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Jailed teacher on leave

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A Whitfield Career Academy teacher has been placed on administrative leave with pay after allegedly threatening fellow employees and having a knife and a loaded .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol on campus, officials said.

David Lewis Bolt, 54, of 671 Grand Center Road in Chickamauga, was charged by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with carrying weapons on school grounds, a felony. The sheriff's office was called at 4:37 p.m. on Monday by school officials about threats to employees at the school. Detective Wayne Headrick asked Bolt if he would agree to be searched and Bolt agreed, according to an incident report. Headrick found a lockblade knife with a blade



Bolt

around."

After Bolt agreed to have his Jeep Rubicon searched in the school parking lot, Headrick found the pistol between the passenger seat and the console.

longer than two inches in Bolt's boot.

"When the call came in it appeared that (Bolt) had made a generalized comment, not to someone close to him, but to a group of individuals," said Maj. John Gibson with the sheriff's office.

"It was perceived by someone as a threat, but there were no children

Bolt is listed as an instructor in the School of Industrial Technology on the Whitfield County Schools Web site (www.whitfield.k12.ga.us). He has degrees in criminal justice, vocational education and administration/supervision, and teaches welding and metal fabrication at the academy. He was a Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) recipient, although a year is not given. He has been employed by the school system since August of 1989.

Citing budget constraints, school officials cut the "metals" program from the Career Academy for the 2009-2010 school year.

Gibson said "the evidence was not con-

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Amy Kleem, director of Family Promise, talks about the play room where families in the program can bring their children during the day.

Churches aid families

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Rene, who prefers to be identified only by her middle name, says Dalton's Family Promise program has been a blessing for her family.

"It helps you get back on your feet, back to a normal life," she said.

Rene, her husband and two children are the first family enrolled in the program, but organizers say they definitely won't be the last.

"The maximum we can accommodate is 14 people or about three families," said Family Promise director Amy Kleem.

The idea behind Family Promise, which is a nationwide program, is that local churches band together to provide shelter, meals and other services for homeless families with children.

Family Promise in Whitfield County currently has 16 churches taking part.

"The way it works is that the family stays at one church from 5 p.m. Sunday until 5 p.m. the next Sunday," Kleem said. "The church provides all the shelter and food for that week. They basically take a Sunday school room and turn it into a hotel room."

Family Promise staff pick up the family members during the



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Brenda McClure, an administrator at Rock Bridge Community Church, straightens the covers in a crib in a room where a family is living at the church.

morning and take them to a day center where they can shower and wash their clothes. If they aren't currently working, family members can spend the day at the center before returning to their host church that afternoon.

The program opened Feb. 1. Rene and her family joined about a

week after that.

Rene's story is one that many in this area can understand. She had to leave her job at a local factory for health reasons. Shortly after that, her husband's hours were cut

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Man faces 60 years in prison

Editor's note: A longer version of this story is available on The Daily Citizen Web site, www.daltondailycitizen.com.

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Travis Raymond Millsaps maintained he had been entrapped by law enforcement when he traveled to Whitfield County to visit what turned out to be an underage girl who was a creation of a law enforcement task force.

A jury thought otherwise, convicting Millsaps of criminal attempt to commit aggravated child molestation, criminal attempt to commit child molestation and computer and electronic child exploitation after a two-day trial. The jury deliberated 25 minutes, District Attorney Kermit McManus said.

Millsaps, 35, of 8517 Hale Road in Hixson, Tenn., near Chattanooga, faces the possibility of 60 years in prison when he is sentenced on May 8 in Superior Court by Judge Jack Partain. Millsaps is being held in the Whitfield County jail.

He was arrested on Aug. 9 of last year by the Dalton Police Department. The case stemmed from an undercover investigation of the Northwest Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, organized by the FBI.

"A whole lot of work has gone into this," said McManus. "We already tried him once back in January." A jury came back then after six hours with six for conviction and six for acquittal — a hung jury.

"I was surprised the second jury came back so quickly, especially since the DA's office had no new significant evidence," said attorney Bryan Hoss of Chattanooga, who represented Millsaps with his partner Lee Davis.

Hoss said investigators went to a pornographic Web site, downloaded a photo of a woman purported to be 24 years old, then cropped the photo further to show just the woman's midsection and e-mailed it to Millsaps.

"They acted like a 14-year-old on the chat when they sent it and said, 'This is myself,'" Hoss said. "The truth is it was a naked woman from a pornographic Web site."

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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.

"Hope and change have now become spend and blame!"

"There are a lot of larger cities in the U.S. bigger than Dalton protected by volunteer firefighters, It's not by how you categorize them. It's by the training, dedication and guts they have."

"The definition of marriage is a man and woman joined together. So gays do have the same rights, they can marry a person of the opposite sex."

Editor: The question is how the law, not Mr. Webster, defines marriage. But you made a good semantic point.

"Can anyone name the three original dime stores in Dalton? My husband can. He shopped at each one of them."

"Southeastern Cafe at the corner of Murray Avenue and Grimes Street was run by Allen and Rosa Jones."

"I want to thank the Lord for the miracle he sent my son Jody. Jody is no longer on dialysis or insulin. The Lord gave him a new pancreas and new kidney."

"The Cochrans say thank you to the nurses and staff at Quentin Memorial. Y'all do a great job."

"I am good with the remote control, when my husband lets me have it."

Editor: If my wife touched my remote control, I'd let her have it all right!

"Jimmy, when you get your first great grandchild you'll really feel old. And you'll look forward to Wednesday, which is Old Coots Day at Kroger."

"My kids are grown now but I still get a lot of Box Tops for Education labels. I would be happy to mail them to any school that uses them. If you will leave a number and name for who takes them, I'd be happy to do that."

"Firemen say that if you are on fire, you should stop, drop and roll. But this won't work in Hell."

"Instead of complaining about a church's crying baby in the newspaper, go to the person and tell them."

"In regard to David Rapp's letter: The cost of illegal aliens is not worth the effort."

"My son is a policeman in another city. Every day he lays his life on the line for the protection of the citizens. Be thankful to God for policemen."

"To the person whose son is in jail until 2037, maybe he should have stopped at two strikes."

"I live in a manufactured home on 13 acres of land. I retired at 58. The reason I could retire at 58 was I didn't have 30 years of house payments to make. Everything I have is paid for."

"What a pleasure this time of year to see those migratory animals headed north on I-75."

"I have no problem with anyone who pays taxes. If you are not paying your taxes, please get out of our

country."

"Being an ex-volunteer firefighter, I know county firefighters are just as capable as those in the city of Dalton. We work hand in hand. Your comment was very inappropriate."

"I like hearing about the good old days in Dalton and maybe the crabby old lady who complained should go back to where ever she came from."

"About the crying baby comment: You should open your arms with love and guide the person to the nursery instead of attacking them in the paper."

"We'll take those crying babies at Friendship Baptist Church."

"I am a concerned friend and I think it's time that Jamie Jones shave his beard or trim it."

Editor: Ditto.

Scam alert

Elderly women are being approached in busy parking lots and told that there was a spark under their car. The scammer then says he can fix an "alternator problem" if the lady will give the man money for a part. But the man never comes back."

"Betty worked at Bob's Waffle Shop and hamburgers were a dime."

"The people of Dalton need to understand that Mayor Pennington is trying to get rid of the fire department."

"Do the Murray County school resource officers all leave the school at lunch? Isn't that when something might happen?"

"If Mr. Rapp is so concerned why doesn't he walk down to Mexico and teach them English."

"Mayor Pennington wants our city recreation department — recognized as one of the best in the state — to merge with the county. Maybe we should have a county mayor and no city government. Merge them."

"Parents need to teach children manners and how to behave when they are out. The parents are as bad as the kids."

"Cockfighting hasn't stopped in Murray County. They just moved it. I wonder if the IRS could stop it. The money made off cockfighting isn't being taxed."

"The Best Drive-In was where Delray Farms is now."

"My sister and I worked for the telephone company and got off at 11 pm. On the rare occasions when we had enough money, we would go to Griffin's Drive-In for a hamburger and Coke. It was very, very good."

"The little eight-year-old Good Samaritan who helped the person up goes to Mountain Ridge Baptist Church. The motto there is Putting Love Into Action."

"A great place to eat in Dalton was King's Cafe. A wonderful family ran the restaurant and the food was great."

"I have friends who live in trailers. They are hard working people and pay taxes."

"Mr. Editor, I lost a little black poodle in the Cleveland Highway area. Please call 706-847-3133."

"Some babies won't get to the nursery without their parents. Would you rather those like us not go to church?"

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR APRIL 1

Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 3-4-4, Cash 4: 5-4-1-9, Evening Cash 3: 0-5-4
Win for Life: 11-21-15-32-8-9, Free Ball: 4
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 7-3-3, Lucky Sum: 13; Cash 4: 8-6-1-2, Lucky Sum: 17
Evening Cash 3: 0-8-9, Lucky Sum: 17, Cash 4: 5-6-5-2, Lucky Sum: 18

Hispanic groups push for action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying traditional census outreach will not be enough, Hispanic groups on Wednesday urged the Obama administration to follow through now on its pledge to pass immigration reform or risk an undercount of millions of people.

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Univision Inc., the League of United Latin American Citizens and SEIU announced a grassroots campaign that would supplement Census Bureau efforts to reach the traditionally hard to count Hispanic community. An estimated 1 million Hispanics, or about 3 percent of the U.S. population, were missed in 2000.

"Make no mistake about it: The census cannot succeed if Latinos are not fully counted," said Arturo Vargas, executive director of NALEO, noting that Hispanics make up half of the nation's percentage growth. "We are the future of the United States."

He said a halt to immigration raids is not enough and referred to President Barack Obama's pledge on immigration reform.

"That needs to be decided today, not in the 2010 census," Vargas said.

Prison

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In the issue of fairness and due process, we had a problem with that. But the jury rejected our argument the second time."

Hoss said there will be no appeal at this time, but a possible appeal will be discussed with the family after they hear the sentence.

McManus said prosecutors presented evidence that for four days Millsaps exchanged e-mails and digital photographs, as well as instant messages, with a person he believed to be under the age of 16. McManus said Millsaps made arrangements online and with phone calls to meet with the "girl" and then drove from Tennessee to Whitfield County with condoms "for the purpose of engaging in a variety of sexual acts."

Trailer burns

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A double-wide trailer on 184 Strain Road in north Whitfield County was found "50 percent involved" in flames when county firefighters arrived Wednesday morning, a 911 operator said. The call came in at 7:27 a.m.

The operator said no residents were home and firefighters left at noon. A report was incomplete and the names of the residents were not available, he said.

Carnival set

The Valley Point Elementary Spring Carnival will be Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities will include face painting, inflatables, bingo, dunking booth and pie throwing. All funds raised will go to the Valley Point Elementary PTO.

There is no admission charge; tickets are 25 cents each.

If it rains, all activities will be moved inside the school.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Megan
Hobby:
AGE: 24
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Husband, Russell Hobby
WORK: Rock Bridge Community Church
PLAY: Reading, writing, generally hanging out with friends
SHE SAID: "Live simply. Love intensely. Follow Jesus."



Market upbeat

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street began the second quarter on solid footing Wednesday as better-than-expected economic reports helped extend a four-week rally.

After falling in the early going on disappointing jobs data, the Dow Jones industrials ended with a gain of 153 points following reports showing a rebound in pending home sales and improving manufacturing activity. Other major indexes rose about 1.5 percent.

Financial stocks led the market higher, followed by big gains in technology and energy shares. As sentiment about the economy improves, investors have been buying up industries they believe are likely to lead the country out of recession.

The Dow charged ahead in March, rising 16 percent off of 12-year lows hit early in the month, but its movements over the first three months of the year have been among the most tumultuous on record. Only three other

times in the Dow's history has it experienced 20 percent swings in both directions in one quarter.

Better economic data and an improving outlook on U.S. banks in recent weeks has fueled optimism that the recession could end this year. But there are still a number of analysts who warn against calling a bottom to the market too soon.

Volatility is expected to continue as investors try to gauge where the economy goes from here.

"People seem to swing from one side to the other of 'the recovery has started' to 'the world is ending again,'" said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management.

According to calculations, the Dow rose 152.68, or 2 percent, to 7,761.60.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.21, or 1.7 percent, to 811.08.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index gained 23.01, or 1.5 percent, to 1,551.60.

