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# Rebound hinges on housing

## Sen. Isakson, Rep. Deal give economic update

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There's no question that these are the most difficult times economically that most Americans today have ever seen, said U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.



Deal

"It's important that we find those measures that can correct the problems we are facing," Isakson said.

Isakson and U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Gainesville, spoke Tuesday at a Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast. They updated more than 200 business and political leaders and others from around the region on efforts in Washington to combat the recession, as well as other key measures Congress is working on.

"We are in a housing-based recession," Isakson said. "It began in housing, and it's going to end in housing. As housing goes, so goes the economy."

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U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, left, speaks with John Bowling, president and chief executive officer of Hamilton Health Care Systems, following the Congressional Update sponsored by the Dalton-Whitfield County Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at the trade center.

## Isakson sees hope for carpet industry

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If there's any good news in the current housing-led recession, it's that when it ends there will be an "instant boom in housing construction," said U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.

"There are very few standing new houses left unsold," Isakson said. "In 1974, there was a three-year supply of new houses, so even when we recovered, it was a year and a half, two years before new construction started back. But now it's the volume of the lots that is the problem, not houses on the lots, so the construction industry is going to

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## Deal wary about Obama approach

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The Obama administration, like the Bush administration before it, has taken a "shot in the dark" approach in its efforts to battle the recession, says U.S. Rep. Nathan

Deal, R-Gainesville. "Everybody is struggling to find out what the answer is," Deal said. But Deal says he worries about the message some of those efforts send to the rest of the nation.

"We've got to make it possible for people to get back into homes,"

he said. "But part of the problem I see with some of the things being proposed is that we are going to get people back into the very same homes they couldn't afford to start

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## TEACHING 'RESPECT'

Dawn Campbell, who works in the computer lab at Varnell Elementary School, lip-synchs to Areatha Franklin's "Respect" while fifth-grade students perform as backup singers during a tolerance program at the school on Tuesday. More on page 11A.

## Cohutta raccoon tested for rabies

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COHUTTA — Although Web site graphics portray a disquieting reference to "RABIES" as the top story, Chief Ray Grossman of the Cohutta police department is trying to downplay a couple of raccoons found acting strangely

last week (www.usacops.com/ga/p30710/news.html).

"That maybe should have been (labeled) distemper," he said of two posted news findings regarding the raccoons found a half-mile apart on consecutive days. "I'm leaning toward distemper. We're testing one of them." Distemper cannot be passed to humans.

A man was bitten in March of last year by a fox confirmed to be rabid near Little Murray Road in northeast Whitfield County, just a few miles from Cohutta. He received the full retinue of rabies shots.

Grossman said the raccoons

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## Utility, county at odds over costs

BY JAMIE JONES  
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Dalton Utilities paying several million dollars to relocate utility lines for SPLOST transportation projects in Whitfield County could result in higher rates for the utility's customers.

Dalton Utilities officials had asked the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners to share the cost of moving the above ground and underground lines located on county right of way. Commissioners did not take a vote during their meeting Monday night, but reached a consensus not to pay for costs to move any utility.

Dalton Utilities president Don Cope said he is disappointed with the commission's stance because local, state and federal governments have traditionally paid to move utility lines. The county's estimated cost to relocate Dalton Utilities lines is between \$8 million and \$13 million. Cope estimated that number between \$6 million and \$12 million. The county had been asked to pay between \$4 million and \$9.5 million. The rate increases have not been determined, Cope said.

"We tried to develop what we thought would be a fair and equitable approach for the utilities to be relocated," he said. "And

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Cope

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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.**

"People without computers are being left out more and more, especially in emergency things like weather and food poisoning. Now you have to go on line to buy a fishing license."

"Just give Obama more time. Chavez has had more time in Venezuela."

"Mr. Jerry Nealey needs to check his facts again. The promise was made to 20-25 retired educators that the Career Academy would be the third high school. I was there."

"About the naive people and Bill O'Reilly: We have plenty of naive people. They are the people who refuse to see the truth and voted for Obama."

"Dr. John Chung is a dermatologist and a very fine Christian man."

"Happy anniversary to Lamar and Diane Lively."

"If people cared anything for their children or their pets, they would keep them out of the road. The road was designed for cars and truck, not to play in."

"Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are obviously intellectually challenged. Note, I did not use the 'I-word.'"

"We owe all kids an excellent education because they will be the ones having to pay back this huge debt. Let's support our schools and our teachers."

"We buy our sausage at Lake Howard Processing Co. in LaFayette, which is not too far away. They have their own slaughterhouse there. It's good."

"I cannot go to my niece's graduation because she can't get enough tickets at that old trade center."

"People who want socialized medicine need to talk to someone from Germany or Canada because you wait weeks or months to see a doctor. Some people actually die while waiting."

**Sarcasm alert**  
 "Thank goodness the United States doesn't have to worry about the North Korean missiles. Our president is taking it to the United Nations and we know how

effective the UN is."

"The girl's All-Area basketball team has two point guards and no shooting guards. Would that be the same as having two pitchers on the All-Area team and no catcher?"

**Editor: The team is the five best players, as picked by local coaches and our staff.**

"This is to the person who made the statement about President Obama giving food stamps and extended unemployment benefits: I'm glad we have a president who cares. Is this not the Christian way. A lot of people are unemployed right now and they need those benefits to get by on."

"They should be taxing beer and liquor, not cigarettes. A pack of cigarettes never hit a car head-on and killed a whole family like a bottle of alcohol will."

"We are all for same-sex marriage!"

"In my opinion, most Democrats are hard working. All-American people who come up by the bootstraps. They don't need food stamps. But thanks to all the greed on Wall Street, some of them may need food stamps now."

"So today was jerk, moron and idiot-free day in the forum. Tomorrow must be a free day for an infidel, cause we shore got an editor who is an infidel."

**Editor: It depends on which definition of infidel you mean.**

"Don't forget the Quik Burger which used to be on East Morris Street. They had the best hamburgers and foot long hot dogs."

"Mr. Editor, thanks for the insult free zone day."

"I just left the Health Department. That placed used to look nice. I was in the bathroom and the wall looks like a billboard for idiots."

"Thanks to Temple Baptist Church for presenting the play, 'The Borrowed Tomb.' It was awesome. Thank you so much."

"I charge the Democrats change the law so that President Obama can run eight or 10 times."

"As a parent of a special needs child, I want to thank the Whitfield County special needs drivers who are the best. They go above and

beyond the call of duty for our children. Thank you. God bless y'all."

"Electing Obama president was a big mistake. As he goes on his European tour, apologizing for America, we are losing more and more respect from the world."

"I don't know how the Whitfield Board of Education says that our enrollment is going to increase. Many of our Hispanic students have said that their fathers have sought jobs in the Southwest United States. Enrollment is going down."

"I am at Hamilton Medical Center right now and there are places provided for handicapped parking. There are about 10 spaces and I see two people with stickers for handicapped parking. Do these people not know understanding what handicapped parking means?"

"Josephine Souther makes great sausage at the Dawnville Grocery Store."

"Is the caller looking for a Christian dermatologist or a Christian demonologist?"

"What exactly is a Christian dermatologist?"

"Thanks to Monday's forum for eliminating those offensive adjectives."

"As hundreds of people are about to lose their unemployment benefits the president is transferring billions of dollars to other countries to help them in their crisis. What's wrong with this picture?"

"I enjoy the editor's comments on some of these things in the forum. They are entertaining."

"For some of us poverty is not a choice. I'd be willing to bet life is a little easier for you than for us. Maybe instead of being judgmental, you could try being more understanding."

"On the new high school: There needs to be more study on that before we spend all that money."

"The Wamplers Farm Sausage at the Green Spot is good sausage."

"White Oak sausage was real good. Bowman's Restaurant in Resaca sells sausage by the pound and it is good, too."

"I enjoyed reading the paper with no 'idiots' or 'morons' in it. Thank you, thank you."

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**



**NAME:** Talon Strickland  
**AGE:** 18  
**HOME:** Cohutta  
**FAMILY:** Mom, Debbie Strickland; dad, Larry Strickland  
**SCHOOL:** Southeast High School  
**PLAY:** Paintball, marching band, motorcycles  
**HE SAID:** "Ted Nugent for president!"

**Utility: Who pays?**

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this is a critical point for me to make: utility customers paid to put that utility infrastructure in the ground the first time it was put in. Those utility customers are the same taxpayers that live in Dalton, Whitfield County, Varnell, Cohutta or wherever else. So they're going to get their road projects done but they're going to have to pay for that utility relocate separate and apart from that road project because it's not funded as part of the project."

If the county shared costs, some of the individual special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) projects would be cut, county engineer Kent Benson said. In 2007, Whitfield County voters approved a three-year SPLOST to fund transportation projects throughout the county. There are 58 projects totaling \$48 million.

Sharing costs with one business could set a precedent and lead to more expense for the county, commissioner Randy Waskul

said. Dalton Utilities, which is owned by the city of Dalton, was the only utility provider to seek the county's help in connection with the SPLOST projects.

Waskul also noted the county does not charge companies to use county right of way.

"Will the other utilities come back and ask us to cost share?" Waskul asked.

County attorney Robert Smalley said if the county helped Dalton Utilities pay to move its lines, other utility providers would not have a legal case to force the county to help them.

"They certainly would have a good argument," Smalley said.

Dalton Utilities owns about two-thirds of lines that need to be moved, Benson said. After Dalton Utilities, the businesses with the most utility lines are Windstream, North Georgia Electric Membership Corp., Georgia Power and AT&T. The lines include water, natural gas, electrical, sewer, telephone and fiber optics.

**Ministers plan march Saturday**

The North Georgia Evangelical Ministerial Alliance is inviting the public to a march in downtown Dalton on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The purpose is for area pastors to give a tes-

timony of their unity in Christ and to pray for the city and its leaders.

The beginning location is the small park between the courthouse and Waugh Street.

**Library to close early for Easter**

The Dalton-Whitfield Library will be closed Friday and Saturday for the Easter holiday. The library will reopen on Monday at 10 a.m.

**CLARIFICATION**

A listing in the Area Arrests for April 2 should not have included an address for Larry Joseph Brown Jr., who was arrested on March 31 by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office. Brown does not live at 1909 Flair Knoll Drive in Dalton, the address he gave to the sheriff's office.

**Dr. Jimmy De Young**



*Dr. Jimmy De Young is a prophecy teacher, author, journalist and evangelist. He has worked in television and radio ministries for several years. Dr DeYoung travels the world telling people about the soon coming return of Jesus Christ.*

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# Young writers advance to district

Several Murray County students have advanced from the system to the district level in the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition.

All students in Georgia public schools, kindergarten through 12th grade, may submit writing entries for the system level competition; however, the maximum number of writing entries any local system may submit to the state competition is one per grade level.

Winners from each grade in Murray County Schools are first-grader Ben Bryson, second-grader Anna Cochran, third-grader Kersty McClain, fourth-grader Sarah Ensley, fifth-grader Mirale Couch, sixth-grader Sydney Tankrley, seventh-grader Ashley Lowery, eighth-grader Matthew Whitehead, ninth-grader Joseph Caleb Paden, 10th-grader Melissa Walston, 11th-grader Aquila Greene and 12th-grader Micayla Clayborne.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Gary Paul Bischoff, 57, 4325 S. Emerald Drive, Cohutta, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of marijuana and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

• Randall Keith Cheek, 33, 2698 Taylor Town Road, Ranger, was charged Monday by the Varnell Police Department with possession of false identification documents.

• Nicholas Keith High-Bear, 23, 1011 W. Crawford St., apartment 40, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI and bondsman off bond.

• Cecil Leon Isenhower, 65, 9631 Highway 225 North, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with trafficking in cocaine.

• Justin Matthew Persinger, 19, 793 Bermuda St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with drugs in wrong container and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Jerry Dewayne Bryson,

51, 191 Tibbs Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with obstruction of an officer (two counts), pointing or aiming a gun or pistol at another, aggravated assault (two counts), simple battery (family violence) and cruelty to children.

• Lorrie Ann Emberson, 41, 2590 Highway 52 Alternate, Unit H, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with sale of alprazolam, sell of soma, possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

• Richard Lee Long, 47, 971 Leonard Bridge Road, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Chatsworth Police Department with loitering and sale of marijuana.

• Phillip Curtis Walker, 45, 2590-4 Highway 52 Alternate, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with sale of alprazolam, sell of soma, possession of methamphetamine and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Gail Deverell, owner of Gail's Alterations on Thornton Avenue, works on alterations in her shop. Deverell has about 100 dresses to give away for upcoming school proms.

# Prom dress offer a 'big hit'

BY RACHEL BROWN  
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A local business owner is looking to give away prom dresses to girls who can't afford them.

Gail Deverell, owner of Gail's Alterations at 1212 N. Thornton Ave., said she has about 100 dresses from size 0 to size 22. Most are straight and some are more than a year old, but none have been worn before.

"I've got some dresses, and at the end of the year usually I donate them to Providence Ministries," she

said. "But I thought this year, why not let the girls have them for prom time?"

The dresses are new and ordinarily cost between \$200 and \$300. Deverell, who graduated from a Kentucky high school in 1957, said she wants to help girls whose parents are unable to afford dresses.

Girls who are interested must be referred through an agency like one of the local school systems, Whitfield Family Connection or the Department of Family and Children Services.

Deverell said she's had about six girls take advan-

tage of the offer since she put word out on Friday.

Ann Kuzniak, coordinator for Whitfield Family Connection, said the offer has been "a big hit."

"I wouldn't be surprised this year (if more people took advantage of it than would have before)," she said. "There's a lot of families losing income."



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### LETTERS

#### A lesson on living (and loving) life

To the editor:

I just completed reading Ron Hart's column on 4/6/0, "Living on less....".

I found Mr. Hart's piece humorous and thought provoking. Coincidentally, earlier that same morning I had an encounter on my job that also provoked thoughts about what is important in life.

I was inspecting a residence in Rossville as part of my job as a real property appraiser. The husband and wife who met me at the house told me the story of the wife's mother who had lived in the house since 1964. How her lung cancer, which they thought was in remission, had suddenly come back and in two weeks of its discovery, her mother was dead.

They told me about how the wife's grandmother and great-grandfather had also lived in the house and as the woman's eyes filled with tears she explained that there were just too many memories for her and her husband to live there. So they were selling the house. She said as she walked through the kitchen that she could just see her grandmother cooking while she played at her feet. And she will always remember how she and her own mother spent time in that house for so many years.

Then she said something that both startled me and challenged me. She said "...now you're here going to tell me how much all this is worth....". At first I didn't know what to say. And I thought for a second or two.

"No ma'am, I'm just here to estimate the value of this house...the memories you have made in this house are priceless and I couldn't begin to put a price on that," I told her.

Now this house was not a mansion on a hill with beautiful grounds. It was a small house with outdated fixtures with not much of a yard but I would be willing to wager that these people would not take a million bucks in exchange for the memories that were made in this house over the years. The memories that made that little house a home.

I was very fortunate growing up, though I didn't realize it at the time. From the time I was born until the time I left home as a young man, my family and I lived in only two houses. Today when I ride by our old house on Burchfield Avenue or visit the second house I lived in on Robinhood Drive, down below Valley Point, where mom and dad have lived since 1964, the memories of those years are like having money in my pocket. They are something to be cherished and to be thankful for. And to take with you.

So, whether you live in a mansion on a hill or a shack down in the valley, it's how your life is lived and not where you live it that will be remembered years from now. For me, I think that instead of trying so hard to furnish my family with a nice house to live in, I'm going to concentrate more into seeing that they have a nice "home" to live in, no matter where it is.

**Doug Hammontree**  
Dalton

#### The story of Ainsworth Emery Blunt

To the editor:

When Ainsworth Emery Blunt left New Hampshire for Brainerd, Tenn., he had little reason to suspect that in a few years he would become the first mayor of Dalton.

Nor did he foresee a role as founder and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. A nearly 500-mile walk with the Cherokeeans on the Trail of Tears would have been unimaginable to him.

Genealogist/historian Joan V. McGovern will detail those events and more as she recounts the life and times of this distinguished Dalton citizen at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center April 23 at 1 p.m. and again on April 30 at 10:30 a.m.

During a visit to the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, Mrs. McGovern found in Mayor Blunt's story powerful examples of the way in which one's decisions and actions shape history. The eventual mayor's departure from New England to take up God's work in Brainerd displayed a courage and love of his fellow man that only a few of the resolute, austere Congregationalists could muster. And with that first step came a lifetime of contribution and service to humanity.

Mrs. McGovern's pursuit of history and the ways in which people create it began years ago. When genealogy was added to the chase her comprehension of history deepened.

"It's one thing to learn about the Salem witch trials but quite another to discover that your ancestors were active participants on both sides of the controversy," she notes.

The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center at 302 Capps St. is open to the public and all who find excitement and inspiration in the chosen lives of strong leaders are welcome.

**Julie Dyer**  
Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center

### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

**I Corinthians 6:12**

**Thought for today:** "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

**Thomas Alvah Edison**  
American inventor (1847-1931)

# A worthy tale

Richard Whitt, 64, a reporter at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution for 17 years and a Pulitzer Prize-winner for the Louisville Courier-Journal, keeled over one day in January and died. The AJC didn't even bother to run an obituary. The Courier-Journal said Whitt had been one of the best investigative reporters around.

Ironically, Whitt died just as a book he had authored hit the store shelves. The volume, "Behind the Hedges: Big Money and Power Politics at the University of Georgia," sank from sight almost as soon as it was published. In a brief mention, the AJC termed the volume a rehash of old episodes.

