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Rec merger raises questions

BY JAMIE JONES

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After listening to an hour-long discussion about combining the recreation departments of the city of Dalton and Whitfield County, John Thomas had an unanswered question.

"If I'm a city resident, what do I have to benefit from this?" asked Thomas, a county resident and member of the Whitfield County Board of Education. "I have great facilities."

Members of the Whitfield County Recreation Steering

Committee and about 40 other residents met Tuesday night to talk about the possibility of merging the two recreation departments.

Before the meeting, city and county officials had offered scant details about a possible merger. Mike Babb, chairman of the county board of commissioners, admitted that attendees probably would-



Babb

n't have all of their questions answered because the idea is still in its infancy.

Thomas is concerned there's not enough money for recreation to cover all 100,000 residents in Whitfield County. Together, the two departments have a budget of about \$4.18 million, with the city making up a hefty chunk — \$3.18 million. If the departments are combined, city residents would see a reduction in services while county residents would see an increase, several people at the meeting said.

"To me, that's not the best way to make it better," said Chip Sellers, a

former Dalton City Council mayor pro-tem and past city recreation board member.

Residents should consider the overall benefit to the entire community, said Alan Wells, a member of a city/county committee considering the practicality of a merger.

"We see a quality of life improvement in all areas," Wells said. "We see an enhancement of all programs."

Wells said the committee has considered ways to fund a combined

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PRETTY IN PINK

Murray County High School administrative assistants Tammy Kiser, front, and Adrienne Jack, straighten items on a bulletin board supporting Paula Davis, a social studies teacher at the school who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. School officials are raising money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Susan G. Komen foundation.

More arrests made in pizza theft

BY MARK MILLICAN

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Four more people have been arrested in the March 26 armed robbery of a pizza delivery man at gunpoint near 306 N. Henderson St.

Dennis Shammad Love, 17, of 715 Trammel St., and three juveniles were arrested Tuesday by officers with the Dalton Police Department. Damarion Johnson, 17, was arrested on Friday. All are charged with armed robbery and violation of the Georgia Street Gang Act. Police spokesman Bruce Frazier said officers believe some of the youth are part of a gang but do not want to publicize a gang name over concerns that other gangs may commit crimes to gain publicity.



Love

Investigating officers found a pellet gun in the area where the robbery occurred and believe it was used in the holdup, Frazier said.

Love and Johnson are students at Northwest Whitfield High School, according to a spokesman at the Whitfield County Jail. They remained in custody Tuesday afternoon. Frazier said the juveniles were taken to the Regional Youth Detention Center where a decision would

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Andy Reed remembered as a fighter

BY MARK MILLICAN

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Two years after volunteer firefighter Andy Reed came to work at the Dalton Fire Department, in 2002, he had his first surgery for brain cancer, remembers Chief Bruce Satterfield. Reed was back to work in five days.

"Another one of our firefighters missed three weeks with knee surgery about that time, so someone did one of those 'priceless' credit card jokes," Satterfield said. "Andy came back to work right away with the staples still in his head — that was priceless. We're going to miss him."

Reed, 32, passed away last week at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga after a long struggle



Andy and Kristina Reed attend a fire department recruit graduation dinner. Reed died recently from cancer.

with the aggressive glioblastoma multiforme form of cancer. He is remembered as a "fighter" against his illness and a public servant who was "dedicated to his family and to his job," Satterfield said on Tuesday at a Public Safety Commission meeting.

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Saul enjoys D.C. as senator's aide

BY CHARLES OLIVER

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A United States senator has to deal with issues ranging from foreign policy to regulation to taxes. And a senator's press secretary has to be able to switch from one of these topics to another with ease.

Dalton native Andrea Saul joined the office of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, last week as his press secretary handling all of his national media. Hatch serves on several key committees, including Finance, Judiciary and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

"What bills have been introduced and what legislation is up really dictates what we are working on," Saul said.

Last week, for instance, the Senate approved a bill co-authored by Hatch and Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., to expand the number of community workers in the federally funded AmeriCorps program.



Saul

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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.

"When any business, company or stock is starting to tank, all these CEOs should be audited because you've got to follow the money and they are the ones who are responsible for how the company is running."

"If you're upset about having to pay to see our representatives you can call Nathan Deal at (770) 535-2592 or his congressional office at (202) 225-5211 and tell him we want a town hall meeting, we shouldn't have to pay to see the people who represent us."

"A remote control only belongs to a man unless he happens to have a 3-year-old granddaughter who says, 'That's my mote.'"

"If someone wants to classify our politicians — and there's really no difference between moron and idiot — I suggest you classify them under 'idiotic morons' and start with the CEO of Dalton."

"Children who behave badly in restaurants, their parents don't respect others, you can't expect the children to learn how to respect. Wait until they're teenagers and then they wonder why they have such badly behaved, disrespectful children."

"Easter has nothing to do with Jesus, it's a pagan holiday about fertility. Christians don't celebrate Easter, we celebrate resurrection Sunday on Easter."

"What is the difference between Hugo Chavez grabbing companies and Obama doing the same?"

"What I miss about having a smoking section is it was mostly child free. We could actually have a conversation. And the guy that says everybody else stay home, teach your kids how to mind. You're not the only person in a restaurant."

"I enjoy reading the forum every day. I hope people don't cause you to stop writing it."

"To make the rich and super rich pay their fair share of federal income taxes we must nag our senators and representatives to adopt the fair tax. You can study the fair tax at fairtax.org."

"At least George Bush learned to say nuclear. Will Barack Obama ever learn to say Pakistan?"

"About the only promise Obama has kept is that he would make a change and I don't think this is change that anybody was expecting."

"Obama can dance around the truth all he wants to, mainly because these people helped put him in office, but 90 percent of the financial ailments of the United States can be summed up in two words: labor unions."

"To the person with the aggravated kids, yes, we did have kids like you but as older parents we made you behave in restaurants, not scream like monsters."

"I completely agree, if the Tunnel Hill police department is good enough to go out and work traffic on the interstate then they're good enough to handle the wrecks

that happen there, too. I don't understand why they won't handle their business."

"Babies laughing and crying in church never really has bothered me but preachers crying about money, that really disturbs me."

"Obama has plenty of room in the White House. He can move those men from Gitmo right in there."

"I'd like to thank the owner of Chick-fil-A, Tom Woodby, and his crew for the great job they did during March with the free breakfast items they had every Thursday. It was a great gesture."

"Our politicians have not reached the status of morons or idiots, they are merely imbeciles."

"Why doesn't Whitfield County not have a link about the county constables on their Web sites?"

"My son is graduating from MCHS in May. he just informed me he has to pay \$15 for his diploma. After 12 years of hard work, he hasn't earned that diploma? What happens if he doesn't pay?"

"They are using billions of dollars to bail out the bankers. Let's use some of those billions to help the homeless."

"You people who watch Bill O'Reilly are watching a pure jerk."

"The person who called in about the crying baby needs to reread their Bible before judging people about their crying babies."

"For the person whose son is in prison, I feel sorry for you. But after two strikes he should have learned his lesson."

"The person whose baby disrupted church on Sunday is welcome at Smyrna Baptist Church. We have a nursery, but if you prefer to be in the sanctuary we dearly love to hear talking, laughing, crying babies."

"I remember in the 1960s when I was in high school my boyfriend and I would go to Rudolph's Pizza in the cubbyhole on Waugh Street. They had the best lasagna and pizza. Those were some of the best days of my life."

"Does anybody remember McCrory's 5&10 in Brynman's Plaza. I worked in the soda fountain. That was 43 years ago. My, what a long time!"

"I would prefer Georgia not legalize same-sex marriage. I would prefer not see two men or two women swapping slobber with each other."

Editor: But you make it sound so appealing.

"What wrong with volunteer firefighters? It works for this county. It works for Murray County."

"The caller who wants same-sex marriage legalized should read Romans 1:21-32 to see what God says about their rights."

"I agree. President Obama should try to look presidential, like the one who flew in on an aircraft carrier."

"Our First Baptist Church and our Soul Food Ministry have started a community garden. We would welcome any volunteers. Just call the church office."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ladder trucks form a cross over the funeral procession of Andy Reed Sunday.

Reed: Fondly remembered

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"He was relentless in getting done with the surgeries and then getting back to work," Satterfield said. "He was not a quitter and not a complainer." Reed fought back after surgeries in 2005 and 2008.

PSC chairman Bill Weaver told Satterfield commission members were "saddened" to hear of Reed's death.

"It was admirable to see him return to work after the surgeries," said Satterfield. "He carried around a tackle box full of medications, but was still functional. He was taking a very experimental drug near the end — only 18 people in the country were on it — and you could see his hair turning white and he lost weight. He had a stroke or an aneurysm, and continued to deteriorate."

"He was a great guy, a great employee and a great family man."

At the funeral on Sunday, several departments brought fire trucks and ladder trucks

to memorialize Reed. The Catoosa County and Dalton fire departments crossed ladders for the procession to pass under, and firefighters from the Whitfield County department showed up to work for Dalton firefighters so they could attend the funeral. Units from Chatsworth, Murray County and Fort Oglethorpe also took part to show their respects.

"He was always a crack-up and made you laugh, even when he was sick," said fellow fireman Josh Peek. "But he cared a lot about his job and he was very family-oriented. He didn't complain. If you didn't know him, you would have never known he was sick."

Colleague Chris Cox also recalled Reed's sense of humor.

"He was positive and upbeat, and did what was expected," he said. "Andy knew when to have fun, and when to buckle down and get the job done."

Firefighter Greg Garrison was impressed by Reed's

positive attitude also.

"That was the biggest thing, even when he was going through the surgeries," he recalled. "As an engineer who drove the (fire) trucks, he wanted to work himself to where he could hopefully drive again. He was always ready to work."

Firefighter Jeremy Phillips said that although Reed wouldn't show it, those close to him could tell it bothered him being unable to drive the big rigs.

"If you didn't know him, you would never be able to tell it," he said. "But we knew deep down he wanted to be on that truck. He had such a good attitude and personality. He always had a joke for us and a smile on his face."

"Even with everything going against him, we still found ourselves going to him to talk about our problems. And he was always willing to listen."

Reed leaves behind a wife, Kristina, and two daughters, Gracie Madison and Emma Kate.

Saul: Hatch press secretary

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"He was really busy because it was his bill, and this week, we are trying to get things done before the recess," she said. "I have my hands involved in a little bit of everything."

Saul, the daughter of Julian and Anita Saul, attended elementary schools in Dalton before graduating from Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga in 2000. She moved to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt University where she majored in communication and Spanish. She graduated in 2004 and worked for NBC in Athens, Greece, during the Olympic games.

After that, she moved to Washington, D.C., to work

in a public affairs firm before joining the presidential campaign of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in 2007. She served as director of media affairs, coordinating radio and TV media, as well as the high-profile surrogates for McCain on the campaign trail. Saul, 27, made sure those speakers were informed about McCain's positions on various issues.

"I was a spokesperson for (McCain), but there was also a lot of helping to coordinate our media strategy, whether it was what John McCain was going to do on TV or radio or what we were going to have Rudy Giuliani or Mitt Romney do," she said.

After the campaign

ended in November, she took several weeks off.

"I just needed to regroup. We had some really long hours," she said. "It was absolutely exhausting, but also exhilarating at the same time."

She started looking for work in January, hoping to remain in Washington.

"I knew there would be options, especially in other campaigns, if I wanted to move, but I really wanted to stay in D.C.," she said. "It's a great city. It has a small-town feel to it because you go places and see people you know. It's accessible, easy to move around. But it also has a lot of things that any big city would offer as far as restaurants, museums and things to do."

CORRECTION

A story in Tuesday's Daily Citizen should have said the new Whitfield County high school is on schedule to open in 2011.

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TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Tiffany Sun
AGE: 28
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Husband, Chris; mom, Tammy; stepdad, Chris; brothers, Nick and Wes
WORK: NWGA Trade & Convention Center marketing manager
PLAY: Read, play with my bulldog, Belle
SHE SAID: "Live simply. Care deeply. Love generously. And leave the rest to God."



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Thomas is this year's Toast of the Town

The Family Support Council will host the 2009 Toast of the Town on June 4 at 6 p.m. at The Farm in Rocky Face. This year's honoree is state Sen. Don Thomas.

A lifelong resident of Whitfield County, Thomas has been a physician in Dalton for more than 45 years. He serves as a Georgia state senator and is in his seventh term.

Thomas was born July 14, 1933. He graduated from Georgia Southern University where he met his future wife, Emma Jean Brock. Thomas earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. His professional career includes serving as

president of the hospital board staff in Dalton.

Thomas' political career began in 1972 with election to the Whitfield County school board. He served as chairman of the board from 1974 to 1984.

Thomas stays active through involvement with G i d e o n s International and the Dalton Rotary Club. He and Emma Jean have eight children, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They are members of Fellowship Bible Church in Dalton.

Tickets are \$65 for individuals and \$130 for couples. For reservations or more information, call the Family Support Council at (706) 272-7919.



Thomas

Suspect to face hit-and-run charges in Gordon County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Dalton man charged with DUI and hit-and-run after reportedly striking several cars on I-75 was released on bond Tuesday in Whitfield County to face the same charges in Gordon County where the incident began.

Steven Wallace Edgeman, 36, of 605 Vernon Ave., was also charged with obstruction of an officer by the Georgia State Patrol after he wrecked his car near Carbondale Road in Whitfield County.

Edgeman lost control of

the car while traveling north on I-75 in Gordon County, hit a guard rail, crossed both lanes, and struck another guard rail, a spokeswoman with the Dalton state patrol post said, relying on a report. Gordon 911 officials reported the car struck several other cars.



Edgeman

When Edgeman contin-

ued into Whitfield on the interstate, the car wrecked and Edgeman fled on foot but was arrested by officers with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office, the state patrol spokeswoman said. No injuries were reported.

A jailer in Whitfield County did not know how much bond Edgeman paid before being released. A Gordon County Jail spokesman said Edgeman had been released on bond there but did not know the amount.

A phone number for Edgeman could not be found.

AREA ARRESTS

• David Lewis Bolt, 54, 671 Grand Center Road, Chickamauga, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with carrying a deadly weapon to a public gathering.

• Tony Wilbur Bryson, 35, 1418 Liberty Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with probation violation and burglary.

• Judy Illeen Cooper, 56, 209 Mountain View Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking (fiduciary).

• Anthony Lewis Jackson, 42, 79 Jackson St., apartment E, Atlanta, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery.

• Kennedy Rodewrick Shaffer, 27, 712 W. Tyler St., apartment 103, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana.

• Steven Lee Smith, 36, 712 W. Tyler St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Georgia State Patrol with criminal attempt to distribute crack cocaine.

• Billy Lee Talley, 44, 2501 Dug Gap Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree forgery.

• Jeffrey Dewayne Land Jr., 31, 1463 Sane Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault (family violence).

• Joshua Wayne Whitaker, 21, 911 Fourth Ave., apartment A, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with disorderly conduct (family violence), public drunkenness and second degree criminal damage to property (family violence).

Lanes near Rocky Face interchange to close for testing

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Temporary lane closings are expected on I-75 in Whitfield County near the Rocky Face exit today and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., state Department of Transportation officials said.

A DOT contractor will be evaluating the pavement on I-75 at the Rocky Face exit and asphalt coring, which will require single lane closures north and southbound, one direction at a time. Also scheduled is pavement core testing on U.S. 41 between

Shugart Road and Tibbs Road.

The pavement testing on I-75 is part of pre-construction work on an upcoming Georgia DOT project to reconstruct the interchange of I-75 and U.S. 41 at the Rocky Face exit. This project includes Phase II of the revamping of the interchange, and is scheduled to be let to contract by the end of the year, provided federal funding is available.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any

other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request help or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

For general information on the Georgia DOT, visit www.dot.state.ga.us.

Palin out as headliner for GOP spring dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is out, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is in as keynote speaker at a Republican dinner this spring.

Palin, the party's 2008 nominee for vice president, had been slated to address the annual Senate-House Dinner in Washington on June 8. The dinner, sponsored by the House and Senate Republican campaign committees, is one of the GOP's biggest fundraisers.

Palin will be replaced by Gingrich, a former Georgia congressman. Both are popular figures with the party's base.

A spokesman for the Senate GOP committee, Brian Walsh, said Palin's team informed the campaign committees that her responsibilities in Alaska prevented her from committing to the speech until the end of the legislative session.