THE MARKET

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 7761.60 ▲ 152.70
Wednesday's NASDAQ: 1551.60 ▲ 23

	Tuesday	Wednesday		15.03	15.03
Gold	916.5	924.5	IBM	96.97	97.61
Silver	12.94	12.96	Interface	2.99	3.06
Acuity	22.60	22.64	JCP	20.03	20.56
AAir	4.55	4.82	JNJ	52.58	53.04
Apple	105.1	108.6	Kroger	21.15	21.34
AT&T	25.14	25.92	Lowe's	18.18	18.48
BAC	6.79	7.05	McDonalds	54.48	55.24
BB&T	16.92	17.34	Merck	26.70	26.9
BP	40.10	40.42	Microsoft	18.37	19.31
BristolMyers	21.83	21.97	Mohawk	29.87	31.75
HP-Compaq	32.08	32.88	Motorola	4.23	4.33
Chevron	67.05	68.30	Region-Fin	4.23	4.41
CocaCola	43.94	44.86	Rock-Tenn.	27.02	26.64
ConAgra	16.88	16.73	Sara Lee	8.07	8.22
ColonialBnk	.98	1.05	SouthernCo	30.58	30.81
Coke Ent.	13.19	13.49	Synovus	3.25	3.28
CrackerBrl	28.64	28.25	SunTrust	11.80	12.02
CrwnCrafts	1.91	1.90	Torchmark	26.13	26.43
CSX	25.81	26.49	Total Sys	13.81	13.98
Dell	9.48	9.52	UPS	49.19	50.07
Delta	5.63	5.91	Vulcan	44.29	45.96
Dixie Group	1.10	1.10	Verizon	30.11	31.22
Dow	8.43	8.81	Wal-Mart	52.03	52.82
Duke	14.30	14.26	Wells Fargo	14.38	14.48
DuPont	22.26	23.44	Wendy's	5.04	5
Earthlink	6.57	6.75	Yum	27.47	28.28
Ericsson	8.09	8.58	Xerox	4.55	4.75
Exxon	67.88	69.23			
Ford	2.64	2.74			
FSG	3.37	3.98			
GE	10.09	10.17			
GM	2.02	1.93			
Goodyear	6.26	6.49			
HomeDepot	23.41	23.83			

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BUSINESS

Dow Chem. buys Rohm & Haas

NEW YORK — Dow Chemical Co. said Wednesday it has closed on its \$16.5 billion buyout of Rohm & Haas Co., a deal that it hopes will fuel growth in the high-margin specialty chemicals market.

Rohm & Haas will form the core of a new advanced materials unit that is expected to have \$14 billion in annual sales, Midland, Mich.-based Dow said.

The Rohm & Haas brand will disappear and its stock will cease trading on Wednesday, Dow said.

"The closing of this transaction strongly positions Dow for the future by transforming our business portfolio," Dow Chairman, Chief Executive and President Andrew Liveris said in a statement. "We are committed to delivering on a clear and measurable plan designed to meet the needs of our investors, employees, customers and suppliers, even in this current challenging macroeconomic environment."

Dow took on much more debt than originally planned for the Philadelphia-based company, a negative on Wall Street amid the financial downturn. Additionally, much of the funding for the deal came from a \$10 billion loan that becomes much more expensive after a year.

Oil price down

HOUSTON — Oil prices staged a late rally but still closed below \$49 a barrel Wednesday, as more signs of a sick economy fueled worries about energy consumption. The nation's oil inventories are now at levels not seen in more than 15 years.

But crude's decline is likely to have a benefit for consumers at the gasoline pump, where the national price for regular unleaded dipped slightly overnight. It marked the first decrease in gasoline prices in more than two weeks.

Mexicans abroad remit less money

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's central bank says the money Mexicans living abroad sent home in February fell 3 percent compared to the same period in 2008.

Even so, the drop was less than in January, when remittances were down 12 percent compared to January 2008.

Remittances have been dropping because of the U.S. recession as well as a crack-down on illegal immigration that has stemmed migration.

The bank reported Wednesday that Mexicans sent back \$1.8 billion in February, compared to \$1.5 billion in January.

Last year was the first time remittances have fallen year-to-year since the bank started tracking the money 13 years ago. Mexico's second largest foreign income source plunged 3.6 percent to \$25 billion in 2008 compared to \$26 billion in 2007.

The Associated Press

DEAL FINISHES 4TH



MISTY WATSON/ The Daily Citizen

Murray County High School senior Chris Deal performs the monologue he did during the state literary meet recently. He placed fourth.

Baker joins race for Ga. governor

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker is entering the 2010 race for governor in Georgia, jumping into a crowded field to replace Sonny Perdue when his second term expires.



Baker

If he wins Baker, the state's top elected Democrat, would be Georgia's first black governor. He's expected to stress his tough law-and-order credentials in cracking down on identity fraud and abolishing parole for violent offenders.

Baker will file the paperwork later Wednesday to enter the race, spokesman Jeff DiSantis said. That allows him to raise money for the contest, still 19 months away. Baker had no immediate comment.

Baker is serving his third four-year term as attorney general after being appointed to the post in 1997 by then-Gov. Zell Miller. He made history as the first black to hold the state's top law enforcement post.

Before that he served nine years in the state House of Representatives, where he rose to become Miller's floor leader.

The gubernatorial post being vacated by Perdue is attracting attention from many of Georgia's political heavyweights.

On the Republican side, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Karen Handel, state Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine and state Rep. Austin Scott, of Tifton, are all running. Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens is also considering entering the race.

David Poythress, former

commander of the Georgia National Guard, is the only Democrat in the race so far. House Minority Leader DuBose Porter and former Gov. Roy Barnes have also said they may jump in.

Perdue became Georgia's first GOP governor since Reconstruction and the state has become increasingly Republican since he first took office in 2002. Democrats face what could be an uphill battle in retaking the governor's mansion.

Born in Rocky Mount, N.C. in 1952, Baker attended segregated schools until he was a sophomore in high school. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975. A fencing enthusiast, he won the 1975 Atlantic Coast Conference individual sabre championship.

He went on to graduate from Emory University's law school. He managed his own law firm and worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Baker adopted a tough-on-crime stance in the statehouse. He helped pass Georgia's "two strikes" law, designed to keep violent offenders in jail without possibility of parole. He also succeeded in passing tougher laws to combat financial identity fraud.

He was endorsed by the National Rifle Association in all three of his bids for attorney general.

In 2006, Baker was selected by his peers as president of the National Association of Attorneys General. But despite the high-profile posts, Baker is notoriously press-shy and rarely holds news conferences.

His role as the state's chief law enforcement officer has sometimes put him at odds with Georgia's black community and his own party.

House OKs changes to transportation system

ATLANTA (AP) — The House narrowly approved a massive makeover of Georgia's transportation bureaucracy that would hand the governor and state lawmakers vast new powers over how infrastructure money is spent, and keeping alive a separate proposal for a one-cent state sales tax to fund transportation projects.

The 91-84 vote on Wednesday came after heavy lobbying by Gov. Sonny Perdue and Republican legislative leaders who argued that granting lawmakers new powers over transportation funding would help transform a dysfunctional bureaucracy into one that is more accountable to voters.

House leaders said the vote would help break a gridlock over a separate proposal for the one-cent tax that had stalled in the Legislature over the last two years. Senate leaders refused to try to hash out a compromise over dueling plans until the House adopted the transportation makeover.

But the overhaul still almost failed amid concerns it would politicize the road-building process and hand too much power to the gover-

nor. State Rep. Vance Smith, who chairs the House Transportation Committee, voted against the proposal, and House Speaker Glenn Richardson froze the vote count for about five minutes as he tried to muster enough support.

During that time, at least five legislators switched from "no" to "yes" votes to ensure its passage.

"I wanted the opportunity to keep it going," said state Rep. Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta, one of the lawmakers who switched votes.

The Senate has already passed its own measure of the makeover that would create a new agency to oversee transportation funding. The House version retains much of the same setup, but creates a new planning division in the Department of Transportation that would submit the agency's budget to the governor.

The House plan would also give lawmakers more direct control of up to 20 percent of the annual transportation budget — or around \$400 million this year.

Perdue and legislative leaders have long sought more authority to determine

which infrastructure projects are funded. Under the current system, a 13-person state transportation board elected by state legislators has the final word in choosing projects.

"This bill ensures the people of the state will have a role and a voice in that process because the appropriations will now come through this General Assembly where it belongs," said state Rep. David Ralston, the bill's sponsor. "Every other department goes through this process but one — and it's time to change."

Critics derided the overhaul as a poor April Fools joke, saying it would create an even more cumbersome bureaucracy that could ultimately reduce the independence of legislators.

"The governor will have the power to put projects on the list. And if you're not voting in lockstep with the governor, you will not get a project on this list for your district," said state Rep. Mark Hatfield, R-Waycross. "If you're truly concerned about your citizens back home, please vote 'no' on this bill."

Schools impact state economy

ATLANTA (AP) — A new study shows the state's public colleges and universities have more than a \$12 billion impact on Georgia.

The study was by the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth.

It shows that the 35 institutions in the University System of Georgia are responsible directly or indirectly for 108,405 jobs in the state, or about 2.6 percent of all jobs in Georgia.

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LETTERS

Obama responded to veterans' worries

To the editor:

I am responding to the letter written by Horton Herrin regarding payment of medical treatments by veterans.

I am an 80 percent service-connected disabled veteran and rely on my VA benefits for medical attention. As a veteran, I am offended Mr. Herrin left many readers with the impression our President has a blatant disregard for the medical needs or the patriotic service of veterans.

On March 19, 2009, the Obama administration rescinded the proposed medical plan. The President's decision to scrap the plan came after veterans and veteran advocacy groups voiced their concerns.

The Presidents objective was to generate more than \$540 billion in savings by having veterans with private insurance submit their claims through the private insurance carrier rather than through Veterans Administration.

Many of us feared the plan would increase premium rates for veterans to allow for coverage of service-connected disabilities. Furthermore, there were concerns employer might be reluctant to hire veterans with existing disabilities due to potential increases in medical claims.

The Presidents removal of the proposal is evidence of his promise to listen to the needs of our veterans.

I am convinced the new administration is devoted to the veterans needs, will ensure quality health care is available, and will push for improvements to our current benefits.

Deborah Gibson Winters
SFC (RET), US Army

It's a good time to quit smoking

To the editor:

Plan now to have a healthier and wealthier spring and summer: Quit smoking.

As of April 1, the federal tax on cigarettes increased by 62 cents per pack. That means a pack-a-day smoker will spend more than \$1,490. on cigarettes in a year; a two-pack-a-day smoker will spend almost \$2,980. Quitting eliminates or reduces all of the expenses that go along with smoking. Just imagine what you could do with those savings – pay off that credit card debt, plan a nice vacation, or get a new flat screen television!

Everyone knows smoking is unhealthy; I'm sure you've heard enough about that. A U.S. Surgeon General's Report concluded that smoking harms virtually every organ in the body. But there is good news. Regardless of your age, how long you've been smoking, or how much you smoke, quitting smoking now has immediate and long-term benefits.

If you quit on the stroke of midnight, your blood pressure will decrease and your pulse will slow down in just a half-hour. By noon on April 1, your body's carbon monoxide levels will be lower. By April 2, your risk of a heart attack will already begin to drop. By the summer, your circulation and lung function will have improved, and walking and exercising will be easier. Depending on how long and how much you smoked, in 2010 your stroke risk will be comparable to that of people who have never smoked, and in 2020 your overall risk of death will be comparable to people who have never smoked.

Despite all the good reasons to quit, making that decision can be still be challenging. You may feel uneasy about trying to quit, especially if you have tried to do so in the past. Maybe you tried quitting cold turkey and still think it's the only way. The good news is that you no longer need to rely on willpower alone. In fact, it's been shown that seeking support increases your chance of quitting forever. You can find this help in many forms—family and friends, a local counseling program, your doctor, or stop-smoking medication such as the nicotine gum, patch or lozenge.

A great step is to call the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP where you can get free advice and counseling on how to stop. The Quitline is open seven days a week from 8 a.m.-midnight. Those interested in local tobacco cessation courses can go to www.health.state.ga.us and find the Tobacco Use Prevention link to find a listing of available cessation classes. With the new tax, the health risks, and the support available now, there's never been a better time for smokers to kick the habit.

Gena Agnew, Executive Director
Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition

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To suggest a Bible verse,
call (706) 272-7735 or
email jimmyespy@daltoncitizen.com

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

1 Corinthians 1:27

Thought for today: "We crucify ourselves between two thieves: regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow."

Fulton Oursler
American journalist and author (1893-1952)

American demise

Most of our nation's great problems, including our economic problems, have as their root decaying moral values. Whether we have the stomach to own up to it or not, we have become an immoral people left with little more than the pretense of morality. You say, "That's a pretty heavy charge, Williams. You'd better be prepared to back it up with evidence!" I'll try with a few questions for you to answer.

Do you believe that it is moral and just for one person to be forcibly used to serve the purposes of another? And, if that person does not peaceably submit to being so used, do you believe that there should be the initiation of some kind of force against him? Neither question is complex and can be answered by either a yes or no. For me the answer is no to both questions but I bet that your average college professor, politician or minister would not give a simple yes or no response. They would be evasive and probably say that it all depends.

