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"Didn't Jesus say for the children to come unto him? If you don't want children in your church, then you don't want Jesus in your church."

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FILE PHOTO

Workers program the camera lights at the intersection of Waugh and Thornton in June of 2007

Stop!

Traffic cameras will come down

By CHARLES OLIVER
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Almost two years after it started, Dalton's red light camera program came to an end on Monday.

The City Council voted 4-0 to cancel a contract with Norcross-based LaserCraft, which operates cameras at the intersections of Waugh Street and Thornton Avenue and Highway 41 and Shugart Road. Mayor David Pennington votes only in the event of a tie.

"We've gotten data from the police department but nothing that overwhelmingly proves that it truly helps public safety. Most of the citations were from rolling right-hand turns," said council member Denise Wood.

The council approved the red light cameras in 2006, and the first cameras went up at Thornton and Waugh in June 2007.

"I was on the council when we voted for it, and what we voted for was a trial period. We've had that. The most damaging thing from my point of view is that the (Georgia Department of Transportation) will not service those intersections," said council member Dick

Lowrey.

Public works director Benny Dunn said GDOT requires local governments to assume liability for traffic signals on any state route they place traffic cameras on as well as any "connected" lights. In the case of the Highway 41-Shugart Road intersection, that also includes the I-75 interchange and Tibbs Road.

Dunn said it would cost about \$12,000 to replace one of the controller boxes at those intersections. If one needed to be replaced while the cameras were there, the city would have been on the hook. After the cameras come down, GDOT would be responsible for replacing it.

Police Chief Jason Parker said the red light program has been a success.

"We've seen what I would describe as remarkable results in terms of accident reductions, especially at Shugart and 41," he said.

Data provided by Parker shows accidents at that intersection rose from 54 in 2006 to 64 in 2007 but dropped to 44 in 2008. But at Waugh

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County adds library funding

By JAMIE JONES

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Demand for services at the Dalton-Whitfield Library has risen as the economy has soured. Now, the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners' funding for the facility is increasing as well.

Commissioners on Monday voted 4-0 to give the library a \$20,000 boost for 2009, raising their funding to \$246,000. Chairman Mike Babb only votes to break ties. The county's extra contribution matches \$20,000 the Dalton City Council gave the library earlier this year. The City Council's funding for the library is \$162,800 for 2009.

Dalton-Whitfield Library director Joe Forsee said the additional \$40,000 will help provide "basic things" such as books and regular building maintenance.

"Any year, that would make a lot of difference for us," Forsee said. "Just simply because in a year like this where we've seen cuts in state funding and literally have lost some positions, then suddenly see that our use has about tripled also over the last four or five years, it's more important than it ever was."

Here is how the library will use the money: \$21,000 for books and materials; \$7,000 for support staff salary increases; \$6,000 for building maintenance and repair; \$4,000 for four new computers



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Jeremiah Shaw, 3, of Dalton, looks through his favorite Max and Ruby book "Max's Christmas" in the children's section of the Dalton-Whitfield County Library on Monday.

for public use; and \$2,000 for computer licenses.

Commissioner Randy Waskul said the extra \$20,000 this year is a "one-time" contribution. It comes from the county's reserve fund. County administrator Bob McLeod said the county will also provide in-kind services to the library, including repaving the parking lot.

Library officials say the facility on Capps Street, which opened in 1982, does not meet state standards. Data provided by the library earlier this year shows local funding at \$3.99 per resident, while the state average is \$14.68. The extra money from the city and county raises the per resident funding by 50 cents, Forsee said.

Guide will highlight summer activities

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Daily Citizen is working on "What's a Kid to Do?" a guide to summer events in Whitfield and Murray counties. Individuals and organizations have until April 24 to submit information to whatsakidtodo@daltoncitizen.com about local events geared toward children.

Information should include the name, date and location of the event as well as age limit, class size limits, supplies needed, cost, contact information, the name of the hosting organization and how to register.

Events can include but are not limited to summer camps, karate, dance, arts and crafts, gymnastics, cheerleading, tennis, baseball and swim lessons.

In 2006, The Daily Citizen published a similar guide.

William Bronson, publisher of The Daily Citizen, said this year's guide is designed to allow anyone to contribute.

"We thought it would be a good idea for the community," he said. "This is a way to consolidate all of the information."

The guide publishes on May 8. An interactive edition will be posted at www.daltondailycitizen.com.

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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.

"The post office drive thru drop box cannot be reached by many of us because it is too high. We would be very grateful if the post office could remedy this problem for us."

"If anybody has anything to say about the Murray County Recreation Board I wish they would attend our meetings. They are open and we meet the second Wednesday of every month."

"Is Ms. Gould an employee of Keller Outdoor or The Murray County Board of Education? Her decisions should be to keep jobs for the school system not Keller Outdoor."

Lloyd remembers
Mr. Haynes got the first radio in my neighborhood. People used to fill up his living room every Saturday night to listen to the Grand Ole Opry. They would ask him to play Roy Acuff or Patsy Cline and he had to explain that he didn't control who they put on the radio."

"Mrs. Barbara Phillips, we would like to thank you for being the Bible teacher for our children at Mountain Ridge Baptist and for teaching them how to put love into action and be productive citizens."

"A governmental change of this magnitude requires a great deal of thought and calculation. As the song goes, 'Only fools rush in.'"

"Mr. Editor, thanks for the Pet Connection and for your comments in the forum."

Sarcasm alert
"A shout out to Whitfield County Animal Control for turning South 41 at Five Springs and Spring Heights subdivision into an animal sanctuary. We have so many animals here you can just drive by and look at them."

"If you want to know how the outhouse got on the roof of Dalton High School in 1964, check out the Daily Citizen web site. It's a good read."

"Why do the media and our congressmen continue to call all weapons automatic? I have never seen the word semi-automatic used. Ninety-nine percent of the guns are semi-automatic."

"I don't think President Obama has the right kind of education or knowledge to be our president. He can't do an interview and shouldn't be in the White House leading our people."

Editor: Too late. He won the election.

"Chipper could have got more money. But I'd love to be making \$86,000 a game. Go for it. He's worth it."

"I think this remote control thing needs to be turned off."

"Are the Southeast bus drivers supposed to blow their horns every morning at 7 am to wake up the neighbors. This has gone on all winter."

"If law doesn't define marriage, then what does it mean when the Iowa Supreme Court legalizes gay marriage?"

"An extended version of the forum, with all the comments which have been

ignored in the past, would be a great read."

"It must be the Republicans who keep calling in and complaining about Obama."

"The solution to the TV remote war? Get your own TV and tell him, hands off!"

"If some of these homeless have never worked, I don't think we should be giving them money."

"Mr. Editor, you are right about the atheists not having a God, but the Jews have the same God as the Christians, but they don't believe the Holy Trinity."

"Bagley's sports program is terrible. Why would they hire those coaches at North Murray?"

"Didn't Jesus say for the children to come unto him? If you don't want children in your church, then you don't want Jesus in your church."

"Americans are caring, giving people. We saved Europe's butt in 1945. To be called arrogant is shameful."

"One of my favorite eating places was Smith's Cafe next to the old World Carpet. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith. The barbecue sandwiches were awesome."

"I am 73 and in my day we believed the babies stayed in the congregation. Take the nurseries out of the church and let the parents take care of the babies. People need to wake up and live a little bit!"

"Why not use county jail inmates to mow the courthouse lawn instead of paying a landscape company to do it?"

"Is it just me or is it a prerequisite for TV preachers to have really, really, bad hair?"

"If credit cards had finger prints on them, or some other form of ID, then credit card theft would stop."

"Well, the Georgia lawmakers cut programs for the elderly and teachers are being eliminated, but they will continue the tax cuts for the rich. Business as usual."

"The regular school buses stop at the corners and pick the kids up."

"Mr. Espy, you support illegal immigration. Does that make you a Mexican hero or an American traitor."

Editor: I don't support illegal immigration.

"Evidently people forgot Brock's 5&10 out on Murray Avenue, next to the old Town and Country Building."

"People who call themselves Christians shouldn't complain about the way the world is going because it is ushering in the return of Christ. On the other hand, we are worried about the people who aren't prepared to meet Christ."

"So they changed the meeting with Isakson and Deal. But it's still on a Tuesday when working people can't attend."

"The reign of the U.S. as a world leader is ending. A revived state of the Roman Empire is coming to pass. Read your Bible."

"Thanks to the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia for the wonderful Strut Your Mutt. The volunteers were cheerful and we had a great time."

"Is there an ordinance

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR APRIL 6
Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 0-3-4, Cash 4: 5-9-6-9, Evening Cash 3: 5-5-1 Cash 4: 6-5-8-2, Fantasy Five: 39-9-27-11-19
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 0-5-5, Lucky Sum: 10; Cash 4: 5-1-2-8, Lucky Sum: 16; Evening Cash 3: 1-1-5, L-Sum: 7, Cash 4: 6-3-0-4, Lucky Sum: 13

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Betty Morua
AGE: 53
HOME: Chattanooga
FAMILY: Husband, Victor Morua; daughter, Katherine Morua; son, Jonathan Morua
WORK: International Academy at Blue Ridge
PLAY: Play piano, sing, read
SHE SAID: "I love to help people and I think I'm in the right place."



Dalton retains principal lineup

By Rachel Brown
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When students in Dalton city schools return on Aug. 7, they'll find the same principals at every school.

Board of Education members met Monday morning to approve contracts for 541 teachers and 36 administrators. The number of administrators remains the same, but some of those employees were offered lower-paying positions because of budget concerns.

Administrators don't expect to fill most of 19 open teaching positions, said Craig Harper, assistant superintendent for human resources and student services.

"That's not a very high amount of resignations and retirements," Harper said. "People are not wanting to be very mobile right now."

Superintendent Jim Hawkins said the school system is reducing all employees' pay, including his own, either by cutting a local salary supplement or reducing the number of paid days. The reductions are one piece of an effort to deal with an expected \$6.2 million state and local revenue loss over three years. Board members have approved about \$5.2

million in personnel and operational cuts for the budget year that begins July 1. The total budget isn't finalized. Board members have also cut about \$500,000 in operations expenses from the current year's \$63 million budget.

Hawkins said board members planned Monday's special called meeting before state officials informed them that the Legislature said on Friday that local school systems this year have until May 15 to nail down teacher contracts. Contracts are normally due April 15.

Hawkins said while officials don't expect many teachers to turn down the contracts, the extended deadlines give them more time to make a decision.

"We think (letting teachers know as soon as possible is) the responsible thing to do," he said.

For the first time, contracts won't include specifics on salary and number of paid days. Pay information will be provided in an attached document that isn't part of the actual contract, Harper said. Officials said the changes allow some wiggle room in case legislators decide to furlough teachers in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Motorcyclist critical

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 25-year-old Chatsworth man remained in critical condition on Monday in a Chattanooga hospital following a motorcycle wreck Sunday afternoon on Fort Mountain in east Murray County.

Clark Phillips was riding a 2002 Yamaha when he lost control in a curve and struck a guard rail at about 3 p.m. west of Fort Mountain State Park on Highway 52 near the "pull offs," Georgia State Patrol officials said. Speed may have been a factor. No

other vehicles were involved. Phillips was airlifted to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

A 72-year-old man from Marietta was treated and released from Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton following a motorcycle wreck on Ga. Highway 411 North on Saturday afternoon at about 3:30, officials said. David Olson lost control and was thrown, a state patrol operator said.

"He said his front brake locked up, causing him to lose control," she said, citing a report.

Holy Week Events:

THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS.....

Passion of the Christ Friday
April 10 @ 7pm

Egg Hunt Saturday April 11
2pm-4pm

Sunrise Service @ Family Life
Center 7:30 am

Sunrise Breakfast @ Family
Life Center 8 am

Easter Early Worship
9:00 am

Sunday School 10:00
am

Easter Late Worship
11:00 am



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Pension gobbles Dalton funds

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The city of Dalton may have to add an extra \$2.3 million to its pension fund this year. That's on top of the \$3.7 million the City Council has already budgeted for the plan.

Finance director Cindy Jackson briefed council members on the January report from the plan's actuaries Monday night. She said the plan had \$91 million in accrued benefits promised to retirees and employees enrolled in the plan and \$50.5 million in assets. By comparison, in 2008, the plan had \$80.3 million in accrued benefits and \$61.8 million in assets.

That means the plan dropped from being 77 percent funded to 55 percent funded.

Jackson said the big declines last year in the financial market were the main reason for the drop in assets.

Because of the drop, she said state law requires the city to increase its funding. That could be done by increasing contributions of employees in the plan, the city's employer contribution or both.

Mayor David Pennington noted that Dalton Utilities' share of the pension is 45 percent.

"We are working together to try to come up with a long-term strategy for funding the pension," he said.

Council members voted 4-0 to:

- Allow "stack" burials in part of West Hill Cemetery.
- Require pawn brokers to list items on an electronic database.
- Approve a \$10,800 contract with Carlson-Jones Architects to design the interior renovation of the Norfolk Southern depot.
- Approve \$20,000 for the American Red Cross, which provides training to city employees and disaster support services to the fire and police departments.
- Approve an amendment to the city sign ordinance to make it "content neutral."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



AP PHOTO

Gertrude Baines, right, poses with her pastor Warren Smith, left, as she celebrates her 115th birthday on Monday at the Western Convalescent Hospital in Los Angeles. Guinness World Records on Monday presented Baines with a certificate naming her the oldest person living.

Publisher-lawmaker Porter to run for Ga. governor

ATLANTA (AP) — DuBose Porter, a rural newspaper publisher and the Georgia House's top Democrat, has joined an already crowded field to become Georgia's next governor.

Porter said he decided to enter the 2010 contest after the Republican-controlled Legislature voted to give the governor and lawmakers more power over infrastructure money and failed for a second time to adopt a sales tax for transportation funding.

"This year's lack of leadership on transportation and their personal grabs for power at the expense of the people convinced me to throw my hat into the ring," he said.

He joins a growing crowd competing to replace two-term Gov. Sonny Perdue, who in 2002 became Georgia's first Republican governor in generations. Perdue is forbidden by law to run for a third term.

Attorney General Thurbert Baker and David Poythress, the former commander of the Georgia National Guard, have also

entered the race on the Democratic side. And former Gov. Roy Barnes has also said he may jump in.

At least four Republicans are vying for the post. Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, Secretary of State Karen Handel, state Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine and state Rep. Austin Scott of Tifton are running. Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens is also considering a run.

