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Sandy Turner, left, of the Bartow County Fire Department, and Stephen Ogle, of the Cartersville Fire Department, pull a 180-pound dummy out of a small opening during search and rescue training Monday at the Dalton Fire Department's training center. Firefighters from several departments in north Georgia participated in the training session.

Cherokee gathering will bring visitors to region

By JAMIE JONES

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A gathering of the Cherokee nation at Red Clay State Park in Cleveland, Tenn., next month could provide a tourism boost for Whitfield County.

After all, part of Red Clay is technically in extreme northern Whitfield County.

"We absolutely hope to get some traffic and interest in some of our historical sites," said Margaret Thigpen, executive director of the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We certainly have our doors open for this group. We want them to discover Dalton and what we have to offer."

Prater's Mill, an 1850s era water-powered grist mill, is near Red Clay, while other historic sites such as the Tunnel Hill tunnel and Civil War sites are within driving distance. The Chief Vann House Historic Site, the home of Cherokee Indian leader James Vann, is in Murray County. Vann had the largest and most prosperous plantation in the Cherokee Nation, according to state historic officials.

The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation will meet at Red Clay from April 16-18. The event will be a "cultural celebration" featuring dance, music and crafts. It's expected to draw several thousand attendees and visitors. The entire event is free

and open to the public.

Red Clay State Park is just north of the Georgia/Tennessee state line. The Council Grounds at Red Clay was the seat of Cherokee government from 1832 through 1837. A year later Chief John Ross learned the Cherokee would be driven west from their ancestral land in what was later called the Trail of Tears. The last joint Council at Red Clay was in 1984.

Kicking off the gathering will be a symposium of Native American scholars discussing the historical significance of the Trail of Tears and its impact on Cherokee society. April 16 will also feature cultural demonstrations and performances. The second day begins in Cherokee, N.C., with the symbolic Eternal Flame Run in which tribal members run from Cherokee to Red Clay State Park.

Traditional dances, music, storytelling, a stickball game and arts and crafts demonstrations will take place on April 18.

Since there is limited parking at the state park, Thigpen plans to use a downtown Dalton shuttle bus for other parking spots in the area. The Convention and Visitors Bureau will hand out visitor's guides to people riding the shuttle in hopes of attracting them to Whitfield County. There probably won't be a large impact on hotel stays, but some restaurants in the county may see more diners, she said.

I-75 dash lands man in jail

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Dalton man was charged with DUI and hit and run on Monday after his car struck several cars on I-75 in Gordon County, officials said.

Steven Wallace Edgeman, 36, of 605 Vernon Ave., allegedly fled

before authorities arrived, eventually crashing his car near the Carbondale Road exit in Whitfield County. He was charged by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, hit and run and obstruction of an officer.

An operator with the Georgia State Patrol post in Dalton said she

received a call from Gordon 911 at 3:42 p.m. saying a "little black car" had committed a hit and run in the northbound lane of I-75. Whitfield 911 called the post five minutes later. Edgeman's car wrecked at mile marker 326 before troopers could give chase, said an official with the state patrol.

English only on license testing?

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Legislature appears on the verge of approving a measure that would require driver's license applicants to take the written exam in English, which could make Georgia the only state to have such a rule.

The measure passed the House Monday by a 104-58 vote. The proposal, which has already passed the Senate, would go to Gov. Sonny Perdue's desk if the chambers hash out minor differences in their versions of the bill.

Supporters of the bill say it's a matter of public safety, contending that drivers should be proficient in English so they can read roadside signs and overhead warnings.

"We believe it's a public safety measure," said state Rep. James Mills, a Gainesville Republican who sponsored the measure. "If someone sees a sign in the road that says, 'Bridge Out Ahead,' we want to make sure you can read 'Bridge Out Ahead.'"

But opponents say it's an anti-immigrant measure that would also hurt Georgia's chances of attracting foreign investment.

"This is real important on where we would want to take the state," said House Minority Leader DuBose Porter. "If we pass it, it would be shortsighted and narrow-minded."

State Rep. Pedro Marin, one of a handful of Hispanic state legislators, said the measure would "scapegoat" immigrants.

"There is no logical reason for this bill to be introduced," said Marin, D-Duluth. "The whole purpose is to stigmatize communities of those people who are different."

Georgia law now requires that applicants take the driving test and road signs test in English. But the written test is offered in 14 languages other than English, said Susan Sports of the Georgia Department of Driver Services. About 5,000 people a month take the test in one of those other languages, with the most popular being Spanish, Japanese and Korean, she said.

The proposed law would apply only to U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents who are eligible for a Georgia driver's license. It would provide an exception for people, such as temporary workers with visas or refugees, who are eligible for temporary licenses and would be able to take the written test in one of the other languages currently available.

According to U.S. English, a Washington-based political advocacy group dedicated to making English the official language, there are six other states that have similar laws — Alaska, Maine, New Hampshire, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming.

But calls by The Associated Press to the agencies that issue driver's licenses in those states found that all of them either offer the written test in languages other than English or allow test takers to use an interpreter or other aid.

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"I would like to let the person whose baby disrupted church this past Sunday know that nurseries and other classes exist for children while adults are in worship service. You and your child were very disruptive and many people complained after the service. It is hard to hear the message over talking, laughing/crying babies."

"I would think that exchanging ideas for solutions to our world failing apart is more important than bygone restaurants. But reminiscing about the good old days takes priority in this podunk hole in the wall."

Editor: We have room for both, you enchantingly crabby lady.

"The person with the old ragged flag flying in Dawnville may have vowed not to take that flag down before a son or daughter gets back home safely."

"How can Murray County staff a new school next year when they are cutting positions next year?"

"There needs to be a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 286 and Upper Dawnville Road."

"The consolidation of Dalton and Whitfield County — did the voters miss something? Don't we get to vote on it? Are our elected officials pulling something?"

Sarcasm alert
"I'll bet President Obama wishes he was as smart as all these people calling him a moron."

"Johnny Miller is starting to make me hate Tiger Woods."

"Term limits are definitely necessary in both the Senate and the House. It seems that all of the Senators and the House members have become involved with special interests and will do just about anything for money."

"Before we got a new mayor the city and the county both seemed to have enough money to fund programs."

"Why didn't Dalton participate in Earth Hour?"

"I thank God we have the C-3 and Alpha Classes. Most of the trips are paid for by the parents, so stop your griping."

"Everybody says shop local but we keep outsourcing our jobs."

"Jimmy, I enjoyed your column 'Feeling My Years.' Wait until you have a grandchild, then you really will feel your years."

"Was that Jones Restaurant on the corner of Murray Avenue and Grimes Street run by Rosie and Alan?"

"Why is Hamilton Medical Center spending who knows what to purchase a full-page ad in the Chattanooga newspaper about Doctors Day? Buy local."

"I think merging the Whitfield County and the city rec would be a great idea. I have a lack of confidence in the city's youth director, though. I just don't think he's up for the job. As

far as the grounds crew, the city does a superb job, and it would be nice to bring that to the county fields."

"Does anyone remember Griffin's Drive-In? James Griffin owned it. I worked there when I was 17."

"Georgia should legalize same sex marriage. Gays and lesbians are Americans and they should have the same rights as the rest of us."

"Our country is not a democracy or an oligarchy. It is a republic."

"We have a culture in this country that thinks it is really cool that Obama is trying to act like a regular guy. He isn't! He is supposed to be the leader of the USA and set higher standards than a celebrity promoting a book or movie."

"In answer to a forum question: I didn't receive any stimulus, but the state of Georgia did, some for infrastructure and part for Medicaid, which will help the poor. Feel better now?"

"My son is in prison until 2037 under the Three Strikes Rule made by the state attorney general. He has never held a gun or knife or weapon in a crime. It hurts to know that murderers are out in 7-15 years."

"How could an unlicensed electrician work at a place for seven years without a license?"

"President Bush got us to where we were Jan. 20 at 11:59 a.m. Since then President Obama has tripled what it took President Bush eight years to do."

"I stopped going to state parks when they started charging. My tax dollars already pay for those parks. I hope others quit if they go up to \$5."

"A shout out goes to the Hilltop Restaurant, run in the late 1960s by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell."

"I really enjoyed hometown heroes in the newspaper on Saturday. There's a lot of good people in Whitfield and Murray counties and it's good they are honored."

"Mayor Pennington is quickly lowering the standards of safety in the city. He wants the county to take over the fire department. Do you really want volunteer firefighters in the city and higher insurance rates?"

"There's nothing wrong with a trailer. As long as you have a roof over your head and are happy, that's all that counts. I also live in a trailer."

"Attention grandparents, if you can't afford a \$4-5 gate fee to see your grandchildren play ball, go to the Whitfield County Central Office and get a free gold pass card. You have to be 65 to get one."

"I worked at the Snac Bar when I was 17. My uncle and aunt, Holland and Becky Roberts, were the managers. I enjoyed it so much."

"When you relocate the Gitmo prisoners to the United States, be sure you put them with the other criminals in Washington, DC."

"Mr. Editor, are you trying to build a profile of your customers/callers to the forum. If so, why?"

Editor: Huh?

"You go down to help the homeless and they are drinking and there are beer cans

everywhere."

"If you have to go to DFACS, you have to stay at least an hour."

"A couple of my ex-wives were pretty proficient with the remote control."

"Remember Collier's Drug on East Morris Street. I worked there 11 years straight out of high school. It was a fun place to work."

"Does anybody remember the old Park Theater? It used to be at the corner of East Morris and 5th Avenue."

"I live in a house trailer. I live in one because my house burned and I can't afford to build another one. Be careful what you say."

Drive in mystery

"The name of the old drive-in below Varnell School in the 1950s was the Starlight."

"The old drive in theater just north of Valley Point was called the Cohutta Drive-In. It opened in 1948 and closed in 1951."

"The name of the drive-in theater at Valley Point was the Cohutta Dawn."

"There were two drive-in theaters, one at Valley Point and one where Wheeler's Building Supply is on Cleveland Highway. One was the Cherokee and other, I think, was Shadow Lane."

"Cordell Cole who played Evil Eye Fleagle in 'Lil' Abner' is a terrific actor and should consider going on out to L.A."

"Obama hasn't been in there long enough for all those morons to be calling in saying bad things about him. Do y'all have to print that stuff?"

"The drug problem is the biggest threat to our nation right now — bigger than terrorism."

"It's obvious that most people can see that the comments labeling others 'stupid,' 'moron,' 'idiot,' 'red neck,' 'ignorant' are not made by educated people."

"I am proud of my nephew, Tyler Simpson who is in your sports section today. Go Indians."

"My grandfather, John Oak, and Mr. Wood joined to start one of the top restaurants that has ever been in Dalton, the Oakwood Cafe."

"It's unbelievable how the Obama Administration played the people of this country for fools over the AIG bonuses. It was just a distraction from how they are spending trillions and putting this country in bankruptcy."

"According to a reliable family source, Bob's Waffle Shop was the first air conditioned business on Hamilton Street."

"The profit from the Dalton Arts Project went to the Make a Wish foundation. The list of local projects the dancers support is too long for the forum."

"Does anyone remember the dime stores in downtown Dalton? They were Silvers, U.S. and McClellands. Bradley and McClelland's Drug Store had the best potato salad."

"Obama pulled the first string attached to the stimulus package by firing Mr. Wagner at General Motors."

"It's President Obama, not Obama, for four years, whether we like it or not."

"I really like your digital edition. I get the paper but the digital edition makes it even easier to keep up with what's going on in Whitfield County."

TODAY'S CITIZEN



NAME: Tika Hedden
AGE: 33
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Sons, Jacob and Justin Hedden; mom, Diane Smith; dad and stepmom, Roy and Vicky Smith; brothers, Brendon and Dwayne Smith; sister, Ashley Coulter; Nick Mercer
WORK/SCHOOL: Mohawk Industries, Dalton State College
PLAY: Walk, boys' ballgames, hang out with friends, shop, read, volunteer at my boys' school (West Side Elementary)
SHE SAID: "Live, love, laugh and pray often. A heart of trust is a quiet peaceful place."

Purse theft leaves woman scrambling

By MARK MILLICAN
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CHATSWORTH — Christy Gargala says her life has been turned upside down since a thief stole her purse and credit cards earlier this month.

"She busted my windshield and took everything I had that was important," she said of the woman authorities are looking for in north Georgia and southeastern Tennessee. "I can't even write a check — it's crazy what I've had to go through."

Gargala works at the CVS Pharmacy at 1420 Maddox Parkway. When she left for lunch at 2 p.m. on March 5 she noticed the back windshield of her car had been shattered and her purse was missing — with its credit cards and checkbook.

Gargala called her bank, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union. Officials there told her one of her cards had already been used at the Circle M convenience store just down the parkway, a Chatsworth Police Department report said. The suspect charged \$30.48.

Later that day Officer Derek Godfrey said Gargala called him to say the Discover credit card company contacted her to tell her someone had tried to use the card again at Holmes Liquor Store in Dalton. Godfrey said the description given him by the liquor store clerk matched the description he saw on the convenience store's videotape of the purchase there.

On March 15 Gargala phoned Godfrey to tell him her bank advised her that a check had been written at the Walmart in Hixson, Tenn. Godfrey asked Gargala if she had completed a forgery affidavit at her bank and when she said no, he advised her to do so.

On March 16 Godfrey traveled to Hixson and watched footage with the Walmart security director. The same female who was seen on the convenience store video on March 5 in Chatsworth made a \$96.58 purchase in Hixson.

"Discover and Chase (credit card companies) have been really good to work with me," Gargala said Monday. "But I've been harassed by TeleCheck about paying that check at Walmart, which is \$126 now with their charges on it. They've got me 'locked out' of my account, even though I closed it. Now they're making me out to be a bad check writer."

She said the most embarrassing moment was when she had a cart of groceries and the store would not accept her check.

TeleCheck helps businesses "safely and efficiently accept check payments at the point-of-sale," according to its Web site. Christa Goeson of TeleCheck's media relations department said, "In order to protect consumer privacy, TeleCheck cannot

What to do if your identity is stolen

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports and review your reports (TransUnion, 1-800-680-7 2 8 9 , www.transunion.com; Equifax, 1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com; Experian, 1-888-EXPERIAN, www.experian.com).
2. Close the accounts that you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
3. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Then get a copy of the police report or the report number. It can help you deal with creditors who need proof of the crime.
4. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. You can file a complaint online at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338). Be sure to call the hot line to update your complaint if you have any additional information or problems.

comment on specific consumer information."

"I watched (the suspect) on the video going through my pocketbook, and it made me sick," Gargala said. She noted her purse was not in plain view and was actually covered up in the back seat of her 2003 Isuzu Rodeo. She said an attempt was made to pry open the back glass before it was busted. Her car was parked on the side of the store facing busy Maddox Parkway.

"We're still trying to identify the suspect," said Detective Jim Whitehead. "On the day this happened the suspect was wearing a pink ball cap with her ponytail coming out the back, a black tank top and blue jeans. The clerk said she was about 5 foot, 6 inches tall and weighed around 130 pounds. She was driving a small maroon car — it was unclear as to the make and model — but when she started it up it smoked profusely."

Anyone with information is asked to call Whitehead at the Chatsworth Police Department at (706) 695-9667.



GEORGIA

School 'on schedule'

THE MARKET

Senate moves to get stimulus

ATLANTA — The Georgia Senate has voted to expand unemployment benefits, allowing the state to qualify for hundreds of millions of dollars in federal stimulus money.

The bill approved Monday allows some jobless workers to qualify for additional unemployment benefits if they seek training in high-demand fields. It also permits part-time workers to collect benefits even if they seek part-time work. Current law holds that the jobless must seek full-time work to collect benefits.

