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Murray Countian Chris Deal says he could make it in the entertainment business, but he wants to teach at his alma mater.

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## Dalton poultry plant closing

By JAMIE JONES  
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Pilgrim's Pride will cut about 280 jobs when the company closes its chicken processing plant near downtown Dalton in the next 60 days, another hit to a city battered by deep job losses in the floorcovering industry.

The Pittsburg, Texas-based company, one of the largest chicken companies in the country,

will consolidate the Dalton plant on Hamilton Street with a similar facility in Chattanooga. Pilgrim's Pride spokesman Ray Atkinson said the company does not plan to add any jobs at the Chattanooga plant. Pilgrim's Pride will provide programs to employees whose positions are cut to help them find new jobs, file for unemployment and obtain other benefits.

The company's hatchery in Cohutta will remain open. Approximately 120 independent contract growers who currently supply birds to

the Dalton processing plant will supply the Chattanooga plant or other nearby facilities, including Ellijay, within 90 days. There are 29 broiler farms that supply farms in Murray and Whitfield counties.

David Ridley is one of those growers in Murray County. He has eight houses that have

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Charles Ballew, right, and his son-in-law, Ronald Payne, survey damage caused when a limb fell on Ballew's truck at his home on Fifth Avenue and Fort Street in Chatsworth on Monday when high winds blew through the area. Ballew said he heard what he thought was thunder between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m., but discovered the limb had fallen on his truck and another on his house.

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## Storms create havoc

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A huge limb crashing into his truck served as Charles Ballew's alarm clock Monday morning. "It sounded like a big crack of thunder that echoes," the Chatsworth resident said. "I jumped up and out of bed."

What Ballew discovered sometime between 5 and 6 a.m. was that his pickup was spared a hit by the trunk of the massive oak supporting the limb, but the damage was done. Only a standing tree on the other side of his home at Fort Street and Fifth Avenue — catching the falling tree — prevented his roof from being damaged.

A Murray 911 operator said the agency had "50 to 60 calls" of trees down across the county by 8 a.m., after high winds of up to 40 mph raked north Georgia. But it didn't stop the school buses from rolling.

### FROM TODAY'S FORUM

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## Search on for missing fisherman

By MARK MILLICAN  
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Easter turned somber for a Murray County family when their relative did not return from a fishing trip on the Conasauga River Sunday afternoon.

Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney, 38, of 4245 Brown Bridge Road in southwest Murray, put into the river in a johnboat behind a mobile home park at 4177 Brown Bridge Road around 2:30 or 3 p.m. where his father, Winston Hackney, resides. Murray County 911 received a call at 9:20 p.m. that he had not returned. Sheriff Howard Ensley said a search was started between 10 and 10:30 p.m.

Around midnight the Murray County Rescue Squad found Hackney's boat where it had drifted into a brush pile, Chief Deputy Ray Sitton said.

Just last month, the body of Brett Thomason was found in the Conasauga exactly a month after he went missing upstream while boating near Riverbend Road on the Whitfield County side of the river. Searches of over 500 square acres of land and by boat on the river



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Doug Flood, from left, with the Murray County Rescue Squad, and Cody Jones and Casey Jones, both with the Department of Natural Resources, make their way up the Conasauga River while searching for missing boater Waylon "Bo" Keith Hackney, 38, of Brown Bridge Road, in southwest Murray County. Hackney was last seen Sunday at 2:30 p.m. when he left to go fishing on the Conasauga River behind his home.

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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.**

"Jimmy, why must you always print comments which suggest that we in Dalton are inarticulate hayseeds? Oh, never mind."

**Editor: I like to think of us as articulate hayseeds.**

"Does Dalton Utilities not service Brent Lane? There's been a water leak up there for about three months. It's been numerous reported and they will not come up there and fix it."

"Charter is a joke. That guy's got it right. We need OptiLink all over the county. Please try to help us get that solved."

"The only idea that the new management firm at the trade center has come up with so far is that they need funds to remodel. And by the way, whatever happened to that great big new hotel that they were going to build up there?"

"Two hundred years we've been a Godly nation. And now when Obama gets in office and now we're not a Godly nation. God forbid."

"Bill Shipp had a good editorial in Saturday's paper called 'Graded an F.' Our Georgia is in a lot of trouble, but it's mainly our leadership. Our governor is such a crook."

"What is disrespectful to God is the hypocrites talking about other churches and the way they do things. We are all at church for the same reason, for worship!"

"Do these ice cream trucks that come by my house about five times a day have to have a business license?"

**Editor: The drivers do.**

"I hope Obama will now realize the U.N. is completely worthless."

"I attended a very good Easter service at Tunnel Hill First Baptist Church, with a good pastor's message and songs mixed through the message. Then I came home to find out the captain has been freed from the pirates. It was a good Easter day."

"Doug Hawley is such a good writer. It always makes me smile to read his columns."

"Some of the homeless are people who have lost their jobs due to the economy. They just need someone with a good heart to help them. Others need help as well."

"If you like Iraq and Afghanistan, you're going to love Africa."

"The new shopping center

that's near completion on north Cleveland Highway is absolutely gorgeous. I hope and pray there will be businesses in there and jobs so it will be an asset to Dalton."

"According to today's paper we have ample water supply. Does that mean I can wash the windows in my car now?"

"Barbara Bush has always been proud of her country, not like Michelle Obama."

"I've looked up socialism in every dictionary in my house and none of them mention Obama or that he wants my home, car or paycheck."

"I remember the old days and being taken outside the church during services. When I came back in it was with tears in my eyes."

"To the people on Rockdale, that is supposed to be a street in front of your house, not a parking lot."

"Opal and Jack Loudermilk opened a small restaurant in a mobile home on Abutment Road in 1969. It had the best hamburgers and cold slaw. I should know because I was 15 years old and I made it."

"The hummingbirds are back."

"If you think this is bad water here, you should check out the water in South Georgia and Florida."

"I am going to leave my wife's credit cards out, in hopes someone will steal them."

"What do you mean Obama will be out in four years. You didn't vote for him last time and he got in."

"President Obama will be in for the next eight years and then we'll vote a Hispanic in. How do you like those apples?"

"It's strange that gay people want to interpret the Bible to say what they want."

"Thanks for the information on buying a fishing license."

"Thanks to my neighbors on Goldenrod Lane for helping me after I fell and hurt my ankle."

"The person who said Northwest Whitfield doesn't know what they are talking about or the school lied. Otherwise they would have been classified 5-A without any question."

"Our government should give AK47s to those guys on the boats in case pirates attack them."

"It won't be cheap but the Pilgrim's Pride facility could be cleaned up and redeveloped for the city of Dalton. I hope city fathers and business leaders will seize the opportunity. Perhaps a federal grant would be in order."

**Invista, EPA make pricey deal**

**FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS**

Textile and chemical maker Invista will pay an estimated \$500 million to correct environmental violations at 12 former DuPont facilities, including plants in Dalton and Calhoun.

The cleanup is part of a settlement with the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Invista will also pay

a \$1.7 million civil penalty.

Invista discovered the violations shortly after acquiring the facilities from DuPont in 2004. Last year, the company filed an \$800 million lawsuit, saying DuPont did not allow a thorough review of the properties before the sale. The company disclosed more than 680 violations of water, air, hazardous waste, emergency planning and preparedness,

and pesticide regulations to EPA.

The plants are in Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The settlement is the largest in the 14-year history of EPA's audit policy, which provides incentives to companies that voluntarily disclose and correct environmental violations.



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**Approximately 280 workers will lose their jobs when the Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant on South Hamilton closes within the next 60 days.**

**Poultry: Plant to close**

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approximately 240,000 chickens. He has two employees. Ridley said he was surprised when he was notified Monday morning by a Pilgrim's Pride representative that the plant is closing. He is worried what effect the plant closing will have on his business and the entire industry, which is battling higher costs.

"The past couple of years have not been good for north Georgia chicken growers," said Ridley, who is also the Murray County sole commissioner. "From a grower's perspective, the past two years I've gone in the red growing chickens. I've had to take money out of my own pocket to supplement the farm to try to make the chicken houses survive."

Ridley said he is also concerned about the impact of the plant closing on north Georgia.

"From a government perspective, what really troubles me is that our neighboring county is going to lose 277 jobs to this closure," Ridley said. "That's 277 more people in the unemployment lines. It's not what we're looking for in Metro Dalton."

The plant closing comes at an especially trying time for Dalton, which has already been hit by hundreds of job cuts in the floorcovering industry. The unemployment for Metro Dalton (Murray and Whitfield counties) climbed to 12.9 percent in February — almost double the rate a year ago. Metro Dalton had an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent in February 2008 and 11.9 percent in January 2009.

Brian Anderson, president of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce, said the problems facing the floorcovering and poultry industries reinforce the need

be "very aggressive" in developing other industries.

"You've got two industries that are being negatively affected by two economic conditions through no fault of their own," Anderson said. "They weren't out doing stupid things like some of the financial institutions. We're a community that is affected by a very unique economy and we're going to have to be more aggressive and think much more broadly than other communities."

Pilgrim's Pride filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in December 2008. Closing the Dalton plant will reduce costs and make the production process more efficient, company spokesman Ray Atkinson said. Atkinson said he could not speculate what the company will do with the plant, which is one of the company's smaller processing plants. The Chattanooga facility has about 1,700 workers.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN**

**NAME:** Jamie Flood  
**AGE:** 27  
**HOME:** Chatsworth  
**FAMILY:** Wife, Melinda; dad, Ray; Mamaw, Jo  
**WORK:** Babb's Body Shop  
**PLAY:** Search and Rescue, hunting  
**HE SAID:** "When in doubt, throw it out."

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**Correction:**

In the April 4 issue of The Daily Citizen, an error was made in the Citizen of the Week feature on Lance Stephens. Mr. Stephens serves on the statewide DHR Quality Council.

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# New pawn ordinance could cost consumers

BY JAMIE JONES

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Some local pawnbrokers believe a new Whitfield County law regulating their business will cause more expenses for them and their customers.

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners on Monday voted 3-1 to approve a new law that requires pawn shops to keep a computer record of all transactions and charge a 40 cent fee for each pawn. Commissioner Greg Jones voted against the measure. Chairman Mike Babb only votes to break ties.

The Dalton City Council passed a similar law earlier this year.

Pawn shops in Whitfield County already keep a transaction log. Now, it will be done through a computer database. Another major change is anyone who pawns

an item will have his or her picture taken. Maj. John Gibson with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office said the computer-based program will give instant alerts on stolen property and is an "enhancement" over the current system. There are 11 pawn shops in Whitfield County.

Pawn shop owner Nathan Parker worries the transaction fee will increase. He said other communities that use a similar program charge upwards of \$1 per transaction.

"Who's to know what it might end up to be?" he asked.

The pawn shops will have "minimal" set up costs, Gibson said. The company, Business Watch, is paying for the software and training. Businesses will pay for the hardware, but Gibson said most pawn shops already have a computer. Pawn shops also must pay a \$25 yearly

fee to be part of the program. Gibson said there is no cost to the county.

Pat Townsend doesn't run a pawn shop, but he owns a building that houses a pawn shop. He believes holding pawn shops to a higher standard will cause people to sell their belongings at flea markets and resale shops.

"It looks like we're trying to control crime through the pawn shops, but I question the cost," Townsend said.

Jones is concerned the 40 cent transaction fee could go up in the future. He also said not every business owns a computer, which would be another expense for some shops.

"Times are tough right now and I don't like putting that burden on them," Jones said.

Commissioner Mike Cowan said the new system will cut down on stolen items being pawned.



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Search and rescue officials and investigators talk along the bank of the Conasauga River on Monday after searching for several hours for missing boater, Waylon "Bo" Keith Hackney, 38, of Brown Bridge Road in southwest Murray County. Hackney was last seen Sunday at 2:30 p.m. when he left to go fishing on the Conasauga River behind his home.

## Search: Murray man missing

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involved hundreds of community residents and authorities.

Hackney is 5 foot 8 inches tall, weighs around 175 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and is balding in front. He was wearing blue jeans and Nike shoes and was shirtless when he got on the river, his father said. He also has a tattoo on his upper left arm on which his 9-year-old daughter's name, Ashley, is emblazoned.

"He'll get a big idea, say 'I'm going fishing' and get a bunch of bait, then be back 30 minutes later," said Winston Hackney, Bo Hackney's father. "That's just the way he is. That's why I knew something was wrong when he didn't come back."

Winston Hackney said his son was alone when he got on the river. Department of Natural Resources personnel began dragging operations Monday around mid-afternoon.

"We'll work downstream from where the boat put in," said Sgt. John VanLandingham.

He said the boat was found lodged in a brush pile 1.8 miles downstream from where Hackney debarked.

"He usually took someone with him," his father said. "It's not like Bo to get in (a boat) by himself."

The senior Hackney said his son did not have a life jacket, but that the craft did have a trolling motor. He said the river bank was searched by authorities after midnight until 5 a.m.

"We ran a (search) dog last night in the area where the boat was found," said Dwayne Bain of the Murray County Fire Department. "The weather turned sour on us, and early in the morning we had a ground crew out."

When asked if his son was drinking before he got on the river, Hackney replied, "I heard he had been, but he's a three-beer drinker. That's his limit."

Hackney is an insulation installer who had been laid off, and was "doing odd jobs," his sister said.



Misty Watson/THE DAILY CITIZEN

Serena Gonzalez, a mom of three Murray County students who ride buses, speaks against privatizing school bus services during a Board of Education meeting Monday night while others against the privatization listen. Superintendent Vickie Reed said during the meeting school officials are researching and accepting bids, but will not make a decision until at least May.

## Crowd unhappy with possible bus change

BY RACHEL BROWN

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CHATSWORTH — Nearly 100 supporters wearing "Just Say No!" stickers filled the media center at Bagley Middle School Monday night to express disapproval of the prospect of privatizing the Murray County school system's bus services.

"We can't understand why y'all would even consider it knowing what's happened to people who have become employed by foreign companies," said Marion Whiteside, one of three people who spoke publicly in favor of keeping the system the way it is. "Do you remember the revolutionary war? I believe that's when we separated ourselves from the queen and the English; and here we are wanting to hire them. I don't get it."

Whiteside referred to First Student, the transportation company that transports Dalton Public Schools students and is based in England. Petitions have been circulating around the county since about a week ago when a group of "interested people" met to discuss the privatization proposal, said Fred Gould, director of the local division of the Georgia Association of Educators.

Murray school officials



Murray County school bus driver Butch Flack puts on a sticker against the privatization of buses in the Murray County school system before a board of education meeting Monday.

are considering privatizing their bus services if the move will save money, but they won't make a decision at least until after the April 28 bid deadline. Superintendent Vickie Reed said the system needs to cut about \$6.8 million from the budget year that begins July 1. This year's budget is \$60 million, and the next budget won't be set until at least June, officials said.

"We don't want to hurt anyone," Reed said after the meeting. "We're just looking at every nook and cranny try-

ing to find the money."

The request for proposal asks that 93 current transportation employees be given a job while a few others would remain on the school system's payroll. The school system would also keep and maintain its 93-bus fleet.

