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## Body found in river

Clothing consistent with Brett Thomason's

By MARK MILLICAN  
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Dana Massey never believed her son had run away.

After recovering a "young white male subject" Saturday afternoon from the Conasauga River, authorities think they are close to confirming that it may be missing boater Brett Thomason, 19. He has been unaccounted for since the evening of Feb. 19 when he let two friends out of his jon boat near Riverbend Road, and floated on down the river.

"The clothing is consistent with the clothes he was in when he went missing," said special agent Daniel Sims of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, "but we were not able to make a positive identification."

Capt. Rick Swiney of the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office said the body — which had been hung up in a brush pile until the water receded recently — will be sent to GBI headquarters for an autopsy on Monday morning. Identification will be through



Thomason



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Dana Massey, far right, mother of Brett Thomason, hugs her aunt Kay Goodwin as other friends await news at Riverbend Baptist Church Saturday after a body was recovered from the nearby Conasauga River. Brett Thomason was last seen on the river Feb. 19.

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## AHH, THERE'S THE RUB



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton's Kim Le, 9, rubs the back of Ashley White, 15, before she takes the mat Saturday at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. Martial artists from across the Southeast competed at the trade center in the first regional qualifier in Tae Kwon Do. Seo's Martial Arts helped organize the event that will send winners to Disney's Martial Arts Festival in Florida. More in Sports, page 6B.

## Dalton officials look at ways to spend \$2M grant

By CHARLES OLIVER  
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Keeping a historic building from collapsing. Improving blighted neighborhoods. Expanding the Dalton Community Center.

These are just a few uses Dalton officials are considering for an estimated \$2 million in federal community development block grant funds they expect to receive over the next five years.

Mayor David Pennington said the city is looking at using part of that money to repair the Hamilton House, one of Dalton's oldest houses, on Chattanooga Avenue.

Two years ago, the house was closed to the public after the walls were found to be bulging outward. Through a state grant, the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, which owns the house, was able to get an engineer to examine the building and develop a plan to save it. Officials say that would basically involve putting in steel support columns that would be disguised as a porch as well as some work in the basement. The estimated total cost of that work is more than \$223,000.

Ellen Thompson, president of the historical society, says society officials definitely will ask the city for part of the community development money to save the Hamilton House.

In fact, Pennington says, the city has big plans for the entire area around the Hamilton House and the old Crown Cotton Mill.

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**TODAY'S FORUM**

**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.**

**Editor: A reader lost \$244 at the Appalachian Community Bank in Chatsworth. Anyone who knows something about this can call here, 706-272-7735.**

"I have lived in this town for 43 years and think the downtown trolley concept is a very good idea. It brings people from I-75 into downtown.

"I think people who say they want to help the homeless should actually get off their duffs and help the homeless."

"To you people who put that moron in the White House so you could feel good, I hope you feel good standing in the unemployment line."

"Is the editor of this paper a Democrat, Republican or Christian?"

**Editor: I did not know these three things were mutually exclusive.**

"In my opinion, Coach Granger is not the right choice for the baseball job at North Murray."

**Lloyd Sez:**

"People who are shopping should leave the grocery carts at the store or in the parking place where they belong, not scattered all over."

"Based on the headline in the paper, how can the school board justify a new high school?"

"Murray County, Georgia — the meth-making capital of the world."

"The flooring and the redesign at the Kroger are wonderful, but it would be nice if the Blockbuster Video was still there."

"It seems like only the Alpha kids or kids of rich parents get the good field trips in the Whitfield County School System."

"In Dalton some of the workers at the food stamp office are rude, mean and degrading to people who ask for help."

"Why do gas stations keep moving their gas prices all the time. They price of oil can't be moving that much every week."

**Editor: It's a highly competitive marketplace.**

"Back in the day that Seaford Place on Highway 41 near the hospital had the best, freshest seafood in town."

"Are we not allowed to have memories of Dalton, Ga., in the 1950s and 1960s? We have lived here all of our lives, you have not. You are so pro-Hispanic, why don't you just go to Mexico?"

"How can they afford to build new high schools while

they are getting rid of the teachers?"

"I appreciate police officers who pull over the drug dealers. And we can use the money for Whitfield County."

"President Obama is beginning to remind me of Chicken Little with his sky-is-falling message."

"To the person who accused the forum only published redneck comments, I am from Michigan and only a pinkneck and mine are published regularly. Try saying something believable and they will publish you."

"Thanks to the person who planted the daffodils on the side of Sane Road. They are like a ray of sunshine and make me smile."

"North Georgia Electric, are we paying for the TVA screwup in Tennessee. Let Tennessee pay for their mistakes."

"There is a big difference between discipline and abuse."

"Barack Obama said that no one is working harder than Tim Geithner. I agree."

"If Whitfield County parents think they have it bad going to the trade center for seniors' graduations, what about us in Chatanooga County, my son goes to Ringgold High and we have to go to the McKensie Arena in Chattanooga for graduation."

"Sever lines were promised to the lower end of the county some 40 years ago, which I was excited about. If it comes now, I can't afford it."

"Whoever is fortunate enough to hire Sarah Harrison next will be getting a very bright, hard-working, dedicated employee."

"It is so nice to have a printer who's only be in there for two months and you have seen him more than that other one in eight years."

"I'm glad they put the names of the deceased outside of funeral homes, when my husband died some people would not have known about it."

"I don't think anyone called in about the Village Inn Pizza down Highway 41. They had the best pizza, salad bar and potato salad."

"Who's the half-person that's leaving the school system?"

"Because I'm gay most of Dalton hates me but that won't stop me from loving."

"I've been printed in the Forum every time I call in, so I guess I just say good stuff."

"Is Dalton going to have an April 15 tea party?"

"Thank you to Northwest High School students who helped out the senior citizens at Whitfield Place. We appreciate every thing you do."

"I hope everyone understands that \$1 billion is 1,000 million dollars."

**Bride embarrassed by arrest**

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who claims she was humiliated on her wedding night because she had to spend it in jail in her wedding gown has filed a complaint with Texas authorities.

Jade Puckett, 26, filed the complaint midweek over a picture taken while she was in a courtroom in her wedding dress.

"It had turned the best day of my life into my greatest nightmare," she said in the complaint.

She and Billy Puckett, also

26, were arrested following their March 14 reception as part of a Harris County sweep targeting drunken drivers.

Billy Puckett was charged with driving while intoxicated. Officers said his new wife was charged with public intoxication after she became belittled.

She said she was then kept in a cell overnight — still in her wedding dress — with 15 or 20 other arrested women. She said male deputies at least three times opened the cell door to point her out to

other jailers.

"The male guards seemed to be enjoying themselves," she said.

On Sunday, Puckett pleaded guilty to the public intoxication charge in exchange for time served — her night in jail. Her husband, whose family posted bail to have him released, pleaded no contest and received a year's probation, a \$300 fine and community service.

Puckett does not know the identity of the person who took her picture.



**MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen**  
**Fixing up the old Hamilton House — built in 1840 — is one of the options on which to spend federal grant money that Dalton is expecting.**

**Grant: Working together**

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"That whole area is on the historic register, but it has never been treated that way. We'd like to turn that whole area into a historic area with signs," he said.

The city has acquired a small piece of land on Chattanooga Avenue in front of the former mill and will turn it into greenspace. Pennington says city officials would like to acquire the old mill store, as well.

"I'm very glad that people are paying attention to the history of that area," said Thompson.

Pennington says the city may also use part of its community development money for planned expansion and renovation of the Dalton

Community Center on Fredrick Street. The city

acquired the title to the land the center sits on last year and announced plans for a major renovation. But those plans have been put on hold because of funding concerns.

City officials are currently developing a five-year plan to decide how the money will be spent, and they held a public hearing last week where they heard from a number of individuals and groups.

"If anyone has a better idea, we definitely want to hear it," said Pennington.

There are some restrictions on how the money can be spent.

City finance director Cindy Jackson says the federal government requires the

money to meet one of three objectives.

"It has to be low- or moderate-income persons. It has to prevent or eliminate slums or blight or meet another community need that has a particular urgency," she said.

In the past, the city has used its community development funds on public facilities, public services or infrastructure. Several years ago, for instance, the city used community development dollars to extend water and sewer on property near Ezzard Avenue that Habitat for Humanity later built homes on.

People with ideas on how the money should be spent can contact the finance office at (706) 278-6006.

**MCHS Alumni Association to meet**

Alumni of Murray County High School are invited to attend the next meeting of the MCHS Alumni Association on April 13 at the Historic Wright Hotel in Chatsworth at 7 p.m.

Association president Anne Brindle notes that the main items on the agenda will be scholarships and a special fundraising event.

Membership in the alumni group is \$10 per year and can be sent to the MCHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2155, Chatsworth, GA 30705.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Alex Ocampo  
**AGE:** 16  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Mother, Antonia; father, Angel Ocampo  
**SCHOOL:** Dalton High  
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# Isakson, Deal to visit Dalton

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

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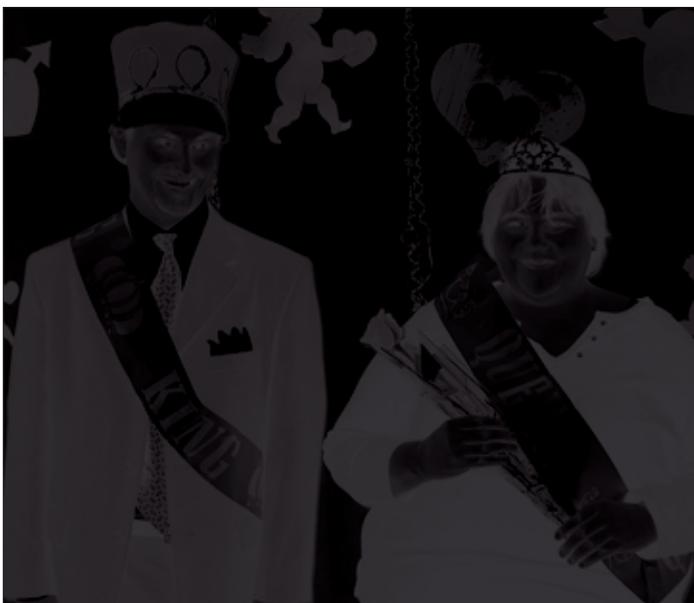
Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. The event is sponsored by the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.

The room opens for seating at 7:45 a.m. and the breakfast buffet will open at 8. Isakson and Deal will allow time

for a question and answer session.

The cost is \$18 per person and space is limited. To purchase tickets call the chamber at (706) 278-7373 or go online at [www.daltonchamber.org](http://www.daltonchamber.org). The ticket deadline is March 30 and no tickets will be sold at the door.

## SWEETHEART KING AND QUEEN



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he Dalton Parks and Recreation Department recently held its annual Adults Night Out Sweetheart Court. Pictured are 2009 Sweetheart King Michael Cowart and Queen Belinda Bazemore. Adults Night

Out is a monthly event for adults with disabilities 16 and over that offers fun events and peer interaction. For more information call Lisa Hughey at (706) 278-5404.

# March 30 deadline for Tom Jones Award submissions

SUBMITTED BY DALTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## JUST THE FACTS

**What:** Tom Jones Educator of the Year Award, sponsored by Dalton Education Foundation  
**Who:** Anyone may nominate a Dalton Public Schools educator (teacher, counselor, media specialist or administrator) who is currently employed and has been with the city school system at least three years.  
**Why:** To recognize educators who have made significant contributions to the children of Dalton.  
**Where:** Nomination forms are available from all city schools and the Dalton Education Foundation.  
**When:** Deadline for nominations is Monday, March 30.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Tom Jones Educator of the Year award sponsored by the Dalton Education Foundation is Monday, March 30. The winner will be announced in May and will receive \$3,000; the winner's school will receive \$1,000.

Educators in the Dalton Public Schools are eligible for the award, established in 1986 to honor the late

Thomas R. Jones, who was a 26-year member of the Dalton Board of Education. This year marks the 23rd year that the

Jones

award has been given. It is designed to recognize city school educators who have made significant contributions to the education of Dalton's children.

Any person in the community may nominate a current Dalton Public Schools educator who has been employed in the city school system a minimum of three years. Criteria include educator's relationships with students, parents and the communi-

ty, as well as the educator's accomplishments.

A panel of judges from outside Dalton will make the final selection. Nomination forms are available at all city schools, the Dalton Public Schools central office and the Dalton Education Foundation.

For further information, interested persons may call the foundation office at (706) 278-5427.

# Octuplet mom won't reveal ID of children's father

LA HABRA, Calif. (AP) — The Southern California woman who gave birth to octuplets apologized in a video posted Saturday to the father of all 14 of her children and promised that she would never reveal his identity.



Suleman

"I'm sorry for all this mess, and I hope he isn't scared if he'll come out because it won't," Nadya Suleman said in the RadarOnline.com video. "As far as I'm concerned, I'll never disclose who he is."

Suleman said the man is a foreign-born California resident in his 30s, but did

not disclose his current address.

The 33-year-old unemployed single mother gave birth to octuplets on Jan. 26. They were born nine weeks premature and are the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets. She already had six children, ages 2 to 7. Two of the octuplets, Noah and Isaiah, have been discharged from Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center.

Suleman said the man was a friend who would make a good father, adding that their 7-year-old son Elijah resembled him. She said he was speechless when she told him how many children she was carrying, and then he asked Suleman if the doctor knew she already had many children.

# Missing: Man's body found in river

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DNA or dental records, he said.

Thomason's father, Tim Thomason, made the discovery around 2 p.m. from a boat he was in, said Sgt. John VanLandingham with the state Department of Natural Resources, which was also searching the river. The body was about eight-tenths of a mile downstream from where the boat was found beached on Feb. 20.

"Drive teams from Murray County and Whitfield County search and rescue units were called in, and the

body was recovered around 5:30 (p.m.)," VanLandingham said. Once divers were in the water, it took about 20 minutes to retrieve the body, he added.

The sheriff's office also assisted in the recovery and provided security at the site and at Riverbend Baptist Church on Riverbend Road, where dozens of family members, friends and concerned community members gathered.

Massey, who broke down after a press conference at the church, said earlier in the afternoon she was "heartbroken" when word filtered out

that a body had been found.

"I've said all along he didn't run away and I knew he didn't run away," she said. "That's why we had to keep looking for him."

Massey said GBI personnel had told the family if Thomason was in the river it would be four to six weeks before he surfaced.

Blake Powers, a close friend, said it was "a relief to get some closure on the whole situation."

"I saw him about two days before the incident," he said. "We were always at each other's house, together a lot, I'll miss him, because you never

knew what was going to happen with Brett, and he always kept us doing weird stuff."

Another friend, Liem Nguyen, said he was "relieved and depressed at the same time."

"He was a strong guy," he recalled, "always succeeding in what he did, and surpassing what everyone else could do. He was a very good friend."

Thomason, a 2008 graduate of Southeast High, had enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was supposed to report to boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., in mid-April, family members had said.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Joe Charles Disney, 39, 1005 Cherokee Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Friday by the Dalton Police Department with no insurance, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and pawn shop fraud.

• Elizabeth Renea Whitt, 31, 914 Townsend Lane, Tunnel Hill, was charged Friday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with child molestation and aggravated child molestation.

• Howard Allen Halliday Jr., 35, 151 Dogwood Lane, Tunnel Hill, was charged Saturday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road (two counts), fleeing or attempting to elude, failure to stop for stop sign (two counts), failure to maintain lane (two counts) and open container in vehicle. He was charged later in the morning by the Dalton Police Department

with criminal damage to property in the second degree.

• Myra Robbin Mallett, 45, 128 N. Whitfield Drive, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with failure to maintain lane and DUI.

• John Milton Nuckolls, 316 SW 17th St., Knoxville, Tenn., was charged Saturday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with failure to stop for stop sign, failure to maintain lane, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of a drug-related object and DUI.

• Randall Lamar Rice, 56, Adeo Motel, Third Avenue, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the

Department with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and DUI (second offense).

• Leigh Ann Taylor, 18, 791 Bermuda Drive, Apt. E-2, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Michael Lynn Todd, 34, 157 Mary Ave., Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with tag lights required, driving while license withdrawn and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Shurah Kareem White, 31, 219 Courtney Circle, Rocky Face, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with fail-

ure to maintain lane and DUI.

• Terry Willis, 63, 3305 Hopewell Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with failure to maintain lane, DUI and possession of marijuana.

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### STATE VIEWS

## And a happy birthday to you

If nothing else, Republican lawmakers know how to name a tax. From the estate tax — now known as the dreaded Death Tax — to Georgia's annual motor vehicle tax — now known as the Birthday Tax — the GOP has hung tags on them to make them even more unpopular.

In what lawmakers are calling a birthday present for all motorists, a bill that would eliminate the Birthday Tax made it out of the House Ways and Means Committee and is headed for a vote.

But before you start unwrapping this white elephant of a present, consider this: In place of the sales tax paid to purchase a vehicle, the proposed bill would require owners to pay a one-time title fee of up to \$2,000 or 7 percent of the car's value, whichever is less, when the vehicle is purchased. It's obvious who this measure is aimed at: the drivers who clog metro Atlanta's freeways in luxury cars and other high-priced vehicles. It would have a negative effect on most Georgia drivers.

The 7 percent title fee on a \$16,000 economy car would be \$1,120, payable at the time of the sale. On a \$25,000 family sedan, the new tax would be \$1,750. But drive off the lot in a \$50,000 luxury car, and the tax, which should be \$3,500 based on 7 percent, is capped at \$2,000.

Some of this junker's supporters think the proposal would help increase new car sales at a time that car dealers need some stimulus. Really? Detroit can't move metal no matter how many cash back offers, rebates and zero percent financing deals it puts on a car, but the folks in Atlanta can add \$2,000 to the sales price and move those cars off the lot. Genius.

Motorists would still pay property taxes on cars they currently own, but when they buy a new one, they would pay the title fee but not the property tax.

At the same time that lawmakers are considering giving us this new "birthday present" they are also talking about taxing the ingredients for the birthday cake.

The 4 percent grocery sales tax, which was eliminated in 1996 by Gov. Zell Miller when he was still a Democrat, has some convoluted provisions. While Georgians would again be taxed on groceries beginning in January, they would be allowed to take a tax credit for the amount of taxes they paid on their state income tax. Huh?