In thinking about questions of morality, my initial premise is that I am my private property and you are your private property. That's simple. What's complex is what percentage of me belongs to someone else. If we accept the idea of self-ownership, then certain acts are readily revealed as moral or immoral. Acts such as rape and murder are immoral because they violate one's private property



Walter Williams

rights. Theft of the physical things that we own, such as cars, jewelry and money, also violates our ownership rights. The reason why your college professor, politician or minister cannot give a simple yes or no answer to the question of whether one person should be used to serve the purposes of another is because they are sly enough to know that either answer would be troublesome for their agenda. A yes answer would put them firmly in the position of supporting some of mankind's most horrible injustices such as slavery. After all, what is slavery but the forcible use of one person to serve the purposes of another? A no answer would put them on the spot as well because that would mean they would have to come out against taking the earnings of one American to give to another in the forms of farm and business handouts, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and thousands of similar programs that account for more than two-thirds of the federal budget. There is neither moral justification nor constitutional authority for what amounts to legalized theft. This is not an argument against paying

taxes. We all have a moral obligation to pay our share of the constitutionally mandated and enumerated functions of the federal government.

Unfortunately, there is no way out of our immoral quagmire. The reason is that now that the U.S. Congress has established the principle that one American has a right to live at the expense of another American, it no longer pays to be moral. People who choose to be moral and refuse congressional handouts will find themselves losers. They'll be paying higher and higher taxes to support increasing numbers of those paying lower and lower taxes. As it stands now, close to 50 percent of income earners have no federal income tax liability and as such, what do they care about rising income taxes? In other words, once legalized theft begins, it becomes too costly to remain moral and self-sufficient. You might as well join in the looting, including the current looting in the name of stimulating the economy.

I am all too afraid that a historian, a hundred years from now, will footnote America as a historical curiosity where people once enjoyed private property rights and limited government but it all returned to mankind's normal state of affairs — arbitrary abuse and control by the powerful elite.

Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



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Loyal opposition exists in the country

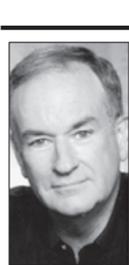
Shocking many of its listeners, the left-leaning National Public Radio recently ran a commentary pointing out that Fox News Channel, which NPR considers to be very conservative, is amassing record ratings in the wake of the Democratic takeover in Washington.

All things considered, that was not great news for some NPR folks.

The reason that FNC is doing so well while some committed-left media operations are failing is what I call the remorse factor.

Almost 62 million Americans voted against Barack Obama last November, many of them convinced that his vision for America was, well, kind of dangerous. Also, exit polling showed that some who supported the president did so out of disgust with the Bush administration, which lost control during its last two years in power.

When financial chaos intruded on Obama's honeymoon period, millions of news consumers flocked to agencies that have been a bit skeptical of the young president. Obviously, news organizations considered to be in the tank for Obama are of little use to peo-



Bill O'Reilly

ple worried about their financial well-being.

In politics, there is always an element of hatred, even in a noble country like the United States. If you are an Obama-hater, you are likely to go where your opinion is reinforced. If you are neutral on the president but worried he may be in over his head, you might seek a more skeptical view of his policies.

Thus, the rough bumps the president is experiencing have been deadly for the liberal media that just a few months ago cheerled him into office.

Truth be told, I have been a beneficiary of the president's early troubles because my television ratings are through the roof. Folks know that while I respect Obama and do not take cheap shots against him, I am skeptical of his big-government, nanny-state philosophy. Also, my guests represent many points of view, unlike my cable news competition that spins nearly everything positive in Obama Land.

However, I do not want Obama to fail. I want him to see the light. This is a great country because most of its citizens are responsible, hardworking people who realize that cradle-to-grave entitlements will ultimately bankrupt the nation. Call me crazy, but I want to persuade the ultra-intelligent president that his Swedish-entitlements vision for 300 million Americans is an opium-fueled pipe dream. Self-reliance has made this country great, not federal foot massages.

I will consistently deliver that message to the president, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, Harry Reid and the rest of the gang who couldn't spend straight. I'll do that hoping the Democrats will wise up and impose some discipline in the fiscal area. If they do not control federal spending, they will suffer big losses in the congressional races just a year and a half from now.

Until then, here's looking at you, good ratings.

Bill O'Reilly is a nationally syndicated columnist and the host of the top-rated O'Reilly Report on Fox.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, April 2**, the 92nd day of 2009. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces.

In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in the Bronx, N.Y., where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man called "John" in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 2005, Pope John Paul II, who'd led the Roman Catholic Church for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

Ten years ago: The Labor Department reported that the nation's unemployment rate fell to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent in March 1999.

Five years ago: A judge in New York declared a mistrial in the grand-larceny case against two former Tyco executives after a juror apparently received an intimidating letter and phone call for supposedly siding with the defense.

One year ago: President George W. Bush suffered a painful diplomatic setback when NATO allies rebuffed his passionate pleas to put former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on the path toward membership.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Leon Russell is 67. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 66. Singer Emmylou Harris is 62. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 48. Actor Christopher Meloni is 48. Country singer Billy Dean is 47. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 40. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 36. Country singer Jill King is 34. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 34. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 30.

Public can attend 'Update' for free

The public may attend the Congressional Update with Sen. Johnny Isakson and Rep. Nathan Deal on Tuesday for free.

Tickets to the event at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center are required only for those wanting to eat the breakfast.

The event is hosted by the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.

It begins at 7:45 a.m., with breakfast being served at 8.

Deal and Isakson will speak and answer questions.



FILE PHOTO

Milton Clarke, left, Marvin Sowder, middle, and Walter Mullinax rake leaves at the Confederate Cemetery in Dalton in this photo from April 2008.

Upper Room plans Saturday fundraiser

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Upper Room Mission will hold a fundraiser this Saturday at the Walmart on Shugart Road. Cokes, hot dogs and other refreshments, including desserts, will be sold from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Donations will also be accepted.

The Upper Room, at 103 W. Waugh St., provides food, clothing, counseling and worship services to "hurting people," said volunteer Wayne Snyder.

"We've had the support of

many volunteers and local churches and ministered to hundreds of people," he said. "They range in age from babies to the elderly living on very minimal incomes."

Snyder said the number of people coming to the mission has increased faster than donations, due to the current downturn in the economy that includes job losses.

Donations may be mailed to Upper Room Mission, P.O. Box 4120, Dalton, GA 30721.

For more information, call (706) 226-8393/8394.

AREA ARRESTS

- Larry Joseph Brown Jr., 31, 1909 Flairknoll Drive, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking and criminal attempt theft by taking (both motor vehicle), failure to register as a sex offender and probation violation.

- Adrian Fajardo-Ponce, 35, 1135 N. Hamilton St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with identity theft, first degree forgery and false statements.

- Ralph Thomas Ledford, 38, 1314 Ludie St., Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with second degree criminal damage to property.

- Jeari Denease Allmon, 26, 4980-G Mark Brown Road, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with loitering, illegal possession of methadone, possession of dangerous drugs, drugs in

wrong container and contraband across guard lines.

- Jonathan Lee Cox, 28, 109 Emma St., Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree cruelty to children, criminal trespass and interference with a 911 call.

- Keith Dewayne Gullledge, 19, 2714 N. Chattanooga Road, Rocky Face, was charged Wednesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with a bench warrant, battery (family violence) and interference with government property.

- Chadwick David Newberry, 33, 3404 Chatsworth Highway, Dalton, was charged Wednesday by the Dalton Police Department with possession of tools for the commission of a crime and possession of methamphetamine.

LOCAL BRIEFS

City street will be blocked

Due to Tuesday's rainy weather, the Dalton Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit was unable to complete the investigation of a serious automobile accident that occurred on March 22. All lanes of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Spencer Street and Easterling Street will be closed on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. so the work can be completed.

Saddle Club plans Saturday event

The Whitfield County Saddle Club will hold a Ranch Horse show on Saturday at the Murray County Saddle Club. Gates will open at 8 a.m. and the event will start at 9.

The Murray County Saddle Club will hold its annual meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. The public is invited.

Cleanup on Saturday

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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Volunteers from across the country will do their part to preserve Civil War history this weekend. Saturday marks the 13th annual "Park Day" cleanup of Civil War and other sites.

Here in Whitfield County, volunteers will be cleaning up Prater's Mill near Varnell, the Confederate Cemetery in West Hill Cemetery and the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center and Western & Atlantic Railroad tunnel in Tunnel Hill.

Betty Bowlin, a volunteer with the non-profit Prater's Mill Foundation, said Park Day is a chance to draw attention to these historic sites.

"We will be there from 9 a.m. to noon," she said. "It's a general spring cleanup of all of the buildings and grounds and the nature trails. We welcome anybody that would like to come help us."

That could involve trimming brush on the trails, picking up trash and sweeping and dusting the interiors of the building.

The Civil War Preservation Trust organizes the event, which is recognized as a "Take Pride in America" event. The group says more than 100 sites in 24 states will take part

this year.

"Without proper maintenance, battlefields can suffer from the ravages of both time and tourism. Our goal is to spruce up these links to America's past so they can be enjoyed by all," said trust president James Lighthizer in a press release.

Volunteers will also be gathering at the Confederate Cemetery at 9 a.m.

"We usually finish around noon," said Marvin Sowder.

Sowder says volunteers will rake leaves and pick up branches that have fallen down as well as straighten headstones. He says it's important to get the cemetery cleaned up before the annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day there on April 25. Volunteers will honor both the Confederate and Union soldiers buried there in a ceremony that starts at 2 p.m.

Members of the Tunnel Hill Historical Foundation will begin at 11 a.m. to clean up around the heritage center, the railroad tunnel and the public area around the Clisby Austin house, according to the foundation's Rial Sloan.

Other North Georgia sites that will be taking part are the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Rome and the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield.

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BRIDGE

Sylvia strikes again

It was impossible to predict what Sylvia would do at any time, since her conception of the game was completely different than anyone else's. The bids and plays she would improvise on the spur of the moment — while to her appearing entirely logical — were a never-ending source of astonishment not only to her harried partners but also to her (usually) grateful opponents.

Despite this, Sylvia was a popular member of the club, frequently providing the members with something to talk about whenever one of her zany bids or plays worked out in her favor.

Take this deal from Sylvia's very first team-of-four match. She was East and doubled six spades, which South — well aware of Sylvia's proclivities — redoubled.

West led the ace of diamonds, and Sylvia trumped it with the jack! This extraordinary play naturally drew a gasp from the large gallery of kibitzers, but thereafter the play proceeded normally, and South went down one.

At the other table, South also got to six spades (undoubled), but made the slam. Here, too, the ace of diamonds was led, but East discarded a club on it. Declarer ruffed and led a spade, West showing out.

South's only chance now was a trump endplay, which he proceeded to execute. He took the spade ace, led a heart to the king and cashed four clubs, discarding dummy's four remaining diamonds. Next he played three more rounds of hearts ending in dummy, at which point dummy's last three cards were the K-10-8 of spades. The eight-of-spades lead then left East without recourse.

Sylvia's team thus gained 1,180 points on the deal as the result of her trumping her partner's ace!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU LOCATE THE DENSE SHRUBBERY GROWTH YOU'RE SEEKING, YOU COULD CRY "THAT'S THE THICKEST!"
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals P

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You have to allow yourself time to mull things over this year. If you react too fast or let your emotions get the better of you, all will be lost. The problems that have been plaguing you must be resolved before you can feel good physically, mentally and emotionally. Your numbers are 3, 12, 14, 20, 31, 38, 45

A R I E S (March 21-April 19): Watch out or you'll find yourself trapped in an emotional situation that will not be easy for you to fix. Be ready to make whatever changes are required without a fuss. Don't upset someone who depends on you. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can't depend on others to do the work for you. Change that you do not like will be ushered in if you leave things up to someone else. Don't be afraid to charge for the work you put in. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a chance on someone willing to go along with change and you will surpass the competition. Your ability to see the possibilities and go after your dreams will cause upset for someone less visionary. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Push for what you want. Emotional issues will be brought out in the open. Address them quickly or you will face embarrassment. A change at work will lead to a new position. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are in control and ready to take action. Believe in what you are trying to accomplish. Travel in order to have a face-to-face conversation with whoever is making a final decision. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a serious look at who's on your side and who isn't. Change is necessary and, although it may

be difficult, it will help you resolve long-term issues that have been holding you back. Reevaluate and eliminate. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid anyone who is trying to manipulate you. Now is not the time to fight over something that just isn't going to work for you. Learn to say no and stick to your decision. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You really need to get away or work on something creative to take your mind off the harsher realities of life. You can recharge your batteries and forge ahead with a project you've been trying to finish. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't spend what you don't have or borrow what you probably cannot pay back. Restrict your habits and reestablish your position so you can get ahead instead of further behind. Love is looking favorable. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to treat everyone equally and hope that you will get the same in return. A problem with someone you love will develop if you haven't paid him or her enough attention. Travel should be kept to a minimum. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make some extra cash by putting your talents to work. You can drum up demand for services you have to offer and build your own small business from the ground up. Someone from your past will have greater respect for you now. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Give everything you've got to a hobby or interest you enjoy and you may be able to turn it into a lucrative pastime. Don't let someone else's negativity stop you. If someone pushes you, don't be afraid to push back. 5 stars



Eugenia Last

Called to preach

Larry Chastain felt a call to ministry 37 years ago

Ever felt God was trying to get your attention?

