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Capturing cats on camera

By RACHEL BROWN
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Science students at Dalton Middle School are studying two bobcats they found prowling around the grounds.

They've never actually encountered the cats, but they captured them on two outdoor digital cameras the seventh-grade life science students have used since January to study wildlife around Mill Creek. Through the photography, they've also seen coyotes, domestic cats, possums and rabbits on campus.

"It's just an after-school event," said David Jewell, 12, one of three students in the gifted program who sets up the cameras in strategic locations so the rest of the school's seventh-graders can study its findings. "It helps us learn about animals."

The camera snaps a picture any time it detects body heat, said Chris Manis, a science teacher who oversees several wildlife projects on the campus.

"I've wanted to do this more often, but this is one of my interests," said Erik Loredo, 13. He said he enjoys staying after school to help out.

Manis was working as a research assistant at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on turtle demography when he came to Dalton Middle School in 2003. When he learned of the school's creek and the wooded area surrounding it, he wanted to do something similar on a smaller scale.

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Contributed photo (above), photo by Matt Hamilton/The Daily Citizen (left)

Above, Dalton Middle School students have captured a bobcat on a special outdoor digital camera near Mill Creek. Left, David Jewell, 12, removes the memory card from a camera behind the school Friday.

Dogs are people too

Some people treat their dogs more like their children

By MISTY WATSON
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Amanda Jane Cox made sure her baby, Macy, was warm during a trip to the park Sunday.

She even bought a new pink coat just for the outing.

"She's spoiled," Cox admitted. Macy may be like Cox's daughter, but she's not human. She's a 1-year-old puggle — a beagle, pug mixed-breed dog.

"We don't have children yet so she's like our child," Cox explained. "When she goes out in the rain — she hates to get wet — I hold an umbrella over her. She gets her own order of fries when we go to McDonald's."

Cox is not alone in treating her dog more like a child than a pet. Several people at the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia's ninth annual "Strut Your Mutt" dog walk and contests at Edwards Park on Sunday admitted they treat their dogs more like a family members also.

With dog clothing lines, hair accessories, strollers, and even nail polish, it's easy for dog owners to begin seeing their animals as furry family members, says Strut



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Brenn Boyd, 6, of Dalton, shows off her yorkie terrier Bella, 2, to the judges during the look-alike contest at the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia's "Strut Your Mutt" at Edwards Park on Sunday. Brenn and Bella received first place in the contest. See more photos on Page 5A and at thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

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Plant nuisance returns

By TALIA MOLLETT
Marietta Daily Journal

KENNESAW, Ga. — It's the modern-day battle for Kennesaw Mountain and officials are asking for the public's help in defending the land from a ruthless invader.

Garlic mustard, an invasive plant, has staked its claim at the top of Kennesaw Mountain and continues to multiply its battalion.

The plant, which is denoted by its garlicky smell, grows rapidly and suffocates any vegetation in its way, said Lloyd Morris, chief ranger at Kennesaw Mountain. Garlic mustard has green, triangular to heart-shaped leaves with small white flowers.

For the last three years, Morris said the National Park



Garlic Mustard

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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.

"I'm tired of all these ignorant people calling in trying to spell Chostes' Truck Stop. I graduated from Valley Point in '67. I was an expert speller, a spelling champ. The proper spelling is C-H-O-A-T-E-S."

"What is it going to take to keep these teachers who are responsible for the increasing graduation rates at Phoenix High School?"

"To the lady that doesn't know what to do with that \$16, thank God that you have a check to put it on."

"The remote control was made by a man, for a man. Period."

"If the Tunnel Hill Police Department can work traffic on the interstate, then why can't they or why won't they work traffic accidents on the interstate?"

"I would like to know the name of the old drive-in theater below Valley Point School in the '50s."

"I want to know what's wrong with a trailer. It's a home, it's my home."

"All these nice folks calling Obama an idiot, they have to think you've got to be one to know one."

"Could we possibly have a day when no messages would be printed calling someone idiot, moron, stupid?"

"If Warren Buffett read the Forum every morning, it seems like he would know how to turn Shaw Industries around and make something out of it instead of laying so many people off."

"To the person complaining about the kids in the restaurants, just remember it's old people like you who had kids like us so we could have kids that can aggravate you."

"Mr. Obama said that manufacturing jobs have left the country and he didn't want them back. I believe millions of people would agree that any job is better than no job."

"The insulin scam man has been to the Murray Health area. I didn't bite."

"Hallelujah, hallelujah, to the person who was talking about the crying little crumb munchers. I'm not against kids, but I'm so sick of the kids screaming their heads off."

"To the old fogey who wants peace and quiet, take

your pill and stay at home."

"The Dance Off was at Dalton High School this Saturday night, and it was really sad. What are they doing for the special needs kids? What kind of programs do they have for them?"

"Thanks Doris Davis Beaver for the letter to the editor about how God has been forgotten. That is so true. God is coming. People, wise up."

"When I read the forum and see how totally ignorant people are about what this president and Congress are doing to the country, how little they know about economics, politics and foreign policy — it's mind boggling and disgraceful."

"I'm a policeman. I don't trust the public either. They lie too much."

"I have a serious prediction for Dalton and Whitfield County: The educated are working the uneducated like puppets. The city of Dalton will fall and crumble, and the mayor will laugh."

"Well here we go again about the rednecks. The thing about rednecks is, just like everyone else, we work, we contribute to the community, we have families. But what we don't do, we don't put our fellow man down by ridiculing them and calling them names."

"One of the things that I really miss that was a part of my growing up was the Roadrunners at Dalton Junior College. Jimmy, Ernie, Randy and the rest of the boys did a great job. Bring back the Roadrunners."

"To the person who said there's three places hiring, we'd like a name."

"We lost a little puppy in the north end of Dalton off Cleveland highway. His name is Manning and we miss him. He's a little black poodle dog, if anyone has seen him..."

"This is to the educated person who keeps calling people idiot rednecks who leave comments in the forum. They may have some disabilities and they may not be able to read or write very well, but they have a right to make comments."

"We still miss and love the firemen who we've lost in the past."

"Why do you think the police lie so much? I think they're doing a good job."

"Only an incompetent moron would recognize a moron."

"Can you tell me the difference between a moron and an idiot, so I'll know how to classify our politicians?"

Cats

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A grant from the Dalton Education Foundation equipped his classroom with turtle traps. The students also examined snakes, lizards, amphibians, newts and salamanders. When cold weather came, and there was little to do with the cold-blooded animals returning to hibernation.

So Manis applied for more money and received parent-teacher organization (PTO) funding for 20 traps to safely catch small mammals like mice. Students placed the traps in different kinds of areas on their campus to determine habitat preference for various species.

"What we wanted to emphasize was fewer kids having more opportunities," said Manis. "There's no mistaking actual hands-on experience for a textbook."

The children weighed, measured and examined the animals before releasing them. Manis said the lessons helped his students learn to identify and understand various species.

School employees knew bigger wildlife existed on the campus, but they had no way to safely capture the animals. That's when Manis applied for and received the \$500 camera grant from the PTO.

Manis, who has worked for the Tennessee Aquarium doing research, said his students' education is markedly different from his own. The first time he was able to study some of the things his seventh-graders are learning was his sophomore year in college, he said.

"I want more kids to get into science and see this stuff before they get into college," Manis said. "At this age, they don't care how dirty they get."

John Patrick, another science teacher at the school, said he incorporates the findings of Manis and his students in his own classes. Patrick also leads students in creek monitoring activities in the spring and fall. The classes measure the water's pH, temperature and dissolved oxygen levels to determine how "healthy" the creek is for life in and around it. Mill Creek gets good marks, he said.

"I just feel like it's been a great thing for our kids just to be able to get outside," Patrick said. "Creek monitoring is) not a part of our state-mandated curriculum, but we spend a little time on it in the fall and in the spring."

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WORK: Mohawk Industries
PLAY: Read, go to the movies, play with my nephew
SHE SAID: "Life is short. Regret nothing that makes you smile."



Dogs: Not just pets

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months after she found out she had cancer in 2005. Michayla says Blue, a blue merle collie, is like a best friend.

"He comes and I pet him, and he licks me," she said.

Blue was born on May 10, 2005, the same day Michayla found out she had thyroid cancer. "He brings pleasure and hope to the family," Michayla's mother, Karen Doran, said. "Every year Blue gets older, it's another year she's cancer free."

Blue has his own room at the Doran's home. It's the laundry room, but Karen says he knows it as "his room."

Blue rescues Michayla's brother, Drake, in the pool, Michayla's father, Mike Doran, said.

Having a dog "is a lot like having an extra child, except you can't claim them as a dependent on your taxes," Mike joked.

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A Dalton Fire Department truck carrying the body of firefighter Andy Reed turns onto Cleveland Highway from Beverdale Road during his funeral procession on Sunday.

NATION

8 die in nursing home shooting

CARTHAGE, N.C. — Authorities say a man accused of opening fire in a North Carolina nursing home faces eight counts of first-degree murder.

District Attorney Maureen Krueger identified the suspect in the killings of eight people as 45-year-old Robert Stewart of Moore County. He also faces a charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer.

Authorities say seven residents and one nurse were killed in the 10 a.m. rampage Sunday at Pinelake Health and Rehab in the town of Carthage, about 60 miles southwest of Raleigh. A police officer and several other people were also wounded before Stewart was shot and apprehended.

before officers shot him.

There was no clear motive for the events that unfolded Saturday in a tony Boston suburb that also is home to Gov. Deval Patrick. But there was no doubt at the carriage wrought by 23-year-old Kerby Revelus against his three sisters in the two-family home they shared with their parents and grandmother.

Red River begins to retreat in Fargo

FARGO, N.D. — As the Red River slowly receded Sunday, Fargo was keeping a close eye on the many miles of sandbag levees that are the main line of defense against a potentially destructive flood that has had the city on edge for more than a week.

Residents who spent the better part of the week filling sandbags and building up dikes turned their attention to forming neighborhood patrols and monitoring levees for breaches. Fargo still fears that water could burst past the levees and submerge parts of the city.

— Associated Press

Flooding possible for parts of Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — Flood advisories are still remaining in some parts of Georgia as rivers and creeks continue to swell with runoff from heavy rainfall.