"We completely understand and respect Governor Palin's focus on her official state business; however, there is obviously an enormous amount of planning that goes into this annual event. For that reason, we invited and are honored to have former Speaker Newt Gingrich join us as our speaker," Walsh said in an e-mail.

Theft: Gang-related crime

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be made about incarceration or releasing them to their parents.

Punishment by the school system could include suspension or expulsion under the school system's code of conduct. Spokesman Eric

Beavers said Northwest principal Carolyn Towns could take the students before a discipline tribunal hearing.

The delivery driver was robbed in the area of apartments at 306 N. Henderson St. after someone called in an order for an address where the resident was not home, police

said. As the driver was about to leave, he was approached by a group of young males who claimed to have made the order. He went to his truck to retrieve a change bag when one of the males pulled out a gun and demanded money.

The driver left after giving up \$25 and the pizza.

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VIEWPOINTS

Entourage more royal than queen's

The heads of government in London for the G-20 summit are discussing serious and weighty issues, which in time will be duly reported on, but right now the British press is entranced by the sheer size of President Obama's traveling entourage. And no wonder.

Obama arrived with 500 staff in tow, including 200 Secret Service agents, a team of six doctors, the White House chef and kitchen staff with the president's own food and water.

And, according to the Evening Standard, he also came with "35 vehicles in all, four speech writers and 12 teleprompters." For sure, our president is not going to be at a loss for words.

The press duly reported on Air Force One and all its bells and whistles but also on the presence of the presidential helicopter, Marine One, and a fleet of identical decoys to ferry him from Stansted airport to central London.

Among all those vehicles is the presidential limousine, which one local paper mistakenly called Cadillac One, but is universally referred to as the Beast. The limo, reinforced with ceramic and titanium armor, carries tear gas cannon, night vision devices, its own oxygen and is resistant to chemical and radiation attack. It is, marveled one reporter, a sort of mobile panic room. The Guardian called it "the ultimate in heavily armored transport."

The president is entitled to all the security, communications and support he feels necessary to do his job but surely, when we're trying to project a more restrained, humble image to the world, the president's huge retinue could be scaled back to something less than the triumphal march from "Aida."

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FREE MINDS

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

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

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

Thought for today: "Si mi abuela tuviera ruedas sería una bicicleta." (If my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.)

Spanish proverb

The rat returns?

Remember "The Rat" — a giant Godzilla-like creature that stalked the Georgia TV-landscape nearly 10 years ago? The monster — a guy in a rat suit — starred in the darnedest political commercial Georgia had ever seen. The rat gobbled up everything in sight. He even ate the Capitol. The year was 2002.

Georgia Democrats were aghast. Depicting Georgia's then governor, Roy E. Barnes, as a marauding rodent seemed, well, somehow disrespectful. Perhaps it was, but it worked. Sonny Perdue won the governor's mansion and led the first Republican takeover of Georgia government since the end of Reconstruction.

GOP strategist Dan McLagan was responsible for the rat idea, which was equal parts comedy, tragedy and inspiration.

When gallant Republicans finally vanquished "Rat Roy" at the end of the commercial, a deep voice intoned:

"There's a new day dawning in Georgia. The doors to the governor's office will be flung open to the people. New ideas will be encouraged and rapidly implemented. Schools will flourish; traffic diminish. As businesses are unleashed to grow jobs, and, as Georgia recovers, new employers will flood the state."

The rat lied, but the people believed him anyway. Unemployment skyrocketed and so did home foreclosures. Traffic didn't diminish. It exploded. Developers went bankrupt. The state was



Bill Shipp

Gov. Sonny Perdue, who went to China twice, has received much of the blame for the Decade of the Rat. Singling out Sonny may be unfair. A loser elephant in the White House and a mostly brain-dead congressional delegation contributed to our mess. Come to think of it, Mother Nature jumped in too.

So here we are, near the end of the decade and political campaigns are revving up again. Dan McLagan, the father of the rat, is reportedly on his way back to Georgia to help Republicans, possibly gubernatorial contender Karen Handel. McLagan is said to be traveling this way in the company of the rat. The rat's Dr. Frankenstein badly needs a win.

In November, Democrat Kay Hagan of North Carolina whacked noted GOP incumbent Elizabeth Dole in the Senate election. McLagan, Sen. Dole's chief adviser and hatchet man, claimed Ms. Hagan was goddess when, in fact, she was Presbyterian. McLagan should have used

caught up in the worst drought in centuries — a drought for which most governmental jurisdictions were totally unprepared.

the rat. The Presbyterian beat the socks off the Inquisition's McLagan and his candidate.

In any event, the 2010 statewide elections ought to be dandy. My current GOP primary favorite for governor is Handel, if she doesn't get carried away by McLagan and one of his oddball schemes.

Since ex-Gov. Roy Barnes is keeping mum on his plans, I'll sit on my Democratic forecasts for a while.

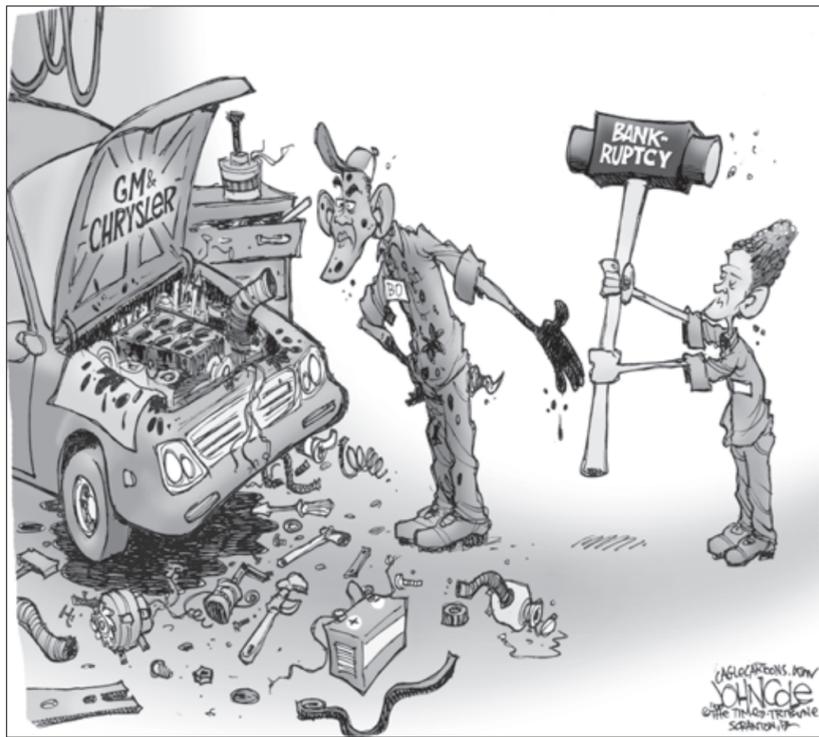
The current era is not over 'til it's over. Though the General Assembly gave big business everything it wanted this year, there's still work to be done. The session is supposed to adjourn next week. Don't count on it.

The budget — even with a heavy dose of pep pills from the federal stimulus package — is still in dire straits, with deficits in Medicaid and other entitlement programs.

House leaders say a special session of the General Assembly will almost certainly be necessary to untangle the spending bills.

Perhaps House Speaker Glenn Richardson should call in McLagan and the rat for consultation. After all, the rat had the right answer back in 2002. He just promised the moon, and the suckers believed every word he squeaked.

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It couldn't happen here?

Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff Joe Arpaio provided sworn deputies, office space and even helicopters and a mobile command unit that's supposed to be used in "an emergency or large-scale disaster" to the producers of a new Fox reality show, all free of charge. When asked how much all this cost taxpayers, Arpaio said, "It wasn't that much money." How much money? "We never broke down the expenses," he admitted. But the series got Arpaio's face on TV, and that's what really counts.

Las Vegas, Nev., police officers were looking for a DUI suspect who had fled a traffic stop on foot. A helicopter with a heat-detecting device found something in a shed behind a nearby home. Officers jumped over a wall around the yard, opened the shed and found Jose Fernandez' dog Coco. They say the dog lunged at them and one officer had to shoot and kill it. A police spokesman said the "officer did everything he could to avoid shooting the dog." Odd, I would have thought doing everything he could might involve not trespassing onto private property and breaking into someone's shed without a warrant or permission.

Officials in the Dutch city of Leeuwarden say they can't find their official pornography collection. Authorities say the material, which they have been collecting since the 1970s along with other films and photographs involving the city, may have been misplaced but they fear it has been stolen.



Charles Oliver

Boston officials say they meant to misspell the word "official" on their official trash bags. Residents have to use the bags if they want the city to pick up their garbage. But they cost \$2 each, and there's apparently a booming market for cheaper counterfeits. Officials say the misspelling will make it harder to counterfeit the bags. That's their story.

The video shows King's County, Wash., sheriff's Deputy Paul Schene and Deputy Travis Brunner putting a 15-year-old girl in a holding cell. She had been a passenger in a car they stopped because they thought it had been stolen. They reportedly asked the girl to remove her sneakers. The video shows her slip off one shoe and use her foot to flip it towards them. She starts to slip the other shoe off but Schene bursts through the doorway, kicks her in her midsection, rams her against the wall, then grabs her hair and throws her to the ground. As he and Brunner handcuff her on the ground, Schene throws two punches that appear to strike the back of her head or neck. After that, he grabs her hair and picks her up with it. Brunner later said the girl had been "lippy" with them. Schene has been charged with misdemeanor assault.

Brunner, who did absolutely nothing to stop the attack, wasn't charged.

Ivor Wiltshire and his wife Margaret returned to their Bristol, England, home from vacation to find police had knocked down their door and ransacked the place. Wiltshire, 77, was stunned when he found they had been looking for drugs. Police had smelled the moss phlox flowers growing in their garden and mistaken the odor for cannabis.

Scott Anderson got home from a hardware store and found the store had not collected the sales tax on his purchase. So he sent a check for \$1.50 to the Florida department of revenue along with a letter explaining things. The department sent him back a notice of a \$50 fine for not collecting the tax. He sent another letter explaining again that he wasn't the store manager and wasn't supposed to collect the tax and he was just trying to be a good citizen. The department sent him back a notice that the fine was now \$650. If he didn't pay, the letter said, he would be prosecuted for felony theft from the state. After local media reported the letters, the department dropped the fines.

Gwinnett County has begun fining residents \$500 if they are caught not recycling.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, April 1**, the 91st day of 2009. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati established a fire department made up of paid city employees.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1939, the United States recognized the government of Gen. Francisco Franco in Spain, the same day Franco went on radio to declare victory in the Spanish Civil War.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

Ten years ago: The United States branded as an illegal abduction the capture of three U.S. Army soldiers near the Macedonian-Yugoslav border; President Bill Clinton demanded their release.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed into law new protections for the unborn that for the first time made it a separate federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on the mother.

One year ago: The Pentagon made public a legal memo dated March 14, 2003, that approved the use of harsh interrogation techniques against terror suspects, saying that President George W. Bush's wartime authority trumped any international ban on torture. (The memo was rescinded in December 2003.)

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Jane Powell is 81. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 79. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 77. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 75. Actor Don Hastings is 75. Actress Ali MacGraw is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 70. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 59. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 59.

Dalton State College students enjoy alternative spring break

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Many students choose to spend spring break at the beach. Still others stay at home doing the "same old, same old."

But for 23 Dalton State College students, Alternative Spring Break provided an opportunity to see a different side of a Georgia beach while doing service learning that was not like anything they'd done before.

"Our students worked for three days with three different nonprofit agencies that were recommended to us by United Way's 'Hands On Savannah' program," said Shawntay Simones, coordinator of civic engagement and service learning, who along with her husband Tony, an assistant professor of criminal justice, and professor of psychology Christy Price, accompanied the students on the trip. "On the first day, we worked with the Savannah Tree Foundation and planted nearly 40 trees in a low-income park. On the second day, we helped with the Tybee Island Beautification Project cleaning out debris from water flow areas. And on the third day, we helped out at the Oakland Island Education Center restoring an old cabin, clearing nature trails and collecting composting materials."

Bill Shaw II, an accounting major, said the trip was "life changing" because it opened his eyes to the impact northwest Georgians have on the ecosystem of the southeastern corner of the state.

"What we do up here, in terms of how we dispose of trash, directly affects the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students who enjoyed a change of pace during Dalton State's alternative spring break have become "fast friends," several say. Among those gathering to relive the experience are, seated, Sinforosa Sima and Heather Bennett, and, back row, Bill Shaw II, Isaura Infante and Joseph Hurst.

everyday lives of people, animals and plants down there," Shaw said. "It really makes you think about what we're doing to our ecosystem."

During the Tybee Island clean-up, students pulled orange traffic cones, metal signs, cans, bottles and other debris out of the water flow areas — debris that would have otherwise ended up in the ocean.

Sparing the ocean from one more day of unwanted trash was gratifying, they say.

"I have always liked helping out my own community," said Joseph Hurst of Chatsworth. "So I was glad the college was doing something to help another com-

munity out, and I wanted to take advantage of the experience."

Students say the satisfaction that came with helping the Savannah community greatly outweighed any feelings of unpleasantness they may have felt while handling debris and shoveling manure.

"It felt really good," said Isaura Infante of Rocky Face. "Everybody was working hard, and we were working as a team."

Sponsored by Dalton State's Student Activities department, the trip was paid for through student fees, except for meals. Many of the students who participated on the trip are first-year students who had never partici-

pated on trips sponsored by the school.

For Heather Bennett, of Chatsworth, and Sinforosa Sima of Dalton, the experience of Alternative Spring Break resulted in more than just the euphoric feeling that often comes from helping others.

"This was my first student activities trip," said Bennett. "Coming into the trip not really knowing any one was a great opportunity to make several new friends. It brought us all close together."

"Everyone had a really good attitude," Sima, a native of New York, agreed. "It was fun to meet a lot of new people on this trip."

ROTARY SPEAKER



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Oscar Harper, Georgia Power Co. vice president of Nuclear Development, Resource and Planning, spoke to The Rotary Club of Dalton recently about the exponential growth of energy costs, the increasing internal global demands for resources, the benefits of nuclear energy and the safety features of the new generation of nuclear power plants. Dalton Rotarian Tony Carroll invited and introduced Harper. Shown are John Bowling, left, speaking with Harper after the meeting. Rotarian Steve Farrow is in the background.

Libraries promoting 'Outdoors Georgia'

SUBMITTED BY THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

The "Get Outdoors Georgia" campaign's ParkPass program has been renewed for 2009.

A joint initiative of the Public Libraries in Georgia and the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the program enables Georgia's public libraries to continue making it easy for patrons to enjoy the great outdoors.

With a valid library card from a participating library system, patrons can borrow Georgia State Park ParkPasses and Historic Site passes from their local libraries. The passes are good for free parking or admission at more than 60 attractions across the state. Folders include an annual ParkPass that exempts visitors from paying daily parking fees at state parks, an annual Historic Site pass good for free admission for one visitor and a copy of the Guide to Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites with descriptions, photos, direc-

tions and a map.

"Our patrons are aware of this program and have been requesting the passes even before the first day of spring," said Nick Fogarty, deputy director of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System in Dalton. "This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to take short day trips or easy overnight vacations at the Georgia State Parks without having to pay parking fees. Why travel far when you have these wonderful resources here at home?"

"The program definitely proved to be a great way to bring people into our parks," said Sally Winchester, marketing and communications manager for PRHSD. "We hope that once people visit the parks they will want to come back, explore other parks and even join the Friends of Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites."

Although the Dalton-Whitfield Library has four passes to loan to patrons, families interested in borrowing a ParkPass are advised to plan early. Passes will circulate just like books and there may be a waiting list during the spring and summer months.

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department, but has not settled on which one would work the best. For example, the city of Valdosta and Lowndes County have a dedicated tax to fund the recreation department there. The city of Dalton had a dedicated tax to fund recreation until this year.

Wells said members of the Dalton City Council and Whitfield County Board of Commissioners will decide whether to combine departments. After considering some of the "big picture" matters — such as staffing, facilities and equipment — Wells said the committee members will now tackle more intricate details. The committee may decide the city and county shouldn't combine departments.

Babb stressed the city and county are trying to eliminate duplicate services. The building and zoning departments are being consolidated, while Babb said officials are now eyeing the fire departments. It may be difficult to combine the recreation



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton and Whitfield recreation officials and others listen as Whitfield Commission Chairman Mike Babb addresses a meeting Tuesday night at the courthouse annex.

departments because of the funding disparity, he said.

