.'"

But at times, Storey has been pretty miraculous in the water.

He's a good athlete on land as well. Todd said, playing football, basketball and baseball and holding the schoolboy distinction of being the kid you'd pick first no matter the game in P.E. at City Park. Still, he remains loyal to swimming, calling it his favorite.

"It's so exciting when you race," Storey said. "And you get really happy when you win."

Storey's coaches just seem happy to see the young swimmer remaining interested in taking to the water. Though his backstroke is strong, Todd said it's not until the late high school years a coach typically encourages specialization.

And, as Davis pointed out, if Storey wants to make swimming cross the line from hobby and sport to discipline and life's pursuit, he has plenty of time.

"With a little bit more work, he can pretty much achieve that success with the rest of the strokes," Davis said. "But he's only 10. Michael Phelps started swimming when he was 11. So he's got a big future in front of him and if that's what he wants to do, I'll be there for him."

Storey was among a group of six Makos at the sectional meet. Jamey Fuller (10-under boys), Taylor Mathis (11-12 boys), Taylor Dale and Hunter Mulkey (13-14 boys) and Rebecca Davis (13-14 girls) also competed in what is one of the final big meets for the Makos in the year-round schedule before they take a break and get ready for summer competition.

Still ahead is the Northern Divisional Championships on March 27-29 in Athens at the University of Georgia, a statewide meet in which the Makos will compete in the small club (fewer than 200 swimmers) division.

Additionally, the Makos' Stephen Jones qualified for a junior national meet that will be held in Orlando this weekend. The 16-year-old Jones qualified with his backstroke time of 53.03 — the cutoff was 53.09 — while competing for the Dalton Catamounts at the Georgia High School Association's state meet in February.

## Area: Bruins in top five at NGI golf

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### ■ Christian Heritage 5, Harvester 3:

Tommy Malerbi pitched four innings and gave up two hits, three runs and struck out three in a winning effort for the Lions (3-1).

Jarred Cronan was 2-for-4, Derrick Hayes 2-for-2 with an RBI and Mason Sikes 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Dalton's baseball game against Heritage-Catoosa at AT&T Field in Chattanooga was postponed, as was Murray County's game at Gordon Lee. Makeup dates for neither game have been set yet.

### Varsity golf

Northwest Whitfield's boys finished among the top four teams in the first round of the North Georgia Invitational at Barnsley Gardens in Adairsville with a score of 308 on the 18-hole, par-71 course. Dalton was right behind in fifth with a 318.

Ahead of the Bruins were Peachtree Ridge (286), Harrison (288) and Marist (307).

The Bruins' top four finishers were Zane McDade (75), Hunter Keener (76), Jordan Black (76) and David Lomax (81).

The final round of the event takes place Thursday at The Farm in Rocky Face.

Northwest Whitfield's girls shot an 82 to win their tri-match against Dalton (89) and Southeast (123) at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth.

The Lady Bruins were led by Lauren Giambastiani, who shot a 4-over par 40 in the nine-hole match, and Turner Fordham (42).

The Lady Catamounts were led by Hannah Duffie (43) and Kate Morgan (46), while Southeast was led by Kate Burke (60) and Carli Ledford (63).

### Varsity soccer

#### ■ Christian Heritage 3, King's Ridge Academy 1:

The Lions (1-1) were led by Viktor Ferraz, who scored a goal and added an assist. Lions Freshmen Casey Carrol opened the game's scoring with nine minutes left in the first half.

Christian Heritage girls 2, Oak Mountain Academy 1: The Lady Lions got two goals from freshman Rachel Gray, whose second score came with about 10 minutes to play, while Kathryn Green had five saves as Christian Heritage improved to 2-0 overall and the same in North region play.

Southeast boys 6, Ringgold 1: Armando Morales, Tomas Cruz, Noel Pimentel, Fernando Villaseñor, Romero Madrigal and Alejandro Garcia each scored, while Sammy Torres, Abraham Solis and Bernabe Rangel each added an assist for the Raiders (8-2, 6-1 in Region 6-3A).

Estrada Ezurdia had five saves in goal, and Ringgold didn't score until less than two minutes remained in the match. Southeast recorded 20 shots on goal.

Ringgold girls 3, Southeast 2 (OT): Ana Valdez and Maria Ortiz each had a second-half goal, but the Lady Tigers scored with a minute to play in the second period of overtime. Southeast fell to 2-6 overall and 2-5 in the region.

### Varsity softball

Copper Basin (Tenn.) 17, Christian Heritage 2: In the Lady Lions' first varsity game since 2005, Rebecca Leonard and Shelbee Wilbanks each had RBI doubles.

### Varsity tennis

Southeast boys 4, Ridgeland 1: In a Region 6-3A match, the Raiders



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen  
Southeast's Dylan Massengill works from the mound for the Raiders during Tuesday's 6-1 win against Tennessee's Pope John Paul. Massengill picked up a complete-game victory.

(5-1, 1-1) got singles wins from No. 1 Tyler Mimbs (6-0, 6-1), No. 2 Matt Hall (6-4, 6-3) and No. 3 Phillip Joyce (6-0, 6-1), plus a doubles victory from Coleman Jenkins and Ralph Guzman (6-4, 7-6)

Southeast girls 5, Ridgeland 0: The Lady Raiders (5-1, 2-0) got singles wins from No. 1 Mariselle Rodriguez (6-4, 6-2), No. 2 Casey Crump (6-0, 6-0) and No. 3 Whitney Napier (6-1, 6-2).

In doubles, No. 1 Isabel Limas and Amanda Posey and Amanda Vickery and Khushbu Patel both won by default.

### Varsity track

Dalton girls 85, Murray County 50: First-place finishers for the Lady Catamounts were Carina Nieto (3,200, 11:28; 1600, 6:01), Brandi Joubert (300 hurdles, 53.22; 100, 12.8), Markisha Washington (long jump, 14-3/4; triple jump, 30-10), Katarina Yi (400, 1:03; high jump, 4-6), Easterly Flores (discus, 79-11), the 4x100 relay team of Washington, Paris Love, Anna Lee Houston and Joubert (52.0) and the 4x400 relay team of Houston, Katherine Sigman, Washington and Yi (4:25).

Dalton boys 96, Murray County 40: The Catamounts were led to the victory by first-place finishes from Preston Pound (1,600 meters, 4:57), Ahmed Farag (400, 52.1; 300 hurdles, 41.1), Jonathan Fletcher (100, 11.1), Blake Adams (110 hurdles, 15.9), Dre Toliver (200, 23.08), Reaves Coker (triple jump, 38-8), Trae Washington (long jump, 20-4), Josh Burgess (shot put, 44-4), Cody Patterson (high jump, 113-2) and Chas Thomason (high jump, 6-0). Dalton's 4x100 relay team of Farag, Ethan Bennett, Martin Self and Toliver also won with a time of 44.1 seconds.

Northwest boys 74, Baylor 56, Heritage-Catoosa 29.5: The Bruins picked up first-place finishes from Dean Haynes (long jump, 20-11; triple jump, 44-9), T.J. Bryant (high jump, 6-0), David Jarjoura (200, 23.22), Jake Bridges (pole vault, 13-0; 100, 11.2), Cameron Griffin (110 hurdles, 15.3), Kieonce Lovelace (400, 54.0) and Jordan Jones (800, 2:04).

The Bruins also had three winning relay teams with the 4x100 (Haynes, Griffin, Drew Smith, Bridges) winning in 43.93, the 4x400 team (Lovelace, Jones, Griffin, Haynes)

winning in 3:36 and the 4x800 team (Manny Lopez, Frankie Booker, Jones, Aaron Saylor) also winning.

Northwest girls 68, Baylor 57, Heritage-Catoosa 18: Northwest Whitfield's girls won the tri-meet in Chattanooga with first-place efforts for the Lady Bruins from Ieisha White (shot put, 30-4; discus, 105-4), Morgan Williams (400, 58.2), Jenna Williams (long jump, 14-2), Taylor Staten (triple jump, 34-2) and the 4x400 relay team of Macie Brock, Staten, Kelsey Kirk and Morgan Williams (4:22).