The transportation budget is \$3.1 million. Officials said they don't have enough information to say exactly how much they hope to save.

Gould said bus drivers are concerned they wouldn't be able to afford health insurance with a private company. He said they would also lose retirement through the school system.

Parent and Resaca resident Serena Gonzalez said her special needs children appreciate keeping the same drivers, and that wouldn't be guaranteed if bus services are privatized.

"Let's keep it here, and let's keep our babies safe," Gonzalez said.



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

A tree fell across Old Free Hope Road, just off Highway 52 Alternate in Murray County, taking power lines with it during strong winds Monday morning.

## Storm: Winds whip area

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"We got all the kids in safe thanks to the (Murray County) road department," said transportation director Johnny Ward. Whitfield County schools are on spring break this week.

In western Whitfield, a large pine tree was uprooted by the wind and smashed the back bedroom of an unoccupied mobile home on East Lee Drive.

"I'd actually been expecting the (pine) tree next to it to fall first since it was leaning," said Dwayne McClure of Westside, whose late grandparents once occupied the single-wide trailer. Another neighbor said she was "blessed" to have slept through the high winds and did not hear the crash.

The Rocky Face and Varnell communities also had several trees down on side roads that had to be cut away by county crews.

North Georgia Electrical Membership Corporation reported approximately 20,000 customers out of power across their seven-county service area as power lines also fell, and 3,400 outages in Murray and Whitfield.

"Multiple poles were broken in the Whitfield-Murray area," said spokesman Jeff Rancudo. "Crews are working all the major outages, and the number of people without power is going down as the day progresses."

Rancudo said there will still around 100 outages at 5:30 p.m. in the northern sections of both counties, and that crews would work into the evening until power was completely restored.

Utility officials said many trees were falling because the ground remains heavily saturated due to recent rains. They advise calling the local power company or 911 when lines fall instead of trying to move them.

Staff writer and photographer Misty Watson contributed to this report.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Miller letter has Biblical backing

To the editor:

Mr. Miller's recent letter to the editor was very true. I am thankful there are still good people who will speak the truth about homosexuality. This is a cancer in our society that is destroying many people, especially the younger generation who have grown up with hearing they are born this way. This is a lie of Satan, whom the Bible says is the Father of Lies.

You will also find scripture in Leviticus 18-22 which says clearly that man shall not lie with man as with woman, it is abomination. And these are the words of the Lord speaking to Moses.

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah in the 19th chapter of Genesis for their homosexuality. The men of Sodom came to Lot's house and asked him to bring the two angels out "that we may know them." The phrase "that we may know them" means the men wanted to have sex with Lot's guest. Lot told them he had two daughters which have "not known man" and offered to bring them out instead of the men. Which certainly clarifies what the men meant by "that we may know them."

God had promised Abraham to spare Sodom if only 10 godly people lived there (Genesis 18:32). Obviously not even 10 could be found, for the angels arrived to destroy the city.

Do we think that somehow God will close his eyes to the same kind of repulsive sins the world is practicing today? The Bible says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever." If the Lord destroyed two cities back in Genesis because of homosexuality, do we think that some how we can put a new face on it and call it "an alternative lifestyle" and escape the same fate?

In the first chapter of Romans 21-32 we can also read about homosexuality. In these verses it also includes women. "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly...."

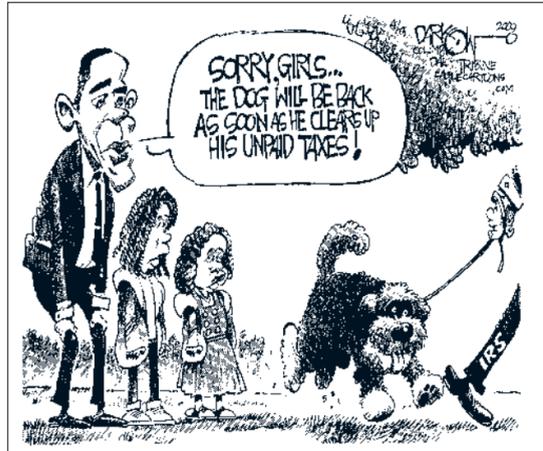
Romans is written by the apostle Paul.

So you have two very reliable sources (Genesis, Leviticus) and Paul (Romans) telling us homosexuality is a grievous sin. We either believe the Bible and accept the knowledge that it unacceptable in God's eyes to practice homosexuality and we will pay the cost (eternal separation from him) or we can believe Satan's lie that we are born that way and continue in our sin and find out when we stand before God on judgement day that we have been deceived by the Father of Lies and it will be too late to do anything about it.

I thank you Mr. Miller for having the courage to tell the truth. It is not popular today to speak against homosexuality for too many people have bought Satan's lie. And sadly a lot of people's family have turned to this ungodly lifestyle and they want desperately to believe that they were born that way. The truth that they are that way because they didn't retain God in their knowledge and went the way of a sinful world is too hurtful and painful for them to accept.

You are correct in that the real Christian will "love the sinner but hate the sin." God will forgive their sin but they must do as God told the adulterous woman "Go, and sin no more."

**Helen Kizer Dalton**



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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

**Thought for today:** "History repeats itself" and "History never repeats itself" are about equally true ... We never know enough about the infinitely complex circumstances of any past event to prophesy the future by analogy."

**George Macaulay Trevelyan**  
English historian (1876-1962)

## Meaning of words

"Words must mean something," President Obama said in Prague last week in response to North Korea's missile launch. He was speaking about the numerous resolutions and condemnations of North Korea's actions over the years by the United Nations and others. It is a standard the president should apply not only to North Korea, but also to the Middle East and the Muslim world.

In a speech to Turkey's Parliament, the president said, "The United States is not, and never will be at war with Islam." It was a noble sentiment. Such a unilateral declaration may soothe many in the West, but there is a central question that comes from Mr. Obama's declaration of conscientious objection: What if Islamic extremism is at war with America, Europe and Israel and everyone who stands in the way of its attempt at supremacy in religion and politics?

In some Muslim media, in some textbooks produced for Middle Eastern schoolchildren, at some Islamic schools in America and in recruitment films that urge "jihad" and declare martyrdom to be the highest goal of a Muslim person, one might conclude (if words mean something) that a significant portion of Islam is at war with Judaism, Christianity, and strains of its own religion that do not embrace the extremist view of hell on earth for all who disagree.

In his soothing words to the Islamic world, it would have been useful to hear President Obama challenge Muslims to put their own house in order and evict



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charge of spreading hate directed at the West that Islam is not at war with America, Israel and Europe. It would also be helpful to hear a pledge that Muslim extremists intend to assimilate in countries to which they have immigrated, embracing the history, language and culture of those nations and eschewing attempts to impose Sharia law, not only on people of their faith, but on others who do not share it.

It is always instructive to listen to the words of converts who once were committed to the violent imposition of Islam on others. They have a unique perspective that can serve as a useful warning for those who believe the fanatics mean what they say and say what they mean. One of them is Walid Shoebat, (www.shoebat.com), a former PLO terrorist who converted to Christianity. Shoebat, a name he assumed for his own safety, says the president's approach to Islam is dangerous: "Speaking in such absolute terms has seemingly limited America's area of focus on al-Qaida. This plays right into the militants' hands."

As a former terrorist,

Shoebat claims that deception and confusion are the reasons for so many different Islamic groups. "Islam is the banner under which different militant groups share a common alliance," he says. "When you single out only one of those groups as the enemy, the others basically get a free pass, or at least much less attention." The president did this when singling out al-Qaida, thus appearing to give a pass to numerous other groups that march under the banner of Islam, including Hamas, Hezbollah and The Muslim Brotherhood. Their charters, statements and actions demand no compromise with Israel or anyone else in the pursuit of a Middle East free of the Jewish state. If they achieve their ultimate objective, the region would be free of all Jews, who are referred to by Sheikh Feiz Mohammed, and other Islamic extremists, as pigs and apes and who, according to a Hamas TV skit, "drink the blood of Muslims." Do these words have meaning? We ignore them at our peril.

In his speech in Ankara, President Obama echoed his predecessor when he praised Islam as a religion that "has done so much over so many centuries to shape the world." Mr. Obama's prepared text included the phrase "for the better," but he did not speak those words. I wonder why? Is it because words mean something and the president didn't mean those three?

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## Useful Idiots Caucus meets in Cuba

Six members of the Congressional Black Caucus traveled to Cuba last week and were delighted with their reception. They met with Raul Castro for four hours (including dinner). Three lucky members of the delegation were even entertained by Fidel at his home. As the Miami Herald reported, the representatives found Castro, to be "very engaging, very energetic, very talkative." Imagine. The dictator known for his five-hour speeches. Who could have guessed?

Rep. Laura Richardson, D-Calif., was impressed that Castro knew her name and her district. "He looked right into my eyes," she gushed, "and he said, 'How can we help you? How can we help President Obama?'"

"This is the dawning of a new day," exclaimed Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill. "In my household I told Castro he is known as the ultimate survivor."

Funny how easy it is to survive when you don't hold elections. And when all of your opponents wind up in prison or dead. And when even those who whisper a word of dissent to your absolute rule find themselves harassed, beaten, humiliated, and imprisoned. According to the Black Book of Communism, more than 100,000 Cubans have served time for political offenses in Cuba's equivalent of the Gulag Archipelago since Castro came to power in 1959. Among those particularly singled out for persecution were human rights activists, homosexuals and religious believers.

Members of the CBC paid lip service to the notion that they opposed the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba because "it hasn't worked." But the tenor of their comments betrays other motivations. They are genuinely Castrophilic.

In finest useful idiot fashion, Rush said this of 77-year-old Raul Castro, who has



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served Fidel throughout the 50-year totalitarian siege of the island: "I think that what really surprised me, but also endeared me to him," he told the L.A. Times, "was his keen sense of humor, his sense of history and his basic human qualities. I intend to do everything that I can when we get back to the States to make sure that normalization with our relationship with Cuba is given proper consideration both within the House of Representatives and the neighborhoods of America."

Here's the Black Book of Communism again on treatment of prisoners in Cuba: "The violence of the prison regime affected both political prisoners and common criminals. Violence began with the interrogations conducted by the Departamento Tecnico de Investigaciones (DTI). The DTI used solitary confinement and played on the phobias of the detainees: one woman who was afraid of insects was locked in a cell infested with cockroaches. The DTI also used physical violence. Prisoners were forced to climb a staircase wearing shoes filled with lead and were then thrown back down the stairs. Psychological torture was also used, often observed by a medical team. ... The children of detainees were banned from higher education, and spouses were often fired from their jobs."

The U.S. Department of State reported in February 2009 about continuing appalling conditions in Cuba's prisons: "Health conditions and hygiene at prisons were very poor. Many prisoners, such as Tomas Ramos Rodriguez, released in June

after serving 17 years, said that cell floors had standing pools of water contaminated with sewage. There were several reports that toilets were essentially wooden platforms above an open sewer, with no process for treating the waste. Family members reported widespread serious disease and illnesses among political prisoners, for which the prison staff sometimes withheld treatment. Digestive disorders, dengue fever, and outbreaks of skin diseases caused by contaminated water were frequent."

The CBC didn't ask to visit political prisoners. Perhaps they might have made time to see the brave Damas de Blanco (Ladies in White) who have gathered — or attempted to gather — every year since 2003 to draw attention to their imprisoned spouses. In 2003, 75 pro-democracy demonstrators were arrested, summarily tried, and sentenced to long prison terms. Their wives and other supporters have been dressing in white and marching in Havana to call attention to their plight. In 2005, the Damas de Blanco were awarded the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament. The Castro regime (the first name isn't so important) has responded by ransacking the women's homes, forcibly removing them from public busses as they made their way to Havana, and detaining them.

Cubans who dare to oppose the regime pay a terrible price. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., who led this delegation and has been a Castro apologist for decades, should be deeply ashamed. So should they all.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 14, the 104th day of 2009. There are 261 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth.

**On this date:**

In 1759, German-born English composer George Frideric Handel died in London at age 74.

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first successful videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1989, former winery worker Ramon Salcido went on a rampage in Sonoma County, Calif., killing seven people, including his wife and two of his daughters; he is currently on death row.

**Ten years ago:** Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr told Congress the Watergate-era law that gave him the power to probe actions of executive branch officials was flawed and should be abolished.

**Five years ago:** In a historic policy shift, President George W. Bush endorsed Israel's plan to hold on to part of the West Bank in any final peace settlement with the Palestinians; he also ruled out Palestinian refugees returning to Israel, bringing strong criticism from the Palestinians.

**One year ago:** Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp., announced they were combining.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Bradford Dillman is 79. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 74. Actress Julie Christie is 69. Former baseball player Pete Rose is 68. Actor Brad Garrett is 49. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 47. Baseball player Greg Maddux is 43. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 41.

# Planting Trees to Protect Streams

## NATIONAL ARBOR DAY: FRIDAY, APRIL 24

### Trees are an important part of the water cycle.

As water falls to earth in various forms of precipitation, trees and other plants intercept or catch some of the water before it falls to the ground. When the sun shines on trees and plants, tiny drops of water are released into the air through the process called transpiration.

### Trees help control stormwater runoff.

Trees and other vegetation help slow stormwater runoff and absorb and store water in soils. A riparian buffer is a vegetated area near a stream, usually forested, which helps shade and partially protect a stream from the impact of adjacent land uses. Riparian buffers play a key role in water quality and also reduce flood damage by keeping development back from the immediate banks of waterways.