The changes will help Georgia collect some \$226 million in stimulus money.

The bill also gives some workers stuck on the unemployment rolls the ability to collect another 13 weeks of benefits, for a total of 39 weeks. The stimulus dollars will pay the tab of \$300 million.

Sex offenders suit will move forward

ATLANTA — A class-action lawsuit on behalf of 16,000 registered sex offenders challenging Georgia's restrictions on them can proceed under a federal court ruling.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper on Monday also issued a preliminary injunction barring enforcement of a provision to prevent offenders from volunteering at churches.

The state wanted the judge to declare the class-action suit unmanageable. Cooper allowed it to proceed in "subclasses."

The subclasses include offenders seeking to overturn a provision against them living within 1,000 feet of a school bus stop; those who want to volunteer at places of worship; and those who were convicted before the July 1, 2006 law but were put on the sex offender registry.

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Work on the new high school for Whitfield County is on schedule, the project manager said Monday.

Workers are waiting on some environmental permits but expect to begin construction in June at the site off Highway 2 and Crow Road near Prater's Mill, said Keith Burran of M.B. Kahn Construction Co.

The school is expected to open in 2010. Burran said Cedar Ridge Elementary School, which is set to be complete in June, is also on schedule.

School officials said a transportation proposal expected to save \$333,000 is on hold until September. Assistant superintendent of operations Richard Schoen said officials had hoped to switch from Trapeze bus-routing

software to VersaTrans Solutions Inc. before the next school year. He said he recently learned more time is needed to make the transition.

Schoen said a consultant devised a three-page list of cost-saving measures for the bus system.

"We are still looking for a two-year timeline for significant cost savings on our transportation," said school board vice chairman Tim Trew.

Board members asked that a list of cost-saving measures that could be implemented sooner than September be prepared for their next meeting on April 20.

The board's work session was held at Dawnville Elementary School. The school has applied for state approval to run a pre-kindergarten program.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Perdue to speak tonight

Theda Perdue from the University of North Carolina will speak on "Indians in the Segregated South, 1865-1965" tonight at 7:30 in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall at Dalton State College. The lecture, sponsored by the college's Fine Arts and Lecture Series, is free and open to the public.

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

City street to be repaired

All lanes of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Spencer Street and Easterling Street will be closed today between 1-5 p.m. so the Dalton Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit can reconstruct an automobile accident that occurred there on March 22.

East-bound traffic will be detoured around

the area by traveling north on Spencer Street, east on Underwood Street, south on Meeting Street and back to MLK.

West-bound traffic will be detoured around the area by traveling north on Meeting Street, west on Underwood Street, south on Spencer Street and back to MLK.

Highland Rivers board to meet

The Highland Rivers Community Service Board will hold a called meeting today at 5 p.m. in the administration office in Dalton. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose is to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial action. Members will attend by telephone.

For more information or directions, call (706) 270-5000.

AREA ARRESTS

- Gregory Quinton Brookshire, 44, 2580 Tibbs Bridge Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with tag light illumination required violation and DUI.

- Dana Lee Carr, 46, Crandall, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with entering a motor vehicle with intent of felony, criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.

- Martilia Marrene Folks, 34, 103 Sunray Drive, apartment 4, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with

theft by taking.

- Micah Andrew Keith, 21, 570 Baxter Drive, Crandall, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with simple battery (family violence), obstruction of an officer (two counts), interference with a 911 call and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

- Robert Terrell Lovelace, 34, 4605 Cleveland Highway, Cohutta, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with failure to register as a sex offender.

Monday's Dow Jones: 7522 ▼ 254.20
Monday's NASDAQ: 1501.80 ▼ 43.40

	Friday	Monday		15.42	14.72
Gold	924	928	Intel	94.15	94.52
Silver	13.47	13.26	IBM	3.10	3.07
Acuity	23.64	22.35	Interface	21.53	20.42
AAir	4.57	4.49	JCP	52.83	53.01
Apple	107	104.4	JNJ	22.02	21.45
AT&T	26	25.16	Kroger	18.81	18.45
BAC	7.35	6.03	Lowes	55.01	53.92
BB&T	17.78	16.27	McDonalds	27.14	26.55
BP	40.96	39.43	Merck	18.13	17.48
BristolMyers	20.66	21.02	Microsoft	32.54	29.42
HP-Compaq	33.33	32.12	Mohawk	4.37	4.20
Chevron	68.83	66.80	Motorola	4.35	3.90
CocaCola	45.10	43.92	Region-Fin	27.09	26.83
ConAgra	16.95	16.62	Rock-Tenn.	8.24	8.13
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Coke Ent.	13.23	13.09	SouthernCo	3.26	2.86
CrackerBrl	28.94	28	Synovus	12.59	10.85
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CSX	27.38	25.63	Torchmark	13.77	13.69
Dell	9.95	9.49	Total Sys	50.11	48.61
Delta	6.04	5.40	UPS	44.39	44.35
Dixie Group	1.05	1.04	Vulcan	30.58	30.22
Dow	8.96	8.30	Verizon	52.59	51.76
Duke	14.28	14.11	Wal-Mart	15.59	13.37
DuPont	22.69	21.93	Wells Fargo	5.16	4.98
Earthlink	6.61	6.48	Wendy's	28.79	27.66
Ericsson	8.08	7.78	Yum	5.10	4.59
Exxon	69.98	68.63	Xerox		
Ford	2.84	2.76			
FSG	3.27	3.30			
GE	10.76	9.93			
GM	3.62	2.70			
Goodyear	6.86	6.19			
HomeDepot	23.63	23.38			

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commission ignores safety, zoning rules

To the editor:

The neighborhood of Rocky Face Estates has been in existence since the early 1970s. Since 1994, residents have been objecting to the placement of a 30,000-gallon bulk propane storage tank and the operation of a propane distribution operation in close proximity to a high-density residential area — ignoring all safety recommendations of allowing at least a 660 feet buffer free of houses.

After many years we were finally able to get a ruling by the court that the tank was illegally placed and operated in a property not zoned for that purpose. The property was originally zoned residential then changed to commercial, but the zoning law requires a M-1 manufacturing for the operation of this facility.

Faced with the request for removal of this threat to public safety and enforcement of the zoning law, the county commissioners instead voted to ignore the law and the recommendation of the Planning Board and change the zone to M-1, thus legalizing the operation.

It amazes me that politics trumps the law and that the rights of USA Gas are greater than those of an entire neighborhood. What is the point of having zoning laws if they can be changed to benefit the few?

The closest houses are within 300 feet of this tank. Allowing this tank and operation this close is equivalent to allowing homes at the end of an airport runway. An accident, even if uncommon, would wipe out the neighborhood and result in catastrophic loss of life and property. That is why you have zoning rules.

The Cherokees won in the Supreme Court and lost to Georgia politics. I thought we had advanced some in the past 180 years, but I guess I was wrong.

Stefan H. Fromm MD
Rocky Face

Illegal aliens should be deported

To the editor:

I agree with your editorial of March 21 that something should be done now, including shutting down the borders to stop the flow of illegal aliens. That could be done in connection with the current efforts to halt drug smuggling. The two problems are often connected.

The illegal aliens who are here should be deported when their presence is discovered. If they have family members who are U.S. citizens, these should have the option of going or staying. There is a framework for which this "wonderful human capital," your words, can become citizens. That is the current existing law which is flouted daily. What about the "wonderful human capital" of legal citizens and lawfully admitted aliens whose jobs are being stolen? What about the "wonderful human capital" of taxpayers picking up the tab of medical treatment, education, social services, incarceration, etc. for these law breakers?

President Bush would not enforce immigration laws in order to provide cheap labor. As you stated, our carpet industry benefited from this. What would be the impact on our local economy if only citizens and legal immigrants had been filling these jobs before the recession/depression hit? I suspect fewer of them would be out of work.

President Obama will probably do nothing. In my opinion, he is a devout socialist following statist principles. If the "wonderful human capital" you describe remains, it will only encourage more to come. This in turn will create an extremely large class depending on an even larger government. This is exactly what the statist wants. Obama will not antagonize his voting bloc by cracking down on illegal aliens.

Horton Herrin
Dalton

Illegal aliens deserve amnesty

To the editor:

I would like to address those who are against illegal immigrant amnesty and especially make a point to those of you who call yourselves Christians and are against amnesty.

Before you became a Christian you sinned against God and He forgave you and all people of their sins. In other words God granted you amnesty.

Should not those who are here illegally be granted amnesty? By the way, the Mexicans I know are nice and very hard working people, harder working than a lot of Americans. Give them a break, will you?

David Rapp
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WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "For this reason I kneel before the Father I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Ephesians 3:16-17

Thought for today: "So often we rob tomorrow's memories by today's economies."

John Mason Brown
American critic and lecturer (1900-1969)

Consensus?

The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted a "finding" to the White House Office of Management and Budget that will force the Obama administration to decide whether to limit greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. If adopted, new laws and regulations will likely follow that have the potential to change our lifestyles and limit our freedoms. None of these laws and regulations will be preceded by debate, they will be imposed on us by fundamentalist politicians and scientists who have swallowed the Kool-Aid and declared global warming as fact.

On the Discovery Channel last week, Tom Brokaw hosted a special called "Global Warming: The New Challenge." While promoting the piece, Brokaw declared, "there is a growing consensus that global warming is real and getting worse." Actually, there is a growing body of opinion that global warming is a fraud perpetrated by liberal politicians and their scientific acolytes.

Whenever politicians declare a crisis, or an emergency, watch out. Chances are this means they want to impose something before the public discovers the truth.

One of the definitions of consensus is "general agreement or concord; harmony." Any honest assessment of scientific opinion leads to the conclusion that there is significant disagreement on global warming within the scientific community among those with expertise in climatology and related fields. Yet many politicians want us to believe all of science is on board with man-made global warming and that we must act now to save the planet and ourselves from

Cal
Thomas

prominent apostles of global warming, especially former vice president and Nobel Laureate, Al Gore, refuse to debate or discuss the issue with any scientist who takes a contrary view. Some religious fundamentalists impose various codes of behavior and dress on their adherents and threaten expulsion (if not death) for those who fail to acquiesce to their dictates. Is it not fundamentalist science to ignore any evidence that casts doubt on global warming?

For global warming fundamentalists, no amount of contradictory information will dilute their faith. Science makes mistakes, as did NASA when it published data on global warming trends in an effort to gauge the warmest years in U.S. history. Their temperature statistics were flawed. The year 1998 was not the hottest year on record, as NASA originally stated, it was 1934 — the year Wiley Post discovered the jet stream.

In New York earlier this month, more than 600 scientists, economists, legislators and journalists from many nations met for the second International Conference on Climate Change. Numerous presentations debunked with documentation what they called the pseudoscience and dictatorial intentions promoted

by the UN, the European Union and the Obama administration. If there was media coverage, I missed it.

The keynote speaker at the gathering was Vaclav Klaus, president of the Czech Republic and the European Union. Klaus described environmentalism as a new collectivist religion that doesn't just want to change the climate, but us as well.

The Australian newspaper recently reported on three senior Japanese scientists who separately engaged in climate-change research and "have strongly questioned the validity of the manmade global warming model that underpins the drive by the UN and most developed-nation governments to curb greenhouse gas emissions." One of the scientists, Kanya Kusano, told the newspaper, "I believe the anthropogenic (manmade) effect for climate change is still only one of the hypotheses to explain the variability of climate."

Shunichi Akasofu, founding director of the University of Alaska's International Arctic Research Centre added, "Before anyone noticed, this hypothesis has been substituted for truth."

Truth is sometimes inconvenient, as Al Gore likes to say. But that cuts both ways. Truth can also be inconvenient when it shines light on propaganda. Not to allow for a full-fledged debate on global warming is censorship, a popular practice in totalitarian societies and many fundamentalist religions and cults.

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Rebooting America's image not going well

One of President Obama's signature boasts was that his election would, to use his term, "reboot" America's image in the world. Addressing thousands of Germans last summer, Obama said, "In Europe, the view that America is part of what has gone wrong in our world rather than a force to help make it right has become all too common." His election, he promised, would transform America's global image.

How's that project going? On the occasion of the Persian New Year, President Obama delivered a video message to the Iranian people and government, advisedly using the term "the Islamic Republic of Iran." The U.S., declared the president, desired a "new beginning" in relations with Iran, and would no longer engage in "threats" but seeks engagement that is "honest" and based upon "mutual respect." While cautioning that Iran could not assume its "rightful place in the community of nations" through "terror or arms," the president's message was otherwise strewn with rose petals.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's response was, well, a little less than enthusiastic. While the crowd chanted "Death to America," Khamenei demanded: "Have you released Iranian assets? Have you lifted oppressive sanctions? Have you given up mudslinging and making accusations against the great Iranian nation and its officials? Have you given up your unconditional support of the Zionist regime?" Besides, the SL continued, "we don't know who is making decisions in America — is it the president, the Congress, or some unknown

Mona
Charen

people who pull the strings?" Khamenei further suggested that some American leaders have "demanded that our great and honorable nation be wiped out." President Obama might want to begin this "honest" dialogue by pointing out that it was Khamenei who spoke to a crowd chanting "Death to America." We don't do that sort of thing. In fact, they chant "Death to America" when their national soccer team scores a goal or when they've particularly enjoyed a concert. Their kids learn it in school — rather as ours learn the Pledge of Allegiance. No American leader has ever called for Iran to be wiped out. But Iran's president has a little list of nations he threatens with genocide on a regular basis. The list consists of Israel, with the U.S. getting honorable mention from time to time.

President Obama wasn't fazed by Khamenei's response. At his news conference on March 24, he cited the Iranian reaction as a reason to be "persistent."

The new dawn for relations with Europe is slow to materialize, too. There was that unfortunate business with the prime minister of Great Britain, in which the president's team seemed unaware that Britain enjoys special status as primo inter pares of American allies. After British officials expressed dismay about the cool reception their leader received

by the White House (and the tacky gift of DVDs), an unnamed administration official reportedly chided the British saying: "There's nothing special about Britain. You're just the same as the other 190 countries in the world. You shouldn't expect special treatment."

Nor is the new administration making a hit with the current president of the European Union. Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek told the European Parliament that President Obama's economic policies represent "the road to Hell. ... Americans will need liquidity to finance all their measures and they will balance this with the sale of their bonds but this will undermine the liquidity of the global financial market. ... We need to read the history books and the lessons of history and the biggest success of the EU is the refusal to go this way." Other European leaders have pointedly declined President Obama's invitation to bankrupt their treasuries with deficit spending.

Secretary of State Clinton presented a cutesy "reset" button to the Russian ambassador. But apparently the State Department had gotten the Russian word wrong. Instead of "reset" it said "overcharge."

Perhaps we misunderstood Obama. Maybe instead of a reboot, we're just getting the boot.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 31, the 90th day of 2009. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address, President Lyndon B. Johnson shocked his listeners by announcing he would not seek another term of office.

On this date:

In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Ten years ago: Three U.S. Army soldiers were captured by Serb forces near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. (Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales were released more than a month later.)

Five years ago: Four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq.

Today's Birthdays:

Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 81. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 75. Actress Shirley Jones is 75. Musician Herb Alpert is 74. Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 69. Actor Christopher Walken is 66. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 64. Former Vice President Al Gore is 61. Actress Rhea Perlman is 61. Actor Ed Marinaro is 59. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 54. Actor Marc McClure is 52. Actor William McNamara is 44. Alt-country musician Bob Crawford (The Avett Brothers) is 38. Actor Ewan McGregor is 38. Rapper Tony Yayo is 31. Jazz musician Christian Scott is 26.