Poythress said in a statement he was "confident" he would win the party's primary and that he wasn't surprised by Porter's decision. Baker spokesman Jeff DiSantis said the attorney general "looks forward to a vigorous debate about how to move Georgia forward."

Porter said he hopes to bring a more moderate and rural voice to the governor's mansion. An attorney, he was first elected to the Georgia House in 1982. Five years later, he and a business partner bought the Dublin Courier Herald.

Porter rose to a leadership position in the House, serving as a floor leader for then-Gov. Zell Miller in 1991 and

1992. (Baker also was one of Miller's lieutenants at the same time, serving as an assistant floor leader and ultimately a floor leader as well).

Seeking a more powerful post, Porter was on the losing side of a disastrous bid to unseat legendary House Speaker Tom Murphy, but eventually recovered to become one of the House's top leaders.

After Republicans took control of the chamber in the 2004 elections, Porter was selected the chamber's minority leader, becoming an outspoken critic of Republican policies. He called the latest legislative session, which ended Friday, "the last straw."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Day care fundraiser on Thursday

The Whitfield County-Dalton Day Care Center will host its annual spring fundraiser on Thursday from 7-10 p.m. at Trevitt Hall in downtown Dalton. The event, called "The Chocolate Factory," will feature live entertainment, a silent auction, food and fellowship.

All proceeds will go to the day care center, a local non-profit that provides experienced and licensed care to children. Local restaurants will donate food and desserts.

Tickets are \$40. For tickets call (706) 278-8991 or e-mail specialprojectscoordinator@optilink.us.

Walking trails featured on Wednesday

The public is invited to the grand opening of the downtown Dalton walking trails on Wednesday at noon at the statue of Joseph E. Johnston at the corner of Crawford and Hamilton streets. Participants can choose from the one-mile Peacock Trail, the two-mile Train Track Trail or the three-mile Liberty Tree Trail.

Walkers can keep track of their mileage by joining an online walking group. Visit www.downtowndalton.com to register. Individuals who record 100 miles will receive a Downtown Dalton Walking Trails T-shirt.

Trade Center debuts new web site today

The Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center is launching a new Web site today at www.daltontradecenter.com.

Officials say the site offers a customized experience for specific users. It features "hot buttons" for planners, exhibitors and others looking for information.

The site includes specifics on the trade center's capacity, floor plans and catering menus, and testimonials from past and current clients.

"We hope to better inform the community about events at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center," said general manager Shashank Gairola. "We encourage the community to check it out soon."

Isakson, Deal to speak today

The public may attend a Congressional Update with Sen. Johnny Isakson and Rep. Nathan Deal today for free. Tickets to the event at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center are required only for those wanting to eat breakfast.

It begins at 7:45 a.m., with breakfast being served at 8. Deal and Isakson will speak and answer questions.



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday
Brooke Allison Murphree
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Tanner, Stacy, Sam & Tyler

Traffic: Cameras KO'd

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and Thornton, accidents declined before the cameras went in and stayed fairly flat since. There were 19 crashes in 2005, 10 in 2006, 11 in 2007 and 10 in 2008.

Parker said red light violations and traffic accidents have dropped across the city since the cameras went up, which he says is a "residual effect" of the program.

But Pennington noted that accidents have dropped nationwide, not just in Dalton.

"You've probably seen that we had the lowest number of highway deaths since 1961. Because of the economy, people are driving less. So it's hard to compare accidents," he said.

State law required cities to add an extra second to the amber lights at intersections with traffic cameras, and city officials said there was some evidence that

reduce traffic violations at those intersections. They said they will ask GDOT to let them keep that extra second at Shugart and 41, which is a state route.

Some Dalton residents said before the meeting that they didn't have any strong feelings about the cameras.

"They say they reduce accidents. I don't know. If they do I guess it's a good thing," said Joe Fernandez.

City officials said they stopped issuing citations from the cameras in the first week of March. They said they did not know how long it will take LaserCraft to remove the cameras.

The city paid \$4,695 for each "approach" per month, with two approaches (the north and south) covered at the Thornton-Waugh intersection and all three covered at Shugart-Highway 41. The city did not pay once the issuing of citations stopped.

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Merger could cost property owners

To the editor:

Fire insurance premiums for both home & business are determined greatly by what your local fire department's fire protection rating is. The Insurance Service Organization (ISO), a group of trained, professional evaluators, base a fire department's rating on many factors, including the number of personnel on-duty, training level of personnel (paid or volunteer), the amount of water the fire department can get to a fire, and the amount & quality of equipment used (such as fire engines and hand tools). ISO rates departments on a scale of 1 to 10, with Class 1 given to exemplary fire departments and Class 10 to those that do not meet minimum criteria.

Currently, the Dalton Fire Department has a Class 2 fire protection rating, one of only 15 Class II fire departments in Georgia and one of 453 nationwide.

The Whitfield County Fire Department is a blended full-time and volunteer fire department boasting an ISO split rating of 5/9 Countywide. What this split classification means is that the first class (Class 5) applies to properties within five road miles of a fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The second class (Class 9) applies to properties within five road miles of a fire station but beyond 1,000 feet of a hydrant.

What all this means to the average citizen is that the price of fire insurance in a community with a good ISO rating is substantially lower than in a community with a poor one.

If Dalton Fire and Whitfield County Fire Departments are combined, the fire insurance premiums for homes & businesses in Dalton will increase, while those in Whitfield County, may or may not, decrease.

Keep that in mind the next time our local government leaders start talking up the idea of merging the two fire departments.

Barry D. Jennings
Dalton

Don't forget about the sin

To the editor:

I am tired of people trying to use their distortion of the Bible and Christianity to support their views of homosexuality and same sex marriage. Recently I read a letter from someone saying that Jesus forgave people their sins and as Christ followers we should do the same. Well for those that are not familiar with the teaching of the Bible, let me explain the truth on this subject.

First, let me say I will forgive them but at the same time I will not accept their lifestyle. Nor will I accept their efforts to make it respectable. My forgiveness is not what is important... the forgiveness of God through the life and death of Jesus Christ is the important thing. To receive this forgiveness, a person must first repent of the action (sin) and turn away from it and don't repeat it. These people want the exact opposite. They want to be forgiven so they can continue with the sin. If you don't believe this is sinful, I suggest you read Leviticus 20:13 where the Bible describes the action and then says the penalty is to be "put to death" by the people. And in Corinthians 6:9-10, it is listed with numerous other sins and says the offenders "will not inherit the Kingdom of God". The Scripture could not be more explicit in describing the act and the penalties.

So the next time you want to lecture the Christians on their thinking and actions, I suggest you become familiar with their beliefs and the Bible on which they are based. The real Christian will "love the sinner but hate the sin..."

Bob Miller
Dalton



WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

Thought for today: "No date on the calendar is as important as tomorrow."

Roy W. Howard
American newspaper publisher (1883-1964)

Body snatchers

The plot of the 1956 cult classic "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" seems remarkably similar to the storyline of the Obama administration, which is invading, and appears eager to take over, corporate America. Unfortunately, the reality of the threat to American corporations is far creepier than any science-fiction film could ever be.

Here's Wikipedia's plot summary of "Body Snatchers," with my editorial additions in parentheses: "Set in the fictional town of Santa Mira, Calif., (Washington, D.C.), the plot centers on Dr. Miles Bennell (Rush Limbaugh), a local doctor (radio talk show host), who finds a rash of patients (Americans/listeners) accusing their loved ones of being imposters (collectivists).

"Assured at first by the town psychiatrist, Dr. Dan Kaufman, (Barack Obama), that the cases are nothing but 'epidemic mass hysteria,' Bennell (Limbaugh) soon discovers, with the help of his friend Jack Belicec (Sean Hannity), that the townspeople are, in fact, being replaced by simulations grown from plant-like pods (socialism); perfect physical duplicates who kill (regulate) and dispose of (bankrupt) their human (corporate) victims. The Pod People (duped Americans who know little about capitalism and who have fallen for the "punish the rich" class warfare line) are indistinguishable from normal (free market capitalists) people, except for their utter lack of emotion (the modern version is that Obama supporters respond only to emotion and care little about substance). The Pod People (the duped Americans, who have now become socialists without realizing it) work together to secretly spread more pods (socialism) — which grew from 'seeds drift-



Cal Thomas

ing through space (Russia) for years' — in order to replace the entire human (capitalist) race (system). "The film climaxes with Bennell (Limbaugh) and his former sweetheart, Becky Driscoll, (Laura Ingraham) attempting to escape the Pod People, intending to warn the rest of humanity (America). They hide; Driscoll (Ingraham) falls asleep and is subverted. With the Pod People close behind, a seemingly crazed Bennell (Limbaugh) runs onto the highway frantically screaming of the alien force that has overrun Santa Mira (Washington) to the passing motorists and then looks into the camera and yells, 'They're here already! You're next!'"

The government, which is decreasingly capable of running itself, will now dictate to corporate America how to run companies. The Obama administration has even promised that government will insure any warranties that might be in jeopardy should GM and Chrysler declare bankruptcy. It is a dangerous precedent that should frighten all of us into opposing the administration's plans with every fiber of our still free beings.

President Obama says the American auto industry will not be allowed to "simply vanish." No, but the direction in which it is heading will require what's left of the companies to manufacture cars even fewer people want to buy, thus requiring the effective nationalization of the automobile industry. If people aren't buy-

ing cars from GM and Chrysler in sufficient numbers to make a profit today, why would they buy them when they are even less attractive?

Obama is Jimmy Carter's second term. In 1977, Carter went on television in the midst of an "energy crisis." Wearing a cardigan to signal that it, not natural gas or heating oil, was the best way to keep warm, he spoke to the American people as if our best days were behind us.

Like President Obama, Carter said we had to sacrifice and "learn to live thriftily," no longer spending or consuming as we had been. It was the year the musical "Annie" became a smash hit on Broadway with its optimistic message, three years before Ronald Reagan won the Republican nomination for president, rejecting Carter's pessimism and instead telling Americans that our best days were yet to come.

That's the message needed today. Government can't revive anything. You might as well ask the dead to get up and walk. Americans must revive themselves with the same vision and purpose that has worked in the past. If we don't want an America that resembles the system we worked 70 years to defeat, we had better get to work quickly, because the socialists are already here and they are plotting which companies to target next.

A bigger political voice than talk radio hosts must carry this message. Is there anyone like Reagan out there? Please call immediately before any more companies are snatched away, taking our freedoms along with them.

■ **Contact columnist Cal Thomas via mail at Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY, 14207.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday, April 7**, the 97th day of 2009. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

On this date:

In 1199, King Richard I of England (also known as The Lion-Heart) died in the Limousin region of France at age 41 after being mortally wounded by an arrow.

In 1969, the Supreme Court, in *Stanley v. Georgia*, unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

Ten years ago: NATO stepped up its airstrikes in Yugoslavia after rejecting President Slobodan Milosevic's cease-fire declaration. Yugoslav authorities, meanwhile, closed the main exit route where a quarter-million ethnic Albanians had fled Kosovo.

Five years ago: Mounir el Motassadeq, the only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted, was freed after a Hamburg, Germany, court ruled that the evidence was too weak to hold him pending a retrial.

One year ago: Anti-China protesters disrupted the Olympic torch relay in Paris, at times forcing Chinese organizers to put out the flame and take the torch onto a bus to secure it.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor James Garner is 81. Country singer Cal Smith is 77. Actor Wayne Rogers is 76. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 74. Country singer Bobby Bare is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 72. California Attorney General Jerry Brown is 71. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 70. TV personality David Frost is 70. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 62. Singer John Oates is 60. Singer Janis Ian is 58. Country musician John Dittrich is 58. Actor Jackie Chan is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 55. Actor Russell Crowe is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 45. Actor Bill Bellamy is 44.



Is it so hard to get the words right?

My children have started to become exacting grammarians. David, 15, is driven nearly crazy every time someone misuses the expression "beg the question." It's a good thing he is away on a band trip this week and didn't catch a CNN report on the morning news. A story on the financial situation was phrased like this: "This begs the question: What happened to the TARP money?"

If David had been watching, he would have scowled at the screen and, voice raised, corrected the reporter. "It doesn't 'beg' the question. It presents or suggests or poses the question. To beg the question is to avoid or circumvent it!" David is mostly right. Beg the question is widely misused. Michael Quinion of World Wide Words (worldwidewords.org) responded to a reader who asked whether it was ever correct to use the meaning David disdains. His answer is comprehensive. "You can easily find examples of the sense you quote, which is used just as though one might say 'prompt the question' or 'forces one to ask' This meaning of the phrase seems to have grown up because people have turned for a model to other phrases in beg, especially the well-known *I beg to differ*, where *beg* is a fossil verb that actually used to mean 'humbly submit'. But the way we use *beg to differ* these days makes *beg the question* look the same as 'wish to ask'. It doesn't — or at least, it didn't. ... The meaning you give is ... gaining ground, and one or two recent dictionaries claim that it is now acceptable — the *New Oxford Dictionary of English*, for example, says it is 'widely accepted in modern standard English'. I wouldn't go so far myself."



Mona Charen

I'm delighted and a little surprised that my publicly educated boys are learning grammar at all. When I attended public school, grammar was completely out of style. I suppose the geniuses at Teachers College (whose views infect all of American education) thought it would stunt our creativity to learn how to diagram a sentence. In any case, most of my school cohorts didn't come across words like gerund or past participle until we studied a foreign language in eighth grade! My 11th grade English teacher, Mrs. Payne, was kind enough to spend several after-school hours teaching me the basics of grammar because I asked. But that was an extracurricular exception for an eccentric.

Ben, 13, was actually given an extra credit project in English: Find an example of incorrect grammar or usage in your daily life. He wanted to snap a photo of the checkout line at the supermarket that reads "15 items or less." It should be "fewer," of course. I suggested one that grates like fingernails on a blackboard every time I hear it. When you renew your prescriptions at our pharmacy, a recorded voice asks for the prescription number. After you enter it you hear: "The prescription you entered is associated with the name C-H-A-R. If this is the first four letters of your last name, press 1." AGGGGHH! I respond with only mar-

ginally less anguish when I hear "enormity" misused. Enormity is a fine word meaning (according to the American Heritage Dictionary) "The quality of passing all moral bounds; excessive wickedness 2. A monstrous offense or evil." It just happens to sound like "enormous." And so you will hear members of Congress, TV pundits and others use phrases like "the enormity of the crisis we face." No.