The National Weather Service in Peachtree City issued flood warnings Sunday for parts of the Ocmulgee River near Hawkinsville and Abbeville, affecting Bleckley, Pulaski, Dodge, Telfair and Wilcox counties.

Metereologist Rob Handal said some warnings for areas near small creeks and streams have been canceled but people living in low lying areas near bigger rivers like the Ocmulgee and Flint should be cautious.

He said more rainfall is anticipated beginning Tuesday and the larger rivers are expected to continue rising.

Plant: Invading Georgia again

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Service and Kennesaw Mountain Trail club have hosted plant-pulling events to rid the mountain of garlic mustard. This year's pull will be April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"This is the fourth year we've been trying to aggressively manage it," Morris said. "Kennesaw Mountain is the only place the plant has been located in the state, so we want to make sure it doesn't grow anywhere else. It suffocates

the other plants in the area so nothing can grow."

Morris said the plant was possibly introduced to the mountain through bird droppings. The gestation period for garlic mustard is up to 10 years and seeds can lie dormant for seven years, he said.

"We're thinking we have to do this for 10 years before it's all gone," he said. The plant was discovered three years ago and the park has been dealing with it ever since, Morris said.

"We had about 30 acres of it three years ago and it's

all you could see at the top of the mountain," he said. "We spray the area, bag the pulled plants and take them to an incinerator."

Acoworth resident Fred Feltman has volunteered for the pull in the past.

"I thought it would be a way to pay back the National Park Service because the trails were deteriorating," he said. "It's satisfying because, if we can get it all pulled before it spreads, then we won't have to worry about it in other parts of Georgia."

WEIGHING THE FATE OF TOADS



Amelia Elgar weighs a cane toad at a collection point in Cairns, Australia, Sunday. Thousands of poisonous cane toads met a poetic fate on Sunday, as gleeful Australians gathered for a celebratory mass killing of the hated amphibians, with many of the creatures' corpses being turned into fertilizer for the very farmers they've plagued for years.

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Views

Exorcising the lobbyists

Barack Obama got good political mileage on the campaign trail by beating up on lobbyists, a faceless group he demonized for their supposedly sinister manipulation of glibble lawmakers and government officials for private gain. He could be reasonably safe that in a crowd of ordinary Americans few had even actually met a lobbyist much less had occasion to hire one.

Usually this kind of rhetoric blows over once the candidate is safely in office but President Obama has actually stepped it up and now has arguably taken it a step too far in connection with his \$787 billion stimulus package.

According to the Associated Press, Obama has laid down rules that "bar lobbyists from conversations or meetings with federal officials about specific stimulus projects. They can talk generally about the measure's policies if projects are not discussed."

That all but tells administration officials not to meet with registered lobbyists. If a lobbyist slips up and starts talking about a specific project, is the official supposed to clamp his hands over his ears and yammer, "NANANANA! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!"

This is wrong both in principle and on practical grounds. Like the press, another episodically unpopular trade, lobbyists have their own little place in the Constitution, that part of the First Amendment guaranteeing the right "to petition Government for a redress of grievances."

The rule is insulting to government officials because it assumes that if the lobbyists get in the door, the officials will be hapless putty in their hands. Lobbyists can only wish that were so.

Tactically, you have to wonder why Obama, with a truly ambitious legislative agenda, would want to alienate a large army of legislative specialists whose cumulative expertise far outweighs that of his own, still very green administration.

The rule applies only to registered lobbyist and people only have to register if they spend more than 20 percent of their time lobbying. It's OK for officials to talk specifics with people who are only part-time lobbyists or just not very good at it.

If Obama's aides and operatives are going to refuse to hear out lobbyists — who are knowledgeable on the issues and whose vested interest is clear up front — to whom are they going to listen?

— Scripps Howard News Service



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Ezekiel 34:16

Thought for Today: "If you keep on saying things that are going to be bad, you have a good chance of being a prophet."

Isaac Bashevis Singer
Polish-born American
Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991)

End of hysteria



Jacob Sullum

Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder said the federal government would stop prosecuting medical marijuana distributors who comply with state law. Drug policy reformers immediately wondered how the change would affect Charlie Lynch, who last year was convicted of five felonies for helping California patients alleviate their suffering with marijuana. Evidently the judge charged with sentencing Lynch is wondering the same thing.

On Monday, when Lynch was scheduled to be sentenced, U.S. District Judge George Wu said he needed more time to consider the meaning of the Justice Department's new policy. Now that the Obama administration has promised to respect state medical marijuana laws and leave people like Lynch alone, the injustice of sending him to prison is even more glaring.

Since mid-2006, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has raided at least 80 medical marijuana dispensaries in California. During his campaign, Barack Obama repeatedly said he would end the raids, and last week, his attorney general gave the clearest sign yet that the president intends to keep that promise. "The policy is to go after those people who violate both federal and state law," Holder said.

Lynch, who is now scheduled to be sentenced on April 30, does not seem to be one of those people. He openly ran a medical marijuana dispensary in Morro Bay for a year, with the sanction of state law and the support of local officials, before the DEA closed it down. Last August he was

convicted of five distribution and conspiracy charges that carry combined penalties of five to 85 years in prison.

After the verdict, the jury forewoman said, "we all felt Mr. Lynch intended well," but "under the parameters we were given for the federal law, we didn't have a choice." In letters to Judge Wu, two other jurors have described the case as a miscarriage of justice, saying they felt constrained to convict Lynch because they were told state law was irrelevant.

Lynch's story — including his cooperation with local officials, his inability to discuss the medical use of marijuana at his trial, and the regretful jurors — is reminiscent of the case against Ed Rosenthal, who grew marijuana for patients under an arrangement with the city of Oakland. Rosenthal was convicted on federal drug charges in 2003 and again in 2007, after an appeals court overturned the first verdict because of juror misconduct.

Like Wu, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer, who presided over Rosenthal's case, refused to allow any explanation of the defendant's motivation, since federal law recognizes no legitimate use for marijuana. And like Lynch, Rosenthal faced a mandatory minimum sentence of five years. But in a surprising turn, Breyer sen-

tenced Rosenthal to one day, which he had already served. Breyer's leniency was based on his conclusion that Rosenthal had honestly and reasonably believed he was acting within the law. Thus Breyer essentially took into account at sentencing the defense he had not allowed during the trial.

Breyer's legal rationale was a "safety valve" provision that allows departures from the five-year mandatory minimum sentence for growing or distributing more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. This provision applies to cooperative defendants with minimal or no criminal histories who do not possess a firearm, threaten or commit violence, cause death or serious injury, or play a "leadership role."

Since Lynch had employees at his dispensary and was convicted of conspiracy, meeting that last criterion might be tricky, but otherwise he seems to qualify. In Rosenthal's case, the federal appeals court implicitly approved the one-day sentence in a footnote to its decision ordering a retrial.

Unlike Rosenthal, who faced a vindictive Justice Department that unsuccessfully challenged his sentence and then tried to pile on new charges in his second trial, Lynch faces a Justice Department that ostensibly understands the merits of federalism in this area. Assuming Obama is serious about letting states set their own medical marijuana policies, there will be no one to second-guess Wu if he finds a way to keep Lynch out of prison.

■ Jacob Sullum is senior editor at Reason magazine.



Controversial invitation to graduation

You may have heard about the simmering controversy sparked by the recent decision of the University of Notre Dame's president, Father John Jenkins, to invite President Barack Obama to give the school's commencement address on May 17. Obama accepted, and ever since, Jenkins has been under attack from individuals and groups, mostly Catholic, for providing a prominent platform to, and for conferring an honorary degree from, this leading Catholic university on a political leader who endorses — in opposition to Church teaching — abortion rights.

Jenkins has defended his decision: Obama "is an inspiring leader who has taken leadership of the country facing many challenges; two wars, a really troubled economy, he has issues with health care, immigration, education reform, and he has addressed those with intelligence, courage and honesty."

What about Obama's support of legalized abortion? "You cannot change the world if you shun the people you want to persuade, and if you cannot persuade them ... show respect for them and listen to them."

As a proud graduate of Notre Dame and, frankly, as an admirer of Father Jenkins, I am not a disinterested bystander in this controversy. My university likes to think of itself, not immodestly, as the place where the Catholic Church does its thinking. But the current hubbub is already conspicuous for generating — mostly off the campus — more heat than light.

Let us first agree on some basic facts: Any college (even those located in Cambridge and New Haven) is delighted to have the president — any president —



Mark Shields

preceded him.

The Catholic Church categorically opposes abortion. But American Catholic bishops have made it clear that a Catholic voter cannot legitimately invoke a candidate's opposition to abortion "to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity" — such as this country, at the cost of thousands of lives, invading and occupying another country on the untrue grounds that the invaded country posed a serious threat to the United States, or passively accepting continued increases in poverty, homelessness and hunger.

Notre Dame is honoring Barack Obama as president of the United States and as a major political leader, not as a champion of legalized abortion. Obama did not campaign in 2008 on the issue of abortion. When questioned, he answered directly that he was pro-choice. He regularly added that he wished to work with others to reduce the number of abortions. The economy and health care and Iraq, not abortion, were major issues in the last campaign. On Nov. 4, 2008, a majority of

Catholics voted for Barack Obama.

The reality is that Roe v. Wade is not going to be overturned. Americans remain uncomfortably ambivalent on the thorny issue of abortion. Our complicated position is best described as pro-choice and anti-abortion. A majority is clearly unwilling to criminalize a woman — after consulting with her conscience, or her confessor, or her physician — for making that agonizing decision. At the same time, no candidate has won election promising to work for more abortions. I want President Obama to give the commencement address at my alma mater. I want him to spend time with graduates who are enrolled to become commissioned officers in the Marine Corps, Navy, Army and Air Force, and where more than 10 percent of the class will commit a year or more of volunteer work in Teach For America, the Peace Corps, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Alliance for Catholic Education, and on a campus where four out of five of the students participate in volunteer work in South Bend and around the globe.

I want the President to personally encounter Catholic teaching that champions public policies with a clear priority for poor families, for the unemployed worker, the undocumented immigrant, for the vulnerable child and the forgotten elderly.

I believe that Notre Dame will be good for President Obama and that President Obama will be good for Notre Dame. They both will benefit from the visit.