Thirty-seven years ago, 21-year-old Larry Chastain was mulling over what he felt was a call to ministry. God had put the desire on his heart five years earlier, but Chastain wanted to be absolutely positive he wasn't imagining things.

"A lot of preachers think they've been called, but they really haven't been," he said. "Plus, my dad (a Baptist minister) advised me to be sure, too. So I spent a lot of time in prayer and Scripture."

Then came a violent wake-up call that let Chastain know God was tired of waiting.

"We were involved in a car wreck which seriously injured my wife (Charlotte) and daughter (Laura), who was 2 at the time," he said. "Charlotte went through the windshield."

Chastain walked away unscathed and made a promise to God at that moment that he would do his will. One week later, a nervous Chastain stepped up to the pulpit for the first time and delivered a message from 1 Thessalonians. After seeing several people be "saved," he never looked back.

Old Ocoee Baptist in Polk County, Tenn., called Chastain to be its pastor in 1979. He served there for two years. Short stints at East Cleveland (Tenn.) Baptist, Calvary Baptist in Crandall, Free Hope Baptist in Chatsworth and Cloverleaf Baptist in Cleveland followed. Finally, seven years ago Chastain found a home — in a familiar place.

"I had resigned at Cloverleaf and Calvary needed a pastor," he said. "They called me to see if I would come back. I served as inter-



Above is Larry Chastain, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in north Murray County, in the sanctuary. The church is putting on a Passion Play this year April 10-11.

im pastor for a couple of months, then became pastor." But just because the surroundings looked the same didn't mean the atmosphere was. The congregation was virtually split into two different camps.

"Calvary went through a turbulent time during the first three years," said Chastain. "I learned to let God handle it, that I didn't have to fight the

battle. I prayed for the opposition and had the support of the majority of the church."

In the end, Chastain believes Calvary emerged as a much stronger church.

"The congregation is a conservative, Bible-believing Baptist church that holds forth the truths of the Scripture," he said. "We've had some very painful experiences but the joy has out-

weighed the bad."

Evidence of that strength may be seen in Calvary's upcoming Passion Play, which will be presented April 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. on the back side of the church cemetery. Approximately 90 people are involved — something that wouldn't have been possible seven years ago.

The play is directed by Chastain and Erik Gallman

and will take Scriptural accounts from the four Gospels. Why all four? Wouldn't that cause confusion?

"Some think they contradict each other, but some just give more detail," Chastain said. "Characters will be quoting Scripture. We are also putting Scripture on 4 by 8 sheets of wood and will have spotlights on them so

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the audience can follow along."

The event, as well as the location, was Chastain's idea. So what made him choose the cemetery?

"The back side is unoccupied," he said. "And the landscape lays like an amphitheater I saw in Jordan. I've been to Israel twice and preached in the Garden of Gethsemane."

The play has been in the works for the past five months, but Chastain says this is just the beginning of what is sure will become an annual event.

"We're already thinking about what to add next year, what scenes to put in," he said. "People in the community have rallied together. I'm really happy with the response."

And he's a firm believer that the church's past emotional upheaval is just that — in the past.

"I've learned there's no way to please everyone," Chastain said. "As long as I please Christ, I'm OK. He gives me the strength to stay with a church a long period of time. I would like to stay at Calvary until I'm no longer able."

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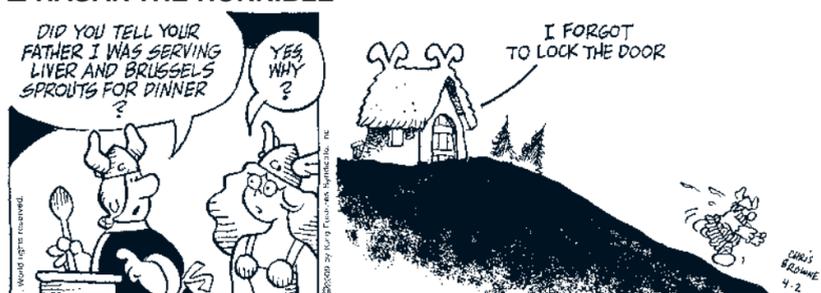
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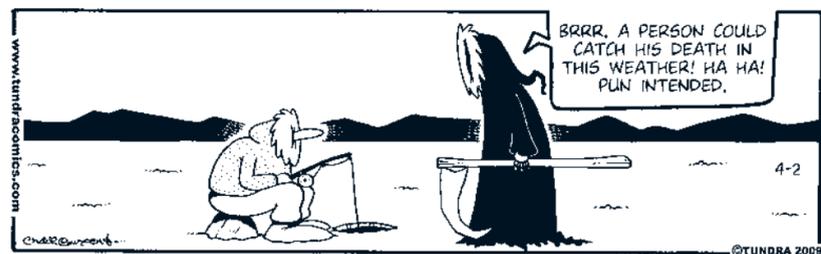
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Jeanne Phillips

Just before our wedding three months ago, Wyatt was laid off, and he has not been able to find another job. Although he is in school part-time, he is always in the house when I return from work.

Abby, I have no time for myself! All day I work with my students, and all evening I am with Wyatt. I have tried to explain to him that I need a little time to unwind when I first get home, but he always finds some reason to stick his head in and chat while I'm reading or taking a bath. I desperately need some alone time. I love my husband dearly, but how can I tell him I need an hour away from him? — PRIVACY PLEASE IN N.C.

will erupt — which isn't fair to him. If he STILL doesn't get the message, start jogging after work — for about an hour.

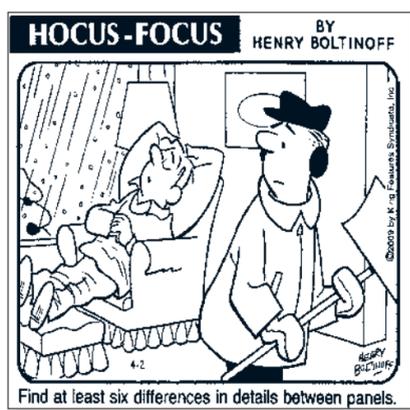
DEAR ABBY: I am co-hosting a baby shower for a friend. I do not know the other hostess well. She is insisting on serving alcohol at the shower because many of the mommy-to-be's friends like to drink, and she says "it will provide some 'class' to the shower." I disagree.

I'm not a prude, and I do drink occasionally, but I think it is inappropriate to serve alcohol at a baby shower — especially when the guest of honor can't partake. Am I justified in stating my disapproval? And would it be OK for me to decline to contribute financially toward that shower expense? — NOT A PRUDE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR NOT A PRUDE: Nowhere have I seen it written that in order for a baby shower to be "classy," alcohol must be served. You are certainly within your rights to air your feelings on this subject. The point you are making is a valid one. And if your co-hostess wants to go ahead and serve alcohol at the shower, you are under no obligation to help her foot the bill.

DEAR P.P.: You are not the only spouse — of either sex — who needs some alone time to quietly transition from workday to home life. Explain this again to your husband, and do it just the way you have explained it to me. Unless you speak up, one of these days he will interrupt you, and you

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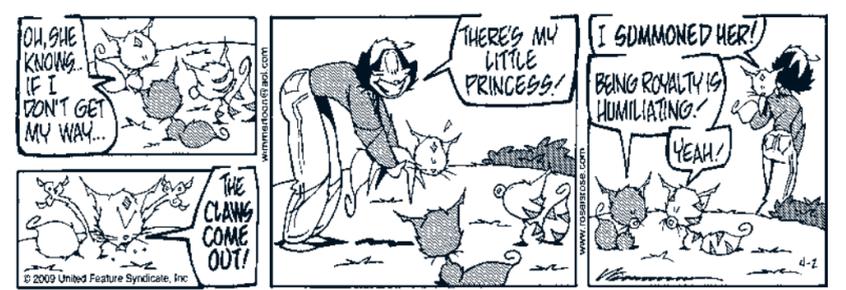


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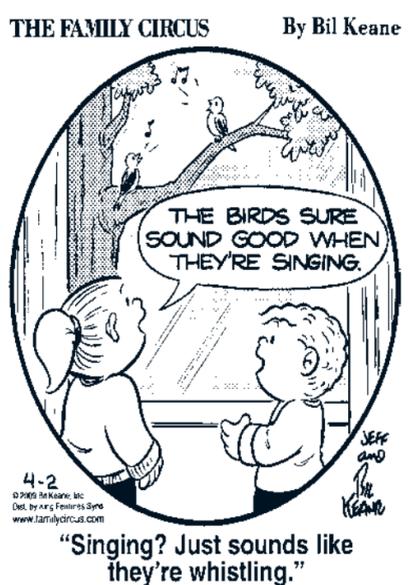
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Auto sales drop sharply

DETROIT (AP) — March proved to be another dismal month of steep declines for U.S. auto sales, as low consumer confidence and job uncertainty kept buyers away from showrooms.

General Motors Corp. led the slide with a 45 percent U.S. sales plunge compared with a year earlier, while Ford Motor Co. reported a 41 percent drop. Sales at Toyota Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC both dropped 39 percent, while Honda Motor Co. reported a 36 percent decline.

Detroit-based GM sold a total of 155,334 light vehicles, while Ford sold a total of 131,102. Ford's total came in slightly below that of Toyota, which reported U.S. sales of 132,802 units.

Despite the declines, GM, Ford and Toyota all posted double-digit improvements from February, when the U.S. sales overall hit their lowest point in more than 27 years.

Sales are generally better in March as warmer temper-

atures help drive people to showrooms, but analysts expect to see little improvement from February industrywide. That's despite a record level of incentive spending by automakers last month, according to Edmunds.com.

The average incentive on vehicles sold last month was \$3,169, up 30 percent from a year earlier, the car buying Web site said. General Motors Corp. and Hyundai Motor Co. spent more on incentives than they ever have, while Ford said its incentive spending was the same as a year ago.

"Where we are starting to differentiate from our competitors is in the area," said Jim Farley, Ford's group vice president of marketing and communications. "We're getting more traffic. We don't have to close everyone with incentives."

In a further effort to boost sales, Ford announced its "Advantage Program" Monday. It will pay customers' monthly payments

— up to \$700 — for a year if they lose their jobs.

The automaker said its car and crossover segment is doing well, with 61 percent of sales coming in that segment.

"People are still moving to the car and crossover segment, which we view is right in our sweet spot this year," said George Pipas, Ford's top sales analyst.

Ford said demand for of its Focus fell 42 percent, while sales of the company's F-series pickup truck fell 40 percent. Sales of Ford's sport utility vehicles — namely the Expedition and Explorer — plummeted 73 percent.

The Associated Press reports unadjusted auto sales figures, calculating the percentage change in the total number of vehicles sold in one month compared with the same month a year earlier. Some automakers report percentages adjusted for sales days. There were 25 sales days last month, one less than in March 2008.



AP PHOTO

The company logo shines off the grille of a 2010 Ford Taurus SHO while another SHO sits on display at the Denver Auto Show, which runs through Sunday, in the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Dearborn, Mich.-based Ford said it will cover payments of up to \$700 each month for up to a year on any new Ford, Lincoln or Mercury vehicle if consumers lose their jobs. The program runs until June 1.

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Obama at work in Europe

LONDON (AP) — He talked nuclear threats with Russia's president and gave an iPod to the queen.

And that was only the beginning. It was an eventful first day on the world stage for President Barack Obama, launching new arms control talks, placing China ties on fresh footing and calming fears about the ailing U.S. economy — seemingly everywhere, relaxed and smiling all the while.

While wife Michelle attracted breathless attention with every stop, fashionable outfit and sip of tea.

The new U.S. president, in London for Thursday's high-stakes global summit on the financial meltdown, dashed through a dawn-to-dark schedule Wednesday despite the effects of a head cold.

School children ran alongside his nearly 20-vehicle motorcade.

He was asked to give a pep talk to England's soccer team for its World Cup qualifying match (he politely declined) and to offer campaign tips to embattled British Prime Minister Gordon Brown ("good policy is good politics," he said).

There was even a chance to talk dinosaurs with Brown's young sons — and to snare two hours of quality time with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.



President Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel attend a dinner for G20 summit leaders at Downing Street, London, on Wednesday.

"Michelle has been really thinking that through," Obama said, presumably referring to the daunting clothes dilemma posed by an audience with royalty. Mrs. Obama chose a black skirt and sweater over a white top and a double strand of large pearls.

Before that meeting at the palace: diplomacy of a different sort.