Under this plan, a family of four spending \$100 to \$200 a week in groceries would pay between \$208 and \$416 in grocery sales tax in a year. To claim the tax credit, they would have to be able prove they paid the tax by saving 52 weeks of Piggly Wiggly receipts. Or, if the tax credit comes in the form of a standardized credit, some families would get more than they spent and others less.

But if we're going to get the money back, why send it to Atlanta in the first place. Surely, the sponsors of this legislation don't think some of us would forget to claim the credit, instead leaving the money in state coffers? And, in one of the strangest moves in what has been a very strange legislative session, the same folks who want to put the state sales tax back on groceries want to take off ammunition.

Rep. Tim Bearden, R-Villa Rica, who is the sponsor of legislation that addresses where guns can be carried, also has proposed a bill that would "provide an exemption from sales and use taxes for the sale of ammunition and ammunition components used in pistols, rifles, and shotguns."

Actually, in the current climate in Georgia's General Assembly, taxing food but not ammunition makes perfect sense... or what passes for it these days.

Many years ago, when told that the common people had no bread to eat, French queen Marie Antoinette is said to have sparked the storming of the Bastille with her retort, "Let them eat cake."

The queen's comment — which she may or may not have actually made — led to a rather dramatic regime change. It remains to be seen what will happen if Georgia citizens feel compelled to storm the Gold Dome if lawmakers say, in effect, "Let them eat lead."  
Rome News Tribune

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Thought for Today: "Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve."

Joseph Joubert  
French moralist (1754-1824)

Bible verse: "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

2 Corinthians 9:6

## Immigration now

Early in his second term President Bush pushed Congress to deal with the issue of illegal immigration. Congress, including many in the president's own party, pushed back. Nothing was accomplished.

Whatever you think of his specific proposals, Bush deserves credit for trying to deal with a contentious and complicated issue. Not so impressive was the way he checked the hot potato.

Now, President Obama and his party are in control of Congress.

What should we expect? Will the White House push hard for legislation on immigration?

I'm skeptical. The Democrats don't want to give Republicans a powerful issue to use against them in the 2010 mid-term elections — the campaigning never really stops — and there are also fissures in the party on immigration. Obama may well support random measures and he will likely back off any active enforcement of immigration law, but there remains a likelihood that we will have to endure more of the status quo — a leaky border and growing resentment in illegal immigration hotbeds all over the country.

What should the president do?

Congress needs to acknowledge a decades-old, unofficial, open border policy. For years the United States engaged in a wink-wink, nudge-nudge scam. Massive illegal immigration was allowed, if not actively encouraged. U.S. businesses — like our own carpet industry — benefited handsomely.

Illegal aliens aren't fools. Looking for a better life, millions came to the U.S. surreptitiously, knowing that once they got here they had a very good chance of staying for the long



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term. They violated the law, but in this case the law was a bad joke, taken seriously by a handful of federal agents and hardly anyone else.

Now, many of those same illegal aliens have built good lives in this country. They work, raise their families and try to make the best life they can. People like that, whether they came here legally or not, make good citizens. And that should be the thrust of immigration policy. Let's identify the good and honest and give them the opportunity to "get legal." Call it amnesty if you want — though that word seems to send shivers down the backs of some — but the main goal is not to reward illegal aliens, it is to strengthen our country. The United States can't have too many honest, hard-working citizens.

And what about the others, the not-so-honest and not-so-hard working?

Put them in jail or boot them. This isn't a penal colony and we aren't obligated, legally or morally, to accept any other nation's criminal element. (Too bad we can't ship some of our home-grown thugs out with them.)

There is no doubt that illegal aliens create a burden on taxpayers. Health care, law enforcement and education are three areas where the impact is obvious. But there is no reason why that issue can't be addressed in the context of overall social policy. Congress should make it clear that if you are in this country illegally, you will qualify for few if any

federal benefits until you become a productive citizen. What's done at the state level should be decided at the state level. If California wants to subsidize illegal aliens, that's a decision for Californians to make. Georgians may feel differently.

Locally, taxpayers should not have to subsidize illegal aliens.

But the goal remains to get them legal and make them productive.

What should the U.S. do?

1. Take control of the border and shut down the flow of illegal aliens into the country until the system can be fixed.

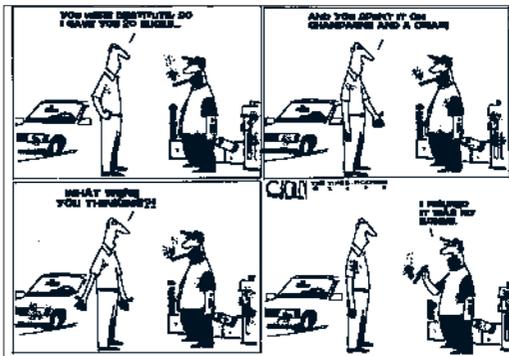
2. Create a reasonable framework by which illegal aliens already here can become legal citizens. Take advantage of this wonderful human capital.

3. Move aggressively to weed out the criminals and slackers. Put them in jail or send them back to their home countries. Give ICE a job that matters and fund the department.

4. Revamp federal, state and local laws in regard to social service benefits, health care, education, etc. Paying your way is the right way, but then again that should apply to our homegrown deadbeats, too. The key on this point is that policy should be made at the local level. Different communities, different states may choose other options. The best ideas and strategies will eventually emerge.

Illegal immigration needs to be addressed by this administration. If President Obama were to make the right decisions on this issue — unavoidably angering his own party at times — it could be a monumental legacy and a blessing to us all.

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## Strippers stimulate spending

Cost of undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech: \$100,000  
Night of partying at a strip club: \$53.00

Dad's reaction to son's \$53,000 one night bill: priceless.

It has happened again! A Florida man says that his son was taken advantage of by a Panhandle strip joint. The father gave his son his credit card to celebrate his graduation from Georgia Tech and the boy ran up a \$53,000 tab. It appears that the strippers were the only ones who got a happy ending.

I guess the son, catapulted to an undergrad degree at age 24, didn't learn the economics of real life, chief among them is to never give strippers a free shot at your credit card when you are drunk.

Much like their brethren the lawyers, strippers quickly size up a potential client for what they can fleece from them based on how much money they have and how naive they appear.

I have always supported the honest entrepreneur, especially when pitted against the stupid. It is good for society when money is not left too long in idiot hands. It is God's way of getting money into smarter folks' pockets. For the less religious among us, I call it Economic Darwinism, and it is often done one crumpled \$5 bill at a time. As the old saying goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." In this case, a fool and his money were soon parted.

I do understand these men who spend silly amounts of money in strip clubs. I have had friends whose longest female relationships have lasted just two table dances. Men go to these clubs to make themselves feel important because somewhere in their life they are lacking in self-esteem or affirmation. They are paying for the illusion of being a big shot and are suspended briefly in the thought that these women actually think they are attractive. They often get buyer's remorse when the stripper's cooing and ego-stroking ends, which invariably happens right when the guy's money runs out. Who knew?

Surprisingly, our government, which likes to wet its beak in all vices, has yet to devise a way to muscle in on the strip joint business. But they will someday. The feds paid farmers to grow



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tobacco, taxed cigarettes and then pushed lawsuits against manufacturers. Governments are now into gambling, sponsoring their own state lotteries (skin to running numbers). They license casinos, mostly for Native Americans, to relieve their guilt so Indians can get Manhattan back — one nickel slot at a time. And of course, there is booze, where government takes an inordinate cut of the sales of alcohol. Then there is the Mustang Ranch bordello that the Feds once took and tried to run. Only our government could be as inept as to not make money selling sex and booze. They later sold it.

For the youngsters out there, it is best to view the government as a mob boss, without the protection or moral consistency. Government's involvement in all things vice related is how it establishes the moral high ground that allows it to tax us and tell us how we should conduct our lives.

Now, I do not go to strip clubs. It is not that I have any opposition to them. Your average stripper is a person who is doing the best she can with the assets she has to make money and provide for her family, and I respect that — mostly her assets. Basically, I do not go simply because I am too cheap to enjoy a strip club — and do not view such as a spectator sport.

As for the Georgia Tech grad, it sounds like he got a master's in finance that night for \$53,000. Welcome to the real world, buddy boy! Too bad that, in your mid-20s, your dad is still fighting your battles. There is a job waiting for you in the government procurement office.

Pain is an excellent teacher, and often in a society that makes excuses for bad behavior, it can be the only teacher. Of course, ridicule helps, which is what I do. It is my way of giving back. I am, if nothing, a giver.

Experiences are life's lessons through which certain harsh truths are conveyed to us Homo sapiens — and straight sapiens, too. I would like to think that our education system would teach them, but I have long ago given up on government-run schools.

Leave it to a stripper to teach this boy and others one of the most valuable lessons of life: Don't be an idiot. Everyone has a role in our society, even strippers.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 22, the 81st day of 2009. There are 284 days left in the year.

**Highlight in History:**  
On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

**On this date:**  
In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Ten years ago:** Acting as his own lawyer, Dr. Jack Kevorkian went on trial on murder charges for the first time, telling a jury in Pontiac, Mich., he was merely carrying out his professional duty in giving a lethal injection to a man with Lou Gehrig's disease as shown on CBS' "60 Minutes." (Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder.)

**Five years ago:** Terry Nichols went on trial for his life in the Oklahoma City bombing. (Nichols, already serving a life sentence for his conviction on federal charges, was found guilty of 161 state murder charges, but was again spared the death penalty when the jury couldn't agree on his sentence.)

**One year ago:** Vice President Dick Cheney, visiting the Middle East, said the U.S. had an "enduring and unshakable" commitment to Israel's security and its right to defend itself against those bent on destroying the Jewish state.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Actor Karl Malden is 97. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 79. Actor William Shatner is 78. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 74. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 66. Writer James Patterson is 62. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 61. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 61.

# Hamilton Club Drive benefits pediatric unit

**SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION**

The Whitfield Healthcare Foundation kicked off its annual Hamilton Club Campaign to benefit Hamilton Medical Center on Friday. Foundation Trustees David Gregg and Bill Sloan, are co-chairing the one-month fund-raising drive to encourage individuals in the community to support the Medical Center with a charitable contribution.

The Hamilton Club provides a strong base of annual support for Hamilton Medical Center from area residents who contribute \$100 to \$500 annually. All gifts are tax deductible.

In 2006, the Foundation adopted a four-year \$5 million capital campaign to support Hamilton Maternal and Infant Care Center and the Department of Emergency Care Services expansion projects. These expansion projects respond to Hamilton's growing patient volume and to space requirements of new technology, and allow Hamilton to pro-

vide a new level of effective and high quality care for citizens in our community.

"Currently, the Foundation has received pledges and contributions just over \$3.5 million marking significant progress and demonstrating the merits of the campaign, but we need additional philanthropic support to reach our goal, said foundation director, Sharon Love. All contributions received from 2009 Hamilton Club memberships will be designated toward the capital campaign."

Philanthropic support keeps health care costs down. Each contributed dollar provides the financial integrity and strength to support Hamilton's response to the changing health care environment. A gift to Hamilton Medical Center is an investment in the quality of life in our community.

If you are interested in making a charitable contribution to Hamilton Medical Center and becoming a member of the 2009 Hamilton Club, call the Whitfield Healthcare Foundation at 706-272-6128.



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2009 Hamilton Club Campaign Committee includes, from left, Sharon Love, foundation director; Bill Sloan and David Gregg, campaign chair-

men; John Thomas, Roger Cheek, Kim Brown and Brenda Brantley. Not pictured is club member Rhett Orr.

## THANKS FOR THE GIFTS



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Spring Place Elementary students and staff thank the Murray Association of Educators which recently gave each child at the school a Dr. Seuss pencil/eraser. The gifts were in celebration of March

2, Read Across America Day, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. On the first row, from left, are Sophia Milen and Maria Leon; second row, Julio Chavez, Johanna Cabral and Andrew Hooker.

## Fitch promoted at Wachovia Securities

J.R. Fitch was recently promoted to senior vice president at Wachovia Securities.

Fitch currently serves as branch manager of the firm's Dalton office. He



Fitch

has been with the firm since 2004 and was awarded one of the firm's highest sales honors in his second year, Crest Development Track.

Previously, he worked as national sales manager at Crown Marketing Group. He graduated from Baylor School in Chattanooga before earning a bachelor of arts in communication from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and an

Accredited Asset Management Specialist designation from the College of Financial Planning.

Fitch lives in Ooltewah, Tenn., with his wife Autumn. He is a member of Woodland

Park Baptist Church. Wachovia Securities' Dalton office has been serving investors in the area for 11 years and has six financial advisers. The office is at 100 N. Hamilton St.

## Boys and Girls Clubs plan week of activities

**SUBMITTED BY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GORDON, MURRAY AND WHITFIELD COUNTIES**

grams and character development experiences. ■ Hope and opportunity.

■ Peer, staff and volunteer recognition.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray and Whitfield Counties joins Boys and Girls Clubs across America this week to celebrate National Boys and Girls Club Week today through Saturday by hosting several events to emphasize the importance and value of the clubs to the local community.

"Boys and Girls Clubs are increasingly playing a vital role in many young people's lives," said J. Adam Lowe, development director for Boys and Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray and Whitfield Counties. "In today's economic climate, we offer a positive place for kids whose parents are seeking an economical, safe and enriching environment for their children."

The cost for parents to send their child to a club is \$15 per week with scholarships available.

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■ A safe place to learn and grow.

■ Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals.

■ Life-enhancing pro-

grams and character development experiences. ■ Hope and opportunity. ■ Peer, staff and volunteer recognition. Clubs celebrate Boys and Girls Club Week in a variety of ways, all with an emphasis on the five core club program areas — character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Activities in these areas all support the club's overarching goal to help each child reach his or her full potential and be great by securing academic success, living a healthy lifestyle and distinguishing themselves as young leaders.

To help support this concept of living a healthy lifestyle, Boys and Girls Clubs of America has partnered with Cartoon Network to host Get Animated Day at its clubs on Tuesday. The network has donated four red rubber playground balls to 4,300 Boys and Girls Clubs, encouraging them to promote the importance of daily movement for all children.

Other planned activities include ice cream socials, field days and talent shows. For more information, call (706) 529-5032.

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**BRIEFS**

**Obama to press ahead with agenda**

WASHINGTON — Knocked off balance by the bonuses brouhaha, President Barack Obama is relying on direct appeals to the public to refocus attention on his ambitious agenda and drive the debate. The president has shouldered responsibility for the mess and, in his radio and Web address Saturday, sought to put the financial finger-pointing behind in favor of his policy pillars — deficit cutting, overhauling health care and energy, improving education. He will use a flurry of events to make his case, including a network television interview airing today and a prime-time news conference Tuesday. The administration also is expected, as early as Monday, to roll out its plan to rid banks of their toxic assets and speed the flow of loans.

**Response offers glimpse into mind of theocracy**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The Iranian leader's rebuff on Saturday to President Barack Obama's offer for dialogue was swift and sweeping: Words from Washington ring hollow without deep policy changes. But Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's response was more than just a dismissive slap at the outreach. It was a broad lesson in the mid-set of Iran's all-powerful theocracy and how it will dictate the pace and tone of any new steps by Obama to chip away at their nearly 30-year diplomatic freeze. "It's the first stage of the bargaining in classic Iranian style: Be tough and play up your toughness," said Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, a professor of regional politics at United Arab Emirates University. "The Iranian leaders are not about concessions at this stage. It's still all about ideology from the Iranian side."

**Protesters visit AIG execs' homes**

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — A busload of activists representing working- and middle-class families paid visits Saturday to the lavish homes of American International Group executives to protest the tens of millions of dollars in bonuses awarded by the struggling insurance company after it received a massive federal bailout. About 40 protesters — outnumbered by reporters and photographers from as far away as Germany — sought to urge AIG executives who received a portion of the \$165 million in bonuses to do more to help families.

**2 U.S. reporters still detained**

SEOUL, South Korea — The United States has contacted representatives of North Korea about two detained American journalists and is waiting for a reply. North Korea confirmed earlier Saturday that it detained the two Americans for "illegally intruding" in its territory after crossing the border from China. Authorities are investigating the two women, who were seized Tuesday. The journalists' cameraman and guide reportedly escaped but were later detained by Chinese border guards. The arrests of the journalists, who were reporting on North Korean refugees, complicate already difficult ties between the North and the United States.

**Astronauts go spacewalking again**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts took another spacewalk at the international space station Saturday, this time to lighten the workload for future crews. As soon as they floated outside, Steven Swanson and Joseph Acaba made their way all the way to the end of the space station's power-grid framework. They loosened bolts holding down batteries that will be replaced on the next shuttle visit in June.

**Dalton Dance finds a hip-hop connection**

SUBMITTED BY DALTON DANCE COMPANY

While summer is considered downtime for most students, not so for members of Dalton Dance Company (DDC).

In addition to the summer dance instruction at the local Dalton Theatre of Dalton (DTD), they attend summer intensives to perfect their ballet technique as well as other specialty camps for jazz technique, etc.

It was at Marcus Alford's "Jazz on Tap" camp in Atlanta this past summer that some of the members of DDC first worked with Dustin Phillips. As a result of that encounter, Phillips recently taught classes at DTD and choreographed several dances for Dalton Arts Project's "Dance Off!" production opening this Friday at Dalton High's theater.

"Dustin is a high-energy, creative choreographer with the latest hip-hop moves from the west coast," said Berrien Long, fellow choreographer and director of the production. "In addition to the pieces he set for the show, he taught a jazz technique warm-up and reminded the dancers of the importance of their dance training. Another plus is that he mixes his own music for his choreography so his work is truly unique."

Phillips, who hails from California, has worked with well-known entertainers including Martin Lawrence, Paula Abdul, Aaron Carter, and the Backstreet Boys. He has performed for companies such as Disney, Bank of America, Quiksilver Surf Co. and Paramount Theme Parks.

Phillips may be seen



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Master teacher and choreographer Dustin Phillips, shown here rehearsing with members of Dalton Dance Company, collaborated with DDC to set two original hip-hop pieces for Dalton Arts Project's "Dance Off!" production opening Friday at 7:30 p.m.

dancing in the movie comedy "Black Knight" and in commercials for Harris Teeter, Walt Disney World and Seibel Computer Systems. A master teacher and choreographer, he is in demand around the country with a variety of dance conventions, studios and college dance teams. Chelsea Rancudo, a member of Dalton Dance Company II, describes Phillips as "an amazing choreographer with a great sense of humor."