Ben Burns, who lives in the Valley Point community, is worried about the effect a department consolidation would have on concession stands. Money from those sales provide scholarships, equipment and facility improvements to area athletic associations.

"That is our No. 1 draw," Burns said. "It could cripple a community not having concessions."

Who would run a metro recreation department? The city has a five-person recreation board, while the county has a 15-person recreation commission. Both boards have no decision-making power and serve only in

advisory roles. The county has nine employees in its rec department and relies mostly on volunteers, while the city has about 50 employees.

Antioch community resident Debbie Sosebee hopes a merger would help ease the burden on volunteers.

"We suffer from a lack of volunteers, a lack of funding," she said.

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Welcoming Volkswagen: Lessons Six, Seven, and Eight

A couple of months ago, I started the Volkswagen Lessons series. My hope for these columns was to provide a snapshot of the report provided by the project team that traveled to Upstate South Carolina to learn about the change that BMW brought to that region.

Given that we are within the 30-mile radius of the Volkswagen facility, we will also be affected to a large degree. These lessons learned will help us all understand the changes that will occur and enable us to prepare better.



Brian Anderson

I also intended these to be a series of eight columns. In order to finish up this topic and continue to be able to use this space for current topics, I will finish the lessons by briefly presenting lessons six through eight in today's discussion. These lessons include:

- lesson six – Bridge the Cultures,
- lesson seven – Prepare for Growth, and
- lesson eight – Calibrate expectations.

With the announcement that BMW would be building a manufacturing operation in Upstate South Carolina, leaders there knew that they would begin to see new German residents move into their community. They quickly learned that the cultural differences would be greater than those related only to language. The impact of trailing families would be significant and require thought and planning around assisting these new residents into the community. Spouse issues would range from finding employment for them in a new country to managing the assimilation of their children into local schools.

To help with these issues, South Carolina leaders hired German culture teachers and created an International Center. The teachers helped families coming into the community and to prepare for the return home after a two- or three-year stay. The International Center provided services such as how to obtain a driver's license, instruction on getting utilities turned on, and business and translation services. One of the center's most successful activities was the creation of an International Women's

Club. This club provided a social and volunteer portal into the larger community.

Just as Upstate South Carolina communities worked to make sure their new German residents were welcomed and that culture concerns were addressed, all communities within the Volkswagen impact region should plan for similar actions. We in the Dalton community already have a significant international population. Although the majority of these international residents come from Latin American countries, we have many other nationalities prominently represented in our community. We should work to make these temporary residents as welcome as possible and to help them assimilate into our community with ease.

Lesson seven challenges us to prepare for growth. Although immediate growth surrounding BMW did not start as quickly as some thought it would, growth did occur and throughout the region.

Greer, for instance, grew from a population of 10,000 to more than 25,000. The area of the city grew from seven square miles to 27 square miles. The paved-over rate of development is occurring at a rate of 86 acres per day. From 1990 to 2000, the number of developed acres grew from 222,500 acres to more than 576,000 acres. And by 2030, the number of developed acres is projected to be more than 1.5 million. Much of the growth management in Upstate South Carolina is being done in hindsight.

Those of us in the Chattanooga region should start now in planning for growth in all areas that will be affected. We need to more fully understand the areas of our community that will be affected the most and develop plans to proactively manage that growth. Managing growth can be a controversial subject. Communication will be crucial to insuring our success and in reducing controversy. All of us in the Tri-State Valley region must work together to increase the economic prospects of growth while simultaneously preserving the quality of life that help secure Volkswagen coming to our region.

And finally, as we plan

for the opening of Volkswagen, we must calibrate expectations. All of us have felt the excitement of what may occur and the enthusiasm behind such a huge economic driver like an automobile manufacturer. It can create thoughts of instant prosperity and economic success. This opportunity is so large, even the non-profit community begins to imagine the economic impact that could be available for education, the arts, culture and social services.

As we plan for the start-up of operations at Volkswagen, we need to be mindful that our perceptions are not reality. Volkswagen and its suppliers will create new jobs. These jobs will be higher paying in many respects and require experience and training. Given that we are a manufacturing region of Northwest Georgia, our citizens have experience in manufacturing operations. Many will have to get additional education, but manufacturing they understand. Change will occur in the quantity of jobs being created, the quality of those jobs, and the skill set required to become employed in the automobile manufacturing industry.

In managing or calibrating our expectations, we must create realistic expectations. Insuring appropriate communication procedures will enable the management of our expectations.

Volkswagen and its operations will dramatically change the Tri-State Valley region. If we communicate regionally and partner regionally in calibrating our expectations, we can better prepare our communities and our citizens for the change that will come.

I continue to be excited by the opportunities that Volkswagen will bring to our community and the Tri-State Valley region. We are just as focused on other economic development activities. We have a strong plan that enables to work with our existing businesses in growing and for recruiting new businesses. Volkswagen is just one of those drivers.

I firmly believe that our best days are ahead of us! Our future is now.

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



Students from Mrs. Bailey's class listen carefully to firefighters.

Dawnville students learn on trip around county

Dawnville Elementary kindergarten students recently had a great day of learning. The trip began at the Engine Room restaurant with students learning about table manners and the jobs required to run a restaurant.

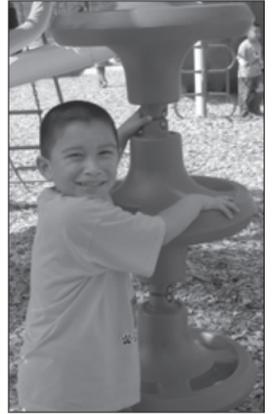
The students proceeded to the parking lot to learn about community helpers, including Whitfield County police officers, firefighters and paramedics. To end the day, students went to Heritage Park for a picnic

lunch and time to enjoy the playground.

Students learned about community helpers, playground safety, the difference between goods and services, and good table manners.



Michelle Cabrera and Diego Espinoza enjoy eating at the Engine Room.



Kenneth Vasquez plays at Heritage Park.

Mom charged in connection with daughter's fight

MABLETON (AP) — A Cobb County mother accused of cheering on her daughter during a fight has been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a misdemeanor.

Hamina Dixie Slink of Austell turned herself in to

police on Monday, her 46th birthday. Her bond has been set at \$5,000.

Authorities say Slink told a Pebblebrook High School campus resource officer where she would take her daughter to fight another female student. The officer

advised Slink against it. On March 20, Slink waited with her daughter, and then watched the fist fight on the campus of the Mableton school. The warrant says as the girls were fighting, Slink told her daughter to "hit her, fight her, hit her in the face."

Pollen count soars across greater Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — Tired of sneezing? Well, you can blame the high pollen count across greater Atlanta.

The pollen count soared to 1,727 on Monday. On Friday, the pollen count was only

151. The culprits, according to doctors, are birch, oak, sweet-gum, sycamore and willow trees.

Doctors say some medications can reduce a person's

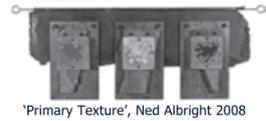
exposure to pollen. They include nasal sprays, eye drops, antihistamines and decongestants.

The peak allergy season in the South is historically the second week of April.

Michael's Fine Arts & Framing Kicks Off Summer Show-Your-Art Series with Local Artist Ned Albright



Michael's Fine Arts & Framing will introduce this year's 'ShowYourArt' series beginning Friday, April 3rd. The series offers month long shows with a variety of artists' works. Last year's success has prompted Michael's to 'step it up a notch'. "This year we will offer T-shirts at the beginning of the season", says Michael Thacker, owner and operator since 1988. "Folks will have the opportunity to have the various artists sign their shirt at each opening. By year's end the T-shirts should be a creative, unique and very valuable collector's item."



'Primary Texture', Ned Albright 2008

This year's opening show will feature local artist Ned Albright Jr. Albright, better known for his artistic work in the marketing world for display, advertising and graphics design will offer many different styles of work in his fine arts debut. "There are paintings, drawings, collages and several sculptures in the series" says Albright. "All the work is created to evoke thoughts of people, places and things we've all known both recently and in our past". Albright calls the series RejunkXtification. "It's fun, whimsical & imaginative". Most works are from recycled materials and offer poetry by Albright with insights regarding the interpretation, inspiration and reflection of individual works. "Art is entertainment. The more there is, the more it will be enjoyed".

'Mother Earth', Ned Albright 2008

The 'Show Your Art' series of revolving shows is offered in conjunction with the Creative Arts Guild and is meant to create local enthusiasm for the fine arts. Michael's show openings will be the first Friday of each month at 6pm. Albright's show opens Friday April 3, 6-8 pm. Food and drink from Amici's Italian Bistro, with live, classic acoustic music.

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'Precarious Pregnancy', Ned Albright 2009



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BRIEFS

Obama arrives in London

LONDON — President Barack Obama embarked on his Europe trip Tuesday, with a hefty economic and national security agenda for his first journey across the Atlantic since taking office two months ago. The president and first lady Michelle Obama arrived in London Tuesday night local time. First up for the president was a summit of the world's economic powers to address the global financial meltdown. Obama planned to meet with leaders of Britain, Russia and China — major players in the U.S. financial system. He also scheduled meetings with leaders of India and South Korea while in London. During his eight-day, five-country trip, Obama is scheduled to meet with European leaders who split with the United States over the war in Iraq and the treatment of suspected terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, under President George W. Bush.

GM bankruptcy 'more probable'

DETROIT — General Motors Corp.'s new chief executive said Tuesday that more of the automaker's plants could close and bankruptcy is "more probable" as GM works to meet new, tougher requirements for government aid. In his first news conference as CEO, Fritz Henderson said he expects the company would "need to take further measures" beyond the five plants the company said it would shutter when it submitted a restructuring plan to the government last month. GM also is likely to offer another buyout program to workers as it looks to cut labor costs, Henderson said.

Taliban chief threatens attack

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's Taliban chief claimed responsibility Tuesday for a deadly assault on a police academy, saying he wanted to retaliate for U.S. missile attacks on the militant bases on the border with Afghanistan. Baitullah Mehsud, who has a \$5 million bounty on his head from the United States, also vowed to "amaze everyone in the world" with an attack on Washington or even the White House. The FBI, however, said he had made similar threats previously and there was no indication of anything imminent.

U.S., Iran have cordial meeting

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — In a cautious first step toward unlocking 30 years of tense relations, senior U.S. diplomat Richard Holbrooke had a brief but cordial meeting with Iran's deputy foreign minister Tuesday at an international conference on Afghanistan. The rare diplomatic approach was the first official face-to-face interplay between the Obama administration and the Iranian regime. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton cautioned that the talks between Holbrooke and Iranian diplomat Mehdi Akhundzadeh were promising but not "substantive."

Netanyahu now Israel's PM

JERUSALEM — Benjamin Netanyahu, taking office as Israel's new leader Tuesday, promised to seek "full peace" with the Arab and Muslim world, but refused to utter the words the world was waiting to hear: "Palestinian state." The well-spoken, U.S.-educated hawk took pains to portray himself as a pragmatist, telling a packed parliament that Israel does not want to rule the Palestinians. "Under the permanent status agreement, the Palestinians will have all the authority to rule themselves," Netanyahu said in comments that appeared to hark back to a decades-old notion that peace could be achieved through limited Palestinian autonomy.



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Dalton Mayor David Pennington presents a proclamation designating March 26 as "Betty Higgins Day" to Higgins, who recently retired after serving 28 years as director of the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center.

Higgins honored for years of service

Betty Higgins, founding director of the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, was honored with a retirement reception at Dalton City Hall recently. Mayor David Pennington read a proclamation recognizing her years of community service and acknowledging her deep commitment to preventing domestic violence and providing support and assistance to victims. The proclamation declared March 26, 2009, as "Betty Higgins Day." Wendy Hanson, a Crisis Center board member, spoke of Higgins' 28 years of leadership as well as her influence in shaping domestic policy state-wide. She said Higgins' life has been a true reflection of a famous Mahatma Ghandi quote, "Be the change that you want to see in the world." The center's staff and board of directors presented Higgins and her husband, Lennie Moreland, with a pair

of rocking chairs that were hand-crafted by center volunteer Wayne Ledford. Higgins thanked the members of the community for their years of support. The Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center's purpose is to end violence in the home by providing shelter, advocacy and support to victims while working in communities to change attitudes, beliefs and behaviors. The center provides emergency shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. It has offices in Dalton and Calhoun. The center serves Gordon, Murray and Whitfield County residents. The Family Crisis Center Hot Line is (706) 278-5586. The community can help support the center through financial contributions, clothing and household goods donations, and by volunteering time. To learn about support opportunities call (706) 278-6595.

Shearon to deliver Lenton Lesson at UMC Thursday

Dalton First United Methodist Church will present the sixth in its series of Lenten Lessons Thursday.

Half-hour services are held in the chapel at noon and 6 p.m., and a soup and sandwich luncheon (\$6) follows the noon service. The theme is "Restoring the Teachings of Jesus to Our Daily Lives to Give Us Purpose and Joy." Thursday's topic is "Rejoice in Grace" presented by guest speaker the Rev. Mike Shearon, pastor of Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church.

Shearon was born in Memphis but grew up around Atlanta where his family started and still runs a silver plating company. He obtained a bachelor's of science degree in psychology from Georgia State University in 1997 and a master's of divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 2002. He expects to complete his doctorate of ministry degree in May.

Shearon's first appointment was in Paulding County west of Atlanta followed by a two-point charge east of Athens until he came north to Tunnel Hill UMC three years ago. He has a passion for evangelism and missions, both local and distant. In what spare time he can find, he enjoys deer hunting and fishing.

Shearon's wife Holly works as the cashier in the



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The Rev. Mike Shearon, pastor of Tunnel Hill Methodist Church, will present the Lenten topic Thursday at Dalton First United Methodist Church.

cafeteria at Tunnel Hill Elementary. She is also a cook and prepares and serves Wednesday night meals at the church as well as sings in the choir and teaches a Bible study course. The couple have a grown daughter,

Heather, who lives in Atlanta and a son Joel who is a student at Northwest High. The church is at 500 S. Thornton Ave. in Dalton. Entry to the chapel is at the side or rear of the sanctuary.

House race too close to call

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The two candidates in a New York congressional race that focused on President Barack Obama's economic policies were separated by only 65 votes with all the precincts in and more than 150,000 votes counted Tuesday.

The race between Republican Jim Tedisco and Democrat Scott Murphy will come down to the roughly 10,000 absentee ballots issued by the state Board of Elections. Those ballots generally are cast by people who expect to be absent or unable to vote at the polls and usual-

ly are mailed in. They aren't required to be returned until April 13.

Murphy held the slim lead over Tedisco in the race to replace Kirsten Gillibrand, who was appointed to the U.S. Senate to succeed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The special election drew an unusual level of national attention, and both candidates had financial support from their national parties and political action committees — mostly spent on increasingly negative television ads, which bothered supporters of

both candidates. "I'm tired of candidates telling us what's bad about the other person instead of what's good about them," said Ralph Liporace, a 53-year-old independent who voted for Murphy at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department. Despite ongoing campaigning and get out the vote efforts, polling places and local election boards reported light turnout, not unusual in a special election in which there are no statewide offices or big names on the ballot to attract more casual voters.

THE MARKET

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Apple	104.4	105.1	Torchmark	25.22	26.13			
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BAC	6.03	6.79	UPS	48.61	49.19			
BB&T	16.27	16.92	Vulcan	44.35	44.29			
BP	39.43	40.10	Verizon	30.22	30.11			
BristolMyers	21.02	21.83	Wal-Mart	51.76	52.03			
HP-Compaq	32.12	32.08						
Chevron	66.80	67.05						
CocaCola	43.92	43.94						
ConAgra	16.62	16.88						
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CrackerBrl	28	28.64						
CrwnCrafts	1.86	1.91						
CSX	25.63	25.81						
Dell	9.49	9.48						
Delta	5.40	5.63						
Dixie Group	1.04	1.10						
Dow	8.30	8.43						
Duke	14.11	14.30						
DuPont	21.93	22.26						
Earthlink	6.48	6.57						
Ericsson	7.78	8.09						
Exxon	68.63	67.88						
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FSG	3.30	3.37						
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Students in Dalton State College's business strategy class recently discussed ways to adjust for the current business climate during lunch at Panera Bread.