### JV track

Gordon Central boys 83, Southeast 44: First-place finishers for the Raiders were David Rayborn in the triple jump (35 feet, 8 inches), Andreas Martinez in the 400 (58.4 seconds), Cody Burch in the 100 (11.76) and 200 (25.3) and the 4x400 relay team of Martinez, Rayborn, Josh Gowan and Stephen Tice (4:14).

Gordon Central girls 76, Southeast 46: First place finishers for the Lady Raiders were Josephine Vargas in the triple jump (26 feet, 11 inches), Reyna Cruz in the 3200 meter run (15:35), Megan Hopkins in the 800 (3:09).

### JV baseball

Northwest Whitfield 2, Ringgold 0: With the game going to international tiebreaker rules after five scoreless innings, Garrett Smith's bases-loaded ground-rule double scored two runs for the win.

Nick Wagner also had a hit and Jarrett Bruce picked up the win on the mound after allowing two hits and striking out eight in six innings of work for the Bruins (3-1).

### MS baseball

Dalton 17, Rome 2: A 14-run third inning was all the Cougars (3-0) needed as Brandon Potts pitched 3 innings, striking out four, walking two and allowing a hit and a run in the four-inning victory.

Laighton Reeve pitched the fourth, giving up a run and striking out one. Grant Sane and Chandler Coley each walked three times and scored three runs, Saul Lara just missed the cycle, going 3-for-4 with a triple, double, home run and four RBIs, and Will Erwin was 2-for-3.

New Hope 11, North Whitfield 3: The Kodiaks remained undefeated through seven games as they continued to pound away at the plate.

Blake Phillips was 2-for-5 with an RBI, Edwin Hernandez added a hit and three RBIs, Diego Peralta went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs and Tanner Cockburn was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Pioneers (4-2) got a pair of solo home runs from Andy Whisenant and Alejandro Orozco, while Scout Plott went 2-for-3.

On the mound, Phillips picked up the win after allowing two earned runs on five hits and six walks while striking out three in five innings. Hernandez worked the final two innings for New Hope, while Orozco pitched five innings and took the loss.

Christian Heritage 7, David Brainerd 4: Michael McKinney went 2-for-3 with a double, Taylor Dale 2-for-3 with an RBI and Tre Mason 2-for-4 with an RBI.

McKinney picked up the win after allowing two hits and a walk while striking out five in 3 2/3 innings of relief.

Jake Roberts started, while Josh Barnes worked the final inning as the Lions improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in Independent Schools Conference play.

### MS golf

Dalton 181, Heritage 193: In the par-36, nine-hole match at Dalton Golf and Country Club, the Catamounts were led by Will Duffie, who shot a 43, Patrick Simms (45), Chris Kazmerski (46) and Ethan Fromm (47).

New Hope boys 215, Westside 222, Eastbrook 241: New Hope's Silas Ledford and Payton Kell and Westside's Ethan Hayes tied for medalist honors at 50 in the nine-hole match played at Tunnel Hill Golf Course, while Eastbrook's Jackie Stephens led his team with a 58.

New Hope girls 121, Westside 121: New Hope's Taylor Boyd and Westside's Marlee Bingham each led their teams with a 60.

### MS soccer

Eastbrook boys 4, Valley Point 0: The Mustangs (6-0) got goals from Romero Guerrero, Jorge Hurtado, Diego Nunez and Alex Rosillo and an assist from David Gonzalez. In goal, Able Mendiola and Gustavo Diaz combined for six saves in the shutout.

Eastbrook girls 5, Valley Point 0: The Lady Mustangs (5-0-1) got two goals from Andrea Lopez and one each from Marda Gutierrez, Alejandra Lerma and Heide Lopez, who also had an assist. Diana Sandate had four saves in the shutout.

Westside girls 4, Gladden 1: Perla Casillas and Arely Torres each scored twice and Monica Lopez had a pair of assists to lead the Lady Rockets (4-1-2) to victory, while Raven Henry provided Gladden's lone goal.

New Hope girls 1, North Whitfield 0: Andrea Garcia provided the lone goal, while keeper Gracie Holmes earned the shutout for New hope (3-1-3).

### MS tennis

Dalton girls 4, LaFayette 1: The Lady Cougars (3-0) got wins from No. 2 singles Anna Grace Wilson (8-3), No. 3 Courtney Morton (8-0), No. 1 doubles Rachel Bakker and Marylyn Braun (8-2) and No. 2 Michelle Rogers and Morgan Coker (8-0).

Dalton boys 5, LaFayette 0: The Cougars (3-0) got wins from No. 1 singles B.J. Roland (8-1), No. 2 singles Thomas Delay (8-0), No. 3 singles Nathan Bryan (8-0), No. 1 doubles Ryan Harper and Efra Usconga (8-0) and No. 2 doubles Sam Dyer and Pratik Bhattar (8-0).

## Caddy: Bad words

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"I'll keep the yardage book today."

This does not mean the player is taking some of the workload off the caddie. This is a bad sign that usually precedes, "I think it's time for us to make a change." It happened to Mike "Fluff" Cowan at Riviera in 1999, and it was the last time he caddied for Tiger Woods.

"How far did you say we had?"

Such a question typically is posed after a shot goes either 30 yards over the green or comes up 30 yards short. Usually, it means the caddie made a mathematical blunder — but not always. Shaun Micheel flew the 16th green at Wentworth by some 20 yards in the World Match Play Championship final against Paul Casey. Everyone assumed he had a bad yardage, especially when Micheel was overheard telling caddie Tony Lingard after making double bogey, "Don't say another word to me the rest of the day."

But that's not what happened. Micheel wanted to hit 8-iron, and when the ball sailed over the green, caddie Tony Lingard said to him, "Told you it was a 9-iron." Now that's probably the worst thing a caddie can say to his player. Some other things a caddie never want to hear from his player:

• "Get down."

In other words, the ball has no chance of finding the green.

• "Go."

See above.

• "Why do we have two drivers in the bag?"

Ian Woosnam's caddie actually figured this out by himself on the second tee of the final round at the 2001 British Open. It came with a two-stroke penalty.

• "Can you get my cell phone? I'm going to see if I can catch an early flight."

This is especially bad to hear on Friday morning. It means the player has no chance of making the cut, or believes he has no chance, which is even worse.

• "I think I'm going to add Pebble Beach to my schedule this year."

Why is this the last thing a caddie wants to hear? Not just because the rounds can be long with two pros and two amateurs over three days. And not because the bag will be heavier with all the rain gear. The toughest part for a caddie is getting to the other two courses on the rotation, then finding the parking lot.

Mackay has been working for Mickelson the last 16 years, and he was asked for his own list of worst things Lefty can say to him. Based on the answers, he probably was kidding. Probably.

• "Do you like this club if I decide to skip it across the water?"

Mickelson is among the best at skipping tee shots across the pond on the 16th hole at Augusta National, a tradition during the practice round. It would not be terribly unusual for him to try it in competition.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Trade center hosts Martial Arts event

The Georgia Martial Arts Festival will be at the downstairs area of the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8.

Martial artists from all around the Southeast, ages 5-89, will compete in events such as sparring, board breaking, Tae Kwon Do forms, high jump and musical forms.

First-place finishers of this festival will go on to compete in the 10th Annual Disney Martial Arts Competition held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Admission is \$5 and free for children under 5.

### Braves win behind Jurrjens' showing

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jair Jurrjens threw six scoreless innings to help the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 5-1 on Tuesday.

Jurrjens allowed four hits, struck out six and walked none.

Jonathon Niese also pitched well for the Mets, allowing two runs and two hits in four innings. The 22-year-old left-hander is competing for the final spot in New York's rotation.

Josh Anderson hit a two-out, two-run homer off Niese in the second inning and finished with two hits.

### Pittsburgh ends Thrashers' streak

PITTSBURGH — NHL scoring-leader Evgeni Malkin tied a career-high with five points to surpass 100 for the second consecutive season and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Atlanta Thrashers 6-2 Tuesday night.

Malkin, who missed practice Monday due to illness, had two goals and three assists to give him 102 points this season. He extended his lead in the scoring race over teammate Sidney Crosby to 10 points.

Bryan Little and Eric Boulton scored for Atlanta, which was playing without star winger Ilya Kovalchuk for the third straight game due to an unspecified upper body injury.