"We loved taking his (Phillips) class this summer," she said. "He is such a good choreographer that we were able to just enjoy learning

the dance and not be so serious. He teaches all ages and his dances are so versatile — fun for everybody."

"Dancing with Dustin was great because everything we did was filled with so much energy," said Paige Herring, a member of DDC I. "He brought a new perspective to our company, which we all really enjoyed."

You may see the results of this Phillips-DDC joint effort this weekend at Dalton Arts Project's "Dance Off!" — a local version of the hit reality television show "America's Best Dance Crew." The production opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. with an additional 7:30 p.m.

performance on Saturday and a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, March 29. All performances will be at Dalton High's theater and tickets will be available at the door, \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

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The location for all performances is the Dalton High Theatre at 1500 Manly St. in Dalton.

Performers will showcase their abilities in ballet, jazz, modern, and tap dance techniques. These dance numbers, featuring a variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary as well as technical special effects, are woven into a choreographed "contest" to determine Dalton's Best Dance Crew.

Phillips and an Atlanta dancer/choreographer, Vince Guiley, set four hip-hop pieces especially for this

production. In addition to these choreographers, members of DDC worked with choreographers Jo Beth Thompson, Ryann Payne, Lori Beth Edgeman, Marcus Alford, Jaime Robison, Terrell Paulk, and Long, director of the production.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. As in past years, the proceeds from opening night ticket sales will be donated to a worthy cause. This year, the dancers have chosen the "Make-A-Wish Foundation" as their dancing-for-a-cause recipient for Friday.

For more information, call 706-529-ARTS (2787).

**Animals and people painting workshop offered**

SUBMITTED BY THE CREATIVE ARTS GUILD

The Creative Arts Guild's visual arts program is offering a one-day "Animals and People" painting workshop Saturday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. taught by Guild instructor Bradley Wilson.

The focus of the workshop is animals and people. The workshop is open to all ages at all skill levels. Wilson has created a curriculum for the final in his series of painting workshops that emphasize creative interpretation using the versatile medium of acrylic paint. The day will include a number of techniques, application materials and working methods. Reference materials will be provided but students may bring their own materials as well.

With an masters of fine

arts and a bachelor of fine arts in painting, Wilson brings a strong educational background to his workshops and classes at the Guild. He currently teaches at the Creative Arts Guild, Northwestern Technical College and Miller-Motte Technical College.

In addition to his busy schedule, he participates regularly in area exhibitions, was the winner of The Design Award from Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville and is represented at In-Town Gallery in Chattanooga.

"Bradley has been

incredibly instrumental in growing our visual arts department. We've added art classes to accommodate the numerous and ongoing requests for his services from our community," said Terry Tomasello, Guild executive director.

Animals and People Workshop will be in the Guild's art studio from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this coming Saturday. The fee for the one-day workshop is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. A supply list will be given at registration. To register, visit the Guild at 520 W. Waugh St. or call 706-278-0168 to register by phone.

Additionally, the Guild's summer 2009 class schedule which includes multi-discipline camps, workshops and classes in music, dance, theater, visual arts and gymnastics is now available.

The Creative Arts Guild is the oldest multidisciplinary community arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Guild is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the

Arts (GCA) through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.



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**Nob North Snack Bar, 298 Nob North Drive**  
 Current score: 97  
 Current grade: A  
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 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Kitchen closed at time of inspection. Stainless steel vegetable prep sink required. Tight line on three compartment sink no longer permitted; must have air gap.

**Country Kitchen Shoppe, 3356 S. Dixie Highway**  
 Current score: 94  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 97  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Clean fans, gaskets and hoods. Repair counters where needed. Tight line not permitted on food and dish sinks; must have minimum 1-inch air gaps. Floors in poor repair; replace torn vinyl. Clean ceilings.

**Subway (Pilot), 142 Carbondale Road**  
 Current score: 93  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 92  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Employee drinks must be in single-service cup with lid and straw; segregate drinks. Torn cooler gaskets. Clean up longshore coral.

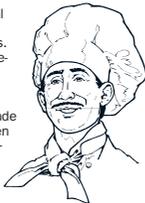
**Longhorn Steakhouse, 1315 W. Walnut Ave.**  
 Current score: 93  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 96  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Sanitizer for wiping cloths must be 200 to 400 ppm; store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Sanitizer for ware washing should be 50 to 100 ppm.

**Krystal, 301 W. Waugh St.**  
 Current score: 91  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 69  
 Previous grade: U  
 Comments: Reinspection. No sanitizer in third compartment of three compartment sink; sanitizer must be kept at proper concentration. Do not put sanitizer buckets on floor. Do not use crates as shelving; must be able to clean under and behind.

**Gondolier's, 904 S. Thornton Ave.**  
 Current score: 91  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 83  
 Previous grade: B

## Restaurant report card

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



Ansel system out of date.

Comments: Store wiping cloths in sanitizer of proper concentration. Date mark all required foods properly.

**Hardee's, 900 S. Thornton Ave.**  
 Current score: 91  
 Current grade: A  
 Previous score: 89  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: Repair water leak in freezer. Raw wood not approved material for kitchen; must be smooth and cleanable. Do not store gloves under employee items. Clean microwave, especially on top.

**Kelly's, 1400 S. Dixie Highway**  
 Current score: 89  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 89  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: All food preparers must wear hair restraints. Use vegetable sink for washing vegetables only; do not put soap or sanitizer in sink. Keep hand wash sink clean and easily accessible; do not put utensils in sink. Employee drinks must have lid and straw. Sanitizer for ware washing should be 50 to 100 ppm. Reorganize dry storage area so various miscellaneous items are not stored with food.

**Amici's Italian Bistro, 1513 W. Walnut Ave., No. 4**  
 Current score: 88  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 90  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Employee drinks must be in single-service cup with lid and straw. Do not block hand wash sinks. Do not put wiping cloth buckets on floor. Vegetable prep sink for vegetable prep only; do not use for thawing meat. Store single-serve items 6 inches off floor. Replace torn gasket. Replace broken floor tiles. Clean ceilings and walls.

**McDonald's (Pilot), 142 Carbondale Road**  
 Current score: 88  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 85  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: Do not store chemicals next to or over food or food contact. Sanitizer too strong. Store single-serve items 6 inches off floor. Invert single-serve containers. Need quad test strips. Clean up garbage coral; cover all outside containers. Repair freezer door. Repair leak at ice dispenser. Repair drive-thru window so it's completely self-closing.

**Los Amigos, 600 M.L. King Jr. Blvd.**  
 Current score: 87  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 61  
 Previous grade: U  
 Comments: Much better. Date marking foods. Day One is the day it is prepared or open. Do not set food out to thaw; put under cold running water. Do not put wiping cloth buckets next to food. Do not thaw fish in vegetable prep sink; vegetable prep sink for vegetable prep only. Put soiled equipment and utensils on drain board, not in middle compartment of three-compartment sink.

**La Hidalguense, 624 Fifth Ave.**  
 Current score: 84  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 53  
 Previous grade: U  
 Comments: OK to reopen. Date mark foods with properly prepared or opened. Dayready label food containers. Store all food 6 inches off floor. Must install stainless steel vegetable prep sink. Service window must be completely self-closing. Seal crack in wall in storage area. Seal all openings at doors.

**Choo Choo Barbecue, 2518 Cleveland Highway**  
 Current score: 82  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 95  
 Previous grade: A  
 Comments: Date mark commercially processed potentially hazardous foods that have been opened and prepared. For rapid cooling use shallow containers and loosely cover. Need accurate thermometer in each cooler or refrigerator; put in front by door. All food handlers are required to wear hair restraints. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Stainless steel vegetable prep sink is required for washing fruits and vegetables. Broken parts inside of white refrigerator; replace unit with commercial. Torn gasket. Clean ceilings. Repair floor in storage room. Flies. Service windows must be fully self-closing.

**Chef Lin, 100 W. Walnut Ave.**  
 Current score: 80  
 Current grade: B  
 Previous score: 86  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: No eating in food prep area. Garlic in oil and noodles out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Walk-in cooler out of temperature; must hold cold at 41 degrees or below. Date marking procedure should be for prepared potentially hazardous food held more than 24 hours. Keep oysters in original container with tag; tags should be in order. Replace missing floor tiles. Need test strips for dish machine. Get back flow prevention device for hose bibb. All food scoops must have handles.

**China Garden, 2150 E. Walnut Ave.**  
 Current score: 74  
 Current grade: C  
 Previous score: 83  
 Previous grade: B  
 Comments: Egg rolls out of temperature; must hold hot at 135 degrees or above. Date mark prepared foods with prep date or use by date. Use only pesticides approved for use in commercial food service. Segregate bent cans from good. Protect wontons from sneeze and cough of public. Store wiping cloths in sanitizer. Clean and repair walls.

## Speaker to discuss 'GWTW', history of our language

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### JUST THE FACTS

What: Davison Lecture Series  
 Who: Elliot Engel, author, professor and lecturer  
 When: Tuesday, reception at 5:30 p.m., lecture at 6:45 p.m.  
 Where: Dalton-Whitfield Public Library.

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

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

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

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

During the reception, Engel will discuss portions of "Scarlet Fever: Gone With the Wind." Engel assures us we will be surprised when we learn the real story behind the novel and the glamorous Hollywood legends surrounding the film. Few know that the novel has little to do with the Civil War and the Deep South, but is really a glimpse into the real life and loves of Margaret Mitchell.

The feature lecture, which will follow the reception at approximately 6:45 p.m., will discuss "A Light History of the English Language," Engel reveals why our language developed in such a

fascinating way from the Celts, to the Anglo-Saxons, to the invading French.

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

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

The program is free and open to the public and is most suitable for an audience ages 12 and up.

The children's department of the library will close to the public at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate the program. The rest of the library, including the computer lab, will remain open until the regular closing hour of 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact the library at (706) 876-1370 or by e-mail to fargarty@ngri.org.

## Meeting on upcoming trip to Holy Land today

A meeting to discuss an upcoming trip to Israel and Jordan will be today at 4:30 p.m. at Holly Creek Baptist Church.

If you are registered to participate in the trip, or if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, organizers ask you to make plans to attend the meeting. The tour leaves Oct. 20 and returns Oct. 29. Trip cost is \$3,255, which includes round-trip direct airfare, first

class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, entrance fees to sites visited, and breakfast and dinner daily.

Pastor Danny Cochran will be preaching at selected sites, Bible studies will be conducted, and Communion will be observed at the Garden Tomb.

For more information, please call Holly Creek Baptist Church at (706) 695-8522.

## Revised baby-sitting training offered

SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Baby-sitter's training at the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department has been newly revised by the American Red Cross with input from youth. The course is fast-paced with hands-on activities, exciting video, role plays and lively discussions. You'll learn how to:

- Supervise children and infants
- Perform basic child care skills such as diapering and feeding
- Choose safe, age-appropriate games and toys
- Handle bedtime and discipline issues
- Identify safety hazards and prevent injuries
- Care for common injuries and emergencies such as choking, burns, cuts and bee stings
- Communicate effectively with parents
- Find and interview for baby-sitting jobs

Materials include:

- Handbook — A full-color handbook filled with information and resources to use in class and on the job.
- Emergency Reference Guide — This easy-to-carry, compact booklet provides step-by-step instructions on how to handle common emergencies.
- CD-ROM — Provides

tools to run your baby-sitting business, including a baby-sitting organizer; a printable activity booklet with games, crafts, songs and recipes; and a resume template.

Baby-sitter's training is available at the recreation

department, 904 Civic Drive, on April 20 and 23 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$60.

For more information or to register, contact Lisa Hughey at (706) 278-5404. Space is limited so reserve your seat by April 15.

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LARDON SALAD - \$8

THICK GEORGIA COB SMOKED BACON DICED OVER MIXED BABY GREENS AND SPINACH WITH BLEU CHEESE, TOMATOES, & SHAVED RED ONION. TOSSED WITH A WARM BACON AND MUSTARD VINAIGRETTE

ADD TO ANY SALAD:

SHRIMP \$4, CHICKEN \$3 OR SALMON \$3.50

## ~ Appetizers ~

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SELECTIONS FROM OUR CHEESE BOARD  
SERVED WITH HOME MADE FOCACCIA

ANTIPASTO TRAY - \$9  
MORTADELLA, SALAMI, PROSCIUTTO, MARINATED OLIVES, AND ASSORTED VEGETABLES,  
SERVED WITH FOCACCIA BREAD

EGGPLANT INVOLTINI - \$6  
BREADED EGGPLANT ROLLED WITH ANGEL HAIR PASTA AND SEASONED RICOTTA CHEESE THEN BAKED WITH MOZZARELLA CHEESE AND TOMATO SAUCE

MEDITERRANEAN TASTER - \$7

HUMMUS, GRAPE LEAVES STUFFED WITH BEEF AND BASMATI RICE AND TABBOULEH SERVED WITH HOME MADE PITA BREAD AND HOUSE PICKLED VEGETABLES

CALAMARI - \$7

LIGHTLY BREADED AND SAUTUED WITH A TOUCH OF PEPPER AND LEMON,  
SERVED WITH MARINARA SAUCE

GEORGE'S BAY MUSSELS - \$7

FRESH LARGE MUSSELS SAUTUED WITH LEEKS, RED BELL PEPPERS, AND SAGE IN A LIGHTLY SPICED CHILI GARLIC BROTH

TUNA SEVICHE - \$9

DICED SUSHI QUALITY TUNA MARINATED IN TART POMEGRANATE AND SWEET SOY, GARNISHED WITH WILD GREENS AND A SIDE OF SPICY CHILI GARLIC SAUCE.

## ~ Entrées ~

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LASAGNA PRIMAVERA

SMALL PORTION - \$7 LARGE PORTION - \$14

TENDER PASTA LAYERED WITH EGGPLANT, MUSHROOMS, ROASTED PEPPERS, FRESH BASIL, AND BABY SPINICH WITH EACH LAYER A DIFFERENT CHEESE: ASIAGO, MOZZARELLA, AND RICOTTA FINISHED WITH OUR HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE

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SMALL PORTION - \$9 LARGE PORTION - \$15

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SHRIMP CARCIOFINI

SMALL PORTION - \$10 LARGE PORTION - \$16

JUMBO SHRIMP SAUTUED WITH ARTICHOKE, SPINACH, CHERRY TOMATOES, GARLIC, AND FRESH HERBS. TOSSED WITH ANGEL HAIR IN A SAUCE OF LEMON AND WHITE WINE

SALMON GRATELLA

SMALL PORTION - \$12 LARGE PORTION - \$18

PAN SEARED NORWEGIAN SALMON SERVED WITH SAUTUED SPINACH, ROASTED PEPPERS, CANNELLINI BEANS, PORTABELLO MUSHROOM, GARLIC, AND A DRIZZLE OF BASILIC VINEGAR. SERVED OVER A NEST OF ANGEL HAIR PASTA. MARKET VEGETABLE

BEEF TOURNEDOS\*

SMALL PORTION - \$15 LARGE PORTION - \$21

BEEF FILLETS GRILLED TO ORDER OVER A SAUCE OF CARMELIZED SHALLOTS AND A SWEET PORT WINE AND DEMI-GLACE REDUCTION. SERVED WITH POMMES A LA LEEK AND MARKET VEGETABLE

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## ~ Sandwiches ~

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# CATAMOUNT BAND PERFORMS FOR LBJ



Above, Dalton High School Band marches in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., past President Lyndon B. Johnson (identified by arrow) in the glassed-in presidential box above street level, as Johnson was inaugurated president of the United States in 1965. At left, two DHS band participants proudly carry a display identifying Dalton as the Tufted Textile Center of the World, years before the city became known as the Carpet Capital of the World. Columnist Mark Pace writes about this event and how it affected then-band member Charles Bowen Jr. See Living, page 1C.

## CLASS ACTS

### Student earns Leadership Award

Jason Mobly, a senior management major from Rocky Face, was recently presented with Reinhardt College's McCamish School of Business Spring 2009 Leadership Award.

The award is presented each semester to students who demonstrate leadership and hard work in the classroom and who are positive examples to their classmates.

The award recipients were nominated and selected by faculty members from the School of Business. The students were honored with a luncheon and gift from the School of Business.

### Students help Berry wins honors

ROME — For the 15th time in 15 years, the Berry College Forensics team earned top honors in the Georgia Interscholastic Forensics Association tournament held recently at Southern Polytechnic State University.

Kalia Miller, the daughter of Donna Cargle of Crandall, placed third in persuasive speaking and sixth in

impromptu speaking. She is a freshman biology major.

Berry speakers claimed individual championships in 10 of 12 events. Sophomore Joshua Royce of Calhoun was named top speaker, and seniors Hope Stallings of Ringgold and Amanda Dean of Acworth earned the right to represent Georgia at the 137th Interstate Oratory Contest in Oxford, Miss., by placing first and second in persuasive speaking.

Royce finished first in pen-tathlon, editorial impromptu and impromptu speaking, second in rhetorical criticism, third in dramatic duo interpretation (with Erin Froetschel) and fourth in informative speaking. A sophomore dual sociology/anthropology and religion/philosophy major, he is the son of Tom and Gwendolyn Royce of Calhoun.

Stallings placed first in informative speaking, persuasive speaking, rhetorical criticism and dramatic duo interpretation (with Alex Middleton) and second in poetry interpretation. A senior communication major, she is the daughter of Stan and Angela Nix of Ringgold.

# Ga. mulls changes to sex offender law

By GREG BLUESTEIN  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Three years after adopting one of the nation's stiffest stances on sex offenders, Georgia lawmakers are rethinking some of the crackdown's toughest provisions.

After complaints from civil rights groups and round after round of costly court challenges, powerful Georgia lawmakers are looking to soften some of the very parts of the law that incited the greatest debate.

Changes to the 2006 law could allow some offenders to petition the legal system to get off the registry, allow others to volunteer at churches and clear the way for disabled and elderly offenders

to be exempt of the strict residency requirements.

The revisions, which already have cleared the Senate, are aimed at addressing some of the most vocal critics who challenged the rules in court. They have won the support of sheriff's groups, defense attorneys and some of the sex offenders who so vocally criticized them.

"I think they start to create a rational law that can move in the direction of creating public safety," said Kelly Piercy, who was convicted of child pornography charges in 1999. "They are actually bringing this legislation back to its noble intent."

But the most stirring of changes still could face a backlash from the House

lawmakers who supported the measure three years ago as a way to protect Georgia's children from the state's 16,000 sex offenders.