Adjusting strategies in today's economy

Teaching strategic management is challenging in the current economic situation as traditional strategies often no longer apply. Even well-crafted strategies are limited in their useful life since a company's resources and competitive position must be constantly adjusted to changes in the external environment. Strategy execution is no longer as important if customers no longer demand your products or services.

Even our strategy textbook discusses exit strategies for a business only in the context of the end-of-life products or in entrepreneurial pursuits where owners want to harvest their venture and use their profits for philanthropy or as angel investors. Neither situation is quite right for early 2009. Several publishers have quickly added a companion reading for such courses. This is essentially a new chapter for true decline and downturn caused by unforeseen economic conditions.

In our latest chapter on tailoring strategies, students were asked to find articles of companies' reactions to their current situation. The overwhelming majority highlighted strategies for coping, for actively managing and maintaining the shrinking number of customers, or downsizing their firm along with their industry and market. We have also compiled an informal list of companies and products that are growing during a downturn.

For example, while newspapers are shrinking in size and availability in print and home delivery, it seems cell

phones and applications for other ever-present mobile devices continue to grow (at the expense of computers). Cookbooks and cookware are growing as some customers return to home cooking. Beauty salons and personal care products are growing as job seekers maintain their appearance for the job they are more grateful to have. Cosmetic surgeries and hair dye also help older workers look younger to human resources departments.



Marilyn Helms

One textbook case this semester was the Panera Bread company and my Dalton State College morning class met at our local Panera to talk with managers about their strategy for growing the business. Students enjoyed coffee and fresh-baked bread and soup while we discussed the corporate philosophy and current strategies to increase breakfast business. The restaurant is experiencing a strong niche in fresh-baked goods as the number of mom and pop bakeries continues to decline in many areas.

We've also changed the focus of our semester-long company strategic analysis. Traditionally student teams chose one of the cases from our textbook. This semester, students are working on projects for actual area companies interested in fresh, no-cost ideas for improvement. Currently at just past the mid-semester point, students are quickly realizing the local impact of the declining economy. Their environmental scans for the group's selected company and industry were just completed.

Students gathered current information on the macro-environment of their chosen companies. At the top of the list was the impact of the economy followed by changes in competitive rivalry.

The projects have made a difference in students' outlook as well as their job search strategies. Many are considering going directly into graduate school in hopes they will time their graduate degree with an upturn in the economy. Students too seem more interested in following the companies we've studied this semester in the financial news. We've also studied Costco Wholesale Corp., SiriusXM satellite radio, Blue Nile Inc. (the online diamond ring retailer), Skywest Inc. and the regional airline company Ryanair (a provider of budget airline travel in Europe) and Toyota's minicar, the Aygo

and their European joint-venture and initiatives. Many of these companies are in the business news and students have followed their recent tactics for survival and learned from their successes and failures. Last week students read that SiriusXM is working on radio applications for cell phones and even remarked their C-level executives must have been following our discussion and recommendations.

I am positive there is hope for the future when this bright group of DSC graduates will be able to use their skills in crafting and implementing business strategies.

■ Marilyn M. Helms is the sesquicentennial chair and professor of management at Dalton State College and welcomes your comments at mhelms@daltonstate.edu or (706) 272-2600.

EPA to test air around 62 schools in 22 states

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Environmental Protection Agency will soon be adding a different kind of equipment to dozens of school yards around the country — air pollution monitors.

The EPA announced Tuesday a list of 62 schools in 22 states where the outdoor air will be tested for toxic air contaminants. The agency will work with state and local officials to begin the monitoring at the selected schools within three months.

None of the schools are in Georgia. A USA Today report last year listed three local schools as among the worst in the country for outside toxic air but the newspaper later said it relied on a faulty database from the EPA. The list of schools that will be monitored can be found on the EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/schoolair.

Linda Mathews, an editor with USA Today who worked on the report, said Tuesday the newspaper "played a part in playing up the potential risk."

"We took an abstract issue and made it concrete," she said. "Members of the U.S. Senate took note and pushed for (the additional monitoring). As to which places, we played a minor role."

Mathews said after the report appeared the EPA "reached out" to state and local agencies to see what their needs were in regard to monitoring potential pollution sites. She cited Louisiana and Pennsylvania as taking initiative in the request for additional monitoring.

She called the monitoring by USA Today for their December cover story "just a snapshot" compared to what EPA is doing.

"We spent \$25,000, they're spending \$3.3 million," she pointed out.

Mathews said USA Today reporting following the cover story has focused on how different areas mentioned in the report have responded.

While the EPA and state and local governments already operate air pollution monitoring networks that collect information on a variety of air pollutants, this will be the first time school-yard air quality will be the focus of their investigations.

The schools were chosen because of their proximity to industrial facilities or other sources of pollution. The list includes elementary, middle school and high school campuses.

What contaminants will be tested varies depending on the school. But the focus is toxic chemicals that are known to cause cancer, respiratory and neurological problems — especially in children, who are more susceptible than adults because they are still growing.

The monitors will measure the air for gases as well as solid particles such as heavy metals and soot, the EPA said.

"EPA, state and local officials are mobilizing to determine where elevated levels of toxics pose a threat, so that we can take swift action to protect our children at their schools," said EPA administrator Lisa Jackson. The agency will spend \$2.25 million purchasing the monitors and paying for the laboratory analysis.

Once in place, the new equipment will collect air samples on 10 days over a month. The EPA will cease monitoring at the school if the results show good air quality. But if high levels of contaminants are detected, the agency will take steps to reduce the pollution.

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Man crashes motorized bar stool

NEWARK, Ohio (AP) — Authorities in Ohio say a man has been charged with drunken driving after crashing his motorized bar stool.

Police in Newark say when they responded to a report of a crash with injuries, they found a man who had wrecked a bar stool powered by a deconstructed lawn mower.

Kile Wygle, 28, was hospi-

talized for minor injuries. Police say he was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he told an officer at the hospital that he had consumed 15 beers. Wygle told police his motorized bar stool can go up to 38 mph.

Wygle has pleaded not guilty and has requested a jury trial.



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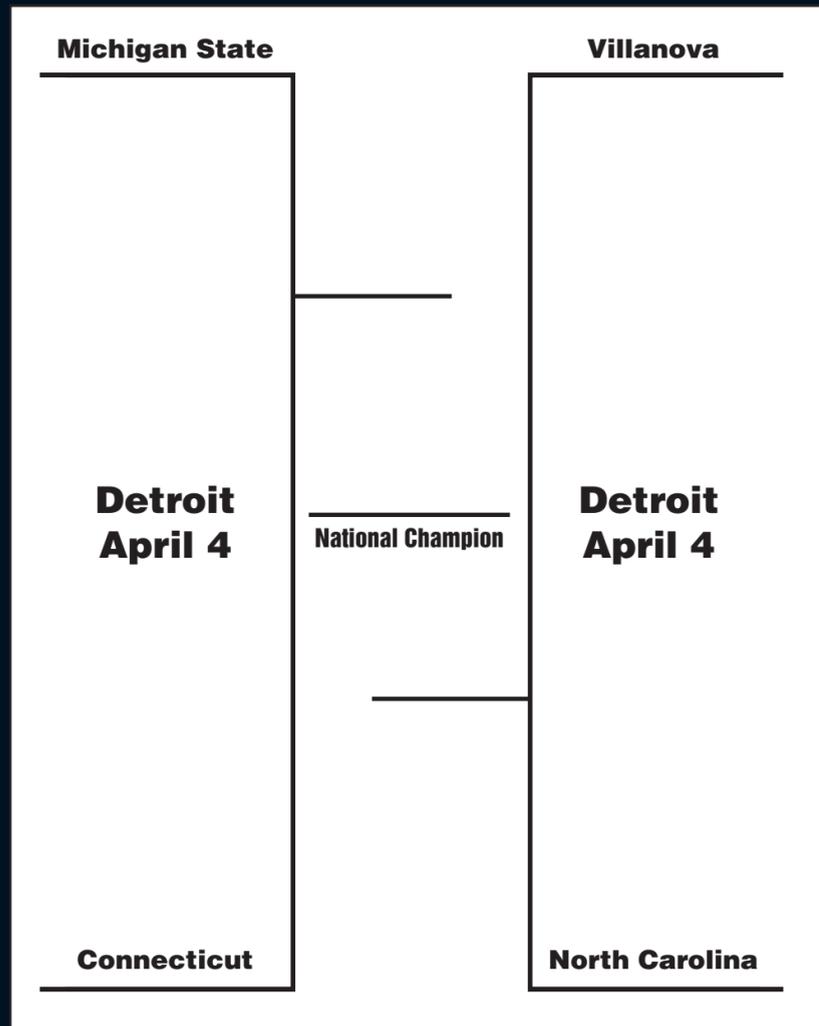
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- **Robert O. "Robb" Harris, Panama City, Fla.**
- **Jerusha "Rue" Thomas Long, Dalton**
- **Christine McClure, Ellijay**
- **Zennlee Patterson, Chatsworth**
- **Joanne Newbold Presley, Tunnel Hill**
- **Claude Roden, Ringgold**
- **Dalpa M. Stanley**

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 today 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 today 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.



Harris

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 Vernan Dunsmore of Dalton; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts and uncles.

A private family memorial service will be 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.



Long

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 is today at 2 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Barry 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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-peeple.com.

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

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Christine McClure

Mrs. Christine McClure, 70, of Pettit Road in Ellijay, died Sunday, March 29, 2009.

Survivors include sons and daughter-in-law, Ricky McClure, Stacey and Tammy McClure and Joey and Susan McClure, all of Ellijay; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; brothers, Joel, Ben, Hoyt and Randy Kinsey, all of Dalton; sisters, Kathleen Sisson of Dalton and Loraine Davis of Ellijay.

Services are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Bernhardt Funeral Home with the Rev. Lamar Beason officiating.

Burial will be in the Ridgeway Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday. The family requests no food be brought to the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.bernhardtth.com.

Bernhardt Funeral Home of Ellijay is in charge of arrangements. www.legacy.com

Zennlee Patterson

Mrs. Zennlee Patterson, 82 of Chatsworth passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 1:40 p.m. at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Peeples Funeral Home of Chatsworth. 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;



Presley

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 are today at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Randall Messengill and the Rev. Charlie Bridges officiating.

Burial will be in Dunnagan Cemetery.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

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

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Claude Roden

Claude Emory Roden, 95, Ringgold, went home to be with our Lord on Monday, March 30, 2009, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 29, 1914, in Section, Ala. Mr. Roden was a member and deacon at the Corinth Baptist Church in Macedonia, Ala. Since moving to Ringgold in 1999 from the family farm in Alabama, he has attended Brainerd Baptist Church. Mr. Roden was a 50-year member of the Section Masonic Lodge 565 F&AM and was Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He owned and operated his own farm in Section, Ala., since he was 17 years old and later was a security guard for the First National Bank of Scottsboro, Ala.

Mr. Roden was preceded in death by his parents, Josh

and Ola Britt Roden; sister, Edna Roden McKenzie; daughter-in-law, Linda Wheeler Roden; brothers-in-law, Frank Vandiver and Baker McKenzie; sister-in-law, Maxine Roden.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 72 years, Cleatie Harper Roden; sons and daughters-in-law, and Jimmy (Claudette) Roden, Wendell (Lori) Roden, and Madelyn Daniel, all of Ringgold, Kenneth (Tracie) Roden, Smyrna, Tenn.; daughter and son-in-law, Sheila (Jimmy) Sampley, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; grandchildren, Angela (Emmett) Camp, Ooltewah, Alan (Laura) Roden, Waterford, Va., Lisa Thomas, Chattanooga, Wendy (Chris) Williams, Ringgold, Megan Sampley, Lexington, Ky., Dustin Sampley, Murfreesboro, Kate Roden, Smyrna, Tenn., Josh Roden, Ringgold, Sherry (Billy) Brindle, Calhoun; great-grandchildren, Rachel and Jonathan Camp, Ooltewah, Elizabeth and Caroline Roden, Waterford, Va., Cameron and Cade Williams, Ringgold; Blake Brindle and Meagan (Bart) Walraven, Calhoun; brother, Van Buren Roden, Chattanooga; sister, Martha Vandiver, Athens, Ala.

A celebration of Mr. Roden's life will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Shannon Williams and the Rev. Robby Gallaty officiating.

Burial will be in Lakewood Memory Gardens, South.

Special thanks to Hospice of Chattanooga and to caregivers, Adrian Price, Ivey Bonner, Lashundra Clark, Shundra Turner and Jeff Coe.

Visit www.heritagefh.com to share condolences.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway. www.legacy.com

Dalpa M. Stanley

Mrs. Dalpa M. Stanley, 78, departed this life Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

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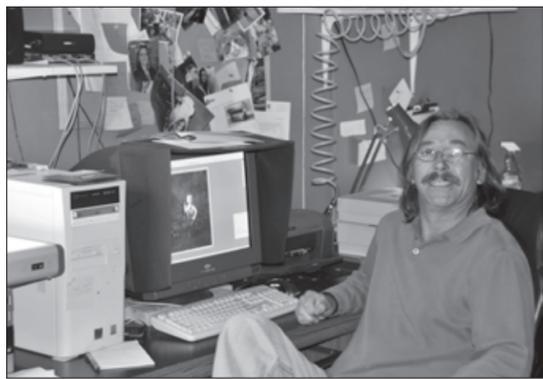
Photoshop for Photographers offered at Dalton State

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Calling all shutterbugs! The Dalton State College Center for Continuing Education is offering a new course titled Photoshop CS3 for Photographers beginning on Thursday, April 9. Chris Oughtred, owner of Chattanooga's North Light Imaging, will instruct the hands-on course.

"I cannot tell you how many requests we've had for this class, so I am thrilled that we are offering Photoshop CS3 for Photographers," said Kelly Snyder, personal growth coordinator for continuing education at Dalton State. "Chris Oughtred is well-respected in the photography community and has loads of knowledge to share regarding Photoshop. He works with Photoshop constantly and is also a photographer. Chris has a real-world understanding of what photographers — professional and amateur — want and need to know about Photoshop."

Adobe Photoshop is recognized as the industry gold standard in image-editing software. It offers boundless creative options, Snyder said.



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Chris Oughtred, owner of Chattanooga's North Light Imaging, will share his expansive Photoshop software knowledge with students in Dalton State College's Photoshop CS3 for Photographers class.

Oughtred will instruct students how to optimize and enhance photographs and digital images for ultimate quality in this class. He will familiarize them with the basic Photoshop tools used for image editing before teaching how to correct color and contrast, crop, rotate and sharpen images. This course will provide a solid foundation in Photoshop capabilities.

"While this is a beginning Photoshop course, I need to emphasize that it is not a beginning computer course,"

Snyder said. "Students in this course need to have strong computer skills to successfully participate and learn the Photoshop software."

As an added bonus, those who take the class qualify to purchase the software at a deeply discounted price, Snyder said.

Class size is limited. Students may call (706) 272-4454 or log onto www.daltonstate.edu/cce for more information or to register for Photoshop CS3 for Photographers.



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PREP ROUNDUP

Bruins' Middleton captures 100th win

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bradley Stevenson went 2-for-4, with a triple and drove in four runs and Cody Jones picked up a win in relief as Northwest Whitfield defeated Woodland-Bartow, 7-5, Tuesday night to give Bruins coach Todd Middleton his 100th win.

"It's a milestone," Middleton said, "but it's nothing like coach (Richard) Chumley here and coach (Manny) Pontonio at Dalton. With a little time, maybe I'll get up there with those guys. It's more about the hard

work of players and assistants than it is about me. I just kind of point them in the right direction."

Stevenson's two-out triple drove in a run in the fourth inning.

Zane Gordon was 2-for-3 with a double and Zach Sloan added two of the Bruins' nine hits against Woodland.

Chase Plott started for the Bruins (8-5, 1-1 Region 7-4A) and was roughed up for eight hits and four runs in 2 2/3 innings. Only two of the runs were earned off Plott.

Jones bounced back from a rough outing

in Northwest's 8-7 loss to Rome on Monday, by pitching 4 1/3 innings of three-hit relief for the victory on Tuesday.

Jones gave up one unearned run while striking out three and walking two.

"Cody got the loss (Monday) but he bounced back really well against Woodland," Middleton said. "I was real happy that we were able to finish a game. We hadn't been doing that.