Rehash or not, "Behind the Hedges," a story of wheeling and dealing and plain misconduct at UGA, has all but vanished from the stores and mail-order houses. You'd think someone systematically bought out the book before it could be circulated. Old-timers still remember the strange disappearance of Herman Talmadge's tome, "Segregation and You," that occurred when he ran for his first re-election bid as a U.S. senator in a recently desegregated state.

Too bad Whitt died before he could promote his work. He might have had a best-seller on his hands, though he is bit harsh on UGA President Mike Adams.

Whitt's campus tale contains something for everybody: juicy sex, multimillion-dollar prescription drug deals, Wall Street-level compensation packages and giant but mistreated hero by the



**Bill Shipp**

UGA in what must be one of the most ill-conceived personnel moves since Truman fired MacArthur. Dooley's loyal followers, including a majority of the UGA Foundation's board of trustees, were outraged. You could get favorable odds that Adams was a goner as president.

Didn't happen, and therein lies Whitt's tale. We can't do "Behind the Hedges" justice in this space, but here is a sampler that may whet your appetite to read it — if you can find it.

Senior management at UGA was highly critical of an unfavorable outside audit of Adams' expenses. There may have been good reasons for standing by Adams: According to state records University Provost Arnett Mace was paid \$322,800 in 2008, up \$13,500 from his 2007 salary. Vice President Tom Landrum received a 22 percent raise of \$41,000 — from \$193,550 in 2007 to \$235,360 in 2008. This is just the beginning. Executive salaries were jumping while student tuition was skyrocketing and employee layoffs were threatened.

While university offi-

name of V i n c e Dooley. As you may recall, Dr. Adams forced the popular and successful Dooley into retirement as head sports guy at

line with their cash satchels, Gov. Perdue stepped in and ran off Chancellor Tom Meredith. According to Whitt, "One former regent said the board [of regents] no longer functions independently as required by law. It's run by the governor." ■ A flamboyant and wealthy member of the University System Board of Regents, Don Leebern, a once-loyal patron of the Democratic Party, suddenly kicked in \$200,000 to the Georgia Republican Party. Whitt wrote, "Maybe that was all it took for Perdue, the champion of morality and 'principle-centered' government, to discover that Don Leebern, beneath the belligerence and the taste for high living and open adultery, was an acceptable member of the [Board of Regents]."

There is so much more torrid stuff here that an examination might have been performed on Whitt to verify his cause of death. Whitt strikes a thousand sore spots and reignites hatreds that were only beginning to cool.

Sure, a lot of this is old stuff, but the real devilment is in the newly discovered details. The book contains several lessons that might be of use to the next chancellor — or maybe not. Mike Adams is said to be the No. 1 candidate for university system chancellor when the current chancellor Erroll Davis' tenure ends, reportedly in the near future.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, April 8**, the 98th day of 2009. There are 267 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

**On this date:**

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Richard M. Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1988, TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God after he was defrocked.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

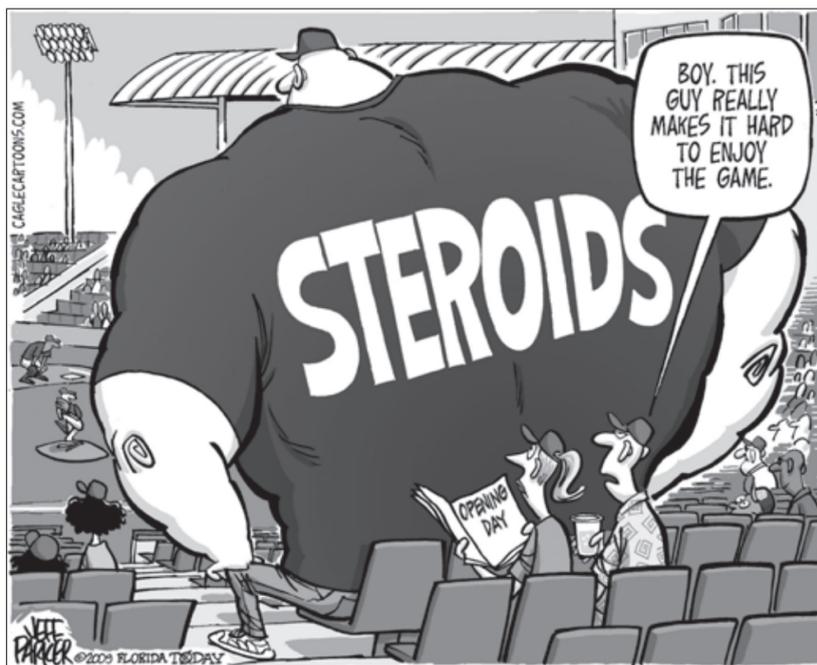
**Ten years ago:** At a White House news conference, President Bill Clinton said NATO could still win in Kosovo by air power alone.

**Five years ago:** National security adviser Condoleezza Rice told the Sept. 11 commission "there was no silver bullet" that could have prevented the attack.

One year ago: The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Gen. David Petraeus, told Congress that hard-won gains in the war zone were too fragile to promise any troop pullouts beyond the summer.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Former first lady Betty Ford is 91. Comedian Shecky Greene is 83. Author and investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 72. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 69. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 68. Singer J.J. Jackson is 68. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 68. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 62. Movie director John Madden ("Shakespeare in Love") is 60. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter is 55. Actor John Schneider is 49. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 47. Rapper Biz Markie is 45. Actress Robin Wright Penn is 43. Actress Patricia Arquette is 41. Rock singer Craig Honeycutt (Everything) is 39.



# Americans with retardation

BY JOHN H. CRISP

### GUEST COLUMN

Americans with mental retardation have been in the news recently.

First, President Obama committed a regrettable indiscretion on the Jay Leno Show by comparing his own bowling ineptitude with the level of skill on display — so the joke goes — at the Special Olympics.

But honest people may feel a little uncomfortable with excessive sanctimony about this incident. In fact, at some point most of us have probably been guilty of making or being amused by similar digs at our fellow citizens with mental retardation.

For example, a few years ago in Doonesbury, cartoonist Gary Trudeau, referring to the non-traditionally high levels of medals and ribbons awarded during modern military campaigns like Panama and Grenada, referred to them as a sort of Special Olympics for the armed forces.

Everyone gets a medal. To many people a Special Olympics joke seems harmless enough; mere innocuous fun at the expense of a subset of fellow citizens who for one reason or another simply aren't able to learn as well as the rest of us do.

But here's another news story so wretched that I'm embarrassed to admit that it occurred in my own community: several employees of the Corpus Christi State School, a state-run facility that houses nearly 400 citizens with mental retardation, are accused of goading residents into fight club-style bouts and

recording them on their cell phones. One inspired attendant allegedly supplied an accompanying play-by-play voiceover. Apparently the goal of these misguided "caretakers" was their own amusement.

This is the dark underside of all Special Olympics jokes. When I was in college I worked in a similar state-run facility, a dormitory housing 40 men with profound retardation. They ranged in age from 18 to over 60, but the highest mental age was about 18 months. Many had other disabilities, as well. A few were blind or deaf. Only one had sufficient mental capacity to utter a few disconnected words.

They were infants in the bodies of men, and they needed the same around-the-clock care. We got them up in the mornings and put them to bed at night. We fed them and gave them their medicines. During the day we tried as much as possible to keep them dressed, and every evening we pushed their clothes into a massive urine- and feces-soaked mound and gave them all a shower.

These aren't men and boys who will ever be able to participate in the Special Olympics or have any other ordinary contact with the world. To a large extent they had been abandoned by their families; visitors were rare. Most of the caretakers tried to do more or less responsible jobs, but we were poorly trained and poorly paid, and most of us

soon moved on to other jobs. The residents stayed behind, for a lifetime.

I've never accepted the romantic view that people with disabilities like these were created for some special purpose, to instruct us, for example, in humility or awe. If they were designed for such a purpose, divine providence is asking a lot of them. In some respects their stories are incidental tragedies that include damaged chromosomes, accidents, or parents who drank too much.

Nevertheless, there's something to be learned. To walk for the first time into the dayroom of a dorm like the one where I worked is to be almost overwhelmed with sympathy for fellow humans trapped in their dismal conditions.

But the feeling lasted only a few days. Even in the near-absence of ordinary intellect, personalities quickly emerged and a unique humanity was evident in each of the residents. And at the risk of idealizing a dreary situation, I've never encountered a sweeter, gentler group of men with less of the malicious nastiness that we often find among our peers. No Special Olympics jokes here, and no one would ever goad anyone else into fighting for his own amusement. That takes "normal" intelligence.

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## DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## The power of place

Most writers will tell you that the title or headline is as powerful as the article, column or book. So why did I choose such a plain and simple one as "The Power of Place." Those of you familiar with Richard Florida's book, "The Rise of the Creative Class," will understand precisely why I chose this title for this week's column. Those not familiar, I ask your indulgence.

In Florida's bestseller, he advocates that the communities that are thriving are doing so based on their ability of creating communities that speak to a sense of place. Simply put, it is the communities that attract the creative class that are succeeding at a much more dramatic level than those that do not attract the creative class. And once a community has the assets that are attractive to the creative class, companies/employers then choose to relocate/expand within those communities that the creative class resides in. In many cases members of the creative class also start new companies.

Florida illustrates a few of the consistent themes from his research on The Creative Class:

"The Creative Class is moving away from traditional corporate communities, Working Class centers and even many Sunbelt regions to a set of places called Creative Centers."

"The Creative Centers tend to be the economic winners of our age. Not only do they have high concentrations of Creative Class people, they have high concentrations of creative economic

outcomes, in the form of innovations and high-tech industry growth. They also show strong signs of overall regional vitality, such as increases in regional employment and population."

"The Creative Centers are not thriving for such traditional economic reasons as access to natural resources or transportation routes. Nor are they thriving because of their local governments have given away the store through tax breaks and other incentives to lure business. They are succeeding largely because creative people want to live there. The companies then follow the people-or, in many cases, are started by them. Creative Centers provide the integrated eco-system or habitat where all forms of creativity-artistic and cultural, technological and economic-can take root and flourish."

"Creative people are not moving to these places for traditional reasons. The physical attractions that most cities focus on building-sports stadiums, freeways, urban malls, and tourism-and-entertainment districts that resemble theme parks-are irrelevant, insufficient or actually unattractive to many Creative Class people. What they do look for in communities are abundant high-quality amenities and experiences, an openness to diversity of all kinds, and above all else the opportunity to validate their identities as creative people."

I do not read into Florida's themes that having natural resources, good low-cost utilities, or good transportation infrastructure prevents a community from being successful in creating growth and prosperity. I do think his themes challenge communities and their leaders to think beyond the obvious. think his themes speak to a new reality that says that those communities that work to develop a sense of place

will be the most successful over the long-term. A few examples of communities that I think represent Creative Centers include: Greenville-Spartanburg, Chattanooga and Rome.

Over the next few months, the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce will begin the process of forming collaborative partnerships for the purpose of developing a community vision. Target Tomorrow was our community's first (I think) and most successful community visioning process. Target Tomorrow enabled the successful implementation of many needed strategies. Now we need a new vision. We need to mentally create what we want our greater community to be before we invest time, money, and energy into strategies that are not consistent with a well thought out and collaborative vision.

We are blessed with many wonderful community attributes that make us a desirable place to live, work, and play. And with a little hard work, we can increase our success in most areas of community and economic development. But with the right vision, we can create so much more.

Through the visioning process, we need to define areas of emphasis like the arts, entertainment and culture. We need a more proactive emphasis on green space, recreation, and leisure pursuits. Downtown Dalton has the potential to be a Creative Center within itself. We have to think big, we have to work together and we must build strong collaborative public-private partnerships. This process will not be quick or easy. But if we dream it and plan it — we can build it!

God bless you and happy Easter!

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



**Brian Anderson**

## Pre-K enrollment, funding up; worry about economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preschool enrollment is up and spending on state pre-K programs is up, too — but the economic downturn could spell trouble for the nation's youngest schoolchildren, says a report being released Wednesday.

At least nine states, it says, are likely to make cuts to pre-kindergarten programs, including some of the biggest — California, Florida and New York. Enrollment cuts and delaying expansion plans are some of the steps that states are considering,

said one of the study's authors, Steve Barnett, director at the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University.

"A federal initiative is needed to support early learning and development," Barnett said.

The institute is urging the federal government to match state spending with up to \$2,500 for every additional child enrolled in state pre-K programs, as a way to grow preschool so that all of the nation's 4-year-olds can have access by 2020.

Currently, more than 80 percent of all 4-year-olds attend some kind of preschool program, according to the report. About half of those go to a public program, either state pre-K, Head Start or special education. The other half attend private programs.

Overall, the study found healthy progress among the states in expanding enrollment, with more than 1.1 million children in state-funded preschool education for the 2007-2008 school year.

Youth Success Academy Services  
"Request for Proposal" (RFP)

The Coosa Valley Regional Development Center is issuing a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to provide Youth services in the following Northwest Georgia counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Pickens, Paulding, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield. These youth services in Northwest Georgia are identified collectively and individually as "Youth Success Academy" through the Northwest Georgia Workforce Development Program.

The Coosa Valley Regional Development Center has been selected as the Grant Sub-recipient for the Workforce Investment Act funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (AARA). It is estimated that approximately \$700,000-\$825,000 in AARA funds will be available to serve approximately 275-325 youth between June 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009. A waiver is being sought from USDOL to continue out-of-school training through March 31, 2010. Selected contracts may be negotiated on a cost reimbursement basis for governmental and private non-profit organizations and may be performance based for private for-profit organizations.

A Bidder's Conference will be held on April 21, 2009, 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, #1 Jackson Hill Drive, Rome, Georgia 30161. Technical assistance in the proposal process will be provided only at the Bidder's Conference. A copy of each question/answer from the Bidder's Conference will be available upon written request.

The on-line RFP will be available by April 9, 2009. The RFP may be picked up at the Bidder's Conference. To obtain proposal format, all others may pick up a copy at Coosa Valley Regional Development Center, #1 Jackson Hill Drive, Rome, Georgia 30161 or request the RFP in writing. Requests for proposal formats by telephone (except FAX) will not be accepted.

Deadline to submit a proposal is 4:30 P.M., May 8, 2009. Proposals should be mailed to P.O. Box 1798, Rome, GA 30162-1798 or delivered to 1 Jackson Hill Drive, Rome, GA 30161. Local educational agencies, community-based organizations, small minority and/or women's businesses are encouraged to apply. The Coosa Valley Regional Development Center reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Funding is contingent upon the availability of federal funds.

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## Downtown Walking Trails to open today at noon

The Downtown Dalton Development Authority will celebrate the grand opening of the Downtown Dalton Walking Trails today at noon at the statue of Joseph E. Johnson at the corner of

Crawford and Hamilton streets.

Attendees may choose the one-mile Peacock Trail, the two-mile Train Track Trail or three-mile Liberty Tree Trail. Walkers may keep track of

their mileage by joining the online walking group at [www.downtowndalton.com](http://www.downtowndalton.com). Those who record 100 miles will receive an official Downtown Dalton Walking Trails T-shirt.

## Maundy service at Grace

Grace Presbyterian Church will have a Maundy Thursday service featuring "The Journey to Calvary" presented by the church choir on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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## Easter Sunday Service

Minister Judy Jacobs of His Song Ministries in Cleveland, TN will be ministering in Word and song Easter Sunday.

Minister Judy ministers on Christian Networks such as Trinity Broadcasting Network, Day Star, Inspirational Network, and many other renowned ministries.

Minister Jacobs' Television Program **Judy Jacobs Now!**

is aired on major Christian Networks and reaches millions of households around the world.

*Service will begin at 10 am*

## Community Fellowship Church

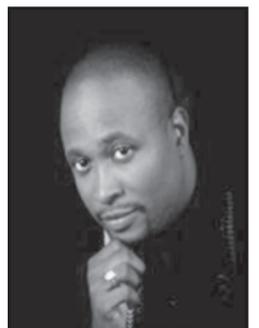
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**Chad Cooper**



**Minister Judy Jacobs**

**RELIGION**

# Should we celebrate Easter?

Many people today are questioning whether or not Easter should be celebrated. These people make arguments about the pagan roots of Easter, the evils of Easter eggs, the satanic nature of the Easter bunny, and many other reasons why people should not celebrate Easter. To those people I have only one thing to say, "You have sadly missed the point of this special time of year!"



**Gary Mimbs**

Please consider the following information that a fellow minister recently shared: The word Easter is not in the Bible and originates from the pagan goddess Eostre. Do we stop using the names for the days of the week and months of the year because they also have pagan roots?

I have yet to meet anyone who worshiped an Easter egg, only ate them. If you are old enough to be able to read this, you are old enough to know that there is no Easter Bunny. These are simply symbols that the world uses in regard to this holiday. There is only one reason a Christian celebrates Easter, and that is to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

One easy solution to those offended by the word "Easter" is to simply call Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day.

Christians should celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. It is right and good that we take time each year

to remember this blessed event. It is a well-documented, historical event chronicled in all four Gospels and supported by the historians of that day. It is easily the greatest event in human history. Think about it. God himself, the creator of the heavens and earth, came to this earth as a mere man to live with his creation.

He came as a baby, born of a virgin in a humble manger in an obscure little town. He would grow up to die on a cross as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. Three days after his death, God would raise him from the dead as a sign to this lost and unbelieving world that he was exactly who he claimed to be — the son of God. His life would literally transform the lives of every man, woman, and child for the rest of human history. That is why we celebrate Easter. That is why, as Christians, we *must* celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

To these words I add that no one wants to celebrate a dead body or a stuffed bunny. But everyone can attest that it took something supernatural to raise a man from the dead and not just any man but the son of God. The resurrection of Jesus was living proof that God has the power of life and death and that through the death of Jesus all of the sin of the world could be forgiven.