■ To find out more about Mark Shields and read past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web site at www.creators.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 30, the 89th day of 2009. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:
In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million.

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

Ten years ago:
Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic insisted that NATO attacks stop before he moved toward peace, declaring his forces ready to fight "to the very end."

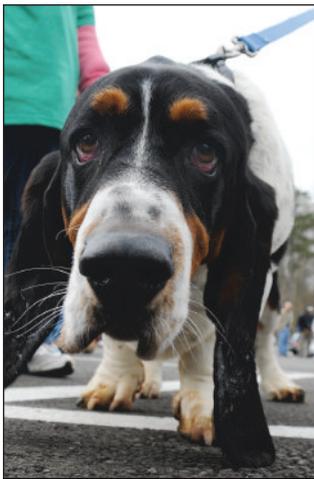
NATO answered with new resolve to wreck his military with a relentless air assault. A jury in Portland, Ore., ordered Philip Morris to pay \$81 million to the family of a man who died of lung cancer after smoking Marlboros for four decades.

Five years ago: In a reversal, President George W. Bush agreed to let National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

One year ago: The Army said the remains of Sgt. Matt Maunig, captured in Iraq in 2004, had been found and identified.

Today's Birthdays:
Game show host Peter Marshall is 83. Actor John Astin is 79. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 72. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 64. Actor Paul Reiser is 52. Rap artist MC Hammer is 46. Singer Tracy Chapman is 45. Actor Ian Ziering is 45. Singer Celine Dion is 41.

STRUTTING THEIR MUTTS



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Amanda Jane Cox, of Calhoun, carries her 1-year-old puggle, Macy, during the waggiest tail contest.



Above, Buddy, basset hound, sniffs around while being judged during the waggiest tail contest at the Human Society of Northwest Georgia's "Strut Your Mutt" at Edwards Park on Sunday. Buddy is one of 9-year-old Meredith Barber's dogs. Right, Michayla Doran, 11, of Whitfield County, holds up her blue merle collie, Blue, 4, for the judges during the look-alike contest. Michayla got Blue near the same time she found out she was free of thyroid cancer in 2005.

Geithner: Market won't solve problem

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess Sunday, saying "the market will not solve this" while disclosing a bailout fund for battered banks has \$135 billion left and might need more.

Geithner used his first Sunday television news talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an upturn in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take on much too much risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming more normal lending to consumers and businesses.

The plan calls for the administration to partner with private investors, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to buy as much as \$1 trillion in toxic assets from banks. Like the president himself, Geithner cautioned against immediate expectations.

"It's very important for



AP PHOTO

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner appears during the taping of "Meet the Press" Sunday, at the NBC studios in Washington.

people to understand that, you know, it took us a long time to get into this mess. It's going to take us a while to get out of this," he said. "Progress is not going to be even. It's not going to be steady."

Geithner said Washington alone was equipped to salvage an economy that has seen jobs lost and credit shrink.

"The market will not solve this. And the great risk for us is we do too little, not that we do too much," he said.

Geithner has faced a rough start to his time at treasury. His own unpaid taxes cost him votes during his Senate confirmation, and lax oversight for embattled American International Group Inc.'s bonuses drew Republican calls for his resignation. Wall Street scoffed when he outlined early details of the administration's financial plan, placing him on the bench early.

Obama's financial team, however, turned to Geithner in recent days to bolster its case for the economy. The former head of the Federal

Reserve Bank in New York, Geithner confidently brushed off Republican criticism that too much spending would send the economy into out-of-control inflation.

"Will never happen. Because we have a strong, independent Fed, with a clear authority from the Congress to keep inflation low at — stable at low levels going forward," he said.

He also dismissed his critics, citing the nation's anger and frustration with the economy.

"And I knew we were going to face really tough choices," he said. "We were going to have to do things that are going to be deeply unpopular, hard to understand. We're not going to get it perfect everywhere. ... This job, it comes with a lot of heat by definition and there's nothing surprising in that."

Despite that frustration, Obama would not rule out a second round of bailouts. In its budget request to Congress last month, the administration included a placeholder for an additional \$750 billion in bailout funds. Many lawmakers said there was little chance more money will be approved, given the political environment.

Geithner said the bailout plan — he said about \$135 billion remains to help banks stay afloat — helped every

American, not just the financial firms.

"I would not spend a penny on helping a bank for the purpose of helping a bank," said Geithner, taking care with words that can move the markets. "Everything we're doing is for the people that depend on this financial system. Every time we provide assistance to the financial institutions, it's only because we need them to do a better job of getting credit to help reduce the risk of a deeper recession."

Geithner appeared on ABC's "This Week" and NBC's "Meet the Press."

Central America asking U.S. to Slow deportations

JUAN CARLOS LLORCA
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Central American leaders will push the U.S. to slow a flood of deportations when Vice President Joe Biden meets with them Monday, promising a "new day for relations" with a region that has felt ignored.

It is the first top-level visit to the Central America by a U.S. official since President Barack Obama took office in January.

"These meetings are a first and important step toward a new day for relations and the development of a partnership between the countries and peoples of the hemisphere," Biden said in an article published Friday in the Costa Rican newspaper La Nacion.

Mexico is receiving most of the U.S. attention to Latin America, with visits from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Attorney General Eric Holder, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and even Obama himself, who plans to stop on his way to the Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Biden's trip is an opportunity to reach out to the Americas in the run up to that summit and to "begin to re-energize cooperation in the hemisphere ... send-

ing a signal that the U.S. is strongly interested in engaging the region and consulting with the countries in a cooperative way," said Peter DeShazo, director of the America's Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Costa Rica is the second stop in Biden's Latin American tour after a two-day visit to Chile.

Central American leaders agreed Wednesday to push the U.S. to include Guatemalans in a temporary visa program that is already in place for Salvadorans, Hondurans and Nicaraguans. They also want the U.S. to soften a deportation policy that sent a record 80,000 people back to the region in 2008 alone.

The deportations and U.S. economic downturn have hit the region hard. During the last quarter of 2008, money sent home by Central American migrants living in the U.S. fell 4 percent, compared to the same period a year previous, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

Regional security also will be on the table. The new Merida Initiative sent \$400 million to Mexico in counter-narcotics aid, while Central America and the Caribbean are receiving \$65 million.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Lecture on Indians in the South

Theda Perdue from the University of North Carolina will deliver a lecture titled "Indians in the Segregated South, 1865-1965" on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall.

The lecture, sponsored by the college's Fine Arts and Lecture Series, is free and open to the public.

An expert on the Native American peoples who populated the southeastern United States, Perdue is the author of several books, including "Cherokee Women: Gender and Culture Change, 1700-1835," published in 1995, which won the Julia Cherry Spruill Award for the best book in Southern women's history and the James Mooney Prize for the best book on the anthropology of the South.

For more information about the lecture, call (706) 272-4469.

Educator of the Year nominations

The deadline for nominations for the 2008-2009 Tom Jones Educator of the Year award sponsored by the Dalton Education Foundation is today. The nomination process is open to anyone. Nominees must be active educators, currently employed by Dalton Public Schools and have a minimum of three years experience in the city school system.

For more information or nomination forms, call the Dalton Education Foundation at (706) 278-5427 or e-mail def@dalton.k12.ga.us.

BLACK MARRIAGE DAY 2009



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Above, Stacie Kilgore grins back at her husband Levi as they make their way to receive a plaque just after being named as one of four couples who were inducted into the Black Marriage Hall of Fame on Sunday at the Emery Center during Black Marriage Day 2009. The Kilgores have been married for 37 years. Below, Pauline Washington recommits to her husband James, of 42 years. The Washingtons were also named to the Hall of Fame. Also inducted were Charles and Jewel Gwynn, married 41 years; and Claud and Marlene Jones, married 24 years.



NY House special election seen as Obama's first test

By VALERIE BAUMAN
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Two months ago, it would have been hard for the most ardent political wonk to find the state's 20th Congressional District on a map. On Tuesday, it will be the center of the American political landscape, with Republicans hoping desperately a win there will knock President Barack Obama off stride and Democrats looking to build on the momentum of the past two years.

Republican Jim Tedisco, a state legislator for 27 years, faces Democrat Scott Murphy, a businessman who has the backing of the president and influential unions. The special election is to replace

Kirsten Gillibrand, who was named to the U.S. Senate in January after former Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton became secretary of state.

The contest quickly became about issues far beyond the sprawling, mostly rural district, which stretches along the Hudson River valley from just north of the New York City suburbs to just below the Canadian border. Voters will flip levers for Murphy and Tedisco, but national leaders will see a judgment on a president, his plan to save the economy and the strength of the country's two dominant political parties.

For Obama, who sent an e-mail urging supporters to help Murphy and appeared in a television ad bought by the Democratic National Committee, this is the first electoral test since he took office. Getting a Democrat elected would show his popularity even as his stimulus package is criticized for a loophole allowing the bailed-out American International Group Inc. insurance company to award millions of dollars in bonuses to its executives. It also would add muscle to his efforts to pass a budget despite tax increases that worry even some Democrats.

Murphy, 39, said when he decided to run he never anticipated an endorsement from the president.

"I'm humbled," Murphy said Friday. Both campaigns turned up get-out-the-vote efforts in the final days of the campaign.

Tedisco, 58, said he was campaigning 24 hours a day, with a goal of hitting every diner in the district by Tuesday. On Saturday and Sunday he knocked on 400 doors to talk to voters, and he planned to hit all 10

counties in the district in the final three days of the campaign. By Sunday, he'd been in six.

Tedisco doesn't live in the district — an issue Democrats brought up often — and so can't vote for himself.

Murphy, a Missouri native, also was traversing the district over the weekend and got help Sunday from Gillibrand and the state's powerful senior Sen. Charles Schumer, No. 3 in the Senate Democrats' command structure and the architect of Democratic election victories in 2006 and 2008.

Tedisco has sought to link Murphy directly to Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package, part of which protected the bonuses at AIG after the company received billions of dollars in federal aid.

Republicans, who held the district for decades, have taken a pounding in New York in the past two election cycles. They lost three congressional seats in 2006 and three more last year, leaving just three Republicans in the 29-seat state delegation.

The district has more than 196,000 registered Republicans, about 125,000 Democrats and 118,000 unaffiliated voters.