I don't want to discourage my kids' fastidiousness about language. But the truth is that language is always changing, and that sometimes the sheer weight and momentum of error crash through the ramparts of proper usage and the unacceptable is accepted. This openness has another side as well — receptiveness to all enhancements. English has taken liberally from dozens of other tongues. It has always been this way. The French, Italians, and Germans established learned societies to maintain the purity of their languages. The French to this day are subject to seizures when English words like "weekend" insinuate themselves into la belle langue. But English just keeps expanding. According to *The Economist*, the number of words in the English language will pass 1 million at the end of this month, far more than any other language.

By all means, let's celebrate the flexibility and versatility of English. But please, enormity doesn't refer to size.

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Lockheed hit by cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end of a fighter jet built for the Cold War and cancellation of a new fleet of presidential helicopters sparked concerns of job cuts at Lockheed Martin Corp. and its partners — but did not appear to shake Wall Street's confidence in defense stocks.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday the Pentagon will end the F-22 fighter jet and White House helicopter programs run by Lockheed, but would increase production of the company's Joint Strike Fighter.

Job and other budget figures released by Gates sought to assuage fears of deep cuts at the nation's largest defense contractor and its suppliers, helping Lockheed shares to rise nearly 9 percent.

Gates recommended more than doubling the number of Joint Strike Fighters to 30 in the upcoming budget, which would increase funding to \$11.2 billion from \$6.8 billion.

According to the Pentagon, there already are 38,000 employees working on the next-generation stealth fighter jet, known as the F-35. That number is anticipated to jump to 82,000 in fiscal 2011.

Still, Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed has said almost 95,000 jobs — mostly in California, Texas, Georgia and Connecticut — could be at risk if the Pentagon didn't buy more F-22 jets.

Gates offered a very different employment picture, saying the number of direct jobs would fall to 13,000 in fiscal 2011 from 24,000 this year.

JSA Research Inc. analyst Paul Nisbet said the disparity of F-22 and Joint Strike Fighter job figures appeared to "surprise a few people" and was enough to offset Lockheed losing two major programs.

Military analysts widely expected



AP PHOTO

A patrol boat makes its way along the Kennebec River by Bath Iron Works shipyard, in Bath, Maine, on Monday, April 6, 2009. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, announced that Defense Secretary Robert Gates is proposing that General Dynamics' Bath Iron Works build all three of the next-generation destroyers, a decision that could provide the shipbuilder with a steady workload for many years.

the radar-evading supersonic F-22 jet — considered an outdated weapon system — would not go beyond the 187 already planned. The planes cost \$140 million each.

Lockheed said it's assessing the impact of Gates' decision on several defense programs.

Most of the F-22's are being built in Marietta, Ga. and Fort Worth, Texas. Boeing Co. manufactures the wings and other parts in Seattle.

Georgia Republicans, Rep. Phil Gingrey and Sen. Johnny Isakson, said Gates' decision put thousands of manufacturing jobs at risk. And Jeff Goen,

president of the union representing Lockheed's employees in metro Atlanta, said layoffs are inevitable unless Congress restores the fighter program.

"It's going to devastate many families here," Goen said.

Goen didn't know how many jobs might be lost, but said Lockheed has about 2,000 workers — out of 7,000 at its Georgia plant — assigned to the F-22. The union, the International Association of Machinists Local 709, represents about 1,200 employees working on the jet's assembly.

MARTA wants more state money

ATLANTA (AP) — MARTA's board on Monday called for a special legislative session so the Atlanta transit system can avoid reducing service to six days a week.

Officials with MARTA are grappling with a \$24 million budget shortfall and had asked the state Legislature to pass a bill allowing them to tap into capital reserves to continue operating seven

days a week. But lawmakers wrapped up their business Friday without approving the legislation.

MARTA's CEO blamed the Legislature for failing to act.

"There is no reason for this train wreck to have to happen," Beverly Scott said at a news conference Monday. "There is no need to end up having the economic devastation and the personal

hardship that is going to wind up happening to thousands of people."

MARTA officials said cutting back service would make it harder for workers to make it their jobs and would also be a devastating blow to tourism and convention traffic coming into the city.

Gov. Sonny Perdue would have to call lawmakers back to Atlanta for a special legislative session.



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Students from a Dalton State lifeguard certification class participate in a rescue drill that may one day help them save a life.

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beginning this week. Students must be 15 or older and pass a pre-test on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bandy Gym pool to qualify for participation in the class. Students who successfully complete this course and pass the certification test will be Red Cross lifeguard certified. Standard first aid, AED (automatic external defibrillator), oxygen administration, rescue and CPR train-

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AT&T	26.83	26.59	Kroger	19.13	19.40
BAC	7.55	7.48	Lowes	56.64	55.94
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BristolMyers	20.16	20.53	Microsoft	34.25	33.86
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Dell	10.32	10.33	Total Sys	52.82	52.58
Delta	6.64	6.94	UPS	48.3	46.51
Dixie Group	1.45	1.82	Vulcan	32.79	33.01
Dow	11	10.78	Verizon	53.8	53.38
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DuPont	25.97	25.44	Wells Fargo	5.07	5.23
Earthlink	6.97	7.05	Wendy's	30.31	29.79
Ericsson	8.96	9.18	Yum	5.02	4.86
Exxon	70.44	70.05	Xerox		
Ford	3.23	3.76			
FSG	3.99	3.96			
GE	10.94	11.19			
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Stock market retreats

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled back for the first time in five days Monday as investors worried about balance sheets at banks and the quarterly results that businesses will start releasing this week.

Investors were also disappointed that talks for IBM Corp.'s \$7 billion deal to buy Sun Microsystems Inc. have stalled — a sign that the market is still not ready to support big mergers.

Financial shares sold off after a prominent analyst

predicted more losses at banks and said the government's efforts to prop up the ailing industry might not be as effective as hoped.

Michael Mayo issued "sell" ratings on several banks and said in his report that loan losses could exceed levels seen in the Great Depression.

The market was already on edge about the coming parade of first-quarter results, which kicks off Tuesday with aluminum producer Alcoa Inc.

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HEALTH

Study: 1 in 5 youths obese

CHICAGO (AP) — A striking new study says almost 1 in 5 American 4-year-olds is obese, and the rate is alarmingly higher among American Indian children, with nearly a third of them obese.

Researchers were surprised to see differences by race at so early an age.

Overall, more than half a million 4-year-olds are obese, the study suggests. Obesity is more common in Hispanic and black youngsters, too, but the disparity is most startling in American Indians, whose rate is almost double that of whites.

The lead author said that rate is worrisome among children so young, even in a population at higher risk for obesity because of other health problems and economic disadvantages.

"The magnitude of these differences was larger than we expected, and it is surprising to see differences by racial groups present so early in childhood," said Sarah Anderson, an Ohio State University public health researcher. She conducted the research with Temple University's Dr. Robert Whitaker.

Dr. Glenn Flores, a pediatrician and public health professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the research is an important contribution to studies documenting racial and ethnic disparities in children's weight.

"The cumulative evidence is alarming because within just a few decades, America will become a 'minority majority' nation," he said. Without interventions, the next generation "will be at very high risk" for heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, joint diseases and other problems connected with obesity, said Flores, who was not involved in the new research.

The study is an analysis of nationally representative height and weight data on 8,550 preschoolers born in 2001. Children were measured in their homes and were part of a study conducted by the government's National Center on Educational Statistics. The results appear in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Almost 13 percent of Asian children were obese, along with 16 percent of whites, almost 21 percent of blacks, 22 percent of Hispanics, and 31 percent of American Indians.

Some previous studies of young children did not distinguish between kids who were merely overweight versus obese, or they examined fewer racial groups.

The current study looked only at obesity and a specific age group. Anderson called it the first analysis of national obesity rates in preschool kids in the five ethnic or racial groups.

The researchers did not examine reasons for the disparities, but others offered several theories.

Flores cited higher rates of diabetes in American Indians, and also Hispanics, which scientists believe may be due to genetic differences.

Companies try 'no layoff' strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as the recession cuts deeply into their revenue, some companies are opting to do the unconventional: They're keeping all their employees and finding other ways to trim costs.

Their strategy isn't about mercy. It's built on the notion that layoffs bring high costs and hassles of their own.

Profits at Costco Wholesale Corp. are down 27 percent from a year ago, but the discount store has not laid anyone off. The only workers let go have been holiday seasonal hires.

To trim costs, Costco imposed a hiring freeze at its corporate offices. But the company says it recognizes that labor remains its most valuable — if costliest — resource.

"We're certainly sharpening our pencil everywhere we can," said Bob Nelson, Costco's vice president of financial planning and investor relations. Nelson couldn't recall any layoffs at Costco since the closing of some stores in the 1980s.

Clearly, companies that have avoided layoffs are the exception, not the rule. Employers have cut 5.1 million jobs since the recession began, including 663,000 last month alone.

Economists say it's a wise move for some companies to keep their workers and cut elsewhere.

"If you overshoot on the downside and lay off workers, it puts the company at a disadvantage when the economy comes back to life," said Sean Snaith, economics professor at the University of Central Florida.

The other steps companies are taking to cut costs are not exactly harmless to workers. Chief among them: capping the number of hours employees can work, cutting or freezing pay and suspending matching payments to 401(k) plans.



AP PHOTO

A worker prepares chicken for sale at Costco in Mountain View, Calif., Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009. Costco Wholesale Corp. hasn't eliminated workers because of the recession — although it's had regular seasonal layoffs after the holidays. "You have to have the people to get customers in and out," he said.

Casino operator Wynn Resorts is trimming pay and cutting back on retirement fund matches. Credit agency Equifax Inc. froze pay for all U.S. employees for 2009 and at some of its foreign offices as well.

A survey by job placement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas this year found 71 percent of companies polled had laid off some workers. More than a quarter had implemented pay freezes or cuts.

Despite the alarming job losses nationwide, John Challenger, the firm's CEO, said it's more common now

than in past recessions for companies to find other paths to savings than laying people off.

That's because many companies have concluded that layoffs could be costlier down the road. Employers who have laid people off have to find, hire and train new ones when the economy recovers. Workers with specialized skills or strong customer contacts aren't easily replaced.

Marvin Windows and Doors, a Minnesota company, hasn't laid off any of its 5,300 workers — despite the collapse of the housing mar-

ket. Its sales were flat in 2008 and have fallen this year.

"We can't easily replace skilled craftspeople and their decades of experience," said Susan Marvin, president of the company.

Instead, Marvin Windows and Doors has trimmed the time factory workers are on the clock — from 40 hours a week to 32. It's a sacrifice David Peterson, who is 56 and has worked there for five years, is willing to make.

"You may have your hours cut, and that's not easy," said Peterson, who maintains machinery for the company. "But you still have your job, which gives me a lot of peace of mind."

Layoffs typically mean companies have to pay severance costs, which vary widely by occupation and industry. A retail clerk, for instance, might cost a company \$1,000 in severance. A low-level white-collar manager paid \$50,000 a year could get \$5,000.

And higher-paid professionals who earn well into six figures — accountants and lawyers — could get \$50,000 in severance, estimated Terry Connelly, dean of Golden Gate University's Agno School of Business in San Francisco.

There also are other costs that are harder to put a price tag on, including the loss of talent and leadership. Layoffs can drag down the morale of those who managed to survive the job cuts but fear they could be next.

And when it comes time to rehire people, a company usually ends up paying a new hire more than what the laid-off worker got paid. That's because an improved job market gives workers more negotiating power than if they'd remained at the company, Connelly said.

Some companies that have had layoffs say they've done so in targeted ways.

Many have decided they can't cut any more. Defense contractor ITT Corp., for example, plans to cut about 1,200 jobs, mostly factory and office staff.

"We are certainly not looking to cut engineering positions, because of how valuable those jobs are and how difficult they are to replace," said spokesman Andy Hilton.

Manufacturing has been clobbered by the recession. The industry lost 161,000 jobs in March and has lost 1.5 million since the recession began. But "a lot of these companies are hitting the limit of where they'd like to be," said Craig Giffi, U.S. head of consumer and industrial products at Deloitte LLP.

From lathe operators to specialists in computer-controlled industrial machinery, some manufacturers have made costly investments in skilled workers and want to keep them.

"When you have talent that is really special, and you know what you got — it would be costly to let them go," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Economists say unemployment, now at 8.5 percent nationwide, could climb above 10 percent by year's end. Some economists say the labor market may not return to normal, meaning a jobless rate of about 5 percent, until 2013.

And once the economy rebounds, companies that didn't slash payrolls could emerge with an edge.

"You don't want to lay off 15 percent of your work force, because you want to be prepared to move quickly when the economy turns around, and that will obstruct your ability to do so," said Dean Baker, co-director of the liberal-leaning Center For Economic Policy and Research.

IRAQ

Attacks shock Baghdad citizens

BAGHDAD (AP) — Anger boiled over in Baghdad streets as Iraqi soldiers and police after they failed to prevent a stunning series of coordinated bombings across the city Monday that left 37 dead and more than 100 wounded.

Iraq's government blamed the attacks on supporters of Saddam Hussein "in cooperation with the al-Qaida terrorist organization" and suggested the blasts were timed for Tuesday's anniversary of the founding of the late dictator's Baath party.

The attacks, which one Interior Ministry official called the worst breach of security in Baghdad this year, occurred as the U.S. military is drawing down its forces in the capital. Some Iraqis pondered whether their own soldiers and police can maintain order if Shiite-Sunni violence flares again once the Americans have gone.

At the site of one blast, in the former militia stronghold of Sadr City, angry crowds hurled stones at Iraqi soldiers in a display of bitterness that they failed to prevent a car bomb from entering a busy market, where it exploded.

"We see nothing from them, they are useless," complained Mohammed Latif, a government employee who lives in Sadr City. "They are responsible for what happened today."

Killer quake strikes central Italy

L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Premier Silvio Berlusconi says more than 150 people have been killed in an earthquake in mountainous central Italy.

Berlusconi also says more than 1,500 people have been injured in the quake, which struck near the medieval town of L'Aquila before dawn Monday.

The Italian leader gave the update about the country's deadliest quake in nearly three decades late Monday as he spoke by telephone with a TV program in one of the networks he owns.

The Corriere Della Sera newspaper reported more than 250 people were missing.

The quake felled whole

blocks of buildings the medieval city of L'Aquila and the surrounding area early Monday as residents slept. It was Italy's deadliest quake in nearly three decades.