"I've said since the day we passed the bill that we knew that this was a pretty big change and there were some things we needed to revisit, but I'm not on board with all the changes," said House Majority Leader Jerry Keen, the law's sponsor.

He wouldn't elaborate on what parts of the proposal concerned him, but he did say he would fight any changes that could cripple the law.

"I'm for anything that makes it easier to administer the rules, but I'm not in favor of anything that could weaken the overall purpose of the law."

The law, which supporters say is among the nation's toughest, was passed in 2006 at the urging of Republican leaders who vowed it would prevent the state from becoming a "safe haven" for Georgia's sex offenders.

Shortly after it took effect, civil rights groups challenged a provision that banned offenders from living, working or loitering within 1,000 feet of just about anywhere children gather. They claimed it rendered vast areas of Georgia off-limits to offenders.

They also have targeted other portions of the law, with at least eight challenges that have been resolved or are pending in state and federal court.

# Romania considers decriminalizing incest among consenting adults

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Surprising as it may seem, incest is not always a crime in Europe.

Three European Union nations — France, Spain and Portugal — do not prosecute consenting adults for incest, and Romania is considering following suit.

The shocking case of Austrian Josef Fritzl, found guilty this week of holding his daughter captive for 24

years and fathering her seven children, has focused new attention on incest — which is a crime in itself in Austria even if the acts are consensual. But in the Fritzl case it was in connection with rape, homicide and other charges that led to a sentence of life in a secure psychiatric ward.

Laws exempting parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters from prosecution for incestuous acts if they are

not forced upon adult family members are decades old in France, Spain and Portugal.

In Romania, decriminalizing incest among consenting adults is being considered as part of a wide range of reforms to the country's criminal code. No date has been set yet for a parliament vote on the bill, and opposition to the proposal is fervent even among some lawmakers in the ruling coalition.

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• **Betty Jean Cheek Creasey, Calhoun**  
 • **Winfred E. 'Peanut' Gladden, Dalton**  
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### Winfred E. 'Peanut' Gladden

Winfred E. "Peanut" Gladden, 64 of Dalton, passed away Friday, March 20, 2009, as the result of a traffic accident.

He is survived by his parents, Fred and Loma Centers of Dalton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Ricky Williams and Teresa Centers and Anthony Tackett, all of Dalton; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Freeman and Elaine Centers, William Centers and Gail Collins, and George Centers, all of Dalton; nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral is Monday at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Joe Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Church Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are by Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, Ga. (706) 259-7455 for further information.  
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### Robert L. 'Sensei' Mallin

Robert L. "Sensei" Mallin, 74 of Pittsburg, Pa., formerly of Meadville, Pa., and Dalton, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2009, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was a 10th degree Black Belt in the style of

Goju, and was involved in the martial arts for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his three daughters: Robin Wallace and her husband Mark of Robinson Township, K e l l y R a n c e of M o n t e n a Township a n d Shannon Mallin. M o o n M a l l i n



Bookmyer and Jim Mallin. Robert was preceded in death by his son, Bobby Mallin, and a sister Kit Higgins.

Friends will be received today from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. in The Huntsman Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Moon Township, Pa., where a funeral will be Monday at noon.

Burial and military honors will be at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, Pa.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime. [www.cvcv.org](http://www.cvcv.org)  
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### Donald J. McKinney

After 70 years of preaching the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, Dr. Donald J. McKinney, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, received his coronation as he entered into the presence of the Lord on Friday, March 20, 2009.



This is the day he as a d longed for since he was converted to

Christ in 1938 in Los Angeles, Calif. It was his greatest joy to preach about Christ and Him crucified. As an evangelist, he traveled across America preaching the unsearchable riches of God. In 1942, he married Helen Marie Lovett, who came to Christ in a revival meeting earlier in Jackson, Miss. She has been his faithful companion for more than 66 years.

He was born Jan. 22, 1921, to Paul Bucher McKinney and Mae Elizabeth Rank of Lebanon, Pa. After graduating from Lebanon High School in 1938, he and his family migrated to California.

In California, a neighbor introduced him to the Gospel. He attended an old-fashioned tent revival in Los Angeles and was converted that very evening. His life was changed by the sovereign grace of God. His love of the Scriptures was such that if you pricked him he would bleed Bible. Those who knew him know that he would talk to anyone about his beloved savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor McKinney was a man of remarkable courage. He stood for truth and righteousness without flinching. From 1952 to 1970, he was pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly of God. On March 3, 1970, Pastor McKinney preached on "Divine Election," the historic Christian faith as taught by our forefathers such as Martin Luther, Charles Spurgeon and George Whitefield. He believed and taught "Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone), Sola Gratia (Grace alone), Sola Fide (Faith alone), and Sola Christa (Christ alone)." His text was II Thess. 2:13-14, "...from the beginning, God had chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth." It was the birth of Heritage Baptist Church, located at

3501 Ernest St., Lake Charles, La. He was valiant for truth. For 30 years he preached on KPLC television and radio the "Doctrines of Grace." He was a favorite conference speaker throughout America and Great Britain. Pastor McKinney served as a pioneer and leader in the rediscovery of the Gospel and "The New Calvinism" as reported in the recent Time magazine. In 1991, he was conferred the doctor of divinity from North American School of Theology. But if you asked him about his life, he would say, "I am a sinner saved by grace."

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marie. He has one brother and sister-in-law, Lamar Larry and Paulette (Tyler, Texas). He has one sister and brother-in-law, Sylvia and Bill Hannah (Cambria, Calif.). Three children and their spouses: Ronald Wayne and Bonnie (Dalton), Paul Barry and Kathy (Jackson, Miss.), Jennifer Leah Horton and Frank Jr. (Bud) (Brandon, Miss.). He was the proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was the uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements will be handled by Johnson Funeral Home, 4321 Lake St.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home. The funeral will be at Heritage Baptist Church, Monday at 3:01 Ernest St. at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. A memorial service will be Monday at 6 p.m. to celebrate the life of Pastor Don McKinney also at Heritage Baptist Church Sanctuary.

Officers for the services will be Dr. Ronald W. McKinney, Lamar L. McKinney, Paul B. McKinney and Gary James.

Burial and graveside service will be at Lakewood Memorial Cemetery in

Jackson, Miss., Wednesday at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Heritage Baptist Church benevolent fund, 3501 Ernest St., Lake Charles, LA 70605, for his widow, Mrs. Marie McKinney. Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at [www.johnsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.johnsonfuneralhome.net)  
[www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Ruth Morrison

Mrs. Ruth Morrison of 1584 W. Vann Circle, Chatsworth died Saturday, March 21, 2009, at the residence.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth.  
[www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Beverly Ann Potter

Mrs. Beverly Ann Potter, 42, of Chatsworth died Friday, March 20, 2009, at Gordon County Hospital.

She is preceded in death by her dad, George Potter; sister, Sandra Potter.

Survivors include her mother, Nancy Potter; children, Leanna Bryant and Hope Potter; sister, Georgie Kincer; brothers, Matthew Potter, Tony Potter and Dougie Potter, all of Fleming Neon, Ky.; several nephews and nieces, longtime friend, Chris Thomas.

Services are Monday at 12:30 p.m. at West Hill Cemetery in Trion with the Rev. Dwight Wilson officiating.

Special thanks go to Dr. Turner and his staff and to the staff of Amedasis Hospice.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth.  
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### Betty Jean Cheek Creasey

Mrs. Betty Jean Cheek Creasey, 79, of Calhoun and originally of Dalton passed away Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Gordon County Hospital.

She worked as the human resources manager at Brown Printing for more than 30 years. After retiring from Brown Printing, Betty went to work at Proffitt's for more than five years as a special events coordinator. She also loved to travel and adventure and visited many places around the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Ralph Cheek and Mary Alice Green.

Betty is survived by her sister, Patricia Cheek-Law of Stone Mountain; nephews, Michael P. Law of Marietta and Donald R. Law of Grayson.

A memorial service is Wednesday at 3 p.m. from Rock Bridge Community Church in Dalton with Dr. James Beatty officiating.

The family will receive at the Rock Bridge Community Church following the service.

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

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave.

## Modern Woodmen serve community

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Modern Woodmen of America members provided \$23.8 million in assistance to the community in 2008. These dollars support the fraternal organization's social and volunteer activities for local members and their communities nationwide.

These benefits and programs include disaster relief assistance, college scholarships, a tree-planting program, social and volunteer service programs by adult and youth member chapters nationwide, and educational programs for schools and youth groups.

"In Whitfield County, Modern Woodmen and its members really make a difference," local representative Lynn Henderson said. "Last year, local members matched \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000 in funds raised for Murray County Developmental Center, planted 14 maple trees at New Hope Middle School

and donated 448 cans of food to the local food pantry."

Key fraternal results included:

- More than 1.5 million people attended social, educational and volunteer events sponsored by Modern Woodmen camps (chapters).

- 353,864 hours of volunteer service were recorded by youth service club members.

- 1.9 million children were served through Modern Woodmen Youth Educational Programs.

- \$6.8 million was contributed through Modern Woodmen's Matching Fund Program to meet needs in member communities across the country. The fundraising projects, matched by Modern Woodmen's home office, were conducted by the organization's 2,424 adult camps and 791 youth service clubs.

Modern Woodmen has a nationwide membership of more than 755,000.

## Colonial gets permit for postponed pipeline

ALPHARETTA (AP) — Alpharetta-based Colonial Pipeline is getting from the state the power of eminent domain to expand its petroleum pipeline.

The company was issued the first permit by the state Environmental Protection Division under a 1995 law regulating petroleum pipelines. It allows Colonial to add a third pipeline that will run from Jackson, La., to Austell.

The two existing pipelines connect Georgia to refineries on the Gulf Coast and provide 70 percent of the state's gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other petroleum products.

The company now needs to purchase 25-foot easements from landowners in Cobb, Paulding, Carroll and Haralson counties to build the Georgia portion of the 460-mile expansion.

The company hopes to restart the project in a year to 18 months.

If you're a homeowner, your money can be at risk in more ways than you may think. In today's declining housing market, home values have gone south, even if you can find a qualified buyer. With severe spring weather followed by the tropical season, there's much to learn about potential damage to your home related to the rebuilding process.

Consider these common scenarios:

- High winds cause a large tree to crash into your home.
- A kitchen fire damages several rooms.
- A lightning strike destroys your home.
- A tornado reduces your home to splinters.

How much will it cost to bring your home back to normal? The market value of your home before the incident was \$150,000. Now, it's \$100,000 due to the economy and its effect on housing. How much will the repairs cost?

According to a new study by Xactware, a Utah company that keeps up with housing and repair costs, rebuilding a damaged home went up 3.95 percent nationwide last year. The report found of the top five states by building cost increases, the leader was Alaska at more than 8 percent. Nevada was number two at more than 6 percent followed by Georgia,

Texas and Hawaii, all above 5 percent.

The exact rebuilding cost is usually expressed in dollars-per-square-foot.

For instance, to build a 2,000 square foot home at \$100 per square foot equals \$200,000.

To calculate the cost to rebuild your house, first consider that the issue has nothing to do with this is about reconstruction costs, not market value. You'll need to know the following:

- The per-square-foot cost in your neighborhood to build and to rebuild. Keep in mind expensive extras such as high-end appliances, cabinets and other materials can put the cost per square foot upwards of \$500 to \$600 for very expensive homes.
- How much damage has your home sustained? Before the rebuilding process begins, the damage must be removed, disposed of and the home must be prepared for rebuilding.

A 12-by-15-foot room equals 180 square feet and the per-square-foot cost can increase by as much as

50 percent for readying a space for reconstruction.

So the \$100 per-square-foot cost goes up to about \$150. As an example, if 500 square feet of your home is destroyed, the replacement cost could be \$75,000.

- What is covered by your homeowners insurance policy? If a tree falls into your home and rain pours in, that water damage would be covered. However, if floodwaters enter your home, without flood insurance, there is no coverage for that damage resulting from rising water. Also, to obtain full amount for personal belongings, a detailed home inventory is important to have for your insurance adjuster.
- Where will you live while your home is under repair? Your insurer or agent will explain your additional living expenses portion of your policy. This will cover such items as payment for temporary housing, food costs before you obtain living quarters with a kitchen, and other items. The details of your policy will address how long you can be covered and how you get your reimbursement. Receipts will be important to document your expenses.

You will probably find that the amount of insurance you obtain will be a function of the appraisal value when you purchased the home, but keep in mind

the insurer looks at the home itself, not the value of the land.

Typically, your homeowners' policy has built-in escalators to keep up with the cost of construction and building materials over the years but that is what you should check on periodically.

That's why market value at the moment is not considered. It's all about rebuilding costs and demolition. These are fundamental questions that are better to know ahead of time instead of after damage occurs. The time you spend with your agent or company will help you and your family in many ways should a disaster occur.

■ **David Colmans is executive director of the Georgia Insurance Information Service. Contact him at (770) 565-3806 or by e-mail at [dcolmans@gis.org](mailto:dcolmans@gis.org).**

### Card Of Thanks In The Loss of Earl L. McIntyre

It is healthy and honorable to weep at the loss of someone we love. Healthy because such passion must be released. Honorable because it is respectful to admit the importance of people who have loved and supported us, people whose footprints cannot ever be matched.

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# Protests in Washington, Calif. call for war's end

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Before war protesters ended their demonstration Saturday afternoon, several placed cardboard coffins in front of the offices of northern Virginia defense contractors such as KBR Inc. and Lockheed Martin Corp. as riot police stood by.

"Lockheed Martin you can't hide, we charge you with genocide!" they chanted as part of a demonstration that began in Washington to mark the sixth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

Arlington County, Va., police estimated there were 2,500 to 3,000 protesters and said no arrests were made.

Organizers from the ANSWER Coalition said more than 1,000 groups sponsored the protest to call for an end to

the Iraq war, and estimated that about 10,000 people participated. Carrying signs saying "We need jobs and schools, not war" and "Indict Bush," demonstrators beat drums and played trumpets as they marched from near the Lincoln Memorial past the Pentagon into Virginia.

Meanwhile, at a similar protest in San Francisco, tension grew after four or five dozen activists surrounded a group of riot-equipped police, throwing sticks and water bottles. Police responded by regrouping in riot formation and physically detaining several protesters who pushed and shoved with officers.

Protest leaders shouted from the stage, urging police to leave. Barriers were quickly erected between police and protesters as an organizer urged calm and the activists started to disperse. In Washington, protesters

demanding that President Barack Obama immediately withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq, saying thousands of Iraqis have died and thousands of American troops have been wounded or killed.

"We think it's especially important for this new administration to feel the pressure from people that we don't want more war," said Obama supporter Pat Halle, 59, of Baltimore.

Anti-war activists said even though former President George W. Bush is out of power, they are disappointed with what they see as stalled action from Obama.

"Obama seems to be led somewhat by the bureaucracies. I want him to follow up on his promise to end the war," said 66-year-old Perry Parks of Rockingham, N.C., who said he served in the Army for nearly 30 years, including in Vietnam.



AP PHOTO

Anti-war protesters carry mock coffins draped in American flags across the Memorial Bridge to Arlington, Va., during a march to the Pentagon, marking the sixth anniversary of the war on Iraq Saturday.

## COLLEGE BOWL MVP



Ian Baines of Dalton Middle School was recently named MVP at Dalton State College's annual invitational College Bowl tournament. Ten area middle school teams participated in the event which uses a "Jeopardy!"-style format to quiz students on academic questions. Baines had the highest individual point total.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Brazen turkeys ruffle feathers at business

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Wild turkeys are turning into bullies in one Michigan town.

Tri-County International Trucks employee Dave Dodes told the Jackson Citizen Patriot that three of the birds scared a truck driver so much he stayed in his vehicle when he stopped at the truck service shop Friday.

He said a company worker had to create a

diversion so the driver could escape, and the turkeys chased both men inside the building in an industrial area at the edge of Jackson, Mich.

Dodes says the birds had been seen near the building for a long time but only recently turned aggressive.

He says "they're not afraid of traffic, and now they chase people around."

Jackson is about 65 miles west of Detroit.

## Whitfield Commissioners won't be meeting Monday

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners will not hold a work session or special called meeting on Monday.

## Caregiver of the Week



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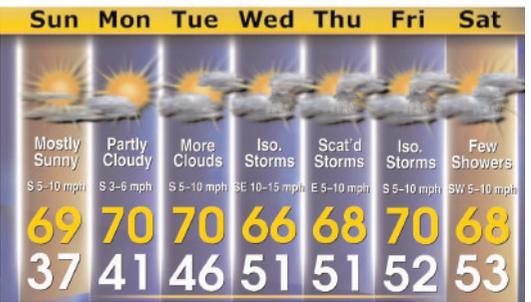
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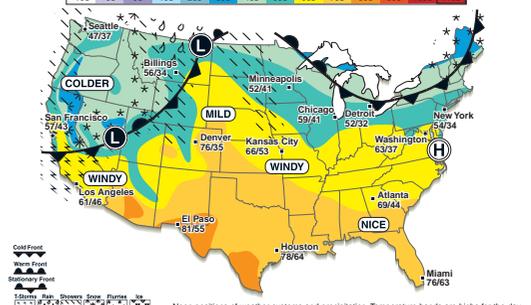
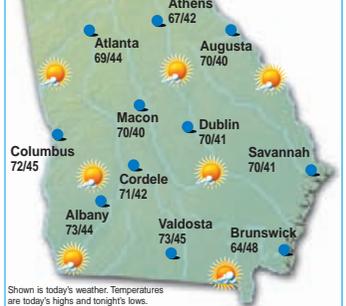


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**Sun and Moon**  
Sunrise today ..... 7:40 a.m.  
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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albany	73/44	77/50pc	77/52pc	La Grange	68/40	72/46pc	70/51pc
Atlanta	69/44	71/48pc	68/49pc	Macon	70/40	73/47pc	74/50pc
Athens	67/42	70/42pc	69/49pc	Marietta	69/41	73/49pc	70/49pc
Augusta	70/40	72/42pc	72/48pc	Newton	74/44	77/52pc	77/52pc
Brunswick	64/48	70/52pc	70/59pc	Rome	69/41	73/49pc	71/49pc
College Park	69/44	71/48pc	69/49pc	Savannah	70/41	73/49pc	73/51pc
Columbus	72/45	75/51pc	74/55pc	Sparta	70/40	74/46pc	72/50pc
Gainesville	65/44	69/47pc	68/49pc	Valdosta	73/45	76/49pc	77/51pc

**Weather History**  
On March 22, 1784, an unusual cold snap in the Carolinas damaged buds on the peach trees. Most people look forward to springtime mildness as soon as the season begins.