But because of Jesus' resurrection there is the promise and hope of new life eternal for anyone who believes in him. That is worth celebrating.

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

# Suppliers denounce Medicare plan

BY STEVE TWEDT  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Medicare's plans to bring competitive bidding to durable medical equipment procurement actually will reduce competition and limit access to needed wheelchairs, oxygen tanks and other vital equipment, a group of suppliers say.

They also believe that the program, set to begin in less than two weeks, will end up costing more after big suppliers grab a larger and larger market share, freeing them to then raise their prices.

"You wind up with a government-created oligarchy," John Shirvinsky, executive director for the Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers, said Monday.

Currently, patients are able to choose among suppliers who meet Medicare's fee schedule.

For most suppliers, Medicare represents 40 percent to 50 percent of their business, Shirvinsky said. If the competitive bidding program goes into effect, "9 out of 10 people in this business are going to be forced out of business," he said, because they won't be one of Medicare's approved vendors.

The competitive bidding program, part of the Medicare Improvements for Patient and Providers Act, was to go into effect a year ago, before Congress stepped in. Medical suppliers are hoping they can persuade Congress to delay it again.

Proponents say competitive bidding will bring down costs, both for the pro-

gram and for beneficiaries who pay a portion of the costs.

But suppliers argue that durable medical equipment represents only 1.6 percent of the Medicare budget, so savings would be minimal.

Lucy Spruill, director of public policy and community relations for United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh, said the competitive bidding program would, for example, greatly reduce the number of suppliers for power wheelchairs.

"Right now, the waiting list for a wheelchair is three to six months," she said. "Reducing the number of suppliers will make that wait even longer. If you don't have a backup chair — and insurance won't pay for that — you can be bedridden for that period of time."

## Mountains get dusting

ATLANTA (AP) — Downtown Atlanta is seeing snow flurries in April, for the first time in two years.

National Weather Service meteorologist Nate Mayes said Tuesday the last time Atlanta saw a trace of snow in April was in 2007.

Earlier, counties in the north Georgia mountains got a dusting of snow flurries even though the ground was too warm for anything to stick.

The National Weather Service in Peachtree City says it will be even colder Tuesday night, when the low is expected to drop to 32 degrees. It has issued a wind advisory for much of the state with a freeze warning in effect until Wednesday morning.

Warmer weather is expected to return Wednesday with a high of 64. Thursday's forecast calls for a high in the low 70s.

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**Rev. Clayton Brown**

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JOHN 11:25

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# Fortner to attend Culver Academies

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**Fortner**

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# VARNELL FIFTH-GRADERS



Mrs. Glenda Wheeler's fifth-grade class at Varnell Elementary School posed for this historic photograph during the 1982-83 school year. Readers who can identify individuals or who wish to

share historic photos of any Whitfield County School may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at 706-217-6733; this number has 24-hour voice mail.

## Economist Rifkin to speak at college

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

When noted author Jeremy Rifkin arrives for his lecture at Dalton State, he will have just returned from presenting a keynote address in Dubai at the Middle East and Africa Global Energy Forum.

But the effects of jet lag are not likely to affect Rifkin, says his former research assistant, a Dalton State professor, because Rifkin is a high-energy visionary who is always "on a mission."

"Jeremy Rifkin is very keen on smart-grid technology, of being able to produce energy in a sustainable way and in recycling unused energy," says Don Davis, a professor of sociology who worked off and on for more than six years with the Washington-based author.

"His approach puts a lot of faith in the development of hydrogen fuel cell technology," Davis said. "The idea is that we will eventually generate power in a sys-

tem that is similar to the way the Internet works. It's sort of the 'nobody owns it, but everybody owns it' idea."

Rifkin, the founder and president of The Foundation on Economic Trends, will speak on the topic of "The Third Industrial Revolution: Greening the Global Economy" on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Goodroe Auditorium in Memorial Hall. His lecture is free and open to the public.

Rifkin is the author of 17 best-selling books, including "The Hydrogen Economy," "The End of Work," "The Age of Access," "The Biotech Century" and "The European Dream: How Europe's Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream."

His books and his monthly newspaper columns, which appear in many of the world's top newspapers, focus on the impact of scien-

tific, technological and cultural changes on the economy, society and the environment.

He speaks frequently before business, government, labor and civil society forums around the world. His presentation in Dubai is part of a forum which will explore how technology can address the regional and global challenges of oil and gas business needs.

Rifkin earned a degree in economics from The Wharton School of Business and a degree in international affairs from the Fletcher

School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has been a fellow at the Wharton School's Executive Education Program at the University of Pennsylvania since 1994 and is also a senior fellow at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland where he lectures in the Executive Education and MBA programs.

He also serves as an adviser to the European Union on issues related to the economy, climate change, energy security and sustainable development.

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



Rifkin

# Rabies: Raccoons

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were "not acting normally."

"They were out during the daytime," he said of the generally nocturnal creatures. "We caught one and put it in a dog's cage and sent it off. We had to put the other one down."

Grossman said no one was hurt and no family pets were affected.

According to the Web site, officers responded to a complaint from a WindWalker Estates subdivision resident, and came back to the area a day later. The second animal was given to Whitfield County Animal Control for rabies testing. Diane Franklin, the county's rabies officer, said the raccoon went to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"There was no human exposure, so the animal went to them," she said. "It may take six months to find out if it was rabid. But we consider any animal (acting abnormally) we come into contact with a positive."

Franklin said a key indicator in determining if a wild animal is rabid is its behavior.

"The majority of them — raccoons, fox, bats, skunks and coyotes — are nocturnal," she noted. "If you see them in the daytime and they're not running away, that's a big red flag. If someone is bitten by a wild animal it is imperative they get to a physician immediately."

The man bitten in Little Murray began taking shots even before the fox was confirmed rabid.

Opossums are not susceptible to rabies, Franklin said.

Rabies vaccine packets — hidden in fishmeal blocks or coated with fishmeal — were distributed by air in the western and northern portions of the county last October after it was determined by fish and wildlife officials there was

## RABIES CLINICS UPCOMING

A "reduced rate" vaccination clinic for rabies prevention will be held in Whitfield County on Saturday, May 2, at several locations. To find the sites and times, surf the Web to [www.whitfieldcounty-ga.com/AnimalControl/animal\\_control.htm](http://www.whitfieldcounty-ga.com/AnimalControl/animal_control.htm). For more information call (706) 278-2018.

In Murray County, a rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, April 25, at RTK Veterinary Services at 1526 Highway 225 North from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A spokeswoman said prices had yet to be set. For more information call (706) 695-3825.

a strain of rabies here, Franklin said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture assisted the county in getting the 30,000 "baits" out, and in February wildlife officials began trapping and discovered 30 to 45 percent of the captured animals had taken the bait.

Franklin called it a "surprising" percentage, hopefully showing the baiting was effective in helping prevent the spread of rabies among wild animals.

Rabies is an infectious virus, also known as hydrophobia, that can be passed to humans and possibly cause death if not treated.

Distemper occurs primarily among young dogs and is characterized by fever, lethargy and vomiting.

More information regarding the signs, symptoms and treatment of rabies can be found at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Web site ([www.cdc.gov/healthy-pets/diseases/rabies.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthy-pets/diseases/rabies.htm)). Whitfield County Animal Control can be reached by calling (706) 370-4900. The Murray County Animal Control number is (706) 695-8003.

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**Italy rocked by strong aftershocks**

L'AQUILA, Italy — Strong aftershocks Tuesday sent a fresh wave of fear across earthquake-shattered central Italy, and rescue crews pulled a young woman alive from a collapsed building about 42 hours after the main quake struck the mountainous region. Eleonora Calesini, a 20-year-old student, was found alive in the ruins of the five-story building in central L'Aquila. The death toll from Italy's worst earthquake in three decades climbed to 235, with the bodies taken to a makeshift morgue in a hangar at a police officer's training school. The dead included four students trapped in the rubble of a dormitory of the University of L'Aquila.

**Obama says it's time for Iraqis to run country**

BAGHDAD — Flying unannounced into a still-dangerous war zone, President Barack Obama told U.S. troops and Iraqi officials alike Tuesday it is time to phase out America's combat role in a conflict he opposed as a candidate and has vowed to end as commander in chief. Iraqis "need to take responsibility for their own country," Obama told hundreds of cheering soldiers gathered in an ornate, marble palace near Saddam Hussein's former seat of power. "You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement," he told the troops, saluting their efforts during six years of American fighting and losses.

**Israel tests system to shoot missiles**

JERUSALEM — Israel successfully tested an anti-missile system designed to protect the country against Iranian attack, the Defense Ministry said, perfecting technology developed in response to failures of similar systems during the 1991 Gulf War. The intercept of a dummy missile was the 17th test of the Arrow system, a U.S.-Israeli joint venture. Israeli defense officials said the interceptor was an upgraded Arrow II, designed to counter Iran's Shahab ballistic missile. Israel has identified Iran as its biggest threat, citing the country's nuclear program and its development of long-range ballistic missiles. Those fears have been compounded by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's repeated calls for the destruction of the Jewish state.

**Stevens' conviction dismissed by judge**

WASHINGTON — A seething federal judge dismissed the corruption conviction of former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens on Tuesday and took the rare and serious step of ordering a criminal investigation into prosecutors who poisoned

the case. "In nearly 25 years on the bench, I've never seen anything approaching the mishandling and misconduct that I've seen in this case," U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan said. Sullivan appointed a special prosecutor to investigate Justice Department lawyers who repeatedly withheld evidence from defense attorneys and the judge during the monthlong trial. Stevens was convicted in October of lying on Senate forms about home renovations and gifts he received from wealthy friends. The case cost Stevens, 85, a Senate seat he had held for 40 years.

**Vermont legalizes gay marriage**

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Vermont, the state that invented civil unions, on Tuesday became a pioneer once again as the first state to legalize gay marriage through a legislature's vote. The House barely achieved the votes necessary to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a bill that will allow gays and lesbians to marry beginning Sept. 1. Four states now have same-sex marriage laws and other states soon could follow suit. Bills to allow same-sex marriage are currently before lawmakers in New Hampshire, Maine, New York and New Jersey. The three other states that currently allow same-sex marriage — Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa — each moved to do so through the courts, not legislatures.

**Biden says Cheney 'dead wrong'**

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden said Tuesday his predecessor, Dick Cheney, is "dead wrong" when he says President Barack Obama's national security policies are making the United States less safe. Biden said the exact opposite is true and added that President George W. Bush's vice president was part of a dysfunctional decision-making system. "I don't think he is out of line, but he is dead wrong. ... The last administration left us in a weaker posture than we've been any time since World War II: less regarded in the world, stretched more thinly than we ever have been in the past, two wars under way, virtually no respect in entire parts of the world," Biden said.

**Rare megamouth shark caught, eaten**

MANILA, Philippines — Fishermen in the Philippines accidentally caught and later ate a megamouth shark, one of the rarest fishes in the world with only 40 others recorded to have been encountered, the World Wildlife Fund said Tuesday. The 1,100-pound, 13-foot megamouth died while struggling in the fishermen's net on March 30 off Burias island in the central Philippines. It was taken to nearby Donsol in Sorsogon province, where it was butchered and eaten, said Gregg Yan, spokesman for WWF-Philippines.

**To Your Good Health**

**Pacemaker insertion not tough**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My wife is 85 and is scheduled to have a pacemaker put in. She has been quite tight-lipped about this whole deal. I wasn't aware that she had heart trouble. Is



**Paul G. Donohue**

a woman of her age up to having open heart surgery? What can you tell me about the procedure? What does a pacemaker do? I've been told she won't be able to use a microwave oven or a cell phone after the operation. Why? — M.O.

**ANSWER:** Your wife isn't going to have open heart surgery. Installing a pacemaker isn't as complicated as you might imagine and it isn't draining for the patient. A pacemaker consists of a generator — a battery-powered unit about the size of a thin stopwatch. It's put under the skin beneath the collarbone. One or two long wires emerge from the generator. The doctor passes those wires into a large vein that leads to the heart. That's

the end of the procedure. Very little cutting takes place, and the installation is over in a short time.

Every heartbeat starts out as an electric signal generated by the heart's own built-in pacemaker, a small island of special cells in the upper part of the heart. That signal passes down to the lower heart chambers — the ventricles — through cables called bundles. When it reaches the ventricles, they contract and pump blood. If the natural pacemaker fails or the bundles are short-circuited, then the heart beats so slowly that blood fails to reach the brain. People feel dizzy and are on the verge of fainting. Under these circumstances, an artificial pacemaker is lifesaving.

Pacemakers also are useful for some people with severe congestive heart failure. Congestive heart failure makes people short of breath. Their ankles and feet often swell. Medicines help. When they don't, a pacemaker can get the two ventricles to beat in sync so that they can pump more forcefully and relieve the congestion.

Pacemakers don't stop people from using microwave ovens or cell phones.

The booklet on congestive heart failure describes what

this condition is and how it is treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 103, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I saw this in the Wellness Letter from the University of California, Berkeley. Would this information be appropriate for your column? If so, it could save many lives. — S.W.

"More than 100,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S., but there are only about 15,000 organ donors a year. There is no upper age limit for donating organs or tissue (cornea, skin). You can get a donor card at no cost from the government (www.organdonor.gov or 888-275-4772). Keep a copy in your wallet and another at home with important papers. Donating organs is not disfiguring, and it does not delay funeral arrangements. Nearly all major religions approve of such donations."

The Wellness Letter is a good health letter, isn't it?

**ASK THE DOCTOR**

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

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** A while ago, you answered a question about cinnamon controlling blood sugar. You indicated that there was no evidence that it could do so. My experience has been that cinnamon on a daily basis has really leveled out my sugar. I have oatmeal with half a teaspoon of cinnamon every morning. It has kept my sugar at an acceptable level. — S.W.

**ANSWER:** About six years ago, one study showed that cinnamon lowered blood sugar in people with type 2 diabetes. Two subsequent studies, however, failed to demonstrate an appreciable drop in blood sugar with cinnamon.

I can't argue with your experience. It worked for you. Others can try it. It won't hurt. Don't, however, stop taking your blood sugar medicines.

**Chrysler rolls out SUV after government scolding**

NEW YORK (AP) — It sounds crazy: Just a week after the White House scolded Chrysler LLC for relying too much on gas guzzlers, the company is heading to a marquee auto show Wednesday to unveil a new SUV.

Chrysler insists the Jeep Grand Cherokee, which clocks in at 20 mpg in its two-wheel-drive version and 19 in four-wheel-drive, is a crowd favorite and a crucial part of its lineup.

"This is a very important vehicle for us. It's one of the primary legs of the Chrysler stool," Chrysler spokesman

Rick Deneau said. "Customers have told us they want this vehicle and that it's the right size."

The 2011 model is 11 percent more fuel efficient than its predecessor, powered by a cleaner and more powerful engine. Still, Chrysler's decision to debut an SUV as its only new car at the New York International Auto Show seems like odd timing to say the least.

On March 30, the Obama administration issued a scathing rejection of the company's survival plan and gave it 30 days to secure a merger with another

automaker, most likely

Italy's Fiat SpA. The White House slammed Chrysler for having a product lineup so heavily weighted with trucks and

SUVs. It added that the automaker does not have enough products in the pipeline to meet an expected increase in demand for small cars.



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# Update: From Washington

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Isakson said he has a plan to help boost housing by providing a \$15,000 tax credit for home buyers who occupy the home for at least three years.

"The price tag on that was \$34 billion. It was rejected in the Senate last year because it cost too much," he said. "But the last time I calculated, we spent \$5.5 trillion, and it hasn't stopped the bleeding."

Deal said a "big philosophical divide is emerging" on health care. The Democrats, he said, have proposed that "there should always be a public alternative."

"The only problem is that when you put the government in competition with the private insurance market, who's going to win? It's going to be the government. The government writes the rules, but it doesn't have to obey the same rules everybody else does. They don't have to make a profit," he said.

Deal said the "public alternative" is a first step towards government-run health care. He said turning

health care over to the government would be a mistake.

"It is not uncommon in other countries for specialists, in particular, to have done all the procedures that the quota allows them to do early in the year, so they can't work anymore for the remainder of the year," he said. "I don't think we want to see that."

Both were asked if they regretted voting for the \$700 billion bank bailout bill pushed by President George W. Bush last year.

Isakson said he voted for the bill because he was assured by the Bush administration the money would be used to buy the banks' "toxic" assets, such as mortgage-backed securities. The plan, he said, was to help create a market for these securities so their prices would stabilize and help boost banks' bottom lines. Instead, the administration used the money to buy preferred stock in some banks.

Isakson said if he'd known that was how the money would be spent he might not have voted for the bailout.

"I voted against the bailout then, and I'd vote

against it now," Deal said. "He (Bush) may have been a Republican president, but he didn't espouse Republican principles on this issue or a number of others."

Chuck Dobbins, chairman of the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority, said the lawmakers hit on issues important to the community and local businesses. He said Isakson's tax credit proposal for new home buyers could help boost the floorcovering business.

"The residential side of the floorcovering industry is still the major driver of the industry here in our community, and as housing goes, so goes that side of the business," he said.

But Dalton Mayor David Pennington said the lawmakers didn't address some of the issues he wanted to hear about.