### Brodeur gets saves record to pass Roy

NEWARK, N.J. — Martin Brodeur posted his 552nd win and passed childhood idol and Hall of Famer Patrick Roy for the most career victories in league history. He made 30 saves in the New Jersey Devils' 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

The victory came in Brodeur's 987th game in a 15-year career played entirely with the Devils.

He already holds the wins record and another could soon fall. He is within four shutouts of passing Terry Sawchuk (103) for the league record.

### MSU wins play-in game over ASU

DAYTON, Ohio — Kenneth Faried had 14 points and 21 rebounds Tuesday night as Morehead State earned its first NCAA tournament victory in a quarter-century, opening with a 58-43 win over Alabama State.

The Eagles (20-15) never trailed and advanced to play top-seeded Louisville on Friday. Last November, Louisville routed Morehead State by 38 points.

Alabama State finished at 22-10. Its star player, 7-foot-1 Grlentys Chief Kickingstallions Jr., blocked three shots but did little on the boards.

— AP, Staff Reports

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL

#### Prep Schedule

**Today**  
Varsity soccer  
Murray County at Southeast, 6  
Calhoun girls at Northwest Whitfield, 6:30  
**JV soccer**  
Calhoun girls at Northwest Whitfield, 5  
Murray County at Southeast, 4  
**Middle School baseball**  
Dalton at McCallie, 4:30

**Thursday**  
Varsity baseball  
Northwest Whitfield at Southeast, 5  
Murray County at LaFayette, 5  
**Varsity golf**  
Dalton, Northwest Whitfield boys at North Georgia Invitational, The Farm, 3  
Southeast vs. Ringgold at Tunnel Hill Golf Course, Ringgold, 3:30

**Varsity soccer**  
Gilmer girls at Murray County, 5  
Rome girls at Dalton, 5:30

**Varsity tennis**  
Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 4  
Southeast at LFO, 4  
Murray County at Rome, 4:30

**Varsity track and field**  
Northwest Whitfield, Pepperell, Chattooga at Gordon Central, 4  
Southeast at Dalton, 4

**JV baseball**  
Murray County at LaFayette, 7

**JV golf**  
Murray County, Heritage-Catoosa, LFO boys, Battlefield, 3:30  
Murray County, Heritage-Catoosa, LFO girls, Spring Lakes, 3:30

**JV soccer**  
Dalton boys at Rome, 6

**JV tennis**  
Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 4

**Freshman baseball**  
Northwest Whitfield at Southeast, 7:30

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

**Middle school soccer**  
Eastbrook at North Whitfield, 4:30  
New Hope at Gladden, 4:30  
Eastbrook at North Whitfield, 4:30

**Friday**  
Varsity baseball  
LaGrange Academy at Christian Heritage, 4  
Dalton vs. Science Hill, Red Bank at Red Bank, 4  
Darlington at Murray County, 6

**Varsity soccer**  
Christian Heritage girls at LaGrange Academy, 5  
Northwest Whitfield at Rome, 5:30  
North Hall at Dalton, 5:30  
LFO at Southeast, 5:30  
Murray County at Woodland, 5:30  
Holy Spirit Prep boys at Christian Heritage, 5:45

**Varsity softball**  
Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 6

**Varsity tennis**  
Christian Heritage at Griffin Christian, 4  
Dalton at Cass, 4

**Freshman baseball**  
Northwest Whitfield at Heritage-Catoosa, 5:30

**Middle school baseball**  
Christian Heritage at Dalton, 5:15  
New Hope at Valley Point tournament

**Middle school soccer**  
Gladden at Christian Heritage, 4

**Middle school softball**  
Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 4:30

**Middle school tennis**  
St. Jude vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 4:15

**Saturday**  
Varsity golf  
Dalton, Northwest Whitfield boys at Warrior Invitational, Mossy Creek GC, Cleveland, 1

**Varsity soccer**  
Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 1  
Christian Heritage girls at LaFayette Christian, 2  
Osborne at Dalton, 6

**JV baseball**  
Dade County at Northwest Whitfield, Noon

**JV golf**  
Northwest Whitfield at Warrior Invitational, 1

**JV soccer**  
Woodland at Murray County, noon

**Freshman baseball**  
Dade County at Northwest Whitfield, 2

**Middle school baseball**  
New Hope at Valley Point tournament

#### Final Prep Basketball Rankings

**GaSports.com Coaches Poll**  
**Boys Class 3A**

- South Atlanta (4-3A) 29-3
- Columbia (5-3A) 29-3
- Westover (1-3A) 27-7
- Gainesville (7-3A) 17-9
- Washington County (3-3A) 25-5
- Elbert County (8-3A) 25-6
- Northside, Columbus (2-3A) 20-7
- West Hall (7-3A) 24-7
- Cedarturn (6-3A) 21-10
- Liberty County (3-3A) 20-6

**Girls Class 3A**

- Carrollton (6-3A) 32-2
- Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe (6-3A) 29-4
- Baldwin (3-3A) 28-3
- Rutland (3-3A) 26-5
- Franklin County (8-3A) 24-4
- Columbia (5-5A) 22-8
- Gilmer (7-3A) 23-6
- Dougherty (1-3A) 21-7
- Dunwoody (5-A) 21-9
- Stephens County (8-3A)

**Boys Class 4A**

- Miller Grove (6-4A) 26-3
- Tucker (6-4A) 20-8
- Richmond Academy (3-4A) 28-4
- Marist (6-4A) 24-5
- Fayette County (5-4A) 22-8
- Hillgrove (7-4A) 27-3
- Bainbridge (1-4A) 27-4
- Statesboro (2-4A) 25-5
- Lithia Springs (5-4A) 22-7
- Glynn Academy (2-4A) 19-12

**Girls Class 4A**

- Southwest Dekalb (6-4A) 29-4
- Fayette County (5-4A) 31-1
- Jonesboro (4-4A) 30-2
- Northwest Whitfield (7-4A) 28-3**
- Marist (6-4A) 28-3
- Mays (5-4A) 26-3
- Bainbridge (1-4A) 24-6
- Madison (8-4A) 24-5
- Osborne (7-4A) 23-4
- Douglas County (5-4A) 21-9
- Clarke Central (6-4A) 19-11

C Mitch Canham and OF Cedric Hunter to their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Cesar Carrillo, RHP Mike Ekstrom, LHP Wade LeBlanc and INF Travis Denker to Portland (PCL), and OF Luis Durango and LHP Jackson Quezada to Lake Elsinore (CAL).

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed LB Clark Haggans to a three-year contract.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed RB Lance Ball, LB Buster Davis and OL Dan Federkell.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms with LB Monte Beisel, WR Bobby Engram and WR Terrance Copper.  
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with DL Paul Spicer and C Kick Leckey on one-year contracts.  
NEW YORK JETS—Matched Cleveland's offer sheet to S Abram Elam.  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed OT Trai Essex to a two-year contract. Released G Kendall Simmons.  
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Agreed to terms with DE Renaldo Wynn. Waived LB Matt Sinclair.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Patric Hornqvist from Milwaukee (AHL).  
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled RW Brian McGrattan from San Antonio (AHL).  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Matt Lashoff from Norfolk (AHL).