On the Net:

www.jimtedisco.com
www.scottmurphy09.com

AREA ARRESTS

■ Michael Jason Cantrell, 33, 4420 Keith Valley Road, Cohutta, was charged Saturday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with failure to maintain lane, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug-related objects and DUI.

■ Johnny Paul Crider, 51, 342 Keith St., Apartment 15, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with failure to obey a stop sign, failure to dim headlights and DUI.

■ Christopher Matthew Kidwell, 32, 120 McFalls St., Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of marijuana and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

■ Jose Ortiz Guion, 27, 510 Teasley St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and failure to obey a traffic control device.

■ Vincent Mikes Jr., 23, 3012 Crescent Circle, Chattanooga, Tenn., was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine, possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, possession of marijuana and a guard line violation.

■ Eleazar Fernando Rios, 42, 1306 Underwood St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with failure to maintain lane and DUI.

■ Reynoldo Santiz Shilon, 20, 2200 Cleveland Highway, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, underage consumption, open container of alcohol, failure to maintain lane and driving without a license.

■ Richard Vasquez, 36, no address given, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of cocaine.

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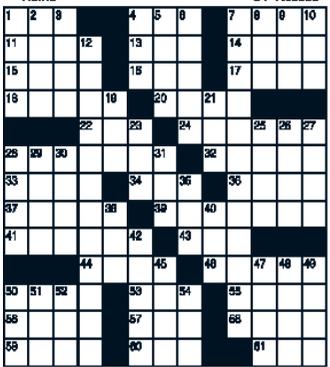
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Saturday's answer 3-30



BRIDGE

Famous hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 2
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ Q 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 9 8 5

WEST
 ♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ J 10 9 5 2
 ♦ K J 9 8
 ♣ K

EAST
 ♠ J 5
 ♥ K 8 4 3
 ♦ A 10 7 6 3
 ♣ 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 9 8 3
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ A 7 7 3 2

The bidding:
 West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1 ♣
 Pass Pass 2 NT Pass 2 ♣
 Pass Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 NT
 Pass 7 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

This deal occurred in the quarterfinal match between England and China at the 2007 women's world team championship in Shanghai. It features a brilliant defensive play by the British East, Michelle Brunner, who laid a cunning trap for her Chinese opponent when she seemed about to bring in a grand slam.

The bidding by the Chinese North-South was natural after a forcing one-club opening and one-diamond response indicating a weak hand. South's five notrump was no doubt intended as the "grand slam force," asking North to bid seven clubs if she held two of the top three club honors. North then elected to bid the grand slam without both honors, possibly influenced by her five-card support when she could have held somewhat less.

As can be seen, seven clubs was due to succeed because declarer had no way to get to dummy to try the trump finesse. After winning any lead, declarer would have had no choice but to plunk down the ace, dropping the king.

Things seemed headed for that outcome when Brunner's partner led the heart jack, on which the declarer, Yi Qian Liu, played dummy's queen. It was here that Brunner had her chance to shine. Having noted the absence of the club king in dummy, as well as the dearth of entries on the table, she decided to give declarer a bit of rope by refusing to cover the heart queen!

Declarer happily accepted this unexpected opportunity to take the trump finesse and so went down one. Of course, had Brunner made the routine play of covering the queen of hearts with the king, the grand slam would have come rolling home.

Tomorrow: Computing the percentage play.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Speak your mind and be open to ideas, activities and events you've never experienced before. Changes to the way you do things or what you do will result in creativity that will enhance the way others see you. Don't be too eager to give away too much; your generosity will be your downfall. Reap the rewards for your hard work. Your numbers are 7, 9, 12, 23, 35, 44, 49.

Don't get angry, just play it smart and say no. Put your time, effort and hard work into your home and family. 2 stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can form a good partnership that will enable you to reach your goals faster. Your creative ideas coupled with the drive your partner has will make you successful. Love is looking favorable and communication will bring results. 5 stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Change may be necessary but don't let it be costly. If someone wants too much, say no. Put your energy to work for you and develop what you need to help you produce the most and the best you can. 3 stars.



Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When it comes to making money or formulating deals, you have to tell it like it is and let everyone know what you want and need to proceed. Positive results will come from taking proper control. 3 stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's your life and you must be willing to be responsible for the results. Deception is being used in emotional ways to convince you to make unhealthy decisions that will benefit others but not you. 3 stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can play the game as well as anyone, so why are you letting your emotions get the better of you? Call someone's bluff and stop him or her from taking over. You can make the changes necessary for reforms and a better life. 3 stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone you love may be acting childish. Don't get involved in idle chatter or gossip that can only cause you problems in the future. Concentrate on getting ahead and doing things your way. 3 stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a way to promote your plans. Your ability to communicate your ideas and incorporate what others are doing into your own goals will help you build a strong future. Love is in the stars, so combine business with pleasure. 4 stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A fast talker may try to convince you to spend on something you shouldn't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to look at your personal life and make the right adjustments to achieve happiness. If someone is playing games with you or bringing you down, address the situation instead of running away or ignoring what's going on. Show your true worth. 3 stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find it easy to get along with acquaintances but those you are close to will not be as accommodating. Focus on expanding your circle of friends and you will recognize what true friendship means. It's time for change but only you can make it happen. 5 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional matters may escalate if you haven't got a good understanding of the facts involved. Travel and communication will fall short of your expectations. Sit tight until you have a better handle on your situation. 2 stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Jumping from one thing to another will unnerve the competition and keep you in the game. You have to be able to keep a secret. Someone may play you for a fool if you believe he or she is really truly on your side. 4 stars.

CRYPTOQUIP

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 Saturday's Cryptquip: MOVIE ABOUT TORNADO VICTIMS WHO HAD THE TOPS OF THEIR HOUSES BLOWN OFF "ROOFLESS PEOPLE"
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: U equals D

To Your Good Health

Fatty growths sometimes run in families

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 84 years old. I had my first fatty tumor when I was 11. Through the years, I have had many, many removed, and I continue to get more. I have learned to live with this condition. I have children and grandchildren who are concerned that they have inherited this affliction. My mother and father had fatty tumors, and my brother and sister had a few. Is this passed to children? — M.S.



Paul G. Donohue

In some cases, they are a family affair, and your family appears to be an example. A gene passed from an affected parent leads to lipomas in half the children of that parent.

If lipomas interfere with movement, hurt or are unsightly, they can be surgically removed. Some doctors have suctioned off the fat with a syringe and needle, similar to liposuction. Others have injected them with cortisone or deoxycholate.

ANSWER: Those fatty tumors are lipomas, non-cancerous growths of fat cells that spring up under the skin and range from golf-ball to tennis-ball size or larger. They can spring up anywhere, but they most often are found on the trunk, neck, forearms and under the arms. They're soft and rarely painful. People might have a single lipoma or many of them.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In your medical column, a reader asked about irritable bowel syndrome. Like the reader, I suffered from IBS for many years. Because of it, I was a prisoner confined to my home. A few years ago, I came upon an article written by a doctor who was experienced in treating IBS. He suggested using rifaximin. Researchers at a large medical center found it could control IBS for some people. I asked my family doctor if she would prescribe it for me. She said, "Why not?" and she did.

It was like a miracle. One course of treatment, and I was cured after 20 years of anguish, suffering and expensive treatments that did not work. I have a normal social life again. — D.F.

ANSWER: Rifaximin (brand name Xifaxan) is an antibiotic that stays in the digestive tract. It isn't absorbed. It's marketed for travelers' diarrhea. As you say, some reputable doctors have used it for control of irritable bowel syndrome, an "off-label" use, something that is permitted but not FDA-approved. I am glad it worked so well for you. I can't tell how many others it also might work for. Their doctors will have to agree to give it a try if they feel it is safe for their patients.

Restoring helpful bacteria to the digestive tract is another treatment for irritable bowel syndrome. Such bacteria are called probiotics. One product is Align, manufactured by Procter and Gamble. It contains the bacterium called Bifidobacterium infantis. There are other such products.

Irritable bowel syndrome is an assortment of signs and symptoms, including stomach pain or discomfort, bloating, diarrhea, constipation or diarrhea alternating with constipation. X-rays, scans and lab tests reveal no abnormalities. It's a difficult condition to have and to treat.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When I read your column, I often see a question whose answer I wanted to know. It upsets me when you don't answer the question

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

asked. For example, a person said his potassium was low and the doctor told him to drink orange juice and eat bananas. The person asked how much and how many, but you didn't specify. — A.W.

ANSWER: I didn't specify because the point I wanted to make was that it is futile to try to correct a potassium deficiency without knowing its cause. The daily potassium requirement is 4,700 mg. A banana has 420 mg. It takes 11 bananas to provide that much of this mineral. How many bananas will actually raise blood potassium levels by one point is a question that cannot be answered. Too many individual factors come into play.

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Representatives of the Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga visited Pleasant Grove Elementary recently for "Museum A Go-Go Math Night." Parents and students worked together creating math activities. Above, Graham Jones, a kindergarten student in Amy Towse's room, works with his father Todd. The name of their activity was "Two and Three Dimensional Shapes." Students and parents explored three dimensional shapes by filling them with dry beans.

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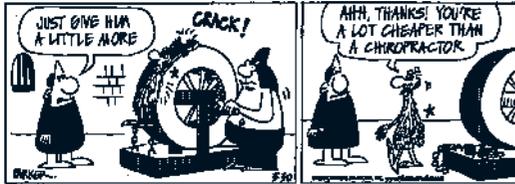
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DEAR ABBY

Memorial donations to charity get lost in paperwork jungle

DEAR ABBY: Please allow me to share some hard-earned advice with your readers. The custom of making donations to a charity in honor of loved one is common practice nowadays. Although I wholeheartedly support the idea, there can be "problems."

I have learned the hard way to always send a sympathy card to the family, indicating that I made the donation. A close friend's mother passed away, and I made a contribution to her favorite charity clearly indicating on the check "in memory of..."

eyebrows. Readers, if you follow this advice, it could prevent some misunderstandings and hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rollie," and I have an issue regarding his ex-wife, "Flora." She lives seven hours from us in the same city as their grown children. Rollie sometimes goes without me to spend time with the boys. I don't have a problem with not being included on these trips because I know my husband misses his sons and wants to spend "guy time" with them.