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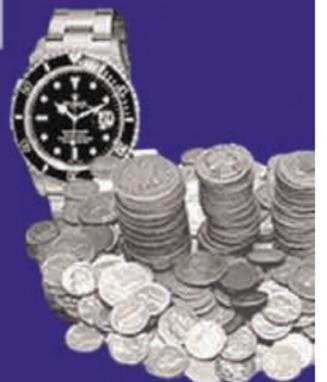


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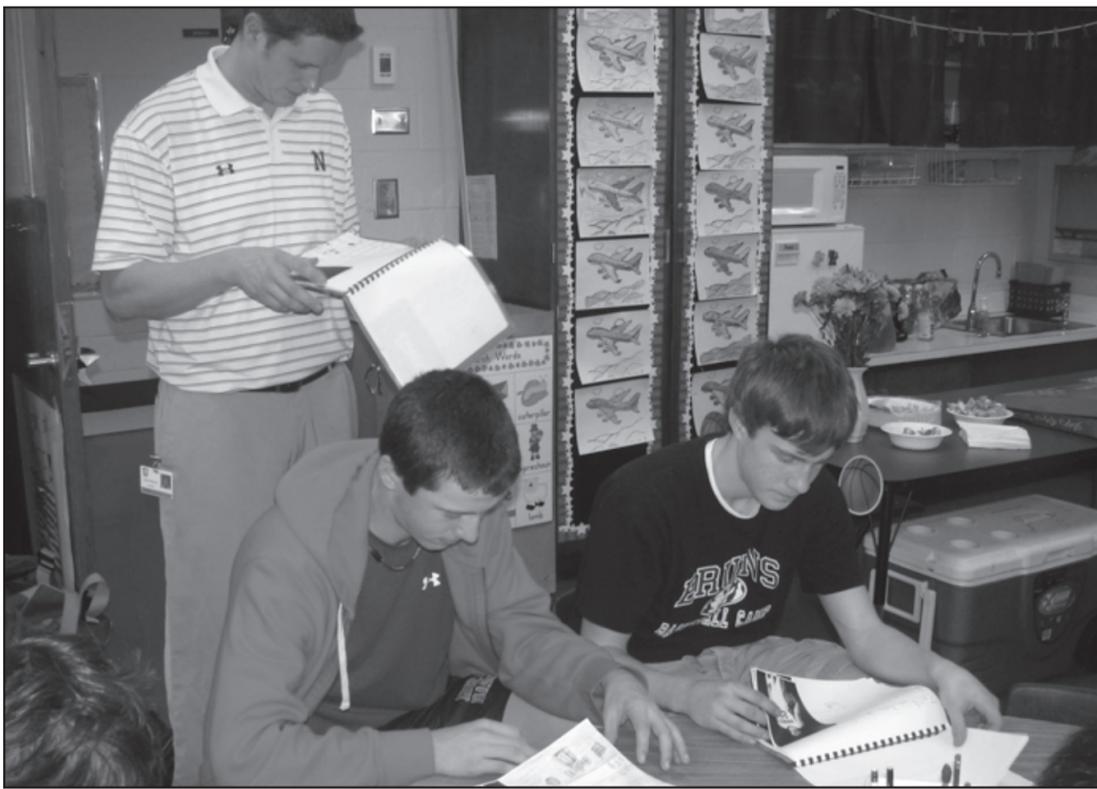
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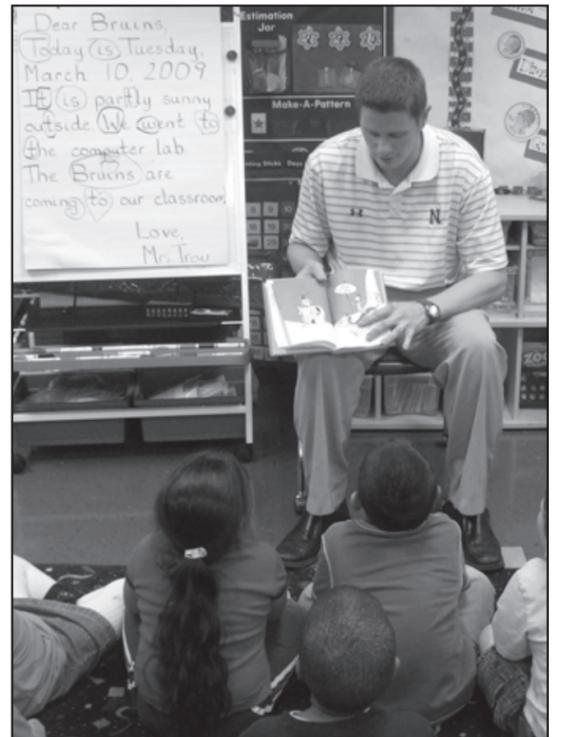
The freshman basketball team at Northwest Whitfield High School recently visited Amorea Trew's Varnell Elementary School kindergarten class. Trew has adapted Bruin basketball to teach her students about graphing, counting by 10s and twos, using tally marks, learning about "more, less, and equal," journal writing and more. Members of the Northwest Bruin freshman basketball team visited her classroom. Each team member was given a journal to keep and took the time to take pictures and read books to the students. Above, Bruins pose with Trew's class members.



Coach Josh Robinson, Matt Allen and Jordan Woodard read their journals.



TBruin basketball player Allon Trew talks with kindergarten students.



Coach Josh Robinson reads "Green Eggs and Ham" to the students.

Lawmakers push for transportation deal

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia lawmakers speeding toward the end of another legislative session without a deal on transportation funding got an extra push Monday from business leaders, environmentalists and other advocates eager to help the legislators break the impasse.



Gov. Perdue

But lawmakers appeared no closer to overcoming the gridlock over the fate of a transportation funding plan that failed in the final hours of last year's legislative session. And House leaders decided to delay a vote on a separate plan that would overhaul the state's transportation bureaucracy until later this week.

The legislative traffic jam has frustrated the business leaders, green groups and other transportation advocates who lined up behind an effort for a one-cent sales tax that would fund infrastructure improvements.

Leaders of the Get Georgia Moving Coalition, which was formed to lobby for

transportation funding, urged lawmakers to strike some sort of agreement before the session is set to end this week.

"We are on the one-yard line and we've got to cross the finish line to get things done," said Doug Hertz, the group's co-chairman. "We are asking them to come together, to compromise, to show leadership to get something done."

But the two chambers still seem miles apart on an agreement, with the House supporting a statewide sales tax that would raise \$25 billion over the next decade. Senate leaders, meanwhile, back a plan that would allow counties to band together to levy the fee on a regional basis.

House leaders offered up what they called a "compromise" last week that sought to blend the two plans by allowing counties to join forces if a referendum on a statewide sales tax failed. But Senate leaders rejected the plan, and House leaders insisted on their version Monday. A conference committee between the two chambers is set to try to hash out the differences by Friday.

The fate of the sales tax could be tied to a separate proposal moving through the Legislature that would give Georgia's transportation funding system a dramatic

makeover.

Gov. Sonny Perdue and Senate leaders are pushing a plan that would create a new agency that would oversee transportation funding, while House leaders unveiled their own version of an overhaul that keeps much of the same setup.

Both proposals would give lawmakers and the governor new authority to determine which infrastructure projects are funded, pleasing legislators long eager to have greater influence over how transportation dollars are spent. Under the current system, a 13-person state transportation board elected by state legislators have the final word in choosing which projects are approved.

Perdue's proposal would have abolished the board entirely and replaced it with a new 11-member panel, while House lawmakers want to retain the board but strip it of some powers.

House lawmakers also support creating a new planning division in the Department of Transportation that would submit a budget to the governor, who would then send it to Georgia lawmakers — a process that now applies to other Georgia agencies.

Under the House plan, lawmakers also would have more direct control of up to 20

percent of transportation funding — or around \$400 million this year.

Perdue spokesman Bert Brantley said the proposal was "another step" toward an agreement but stopped short of calling it a compromise. And House leaders didn't bring their plan for a vote Monday amid concerns from critics worried about the scope of the changes.

House Minority Leader DuBose Porter, for one, said he was worried it would grant too much power to the planning director, someone he said "is not accountable to either the Legislature or the board."

The transportation coalition, meanwhile, worked furiously to urge lawmakers to separate their long-sought one-cent sales tax from the recently introduced effort to overhaul the state's entrenched bureaucracy. The group's members urged lawmakers to first forge a compromise over the transportation funding before tackling the makeover.

"We've got time to work out the governance side," said Hertz. "We don't have time to work out the funding side."

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Kerry: Drug war drains Mexico

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Mexico's government may be stretched thin but it's not on the brink of collapse in its bloody war with powerful, well-armed drug cartels, Sen. John Kerry said Monday during a hearing.

President Felipe Calderon's government, which launched an offensive against the cartels more than a year ago, remains a "functional democracy," said the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in El Paso, just across the Rio Grande from the center of the violence, Ciudad Juarez.

"I am troubled by the suggestions from some quarters that Mexico is in imminent danger of becoming a failed state," Kerry said. "Mexico is a functional democracy with a vibrant and open economy."

The Massachusetts Democrat was joined by Republicans John Barrasso of Wyoming and Roger Wicker of Mississippi for the hearing on what the U.S. can do to help stem violence and ensure it doesn't spread further into the United States.

Jaime Esparza, the district attorney for El Paso, testified that despite violence in Ciudad Juarez that has claimed more than 2,000 lives since January 2008 there has been no spike in crime in Texas border cities. He said descriptions of a spillover are widely exaggerated.

"It's night and day," he said, comparing the climate of El Paso to the violence in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.5 million people.

Juarez Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz, who declined to testify Monday, said the situation in his city is slowly improving but there is still substantial work left for officials on both sides of the Rio Grande.

"The problems of the (Mexican) border are the same for the American border," Reyes told reporters after the hearing. "Money, guns, and drugs all have an important role here."

Officials in Phoenix and Atlanta, among other cities, have reported a rise in home invasions, kidnappings and drug-related killings attributed to cartel cells.

Trafficking of high-caliber weapons made or sold in the U.S. continues to pose one of the greatest threats, said William McMahon, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive deputy assistant director for field operations.

"We are seeing that they (cartels) are using military grade weapons," he said. McMahon said ATF officials are concentrating on prosecuting gun dealers and gun buyers with a clean criminal history who buy guns to smuggle to Mexico.

McMahon and Joseph Arabit, special agent in charge of El Paso's Drug Enforcement Administration office, testified that their agencies primarily need more money and personnel at the border.



AP PHOTOS

Upper, Virgil McKay stands on the sandbag dike that protects his home as the Red River continues to rise on Monday, in Hendrum, Min. Below, Lyle Wolfer peers through his snow-caked hood as he uses a snowblower to clear the driveway of his home in Bismarck, N.D. on Monday. The second major snowstorm to hit the northern Plains in a week dropped more than a foot of snow Monday, closing hundreds of miles of highway and shutting government offices and schools. Three deaths were blamed on the storm.

Brutal weather

Blizzard, floods batter region

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The second major snowstorm to hit the northern Plains in a week dropped more than a foot of snow Monday, closing hundreds of miles of highway and shutting government offices and schools. Three deaths were blamed on the storm.

High wind expected from the storm was the biggest worry for flood-weary Fargo on the eastern edge of North Dakota.

The National Weather Service posted blizzard warnings across sections of the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana, and said more than 15 inches of snow had fallen by Monday morning in the Bismarck area.

"It's wrapping around. We'll get a lot more," weather service meteorologist Len Peterson said in Bismarck. "It's not moving very fast in any direction."

Bismarck closed nonessential city offices Monday and schools were closed there and in nearby Mandan.

Interstate 94 was closed for about 140 miles from Bismarck west to Dickinson on Sunday night, but reopened late Monday afternoon. South Dakota shut down about 130 miles of I-90 from Wall to the Wyoming state line, and parts of the highway also were blocked in Wyoming, highway officials said.

Several stranded truckers took refuge at the Seven Seas motel in Mandan, across the river from Bismarck.

"We're getting quite a bit of traffic. They're not leaving. They're eating in the restaurant," said motel manager Karen Summers.

The area has reported more than 100 inches of snow so far this winter, as well as flooding caused by ice jams on the Missouri River.

"This winter's been tough," Summers said.

In Sheridan in northern Wyoming, wind gusted to 50 mph, creating snowdrifts up to 6

feet. To the southeast, trucker Allen Harrell was stranded in Gillette.

"It's a wet, icy snow and it's just sticking to everything," he said.

The storm was blamed for an 18-vehicle pileup Monday in Colorado on eastbound I-76 about 30 miles northeast of Denver, and for a pileup that temporarily closed a section of westbound I-70 about 40 miles east of Denver.

The Colorado State Patrol blamed the weather for at least three traffic deaths in the Denver area. Authorities identified one fatality — Mary Suiter, 58, of Longmont, who died when her car crossed the center line and hit an oncoming pickup truck northeast of Denver.

It took rescuers on an icy rural road east of Colorado Springs nearly an hour to reach a crash that left a school bus on its side with one pupil — a 5-year-old boy — on board. The accident occurred when a passenger truck broadsided the bus, said El Paso County sheriff's Lt. Lari Sevene.

The boy and the bus driver were hospitalized with minor injuries.

The weather service forecast 20 to 30 inches of snow in South Dakota's rugged Black Hills, where the former gold mining town of Lead recorded 43 inches in the March 23-24 storm. Since autumn, Lead has had 218 inches of snow.

"This is one of those storms that's taking its time getting through the state," South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds said at midday Monday.

In Montana, authorities said three snowmobilers were found safe Monday in the mountains northwest of Helena after failing to return from a weekend trip.

They were spotted from a helicopter, with searchers on the ground reaching them about two hours later, Sheriff Leo Dutton said.

Obama puts brakes on GM plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant.

Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

"I am absolutely committed to working with Congress and the auto companies to meet one goal: The United States of America will lead the world in building the next generation of clean cars," Obama said in his first extended remarks on the industry since taking office nearly 10 weeks ago. And yet, he added, "our auto industry is not moving in the right direction fast enough to succeed."

Obama, flanked by several administration officials at the White House, announced a short-term infusion of cash for the firms, and said it could be the last for one or both.

Chrysler, judged by the administration as too small to survive, got 30 days' worth of funds to complete a partnership with Fiat SpA, the Italian manufacturer, or

some other automaker.

GM got assurances of 60 days' worth of federal financing to try and revise its turnaround plan under new management with heavy government participation. That would involve concessions from its union workers and bondholders. The administration engineered the ouster of longtime CEO Rick Wagoner over the weekend, an indication of its deep involvement in an industry that once stood as a symbol of American capitalism.

Obama's announcement underscored the extent to which automakers have been added to the list of large corporations now operating under a level of government control that seemed unthinkable less than a year ago. Since last fall, the Bush and Obama administrations, often acting in concert with the Federal Reserve, have engineered the takeover of housing titans Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, seized a large stake in several banks and installed a new CEO at bailed-out insurance giant American International Group.

The latest addition to the list, the once-proud auto industry, has struggled with foreign competition for more than a generation, then was further battered by the recession and credit crisis gripping the economy. Obama said 400,000 industry jobs have been lost in the past year alone, many in Michigan.

New deal set for Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Monday raised the bar for Medicare private insurance plans seeking to win the government's seal of approval.

The administration announced new curbs on the health plans, popular with seniors, yet also criticized for marketing abuses and high costs to the government. The plans, offered by major insurers such as United Healthcare and Humana, flourished under Republicans but are seen by Democrats as undermining the traditional program.