"And we didn't make many mistakes tonight. On Monday, every mistake we made cost us at least one run."

■ **Dalton 12, Cass 3:** Phillip Schenck went 2-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs as the Catamounts manhandled Cass, which is ranked No. 4 in Class 4A in the GaSports.com coaches poll.

The Catamounts (7-4, 2-0) scored six runs in the fifth inning to take control of the state-ranked Colonels. Carter Crutchfield had a two-run single, Schenck added a

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL: KENTUCKY

Calipari gets \$35 mil deal to lead Cats

BY WILL GRAVES

Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. — John Calipari agreed Tuesday to leave Memphis and the dominant program he built and take on the challenge — and riches — of returning Kentucky to college basketball glory.

Calipari will receive an eight-year, \$35 million deal, making him the highest-paid coach in college basketball, ESPN.com reported, citing an unidentified source. He will get a \$2.5 million signing bonus and \$3 million per year for the first four years. The next four years, Calipari will get an additional \$1.5 million per year, increasing his salary to \$4.5 million with incentives pushing it up to \$35 million.

A person close to the negotiations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because a contract hadn't been signed, told The Associated Press that Calipari was on his way to Lexington to finalize the agreement.

Kentucky has scheduled a press conference for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday to introduce its new coach.

The 50-year-old Calipari has a career record of 445-140 in 17 seasons. He chose to leave Memphis after nine seasons of success, including a record of 137-14 over the past four years.

He spent the day considering the Wildcats' lucrative offer and calling former Kentucky coaches, including Joe B. Hall.

Hall said the informal chat centered on what it takes to survive one of college basketball's most prestigious and most scrutinized jobs. Kentucky fired Billy Gillispie last Friday after two disappointing seasons.

The Commercial Appeal of Memphis, Tenn., first reported the hiring.

Tigers walk-on Preston Laird said Calipari met with the team Tuesday afternoon, first as a group and then with individual players. The freshman guard described the meeting as very quiet. "Nobody really said anything."

"He started off by telling us it was the hardest day of his life," Laird said.

Memphis has scheduled a news conference for

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AP PHOTO

John Calipari has agreed to leave Memphis and take over at Kentucky, the all-time winningest program in NCAA history. Calipari will replace Billy Gillispie, who was fired after two seasons.

Region soccer today

Murray County's defense-minded Indians open their bid for the Region 7-4A soccer championship today, hosting Paulding County in a 6 p.m. match at Murray Field.

The Indians are the No. 1 seed from the north sub-region.

Dalton's boys and girls will be at Harmon Field for a doubleheader, starting at 5 p.m. with the Lady Catamounts' match against North Paulding.

The Cats take on Hiram at 7 p.m.

Southeast, competing in Region 6-3A this season, opens on Friday at Carrollton at 5 p.m.

PRO BASEBALL

Braves lock up Jones for 3 more years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Chipper Jones already had a World Series ring and an MVP trophy. What he wanted was the chance to finish up in the place where he started.

The Atlanta Braves were more than glad to give it to him.

The NL batting champion and the Braves agreed Tuesday to a \$42 million, three-year contract extension though 2012, a deal that could ensure Jones becomes one of those rare stars who plays his entire career in one uniform.

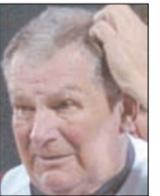
There's an option that could make the extension worth up to \$61 million over four seasons.

"I didn't know much about the business when I first came to Atlanta, but I knew my goal was to play good enough, and long enough, to have this hopefully happen one day," the 36-year-old Jones said during a news conference at Atlanta's spring training stadium. "I am very, very grateful. The Braves made my decision easy."

Jones, the first overall pick in the 1990 draft, has never come close to leaving Atlanta.

"Nowadays, so many players play the game for the 1st and 15th (pay days), but I never have," he said.

"Certainly, I want to be compensated fairly for what I do, but I wasn't going to hold the organization over a barrel. And I never wanted to be a player who makes so much money that we can't stay competitive on the field. That was my main concern."



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PRO FOOTBALL

Vick will pay Falcons \$6.5 million

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

FLOWERY BRANCH — Michael Vick has agreed to pay the Atlanta Falcons at least \$6.5 million as part of his bankruptcy case, moving closer to cutting ties with a team that doesn't want him back.

The settlement was reached ahead of Vick's bankruptcy hearing in Virginia on Thursday. The suspended quarterback arrived in his home state Monday afternoon and was being held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail in Suffolk, Va.

The Falcons are trying to trade Vick, who is still barred from the NFL as he serves out a nearly two-year sentence for operating a gruesome dogfighting ring. If no deal is reached, Atlanta will likely cut its former star before the start of training camp.

"We were able to resolve our claim in a way that was acceptable to Michael and acceptable to us," team president Rich McKay said. "It was just a good, old-fashioned negotiation."

The Falcons settled their claim that Vick owed them nearly \$21.2 million for bonuses he received before his guilty plea to federal dogfighting charges.

After an arbitrator sided with the team, the players union took the case to federal court. A U.S. district judge reduced the amount to \$3.75 million, and the case remains on appeal.



AP PHOTO

In a move to further distance himself from the Atlanta Falcons, quarterback Michael Vick has agreed to pay the team more than \$6 million.

"To resolve uncertainty over the amount of the Falcons' claim, the parties have determined that the Falcons will receive an

allowed general unsecured claim in the debtor's bankruptcy case in the amount of \$7.5 million," said the court filing, which was entered last week. "If the district court's ruling is ultimately affirmed on appeal, the amount of the Falcons' claim will be reduced to \$6.5 million."

McKay said the settlement wouldn't necessarily speed up any decision to trade or cut Vick, though the Falcons' hierarchy — from owner Arthur Blank on down — has made it clear he will not play again for Atlanta.

Vick's bankruptcy lawyers, Peter Ginsberg and Paul Campsen, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

The suspended NFL star was being held in a general population block at the Suffolk jail but had limited contact with other inmates, said Lt. Tanya Scott, the facility's spokeswoman. She said one of Vick's attorneys met with him Tuesday, but he'd had no other visitors.

A bankruptcy judge in Newport News ordered Vick to testify in person at his hearing. He was required to pay the costs of his transfer from the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., where he's been serving a 23-month sentence for his role in the dogfighting operation.

Vick has been approved for transfer to

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AP PHOTO

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones has plenty of reasons to smile. Jones has received a three-contract extension that will run through the 2012 season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

UConn, Oklahoma advance

BY DOUG FEINBERG

Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J. — The Connecticut express is headed to St. Louis for the Final Four, a trip the perfect Huskies have seemed destined to make all season.

Maya Moore scored 25 points and undefeated UConn beat Arizona State 83-64 on Tuesday night to advance to the national semifinals for the second straight season and ninth time in the last 14 years.

Renee Montgomery added 22 points for the Huskies (37-0), who will face Stanford on Sunday in a rematch of last season's national semifinal. The Cardinal won that game before losing in the championship to Tennessee.

UConn hasn't lost since and is two wins away from the program's third perfect season.

Danielle Orsillo scored 18 to lead Arizona State (26-9), which played the Huskies as competitively as just about any other opponent this season but still had its season end in the regional final for the second time in three years.

It was a busy day for Moore, who made The Associated Press All-America team for the second straight season.

She also broke UConn's single-season scoring record on a step-back 3-pointer late in the first half that gave the Huskies their first double-digit lead of the game 34-24.

The sensational sophomore passed Kara Wolters' record of 694 points set in 1995-96. Wolters was sitting courtside doing radio for a Connecticut station.

And Moore nabbed another honor after the game, being selected the Trenton Regionals most outstanding player.

Moore was joined on the All-America team by Montgomery, marking the first time a pair of teammates were on the first-team since 2000. Tina Charles, who added 18 points and 13 rebounds against the Sun Devils, earned second-team honors.

Connecticut had dismantled opponents this season, including beating eight ranked teams by an average of 31 points.

Arizona State tried to wear down UConn with its hockey-like substitution pattern. Coach Charli Turner Thorne put in three or four fresh players every few minutes.

It worked early on as UConn struggled for the second straight game against a Pac-10 opponent. The Huskies turned the ball over 12 times in the first half and Montgomery picked up three fouls early on sending her to the bench.



AP PHOTO

Connecticut's Kalana Greene, right, moves past Ariona State's Nia Fanaika in the first half of their NCAA tournament game Tuesday night in Trenton, N.J. The Lady Huskies won easily, 83-64, and moved on to the Final Four.

UConn led 20-19 in a back-and-forth contest before Moore started a 9-2 run that made it 29-21 with 3:55 left in the first half.

After a three-point play by Orsillo, Moore scored five straight points, including her record-breaking 3-pointer that made it 34-24. The Huskies led 37-28 at the half.

They extended the lead to 13, but the Sun Devils wouldn't go away, heating up from behind the 3-point arc. After making just two of their first 10 3-pointers, Arizona State hit three straight to stay within striking distance. Nia Fanaika's 3-pointer midway through the second half made it 59-51.

Then Moore and Montgomery took over. Moore hit consecutive 3-pointers and Montgomery followed with a layup to extend the advantage to 16. The two All-Americans scored 16 straight for UConn as Arizona State could get no closer than 12 the rest of the way.

The Huskies, who outrebounded the Sun Devils 45-19, haven't let an opponent come within single digits all season.

The Sun Devils survived a tough road to get to the regional finals. After losing star guard Dymond Simon in the regular season finale against Stanford to an ACL

injury, they were beaten in their first game of the Pac-10 tournament.

Arizona State regrouped and beat host Georgia in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. The Sun Devils then went on to upset No. 3 seed Florida State before knocking off second-seeded Texas A&M on Sunday.

Connecticut had a much easier route beating Vermont and Florida at home before using a 40-12 run over a 20-minute stretch to beat California in the regional semifinals.

Next stop for these Huskies is St. Louis, with no signs of slowing down when they get there.

■ **Oklahoma 74, Purdue 68:** At Oklahoma City, Courtney Paris will get the chance to back up her national championship guarantee in the Final Four.

Paris led the way with 19 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks as top-seeded Oklahoma surged ahead in the second half to beat Purdue to earn the second trip to the Final Four in school history.

The Sooners (32-4) will face Louisville, an upset winner against top-seeded Maryland, in the national semifinals in St. Louis.

Danielle Robinson scored 23 points for Oklahoma, which has made it this far for the first time since losing to Connecticut in the

2002 championship game.

Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton led sixth-seeded Purdue (25-11) with 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Lakisha Freeman and Brittany Rayburn scored 12 points apiece.

Paris, a senior who on Monday became the first player ever to be selected as an AP All-American all four years of college, raised the stakes for the Sooners on her senior night in early March when she promised she'd bring home a national title or else pay back her scholarship.

She came through with her biggest game yet in the NCAA tournament and was named the most outstanding player of the Oklahoma City Regional.

As the clock ran down to zero, she caught a leaping Whitney Hand for an embrace at midcourt and then pumped her right fist in the air. A partisan crowd of 11,529 chanted "Final Four!" as the players danced in a circle on the center court logo.

Anything less would have been a disappointment for Paris, who had been shut out of even the final eight in her first three seasons with the Sooners. She hasn't been shy about saying this season was Final Four or bust from the very beginning, and took that to another level with her guarantee.

Vick: He pays up

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home confinement no sooner than May 21, about two months before his scheduled release from federal custody. After that, he hopes to resume his NFL career.

It won't be in Atlanta. "We've stated our position pretty clearly on that," McKay said.

The Falcons are Vick's largest unsecured creditor. They would receive a prorated share of any future earnings he makes, but only after his secured creditors — such as banks and mortgage companies — are paid. Any money the team receives from Vick would be taken off their salary cap, though this is the final season they will take a significant hit, about \$7 million.

"This helps to clarify what were a lot of pending legal issues," McKay said.

Vick was once the NFL's highest-paid player, agreeing to a \$130 million, 10-year deal with the Falcons in December 2004. After he went to prison, the team filed a claim to recover bonuses he had earned from 2004 through 2007.

A court-appointed expert said the team should be repaid for roster bonuses Vick received, but U.S. District Judge David Doty ruled the team could only recover the signing bonuses, significantly reducing the amount.

The team has appealed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A ruling is expected in June, but it will merely set the final amount that Vick must pay the Falcons — \$6.5 million or \$7.5 million — while also establishing prece-

dence for future cases.

With that issue resolved, Atlanta can move toward ridding itself of Vick. For now, the Falcons will continue to pursue trade talks, but no team has publicly expressed interest in the first NFL quarterback to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

Vick hopes to resume his pro football career, with a large portion of his earnings set aside to resolve his bankruptcy case. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has said he will rewrite quarterback's indefinite suspension after he is released from prison.

Even if another team is willing to sign Vick, he will surely take a huge pay cut from his previous deal. He was due to receive a base salary of \$9 million and a bonus of \$6.43 million from the Falcons in 2009. The remainder of his Atlanta contract was worth at least \$45.11 million.

While Vick is still technically part of the team, the Falcons moved on a year ago when they drafted Matt Ryan with the No. 3 overall pick. He had a stellar debut season, leading Atlanta to an 11-5 record and an unexpected spot in the playoffs while earning The Associated Press offensive rookie of the year award.

Everyone in the organization looks forward to dealing with no more questions about Vick.

"I'm pretty much sure it's behind us now," running back Michael Turner said. "It's over."

Associated Press Writer Larry O'Dell in Richmond, Va., contributed to this report.

Jones: 2013 option

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Jones hit .364 with 22 homers and 75 RBIs last year.

A six-time All-Star, he was the NL's Most Valuable Player in 1999. His .310 career batting average ranks second among switch-hitters, trailing only Frankie Frisch's .316. He has 408 home runs, trailing only Mickey Mantle (536) and Eddie Murray (504) in homers by a switch-hitter.

He is the only switch-hitter with at least 300 homers and a .300 career batting average.

"If there is such a thing as getting better with age, Chipper is that," said Bobby Cox, the only manager Jones has had in Atlanta. "It doesn't shock me at all what he has done. From the start, it didn't take a professional eye to see what we had. You're looking at Hall of Fame stuff."

Due \$10 million this season in the option year of a contract that began in 2006, Jones gets a \$3 million signing bonus as part of the new deal, payable in \$1 million installments each Jan. 15 starting next year.

Jones receives annual salaries of \$13 million from 2010-12 and can earn \$1.5 million a year in performance bonuses: \$750,000 each for 135 and 140 games.

His contract contains a \$9 million option for 2013 that would become guaranteed if he plays in 123 games in 2012 or averages 127 games in 2011-12. The option price could increase by up to \$4 million: \$1 million each for 128, 133, 138 and 140 games in 2012 (or averages of 132, 137, 138 and 140 in 2011-12). In addition, he could earn \$1.5 million in performance bonuses based on the earlier criteria.

If the vesting option fails to become guaranteed, the club would hold a \$7 million option.

Jones said he considered several options this past winter, including retirement when his current contract ended. But he liked the moves made by the Braves, who rebuilt their rotation with Derek Lowe, Javier Vazquez and Japanese star Kenshin Kawakami, and tried to bolster their lineup by signing Garret Anderson.

Kentucky: Calipari will bring swagger

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noon to discuss the future of its basketball program.

Hoping to make a big splash after Gillispie's tenure, Kentucky reportedly went deep into its pockets to land one of the nation's most high-profile coaches.

Calipari's deal would eclipse the \$3.5 million average salary of Florida's Billy Donovan and dwarf those of Calipari's predecessors Rick Pitino, Tubby Smith and Gillispie.

Pitino, now the coach at rival Louisville, never made more than \$2 million a season during his remarkably successful eight-year run at Kentucky. Smith's compensation neared \$2.1 million at the end of his decade with the program and Gillispie received a base salary of \$2.3 million with another \$750,000 available in incentives.

The salary nearly triples the \$1.6 million salary of Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks, a rarity in a conference where football reigns.

Calipari already was one of the highest-paid coaches in the country, signing an extension with Memphis last year that paid him \$2.35 million annually.

Memphis had promised to match whatever Kentucky offers, but the Wildcats have one thing Memphis doesn't: the opportunity to coach in a top-flight conference at the home of college basketball's winningest program.

It'll be seen as money well spent if Calipari can duplicate the success that's followed him throughout his collegiate coaching career.

He put together turnarounds at Massachusetts and Memphis, winning over 440 games in 17 seasons and leading both schools to a Final Four.

Putting the pieces together at Kentucky might not take long, though the program has plenty of question marks.