Brown, his dour demeanor one factor in his shaky political standing, said effusively that Obama had provided "renewed hope" all around the world. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, whose nation has often assailed the U.S., offered his own praise, albeit

more measured. His first meeting with Obama, he said, left him "far more optimistic" about Washington-Moscow relations.

Undeterred by his cold, Obama held a whirlwind of one-on-one talks with those and other leaders, including Chinese President Hu Jintao. He aimed not just to lay the groundwork for Thursday's summit of the 20 largest wealthy and developing economies but also more broadly to initiate a new era in American foreign relations.

His first task was a little repair job.

British feelings were hurt by what was perceived as a bit of a cold shoulder from Obama toward Brown when the British leader visited Washington last month. So when Obama and Brown appeared together before American and British reporters, Obama bent over backward to show his affection for both host and host country. The lengthy round of questions made up for the slight of no news conference in Washington, and Obama took special care to note that the talks with Brown were his first official stop on his first overseas trip.

Obama's talks with Medvedev were their first in person. Both sides sought to portray them as a major development for a relationship that has been severely hobbled in recent years.

TWO-NOSED BUNNY



Iris Bergeron, an employee of Purr-Fect Pets in Milford, Conn. holds a bunny that has two noses, on Tuesday in Milford, Conn. It's no April Fools joke. The baby bunny really does have two noses. A Connecticut pet shop worker found the bizarre bunny in a delivery of 6-week-old dwarf rabbits that arrived at the Milford store last week. Both noses have two nostrils.

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Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Garry Lynn Bryant

Mr. Garry Lynn Bryant, 61, of Dalton, Georgia, departed this life Wednesday morning, April 1, 2009, at the local hospital after a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease.



Bryant

Garry was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's a year and a half ago and worked until March 25, 2009. Garry was born Jan. 2, 1948, in Whitfield County, Georgia. Garry attended Westside High School. He was the owner of the Jewelry Connection and was a member of the Dug Gap Baptist Church. Garry's hobby was restoring old cars, especially old Corvettes. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph L. Bryant.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Frances White Bryant of the residence; daughter, Whitney Lynn Bryant; mother, Betty Page Bryant; his little hairless Chihuahua, Siri, which Garry called his grand-dog; special friends, Cindy and Aaron Walters and their children, Brittany and Evan; brothers-in-law, Billy and Joan White, Bobby and Alberta White, Allen and Brenda White; sisters-in-law, Melissa Kerney, Susie and Silas Ward, all of Dalton, Georgia, and Patricia and Denny Burger of Tellico Plains, Tenn.; seven nieces, six nephews, eight grand-nephews, eight grandnieces, four great-grandnephews and three great-grandnieces.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Garry Lynn Bryant will be held Friday morning, April 3, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Dug Gap Baptist Church with Rev.

Bill Walker officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Lamar Curtis, David Rann, Frank Maffatone, Rodger Keeter, Aaron Walters and Kenneth Bevil. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 until 8 p.m. today.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the ALS, Georgia Chapter, 1955 Cliff Valley Way, Suite #116, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Bryant family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002.

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Mary Ann Johnson

Mary Ann Johnson, 45, of Chattanooga, died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson was a free spirit whose soul has been freed, her charismatic and comical personality attracted everyone around her. She was preceded in death by her mother, Martha Whittle, and a beloved nephew, Alex Enslin.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Johnson; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bowers; father, Farrell Garnand; brother, Chris (Melanie) Garnand, all of Chattanooga; sisters, Cheryl (Ron) Puckett, Chattanooga, Gwen Garnand, Denver, Colo.; nieces and nephews, Cameron and Beth Garnand, Holly and Kevin Newell.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be in Ooltewah Cemetery.

View the memorial tribute and share condolences at www.heritagefh.com.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Heritage Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 7454 E. Brainerd Road.

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Jesse Willard Kendrick

Mr. Jesse Willard Kendrick, 83, of Chatsworth, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the residence. Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth.

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Lester E. Miller

Lester E. Miller, 61, of Kokomo, Ind., died Sunday, March 30, 2009, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

He was born in Rome on Jan. 6, 1948. He was the son of the late Gordon Lee Miller and Lena Mae Miller of Kokomo.

He is survived by four children, Paula M. Burnette (husband Joseph) of Chatsworth, Kim L. Harrison (husband Randy) of Chatsworth, Ryan B. Miller (wife Debbie) of Crandall and Stephanie A. Miller of Dalton. He had 10 grandchildren, Adam F. Fields of Chatsworth, Kristina M. Addis (husband Andrew) of Ringgold, Gabriel Harrison, Katie Fields, LeeAnn Callihan, Tyler Burnette, Andrew Burnette, Zack Stafford, Matt Stafford and Hannah Nix, all of Chatsworth. He also had two great-grandchildren, Logan Cannon and Kyli Fields; one sister, Joan L. (husband Harold) Stout of Kokomo; three half-brothers, the Rev. Jerry Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., and Robert Miller and G. Edward Miller, both of Jonesboro, and the late Mort Miller of Georgia; two half-sisters, Paula Miller and Hulda Mae of Georgia. He also had several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating his life is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Faith Worship Center in Chatsworth.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers gifts of love may be sent to the Lester E. Miller Memorial Funds at Faith Worship Center, 189 Hyden Tyler Road, Chatsworth, GA 30705.

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory in Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Sylvia Miller

Miss Sylvia Miller, 89, of Dalton died Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

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Zennlee Payne Patterson

Mrs. Zennlee Payne Patterson, 82, of Tennega, died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the residence.

She was a member of Amazing Grace Baptist

Church.

Zennlee was preceded in death by her loving spouse, Poley Patterson; son, John Patterson; grandsons, Jason Wooten and Jeffrey Manis; father and mother, Harley and Bertha Payne; several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Angie Patterson of Crandall; daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Charles Elsberry of Dalton, Lynda and Arnold Flood of Tennega, Helen Patterson of Chatsworth, Wilma and Ted Tankersley of Chatsworth, Rita Patterson of Tennega, Connie and Mack Belue of Chatsworth, Diane and Earl Hedrick of Chatsworth; daughter-in-law, Sharon Patterson of Tennega; sisters and brother-in-law, Ivalene O'Neal of Blue Ridge, Annie Mae and Leaner Payne of Blue Ridge, and Margie Patterson of Blue Ridge; brothers, Wesley Payne of Blue Ridge, James Payne of Gainesville; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephew also survive.

Services are today at 4 p.m. at Amazing Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. Earl Howard and the Rev. Lamar Beason officiating.

Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from noon to 3 p.m.

The family will accept flowers or donations to Amazing Grace Baptist Church Benevolence fund.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of the funeral arrangements. www.legacy.com

Martha GeJuan 'Martie' Vinyard Smith

Ms. Martha GeJuan 'Martie' Vinyard Smith, 47, of Dalton, departed this life Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at her home.

Martie was born Oct. 14, 1961, in Whitfield County. She was preceded in death by her father, Roger "Sonny" Vinyard; grandparents, George and Georgia Vinyard and Samuel and

Smith

Stanley

Jessie Barnett; and a grandson, Jordan Zane Cornette.

She is survived by her mother, Fannie Barnett Vinyard of Dalton; daughters, Lisa and Angela Vinyard of Calhoun, Laci and Nick Newport and Jessica and Thomas Greeson, all of Dalton, and Heather Hasty of Cohutta; brothers, Davey and Helen Vinyard and the Rev. Brian and Martha Vinyard, all of Dalton; sisters, Margaret Kellams and Teresa Sellers of Ringgold, Kim and Jimmy Coran of Eton and Janice and Larry Tucker of Crandall; special sister-in-law, Nan Campbell; special friend, Charlie Farris, both of Dalton; seven grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services to celebrate the life of Ms. Martha "Martie" Smith are Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Thomason, her brother, the Rev. Brian Vinyard, and nephew Nick Ware officiating.

She will be laid to rest at the Colonial Hills Memorial Park Cemetery with her nephews serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Davey Vinyard and Scottie Compton.

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

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

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Dalpha Mae (Bailey) Stanley

Ms. Dalpha Mae (Bailey) Stanley, of Dalton, departed this life Tuesday afternoon, March 31, 2009, at the local hospital.

Dalpha was born Jan. 25, 1931, in Dekalb County, Ala., a daughter of the late Luther J. and Louvendia Frazier Bailey. She was also preceded in

death by a sister, Gladys Bailey, and a brother, James Bailey. She retired from J&J Industries with more than 30 years of faithful service. She was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church.

She was a very quiet woman, such a saintly and loved soul. Full of life and never ending energy. Always made sure to take care of everyone before herself. Loved by all who she's left behind and will be missed immensely.

She is survived by her sister, Cora Burgess of Rocky Face; sons and daughter-in-law, Ed and Debbie Stanley of Chatsworth and Ricky Stanley and Rocky Stanley, both of Dalton; daughter, Teresa Diana Silvers of Dalton; grandchildren, Keith Stanley, Misty and Kelly Young, Joshua, Justin and Sara Silvers, Scott Edwards Kelly and Jason Crawford; great-grandsons, Garrett Stanley and Cole Young; great-granddaughters, Makayla Stanley and Taylen Crawford; special niece, Jennie Burgess; several other nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Ms. Dalpha Mae Stanley are Friday at 1 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. James Brownlee officiating.

She will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

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

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Stanley family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Charles David McCollum

Charles David McCollum, age 70, of Chatsworth, departed this life Wednesday afternoon, April 1 at the Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga.

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Bolt: On leave with pay

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ductive" to bring a threats charge against Bolt. "That doesn't mean it won't happen at a later date as the investigation develops," he said.

Headrick said Bolt was "extremely cooperative."

"He told me he made no threatening comments whatsoever," Headrick said. He would not elaborate on any comments Bolt allegedly made.

Bolt bonded out of jail Monday on a transfer bond, according to a jailer. The transfer

bond is a property bond when the property is in another county. A phone call to Bolt's Chickamauga residence was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Georgia's school safety laws state that a "weapon" includes any type of firearm or a knife with a blade longer than two inches. A "school safety zone" extends to 1,000 feet from school property. A conviction for carrying a weapon on school grounds can bring a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years and not more than 10 years.

or so. But Kleem says that in the current economic environment that may not always be possible.

The program is open to anyone with children, including single parents and grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

But there are some rules. "We have to be pretty strict because we are putting them in churches. A good part of my job is protecting

those churches," Kleem said.

The program screens people for drugs. Kleem says a past drug problem won't disqualify someone, but they have to be currently drug free. She says the program also can't accept people involved in family violence.

Churches interested in taking par or families who need assistance can contact Kleem at 529-4637.

Promise: Help for homeless

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back. She'd contacted the Salvation Army for housing assistance and officials there put her in touch with Family Promise.

"It's amazing. We've met a lot of different people. They've helped with the kids. We've taken part in Bible study classes, and we've been going to the First Baptist Church every Sunday," she said.

But Family Promise goes beyond shelter and companionship.

"We develop a case plan and work on the needs they have," Kleem said. "It could be job training. It could be counseling or parenting skills. Whatever they need I can provide it or hook them up. The goal is to have them leave self-sufficient."

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National Weather for April 2, 2009

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Billings	46/28/c	45/26/sn	43/26/c	Kansas City	52/31/r	62/44/s	66/41/pc
Boise	55/35/c	48/29/pc	56/35/pc	Las Vegas	81/56/s	72/48/c	65/48/s
Buffalo	64/46/pc	56/35/r	39/30/s	Los Angeles	66/54/pc	62/50/sh	68/50/s
Charlotte	62/55/r	73/43/pc	73/46/s	Memphis	68/45/t	65/47/s	71/56/pc
Cheyenne	50/31/c	48/23/sh	24/21/sn	Miami	87/73/s	86/70/pc	85/71/pc
Chicago	54/36/r	47/34/pc	52/33/pc	Milwaukee	46/31/r	46/32/pc	45/28/pc
Cincinnati	69/43/t	53/36/r	60/42/s	Minneapolis	42/28/c	49/29/pc	46/28/r
Cleveland	62/46/c	56/34/r	49/34/s	New Orleans	76/57/t	71/55/s	78/65/pc
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PREP SOCCER: REGION 7-4A TOURNAMENT

Good news and bad news

Dalton girls, boys survive

BY MARTY KIRKLAND

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Matt Cheaves doesn't believe Dalton High's boys soccer team has peaked yet.

Because the Catamounts coach is a glass half-full kind of guy, that's probably not such a bad thing — even this late in the season.

With an effort that was aggressive enough, if not as smart as Cheaves would have liked, and the benefit of two own goals by the visiting Hiram Hornets, the Cats won 4-2 in the opening round of the Region 7-4A tournament on Wednesday night at Harmon Field.

"It's a good win and I definitely feel like we played good enough to win," Cheaves said. "But I thought there were times where we didn't play the smartest game. We went to playing their style of soccer, gave them the ball back and just went back and forth a lot."