**COLLEGE**  
VIRGINIA—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Dave Leitao.

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**BASEBALL**  
11 p.m.  
ESPN2 — World Baseball Classic, round 2, teams TBA, at San Diego

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Miami at Providence  
9 p.m.  
ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Georgetown at Baylor

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN — Miami at Boston  
9:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Detroit at Houston

**TENNIS**  
4 p.m.  
FSN — ATP/WTA Tour, BNP Paribas Open, men's round of 16 or women's quarterfinals, at Indian Wells, Calif.  
10:30 p.m.  
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## PRO BASKETBALL

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Boston	50	17	.746	—
Philadelphia	33	31	.516	15 1/2
New York	28	38	.424	21 1/2
New Jersey	28	39	.418	22
Toronto	24	44	.353	26 1/2
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Orlando	49	18	.731	—
Atlanta	40	28	.588	9 1/2
Miami	36	30	.545	12 1/2
Charlotte	29	38	.433	20
Washington	16	51	.239	33
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Cleveland	54	13	.806	—
Detroit	33	32	.508	20
Milwaukee	31	38	.449	24
Chicago	30	37	.448	24
Indiana	28	40	.412	26 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	44	22	.667	—
Houston	44	25	.638	1 1/2
New Orleans	41	25	.621	3
Dallas	40	27	.597	4 1/2
Memphis	17	49	.258	27
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	43	25	.632	—
Portland	42	25	.627	1/2
Utah	41	26	.612	1 1/2
Minnesota	20	46	.303	22
Oklahoma City	19	48	.284	23 1/2
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-L.A. Lakers	53	13	.803	—
Phoenix	36	31	.537	17 1/2
Golden State	23	43	.348	30
L.A. Clippers	16	50	.242	37
Sacramento	14	53	.209	39 1/2

x-clinched division  
y-clinched playoff spot

**Monday's Scores**  
Charlotte 112, Toronto 86  
Portland 103, Memphis 82  
Houston 95, New Orleans 84  
Oklahoma City 78, San Antonio 76  
Denver 121, New Jersey 96

**Tuesday's Scores**  
Atlanta 119, Sacramento 97  
Cleveland 97, Orlando 93  
Detroit at Chicago, late  
Boston at Dallas, late  
Minnesota at San Antonio, late  
Washington at Utah, late  
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, late  
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late

**Today's Games**  
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Detroit at Houston, 9:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Anaheim	32	31	6	70	190	201
Los Angeles	29	30	10	68	182	203
Phoenix	28	35	6	62	168	212

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.  
x-clinched playoff spot

**Monday's Scores**  
Atlanta 5, Washington 1  
Nashville 4, Los Angeles 3

**Tuesday's Scores**  
New Jersey 3, Chicago 2  
Ottawa 4, Buffalo 2  
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 2  
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 2  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 3, SO  
Washington 3, Florida 0  
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO  
Minnesota 3, Colorado 2, SO  
St. Louis at Edmonton, late  
San Jose at Phoenix, late  
Dallas at Vancouver, late

**Today's Games**  
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Los Angeles at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Anaheim at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### NIT Glance

**First Round**  
**Tuesday**  
Davidson 70, South Carolina 63  
Rhode Island 68, Niagara 62  
Penn State 77, George Mason 73, OT  
UAB (22-11) at Notre Dame (18-14), 9 p.m.  
UNLV (21-10) at Kentucky (20-12), 9:30 p.m.  
Weber State (21-9) at San Diego State (23-9), 10 p.m.  
Nebraska (18-12) at New Mexico (21-11), 10 p.m.  
Washington State (17-15) at St. Mary's, Calif. (25-6), 11 p.m.

**Today**  
Duquesne (21-12) at Virginia Tech (18-14), 7 p.m.  
Miami (18-12) at Providence (19-13), 7 p.m.  
Illinois State (24-9) at Kansas State (21-11), 8 p.m.  
Bowling Green (19-13) at Creighton (26-7), 8 p.m.  
Tennessee-Martin (22-9) at Auburn (22-11), 8 p.m.  
Jacksonville (18-13) at Florida (23-10), 8 p.m.  
Northwestern (17-13) at Tulsa (24-10), 9 p.m.  
Georgetown (16-14) at Baylor (20-14), 9 p.m.

### Women's All-SEC Team

The 2009 Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference women's basketball team released Tuesday, with name, school, position, height and class (u-unanimous choice to first team):

**FIRST TEAM**  
u-DeWanna Bonner, Auburn, G, 6-4, Sr.  
Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt, G-F, 6-1, Sr.  
Allison Hightower, LSU, G, 5-10, Jr.  
Whitney Boddie, Auburn, G, 5-9, Sr.  
Sha Brooks, Florida, G, 5-7, Sr.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Marshae Dotson, Florida, F, 5-11, Sr.  
Alexis Rack, Mississippi State, G, 5-7, Jr.  
Victoria Dunlap, Kentucky, F, 6-1, So.  
Blanca Thomas, Mississippi, G, 5-9, Jr.  
Ashley Houts, Georgia, G, 5-6, Jr.

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Angie Bjorklund, Tennessee, F-G, 6-0, So.; Shawn Goff, Mississippi, C, 6-3, Sr.; Sherell Hobbs, Auburn, G, 5-11, Sr.; Ceira Ricketts, Arkansas, G, 5-9, Fr.; Jennifer Risper, Vanderbilt, G, 5-9, Sr.; Angel Robinson, Georgia, F, 6-5, Jr.; Eleia Roddy, Kentucky, F-C, 6-3, Sr.; Shekinna Stricklen, Tennessee, G-F, 6-2, Fr.

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — DeWanna Bonner, Auburn  
**COACH OF THE YEAR** — Nell Fortner, Auburn  
**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR** — Ceira Ricketts, Arkansas

## BASEBALL

### MLB Spring Training

**Monday's Scores**  
Boston 6, Toronto 4  
Washington 3, Florida 1  
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 3  
Detroit 7, St. Louis 6  
N.Y. Yankees 12, Philadelphia 0  
Milwaukee 9, Chicago Cubs 6  
Colorado 8, Arizona 3  
Cleveland 4, Seattle 1  
Oakland 10, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 8  
Kansas City 11, Chicago White Sox 7  
L.A. Angels 8, San Francisco 5  
Seattle (ss) 4, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 3, 10 innings  
Tampa Bay 6, Pittsburgh 4

**Tuesday's Scores**  
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 1  
Houston 1, Detroit 1, tie, 11 innings  
Boston 9, Minnesota 5  
Philadelphia 8, Cincinnati 1  
Oakland 11, Arizona 3  
Texas 11, Cleveland 5  
Chicago Cubs 12, L.A. Dodgers 3  
L.A. Angels 12, San Diego 7  
Arizona 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 10 innings  
San Francisco 7, Milwaukee 5  
Kansas City 9, Colorado 9, tie, 10 innings  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Pittsburgh 2

**Today's Games**  
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### March 18

1945 — Maurice Richard of the Montreal Canadiens becomes the first NHL player to score 50 goals in a season during a 4-2 triumph over the Boston Bruins in the final game of the season.  
1950 — CCNY beats Bradley 69-61 for the NIT championship.  
1953 — Don Schlundt scores 30 points to lead Indiana to a 69-68 victory over Kansas for the NCAA basketball championship.  
1990 — Jeff Fryer's 41 points lead Loyola Marymount to a 149-115 victory over defending national champion Michigan in the highest-scoring game in NCAA tournament history.  
1993 — Santa Clara beats Arizona 64-61 to become the second 15th-seeded team to win a first-round game in the NCAA tournament.  
2000 — Colorado's Ray Bourque becomes the first NHL defenseman to score 400 career goals in a 4-3 loss to Detroit.  
2001 — Indiana's Reggie Miller becomes the first player in NBA history to accumulate 2,000 3-pointers after hitting four in a 101-95 win over Sacramento.  
2002 — Sami Kapanen's goal with 10.4 seconds left helps Carolina extend its NHL record to seven straight ties at home with a 1-1 draw with Montreal.  
2005 — Andrew Hines has the first sub-seven-second Pro Stock Motorcycle run in NHRA history to lead a record-setting day of qualifying for the Gatornationals. In Gainesville (Fla.) Raceway, defending series champion Hines powers his motorcycle to a 6.991-second run at 196.16 mph.  
2006 — Dallas improves to an NHL-best 10-0 in shootouts on the season, winning 4-3 over San Jose. The Stars set an NHL record with their 10th come-from-behind victory after trailing entering the third period — though four of those wins were in shootouts, which didn't exist before this season.  
2007 — Kobe Bryant scores 50 points for the second consecutive game leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 109-102 win over Minnesota.

## PRO BASKETBALL



AP PHOTO  
Sacramento's Jason Thompson, center, covers his face as he sits on the bench with Andres Nocioni, left, and Ike Diogu in Atlanta.

## Hawks blow by Kings at Phillips

By GEORGE HENRY  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Al Horford had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and Josh Smith finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds in the Atlanta Hawks' sixth straight victory, 119-97 over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Improving to 26-7 at home, the Hawks are 40-28 overall, their highest win total since 1997-98. They moved three games ahead of fifth-place Miami in the Eastern Conference.