### Trees lower temperatures on land and water.

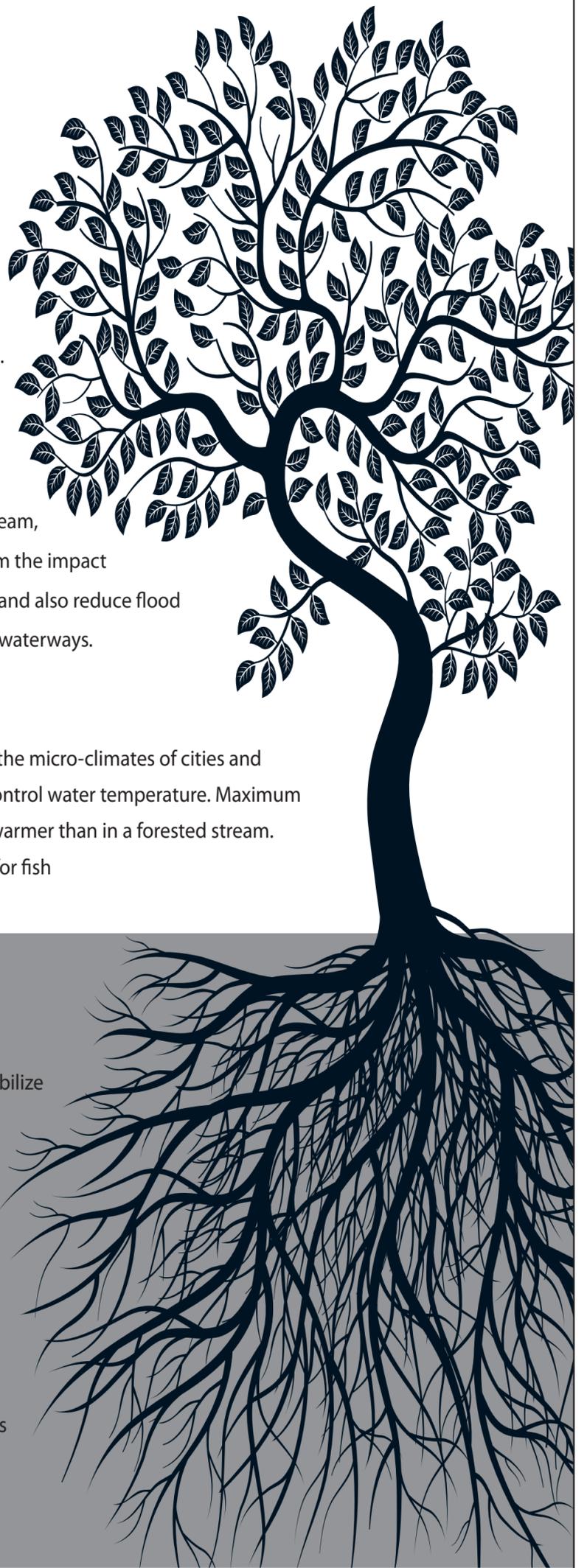
By creating shade, trees moderate temperatures both globally and in the micro-climates of cities and counties. The leafy canopy of the trees provides shade that helps to control water temperature. Maximum summer temperatures in a deforested stream may be 10-20 degrees warmer than in a forested stream. Shade lowers the water temperature, which improves the conditions for fish

### Trees get to the "root" of pollution.

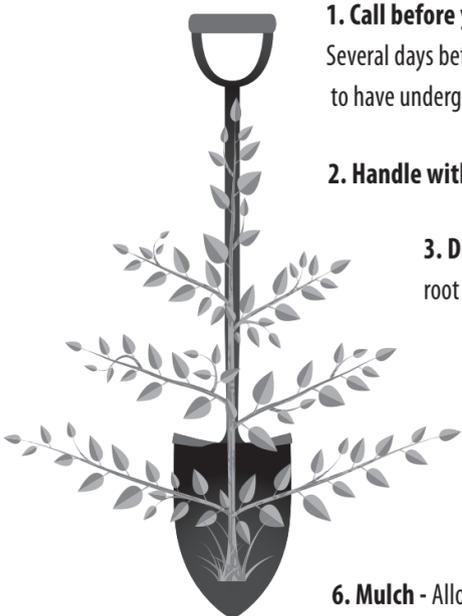
The deep root systems of trees and shrubs absorb stormwater and stabilize shoreline soil to reduce erosion along the banks of waterways. Buffer vegetation (including trees, shrubs and grasses) captures Sediments and pesticides in runoff, as well as large amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus, which are primary pollutants to waterways.

### Trees help to preserve wildlife habitats.

Many wildlife species either live in riparian areas or use them as travel corridors. Wider buffers support more species and continuous buffers are very effective in protecting amphibians and water birds.



## SIX THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN PLANTING A TREE



### 1. Call before you dig -

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### 2. Handle with care -

Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

### 3. Digging a Proper Hole -

Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

### 4. Planting Depth -

The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and topmost roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

### 5. Filling the Hole -

Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill air space.

### 6. Mulch -

Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.



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# Spector found guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock music producer Phil Spector was convicted Monday of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a film actress at his mansion six years ago, a verdict that will send him to prison for at least 18 years barring a successful appeal.



Spector

A Superior Court jury returned the verdict after about 30 hours of deliberations. The jury had the option of choosing involuntary manslaughter, but did not do so.

The panel also found Spector guilty of using a firearm in committing a crime.

Spector exhibited no reaction to the verdict. His attorney argued that he should remain free on bail pending the May 29 sentencing, but Judge Larry Paul Fidler remanded him to jail immediately.

Second-degree murder carries a penalty of 15 years to life in prison. The use-of-a-gun enhancement adds three, four or 10 years in prison, according to the district attorney's office.

Defense attorney Doron Weinberg said he believed the case was swayed by the judge's erroneous rulings, particularly one that allowed five women from Spector's past to testify. He said it would be the basis for appeal and a request for a new trial.

Spector's young wife, Rachelle, sobbed as the decision was announced. It was Spector's second trial. The first jury deadlocked 10-2, favoring conviction in 2007.



AP PHOTO

Andrea Phillips, the wife of Capt. Richard Phillips, right, smiles during a news conference in South Burlington, Vt., on Monday. At center is her daughter, Mariah. At left is her son, Daniel.

# Phillips family kept faith

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — The wife of sea captain Richard Phillips says her husband considers the U.S. military the "real heroes" of his ordeal.

Hoarse from laryngitis and making her first public appearance since Phillips' dramatic rescue at sea, Andrea Phillips, 51, thanked the military, supporters and President Barack Obama, who approved the sniper operation that killed three pirates.

"You have no idea, but with Richard saved, you all just gave me the best Easter ever," she said in a statement read by the family's spokeswoman.

Mrs. Phillips was flanked by her 19-year-old daughter, Mariah; 20-year-old son, Daniel; and the captain's mother, Ginny Phillips.

With Andrea Phillips' voice cracking, Alison McColl, a representative of the captain's employer, read the statement as Phillips held hands with her daughter.

McColl said Phillips had spoken to her husband earlier in the day.

She quoted him as saying: "I am just a small part of this. The real heroes of the story

are the U.S. military. They are the most dedicated, professional and capable group around. We should all reach out and thank them."

Phillips said the "constant outpouring of support, prayers and yellow ribbons" gave the family strength.

"These past five days were extremely difficult," she said. "We did not know what Richard was enduring while being held hostage on the lifeboat, and that was really the hardest part — the wondering. My family and closest friends held onto our faith knowing that Richard would come home."

"At times, we smiled when we thought of Richard would tell the story, with his trademark sense of humor," she said.

Richard Phillips was rescued Sunday when U.S. Navy snipers shot and killed the three Somali pirates who were holding him at gunpoint. He escaped unharmed. A fourth pirate surrendered earlier Sunday and could face life in a U.S. prison.

It's still unknown when or how Phillips will return home.

# How will feds deal with young suspect?

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials, in deciding how to handle the lone surviving pirate from the hostage-taking of an American ship captain, must weigh the violence of the suspect's actions against his surprisingly young age.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Monday the four pirates were between 17 and 19 years old.

Authorities had previously put the surviving Somali suspect's age at somewhere from 16 to 20. He surrendered Sunday, leaving a covered lifeboat where he and three other pirates had been holding merchant Capt. Richard Phillips hostage. Shortly after his surrender, the three others were killed by snipers. Phillips was rescued unharmed.

"Untrained teenagers with heavy weapons," Gates told a group of students and faculty at the Marine Corps War College. "Everybody in the room knows the consequences of that."

U.S. officials are now considering whether to bring the unidentified suspect to the United States or possibly turn him over to Kenya. If he is brought to the U.S., he'd most likely be put on trial in New York or Washington.

Both piracy and hostage-taking carry life prison sentences under U.S. law.

Federal judges don't see many defendants younger than 18, said New Orleans-based lawyer Sandra Jenkins, who has handled such cases.

"It's very rare," said Jenkins. "And usually, it's juveniles with adults involved, meaning a juvenile is charged with an adult or a group of adults."

In deciding when to charge a minor in federal court, the law requires officials to consider "the age and social background of the juvenile," as well as the nature of the offense.

Verifying the background of this particular teenager may be difficult to impossible. Somalia has suffered nearly 20 years of anarchy, ruled chaotically by rival clans employing pickup trucks mounted with anti-aircraft guns.

Asked how the suspect's age might factor into the decision whether to prosecute him in the United States, Justice Dept. spokesman Dean Boyd said only that they were considering "the evidence and other issues" in the case.

Jo Becker, a D.C.-based advocate for Human Rights Watch, said if the pirate suspect is in fact 16 or 17 years old, "he would certainly be entitled to protections under international law that allow for lower culpability of juveniles involved in crimes."

Becker says international law recognizes that people under 18 are "less developed, less mature, and more easily manipulated by adults."

Ideally, Becker said, an underage suspect would be tried in a juvenile court, with special protections given his age. "He would need to have access to family members. Throughout the whole process, there needs to be a special view to his rehabilitation," she added.

Kenneth Randall, dean of the University of Alabama School of Law, said the suspect's age may not affect where or how he is charged, but is likely to impact his eventual sentence.

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## AREA ARRESTS

• Wilfredo Viera Ortiz, 34, 108 Foster St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with third degree cruelty to children (family violence), false imprisonment (family violence) and battery (family violence).

• Nemecio Rafael Perez-Gomez, 27, 510 Underwood St., Apt. 52-D, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with first degree forgery and public indecency.

• Charles Franklin Crider, 25, 504 Cornerstone Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with criminal trespass, simple assault, public drunkenness and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• John Arthur Findlay, 21, 1416 Mount Vernon Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with simple battery (family violence), second degree cruelty to children and criminal trespass (family violence).

• Jose Alberto Yajure, 30, 527 S. Tibbs Road, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with false imprisonment and simple battery (family violence).

## 3 drown near Destin

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say two swimmers and a kayaker drowned off Panhandle beaches over the Easter weekend.

The Destin Fire Control District says 39-year-old Joseph Jones from Riverdale, Ga., died Friday after going into the water off Destin to help others caught in a rip current. The others survived.

An unidentified airman stationed at Eglin Air Force Base drowned later Friday after being caught in a rip current also off Destin while tossing a football back and forth in waist-deep water with his brother-in-law.

Authorities say red flags warning beach goers to stay out of the water because of the rip currents flew throughout the weekend.

Fourteen-year-old Trevor Mills of Panama City Beach died Sunday night following a kayaking accident in the Gulf of Mexico.

## S. Carolina eyes rivers

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina lawmakers will consider a bill this week aimed at giving the state tighter control and more information about people drawing water from the state's rivers.

The Senate Agriculture Committee is scheduled to take up a bill that would require permits for anyone drawing water from the state's rivers. South Carolina is suing North Carolina over water rights and negotiating that issue with Georgia.

# Earnings push stocks higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended mostly higher Monday ahead of a flurry of earnings reports that could determine whether the economy is really getting better, as investors have been hoping over the past month as they drove the market higher.

Early signs were good. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. surprised investors after the end of trading Monday when it released better-than-expected quarterly results and announced a \$5 billion stock offering. The company had been scheduled to report early Tuesday.

The bank's \$1.7 billion profit was just the sort of good surprise traders were waiting for Monday as they snapped up financial stocks. Some traders are looking for signs of recovery and others don't want to get burned if banks beat the low expectations the market has set for the industry.

The buying helped the

Dow Jones industrial average turn a 120-point deficit into a modest drop of 26 points by the time the closing bell sounded. Broader indexes managed to post gains. Trading volume was light, which can skew the market's moves.

The bouts of selling after a long holiday weekend were orderly and suggested that traders were reluctant to give up on a five-week rally. The earnings reports and economic figures due this week could reignite buying if they beat Wall Street's modest expectations.

"If you get a couple earnings reports that are better than the worst that people expected then that might help," said Denis Amato, chief investment officer at Ancora Advisors.

Beyond banks, industrial stocks ended mixed after Boeing Co. and Chevron Corp. said the weak economy was hurting their results.

## Goldman Sachs posts profit

NEW YORK (AP) — Goldman Sachs, in another sign that banks may be turning themselves around, beat Wall Street's earnings expectations as it reported a profit of \$1.66 billion for the first three months of this year.

The bank, long considered one of the strongest players in the industry amid the ongoing credit crisis, also said it plans to raise \$5 billion in a public offering to help it pay back government bailout funds.

In a report that came a

day earlier than expected, the New York-based bank said it earned \$3.39 per share, easily surpassing analysts' forecasts for profit of \$1.64 per share.

This compares with earnings of \$1.47 billion, or \$3.23 per share, in the quarter ended Feb. 29 of last year.

When Goldman became a bank holding company last fall amid the mushrooming credit crisis, it switched its reporting cycle so its fiscal quarters were in line with calendar quarters.

## IOWA PROTESTERS



AP Photo

Peggy Staley, of Charter Oak, Iowa, holds a sign during an anti-gay marriage rally, on Monday, at the Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa. Same-sex couples will be able to get married within weeks because of an April 3 Iowa Supreme Court ruling that the state's law banning gay marriage is unconstitutional.

# Execution set for April 28

ATLANTA (AP) — A white supremacist convicted of shooting to death one of his followers after he failed to burn down a house in Athens is scheduled to be executed later this month.

William Mark Mize is to be put to death by injection on April 28 at 7 p.m., the state Attorney General's Office said Monday. He would be the second person in Georgia to be executed this year.

Mize, who is 52, was convicted in Oconee County Superior Court for the 1994 murder of Eddie Tucker, who was shot at close range three times after he failed to burn down a house Mize considered a crack house in nearby

Athens.

Tucker was a prospective member of the National Vastilian Aryan Party, a white supremacist group that prosecutors compare to the Ku Klux Klan. It was led by Mize, authorities say, and Tucker had filled out an application to join the group but was not yet a full member.

Mize ordered Tucker and another supporter, Chris Hattrup, to set the house on fire the night of Oct. 15, 1994, and they stopped at a local convenience store to buy a can of lighter fluid, according to court records. But the two failed to successfully light the house on fire.

When Mize learned about

the failed mission, he told Hattrup "you know what we have to do," according to testimony. Prosecutors say he and Hattrup soon led the 34-year-old Tucker into the woods, where Hattrup shot him in the back and chest. Mize, they say, killed him with a shot to the head.

Police found the body a few days later, and police soon arrested Mize and several other group members involved in the death. One of the witnesses, Mize's girlfriend, agreed to testify against him and her charges were dropped.

Mize was convicted on December 12, 1995 of murder and was sentenced to death a day later.

## THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 8054.40 ▼ 29  
Monday's NASDAQ: 1653.30 ▲ .80

	Thursday	Monday		15.98	15.98
Gold	880.5	883.7	Intel	15.98	15.98
Silver	12.26	12.33	IBM	101.7	99.95
Acuity	22.57	22.54	Interface	4.01	3.71
AAir	5.45	5.62	JCP	25.42	26.49
Apple	119.5	120.2	JNJ	51.41	51.10
AT&T	26.10	26.02	Kroger	20.25	20.51
BAC	9.55	11.02	Lowe's	20.32	20.26
BB&T	20.31	21	McDonalds	56.67	56.11
BP	40.01	39.92	Merck	26.30	26.05
BristolMyers	20.18	20.12	Microsoft	19.67	19.59
HP-Compaq	34.43	34.52	Mohawk	32.72	32.25
Chevron	69.23	67.98	Motorola	4.90	4.81
CocaCola	44.99	44.73	Region-Fin	4.31	4.99
ConAgra	17.65	17.70	Rock-Tenn.	29.26	30.09
ColonialBnk	.91	.94	Sara Lee	8.70	8.57
Coke Ent.	14.55	14.48	SouthernCo	30.89	30.52
CrackerBrl	33	33.49	Synovus	4.13	4.36
CrwnCrafts	1.90	1.90	SunTrust	14.14	16.11
CSX	29.75	28.96	Torchmark	31.42	31.57
Dell	10.76	10.45	Total Sys	14.15	14.24
Delta	7.39	7.51	UPS	53.49	53.40
Dixie Group	1.90	1.91	Vulcan	47.06	47.33
Dow	10.94	11.24	Verizon	32.10	31.74
Duke	13.96	13.92	Wal-Mart	50.66	51.53
DuPont	26.48	26.81	Wells Fargo	19.61	19.56
Earthlink	7.35	7.24	Wendy's	5.57	5.50
Ericsson	9.16	9.28	Yum	30.28	29.97
Exxon	69.84	68.02	Xerox	5.46	5.35
Ford	4.24	4.26			
FSG	3.90	3.67			
GE	11.33	12.12			
GM	2.04	1.71			
Goodyear	8.50	8.79			
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# Obama loosens rules on Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is allowing Americans to make unlimited trips and money transfers to family in Cuba and easing other restrictions Monday to usher in a new era of openness toward the island nation ruled by communists for 50 years.