Ambulances screamed through L'Aquila as firefighters with dogs and a crane worked feverishly to reach people trapped in fallen buildings, including a university dormitory where a half dozen students were believed still inside.

Outside the half-collapsed building, part of the University of L'Aquila, tearful young people huddled together, wrapped in blankets, some in their slippers after being roused from sleep by the quake. Dozens man-

aged to escape as the dorm walls fell around them but hours after the quake, a body of a male student was pulled from the rubble.

"We managed to come down with other students but we had to sneak through a hole in the stairs as the whole floor came down," said student Luigi Alfonsi, 22. "I was in bed — it was like it would never end as I heard pieces of the building collapse around me."

"There was water gushing out of broken water pipes,

and the corridor which led to the stairs was partially blocked when a piece of the wall came down," Alfonsi, his eyes filling with tears and his hands trembling, told The Associated Press.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 buildings were either damaged or destroyed, officials said. L'Aquila Mayor Massimo Cialente said about 100,000 people were homeless. It was not clear if the mayor's estimate included surrounding towns.

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OBITUARIES

• **Robert W. "Bobby" Dickie Jr., Dalton**
 • **Wahlice Lacey, Dalton**
 • **Ethel Rittenhouse, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Robert W. "Bobby" Dickie Jr.

Mr. Robert W. "Bobby" Dickie Jr., 60, of Dalton, died April 5, 2009, at his residence.



Dickie had a lifetime of playing, officiating and coaching sports in Dalton and Whitfield County. He was a 2007 inductee in the Dalton Parks

& Recreation Softball Hall of Fame. Mr. Dickie played on the 1978 USSSA Mens Church Softball World Championship team with St. Andrews Church of Monteagle, Tenn., and received All World Honors. Mr. Dickie was an avid Georgia Tech fan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert "Bug" and Eunice Griffin Dickie; an infant sister, Deborah Dickie.

Survivors include his loving wife of 29 years, Carolyn Dickie; sons and daughter-in-law, Brandon Dickie, Bill and Angie Dickie; daughter, Susan Rich; grandchildren, Emily Rich, Nate Rich, Elaine Dickie, David Dickie and Anna Marie Dickie, all of Dalton; special nephews, Ryan and Christopher Schenck.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Bob Bagley officiating. Interment will follow

in the Chatsworth Heights Cemetery. Pallbearers include Nate Rich, Christopher Schenck, David Dickie, Ryan Schenck, Kim Hewitt, Lamar Hewitt, Adam Holcomb and Mike Dunn.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Brandon Dickie Education Fund, c/o Georgia Federal Credit Union, Calhoun Street, Dalton, GA 30720.

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

Arrangements made with integrity by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home & Crematory, Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Wahlice Lacey

Wahlice Lacey, 79, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cam and Dicie Ogle; brothers, Charlie and Richard Ogle.

Ms. Lacey was a member of Mount Herman Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Lacey of the residence; stepdaughters and their husbands, Dorothy and David Painter of Dalton, Edna and Greg DeBacker of Acworth, Ann Gordon of Dalton, Elaine and Lance Williams of Montgomery, Ala., and Tammy Boling of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Patsy Lacy of Ranger; sisters, Pauline Caldwell of Smyrna, Mildred Sneed of Dalton and Lillian Peffly of Augusta; brothers, Earl Ogle, George Ogle and John Ogle, all of Dalton, and Bruce Ogle of Resaca; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Gibson, Rev. Lamar Beason and Rev.

Floyd Hufstutler officiating. A white dove release will conclude the service.

Burial will be in Gordon Memorial Gardens.

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

Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at www.julianpeeples.com.

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

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Ethel Rittenhouse

Ethel Rittenhouse, 94, of Dalton, passed away Monday, April 6, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bethel Rittenhouse; two sons, Buck and Roy Rittenhouse; sisters, Clara Moore, Cleo White and Irene Sluder.

She is survived by a son,

Bobby Rittenhouse of Dalton; a daughter, Arlene Franklin of Dalton; sister, Bonnie Beal of Dalton; six grandchildren; and several great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with Chaplain Jim Herman officiating.

Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens. A White Dove Release Ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 until 8 p.m.

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Airlines improve service

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. air carriers led by Hawaiian Airlines took some of the hassle out of flying last year.

The airline industry had its best performance in four years in 2008, private researchers said Monday in their annual study of airline quality, based on government statistics.

Right behind Hawaiian in the ratings of 17 airlines were AirTran Airways and Jet Blue. The legacy airlines — American, Continental, Delta and United — were clustered in the middle, while regional air carriers filled out the bottom rungs.

After its worst year for customer complaints in more than a decade in 2007, the airline industry last year flew fewer people but treated them better, arriving on time more often and losing fewer bags. Passengers also were not as apt to be bumped from flights by overbooking, which was a big problem when airlines were running at or over capacity.

The downside: Less flights, higher prices — some airlines now charge extra for any luggage — and fewer frills.

The study found consumer complaints dipped from 1.42 per 100,000 passengers in 2007 to 1.15 in 2008. Southwest Airlines had the best rate, only 0.25 complaints per 100,000 passengers; US Airways had the worst rate, 2.25.

Half of all complaints involved baggage or flight problems such as cancellations, delays or other schedule deviations.

The average on-time performance last year was 3 percentage points better than the year before, yet nearly one-quarter of all flights were late. The study said 12 airlines improved from the previous year, but only three airlines had better than an 80 percent on-time rate: Hawaiian, 90 percent; Southwest, 80.5 percent; and US Airways, 80.1 percent.

American, the nation's largest air carrier as measured by passengers flown the most miles, had the worst record, arriving on time only 69.8 percent of the time.

The overall rate of passengers denied boardings — usually bumpings due to overbooking — dipped slightly, from 1.14 per 10,000 passengers to 1.1 in 2008. Jet Blue had the lowest rate for the second year in a row, 0.01 per 10,000 passengers; Atlantic Southeast Airlines had the highest rate, 3.89.

All the airlines did a better job handling passengers' baggage. The mishandled baggage rate fell from 7.01 bags per 1,000 passengers in 2007 to 5.19 bags in 2008.

AirTran did the best job, with 2.87 mishandled bags per 1,000 passengers.

CAPITOL VISITOR



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Varnell fifth-grader Nikki Hollis recently served as a page at the state Capitol for Rep. Tom Dickson, R-Cohutta.

Letter forecast NY slayings

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) — The man who gunned down 13 people in an immigrant center thought



Wang

police had harassed him for years, even spreading rumors about him and touching him in his sleep, and apparently was intent on killing people before returning "to the dust of the earth," according to a rambling letter in broken English mailed to a TV station the day of the massacre.

Authorities did not immediately say Monday if they had verified the letter's authenticity, but the city of Binghamton said it was reviewing it as "evidence in the investigation." The letter was mailed to News 10 Now, in Syracuse, and postmarked Friday, the day Vietnamese immigrant Jiverly Wong stormed into the American Civic Association and went on a rampage before killing himself.

"I am Jiverly Wong Shooting the people," the letter begins.

The letter was dated March 18, more than two weeks before the shooting. It included photos of Wong smiling with two guns, a gun permit and his driver's license. The envelope carried three stamps: two Purple

Hearts and a Liberty Bell.

The letter ends with him saying he can't "accept my poor life," that he is taking on the job of a judge and will "cut my poor life." He writes "at least two people with me go to return to the dust of the earth."

Police speculated Wong, who was ethnically Chinese but was from Vietnam, was angry over losing a job and frustrated about his poor English skills.

"I am sorry I know a little English," the letter reads.

It indicates a delusional man obsessed with unidentified police he says taunted him and tortured him, even going into his room, watching him sleep and touching him while he slept. The letter says police stole money from his wallet and stopped their cars in front of him 32 times in efforts to make him crash into them.

"I never hit the car," the letter states.

In a statement, the city of Binghamton, which is about 140 miles northwest of New York City, said it was reviewing the letter but would release no further comment about it until a press briefing scheduled for Tuesday.

Police Chief Joseph Zikuski told the TV station police would be asking mental health professionals to analyze the letter. He said behavioral experts from the FBI suggested "something like this might happen."

VA patient positive for HIV

BY BILL POOVEY
 Associated Press Writer

CHATTANOOGA — A Veterans Affairs patient who was among thousands treated with unsterilized equipment has tested positive for HIV, the first such case reported since the department warned veterans they could have been exposed to infectious diseases.

The VA previously reported that hepatitis had been found in 16 patients, but the agency cautioned there was no way to prove that the patients contracted the illnesses because of treatment at their facilities.

In an e-mail late Friday, the agency said it was investigating "the possibility of such a relationship."

The VA earlier this year warned more than 10,000 veterans to get blood tests because they could have been exposed to contamination while getting colonoscopies in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Miami.

The endoscopic equipment in question was also used at an ear, nose and throat facility in Augusta, Ga. All three sites failed to properly sterilize the equipment between treatments.

The VA has said it does not yet know if veterans who were treated with the same kind of equipment at its other 150 hospitals may have been exposed to the same mistake before the department had a nationwide safety training campaign. An agency spokeswoman has said the VA is certain the mistake with the equipment was corrected nationwide by March 14.

The problems dated back for more than five years at the Murfreesboro and Miami hospitals.

So far, less than a third — 3,174 — have been notified of their test results. The agency also is trying to locate patients whose warning letters were returned.

The statement Friday did not say where the patient who tested positive for HIV was treated, and the agency did not return telephone and e-mail messages Monday.

In all, at least five veterans have tested positive for hepatitis B and 11 for hepatitis C, which is potentially life-threatening.

No infections have been reported from Miami.

All three sites used endoscopic equipment made by Olympus American Inc., which said in a statement it is helping the VA address problems with "inadvertently neglecting to appropriately reprocess a specific auxiliary water tube."

The problem put patients at risk of being exposed to other patients' body fluids.

Megan Longenderfer, an Olympus spokeswoman, said the company sent notices to 5,800 "customer accounts," but a facility could have more than one endoscope.

A lawyer with more than a dozen clients who had colonoscopies at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro said some have tested positive for hepatitis but none for HIV.

Attorney Mike Sheppard said in an e-mail Monday that one client had esophageal cancer and died from "massive infection" soon after getting a colonoscopy. He said medical records are being reviewed for any connection between the infection and exposure.

The VA has established a 24-hour toll-free hot line for patients and their families at (877) 575-7256.



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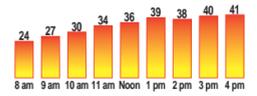
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Atlanta	50/29/sf	60/46/s	70/54/s	Macon	54/28/pc	68/42/s	73/54/s
Athens	51/31/pc	63/41/s	72/53/s	Marietta	49/28/sf	62/44/s	72/52/s
Augusta	55/28/pc	66/36/s	76/49/s	Newton	56/31/s	71/46/s	77/57/s
Brunswick	58/36/s	63/48/s	71/60/s	Rome	50/29/sf	68/45/s	75/55/pc
College Park	50/29/sf	60/46/s	70/54/s	Savannah	56/30/s	67/44/s	75/55/s
Columbus	54/29/pc	71/46/s	75/55/s	Sparta	52/28/pc	66/42/s	73/53/s
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National Weather for April 7, 2009

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

It's all Carolina

Tar Heels dominate Spartans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — There was a team of destiny out there, all right. It's the North Carolina Tar Heels, and the final chapter of their story was about as heartwarming as a demolition derby.

Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and North Carolina won a national championship a season or more in the making, stomping out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night with a 89-72 blowout that wasn't even that close.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Wayne Ellington had 19 and Ty Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight steals — and now they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to

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school to bring Carolina's fifth championship back home.

All those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half and Billy Packer was telling CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 around the time "Dancing With The Stars" was starting on

another network. At least nobody knew how that one was going to end.

Michigan State (31-7) simply never got any momentum. From the start, it was clear there was no way Carolina was losing control of this one, no chance for the Spartans to serve up that definitive ray of sunshine and warm-and-fuzzy smile for a state that's been battered by the ailing economy.

The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 42-year-old title-game record for biggest lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

This collection of NBA talent was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start of the tournament, to the very end.



AP PHOTO
North Carolina's Tyler Zeller fights for a rebound with Michigan State's Raymar Morgan during the NCAA tournament's title game on Monday in Detroit. North Carolina led 53-34 by half-time and held on easily to win its fifth national championship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL: WCMSAL CHAMPIONSHIP



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

New Hope second baseman Brady Middleton tags Valley Point's Alex Clowers for the second out in the seventh inning of Thursday's Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League championship at Northwest Whitfield High. New Hope won 7-0, finishing a season in which the Kodiaks went undefeated against league competition.

Perfectly satisfied

Phillips delivers as Kodiaks claim title

BY ADAM KROHN

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Blake Phillips has delivered all season on the mound for New Hope Middle's baseball team, so it was only fitting coaches handed him the ball Monday against Valley Point with the season on the line.

Once again, Phillips came through with a gem.

He threw a complete-game shutout on five hits and a walk while striking out nine, and the offense backed him with a pair of three-run innings as the Kodiaks beat the Green Waves 7-0 in the Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League championship at Northwest Whitfield High's Richard S. Chumley Field.

The win gave the Kodiaks (12-0) a perfect record in league play and their second championship victory over the Green Waves (9-5) in as many seasons.

"I was excited but I felt comfortable out there," said Phillips, who allowed just one runner to reach third.

Phillips coasted through much of the game and only had one jam to wiggle out of when a runner reached on an error in the fifth inning. With New Hope already leading by the game's final margin, the Green Waves had runners on second and third with one out when Phillips struck out Damien Manning and caused Matt Wells to fly out to shallow center field, ending the threat.

"Blake pitched a great game and has done great all season," Kodiaks coach Jamie Middleton said. "We knew he'd do it again tonight and he did."

After Valley Point starting pitcher Blake Foster retired the first two batters of the second inning, he allowed the next three to reach base before Brandon Smith's single scored Tanner Cockburn for the game's first run. Then, with Brady Middleton at the plate, a passed ball allowed Levi Wilson to score.

Middleton then walked to load the bases and Blake Phillips hit into what would have been an inning-ending ground out, but third baseman Abram Stanley's throwing error allowed Hunter Williams to score.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Lady Bruins win, Cats runners-up

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Weather conditions weren't at their best Monday at Fields Ferry Golf Course.

The Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins were.