"In their formal presentations, they mentioned chickens, they mentioned peanuts, they mentioned housing, they mentioned financial institutions. They never once mentioned manufacturing. In this country, if we don't get back to manufacturing stuff again, we have no economic future. And the U.S.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

**U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal speaks with David Gregg, a member of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce board of directors, following the Congressional Update Tuesday morning.**

Congress puts every handicap imaginable on manufacturing. That's why it's going to China and everywhere else," Pennington said. "When they come to Dalton, you think they would have been prepared to talk about

manufacturing."

Deal and Isakson did discuss several issues that would have an impact on manufacturing, such as attempts to limit carbon emissions and to force utilities to generate a percentage

of their electricity from "green" sources. Deal said those efforts, if passed, would make the United States less competitive with other countries and Georgia less competitive with other areas of the country.

# Deal: Help business Isakson: Predicts economic rebound

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with, and you are going to do it by making an artificially low interest rate. But if that's not sufficient, the taxpayer is going to have to pay the rest of their premium. That to me is totally unrealistic."

Deal spoke to The Daily Citizen Tuesday afternoon after he and U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., spoke at a Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Deal said a good way to help boost the housing market is Isakson's proposed \$15,000 tax credit for those who buy homes.

He also said he'd spoken earlier with Gaile Jennings, executive director of the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corp., which is a federally certified housing counselor. He said she pressed on him the growing problem of scams targeted at homeowners facing mortgage problems that offer to help them out but instead just take their money.

"The horror stories are terrible. I've talked to the (state) attorney general's office. I've talked to the (United States) Justice Department. But I don't think they are interested in finding new work for U.S. attorneys," he said. "So nobody is filling that gap. That may be one of those areas where we need some more legislation."

"The real irony (Jennings) told me is that some of the same people who were the mortgage brokers who put people in these mortgages, maybe even with falsified documents in some cases, are the very same ones going back to them now saying 'We know you can't afford that,'" Deal said. "But if you pay us we'll renegotiate that mortgage for you."

Deal said Democratic proposals to reform health care concern him.

"The big mantra now is that there needs to be a government option, that in the private health insurance market, the government has to have a plan," he said. "That's not a level playing field. When the government underwrites, private firms can't perform."

He said that would lead to government controlled health care.

"But I don't think we are going to be able to stop that," he said.

Deal said a better way would be to treat small businesses and individuals like big businesses.

"Big businesses get to deduct the cost of their employees' health care. A private individual ought to have the same right. It used to be that way under the tax code," he said.

What about those who don't pay income taxes?

Deal said one answer would be to give them a refundable tax credit.

"The scariest of all the proposals that have been floated is Medicare for all. Just dump everybody into Medicare," he said.

Deal said Congress gets lobbied every year by hospitals, doctors and other health care providers because their reimbursement under Medicare is established by the federal government.

"That's the nature of a federally run system. Congress becomes the place where doctors have to come to argue about what they are going to get paid. That is a terrible system. What expertise do we have to know what a doctor ought to get to do a CT scan or whether or not he ought to get paid more than his counterpart doing the very same thing in another part of the country," he said. "But that's what you will get if you go to a government-run system."

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come back pretty fast, and that's going to be good for the carpet industry."

Isakson sat down with The Daily Citizen Tuesday morning after he and U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Gainesville, spoke to the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce.

Isakson said his proposed \$15,000 tax credit for those who buy a house could help boost housing sales and end the recession.

"When they wouldn't pass it last year, they said it cost too much. They said it would cost \$34 billion. We've spent four and a half, five trillion dollars, and the economy is still in the tank," he said.

Instead, Congress passed an \$8,000 tax credit, limited to first-time home buyers who met certain income tests.

But Isakson said the tide may be turning.

"I got two calls from Democrats (Monday) on the tax credit. It's the first time since I've been in the Senate that a senator called me on spring break," he said. "They've done what I've asked and done a LexisNexis search on 1975 when Congress passed a \$2,000 tax credit, when we were actually in a worse housing recession than we are in now in terms of inventory. And in one year, two-thirds of that inventory was absorbed, and the housing market came back, and the economy came back."

Isakson said he was surprised that President Barack Obama has "gone for the whole enchilada at once" by pushing for national health care, limiting carbon emissions and tripling the national debt in the same month.

"Everybody in the country is paying attention, and because of that everyone is paying attention to what we (Republicans) are saying," he said. "This is still a fiscally conservative country. You'll find people all over the place on social issues, but it's a fiscally conservative country that believes it is the first responsibility of the government to protect domestic tranquility and keep us out of trouble. Those are strong suits for the Republican Party."

Isakson said he expects the next two years to be "very engaging."

He said Sen. Arlen Specter's decision to oppose "card check" legislation was "huge." The Pennsylvania Republican often votes with Democrats, but his decision to oppose legislation that would end secret ballots in

votes to unionize a workplace seems to guarantee Republicans have the 41 votes needed to filibuster the bill.

"That would probably be the final nail in the coffin of the economy if the secret ballot was done away with," Isakson said.

Isakson said the United States has significantly beefed up border security over the past two years.

"Coming into this country illegally is a lot more difficult than it used to be," he said.

He said that many illegals have returned home because of the recession.

But when the economy picks back up, and the demand for labor increases, some will return.

"The difference is if they come back, they will come back legally next time," he said.

Isakson said he believes legislation sponsored by Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., to expand and streamline the H2-A visa program for temporary migrant workers may pass this year.

The program allows migrant workers to come to the United States for 10 months to work but requires them to return home for at least two months. Isakson said improved digital record keeping and more secure visas with "biometric" data will improve security and help make sure those workers don't overstay their visas.



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## TEACHING TOLERANCE



Above, Esther Trew, left, and Lilly Marcadis, fifth-graders at Varnell Elementary School, lead the "Parade of Nations" during a tolerance program at the school on Tuesday. Below, Eric Perez, a kindergartner at Varnell Elementary School, wears Mexican clothing and carries a Mexican flag made of hand prints during the parade. Other countries represented included India, China and Israel.

MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen



Shaelyn Corte, a fifth-grader at Varnell Elementary, wears traditional Chinese clothing and waves a Chinese flag during the parade. More photos from the event are available on the Web at [thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com](http://thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com).

## Dalton State's spring enrollment hits record number

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Dalton State College's spring enrollment increased by almost 13 percent this year compared to last, and the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students increased by more than 17 percent, administrators said Tuesday.

A total of 4,815 students are enrolled in the college, compared to 4,266 this time last year. And while spring enrollment typically lags significantly behind enrollment for fall semesters, the spring numbers are only down 142 students from last fall's record enrollment of 4,957.

"These are wonderful enrollment numbers, and we are especially pleased that the FTE numbers have grown significantly because our state funding is based upon the number of full time students enrolled rather than upon student head count," said Jodi Johnson, vice president for enrollment and student services.

The University System of Georgia (USG) enrolled a total of 272,910 students, an increase of 5.8 percent over spring 2008, officials said.

Dalton State, which had one of the highest increases of student head count in the system, was seventh among all 35 USG institutions with a 12.9 percent increase over last year.

Among the eight state colleges, FTE enrollment increased an average of 9.8 percent overall, with Dalton State College reporting an increase of 17.6 percent of full-time students.

Other trends from this spring's official USG Semester Enrollment Report show that all USG institutions reported an increase in FTE students and most showed a decrease in the

number of students attending school part time. Part-time enrollment was 30.3 percent for spring semester 2009, compared to 31.4 percent last spring.

Part-time enrollment varied significantly across institutions, from 7.8 percent at Medical College of Georgia to 60.4 percent at College of Coastal Georgia. Dalton State's part-time enrollment for spring stands at 46.6 percent.

Joint enrollment, which includes dual enrollment students who are taking college courses for high school and college credit through ACCEL as well as joint enrollment students who are taking college courses for college credit but not high school credit, increased by 3.9 percent.

First-time freshman enrollment increased by 14.9 percent (from 7,975 in spring 2008 to 9,161 in spring 2009, representing a growing trend in enrolling first-time freshmen in spring as well as fall and summer.

Hispanic enrollment increased by 13 percent system-wide for spring semester 2009 compared to last spring, with Dalton State reporting the highest Hispanic enrollment in the system with 10.7 percent of the student body, or 516 students. Within the entire USG, black enrollment increased by 8.7 percent, Asian enrollment by 5.9 percent, and white, non-Hispanic enrollment by 2 percent.

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## Mild flu season winding down

ATLANTA (AP) — The flu season is winding down and turning out to be one of the mildest in years, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One possible explanation: The flu vaccine generally was well-matched to the circulating flu viruses, CDC officials said.

The CDC compares flu seasons by looking at adult deaths from the flu or pneumonia in 122 cities, and at reports of flu-related deaths in children. Both were down sig-

nificantly this year compared with the severe 2007-2008 season.

The flu causes 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths annually, according to official estimates. The elderly, young children and people with chronic illnesses are at greatest risk.

Vaccination is the best protection, health officials say. A record 146 million doses of flu vaccine were distributed for the 2008-2009 season, although the CDC doesn't have data on how many people actually got them.

Flu vaccines are often between 70 percent and 90 percent effective. In the 2007-2008 season, the vaccine was only 44 percent effective. No such figure has been released for this year, but tests indicate the vaccine matches up well to at least two of the flu viruses going around.

The main kind of flu virus circulating this year was a Type A H1N1. Flu seasons in which an H1N1 predominates are generally milder than seasons when a Type A H3N2 does, said Dr. Alicia Fry, a CDC epidemiologist.

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# OBITUARIES

- **Robert W. "Bobby" Dickie Jr., Dalton**
- **Lillie Mae Ellis, Cartersville**
- **Eugene "Gene" Fife, Dalton**
- **Wahlice Lacey, Dalton**
- **Ethel Rittenhouse, Dalton**
- **John G. Sutherland Jr., Dalton**
- **William Grady Thomas, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at [www.daltondailycitizen.com](http://www.daltondailycitizen.com)

## Robert W. 'Bobby' Dickie Jr.

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

Mr. 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.

Services are today at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Bob Bagley officiating.

Burial will be in 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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

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## Lillie Mae Ellis

Mrs. Lillie Mae Ellis, 96, of Cartersville, formerly of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

Mrs. Ellis was born, March 22, 1913, in Gordon County, daughter of Elias Sanford Meadows and Lula Bell Phillips Meadows.

She was married to Samuel Tolliver Ellis Sr. on May 27, 1929, who preceded her in death in July, 1996. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Ruth Ellis; Sisters, Belle McClurd, Ruth Wofford and Dardanella Meadows; and brothers Rembert Meadows, John Meadows and Ralph Meadows.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Gail and A. Lee Smith of Cartersville; son Samuel Tolliver Ellis Jr. of Cedar Bluff, Ala.; nine grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren; brothers and sister-in-law Varner and Georgia Meadows and Harry (Buster) Meadows all of Calhoun; and many nieces and

nephews.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday from Whitfield Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Steve McCombs officiating.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Thursday from 11 a.m. til the funeral hour.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton (across from Hamilton Medical Center) is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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## Eugene 'Gene' Fife

Mr. Eugene "Gene" Fife, 89, of Dalton, passed away Monday April 7, 2009, at Erlanger Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Brewer Fife; son, Clay Randall Brewer.

Gene was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He work at the U.S. Cafe for 30-plus years and at the Oakwood Cafe for 10-plus years.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Brewer Fife of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Eva Brewer of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Bill Seaton of Cohutta and Faye and Don Williams of Dalton; sister, Avonelle Sharum of California; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; nieces and



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nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Cofield officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home today after 5 p.m.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhomega.com](http://www.lovefuneralhomega.com).

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## 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.

The funeral is today at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Gibson, the Rev. Lamar Beason and the Rev. Floyd Hufstutler officiating.

A white dove release will conclude the service.

Burial will be in Gordon Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.julianpeeples.com](http://www.julianpeeples.com).

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For further information, call (706) 259-7455. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## 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.

The funeral is today 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 received friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

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## John G. Sutherland Jr.

John G. Sutherland Jr., 66, of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Heartland Hospice House in Cartersville.

He was a member of Grove Level Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gwendolyn Burt and father, John G. Sutherland Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Sutherland of the residence; daughter and husband, Tammie and Kenneth Sasser of Adairsville; son, Doug Sutherland of Dalton; stepson and wife, Adam and Kim Walker of Dalton; brother, Clark Poole of Sioux Falls, S.D.; grandchildren, Gabriel Vann, Noah Sasser, Nicholas Sasser, Tristen Sasser, Matthew and Noah Sutherland, Ashley, Brittany and Zachary Walker.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 6 until 9 p.m. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

At Mr. Sutherland's request, no funeral service will be held.

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call 706-259-7455. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

## William Grady Thomas

Mr. William Grady Thomas, 74, of Dalton died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Shawn Chapman Funeral Home and Crematory, Chatsworth. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

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head of the local labor department, Danny Cope; Whitfield County administrator Bob McLeod; and Dalton Mayor David Pennington.

This will be a buffet dinner with cost of

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## Westside Head Start now taking applications for next year

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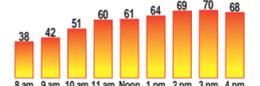
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City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	68/45/s	77/57/pc	79/59/pc
Atlanta	63/46/s	70/54/pc	70/54/t
Athens	63/44/s	70/51/pc	70/53/t
Augusta	64/41/s	76/49/s	76/53/pc
Brunswick	63/48/s	74/57/s	73/61/pc
College Park	63/46/s	70/54/pc	70/54/t
Columbus	68/46/s	76/55/pc	71/57/t
Gainesville	62/44/s	70/51/pc	65/51/t
La Grange	65/38/s	72/52/pc	68/54/t
Macon	67/44/s	76/52/pc	72/57/t
Marietta	64/41/s	72/51/pc	70/51/t
Newton	68/45/s	79/56/pc	79/59/pc
Rome	66/43/s	75/52/pc	74/50/t
Savannah	67/44/s	78/55/s	78/57/pc
Sparta	66/40/s	75/53/pc	71/54/t
Valdosta	69/46/s	79/54/s	80/60/pc

**National Weather for April 8, 2009**

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

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	47/31/r	52/31/pc	51/34/pc
Anchorage	39/27/c	40/29/sn	42/30/sn
Baltimore	56/36/pc	61/42/pc	57/46/r
Birmingham	54/34/pc	53/36/c	60/37/pc
Boise	61/43/sh	60/40/c	60/41/c
Buffalo	40/29/c	46/28/pc	48/30/pc
Charlotte	62/39/s	72/50/s	67/50/r
Cheyenne	56/33/pc	41/29/sf	52/31/pc
Chicago	52/33/pc	51/34/pc	49/30/r
Cincinnati	58/36/pc	63/45/pc	60/41/r
Cleveland	46/32/c	52/33/pc	42/34/c
Dallas	79/63/s	78/55/t	70/51/s
Denver	62/33/pc	48/30/sh	57/33/pc
Detroit	50/33/c	54/33/pc	48/30/c
Indianapolis	57/36/pc	60/44/pc	51/38/r
Kansas City	63/41/pc	58/39/t	57/38/c
Las Vegas	69/49/pc	76/55/pc	66/53/t
Los Angeles	66/54/sh	68/54/pc	66/52/r
Memphis	66/55/s	69/59/t	73/50/r
Miami	74/60/s	78/69/s	81/72/s
Milwaukee	50/32/pc	45/31/pc	43/29/c
Minneapolis	46/29/pc	54/33/pc	54/34/pc
New Orleans	72/57/s	76/63/pc	79/62/t
New York	50/39/pc	58/43/pc	54/42/r
Okla. City	75/54/s	77/42/r	68/43/s
Orlando	73/48/s	79/58/s	83/64/pc
Philadelphia	53/38/pc	60/44/pc	56/46/r
Phoenix	77/58/pc	79/57/s	79/57/pc
Pittsburgh	47/32/c	54/36/pc	53/40/r
Portland, OR	58/44/pc	56/41/r	55/41/c
St. Louis	64/44/pc	64/47/r	56/39/r
S.L. City	59/39/sh	57/41/c	62/41/c
San Fran.	57/50/c	59/50/r	59/47/sh
San Diego	66/56/sh	63/56/pc	61/54/r
Seattle	54/44/pc	53/42/c	53/40/c
Wash., DC	57/40/pc	61/44/pc	64/50/r

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## PRO BASEBALL

### Jurrjens, bullpen are solid

By ROB MAADDI

Associated Press Writer  
PHILADELPHIA — Jair Jurrjens and four relievers combined on a six-hitter, Kelly Johnson and Chipper Jones hit solo homers and the Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 on Tuesday night.



Jurrjens

The defending World Series champions are off to an 0-2 start for the fourth straight year. They'll receive their rings before

trying to avoid a three-game sweep today.

Jurrjens (1-0) beat a pitcher twice his age, 46-year-old Jamie Moyer. The right-hander gave up four hits and walked three in 5 2/3 impressive innings.

Jeff Bennett gave up a single to the only batter he faced before Eric O'Flaherty got the next four outs. Rafael Soriano pitched the eighth and Mike Gonzalez finished.

Moyer (0-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings.

Atlanta defeated Philadelphia 4-1 in the major league opener Sunday night behind Derek Lowe's masterful pitching and three homers off Brett Myers.

The Phillies' potent offense couldn't do much against Jurrjens or Atlanta's bullpen. Philadelphia left two runners on four times and stranded 11 in all. Chase Utley and Ryan Howard each had two hits.

Johnson hit Moyer's first pitch into the seats in right for his fourth career leadoff homer. One batter later, Jones doubled off the wall in center. Brian McCann followed with a grounder that skipped under second baseman Chase Utley's glove for an error, allowing Jones to score.