My issue is Rollie is too cheap to pay for a hotel — although we do have the money — so he stays with Flora. I don't consider myself a prude, but I find this unacceptable.

What's your view? Supposedly, at least one of the "boys" is staying there, too. — THE CURRENT MRS. IN JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

On another occasion a relative informed me that my name wasn't on the list of donors. I told her to call the organization back because I had a canceled check. When she did, they informed her that the entire list hadn't printed out correctly. — LESSON LEARNED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR LESSON LEARNED: Thank you for writing. I'm sure your letter will raise some

DEAR CURRENT MRS.: I can see both sides of this question. Rollie loves his money and you love Rollie, and his staying with his ex is a gut-level threat, whether real or imagined. Out of respect for your feelings, your husband should stay with one of his grown sons when he goes to visit. That way, he won't have to shell out any money, and you won't have to worry about appearances.

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OBITUARIES

• **Annie Grace Painter, Dalton**
 • **Retha Pritchard Poarch, Calhoun**
 • **Lisa Ellis Morgan, Chatsworth**
 • **Willie Mae Havner Nunley, Tunnel Hill**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Annie Grace Painter

Annie Grace Painter, age 84, of Dalton, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Quinton Memorial Health Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Effie Jarrett; daughter, Ruby Grace Painter; brothers, Clyde Jarrett, Cecil Jarrett and sister, Lucile Mantooth.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mable and Charles Roberts of Ooltewah; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Dorothy Painter, Jerry and Mae Painter, Roger and Cathy Painter, Roy and Susan Painter all of Dalton; sisters, Edna Sutton, Leona Cooper, and Mary Aldean Jarrett; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral is Tuesday at

11 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel with the Rev. Rich Brock and the Rev. Clyde Painter officiating.

Burial will be in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 5 until 8 p.m.

Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peoples.com.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call 706-259-7455. www.legacy.com

Retha Pritchard Poarch

Mrs. Retha Pritchard Poarch, age 79, of Calhoun, passed away March 29, 2009 in Gordon Hospital following a short illness.

She was born in Fannin County, Ga. on Dec. 13, 1929, daughter of the late Wilson and Sarah Davenport Foster, but had resided in Calhoun for 53 years. She was a long time member of the Belmont Baptist Church and worked in Customer Service at Mannington and Regent Mills. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Clyde Pritchard to whom she was married 28 years.

She is survived by her

husband of 28 years, Samuel D. Poarch of Calhoun; a son and daughter-in-law; Scott and Susan Pritchard of Marietta, a daughter and son-in-law; Sharon and Steve Powell of Calhoun, step-children; Sandra Arp of Dalton, Bill Poarch of Dalton, and David Poarch of Phoenix, Arizona; grandchildren are Natalie Coombe of Calhoun, Nathan Powell of Arlington, Va., and Tristan Pritchard of Buchanan, Ga.; Nicole Pritchard, Mackinley Pritchard of Dallas, Ga.; great-grandchildren; Cate and Steven Powell of Arlington, Va.; brothers and sisters; Claude Foster, Lomis Foster, Ira Foster, Johnson Foster, Zona Waters, Elizabeth Whiteside, Iva Lee Baker and Deveda Pharr.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today from the Belmont Baptist Church with Dr. John Allen officiating. Interment will follow in the Fain Cemetery with Reverend Jeff Hawkins in charge of graveside services.

The family received friends at the Thomas Funeral Home Sunday.

You may sign the online register book or express private condolences at www.thomasfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Funeral Home has charge of the arrange-

ments for Mrs. Retha Pritchard Poarch. www.legacy.com

Lisa Ellis Morgan

Mrs. Lisa Ellis Morgan, 48, of Chatsworth, went to be with her Lord, Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.F. and Lois Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and Nina Jo Ellis; father-in-law, Ray L. Morgan.

She is survived by her husband, Ray E. Morgan; daughter, Marisa Morgan, both of Chatsworth; mother and step-father, Elizabeth and Ernest Erwin of Chatsworth; mother-in-law, Jeanette Morgan of Dalton; sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, Dianne and T. J. Hardie of Virginia, Karen and David Montgomery of Dalton and Darlene and Ricky Gwinn of Chohutta; special cousin, Lee Ann Orange of Rome; Aunts and uncles, Etta Mae and Bob Dooley, Judy Skidmore all of Dalton, Bobby and Dale Ellis of Chatsworth, Barbara and Lee Rogers of Rome; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today in the Chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Cantrell the Rev. John Bagley and the

Rev. Travis Martin officiating.

Burial will follow in United Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhome.com. Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

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Willie Mae Havner Nunley

Mrs. Willie Mae Havner Nunley, 81, of Tunnel Hill, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009.

She was the daughter of the late William Lee and Lillie Mae Matthews Nunley and was preceded in death by her husband, David Nunley; son, Pastor Ivan Nunley; daughter, Gloria Hayes; sisters, Mary Lou Farris and Ruby Kilgore; brother, Billy Joe Nunley; son-in-law, Willard Hayes.

Willie Mae is survived by

her children and their spouses, Hershel and Betty Nunley, Birdie Rogers, Regenia Haynes all of Tunnel Hill; Viola Nunley of Chatsworth; Pam and Jerry Fincher of Cohutta; John and Judy Nunley of Tunnel Hill; and Grady Nunley of Talking Rock; sister, Rachel Davenport of Toccoa, Ga.; 27 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Love Funeral Home with Pastor Jeremy Fincher, Pastor Darrell Nunley and Pastor Calvin Nunley officiating.

Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery in Tunnel Hill.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

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Docs balk at the cost

Stimulus money isn't enough to encourage some doctors to computerize medical records

By TOM KISKEN
 Scripps Howard News

The federal government wants to give Dr. Geoffrey Drew \$44,000 over five years to migrate from paper records to electronic ones.

He doesn't want it. "It's not an incentive," he said of financial carrots and penalties used in the federal stimulus package to compel doctors, hospitals and clinics to adopt computerized patient record systems. "It's a distraction."

The stimulus package includes more than \$30 billion for health information technology over six years. Much of the money will come from 2011 to 2015 in reimbursement bonuses for hospitals and doctors who make the switch. Providers who don't make the transition stand to be punished with reduced Medicare payments beginning in 2015.

The plan is designed to push healthcare into an era where patient care improves, medical errors happen less often and costs take a nose-dive. Tests, prescription drugs, past illnesses and all other medical information would be kept on electronic files that may one day follow a patient from a doctor's office to a hospital or from one hospital to another. Ideally, patients would be able to check their own records to see the results of an X-ray or a blood test.

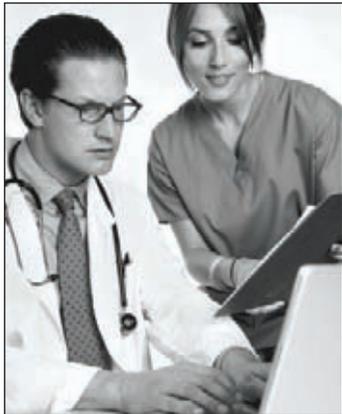
Many hospital leaders see the money as a way to ease the burden of a transition that in most places is well under way. Doctors are farther behind in the race to go electronic. Many of them are wary of the stimulus money though some see it as an opportunity to make a change that will improve their ability to care for patients.

Drew gets all that. What he doesn't get are the numbers. He thinks making the transition to an electronic records system could mean as much as \$300,000 in hardware, software and staff.

"No way I'm going to pay for that," said Drew, who practices in Ventura, Calif. "You'll find very few doctors who are going to do it."

Other estimates are lower, with one suggesting doctors could pay \$80,000 out of their pockets over five years.

Some observers predict electronic records will be a linchpin of healthcare reform



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and would generate billions in savings, partly by eliminating redundancies such as X-rays taken at a clinic and then repeated in the hospital. Drew doesn't buy that math either.

"Most doctors do not see why this is such an imperative and how this would be a big money saver," he said. "We fear that this is just a further means for insurance companies to intrude on records and to spy on patients for pre-existing conditions."

Doctors say the vast majority of their colleagues, particularly those in smaller offices, push paper because they can't afford electronic medical record systems that require hardware, software and specially trained staff.

"It's very expensive not only to purchase but to maintain it," said Dr. Ted Hole, a family care doctor. He characterized electronic medical records as a good concept but one that can push doctors away from direct interaction with patients.

"We're basically becoming clerks that fill in medical records so you can get incentives from the government," he said.

Some observers think cost concerns may be diminishing. They cite reports that Wal-Mart will begin selling electronic record systems to doctors for \$10,000 to \$25,000. They also point to a federal law that allows hospitals to subsidize 85 percent of a doctor's software costs for electronic systems.

The threat of Medicare penalties won't force doctors into adopting the systems, said Dr. Stan Frochtzwaig, a family care doctor who plans to move from paper to electronic records. Instead, frustrated doctors might consider no longer seeing Medicare patients.

But what will push them to computerized records is the ability to easily order lab tests, exchange consultations with other doctors and write prescriptions once instead of four times, Frochtzwaig said.

"The efficiencies will be so compelling and if the costs are not so overwhelming, doctors will come on willingly," Frochtzwaig said.

Study: Cholesterol drug lowers blood clot risk

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Statin drugs, taken by millions of Americans to lower cholesterol and prevent heart disease, also can cut the risk of developing dangerous blood clots that can lodge in the legs or lungs, a major study suggests.

The results provide a new reason for many people with normal cholesterol to consider taking these medicines, said as Crestor.

Lipitor, Zocor and in generic form, doctors say. In the study, Crestor cut nearly in half the risk of blood clots in people with low cholesterol but high scores on a test for inflammation, which plays a role in many diseases. This same study last fall showed that Crestor dramatically lowered rates of heart attacks, death and stroke in these people, who are not usually given statins now.