The Lady Bruins took first place at the Fields Ferry Invitational in Calhoun behind the strong play of Turner Fordham, who shot an 11-over 85, and Lauren Giambastiani (86), who combined for Northwest's 171, 13 strokes better than runner-up Hiram.

Dalton and Murray County tied for fifth place with a 204.

In the boys tourney, Dalton's 321 and second-place finish was the best among area schools. Northwest and Murray County finished in a three-way tie for fourth with Marist (323), while Christian Heritage finished with a 414. Darlington won the event with a 306.

"I was real proud of how we played under those conditions," Lady Bruins coach Steve Summers said. "It was cold, rainy and, at times, sleety. For us to shoot as low as we did is big."

The Lady Indians were led by Alicia Moneymaker (96) and Mariah Parker (108). Lady Catamounts coaches did not call to report their scores.

The Cats were led by Chase Miller, who shot a six-over 78, McClean Davies (79), Zac Coquerille (81) and Dylan Coffey (83).

"We probably could have played better," Cats coach Chad Jordan said. "But I'm starting to see some good things. We're hitting more fairways and we're doing the things we need to do to score."

Northwest's Hunter Keener's 75 was good for third among individuals, and the Bruins' other scoring rounds came from Ben Harris (78), Jordan Black (84) and Zane McDade (86).

"Hunter did a great job battling and that's what we have to have from him," Bruins coach Jim McGrew said. "We're still searching though. We're not where we need or want to be as far as consistency. We want six guys shooting in the 70s and we're not there yet."

The Indians were led by Chase Jones (77), Dylan Langford (80), Tyler Simpson (81) and Zach Gibson (85).

"I'm real pleased with the weather as far as how we played in it," Indians coach Brett Dotson said.

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DALTON GETS AHEAD



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High's Jesse Gonzalez, center, goes up for a header above a teammate and, at right, Southeast's Carlos Ojeda during their non-region soccer game at Dalton's Harmon Field on Monday. See area roundup, above, for more.

GOLF: THE MASTERS



AP PHOTO

Three-time Masters champion Gary Player, right, chats with defending tourney champion Trevor Immelman, a fellow South African, at Augusta National on Monday.

Player preps for a final go-round

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA — Fifty-two years ago, Gary Player arrived at the Masters with less than \$5,000 to his name but an unwavering confidence that he could beat anyone.

Arnold Palmer? Jack Nicklaus? Bring 'em on. For one decade after another, Player teed it up with the greats of the game at Augusta National, watching the rise of Tiger Woods and hanging around long enough to see yet another wave of promising young golfers arrive on the scene, mere teens born long after the South African won the last of his three green jackets.

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PRO BASEBALL: MLB OPENING DAY ROUNDUP



AP PHOTO

St. Louis Cardinals fans watch pre-game festivities before Monday's Opening Day game against the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates. The Pirates won, 6-4.

'Pen does the job

Mets grab one-run win vs. Cincinnati

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — One game in, that new Mets bullpen sure looks good.

Francisco Rodriguez and his fellow relievers protected a slim lead for Johan Santana, and New York held on Monday for a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in their season opener.

Daniel Murphy drove in both Mets runs with a homer off Aaron Harang (0-1) and a groundout. And on a raw, cold afternoon, New York's rebuilt bullpen was nearly perfect.

Santana (1-0) went 5 2-3 innings, extending his streak without a loss since June 28. Sean Green, J.J. Putz and Rodriguez didn't allow a hit the rest of the way.

Rodriguez, who saved a major league-record 62 games for the Los Angeles Angels last season, retired all three in the ninth for his first save with New York.

■ **Dodgers 4, Padres 1:** In San Diego, Hiroki Kuroda outpitched Padres ace Jake Peavy, leading the defending NL West champions past San Diego without a hit from Manny Ramirez.

The enigmatic slugger went 0-for-3 with a walk and a run on his first opening day with the Dodgers. Matt Kemp drove a 418-foot homer to straightaway center field off Peavy, and James Loney had three hits, including a two-run single.

The crowd of 45,496 was the largest in Petco Park's six-year history.

■ **Cubs 4, Astros 2:** In Houston, Carlos Zambrano pitched into the seventh inning for his first opening-day win in five chances, leading Chicago over Roy Oswalt and Houston.

Zambrano (1-0) allowed one run and five hits over six-plus innings in his first start against the Astros since his no-hitter on Sept. 14 in Milwaukee. That game was played at Miller Park after Hurricane Ike damaged the Houston area.

■ **Marlins 12, Nationals 6:** In Miami, Emilio Bonifacio became a crowd favorite in his Marlins debut, hitting the majors' first inside-the-park homer on opening day since 1968 and going 4-for-5 against his former team.

Florida also hit three homers over the fence, including Hanley Ramirez's grand slam.

Bonifacio was summoned for a curtain call following his first big league homer, which landed short of the warning track but sailed over center fielder Lastings Milledge because he was playing so shallow.

■ **Diamondbacks 9, Rockies 8:** In Phoenix, Tony Clark and Arizona newcomer Felipe Lopez each homered from both sides of the plate, and the Diamondbacks outslugged Colorado in a home run derby of an opener.

Player: Fitness helps endure

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But no one lasts forever, not even a fitness buff such as Player. Instead of dropping to his knees to rip off some push-ups, the Man in Black announced Monday this will be his final Masters. "I'm exercising profusely, but it's very difficult at 73 to build strength," Player said. "The golf course is so long. It is just so long. I mean, I'm hitting a wood to almost every single hole."

Even when his chances of winning had long since passed, Player reveled in more modest accomplishments such as making the cut, or outlasting contemporaries such as Palmer and Nicklaus.

And now, playing a course that grew while his game was shrinking, Player always took pride in being the link to another generation, strolling proudly

through the Georgia pines, occasionally pulling off a shot that would cause the patrons to say, "Wow, look at ol' Gary, hanging with the kids."

Those shots were getting harder and harder to come by, however. He hasn't made the cut since 1998, when at age 62 he became the oldest player to reach the weekend at Augusta (a record eclipsed two years later by 63-year-old Tommy Aaron).

"I've managed to break 80 the last two years," Player said. "It's getting to a stage now where I don't know whether I can do that out here. It's so long and I'm getting weaker."

He did play long enough to set the mark for most Masters appearances, snapping a tie with Palmer by playing in his 51st last year.

No. 52 will be his last. "There's a great saying that the Chinese have. They

Eight home runs were hit in the game, including the decisive shot by Chad Tracy leading off the seventh against reliever Jason Grilli (0-1).

■ **Pirates 6, Cardinals 4:** In St. Louis, with the Pirates down to their last strike, Jack Wilson hit a three-run double to cap a four-run ninth inning off rookie closer Jason Motte, leading Pittsburgh over St. Louis.

In a game played in 41-degree chill, Ryan Ludwick broke a 2-all tie with a lead-off homer in the eighth off Tyler Yates, and David Freese added a sacrifice fly off John Grabow (1-0) for a 4-2 lead.

Freddy Sanchez led off the ninth with a double against Motte (0-1). Adam LaRoche singled in a run with two outs, pinch-hitter Eric Hinske doubled LaRoche to third, Brandon Moss was hit by a pitch and Wilson doubled to left-center on an 0-2 fast-ball. St. Louis didn't warm up anyone until after Wilson's hit.

American League

■ **Orioles 10, Yankees 5:** In Baltimore, CC Sabathia and the new-look New York Yankees absorbed an old-fashioned beating on opening day.

Sabathia allowed six runs and failed to get through the fifth inning in his first start with New York, and the Yankees lost to the Baltimore Orioles.

After missing a postseason for the first time since 1993, New York spent \$423.5 million on free agents Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Mark Teixeira during the offseason. Sabathia got a \$161 million, seven-year deal, but the left-hander hardly looked like an ace against the Orioles, who finished last in the AL East in 2008 — their 11th straight losing season.

■ **Mariners 6, Twins 1:** In Minneapolis, Ken Griffey Jr. got off to a great second start with Seattle, hitting an opening-night home run to back Felix Hernandez.

Hernandez (1-0) pitched eight innings and Franklin Gutierrez had a two-run homer against Francisco Liriano (0-1) as the Mariners — with five new faces in their lineup — took the first step toward forgetting the futility of last year.

■ **Rangers 9, Indians 1:** In Arlington, Texas, Hank Blalock hit a three-run homer off Cliff Lee and Kevin Millwood pitched seven sharp innings to lead Texas to the win.

The Rangers had 15 hits against four pitchers, including Jarrod Saltalamacchia's solo homer in the eighth. It matched the most hits for Texas in a season opener.

■ **Blue Jays 12, Tigers 5:** In Toronto, Adam Lind homered and drove in six runs, Roy Halladay coasted with a big lead and Toronto beat Detroit in an opener delayed when fans littered the field.

Umpires waved both teams off the field for nine minutes in the bottom of the eighth inning after two balls were thrown from the stands in the direction of Tigers left fielder Josh Anderson.

say, 'Everything shall pass.' And that's what we have got to realize," Player said. "There's nothing worse than you see these boxers and athletes saying they are retiring and they come back and they get their knees knocked in and they end up punch-drunk."

"I've had such a wonderful career," he continued, getting on a roll. "My goodness, when I think of the career I've had. You can't have it all, and I did have it all. I've had it all. You can't be greedy."

He's already accomplished plenty, most notably a career grand slam and nine major titles in all. Player won his first Masters in 1961, another in '74, his final one in '78 at age 42. Not surprisingly, that third title is his favorite, a testament to his lifelong obsession with fitness, a crusade he carries to this day.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Fullback enters the fray

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATHENS — There could be a new face in Georgia's competition to replace Knowshon Moreno at tailback.

Georgia entered its final week of spring practice on Monday with a fullback, Fred Munzenmaier, poised to be more than a blocker in Saturday's G-Day spring game at Sanford Stadium.

A shortage of healthy tailbacks helped convince coach Mark Richt to give Munzenmaier, a junior from Norcross High, a chance at tailback in last Saturday's scrimmage.

The 6-foot-2, 232-pound Munzenmaier, who had only one carry in each of the last two seasons, had a team-high 11 carries for 54 yards and a touchdown in the scrimmage.

Munzenmaier still considers himself to be a blocker first, but he said he

enjoyed the rare chance to carry the ball. On Monday, Richt said offensive coordinator Mike Bobo and running backs coach Bryan McClendon were impressed by the fullback's running skills.

"He impressed Coach McClendon, Coach Bobo, the whole staff really," Richt said. "When everybody is healthy, I still think there will be a place for Fred to play some tailback. ... I would think he would get some carries on Saturday."

Georgia has gone through spring with a shortage of tailbacks. Richard Samuel, expected to challenge Caleb King for the starting job, has been out all spring with a wrist injury.

Redshirt freshman Dontavious Jackson finally joined practice on Monday after being limited with a knee injury. Calvin Daniels, a walk-on, suffered a shoulder injury last week.

Daniels' injury helped open the way for Munzenmaier.

"Just a couple guys were a little extra banged up," Munzenmaier said. "They were trying to give a couple guys a break."

"I kind of joked around with Coach Mac and said 'Hey coach, let me get in there and run it.' I guess I bothered him enough that he gave me a chance."

Munzenmaier entered spring as the backup to starting fullback Shaun Chapas.

"I enjoyed carrying the ball," he said. "I know I'm here to block, but I went in there and tried to run the ball real hard. It turned out to be a good day."

Munzenmaier showed enough in Wednesday's practice that he was given more work in last Saturday's scrimmage. He worked at fullback and tailback on Monday.

Kodiaks: VP makes progress

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"They put the ball in play, we made mistakes and they didn't," Green Waves coach Neil Nichols said. "And with a team like that that's well coached and hits the ball well, that's what happens. Walks and runs killed us."

The Kodiaks added another run in the third on Diego Peralta's RBI single before their second three-run inning in the fourth, highlighted by Middleton's two-run double that scored Williams and Brandon Smith. Also in the inning, Damien Casey — who's battling what is believed to be appendicitis, but skipped his doctor's appointment to play in his final middle school game — hit an RBI single that scored Middleton for the game's final run.

"I was telling the kids what makes us a good base-



Blake Phillips has been the ace for the New Hope Kodiaks all season long, and he was a difference-maker again in the league title game on Monday.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

ball team is we get the job done when we need to," Middleton said. "They're an unselfish group and they'll sacrifice themselves to get the job done."

Though the Green Waves came up short, they left the field knowing they posted

the only winning record in school history, Nichols said.

"We're getting better every year and we'll look to improve on this season," Nichols said. "This was a fun season to coach these 13 incredible kids that represent the community so well."

Area: Dalton soccer sweeps

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"We bounced back from a bad day Saturday (at the Gordon Lee Invitational at Canyon Ridge) when we shot a 343. We came out here today in these conditions and improved our score by 20 strokes, so that builds confidence."

The Lions were led by Cole Townsend (89), Ty Whaley (96), A.J. Hooper (103) and Cole Maffetone (126).

"It was a struggle," Lions coach Gary Whaley said. "But they did the best they could."

Varsity soccer

■ **Dalton boys 1, Southeast 0:** Heriberto Hernandez scored the game's only goal in the 28th minute, with Jose Rangel getting the assist, and the Catamounts (10-3-1) were able to beat their area rival by controlling possession and outshooting the Raiders 20-4.

Dalton's non-region victory avenged two consecutive losses to Southeast by penalty-kick shootout.

"We moved the ball well," Dalton coach Matt Cheaves said. "We created a lot of scoring chances for ourselves and two goals were called back because of offsides calls. But it's a good time to get the win, and since it's a rivalry, this means a lot."

The Raiders were crippled by injuries, with Bernabe Rangel and Alam Tiador out and Rigo Garcia and Adrian Avalos limited to reduced minutes.

"Injuries or no injuries, in the first half we didn't look like the squad I'm used to coaching," Raiders coach Jamison Griffin said. "We looked really unorganized, didn't pressure well on defense, and couldn't get a loose ball."

"The second half was a

different story. I had a lot of reserves step up and play well for us."

■ **Dalton girls 1, Southeast 0:** Keri Shealy converted a direct kick from 40 yards out midway through the first half and the Lady Cats made the margin stand for their second victory against the rival Lady Raiders this season.

It was the fifth goal this season for Shealy, who has scored four times on direct kicks. Julie Parham had six saves as she earned the shutout in goal for the Lady Cats (11-3-1), who return to action in next Monday's Region 7-4A tournament semifinals at 7 p.m. at Hillgrove.