The White House made the formal announcement during presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs' daily briefing with reporters — in both English and Spanish.

"The president would like to see greater freedom for the Cuban people. There are actions that he can and has taken today to open up the flow of information to provide some important steps to help that," Gibbs said.

But Gibbs said Obama is only one part of the equation, suggesting that Cuba must do more as well.

"There are some steps that the Cuban government can and must take," Gibbs said.

With the changes, Obama aims to lessen Cubans' dependence on the Castro regime, hoping that will lead them to demand progress on political freedoms, the spokesman said. About 1.5 million Americans have relatives on the island nation that turned to communist rule in 1959 when Fidel Castro seized control.

Obama had promised to take these steps as a presidential candidate. It has been known for over a week that he would announce them ahead of his attendance this weekend at a Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago.

"There are no better ambassadors for freedom than Cuban Americans," Obama said in a campaign speech last May in Miami, the heart of the Cuban-American community. "It's time to let Cuban Americans see their mothers and fathers, their sisters and brothers. It's time to let Cuban-American money make their families less dependent upon the Castro regime."

Other steps taken Monday include expanding the things allowed in gift parcels sent to Cuba, such as clothes, personal hygiene items, seeds, fishing gear and other personal necessities.

The administration also will begin issuing licenses to allow telecommunications and other companies to provide cell and television services to people on the island, and to allow family members to pay for relatives on Cuba to get those services.

# Twitter plagues by worm

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An obnoxious computer program that barged into Twitter Inc.'s mishmash of Internet chatter served as another reminder of the challenges facing the rapidly growing service.

The nettlesome program, known as a worm, targeted Twitter's network with four attacks starting Saturday and ending Monday, according to Twitter co-founder Biz Stone.

The worm was set up to promote a Twitter knockoff, StalkDaily.com. It displayed unwanted messages on infected Twitter accounts, urging people to visit the Web site.

The worm was designed to automatically reproduce itself once its links were clicked on, but it didn't filch any personal information from the more than 6 million people with Twitter accounts, Stone wrote in a posting about the incident. Nearly 10,000 Twitter messages, known as "tweets," had to be deleted to contain the potential damage.



AP PHOTO

**Attorney Bryan Elliott looks over bankruptcy files at his office in Hickory, N.C., on Wednesday. More than three years after Congress made it much tougher to use bankruptcy to duck debt, bankruptcy courts are well on their way toward being as busy as ever, according to an Associated Press analysis.**

# Bankruptcies surge despite new law

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The number of U.S. businesses and individuals declaring bankruptcy is rising with a vengeance amid the recession, despite a three-year-old federal law that made it much tougher for Americans to escape their debts, an Associated Press analysis found.

"There's no end in sight," said bankruptcy lawyer Bryan Elliott of Hickory, N.C., who is working seven days a week and scheduling prospective clients a month in advance. "To be doing this well and having this much business, it is depressing. It's not a laugh-a-minute job."

Nearly 1.2 million debtors filed for bankruptcy in the past 12 months, according to federal court records collected and analyzed by the AP. Last month, 130,831 sought bankruptcy protection — an increase of 46 percent over March 2008 and 81 percent over the same month in 2007.

Bob Lawless, a professor at the University of Illinois College of Law, said bankruptcies could reach 1.5 million this year and level off at 1.6 million next year — around the same time economists expect an economic recovery to begin.

Congress voted in 2005 to make bankruptcy more cumbersome after years of intense lobbying from the nation's lenders, who complained that people were abusing the system. Before the move to change the law, bankruptcies were running at what was then an all-time high of about 1.6 million per year.

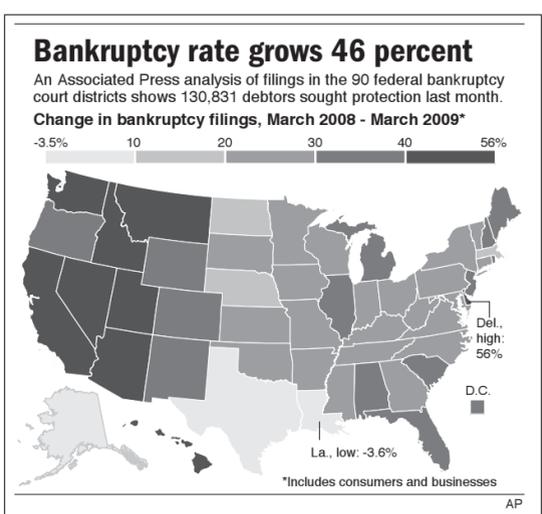
The tighter requirements initially appeared to work, with bankruptcies plummeting from a record-shattering 2 million cases in 2005 — a total that reflected a rush to file before the new law took effect — to 600,000 in 2006. But now bankruptcies are booming again.

"You wouldn't get this large of a rise without serious problems in the economy," said Lynn LoPucki, a UCLA law professor who researches bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy rate is climbing as well. In the past 12 months, about four people or businesses for every 1,000 people in the country filed for bankruptcy, according to the AP analysis. That is twice the rate in 2006, and close to the average of about five for every 1,000 in the decade leading up to the change in the law.

Lawless said the shame of bankruptcy may have eased somewhat in recent years, but added, "It's still a very stigmatizing, traumatic event for most everyone who files."

Previous recessions also drove people to bankruptcy court, though those increases were more moderate. Bankruptcies went up 19 percent amid the economic contraction in 2001, and about 15 percent during the recession of the early 1980s, according to the Administrative Office of the



U.S. Courts.

Bankruptcy is considered a lagging economic indicator, since it is generally a last resort. The filings compiled by the AP illustrate the places where the economic meltdown has hit hardest.

In March, bankruptcy filings jumped the highest across the West. In Arizona, filings rose 48 percent from a year ago. They were up 46 percent in Idaho, 45 percent in California and 44 percent in Nevada, though those were trumped by Delaware, home to many large corporations, which saw a 56 percent jump.

Emory Clark, an Atlanta bankruptcy attorney who has been in the business for 25 years, said he is seeing more affluent people, many who have lost their jobs.

"There's something about human nature or American culture, but people hate filing for bankruptcy," Clark said. "It really is a stamp of failure. Nobody wants to come in here and pay us money to file. They are forced in because of circumstances."

Kathy Stevens of Vista, Calif., opened a tea and coffee boutique in August 2007, and it grew steadily. Then enrollment started to fall at a nearby mom-and-tot gym her customers frequented, and her business took a hit. The gym finally closed in the fall.

Stevens and her husband spent more than \$35,000 to keep the boutique afloat, drawing on their own money and donations from family. After working from 6 a.m. until almost 10 p.m., seven days a week for months on end, Stevens realized her store would not survive. The

couple filed for bankruptcy two weeks ago.

"You feel bad, because you never set out to do this," Stevens said. "We're trying to put it behind us and lick our wounds and move on."

Under the 2005 law, Congress imposed higher fees on those seeking bankruptcy and began requiring credit counseling sessions and a means test to assess debtors' ability to pay what they owed.

Lawless, the Illinois law professor, said his research found that the law simply increased the cost of filing by 50 percent and led many more people to cling to false hope longer.

Many filers take a credit counseling class just a day before turning to the courts.

Also, the law's test of a person's ability to pay off debts appears to have failed at one of its goals: steering debtors from Chapter 7, which allows people to sell off their assets to repay what they can and start again debt-free, and into Chapter 13, which places the filer in a repayment plan that can last for years. Chapter 7 cases accounted for 69 percent of all filings in the past year, compared with 71 percent in 2004.

Lawless argued that only a tiny number of people were abusing the system before the 2005 shift, and that the law punishes those who genuinely need help.

"The point of the bankruptcy system is to give the honest but unfortunate debtor a fresh start," Lawless said. "The fact that people are waiting longer to file shows just how mean-spirited the law is."

# Passenger lands plane

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Doug White and his family had just enjoyed a smooth takeoff and were ascending through the clouds when the pilot guiding their twin-engine plane tilted his head back and made a guttural sound.

The retired jet pilot, Joe Cabuk, was unconscious. And though White had his pilot's license, he had never flown a plane as large as this.

"I need help. I need a King Air pilot to talk to. We're in trouble," he radioed.

Then he turned to his wife and two daughters, ages 16 and 18: "You all start praying hard." Behind him, his wife trembled. Sixteen-year-old Bailey cried. Eighteen-year-

old Maggie threw up. White, 56, landed the plane on his own about 30 minutes later, coaxed through the harrowing ordeal by air traffic controllers who described exactly how to bring the aircraft to safety. The pilot died, but White somehow managed.

White had logged about 150 hours recently flying a single-engine Cessna 172 but had no experience flying the faster, larger King Air. He declared an emergency to air traffic controllers — White already knew how to use the radio. On Sunday afternoon, he got his first lesson landing the larger craft.

They were on their way home from Marco Island in Collier County.

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## OBITUARIES

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 • **Ann Jones, Dalton**  
 • **James W. Leake, Rossville**  
 • **Glenda Millsap Wilson, Dalton**  
 • **James Wiley Carroll, Dalton**

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

### Charles E. Loberbaum

Charles E. Loberbaum, died April 13, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

He resided at The Garden at Royal Oaks in Dalton.

Mr. Loberbaum was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Murray and Augusta Loberbaum on Jan. 3, 1935. Mr. Loberbaum was formerly employed by Aladdin Mills in Dalton. He was preceded in death by his sister, Theodora "Teddy" Grossman of Long Island, N.Y.; and his brother, Alan S. Loberbaum of Boca Raton, Fla.

His survivors include Suzanne Helen of Denver, Jeff Loberbaum of Chattanooga, Mark Loberbaum of Delray Beach, Fla., Audrey Landau of New York City, Abby Modell of New York City, Elizabeth Goldman of New York City and Leonard and Caroline Loberbaum of Dalton.

A private service is planned by the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to

Hamilton Hospice, 1221 Elkwood Drive, Dalton, GA, 30720.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.lovefuneralhome.ga.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.ga.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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### Ann Jones

Ms. Ann Jones, 69, of Dalton, died Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was retired from Dalton Public Schools. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Charlie Jones Sr. and Mrs. Charley Mae Jackson Jones; one brother-in-law, Mr. Bubba Robertson also preceded her.

Survivors are one brother, Mr. Charlie (Jane) Jones Jr. of Dalton; sisters, Mrs. Christine Robertson of Pelham and Elder Katherine Major of Columbus, Ohio; special niece, Mrs. Sarah Collier of Columbus, Ohio; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services are today at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Willis Funeral Home with Bishop Bennie Tibbs and other ministers officiating.

Her remains will lie in state at the funeral home until the funeral hour today.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent

to the family at [www.willisfuneralhomedalton.com](http://www.willisfuneralhomedalton.com).

Arrangements by Willis Funeral Home Inc. of Dalton. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### James W. Leake Jr.

James W. Leake, Jr., 100, of Rossville, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Regency Park Health & Rehabilitation in Dalton.

Mr. Leake was a native and lifelong resident of Rossville and a longtime active member of McFarland United Methodist Church and the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Along with his late wife, Irene Fox Leake, he was co-owner & operator of the Peerless Food Store, Leake's Food Store in Rossville and Valley Food Store in Chattanooga Valley. He also worked alongside his father at Leake's & Son Dairy, which later became Happy Valley Farms. Mr. Leake was a graduate of the 2nd graduating class of Rossville High School in 1927. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Douglas Fox Leake; granddaughter, Elizabeth Malone Jones; sisters, Maybelle Wiley, Mell Sproat, Elizabeth Leake and Julia Agee and brothers, Sanford E. Leake, Sr., Frank D. Leake and Woodrow W. Leake.

He leaves to cherish his memory, daughters, Maryanne McDaniel of Dalton, Judy Anthony of Baldwin, Nancy Lawson of Murfreesboro, Tenn. and Pat Holliman of Marietta; son, William F. Leake of Glade Hill, Va.; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the South Crest Chapel with Rev. Matt Hampton and Dr. Joe Peabody officiating. Burial will follow in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park.

To share your thoughts and memories, visit his online guestbook at [www.lanesouthcrestchapel.com](http://www.lanesouthcrestchapel.com). Memorial contributions may be made to McFarland United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory in Rossville.

Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, South Crest Chapel, Rossville is in charge of arrangements. [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### Glenda Millsap Wilson

Ms. Glenda Millsap Wilson, 64, of Jasper, died Sunday, April 12, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Sandy Matthews of Jasper and Rob and Trina Matthews of Ellijay; one daughter and son-in-law, Tonda and David Ladnak of Ball Ground; two brothers, John Holcomb of Griffin and Ray Thomas of Dawsonville; four sisters, Joy Jarrard of Tate, Diane Jarrard and Donna Holcomb, both of Dawsonville and Debbie Ann Colter of Chatsworth; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Addison.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Dawson County with the Rev. Leroy

Kelley and the Rev. John Haloway officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The following will serve as pallbearers: Eben Matthews, Anthony Matthews, Brian Millsap, Brandon Millsap, Benji Millsap, David Ladnak, John Buckner and Jason Oigny.

Cagle Funeral Home of Jasper is in charge of arrangements. For further information, visit [www.caglefuneralhome.com](http://www.caglefuneralhome.com). [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com)

### James Wiley Carroll

Mr. James Wiley Carroll, age 83 of Dalton, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2009 at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jonas Carroll;



Carroll

mother, Letti Carroll; sister, Ellie Morgan; brothers, Houston Carroll, Emmitt Carroll, Robert Carroll, all of Tennessee.

Sons, Kern Carroll, Charles Allen Carroll of Dalton, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Carroll; son and daughter-in-law, Buster and Sandra Carroll of Chatsworth; daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and George Hall, Joyce and Daniel Postell, and Lisa Ann Carroll, all of Dalton, Gail and Darrell Hall of Tunnel Hill, Joann and Kenny Tucker of Chatsworth; sister, Nellie Morgan of Morgan, TN.; brother, Major Carroll

of Dalton, TN.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 4 pm in the chapel of Peoples Funeral Home with the Rev. Maynard Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in the United Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday, after 12:00 P.M. up until the funeral hour.