The Wildcats went 22-14 this year, missing the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1991 despite having two of the SEC's best players in guard Jodie Meeks and forward Patrick Patterson.

Patterson said after the season he'd likely return for his junior year, while Meeks — a second-team All-American — was going to take his time on a decision.

Hiring Calipari might be all the incentive they need to return. He won over fans and made over the program at Memphis behind an electrifying style of play that has churned out a handful of NBA players, including Derrick Rose, Shawnae Williams, Dejuan Wagner and Joey Dorsey.

Calipari's ability to lure some of the nation's best high school players — regardless of how long they plan on sticking around — has made him an attractive candidate for years.

He's been able to fight off temptation for nearly a decade, but the chance to makeover one of college basketball's

elite programs proved to be too much.

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart stressed the need to find a coach who can handle all that comes with coaching the Wildcats. Calipari has never met a camera he didn't like and certainly doesn't lack confidence — two things Gillispie struggled with during his tenure.

Kentucky received permission to speak to Calipari on Monday, less than 72 hours after Gillispie was fired. Sensing the need to make a home-run hire after the Gillispie debacle, Calipari certainly has the resume and the charm to sate a rabid fan base.

But he also has some baggage. He led Massachusetts to the Final Four in 1996 only to have the school vacate the honor when star Marcus Camby admitted to receiving gifts from a sports agent.

Though Calipari has never been sanctioned by the NCAA, he's been unable to shed the Camby mess. His hiring could raise some eyebrows from fans still smarting from the recruiting violations during the Eddie Sutton era 20 years ago that nearly wrecked the program.

Pitino swooped in to save Kentucky after Sutton left, taking the Wildcats to three Final Fours and a national title in eight years.

Neither Gillispie nor Smith duplicated that success, but neither had the charisma nor swagger of Calipari, who now finds himself working an hour east of Pitino.

Prep: Raiders roll

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clutch two-run double and Mitch Townsend had a two-run single in the big inning.

Beau Blackwood had two doubles and drove in three runs, including two on a double in the sixth inning.

That was more than enough offense to back the four-hit pitching of Colton Kinnamon, who went the distance and struck out seven and walked one. Two of the Colonels' runs came in the first inning but Kinnamon quickly settled down to beat Cass (10-3, 1-1).

Varsity soccer

■ **Southeast 10, Ridgeland 0:**

Alam Tiador and Adrian Avalos scored two goals apiece as the Raiders (12-2-1, 9-1 Region 6-3A) rolled to a lopsided victory over the Panthers in a sen-

ior night game shortened to 20 minutes in the second half due to the big score.

Fernando Villasenor, Carlos Flores, Alejandro Garcia, Michael Davalos, Gustavo Gonzalez and Cesar Maldonado also scored for the Raiders, who play Carrollton on Friday for the region championship.

Southeast had a 7-0 halftime lead, forcing the shortened second half.

Estrada Ezurdia got the shutout in goal.

JV tennis

■ **Northwest Whitfield girls 4, Woodland-Bartow 1:** The Lady Bruins swept the singles with No. 1 Hannah Smith winning 8-3, No. 2 Rachale Sneed 8-3 and Kaitlin Brackett 8-3 in a Monday match.

Northwest's No. 2 doubles Cassie Kyker and Samantha Allen won 8-6.

The Lady Bruins are 3-1 on the season.

EASTSIDE WINNERS



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The Westside Diamond Dolls 10-under softball team won the Eastside Early Bird tournament. Team members are front row, left to right, Abbi Harris, Anna Clark, Hannah Jackson and Jaida Walston; second row, Faith Burt, Kaleigh Maciejewski, Kaylee Ensley, Molly Massingill and Aubree Cervantes; back row, coaches Shelia Walston and Regina Massingill. Not pictured, Alyssa Ward.

FINISH SECOND



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The 10-year-old Georgia Attitude softball team finished second in the USFA Mizuno Bat Spring Classic at Heritage Park. Team members are front row, left to right, Shelby Ralston, Brook Wagner, Hannah Mathis, Gracie Haught and Kennedy Chandler; back row, Haley Johnson, Hannah Johnson, McCall Carlock, Cay-Cay-Lawrence and Jamison Payne.

REGION COMPETITORS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students from Samples' TaeKwonDo Academy competed in the Quad-State Regional championship event in Gatlinburg, Tenn., in March. Members of the squad are front row, Byron Jones; second row, left to right, Chris Adams, Caleb Laird, Gag Holsopple, Natalie Rios and Adrian Rios; third row, Lyric Burgess, Nick Adams, James Cable and Zack Finley; back row, Bekki Samples, Kim Jones, Jacob Burgess, Brian Dale and Elizabeth Robinson.

Lee wins Cup

ALPHARETTA — U.S. Amateur champion Danny Lee tuned up for the Masters on Tuesday by beating British Amateur champion Reiner Saxton in the 12th annual Georgia Cup between the winners of golf's two oldest amateur championships.

Lee, an 18-year-old native of New Zealand, plans to turn pro after the Masters next week.

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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe at Southeast, 5
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
North Paulding girls at Dalton, 5
Hiram boys at Dalton, 7
Paulding County at Murray County, 6

JV baseball
Murray County vs. Fannin County, DH, 5:15

Middle school baseball
McCallie at Dalton, 4:30

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

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
Dalton boys vs. South Paulding, 10 a.m.
Dalton girls vs. Hiram, 10 a.m.
Murray County boys vs. TBD
Northwest Whitfield boys vs. Hillgrove, 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Hillgrove, 11:30 a.m.

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

Varsity tennis
Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun

Middle school tennis
OLPH vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Washington	46	23	7	99	245	222
Carolina	42	28	7	91	220	214
Florida	38	28	11	87	218	218
Atlanta	32	38	6	70	237	262
Tampa Bay	24	36	17	65	197	255

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Detroit	49	18	9	107	279	225
Chicago	40	24	11	91	243	206
Columbus	40	29	8	88	214	212
Nashville	38	31	8	84	197	211
St. Louis	37	30	9	83	214	219

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	43	27	6	92	242	232
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

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-San Jose	50	15	11	111	245	188
Anaheim	38	32	6	82	219	217
Dallas	33	33	10	76	214	240
Los Angeles	31	33	11	73	191	219
Phoenix	32	37	7	71	192	235

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

Tuesday's Games

Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1
Columbus 2, Nashville 1
Montreal 4, Chicago 1
Florida 5, Ottawa 2
Vancouver at Minnesota, late
Anaheim at Edmonton, late
Dallas at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Buffalo at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Boston	56	19	.747	—
Philadelphia	38	35	.521	17
New Jersey	30	44	.405	25 1/2
New York	29	45	.392	26 1/2
Toronto	28	45	.384	27

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Orlando	55	18	.753	—
x-Atlanta	43	32	.573	13
Miami	39	35	.527	16 1/2
Charlotte	34	40	.459	21 1/2
Washington	17	58	.227	39

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Cleveland	61	13	.824	—
Detroit	36	38	.486	25
Chicago	36	40	.474	26
Indiana	32	43	.427	29 1/2
Milwaukee	32	43	.427	29 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	48	25	.658	—
x-Houston	48	26	.649	1/2
New Orleans	45	27	.625	2 1/2
Dallas	44	30	.595	4 1/2
Memphis	19	54	.260	29

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	48	26	.649	—
Portland	46	27	.630	1 1/2
Utah	46	27	.630	1 1/2
Minnesota	21	54	.280	17 1/2
Oklahoma City	20	53	.274	17 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
z-L.A. Lakers	58	16	.784	—
Phoenix	40	34	.541	18
Golden State	25	49	.338	33
L.A. Clippers	18	56	.243	40
Sacramento	16	56	.222	41

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

Tuesday's Games

Indiana 107, Chicago 105
Philadelphia 98, Atlanta 85
Cleveland 79, Detroit 73
Charlotte 94, L.A. Lakers 84
Dallas 108, Minnesota 88
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, late
New York at Denver, late
Utah at Portland, late
New Orleans at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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NBA BASKETBALL
10 p.m.
ESPN — Houston at Phoenix

PREP BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — All-American Game, West vs. East, at Miami

SOCCER
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Men's national teams, World Cup qualifier, Trinidad & Tobago vs. U.S., at Nashville, Tenn.

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

9 p.m.
FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson Open, quarterfinals, at Miami

HOCKEY

NHL Glance

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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

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Boston	49	17	10	108	257	180
Montreal	39	27	10	88	230	230
Buffalo	37	30	8	82	226	217
Ottawa	33	33	10	76	202	220
Toronto	31	32	13	75	230	271

Southeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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- April 25th - 9:00am - 5k run

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PGA's Johnson arrested for DUI

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — PGA Tour winner Dustin Johnson has been arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

Johnson, a 24-year-old in his second full season on tour, was booked into the J. Reuben Long Detention Center Monday and released 22 minutes later, according to the facility's Web site.

Johnson won at Pebble Beach in February, his second career PGA Tour win. He stands ninth in this year's FedEx Cup points race and has earned almost \$1.6 million.

A call to Johnson's agent, David Winkle, was not immediately returned.

Johnson played college golf at Coastal Carolina and makes his home in Myrtle Beach. Johnson is scheduled to play at this week's PGA Tour event, the Shell Houston Open in Humble, Texas.

Voice of Yankees to miss the opener

NEW YORK — The new Yankee Stadium won't sound nearly the same on opening day.

Bob Sheppard, the longtime voice of the New York Yankees, will miss the start of the season while he continues to recover from a bronchial infection.

Now in his late 90s, Sheppard became the public-address announcer at the old Yankee Stadium in 1951. He missed last season because of his illness.

The Yankees host exhibition games with the Chicago Cubs on Friday night and Saturday. The regular-season opener is April 16 against Cleveland.

VCU hires former Florida assistant

RICHMOND, Va. — A Virginia Commonwealth University official says the school has picked Florida assistant coach Shaka Smart to be its new men's basketball coach.

An announcement is planned for Thursday.

The 32-year-old Smart was an assistant to Billy Donovan at Florida last season and will become the second consecutive Donovan assistant to take over as the Rams' head coach.

Anthony Grant, Donovan's right-hand man for 10 years at Florida, spent the last three seasons as VCU's head coach before being hired as Alabama's new head coach last week.

Tigers' Sheffield given his release

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers have released nine-time All-Star Gary Sheffield, who is one home run away from 500 for his career.

Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Barry Bonds, Frank Robinson and Reggie Jackson are the only players in baseball history with as many home runs as Sheffield plus at least 2,500 hits, 1,500 RBIs and 200 stolen bases.

The career .292 hitter has 1,633 RBIs, putting him 27th on the all-time list.

Royals' Ponson nears the rotation

PHOENIX — The Kansas City Royals have optioned right-hander Luke Hochevar to Triple-A Omaha, increasing the chances Sidney Ponson will get in the rotation.

Hochevar, the first player picked in the 2006 draft, had a 3.86 ERA in five spring training games, allowing 17 hits and four walks in 16 1-3 innings. He was 6-12 with a 5.51 ERA in 22 starts for Kansas City last season after starting the year with Omaha.

— Associated Press

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sooners' Paris familiar with All-America team

BY DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press Writer

Whether or not she delivers a national championship, Courtney Paris will leave Oklahoma with quite a legacy: the only four-time All-American in women's college basketball.

"I'm truly honored to be the first," said Paris, who already holds 18 NCAA records. "I'm sure that will happen with Maya Moore in the next couple of years."



Paris

The sensational sophomore Moore is on pace to join the Oklahoma center in two years after making The Associated Press' All-America team for the second consecutive season Tuesday. She was joined by UConn teammate Renee Montgomery, marking the first time since 2000 that two players from the same school made the first team.

"It is nice because whenever you get recognized you always want your teammates to get recognized also, because you know you wouldn't be here without them," Montgomery said. "To have another teammate on a team like this makes you feel good."

Angel McCoughtry of Louisville and Kristi Toliver of Maryland rounded out the first team.

"That is some squad," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "They have athleticism, skill and toughness."

Moore received 225 points and was the only unanimous choice among the 45-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the start of the NCAA tournament.

Moore helped lead Connecticut to its fourth undefeated regular season, averaging 19.1 points and 9.1 rebounds. She could join Paris, Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee and Alana Beard of Duke as the only three-time All-Americans.

"It's a great honor. There's a lot of talent around the country," Moore said. "Women's basketball has come so far. The last two years have been amazing and to be able to come in and be able to be myself on such a great team."

Montgomery was the heart of that team, averaging 15.8 points and 5.1 assists.

"Renee's one of those players that she has a way to lead that makes you want to play harder for her. The competitiveness that she has that she brings every day inspires you,"

Moore said. "I'm surprised that she hasn't gotten more recognition than she has because she's the MVP on our team."

Moore and Montgomery are the third set of UConn first-teamers. Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova did it in 2000 and Kara Wolters and Jennifer Rizzotti made it in 1996. Tennessee is the only other team to put a pair on the first team.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma wasn't surprised Connecticut has had so many first-teamers.

"I'm really drawn to kids who are so competitive and so passionate, and leave everything with your program when they leave," he said.

Still, he was happy his star point guard finally made it.

"I don't think anyone has done that more than Renee. The only thing that can make it better is for her to be a national champion."

The 6-foot-4 Paris' career at Oklahoma may be most remembered for her record-setting 112 straight double-doubles or the many records she set. Yet she feels she will have shortchanged the school if she can't deliver a national title — offering to repay her scholarship if the Sooners don't win it all this season.

"I absolutely am humbled by all the awards. I really want to win a national championship. I really want to do something special," Paris said. "If we don't get it done, I didn't do what I said I was going to do."

Toliver already has a national championship, winning one as a freshman. This season she helped Maryland capture its first Atlantic Coast Conference regular season and tournament championships in 20 years.

A second-team All-American last season, the 5-foot-7 guard was honored to make the first team this year.

"With the caliber of players we have this year (around the country), it's a huge honor to be first-team," Toliver said. "I'm small, but I play big. I think you don't get these type of accolades without a great team."

Like Toliver, McCoughtry was a second-team All-American as a junior. The Louisville forward helped the Cardinals to a second-place finish in the Big East and its highest ranking ever. On Monday, she guided Louisville to its first Final Four.

For the third straight year, McCoughtry led the conference in scoring, rebounding and steals. She became the first player in Big East history to accomplish that feat. She also led the nation in steals with 4.7 per game.

Hey, you've been traded

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Jeff Keppinger was packing his gear when he got a call saying manager Dusty Baker wanted to talk to him. The reserve shortstop thought he was about to be released.

Instead, the Reds traded him to the Houston Astros on Tuesday for a player to be named, giving him a chance to play for his fifth major league organization. He batted only .140 in 21 games this spring and knew it was likely that he wouldn't make the team.

"I'm just glad they didn't release me," Keppinger said. "I was going to ask if they were going to release me just because of my spring numbers."

Instead of being out of a job, he had some place to go.

"It's good," Keppinger said. "Maybe the opportu-

nity's better for me over there. I might get a chance to play. Looking around here, it didn't look like I would play too much. That's kind of how my career has been. I always get roadblocked somewhere, and I go to a team that kind of needs something. Before you know it, they give me my shot to play."

Keppinger bailed the Reds out last season, when starting shortstop Alex Gonzalez was sidelined by a fractured knee. Keppinger started 101 games at shortstop, batting .266 with three homers and 43 RBIs.

Gonzalez is back from the injury this season, although a strained hamstring has held him back recently. He played in a minor league game for the second day in a row Tuesday and reported no problems.

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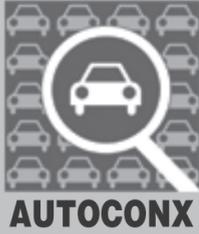
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311 Health Care

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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501 Pets for Sale

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The Daily Photo



Submitted by:
Candi Chandler

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Ira Bowen is not a typical 79-year-old

BY LARA HAYES

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How many 79-year-olds do you know who still go full tilt on a four-wheeler?

Ira Bowen may be well past retirement age, but he's not planning on hitting the brakes anytime soon — while four-wheeling or otherwise.

These days he keeps busy delivering mail for Murray County Schools, where he's worked for 34 years, but Bowen got his start at age 15 making ... what else?

Bedspreads. During Bowen's younger days, children growing up in the rural South often didn't finish school, and he was no exception. After dropping out following seventh grade, Bowen got a job at McCartney Bedspreads in Dalton stamping designs on the fabrics. He worked there a couple of years before joining his dad at the family-owned sawmill where he was a logger. The work was difficult but rewarding.