■ **Christian Heritage 4, Griffin Christian 1:** Kirsten Greene scored twice and Rachel Gray and Carmen Tejada added a goal apiece as the Lady Lions improved to 7-1 overall and in GISA region play. Vanessa Ramirez had an assist and goalie Kathryn Green made four saves. Griffin Christian scored on a penalty kick.

JV baseball

■ Dalton High split a doubleheader with Fannin County, winning 6-2 and losing 11-8. In the Cats' win, Ben Wood worked four innings on the mound to pick up the victory, while Joey Davis had a two-run homer. In the loss, Will Kiker and Brady Willocks each doubled, with Kiker driving in two runs for Dalton (3-2).

MS soccer

■ **North Whitfield girls 1, Eastbrook 0:** Regina Pacheco's second-half penalty kick proved the difference as the No. 4 seed Lady Pioneers pulled the upset of top-seeded Eastbrook in the Whitfield County Middle School Athletic League semifinals.

North Whitfield (4-7) will play New Hope — a 2-1 winner against Westside on Friday — for the league championship at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Valley Point Middle.

The Dunn was in goal as the Lady Pioneers, who lost 5-0 and 3-0 to Eastbrook (9-1-1) during the regular season, picked up the shutout.

Lady Mustangs coach Ralph Noble said Diana Parama and Rosie Salaises played well in midfield.

■ **Eastbrook boys 4, New Hope 0:** Marcos Arendondo scored twice and David Gonzalez and Alex Rosillo each added a goal as the top-seeded and undefeated Mustangs cruised into the WCMSAL championship.

Josue Acosta, Victor Garcia, Jorge Hurtado and Josue Quintero each had an assist for Eastbrook (11-0), while Diego Nunez contributed strong defense and Abel Mendiola had one save as he earned the shutout in goal.

The Mustangs will play Valley Point at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Valley Point Middle for the title.

■ **Valley Point boys 0, North Whitfield 0 (2-1):** The Green Waves advanced to the WCMSAL with a 2-1 edge in the penalty-kick shootout.

Valley Point's penalty kicks were converted by Alejandro Ponce and Byron Miranda, while keeper Luis A. Fraire saved four of five in the shootout for the Green Waves (4-3-1).

■ **Dalton boys 2, McCallie 0:** Javier Hernandez and Jerry Moreno each had a goal and Ryan Czyz and Andreas Barragan each had an assist as the Cougars improved to 4-0.

Raymond Bahena had three saves as he earned the shutout in goal.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
 Christian Heritage at Furth Prep, 3
 Murray County at Rome, 5:55
 Southeast at LaFayette, 5:30
Varsity soccer
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Baylor, 7
 Cleveland boys at Dalton, 7
 Christian Heritage boys at Pinecrest Academy, 7
Varsity softball
 Christian Heritage at Silverdale Baptist, 6
Varsity track and field
 Bradley Central, Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 4
JV baseball
 Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 8
JV soccer
 Cleveland boys at Dalton, 5
 Northwest Whitfield boys at Baylor, 5
Middle school baseball
 Cleveland, Tenn., at Dalton, 4:30
Middle school softball
 Christian Heritage at Silverdale Baptist, 6

Wednesday

JV golf
 Rome at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30
Thursday
Varsity baseball
 Griffin Christian at Christian Heritage, 5
 Southeast at Heritage-Catoosa, 5:30
 Northwest Whitfield at Sequoyah, 5:55
 Dalton at Rome, 5:55
Varsity golf
 Murray County, Cass at Rome, Stonebridge, 3:30
 Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield, Southeast girls at Indian Trace, 3:30
Varsity soccer
 McCallie boys at Dalton, 7
Varsity track and field
 Southeast at Optimist Meet, Walker Valley, 4
JV baseball
 Dalton at Rome, 8
JV soccer
 McCallie boys at Dalton, 5
Middle school baseball
 Christian Heritage at David Brainerd, 4:30
 Dalton at Chattahoochee, 5:30
Middle school softball
 Lookout Valley at Christian Heritage, 4:30

Friday

Varsity baseball
 Rome at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
 Dalton at Murray County, 5:55
 Southeast at Harrison County, 6
Varsity golf
 Dalton, Northwest Whitfield boys at Vidalia Inviational, Rocky Creek GC
JV baseball
 Murray County at Dalton, 8
Saturday
Varsity baseball
 Fannin County at Dalton, 2
Varsity golf
 Dalton, Northwest Whitfield boys at Vidalia Inviational, Rocky Creek GC
JV baseball
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, Noon
Freshman baseball
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 2

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

BASEBALL
American League
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Sent RHP Ehren Wassermann outright to Charlotte (IL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed UTL Jamey Carroll on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Tony Graffanino from Columbus (IL).
National League
 CINCINNATI REDS—Purchased the contract of OF Laynce Nix from Louisville (IL).
BASKETBALL
NBA

NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed G Joe Crawford through the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

NFL
 OAKLAND RAIDERS—Agreed to terms with QB Jeff Garcia.
HOCKEY
NHL
 ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled D Clay Wilson from Chicago (AHL).
 CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Warren Peters from Quad City (AHL). Assigned D John Negrin to Quad City.
 MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned C Krys Kolanos to Houston (AHL). Signed D Marco Scandella.
 MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Doug Janik from Hamilton (AHL). Assigned G Marc Denis to Hamilton. Assigned G Loic Lacasse from Hamilton to Cincinnati (ECHL).

TELEVISION

On Today

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 7:05 p.m.
 PEACHTREE TV — Atlanta at Philadelphia 8 p.m.
 WGN — Chicago Cubs at Houston 8 p.m.
VERSUS — Dallas at Minnesota 10:30 p.m.
VERSUS — Colorado at San Jose 8:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 8:30 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, championship game, teams TBA, at St. Louis

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

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Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Boston	58	19	.753	—
x-Philadelphia	40	36	.526	17 1/2
New Jersey	32	45	.416	26
Toronto	30	46	.395	27 1/2
New York	30	47	.390	28
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Orlando	57	19	.750	—
x-Atlanta	43	34	.558	14 1/2
x-Miami	41	36	.532	16 1/2
Charlotte	34	43	.442	23 1/2
Washington	18	60	.231	40
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Cleveland	62	15	.805	—
Chicago	37	40	.481	25
Detroit	37	40	.481	25
Indiana	33	44	.429	29
Milwaukee	32	46	.410	30 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-San Antonio	49	27	.645	—
x-Houston	49	28	.636	1/2
New Orleans	47	29	.618	2
Dallas	46	31	.597	3 1/2
Memphis	22	54	.289	27
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Denver	52	26	.667	—
x-Portland	48	28	.632	3
x-Utah	47	30	.610	4 1/2
Minnesota	22	55	.286	29 1/2
Oklahoma City	21	55	.276	30
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
z-L.A. Lakers	61	16	.792	—
Phoenix	42	35	.545	19
Golden State	28	49	.364	33
L.A. Clippers	18	59	.234	43

Sacramento 16 60 .211 44 1/2

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

Sunday's Scores

Cleveland 101, San Antonio 81
 Dallas 140, Phoenix 116
 New York 112, Toronto 103
 Detroit 104, Charlotte 97
 Utah 108, New Orleans 94
 Denver 110, Minnesota 87
 Indiana 117, Oklahoma City 99
 Houston 102, Portland 88
 New Jersey 96, Philadelphia 67
 Golden State 105, Sacramento 100
 L.A. Lakers 88, L.A. Clippers 85
Today's Games
 Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-New Jersey	49	26	4	102	237	201
Philadelphia	42	25	11	95	255	229
Pittsburgh	42	28	9	93	249	233
N.Y. Rangers	40	30	9	89	201	213
N.Y. Islanders	26	43	9	61	196	255
Northeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
z-Boston	51	17	10	112	260	181
Montreal	41	28	10	92	243	236
Buffalo	38	32	9	85	236	231
Ottawa	35	34	10	80	210	227
Toronto	32	34	13	77	240	287
Southeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Washington	48	23	8	104	260	234
x-Carolina	44	28	7	95	227	218
Florida	39	29	11	89	223	223
Atlanta	34	39	6	74	247	271
Tampa Bay	24	37	18	66	202	263
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Detroit	51	19	9	111	290	233
x-Chicago	43	24	11	97	250	208
Columbus	40	29	10	90	218	218
Nashville	39	32	8	86	203	218
St. Louis	38	31	10	86	224	231
Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Calgary	44	28	6	94	244	237
x-Vancouver	42	27	10	94	240	219
Edmonton	37	33	9	83	227	241
Minnesota	37	33	9	83	202	192
Colorado	32	44	2	66	197	251
Pacific Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-San Jose	52	16	11	115	252	196
Anaheim	41	33	6	88	237	230
Dallas	35	34	10	80	223	248
Phoenix	34	38	7	75	198	242
Los Angeles	32	35	11	75	200	225

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

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 3, Minnesota 2
 Washington 6, Atlanta 4
 Chicago 1, Columbus 0, OT
 Florida 4, Pittsburgh 2
 San Jose 3, Anaheim 2
 Colorado 4, Vancouver 1
Monday's Scores
 Detroit 4, Buffalo 1
 Ottawa 3, Montreal 2
 Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 St. Louis at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

PRO BASEBALL

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Score
 Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1
Monday's Scores
 N.Y. Mets 2, Reds 1
 Arizona 9, Colorado 8
 Florida 12, Washington 6
 Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4
 L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 1
 Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 2
Today's Games
 Milwaukee (Suppan 0-0) at San Francisco (Lincoff 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Jurriens 0-0) at Philadelphia (Moyer 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Washington (Olsen 0-0) at Florida (Johnson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lilly 0-0) at Houston (Rodriguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Snell 0-0) at St. Louis (Lohse 0-0), 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Jimenez 0-0) at Arizona (Haren 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 0-0) at San Diego (Young 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Scores
 Texas 9, Cleveland 1
 Tampa Bay at Boston, ppd., rain
 Kansas City at Chicago, ppd., rain
 Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Toronto 12, Detroit 5
 Seattle 6, Minnesota 1
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Today's Games
 Kansas City (Meche 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Shields 0-0) at Boston (Beckett 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Jackson 0-0) at Toronto (Purcey 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
 Seattle (Bedard 0-0) at Minnesota (Blackburn 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Cahill 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Moseley 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

AP SPORTLIGHT

April 7

1940 — Jimmy Demaret wins the Masters with a four-stroke triumph over Lloyd Mangrum.
 1946 — Herman Keiser edges Ben Hogan by one stroke to win the Masters.
 1951 — Ben Hogan wins the Masters by two strokes over Robert Riegel.
 1956 — Joe Graboski scores 29 points and Paul Arizin 26 at the Philadelphia Warriors beat the Fort Wayne Pistons 99-88 to win the NBA championship in five games.
 1963 — Jack Nicklaus, at 23, becomes the youngest golfer to win the Masters, beating Tony Leung by a stroke.
 1985 — New Jersey's Herschel Walker rushes for a USFL-record 233 yards in leading the Generals to a 31-25 victory over the Houston Gamblers. Walker also breaks his own USFL record for the longest run from scrimmage by going 89 yards on his second carry of the game.
 1993 — The Ottawa Senators break the NHL record of 37 straight road losses with a 7-3 defeat in Hartford.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UConn win away from perfect year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Perfection awaits as UConn stands on the doorstep of the third undefeated season in school history and just the fifth ever in women's basketball. All that stands in the Huskies' way is Big East rival Louisville — a team they routed twice this season.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma insists he's worried, even though the Huskies (38-0) beat the Cardinals (34-4) by 28 points in the regular season and 39 in the Big East title game.

"It's way too much familiarity for both teams," he said. "A lot more than you'd like to have this time of year."

Louisville, which is looking to become the fourth team to knock off three No. 1 seeds on its way to a title, will have to have a new game plan against Connecticut in tonight's title game. Second-year coach Jeff Walz was hard-pressed to find a weakness with the Huskies last time out.

"I think I saw their manager drop a bottle of water," he said laughing. "That's the scary thing about them. They've got three of the top 10 players in the country. Then you've got Tiffany Hayes who's shooting the ball extremely well. We're going to have to try and control the tempo of the game."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Eagles in at No. 26 in national ranking

Georgia Southern's baseball team has earned its first national ranking since 1996 with the No. 26 slot in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll, released on Monday.

The Eagles (21-7), who are coached by Dalton native Rodney Hennon, start a two-game series at No. 9 Georgia Tech today with a 6 p.m. first pitch in Atlanta. They meet again at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Georgia Southern swept a three-game series with College of Charleston over the weekend, improving to 17-3 at home this season.

Jordan tops list of '09 HOF inductees

DETROIT — It was only a matter of time, and now Michael Jordan is in the Hall of Fame.

Jordan was elected to the class of 2009 Monday with David Robinson, John Stockton, Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer.

The announcement was made in Detroit, site of the men's Final Four. Induction is Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Falcons move up in draft with WR deal

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have traded receiver Laurent Robinson to the St. Louis Rams, allowing the Falcons to move up in the fifth and sixth rounds of this month's NFL draft.

The Falcons exchanged picks in the fifth and sixth rounds with the Rams in Monday's trade. Atlanta moved up 22 spots in the fifth round, to 160th overall, and 20 spots in the sixth round, to No. 196 overall.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
 1 Branch building
 5 Scoundrel
 8 Break suddenly
 12 Hebrew month
 13 Bullring cry
 14 Ringlet
 15 Apportion (out)
 16 CB kin
 18 Nassau's island group
 20 Mountain nymph
 21 "The Da Vinci Code" author
 22 Sky safety org.
 23 Unkempt
 26 German city
 30 Noah's craft
 31 Monkey suit
 32 Back talk
 33 "The Firm" author
 36 Ballroom dance
 38 Whammy
 39 Has the ability
- DOWN**
 1 Child of 54-Across
 2 Concept
 3 Geometry or algebra
 4 Rye and pumpernickel
 5 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" man
 6 "Sad to say ..."
 7 Obama, for ex.
 8 Sacred beetle
 9 Undraped
 10 Met melody
 11 Trudge
 17 Wander
 19 Spring time
- ACROSS**
 22 Office transmission
 23 Periodical, briefly
 24 Mess up
 25 Schuss
 26 Drone
 27 Einstein's birthplace
 28 Cage component
 29 Univ. transcript stat
 31 April 15 payment
 34 Scabbard
 35 Captain's place
 36 Pouch
 37 Turkey's capital
 39 Stop
 40 Corned beef recipe
 41 —
 42 Just one of those things?
 43 Concoct, in a way
 44 Colored
 45 N. Mex. neighbor
 46 Lion's pride?
 48 "See ya"

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-7

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BRIDGE

Nothing succeeds like excess

If you bid four hearts and wind up making five, the fact that you have made an overtrick is not an earthshaking event. In rubber bridge, the extra 30 points is a relatively unimportant gain.