Peoples Funeral Home of Chatsworth is in charge of funeral arrangements. [www.peoplesfuneralhome.net](http://www.peoplesfuneralhome.net)

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### Michael Anthony McDougale

Michael Anthony McDougale, 60, of Tunnel Hill, died Saturday at Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thelton B. McDougale; mother, Vergie Stegall; brothers, Jack Stegall Jr. and Tommy Stegall.

He is survived by his wife, Paula McDougale of Tunnel Hill; son, Jonathan McDougale of Tunnel Hill; daughter, Michelle and Kelli McDougale of Tunnel Hill; sisters, Maxine Allen, Agathe Yoakum and Laura Rodgers; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill.

The family received friends Monday.

Jones Funeral Home of Tunnel Hill is in charge of arrangements.

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## WORLD

### Bloody protests in Bangkok

BANGKOK — Anti-government demonstrators vowing a "final stand" unless Thailand's government resigns fought bloody street battles with troops in the capital, then clashed with residents angry about the disruptions, leaving two people dead.

Troops drove back ram-paging protesters with warning shots from automatic weapons, and by nightfall Monday, clashes that had gripped several parts of the city, wounding 113 people, had ebbed. But as the demonstrators tried to make their way back to their base, deadly fighting erupted between them and residents.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva praised the efforts of security forces, saying they used "soft means" and "prevented as much damage as possible."

Abhisit said the news that two people had been killed and 12 wounded in a gunbattle between protesters and residents at Nang Lerng market was "a regrettable incident." But he said that "with the cooperation of the public, I believe success (in restoring peace) is near."

### Mexico may make pot legal

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Congress opened a three-day debate Monday on the merits of legalizing marijuana for personal use, a policy backed by three former Latin American presidents who warned that a crack-down on drug cartels is not working.

Although President Felipe Calderon is opposed, the unprecedented forum shows legalizing marijuana is gaining support in Mexico amid brutal drug violence.

Such a measure would be sure to strain relations with the United States at a time when the two countries are stepping up cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking. The congressional debate — open to academics, experts and government officials — ends a day before President Barack Obama arrives in Mexico for talks on the drug war.

The Associated Press

## OBAMA ADVISER



AP PHOTO

**President Barack Obama jokingly acts like he was speaking in the ear of the Easter Bunny after his microphone failed to work as he attended the White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House on Monday in Washington.**

## Storms kill 2 in South

ATLANTA (AP) — A swath of severe weather moved across a storm-weary South on Monday, killing at least two, downing trees and cutting power to thousands of homes.

The storm system that hit Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and northern Florida brought torrential rain, flooding, hail and gusty winds to states still reeling from strong storms and tornadoes last week.

And the states braced for more rough weather expected later Monday. Tornado watches or warnings were in effect in several states.

In eastern Tennessee, McMinn County Sheriff Steve Frisbie said 18-year-old Michael Aaron Byers Jr. was killed in Etowah early Monday morning when a tree fell on his family's home as he slept. A sec-

ond person was killed in Atlanta after a tree fell on their car. Their name was not immediately released.

Many areas that were spared from Monday's rain and hail were hit with high winds that blew over trees weakened by several days of soaking rain.

"The ground is so wet that the root system is loose, so it doesn't take a lot to blow the trees over," said Nate Mayes, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Ga.

High winds on the Tennessee River in northern Alabama blew the roof off covered boat slips at the Gunterville Yacht Club, causing floating docks to pull apart and blow onto U.S. 431, said Anita McBurnett, emergency management director for Marshall County.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

### Murray commissioner plans meeting

Murray County Commissioner Jim Welch will hold a public meeting today at 10 a.m. in the hearing room of the Murray County Annex.

The agenda includes rescinding a grant application from the Murray County Sheriff's Office for \$33,397 for a patrol car. A grant application from the Consasauga Judicial Circuit's Drug Court for \$33,397 for drug testing and surveillance will be considered.

The public is invited.

### Murray Head Start application

Murray County Head Start will accept enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m. at the Old Eton School.

Head Start serves children ages 3 and 4. Early Head Start serves pregnant women and children up to age 3. Both are federally-funded programs that give enrollment preference to low-income, homeless and disabled children. Head Start also gives priority to 4-year-olds.

The program provides free child care, free breakfast and lunch, child development using creative curriculum, qualified teaching staff, services to homeless children and those with disabilities and limited bus transportation. Parents or guardians must bring the child's birth certificate, Form 3231 (immunization form), copy of 2008 income tax return or W-2, documentation of TANF or SSI (if applicable), Social Security numbers for all family members and Medicaid numbers or insurance information (if applicable).

The Old Eton School is at 273 Harris St. in Eton. For more information, call (706) 695-8608.

### Author to discuss history book

Betsy McArthur will speak about her book "Bound For Glory" at the next meeting of the Tunnel Hill Historical Foundation on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Organizers say the book takes a fresh, exciting look at a fascinating aspect of Civil War history, the citizen-soldier company. The militia organization has had a distinguished record in America since the Colonial Period and continues today as the National Guard.

The meeting will be at the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center, 215 Clisby Austin Road. For more information, call (706) 876-1571.

The Tunnel Hill Historical Foundation Board will meet at 6:45 p.m.

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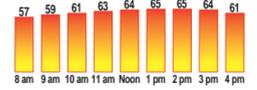
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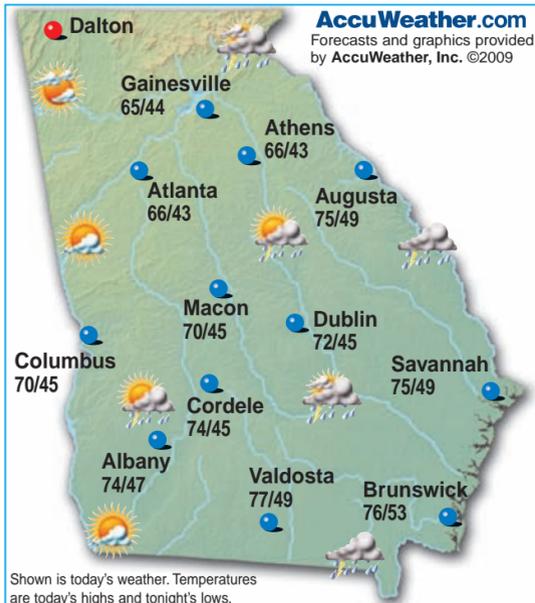
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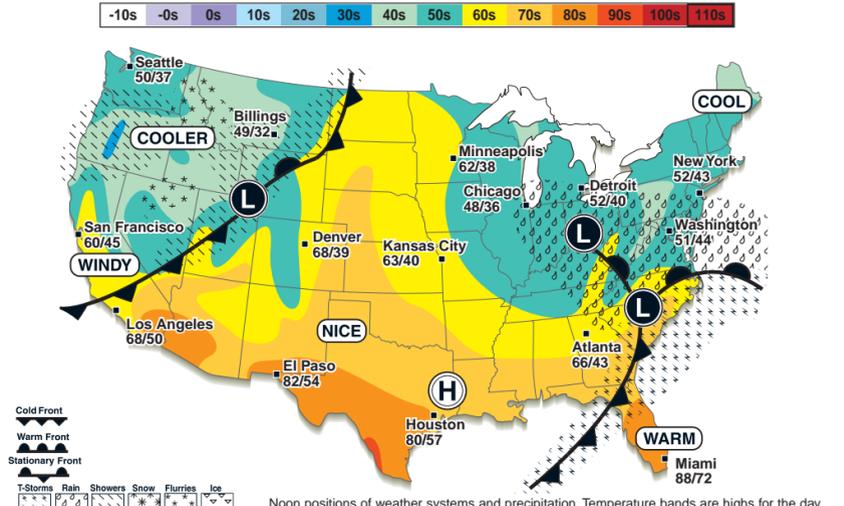
A: Water has no color.

**Georgia Weather**



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Boise	54/35/pc	55/34/pc	54/35/s	Savannah	75/49/t	72/46/s	71/46/s
Buffalo	65/48/t	64/42/pc	67/41/s	Sparta	68/43/t	72/45/s	72/46/s
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## AREA ROUNDUP

### Cats will host 7-4A title game

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Heading into Monday night's Region 7-4A tournament semifinals, Dalton High's boys soccer team knew it faced a tall order: Playing Hillgrove on the Hawks' home field in Powder Springs.

The No. 1 seed Hawks were the state's fifth-ranked team, according to the EuroSportScoreboard.com coaches poll, and were undefeated against region competition.

Undeterred, the two-seeded Catamounts marched to a 3-2 overtime victory to advance to the region championship game.

Dalton (11-4-2) will now face the same No. 4 seed Paulding County team that ended No. 1 seed Murray County's season two weeks ago in the first round with a stunning penalty-kick shootout victory in Chatsworth. On Monday, Paulding County pulled off another shootout win on the road, this time over second-seeded Osborne.

The boys championship game will be played on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Dalton's Harmon Field with a coveted No. 1 seed in the Class 4A state tournament at stake.

"I felt good about this win," Dalton coach Matt Cheaves said. "The later the game went on and it stayed tight, I liked our chances because we've played a lot of close games this year (including four overtime games), and a lot of their games weren't even close."

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## PREP BASEBALL: DALTON CATAMOUNTS



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

After a breakout sophomore season in which he helped lead Dalton High to the Class 4A state playoffs and made *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Team, Dalton High starting pitcher Colton Kinnamon has continued to make progress as a junior.

# Ace to win

## Confidence, curveball make Kinnamon tough

#### BY ADAM KROHN

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Anyone who knows Colton Kinnamon knows he's a competitor.

A junior right-hander for Dalton High, Kinnamon stands out among his high school baseball peers because of his fearless presence on the mound and his desire to win.

"His demeanor on the mound is one of the first things I noticed," Catamounts coach Bobby Brotherton said. "He doesn't get upset and he's not rattled easily. If he doesn't get a call, or if he gives up a hit, he comes right back and throws strikes."

Of course, any pitcher taking the mound should have the desire to win. But what has separated Kinnamon to this point in his prep career is he has done the job time and time again.

Last year, Kinnamon was one of three sophomores to make *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Team. He dominated hitters with a curveball that has become his signature pitch, posting a 5-1 record and a 2.25 ERA while holding batters to a .168 batting average. He also struck out 60 batters in 56 innings while walking just 23.

This season, Kinnamon had a rough start, losing his first two decisions while giving up 11 runs in seven innings.

But like any fierce competitor, he responded with a better effort, settling down to win five straight decisions and already matching his win total from last season. His ERA in that span is 3.22.

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While he appears to have unshakable confidence when he's on the mound, he's also not afraid to admit he sometimes gets nervous before a big game.

After opening last season on the junior varsity roster, all it took was two appearances for Brotherton to decide he would be an asset to the varsity team.

"I was just walking to the dugout and a coach told me I'd be starting in the next varsity game," Kinnamon said. "I just started laughing, because I thought it was a joke. Then I started getting nervous."

"But nerves are a good thing sometimes."

For Kinnamon, it's how he uses that nervous energy that allows him to pitch more effectively.

"In a pressure situation, I get nervous but that keeps me focused on what I need to do, which helps me to stay within myself throughout the game," he said. "Because sometimes if we get too relaxed, we're not focused. We'll think we'll win, play sloppy and not get the job done."

As impressive as Kinnamon's sophomore season was, he only

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## PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

# Soriano's effort offers relief

#### BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — There's only one blemish on the Atlanta Braves' season through six games, but it was ugly.

The Braves were only nine outs away from completing a three-game sweep at Philadelphia to open the season before Blaine Boyer, Peter Moylan and the bullpen blew a 10-3 lead in the seventh inning of a 12-11 loss on Wednesday. Relievers combined for five walks and a hit batter in the disastrous inning, and suddenly there was cause to revisit a major concern entering the season.

The three relievers at the back of the bullpen are coming off major elbow surgeries the last two years. Closer Mike Gonzalez is entering his first full season since elbow ligament-replacement surgery in



- **TV:** Peachtree TV (Charter 27, Optilink 83)
- **PITCHERS:** Volstad (1-0) at J. Vazquez (0-0)
- **NOTEWORTHY:** Start of last Braves home series before nine-game road trip to Pittsburgh, Washington and Cincinnati that begins Friday.

2007. Moylan had his ligament-replacement surgery last May, and Soriano had ulnar nerve transposition and a small bone spur removed from his right elbow last August.

The Braves hope a rebuilt rotation will put less strain on a bullpen which finished third in the majors in innings pitched last year, but

Wednesday's meltdown in Philadelphia left reason to question if any lead would be safe.

The bullpen provided encouraging answers in a three-game sweep of Washington which left the Braves, who were off on Monday, 5-1 entering tonight's opener of a home series against Florida.

On Saturday, Moylan struck out the side in the seventh on 12 pitches. On Sunday, Soriano pitched a perfect ninth for his first save. Gonzalez pitched back-to-back days, giving up a run to blow his first save opportunity in Atlanta's 10-inning win on Friday night before striking out two in the ninth to earn the save on Saturday.

Perhaps the best news was

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AP PHOTO

The Atlanta Braves' Rafael Soriano, left, and Brian McCann congratulate each other after Soriano pitched a perfect ninth inning to pick up his first save of the season. A solid weekend by the Braves bullpen offered hope after a midweek meltdown.

## COMMENTARY

### Lack of '8' big mistake

When Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing suspended operations on Aric Almirola's team, it ensured there won't be a No. 8 on the track this weekend for the first time in 10 years.

That falls squarely on Teresa Earnhardt.



Jenna Fryer

She could have cashed in when the number was hot, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. was willing to fork over a decent chunk of change to take the 8 with him to Hendrick Motorsports.

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## GOLF: THE MASTERS

# Roar restoration was Payne's own project

#### BY DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA — Masters chairman Billy Payne called it an "important test" for Augusta National to regain its personality as a golf course where it's as much fun to listen as it is to watch.

One can only suspect now that Payne was bluffing.

He knew the answer before Chad Campbell set a Masters record by opening the tournament with five straight birdies, before a record 17 eagles were recorded in the second round, and before a dozen players went to the back nine Sunday thinking they could win.

"I think we have it about right," Payne said on the eve of the Masters.

The score required for the three-man playoff won by Angel Cabrera was 12-under 276. That was the lowest score since 2005, the last



Payne

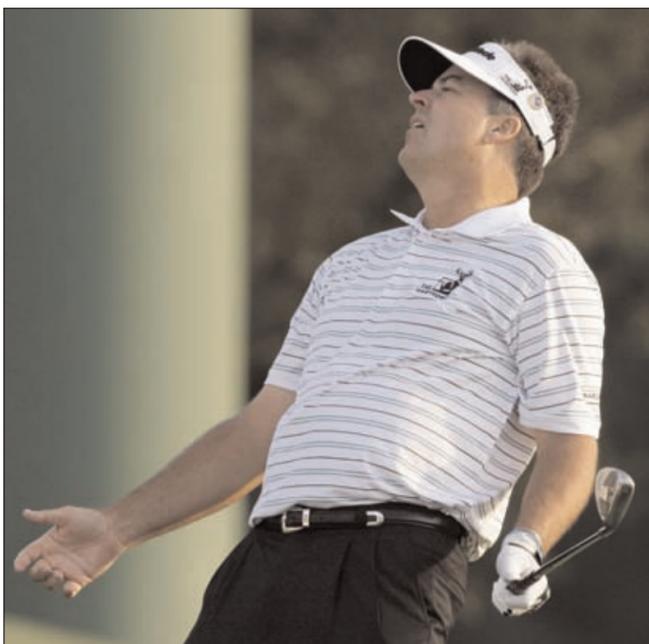
year before the final installment of changes (meaning extra length).