Medicare officials said the changes include winnowing the number of versions of a plan that insurers can offer,

protecting patients with chronic diseases from excessive copayments, and banning a practice by some plans that can add even more to the costs of brand name drugs.

"The overall theme here is to make sure there is less confusion and more transparency, so consumers can make well-informed choices," said Jonathan Blum, who runs the Medicare division that oversees private plans.

"I think it'll move toward cleaning up the marketplace so it's easier for folks to compare plans," said Paul Precht, policy director of the Medicare Rights Center, an advocacy group.



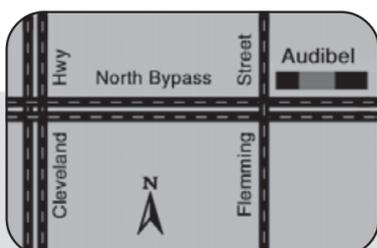
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OBITUARIES

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- **Terry Lee 'Harley' Boyd**
- **Robert O. 'Robb' Harris**
- **Jerusha "Rue" Thomas Long**
- **Willie Mae Havner Nunley**
- **Annie Grace Painter**
- **Paul Watson**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Mary Lee McEntire Andrews

Mrs. Mary Lee McEntire Andrews, 95, of Austell and formerly of Dalton, departed this life Sunday afternoon, March 29, 2009, at Wellstar Community Hospice in Austell.

Mrs. McEntire was born May 18, 1913, in Walker County, a daughter of the late David Lee and Nimpie Lee Langston Chitwood. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Henry Lee McEntire and Otis Andrews; brother, Roy and Max Chitwood; sisters, Clyde Childers and Lois Godfrey.

She was a former member of the South Dalton Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Nancy McEntire of Douglasville and Jerry and Kay McEntire of North Carolina; sister, Farris Patty of Ringgold; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mary Lee McEntire Andrews are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Parker officiating.

She will be laid to rest at the West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday after noon.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the McEntire family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Terry Lee 'Harley' Boyd

Terry Lee 'Harley' Boyd, 54, of Calhoun, departed this life Sunday evening, March

29, 2009, at Heartland Hospice in Cartersville.

Terry was born July 20, 1954, in Harlingen, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, Marvin Robinson, and a sister, Debbie Robinson.

Terry loved to work with crafts and was very good at quilting, cross-stitch and crocheting. She was a free spirit and was an avid motorcycle rider and loved her Harley Davidson.

She is survived by her daughter, Ashley Lynch of Chatsworth; mother, Patricia Robinson of Blairsville; fiancé, Doc Jeffress of Calhoun; sister, Traci Martin of Blairsville; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Bess Robinson of Blairsville; nephews, Ethan and Eli Martin; niece, Trina Beasley.

Services to celebrate the life of Ms. Terry Lee 'Harley' Boyd are Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. R.L. Martin officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday after 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 9 Medical Drive, Cartersville, GA 30121; (770) 386-0442.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the Boyd family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Robert O. 'Robb' Harris

Mr. Robert O. 'Robb' Harris, 35, of Panama City, Fla., and formerly of Dalton, departed this life Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Panama City.

Robb was born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, 1973, in Whitfield County. Robb was the baby of our family and we loved him very much. He was 'one of a kind' with a wandering spirit and a love of travel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Odies Harris; and his grandparents, Robert Lee and Geneva Andrews Harris and Gene and Bessie McCoy.

He is survived by his mother, Peggy McCoy Harris of Dalton; brothers, Vernon O. Harris Jr. of Dalton, Billy Harris of Chatsworth; sisters and

brothers-in-law, Brenda and Ray Simmons of Eton, Betty and David Clark of Dalton, Peggy and Ricky Hall of Eton, Neicy and Andy Johns of Chatsworth; Barbara Patterson and her fiancé Jimmy Watson of Dalton and Vernon Dunsmore of Dalton; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts and uncles.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the Harris family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Jerusha "Rue" Thomas Long

Jerusha "Rue" Thomas Long, 90, of Dalton, went to be with her Lord, Monday, March 30, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Long; parents, Sam and Mattie Thomas; sisters, Byrd

Thomas, Willie Smith, Love Richardson, Pauline McHan and Jewel Thomas; brother, Henderson Thomas.

She was the oldest living member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James T. and Vickie Long of Dalton; grandchildren, Jamie and David Hixson of Dalton, Heather and Heath Vickers of Macon, Allison and Josh Peek of Dalton, Ryan Long of Dalton and Tyler Long of Dalton; great-grandchildren, Bailee, Kiersten and Trent Hixson, Sidonne, Josie and Luke Vickers, Kenzie Long and Kyleigh Peek; nieces, nephews and special friends.

A celebration of her life will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Holden, Rev. Barry Crocker and Randy Cantrell officiating.

Burial will be in Dawnville Cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions can be made to Macedonia Baptist Church, 1355 Dawnville Road, Dalton, GA 30721. Messages of comfort may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.julian-peoples.com.

Julian Peoples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, 2801 Cleveland Road, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call (706) 259-7455. www.legacy.com

Willie Mae Havner Nunley

Mrs. Willie Mae Havner Nunley, 81, of Tunnel Hill, died 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 Haynes.

Willie Mae is survived by her children and their spouses, Hershel and Betty Nunley, Birdie Rogers and 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; 27 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 2 p.m. 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 received friends at the funeral home Monday.

Words of comfort may be sent to www.lovefuneralhome.com.

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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, Lucille 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 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 today 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 received friends at the funeral home Monday.

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

Joanne Newbold Presley

Mrs. Joanne Newbold Presley, 77, of Tunnel Hill, passed away Monday, March 30, 2009, at her residence.

She was the daughter of the late Russell and Madella Wilcox Newbold and was preceded in death by her brother, Earl Newbold.

She was a member of the Woodstation United Methodist Church.

Joanne is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Harold Presley of Tunnel Hill; daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Chris Roy of Ringgold, Jill and Randy Parker of Tunnel Hill; sister, Bonnie Bugher of Kokomo, Ind.; brothers and sister-in-

law, Bob Newbold of Frankfort, Ind., Ronnie and Judy Newbold of Kokomo, Ind.; grandchildren, Rachel and Beau Bray, Monica and Dusty Eggleston, Kim Roy, Leigh Anne Disinger, Adam Disinger and Caleb Disinger; nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Randall Massengill and the Rev. Charlie Bridges officiating.

Burial will follow in Dunnagan Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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Paul Watson

Mr. Paul Watson, 48, of Dalton, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was a member of Miracle Valley Church of God in Christ. For many years he worked at Galaxy Carpet Mills.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sherry Ruth Broome Watson; four sons, Mr. Kemon Watson, Mr. Ryan Watson, Mr. Darion Watson and Mr. Jamon Watson; mother, Ms. Allean Watson; father, Mr. Howard Moore; sister, Mrs. Arlean (Chester) Beck; mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Broome, all of Dalton; grandchild, Ms. Angel Watson of Ohio; aunts, uncles, sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephew, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services are Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Willis Funeral Home with Dr. Bennie Tibbs, Elder Nathan Carson and other ministers officiating.

Visitation will be at the funeral home Wednesday after 11 a.m. until the funeral hour.

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

Arrangements by Willis Funeral Home Inc. of Dalton.

211 system may expanded to information the poor

ATLANTA (AP) — Regional 2-1-1, a dialing code linking needy Georgia residents with everything from food pantries to social services, could begin expanding statewide by the end of the year, United Way officials said.

If approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission, the expansion would stretch the service to 69 currently unserved counties. Those include several rural counties, among the hardest-hit by foreclosure and unemployment in the state.

"You want folks to be able to have access to information that helps them address basic needs — and you want them to be able to access that information wherever they live in the state," said Milton J. Little Jr., president of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, which initiated the exchange in 1997 and is leading efforts to expand statewide.

United Way officials hope to submit a proposal to the commission by the end of the year.

Right now, 2-1-1 callers are connected with operators at one of 11 call centers serving metropolitan regions across the state.

Callers explain their needs to operators — anything from shelter after a weather catastrophe to rental assistance — who refer them to area service agencies.

Organizers say the idea is to help people navigate the complex and ever-growing network of programs.

It helps the needy in the most heavily populated areas of Georgia. But United Way officials have lacked the funds to expand to farther-flung areas, Little said.

For them, "resources as critical as emergency financial help to as general as where do I find a place to send my aging parents — they just don't have access," Little said.

Expansion plans coincide with an increase in calls to the line. Operators fielded more than 370,000 calls in 2008, up from more than 336,000 in 2007.

Organizers expect up to 380,000 calls this year.

Little said some calls this time last year were for post-tornado help in the region.

"A lot of those callers now are bringing up issues related to food, clothing and shelter," said Little, who recently estimated 41.5 per-

cent of Atlanta-area calls are for help with day-to-day expenses.

Other states have been pushing to expand the program which United Way estimates connects 234 million people with social services.

There are 29 states with full coverage, according to Linda Daily, director for 2-1-1 at United Way of America. They include Texas, where state funds cover 80 percent of the program's budget, she said.

But many states are grappling with heavy shortfalls, and Daily acknowledged funding 2-1-1 could be a challenge.

"The budget is the main hurdle," she said, adding United Way officials have lobbied Congress for help nationalizing the program.

Pending federal legislation could set aside \$150 million in state 2-1-1 grant money for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and \$100 million for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2015.



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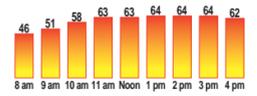
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Athens	66/52		
Atlanta	67/54		
Augusta	74/53		
Macon	70/54		
Dublin	70/52		
Savannah	74/60		
Columbus	70/54		
Cordele	70/54		
Albany	72/60		
Valdosta	76/63		
Brunswick	72/62		

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

National Weather for March 31, 2009

Key: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

City	Today	Wed.	Thu.
Seattle	50/39		
San Francisco	65/50		
Los Angeles	74/54		
San Diego	69/56		
Phoenix	81/55		
Las Vegas	75/51		
Denver	45/24		
Chicago	56/34		
Indianapolis	62/43		
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Baltimore	62/40/s	54/44/r	59/46/r	Indianapolis	62/43/r	60/41/pc	65/43/c
Billings	40/22/c	43/27/sf	43/27/c	Kansas City	48/31/pc	54/34/pc	56/34/r
Boise	52/31/c	56/37/pc	53/35/sh	Las Vegas	75/51/s	78/53/pc	75/60/s
Buffalo	54/38/s	50/39/r	57/43/pc	Los Angeles	74/54/s	74/54/pc	68/54/pc
Charlotte	67/49/pc	62/49/r	68/50/pc	Memphis	58/42/t	70/50/s	71/54/c
Cheyenne	42/24/c	38/21/c	48/26/pc	Miami	86/74/pc	88/73/pc	87/73/s
Chicago	56/34/r	51/33/pc	54/34/sh	Milwaukee	50/34/r	45/32/pc	48/31/sh
Cincinnati	66/40/c	60/40/pc	63/46/c	Minneapolis	40/27/sn	40/26/sn	46/27/c
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				S.L. City	51/31/c	43/29/sf	55/35/sh
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				San Diego	69/56/s	64/57/pc	66/56/pc
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IN THE PITS

Stewart stars in new role

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

In 284 races spanning seven years and 12 different drivers, Haas CNC Racing never sniffed success. Its equipment was below par, its sponsorship was inadequate and its drivers started each race knowing they had no chance to win. Johnny Sauter came closest, fifth at Richmond in 2007. So a top-10 finish once in a while was a more realistic goal for the fledgling race team.

Then along came Tony Stewart.



Jenna Fryer

Although few had high expectations for Stewart in his first season as majority owner at renamed Stewart-Haas Racing, Smoke is proving them wrong one

week at a time. His third-place finish Sunday at Martinsville Speedway, coupled with teammate Ryan Newman's sixth-place run, showed that Stewart wasted no time revamping his team.

"You know, it's coming. It just takes time," Stewart said after his fourth top-10 finish in six races.

It became evident early that Stewart wasn't taking his latest venture lightly. He was lured from the comfort of Joe Gibbs Racing — where he won two championships in 10 successful seasons — for the challenge of tearing down Gene Haas' race team and rebuilding it from scratch.

He aggressively pursued the top talent in NASCAR. He used his wit and charm to draw sponsors that previously ignored the team. He scored Office Depot and Old Spice for himself, and the U.S. Army for Newman.

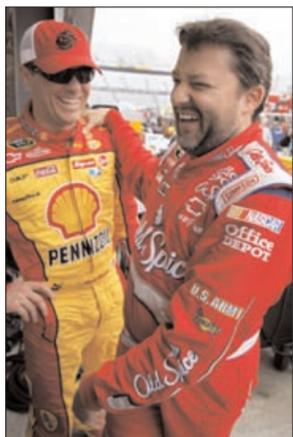
Stewart then persuaded Darian Grubb to leave Hendrick Motorsports and pulled Tony Gibson from Dale Earnhardt Inc., putting two NASCAR veterans atop his two pit boxes. Next came Bobby Hutchens, who left Richard Childress Racing to run Stewart's competition department.

With all the personnel in place, the team wasted no time proving itself.

Stewart was strong every time he hit the track at Daytona, and if a failed tire had not triggered an accident between Stewart and Newman in the final practice, Stewart might have contended for the season-opening Daytona 500. Although he finished eighth, it was proof that venturing out on his own had not cost Stewart a bit.

Newman was not as fortunate, slogging through a rough first month. He was 36th at Daytona and 28th the next week

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AP PHOTO Tony Stewart, right, jokes with Kevin Harvick during a NASCAR practice session last week in Martinsville, Va.

PREP SOCCER: MURRAY COUNTY INDIANS



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Murray County's Rolando Ambriz stops a shot during warmups for Tuesday night's Region 7-4A North match at Northwest Whitfield. Ambriz, a three-year starter, has been one of the most consistent players for the Indians and coach Randy Baggett in recent seasons, and he's one of the main reasons Murray County enters Wednesday's region playoffs as the No. 1 seed.

A well-protected web

Senior keeper's skills lead talented defense

BY ADAM KROHN

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His teammates call him Spiderman.

It's a nickname Rolando Ambriz, goal keeper for Murray County's boys soccer team, was given by former Indians assistant Robert Bearden, who took note of Ambriz's exceptional leaping ability around the net.

Now a senior, the nickname still holds true as Ambriz has anchored an Indians defense that has allowed eight goals in 14 games this season. Ambriz has been keeper for 13 of those games, allowing five goals.

As a result of a stout defense coupled with timely scoring by the offense, the Indians have earned the No. 1 seed heading into Wednesday's

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Region 7-4A tournament and, needless to say, Ambriz is a key reason why.

"With our defense (paired with Ambriz), this is the most talented team we've had since I've been here," said fifth-year coach Randy Baggett, who in his second season guided the Indians to the second round of the Class 4A state tourney.

"Rolando has quick, excellent reflexes, can jump — he's just an excellent athlete. I don't

know many times at all where a goal has been scored on him. If he can prevent it, he usually does. If he didn't get to it, it was either a perfect shot or he's made the play and someone else follows up and shoots it in."

One play Ambriz made that stands out to Baggett was in the Indians' victory against Dalton earlier this season.

A Dalton player slipped past the defense and had a breakaway scoring opportunity. He shot from close range, but Ambriz was able to react in time, dive to the right and come up with an incredible save.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Northwest Whitfield's Abby Hill (13) and Murray County's Chelsea Spivey battle for control of the ball during their Region 7-4A North soccer game in Tunnel Hill on Monday. Murray County won, 1-0.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen



Murray sweeps as sub-region wraps

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Murray County's soccer team continued its impressive run with a 5-2 win over Northwest Whitfield on Monday night in Tunnel Hill, ending the regular season with an undefeated record in Region 7-4A North sub-region play.