"I enjoyed the work and having a job," said Bowen. "We did it with horses and not machinery. The horses would hook to the grabs in the logs and then pull them to the sawmill."

In between he also helped out at the family farm.

During World War II he transferred to Cabin Crafts where he helped make tents for the Army. When the war ended so did the job, which meant slim pickings for work locally.

"The only choice for employment here was either at a sawmill or spreadhouse," he said.

Bowen got on a bus and headed north to Chicago with nothing but a few belongings and hope.

"I had heard there was more money and better jobs up there, and there were," he said.



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Ira Bowen stands next to his Farmall tractor in the front yard of his Chatsworth home.

Bowen immediately found work building railroad cars for the military at American Car Foundry. The pay was decent, but for a 21-year-old country boy from Murray County life in the big city took some getting used to.

"It was a different world," he exclaimed. "The farthest I'd ever been was around the water bucket looking for a dipper handle!"

Winter was particularly brutal. "That's the windiest city!" said

Bowen. "I have seen the wind blow snow clean up to the overpass. It would stay below zero for days on end. I took a trolley car back and forth to work, and you want to talk about cold!"

Bowen stayed in Chicago for a year until the plant was shut down and he headed back home, but many jobs here still didn't pay anything.

This time, the lucrative automobile industry in Detroit sounded appealing, so off he went again.

Michigan became home for Bowen and his now deceased wife, Flora, and their four children for the next 10 years. However, the longer he stayed away from Murray County, the more he longed for it, so Bowen began to look for excuses to move. He didn't have to look far.

"There were lots of winos and drugs up there and none here," he said. "I didn't want my kids to get married up there, so I used that as excuse to come back."

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The couple bought a farm in Murray County and Bowen went to work in the burgeoning carpet industry, where he stayed for approximately eight years. Finally he found a place at Murray County Schools and never looked back.

He recently contemplated retiring after he turns 80 in October but now? Nah. So what keeps him going?

"Willpower," he said. "What would I do? I'd be bored."

Even a two-week stay at Hamilton Medical Center and a close encounter with death from congestive heart failure a few weeks ago didn't change his mind.

"They thought they lost me but I showed 'em," Bowen said.

Once he recovered, Bowen was back to delivering mail as well as gardening, hunting and making his daily early morning visit to Hardee's. Oh, and buying a new four-wheeler.

"I'll keep going 'til I can't go anymore," he said.

Bowen is grateful for his job and the people he works with — especially superintendent Vickie Reed and the office personnel at all the schools.

"They all came to see me in the hospital," he said. "I appreciate every one of them."

He's also proud of his kids. "I didn't want them to have as rough a time as I did," Bowen said. "I would probably do it all again."

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GROWINGS ON

April is a good time to get out in your yard

As the weather continues to warm and things begin to grow, it is time to get to work in our yards. April is probably one of the most important months of the year in our yards. What we do now will have an impact on how beautiful our yard is for the rest of this growing season. The tips listed below, will give you some guidelines to follow, as you get to work in your home landscape.



Louis Dykes

■ Warm-season grasses, including bermudagrass, zoysia grass, and centipede-grass, should be fertilized with 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of quickly available nitrogen fertilizers (with less than 50 percent slowly available nitrogen) after they have completed greening up. This application should be repeated in May and June.

■ Control lawn weeds now through late May before they get large, and temperatures get too high to apply herbicides safely.

■ The first grass clippings of the season are rich in nutrients and contain fewer weed seeds than those collected later. Put them in the compost pile or mow frequently and leave them on the ground.

■ A tall evergreen hedge north of your home can cut heating bills by 34 percent in windswept regions or by 10 percent in sheltered areas. If your house is exposed to winter winds this spring, consider establishing an evergreen planting for a windbreak.

■ Observe your daffodil and other spring bulbs while in bloom this spring to be sure they have not been shaded by the new growth of other tree or shrub plantings. If they have, you may need to move your bulbs to a new, sunny location or prune back the plantings.

■ Plants bought from greenhouses need to be hardened off (acclimated to the reduced humidity and cooler temperatures of the outdoors) before being planted in the landscape. Place newly purchased plants outside during the day, but bring in at night to protect from early season, cool, night temperatures that may injure or kill the plants. Gradually, the plants can be left outside for longer periods of time until they have fully acclimated and can be planted.

■ If you have used hardwood mulches around your trees and shrubs, you may have some problems. They can become compacted and keep water from getting to your roots. With acid-loving plants like azaleas you may notice yellowing due to lack of iron due to higher pH levels around the roots from the mulch.

■ Fertilize bulbs upon emergence of foliage with a 10-10-10 fertilizer, using a rate of 3 pounds per 100 square feet. Repeat the application after the bulbs have bloomed.

■ Lift, divide, and replant chrysanthemums as soon as new shoots appear. Each rooted shoot or clump will develop into a fine plant for

late summer bloom. Pinch out the top when the plants are about 4 inches high to thicken the plant.

■ Mites, mealybugs, and root rot pathogens can be problems for dieffenbachia grown indoors. Control with pesticides labeled for home use of dieffenbachia or foliage plants. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label.

■ If you want to plant an Easter lily outside, don't plant it near other lilies. Easter lilies may carry a virus that can infect other lilies.

■ Plan to attract hummingbirds to your garden this year by planting red or orange flowers. Monarda (bee-balm) is a good perennial to provide nectar for these small birds.

■ When you are out shopping for annual flowers for your garden, look for plants with lots of unopened buds. Plants that bloom in the pack are often root bound and can be set back for several weeks after being transplanted. Plants not yet in bloom will actually bloom sooner, be better established and grow faster.

■ Consider planting flowers that can be dried for winter arrangements. Some of the best are strawflower, statice, Chinese lantern, celosia and globe amaranth.

■ In a sunny location with poor soil, plant nasturtiums for a colorful show. They require warm soil to sprout and start blooming in about 50 days. Too much water and fertilizer produce excess leaves and few flowers.

■ Plant clematis in locations that receive at least six hours of sunshine a day. Use an organic mulch or ground

cover to shade roots and keep them cool. Plant in rich, well-drained loam.

■ The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station reports that larger plants with more flowers can be grown in a soil mix consisting of one part sphagnum moss, two parts perlite and two parts compost than with four other commonly used mixes. Sphagnum moss is reported to increase aeration and water-holding capacity and to suppress soil-borne diseases.

■ April is a good time to clean up plants and flower beds. Pick out dead leaves and twigs and prune dead limbs.

■ Cut flower stalks back to the ground on daffodils, hyacinths and other spring flowering bulbs as the flowers fade. Do not cut the foliage until it dies naturally. The leaves are necessary to produce strong bulbs capable of reflowering.

■ Do not fertilize azaleas and camellias until they have finished blooming. They also should be pruned after blooming.

■ When pruning forsythia, do not shear as you would a hedge. It is best to thin out the old branches as close to the ground as possible. This should be done immediately after blooming.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

April 2

■ The Southeast Raider Band Booster Club will meet April 2 at 7 p.m. in the band room at Southeast High. All students going on the band trip and their parents are asked to attend. The executive committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will have bingo April 2 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

April 4

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

■ A yard sale to benefit the First Baptist Church American Cancer Society Relay for Life team will be held April 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. There will also be crafts and Easter baskets available for purchase. The church is at 311 N. Thornton Ave. in Dalton.

■ The Valley Point

Elementary PTO will host a spring carnival April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. There will be food, entertainment, games, inflatables, fire trucks, clowns and more. The event will be held rain or shine. The school is at 3798 S. Dixie Highway in Dalton.

■ Dalton Street Machines and Epilepsy Services of Northwest Georgia will have a car show April 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City Park School parking lot. The cost is \$20 per car. Proceeds benefit Camp Lakewood, a summer camp for children with epilepsy. The school is at 405 School St. in Dalton. For more information, call Sinda at (706) 226-1248.

■ The fifth annual Southeast High Bluegrass Jamboree will be held April 4 from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bands include the Raven Welch Band, the Barker Brothers, Barefoot Nellie, the Old Sounds of Bluegrass and High Point. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the door or at Bigam Music, Pentz Street Station and Mountain Music in Red Bank, Tenn. or any Leo Club member. For more information, call (706) 876-7000.

■ Rock Hill School will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser April 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's in Dalton. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the door or by phone at (706) 226-6999. Applebee's is located on West Walnut Avenue in Dalton.

■ The Civil War Preservation Trust, along with area history buffs and preservationists, will clean up the Dalton Confederate Cemetery at West Hill Cemetery in Dalton April 4 at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, call Marvin Sowder at (706) 278-3925 or (706) 278-0217.

3 GENERATIONS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Blanche Ross and her son, Terry Ross of Dalton, both received a wonderful birthday gift March 20 when they welcomed Ally Jo Cook, Terry's granddaughter, into the world. The three generations now share the same birthday. Above are Terry, left, and Blanche holding Cook moments after her birth.

RELIGION

Are you investing wisely?

We hear so much these days about everyone losing the values of their stocks and investments. It is really disturbing and is causing some anxious moments for those whose lives are totally tied to these monetary issues. I am not making light of these losses as I have also experienced them myself. I just want us to evaluate the real value of what we have our hope built on.



Gary Mimbs

The Apostle Paul writing in the book of Philippians chapter 3, verses 7-8, gives a great insight into wise investing. He said, "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

Paul was using an accounting term in saying that every thing that was a

profit on his life's ledger, such as his accomplishments, worldly goods, reputation, and money, should be marked down in the "loss" column if he failed to know Christ Jesus. He also said that everything that he had gained in this world he would throw away in the garbage to get to know Christ better.

In this materialistic world that we have created this kind of talk seems foolish. But we must remember that this world is just something that we are passing through and then all eternity starts. All of the money, possessions, land, houses and precious gems a person has will mean nothing on judgment day. The richest person in the world cannot buy one inch of heaven but the poorest person in the world can have a mansion there — if they know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Paul was saying that God values things differently than

we do. When we lose material things here we tend to be depressed and lose hope. When our hope is built upon knowing Jesus, then no matter what happens here, it doesn't devastate us. Because our hope is in the promise from God's Word that we will one day live as children of the King in heaven. I love the old hymn titled, "The Solid Rock." The first line says, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness." It brings me peace no matter what the stock market does.

The Bible says that everything here on the earth will be burned up one day. So instead of investing in the things that are considered valuable here, I want to invest in knowing Jesus better. That is what God considers a wise investment that will bring a great return for all eternity and you will never need a bail out. But if you don't know Jesus then this is the only reward you will ever know.

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

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COMMENTARY

Buckle up

It's time for Georgia to grow up. And, specifically, for some of our legislators to get their heads out of their heinies.



Len Robbins

Recently, a Georgia State House subcommittee voted down a measure that would have required adults in pickup trucks to wear seat belts. Georgia is the only state in the nation that specifically exempts adults in trucks from buckling up.

This issue is not new to the state legislature. Rural legislators have long argued that such a law would inconvenience farmers, who use their trucks for work and have to get in and out of their pickups often.

But what is new are the current economic circumstances in our state. We are facing a \$3 billion budget deficit in Georgia, and departments across the board have seen cutbacks, furloughs, and other cost-cutting measures. In particular, public education has been butchered in the last seven years — all in the name of fiscal responsibility.

Well, then, how fiscally responsible is it for our state to refuse over \$4 million in federal funds? That's the amount Georgia would be eligible for if they passed a seat-belt law that didn't exclude adults in trucks. Add that to the estimated \$62 million that such a law would save Georgia in accident-related expenses, and I contend it's fiscally irresponsible not to pass this measure.

Mind you, I'm all for individual freedoms, and am wary when government inserts its long nose in our personal lives, or, in this case, personal vehicles. But the reasoning for our legislature's reluctance in this matter is just plain silly — and nonsensical. First, to accept the premise that this is a farming issue, you have to assume that all, or even most, pickup trucks are owned by farmers. Not true.

Secondly, the notion that buckling and unbuckling a seat

belt is some type of laborious activity that will slow down the industry of agriculture is ridiculous. C'mon. How long does it take to push a button?

And if lawmakers are so scared of making someone buckle up for their own safety, why not just pass the measure and not enforce it — like most of the other seat-belt laws in our state code?

As a resident of rural Georgia, I am often shocked at how brazen people in my community are about violating child restraint laws. They'll park right next to a law enforcement officer with an unrestrained toddler standing in the front seat. An empty child seat sits in the back. They know they won't be ticketed. I can't speak for the rest of Georgia, but in my experiences, it's a law that is simply ignored. And it's ignored because it's not enforced.

Folks, it's not 1974. There are child restraint laws, and they were passed for a reason — because we know they save lives. If you don't buckle up your infant or toddler in your car, there are only two excuses: 1. You're too lazy to do it; or 2. You don't care about the child. Neither are acceptable, in my estimation.

The same goes for this archaic resistance to making adults in trucks wear seat belts — there is simply no legitimate excuse why this exemption still exists.

The world, and our roads, are more dangerous than they were in 1974, or even 1994. Our state's leaders need to realize that, and pass — and enforce — laws, that keep us safer. To not do so is both irresponsible to the citizenry and their tax dollars.

When an estimated 100 of our fellow Georgians die this year because they weren't wearing a seat belt in a pickup truck, it will be too late.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

There is a BEST way to prevent osteoporosis

As people become older, bone thinning — or osteoporosis — can become a major determining factor in quality of life.

Post-menopausal women are especially prone to osteoporosis because they lack estrogen but men can become susceptible as well. Most people know this and begin to take calcium supplements to ward off the debilitating disease, but while calcium supplements are important they are not in and of themselves enough.

The most important component

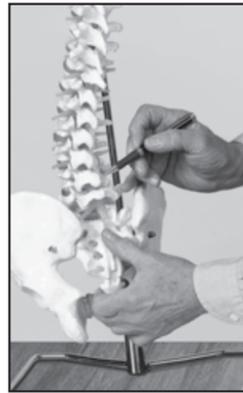
There are a few things that can be done in order to prevent or treat osteoporosis. Foremost in many people's minds, besides calcium, is medication.

And then there is the whole class of "bone building" drugs, but since this is not our area of expertise we are going to focus on the part we know the most about and is the most neglected — strength training. Although an adequate calcium intake is important, without a stimulus to the bone through strength training, how will the bones get any denser?

It is the muscle pulling on the bones with strong contractions that stimulates the bone to build. Without such resistance work, bone loses density at an accelerated rate after menopause, and a sound resistance-training program becomes the most important component in an osteoporosis prevention program at that point.

When strength training becomes BEST

One such study that brings this point home is the Bone Estrogen



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Strength Training (BEST) Study that examined over four years how strength training exercise, combined with adequate calcium intake, would change bone mineral density in the most at risk group — post menopausal women. Their results demonstrated how dangerous it is for women not undergoing hormone replacement therapy to also forgo a strength training program.

Even with sufficient calcium intake, if they didn't strength train they lost significant amounts of bone in just the four years of the study. But those women who did progressively strength train were able to retain their bone mass, even in the absence of hormone replacement therapy. In fact, in the hip region they actually increased their bone mass by one percent in the first year.

That's pretty exciting considering the other women were steadily losing theirs. The most successful women of all, though, did take hormone replacement therapy, calcium and strength trained. This group increased bone mass in every area tested

over the four-year period.

The right exercise prescription

To get these kinds of results, you will need the right exercise prescription, and two types of exercise have been identified as important for building and maintaining bone mass: weight bearing and resistance exercises. Weight bearing exercises are those in which your bones and muscles work by supporting your own body weight against gravity, basically any exercise in which your feet and legs are bearing your weight.

Jogging, walking, stair climbing, dancing and most sports are examples of weight-bearing exercise with different degrees of impact. Higher impact and more activity are associated with stronger bones and are good for prevention, but high impact activity isn't right for people who already have osteoporosis. Swimming and bicycling are examples of low-impact exercises that will give you a good cardiovascular workout, but since they're not weight bearing exercises they won't work for treating osteoporosis.

That leaves resistance exercise as the activity of choice for everyone to use to progressively and safely strengthen bone. These activities include weight lifting with free weights or weight machines. The women from the BEST study used weights equal to 70 to 80 percent of the most weight they could lift one time to stimulate bone building. They lifted these weights three days a week (two sets of six to eight reps) on about eight basic exercises which were chosen to work



major muscles attached to the bone they wanted to build.