But if you play duplicate bridge, where your result is compared with that of others holding the same cards, the extra trick becomes much more significant. That is why this deal should be of greater interest to the duplicate player, although the rubber-bridge player can benefit as well because of the type of play it entails.

A club is led against South's four-heart contract, and it is obvious that the only possible losers are two hearts and a spade. A peek at the East-West cards reveals that those are the tricks declarer would surely lose with normal play by both sides. However, South can make 11 tricks if he plays correctly, and that is exactly what happened at one table when this deal occurred in a duplicate game.

Since this was the only table where declarer made an overtrick, while all the other declarers made just four hearts, the method of play by which South achieved the best score on the deal is recorded here.

Declarer won the club lead with the ace and immediately began setting the stage for an endplay. He led a diamond to the king, ruffed a club, played the ace and another diamond, ruffing in dummy, and then ruffed dummy's last club.

Having removed all the clubs and diamonds from dummy's hand and his own, declarer then led the queen of hearts. West had to duck, and East won with the ace. East could not afford to lead a diamond or a club, which would have given South a ruff-and-discard, so he returned the nine of spades.

Declarer let this run to dummy's queen and then led a second spade to the jack, which also won. South then conceded a trump to the king to earn his top score, the only declarer that found the way to avoid losing a spade trick.

Tomorrow: Defense is a logical process.

South dealer.
 East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ Q 7 3
 ♥ 10 8 6 5 4
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ 9 7 2

WEST
 ♠ 8 5 4
 ♥ K 2
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ Q J 10 6 4

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

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 6 2
 ♥ Q J 9 7 3
 ♦ A 8 5
 ♣ A

The bidding:
 South 1♥
 West Pass
 North 2♥
 East Pass
 Opening lead — queen of clubs.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You have to stay in control. Don't let uncertainty cause you to make fast and fatal decisions. Focus on who you are as well as your goals. Be clever, creative and cautious and you can work through any life-altering rough spots. Your numbers are 2, 12, 15, 24, 25, 31, 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may think you know what's heading your way but last-minute changes will flip things upside down, causing you to scramble. Stay calm and open your mind to ideas or suggestions being offered. Don't allow anyone to cost you financially. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't walk away from help being offered. It can make a difference in the outcome of a developing deal or negotiation. Someone is likely to be jealous of your skills or position. Correct any misconception. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give-and-take will be necessary. Someone with experience or seniority may stifle your plans. You can work around any situation you face if you are open and honest regarding your plans. A unique approach will gain approval. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Altering some of the conditions you currently live with will be a start and, with a couple of renovations, you should be able to accommodate your plans for future use of the space. Good fortune can be yours if you are adaptable. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in activities you enjoy and you will develop friendships with people who can help you get ahead. Networking can be done successfully without venturing too far from home or work. Don't make promises you cannot keep. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Anxiety may get the better of you if you allow emotional matters to escalate. Let others be the ones to come across as erratic and out of

control. Base your actions on facts and present alternatives that can benefit everyone. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some extraordinary moves if you stay alert and take advantage of mistakes and mishaps. You cannot let your emotions get in the middle of a deal. Don't have misplaced sympathy for someone. Use your imagination and you will gain support. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The advice being offered by someone close may be given in good faith but it may not be valid. Do your own checking before you decide to do something unorthodox. Don't cave if someone puts pressure on you. Follow your own path. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be surprised by some of the unavoidable changes that take place in your personal life or with regard to your home. Be prepared to negotiate and talk your way through whatever or whoever challenges you. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go over your financial statements, bills and investments. There is money to be saved or made by double-checking everything. A serious decision can be made that will alter your financial situation forever. Negotiate a better deal from a strong and well-informed position. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to rethink your strategy regarding personal matters. Someone may try to lead you to believe that things have changed or that something is being offered that actually is not. Get the facts, ask questions and don't make promises based on hearsay. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow the more conservative route, even if it doesn't excite you. Security is what you must strive for, especially when your economic situation is in jeopardy. Don't gossip or divulge secrets. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

J Z Q T G V G M O W T V T A Q V B B
 L O K Z Q W S G V P C Z K Q S M '
 J Q G G W T C M . A L P B G I L P M V I

K Z Q I ' S Q O P T G W T C O V K Z Q S M ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MY HOME DECOR ISN'T VERY FANCY LIKE YOURS, FOLKS COULD SAY I HAVE AN INFERIOR INTERIOR.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
 FFA members from Westside Middle School and Southeast High School visited the state Capitol recently for National Agriculture Week. In the center is Rep. John Meadows, R-Calhoun. On the left of the group is SEHS teacher Ginger Bushey. On the right is WMS teacher Sarah Duckworth.



Left row, bottom to top are, Westside students Molly Wimpy, Shane Putnam, Elizabeth Wimpy, Santiago Angel, Sabrena Chambers and Julia Cox. Right row, bottom to top, are Southeast students Lacie Roberson, Amy Tinsley, Tyler Pittman, Josh Locke, Kelly Stocks, Ricky Pratt, Crystal Walker and John Ball.

Local students celebrate National Agriculture Week

Westside Middle School and Southeast High FFA members recently celebrated National Agriculture Week with a Taste of Georgia event, State Stewardship Awards and an address by the governor.

Gov. Sonny Perdue, the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Commission and the University of Georgia's Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development sponsored the event.

In the Taste of Georgia program, vendors from across the state prepare native Georgia foods and allow free tasting.

Perdue presents Stewardship awards to Georgia's innovative farmers who practice environmentally friendly methods.

This was the first time members of Westside Middle School's FFA chapter had attended the event. Students met with Georgia Forestry Commission representatives, various colleges, Georgia farmers and agribusiness leaders. Rep. John Meadows, R-Calhoun, gave the group a tour of the Capitol, including an explanation of the inner workings of the floor of the House of Representatives and of the room's historical background. Students took a self-guided tour of the Capitol museum and talked with FFA members from across the state.

A memorable moment occurred when an employee of the Capitol building approached the group and

began reciting the FFA Creed, a statement of beliefs recognized by all generations of agriculture students. The Creed represents common ties among FFA members young and old. He explained he was his chapter's vice president in 1948.

"This occurrence is remembered by the students fondly," said Sarah Duckworth, an agriculture teacher at Westside Middle School. "They were also amazed at the impressive architecture, paintings and statues within the Capitol grounds. They were also thoroughly impressed with the prominence of the state seal as it was present on the elevator doors and even the door knobs."

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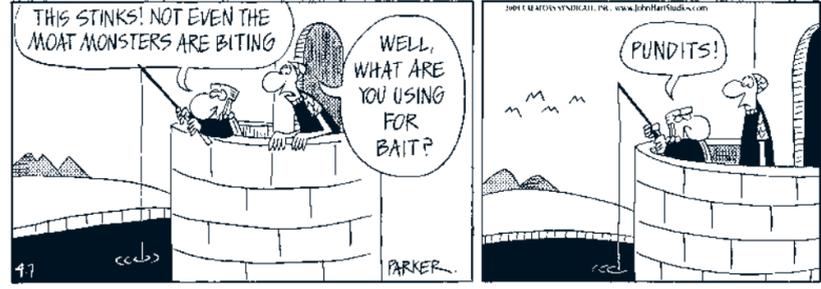
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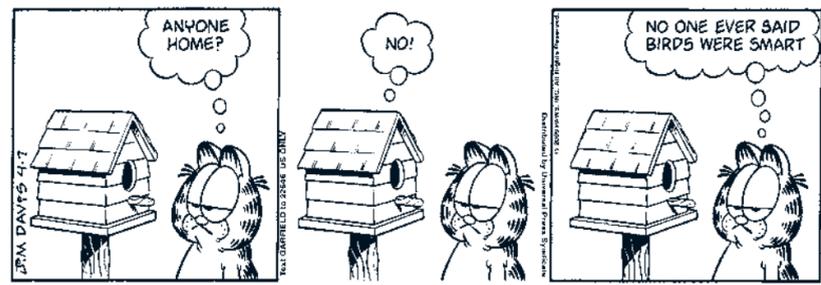
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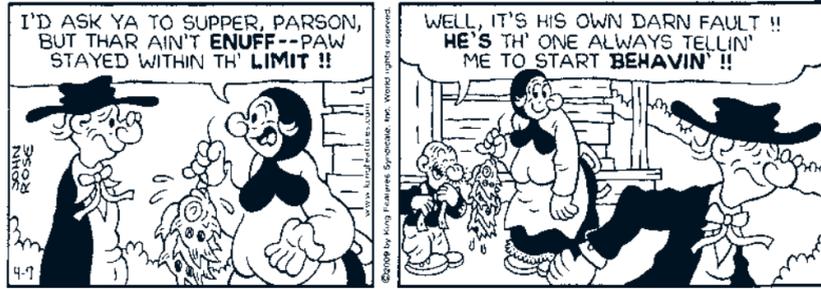
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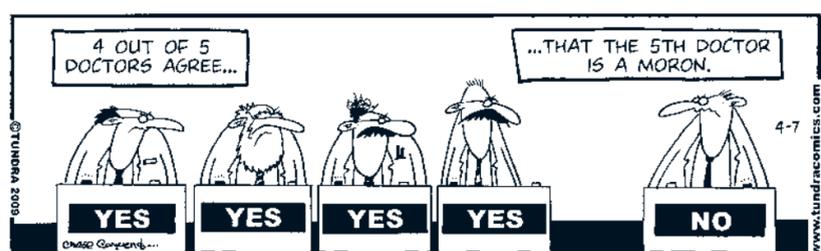
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DEAR ABBY

Man gets the silent treatment for reasons he can't fathom

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Helene," refuses to speak to me for days or even weeks. When I try to talk to her, she ignores me. She has moved into another bedroom, and refuses to have sex or even watch TV with me.



Jeane Phillips

I have no reason to believe she is cheating, and I am certainly not cheating on her. We are raising my son from a previous marriage, and sometimes I wonder if this is what is bugging her.

My ex-wife lives in another state, and we communicate only once in a while. My boy is a pre-teen, and Helene and I have had him since he was a baby. He considers her his "Mama," and she considers him her son.

I am very much in love with my wife, and I'm confused. Can people just fall out of love? — FREEZING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-year-old daughter, "Kristy," lives at home. She works full time and goes to school, but lives here with free room and board, etc. She has been seeing a man for a month and now is spending two or three nights a week at "his place."

I am not unreasonable or naive, but I feel that because Kristy is living under my roof, she should live by my rules, which do not include sleeping over at some man's house after only one month of dating. To top it off, we have never met him, although we have asked several times to be introduced.

I believe parenting does not end at 18. Any advice? — DAD IN DISTRESS

DEAR DAD: Your daughter is a self-supporting adult with a full-time job, so stop treating her like a child. It is her right to come and go as she pleases, but if she does, she should have a place of her own. That way she won't be obligated to introduce you to her men friends. It will give her some degree of privacy, and you can keep your illusions about your daughter intact.

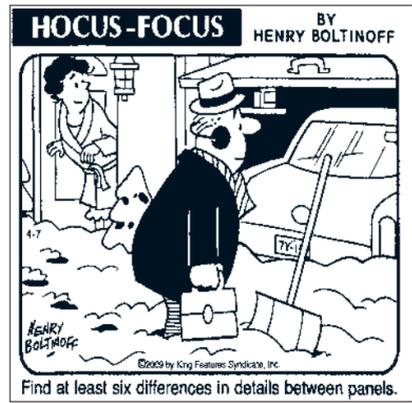
Bottom line: It is your house. You and your wife have every right to make the rules and be comfortable in it. My advice is to suggest kindly to Kristy that all of you might be happier if she got an apartment.

DEAR FREEZING: Rarely. More often they are either pushed or lured away.

As much as you love your wife, I hope you realize that her behavior is both passive-aggressive and abusive. Could she have emotional problems? Whatever has caused her to withdraw, unless she's willing to talk, there is no way to fix the problem.

Your marriage is in serious trouble. Consult a licensed marriage and family counselor. If your wife won't go, you should go alone.

HOCUS FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is different. 2. Garage door handle is moved. 3. Briefcase class is different. 4. Nose is smaller. 5. Shelf is longer. 6. Plants are different.

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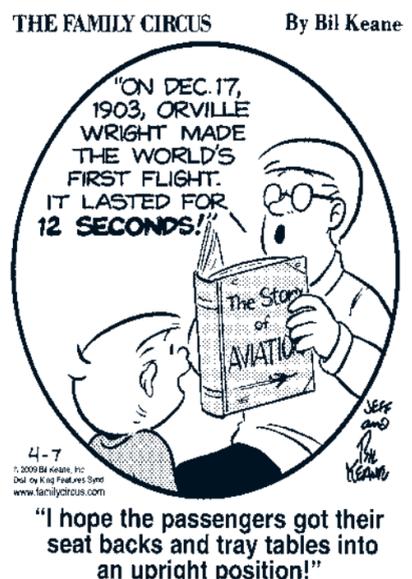
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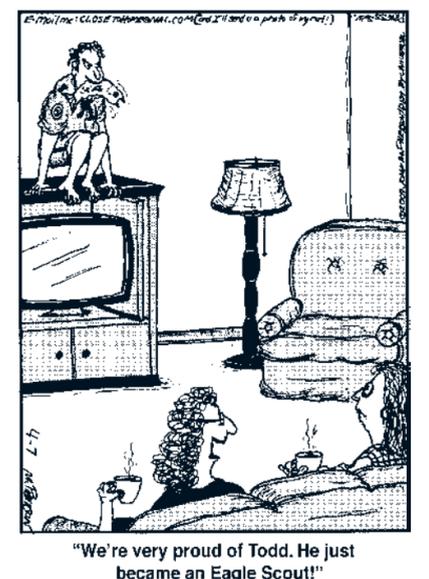
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104 Lost
 Lost African Grey Parrot in Southeast Whitfield area. Missing as of Fri., April 3rd. 13", Grey with black beak & red tail. 706-876-9976, 706-313-1538 or 706-226-0739 with any info. Reward offered if found.