"We're obviously very excited about going undefeated in the sub-region and I'm proud of the boys for the way they've played this

year," Indians coach Randy Baggett said. "It's especially a big deal in my mind because this was such a tough sub-region."

Murray County's Lady Indians set up the sweep with a 1-0 victory in the earlier girls game.

Mickey Guerrero broke the scoring seal for the Indians (12-1-

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PRO BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

Kawakami delivers as Braves win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Kenshin Kawakami relished the opportunity to match up against fellow countryman Daisuke Matsuzaka.

Matsuzaka allowed two hits and an earned run over five innings in his return to the Boston Red Sox from the World Baseball Classic. Kawakami gave up a two-run homer to Rocco Baldelli for his only runs, and the Atlanta Braves rallied to beat the Red Sox 4-3 in 10 innings on Monday.

More than 30 Japanese media members in the press box made the game a bit more intense for the starters.

"With so many media, I guess I felt a little more excited," Kawakami said through an interpreter. "If I was in Japan, I'd probably enjoy (the matchup) also."

Kawakami, who was signed by the Braves this winter after starring in Japan, pitched six innings and gave up four hits.

Matsuzaka, who was the MVP of the tournament, liked the timing of the pitching pairing as he adjusted from the pressure of the WBC to spring training.

"Luckily today, going up against Kenshin-san on the other side gave me a change to get revved up," Matsuzaka said through an interpreter. "When I'm going up against any Japanese player, whether pitcher or position player, I'm always keeping an eye out on what kind of game they're going to pitch or how they're doing in the batter's box."

With the designated hitter being used, Kawakami didn't get to hit against Matsuzaka. But the former MVP in Japan certainly showed

again this spring that he can get major league hitters out.

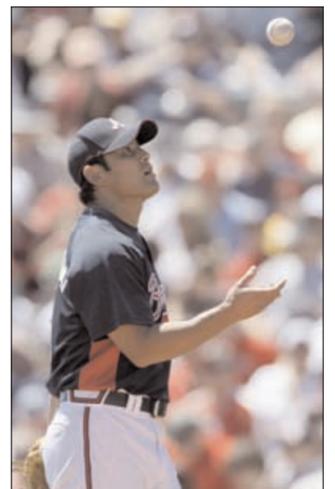
"I felt like I pitched well," said Kawakami, who struck out four and walked two.

Kawakami has a 1.74 ERA in five Grapefruit League games.

"He was real good again," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He had that knee-buckling curve. I don't think anyone had a good swing at it. There aren't too many good hooks around anymore. It's a big weapon for him."

Matsuzaka walked three but allowed just a single by Garret Anderson in the second inning and a double by Brian McCann in the fourth. One of the two runs that

> Please see **BRAVES, 3B**



AP PHOTO Kenshin Kawakami allowed just two runs on Monday as he pitched the Braves to a 4-3 win against Boston.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

Two set for Four

Louisville, Stanford in

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — As the Louisville Cardinals circled around to cut down the nets for the first time, the scoreboard clock still showed one-tenth of a second remaining.

How appropriate: time hasn't run out yet on the most successful tournament run in program history.

Louisville is headed to the Final Four for the first time, after Angel McCoughtry finished with 21 points and 13 rebounds in a 77-60 upset of top-seeded Maryland in the Raleigh Regional final Monday night.

Deseree Byrd added 17 points and nine assists and Candyce Bingham had 15 points for the third-seeded Cardinals (33-4).

They never trailed and led by double figures for virtually the entire second half in continuing an improbable march through the bracket that started on LSU's inhospitable home court.

"(The players) had to get us out of Baton Rouge ... and they did that. I told them, 'If you get that done, we'll get you to the Final Four,'" coach Jeff Walz



AP PHOTO

Louisville players celebrate after a 77-60 win against Maryland during the Raleigh Regional championship on Monday.

said. "They believed in everything we told them. They sat there and they laid it on the line for us.

"They followed a game plan tonight as well as any team I've coached. It's a credit to them to believing in what we're doing, and it shows."

They did, and now they've earned a spot against the winner of the Oklahoma City regional — either Oklahoma or Purdue — Sunday night in St. Louis.

■ **Stanford 74, Iowa State 53:** In Berkeley, Calif., Jayne Appel had a career-high 46 points and

16 rebounds in the third highest-scoring performance in NCAA tournament history, overwhelming Iowa State's helpless defense and securing Stanford's second straight Final Four appearance with a victory in the Berkeley Regional final.

Stanford's physically imposing center also surpassed Candice Wiggins' single-game scoring record for the Cardinal (33-4), leaving little doubt about Stanford's 20th straight win.

The Cardinal will meet the winner of Connecticut's Trenton Regional final meeting with Arizona State tonight.

Soccer: Motivates team's 'D'

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"Seventy-five percent of the time in that situation, that's a goal," Baggett said.

The game eventually came down to penalty kicks, and after the Indians and Cats both converted their first five attempts, Ambriz made a stop and watched as teammate Luis Jimenez kicked in the game-winning penalty to beat Dalton for what Baggett said is the first time in school history. The victory put Murray in the driver's seat for the number one seed.

For Ambriz, he said the save in the penalty kick round was one he'll remember forever.

"I can't explain it," he said. "I thought he was shooting to the left, so I dove and it was like slow motion.

"It was weird and my adrenaline kicked in and I saw the ball coming right to me and stopped it. It was the best moment in my career."

But being depended on to make big plays comes with the job as far as Ambriz is concerned. The three-year starter who also lettered as a freshman con-

siders his role on the team to be the foundation of the defense.

"If you have a good goalie, the defense is motivated to give more than just 100 percent," he said. "It's like in baseball with outfielders. There's no one behind them if they mess up, and someone could score if they don't get to the ball. It's just the same in soccer. There's no one else after me, so if the ball gets past me it's most likely a goal. If I can do my part, the rest of the team has confidence."

To stay sharp, when Ambriz is not with the Indians, he plays for team Pensamillo of the Dalton Soccer League.

The team plays every Sunday and Ambriz said the competition level is the same as high school teams.

"They're mostly adults and they're wiser with more experience," he said. "In high school, they're faster and quicker and have more energy. So it's different, but they both play at a high level and playing in the league helps me to gain a different perspective."

As the Indians prepare

for the region playoffs, they have high expectations.

Along with Ambriz, the defense has two four-year starting seniors in Jesus Perez and Edwin Velasquez and another pair of juniors that have started the past two seasons. Ambriz believes that defensive core can take the team a long way in the postseason.

"In my opinion, we're aiming for a state championship," Ambriz said. "I know it won't be easy, but it's not impossible. Anyone with a solid team can win it, and that's what we are, a solid team. I'm a senior and this is my last season, so I'm going to try even harder."

Regardless of how the Indians fare in the postseason, Ambriz wants to continue playing soccer in college. He's made strides in the classroom to make his goal a reality as a proud owner of a 3.2 grade point average. He's slated to take the ACT on April 4 and has had discussions with Truett-McConnell, though no offer has been made at this point.

"That's my goal," he said. "I want to play at the next level."

Fryer: Right people in place

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in California. Las Vegas and Atlanta were not much better, and Newman headed into the first off weekend of the season ranked 32nd in the standings.

It was maddening to Stewart, the car owner. He knew Newman's team had the same tools as he did but couldn't put together the one solid run to get things going.

Stewart-Haas Racing needed just one week off to regroup, though. Newman unloaded fast at Bristol two weeks ago and outpaced Stewart the entire weekend en route to a seventh-place finish.

It was the confidence booster the team needed. The result carried into Martinsville, where Newman passed Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin for a season-best sixth-place finish.

In just two races, Newman has jumped all the way to 18th in the standings. Stewart, meanwhile, is seventh and in contention for a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"I think Tony has put a lot of sweat equity into it," rival team owner Rick Hendrick said. "I think he's surprised a lot of people. I haven't been surprised because I know the dedication and what they've tried to do."

Hendrick is somewhat vested in Stewart's effort: He leases motors to SHR and is available for Stewart to use as a sounding board for ideas for his race team. He was unwavering in his preseason belief that Stewart would be a contender this year — and win races — despite all the naysayers who were certain he'd be humbled by the difficulties of running a team.

But he took everything he learned in 10 years working under Joe Gibbs and applied it. His stamp is all over the success, but Stewart credits the team he's assembled for the fast start.

"The great thing is that everybody does their job," he said. "I don't feel like I have to watch the guy that's paying the bills, and I don't have to watch the bills coming in and out because we've got good people who take care of that area.

"Hiring those right people in those right spots, it's taken a lot of pressure off of me having to oversee everybody. I feel like I could literally not go to the shop for the whole year almost, and other than signing paperwork, it would run just fine with or without me in the shop."

That could mean trouble for the competition. Few expected Stewart to lock down a spot in the Chase this season driving for what essentially became a startup team after he dismantled Haas CNC Racing.

But if they're still in good shape after the first half of the season, Stewart and Newman could be legitimate contenders by late summer.

"It's like we say every Monday in our competition meeting: We've just got to build a database first," Stewart said.

"Once we get that established, then I think the second time we come around we're going to be a little better yet."

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated Press.

Area: NW boys golf is third

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2, 6-0) in the second minute of their game, with Rafael Pacheco getting the assist, and Murray County never looked back.

The Indians also got goals from Luis Jimenez, another from Guerrero, Marcos Lopez and Xavier Adams, who scored on a penalty kick. Guerrero, Edwin Velasquez and Michael Lopez each finished with an assist.

In goal, Rolando Ambriz collected nine saves and allowed one goal; Juan Leon had one save and gave up the other goal.

The Bruins (7-6, 2-4) got goals from Giovanni Villa and Eduardo Aguero, with Arturo Urbina getting an assist.

Northwest keeper Oscar Solarzano finished with eight saves. Murray County outshot Northwest 14-9.

■ **Murray County girls 1, Northwest Whitfield 0:** The Lady Indians (3-9-1, 2-4) got a second-half goal from Julieta Rodriguez, who scored on a breakaway for the win. Lupe Miranda had 12 saves in goal for the Lady Indians.

Hannah Hensley had 11 saves in goal for the Lady Bruins (3-6, 1-5).

■ **Christian Heritage girls 1, Arlington Christian 1 (4-2):** Rachel Gray scored Christian Heritage's lone goal in regulation, and she also delivered one of the penalty kicks as the Lady Lions picked up the shootout victory. Kirsten Greene, Marah McEntyre and Vanessa Ramirez also converted penalties for Christian Heritage (5-1).

■ **Christian Heritage boys 0, Arlington Christian 0:** Christian Heritage outshot host Arlington Christian 14-9, but couldn't finish and fell to 1-2-1 on the season with the non-region tie. Overtime was not played in the match, during which Damien Chaney had six saves for the Lions while in goal during the first half and Cole Currie had three saves in the second half.

Varsity baseball

■ **Rome 8, Northwest Whitfield 7:** The Bruins dropped their Region 7-4A North sub-region opener in eight innings, with Cody Jones hitting two batters and walking one to load the bases in the final inning. The Wolves runner on third scored when Jones' botched pickoff attempt hit the runner in the helmet and bounced away.

Jordan Darnell, Bradley Stevenson and Diego Hernandez had two hits each for the Bruins (7-5).

Northwest coach Todd Middleton would not provide requested further offensive details.

■ **Carrollton 7, Southeast 1:** The Raiders (5-5, 0-1) dropped their Region 6-3A opener as Dylan Massengill picked up the loss, pitching five innings and allowing four runs on nine hits and striking out four and walking one.

Ryan Andrews, who finished 1-for-2, scored Southeast's only run on Trey Parris' fielder's choice.

Varsity golf

■ Northwest Whitfield finished third in the Muscogee Invitational at Bull Creek Golf Course in Columbus with a team score of 307.

Columbus (306) finished second and Brookstone (300) won the event. The Bruins were led by Jordan Black and Zane McDade, who each shot a 3-over par

75. Hunter Keener (78) and Ben Harris (79).

■ **Northwest Whitfield girls 88, Dalton 95, Murray County 105:** Dalton's Kate Morgan shot a 6-over par 42 to earn medalist honors, but the host Lady Bruins picked up the victory behind a pair of 44s from Lauren Giambastiani and Turner Fordham.

Brendi Rockholt's 53 was the other counting round for the Lady Cats. Murray County's tally came from Alicia Moneymaker (48) and Mariah Parker (57).

■ **Christian Heritage boys 183, Furtah Prep 241:** Ty Whaley's 4-over par 40 earned medalist honors and helped the Lions (2-0) to the nine-hole match victory at Indian Trace in Chatsworth. Cole Townsend (44), Daniel Groce (49) and Trevor Maffetone (50) turned in the other counting rounds for Christian Heritage.

Varsity softball

■ **Copper Basin 13, Christian Heritage 4:** Rebecca Leonard pitched and had nine strikeouts for the Lady Lions (0-3-1), while Abby Stuckey and Shelbee Wilbanks each went 2-for-4 and Morgan Sanford had a double.

Varsity tennis

■ **Darlington boys 4, Dalton 1:** The Catamounts' (9-2) lone win on the court came from No. 3 singles Hunter Carson (6-3, 6-2), but a more important win came off the court as Dalton learned they clinched the No. 1 seed in the Region 7-4A tournament, which starts Thursday.

■ **Darlington girls 4, Dalton 1:** The Lady Catamounts' (7-4) win came from No. 1 doubles Malaka Awad and Emily Broadrick (6-3, 5-7, 6-1), but they also clinched a No. 1 seed in the Region 7-4A playoffs and will also play on Thursday.

■ **Murray County boys 3, Sequoyah 2:** Garrick Sanford improved to 9-1 on the season and delivered a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles as he helped lead the Indians to the Region 7-4A North victory on the road. Other winners for Murray County (9-1, 5-1) were No. 2 Tanner Hemphill, 6-2, 6-3, and at No. 1 doubles, Will Ross and Beau Booth, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

■ **Sequoyah girls 3, Murray County 2:** Singles winners for the Lady Indians (4-6, 1-5) were No. 2 Jade Mathis, 7-5, 6-3, and No. 3 Keri Dixon, 6-2, 6-1.

■ **Christian Heritage girls 3, Arlington Christian 2:** The Lady Lions improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in Georgia Independent Schools Association's Region 4-2A behind singles wins from No. 2 Bradley Townsend (8-4 in pro set play) and No. 3 Catherine Landers (8-6), as well as a doubles win from Camden Hardaway and Ann Kathryn Anglea (8-0).

JV soccer

■ **Dalton boys 5, Ooltewah 1:** Guadalupe Hernandez had two goals and an assist as the Cats remained undefeated through seven games.

Jesus Mercado had a goal and an assist and Ivan Cruz a pair of assists, while Gerardo Soto and Harris News each added a goal and Julio Mora had an assist. Mark Galvez earned a shutout in goal during the second half for Dalton (6-0-1).

MS baseball

■ **New Hope 12, Valley Point 1:** Kyle Brock went 2-for-3 with an RBI and was the winning pitcher as the Kodiaks wrapped up the

regular season 10-0 in Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League play.

Brock allowed two hits, walked none and struck out six in the game, which was shortened to six innings by the mercy rule when New Hope's Damien Casey connected for a three-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Tanner Cockburn went 2-for-3 with a three-run homer and drove in four runs for the Kodiaks (12-1), while Valley Point's Blake Young had a solo homer.

New Hope will be the No. 1 seed for the league tournament, which begins Saturday. Valley Point and North Whitfield will play at 10 a.m. in one semifinal, while New Hope will play the league's No. 4 seed — either Westside or Eastbrook — at 12:30 p.m. Saturday's winners will meet for the title at 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

All league tourney games will be played at Northwest Whitfield High.