Key: w-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-hic.

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P5380	2006	Ford	Taurus SE, Cloth	\$8,997
8T227C	1999	Ford	Mustang Conv., GT	Mgr. Special
9T022M	2007	Jeep	Wrangler X Series, Auto.	\$17,895
P5349	2007	Toyota	Corolla 4Dr, Auto.	\$13,595
9C013A	2004	Ford	Focus Sedan, Auto.	\$7,425
9P010A	2006	Ford	F150 Lariat, Crew	\$23,988
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**Going to Dogs**  
Dalton High's standout defensive end Jalen Fields committed to Georgia on Saturday. ■ Story, page 3B

### COMMENTARY

## Just pass the, uh, pepper

I've been back at work a week after spending most of the previous seven-day period in a Chattanooga hospital learning an awful lot about a three-word medical condition — congestive heart failure — that opened my eyes to a lot of things concerning an age-old problem: getting old.

From the time I remember starting to play sports, and those memories go back to age 8 with Little League baseball, a robust amount of athletic activity was a part of my life. There was Babe Ruth League baseball, Connie Mack baseball, elementary school basketball, back yard football with my brother and neighborhood friends that sometimes spilled over into the front yard and on rainy days that was dangerous because after being tackled near the sideline boundary one could slide all the way into the road in the line of traffic (well, let's leave that for another day, my mother, now 86, still cringes about that story).

I continued my sports career even past school years with slowpitch softball teams in Athens — the one in Tennessee — and Chattanooga. Those were good days, some worthy of tales that would fill a few pages in a nice book. Like the time my former high school baseball coach got our softball team into a fight with a church team; the opposing pitcher/pastor was punching away just like everyone else.

After playing what seemed like 40 or 50 games — the actual count was around 22 as I recall — in one weekend I ended my softball playing days a few years following the preacherbrawl. After a few years of marriage, my wife pretty much had gotten the message across that she knew of better ways to spend our days together than me playing in the dirt and her sitting in the hot sun.

> Please see **FLEMING, 3B**

## IT'S A MAD WORLD



The NCAA tournament continued on Saturday with the second round of action. Check to see who went one step beyond with a ticket to the Sweet 16 and who's already thinking of next year.

— **TOURNEY ROUNDUP, 5B**

### PREP WRESTLING: ALL-AREA TEAM



Murray County's Jake McConathy entered his senior season with a few goals he didn't want to leave unaccomplished. And after winning the 285-pound weight class at the Area 7-4A traditional tournament, McConathy thought winning state wouldn't be as tough a task as he had imagined. But it took shaking off a fifth-place showing at the Class 4A West sectional in the week between area and state for McConathy to finish his career in the grand fashion he'd planned.

# Finishing touch

## McConathy goes out on top

By **MARTY KIRKLAND**  
martykirkland@daltoncitizen.com

Jacob McConathy spent the first two years of his high school wrestling career at Murray County having Ryan Newton as a drilling partner each day at practice, where he endured the physically punishing style that Newton — a heavyweight two years his senior — brought to the mat.

After a freshman stint at 189 pounds and a sophomore season at 215, McConathy spent the final two seasons at 285 himself and turned to smaller, quicker teammates for his preparation.

It was a happy accident that turned McConathy into an uncommon high school heavyweight: Quick enough to shoot an outside single leg or stand up and score the escape from bottom position, strong enough to work upper body moves and handle a plodding foe from his feet — not to mention skilled enough to turn just about any opponent from top, where his technique was strongest and his confidence highest.

That ability to adapt paid off in a 51-7 senior season that ended his Murray County career

in a fashion few high school wrestlers have the chance to enjoy — with him standing on the top step of the state medal stand.

"Whenever I sit around and think about it, it feels great," McConathy said. "Not that many people have done it. There's only 10 people in school history that did it and it felt great being that 10th person."

For his accomplishments, McConathy has been selected as *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Wrestler of the Year.

In addition to his state crown and an Area 7-4A title, McConathy finished second at the

> Please see **ALL-AREA, 2B**

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 E. Gutierrez 103 D	 J. White 112 D	 C. Washington 119 D	 H. Torres 125 D	 R. Torres 130 D	 D. Lane 135	 K. Michael 140 N
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### Honorable Mention

Dalton — Henson Toland (189); Murray County — Josh Webb (103), Brian McMillan (160), D.J. Winters (215); Northwest Whitfield — Russell Royal (112), David Lewis (135), Garrett Henderson (160), Adam Selby (215), Adam Wilkins (285); Southeast — Nick Didonato (135), Andy Pichardo (140), Tanner Phipps (152), Cristian Perez (215).

# All-Area: Dalton leads way with seven selections to lineup

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Brett Warren Invitational and was third at the Carpet Classic and McCallie Invitational. A four-year starter for the Indians who also took second at the Area 5-5A traditional as a junior and was a match shy of placing at state that season, McConathy finished his career with a 151-48 mark and helped lead Murray County to top four finishes at the area traditional tourney each of his four seasons, as well as three top-four finishes at area duals.

This is the second appearance on the All-Area Team by McConathy, who earned honorable mention last season after being chosen for the lineup at 215 pounds as a sophomore in 2007.

With a third-period pin of Upson-Lee's Logan Winkles at the Class 4A state traditional tournament in February, McConathy joined Murray County state champions David Brown (167 pounds, 1976), Chris Thornbury (185, '85), Todd Granger (103, '93), David Eaton (119, '94), Jeff Johnson (145, '94), Stacy Mosteller (160, '94), Daniel Flood (160, '96), Danny McCullough (112, '98), (130, '99) and Jeremy Norman (140, 2004).

The big victory came days after what he called "a horrible week-end" at the Class 4A West sectional. There, after the high of winning his first area title another week earlier at the 7-4A traditional, McConathy lost twice to finish fifth — good enough to advance to state, but enough to make him wonder about his chances of reaching his preseason goal of winning a state title.

"I lost two matches. I knew I shouldn't have lost," McConathy said. "I knew the only way I was going to do better was to practice — and practice harder and make sure I didn't make the mistakes I made the week before at state."

That sense of determination was noticed by Murray County 171-pounder David Thornbury, one of the lighter, quicker drilling partners whom McConathy said had made some of his heavyweight matches feel like they happened in slow motion by comparison.

"I almost thought he was a little shaken," Thornbury said. "Because Jake came into practice and practiced real hard. And he wasn't as cocky-sounding as I had seen him over the year. He was just more focused, much more focused than he was before sectional."

McConathy breezed to pins in his first two matches at state, then won 5-2 in double overtime in the semifinals against McIntosh's Sean Carney, who had dealt him one of his losses at the sectional tourney. With that win, a physical match in which McConathy believed his mental toughness made the difference, he turned loose any doubt about winning the title.

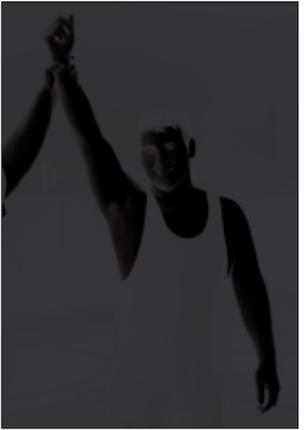
"I worked until he quit working," he said. "At the end, he just kind of gave up."

McConathy's career was one of steady progress. The goals left unturned one year were usually accomplished the next. At the very least, they were approached, and he never got so discouraged by a setback that it had long-term ill effects.

Chris Thornbury, the school's second state champ who has led the program since the 1991-92 season, saw the difference that made throughout McConathy's time with the Indians.

"Wrestling's never going to be perfect," the coach said. "But the best thing Jake did was took adversity and made that work for him." And he also made it work for the Indians, who benefited from the consistency and dependability of McConathy both on and off the mat, coach Thornbury said. His matches were almost always automatic check-offs in the win column, while his effort in the practice room was an example that could be pointed to by coaches.

"I remember before the state finals, the guy he was wrestling was undefeated and everybody was telling Jake stuff, giving him advice," Thornbury said. "He was sitting down behind me and all the Upson-Lee people were in front of me. The only thing I said to him was, 'You're about an hour and a half, you're going to get break all these



people's hearts. I feel real good about it." I think the fact we had confidence in him made all the difference."

And the confidence flowed both ways between McConathy and the Indians.

"When you've got a good heavyweight," Thornbury added, "and you can count on that guy to win, it's really good for the whole team."

With his state finals match tied 4-4 in the third period, McConathy was determined to avoid overtime. After several tries, he took down Winkles straight to his back, earning five points in one quick sequence and a position on the mat and scoreboard he simply had to hang on to.

His pin with a second remaining on the clock was just an exclamation mark to his Murray County career.

"The whole time leading up to it, I was like 'Yeah, I'm not going to get all excited,'" McConathy said. "And then when it happened, I was excited."

McConathy is joined in the lineup of this year's All-Area Wrestling Team by teammates Dalton Lane (135), Kolby Youell (152), David Thornbury (171) and Zac Dills (189).

Leading the way with seven selections to the team were the Dalton Catamounts, who turned in a banner year in coach Charles Mitchell's third season by winning the Area 7-4A duals and traditional tournament titles, finishing second at the Class 4A state duals and tying for fourth at the Class 4A state traditional.

Dalton's Eduardo Gutierrez (103), Jordan White (112), Christian Washington (119), Henry Torres (125), Reinaldo Torres (130), Taylor Duckworth (160) and Dean Menchaca (215) marked the largest number of Cats to earn All-Area honors this season. Kenny Michael (140) and Josh Lewis (145) represent Northwest Whitfield on the team, which was selected through a combination of nominations and input from the coaches at Dalton, Murray County, Northwest and Southeast, as well as *The Daily Citizen's* sports staff.

Here's a look at the rest of this year's team:

■ **103 pounds — Eduardo Gutierrez, Dalton:** Better known to teammates as "Spike," the beginning link in the Catamounts' string of dynamic lightweights was often as sharp as the hairstyle that earned him his nickname. A senior, he should be able to look back on the final year of his high school career with plenty of pride after putting together a 62-13 campaign that included a title at the Burnt Mountain Classic, third-place finishes at Dalton's own Carpet Classic, the Bradley Invitational and the Area 7-4A traditional, as well as a fourth-place finish at the Class 4A West sectional before capping his career by taking third at the Class 4A state traditional. He was also undefeated against all local foes and went 4-0 at state duals. This is his first appearance on *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Team for Gutierrez, who earned honorable mention as a sophomore.

■ **112 pounds — Jordan White, Dalton:** Perhaps no one could appreciate the transformation of Dalton wrestling in the past three seasons under Mitchell like White, who in

2005-06 endured a lean freshman season — team-wise, anyway — as the only Cat to qualify for state. And he was as big a part as anyone in this season's success, compiling a 77-10 record — one highlight was a 9-0 showing at the South Paulding Duals — and first-place finishes at the Carpet Classic, War Eagle Classic, Last Man Standing Invitational and a third-place showing at the Burnt Mountain Classic. In the postseason, he was second in Area 7-4A, third at the Class 4A West sectional and fourth at state. A four-time state qualifier who was fifth as a sophomore, White finished his Dalton days with 208 wins and made four appearances on the All-Area Team — and he's the only wrestler in this year's lineup with that distinction.

■ **119 pounds — Christian Washington, Dalton:** After making his mark as a sophomore as Dalton's dynamic 103-pounder, Washington stepped to a two-weight class bump without too much trouble, retaining the flexibility and quickness that made him difficult for opponents and adding some strength to his skill set. While wrestling in one of the more talent-packed weight classes in the state this season, Washington went 57-22 while going undefeated against local foes, won the Burnt Mountain Classic, finished second at the War Eagle Classic and Last Man Standing Invitational and was sixth at the Bradley Invitational. In the postseason, he took third at the Area 7-4A traditional and finished sixth at the 4A West sectional. It's the second consecutive appearance on the All-Area Team for Washington.

■ **125 pounds — Henry Torres, Dalton:** Yet another lightweight at the forefront of the Cats' push to the front of the pack, the junior delivered the clinching victories in both the semifinals and finals of Dalton's run to the Area 7-4A duals title and essentially did the same with his tech-fall win in the finals at the Area 7-4A traditional. He won big matches for his team, but also shined as an individual, going 78-6 — the most wins among local wrestlers this season — and winning the War Eagle Classic and Last Man Standing Invitational while earning runner-up honors at the Carpet Classic, Bradley Invitational and Burnt Mountain Classic. Undefeated against local opponents, he also earned Most Outstanding Lightweight honors while going 9-0 at the Smoky Mountain Duals, was 9-0 at the South Paulding Duals and won the 4A West sectional crown before taking fourth at state, where he suffered a one-point loss in the consolation final. This is the second All-Area appearance for Torres, who made the lineup as a freshman and earned honorable mention in 2008.

■ **130 pounds — Reinaldo Torres, Dalton:** While Dalton is losing some of its most valuable contributors to graduation, the emergence of young Cats like this one should be fair warning there's no room for area teams to relax. A freshman who churned out 63 wins in 84 matches — think that experience level won't be handy down the road? — Torres was the final link in what seemed like a safe bet for five automatic wins for Dalton at the lower weights. He won the Burnt Mountain Classic, was second at the Last Man Standing Invitational, third at the Bradley Invitational and sixth at the War Eagle Classic. He was 9-0 at the South Paulding Duals, third at the Area 7-4A traditional and fifth at the 4A West

sectional to earn an invite to state, where he won a match before being eliminated. This is his first All-Area appearance, though it certainly may not be the last if he maintains the trajectory set by his debut varsity season.

■ **135 pounds — Dalton Lane, Murray County:** Like Dalton's Washington, Lane had to adjust to a move up the weight-class ladder, but it didn't seem to be a problem for him, either — certainly not based on his 42-8 showing as a sophomore who had the victory mark cornered among local wrestlers at his weight. Lane had already turned heads with an impressive freshman campaign that earned him All-Area honorable mention, and it's hard to believe the young takedown artist won't do some truly outstanding things with his upper-classman days with the Indians yet to begin. As for what he has done already, in 2008-09, Lane took second at the Carpet Classic, third at the Brett Warren Invitational, second at the Area 7-4A traditional — he suffered a 2-1 loss in the finals to eventual state champ Immanuel Kern-Brown of Rome — first at the 4A West sectional and third at state, where he had to win four matches in the wrestlebacks to earn his title. This is his first All-Area appearance.

■ **140 pounds — Kenny Michael, Northwest Whitfield:** Pointing to the example set by older teammates is the past, like older brother Rich and former drilling partner Rafael Romero, Michael made his senior season one of leadership of the highest regard by learning to speak up and keeping up the do-as-I-do model that made him a student-athlete Bruins coach Allen Tucker was always proud to have in the program. And he flat-out wrestled well, too, going 56-11 while finishing second at Dobyns-Bennett's Indian Classic and the McCallie Invitational — he was the only local wrestler to make the finals there — third at the Habersham Slam and first at both the Area 7-4A traditional and 4A West sectional. As part of a core group of middleweights who drove the Bruins' success — which this season included claiming the Conasauga Cup for the first time in 10 years — Michael's name will not be missed in Tunnel Hill. This is the second consecutive All-Area appearance for Michael, who earned honorable mention as a sophomore.

■ **145 pounds — Josh Lewis, Northwest Whitfield:** Since bursting onto the local prep wrestling scene by serving as an emergency fill-in — two weight classes up, by the way — as a freshman at the 2007 Area 7-4A traditional and making it to the finals, no one's had any reason not to expect big things out of Lewis every time he steps on the mat. He lived up to that potential again as a junior, going 54-13 while taking third at the Habersham Slam, fourth at Dobyns-Bennett's Indian Classic, second at the 7-4A traditional and 4A West sectional and third at state after losing by two points in the semifinals. Like Michael, Lewis served as a member of one of the most dependable sections of the lineup up for Northwest, which finished third at the area traditional tourney and claimed a top 15 finish at state. After two honorable mentions, this is the first All-Area appearance for Lewis, who should be among the area's best bets for a state title in 2010.

■ **152 pounds — Kolby Youell, Murray County:** After spending a season at Southeast, Youell bounced back to the Indians — a Murray County feeder program product, he wrestled in Chatsworth as a freshman — for his junior campaign. And they were glad to have him, said Murray County coach Chris Thornbury, who credited Youell with being willing to do whatever was best for the team by being flexible in where he served in the lineup. That gave Murray County more options in the duals format and made them especially tough at the top half of the weight classes. He finished with a 34-16 mark, claimed head-to-head wins against all local opponents, was fourth at the Brett Warren Invitational, won a pair of matches at the McCallie Invitational and was a win short of wrestling for a medal at the 7-4A traditional. Youell's leadership will no doubt be important again next season as part of what looks to be a very promising senior class for the Indians. This is his first All-Area appearance.

■ **160 pounds — Taylor Duckworth, Dalton:** While Dalton's lightweights got plenty of well-deserved attention this season, Duckworth's determination to push himself to a higher level of competition

as a senior provided balance to the lineup and kept teams on their toes at the heavier weights. With a dangerous bag of tricks from the top position, a feat for the dramatic — his last-second pin of Cass' Matt Parker in the finals earned "Best Match" honors at the Area 7-4A traditional — and amazing mat and clock sense, Duckworth went from good to great in his final high school campaign. He racked up an eye-popping 77-9 record, finished first at the War Eagle Classic, Last Man Standing Invitational and Burnt Mountain Classic, and took second at the Carpet Classic and Bradley Invitational. In addition to his area title run, he was sixth at the 4A West sectional despite having to default due to injury, then finished third at state despite having to fight almost the whole way through the wrestlebacks after a second-round loss. This is the first All-Area nod for Duckworth, a two-time honorable mention.

■ **171 pounds — David Thornbury, Murray County:** After making occasional appearances in a tough-to-crack varsity lineup during the 2007-08 season — bumped all the way up to 215 for the 2008 Murray Invitational, he took second — Thornbury's junior year gave him an opportunity to play a much bigger part in the Indians' success. A smart wrestler who took pride in his fitness and combined the two skills to win many a match in the third period, he went 45-12, knocked off all of his local foes and was the area's only 171-pounder to advance to state after finishing second at the 7-4A traditional, where he helped the Indians to their runner-up finish — the program's best showing in 10 years at an area traditional. In other individual honors, he also won a title at the Brett Warren Invitational, was third at the Carpet Classic, earned three victories at the McCallie Invitational and was fourth at the 4A West sectional to earn his first invite to the state traditional. This is also the first All-Area appearance for Thornbury, who earned honorable mention as a sophomore.