The Braves added a run in the fourth on Johnson's infield single with two outs. But Moyer escaped further damage when left fielder Raul Ibanez nailed Casey Kotchman at home on a perfect, no-hop throw to catcher Carlos Ruiz.

Jones led off the fifth with a liner to the seats in left for a 4-0 lead.

**Atlanta at Philadelphia**  
Today, 3:05 p.m.

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■ TV: SPORTSOUTH (Optilink 41, Charter 72)  
■ PITCHERS: Vazquez (0-0) at Blanton (0-0)  
■ NOTEWORTHY: Braves are already halfway to their 2008 win total against Phillies.

## PREP TRACK AND FIELD: NORTHWEST WHITFIELD LADY BRUINS

# Dishing out leadership

## White sets example for young teammates

By ADAM KROHN

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Ieisha White is a valuable asset to Northwest Whitfield's girls track and field team in more ways than one.

Not only is the senior — who competes in discus, shot put and the 100 hurdles — the Lady Bruins' leading point scorer this season, she's also an effective mentor to teammates such as underclassmen Allie Mullins and Paige Thompson, who compete in the 300 hurdles.

"As a senior, and we only have three on the team, she's been a great leader," Lady Bruins coach Richard Taylor said. "She's always helping out with the other girls in any way she can and she's a leader. She always has a positive attitude and keeps everyone up."

And, of course, she's a beast in competition as well.

"In most meets, she'll compete in discus, shot put and the 100 hurdles," Taylor said, "and win all three."

For White, the success she's enjoying this year is expected after working hard the past couple of years. But she didn't always have the drive to be great.

"At first I was just out there loving track," White said. "I was just out there playing. But as time went on and I realized I was a better athlete than I thought I was, I put more effort into it."

Coming to Northwest's track program as a sophomore after spending her freshman season on Dalton's track team, White had a lot to work on in all the events she competed in. In the 100 and 300 hurdles (she no longer competes in



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield's leisha White, who was second in discus, third in shot put and fourth in the 100 hurdles at Dalton High's Rotary Invitational last weekend, is valuable to the Lady Bruins for more than her skills in the competitive arena.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen  
leisha White's contributions in discus, shot put and the 100 hurdles may help Northwest to a fourth straight region title.

the latter), the first big adjustment Taylor wanted White to make was converting from a four-step to a three-step approach, which wasn't easy for White at first.

"When you're running, you're not worried about steps," White said. "You're just worried about speed and coming in first. So I had to learn to always hurdle with your lead leg and finish with your trail leg."

"I had to get used to not alternating between legs. It's not about speed, it's about timing and that's

➤ Please see **WHITE, 3B**

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

# UConn unblemished

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — With one final blowout, UConn grabbed the national title and a piece of basketball history.

Tina Charles had 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds Tuesday night as UConn routed Louisville 76-54 and captured the Huskies' sixth national championship.

It wasn't just that Connecticut claimed another title. It was how they did it. UConn won every one of its 39 games by double digits, an unprecedented run in college basketball.

Charles was the star of the last big win. She commanded both ends of the floor and Louisville, which lost to UConn for the third time this season, had no one who could stop her.

Coach Geno Auriemma had said before the tournament that his junior center would be the key to UConn winning the title. A year after he benched her in the NAAs for inconsistent play, Charles delivered.

She was 11-for-13 from the field, and fell just one rebound short of becoming only the second player ever in a championship game to have at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. Charles was named the outstanding player of the Final Four.

## INSIDE TODAY'S SPORTS

- ▶ Raptors the cure for Hawks' road troubles, **2B**
- ▶ Catamounts come up short in soccer, **3B**
- ▶ Opportunity open for Dalton's Raines at UT?, **3B**
- ▶ Armstrong clears air on latest drug tests, **8B**

Maya Moore and Renee Montgomery each added 18 points for the Huskies.

Angel McCoughtry finished off her stellar career for Louisville with 23 points. Candycy Bingham was the only other Cardinal in double figures with 10 points as Louisville (34-5) shot a dismal 31 percent from the floor.

The Cardinals missed 18 consecutive shots, 10 in a row to put them in a 14-point hole at half-time and then another eight straight after the break, to fall hopelessly behind. Frustrated coach Jeff Walz was whistled for a technical during the drought.

An 0-for-13 shooting start didn't end up costing Louisville in the semifinals, when the Cardinals rallied from 12 points down at the half to edge Oklahoma 61-59.

Against UConn, Louisville could not overcome an extended oh-fer.



AP PHOTO  
Tina Charles and the UConn Huskies had little trouble on Monday as they defeated Louisville for the third time this season and won the NCAA title with a 39-0 mark.

## GOLF: THE MASTERS

# Custom is jacketed in history

By DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA — Imagine the Masters champion slipping on a red jacket Sunday.

Of all the colors found at Augusta National — the pink azaleas, the yellow jasmine, the white clubhouse — no one knows why co-founders Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts selected green for what has become the most famous blazer in sports.

But it has become a prize like no other among the major championships.

The claret jug is golf's oldest trophy, first awarded the British Open champion in 1872. The Wanamaker Trophy is the heaviest, so much that even strongman Vijay Singh struggled to raise it when he

won the PGA Championship. The U.S. Open is the only major that doesn't have a name for its trophy.

But there is a mystique about the green jacket. Masters champions don't kiss it. They don't hoist it. They don't drink out of it.

They wear it.

"When you're able to don the green jacket, it's the highest privilege in golf," Zach Johnson said.

"No matter what shirt you're wearing, it looks good," Fred Couples said.

Jones came up with the idea when he was at Hoylake for the 1930 British Open, the second leg of his Grand Slam. He was invited to dinner at Royal Liverpool, where he noticed 15 men wearing red coats with brass buttons. He was told that only captains of the club

wore the red jackets, and one of them offered to give Jones his if he won the Open.

That coat now hangs in the clubhouse at Atlanta Athletic Club, his home course.

Jones and Roberts thought members should wear matching jackets during the tournament so patrons would know whom to ask for information, a tradition that began in 1937.

They selected what the club refers to only as "Masters Green" for the color, with the famous Augusta National logo on the left crest and on the buttons.

Sam Snead was the first Masters champion to be awarded the green

➤ Please see **JACKET, 3B**



AP PHOTO

Zach Johnson helps Trevor Immelman don the green jacket after his victory at last year's Masters. Tournery champions are among the select few who get the chance to wear one of the famed jackets, along with Augusta National members.

PRO HOOPS

# Smith powers Atlanta

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Josh Smith had 25 points and seven rebounds, and the Atlanta Hawks used 11-for-22 shooting from 3-point range to beat the Toronto Raptors, 118-110, on Tuesday night.

The Hawks (44-34), trying to secure the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference, also got 25 points from Joe Johnson and 17 from Maurice Evans. Mike Bibby added 13 points and 10 assists, while Al Horford chipped in 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Chris Bosh had 21 points and 10 rebounds for his eighth consecutive double-double and 40th this season, but the Raptors lost their second in a row after winning six straight.

Shawn Marion had 18 points and six rebounds, Jose Calderon added 16 points and 13 assists, and Andrea Bargnani scored 15 points for the Raptors.

Smith's block on Bargnani led to Evans' dunk, putting the Hawks up 107-100 with 4:46 remaining in the fourth quarter. Horford then stole the ball from Calderon to set up a 3-pointer by Johnson with 2:57 remaining to make it 112-102, effectively sinking the Raptors' hopes.

The Hawks went on a 14-8 run to begin the third quarter, erasing the Raptors' lead and going up 67-65 midway through the quarter before a Toronto timeout.

The Raptors trailed 85-84 going into the fourth after Smith hit a 3-pointer to put the Hawks in the lead.

# SCOREBOARD

## LOCAL

### Prep Schedule

**Today**  
**Varsity baseball**  
 Northwest Whitfield at Dalton, 5:55  
 Southeast at LaFayette, 5:30  
**JV golf**  
 Rome at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30  
**MS soccer**  
**Whitfield County championships**  
**At Valley Point**  
 North Whitfield girls vs. New Hope, 4:30  
 Eastbrook boys vs. Valley Point, 5:30

**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 Tyner, 5

**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 Haralson County, 6

**Varsity golf**  
 Dalton, Northwest Whitfield boys at Vidalia Inviational, Rocky Creek GC

**JV baseball**  
 Murray County at Dalton, 8

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**GOLF**  
 3 p.m.  
 ESPN — Masters Par 3 Contest, at Augusta, Ga.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 3:05 p.m.  
 SPORTSOUTH — Atlanta at Philadelphia

**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Tampa Bay at Boston

**8 p.m.**  
 WGN — Kansas City at Chicago White Sox

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — Portland at San Antonio

**9:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Utah at Dallas

## HOCKEY

**NHL Glance**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-New Jersey	49	27	4	102	238	205
x-Philadelphia	43	25	11	97	257	230
x-Pittsburgh	43	28	9	95	255	237
N.Y. Rangers	41	30	9	91	204	214
N.Y. Islanders	26	44	9	61	196	264

**Northeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
z-Boston	51	18	10	112	262	184
Montreal	41	29	10	92	244	239
Buffalo	38	32	9	85	236	231
Ottawa	36	34	10	82	213	229
Toronto	33	34	13	79	244	288

**Southeast Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Washington	49	23	8	106	264	236

x-Carolina 45 28 7 97 236 218  
 Florida 39 30 11 89 224 225  
 Atlanta 34 40 6 74 249 275  
 Tampa Bay 24 38 18 66 206 269

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
y-Detroit	51	19	9	111	290	233
x-Chicago	44	24	11	99	254	210
Columbus	40	29	10	90	218	218
St. Louis	38	31	10	86	224	231
Nashville	39	33	8	86	205	222

**Northwest Division**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Calgary	45	28	6	96	248	238
x-Vancouver	42	27	10	94	240	219
Minnesota	38	33	9	85	205	193
Edmonton	37	33	9	83	227	241
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	35	10	80	224	251
Phoenix	34	38	7	75	198	242
Los Angeles	32	36	11	75	201	229

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

### Tuesday's Games

Washington 4, Atlanta 2  
 Philadelphia 2, Florida 1  
 Carolina 9, N.Y. Islanders 0  
 Toronto 4, New Jersey 1  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 1  
 Ottawa 3, Boston 2  
 Pittsburgh 6, Tampa Bay 4  
 Minnesota 3, Dallas 1  
 Chicago 4, Nashville 2  
 Los Angeles at Edmonton, late  
 St. Louis at Phoenix, late  
 Calgary at Vancouver, late  
 Colorado at San Jose, late

**Today's Games**  
 Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Glance

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Boston	58	19	.753	—
x-Philadelphia	40	37	.519	18
New Jersey	32	45	.416	26
New York	30	47	.390	28
Toronto	30	47	.390	28

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Orlando	57	19	.750	—
x-Atlanta	44	34	.564	14
x-Miami	41	37	.526	17
Charlotte	35	43	.449	23
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

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-San Antonio	50	27	.649	—
x-Houston	49	28	.636	1
x-New Orleans	48	29	.623	2
Dallas	46	31	.597	4
Memphis	22	55	.286	28

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Denver	52	26	.667	—
x-Portland	49	28	.636	2 1/2
x-Utah	47	30	.610	4 1/2
Minnesota	22	55	.286	29 1/2
Oklahoma City	21	56	.273	30 1/2

**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

### Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 118, Toronto 110  
 Charlotte 101, Philadelphia 98  
 New Orleans 93, Miami 87, OT  
 Portland 96, Memphis 93  
 San Antonio 99, Oklahoma City 89  
 New York at Chicago, late  
 Orlando at Houston, late  
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, late  
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, late

**Today's Games**  
 Memphis at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Portland at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
 Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Utah at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## BASEBALL

### AL Glance

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	2	0	1.000	—
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	1/2
Boston	1	0	1.000	1/2
New York	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	1 1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	2	.000	1

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Texas	1	0	1.000	—
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

### Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2  
 Boston 5, Tampa Bay 3  
 Toronto 5, Detroit 4  
 Seattle at Minnesota, late  
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

**Today's Games**  
 N.Y. Yankees (Wang 0-0) at Baltimore (Uehara 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
 Detroit (Miner 0-0) at Toronto (Litsch 0-0), 7:07 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Kazmir 0-0) at Boston (Lester 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Carmona 0-0) at Texas (Padilla 0-0), 8:05 p.m.  
 Seattle (Silva 0-0) at Minnesota (Slowey 0-0), 8:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Greinke 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 0-0), 8:11 p.m.  
 Oakland (Eveland 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Adenhardt 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

### NL Glance

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	—
Florida	2	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	1/2
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2
Washington	0	2	.000	2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	—
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	—
Colorado	0	1	.000	1
San Diego	0	1	.000	1

### Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 10, Milwaukee 6  
 Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 0  
 Florida 8, Washington 3  
 Chicago Cubs at Houston, late  
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, late  
 Colorado at Arizona, late  
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late

**Today's Games**  
 Washington (Cabrera 0-0) at Florida (Volstad 0-0), 12:10 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Vazquez 0-0) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-0), 3:05 p.m.  
 Colorado (Morales 0-0) at Arizona (Davis 0-0), 3:40 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 0-0) at Cincinnati (Volquez 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Lilly 0-0) at Houston (Moehele 0-0), 8:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Duke 0-0) at St. Louis (Wellemeier 0-0), 8:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 0-0) at San Diego (Silva 0-0), 10:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-0) at San Francisco (Cain 0-0), 10:15 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

### Tuesday's Moves

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 CHICAGO BULLS—Signed F Linton Johnson III for the remainder of the season.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
 BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DT Marcus Stroud to a two-year contract extension, through the 2012 season.  
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Agreed to terms with DT Tank Johnson.  
 HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed LB Buster Davis. Re-signed T Rashad Butler.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed RW Dan Sexton to a two-year contract.  
 NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed F Doug Weight to a one-year contract extension, through the 2009-10 season.  
 SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned F Jamie McGinn and F Brad Staubitz to Worcester (AHL).  
 American Hockey League  
 AHL—Suspended Chicago RW Mike Hoffman for three games for his actions during a game at Milwaukee on April 5.

**LACROSSE**  
**Major League Lacrosse**  
 DENVER OUTLAWS—Placed A Ryan Powell on Waivers.  
 LONG ISLAND LIZARDS—Placed A Mike Springer and M Matt Rewkowski on Waivers.  
 TORONTO NATIONALS—Claimed A Gary Gait, M Thomas Montour and a Roger Vyse from the league player pool. Placed A Casey Powell, M Brett Bucktooth and M Brendan Loftus on Waivers.

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
 NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Waived F Argenis Fernandez.

**COLLEGE**  
 ARIZONA—Named Sean Miller men's basketball coach. Announced junior F Chase Budinger is entering the NBA draft.  
 ARIZONA STATE—Announced QB Jack Elway has quit the football team.  
 DAYTON—Announced sophomore basketball G Stephen Thomas will transfer.  
 KENTUCKY—Announced junior G Jodie Meeks will enter the NBA draft.  
 MEMPHIS—Named men's assistant basketball coach Josh Pastner men's basketball coach.  
 OKLAHOMA—Announced sophomore F Blake Griffin will enter the NBA draft.  
 SOUTH CAROLINA—Announced junior G Devan Downey will enter the NBA draft.  
 WASHINGTON STATE—Named Ken Bone men's basketball coach.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sooners' Griffin heads to the NBA

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin said Tuesday he will give up his final two years of eligibility and enter the NBA draft after a sophomore season that ended with him being recognized as college basketball's top player. Griffin helped the Sooners win 30 games in a season for only the fifth time in school history, shattering the school records for double-doubles and rebounds along the way.

### Pastner will take over at Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis has hired Josh Pastner, an assistant under John Calipari, as the Tigers' new basketball coach.

Pastner, who is regarded to be a strong recruiter, worked one year under Calipari after six years as an assistant at Arizona, where he also played.

### Capitals hit early to beat Thrashers

ATLANTA — Tomas Fleischmann had a goal and an assist and the Washington Capitals beat Atlanta 4-2 Tuesday. Rich Peverley and Marty Reasoner scored for Atlanta. Washington scored three first-period goals for the Capitals.

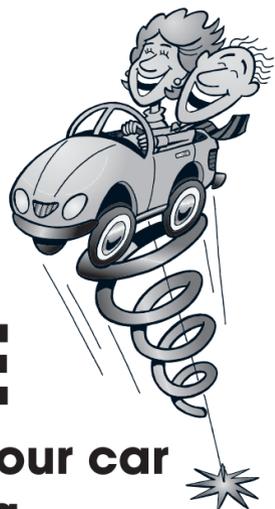
### Stroud receives Bills' extension

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Bills defensive tackle Marcus Stroud has signed a two-year contract extension potentially worth \$16.5 million. Stroud stands to earn up to \$28 million over the next four years should he achieve all bonuses.

— Associated Press

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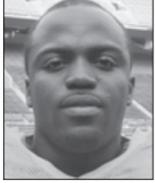
# Morley's dismissal may benefit Raines

BY BETH RUCKER

Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — After spending a year away from Tennessee for academic problems under the Volunteers' previous coaching staff, defensive back Demetrice Morley has been dismissed from the squad for a second time.

Coach Lane Kiffin wouldn't say Tuesday specifically why



Raines

the past few months.

"It's very demanding for guys to stay here and go through everything that we do and to hold to our standards on and off the field ... Demetrice could not do that, and we wish him the best of luck," Kiffin said.

Morley was suspended from one practice early during the Vols' spring period for being late to a team meeting and had missed several other practices, including Saturday's scrimmage.