Dalton's Lady Cats also won their region tourney opener, played earlier in the evening at Harmon Field, 2-0 against North Paulding.

Both Dalton teams, No. 2 seeds from the north sub-region, will play again when the tourney resumes on Friday. The Lady Cats travel to play south No. 1 Hillgrove and the Cats either also travel to top-seeded Hillgrove or host fourth-seeded Cass — results from that game weren't available as of press time.

In addition to securing their place in the region semifinals, the Cats' victory locked up a ninth consecutive state tourney berth for the program.

However, a lack of scoring efficiency — the Cats (9-3-1) took 25 shots to Hiram's three — and deficiencies in the passing game gave Cheaves some cause for concern.

"It's just a matter of getting everything clicking and peaking," Cheaves said. "We've

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Dalton's Ruben Serrata (21) celebrates with Omar Hernandez, left and Jose Rangel (8) after scoring a goal Wednesday night in the Catamounts' 4-2 victory over Hiram at Harmon Field in the first round of the Region 7-4A tournament.

Paulding stuns Tribe

BY ADAM KROHN

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CHATSWORTH — Think of "bracket busters" and college basketball immediately comes to mind. However, that term certainly applied to the Paulding County-Murray County prep soccer match on Wednesday night.

A postseason complete with championship aspirations ended abruptly for the top-seeded Indians as they fell to No. 4 seed Paulding County 1-1 (5-4) in penalty kicks in a first-round Region 7-4A tournament game at Murray Field.

The stunning setback ended Murray's season at 12-2-2 and clinched a spot for the Patriots (9-7) in the Class 4A state tournament. The Patriots will play Osborne, which defeated Rome, 5-3, on Friday.

"This is real disappointing because I thought we had a chance to go into the state playoffs and go deep," coach Randy Baggett said of the Indians' first home loss this season. "But that's the way this game works. If you have a bad game, you don't play your best, someone can knock you out and that's what happened."

The Indians controlled the ball most of the first half and jumped to an early 1-0 lead on Edgar Reyes' shot from the right, 20 yards out, in the eighth minute. The play was set up by Rafael Pacheco, who was pressing forward and cross-kicked the ball over to Marcus Lopez, who bounced it off his chest and made a quick pass to Reyes for the assist.

The early lead was a shot of confidence for the Indians, who beat the

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PREP ROUNDUP

Dalton, Northwest, Murray seek net titles

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Region 7-4A boys tennis coaches could have thrown names in a hat and drawn for the top four seeds and none would have been shocked by which school came out on top.

As it turned out, Dalton's Catamounts are the No. 1 seed from the north sub-region heading into today's opening round of the region tournament at the Calhoun Recreation Complex.

But, as coach David Hilley said, it's not because the Cats dominated the sub-region.

"We're lucky to be No. 1," Hilley said.

Dalton, Rome and Murray County each

finished with 5-1 sub-region records and the 1-2-3 order came down to multiple tie-breakers. Head-to-head matches decided nothing.

"We all beat each other," Hilley said.

The outcome finally came down to sub-region matches won and it was a razor-thin edge for the Cats, who had 19 match victories, while Rome had 18 and Murray County 17. At 3-3 in the sub-region, coach Billy White's Northwest Whitfield Bruins earned the No. 4 seed.

"There are three pretty good teams sitting there at one, two and three," Hilley said. "Heck, Northwest is a pretty good

team too. I think they lost to the top three teams by 3-2 scores."

On the girls side, Dalton's Lady Cats are sitting pretty at No. 1 while Sequoyah is second, Cass third and Northwest Whitfield fourth. The Lady Cats got the top seed when Rome, winning its first sub-region match of the season, upended Cass. Without the Rome win, Dalton would have probably been the No. 2 seed, Hilley said.

In today's opening round, Dalton's boys will play South Paulding and the Lady Cats take on Hiram, with both matches starting at 10 a.m.

The Northwest boys and girls face stiff first-day challenges against Hillgrove's boys and girls, each a No. 1 seed and sporting a 7-0 record out of the south sub-region.

Those matches start at 11:30 a.m. Hillgrove's Hawks are ranked fourth in the state in the GaSports.com coaches poll. In that same poll, Murray County's Indians are No. 6, Rome No. 8, North Paulding No. 9 and Dalton No. 10.

"I don't know a lot about Hillgrove,"

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PREP BASKETBALL: DALTON BANQUET

Cats eagerly look ahead to next year

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Dalton basketball coach Mike Duffie saw in the final 10 games this season what his Catamounts may be capable of accomplishing in the 2009-10 campaign.

The Cats won seven of their final 10 games, including six in a row during one stretch, but a 60-45 loss to Rome in the Region 7-4A tournament kept them out of the state playoffs. A week earlier, Dalton beat Rome, 57-44.

"How we played there late showed the type of team we're capable of having," Duffie said. "We played well and we beat some good teams. I counted up the other day and of our 26 games 19 or 20 were against teams that made the state tournament. These guys have their feet wet and we'll know better next season what we're up against and be better prepared."

The Cats, who finished 13-13 overall and 8-6 in the region, celebrated the season and looked ahead Wednesday night at their annual banquet held at the school's commons.

"We're going to miss our two key seniors — Caz Cole and David White — but



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High basketball players Caz Cole, Emily Broadrick and Shaquon Moore, from left, carry on a conversation Wednesday night prior to the basketball team's banquet in the school's commons.

the nucleus of players that will return is a good one," Duffie said. "I'm looking forward to next year."

While Cole and White were major contributors, the Cats will also lose two other seniors, Mauro Guzman and Ethan Bennett, who received the Robert Cox GPA award, the only individual honor handed out at the banquet for the boys and girls teams. Senior Emily Broadrick won the award for the Lady Cats.

Despite the .500 finish this season, Duffie's not about to back away from playing a tough schedule next season.

"Everywhere I've been I've tried to do that," he said. "I probably could have a few more 20-win seasons by scheduling right, but I'd rather play good people. I think you only get better by playing

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BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Cox impressed by Glavine start

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKELAND, Fla. — Tom Glavine passed his final spring test Wednesday.

The left-hander tossed five innings in Atlanta's 9-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers and will pitch in two minor league games before making his season debut for the Braves on April 18.

"He threw great," manager Bobby Cox said. "He's at the top of his game and when the 18th rolls around, he'll be ready to go."

Glavine gave up three runs and seven hits, including Curtis Granderson's two-run homer in the third inning. Glavine made only 13 starts a year ago for Atlanta, going 2-4 with a 5.54 ERA before his season was cut short by an elbow injury.

He went on the disabled list for the first time in his 22-year career, undergoing surgery to repair a torn flexor tendon and clean up his shoulder.

"I feel better than I did last week," said Glavine, who leads all active pitchers with 305 wins. "I had some uncertainty about what was left but I feel a lot better now. I just made one mistake."

Chipper Jones and Casey Kotchman homered off Detroit's Justin Verlander, and Clint Sammons also went deep for the Braves.

The Tigers released slugger Gary Sheffield on Tuesday, surprising many of the players. Top pitching prospects Rick Porcello and Kyle Perry found out Wednesday they made the opening-day roster. Neither has pitched above Class A.



Glavine

SPORTS BRIEFS

Stallworth to face DUI manslaughter

MIAMI — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth was charged Wednesday with killing a pedestrian last month while driving drunk in Miami.

An arrest warrant charging Stallworth, 28, with DUI manslaughter was filed in the March 14 accident that killed 59-year-old Mario Reyes. If convicted, Stallworth would face a maximum 15-year prison sentence.

Stallworth's blood-alcohol level after the crash was .126, well above Florida's legal limit of .08, according to results of a blood test. Stallworth will also be charged with DUI, which carries a possible six-month sentence plus fines and community service for first offenders.

Stallworth is expected to surrender in court today.

UConn's program made \$14 million

HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Connecticut men's basketball program showed a profit of just under \$6.3 million in the 2008 fiscal year, according to a legislative report.

The program earned \$14.07 million in revenue during the year and had \$7.8 million in expenses, according to the report compiled last month by the state Office of Legislative Research.

The report was requested in the wake of February's heated exchange between UConn coach Jim Calhoun and a political activist over the coach's \$1.6 million salary in tough economic times.

Anderson agrees to Missouri deal

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Mike Anderson's new \$1.35 million annual contract provides the Missouri coach a healthy raise as well as a big bonus if he stays at the school.

Athletic director Mike Alden told the *Columbia Daily Tribune* that an additional \$1.4 million bonus awaits if Anderson sticks around the full seven years of the deal.

The contract boosts Anderson's annual salary by \$500,000. He will also earn a deferred annual payment of \$200,000, but only if he doesn't leave early and take another job. Performance incentives could increase his yearly earnings above \$2 million.

Ex-MSU coach, Davis, dies at 87

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Former Mississippi State head football coach Paul Davis, who led the Bulldogs from 1962-66, has died. He was 87.

Davis died Tuesday at Bethany House, a hospice in Auburn, Ala., according to a hospice spokeswoman and an official at Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home in Opelika, Ala. The cause of death was not given.

Davis, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., played at Ole Miss.

Glaus' comeback suffers a setback

ST. LOUIS — Cardinals third baseman Troy Glaus is expected to miss at least two months following a setback in his rehabilitation from arthroscopic shoulder surgery.

Glaus originally was expected to miss just a few weeks of the regular season. But St. Louis said Wednesday that Glaus will be re-evaluated around June 1.

David Freese is the top candidate to start at third. He batted .306 at Memphis last year.

— Associated Press



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Murray County's Marcus Lopez, left, battles George Lawrence (18) of Paulding County during their Region 7-4A tournament game in Chatsworth. Paulding County upset the top-seeded Indians 5-4 on penalty kicks.

Murray: Ambriz has 5 saves

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Patriots, 3-0, in February at Paulding High. Paulding County was without four players in the first meeting, but their return to the lineup bolstered the Patriots the second time around.

"I've been watching their progress throughout the year and they've been steadily improving," Baggett said of the Patriots. "And they have a good team."

The Patriots were getting good looks on goal as the first half wound down, a pattern that continued into the second half. The Patriots had two solid opportunities to tie the game before halftime but failed to convert.

The first came when Brandon Brewer had a breakaway only to pull up and wait for teammates instead of shooting. Just seconds before halftime, Nick Lonergan's free kick barely sailed over the goal.

Paulding broke through in the 60th minute when Bob Jobe kicked in a wide-open goal from the left edge of the box off a corner kick.

"There were two (Patriots) players alone

when they scored," said senior keeper Rolando Ambriz, who had five saves in his final prep game. "I don't understand that, because they were marked (by defenders) who should have anticipated them, but all of a sudden they were alone and came out of nowhere."

After neither team scored during the 10-minute overtime, the Patriots converted all five penalty kicks, with the clincher coming from keeper Alex Phelps, who three rounds earlier stopped a kick by Indians senior Michael Lopez. The Indians' penalty kick goals came from Ariel Garcia, Jesus Perez and Pacheco.

"It means a lot to get this win," said Phelps, a senior who finished with 13 saves. "With our season having so many ups and downs, with more downs than ups, to beat the No. 1 seed really means a lot."

The Patriots advanced despite losing 12 seniors from last year's team that reached the Class 5A state quarterfinals.

"We just stepped up and happened to be the better team today," Paulding coach Jason Fields said.

Prep: Raiders beaten by LFO

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Bruins coach Billy White said, "and we don't have any common opponents. They dominated the south part of the region, but I really believe we'll be competitive with them. Our kids just have to believe they can win."

Murray County coach Kirk Hemphill still wasn't sure about his first-round opponent because Sprayberry and North Paulding were playing on Wednesday. The Indians are scheduled to play at 1 p.m. today.

"I don't have a clue about those teams and I hope they don't know much about us," Hemphill said. "It looks like all the teams are pretty even."

Varsity baseball

■ **LFO 5, Southeast 3:** Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe's Matt Osbourn's two-out single in the seventh inning drove in the winning run for the Warriors (11-1, 1-0 Region 6-3A).

Tanner McCutchen had two hits for the Raiders (5-6, 0-2) and drove in a run. Bradley Grant and Ryan Andrews each had doubles and Michael Simpson had a hit, scored twice and stole two bases.

The Raiders' Colby Cook threw a complete game, giving up four hits and four walks and struck out two.

Varsity golf

■ **Southeast boys 185, LFO 204, Ringgold 211:** Freshman John Burns led the Raiders with a 8-over 44 at Nob North Golf Course while Jake Rackley shot 46, Josh Wilson 47 and Zack Sneed 48.

Ringgold's Kevin Gann, son of former Southeast football and wrestling coach David Gann, took medalist honors with a 42.

■ **Murray County boys 162, Gilmer 205:** The Indians' Tyler Simpson and Chase Jones each shot 38 and shared medalist honors at White Path Golf Course in Ellijay.

Dylan Langford shot 42 and Jacob Wildes and Zach Gibson posted 44s.