■ **189 pounds — Zac Dills, Murray County:** Yet another strong link in Murray County's chain of talented wrestlers at the heavy end of the lineup, Dills put together a solid season despite missing a portion of the middle schedule and having to recover from a nasty ankle injury suffered at the Area 7-4A duals. A good athlete who has also played big roles for the Indians on the football field, Dills went 28-12 as a junior and took third at the 7-4A traditional after bouncing back from a second-round loss. A week later, he finished sixth at the 4A West sectional to advance to the state traditional, where he picked up a victory in the wrestlebacks to score points toward the Indians' 11th-place finish in the team standings. Like Youell, Thornbury and 215-pounder D.C. A. Winters, who earned honorable mention this season, his first on the wrestling mat — Dills is one reason the Indians are likely to be optimistic about next season. This is the first appearance on the All-Area Team for Dills.

■ **215 pounds — Dean Menchaca, Dalton:** Like Duckworth, Menchaca proved to be a counterweight to Dalton's run of light standouts in a notable option. Menchaca could bump up to heavyweight if necessary. Although the senior wasn't always the most polished technician, Menchaca — just a third-year wrestler who was in his second varsity season — kept improving right until the very end and seemed to take some giant steps forward in the final month of the season. And his determination or heart was never in question. Like Mitchell or the Cats, who benefited big-time when Menchaca found the energy to score a takedown against Rome's Clay Wimberly with just eight seconds left in the third period of their match during the Area 7-4A duals championship. Menchaca was fourth at the War Eagle Classic and Burnt Mountain Classic, scored a surprise 7-4A traditional win in a double option, took 6 seed and took sixth at the 4A West sectional, where he was forced to injury default but still advanced to state, where he won a match to help the Cats to their top-four performance. This is his first All-Area appearance.

■ **Honorable Mention: Dalton —** **Henson Todd (189), Murray County —** Josh Webb (103), Brian McMillan (160), D.J. Winters (215), **Northwest —** Russell Royal (112), David Lewis (135), Garrett Henderson (160), Adam Selby (215), Adam Wilkins (285), **Southeast —** Nick Didonato (185), Andy Pichardo (140), Tanner Phipps (152), Christian Perez (215).

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I tried golf as a source of outdoor exercise, but that's enough on that subject. I've sat at a desk in front of a typewriter or computer for the better part of the past four decades, and it has been enjoyable. My activity has been generated through mowing the lawn, walking at a park near our home and beating deadlines. Through the most recent bad-weather winter months my approach to walking grew passive, but I soon began feeling like a 64-year-old man — kind of lousy.

A couple of weeks ago while at work on a Saturday, a coughing spell almost took me to my knees. Breath escaped me. That deep breath you take to regain a sense of lung activity still left me struggling for air.

A week after that, on a Sunday night, sleep was impossible, each breath labored. A weight, similar to what an anvil probably feels like, pressed against my chest. I called my family doctor early the next morning and made an appointment for 4 p.m. Once in the examination room, a nurse did an electrocardiogram. Just minutes later, the doctor walked into the room, looked at the printout, compared it to one from 2007 and by 4:15 I was being ushered to the adjoining hospital in a wheelchair and admitted a few minutes later.

As exhausted as I was many years earlier when the decision smacked me in the face that my softball playing days were over, the fatigue caused by fluid buildup in my lungs was many times worse. And much more frightening. You've heard of nitroglycerin tablets. I was taking them every five minutes for a period of time that first night in the hospital.

My thoughts drifted to Dalton baseball coach Bobby Brotherton — a long-time friend — because he's dealt with heart problems over the last few years.

Most of the third day of hospitalization was spent being shuttled to another facility about five miles away and undergoing an arteriogram, and that means they shove something akin to a garden hose up your groin and into the heart and look around for blocked arteries. They found some of that but my main culprit was a weak heart muscle that caused the leakage of fluid into my lungs.

Dismissal from the hospital — with a handful of prescriptions in my pocket — came on a Thursday evening. An informational sheet handed to me by nurses warned that I should instigate a regimen of low-sodium foods and one quickly realizes that means cutting out all the good stuff. My wife, who is a wonderful cook, put two of the most bland meals on our table that weekend every created in an American kitchen.

We're determined to remedy the cuisine catastrophe.

The plan, hopefully, will not only lead to healthier eating but also be cost-effective.

Almost everything we've purchased and enjoyed in the past was loaded with salt so we won't be buying nearly as much food. And going hungry could end up helping shed some pounds.

That's the idea anyway. The bottom line is that I'm still kickin' and the heart is still tickin'.

So, pass the, uh, pepper.

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## Klitschko wins

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Vitali Klitschko stopped Juan Carlos Gomez in the ninth round Saturday night to retain his WBC heavyweight title.

The 37-year-old champion twice put down the Cuban defector, in the seventh and ninth rounds, before the fight was stopped with 1:11 left in the second round.

## PREP FOOTBALL: DALTON HIGH

# Georgia: Dream for Fields

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Jalen Fields has worn red and white his entire high school career. In 2010, the 6-foot-4, 235-pound defensive end can add black to that color scheme.

On Saturday, Fields, one of the state's most highly sought football recruits, made a verbal commitment to the University of Georgia during the Bulldogs' Junior Day in Athens.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," said Fields, adding that the Bulldogs have been his favorite college football team since the age of 9. "I'm glad to be the first (junior) to commit. It truly is a blessing and it's special to get a scholarship offer from the University of Georgia."

By committing to Georgia, a top-tier program in the Southeastern Conference's rugged East Division, Fields said he is closing the door on other elite programs recruiting him, including Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Ole Miss, Oregon, Michigan State, Tennessee and UCLA.

Not only did Fields say he won't make any other official visits, he will make a concerted effort to avoid college recruiters altogether.

"If I see other schools at spring practice, I'm hiding," he said. "I'll duck behind someone else."

After playing mostly offense as a sophomore, Fields had a breakout season for the Catamounts last season at defensive end. He recorded 78 tackles — most in the area among non-linebackers — and eight sacks and was selected to *The Daily Citizen* All-Area Team.

"He's got a lot of upside and athletic ability," Dalton coach Adam Winegarden said. "No doubt, he has the ability to play at that (top-tier) level."

Fields was already leaning heavily toward Georgia before Saturday's visit. His trip to Athens only reinforced his desire to play for the Bulldogs.

He saw up close what a Georgia



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High defensive end Jalen Fields, left, harrassing South Paulding quarterback Tony Daniel last season, made a verbal commitment Saturday fulfill a lifelong dream and play college football at the University of Georgia, starting in 2010. Fields said he's been a Bulldog fan since he was 9.

spring practice is like and said it's nothing like those conducted at the high school level.

"In high school, you're playing with a bunch of guys you grew up with and played in rec league with," he said. "It's nothing compared to that here (at Georgia). Guys don't even know each other and there were some fights and all, but that happens sometimes on the football field."

Fields said he capitalized on the Junior Day opportunity to network with some of his future teammates, talking with tackles Kianté Tripp, Jeff Owens and cornerback Prince Miller among others. Fields said Tripp offered to show him the ropes once he's in Athens.

After attending practice, Fields

taunted Georgia's athletic facilities, including the dorms where he'll be living, and his day ended with a meeting with coach Mark Richt that included Fields' parents, Patrick Fields and Sandra Sanchez-Fields. It was at that meeting Fields told Richt he was ready to commit to the Bulldogs.

"He was excited, really pumped," Fields said, referring to Richt.

Fields said he talked about his decision to play at Georgia with his parents, who were both supportive of his choice, although his father repeatedly asked if he was sure that's what he wanted to do.

"I've always wanted to (play for Georgia)," Fields said. "It just kind of worked out that way because God set it up."

Fields' next trip to Athens will be

April 11 for the annual "G-Day" game and he plans to soak up just some of the atmosphere he'll start enjoying on a weekly basis in 2010.

With his choice of college out of the way, Fields can use his senior season to focus on his academics — he'll take the Student Aptitude Test on May 2 — and final football season with the Catamounts.

Winegarden said Fields has handled the recruiting process with humility.

"Jalen seems like the old Jalen to me," Winegarden said. "His demeanor hasn't changed. He is working harder in the class room and the weight room. I do know that. I think all of this has really opened his eyes to what he needs to do to play at the next level."

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**LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR****Registration, tryouts**

The Dalton Parks and Recreation Department is registering teams for adult softball leagues in co-ed, men's and women's and morning (12 games, \$400 per team) and church, Wednesday night and Friday night (eight games, \$325). Managers meetings are scheduled for March 23 (men's B, C and C+ at 6 p.m.; women's and co-ed at 7 p.m.) and March 24 (morning at 10 a.m.; Wednesday night, Friday night and church at 7 p.m.). For information, call (706) 278-1037.

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

Whitfield County Parks and Recreation is forming a Dixie Boys baseball league for ages 15-19 and a Dixie Girls softball league for ages 13-18. An organizational meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on March 30 at the Whitfield County Recreation Department. Meeting is open to the public, including middle school and high school coaches. For information, call (706) 226-8341 or write jmanis@whitfieldcounty.ga.com.

The North Georgia Bulldogs, a semi-pro football team based in Calhoun, are still looking for linemen to fill their 50-man roster. The Bulldogs will hold preseason camps in May and open on June 13. Anyone interested in trying out for the positions can write to co-owner Kacee Smith at northgeorgiabulldogs@hotmail.com.

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

**Banquets**

Dalton High's basketball banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 at the school commons at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at the school business office.

**Clinics, camps**

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

The Catamount Ladies Football Clinic is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 7 at Dalton High. The clinic will give an inside look at the program and raise money for the Catamount Care Fund, which will support a

community project such as last year's adoption of a family for Christmas. Instruction will be provided by Dalton coaches and Chuck Harris is the featured motivational speaker. Cost is \$20 and also includes dinner. Call (706) 876-4882 or write adam.winegarden@dalton.k12.ga.us.

Dalton High will hold the Catamount Football Camp for ages 7 through rising eighth graders on June 22-24 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Camp will focus on fundamentals and basic skills and techniques of football, and campers will receive individual attention with encouragement to improve their game, sportsmanship and football knowledge.

Motivational speakers, competitions and awards will also be part of the camp. Cost is \$50; campers will receive a T-shirt and camp picture. Registration will be available the day of camp. Contact Chad Jordan at (706) 217-5577 or chad.jordan@dalton.k12.ga.us.

Ten Star All-Star Basketball is accepting applications for its invitation-only summer camp for boys and girls ages 10-19. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison, and players from all 50 states plus 11 foreign countries attended last year's camp. Camp locations include Gainesville, Ga. and Lebanon, Tenn., as well as other sites. A camp for ages 9-18 of all skill levels is also available. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 before April 15.

**Tournaments**

USFA girls fastpitch tournaments are scheduled for March 22 at Heritage Point in Dalton; March 28-29 at Warner Park in Chattanooga; April 4-5 at Cleveland (Tenn.) Industrial Park; and April 11 at Heritage Point. All teams from 8-to-18-under are invited. Contact Gary Headrick at Gary\_Headrick2001@yahoo.com or (706) 483-1346.

The Northwest Whitfield District Club will host a fundraiser golf tournament with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on April 19 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ricky Darnell at (706) 217-9338 or Kip Allen at (706) 260-9644.

**Add your news**

If you have a tournament, registration, camp, meeting or other local sports event you'd like to have listed, we're happy to include it in our sports calendar. E-mail the details to larryflaming@daltoncitizen.com or send a fax to (706) 275-6641.

**TENNIS****Nadal to play Murray for BNP Paribas title**

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Rafael Nadal edged Andy Roddick 6-4, 7-6 (4) Saturday to move into the BNP Paribas final.

No. 1 Nadal, constantly powering his forehand into the corner to Roddick's backhand, ended several long rallies by passing Roddick with a shot down the line when the American came to the net.

Nadal, the 2007 Indian Wells champion, improved to 5-2 against the seventh-ranked Roddick.

The 22-year-old Spaniard at today will play Andy Murray, who beat Roger Federer 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 for his fourth straight victory over the former world No. 1.

Nadal finished with 17 forehand winners to Roddick's four. Nadal also was effective when he went to the net, winning 11 of 15 points to Roddick's 10 of 27. Roddick still had a chance for an Indian Wells championship; shortly after his loss to Nadal, he joined Mardy Fish to play for the men's doubles title against Max Mirnyi and Andy Ram.

No. 4 Murray, a 21-year-old Scot who's off to a 20-1 start this year, has won six of eight matches overall against No. 2 Federer.

The 27-year-old Federer, whose four-year stint at No. 1 ended last year, made some outstanding shots against Murray, and some awful ones. Inconsistency remains his problem as he tries to fight his way back to the top.

The Swiss star made a whopping 32 unforced errors, including several by clanging what were routine shots off the frame of his racket. Murray, by contrast, was a model of consistency, scrambling back and forth to keep the ball in play and making just 15 unforced errors.

After Federer came back to win the second set, Murray broke service in the fourth game of the third to take control. Murray had a scary moment in that game when his feet slipped out from under him and he did the splits while trying to stop, turn and get to a shot behind him. He yelled in pain, but got up off the court a few seconds later and obviously wasn't hampered — he won the next three points.

"I was worried for him, went down badly, screamed," Federer said. "I was happy to see that he got back up."

Vera Zvonareva will face Anna Ivanovic for the title today.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENTS****ASU defense stymies UGA****BY CHARLES ODUM**

Associated Press Writer

DULUTH — Georgia had the home fans and another advantage: Arizona State was missing its point guard.

The equalizer was Arizona State's defense. Arizona State held Georgia to 20 first-half points to beat the Lady Bulldogs, 58-47, in the NCAA tournament's opening round Saturday.

"I thought we played tremendous defense," said Arizona State coach Charlie Turner Thorne, who added her team's game plan was to take away Georgia's inside game. Georgia center Angel Robinson had nine points and nine rebounds. Arizona State took a 34-27 advantage in rebounds.

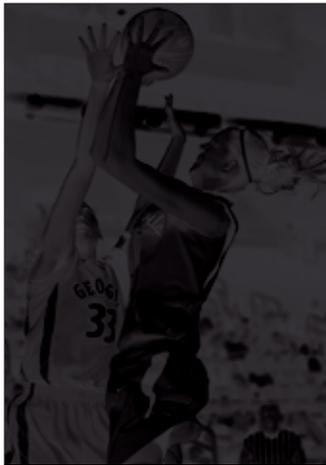
The sixth-seeded Sun Devils entered the tournament on a two-game losing streak after point guard Dymond

Simon tore a ligament in her left knee. Arizona State won easily, despite fill-in starter Kate Engelbrecht scoring only three points.

Arizona State (24-8) led 27-20 at halftime and stretched the lead to 16 at 44-28. Christy Marshall scored for No. 11 seed Georgia (18-14) with 4:45 remaining to cut the lead to 48-41. Kayli Murphy, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds, scored Arizona State's next three baskets to push the lead back to double digits.

Angela Puleo and Porsha Phillips each had nine points for Georgia, but coach Andy Landers was disappointed with his team's effort.

"This is about being competitive," Landers said. "This is about laying your ears back and bringing the fight to the big show. That's where my disappointment is."



AP PHOTO  
Arizona State's Becca Tobin (32) shoots over Georgia's Angel Robinson (33) during their first-round game in the NCAA tournament on Saturday. Arizona State won 58-47.

**Heels rock LSU****THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Ty Lawson got back just in time for North Carolina, saving the top-seeded Tar Heels from a stunning NCAA tournament loss in their home state.

Lawson scored 21 of his 23 points after halftime, and his three-point play sparked the decisive second-half run as North Carolina held off LSU 84-70 in the South Regional on Saturday.

Wayne Ellington scored 23 points to lead the Tar Heels (30-4), who ran off 11 straight points in a tie game to take control and move on to next week's regional semifinals in Memphis, Tenn. North Carolina will face the winner of the Gonzaga-Western Kentucky game.

Marcus Thornton scored 25 points to lead the eighth-seeded Tigers (27-8), who gave the Tar Heels everything they could handle. But in the end, North Carolina — a veteran team trying to return to the Final Four — had just enough to hang on.

Lawson had missed the past three games after he jammed his right toe in practice two days before the regular-season finale against Duke. Coach Roy Williams had said the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year had to get through practice Friday, experience no swelling later that night and get through pregame warmups to play.

It was apparent early on that the speedy junior was not 100 percent, but the longer the game went on, the better he got.

With the Tar Heels leading 64-63, Lawson split two defenders after a turnover and drew a foul while lobbing a shot to the rim. The ball hung there for a moment before dropping through, a three-point play that put North Carolina ahead 67-63.

Danny Green followed with a 3-point jumper and Lawson made another eye-popping move. This time, he lost Bo Spencer with a quick crossover dribble, drove into the paint and hit a double-pump hanging layup over the outstretched arm of 6-foot-11 Chris Johnson to push the lead to nine.

Tyler Hansbrough followed with a jumper to make it 74-63 with 4:45 left, a comfortable margin the Tar Heels would not relinquish.

■ **Oklahoma 73, Michigan 63:** At Kansas City, Mo., Blake Griffin finished with 33 points and 14 rebounds to power Oklahoma past Michigan in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Sooners (29-5), the top seed in the South Region, advanced to play the Syracuse-Arizona State winner in next week's regional semifinals in Memphis, Tenn.

DeShawn Sims and reserve Anthony Wright had 14 points each for 10th-seeded Michigan (21-14).

■ **Gonzaga 83, Western Kentucky 81:** At Portland, Ore., freshman Demetri Goodson streaked the length of the court and made a short, running bank shot with 0.9 seconds left, lifting fourth-seeded Gonzaga over Western Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Gonzaga (28-5) advanced to the South Region semifinals to play top-seeded North Carolina on Friday in Memphis, Tenn. The Tar Heels defeated LSU 84-70.

Stephfon Pettigrew hit a tip-in for the 12th-seeded Hilltoppers (25-9) that tied it at 81 with 7.2 seconds left. But Goodson took the inbounds pass and went straight to the basket, hitting



AP PHOTO  
North Carolina point guard Ty Lawson, left, drives past LSU's Marcus Thornton during their second-round NCAA tournament game Saturday in Greensboro, N.C. The Tar Heels won, 84-70.

from close on the left side.