Horford overcame a hard fall on his right hip after Spencer Hawes fouled him early in the fourth quarter. Despite lying face-down on the floor for a few seconds and seeming to

shiver, Horford arose and hit the ensuing free throws.

He stayed in the game a few more minutes before coach Mike Woodson began sitting his starters.

Joe Johnson finished with 20 points for the Hawks, ending his four-game stretch of 30 or more after missing his first eight attempts from the field and finishing 8-for-21.

All of Atlanta's six consecutive wins have come at home. The seven-game homestand ends after Dallas visits on Thursday, but after playing Saturday at Cleveland, the Hawks will have four more at Philips Arena against Minnesota, San Antonio, Boston and the Los Angeles Lakers.

## UGA: Bobo, Cox

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Richt and offensive coordinator Mike Bobo have proclaimed Cox, a fifth-year senior, as the heavy favorite to take over at quarterback. Bobo even predicted Cox may complete a higher percentage of passes than Stafford.

"Matthew obviously has a bigger arm but I think, I hope, off of production in practice and stuff like that (Cox's) strength might be he might be more accurate and complete more passes," Bobo said.

"He may not have the big plays downfield. I think he's capable of doing that but I think his strength might be that he completes a higher percentage."

Cox has had few opportunities to demonstrate his accuracy while spending most of the last three seasons playing behind Stafford. Cox appeared in only three games last season while completing 11 of 15 passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns.

Finally, it's Cox's turn. "I was hoping my day would come and finally it's here and it's a great feeling," Cox said. "I think everybody is looking forward to what we have going on."

Stafford, Moreno and other Georgia players in the NFL draft will work out for scouts at Georgia on Thursday. Stafford and 2008 senior linebacker Dannel Ellerbe watched Tuesday's practice.

Richt and Bobo say they have been impressed by Cox's leadership even as a backup. Cox, who calls himself a "rah-rah guy," has promised to bring more leadership as the new leader of the offense.

It would be a major surprise if Cox doesn't hold the starting job into the 2009 season.

"Joe has never had a problem stepping into any huddle at any time," Richt said Tuesday. "I don't think it's very unnatural at all for him just to step in and be the guy in control."

The bigger drama at quarterback may be the competition between sophomore Logan Gray and true freshmen Aaron Murray and Zach Mettenberger to win the backup job.

Gray played on special teams last season, which cost him practice time with other quarterbacks.

Murray, from Tampa, Fla., and Mettenberger, from Oconee County High School near Athens, enrolled early

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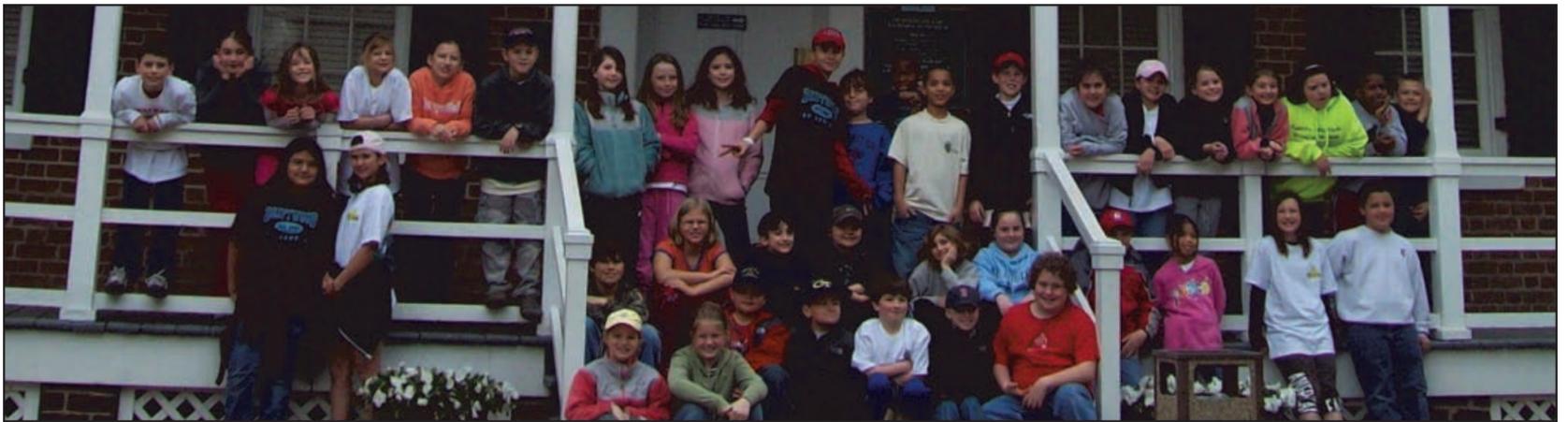
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# Studying the Georgia coast

A group of 40 fourth- and fifth-grade students and 16 adults from Westwood Elementary School recently engaged in a learning experience on Cumberland Island and at Driftwood Education Center on St. Simons Island.

The four-day trip included a plethora of educational, social and team building activities, that allowed the students and adults to participate, learn, and lead in ways only possible at an on-site location.

"This was our best trip yet," said Donna Sponberger, Westwood Teacher of the Year. She has taken a group of students to the Georgia Coast for three years now. "I'm so happy that interest in the trip is getting larger each year. The look on the children's faces when they get to touch a snake or explore a muddy marsh pit is priceless."



Highlights of the trip included: riding a ferry boat to Cumberland Island, digging for sharks' teeth, observing natural wildlife, jumping into a muddy marsh, holding reptiles and other animals, collecting shells, and being a part of a Native American tribe by learning how they survived and hunted.

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COMMENTARY

# Adult-strength flu is nothing to sneeze at

I am very rarely ill – physically, emotionally or mentally.

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So, when I started feeling poorly almost two weeks ago, I thought little of it. Probably just a seasonal cold, I reasoned. I'll take a day off, ingest some over-the-counter medication, lay around the house, catch up on my daytime television, and I'll be swell again in a fortnight.

Little did I know that I had the flu – and a fortnight is 14 days (I thought it meant two nights).

I've had the flu before – when I was about 10. My memory of it didn't serve me well this go-round. I recall it being sort of like a bad cold. This adult version of the flu hardly resembled a mere cold. It was simply the worst I've ever felt in my entire life – and I've watched all the "Police Academy" movies.

I never knew I had so many joints – every one of them ached. I had a headache pulsating from every ounce of my skull. From behind my eyes came a constant burning sensation. My body alternately was frigid iceberg-cold, then boiling lava-hot. I tried to relax by watching a movie. I couldn't because it hurt too much to blink – and blinking took about 20 seconds. I never could get comfortable, even while I slept. I was miserable.

This went on for about four days until the drugs, and lots of restless rest, finally healed me enough to realize I was human again.

I ate something. I walked without wincing. I talked without drooling. I was



**Len Robbins**

myself again – except I wasn't drooling when I talked.

Before I could declare myself fit, though, I suddenly started feeling rotten again – but a different kind of unhealthy. When I reclined myself to sleep, I couldn't breathe. Nor could I talk without

wheezing. Odd forms of liquid ooze suddenly seemed determined to leave my body. My temperature soared to triple digits and – despite taking a cold shower and standing over the air conditioning vent with two frozen packs of black-eyed peas under my armpits – I couldn't get it down to the upper 90s.

A trip to the hospital determined that I had developed pneumonia. I slept sitting up in a chair that night, and vowed at 3 a.m. while watching "Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C." never to allow myself to become sick again.

Over the course of my illness, I missed all or parts of six days of work. Prior to this tandem of ailments, I had never missed two days in a row due to an illness in my life.

I promised the doctor I would get a flu shot next year, or tomorrow – whichever he recommended.

Then, though, I stepped on a scale. Over the course of a week, I had lost 12 pounds. Apparently, shivering, then boiling, then not eating for a week, then coughing up a couple of pounds, will do that to you.

Hmm. (Note to self: Contact legal department. Ask if "promises" to doctors are binding).

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

## FIVE GENERATIONS



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Five generations of the Katherine Manning family recently gathered for a photo. Shown from left are Manning, Sarah Hollingsworth and Abby Elliott holding Reece Elliott.