■ **Murray County girls 99, Gilmer 136:** Alicia Moneymaker had a 45 for the Indians for medalist honors and Mariah Parker finished with a 54.

MS golf

■ **Bagley boys 193, Jasper 234:** Colby Hipp shot 5-over 40 to lead the Braves. Jacob Sexton and Dylan Davis each posted a 50 and Blake Carter a 53.

■ **Jasper girls 120, Bagley 122, Gladden 124:** Jocelyn Blair led the Lady Braves with a 60 and Alex Westmoreland shot 62. Kaitlyn Moneymaker and Sidney Webb each shot 62 for the Lady Warriors. Hannah Papt shot 58 for Jasper.

Banquet: Four starters back

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better teams. Right now we're having a heck of a time scheduling people. Ridgeland won't play us. Ringgold won't play us. Southeast, and we're just two or three miles apart, refuses to play us.

"Jeff (girls coach McKinney) and I are trying to put together a Thanksgiving tournament. Dunwoody and Jonesboro want to come, and they're certainly not soft touches. We're struggling to find a fourth team and I don't know if we're going to pull it off or not."

Duffie will count heavily on five players from this year's squad — juniors Tevin Collins, Shaquon Moore, Kelly Phillips, Jalen Fields and Trae Washington — to carry a big load offensively and defensively next season and look for a big season from post Watts Dantzler.

"Those guys got a lot of good minutes this year," Duffie said. "Our guys could have folded the tent, but instead showed character and chose not to do that. We played our best basketball toward the end of the season. We just had a bad game at the wrong time against Rome, but that's basketball. Just ask Louisville, which probably had the best (college) team in the country but they're at the house."

McKinney felt his Lady Cats, who

wound up 18-9 and also failed to reach the state tournament, will benefit by having played a tough schedule. Some of that resulted from competing in an expanded region. Northwest Whitfield went 14-0 in the region while Osborne and Rome each posted 15-2 records. Hillgrove was 11-3, Dalton 10-4 and Sprayberry the sixth double-digit winner at 10-6.

The Lady Cats will return four starters — Broadrick is the lone departure — in Markisha Washington, April Besley, Amanda Rector and Kate Houston. Rector and Besley will be juniors while Washington and Kate Houston will be in their final season with the Lady Cats.

"The biggest thing for those girls is they've been in the battle before," McKinney said. "Our girls talk about getting back to the state tournament. That's a goal they've put out there by themselves."

The Lady Cats know they have to work even harder to compete at a high level in the rugged region and Rector has no doubt they will do just that.

"Look at Northwest," she said. "They're basically not losing anybody so they're going to be tough. We played some other good teams last year so we're going to do whatever we have to do to battle those teams."

Dalton: Drained

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got to have a positive outlook. If we're not going after it with the thought of we're going to try to win this, what are you aiming for, second place, third place? No, we're aiming to be at the top."

Dalton led 2-0 with two minutes to play in the first half after the first own goal for Hiram (9-4-1), which came in the 28th minute, and a score from Cats senior Ruben Serrata, who cleaned up from about 10 yards out when the execution on a corner kick broke down.

"We practice corners all the time for a reason," Serrata said. "On that one, it was supposed to be headed back but he headed it to me and that's why we have one player on the outside, so we can just clean it up."

Serrata also helped create Hiram's first own goal when his shot from the left side wasn't cleanly handled by Hiram keeper Tyler Beadle and Avery Hagin knocked the ball over the line while trying to nudge it back out of dangerous territory.

The Hornets, the No. 3 seed from the south sub-region, finally got on the scoreboard during the final minute of the first half when Will Villa caught the Cats out of position.

Dalton's lead stretched back to two in the 45th minute on Hiram's second own goal — another botched foot save by a Hiram defender, this time Isaac McKelvey — off Jacobo Estrada's shot, but the score was trimmed to 3-2 when McKelvey converted a free kick from 40 yards out.

The Cats controlled the ball enough to hold off Hiram the rest of the way and tacked on a final goal when Jose Rangel sent in his own free kick from 30 yards out.

After advancing to the second round of last season's Class 5A state tourney, it wasn't the way the Hornets wanted their season to end — especially not with them helping Dalton on the scoreboard.

"The own goals hurt," Hornets coach Lamont High said. "Things like that — bad bounces — it makes you wonder what could have happened. But this team was good. They pretty much dominated us the first half. The second half we came back and played better."

The Cats have already overcome a 3-3 start to the season and losing their sub-region opener, though, and Cheaves believes his team can become even better with a little more work.

"We can definitely get focused at practice and improve," Cheaves said. "We were killing the ball, not really with any mind of who was going to get it. And so we had people around where we could have just made a pass to somebody but we kept the ball. You feel good to create 25 chances, but some of those shots were a little bit optimistic — they

didn't have much of a chance."

Serrata sees the room for improvement, too.

"We can do way better than this," he said. "We didn't put our passes together and we weren't playing the game we were supposed to. But we're happy we won. We're fortunate they scored those two goals for us."

■ **Dalton girls 2, North Paulding 0:** After a physical adjustment to sunny, warm weather conditions, and a mental adjustment to boot, the Lady Cats (10-3-1) took control of the flow of the game and kept their hopes for a region title alive.

"The heat was horrible today for playing," Dalton senior midfielder/forward Rachel Czyn said. "We were all just drained, especially because it's just now starting to get hot. But I think after we talked and cooled down and realized how important that it was, that one goal could determine the difference and change the game up, that's when we started playing with more heart."

Once the Lady Cats established possession against the fledgling Lady Wolfpack (10-6) — the second-year program, which is in its first season of region competition, has only freshmen and sophomores on the roster — they were able to keep the attack steady, finishing with a 15-5 shooting edge.

Eight attempts came up empty in the first half, but Dalton went to the locker room with a 1-0 halftime lead thanks to senior sweeper Keri Shealy, whose looping free kick from 40 yards out found the back of the net in the 36th minute. She came close to scoring again on another attempt from the same distance in the second half.

"I thought it was in," Shealy said, "but it was just a little bit over the top."

Dalton continued to set the pace in the second half, and even after Czyn turned a pass from Imelda Cortez into a 2-0 lead in the 46th minute, the Lady Cats kept pushing on offense, letting that serve as their best defense the rest of the way.

"They realized they could really take this," first-year Lady Cats coach Rebecca Snellman said. "After the second goal, I appreciate that they didn't lay down from there. The confidence came, I think. The second half of the second half was phenomenal."

Although a 3-2 loss to Sequoyah in the sub-region schedule kept the Lady Cats from the No. 1 seed for the region tourney, they're eager to prove their worthiness for a top seed in the Class 4A state bracket.

"That was a pretty devastating loss to Sequoyah," Snellman said. "But maybe we'll meet them again."

North Paulding goal keeper Katie Bennett had eight saves, while Dalton's Julie Parham made two stops to earn the shutout in goal.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Hiram's Jonah Holbert (2) and Dalton's Jacobo Estrada battle for a loose ball Wednesday in a Region 7-4A soccer tournament game at Harmon Field.

WCRD results

The Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Dixie Baseball and Softball Leagues continued play Monday, March 30. Scores, leading hitters and outstanding players included:

Dixie Angels 10U Girls
Dawnville Lady Dawgs 6, Valley Point Lady Wave 5 – (D) Holly Heath WP, Isabel Hajar 2-2.
Cohutta Drillers 11, Varnell Lady Tigers 10 – (C) Shelby Walters WP. Westside Diamond Dolls 9, Westside Lady Rockets 1.
Dug Gap Explosion 14, Pleasant Grove Eagles 1 – (DG) Madison Pearson WP 2-2, Lauren Allen 2-2, Cheyenne Bradford 2-2,

Caeli Clure 2-2.
Westside Lady Bruins 9, Beaverdale Lady Wildcats 0 – (WS) Kayla Bearden WP 6K's.
Dixie Ponytails 12U Girls
Varnell Lady Bruins 8, Westside Nationals 8 – (V) Sidney Wilson 3-3, Victoria Laird 2-3, Victoria Laird 2-3, Cayla Plott 2-3. (WS) Katie Glover HR 3-3, Chelsea Quarles 2-3, Macy Peden 2-3, Madison Cunningham 2-3.
Dalton Stars 10, Valley Point Geckos 6 – (D) Chaya Manis WP No Hitter 2-2, Katie Moore 2-2.
Valley Point Lady Jackets 15, Eastside Lady Mustangs 0 – (VP) Sydney Covington WP 8K's HR, Kristen Wyatt 2-2.

TENNIS

Williamsses to play in Ericsson 'semis'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — Top-ranked Serena Williams overcame a dismal start Wednesday to beat Li Na 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-2 in the quarterfinals of the Sony Ericsson Open.
Williams now gets ready for a semifinal showdown today against her sister (No. 5) Venus, who defeated No. 26-seeded Iveta Benesova 6-1, 6-4. The other semifinal will be between No. 8-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova and No. 11 Victoria Azarenka.
No. 3 Novak Djokovic became the first men's semifinalist by beating No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 6-4. Djokovic won the title in 2007.
The Williams sisters have dominated the tournament for more than a decade.
Venus is a three-time champion, while Serena seeks her sixth title, which would break the record she shares with Steffi Graf.
Li nearly ended Serena's Key Biscayne reign. At the start Williams looked lethargic in the 80-degree

sunshine, and several times she declined to chase shot that seemed within reach.
When the score reached 5-love, Richard Williams left his seat in the stands and positioned himself courtside near the baseline. He's the sisters' coach as well as their dad, and while he said little, he lifted Serena's spirits.
"I just felt like he was there really supporting, and I felt the support more when he was up close as opposed to in the stands," she said. "I just felt like I could take it up to another level."
Li made things easy for Williams in the tiebreaker by committing six unforced errors.
Li double-faulted on break point to fall behind 2-1, part of a stretch where Williams won 16 points in a row en route to a 5-1 lead.
Williams closed out the victory with a service winner.
She improved her record at Key Biscayne to 51-5, with one loss since 2001 — to her sister.

PRO FOOTBALL



AP PHOTO

Denver quarterback Jay Cutler is biding his time, waiting for word the Broncos have heeded his request to be traded to another team.

Cutler awaits word of trade from Denver

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Josh McDaniels and Jay Cutler seemed like a perfect fit — the rocket-armed passer meets the offensive guru who turned Matt Cassel from a career back-up into one of the league's top quarterbacks.
Instead, McDaniels begins his coaching regime with the Denver Broncos by chipping off his franchise quarterback before he even saw Cutler throw a single pass.
Team owner Pat Bowlen announced this week he will allow his new brain trust of McDaniels, 32, and general manager Brian Xanders, 37, to "begin discussions with other teams in an effort to accommodate his request to be traded."
The Broncos insist they tried to call a truce, but Cutler didn't pick up his phone.
Just like that, a Pro Bowl quarterback was on the market.

As has been the case, Xanders and McDaniels declined comment Wednesday through a team spokesman. The players, who are going through offseason conditioning drills, weren't made available, either.
Cutler became angry once he learned that McDaniels and the Broncos showed interest in acquiring Matt Cassel, who McDaniels groomed in New England last season after Tom Brady was injured in the opening game.
Cassel ended up being dealt to Kansas City, but Cutler was infuriated when he found out about the trade talks. His distrust in McDaniels only grew in two subsequent meetings that were designed to clear the air.
McDaniels reiterated his commitment to Cutler at the NFL owner's meetings. However, the coach couldn't get Cutler to return his telephone calls.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep schedule

Today
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

Saturday
Varsity baseball
Murray County at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Southeast at Boyd-Buchanan, 5
Varsity baseball
Murray County at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Southeast at Boyd-Buchanan, 5
Varsity golf
Southeast boys at Lion Invitational, Oak Mountain GC, Carrollton 9 a.m.
Varsity tennis
Region 7-4A tournament at Calhoun
Varsity soccer
LaFayette Christian at Christian Heritage, 2
Varsity track and field
Rotary Invitational at Dalton, 9 a.m.
JV baseball
Northwest Whitfield at LaFayette (DH), Noon
Freshman baseball
Heritage-Catoosa at Northwest Whitfield, Noon
Middle school baseball
WCMSAL tournament
At Northwest Whitfield High
Valley Point vs. North Whitfield, 10 a.m.
TBD vs. New Hope, 12:30 p.m.
Middle school softball
St. Jude at Christian Heritage (DH), 10:30 a.m.