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound Miami native joined the Vols in 2005 and had a promising freshman and sophomore season before then-coach Phillip Fulmer dismissed him because of academic problems.

He spent the 2007 season improving his grades while taking classes at nearby Pellissippi State Technical Community College, and Fulmer reinstated him for the 2008 season.

Kiffin said Morley's previous discipline problems did not factor in his decision.

"We didn't judge people on what they'd done before. We judge them on since we've been here," Kiffin said. "We've had a number of kids that I think if we would have judged them on what they did before, we'd have different opinions of them."

Sophomore defensive back C.J. Fleming said Morley began missing team workouts in January and struggled to adjust to the Vols' new coaching staff.

With Morley's absence and cornerback Brent Vinson recovering from shoulder surgery, the competition is more open for younger backs like Fleming, Art Evans and Stephaun Raines, to join veterans Dennis Rogan and Marsalous Johnson in the backfield.

Fleming also thinks Morley's dismissal sends a clear message to the team.

"Everybody tomorrow is going to be talking about how they put Demetrice off the team, and it's real big that it's D-Mo rather than just being somebody who never really played. That's just a starter taken right out of the lineup," he said.

Morley was a part of a dynamic backfield last season that included All-American Eric Berry. He had 42 tackles and two interceptions, including one returned 32 yards for a touchdown.

"It's a big loss. For me, playing with him was fun on the field," Berry said. "It's tough to say, but we've kind of got to move on and just try to get things straight with us and make sure we're ready for the season."

Kiffin's first recruiting class also includes DBs Janzen Jackson and Darren Myles Jr.

"It's going to make everybody hungrier," Fleming said.

**MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

# Rome prepares for opener

BY DAVID DAWSON

Rome News-Tribune Sports Editor

Rome Braves manager Randy Ingle has spent the past few days getting re-acclimated to his home away from home.

The skipper, who lives in Forest City, N.C., arrived in Rome on Sunday, and has since eaten at a couple of his favorite restaurants and dropped by the barber shop, too. Now, though, it's time for him to get down to the real reason he's back in town.

The Braves open the season on Thursday in Charleston, S.C., against the RiverDogs.

"Everybody's ready to get started," Ingle said on Monday night. "The guys are excited about play-

ing under the lights and having some fans in the stands. This is what they've been waiting for."

After completing the four-game series in Charleston, the Braves will have an off day next Monday before playing their home opener on Tuesday against Savannah.

Most of the Rome players arrived in town late Sunday evening or early Monday morning after the team held its final spring training workouts in Kissimmee, Fla. over the weekend. The team held a meeting on Monday afternoon at State Mutual Stadium, where they were scheduled to practice Tuesday.

"Several of the players were really excited when they saw the

stadium today for the first time," Ingle said. "I heard a couple of them say, 'Whoa, this place is nice.'"

Rome left-hander Richard Sullivan has been named the starter for Thursday's season opener. He will be followed in the rotation by Jacob Thompson, Paul Clemens and Randall Delgado — all of whom are ranked by Baseball America among the top 30 prospects in the Atlanta farm system. Delgado is ranked 13th, Clemens 23rd and Thompson 27th.

Tickets are still available for the home opener, and can be purchased at the stadium or online at romebraves.com. Former Atlanta Braves all-star catcher Javy Lopez is scheduled to throw out the first pitch.

## AMBUSHED



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 14-under Georgia Ambush, based in Calhoun, won last weekend's April Shootout in Ringgold. Team members are front row left to right, Cassidy Howren and Eady Beth Connally; second row, coach Kip Connally, Taylor Kelly and Breehan Edwards; back row, McKayla Wiseman, Destinee Woods, coach Ron Shawgo, Morgan Allen, Brianna Taylor, coach Shawn Edwards, Molly Sheram and Alyssa Shawgo.

**LOCAL RACING**

## 'Special' to Weaver

SUBMITTED BY NORTH GEORGIA SPEEDWAY

CHATSWORTH — No stranger to North Georgia Speedway, Randy Weaver used his track knowledge and lapped traffic to move past Chris Madden for the lead and the win in the Southern All-Star Series Special at the 3/8-mile clay oval on Friday night.

At the halfway point, Madden had a comfortable lead on Weaver and Jonathan Davenport. A late-race caution tightened the field, and when the field took the green flag Madden was unable to shake Weaver, who stayed glued to his bumper.

With the laps winding down and lapped traffic coming into play, Madden led Weaver as the two threaded their way around the track.

When Madden went low to pass a lapped car, Weaver took the high groove and, with three laps to go in the 40-lap feature, made the pass and took the lead.

Madden attempted to retake the lead in the remaining laps, but came up short. Davenport finished third, Tony Knowles fourth and Ronnie Johnson fifth.

Skip Arp, Anthony White, Brandon Kinzer, Ronny Lee Hollingsworth and Billy Mayo rounded out the top 10.

Madden set the fast time as with a time of 13.318; Davenport was second with a time of 13.532 seconds. Gary McPherson, Ronnie Johnson and Steve Smith won the three B-Mains.

Trig Parris took the Limited Late Model win over Brian Burke, Scott Jackson, Spencer Singleton and Robby Hair.

Scottie Knowles wired the field to take the Crate Late Model win. On lap seven of the 20-lap feature Allen Green moved past Chuck Padgett for second and held the position to the stripe. Padgett crossed the line third, Seth Wimpy fourth and Reed Johnson fifth.

In Hobby action, Greg Ledford led every lap of the 15 lap feature to take the win. Tim Ford was second, Jeff Page third, Joe Bunch fourth and Marshall Williams fifth.

Tim Ladd made it two for Toyota as he topped Jimmy Elliott, Chad Elliot, Billy Callahan and Greg Callahan to win the Pony feature. Ronnie Sander took the Econo Bomber feature win. Timmy Millwood was second with Tom Darby, Tom Peters and Rodney Byers rounding out the top five.

Visit northgeorgiaspeedway.com for information on the track.

— **SOUTHERN ALL-STAR SERIES FINISH:** 1. Randy Weaver, Crossville, Tenn.; 2. Chris Madden, Gaffney, S.C.; 3. Jonathan Davenport, Blairsville; 4. Tony Knowles, Tyrone; 5. Ronnie Johnson, Chattanooga; 6. Skip Arp, Georgetown, Tenn.; 7. Anthony White, Clinton; 8. Bradon Kinzer, Allen, Ky.; 9. Ronnie Lee Hollingsworth; 10. Billy Mayo, Cleveland, Tenn.; 11. Brian Hickman, Soddy-Daisy, Tenn.; 12. Mark Vineyard, Powell, Tenn.; 13. Steve Smith, Powell, Tenn.; 14. Derek Ellis, Chatsworth; 15. Todd Morrow, Old Fort, Tenn.; 16. Tommy Kerr, Maryville, Tenn.; 17. David Payne, Murphy, N.C.; 18. Davy Davis, Tunnel Hill; 19. Anthony Hill, Carrollton; 20. Ethan Hunter; 21. Ricky Arms, Moss, Tenn.; 22. Joe McPherson, Dalton; 23. Gary Armes, Petros, Tenn.; 24. Kevin Gibson, Ringgold.



AP PHOTO

Greg Norman, once one of the world's top-ranked golfers, is missing a green jacket after never winning the Masters.

## Jacket: Come fetch it

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jacket after winning in 1949, a gesture by the club to make the winner an honorary member. All past champions also were given one.

The list of those who have worn the green jacket is short and mostly distinguished.

It includes the 44 players who have won the Masters, with Trevor Immelman the latest to join the club. It includes Augusta National members — the club won't say how many, but it's an exclusive club.

And it includes Mike Weir's grandfather.

The current Masters champion is the only person allowed to take the green jacket off club property, and Weir made sure his grandfather had a chance to try it on.

"We had some pictures made before he passed away," Weir said. "That was pretty cool."

Only one of the jackets was never returned. Gary Player swears it was an innocent mistake.

He won his first Masters in 1961, and a year later presented Arnold Palmer with the green jacket at the closing ceremony. Player, however, took his jacket home to South Africa after the '62 Masters, and there it remains.

"I assumed it was mine," Player said. "I got a call from Clifford Roberts and he said, 'Gary, I believe you've taken the Masters jacket home. You're not supposed to do that. And I said, 'Mr. Roberts, if you want it, you better come and fetch it.' He appreciated the humor and told me I must never wear it around.' It's in a plastic bag in my closet."

No one has won more green jackets than Jack Nicklaus, who

won his first Masters in 1963 and his sixth Masters in 1986.

But he didn't have his own green jacket until 1998.

The club usually finds a jacket that will fit the champion for the ceremony, then makes him one of his own. But something fell through the cracks, and each year Nicklaus wound up borrowing a green jacket for the Champions Dinner.

Nicklaus shared this tale in 1997 with former chairman Jack Stephens, who demanded that Nicklaus get his own jacket.

"I said, 'Jack, it's such a great story, I don't want to ruin it,'" Nicklaus said. "I came back in '98, and Stephens had a note in my locker that said, 'You have an appointment in the pro shop to get a jacket.'"

"Everyone talks about the green jacket. I didn't get one until 1998."

Tiger Woods and his crew celebrated his historic victory in 1997 until the wee hours of morning when the champion disappeared. Someone cracked open the door to his room and saw him asleep, clutching the green jacket like a blanket.

"I didn't fall asleep," Woods protested when reminded of the story.

Passed out? "Thank you," he said with a smile.

Woods was given a 44 long when he won his first green jacket, which felt big enough to be a blanket. But there was a reason for that.

"I remember the guys who have won, they've always said the jacket shrinks over the years," Woods said. "I don't know if it actually shrinks. Guys just might fill out a little bit more. So, yeah, my jacket is a just a touch big."

## Raiders defeat Cats

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cleveland broke open a scoreless match with second-half goals and went on to beat Dalton's Catamounts, 2-0, in a soccer match played at Harmon Field.

**PREP ROUNDUP** The cat-quick Blue Raiders got goals in the 50th and 78th minutes, Dalton coach Matt Cheaves said, and outshot the Cats 16-8.

Fernando Aragon and Ivan Salas shared goalie duties for Dalton. Aragon had nine saves and Salas five.

Dalton's next game is at home against The McCallie School of Chattanooga at 7 p.m.

**Northwest Whitfield 2, Baylor 1:** Eduardo Aguerro and Armando Salis scored goals in leading the Bruins past the Red Raiders in Northwest's final game of the season. Mario Perez had one assist for the Bruins (9-6).

Chattanooga Baylor outshot the Bruins 11-5, but Northwest goalie Oscar Solorzano was credited with five saves in the match.

**Varsity baseball**

**Christian Heritage 5, Furtah Prep 2:** Gray Hutchinson pitched a three-hitter with 14 strikeouts and hit a home run for the Lions (5-2, 5-1 Region 4-2A). Landon McClure drove in two runs with a pair of hits.

## White: Hurdles record

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the difference between third and fifth place and first and second place."

Now a seasoned three-step veteran, White holds the school record in the 100 hurdles. She set it at 16.22 seconds at a meet earlier this season, breaking her own record of 16.47 set last year.

While she holds the record in the 100 hurdles, her specialty is the discus. Last year as a junior, she took second place at the Region 7-4A meet to qualify for her first-ever state meet.

But while at state, she got caught up in the moment, had a bad performance and failed to place in the event.

"I felt the pressure and became intimidated," White said. "It got me off balance because I didn't know what I was getting into. I felt like a freshman at a meet going up against seniors."

This year, both Taylor and White feel that she has a great opportunity at being region champion in the dis-

**Varsity softball**

**Silverdale Baptist 10, Christian Heritage 1:** Shelbee Wilbanks pitched and struck out seven and also went 2-for-2 at the plate for the Lady Lions (0-5), while Ali Velez also had a hit.

**JV soccer**

**Dalton boys 5, Cleveland 0:** Guadalupe Hernandez scored two goals while Juan Barrera, Gerardo Soto and Rolando Rosillo each had one for the Catamounts (7-0-1) in the victory.

Hernandez and Rosillo also had two assists apiece and Barrera one. Tony Ortega got the shutout in goal.

**Northwest Whitfield 5, Baylor 3:** Jose Delcid and Giovanni Villa each scored two goals for the Bruins (7-3-1). Jorge Solorzano had the other Northwest goal.

**MS soccer**

**Dalton boys 6, Cleveland 0:** Artemio Lopez and Javier Hernandez scored two goals apiece and Ryan Czyz and Alan Pantaleon each had one for the Cougars (5-0).

Czyz and Andreas Barragan each had two assists and Eber Mora and Manuel Solis were credited with one each. Raymundo Bahnea and Hernandez shared the shutout in goal.

cus and that her spot in the state meet is all but cemented. If she makes the cut, she'll be more prepared for state this time.

"Now I know what I have to do," she said. "I can't worry about what the competition is doing. I have to worry about competing against myself, really. Because if you know your strengths, you can always work to try and beat yourself."

Until region, White will spend her time training and also teaching her fellow teammates, which she believes will help the team go a long way in its attempts to win a fourth consecutive region title.

"We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores on the team who are trying to get their events set and they need encouragement," White said.

"They'll get discouraged and I have to keep telling them that it's just a race, and to improve and practice."

"That's what I do. I had to stay out past track practice and work on field events, so for me to tell them how things are, I think that's only going to make the team better."

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 \*Camelot Bldg. Near I-75. 1514 W. Walnut Ave. Between Long John Silvers & Burger King. 5,500 S/F. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30.  
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 Drive in dock door, \$650 mo..  
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**Office space for lease.**

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**FOR RENT**  
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AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong is defending himself against suggestions he misbehaved during a recent drug test in France.

The cycling great, hoping to win an eighth Tour de France title in July, said in a statement Tuesday he did not try to evade a March 17 test in which, blood, urine and hair samples were collected and were ultimately found to be drug free.

France's anti-doping agency sent a report on Armstrong's behavior during the test to cycling's governing body and the World Anti-Doping Agency. At question is a 20-minute delay when Armstrong says the tester agreed to let him shower while his assistants checked the tester's credentials.

"I did not try to evade or delay the testing process that day," said Armstrong, who also lashed out at French doping authorities.

A spokesman for the International Cycling Union has said the organization doesn't have any jurisdiction in the matter. Testing of hair samples is allowed under French law, but is not recognized by WADA or the UCI.

Armstrong was training in Beaulieu-sur-Mer in southern France when the test was conducted. Armstrong said he had returned from a ride to find the tester at his house, identifying himself as a representative of a French lab.

Although he has submitted to numerous tests conducted by sports doping authorities, Armstrong said he was unaware the French government and labs could conduct them on their own.

Once they checked the sample collector's credential's with the UCI, Arm-

strong said he willingly gave the samples, although he has previously complained the hair sample collection "butchered" his hair cut.

"I had no idea who this guy was or whether he was telling the truth," Armstrong said. "We asked the tester for evidence of his authority. We looked at his papers but they were far from clear or impressive and we still had significant questions about who he was or for whom he worked."

Armstrong said he wanted to make sure the tester "wasn't just some French guy with a backpack and some equipment to take my blood and urine."

Armstrong says he asked the tester if he could go in-

side the house to shower while they waited to hear from UCI and the tester agreed. According to Armstrong, the tester wrote "no" on the section of the testing that asks if there was anything irregular about the test.

Armstrong said he had been tested 24 times "without incident" before the episode in France.

"This is just another example of the improper behavior by the French laboratory and the French anti-doping organizations," Armstrong said. "I am sorry that they are disappointed that all the tests were negative, but I do not use any prohibited drugs or substances."



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The biggest change in Ann Mayne's life began in her ring finger.

Before she retired as children's librarian from the Dalton-Whitfield Library in 2005, Mayne's movements had begun to get slower and she became fatigued more easily. Months passed. Then she saw it.

A tremor.

The shaking slowly spread to all of Mayne's fingers on her left hand, and by the next year her whole arm ached. Mayne's maternal grandfather had suffered from Parkinson's disease, and she thought she may be next. By the time her suspicions were confirmed in October 2007, Mayne couldn't use a hair dryer.

"I probably had it two to three years before my diagnosis," she said.

Up to that point Mayne enjoyed a comfortable existence. A native of Calhoun, her lifelong interest in books led her to pursue a career as a media specialist. After completing a bachelor's degree in history at Shorter College and a master's degree in library science at Florida State University, Mayne moved to Boca Raton, Fla., where she stayed until Northwest Georgia beckoned in 1981.

Mayne spent the next 20 years working as the media specialist at Dalton Junior High followed by her five-year stint at the library. Although she's been out of the field for four years, the walls of Mayne's Dalton condo resemble a library filled with books. Many are about Parkinson's, but some still hold a special place in her heart.

"Recently I had a friend from Calhoun to visit and I showed her a book she had given me as a child 60 years ago," said Mayne. "She couldn't believe I still had it. It's 'A



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**Ann Mayne, Howard Shuler and Carolyn Woody speak at Mayne's house about the Parkinson's disease support group.**

Girl's Treasury of Things to Do' by Caroline Horowitz. I kept it for sentimental reasons, and it has ideas for crafts and activities that can still be used."

One book that resonates with her today is Michael J. Fox's biography, "Lucky Man," in which he details his struggles with the disease. Mayne is impressed with Fox's finesse in dealing with his illness.

"He handles himself wonderfully because he's had it 18 years," she said. "Since he's young, he's able to get out in the public eye and increase awareness. I admire how he and his family have stayed together. He seems to really be devoted to his family. My chief praise for him is the Michael J. Fox Foundation. He's raised millions for research."

Mayne's response to her own

diagnosis was mixed — a combination of expectation and regret. Yet she doesn't feel sorry for herself.