## Next Lenten Lesson Thursday

Dalton First United Methodist Church will present the fourth in its series of Lenten Lessons Thursday. Half-hour services are held in the chapel at noon and 6 p.m., and a soup and sandwich luncheon (\$6) follows the noon service.

The theme is "Restoring the Teachings of Jesus to Our Daily Lives to Give Us Purpose and Joy. Thursday's topic is "Trust the Future to God" presented by guest speaker the Rev. Ray Camp, pastor of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

Camp hails from Hickory, N.C. and obtained a bachelor's of arts degree in

sociology from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. and a master's of divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest.

He has served at many churches but has also answered a lot of other callings in communities where he has lived. He has been an emergency medical technician and volunteer fireman. He was the clinical chaplain at Lee Correctional



**Camp**

Institute in Leesburg and is currently a certified chaplain with the Dalton Police Department. He also completed a year-long course in clinical pastoral education to learn how to minister to psychiatric patients.

Camp has traveled six times to the Holy Land, recently returning from a tour which included the Sea of Galilee and the Masada fortress.

He has served in this area since 1985, including churches in Rome, Lavonia, Carrollton, Ellijay and Ringgold. Camp and his wife, Debra, have two children, Lisa and Charlie.

## Get a personal trainer and get results

It's been three months since you made your New Year's resolution to firm up, strengthen your muscles and drop the extra fat. How has that been working for you?

If you are like the vast majority of people, you know you need to eat better and exercise more but you don't know where to start. In an effort to learn more you go online or buy a few books and magazines but the information can be overwhelming, as well as contradictory.

The truth is, you could spend months — if not years — figuring out what works best for you and how to get the results you want. You could save so much more time, energy and even money if you just got proper help and guidance right from the start by hiring an exercise professional. It will cost some money but shouldn't your money be well spent. Not only will you be paying for their time but also their expertise and, more importantly, his or her ability to give you results. Hiring a personal trainer is an investment into your health, fitness and quality of life.

If improving strength and reducing body fat more quickly is what you want, recent research has further proven having a personal trainer is your best move. A study was done where 20 men ages 18 to 35 were put through a 12-week workout program. The group was split in half. One group trained unsupervised while the other group worked one-on-one with personal trainers.

The personal trainers kept track of the subject's program, charted their progress, were there to

spot them, provided advice, encouraged them to increase weight and pushed them to progress. While both groups increased in strength, the supervised group showed more progress with an even greater increase in strength and significantly decreased their body fat percentage as well.

Just in case you need more of a reason to hire a personal trainer, here are some more proven benefits that come with hiring one:

- 1. Accurate fitness evaluation and assessments.** We tend to over- and sometimes under-estimate our physical abilities and therefore end up injured or with too easy of a workout program. However, with a personal trainer, your physical fitness will be accurately evaluated and measured so the program is perfect for you.
- 2. Motivation.** It is so much more motivating to have someone meeting you to work out, especially if you have made an appointment. And a personal trainer knows when to be tough on you, encourage you or when to simply listen.
- 3. Customized workout program.** Contrary to popu-



lar opinion, there's no such thing as a universal exercise program or diet plan that works for everyone. What works for someone else may not work for you. But how will you be able to determine what fitness program is best for you unless you consult an expert? Why not skip the guesswork and find a personal trainer.

**4. Safety.** A lot of accidents can happen during unsupervised exercises so having a personal trainer will ensure that you are using the equipment correctly and using good form during your movements. Not only does this prevent serious physical injuries, it ensures that you get the most out of your exercise routines.

**5. Changing it up.** Whether you are a newcomer or a seasoned exerciser, boredom can sneak up on anyone. Sometimes all you need is a little change in your exercise routine, and with a personal trainer beside you he or she can come up with different exercise programs

— all geared towards keeping you active and interested in your routine.

So now that you have decided you need a personal trainer, the next thing to do is locate one. At the Bradley Wellness Center we have a variety of personal trainers who are educated, experienced and dedicated to helping you reach your goals in the most efficient way possible. Our personal trainers are more than just professionals who write out a workout program for you. We are motivators, educators and life changers.

But don't just take our word for it. Come in and find out for yourself by taking advantage of our free assessment and having a personal trainer help you with your goals. It's hard to hide bad service, poor staff or a lack of knowledge face-to-face. We're proud of what we do here and we'd love the opportunity to help you with your fitness goals. Call to make an appointment for a free consultation at (706) 278-9355.

Written by Keri Brooks, personal trainer, Bradley Wellness Center

## HERBAL ART



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The Dalton Herb Society met recently at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center for its February meeting. The program was "Drawing and Painting Botanicals" presented by local artist/instructor and club member Judy Sorrow. Hostesses were Sorrow, left, and Jennifer Detweiler.

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**GROWINGS ON**

**March: One of the busiest months for landscaping**

March signals the approaching end of winter and the arrival of spring. Typically, the spring growing season is said to begin about the first week of April in South Georgia (Savannah/Albany area), the second week in April in the Athens/Atlanta area and the third week in April in north Georgia.



**Louis Dykes**

Cut back old foliage on herbaceous perennials, ornamental grasses, daylilies and irises.

Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs once the foliage emerges 3 to 4 inches. A complete, balanced fertilizer, such as 10-10-10 at a rate of 1 pound per 100 square feet is recommended.

Prune crape myrtle during the month of March. If a tree-form crape myrtle is required, remember to prune like you would a deciduous tree, with a central leader and well-spaced branches. Please, please, please don't butcher crape myrtle plant by cutting them back to stubs — this results in a poodle-like appearance and unnatural-looking re-growth.

Mow off liriopse and mondo grass by the first week in March if there is an abundance of dead winter growth. When new growth emerges, it's too late to mow because the tender new shoots will be injured.

Start annual and perennial flower seeds in indoor flats in the house in March for April/May planting outside. Apply pre-emergent herbicide to landscape beds to help avoid the coming spring/summer weed population.

**■ 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 ldynes@uga.edu.**

Rainfall during 2008 has leached much of the nutrients from the soil despite the drought, so spring fertilization is a must to restore nutrients to the soil. Broadcast application of granular fertilizers is the most efficient way to fertilize established trees and shrubs. Use a 16-4-8 or 12-4-8 fertilizer at a rate of 6 pounds per 1,000 square feet approximately a half pound per 100 square feet. A 10-10-10 or 13-13-13 fertilizer may also be used at a rate of 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet (1 pound per 100 square feet).

Since nitrogen leaches readily from the soil, a fertilizer containing slow-release nitrogen, in the form of ammoniacal nitrogen, sulfur-cote (sulfur-coated urea), IBDU or ureaformaldehyde are recommended. Specialty-type fertilizers containing minor elements are recommended for azaleas, camellias and roses.

The best time to fertilize is before a rain. Some nitrogen can be lost to volatilization if the fertilizer is not watered in soon after application.

March is also the month to clean up the perennial beds in preparation for spring growth.

**PET OF THE WEEK**



CONTIBUTED PHOTO

This lovable dachshund mix pup, Roscoe, yearns for a forever home.

**Roscoe wants a home**

Roscoe is a 12-week-old dachshund mix puppy. He has been vaccinated and wormed. His \$75 adoption fee will pay for his neuter when he is of age. For 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.

Puppy and kitten season is here. Local shelters will be inundated with unwanted puppies and kittens. Dr. Emily Felker performs low cost spays and neuters at the Murray County Animal Shelter each

Tuesday and Thursday. Call (706) 695-8003 for costs and appointment.



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**'LI'L ABNER' OPENING**



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From left are Marryin' Sam (Brad Cline), Daisy Mae (Lori Etheridge) and Earthquake McGoon (Gene Threet) in a scene from Artistic Civic Theatre's "Li'l Abner." The musical comedy opens Thursday at 8 p.m. and runs through March 28. For reservations and ticket information, call (706) 278-4796.

**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 lara-hayes@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 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.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4985 will have bingo March 19 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

**March 21**

■ Conasauga Kidney Care will host its annual Spring Fling Barbecue March 21 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dalton. There will be food, music, door prizes and a cakewalk. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Proceeds benefit patients with kidney disease.