Western Kentucky, which made a surprise run to the regional semifinals last year, was led by Orlando Mendez Valdez with 25 points.

**West Regional**

■ **Memphis 89, Maryland 70:** At Kansas City, Mo., Tyreke Evans scored 19 points and the Tigers shot a sizzling 70 percent in the first half, awakening from their first-round slumber to beat the Terps.

Robert Sallie came off the bench and kept up his 3-point onslaught by hitting his first three, making him 13-for-19 for the tourney. He finished with 13 points.

The second-seeded Tigers (33-3) knocked the Terps (21-14) on the ropes with a 9-0 run in the opening minutes and led by as many as 23 while mounting a 53-35 halftime lead. Shawn Tiggard had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Greivis Vasquez had 18 points to lead Maryland.

■ **Connecticut 92, Texas A&M 66:** At Philadelphia, Pa., Price scored 27 points. Jeff Adrien had 23 and UConn dominated Texas A&M from the opening tip with Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun back on the bench.

After getting treatment for dehydration and missing Connecticut's first-round game, Calhoun came back and never had to worry. The Huskies scored the first 10 points and kept pulling away.

Stanley Robinson had 12 points for the top-seeded Huskies (29-4), who will play the Washington-Purdue winner in the West Region semifinals in Glendale, Ariz.

Bryan Davis and Donald Sloan led overmatched Texas A&M with 12 points. The No. 9 seed Aggies (24-10) were knocked out by the top seed in the second round for the second straight year.

■ **Purdue 76, Washington 74:** At Portland, Ore., JaJuan Johnson scored 22 points and had two huge blocks in the final minute as fifth-seeded Purdue held off a frantic charge to beat fourth-seeded Washington to advance to its first regional semifinals since 2000.

E'Twan Moore scored 14 points and made the clinching free throws with 5.5 seconds remaining. The Boiler-makers (27-9), the Big Ten tournament champions, led the entire game, but nearly blew a 14-point lead.

Isaiah Thomas scored 24 points, Quincy Pondexter had 20 with 10 rebounds and Jon Brockman added 20 points with 18 rebounds for Washington (26-9), the regular-season champion of the Pac-10.

**East Regional**

■ **Villanova 89, UCLA 69:** At Philadelphia, Dante Cunningham scored 18 points, helping Villanova reach the round of 16 for the fourth time in five years with an impressive victory over UCLA.

Corey Fisher and Reggie Redding each had 13 points for the third-seeded Wildcats (28-7), who advanced to the round of 16 in the East Region. Josh Shipp led UCLA with 18 points and Darren Collison had 15.

■ **Duke 74, Texas 69:** At Greensboro, N.C., Cande Henderson scored 24 points and hit three free throws in the final minute to help Duke beat Texas.

Kyle Singler added 17 points and Jon Scheeyer added 13 for the second-seeded Blue Devils (30-6). They will face Villanova on Thursday.

A.J. Abrams scored 17 points for the Longhorns (23-12), who rallied from a late 10-point deficit to tie it twice in the final 2 minutes.

Nolan Smith hit two free throws with 47 seconds left to put Duke up in the second round for the second straight year.

## COLUMN

## The gift of a family

Cathi Rogers is off this week. This column of hers first ran in September, 2004:

Her eyes were blue like the color of the summer sky; her baby-fine hair looked like spun gold. She caught my eye from across the crowded room. I offered a smile and she smiled back. I made a motion inviting her to come to me and to my surprise



Mary Catherine Rogers

to every one's surprise — came right to me and planted her tiny self upon my lap. She couldn't have been more than 4 years old.

This was the second time I had seen her. The first time was at her great-grandmother's (my aunt's) funeral. Sadly, here we were just over a year later at the funeral of another relative. Such awkward circumstances uniting two stranger-relatives

The sparks I saw in those mesmerizing eyes filled me with joy. There something very familiar that reached out to me, something from far within spanning many memories, many years. In an instance time seemed to stand still as memories flooded my mind. I saw in her generations that had passed. I saw my own children, children who have long since emerged from childhood into the world of grow-ups where they are too big to fit onto my lap, but the perfect size to be carried within my heart.

I saw in her eyes, her grandfather hidden in the blue mystery of who she was. When I was her age I remember his eyes seemed so wise. I was sure he'd hung the moon. I looked into her eyes and saw the eyes of her great-grandmother, my graceful aunt. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Now I held her great-granddaughter, there was a connection with us that surpassed words. Perhaps she saw in me a resemblance and took comfort in that.

They say the eyes are the window to the soul. It must be so, for those blue eyes were piercing as they looked into mine. Perhaps she saw from her young eyes, that which we as adults miss sometimes when life becomes overwhelming and wears us down. I think she saw past any façade of who I might have wanted the world to see and truly saw the real me.

For the longest time we held on tightly to each other. Of course, she knew that I was not her great-grandmother, who she was missing greatly, but I think she saw enough of resemblance that it made her long to reach out and hold on to me.

I recall thinking what an awesome gift it is to have family. Genetics, DNA, an extraordinary mystery of life that connects us to people who mirror us. Families aren't perfect, they're just near-sighted enough to never see all of our faults, and to love us in spite of the ones they do see.

Family gives us our starting point in life.

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## Grow a vegetable garden

By JOE LAMP'L

Scrrips Howard News Service

Food gardening is the hottest trend in home gardening today. According to a recent survey by the National Gardening Association, 7 million more people will start a food garden this year, up 19 percent over 2008. Obviously, the economy has a lot of us looking for ways to reduce our grocery bills, and growing your own can save big money compared with store prices. In addition, we want to know that the food we're putting in our bodies is as healthy as possible. And the best part is, homegrown food simply tastes better than anything you can buy at the store.

A home vegetable garden is easy to start and doesn't require as much effort as one might think to keep it growing strong. Following a few simple steps will ensure you're enjoying the fruits of your labor in no time.

**Here's what you need to know:**

**Location is key:** Most vegetable plants do best in full sun. Find a location that gets at least six hours of it each day. To provide the most sun exposure to all your plants, place the tallest ones, such as corn, indeterminate tomatoes or pole beans on the north or west side of the garden so they do not shade the smaller plants.

**It's all about the soil:** The best soil suitable for vegetables includes lots of organic matter, such as composted leaves and ground or shredded aged bark. Whatever you're starting will incorporate enough organic material so that the amended soil is neither sandy nor compacted. When the mix is right, it will bind together when you squeeze it but break apart easily when disturbed.

**Water wisely:** One inch of water per week, including any natural rainfall, is adequate. Use soaker hoses and drip lines. These deliver water slowly and on target, allowing time for the soil to saturate and for the roots to absorb the moisture. Automatic timers are a great way to take the effort and worry out of this all-important step.

**Use mulch:** Add a 3-inch layer of organic mulch around your plants and over the irrigation lines. Mulch will insulate the soil, help retain moisture, suppress weeds and acts as a protective barrier from diseases splashing up onto the plants from the soil.

**Use patience with pest control:** Although pest insects are a given at some point in any vegetable garden, by exercising patience, nature will usually take care of the problem. Surprisingly, of all the insects in your garden only about 3 percent are actually harmful pests. Practice the steps mentioned so far, and you've already taken adequate measures to promote the growth of healthy plants, which are better able to stand up to potential pest invasions.

If you must resort to insecticides, apply them responsibly! That means only late in the day — or in the evening — only on the affected plants and then only when necessary. Never



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## Weed-n-feed — dangerous for ornamentals

By YVONNE SWANSON

St. Petersburg Times

A lot of homeowners think they're getting more bang for the buck by using a "weed-n-feed" lawn-care product that combines herbicide with fertilizer. Experts caution against their use, especially if ornamental trees and shrubs are nearby. The chemicals in these products can cause severe injury — even death — if they're absorbed by the roots of ornamentals, which often extend well into lawn areas. Instead, spot-treat weeds and use a slow-release organic or semi-organic fertilizer to promote healthy soil.

**Heirlooms by the thousands**

Many retail garden centers sell packets of heirloom vegetables and flowers, but you'll find the world's largest selection at Seed Savers Exchange. This nonprofit internet and mail-order supplier stocks thousands of seeds and starter plants that have been cultivated through generations. Visit [seedsavers.org](http://seedsavers.org) to order online, plus learn how to harvest and store your own seeds. Write: Seed Savers Exchange, 3094 N. Winn Road, Decorah, Iowa 52101, or call 563-382-5990.

apply pesticides in the morning when pollinators and beneficial insects are most active since you'll likely kill them as well. Rather than using chemicals in a food garden, focus on growing healthy plants with great soil and sunny conditions and let nature take its course. Synthetic and even many organic/natural pesticides are non-selective, meaning they will kill beneficial insects, too.

**Don't overfertilize:** Too much fer-

**Alert for avocado-tree owners**

If you have an avocado tree, be on the lookout for a new pest, the redbay ambrosia beetle. This nasty critter from Asia bores into the wood of avocado trees, leaving fungal spores that multiply, prevent water and nutrient flow, and can kill the tree. Although all cultivars are susceptible, Reed, Coquette, Catalina, Florida Hass, Winter Mexican, Hass and Hall are more resistant than others, and younger trees fare better than mature ones, according to a University of Florida study. There is no effective treatment yet. If your tree develops small bore holes with bits of sawdust, dark staining under the bark, wilting of leaves and stems or leaf drop, contact your county extension office for the latest guidance from state officials.

**Save on garden supplies**

Before you shop at garden suppliers such as Burpee Co., Home Depot, Gardener's Supply Co. or Thompson and Morgan Seeds, check out [RetailMeNot.com](http://RetailMeNot.com). This discount coupon service provides coupon and promotion codes that can be used when ordering items online. By entering the codes, you'll get discount prices or extras, such as free shipping. It's easy to search the site for specific items, including seeds, plants, garden tools, outdoor furnishings and more.

If you put into practice what I've suggested, you'll get your garden off to the right start and set it up for a more enjoyable growing season. Preparation is key, with the reward being a healthier, more productive garden and fresh food that tastes great. What could be better than that?

**Joe Lamp'l, host of "GardenSMART" on PBS, is a Master Gardener and author.**

## DHS band member's place in history remembered

Our ages of communications ramble on through the "T's" such as Telephones, Telegrams, Televisions and the forerunner of them all, human Tongues. O dilly enough, the thought of a newer identification briefly struck my mind a while back. How about lowering the alphabetic "T" a couple of octaves, so to speak, to a couple of "V's" to cover the words "Vocal Vibrations"?



Mark Pace

So much for the foolishness. Now for the topic's purpose: On a recent visit to Charles E. Bowen and his wife, Irene, our subject was about their son, Charles E. Jr., of Acworth, now a department chairman in Kennasaw State University's College of Education. During our conversation, the telephone rang. It was Charles Jr., calling his parents at home, almost as if vocal vibrations from afar reached his ears and he sought entry into our conversation about him.

So, about Charles, presidential inaugurations, local bands, and the outstanding memories mentally retained by their members. This



Charles E. Bowen Jr., at age 15, when as a DHS student bandman in Washington, D.C., he shook hands with Vice President Hubert Humphrey. One news writer declared that for Bowen, "it was his day in history."

community's high school bands at Dalton, Northwest and Southeast have reached various pinnacles over the years of their performances. The participants have excelled, and to many of them are certain cherished memories beyond their customary on-the-playing-field exercises as they marched and played in cadence

their high school's "fight song" and other peppy tunes.

An all-time high in memories could be claimed for 44 years by Charles Bowen Jr., a saxophonist, and his reminiscence of a trip to the nation's capital on an unpleasant winter on Jan. 20, 1965. On that day, the Dalton High School Catamount Band was there, marching and playing at the inauguration of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

It was a cold and snowy day. With temperatures ranging from the low 30s to 38 degrees, the band paraded in a four-hour march before a then-record crowd of 1.5 million spectators. Leading the Dalton band were Orvil Moffitt and Darryl Pilkington. But for Charles Bowen Jr., it was even greater than just the honor of being a marching and band-playing member in a presidential inaugural parade. In a thrilling instance it was as if he had trumped his own ace, and what he held in his own right hand was not from a cold deck of playing cards. Instead, it was a hand of Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Bowen, at age 15, received a surprised welcome that will forever be stored in memory.

As his right hand grasped the right hand of a vice president in a hotel lobby in the nation's capital, he surely felt he had struck a right note, a note you can't get from a saxo-

phone, but only a reality note of glee in the human heart.

Recollections of the 1965 event were revised last Jan. 11 in a half-page photo/feature spread by Kay Powell in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. A six-column headline at the top of the page declared: "It's something you remember all your life." That would sum up the feeling of all Dalton people in Washington for the occasion. Pictured in a Bob Andres photo that accompanied Powell's article were Bowen, Charyl Gosa, Paula Wilkins Drieger and Lee Pence. They were among members of the Dalton band who made the trip.

Powell wrote in her news article, "the City of Dalton pulled together to raise \$6,784 to send 94 band members." She also noted: "For Bowen it was his moment in history."

Powell's article in the Atlanta newspaper was written to give advice to the South Cobb High on what to expect in their Jan. 20 parade march at the inaugural of Barack Obama as president of the United States.

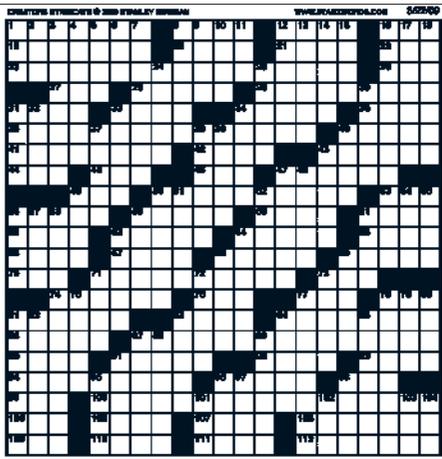
Hopefully, as thrilling for them as it was for DHS's band 44 year ago.

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Somehow we survive those young years of wandering, of trying to separate ourselves from our roots in an effort to be independent. Yet, something always brings us back. As we grow older, family is what centers us and offers us a sense of belonging. Near the end of our life it is what welcomes and comforts us as nothing else can. When it was time for her to go, she didn't want to leave, and I didn't want to let go of her. This was a bittersweet moment. After she'd gone I could still feel the impression of her tiny body within my arms. She had imprinted my heart, not unlike the way one does whenever they've sat in a comfortable, well-worn chair. She had made her mark in a way that only family can do, with imprints upon the heart that carry on for generations. Someday she, too, will be too big to fit into my lap. But when she gazes into the eyes of her family she will see an enchanted gift of heritage and remember that she is greatly loved.

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ANSWERS ON 6C



ROUND-ROBIN EXHIBIT

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Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center and the Lesche Literary Club co-hosted a local artist round-robin exhibit, "The Talents Within Us," recently at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. From left are Glenda Hardin, Joyce Hudson and Patricia Edwards. Ron Johnson is in the background. Shown are various works by Lesche member Karen Johnson including needlepoint, quilting and knitting.



Ask the Fool

Stock Prices and Comic Books

Q Who sets stock prices? —J.G., Elkhart, Ind.
A A company's stock price isn't set by anyone. Rather, one shares have been sold by the company to the public (either via an initial public offering or a secondary offering), they trade fairly freely in the stock market. Think of the collectible comic book market. A comic book's value is what people will pay for it. If demand rises or falls, so does the price. That's why, if there's bad news about a company, its stock will usually soon be worth less and vice versa.

Q What's "market share"? —E.K.K., Farmington, N.M.

A The useful online glossary at www.investorwords.com provides a good definition: "The percentage of the total sales of a given type of product or service that are attributable to a given company." Consider the world of cell phones. According to ABI Research's data for 2008 worldwide, Nokia leads the market with 38.6 percent of phones. Its share is more than double that of its nearest competitor, Samsung, with its share of 16.2 percent. Next are Motorola and LG Electronics, each with 8.3 percent, and Sony Ericsson, at 8 percent. Research in Motion is far behind, at 1.9 percent, followed by Apple, which topped 1 percent. That might look bad for Apple, but remember — it's important to look at growth rates, too. Apple's market share is up a whopping 267 percent over last year. If it keeps growing at even half that rate for a few years, it can quickly catch up. Look at profitability and the sustainability of growth rates, too. Checking out market share can be very useful when researching an industry.



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Fool's School Bear Market? Great!

We're in a bear market — there's no doubt about it. Most investors fear these, but many of us should be hoping for them. That may sound illogical, but if you're plunking money continually in the stock market for the next decade (or two or three), a flat or falling market is a good thing — for now. Supervisor Warren Buffett once explained: "If you expect to be a net saver during the next five years, should you hope for a higher or lower stock market during that period? Many investors get this one wrong... Only those who will be sellers of equities in the near future should be happy at seeing stocks rise. Prospective purchasers should much prefer sinking prices." Over the long run, you're simply better off buying shares of great companies at fair or depressed prices than at higher prices — and bargains abound these days. Why hope to buy General Electric shares

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at \$30 and then \$40 after it rises when you'd do better buying at \$20 and \$10? If you plan to buy milk for the next 25 years, 10 years of falling milk prices would be welcome, right? (Unless you run a dairy.) One of the best ways to tap the power of the stock market is to invest money methodically, adding to your savings with the knowledge that over the long run, the patient investor has usually been rewarded. Too often, people think of the market as a risky get-rich-quick vehicle. The media present a momentary drop in the stock market as unambiguously bad and the possibility of a longer drop as reason to panic. The only ones who should panic are those who need to sell their holdings soon. That's why it's best to invest only money you can leave in the market for five or even 10 years. Of course, we can't change the future, but we might do well to adjust how we think about it. If you're investing over the decades ahead, don't let a depressed market depress you.

My Dumbest Investment

Going for Broke With Brokers I'll take responsibility for this. But now that I know better, I'll never listen to another broker without evaluating the suggestion for myself. Years ago, I bought Nortel Networks at my broker's recommendation around \$60. He finally contacted me when it was at \$6 to ask if I wanted to sell. (It recently fell for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.) About a year ago, I bought Terex for around \$165 — once again, on a broker's recommendation. I ended up losing about 80 percent of my investment. More recently, I bought Citigroup at \$22 — yes, on the recommendation of my broker. This is when I began to get smart. If I'd waited to hear from him next, I'd probably be holding it today. I did my own research and sold at \$24 for a decent gain. That's when I decided I didn't need a broker anymore. — Dave Kaczmarek, Los Angeles

What is This Thing Called The Motley Fool?