105 Special Notices
 Looking for someone to do clothing alterations. Must have experience and references. Call (706)581-3688

FINANCIAL

251 Business Opportunities

Petland Dalton Franchise Opportunity
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EMPLOYMENT

310 General

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316 Part-Time Employment

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320 Trucking Opportunities
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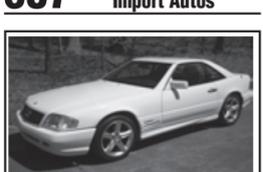
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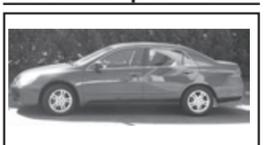


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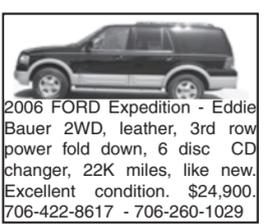
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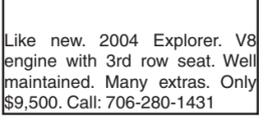
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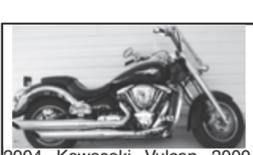
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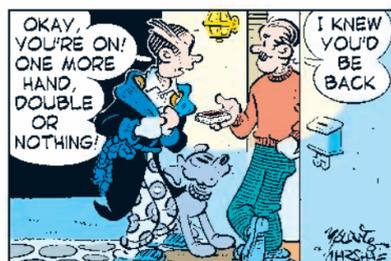
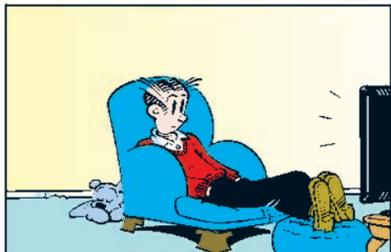
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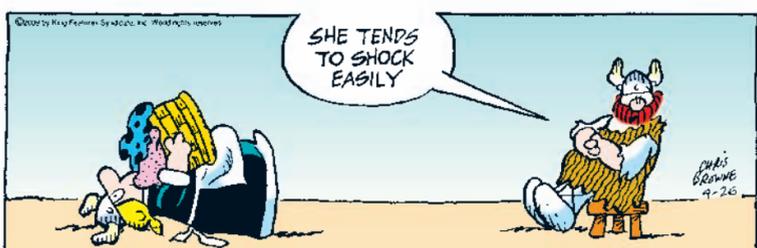
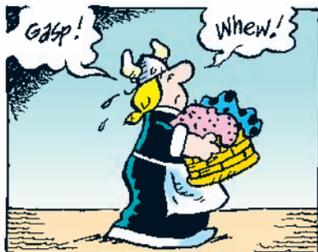
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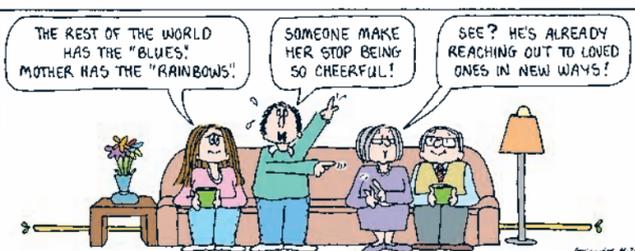
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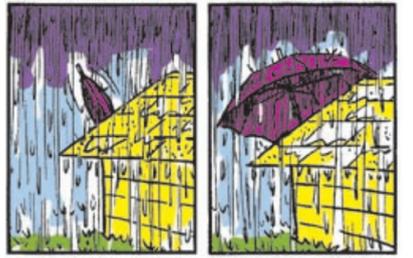
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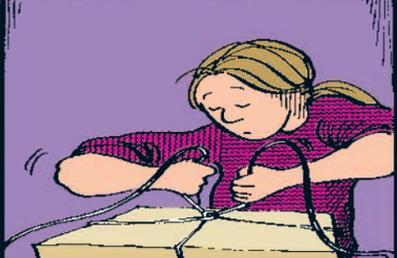
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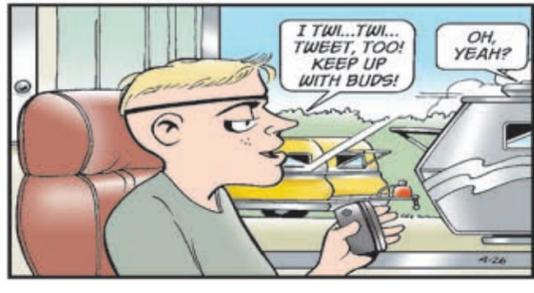
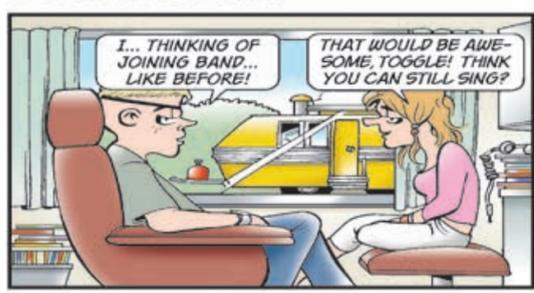
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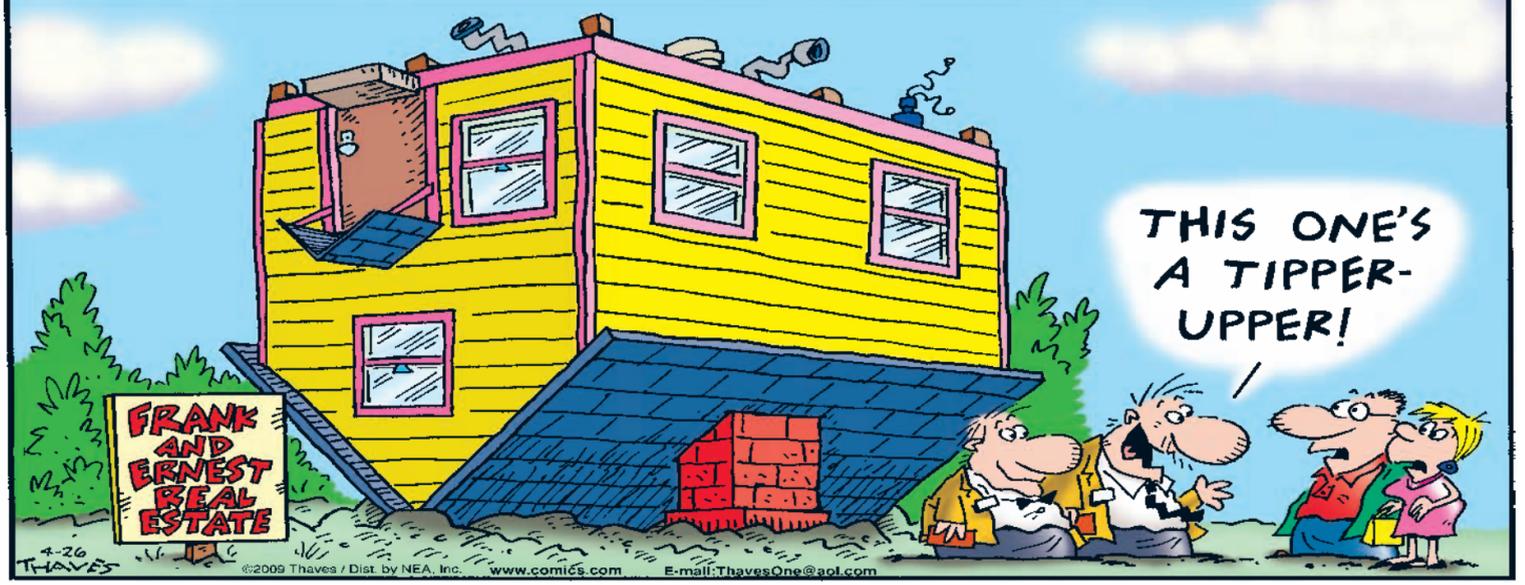


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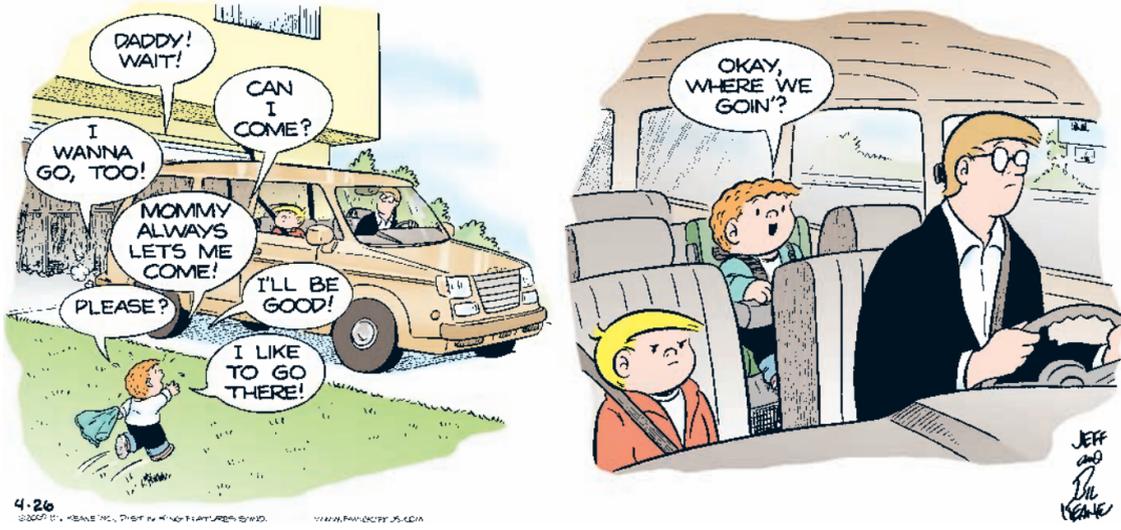


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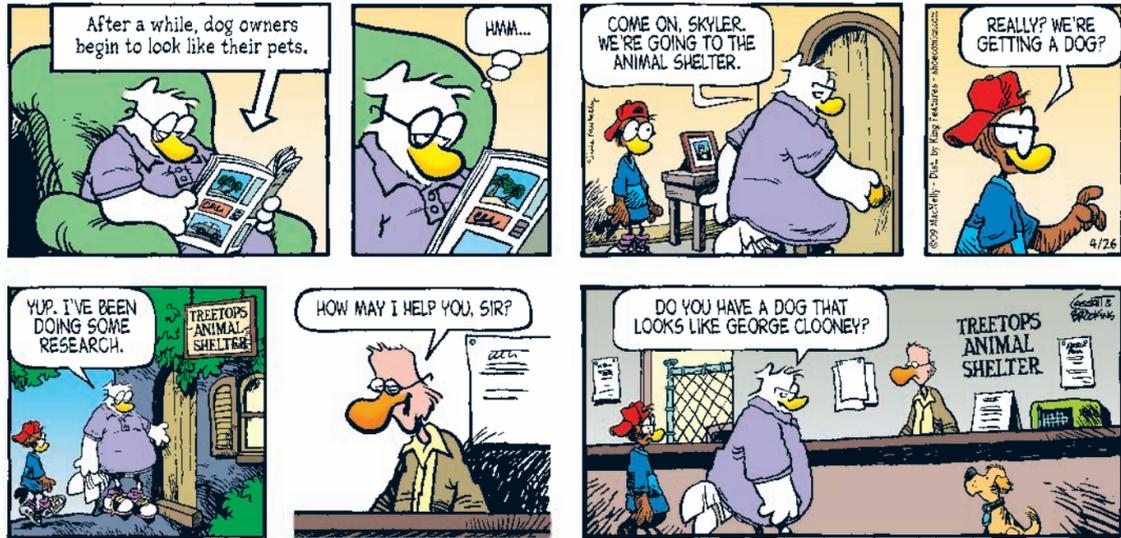
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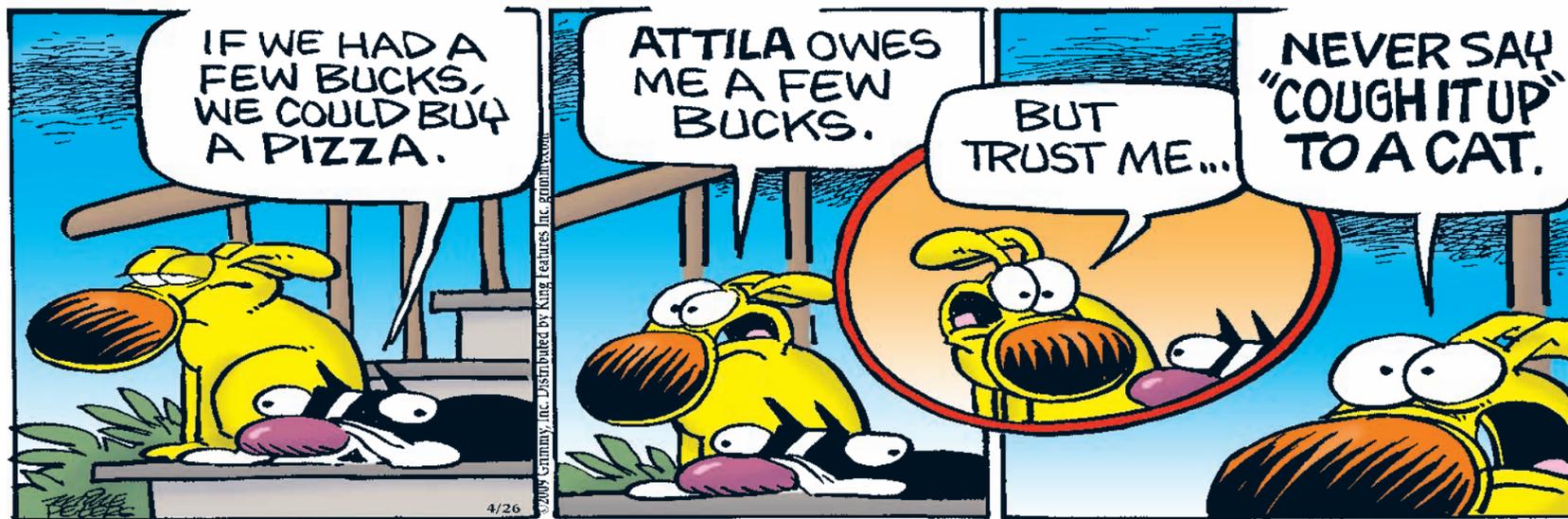
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