Not everyone went for the green on the 13th and 15th holes Sunday, but it sure seemed that way. Both holes played to an average of about 4.3, lower than some of the par 4s. But those two holes are what make the back nine special, the chance for someone to make up ground quickly.

The volume was cranked up. The pressure was ramped up.

"There's roars going up all over the place out there, and that's what it's all about, really," Graeme

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AP PHOTO

Kenny Perry reacts after his chip shot to the 18th green missed the cup during the first hole of Sunday's sudden death playoff at the Masters. Perry finished second to first-time green jacket winner Angel Cabrera.

## PRO BASEBALL: MLB ROUNDUP

## Mets stink up new park

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Their new home was gorgeous. The Mets looked lost.

Jody Gerut christened Citi Field with a leadoff homer, Adrian Gonzalez also connected and the San Diego Padres spoiled New York's first regular-season game in its glittering new ballpark with a 6-5 victory Monday night.

Pedro Feliciano balked in the go-ahead run and the Mets made several key mistakes, opening Citi Field the same way they closed Shea Stadium: with a dud. Brian Stokes (0-1) was charged with the loss.

David Wright rallied New York from an early four-run hole with a tying homer, but it wasn't enough. Padres relievers Duaner Sanchez and Heath Bell, both former Mets, closed out the fifth straight win for surprising San Diego (6-2), expected to be one of baseball's worst teams this year.

■ **Phillies 9, Nationals 8:** In Washington, Ryan Howard, Raul Ibanez and Shane Victorino homered to lead the mourning Phillies to the victory.

Washington committed three errors in its home opener and dropped to 0-7 — still the only club in the majors without a victory.

Howard's first homer of 2009, a three-run shot off reliever Saul Rivera (0-1), broke a 4-all tie in the seventh inning.

■ **Dodgers 11, Giants 1:** In Los Angeles, Orlando Hudson hit for the cycle, Andre Ethier drove in four runs with a pair of homers and Los Angeles won its home opener.



AP PHOTO  
San Diego Padres reliever Heath Bell, right, is congratulated by Brian Giles after the Padres' 6-5 win over the New York Mets.

Randy Johnson lost at Dodger Stadium for the first time in his 22-year career, falling to 7-1 in just his second start in Los Angeles since 2004. He was denied his 296th career victory, although the 45-year-old left-hander earned his 4,800th strikeout in the third inning against James Loney.

Hudson completed the majors' first cycle since Sept. 1, 2008, with a sixth-inning triple off Brandon Medders.

■ **Cubs 4, Rockies 0:** In Chicago, Ted Lilly held Colorado hitless for 6 2/3 innings on a raw day at Wrigley Field and Chicago won its home opener by holding the Rockies to one hit.

Garrett Atkins grounded a clean single between shortstop and third on a 1-

0 pitch in the seventh to end Lilly's no-hit bid. After Seth Smith followed the single with a walk, manager Lou Piniella removed Lilly (2-0). Angel Guzman, Aaron Heilman and Kevin Gregg completed the one-hitter.

■ **Pirates 7, Astros 0:** In Pittsburgh, Zach Duke limited the struggling Astros to four hits in his third career shutout and Adam LaRoche homered during a five-run third inning.

Freddy Sanchez had three doubles, two of them starting run-scoring innings, and the normally slow-starting LaRoche had three hits as the Pirates won their home opener for the first time since 2004.

## American League

■ **Rays 15, Yankees 5:** In St. Petersburg, Fla., the Tampa Bay Rays raised the first division and league championship banners in franchise history, then went out and played like a team capable of getting back to the postseason.

Carlos Pena hit a second-inning grand slam and drove in six runs, helping Scott Kazmir beat Chien-Ming Wang and the New York Yankees in the home opener for the AL champions.

■ **White Sox 10, Tigers 6:** In Detroit, Jermaine Dye and Paul Konerko reached 300 career homers with consecutive drives in the second inning in the White Sox's third straight win.

Carlos Quentin went 4-for-4 with two homers and four RBIs for the White Sox. Dye went 3-for-5, and Konerko finished with four hits and three RBIs.

## Ace: Nerves OK

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continues to improve, both physically and technically. He's grown by more than two inches and 20 pounds in the offseason.

From a technical standpoint, he's added four miles an hour to his fastball and now tops out consistently at 82 mph. With his curveball, which Brotherton calls "exceptional," his fastball has deceptive speed that keeps batters off balance.

Kinnamon began developing his curveball in seventh grade under the guidance of Dalton High alum Bart Rich, now a private pitching coach who played collegiately for Columbus State in Augusta and professionally in the Marlins and Blue Jays' minor league organizations.

"The first time I worked with him, he was a 5-foot-nothing, 100-pound kid," Rich said. "Speed-wise, he couldn't throw very hard, so I knew he needed a curveball.

"He's always thrown it well, and as he's developed and matured, his speed has gotten better and his curve has gotten even better. It's devastating. He can use it in any situation, whether he's behind in the count or not."

Rich also points out Kinnamon's composure,

saying that, for his age and ability, he's mature beyond his years. And his willingness to listen to coaches has everyone working with Kinnamon believing he can pitch in college.

When Rich was in high school, he topped out at 87 mph as a senior and had a good curveball as well. That was enough to get him to college.

"I'll play at any level of college I can," Kinnamon said. "Junior college, Division II, wherever. I can improve there and transfer, or, anything can happen, really."

For now, Kinnamon is trying to help lead his team to a Region 7-4A title. So far, the Cats (12-4) are undefeated through six games of region play and have won their past nine games.

Based on Dalton's play so far, it has an excellent chance of making its second consecutive trip to the state playoffs. Last year, the Cats advanced to the second round of the Class 4A bracket.

"I think, right now, we look better than we did last year," Kinnamon said. "Hopefully, we can make a deep run into the playoffs. We've got some momentum going and we're undefeated in the region, so we just need to keep it up."

## Area: Dalton girls in the hunt for third

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"So they weren't used to having a tight contest."

Against Hillgrove, the Cats got all three of their goals on free kicks, the first two from Angel Arellano and the other from Adrian Hernandez.

After the Hawks opened the scoring with a goal in the 11th minute, Arellano tied the game in the 39th minute on a 20-yard direct kick that easily beat the keeper to the post, Cheaves said. Arellano then put the Cats ahead moments before halftime with a 30-yard laser that hit the far post, then bounced in.

Hillgrove tied the game in the 54th minute, and the game stayed tied until the fifth minute of overtime, when Hernandez hit what Cheaves described as an incredible shot from 40 yards out that dropped in front of the goal. With two Cats charging, the Hillgrove keeper ran towards them, but neither Dalton player — to the keeper's surprise — touched the ball before it rolled into the net for the game's final score.

■ **Hillgrove girls 4, Dalton 0:** In the Region 7-4A girls semifinals, after a

scoreless first half, the Lady Hawks piled on the goals, with the first coming in the 55th minute and the last one coming with 20 seconds remaining.

The Lady Catamounts (11-4-1) will now host Woodland-Bartow at 5:30 p.m. today at Harmon Field in the consolation game to decide the third seed for the Class 4A state tournament. Earlier this season, Dalton defeated the Lady Wildcats 2-1.

"I know the girls really wanted to play Sequoyah (for the region championship), but hopefully they'll come out with that same energy ready to play Woodland," Lady Cats coach Rebecca Snellman said. "I feel like the girls will be ready to play."

## Varsity baseball

■ Monday night's baseball games between Dalton High and Murray County were postponed due to wet field conditions.

The games, scheduled to be played at Murray County's field in Chatsworth, will be made up Saturday. The junior varsity teams will play at 1 p.m., while the varsity will play at 3.

Southeast's varsity-JV

doubleheader with Sonora was also postponed, but no makeup date has been determined.

## Varsity golf

■ Northwest Whitfield won the Lady Raider Open at Indian Trace Golf Course with a score of 170.

The Lady Bruins' Lauren Giambastiani's score of 9-over 81 earned medalist honors, and teammate Turner Fordham turned in an 89.

Also, Northwest's No. 2 team finished fifth with a 208, led by Casey Truelove and Kayla Mitchell (104).

Dalton finished second with a 179, with Hannah Duffie (85) and Brendie Rockholt (94) scoring for the Lady Cats. Dalton's No. 2 team of Kate Morgan (95) and Andi Hannah (110) finished seventh with a 225.

The Lady Indians — led by Alicia Moneymaker (88) and Ashley Webb (116) — finished deadlocked with Carrollton at 204, but lost the tiebreaker to finish fourth.

With six schools (three of which brought two teams) at the 18-hole event, golfers had to pick up their ball after a triple bogey, and Carrollton had fewer pickups than Murray County. Host Southeast finished

9th, led by Katie Burke (118) and Carly Ledford (125).

Kiersten Smith (122) competed as an individual for the Lady Raiders.

## JV baseball

■ **Northwest Whitfield 15, Gordon Lee 0:** It only took four innings for the Bruins (8-3) to pile on the runs and end the game early, as Patrick Hade led the way with a home run and five RBIs on 2-for-2 hitting.

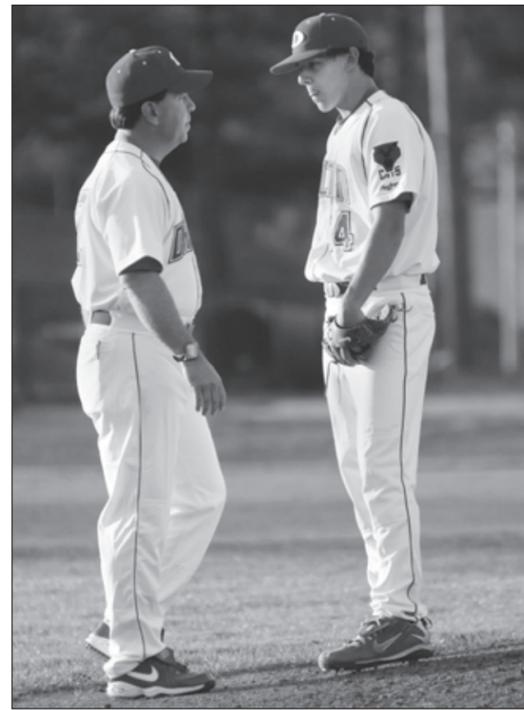
Carter Thames was 1-for-2 with three RBIs and Garrett Smith was 3-for-3 with a run scored. Pitcher Aren Ivester picked up the win, going the distance and striking out six, walking three and allowing just one hit.

## 9th baseball

■ **Northwest Whitfield 11, Gordon Lee 1:** Matt Allen was a star both on the mound and at the plate for the Bruins (5-3).

On the mound, he picked up the win, striking out eight while walking six and allowing one run on two hits. At the plate, he was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs.

Tyler Higgings went 2-for-2 with five RBIs and Josh Swinford was 1-for-3 with two RBIs.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen  
A willingness to listen to his coaches, including Dalton assistant Brad Dunn, left, has helped Colton Kinnamon make the most of his physical and technical gains from the past year.

## Golf: In Augusta

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McDowell said after his final round Sunday. "It's supposed to be entertaining for the crowds. That's what these people come to see."

Payne needed some help from Mother Nature, but not that much. After three practice rounds of bone-dry conditions, the greens were surprisingly soft and receptive in the first round. Had officials kept them firm, there would not have been a record 19 rounds in the 60s.

On the scorecard, Augusta National was 10 yards shorter, with the only official change on the first hole. On the golf course, expanded tee boxes at Nos. 7 and 15, for example, allowed for the tee markers to be moved forward and the holes to be far less frightening.

Augusta National is more than a quarter-mile longer than when Tiger Woods won his first Masters, but the length was necessary. It only needed a few years for players to catch up to the changes and overcome their intimidation. It needed a week of good weather, and for a few small adjustments on the tees and greens.

That made everything about right. It sounded perfect.

Even for those watching from home, it was hard to ignore the cheers. They could be heard from a nearby hole even as the camera was trained on a player standing over a putt.

One of the more fasci-

nating scenes happened early in the final round, when Cabrera was playing his pitch to the par-5 second hole. Then came a ground-shaking roar as his ball was in flight. Just 40 yards away is the seventh green, where Phil Mickelson deposited an iron a foot away from the cup for another birdie.

It was like that all afternoon.

The *Augusta Chronicle* in Monday's edition devoted a half-page to a sequence of roars, and most of the entries were about five minutes apart. Mickelson's birdie at the seventh. Woods' eagle at the eighth. Dustin Johnson making consecutive eagles, only the second player in Masters history to do that. Kenny Perry making his first birdie from 20 feet on No. 12.

The last three years, about the only excitement was paying \$1.50 for a pimiento cheese sandwich.

Numbers alone don't do this Masters justice.

The lowest score of the final round was merely a 66 by Masters rookie John Merrick. Cabrera and Perry, the co-leaders after 54 holes, each closed with a 71. Campbell shot a 69 to join them in the playoff.

For all their fireworks, Mickelson only shot a 67, Woods a 68.

Mickelson might look back one day at this major as one he let slip away, although certainly not as dramatic as his double bogey on the 18th hole at Winged Foot in the 2006 U.S. Open.

## Fryer: Lots of history linked to number

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Instead she set a price so high, it figured Junior and Rick Hendrick would never meet her demands.

And for what? The number was important to the Earnhardt family. Although it was used by 86 different drivers from 1949 until Almirola's final ride two weeks ago at Texas Motor Speedway, it had become as much a part of the Earnhardt legacy as was the elder Earnhardt's feared No. 3.

Ralph Earnhardt used the number in 51 NASCAR starts, and his son, Dale, made his Cup Series debut with the number in the 1975 Coca-Cola 600. It was Dale Earnhardt's only Cup race using his father's number, and it bounced around to multiple drivers for the next two-plus decades.

But when Earnhardt Jr. was ready to go Cup racing, he wanted his granddaddy's number.

Stavola Brothers Racing had used the No. 8 with very limited success for 14 Cup seasons, but left it idling when the team left NASCAR following the 1998 season. Dale Earnhardt

Inc. grabbed it for Junior, and he made his calculated Cup debut behind the wheel of the No. 8 at the 1999 Coca-Cola 600 — 24 years after his father's debut in the same race.

A year later, it had grown to one of the most recognizable numbers in NASCAR.

Earnhardt Jr. made 291 starts in the No. 8, winning 17 races and the Daytona 500. He became synonymous with the number, and his die-hard fans eagerly emblazoned everything from ballcaps to body parts with his slanted red 8.