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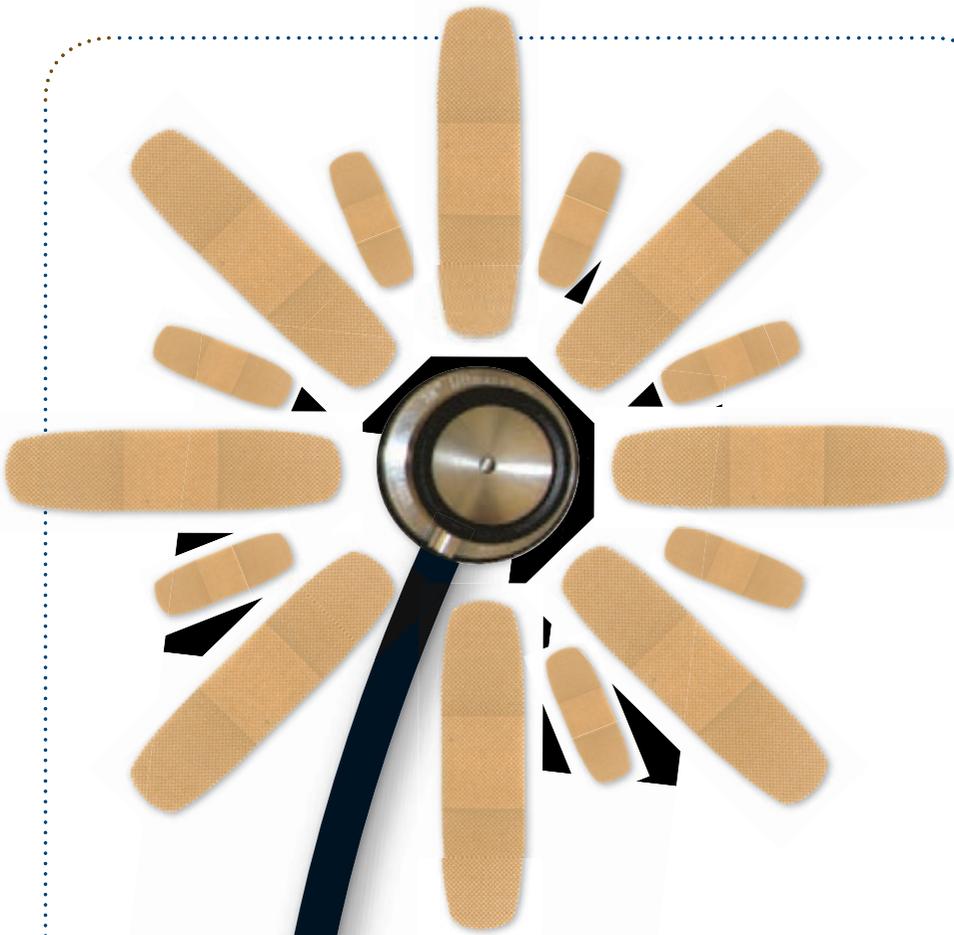
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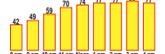
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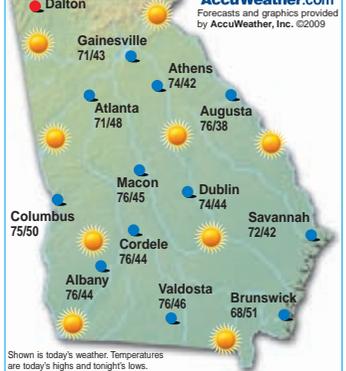


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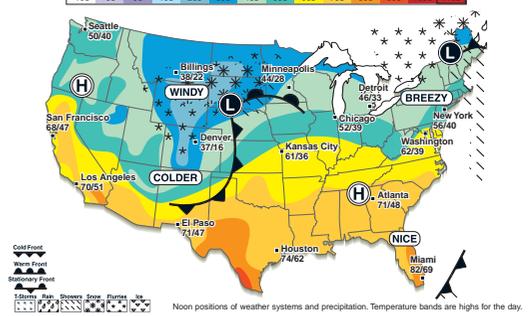
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National Weather for March 30, 2009



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COMMENTARY



Misty Watson/The Daily Citizen
Murray County's golf team runs six players deep, led by sophomore Tyler Simpson (pictured). So far, the Indians are 6-0 in match play.

Can Murray County's golf team win 7-4A?

Why not us? That's what's what every Region 7-4A golf program is asking itself when listing an appearance in the Class 4A state playoffs as a goal.

That's because Georgia High School Association golf is unique compared to any other sport in the association in that there is no set region schedule, no region record and only one event determines the region's champion, and that's the region playoffs — a one day event April 20 at Stonebridge Golf Course in Rome that features all of the 7-4A teams.

Only the top two teams from each of the state's eight regions advance to the state playoffs, and advancing from 7-4A will be much more difficult this year with the field more than doubling from seven schools to 15 after this school year's realignment.



Adam Krohn

shot at disrupting that string of success their rivals have enjoyed for so long.

The Indians are undefeated in match play so far this season at 6-0, and depth is their strongest asset. Based on Indians' nine-hole match play to date, only three strokes separate their No. 1, Tyler Simpson (39), from their No. 6, Jacob Wildes (42). In between are Chase Jones and Zach Gibson (40) and Dylan Langford and Caleb Langford (41).

"There's not much of a difference between them at all," said Indians coach Brett Dotson, in his fifth year with the team, one of which he served as an assistant. "So far, we've had a different low medalist in all but two of our matches. It's always interesting to see who comes out on top. So far, the highest score has been a 43, and the lowest was a 36."

The Indians, who return to 7-4A after spending the last two seasons in 5-5A, will be playing the role of a wild-card heading into the region playoffs because they have yet to face the rival Bruins and Catamounts in an event this year. Dalton and Northwest Whitfield are well established programs that regularly participate in a number of highly-regarded 18-hole tournaments that feature the state's best talent from schools such as Peachtree Ridge, Harrison and Marist.

The Indians, meanwhile, have been left out of that loop and have spent their season playing nine-hole matches against mostly non-region opponents in Southeast, Gordon Lee, Rome (7-4A), Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, Heritage-Catoosa and Ringgold.

Only once have they played an 18-hole match and that was in a season opening win over the Raiders at Spring Lakes Golf Course in Chatsworth. In that event, Simpson led the way with a four-over 76.

"A lot of it has to do with availability," said Dotson of the team's lack of 18-hole tournament appearances. "Some tournaments are invite only, and we don't get invited. Some of them take a good bit of money and some conflict with school schedules. But we're trying to work our way up to that point (of playing in more tournaments)."

But the Indians have found ways to work around the lack of tournament play. For instance, last summer Wildes and Gibson — the team's only two seniors (the other four are sophomores) — approached Spring Lakes pro Lonnie Reese with an idea to start the Junior Golf Association, which consists of weekly 18-hole matches that includes mostly Chatsworth-area junior golfers. Gibson and Wildes served as the league's co-chairmen this past season, and with Reese's help they organized the league by setting up a points system and rewarding a champion with a trophy at the end of the season.

Simpson was the league's first champion and said the time spent at Spring Lakes has helped his game tremendously. He said pointers from Reese have also made a difference.

➤ Please see **KROHN, 3B**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

Down to just four

Michigan State pulls off upset; Carolina coasts

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan State is marching on to Motown.

The Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville 64-52 Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years — the most trips of any team in the nation during that span.

Only 90 miles from their campus in East Lansing, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. A crowd of 72,000, the largest ever for college basketball's signature event, is expected for each game.

"Detroit, here we come," said coach Tom Izzo, a Michigan native. "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that."

The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and Indiana State.

Along with advancing, the Spartans prevented a Big East blitz in the Final Four — Louisville (31-6) was trying to become the third school from the power-packed conference to make it.

The Cardinals scored 103 points in overwhelming Arizona in the regional semifinal, but barely reached half that total

➤ Please see **NCAA, 2B**



AP PHOTO
North Carolina's Ty Lawson shoots in front of Oklahoma's Blake Griffin in the first half of the South Regional championship game in Memphis, Tenn., on Sunday. The Tar Heels won 72-60. For a recap, see 2B.

AUTO RACING: NASCAR-SPRINT CUP



AP PHOTO
Jimmie Johnson (48) leads Denny Hamlin, Tony Stewart (14) and Clint Bowyer (33) into turn four during the Goody's 500 at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., on Sunday.

J.J. wins at Martinsville

By **HANK KURZ JR.**
Associated Press Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Jimmie Johnson didn't have the car to beat until late in the Goody's 500 on Sunday, but that he emerged at the right time should have been no surprise.

After all, he is Mr. Martinsville. Johnson nudged Denny Hamlin aside in the third and fourth turns with 15 laps to go at Martinsville Speedway, and gave team owner Rick Hendrick a perfect place to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his first victory in NASCAR's premier series: Victory Lane.

Johnson and Hamlin had differing views of the pass that gave Johnson his fifth victory in the last six races on NASCAR's smallest, trickiest track. Hamlin said it was a bump and standard short-track fare, while Johnson thought the video would change Hamlin's opinion.

On the pass, Johnson caught Hamlin and got inside him on the backstretch on the 485th lap. From the outside, Hamlin tried to cut down in front of Johnson, bringing the contact.

Johnson gathered control and grabbed the lead, while Hamlin kept his car from hitting the wall and tried to give chase, but Johnson pulled away easily and coasted to the victory.

"If he wants to think that I tried moving him out of the way, he can believe that, but he should watch the video and see that I was inside of him," Johnson said. "I did everything I could to miss him — climbed up on the curb — and he was still coming down."

"The only reason we touched and the only reason he ended up in the rubber where he couldn't come back and get me was the fact that he chopped me," he added. "I patiently worked to get that spot, to get the position inside of him, and he crowded me on the bottom."

Hamlin said he bore no ill will, but will look forward to a chance to reciprocate.

"I would have done the same to him and if it comes back around, I will do the same thing," he said. "It's just the way it is. At Martinsville, you've got to battle for every inch."

No one, clearly, does that better than Johnson.

Dubbed "Mr. Martinsville" by Jeff Gordon, Johnson won for the fifth time in the last six races here and for the sixth time overall, second among active drivers to Gordon's seven.

And he did it by biding his time, falling back in the pack early in the race to get his car right, and then using the improved car and some slick work in the pits to make it pay.

The victory was the 18th for Hendrick Motorsports at Martinsville, where a victory by Geoff Bodine 25 years ago gave the fledgling company a needed boost, and the 10th in the last 13 races. Johnson has won six of those, and Gordon has won the other four.

Hendrick, who missed that first win, gave Johnson a bear hug in Victory Lane.

Johnson's 41st career victory came after Gordon, who led 147 laps, and then

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GOLF

Same old Tiger: big comeback

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — The clutch shots. The late charge. An electric birdie putt on the 18th hole at Bay Hill.