**March 25**

■ A summer resource fair for grandparents, par-

ents and caregivers — sponsored by the Family Support Council, the Boys and Girls Club and Visions of Hope — will be held March 25 at the Boys and Girls Club. Times are 10 a.m. to noon for grandparents and noon to 2 p.m. for parents and caregivers. Exhibitors include Dalton Parks and Recreation, Murray County Recreation Department, Boys and Girls Club, Karate Camp and Girl Scouts. There will also be door prizes. Please RSVP to Elaine Butler at (706) 272-7919 ext. 222.

**March 26**

■ The regular monthly meeting of the membership 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.

■ Dalton Herb Society will have a luncheon March 26 at 11:45 a.m. in Ballroom C at Dalton Golf and Country Club. The program will be a lecture and demonstration by Dalton Golf and Country Club executive chef Cobie Morgan focusing on herb gardening and cooking with herbs. Please RSVP by March 24 to (706) 673-9369 or bthoom@windstream.net.

■ A retirement reception for Betty Higgins, director of the Northwest Georgia

Family Crisis Center, will be held March 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Dalton City Hall on Waugh Street. The official program will begin at 5:30.

**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 are interested in setting up are asked to call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002.

**March 29**

■ The Oakwood Café will host a fundraiser Sunday lunch March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit Friendship House. Plates are \$8 and include fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and drink. For carryout, call ahead at (706) 529-9663. The Oakwood Café is at 201 W. Cuyler St. in Dalton.

■ The family reunion of Walker County's eight Stephenson brothers will be held March 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the WoodStation Baptist Church fellowship hall in Catlett. Please bring family, photos and memorabilia to share. For more information, call Bernice at

(706) 866-1991 or Pam at (706) 517-6260.

**March 30**

■ The deadline for nominations for 2008-2009 Tom Jones Educator of the Year award sponsored by the Dalton Education Foundation is March 30. The nomination process is open to anyone. Nominees must be active educators, currently employed by Dalton Public Schools and have a minimum of three years experience in the city school system. For more information or nomination forms, call the Dalton Education Foundation at (706) 278-5427 or e-mail def@dalton.k12.ga.us.

**April 4**

■ The Northwest Georgia Chapter of Unlocking Autism and the Cherokee Spectrum Support Group will host their Autism Resource and Information Fair April 4 at 8:30 a.m. at Oak Hill Church of Christ in Rome. Admission is free. Paul Walker M.D., co-founder of The Op Foundation and special education attorney Jean Estes will be guest speakers. Entertainment will be provided by the Just As I Am Singers. Resource booths will be open from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call Christie Atkins at (706) 236-9572. The church is at 1500 Martha Berry Blvd.



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**BRIDGE**

**A positive approach**

A defender should approach every deal with the attitude that the opposing contract can be defeated. This may sometimes require him to make what appears to be a suicidal play, but if that play offers the only hope of defeating the contract, it must be made.

Consider East's dilemma on this deal. He wins the opening club lead with the king and must then decide where the defense can get three more tricks.

As can be seen, if he tries to cash the club ace, South makes the contract easily. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps and forces out the A-K of diamonds. The defenders cannot attack hearts effectively from either side while the diamonds are being established, and South eventually disposes of his heart losers on dummy's last two diamonds.

However, East should realize that South started with a singleton club, since West almost certainly has four clubs for his raise. East should further adopt the view that his partner is very likely to have an ace for his bid, as little else is missing.

The next step is to credit West with an ace that will allow the contract to be defeated. The possibility of West's holding the heart ace is therefore dismissed, since if he has that card (and declarer the other two aces), the most the defenders can hope to collect is two heart tricks.

Next, East throws out the possibility of West's having the trump ace, as in that case South will end up with 11 tricks.

The only hope therefore is that West has the diamond ace. If he also has exactly three diamonds, the defense is in business.

Accordingly, at trick two East lays down the king of diamonds. When it holds, he leads a second diamond to West's ace and then ruffs the diamond return to sink the contract.

**Tomorrow:** Rara avis.

Fast dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 7  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ Q J 10 9 7  
♣ Q 2

**WEST**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ J 8 4 3  
♦ A 8 5  
♣ J 7 6 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 9 5 3  
♥ A 5 2  
♦ 6 3 2  
♣ 10

The bidding:  
East 1♣ South 1♠ West 2♣ North 2♠  
Opening lead — four of clubs.

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** Don't let confusion and uncertainty bog you down and stop you from getting ahead. There will be lots of hidden matters to contend with, so ask questions before you make a decision. Keeping a low profile but a high work ethic will help you maintain your status and emotional well-being. Your numbers are 2, 7, 16, 28, 37, 40, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Problems with officials, documentation or just disagreements should be taken care of upfront and fast. Don't let the wrong impression stand in your way. Do something nice for your romantic partner or, if single, get out and you'll meet someone new. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't mix emotions with finances. If someone is playing on your good nature in order to get something out of you, don't fall for it. You can make suggestions but as soon as you pay for someone, your relationship with that person will change. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The opportunities you get will not sit right with some of the people you know. Jealousy will play a role so be careful not to give anyone ammunition to use against you. An added responsibility may be given to you. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Sit back and let the changes going on around you fall into place. Lashing out emotionally before you actually know what the end result is will be futile and will cost you dearly. Acceptance will lead to a good impression. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your outgoing nature will open up doors to new partnerships that can enhance your personal and professional position. Put on the charm but try not to lead anyone on emotionally or you may have to pay the consequences. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You have plenty to be thankful for and lots of plans

to make your life better. Alterations to your living quarters will turn out well. A chance to engage in an emotionally beneficial encounter will leave you wanting more. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A push will make you decide quickly what you should do about a troublesome relationship. Either set the record straight or pull out. You need new activities or events as avenues to meet people with common interests. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** How you earn your living will take on a whole new meaning. You can launch or inter-

grate something you've been working on to a totally new application. A sudden change in the structure and the way you approach someone or something will make the difference. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't confront anyone before you have thought matters through. Love is on the line and so are your emotions and your future. Avoid meddlers and stay out of everyone else's business as well. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A change of plans will suit your needs but someone you care about may not be happy with the decision you make. Decide if it is worth putting up with the negativity. A secret encounter will be enticing but isn't the answer. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Getting involved in a group or organization that will help you meet people will be good for you. Love is in the stars and opportunities to show others what you have to offer will lead to bigger and better things. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be confused and scattered, causing you to make some mistakes if you let your emotions take over. Deal with anyone who is trying to make you look bad before he or she has a chance to do any real damage. Your reputation may be at risk. 2 stars



**Eugenia Last**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IN SOME POPULAR ANCIENT STORIES WITH MORALS, COULD CHARACTER FLAWS BE CALLED AESOP'S FOIBLES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals L

**LOCKS OF LOVE**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Lashaye Swafford had 12 inches cut off her hair to donate to Locks of Love recently at Twisted Sisters Hair Salon.



Kim Wilson recently donated 11 inches of hair to Locks of Love. Wilson, 50, has been employed with Shaw Insurance 30 years. She and her husband, Raymond, reside in Rocky Face. Shown are Wilson, left, and stylist Dana Bragg of Styles Salon in Dalton.

**To Your Good Health**

**Initial illness of all hepatitis is similar**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Will you please write about hepatitis A, B and C? When I was young, I had yellow jaundice and was very sick. I don't understand hepatitis A, B and C. It is related to yellow jaundice, I think. — R.M.

**ANSWER:** A discussion of hepatitis A, B and C requires 20 pages. The best I can do is a brief summary.

Hepatitis is liver-cell inflammation with death of some of the cells. It can come from poisons like carbon tetrachloride, from alcohol, from fat invasion of the liver, from some bacteria and from viruses, among which are the hepatitis A, B and C viruses. In the acute stages of hepatitis, all these causes produce a similar illness — yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice), great fatigue, loss of appetite, fever and profound mental foginess.

Sometimes the initial attack is so mild that the symptoms aren't appreciat-

ed. What happens after the initial illness is quite different for the different causes.

Hepatitis A most often comes from contamination of food, water, milk, shellfish or even vegetables. The illness usually gets better on its own, although in rare cases it can be fatal. It does not cause a chronic infection. This is probably the kind you had.