So when he left for Hendrick following the 2007 season, it was natural that he wanted to take the 8 with him.

Only Teresa Earnhardt refused. She wanted the number back when Earnhardt Jr. was done with it, and it was a reasonable request he might have agreed to. But she also demanded a percentage of the licensing revenue, and agreeing to such a giveaway would have been a ludicrous business decision.

So Hendrick and Earnhardt Jr. walked away from the number that had come to define NASCAR's

most popular driver, and instead brokered a more reasonable deal with team owner Robert Yates for the No. 88.

Earnhardt Jr. held his tongue despite his disappointment. He instead set out to start a new brand with the No. 88, and leaving his old number behind actually gave him a clean break from the difficult dealings he'd had with Teresa Earnhardt since she took charge of DEI after Dale Earnhardt's 2001 death.

It didn't take long for Teresa Earnhardt to learn the number had no value without Earnhardt Jr. behind the wheel.

Budweiser didn't want to continue sponsoring the car without him, and Teresa Earnhardt's executive management team was unable to find new funding. So she moved Mark Martin and sponsorship from the U.S. Army to keep DEI's flagship No. 8 afloat.

Although Martin was a fine choice to fill the seat, his merchandise revenue was a monstrous drop-off from what DEI had been pulling in from Junior.

Then DEI deteriorated

quickly last season, and when the Army pulled its sponsorship at the end of the year, both the No. 8 and the entire organization were in jeopardy of collapsing.

A late November merger with Chip Ganassi Racing saved Teresa Earnhardt's NASCAR interests, but it was too late for the No. 8. She sent that team to Ganassi without any sponsorship and, in this poor economic climate, no real hope of finding anything that could guarantee the car would stay on the track this season.

EGR tried for four months to keep the team afloat without secure funding, but there's not much new money floating around NASCAR right now and Almirola's tough start to the season didn't help.

So the Cup series will go to Phoenix International Raceway this weekend without the No. 8. Earnhardt Jr., who has a deep respect for NASCAR history, will notice the absence.

No telling if Teresa Earnhardt even cares.

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for *The Associated Press*.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Glavine to miss first start of year

ATLANTA — Braves left-hander Tom Glavine will have his sore shoulder examined after plans for his first start were called off.

The Braves say they have scratched Glavine from his scheduled start on Saturday at Pittsburgh. The 43-year-old Glavine ended his minor league start with Double-A Mississippi after only two innings on Sunday.

Glavine will be evaluated by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday. Andrews repaired a torn flexor tendon in Glavine's left elbow on Aug. 21, ending the left-hander's 2008 season.

### James scores 37; Cavs get to host

INDIANAPOLIS — The Cleveland Cavaliers clinched the NBA's best record and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs Monday night behind LeBron James' 37 points in a 117-109 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Getting the home-court edge was especially important because Cleveland has a 39-1 record at home, the best in the league.

Cleveland won its fifth straight. The Pacers had already been eliminated from the playoff race, but had won seven of 10 and had been playing particularly well on offense.

### Former Pac 10 coach dead at 69

PHOENIX — Bruce Snyder, whose 20-year career as a college football coach included an unbeaten regular season at Arizona State, has died after a 10-month fight against cancer.

Snyder, who was 69, died at his Phoenix home Monday, the university said. He coached the Sun Devils from 1992-2000. His 1996 team went 11-0 in the regular season before a last-minute 20-17 loss to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

Snyder also was the coach at Utah State from 1976-82 and California from 1987-91. His overall record was 126-105-5. He was an assistant coach for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams from 1983-86.

### Thomas asked to coach Fla. school

MIAMI — Isiah Thomas is on the verge of starting his coaching career over at Florida International.

The former New York Knicks coach is deliberating whether to take over FIU's basketball program, a person with knowledge of the school's search told The Associated Press on Monday night.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because university officials have not authorized anyone to reveal search details, said FIU was "very hopeful" that a deal could be closed with Thomas this morning. He would replace Sergio Rouco, ousted after five consecutive losing seasons.

### Leftwich hopes to start with Bucs

TAMPA, Fla. — Byron Leftwich is leaving behind his backup role on a championship team with hopes of starting in Tampa Bay.

The Buccaneers signed the free-agent quarterback to a two-year deal Monday.

Leftwich, heading into his seventh NFL season, was a backup for Ben Roethlisberger with the Steelers last year. He'll get \$7.5 million over two years for the Bucs, who also re-signed one of their reserve quarterbacks, Luke McCown, to a three-year deal earlier this year.

— The Associated Press

## SCOREBOARD

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Murray County at Gordon Central, Fields Ferry, 3:30

**JV baseball**  
Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 7

**JV soccer**  
McCallie boys at Northwest Whitfield, 4:45

**Wednesday**  
Varsity baseball  
Rome at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55  
Woodland at Murray County, 5:55

**Varsity golf**  
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Murray County at Indian Trace, 3

**Varsity tennis**  
Southeast at Region 6-3A tournament  
Christian Heritage at GISA Region 4-2A tournament at Arlington Christian

**JV baseball**  
Murray County at Cass, 5 & 6:30  
Dalton at East Ridge tournament

**JV golf**  
Northwest Whitfield, Gordon Lee, Murray County boys, Indian Trace, 3:30

**Thursday**  
Varsity baseball  
Southeast at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, 5:30  
Woodland at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55  
Cass at Dalton, 5:55

**Varsity golf**  
Region 6-3A girls tournament at Indian Trace, 9 a.m.

**Varsity tennis**  
Southeast at Region 6-3A tournament

**Varsity track and field**  
Murray County at Gilmer

**JV baseball**  
Dalton at East Ridge tournament

**Friday**  
Varsity baseball  
Christian Heritage at Harvester, 5  
Dalton at Sequoyah, 5:55  
Cartersville at Southeast, 6  
Murray County at Woodland, 7

**Varsity golf**  
Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield boys at Mannington Invitational at Fields Ferry, TBA

**JV baseball**  
Murray at Woodland, 5:15  
Dalton at East Ridge tournament

**Freshman baseball**  
McCallie at Northwest Whitfield (DH), 5

**Saturday**  
Varsity baseball  
Dalton at Murray County, 3

**Varsity golf**  
Dalton girls at Maple Ridge Jr. Girls Classic, Columbus

**JV baseball**  
Northwest Whitfield at Dade County, Noon  
Dalton at Murray County, 1

**JV golf**  
Murray County, Northwest Whitfield boys at Mannington Invitational at Fields Ferry, TBA

**Freshman baseball**  
Northwest Whitfield at Dade County, 2

## TRANSACTIONS

### Monday's Moves

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Activated OF B.J. Upton from the 15-day DL.

**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled LHP Jo-Jo Reyes from Gwinnett (IL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Purchased the contract of INF Juan Castro from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned INF Blake DeWitt to Albuquerque.

Reinstated OF Delwyn Young from the 15-day DL and designated him for assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Activated INF Anderson Hernandez from the 15-day DL. Placed INF Willie Harris on the 15-day DL.

**BASKETBALL**  
**NBA**  
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Quincy Douby through the 2009-10 season.

**WNBA**  
CONNECTICUT SUN—Announced the retirement of G Jamie Carey.

**FOOTBALL**  
**NFL**  
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Traded LS J.J. Jansen to Carolina for a future conditional draft pick.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed LB Zack Thomas. Waived WR Will Franklin.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed CB Kevin Dockery to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Agreed to terms with LB James Harrison on a six-year contract.

**HOCKEY**  
**NHL**  
CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Dustin Boyd, F Kyle Greenree, F Warren Peters, F Brett Sutter, F David Van der Gulik and G Leland Irving from Quad City (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Fired general manager Francois Giguere.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled LW Alexandre Picard, RW Mike Blunden, D Nick Holden, G Dan LaCosta, RW Maksim Mayorov and LW Tom Sestito from Syracuse (AHL).

DALLAS STARS—Reassigned D Mark Fistic to Manitoba (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled F Darren Helm from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Ryan Jones, Cal O'Reilly and Jed Ortmeyer to Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Rod Pelley from Lowell (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed F Justin Bernhardt.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed G Alex Stalock.

**COLLEGE**  
BOSTON COLLEGE—Signed athletic director Gene DeFilippo to a two-year contract extension through May 2014.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL—Fired men's basketball coach Sergio Rouco.

IOWA STATE—Announced women's basketball freshmen F Ashley Arlen and G Alexis Yackley will transfer.

MEMPHIS—Announced junior F Shawn Taggart will enter the NBA draft.

MISSISSIPPI—Announced junior basketball G David Huertas quit school.

NEBRASKA—Suspended WR Niles Paul for the rest of spring practice after being arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

NEW MEXICO—Announced sophomore men's basketball G Jonathan Willis will transfer.

PURDUE—Named Ukari Figgs women's assistant basketball coach.

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
7 p.m.  
PEACHTREE TV — Florida at Atlanta

**NBA**  
8:15 p.m.  
TNT — Boston at Philadelphia

10:30 p.m.  
TNT — Utah at L.A. Lakers

**SOCCER**  
2:30 p.m.  
ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, quarter-

nals, leg 2, Chelsea vs. Liverpool at London 5 p.m.  
ESPN Classic — UEFA Champions League, quarterfinals, leg 2, Bayern, Munich, vs. Barcelona at Munich, Germany (same-day tape)

## PRO BASKETBALL

### NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	60	20	.750	—
x-Philadelphia	40	40	.500	20
New Jersey	34	47	.420	26 1/2
Toronto	32	49	.395	28 1/2
New York	31	50	.383	29 1/2

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	58	22	.725	—
x-Atlanta	46	34	.575	12
x-Miami	42	38	.525	16
Charlotte	35	46	.432	23 1/2
Washington	19	62	.235	39 1/2

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	66	15	.815	—
x-Chicago	41	40	.506	25
x-Detroit	39	42	.481	27
x-Dallas	35	46	.432	31
Milwaukee	33	47	.413	32 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	52	28	.650	—
x-San Antonio	52	28	.650	—
x-San Orleans	49	31	.613	3
x-Dallas	48	32	.600	4
Memphis	23	57	.288	29

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Denver	53	27	.663	—
x-Portland	52	28	.650	1
x-Utah	47	33	.588	6
Minnesota	24	56	.300	29
Oklahoma City	22	58	.275	31

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	64	17	.790	—
Golden State	44	36	.550	19 1/2
Golden State	29	51	.363	34 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	61	.238	44 1/2
Sacramento	16	64	.200	47 1/2

**Sunday's Scores**  
New Orleans 102, Dallas 92  
Cleveland 107, Boston 76  
Miami 122, New York 105  
Toronto 111, Philadelphia 104  
San Antonio 95, Sacramento 92  
L.A. Lakers 92, Memphis 75

**Monday's Scores**  
Cleveland 117, Indiana 109  
Toronto 97, Washington 96  
New Jersey 91, Charlotte 87  
Chicago 91, Detroit 88  
Orlando at Milwaukee, late  
New Orleans at Houston, late  
Minnesota at Dallas, late  
Sacramento at Denver, late  
L.A. Clippers at Utah, late  
Memphis at Phoenix, late  
Oklahoma City at Portland, late  
San Antonio at Golden State, late

**Today's Games**  
Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.  
Charlotte at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
Washington at Boston, 8 p.m.  
New Jersey at New York, 8 p.m.  
Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**End of Regular Season**

## PRO HOCKEY

### NHL

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-New Jersey	51	27	4	106	244	209
x-Pittsburgh	45	28	9	99	264	239
x-Philadelphia	44	27	11	99	264	238
x-N.Y. Rangers	43	30	9	95	210	218
N.Y. Islanders	26	47	9	61	201	279

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	53	19	10	116	274	196
x-Montreal	41	30	11	93	249	247
Buffalo	41	32	9	91	250	234
Ottawa	36	35	11	83	217	237
Toronto	34	35	13	81	250	293

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Washington	50	24	8	108	272	245
x-Carolina	45	30	7	97	239	226
Florida	41	30	11	93	234	231
Atlanta	35	41	6	76	257	280
Tampa Bay	24	40	18	66	210	279

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Central Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Detroit	51	21	10	112	295	244
x-Chicago	46	24	12	104	264	216
x-St. Louis	41	31	10	92	233	233
x-Columbus	41	31	10	92	226	230
Nashville	40	34	8	88	213	233

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	45	27	10	100	246	220
x-Calgary	46	30	6	98	254	248
Minnesota	40	33	9	89	219	200
Edmonton	38	35	9	85	234	248
Colorado	32	45	5	69	199	257

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-San Jose	53	18	11	117	257	204
x-Anaheim	42	33	7	91	245	238
Dallas	36	35	11	83	230	257
Phoenix	36	39	7	79	208	252
Los Angeles	34	37	11	79	207	234

**Saturday's Scores**  
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2  
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Chicago 4, Detroit 2  
Vancouver 1, Colorado 0, OT  
Buffalo 6, Boston 1  
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3  
Toronto 5, Ottawa 2  
Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 1  
Atlanta 6, Tampa Bay 2  
Minnesota 6, Columbus 3  
Florida 7, Washington 4  
Phoenix 5, Anaheim 4, SO  
Calgary 4, Edmonton 1

**Sunday's Scores**  
Chicago 3, Detroit 0  
St. Louis 1, Colorado 0  
Boston 6, N.Y. Islanders 2  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 3

**End of Regular Season**

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

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

### NHL Playoffs

**First Round**  
**Best of Seven**  
**Wednesday, April 15**  
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Thursday, April 16**  
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Columbus at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Calgary at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18**  
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Columbus at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at Boston, 8 p.m.  
Calgary at Chicago, TBD

## PRO BASEBALL

**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS** 35 Small banshee 36 Nestling 5 "Say again?" 9 Crafty 12 Europe's neighbor 13 German car name 14 Tiny veggie 15 Peter Parker's alter ego 17 Cartesian conclusion 18 Hostels 19 Doves 21 Founded (on) 24 Unaccompanied 25 Swiss peaks 26 Directly 30 Floral neckwear 31 Actor Alan 32 NASA deviation 33 Last page?

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-14 Across

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**BRIDGE**

**Impetuosity goes unrewarded**

It is a well-known fact that many declarers play first and think later. As a consequence, many mistakes are made that could have been avoided had declarer taken more time to plan the play.

To illustrate, consider this case where South was in three notrump and West led the heart ten. Instead of weighing all his options

first, declarer impulsively followed low from dummy, presumably hoping West had the king. Had this hope materialized, South would have made three notrump easily.

But East won the heart with the king and gave careful thought as to what to do next. These deliberations proved very fruitful when East shifted to the three of spades at trick two! From that point on, declarer was fighting a losing battle.

After taking the spade with the nine, South had no choice but to drive out the ace of clubs to have any chance of scoring nine tricks. But when he led the jack of clubs, West rose with the ace and returned a spade, and South went down one.

Analysis reveals that declarer missed a sure-fire way to make three notrump. All he had to do was to put up the heart ace at trick one and then force out the ace of clubs. This would have brought him to eight ready-made tricks, with another certain to come in either hearts or spades.