Yep, Tiger Woods is back. With those familiar back-nine heroics and a putt most everyone knew he was going to make, Woods holed a 15-footer for birdie to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first victory since returning from knee surgery.

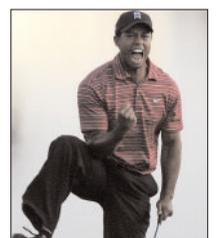
Woods closed with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Sean O'Hair, matching his largest comeback on the PGA Tour.

"It feels good to be back in contention, to feel the rush," Woods said. "It's been awhile, but God, it felt good."

Just like last year, when Woods made a 25-foot birdie on the final hole at Bay Hill for a one-shot victory, he delivered a high-charged celebration. Instead of slamming his cap to the ground, he turned and ran into the arms of his caddie, who lifted him off his feet.

Then came the meeting with the tournament host.

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AP PHOTO
Tiger Woods celebrates after sinking the putt to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday in Orlando, Fla.

NCAA: MSU's 5th final four in 11 years; UNC's 9th in 19

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against a rugged, defensive-minded squad. Earl Clark scored 19 points, but coach Rick Pitino's team played without the precision or passion it had Friday night.

Louisville lost for the first time in 14 games. It was the second straight year they were eliminated from the NCAA tournament in the regional final.

Sutton carried the Spartans early, scoring 17 points in the first half, and Durrell Summers delivered 10 second-half points.

"They prepared so well the past day and a half," Izzo said. "I didn't know if we could beat them but I thought we had a chance."

It went nothing like Louisville expected.

The Cardinals allowed Michigan State to dictate the pace with their deliberate half-court style, and Louisville's vaunted pressure defense produced no fastbreak points.

Instead, Michigan State relied on its physical style and finally broke the Cardinals.

After going 28 minutes without either team taking more than a three-point lead, the Cardinals broke down.

Louisville came back from a 30-27 halftime

deficit to take a 34-32 lead with 15:33 to go.

But the Spartans answered with the first big run of the day, outscoring Louisville 9-2 over a two-minute span for a 41-36 lead.

The Spartans were just getting started.

Michigan State took advantage of the Cardinals poor free-throw shooting to go on a 17-7 run that made it 58-43 with 5:50 to go.

That forced Louisville to rush its offense into bad shots, and with Louisville's rebounders out of position, Michigan State dominated.

The Cardinals made only one basket in the last 5:18 and shot just 38.3 percent from the field.

North Carolina 72, Oklahoma 60. In Memphis, Tenn., Blake Griffin might be the nation's best player. North Carolina brushed him aside with a total team effort.

Ty Lawson scored 19 points and Danny Green added 18 to lead the top-seeded Tar Heels to a 72-60 win over Griffin and Oklahoma on Sunday in the South Regional final.

North Carolina (32-4) advanced to the Final Four for the second straight year and will play Villanova in the national semifinals.

Griffin scored 23 points



AP PHOTO Michigan State's Durrell Summers (15) shoots against Louisville's Samardo Samuels (24) and Andre McGee, second from left, during their Midwest Regional final on Sunday.

with 16 rebounds for Oklahoma, but the second-seeded Sooners (30-6) went 2-for-19 from 3-point range.

"We fully believed we were going to win this basketball game today, but this is how life is sometimes. It doesn't happen the way you want it," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said. "I thought the game would've been a lot more interesting if we could've made some shots, but I thought we had some really good looks."

North Carolina reached a

record 18th Final Four. UCLA has been to 18, but the Bruins' 1980 appearance was later vacated by the NCAA because of rules violations.

This will be the Tar Heels' ninth Final Four in 19 seasons — and it will be played at Detroit's Ford Field, where they routed Michigan State 98-63 in December. Earlier Sunday, the Spartans also reached the Final Four.

Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina's big man, scored only eight points, but his

team still won with ease.

North Carolina led 61-40 before Oklahoma scored nine straight points, including its first 3-pointer after 15 misses to start the game. Lawson made a couple free throws with 4:12 to play to halt that run.

Hansbrough was The Associated Press player of the year in 2008, and Griffin has made an impressive bid for this year's honor. The battle of big men wasn't much of a contest on the street shot, but the Tar Heels set the tone by swarming Griffin early with double teams. He didn't score before making two free throws with 8:29 remaining in the first half.

Both teams appeared tight at the start, but the Tar Heels loosened up quickly. Lawson pulled up for a jumper from the free throw line that gave North Carolina a 13-2 lead and forced Oklahoma to take a timeout less than six minutes in.

At first, Griffin was content to pass out of the double teams, and Oklahoma accomplished one of its goals by controlling the pace. North Carolina didn't have many early fast breaks and even tossed up several uncharacteristic air balls.

At the other end, however, the Sooners were stag-

nant. After a 3-pointer by Green put the Tar Heels ahead 28-16, the shot clock ran out on Oklahoma when Griffin was double teamed and the Sooners didn't react quickly enough.

With his teammates shooting poorly, Griffin became more aggressive, scoring Oklahoma's last seven points of the half, but the Sooners still trailed 32-23 at intermission — their lowest-scoring half of the season. Oklahoma scored all its first-half points from the paint or the foul line.

Green scored 14 points in the first half. Hansbrough picked up two fouls in the first seven minutes and played only nine in the half.

North Carolina made its first six shots of the second half, and the Tar Heels were able to maintain a comfortable lead even as Griffin threw down a powerful, one-handed alley-oop dunk at the other end.

North Carolina eventually went ahead 53-38 on a 3-pointer by Lawson.

"It's not hard to see how talented they are throughout the year. I've always been impressed with them," said Taylor Griffin, who scored four points for the Sooners. "They're as good as advertised, I think."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lil' Curry transferring from Liberty to Duke

By JOEY MCCREARY

Associated Press Writer RALEIGH, N.C. — Seth Curry is joining Coach K and the Duke Blue Devils.

Curry's father Dell told The Associated Press on Sunday night that his son will transfer to Duke next season.

The younger brother of Davidson star Stephen Curry was the Big South freshman of the year at Liberty after leading the nation's first-year players

with a 20.2-point average.

He announced plans last week to transfer so that he could play a higher level of competition, and Dell Curry said his son was impressed by the level of interest Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski and his staff had in the young shooting guard.

Seth Curry will sit out next season, and the Charlotte native will have three seasons of eligibility remaining beginning in 2010-11, when the Blue Devils will need another scoring guard. Gerald Henderson and Jon Scheyer will be seniors next year.

"Coach K kept telling him the timing couldn't be better," said Curry's father, who

spent most of his 16 NBA seasons with the Charlotte Hornets. "There'll be plenty of opportunities to contribute."

A Duke spokesman, citing NCAA rules, said the school can not comment on whether a player has transferred into the program until his paperwork is received.

Seth Curry scored 23 and 18 points in his first two college games, and he scored a season-high 35 at VMI in January before the largest crowd in Keydets history. He was held to eight points in his final game with the Flames, an 88-65 loss to James Madison last week in the CollegeInsider.com tournament.

Now he's set to become the first member of his famous family to play in the ACC.

Dell Curry starred at Virginia Tech in the 1980s — well before the Hokies joined the conference — before becoming one of the NBA's most prolific 3-point shooters.

Stephen Curry was virtually ignored by the ACC's schools coming out of high school three years ago and instead wound up at Davidson, where he blossomed into one of the biggest draws in the sport after leading the Wildcats to within a missed 3-pointer of last year's Final Four.

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNEY



UConn players cheer during their win over California on Sunday.

AP Photo

UConn remains perfect

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — All season long

Connecticut has been on cruise control, dominating opponents with double-digit victory margins.

Sunday was no different; it just took awhile. When the Huskies found themselves down eight points — their biggest deficit of the year — they didn't panic.

Instead, they turned up the defense, forced turnovers and outscored the Bears during a crucial stretch to advance to their 14th regional final in the last 16 seasons.

Freshman Tiffany Hayes scored a career-high 28 points as the undefeated Huskies beat fourth-seeded California 77-53. The Huskies will face Arizona State on Tuesday night with a trip to the Final Four at stake.

UConn (36-0) continued its march toward the school's third perfect season. The Huskies have entered the NAAs unbeaten three other times. Connecticut went on to win the national championship in 1995 and 2002.

Arizona State 84, Texas A&M 69. In Trenton, N.J., The expected defensive battle turned into a shootout, and Arizona State had a little too much for Texas A&M. The Sun Devils played a near perfect game in

upsetting the second-seeded Aggies 84-69, advancing to the second regional final in school history.

Arizona State (26-8) shot a season-high 62 percent, getting points from nine players, including 22 by Briann January, and did all the little things, winning the hustle plays, making the smart plays and even frustrating its opponents with four or five baskets at the shot clock.

They'll face top-seeded Connecticut (36-0) on Tuesday night for a trip to the Final Four.

Danielle Orsillo added 15 points and Lauren Lacey had 14 for the Sun Devils.

Purdue 67, Rutgers 61. In Oklahoma City, Lakisha Freeman scored 18 points, and sixth-seeded Purdue held off a late rally to beat Rutgers to reach the round of eight in the NCAA tournament.

FahKara Malone hit a key basket in the final minute and Jodi Howell added the clinching free throws with 6.2 seconds left for Purdue (25-10), which became the second No. 6 seed this year to reach the round of eight, joining Arizona State.

Purdue, which shot 52.9 percent from the field, will make its eighth appearance in a regional final.

NASCAR: Gordon's winless streak extends to 47

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Hamlin, who led 296, dominated for most of the race, and after it looked like Hamlin had outfoxed him.

After Johnson took the lead coming out of the pits with 72 laps to go, Hamlin ducked inside him on a restart with 45 laps to go. The move gave the Virginia native the position he needed to take the lead, and he held onto it through three restarts until 15 laps remained.

Hamlin, the defending race champion, never challenged Johnson after he slid high into the banking after the winning pass, and his winless streak extended to 32 races.

Hamlin recovered to finish second in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, followed by Tony Stewart, Gordon and



AP PHOTO Kyle Busch (18) spins out in turn four during the Goody's 500 at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., on Sunday.

Clint Bowyer. Ryan Newman was sixth with Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. next, giving Hendrick four of the top eight spots and Stewart-Haas Racing two.