Your own routine

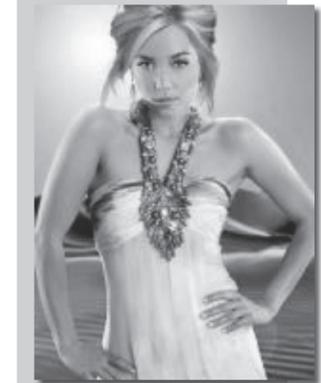
A good overall routine would include a warm-up of weight bearing activity for a few minutes (like walking) followed by about 20 minutes of strength training with weights heavy enough that you couldn't lift them more than 10 to 12 times. More weight bearing activity can be done afterward or on alternate days to train your heart and cardiovascular system like stair stepping, jogging or even a dance or aerobics class.

If you would like more information about how to prevent osteoporosis and get started with an effective strength training program, the Bradley Wellness Center has trained professionals who can help you set up your own result producing routine. Give us a call today at (706) 278-WELL.

Submitted by Thomas Morrison and Keri Brooks, fitness consultants, Bradley Wellness Center

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BRIDGE

Seek and ye shall find

In some notrump contracts, declarer cannot afford to establish his long suit because by the time he does so, the opponents will have collected enough tricks to set him. In such situations, declarer must look elsewhere for the tricks he needs to get home safely.

Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump. South wins with the queen and can count eight sure winners — two spades, two hearts and four clubs. Understandably, his natural impulse is to try to establish the diamond suit. But if he gives in to this temptation, he is headed for certain defeat, since by the time the A-K of diamonds are driven out, the defenders will have scored at least three heart tricks and two diamond tricks.

South must therefore find his ninth trick elsewhere. The only remaining source is in spades, where a simple finesse against the queen is available. If West was dealt the queen — an even-money shot — finessing the jack will succeed, and declarer's troubles will be over.

However, while this line of play raises South's chances from zero to 50 percent, it is still not the best approach. An even better plan, which improves his chances to 75 percent, is to lead the nine of spades at trick two and let it ride if West follows low.

In the actual deal, the nine forces East's queen, so the jack of spades becomes declarer's ninth trick. (If West covers the nine with the ten, dummy's jack is played, and the eight becomes the ninth trick.) If the nine happens to lose to the ten, South can finesse the jack next time.

This line of play succeeds whenever West was dealt either the ten or queen of spades, or both. Mathematically, the odds are about 3-to-1 that West has at least one of these cards. All South need do at the outset is to recognize the value of the 9-8 of spades.

Tomorrow: Sylvia strikes again.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE THAT DOCTOR IS REALLY GOOD AT TREATING LARYNGITIS, PEOPLE SAY HE HAS HOARSE SENSE.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Use your imagination to create something beautiful. Set yourself free to indulge in what will enhance your mind, body and soul. You will be attract people who can contribute to what you are trying to accomplish. The doors are opening and the possibilities are endless. Your numbers are 6, 13, 18, 22, 28, 33, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take things as they come. If you are too quick to jump, you will give the wrong impression. Look back in time and you will remember someone who can offer you what you are in need of now. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take an honest assessment of who you are and what you are capable of doing. It's time to fine-tune your talents and make them work for you. Simplicity will be the key to getting ahead. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let your emotions take over and you will resolve some of the challenges you face. Your Gemini charm will guide you to the winner's circle. You'll see how quickly doors will open and offers will appear. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Change is good, even if you don't like it much. Take a look around you and you will discover what is required of you. It won't be as much of a stretch as you first thought, so get the ball rolling. Time is important if you want to make some changes to your future happiness. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's up to you to set the standards. Incorporate fun into whatever you do. It will make all the difference to the way you feel about what you do and the way others see you. Your hands-on approach will contribute to your success. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your cash and your credit cards in a safe place. You don't have to put

out financially to impress someone. Let your personality be the deciding factor in the way someone feels about you. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have fun, everyone around you will join in and help. Mix your personal and professional life. However, when it comes to making a financial decision, keep your emotions out of it. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your talent and what you've been able to accomplish will grab the interest of someone wanting to get involved in what you are doing. The few changes you

make now will determine how much you end up with. Don't sell yourself short. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A new outlook will help you to turn things around at home. The changes will lift your spirits and help you form a better relationship with someone in your life who counts. Love and romance should be addressed and a commitment or alteration made. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may like to be in control but you are better off hearing what everyone else has to say before divulging your position. You will be misinterpreted if you aren't careful. Find a way to differentiate yourself from others. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's all about how you feel about what you do. You can attract positive people who are easy to get along with. They, in turn, will help you get good results, leading to a brighter future. Expand your horizons. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sit and wait instead of rushing into something that may not work for you. Don't let your emotions take over or you may ruin what you already have. Be intelligent about the way you handle the people you deal with regularly. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

PET OF THE WEEK



Sam

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Write the name of your foster pal on your check or money order. In the event of a duplication, donors will be contacted.

To Your Good Health

Nonsmokers can get emphysema

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband, 91, has just been diagnosed with emphysema. He never smoked. No one in the family smokes, and he has not been exposed to smoke-filled areas. What is his prognosis? — R.M.



Paul G. Donohue

ANSWER: The lungs have something on the order of 300 million air sacs (alveoli). Emphysema means that some of those air sacs have been destroyed and that others have been enlarged and rendered functionless. It's through these air sacs that oxygen passes into the blood and the waste gas carbon dioxide leaves the blood.

The principal symptom of emphysema is breathlessness upon even slight exertion. The principal sign of emphysema is a barrel chest due to overinflated lungs. The lungs have too much air filling the destroyed and overly stretched air sacs. Oxygen, however, cannot get into the blood in these blighted areas.

Emphysema has a twin illness, and the two are usually seen together. That twin is chronic bronchitis, a condition in which the breathing tubes (bronchi) are narrowed and filled with thick, pus-saturated sputum. Cough is its principal sign. These illnesses constitute COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Smoking is the predomi-

nant cause of emphysema. However, around 20 percent of emphysema patients never smoked. Some of them worked in environments where inhaled irritants affected their lungs — coal miners and workers in textile mills are examples. Hereditary conditions also cause emphysema. And aging makes the lungs more likely to have destroyed air sacs.

The severity of emphysema is determined by breathing tests and the person's symptoms. I have to imagine that your husband's symptoms are mild or the condition would have been discovered many years ago. If he ever needs it, supplemental oxygen can help him get around with greater ease. I don't believe that this diagnosis is going to appreciably shorten an already long life.

Your husband needs a yearly flu shot, and he needs the pneumonia shot to protect his lungs from further damage.

The booklet on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease explains this common illness in depth. Readers can

order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 601, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you tell me why the recommended age for a first colonoscopic exam is 50? Why is this the magic number? By the time my husband of 23 years was age 50, he had a perforated colon due to colon cancer, with no prior symptoms. — N.G.

ANSWER: I understand your anguish and your position for an earlier age for colonoscopies. The reason age 50 was chosen as the age for a first colonoscopy is that most colon cancers appear in people 50 and older. Colon cancer can begin at younger ages. Perhaps giving some public recognition to your story will motivate others to ask for a younger screening age. You have my deepest sympathy.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am afflicted with type 2 diabetes and am under the care of a physician. I take oral medicine for it. With even a slight variance from a reasonable diet, my sugar reading, two hours after any meal, is elevat-

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

ed. I have frequent urination, but generally feel good. I exercise regularly, and my wife tries very hard to prepare correct foods. Would increasing my water input help wash out the excess sugar? — J.B.

ANSWER: It's a nice thought, J.B., but it won't work. Water doesn't wash out sugar. High blood sugar, on the other hand, does make a person urinate frequently. Does your doctor know about your sugar readings? Perhaps a change in medicine or the addition of another medicine will bring your sugar down.

The doctor might even ask you to take insulin for better sugar control. It's not as daunting a task as you might think.

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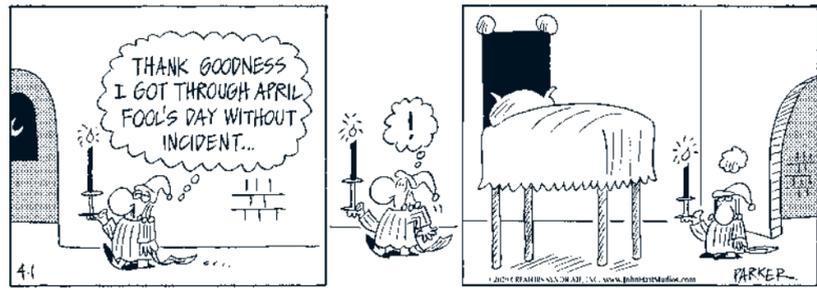
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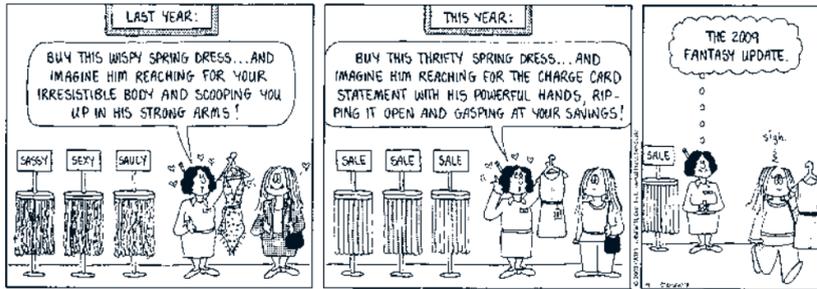
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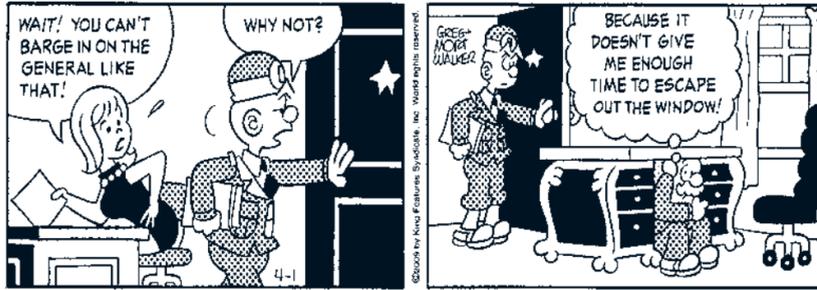
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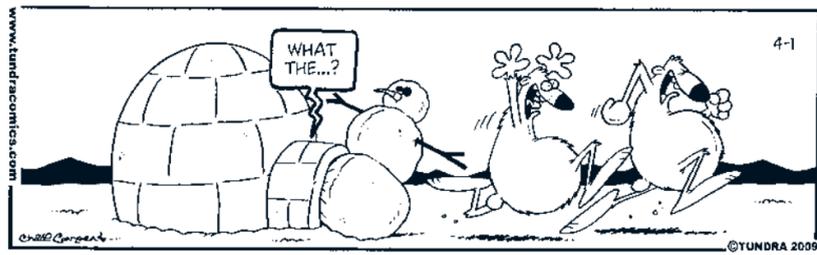
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DEAR ABBY

April fools seek advice

DEAR READERS: Among the questions I am frequently asked, "Do you ever get letters that have been made up, and can you tell when someone has indulged in 'creative writing'?"



Jeanne Phillips

ing that cell phone and whether you have recovered from the trauma.

DEAR ABBY: I was adopted by Elizabeth Taylor before she became famous. It was in the early '60s. I was 3 when I was kidnapped from her and taken to Washington, D.C., then to New York and Texas.

Now, 39 years later, while incarcerated for DUI, I recall the events of my life before I came to Texas. Now I ask to be reunited with my adopted mother. I had her address years ago — she gave it to me — but I received a head injury and forgot about it.

DEAR WANTS TO MOVE: Elizabeth Taylor has had a storied career since becoming an international star at age 12, after appearing in the film "National Velvet" in 1944.

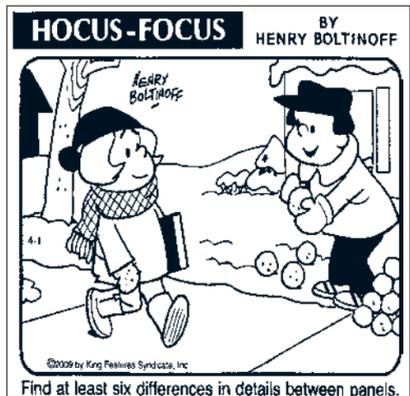
DEAR ABBY: My beloved mother used to sleep in the nude, rest her soul. One night we were woken up by relatives at our front door. Needless to say, it gave her a massive heart attack. She thought it was OK to be nude at 81, but after getting caught that way, it was too much for her, and she croaked!

I, however, still sleep in the nude and practice witchcraft in my birthday suit, too. While I was out in the woods one night, I ran smack dab into a deer. He stared me down as if he was looking at headlights. I was so embarrassed getting caught that I quickly climbed a tree.

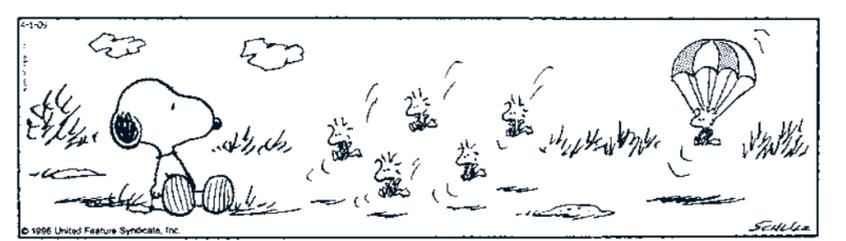
Luckily, I had my cell phone with me, so I dialed 911, and the entire police department came to my rescue. My picture was on the front page of the newspaper. Talk about embarrassing ... I'll probably never go nude again. — NAKED WITCH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NAKED WITCH: What did the headline read — "Deer Trees Em-bare-assed Witch"? Please let me know. And when you do, be sure to mention where you were carry-

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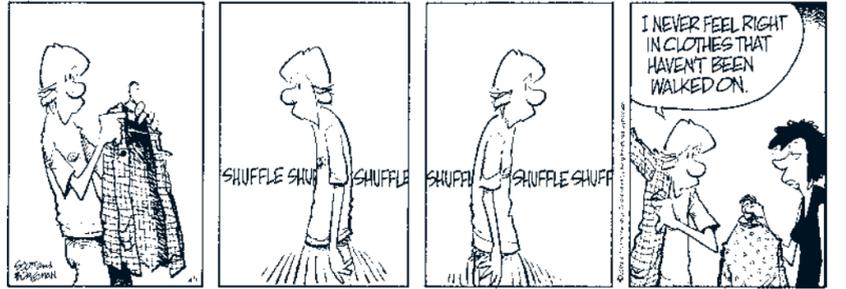
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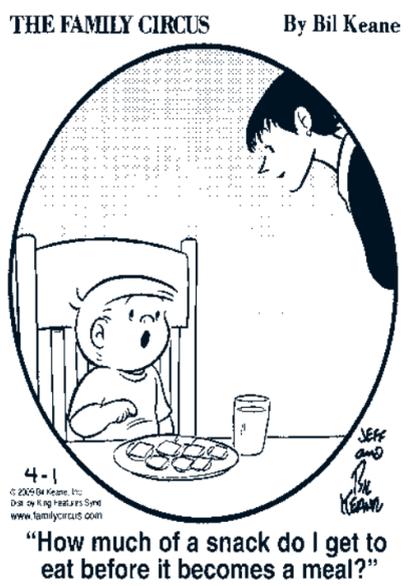
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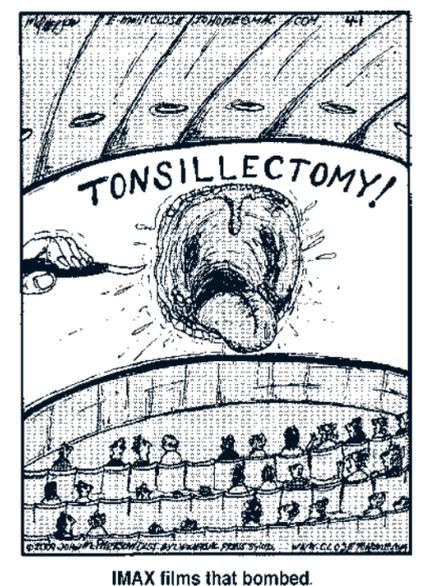
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