■ **Dalton 10, Tyner-Chattanooga 0:** The Cougars (5-1) got a combined no-hitter from Michael O'Brien (three innings, five strikeouts, one walk) and A.J. Carlisi (two innings, five strikeouts, two walks) for the win.

Will Erwin led the attack, going 2-for-2 with two doubles, two runs and an RBI, Brandon Potts was 1-for-3 with a triple, Chandler Coley was 1-for-1 with a double, two RBIs and two walks, and Saul Lara walked twice and scored twice.

■ **Christian Heritage 10, Lookout Valley 0:** Jake Roberts picked up the complete-game victory and went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs as the Lions improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in Independent Schools Conference play.

Roberts struck out six and walked two in the game, which was shortened to six innings via the mercy rule.

Josh Barnes had a home run and drove in two runs, while Tre Mason went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

MS soccer

■ **Eastbrook boys 5, Westside 0:** The Mustangs (10-0) clinched the league's top seed with goals from Alex Garcia, Ramiro Guerrero, Jorge Hurtado, Manuel Morales and Alex Rosillo. Keepers Gustavo Diaz and Roland Mancera combined for the shutout.

The Mustangs will play New Hope next Monday at Eastbrook in the first round of the WCMSAL tournament.

■ **Eastbrook girls 2, Westside 0:** Dalia Duarte and Heidi Lopez scored goals for the Lady Mustangs (9-0-1) and Arely Zumiga added an assist as Eastbrook clinched a No. 1 seed for the league tourney, which start next Monday. Diana Sandate recorded the shutout in goal.

MS softball

■ **Boyd Buchanan 19, Christian Heritage 2:** Sara Massengale had a hit as the Lady Lions fell to 0-4.

MS tennis

■ **Christian Heritage boys 9, Boyd Buchanan 0:** The Lions (5-0) got pro set format wins from No. 1 Phillip McClure (8-1), No. 2 Evan Townsend (8-5), No. 3 Devin Sanders (8-3), No. 4 Harrison Gleaton (8-2), No. 5 Morgan Craig (8-1), No. 6 Gregory Howard (8-2), No. 1 McClure and Townsend (8-0), No. 2 Sanders and Gleaton (8-4) and No. 3 Craig and Howard (8-1).

■ **Boyd Buchanan girls 9, Christian Heritage 0:** The Lady Lions fell to 2-3 on the year.

Calipari ready to head north, join 'Cats?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of Memphis gave Kentucky permission Monday to speak to John Calipari about the Wildcats' head coaching position, then made a final push to try to keep the coach.

Some of Memphis' key boosters met with Calipari on Monday. But one booster expects Calipari to go to

Kentucky, though the person, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing negotiations, acknowledged the coach was torn between the two great opportunities.

The Wildcats had a short meeting at their practice gym Monday afternoon. Asked afterward if they had a new coach, senior Jared Carter

said, "I think so." Asked if it was Calipari, Carter shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know."

Several other Kentucky players, including stars Jodie Meeks and Patrick Patterson, were escorted by university staffers and did not comment after leaving the Joe Craft Center. Calipari met with Memphis players Monday.

SPORTS BRIEFS**Dominguez second as Eastbrook shines**

Six of seven wrestlers from Eastbrook Middle placed at the AAU Nationals this past weekend in Kingsport, Tenn.

With a runner-up finish, 115-pounder Jesus Dominguez earned All-America honors at the tourney that included teams from as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania.

Carlos Perez (220) finished fourth, while Austin Allen (120) and Anthony Fraire (125) were fifth and Tribio Navarro (80) and Omar Ruiz (75) were sixth. Although medals were only awarded to the top six wrestlers in each weight class, Jason Thrasher (94) wasn't far behind at ninth.

Grapefruit game a reunion for Braves

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — John Smoltz was back in the Atlanta Braves' clubhouse Monday, visiting his old team before heading off for a round of golf with Tiger Woods.

Smoltz signed with the Boston Red Sox in January, ending his 20-year tenure with the Braves. The right-hander is targeting a June return to the mound after shoulder surgery.

The Red Sox and Braves play two interleague series in June. Smoltz thinks he'll be ready to face his old team and expects those games to "really be weird," he said.

Smoltz, who turns 42 in May, has thrown two bullpen sessions with Boston and said his rehab is on schedule.

Price decides he's not right for Eagles

STATESBORO—Georgia Southern men's basketball coach Jeff Price has quit after the Eagles went 8-22 this season.

Price had a record of 165-133 during his 10 years at Georgia Southern. He announced his resignation Monday. The Eagles reached the NIT in 2006, their first postseason appearance since 1992, and had three 20-win seasons during Price's tenure.

"I felt like at this time it was best for all parties involved to move on in my career," he said in a statement.

Athletic director Sam Baker accepted Price's resignation and said the search for a new coach will begin immediately.

Tourney stars lead All-America team

Blake Griffin and Tyler Hansbrough were the top vote-getters on The Associated Press' All-America team, released Monday.

Griffin, the sophomore forward from Oklahoma who led the nation in rebounding, was the only unanimous selection for the team. Hansbrough, a junior at North Carolina, repeated as a first-teamer the day after his Tar Heels beat Griffin's Sooners 72-60 to advance to the Final Four.

Joining them on the team were sophomores DeJuan Blair of Pittsburgh and James Harden of Arizona State and junior Stephen Curry of Davidson.

For more on the All-America teams, see page 4B.

Place with Rangers uncertain for Jones

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Rangers manager Ron Washington said Monday the competition between outfielders Andrew Jones and Frank Catalanotto for Texas' lone position still open may not be settled by the time the team breaks camp Thursday.

Jones, who turns 32 on April 23, won 10 consecutive Gold Gloves as Atlanta's center fielder before agreeing to a \$36.2 million, two-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers before last season. He then hit .158 with three home runs in 75 games, made the first three trips to the disabled list in his career and was released.

— Staff, AP Reports

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR**Banquet**

• Dalton High's basketball banquet is scheduled for April 1 at the school commons at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and on sale at the school business office.

Road races

• The Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic is scheduled for May 2 at the Bradley Center for Wellness. Scheduled races are a timed 5K at 8 a.m., the timed 2K "Kid's Classic" (ages 19 and younger) at 9:30 a.m. and an untimed 2K walk at 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$15 before April 21 and \$20 after. Pre-registration is urged — T-shirts and desired sizes are limited for race-day registrants and pre-registrants are eligible for door prizes. Race-day registration will be held from 7-9 a.m. Entry forms can be printed at nwghealthpartners.org.

Team sports

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

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

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

• The Georgia Sting fastpitch softball team is seeking

a pitcher to compete in an all 16-under schedule and almost all the ASA 14-under qualifiers in metro Atlanta. Contact Greg Boyd at (706) 581-7624 or gasting@optilink.us.

Clinics, camps

• The Catamount Ladies Football Clinic is scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 7 at Dalton High. The clinic will give an inside look at the program and raise money for the Catamount Care Fund, which will support a community project such as last year's adoption of a family for Christmas. Instruction will be provided by Dalton coaches and Chuck Harris is the featured motivational speaker. Cost is \$20 and includes dinner. Call (706) 876-4882 or write to adam.winegarden@dalton.k12.ga.us.

• Dalton High will hold the Catamount Football Camp for ages 7 through rising eighth graders on June 22-24 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Camp will focus on fundamentals and basic skills and techniques of football, and campers will receive individual attention with encouragement to improve their overall game, sportsmanship and football knowledge. Motivational speakers, competitions and awards will also be part of the camp. Cost is \$50; campers will receive a T-shirt and camp picture. Registration will be available the day of camp. Contact Chad Jordan at (706) 217-5577 or chad.jordan@dalton.k12.ga.us.

• Northwest Whitfield's Fighting Bruins Football Camp for boys entering grades 1-6 is scheduled for June 22-24 from 8-11:30 a.m. each day at the high school. Cost is \$50 per camper and pre-registration is requested. Check-in will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the fieldhouse. Contact Mike Falleur at (706) 516-2217.

Tournaments

• An ASA girls fastpitch tournament will be held April 4-5 at Heritage Point Park in

Dalton. Entry fees are \$100 for 8-under and \$200 for 10-under through 18-under.

Contact Jeff Gallmon at vip-dalton@optilink.us or Leon Behr at Ihbeh1@yahoo.com.

• USFA girls fastpitch tournaments are scheduled April 4-5 at the Bradley Industrial Park in Cleveland, Tenn.; April 11 and April 18-19 at Heritage Point Park in Dalton; April 25-26 at Tinsley Park in Cleveland, Tenn.; and May 2-3 at Heritage Point for teams 8 to 18-under. Contact Garry Headrick at (706) 483-1346 or garry_headrick2001@yahoo.com.

• The Northwest Whitfield Dugout Club will host a fundraiser golf tournament with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on April 19 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. Format is two-person select shot and cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ricky Darnell at (706) 217-9338 or Kip Allen at (706) 260-9664.

• A basketball tournament for boys and girls teams 10 through 18 age groups will be held at the Sonoraville Recreation Complex April 24-26. Fee is \$150 per team. Entry deadline is April 17. Contact Taylor McDaniel at (770) 324-3727 or Derrick McDaniel at (706) 936-6254.

• The Southeast Raiders Dugout Club is hosting a two-man, select shot golf tournament on April 11 at Indian Trace. Cost is \$135 per team, or \$65 per individual, with red tees and mulligans \$5 each. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; lunch will be provided. Registration deadline is April 8. Contact Jason Keller at (210) 313-3862.

Add your news

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

Braves: Top Sox

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inning was unearned after an error by Boston first baseman Kevin Youkilis.

Anderson, used as the DH for the second game after missing more than three weeks with a calf strain, was 2-for-3 with a double and a walk.

He was hitless coming into Monday's game.

"He hit the ball hard three times," said Cox, who will play Anderson in the outfield during Tuesday night's game with Houston. "He looks good at the plate."

The Braves tied the game in the ninth on a single by Martin Prado and won it in the 10th on a double by Brooks Conrad.

It was the final Florida home game of the spring for the Braves.

■ NOTES: Outfielder

Josh Anderson, who had fallen behind Jordan Schafer and Gregor Blanco in the competition for center field, was traded by Atlanta to Detroit for minor league pitcher Rudy Darrow. ... McCann returned to the Braves lineup after being hit on the right ring finger by a foul tip on Saturday. ... Atlanta placed pitcher Charlie Morton, 4-8 last year as a rookie, on the disabled list because of a strained left oblique muscle that has bothered him most of the spring. ... The Red Sox and Braves had not played in a Grapefruit League game since 2002, when they met at Fort Myers. ... Derek Lowe, Atlanta opening day starter, will get his final tuneup tonight against Houston. ... Boston plays its last spring home game today against Tampa Bay.



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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
 The Heritage School at Christian Heritage, 5
 Lakeview Fort-Oglethorpe at Southeast, 5:30
 Northwest Whitfield at Woodland-Bartow, 5:55
 Dalton at Cass, 5:55

Varsity golf
 Gordon Central at Murray County, Spring Lakes,
 3:30
 Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Gordon Lee at
 Battlefield, 4

Varsity tennis
 Southeast at Heritage-Catoosa, 4
 Collegedale, Tenn., at Dalton, 4

Varsity track and field
 Gordon Lee at Northwest Whitfield
 Southeast, Fannin at Murray County, 4

Middle school baseball
 Christian Heritage at Boyd Buchanan, 4:30

Middle school softball
 Christian Heritage at Grace Baptist, 4:30

Wednesday

Varsity golf
 Gilmer vs. Murray County, White Path, 3:30
 LFO, Ringgold, Southeast boys at Nob North,
 3:30

Varsity soccer
Region 7-4A playoffs, first round
 TBD at Murray County boys, TBD
 TBD at Dalton girls, 5
 TBD at Dalton boys, 7

Middle school baseball
 McCallie at Dalton, 4:30

Thursday

Varsity baseball
 Sequoyah at Dalton, 5:55
 Woodland at Murray County, 7

Varsity golf
 Murray County at Cass, Plantation, 3:30
 Heritage-Catoosa vs. Southeast at Indian Trace,
 3:30

Varsity tennis
 Southeast at Cartersville, 4:30
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

Varsity track and field
 Murray County at Gordon Central

JV baseball

Woodland at Murray County, 5:15
 Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville, 7:30

JV golf
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Dalton, at The Farm,
 4

JV soccer
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30

Freshman baseball
 Northwest Whitfield at Cartersville, 5

Middle school baseball
 McCallie at Dalton JV, 4:30
 Temple at Christian Heritage, 5

Friday

Varsity baseball
 Cass at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
 Dalton at Woodland, 5:55
 Murray County at Sequoyah, 5:55
 Central Carrollton at Southeast, 6

Varsity soccer
Region 7-4A playoffs, second round
 Teams, sites and times TBD

Region 6-3A playoffs, first round
 Southeast at Carrollton, 5

Varsity tennis
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

Middle school tennis
 OLP vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore

Saturday

Varsity baseball
 Murray County at Northwest Whitfield, 5
 Southeast at Boyd-Buchanan, 5

Varsity golf
 Southeast boys at Lion Invitational, Oak Mountain
 GC, Carrollton 9 a.m.

Varsity tennis
 Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

Varsity soccer
 LaFayette Christian at Christian Heritage, 2

Varsity track and field
 Rotary Invitational at Dalton, 9 a.m.

JV baseball
 Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette (DH), Noon

Freshman baseball
 Heritage-Catoosa at Northwest Whitfield, Noon

Middle school softball
 St. Jude at Christian Heritage (DH), 10:30 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned RHP Lance
 Broadway, RHP Jack Egbert and RHP Jeff
 Marquez to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned INF/OF
 Josh Kroeger and LHP Randy Williams to their
 minor league camp Placed INF Jayson Nix on the
 15-day DL, retroactive to March 27.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed OF David
 Dellucci on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Trevor
 Crowe from Columbus (IL). Traded LHP Shawn
 Nottingham to Pittsburgh for future consideration.

National League
 ATLANTA BRAVES—Acquired RHP Rudy Darrow
 from Detroit for OF Josh Anderson and assigned
 Darrow to Mississippi (SL).
 CHICAGO CUBS—Released C Paul Bako and
 LHP Mike Stanton unconditionally.
 CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned OF Norris Hopper
 and RHP Daryl Thompson to Louisville (IL).
 Reassigned OF Jacque Jones to their minor
 league camp.
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned OF Carlos
 Gonzalez, OF Matt Murton and LHP Greg Smith to
 Colorado Springs (PCL). Reassigned C Edwin
 Bellorin, LHP Randy Flores and C Paul Phillips to
 their minor league camp.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Released INF David
 Newhan unconditionally. Reassigned RHP Chad
 Paronto to their minor league camp.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed RHP Trevor
 Hoffman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March
 27.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned INF Brian
 Bixler to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned OF Andrew
 McCutchen to their minor league camp.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Optioned RHP Chris
 Perez to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned C Matt
 Pagnozzi to their minor league camp.

FOOTBALL

NFL
 HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed DT Shaun Cody.
 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed OT Marvel
 Smith to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
NHL
 MINNESOTA WILD—Signed C Cody Almond.
 NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Mike
 Santorelli from Milwaukee (AHL).
 OTTAWA SENATORS—Reassigned C Jim O'Brien
 from Seattle (WHL) to Binghamton (AHL).
 SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed D Nick Petrecki.
 WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled G Simeon
 Varlamov from Hershey (AHL).