Remember Shakespeare? Remember "As You Like It"? In Elizabethan times, Fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. The Motley Fool tells the truth about investing, and hopes you'll laugh all the way to the bank.

The Motley Fool Take

GE's Dividend Cut Last month, General Electric (NYSE: GE) CEO Jeffrey Immelt seemed to be favoring maintaining the firm's dividend over its solid AAA credit rating. But he recently announced that the company would cut its dividend by two-thirds, from 31 cents to 10 cents per share. The cut will have been expected by many investors. Even at 10 cents, the annual dividend yield is around 4 percent, about 1 point above the 10-year Treasury yield. The cut will produce cash savings of about \$9 billion annually, reassuring the credit rating agencies that monitor (and recently downgraded) GE. Immelt is eating a little crow now, but he's at a crowded banquet. The list of companies that have cut their dividends recently reads like a who's who of corporate America (admittedly, many of them are financials), including Bank of America, Dow Chemical and Motorola. The lesson here is that CEOs are having as much difficulty wrapping their heads around the magnitude of the current crisis as anyone else. Investors can't rely on executives' reassurances that a company will maintain its dividend, as these may not be based on an objective assessment of economic fundamentals. However, the numbers don't lie: Dividend-oriented investors must be extra diligent in analyzing a firm's financial position and earnings power through the downturn. It's the only way to avoid being faked out by an overly optimistic CEO.

Name That Company

I trace my history back to 1871 and a steam-powered rock drill. In the 1920s, my jackhammer drills and air compressors worked on Mount Rushmore. Today, headquartered in New Jersey, I'm a global diversified industrial firm, with businesses including Club Car golf cars, Hussmann stationary refrigeration equipment, Schlage locks, Thermo King transport temperature-control equipment, and Trane air conditioning systems and services. (I bought Trane in 2008 for \$10 billion.) I've paid dividends each year since 1910. I raked in more than \$13 billion in revenue in 2008. My name reflects a 1905 merger. Who am I?



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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Born in 1995, I'm a Seattle-based Fortune 500 online retailer, boasting "Earth's Biggest Selection." My 42 product categories offer everything from books to fresh flowers to jewelry to cameras. One of my newest offerings is the Kindle electronic reader, and I recently introduced "Frustration-Free Packaging." I'm behind the scenes powering the e-commerce at the Web sites of many retailers, such as Target. And other retailers, such as Lands' End and Macy's, simply sell many items through my store. I own imdb.com, too. I get high marks for customer satisfaction and I rake in some \$19 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Amazon.com)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), or your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### March 24

The Dalton Junior Woman's Club will meet March 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. The club's purpose is to better the lives of children in Northwest Georgia.

### March 25

A summer resource fair for grandparents, parents 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](mailto: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 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 the 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 [del@dalton.k12.ga.us](mailto:del@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.

### April 6-9

A vegetarian cooking school will be April 6-9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chatsworth Seventh-day Adventist Church. Instructors will also cover healthy eating and lifestyle habits. Space is limited and registration is required. Cost is \$15 which covers all materials and food used. To register, call Lila Dettlaff at (706) 695-8382 or Beth Helm at (706) 217-6673 or e-mail [healthycooker2@gmail.com](mailto:healthycooker2@gmail.com). Please be sure to include name, address, phone number and number of seats to be reserved. The church is at the foot of Fort Mountain on Ga. Highway 52 in Chatsworth.

### April 7

The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will meet April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Whitfield County Health Department. This will be a planning meeting for 2009 and 2010. To RSVP or for more information, call J. Bernice Whaley at (706) 259-5508 by noon, April 6.

All members and registered nurses are urged to attend.

### April 11

The newly-formed group "Southeast Raiders Ladies of the Eighties" will meet for the first time April 11 at 11 a.m. at Shoney's on Walnut Avenue for an Easter egg brunch. The meal will be Dutch treat. A group photo will be taken. All female 1980-1989 graduates from Southeast High are invited. To RSVP or for more information, contact Valerie Goswick Hegwood (Class of 1985) at [ladies80s@gmail.com](mailto:ladies80s@gmail.com).

### April 18

The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will present an educational seminar, "Identifying Injuries of Abuse Across the Lifespan" April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Brown Conference Center at Hamilton Medical Center. Featured speakers will be Susan Patton of the University of Tennessee and Patricia S. King, a forensic specialist for the Georgia Division of Aging. The cost is \$10 and may be sent with registration to J. Bernice Whaley, 388 Beaverdale Road, Dalton, GA, 30721. For a registration form or more information, call Whaley at (706) 259-5508 or e-mail [bernice34@yahoo.com](mailto:bernice34@yahoo.com).

### April 26

Descendants and friends of Richard Lafayette and Matilda Thomason Wimpy are invited to attend the annual Wimpy reunion April 26 at the Nutrition Center in Ringgold. A covered dish lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The Center is at 5230 Eviit St.

### May 1-2

The East Armuchee-Villanow community yard sale will be held May 1-2 at the Villanow ball field and fire hall. There is no fee for setup. For more information, call (706) 397-2495.

## GRANT FOR HEALTH



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Under the direction of, from left, Nicole Brown, Michelle Janke and Nathan Ridley, physical education teachers at Spring Place Elementary, and Carmel Cowart, school wellness coordinator for the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, Spring Place received a grant from the OrganWise Guys Inc. The grant provides funding for CDs, books and stuffed dolls that teachers can use to teach students science-based nutrition practices, physical activities and other positive lifestyle behavior messages.



**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**  
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## Dalton Public Schools Pre-K Registration, March 23-24 Kindergarten Registration, March 25-26

### Attn: Parents of Rising Kindergarteners

If you are a resident of the City of Dalton and intend to enroll your rising-kindergarten student in a school within your zone, outside your zone, or if you live outside the city and will be applying to kindergarten as an out-of-district (tuition) student, you may attend this K registration on March 25-26.

If unable to attend, you may register your rising-kindergarten student (or students new to DPS in grades 1-12) anytime after this registration event.

**Please note that the March registration event for both Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held at the Whitfield County Health Dept this year.**

For more information, call **706/876-4065**.

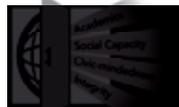
### Pre-K Registration

(4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009)

Whitfield County Health Dept. Bldg.  
808 Professional Blvd.  
March 23, 7:30am-4:30pm  
March 24, 7:30am-6:00pm

### Kindergarten Registration

Whitfield County Health Dept. Bldg.  
808 Professional Blvd.  
105 N. Thornton Ave.  
March 25, 8:00am-4:00pm  
March 26, 8:00am-5:30pm



Please bring the following items with you: GA proof of immunization form # 3231; GA Eye/Ear/Dental certificate - form # 3300; proof of residence in parent's name; child's social security card and birth certificate.

If registering for **kindergarten**, please bring your child for a simple readiness assessment.

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# WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

## Hogan, Holcombe

Ms. Pam Hogan of Dalton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hogan of Tryon, N.C., are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, J. Ashley Elizabeth Hogan of Dalton to Thomas Bradford Holcombe of Chickamauga, Ga., son of Tommy and Janice Holcombe, also from Chickamauga.



**Thomas Holcombe and Ashley Hogan**

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Helen Lane and the late Oscar Lane, Sr. of Lenoir City, Tenn., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Glenn Hogan of Columbia, S.C. She is the sister of Devin Hogan of Charlotte, N.C., Derek Hogan of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dayna Thompson of Columbia, S.C.

Miss Hogan is a 2002 graduate of Dalton High School. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from Kennesaw State University. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Mathematics following the wedding. She is

employed with Whitfield County Schools as a high school math teacher.

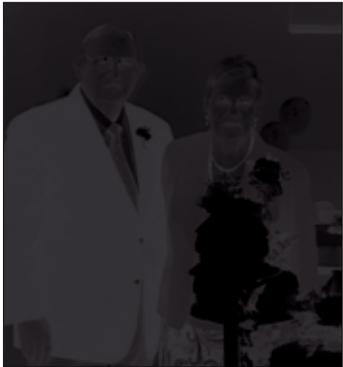
The future groom is the grandson of Rev. William and Barbara Casteel of Chickamauga and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Holcombe of Ringgold, Ga. He is the brother of Amy Hodnett of Fayetteville, N.C.

Mr. Holcombe is a 1998 graduate of Gordon Lee High School. He is employed with SRI Telecommunications as a lead installer.

The wedding is scheduled for April 11 at First Baptist Church of Dalton.

To announce your engagement or wedding in The Daily Citizen, call 706-217-6397

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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Margie and T.W. Sosebee of Dalton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 15 with a reception at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Dalton. It was hosted by their children, Cindy Sosebee of Dalton and Jeff and Susan Sosebee of Dacula. They also have three grandchildren, Jordan Sosebee and Jarrod Sosebee, both of Dalton, and Sydney Sosebee of Dacula

## AREA BIRTHS

Hamilton Medical Center has announced the following births for the area:

- Maria Hernandez and Edgar Chacon, a daughter, Marleye Nicole, March 9.
- Adleigh Isenhower and Chris Clayton, a daughter, Julie Jean, March 9.
- Brooke Gray and Dallas Green, a son, Bobby Colten Daniel, March 10.
- Claudia Guzman and Nicolas Franco, a son, Angel Gadiel, March 10.
- Maria Nunez and Francisco Mayorga, a daughter, Andrea Lizbeth, March 10.
- Estefany Salazar, a daughter, Sayuri Elizabeth, March 10.
- Kellie Shumake and Justin Dunn, a daughter, Lillian Brooke, March 10.
- Tiffany and Lester Chastain Jr., a son, Daelyn Andre Justin, March 11.
- Sarah and Joshua Malone, a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, March 11.
- Catalina Moncayo and Saul Pacheco, a daughter, Marvely, March 11.
- Anayeli Morales and Jarred Harrison, a son, Anthony Jarred, March 11.
- Tiffany Person, a daughter, Aryanna Danielle, March 11.
- Amber and Josh Rymel, a son, Carson Raleigh, March 11.
- Irasema Salinas and Jose Amaro, a daughter, Rubi Zuehai, March 11.
- Janet Soto and Jose Navarro, a daughter, Caylee, March 11.
- Melissa and Billy Sturgill, a son, Colton Lee, March 11.
- Christy and Greg Epperson, a son, Noah Layne, March 12.
- Alondra Mora and Ricardo Jimenez, a son, Anthony Alessandro, March 12.
- Cassandra Sutton, a daughter, Julia Renye, March 12.
- Tiffany and Scott Thompson, a daughter, Clayton Edward, March 12.
- Bria Varnell and Michael Knight, a son, Jackson Michael, March 12.
- Leandra and Dustin Nichols, a daughter, Addison Brooke, March 13.
- Juana Reynoso and Marcelino Perez, a son, Marcelino, March 13.
- Heather and Eddie Davis, a son, SkylarLee Hershel, March 14.
- Africa and Jose Padilla, a son, Jose Angel, March 14.
- Maria Moreno and Francisco Zuniga, a son, Jose David, March 15.
- Carrie and Kevin Parks, a daughter, Kyra Elizabeth, March 16.

# COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

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Patricia Wilson of Center Stage Cloggers recently presented student Amy Callahan with an award for community commitment and overall achievement. Community clogging classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center in Dalton. Admission is free. For more information, call (706) 934-9599. The center is at 218 N. Fredrick St.

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## GUEST READER



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To help celebrate Read Across America, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, Diane Davis, technology coordinator at the Murray County Public Library, was a guest reader for students in Kelley McMahan's kindergarten class at Spring Place Elementary. Pictured are Davis, Stacey Martin (kindergarten parapro) and students Antonio Anaya-Ferrer, Kenley Carlock, Cole Davis, Hunter Davis, Joe Deal, Carlos Falcon, Ashleigh Feltman, Kaleb Greeson, Connor Hamlin, Angie Hernandez, Cindy Hueramo, Citlali Landaverde, Jacob Leon, Juan-Luiz Leon, Edgar Paiz, Misael Rodríguez, Amanda Santiago-Pena, Kylee Sheppard and Ashley Whitfield.

## Classes set at Bradley Wellness Center

Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

- **Group swim lessons** — BWC will offer several levels of group swim lessons this spring. Splash Babies is designed to introduce babies to the water. This class is for ages 6 months to 3 years. Children 4 and up may enroll in Tadpole, Guppy or Dolphin class depending on skill level. The front desk can assist in choosing the

right class. Classes begin in March. Call for schedule and availability. The fees are \$55 for first child and \$45 for each additional sibling for members and \$65 for first child and \$55 each additional sibling for non-members. Registration is required at least one week prior to lesson start, and payment is due upon registration.

- **Delightful Desserts** — This class will be offered

April 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. It will show you how to enjoy wonderful desserts and eat healthy at the same time. The fee is \$10 for members and nonmembers. Sign-up deadline is April 13.

- **Hiking Club** — The April hike will be April 18 at Keown Falls on John's Mountain. Hikers will leave the BWC parking lot at 8 a.m. Registration is required by April 11. There is no fee.
- **Basic Yoga** — A

Monday evening class will be held April 13 to May 8 from 5:30 to 6:30. The fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Another class will meet April 21 to May 28 each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. The fee is \$30 for members and \$60 for nonmembers.

For more information, call (706) 278-9355. The Center is at 1225 Broadrick Drive in Dalton.

## DEAR ABBY

### Abusive father causes teen to fear for family's safety

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 16-year-old girl and desperate for advice. My parents' fighting has gotten out of control lately. It got so bad one evening that my mom, my sisters and I had to leave for the night.

I should also mention that my dad is abusive, so I fear for my life when I'm getting yelled at by him. I do not feel safe living with him near me. Call me crazy, but I can't trust my own dad. He has hurt my mom, my sisters and me so badly that I have begun to cut myself trying to heal the pain, but it only makes things worse.

I have tried talking to friends or a counselor, but I didn't like it. I am independent. I like doing things for myself. I am not comfortable talking about my feelings. What can I do to protect my family? — **TRYING TO COPE IN MINNESOTA**

**DEAR TRYING TO COPE:** As much as you might wish to, there is nothing you can do to protect your family from an abusive bully. That is your mother's job. Because it appears she is unable to calm your father or successfully assert herself, the person you must protect is yourself.

Because your father sometimes becomes violent, suggest to your mother that she contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Their toll-free phone number is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). The counselors can help her assess whether she needs to get you all out of there to ensure your safety.

While I respect your desire to be independent, please understand that some problems need to be discussed with a licensed professional in order to be resolved. Cutting to relieve depression is one of them. That is why it is extremely important that you make the effort to talk to a counselor at school if one is provided, because it may take professional help for you to stop self-injuring.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband recently caught a cold, and he has been coughing badly. Other than

the cough, he is in good shape and not feverish.

Last night his coughing woke me up three times. The first time, I went back to sleep. The second time, I asked him to sleep somewhere else so he wouldn't wake me up, and the third time, I got up and slept on the couch.

We disagree on who should have left the room. He says he was sick, so he was right to stay in bed. I say he was the one who couldn't sleep and, therefore, he should've left the room. I know when I can't sleep, I usually leave the room so I won't disturb him.

Abby, we have a 20-month-old son who regularly wakes me up at night, and I'm usually the one who gets up for him. I get less than six hours' sleep a night — and that's when my son sleeps well. I think my husband was selfish in disturbing my sleep when he could have left the room and returned to bed when his cough subsided. Am I wrong? — **SLEEPLESS IN MONTREAL**

**DEAR SLEEPLESS:** Coughing is a reflex, and your husband may not have been able to stifle or control it. Rather than arguing about this, my advice to you is to arrange to sleep in another room until he's over the cough. That way you can get the sleep you need.

P.S. A bad cough is nothing to sneeze at.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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## INSTALLING OFFICERS

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The Dalton Junior Women's Club recently held its officer installation at the Dalton Depot. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Dalton. Pictured are Kristi Souther, treasurer, and Meri McDonald.

## HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Be careful not to let aggressive action be your main method of getting your way. Instead, use thought, patience and good management. Participation may not be your thing but it will help you know better the people with whom you are dealing. A well-rounded outlook will lead to confidence. Your numbers are 5, 17, 23, 31, 36, 41, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Involvement in community events or making adjustments to your own lifestyle will help you realize your potential and what you can do to make a difference. A secretive individual may try to cross you with gossip. 4 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Refuse to let anyone rush you into making an important decision. You have to protect your interests by finding out all you can before you decide to get involved. Someone from your past may cause problems for you again. 2 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can make some intricate moves but, before you do, consider the consequences. You are likely to disrupt plans and lose a friend in the process. Opportunities are present



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but it will be important how you handle matters. 5 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Changing things a bit will show others you can be versatile. A short trip will bring you to a place you may eventually call home. A partnership may be on the verge of a breakdown — do what you must to save it or move on. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You deserve some down time. Look at your options and make a decision. The choice is yours and the comfort and satisfaction you gain will not be a waste of time. A love relationship is looking good. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your mind will be on a job that needs to be done, so just get to it and do your best. Someone you love may be disappointed with the decisions you make. Try to make it up to him or her. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can make some interesting connections if you network or attend a seminar or tradeshow. A new way of doing things will enhance something that you already do well, giving you the edge when it comes to performance. 5 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let emotional matters cause you to miss out on something you've been looking forward to. You have to indulge yourself once in a while. A change of plans will keep life interesting and help you clear up some of the uncertainties you've been feeling. 2 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't give in to anyone trying to get you to do something you don't want to do. It may change the dynamics of your relationship but that is probably overdue anyway. Focus on the things you like to do and you can hook up with someone with whom you have plenty in common. 4 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Someone will not like what you are trying to do or the changes you are making to the way you earn your living. Keep things a secret for now, until you have the confidence and knowledge to stand up to any opposition you might face. Don't give in to pressure. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll be emotional about a past relationship.

Don't give in because you are afraid of being alone. It's only a matter of time before you meet someone new. Get out and get involved in things you enjoy. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may want to keep things a secret, especially if it will cause someone to challenge you. Focus on development and strategy. If someone pushes you, push back. 3 stars

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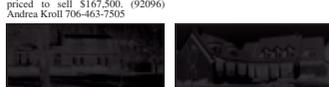
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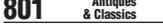
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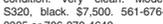
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