"I believe we aren't promised a rose garden so who am I to complain?" she said. "One of my favorite quotes is 'Let Parkinson's make you better, not bitter' by Glenna Atwood. That stayed with me and I try to do that."

Mayne's first thought was a desire to find a support group for area Parkinson's patients that she could share her problems and concerns with. She quickly learned there wasn't one in Dalton. She formulated a plan to start her own group and searched surrounding cities on the Internet.

"I called James Trussel who is over the Northwest Georgia Parkinson's Disease Association in Rome and visited their support group," said Mayne. "I also visited

## Friends & NEIGHBORS

one in Blairsville. I wanted to see how they were conducted."

She found a friend and partner in Mae Johnson, a local nurse practitioner who offered to help her start the group. Together they sent out fliers, appeared on television, placed information in The Daily Citizen and visited the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. Their efforts paid off on April 8, 2008, when 25 people showed up at the first meeting.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the senior center. Mayne and other members find the camaraderie very beneficial.

"Many people remain closet patients and tell no one about their illness, but I find that it takes the power away from the disease if I can talk about it to others," said Carolyn Woody, who serves as secretary and librarian.

This month group members are busy celebrating Parkinson's Awareness Month, conducting a sock sale and supporting the Walk for Hope for Parkinson's, which will be April 18 at 10 a.m. in Cedartown.

Mayne deals with her slowly deteriorating abilities as best she can.

"I can't stand and take a shower because I fall," she said. "I go and get my hair done rather than do it myself. I don't really cook much anymore. My friends and family



Parkinson's disease belongs to a group of conditions called motor system disorders, which are the result of the loss of dopamine-producing brain cells. The four primary symptoms are tremor, or trembling in hands, arms, legs, jaw and face; rigidity, or stiffness of the limbs and trunk; bradykinesia, or slowness of movement; and postural instability, or impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced, patients may have difficulty walking, talking or completing other simple tasks. Parkinson's usually affects people over the age of 50.

Source: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

buy my groceries and I have someone clean my condo."

One thing Mayne can still manage is driving, but only for short distances. She also does laundry using her power chair.

"Having a disease like Parkinson's causes most people to rethink their priorities," she said. "Mine were already centered on faith, family and friends, and that has grown to include the Parkinson's support group as a central focus for my time and energy."

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Perfectly pruned crape myrtle. Note the umbrella shape of the canopy.

## GROWINGS ON

# Don't commit 'crape murder'

The crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) is one of the most commonly used flowering trees in landscaping today. It also has the dubious distinction among gardeners and horticulturists as the plant that gets butchered in the worst way by homeowners and property maintenance companies.



Louis Dykes

"Crape murder" is a term used to describe the horrific pruning that many unfortunate crape myrtles must endure and it isn't far off the mark. The plants do not seem to mind particularly, as they are actually stimulated by extreme pruning. But, to those of us who empathize with abused creatures, the sight of mutilated crape myrtles is hard to stomach.

Crape myrtles are trained by nurseries into two basic shapes: single-stemmed tree-form and multi-stemmed. To achieve these shapes, growers allow crape myrtles to grow for a year in either containers or fields, and cut them down to the ground in the spring of the second year. Later that summer when the plant has coppiced or grown many stems from the original root system, the grower will choose the single best stem and train it into a single-stemmed tree-form tree or choose an odd number of the best stems (3 or 5 for example) for a multi-stemmed tree. These trees are then grown out to salable size and purchased by landscapers and homeowners.

Pruning crape myrtles so that they retain the appropriate form is relatively simple. Prune the trees in the winter when dormant. For trees that are just the right height or shorter, simply prune off the old flower heads and seed-pods. If the tree was perfect last year but the past sum-

mer's growth made the plant too tall, remove just that growth. Always remove any suckers that have sprouted from the roots or lower trunk. The key is to not allow the trees to get so overgrown that extreme pruning is ever necessary.

Sometimes though, we may forget to do our yearly maintenance pruning or it may be we take over a property where the previous maintenance person did a lousy job and now a harsh pruning is necessary. In either case, the trees can be pruned in such a way as to minimize the aesthetic impact of the removal of sizable portions of the tree.

Begin by identifying the main stems and remove any others that might have suckered from the roots. Next, prune out any branches that rub and any branches in the interior of the tree that have suckered. Then decide the height you wish the tree to become. Make cuts at the very top of each trunk to remove any growth above that height.

The tree may look a little flat-topped, but you can make shaping cuts to make the canopy the shape you want. I prefer the very top to be a little flat and to taper the sides into a rounded shape. One might describe it as umbrella shaped (see picture).

If you have already murdered your crape myrtle it is not too late to correct your mistakes.

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

# Buddy Golf Classic coming up

The 14th annual Windstream Charlie Bowen Buddy Golf Classic will be held May 18 at 1 p.m. at Barnsley Gardens Resort in Adairsville.

This is a shotgun start select ball tournament. During the event, players will be treated to lunch compliments of Outback Steakhouse, a goody bag and door prize.

The Buddy Program is an in-school mentoring program provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Georgia Mountains. The program

served more than 600 children in 2008. More than 60 schools in Dalton, Whitfield, Murray, Gordon, Bartow and Floyd counties participate.

Prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. The top three teams in each flight will receive prizes. Additionally, prizes are given for closest to the pin and longest drive. Other prizes donated by local merchants will be given away by drawing.

The tournament has been sponsored by Windstream for more than a decade.

"We certainly appreciate Windstream for sponsoring this popular event and their continued support of our programs," said BBBS executive director Staci Halyak.

Bowen is a long-time Dalton educator and supporter of the Buddy Program.

The event is limited to 30 foursomes with no morning play. For more information or reservations, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (706) 278-0702.

# Estes, Spence Volunteers of the Year

SUBMITTED BY DALTON WHITFIELD MURRAY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Retired teachers of Dalton, Whitfield and Murray counties are still serving the community though retired from the classroom.

Last year, 22 teachers from the Dalton Whitfield Murray Retired Teachers Association logged in 8,384 hours of volunteer service to the community: 750 hours in education, 997 in the hospital and nursing homes, 1,903 in churches, 569 in the senior center and another 4,165 in various service groups.

Two of these retirees, Charlene Estes and James Spence, have been named co-Volunteers of the Year.

Estes volunteered most of her hours in the hospital. She likes helping the elderly by visiting them in nursing homes, picking up their medications or by offering rides to church.

Estes taught high school home economics in Ohio and Kentucky and then elementary school in Whitfield County at Dawnville Elementary for a total of 42 years. She says she has always volunteered at school for extra duties and wanted to do more in the community but never had time while teaching and rearing a family.

Estes volunteers at Hamilton Medical Center three days a week. She began visiting patients and doing things for them but now works at the front desk and the gift shop. She says she doesn't volunteer as much at schools because it makes her miss school too much. Estes plans to keep working for others because it makes her feel really good to be able to help and it keeps her mind sharp.

Spence has volunteered



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James Spence, right, assists fellow volunteer Joe Stanley at a local Habitat House. Spence volunteers four days a week from 8 a.m. to noon. The house is close to move-in condition.

for Habitat for Humanity since 1994 when he was recruited by recently deceased educator Charles Acree. He works for Habitat Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Spence loves to help people and see their pride in working on and owning their own home. He also appreciates the opportunity to help other people while doing something he loves — working with wood.

Spence's teaching career began as a vocational teacher who taught students how to build simple projects. Later he taught science. Spence liked to work with his hands and continued through the years to build furniture and other projects at home while his educational career took other directions. He came to Whitfield County Schools as associate superintendent in 1972 after being the superintendent for Chattooga County Schools. Spence retired from education in



Charlene Estes answers the phone at Hamilton Medical Center. One the days she volunteers she is the first person visitors see as they enter at the main entrance.

1983 and worked in insurance until 1992.

When recruited by Acree, he once again began to use his building skills, starting with cabinets. He still spends

Tuesdays through Saturdays with Habitat but works more with the people who are receiving the homes, getting building supplies and other needed errands.

# Wellness center offers salad-making, hiking

The Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

**■ Sensational Salads** — This class will be offered May 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. Wow your friends with beautiful, zesty salads that are power-packed with nutritious ingredients. They are as delicious as they are healthy. The fee is \$10 for members and nonmembers. Registration deadline is May 13.

**■ Hiking Club** — The Hiking Club will travel to Mount LeConte in the



Smoky Mountains May 16. Hikers will leave the BWC parking lot at 5 a.m.; registration is required by May 9. There is no fee. For more information on hike rating, length, what to bring and to sign up, call the center.

Bradley Wellness Center is at 1225 Broadrick Drive in Dalton. For more information, call (706) 278-9355.



Members of the Dalton Whitfield Murray Retired Educators recently attended an area meeting in LaFayette. Representatives from Calhoun/Gordon, Catoosa County, Chattooga County and Walker County make up the cluster group. Georgia Retired Educators Association

president Beverly Roberts spoke. DWMREA was represented by Martha Wassum, Gary Cochran, Loretta Campbell, Sherrian Hall, Marianna Arms, Susan Ritchie and Sara Davis. Pictured are, from left, Loretta Campbell, Sara Davis and Gary Cochran.

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**COMMENTARY**

# The plight of the occasional bowler

There are two — and only two — types of bowlers.

First, there are people who go bowling occasionally for fun. Then, there are serious bowlers who bowl often. Unfortunately, sometimes, the twain shall meet.

I count myself in the former category. I may have been bowling a dozen times in my life. I like bowling. I have nothing but respect for any sport that allows you to eat while competing. For some reason, probably because the closest bowling alley is 30 miles away, I've just never had the opportunity to bowl much.

A couple of years ago, we had our daughter's birthday party at a bowling alley. It was a mid-afternoon affair, and the building was virtually empty except for my daughter, her 10 friends, our sons, and a handful of adults. They gave us four lanes to ourselves, put up the bumpers to keep it in the lanes, and we had a blast.

It was that fond memory that led us back to a bowling alley recently on a rainy Saturday night.

"Why don't we go bowling?"

"That's a great idea," I responded enthusiastically, remembering kids slipping and sliding, pants falling down, and other hilarious hijinks from our last, aforementioned, bowling excursion.

So we loaded up the tribe and headed to the nearest bowling alley, excited about the family fun sure to ensue.

This is where we met the latter category — the serious bowlers. About 30 of them greeted us at the front door with a fog of smoke, donned in their fashionable bowling shirts and matching bowling ball bags.

The aroma of Carltons followed us inside, where we found a full house — not the carefree range of lanes we were expecting.

We were assigned one lane between two groups of obviously competitive bowlers. My 4-year-old son immediately walked over to their briefly unmanned scoring monitor and started pressing buttons.

Beer and expletives were spilled as they lunged to the monitor in an effort to thwart



**Len Robbins**

the menacing tot. We apologized profusely to rolling eyes and sneers, and vowed not to violate their space again.

That vow was broken as soon as it was uttered, as our other son wandered from our four-foot wide area and walked in front of the other group's lane just as one of the gentlemen was preparing to bowl. We turned left, and repeated our apologetic mantra.

For some reason, on this occasion, it didn't seem as hilarious when one of us flung a ball into the next lane's gutter. Nor was it as riotous when someone's bowling ball stopped in the middle of the lane and started rolling backwards. Maybe that was because we kept having to get on the intercom to call the desk to get someone to retrieve the ball for us. That skinny 16-year-old boy finally decided to stop walking back and forth and just stood behind us, our personal bowling valet, waiting to rectify our next blunder.

As I sat at the scorer's table, my right hand keeping score, my left hand on the nape of my youngest son's neck, I looked over at my wife. In her left hand, she held a bowling ball. In her right, our other son's collar. She watched our daughter prepare to bowl with an angst-ridden grimace — like me, hoping our daughter didn't accidentally catapult her ball into someone else's territory.

"All right, time to go," I said, finally coming to my senses. No use in ruining these other peoples' evening, and our own. We quickly jettisoned our rented shoes and exited hastily through the mist of Marlboros.

While I stated there are only two types of bowlers, I must add that there are two sub-categories for the occasional, whimsical bowler — those who go on Saturday afternoon when the bowling alley is virtually empty, and those who are stupid.

In the future, count myself among the former.

**■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.**

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

**April 11**

■ The newly formed group "Southeast Raiders Ladies of the Eighties" will meet for the first time April 11 at 11 a.m. at Shoney's on Walnut Avenue for an Easter egg brunch. The meal will be Dutch treat. A group photo will be taken. All female 1980-1989 graduates from Southeast High are invited. To RSVP or for more information, contact Valerie Goswick Hegwood (Class of 1985) at ladies80s@gmail.com.

**April 15**

■ FairTax.org, a nonpartisan, nonprofit entity, will have tax protest rallies at post offices in Dalton, Cleveland and Chattanooga April 15 to create awareness and promote education of HR-25. T-shirts and signs will be available. For more information, contact the coordinator of the Southeast Tennessee-North Georgia Fair Tax chapters at fairtaxacolylte@gmail.com.

**April 16**

■ The Dalton Whitfield Murray Retired Educators will meet April 16 at 1 p.m. at Edna's Restaurant located on Highway 411 in Chatsworth. There will be no

■ **Pvt. Matthew T. Parker** recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C. Parker successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.



**Parker**

He and his fellow recruits began their training each day at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Parker spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, including learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field

formal business.

■ The League of Women Voters will meet April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Dalton Golf and Country Club in Dalton. The program will be about the state of the city and county. Speakers will be Danny Cope, head of the local labor department; Whitfield County Administrator Robert McLeod and Dalton mayor David Pennington. A buffet dinner will be served for \$25 per person. Reservations are by check only and must be received by April 10. Mail checks to: LWV of Dalton, P.O. Box 854, Dalton, GA, 30722-0854. The public is invited

**April 18**

■ The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will present an educational seminar, "Identifying Injuries of Abuse Across the Lifespan" April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Brown Conference Center at Hamilton Medical Center. Featured speakers will be Susan Patton of the University of Tennessee and Patricia S. King, a forensic specialist for the Georgia Division of Aging. The cost is \$10 and may be sent with registration to J. Bernice Whaley, 388 Beaverdale Road, Dalton, GA, 30721. For a registration form or more information, call Whaley at (706) 259-5508 or e-mail jbernice34@yahoo.com.

■ Blood Assurance will conduct a blood drive April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart located on Shugart Road in Dalton. There will be t-shirts, snacks and drinks for all donors. The event is sponsored by the 43rd Tri-

County Masonic Convention. All participants are asked to eat a good meal and bring their ID.

**April 23**

■ The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center will have a spring flower show April 23 at noon. Entries should be in by 9:30 a.m.; judging begins at 10. Categories are potted and cut stems, Easter bonnets, horticultural (plants and floral) and creative and novel designs and arrangements. The center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton.

**April 26**

■ Descendants and friends of Richard Lafayette and Matilda Thomason Wimpy are invited to attend the annual Wimpy reunion April 26 at the Nutrition Center in Ringgold. A covered dish lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The Center is at 5230 Evitt St.

**April 30**

■ The Department of Juvenile Justice will host a candlelight vigil April 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Elbert Shaw Regional Youth Detention Center in Dalton. The event celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act. The center is at 2735 Underwood Road.

**May 1-2**

■ The East Armuchee-Villanow community yard sale will be held May 1-2 at 8 a.m. at the Villanow ball field and fire hall. Rain date is May 8-9. There is no fee for setup. For more information, call (706) 397-2495.

**May 2**

■ Spring Place

Elementary in Chatsworth will host 2009 Tiger Day May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. as well as a silent auction, basket raffle, Dell Netbook laptop raffle, colored hair spray, spring photos and more. Bracelets good for all day are \$6. To reserve a space at the yard sale, call (706) 695-2525. The school is at 2871 Leonard Bridge Road.

**May 5**

■ Junior Achievement will host the fourth annual Northwest Georgia Business Hall of Fame May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade Center. Three area leaders — Jim Jolly, Norris Little and Pleas Smith — will be inducted at this gala event. Sponsorship for a table of 10 is \$1,000; individual seats are \$125. For reservations, call JA at (706) 278-9180.

**May 8**

■ The 16th annual Golden Gaiters walk and sack supper will be held May 8 at 5 p.m. at the Rotary Pavilion at Heritage Point Park in Dalton. Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. There will be door prizes and all participants who preregister by April 28 will receive a T-shirt. Entertainment will be provided by the Mar-Sel Tap Dancers from the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. All area seniors ages 50 and up are invited to participate. Any area agency or organization that works with seniors and is interested in sponsoring the event, call the Center at (706) 278-3700.

## IN SERVICE



**Addison**

November, 2007.

Addison of Dalton and a 2007 graduate of Northwest High School. He joined the Air Force in

Third Marine Logistics Regiment-37, Communications Company, D at a Platoon. Lewis is the son of James Jr. and Sonya Lewis of Tunnel Hill, grandson of James and Geneva Lewis and Waymon and Laura Kile and great-grandson of Rose Morrison. He is a 2002 graduate of Northwest High School.



**Lewis**

■ Cpl. James Kile Lewis re-enlisted in the U.S. Marines Nov. 3. He previously served from April, 2003 to April, 2007 and now serves at Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan with the

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## Changes to Apple's iTunes prices take effect

BY JESSICA MINTZ  
AP Technology Writer

SEATTLE — The era of one-price-fits-all-songs on iTunes came to an end Tuesday as Apple Inc., the Internet's dominant digital music store, began selling some of its most-downloaded songs for \$1.29 apiece.

Apple said in January that it would end its practice of selling all individual songs for 99 cents each and begin offering three tiers: 69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29.