TELEVISION

On Today
AUTO RACING
2 a.m.
SPEED — Formula One, practice for Malaysian Grand Prix, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
GOLF
10:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de Portugal, first round, at Estoril, Portugal
4 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Houston Open, first round, at Humble, Texas
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, first round, at Rancho Mirage, Calif.
7:30 p.m.
TGC — Nationwide Tour, Stonebrae Classic, first round, at Hayward, Calif.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — NIT, championship game, Baylor-Penn State, at New York
9 p.m.
ESPN — Exhibition, Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championship, at Auburn Hills, Mich. (same-day tape)
NBA BASKETBALL
8:15 p.m.
TNT — Cleveland at Washington
10:30 p.m.
TNT — Utah at Denver
SOCCER
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — MLS, Columbus at Real Salt Lake
TENNIS
1 p.m.
FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson Open, women's semifinals, at Miami
9 p.m.
FSN — ATP World Tour/WTA Tour, Sony Ericsson Open, women's semifinals, at Miami

HOCKEY

NHL Glance
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
x-New Jersey 47 26 4 98 229 195
Philadelphia 41 25 10 92 244 220
Pittsburgh 42 27 8 92 245 226
N.Y. Rangers 40 28 9 89 199 208
N.Y. Islanders 25 42 9 59 192 249
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 9 83 228 220
Toronto 32 32 13 77 233 273
Ottawa 33 33 10 76 202 220
Southeast Division
W L OT Pts GF GA
x-Washington 47 23 7 101 250 225
Carolina 42 28 7 91 220 214
Florida 38 28 11 87 218 218
Atlanta 33 38 6 72 240 264
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
Vancouver 42 25 9 93 231 204
Calgary 43 27 6 92 242 232
Edmonton 36 32 9 81 221 236
Minnesota 36 32 9 81 196 189
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 39 32 6 84 224 220
Dallas 34 33 10 78 217 242
Los Angeles 31 34 11 73 193 222
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 2, Minnesota 1, OT
Anaheim 5, Edmonton 3
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 2
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 1
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis at Chicago, late
Phoenix at Colorado, late
Today's Games
Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 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 46 .387 27
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
x-Houston 48 26 .649 —
x-San Antonio 48 26 .649 —
New Orleans 46 27 .630 1 1/2
Dallas 44 30 .595 4
Memphis 19 54 .260 28 1/2
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
x-Denver 49 26 .653 —
Portland 47 27 .635 1 1/2
Utah 46 28 .622 2 1/2
Oklahoma City 21 53 .284 27 1/2
Minnesota 21 54 .280 28
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 57 .219 41 1/2

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 96, San Antonio 95
Denver 111, New York 104
Portland 125, Utah 104
New Orleans 111, Sacramento 110
Wednesday's Games
Toronto 99, Orlando 95
New Jersey 111, Detroit 98
Charlotte at Boston, late
Washington at Memphis, late
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, late
Miami at Dallas, late
Houston at Phoenix, late
Sacramento at Golden State, late
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, late
Thursday's Games
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 8 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

NCAA Tournament

FINAL FOUR
At Ford Field
Detroit
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 4
Michigan State (30-6) vs. Connecticut (31-4), 6:07 p.m.
Villanova (30-7) vs. North Carolina (32-4), 8:47 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 6
Semifinal winners

BASEBALL

Spring Training
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta 9, Detroit 3
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 2
Toronto 7, Washington 6
Houston 7, Cincinnati 2
Florida 13, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees 8, Philadelphia 5
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 4
Chicago Cubs 8, Oakland 8, tie
Cleveland 14, Seattle 14, tie
San Diego 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Milwaukee 8, Arizona 7
Kansas City 6, Colorado 5
San Francisco 10, L.A. Dodgers 8
Today's Games
Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Maryvale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Dodger Stadium, 10:10 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at AT&T Park, 10:15 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Moves
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Traded RHP Hayden Penn to Florida for INF Robert Andino.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Assigned OF Jerry Owens outright to Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded RHP Edward Mujica to San Diego for a player to be named or cash considerations. Returned RHP Jae Kuk Ryu to San Diego after the waiver deal was voided by MLB.
DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned OF Ryan Raburn and LHP Clay Rapada to Toledo (IL). Assigned RHP Scott Williamson and C Dane Sardinha to their minor league camp.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded 1B-OF Ross Gload and cash considerations to Florida for a player to be named. Released RHP Joel Peralta.
OPTIONED RHP Brian Bannister to Omaha (PCL). Placed LHP John Bale on the 15-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Placed LHP Cesar Jimenez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 29. Optioned LHP Garrett Olson to Tacoma (PCL). Assigned RHP Randy Messenger and INF Chris Shelton to their minor league camp.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Purchased the contract of RHP Jason Isringhausen from Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned INF Joaquin Arias and OF Brandon Boggs to Oklahoma City (PCL) and RHP Tommy Hunter to Frisco (Texas). Reassigned RHP Doug Mathis to Oklahoma City. Assigned RHP Neftali Feliz and LHP Derek Holland to their minor league camp. Released OF Frank Catalanotto.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Assigned LHP Travis Blackley outright to Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Rigo Beltran pitching coach for Carolina (SL) and Tony Fossas pitching coach for Dayton (MWL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned RHP Alberto Arias and RHP Jeff Fulchino to Round Rock (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Waived INF Mike Lamb. Optioned INF Alcides Escobar to Nashville (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Announced RHP Bobby Mosebach cleared waivers and was offered to the Los Angeles Angels for \$25,000. Acquired RHP Manny Ayala from San Diego for a player to be named.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned RHP Virgil Vasquez to Indianapolis (IL). Assigned RHP Denny Bautista, RHP Chris Bootcheck, RHP Jason Davis, OF Garrett Jones, C Erik Kratz, INF-OF Andy Phillips and OF Jeff Salazar to their minor league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Waived LHP Justin Hampson.

BOXING

McCain supporting pardon for Johnson

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain said Wednesday he's sure that President Barack Obama "will be more than eager" to pardon the late black heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, who was sent to prison nearly a century ago because of his romantic ties with a white woman.
Appearing with three of Johnson's family members and Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., McCain unveiled a resolution urging a presidential pardon for Johnson, who was convicted in 1913 of violating the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport women across state lines for immoral purposes. The law has since

been heavily amended, but has not been repealed.
McCain, R-Ariz., said he planned to speak to Obama about it, but added, "I think the last person I have to convince probably is President Obama."
"We need to erase this act of racism which sent an American citizen to prison on a trumped-up charge," McCain said.
"I have great confidence this president will be more than eager to sign this legislation and pardon Jack Johnson."
The White House declined to comment Wednesday. Obama was in London on Wednesday attending a summit on the global economic crisis.

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WORK HARD ... PLAY FAIR ... DREAM BIG ... MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE ... MAKE WISE DECISIONS

Achieving goals SHS Raider soccer teams having success

According to coach Jamison Griffin, the boys soccer program at SHS has seen great success in the month of March. Their motto this season, "A season of purpose," is being fulfilled daily on and off the field. Whether it is defeating archrivals Dalton (ranked seventh in the state 4A) for the second time in a row or tying with rival Murray County (Ranked eighth in the state 4A) the rage is becoming one of the most recognized soccer programs in Georgia.

This March marked the eighth consecutive year that the boys secured the right to play in the state tournament and the third consecutive year that R.A.G.E. will host. After reaching the ultimate achievement of hosting the state championship last year, and graduating eight starting seniors, the difficulty of a state birth this year was evident. However, by defeating Lafayette on March 24 the R.A.G.E. locked up first place in sub region 6 AAA and will play Carolton, the #1 team in the state AAA, for the region championship.

While all of these successes on the field have been humbling and exciting, it has been the accomplishments off the field that have fulfilled our season of purpose. Throughout this season the team has dealt with



Southeast Whitfield High School Raider soccer team members with Coach Jamison Griffin.

physical illness and severe injuries. Moreover, the team has averaged playing three games a week which has made it difficult to find rest.

Though these obstacles have been challenging, a saying that continues to be whispered among the players is, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger."

These words have become actions, as the team has become stronger and grown closer as brothers, playing and working for one another on and off the field. This year the R.A.G.E. is young but as spring brings us a season of growth, so to do we see a team recognizing the overall vision of its pro-

gram, "Motivating boys to become men."

Lady Raider Soccer girls have 6-4 record in region; they recently defeated Ringold and LFO which are currently ranked first and second in region. Along with all this good news, there have been no major injuries this season and

there has been a smooth head coach for the girls, transaction with the new Coach Kevin Kettenring.

Mark your calendars:

- Region championship at Carrollton, Friday, April 3, at 5 p.m.
- Osborn, at home April 9
- First round state playoffs at SHS, Friday, April 24

Game, set and match

BY AVERY HART

When it comes to tennis, the Southeast Raiders do not think of it as merely a game. They continue to show their dedication and love of the sport by making a name for Southeast on the scoreboard.

Our Raider tennis team is a force to be feared. With our impeccable talent, inseparable teamwork, and fierceness during each match, Southeast continues to rise to the top of the charts.

On March 5, the boys beat Sonoraville 3-2, even without Philip Joyce, and the Girls thrashed them 5-0! Five days later, in a region match against Ringgold, the girls played like champs and beat Ringgold 4-1; however, the guys lost 5-0.

The Tigers are probably our toughest competitors in hopes of becoming Region Champions.

On March 23, we dominated against LFO, having a



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Above, SHS Raider tennis team members practice their sport.

4-1 victory with the girls and 4-3 with the boys. The next day, we played Gordon Central, and the guys beat them 4-1. On the other hand, the girls, though, played their hardest, were unable to come out on top with the

final score 2-3. In a humiliating display, the Raider guys later defeated Lafayette 5-0 and will most likely enter the Region Championship as the first in sub-region. The girls, though, lost 4-1, as the

Lafayette Ramblers were their toughest opponent. Be sure to congratulate each member of the Raider tennis team for their effort, as an individual and a team, for continuing the great Raider Legacy.

"We're very proud and the students are excited about competing, and I'm sure they'll do a good job and we'll bring Gold medals," said Brandy Trammell. "Donations will be welcome."

We also received a plaque for largest membership increase in Region 1. We wish these students the best, and it's great to have them representing Southeast.

Make-a-Wish

BY LINDSAY COX

Southeast takes great pride in the community service they are involved in.

This year, the Peer Leadership class introduced a new opportunity for the Raiders to give back. An annual basketball game fundraiser is played every year by the local high schools' seniors, and the proceeds go towards the Make-a-Wish foundation.

This year, along with the basketball game, all the local high schools decided to raise money within the schools individually and have the basketball game as a finale instead of the main

show. The Peer Leadership class at Southeast was responsible for promoting the fundraiser at Southeast.

Principal Alan Long set the bar at one \$1,000. Through hat days, frozen T-shirt competitions, pizza parties, and pies in administrators' faces, Southeast brought in a total of \$836. Although the goal wasn't reached, none of the other schools came within reach of the total Southeast contributed.

The Peer Leadership class, along with everyone who donated, considers the effort a great success and can't wait to get started on the next project.

News from the news

BY JONATHAN CRABTREE

The Journalism class has increased its workload. In addition to The Raider Legacy (yearbook), The Raider Digest (published each month in The Daily Citizen), and the Stallwall (our school newspaper), the staff is currently compiling information for two brand new publications: Seven and Exposed.

Seven is a new magazine that will be released annually. This magazine will be published then distributed to the community. Families that are considering enrolling the students at SHS will be able to get the scoop from this magazine. Businesses considering hiring students from SHS will have a detailed look at the school. Seven will provide background and vision on everything that is Raider Nation. From the school crest to extracurricular organiza-

tions, Seven looks to provide the community with exposure to the ideals and events that make SHS the best school in Whitfield County.

Speaking of exposure, there is always a group of students who cannot help but create. These students write, draw, paint, photograph and portray their thoughts on and visions of the world around them in very unique ways. Many of these creations are reason alone to be a proud member of Raider Nation. The staff is currently compiling the work of SHS artists and writers. These works will be Exposed. Exposed is a literary magazine created by and for Raider Nation. The purpose of a literary magazine is to publish and celebrate the works of art and literature that make a statement and leave a mark on the world and community to which they belong.

FCCLA members attend Star Events

BY MARIA SANDOVAL

We attended the FCCLA Star Events meeting this past weekend. All of our Star Events competitors will proceed to the National Competition in Nashville in July, and they will compete against students all across the United States. The region competition took place in Woodstock, Ga., and the state competition was held in Athens, Ga.

In the Chapter Service Project, Danielle Carroll and Cassie Rodgers received Gold medals. In the Applied Technology Project, Myra Perez, Christy Maddox, and Natalie Flores received silver medals.

"We weren't expecting to win, but we did," said Myra. "Now we're really excited to be on our way to Nationals."

Steven Valdez competed

in the State Event in the area of Safety and Sanitation. He came in first place and won \$200. "At first I was nervous about the whole competition," Steven said, "Once I actually arrived at the competition, it wasn't as bad. I can't believe I'd actually won! I can't wait to go to Nationals! I'm staying in the Grand Old Opry Hotel. It's gonna be tons of fun! I expect some Gold, and green cash."

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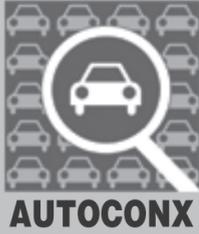
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