COLLEGE
 NEBRASKA—Signed football coach Bo Pelini to a
 contract extension through Feb. 2014.

TELEVISION

On Today

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Baylor vs. San Diego
 State, at New York
 9 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NIT, semifinal, Notre Dame vs. Penn
 State, at New York

NHL
 7:30 p.m.
 VERSUS — Chicago at Montreal

TENNIS
 1 p.m.
 FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson
 Open, round of 16, at Miami

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional
 final, Connecticut-Arizona State at Trenton, N.J.
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional
 final, Purdue-Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
y-Boston	56	19	.747	—					
Philadelphia	37	35	.514	17 1/2					
New Jersey	30	44	.405	25 1/2					
New York	29	44	.397	26					
Toronto	28	45	.384	27					
Southeast Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
y-Orlando	55	18	.753	—					
x-Atlanta	43	31	.581	12 1/2					
Miami	39	35	.527	16 1/2					
Charlotte	33	40	.452	22					
Washington	17	58	.227	39					
Central Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
y-Cleveland	60	13	.822	—					
Detroit	36	37	.493	24					
Chicago	36	39	.480	25					
Milwaukee	32	43	.427	29					
Indiana	31	43	.419	29 1/2					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
San Antonio	48	25	.658	—					
Houston	48	26	.649	1/2					
New Orleans	45	27	.625	2 1/2					
Dallas	43	30	.589	5					
Memphis	18	54	.250	29 1/2					
Northwest Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
Denver	48	26	.649	—					
Portland	46	27	.630	1 1/2					
Utah	45	27	.625	2					
Minnesota	21	53	.284	27					
Oklahoma City	20	53	.274	27 1/2					
Pacific Division									
W	L	Pct	GB						
z-L.A. Lakers	58	15	.795	—					
Phoenix	40	34	.541	18 1/2					
Golden State	25	48	.342	33					
L.A. Clippers	18	56	.243	40 1/2					
Sacramento	16	56	.222	41 1/2					

x-clinched playoff spot
 y-clinched division
 z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores										
Cleveland 102, Dallas 74	Toronto 134, Chicago 129, OT	Atlanta 86, L.A. Lakers 76	Minnesota 108, New Jersey 99	Detroit 101, Philadelphia 97	Indiana 124, Washington 115	Boston 103, Oklahoma City 84	New Orleans 90, San Antonio 86	Sacramento 126, Phoenix 118	Monday's Scores	
Milwaukee 107, New Jersey 78	Orlando 101, Miami 95	New York at Utah, late	Memphis at Golden State, late	Today's Games						
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.	Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	New York at Denver, 9 p.m.	Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.	New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.		

PRO HOCKEY

NHL										
EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
x-New Jersey	47	25	4	98	228	189				
Philadelphia	41	24	10	92	242	217				
Pittsburgh	41	27	8	90	239	225				
N.Y. Rangers	40	28	9	89	199	208				
N.Y. Islanders	25	41	9	59	189	244				
Northeast Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
y-Boston	48	17	10	106	254	179				

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
x-Washington	46	23	7	99	245	222				
Carolina	42	28	7	91	220	214				
Florida	37	28	11	85	213	216				
Atlanta	32	38	6	70	237	262				
Tampa Bay	24	35	17	65	196	252				
Pacific Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
y-Detroit	49	18	9	107	279	225				
Chicago	40	23	11	91	242	202				
Columbus	39	29	8	86	212	211				
Nashville	38	30	8	84	196	209				
St. Louis	37	30	9	83	214	219				
Northwest Division										
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Calgary	43	26	6	92	241	230				
Vancouver	41	25	9	91	229	203				
Edmonton	36	31	9	81	218	231				
Minnesota	36	32	8	80	195	187				
Colorado	31	43	2	64	193	247				

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

Sunday's Scores										
Nashville 4, Detroit 3	St. Louis 5, Columbus 2	Ottawa 3, Tampa Bay 0	Vancouver 4, Chicago 0	Boston 4, Philadelphia 3	Anaheim 4, Colorado 1	Minnesota 3, Edmonton 2	Monday's Scores			
N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 0	San Jose at Calgary, late	Dallas at Phoenix, late	Today's Games							
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.	Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.	Chicago at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.	Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.	Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.	Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.				

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Tournaments									
MEN									
FINAL FOUR									
At Ford Field									
Detroit									
National Semifinals									
Saturday, April 4									
Michigan State (30-6) vs. Connecticut (31-4), 6:07 p.m.	Villanova (30-7) vs. North Carolina (32-4), 8:47 p.m.								
National Championship									
Monday, April 6									
Semifinal winners									
WOMEN									
TRENTON REGIONAL									
Regional Championship									
At Sovereign Bank Arena									
Trenton, N.J.									
Today									
Connecticut (36-0) vs. Arizona State (26-8), 7 p.m.									
BERKELEY REGIONAL									
Regional Championship									
At Haas Pavilion									
Berkeley, Calif.									
Monday, March 30									
Stanford 74, Iowa State 53									
RALEIGH REGIONAL									
Regional Championship									

At RBC Center
Raleigh, N.C.
Monday, March 30
 Louisville 77, Maryland 60

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Championship
At Ford Center
Oklahoma City
Today
 Purdue (25-10) vs. Oklahoma (31-4), 9 p.m.

NIT
MEN
Semifinals
Today
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Semifinals
 Baylor (23-14) vs. San Diego State (26-9), 7 p.m.
 Penn State (25-11) vs. Notre Dame (21-14), 9:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday, April 2
 Semifinal winners, 7

WOMEN
Quarterfinals
Monday, March 30
 Kansas (20-13) at New Mexico (25-10), late

Semifinals
Wednesday, April 1
 South Florida (25-10) at Boston College (23-11), 7
 Illinois State (27-7) vs. Kansas-New Mexico win-
 ner, TBA

AP All-America
Men's Basketball Teams
Statistics through March 15
FIRST TEAM
 Blake Griffin, Oklahoma, 6-10, 251, sophomore,
 Oklahoma City, 21.9 ppg, 14.3 rpg, 2.3 apg, 63.5 fg
 pct (71 first-place votes, 335 points)
 Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina, 6-9, 250, sen-
 ior, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 21.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 52.2 fg pct,
 85.6 ft pct (50, 304)
 DeJuan Blair, Pittsburgh, 6-7, 265, sophomore,
 Pittsburgh, 15.6 ppg, 12.2 rpg, 59.9 fg pct, 1.5
 steals (49, 294)
 James Harden, Arizona State, 6-5, 218, sopho-
 more, Los Angeles, 20.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 4.2 apg,
 35.8 minutes, 50.2 fg pct (45, 290)
 Stephen Curry, Davidson, 6-3, 185, junior,
 Charlotte, N.C., 28.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 5.7 apg, 87.6 ft
 pct, 2.6 steals (49, 288)

SECOND TEAM
 Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut, 7-3, 263, junior
 Ty Lawson, North Carolina, 5-11, 195, junior
 Luke Harangody, Notre Dame, 6-8, 255, junior
 Jodie Meeks, Kentucky, 6-4, 208, junior
 Jerel McNeal, Marquette, 6-3, 200, senior

THIRD TEAM
 Terrence Williams, Louisville, 6-6, 215, senior
 Sherron Collins, Kansas, 5-11, 200, junior
 Toney Douglas, Florida State, 6-2, 200, senior
 Sam Young, Pittsburgh, 6-6, 220, senior
 Gerald Henderson, Duke, 6-4, 215, junior

HONORABLE MENTION
 Jeff Adrien, Connecticut; Josh Akognon, Cal State
 Fullerton; Cole Aldrich, Kansas; Alex Barnett,
 Dartmouth; Marqus Blakely, Vermont; Craig
 Brackins, Iowa State; Michael Bramos, Miami
 (Ohio); Jon Brockman, Washington; Brandon
 Brooks, Alabama State; John Bryant, Santa Clara.

Chase Budinger, Arizona; DeMarre Carroll,
 Missouri; Jeremy Chappell, Robert Morris; Dionte
 Christmas, Temple; Earl Clark, Louisville; Darren
 Collison, UCLA; Dante Cunningham, Villanova;
 Devan Downey, South Carolina; Tyreke Evans,
 Memphis; LeVance Fields, Pittsburgh.
 Jonny Flynn, Syracuse; Kenny Hasbrouck, Siena;
 Jordan Hill, Arizona; Matt Howard, Butler; Lester
 Hudson, Tennessee-Martin; Matt Kingsley,
 Stephen F. Austin; Kalin Lucas, Michigan State;
 Eric Maynor, Virginia Commonwealth; Kellen
 McCoy, Weber State; Tywain McKee, Coppin State;
 Orlando Mendez-Valdez, Western Kentucky;
 Derrick Mercer, American; Luke Nevill, Utah; Ahmad
 Nivins, Saint Joseph's; Arsiom Parakhouski,
 Radford; A.J. Price, Connecticut; Alex Renfroe,
 Belmont; Tyrese Rice, Boston College; Kyle Singler,
 Duke; Jermaine Taylor, Central Florida;
 Jeff Teague, Wake Forest; Marcus Thornton, LSU;
 Evan Turner, Ohio State; Jarvis Varnado, Mississippi
 State; Gary Wilkinson, Utah State; Booker Woodfox,
 Creighton; Ben Woodside, North Dakota State.

PRO BASEBALL

MLB Spring Training

Monday's Scores
 Atlanta 4, Boston 3, 10 innings
 Detroit 3, Washington 2
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 1
 St. Louis 2, Florida 1
 Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2
 Philadelphia 13, Houston 3
 Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
 Milwaukee 9, Seattle 7
 Oakland 9, L.A. Dodgers 5
 Texas 7, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
 Chicago Cubs 8, Kansas City 8, tie, 10 innings
 L.A. Angels 13, Chicago White Sox 3
 Colorado 10, Arizona 3
 N.Y. Mets 2, Baltimore 1
 Cleveland 5, San Diego 2

Today's Games
 Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05
 Washington vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05
 St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05
 Kansas City vs. Oakland at Phoenix, Ariz., 4:05
 San Francisco vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05
 L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05
 Seattle vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05
 Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, Ariz., 4:05
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 4:05
 N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 7:05
 Atlanta vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 7:05
 Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 7:05
 Milwaukee vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05

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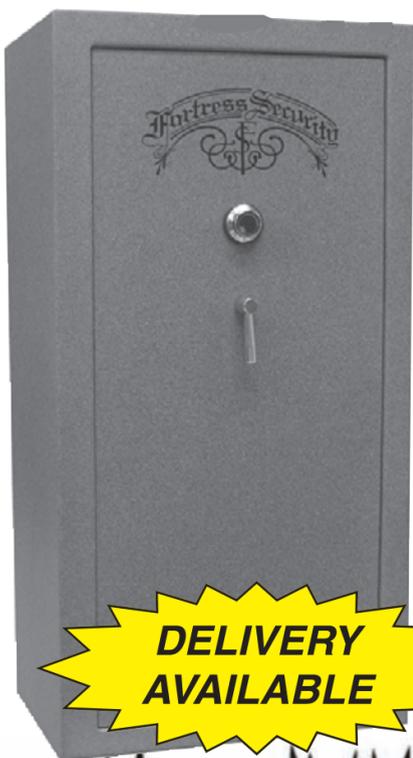
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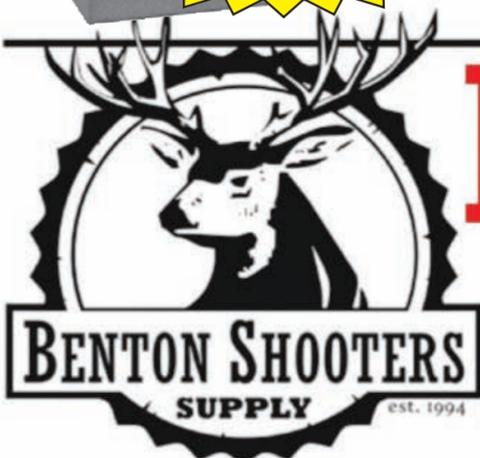
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 - 5 Timid
 - 8 Lean-to
 - 12 Operatic solo
 - 13 Meadow
 - 14 Troubadour's instrument
 - 15 Avon product
 - 17 Chills and fever
 - 18 Type units
 - 19 "A mouse!"
 - 20 Garden intruder
 - 21 Automobile
 - 22 Billboards
 - 23 Future juniors
 - 26 Police record book
 - 30 Neighborhood
 - 31 Seek damages
 - 32 Corn Belt state
 - 33 Henson's troupe
 - 35 Piece of hardware
 - 36 Firmament
 - 37 Stir-fry vessel
- DOWN**
- 2 Ms.
 - 3 Gratuities
 - 4 Owns
 - 5 More
 - 6 Kin of "darn"
 - 7 Tibetan beast
 - 8 Three Stooges specialty
 - 9 Laurie or Grant
 - 10 Needle case
 - 11 Homeowner's paper
 - 16 Afternoon affairs
 - 20 Big bother
 - 21 Blistex rival
 - 22 Hearty quaff

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 3-31

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BRIDGE

Continuing the percentage play

Dear Mr. Becker: We had a big argument about this hand where South was declarer in four spades and West led a heart. South won with dummy's ace, played a spade to the ace and then led a low spade, losing to West's king. South later lost the jack of spades to the queen and a diamond trick, but he wound up making four spades.

The argument was over whether South played the spades correctly or whether he was just lucky. Shouldn't he have finessed the ten of spades at trick two? I know he would have gone down if he had done this in the actual deal, but wouldn't that be the winning play in the long run? Sincerely yours, Constant Reader.

Well, the answer is that South was correct in the way he played the hand, not only because he succeeded, but because his approach was in accordance with the percentages.

Problems like this are susceptible to fairly simple computation. Since declarer's sole aim is to avoid the loss of more than two trump tricks, if possible, he starts out by ignoring all the spade combinations where the play of the ten or the ace is immaterial. These would include those hands where the trumps are divided 6-0, 5-1, or 3-3.

The only really pertinent hands are those where the spades are divided 4-2, with West holding the doubleton. West's doubleton can consist of K-9, K-8, K-7, K-6, Q-9, Q-8, Q-7, Q-6 (in which case the ace play is better than the ten), or it can consist of 9-8, 9-7, 9-6, 8-7, 8-6, 7-6 (in which case the ten play is better than the ace). The only other case, where West has the K-Q alone, does not matter because either play makes the contract.

As there are eight cases where playing the ace wins, and only six where playing the ten wins, it is better to play the ace and a low spade.

Tomorrow: Seek and ye shall find.