Stewart, who had the best view of the duel for the lead, was disappointed the leaders' battle and contact didn't give him a chance to take advantage, but thrilled nonetheless.

"We're inching up closer," said Stewart, a first-year owner who also owns Newman's car.

Gordon, who started on the pole for the eighth time at the track when qualifying was rained out and the starting lineup was set by the point standings, ran in the top five for most of the day, but still saw his winless streak extend to a career-high 47 races.

Gordon remained the points leader by 89 over Bowyer.

"I'm not really concerned with this streak of how many wins we haven't had in a row," Gordon said. "I am more concerned with what we have to do this year to win races and win this championship. You certainly don't want to give that No. 48 (Johnson) momentum."

Woods: Three lead changes over final three holes

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"What was it I told you last year?" Palmer said with a wide grin.

Woods won at Bay Hill for the sixth time, the third PGA Tour event he has won at least that often.

This one was special. Woods had not been atop the leaderboard since he won the U.S. Open in a 19-hole playoff last June. He had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week later, and missed the next eight months.

With two indifferent results at World Golf Championships, there were questions whether he would be ready for the Masters in two weeks. Not anymore. He rallied from a five-shot deficit and delivered one crucial shot after another in fading sunlight.

It was the third time Woods has won at Bay Hill with a

birdie on the 72nd hole.

O'Hair made only one birdie and closed with a 73, but he steadied himself along the back nine until a crucial mistake on the 16th hole, when he went up the flag with Woods in the rough. His 7-iron came up short and into the water, leading to a bogey.

"I think what happened is when the sun was going down a little bit, I guess that kind of proved to me that the ball wasn't quite going as far," O'Hair said.

He might be right, for Woods ran into the same problem a hole later. He posed over a 4-iron that he thought was flush, tongue hanging out of his mouth like Michael Jordan when he knew a shot was going in. This one plugged under the lip of the front bunker, and Woods made bogey to fall into a tie.

That set up the dramatic finish with only minutes of daylight remaining, thanks to a two-hour rain delay in the morning.

It was the second straight year that O'Hair had to watch Woods celebrate. They were in the final group a year ago when Woods made his big birdie putt to beat Bart Bryant.

"It's just a little bit disappointing that I couldn't close it," O'Hair said.

Woods finished at 5-under 275 and won \$1.08 million for his 66th career victory. Only once in his career has Woods failed to win a PGA Tour event in the three months leading to the Masters, but more Bay Hill magic took care of that.

Zach Johnson shot 69 and finished third.

Woods was running out of holes until he came up with two clutch putts, the kind he

has made throughout his career.

The most pivotal came at the 14th, when he was one shot behind and caught yet another plugged lie under the lip of a bunker. Woods did well to blast out to just over 12 feet, while O'Hair had 15 feet for birdie. Make it, and he could go up by three.

O'Hair narrowly missed, and Woods holed his putt for par. On the next hole, Woods made a 25-foot birdie putt to tie for the lead.

There were three lead changes over the final three holes, and a predictable winner.

They were separated by one shot for most of the back nine, with momentum seemingly on Woods' side, but not the lead. That didn't come until the 16th hole, and then he needed one more clutch shot to return to a familiar place.

NORTH MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Club meets tonight

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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"He works us, and if he's out there, he'll play with us," Simpson said. "And playing better golfers only makes us better. He'll tweak some things about our swing, but he doesn't try to change our swing. That's what I like about him. He helps us out."

The Indians were supposed to finally play an 18-hole tournament against rival Dalton and others this past weekend in the Canyon Ridge Invitational in Rising Fawn, but rain washed away that opportunity. But the event was moved to April 4, two days before another 18-hole tournament, the Fields Ferry Invitational in Calhoun.

The two events will give the Indians the 18-hole experience they need heading into the region playoffs just two weeks later. Reese believes the Indians are ready regardless of experience.

"I think a lot of people are going to be surprised," Reese said. "I really do believe that. They can play with the Dalton's and the Northwest's, as long as they have the confidence that they can play with those guys. And that's what they need, because they're a young team."

With youth comes inexperience, but Gibson believes the team's talent overrides both of those elements.

"I feel like this is the strongest team we've had since I've been here," Gibson said. "And I feel like we can go further than any other team I've been on. If we go into region with the right mindset as a team, we really do have the ability to be right up there with Dalton and Northwest."

Caleb Langford realizes the task his team is up against when staring at the credentials of the Cats and Bruins, who between them have won the region title and reached the state playoffs every year since 2001, with Dalton winning the 2004 state championship.

"There's a little bit of intimidation there," he said. "But we can get past that, and hopefully we can come out on top."

15 teams. One day. Why not the Indians?

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FOOTBALL

Long-time coach dies

By JOHN KEKIS

Associated Press Writer
He was a star football player in college, a champion pro football coach, a baseball president, a man with a short temper and very long resume, never averse to tackling something new.

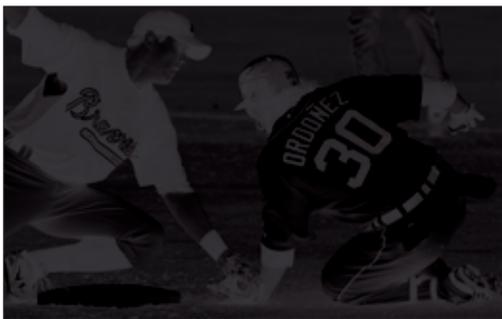
Nobody has ever done it quite like Lou Saban, who died early Sunday at his home in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., at age 87. He had a heart problem for years and recently suffered a fall that required hospitalization, his wife, Joyce, said.

"He was an original," she said. "He was one of a kind."

There was a reason Saban was dubbed "Much Traveled Lou." In the first 33 years of a career that spanned five decades, Saban held 18 jobs, an average of 1.83 years per stop. Among those jobs was president of the New York Yankees from 1981-82 for his longtime friend, team owner George Steinbrenner.

"He has been my friend and mentor for over 50 years, and one of the people who helped shape my life," Steinbrenner, who was receivers coach under Saban at Northwestern University in 1955, said in a statement.

PRO BASEBALL



AP PHOTO

Atlanta Braves second baseman Kelly Johnson, left, tags out Detroit Tigers' Magglio Ordonez as he tries to stretch a base hit to center into a double in the third inning of their spring training baseball game in Lakeland, Fla. on Sunday.

Braves fall short to Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Francoeur and Casey Kotchman hit consecutive home runs in the first inning and Jeremy Bonderman was pulled after getting only four outs Sunday in the Detroit Tigers' 5-4 win over the Atlanta Braves.

Bonderman also walked two batters. He likely will miss his first regular-season turn in the rotation as he continues to recover from shoulder surgery that sidelined him for most of last season.

Placido Polanco hit a solo home run in the first and Brandon Inge put the Tigers ahead 4-3 with a two-run shot in the second off Javier Vazquez. The Braves

starter worked six innings.

"Vazquez was good right after the second inning. It looked like the score was going to be 15-14 today, one of those jobbers," said Braves manager Bobby Cox, who also had praise for Bonderman.

"I've seen enough of him," Cox said. "I'll take him in a heartbeat."

Clay Rapada struck out three batters in two perfect innings to earn the victory. Eddie Bonine recorded the final out to pick up his third save. Bonine has not given up a run in his past nine appearances.

Blaine Boyer took over for Vazquez in the seventh and gave up a go-ahead sin-

gle by Curtis Granderson.

Notes: Cox announced his pitching rotation to start the regular season. Derek Lowe will work the opener April 5 at Philadelphia, followed by fellow RHPs Jair Jurjens, Vazquez and Kenshin Kawakami. Lowe also is set to work the home opener April 10. ... Kawakami will start opposite Daisuke Matsuzaka of Boston in a matchup of Japanese right-handers Monday. ... The first pitch was delayed 49 minutes because of rain. ... The Tigers and Braves are scheduled to meet three more times this week, including Friday and Saturday in Atlanta.

PRO BASKETBALL

Hawks beat L.A.

BY CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press Writer
ATLANTA — Kobe Bryant wasn't feeling well. It showed.

Mike Bibby scored 21 points — including an improbable 3 off the top of the backboard — and the Atlanta Hawks took advantage of a tough game for Bryant, beating Los Angeles 86-76 Sunday to knock the Lakers another game behind Cleveland in the race for the NBA's best overall record.

The Hawks led nearly the entire way, bouncing back from consecutive home losses to two other elite teams, San Antonio and defending champion Boston.

The Lakers had won five straight, locking up the top seed in the Western

Conference, but an ailing Bryant had just 17 points on 7-of-19 shooting. Cleveland extended its lead for the best record to two games with a 102-74 win over Dallas.

Bryant, who missed a morning meal and film session because he wasn't feeling well, had his second straight off game. Coming off a 14-point performance at New Jersey, he picked up two quick fouls and had to sit out most of the first quarter.

He might have been better off just staying there, but no one stepped up to fill the void. Pau Gasol was the only other Los Angeles player in double figures, leading with 21 points, as the Lakers made just 35 percent (28 of 80) from the field.

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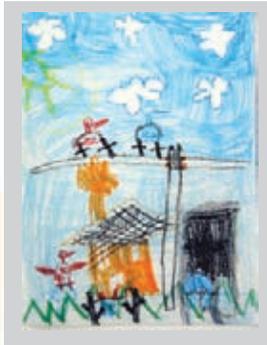
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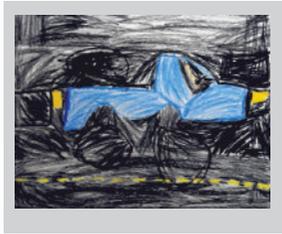
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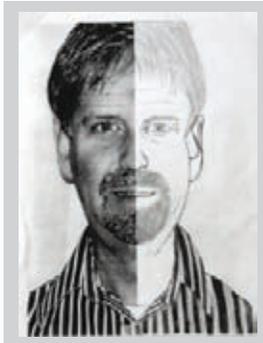
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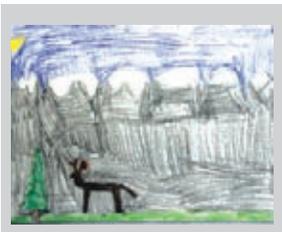
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