Record companies pick the prices, much as they did for CDs sold in stores and online. On day one, songs including "Jai Ho" from the "Slumdog Millionaire" soundtrack, "Single Ladies" by Beyonce and "Chicken Fried" by the Zac Brown Band were bumped up to \$1.29. The main iTunes page advertised collections of 69-cent songs that included "London Calling" by The Clash and "Monkey" by George Michael.

Other songs from the same albums and artists remained at 99 cents.

Apple also did away with copy protection technology known as digital rights management, or DRM. Without DRM, the songs can be copied to any number of CDs, computers and music players, as long as those devices support the AAC encoding format Apple uses. AAC, like MP3,

is a method of compressing large audio files while trying to preserve sound quality.

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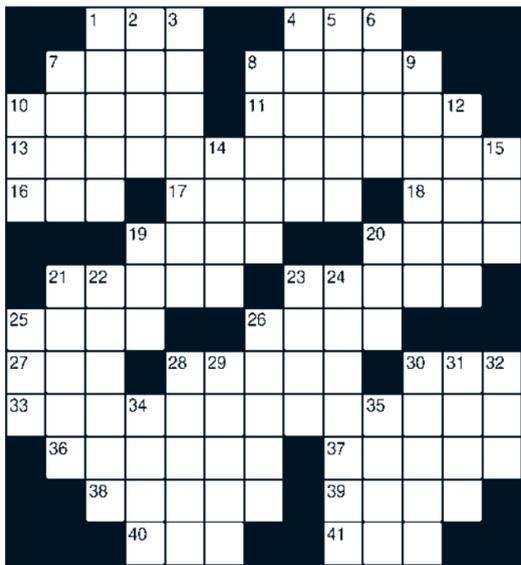
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 1 Roman component "Aloha"  
 4 Scrooge's outcry  
 7 Pinnacle  
 8 Regional  
 10 Rx, for short  
 11 French painter  
 13 With 33-Across, aphorism  
 16 Lair of a sort  
 18 Aye undoer  
 19 Son, on the Seine  
 20 Tour de France need  
 21 "Goose-bumps" author  
 23 Home  
 25 Moby's pursuer  
 26 Suitable  
 27 Supporting

**DOWN**  
 1 Chef's garb  
 2 Bridal cover  
 3 Clarify  
 4 Drum type  
 5 Uneasiness  
 6 Rodgers collaborator  
 7 Farm fraction  
 8 Galvanizing agents  
 9 Nikita's successor  
 10 Despondent  
 12 Cobra or  
 14 Capri, e.g.  
 15 Storm center  
 19 Teensy tale  
 20 Tarzan's son  
 21 Piglet  
 22 Tooth-paste target  
 23 Related (to)  
 24 Embellished style  
 25 Kabul's land (Abbr.)  
 26 Refuge  
 28 Old photo tint  
 29 Pollster's find  
 30 Deer kin  
 31 Largest of the seven  
 32 "Spring ahead" hrs.  
 34 Wasted no time  
 35 Gloom

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 4-8**

L	I	M	B	C	A	D	S	N	A	P	
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**BRIDGE**

**Defense is a logical process**

Assume you're West on this deal, defending against four spades. You lead the king of hearts, which wins as partner contributes the ten. What would you play next? Bear in mind that you need three more tricks to defeat the contract. The first step in the right direction is to assume declarer has a singleton heart, since your partner is marked with three hearts for his bid. This in turn means that any additional tricks you take will have to come from a source other than the heart suit. (Observe that if you continue with the ace of hearts, declarer takes the rest of the tricks.)

The next step is to recognize that if South has both minor-suit aces to go with his obviously long spade suit, the contract cannot possibly be defeated. You should therefore credit partner with one of these aces, which he almost certainly has for his raise.

The only remaining question is not so much which minor-suit ace East holds, but, more importantly, which one might allow you to collect three more tricks. The only sensible conclusion is to assume partner has the ace of diamonds, because if he has the ace of clubs instead, the contract cannot be defeated.

Accordingly, you must shift to a diamond at trick two, but before you do, one more question must be resolved — namely, which diamond to lead. To guard against the possibility that South might have the ten of diamonds, the jack of diamonds — not the nine or king — must be played. As it happens, the jack lead puts the contract down one. If the nine or king is led instead, declarer makes the contract with correct play.

The careful step-by-step process that leads eventually to finding the winning play at trick two is not really difficult if you focus on the ultimate goal — to defeat the contact. The jack lead then emerges as the play that gives you the best chance of achieving that goal.

South dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q 9  
 ♥ J 7 2  
 ♦ Q 8 2  
 ♣ K Q J 10 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ 7 4  
 ♥ A K 9 5 4 3  
 ♦ K J 9  
 ♣ 3 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ 5 2  
 ♥ Q 10 6  
 ♦ A 7 6 4  
 ♣ 9 7 6 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K J 10 8 6 3  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ 10 5 3  
 ♣ A 8

The bidding:  
 South 1♠ West 2♥ North 3♣ East 3♥  
 4♣

Opening lead — king of hearts.

**Tomorrow: Oh, those computer deals**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

V E T E W Z W S S E Z X P A G P G H T  
 E S A P A G K D E K E N F Z P ` Z  
 S B X Q X B B X V U B X G C Q G Z P M X B X G K  
 D F N A P U X M E B H X G Q K G C X Z ?  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN DADS FINANCE ALL OF THEIR DAUGHTERS' WEDDINGS, COULD YOU SAY THEY'RE FUNDING FATHERS?  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** This could be a highly emotional year but not necessarily a bad one. It's a time of transformation and doing what's best for you. Embrace the inevitable and find a way to reinvent who you are and what you do best. Soon you will be back up on top in a secure position. Your numbers are 5, 8, 18, 27, 36, 41, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't be afraid to take a day off to sort through your plans and make sure that you have everything you need for upcoming events and activities. An interesting proposition will get you thinking about new possibilities. 3 stars



**Eugenia Last**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't give away any secrets. Pushing your will or taking physical action will not get you what you want. Situations will be hard to control and problems will escalate due to misinformation. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Everything will come down to your personal performance. Expect someone to resent you and try to limit your maneuverability. Target what you want and go about getting it through hard work and honest, fair play. 5 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't give in to someone trying to back you into a corner. Realizing that you can do with much less will be half the battle. Change may not be your cup of tea but the tables will turn if you are flexible. 2 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A meeting will help you coordinate what you want with the needs of others. Love is in the stars and, by making an effort to please someone, you can ask for what you want in return. An old friend may be dishonest with you now. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look for a deal and you will find it. Don't let someone hold you hostage when you aren't responsible for the turn of events that have unfolded. Take care of your

health and don't take unnecessary risks. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Think before you take action and you will avoid making an embarrassing mistake. Things aren't nearly as bad as you imagine. There is always a silver lining, so sit back and wait for the dust to settle. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be fooled by what someone is promising you. Rely on your own efforts. Sudden change can be expected and will be directly linked to someone you have learned a great deal from in the past. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't give in to idle threats. Use your clout and your charm. You can make a difference but don't exaggerate in order to do so. Making the wrong person angry can cause setbacks. 4 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Someone will try to talk you out of something that you know you should pursue. Don't give in to meddling or unrealistic plans. Stay ahead of the crowd with the latest information and the best advice. 2 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You are sitting in a much better position than you think. You have the ability to negotiate on your terms. Your receptiveness will help things move along faster. Your communication skills will be effective. Don't become emotional over finances. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** If you give in to your emotions or anger you will lose sight of your goals and waste valuable time. Secrets will be divulged that may incriminate you or imply you have been involved with something or someone you don't wish to be associated with. 3 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are a crusader and a Good Samaritan. You are popular and sensitive to the needs of others. You stay in tune with your surroundings and make good choices.

**DANCE PARTY**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center hosts a dance party featuring J.C. Wilson and the Prime Country Band each Monday at 6:30 p.m. Shown from left are lead guitarist Michael Hall, drummer Danny Ogle, bassist Robby Taylor, rhythm guitarist Rick Ogle and keyboardist J.C. Wilson.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

First Presbyterian Church of Dalton will offer a **grief recovery outreach program** beginning April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The 10-week program is for those who are experiencing the pain and anxiety of loss due to death, divorce or separation. It seeks to guide those whose lives have been affected by the death of a loved one or the end of a relationship whether a recent loss or long ago. It is designed to help persons resolve their loss issues and move beyond grief to a richer quality of life.

Class size is limited and participants must pre-register by April 17. There is a \$35 fee which covers the cost of all workshop materials. Scholarships are available.

The church is at 510 S. Tibbs Road in Dalton. For more information or to register, call Jean Strain at (706) 278-8161.

The Dalton Parkinson's Disease Support Group

meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center.

The center is at 302 Cappel St. in Dalton. Those with Parkinson's and their caregivers are welcome. For more information, call (706) 278-7917.

The Murray County Senior Center hosts a monthly **Alzheimer's support group** the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Anyone who is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's is welcome. Meetings usually last one hour and will be led by Melissa Boyd R.N. Boyd is experienced personally and professionally with persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Amedisys North Georgia Home Health Care will provide refreshments.

The Murray County Senior Center is at 820 G.I. Maddox Parkway in Chatsworth.

The **National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders** (ANAD) will have a support group for men and women with anorexia, bulimia or binge-eating disorder and their families every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. at the MCR Foundation.

The foundation is at 1400 McCallie Ave. in Chattanooga. For more information, call Jan Robinson at (423) 991-9730.

**Helping the Hurting Inc.** is now offering a new support group, Life After Divorce (LAD), each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 207 W. King St., Suite A in Dalton.

The group is led by John Stuman. For more information or directions, call (706) 277-4357.



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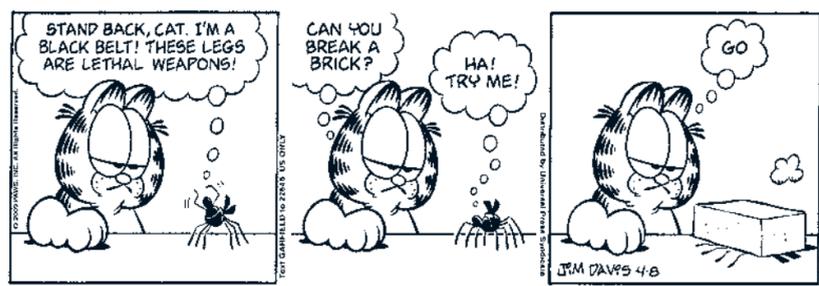
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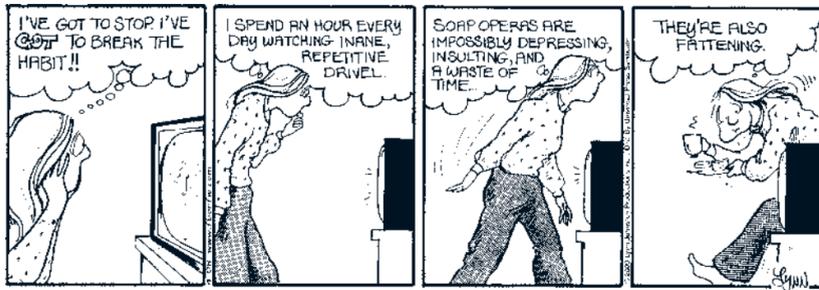
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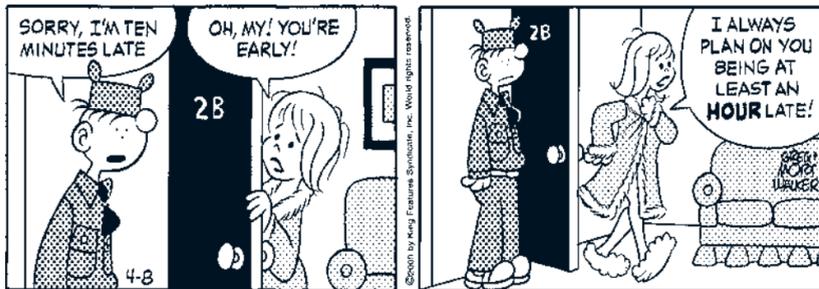
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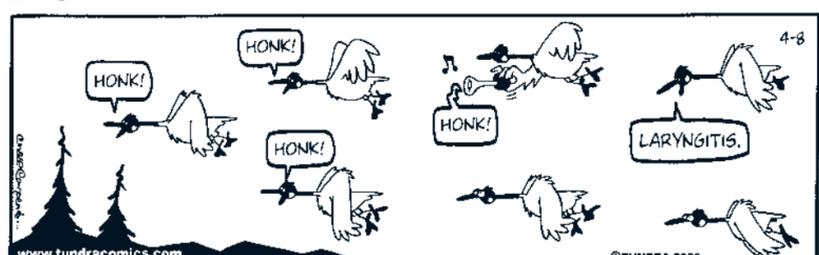
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DEAR ABBY

Dad miffed about not being asked

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced father of three who has worked hard at staying part of my children's lives, contributing financial and emotional support through college. I have since remarried and have a good relationship with all three, who are now on their own, working and leading normal, healthy and productive lives. My 24-year-old daughter, "Amanda," has recently become engaged. Despite my giving her a "heads up" about wanting a courtesy call from her fiancé, "Larry," at some point, I got nothing. Apparently, she told him it wasn't necessary.



Jeanne Phillips

I don't know how many dads to whom you have confided this story, but for all concerned, it might be less embarrassing if you stopped and accepted the fact that, as much as you might like to protect your daughter, the gesture was unwelcome. DEAR ABBY: I am a college-educated mother of three wonderful, well-adjusted children. The decision that I would not work was one that my husband and I made with the understanding that we would have to forgo a lot of luxuries because we wouldn't have a second income. It has been worth it, and we have no regrets.

Without being a jerk, I mentioned something to Larry — half in jest — when they called to give me their good news. Knowing that I may have been slightly offended, I can't believe he didn't call me a few days later with an explanation or an apology. When I later mentioned to Amanda that I was disappointed, she and her sister insisted that the custom is outdated.

I would never dream of asking a working mother to give me money so I could buy something I can't afford. So why, then, do so many working moms have no compunction about asking me for my time? The requests are endless — running their child's forgotten homework to school, picking up their kids from activities, doing their share at school functions, letting their dogs out, etc. Please tell me what to say to these nerdy women. — BUSY WITH MY OWN IN TENNESSEE

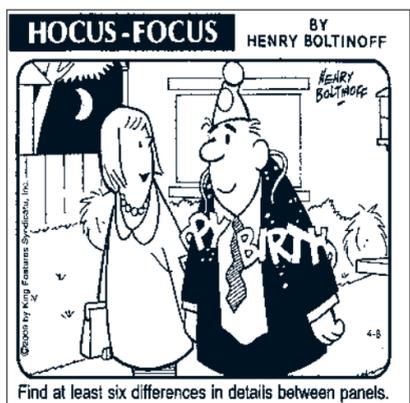
Larry is 30; he's no kid. I haven't found one dad yet who didn't get "the call" from a daughter's intended. Do I need to let go of this, or am I justified in speaking further to Larry about it? The wedding is getting closer, and I am ... DISMAYED IN ROSWELL, GA.

DEAR BUSY: The working women who ask these favors may not appreciate the fact that being a stay-at-home mother is also a full-time job. If their requests make you feel encroached upon, all you have to say is that you can't do it because you have a "previous commitment." (You do not have to say that the commitment is to your own children.)

DEAR DISMAYED: For everyone's sake, it would be better if you cooled off and stopped the advice gathering. While I agree that the formality of asking for a woman's hand (or whatever) may be outdated, particularly if a daughter is self-supporting and out on her own, it is still a gesture of respect. It would have been nice if she had held your feelings in higher regard, but perhaps she didn't feel her fiancé would pass muster.

However, before you start turning down these other mothers in a wholesale fashion, allow me to remind you that the way to have friends is to be one. And the time to be a friend is when someone needs one. You don't have to be a pushover — but don't isolate yourself, either.

HOCUS FOCUS



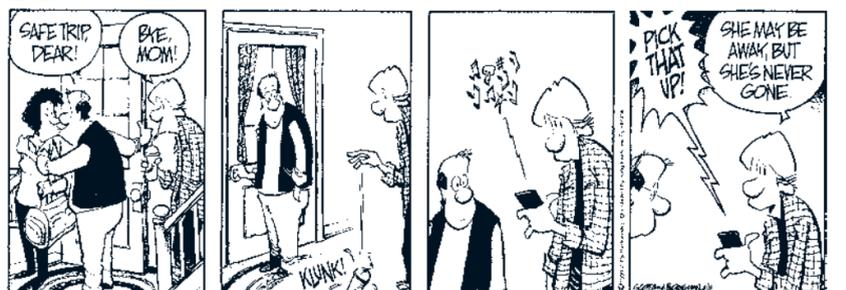
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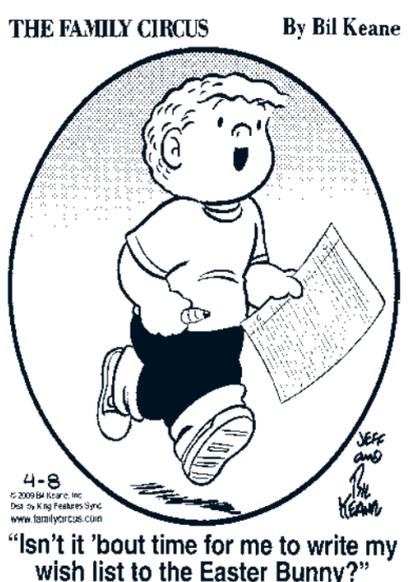
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