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 3			
♥ A 8 5 4			
♦ A K 9 7 2			
♣ K 10 5			
WEST			
♠ K 7			
♥ J 10 9			
♦ Q 10 4			
♣ 9 7 6 3 2			
EAST			
♠ Q 9 8 6			
♥ K Q 7 3 2			
♦ J 3			
♣ J 8			
SOUTH			
♠ A J 10 5 4 2			
♥ 6			
♦ 8 6 5			
♣ A Q 4			

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You can make some helpful professional changes. This is a fabulous year to get involved in subjects, projects and interests about which you feel passionately. The more you like what you are doing and the people with whom you are engaged, professionally and socially, the better you will do. Your numbers are 5, 12, 19, 25, 36, 39, 40.

you. Focus on yourself, your family and your home, not outsiders trying to get a piece of your action. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop waiting for someone else to make a move when the spotlight is on you. Love relationships will flourish. Expand your mind, your philosophy and your awareness of other cultures. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get carried away with trivial matters. You can spin your wheels all you want but that won't help you get ahead. Regardless of the outcome it's how you conduct yourself on the journey. Be strong and follow your instincts. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make gains financially, vocationally and emotionally. A chance meeting or an intentional contact with someone from your past will lead to an opportunity to make extra cash in your spare time. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be drawn to the people who have always been there for you. Love will play an important role in a decision regarding your location and your future. Strive for perfection but don't miss an opportunity because you aren't ready. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Something is going on behind your back so, before you make any earth shattering decisions, find out the truth. Someone may be leading you on. Don't trust anyone offering something too good to be true. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a look at what happened in the past and you will know exactly how to handle your current situation. If someone gets aggressive, turn away. You'll do better with people you have known a long time so reconnect with someone from your past. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't spend if you don't have to and certainly do not hand out cash for someone else's mistake. Be strong when it comes to your personal life. It's better to say no and spare yourself future costs and emotional upset than to get in over your head financially and personally. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Uncertainty will cloud your day, causing you to second guess everything you do. Your emotions will be erratic and will confuse you. You must not try to resolve something that needs more time to settle down. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make some moves to lift your spirits and bring you greater comfort at home. Form a coalition with someone who has the same background and ambitions as you. Your insight will guide you to make the right decision. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have some fun and you will entice others to get involved in the activities about which you feel strongly. Love is on the rise and you can turn a relationship that interests you into something substantial. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a second look at your situation and make note of what someone with more experience tells you. Poor decisions will result in a mishap or even injury if you aren't careful. You will be tempted to act in haste — don't cave to the pressure. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't play games or you will end up with the short end of the stick. Be ready to say no to anyone trying to bait

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DID YOU HEAR THE GIRL IN THE BEACH BOYS SONG BOUGHT A CAR LOT AND CALLED IT RHONDA'S HONDAS?
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals H

FAMILY FITNESS



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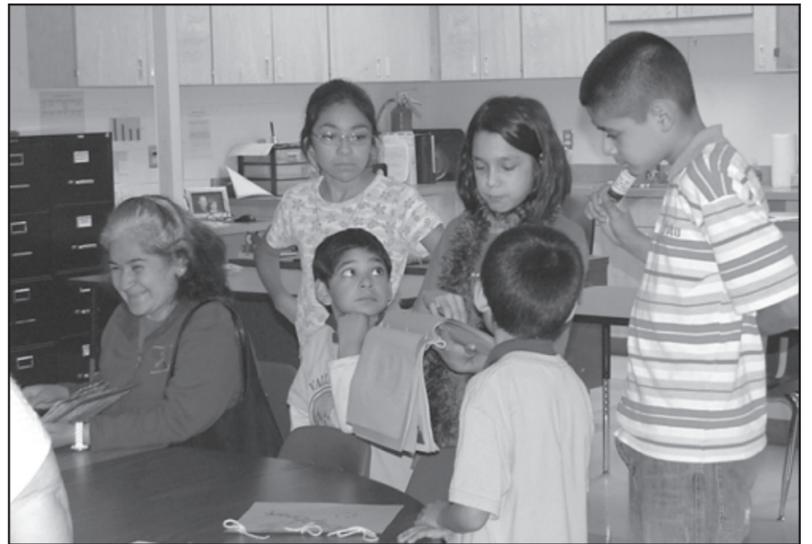
Students and family members at Dawnville Elementary School enjoyed Family Fit Night recently, learning about healthy eating and the importance of lifetime physical activity. The event was sponsored by CPAN, the Childhood Physical Activity and Nutrition grant, which encourages students and families to eat healthy, move more and reduce screen time. CPAN is sponsored by the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership. Above, parents and students participate in physical activities.



Above, families eat healthy foods during the Family Fit Night event. At right, Carmel Cowart, school wellness coordinator for the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, and Keta Martinez introduce healthy foods to parents and students.

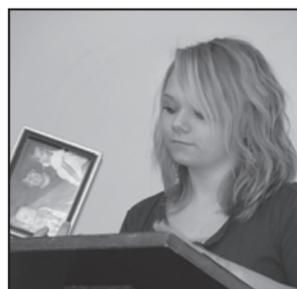


LANGUAGE ARTS



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Valley Point Middle School held a language arts event recently designed by teachers as a night that would be all about the students. The title was "Me, Myself and I." The event provided multiple opportunities for students to show off their talents, interests and family. Student work samples included such things as autobiographies, student interviews made into movies, and class quilts. Language arts night is just one of the parent nights that the school holds to provide students a platform in which to show off their work. Above, back row, from left, Monica Lopez, Tien Huynh and Daniel Lopez discuss their work.



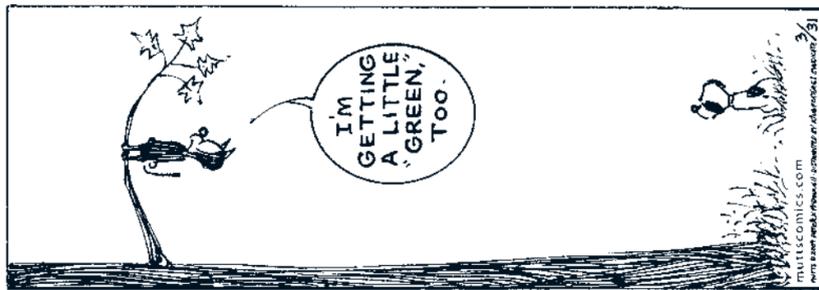
Above, Amanda Bridges shares events from her life. At right, sharing their work are Tasha Bridges, far left; Britanie Barnette, far right; and Faith Long, back.



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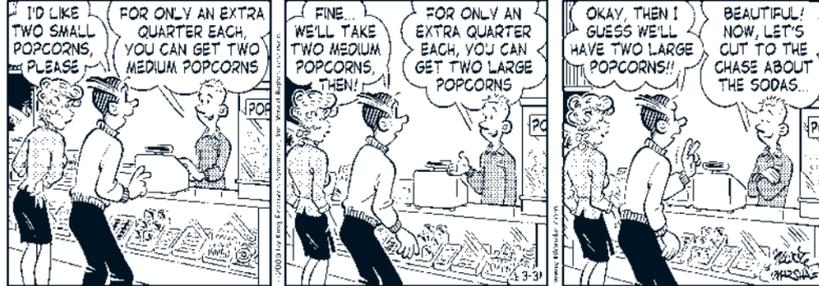
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DEAR ABBY

Use of corporal punishment sparks passionate debate

DEAR ABBY: I am writing about your response to "John in Savannah" (Feb. 1), the 24-year-old man who is unsure how to explain to people that using a belt to discipline his three little girls is different from abuse.

Sometimes, in order to teach that actions or behaviors are inappropriate, some form of punishment, whether it's a spanking or a time-out, becomes necessary. I give my children three chances when they misbehave. If they continue, they are punished. They know that there will be consequences if they do wrong. Like John's children, mine are also frequently praised for being courteous and well-behaved.

Small children do not understand long-term punishment like grounding, taking away toys, etc. By the time the duration of that kind of discipline has passed, the child has forgotten the reason for it. For young children to understand the consequences of wrong behavior, the measures must be swift and short-term.

John should answer those who ask by saying he uses "consistent discipline accompanied by corporal punishment when necessary." If more parents did the same as John and me, we'd have fewer behavior problems in schools. — MOM IN CONTROL IN GAINESVILLE



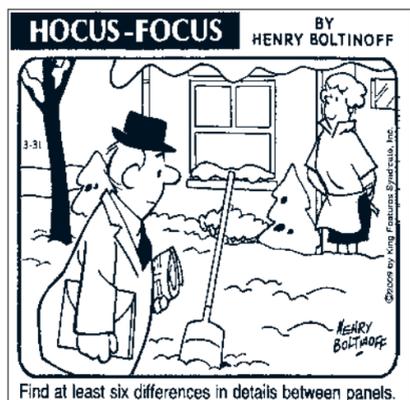
Jeane Phillips

DEAR MOM IN CONTROL: Thank you for commenting. However, I stand by my position that there are more effective ways to discipline a child than by using physical punishment. After printing "John in Savannah's" letter, I received mail from parents and adult children across the country. Read on:

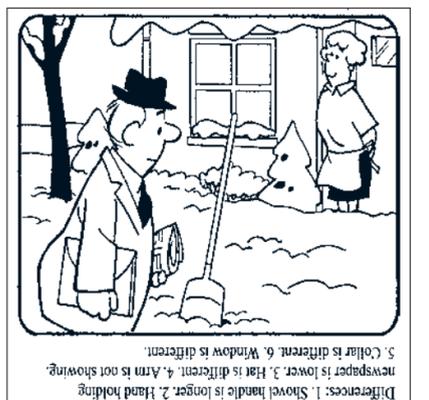
DEAR ABBY: Are John's children obeying because they are making good choices or because they are afraid of the belt? Also, does he realize how badly he is hurting his children, both physically and emotionally? When you strike someone with an object, you have no idea how hard you are really hitting. Also, the humiliation of being beaten could last those kids a lifetime.

Honestly, it takes more effort to come up with corrections other than spanking, but it is well worth it. We post our family rules and their consequences in plain view. Part of my son's allowance depends upon making good choices at home and at school. And yes — it does work. My son just brought home his report card with excellent marks for conduct. — POSITIVELY REINFORCING IN MICHIGAN

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shovel handle is longer. 2. Hand holding newspaper is lower. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is not showing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Window is different.

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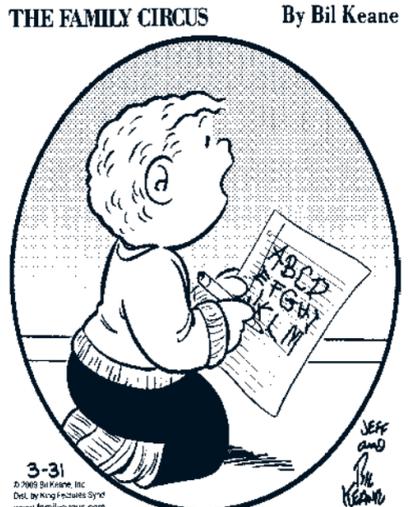
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Family Health & Fitness

April is Autism Month

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

In February 2007, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued their ADDM autism prevalence report. The report, which looked at a sample of 8 year olds in 2000 and 2002, concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in every 150 American children, and almost 1 in 94 boys. The issuance of this report caused a media uproar, but the news was not a surprise to ASA or to the 1.5 million Americans living with the effects of autism spectrum disorder. Nonetheless, the spotlight shown on autism as a result of the prevalence increase opens opportunities for the nation to consider how to serve these families facing a lifetime of supports for their children.

Currently, ASA estimates that the lifetime cost of caring for a child with autism ranges from \$3.5 million to \$5 million, and that the United States is facing almost \$90 billion annually in costs for autism (this figure includes research, insurance costs and non-covered expenses, Medicaid waivers for autism, educational spending, housing, transportation, employment, in addition to related therapeutic services and caregiver costs).

Know the Signs: Early Identification Can Change Lives

Autism is treatable. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

Here are some signs to look for in the children in your life:

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (e.g., hand-flapping, twirling objects)
- Little or no eye contact
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Persistent fixation on parts of objects

Diagnosis and Consultation

- Why Early Identification is Critical
- Screening and Screening Instruments
- Who Makes a Diagnosis?/Diagnostic Tools
- Working with Professionals
- Getting Past the Diagnosis

There are no medical tests for diagnosing autism. An accurate diagnosis must be based on observation of the individual's communication, behavior and developmental levels. However, because many of the behaviors associated with autism are shared by other disorders, various medical tests may be ordered to rule out or identify other possible causes of the symptoms being exhibited. At first glance, some persons with autism may appear to have mental retardation, a behavior disorder, problems with hearing, or even odd and eccentric behavior. To complicate matters further, these conditions can co-occur with autism. However, it is important to distinguish autism from other conditions, since an accurate diagnosis and early identification can provide the basis for building an appropriate and effective educational and treatment program.

A brief observation in a single setting cannot present a true picture of an individual's abilities and behaviors. Parental (and other caregivers' and/or teachers') input and developmental history are important components of making an accurate diagnosis.

What Causes Autism

There is no known single cause for autism, but it is generally accepted that it is caused by abnormalities in brain structure or function. Brain scans show differences in the shape and structure of the brain in children with autism versus neuro-typical children. Researchers are investigating a number of theories, including the link between heredity, genetics and medical problems. In many families, there appears to be a pattern of autism or related disabilities, further supporting a genetic basis to the disorder. While no one gene has been identified as

causing autism, researchers are searching for irregular segments of genetic code that children with autism may have inherited. It also appears that some children are born with a susceptibility to autism, but researchers have not yet identified a single "trigger" that causes autism to develop.

Other researchers are investigating the possibility that under certain conditions, a cluster of unstable genes may interfere with brain development, resulting in autism. Still other researchers are investigating problems during pregnancy or delivery as well as environmental factors, such as viral infections, metabolic imbalances, and exposure to environmental chemicals.

Genetic Vulnerability

Autism tends to occur more frequently than expected among individuals who have certain medical conditions, including Fragile X syndrome, tuberous sclerosis, congenital rubella syndrome, and untreated phenylketonuria (PKU). Some harmful substances ingested during pregnancy also have been associated with an increased risk of autism. Read more about related conditions.

Environmental Factors

Research indicates that other factors besides the genetic component are contributing to the rise in increasing occurrences of ASD, such as environmental toxins (e.g., heavy metals such as mercury), which are more prevalent in our current environment than in the past. Those with ASD (or those who are at risk) may be especially vulnerable, as their ability to metabolize and detoxify these exposures can be compromised.

What is the difference between autism and PDD?

The term "PDD" is widely used by professionals to refer to children with autism and related disorders; however, there is a great deal of disagreement and confusion among professionals concerning the PDD label. Diagnosis of PDD, including autism or any other developmental disability, is based upon the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) (American Psychiatric Association, Washington DC, 1994), and is the main diagnostic reference of mental health professionals in the United States.

According to the DSM-IV, the term "PDD" is not a specific diagnosis, but an umbrella term under which the specific diagnoses are defined.

What is Asperger's Syndrome?

What distinguishes Asperger's Syndrome from autism is the severity of the symptoms and the absence of language delays. Children with Asperger's may be only mildly affected and frequently have good language and cognitive skills. To the untrained observer, a child with Asperger's may seem just like a normal child behaving differently. They may be socially awkward, not understanding of conventional social rules, or show a lack of empathy. They may make limited eye contact, seem to be unengaged in a conversation, and not understand the use of gestures.

One of the major differences between Asperger's Syndrome and autism is that, by definition, there is no speech delay in Asperger's. In fact, children with Asperger's frequently have good language skills; they simply use language in different ways. Speech patterns may be unusual, lack inflection, or have a rhythmic nature or it may be formal, but too loud or high pitched. Children with Asperger's may not understand the subtleties of language, such as irony and humor, or they may not recognize the give-and-take nature of a conversation.

Another distinction between Asperger's Syndrome and autism concerns cognitive ability. While some individuals with autism experience mental retardation, by definition a person with Asperger's cannot possess a "clinically significant" cognitive delay, and most possess average to above-average intelligence.

Why is early intervention so important?

Early intervention is defined as services delivered to children from birth to age 3, and research shows that it has a dramatic impact on reducing the symptoms of autism spectrum disorders. Studies in early childhood development have shown that the youngest brains are the most flexible. In autism, we see that intensive early intervention yields a tremendous amount of progress in children by the time they enter kindergarten, often reducing the need for intensive supports.



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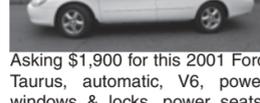
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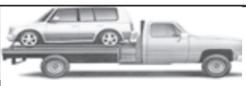
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