Hepatitis B is transmitted through the sharing of injection needles, from mother to child during pregnancy or delivery and from sexual relations. In some, the reason for transmission isn't found. From 1 percent to 5 percent of those infected will have a persisting infection that can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer or death.

Hepatitis C is spread from unclean needles, from mother to child during pregnancy or delivery, from sex with many partners or from blood transfusions given before 1992. Not all cases have an easily identified infection source. Eighty percent of the infected stay infected for life, but signs of infection don't become apparent until 20 or more years after being infected. Around 20 percent of the persistently infected develop cirrhosis or liver cancer.

The booklet on hepatitis A, B and C provides more

details on these infections. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 503, 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 have a sister who has narcolepsy. She thinks a head injury as a teen brought it on. It has been a source of embarrassment for her all her life. Is it hereditary? I heard of a family in Italy in which four sisters had it. I have no symptoms, but I do have sleep apnea. Is that considered to have any relation with it? — M.S.

**ANSWER:** Sleep apnea has nothing in common with narcolepsy except the symptom of daytime sleepiness.

Narcolepsy is the irresistible urge to fall asleep during the day in inappropriate times and places, like while driving a car. It has been reported to result from a head injury, but that's true only in a minority. It does have a genetic basis too, but that does not mean all family members have it.

Cataplexy is another feature. It's the loss of muscle tone due to intense emotion,

**ASK THE DOCTOR**

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like anger or convulsive laughter. The result can be imperceptible, like the dropping of the jaw, or quite dramatic, as in falling to the ground. Hallucinations at the onset of sleep or upon waking are another aspect of narcolepsy. So is sleep paralysis, a transient inability to move upon waking. Not all these symptoms are present in all narcolepsy patients.

Provigil, Ritalin and Concerta are examples of medicines used for narcolepsy control.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am 85 and in good health, I think. Does the male body stop manufacturing semen at an advanced age? — W.S.

**ANSWER:** The production of sperm and seminal fluid lessens with age, but usually doesn't come to a complete stop.

**'American Idol' launching trading card line**

**BY DERRIK J. LANG**  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — "American Idol" fans will soon be able to trade Carrie Underwoods for Danny Gokeys.

"Idol" production company FremantleMedia and trading card publisher Upper Deck are launching a new line of trading

cards featuring images of past and current contestants as well as the judges and host of the Fox singing competition. The 138-card line is set to debut April 21.

"The 'American Idol' brand has always been really strong in the interactive space," said Nora Wong, FremantleMedia senior manager of consumer products. "With the trading

cards, it's an old school way of interacting with the fans. It's another form of expression for the fans to demonstrate their connection with the show and collect their favorites."

Six special cards autographed by past "Idols" will be randomly slipped into the five-card packs. Regular cards will feature rejected hopefuls such as William Hung and Nick

Mitchell, past winners like Ruben Studdard and David Cook, and popular finalists including Adam Lambert and Jennifer Hudson.

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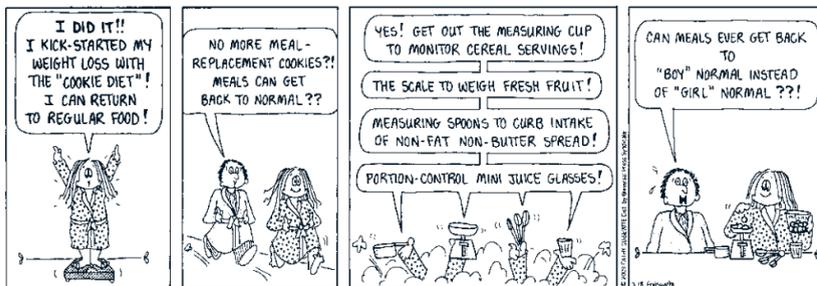
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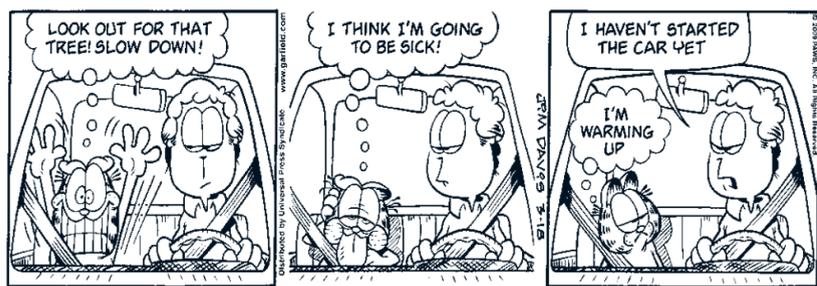
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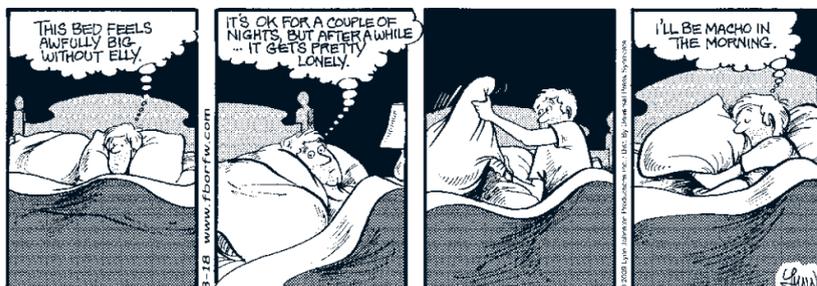
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Poem's simple truth benefits family through generations

DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, my parents had a framed poem from your column hanging on our kitchen wall. None of us kids could miss it because it was right next to the telephone. Before we moved out to start families of our own, Mom gave each of us framed copies of it to remind us of family values.

But the measure of your real success is the one you cannot spend.

It's the way your kids describe you when they're talking to a friend.



Jeanne Phillips

Won't you please run it again for your readers? The title of the poem was "Success." Young couples today would find it as beneficial as my parents did. It worked for my sisters and brothers and me. — MIMI IN LOS ANGELES

The booklet is titled "Keepers" because so many Dear Abby readers kept the poems, essays and letters to re-read. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

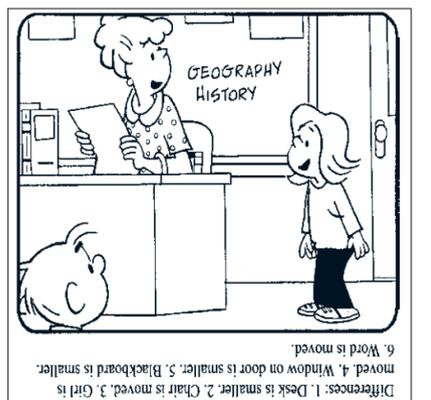
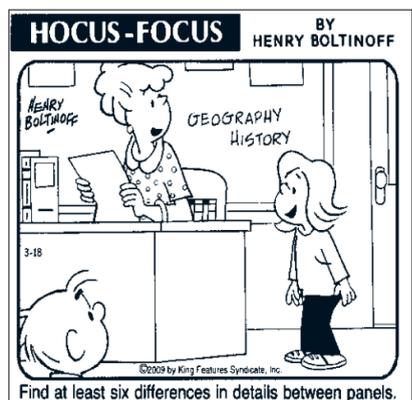
DEAR MIMI: I'm glad to oblige. The poem, which was penned by Martin Buxbaum, is included in my "Keepers" booklet, which is a collection of favorite letters, poems and essays that have appeared in this column over the years. It was assembled because so many readers said the items were meaningful to them, and requested that they be compiled as a booklet. Read on:

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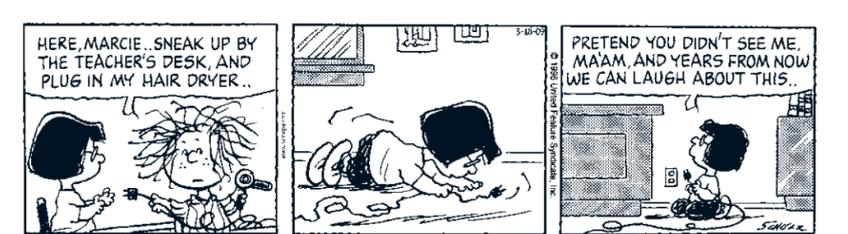
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