The importance of taking the time to plan the play at trick one is thus once again demonstrated by this deal. Those who are remiss in this regard are sure to suffer disaster from time to time.

Tomorrow: Who does what to whom?

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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B S X K X R . K W N C Q R W N J X R

R W N ' Z A Q A - Z A U J B V B A Q ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEING THAT THE BIG BLACK BIRD IS ACTING LIKE A COWARD. WOULD YOU SAY IT'S A CRAVEN RAVEN?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** You can make big changes in your life if you don't limit yourself to a geographical location. Take on projects that are different from what you would have considered in the past. Sudden changes in personal relationships can be expected. Don't waste too much time analyzing a situation from which it is better to walk away. Your numbers are 9, 16, 21, 25, 33, 41, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** If you become overly zealous and talkative, you may give away an idea you have to someone less creative. Secrets and underhandedness on your part or that of someone else will bring you down. Don't get involved. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take a good look at your investments, bank and credit card balances and any joint ventures you are involved in. Assess your position and your alternatives. This is not the time to lend, borrow or take a chance. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let life's little problems cause you grief. If you are irritated by someone you thought you could rely on, you could say something that will cost you down the road. Don't change your plans because someone else does. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You have nothing to fear, so jump into a new project or group that offers something a little different from what you are used to. Don't let your feelings confuse you. Don't let anyone play on your emotions. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your big heart, generosity and outspokenness will tempt others to take advantage of you. Don't promise anyone anything unless you can afford it. Trips and negotiations should be put on hold until you have a better chance of getting your way. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You don't have to make a move if you aren't ready.

Question anyone who is erratic or using emotional blackmail to coerce you. Now is not the time to spend money on your home or donate or pay for others. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can add a little extra flavor to your life if you try something new. The friends you make and the inspiration you get along the way will lead to positive changes. Team up with someone who values your skills, technique and your friendship. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You need to be around people who encourage and inspire you. Personal and professional partnerships will grow if you mingle and network. You can develop or take a new approach. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you haven't built a strong tie to a group you have been dealing with you, may be cut out when you least expect. Honesty and integrity will be a necessity. Underhandedness will catch up with you. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You have plenty of good ideas to put into play and, if you give them a distinctive spin, you will attract interest in what you are doing. Don't give in to anyone looking for a handout or donation or negotiating an unfair deal. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You may be in a generous mood but, before you fall for a sob story, consider where your money is best spent. Take into consideration what you can do to make your life, and that of your family, better. Don't be too eager to make changes or decisions. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Sit tight and watch to see what everyone else does. If you jump the gun or make a move that isn't well received, you will have trouble reversing your decision. Problems with personal and professional partnerships will develop. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

**Not a done Deal**

Student wants to have a drama career at MCHS

BY RACHEL BROWN  
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Chris Deal knows he could pursue a career in entertainment, but the Murray County High School star drama student says he would feel selfish doing so.

Instead, Deal, a senior, wants to return to Murray County after graduating from Young Harris College and work with Melissa Adams, the drama teacher he said helped make him successful.

Deal recently won a regional high school dramatic interpretation event, placed fourth in the state, has had several leading roles in MCHS productions, and writes music and performs in a local band.

The entertainment gigs are a change of heart from what Deal had planned for his life just a few years ago — football.

He said his interest in the theater began in his sophomore year when a friend urged him to try out for the spring musical. He already had experience singing in his church, 11th Avenue Baptist Church in Dalton, so the idea seemed like fun.

When he tried out for "Hello Dolly" he got the lead role as Horace Vandergelder, the curmudgeonly bachelor whom widowed Dolly finally woos.

The theater bug had bitten him.

"It came down to playing Murray County football or possibly getting an acting scholarship and getting out of here," he said. "I wouldn't trade it (for football) because now I've got a scholarship."

Adams said Deal is a good leader and role model for younger drama students.

"It's rare that you find students as gifted as he is who are willing to put the kind of time



MISTY WATSON/THE DAILY CITIZEN

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

and energy into rehearsing and preparing," she said.

Deal plans to attend Young Harris College on a partial musical theater scholarship where he'll also pursue a teaching minor. With Adams being eligible to retire in six years, Deal said he hopes to work with her and eventually move into the head theater position at the high school.

"I'll be doing what she's doing in there right now," Deal said, gesturing toward his teacher. "I can't wait."

Deal spent about three months preparing for an event in which competed against district winners from around the state in a seven- to 10-minute monologue. Last year, he was an understudy for the main participant.

Deal's monologue was "Tradin' Paint," a piece Catherine Bush wrote about NASCAR and its effect on the sexes. Since no props are allowed, participants were judged on their acting abilities, including blocking, body language, vocal tone and appropriateness.

Four people — a girls main and a girls understudy and a boys main and boys understudy — practiced with Adams for several hours after school each week.

Deal isn't the school's only winner.

Devin Dover, a senior who plans to attend North Georgia College & State University and major in criminal investigations, placed second in the regional girls competition. She is co-starring with Deal in the school's spring musical "Beauty and the Beast." The play will be May 1-3. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 at the school office the week before.

Deal and Dover both competed in March in the Region 4A Literary Meet at Sequoyah High School. Deal placed first in the region and fourth at state in the Boys Dramatic Interpretation Contest. Dover placed second in the region in the Girls Dramatic Interpretation Contest.

Hannah Wiles, a junior at MCHS, was selected as a finalist for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program in the field of theater. Every year, more than 300 students from across the state audition for the program. Only 30 are chosen.

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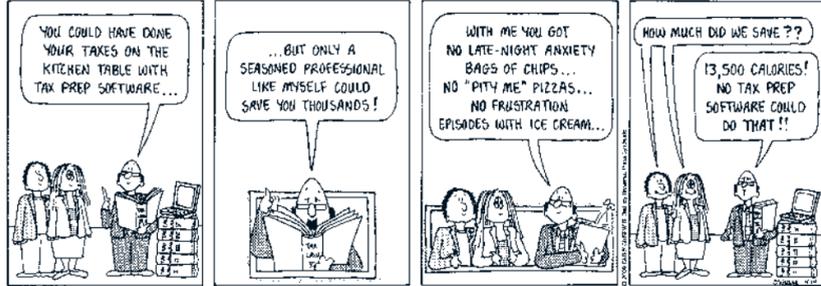
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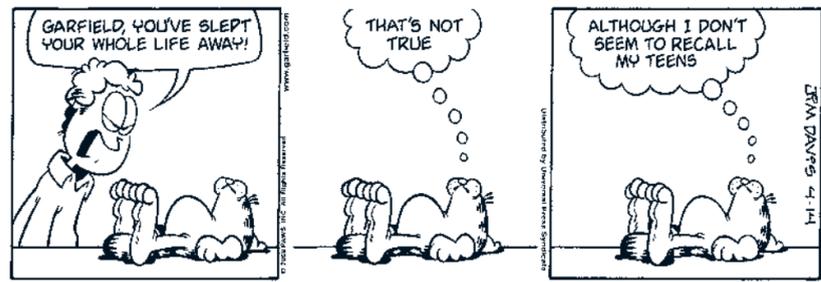
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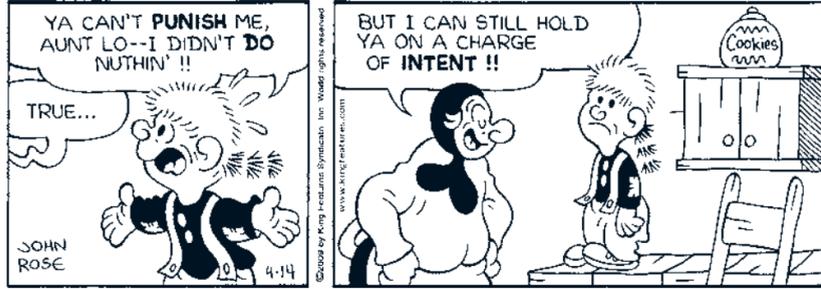
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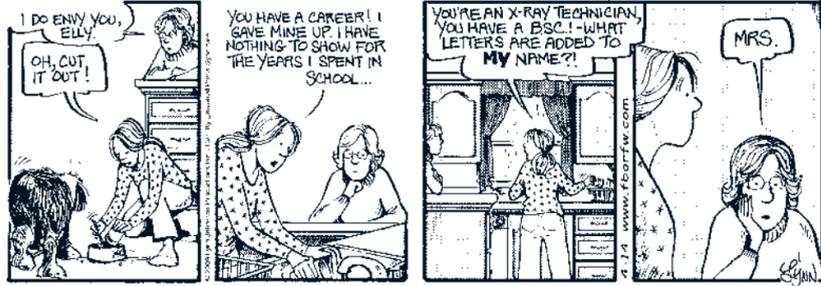
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DEAR ABBY

Comments about weight hurt young girls more than boys

DEAR ABBY: First of all, thank you so much for your column. My husband and I read it every day and appreciate the advice and support that you give so many people. We, too, have been in the helping profession for almost 30 years.



Jeanne Phillips

I am writing about the letter from "Upset Mom in Bellflower" (Feb. 2), about a father who told his daughter's friend she was getting fat. You rightly pointed out to Upset Mom that the remark made to "Willie" was insensitive and inappropriate, and that it cost her daughter a friend. You also stated that perhaps Dad would be similarly hurt if he were told he was getting a paunch or losing his hair.

Abby, I wish you had added one more comment: Young girls are particularly vulnerable to remarks about their size, and many cases of eating disorders have stemmed from a single, insensitive, ignorant comment from a coach, boyfriend, parent or other adult — whether or not it was the truth.

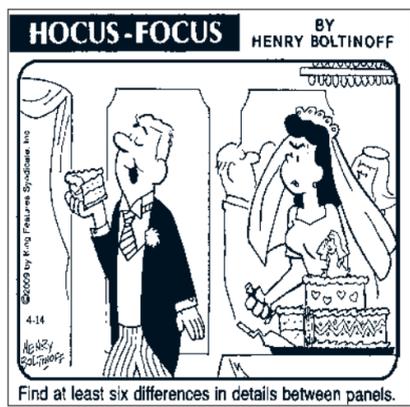
It's very important that Willie hear from her friend's mother or another trusted adult that in fact she is beautiful and can be healthy at any size or shape, so that she will not use harmful practices in acting on something that should never have been said. — LINDSEY COHN, CARLSBAD, CALIF.

DEAR LINDSEY: Thank you for your important addition to the advice I offered Upset Mom. There were plenty of other readers who felt similarly. Read on:

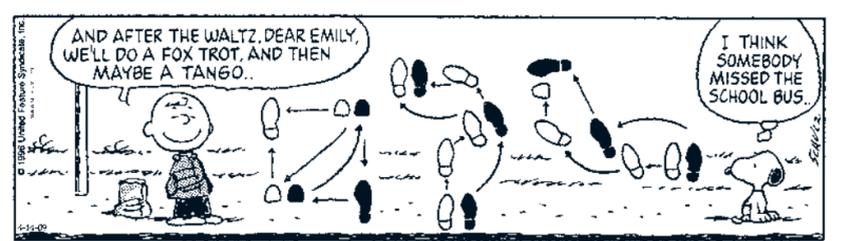
DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my father made similar comments to me, my mother and most of my girlfriends throughout the time I lived at home. A few years ago, my best friend from grammar school visited me. With tears in her eyes she expressed how hurtful the comments my father had made about her size had been. That happened more than 30 years ago, and my friend was still affected. Please remind your readers that it is never appropriate to make disparaging remarks about a person's weight. — MARY IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 15, my father made a crack about my weight. I'm sure he thought he was being "helpful," because he had seen my mother struggle with her weight. (Mind you, I was 5 feet 9 inches and 120 pounds.) I am now 48 and a successful scientist with a Ph.D. from an Ivy League university, yet I will never forget that remark from my dad. It hurt me to the core. — STILL STINGING IN ARIZONA

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PEANUTS



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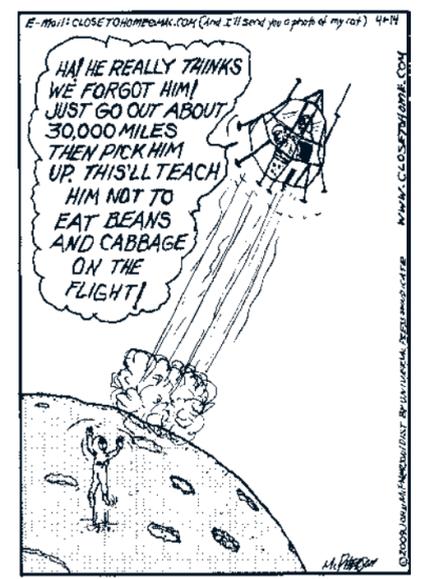
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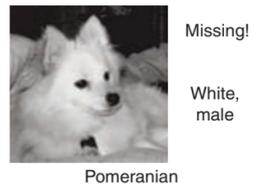
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 1827 Swanson N Dalton 2 br 1ba, \$69,900 \$1000dn \$495 mn 4200 Mount Pleasant - Beaverdale. 5BR 2BA - not in subd. \$159K \$1100 dn, \$1100 month  
 3038 Hurricane Rd. 2 bdrm 1 bath. \$69,900. \$1,000 down, \$615 month.

309 W Tyler St. 4bd/2ba house. New carpet and paint, Garage. \$95,000. Seller pays \$5,000 toward closing. Possible lease purchase. 706-260-9183

316 Falcon Cir. Near Eton Elem. 4bd/2ba house. 2432 SF 1.2 acre lot. \$75,000. Seller pays \$5,000 toward closing. Possible lease purchase. 706-260-9183

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 \*97,000 sq. ft., 454 Hwy 225 (Bretlin)  
 \*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail. 706-279-1380 Wkdys 9-5:30

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 \*302 S. Thornton 5,500 SF, includes utilities, between Newspaper office & Bank of Am.  
 \*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut  
 \*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.

31,000 sq ft. Masonry building, 4 loading docks & offices. 1 block off 4 lane Abutment Rd. on Callahan Rd. 706-226-6245

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**Doctor's Offices for Rent**  
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### 752 Homes For Rent

\* West Side / Rocky Face 1/2 br Mobile Homes For Rent Water/Garbage/Lawn Service Refrig/Range/, W or W/O Furn Fresh Paint & Carpet 2 Br. in Mill Creek area. \$65 to \$125 Weekly or by month 706-280-1035

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#### 776 Mobile Homes For Sale

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2 BR 1 BA 2012 -1 Abutment Rd. 2 BR 2 BA - 2111 B Dixie Hwy. \$120 wk, \$240 dep. 706-279-1380 wkdys 9-5:30.

Double wide on large private lot. No utilities furn., CHA. \$600. monthly. South end of county 706-277-2791 leave message.

**The Daily Photo**

Submitted by:  
**Makenzie Griffin of Tunnel Hill, GA**  
 To submit your photo, email photo, name and city to: lauramartin@daltoncitizen.com

**778 Mobile Homes For Rent**

3bd 2ba dblwide. 970 Beaverdale Rd. Garden tub, new paint, flooring. \$145 wk, \$290dep. Water, lawn maint. furnished. No Pets or ATV's. 706-271-6718

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**809 Trucks**



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