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Search for boater continues

Teams resume combing Conasauga

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Michael "Shane" Hackney said his brother seemed depressed the last time he saw him on Sunday, but not suicidal.

"It was like he was pushing everybody away," he said. "... I just hope they don't find him on the river."



Hackney

As of late Tuesday afternoon search teams had not found Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney, 38, of 4245 Brown Bridge Road in southwest Murray County. He went missing on the Conasauga River after a planned fishing expedition on Sunday. Crews have searched more than two miles of the river and surrounding banks looking for him.

They've found his boat — which still had two fishing poles, some chicken livers, a hat, a shirt, cigarettes, some unopened hot dogs and a pack of crackers — caught in some brush floating on the river,



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Dale Sluder, left, and C.L. Young, firefighters with the Murray County Fire Department, help drag the Conasauga River for the body of Bo Hackney, who went missing on the river Sunday afternoon. Murray County fire chief and EMA director Dwayne Bain is also in the boat dragging the river.

but no other sign of him. Murray County Sheriff's Office investigator John Cherry said there is no evidence of criminal activity, but the sheriff's office handles all cases as criminal investigations.

Murray County Sheriff Howard Ensley said the search continued until dark Tuesday and will resume this morning at 8. About 20 rescue workers from the Gordon County rescue squad and the Murray County Fire Department, rescue squad, sheriff's office and state Department of Natural Resources

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Winston Hackney, father of missing fisherman Bo Hackney, speaks with Brett Thomason's family members who came to offer support Tuesday. Bo Hackney went missing on the Conasauga River just a few miles upstream from where Thomason's body was found after a month-long search when he went missing in February.



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Don Stewart, owner of Liberty Tax Service on Walnut Avenue, helps a customer Tuesday evening.

Final day to file income tax returns

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The clock is ticking. Today is the deadline to file your state and federal 2008 income tax returns. If you don't file them by this evening, you may face interest on unpaid taxes and a failure-to-file penalty.

Post offices in Murray and Whitfield counties will have regular business hours today. The main post office on Thornton Avenue in Dalton has a 5 p.m. deadline to receive an April 15 postmark. The main post office in Chattahoochee at 6050 Shallowford Road will have extended hours today. Last minute filers have up to 11 p.m. to receive the coveted

Wednesday postmark. For a complete list of post office locations and drop off times, visit www.usps.com.

If you've put off filing your taxes and need more time, you can receive an automatic six-month extension of time to file from the IRS by filing Form 4868, "Automatic Extension of Time to File." You must submit the request by April 15.

The extension gives taxpayers until Oct. 15 to file the tax return. However, an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay. People who owe taxes can

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Ga.'s fixed tuition program suspended

BY DORIE TURNER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Tuition rates won't be guaranteed for freshmen entering Georgia's public colleges and universities this fall after a move Tuesday by the Georgia Board of Regents to save money during the sour economy.

The regents voted to indefinitely suspend the popular three-year-old program that locked in the price for each year of college for students at the universities. The board expects the move and other changes to tuition policies to save the state \$60 million in revenue over the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Under the board's plan, students already enrolled in Georgia's colleges and universities under the "fixed for four" program will not see any changes. Incoming freshmen will pay the same rate that this year's freshmen are paying — an amount that depends on where the student attends college — but their tuition will increase every year.

The state is cutting \$238 million in funding for the university system this year and \$275 million next year, or about 10 percent of the state dollars allotted for Georgia's 35 colleges and universities.

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Community garden to bloom Saturday

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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Dalton's first community garden will have its grand opening Saturday at Lakeshore Park, but some organizers are already talking about creating gardens across the city.

Brenda Jackson, the Whitfield County agriculture and natural resources agent who organized the garden, said churches have already contacted her about creating gardens to grow produce for their members or for their food banks.

"We have one church group that

is working with us (at Lakeshore)," Jackson said. "They are starting with us, but they may branch out on their own at some point. I've had one professor at Dalton State College call me. I think she is interested in starting one in Calhoun."

Jackson said 37 people have signed up for plots. The park has room for about 100 plots, which are 4 feet by 20 feet. Jackson said some people have signed up for more than one plot. There's a \$20 annual fee for each plot.

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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.

"I wish some of these good Hispanic cooks would put out a recipe book in English."

"Declawing cats should be against the law. It is inhumane and cruel and should be stopped. I don't understand how a vet can declaw a cat, knowing it will be left defenseless."

"Dalton's water tastes great. The only thing that bothers me is it's a little bubbly, like it's soapy or something."

"An amen and attaboy to President Obama for giving the direction to use force to take out those pirates and save the ship captain. That's what America needs more of. And I didn't even vote for him."

"Good story on Colton Kinnamon in the sports section. Nice work, Adam!"

"In response to Mark Shields' column, 85 people were killed in New York with a gallon of gas and a match. Also, the largest mass murder in America saw 3,000 people killed by 747s. So, do we ban gas and airplanes? It's people who kill."

"I listen to Rush Limbaugh and Fox News to get the truth. Those other stations spew out liberal lies."

"For a million dollars I'd kiss another woman ... in a heart beat."

"I love reading the forum, it's better than the comics section."

"My sympathies go out to the Junior Hamilton family. May God bless you."

"Dalton needs a veterinarian who stays open at night."

"I thought the cameras were coming down. I see they are still emitting the laser signal."

"A separate heaven for gays and straights? Sounds like some very warped thinking."

"Whitfield County has an outstanding saddle club. They just need a home."

"I think having a Bojangles where the Starbucks on Walnut Avenue is going out of business is a great idea. You can never get in the one on Cleveland Highway, it stays too busy!"

"Obama doesn't need your vote for a second term. He doesn't need the state of Georgia for a second term."

You're wasting your time."

"Obviously 2,500 people don't find it offensive to drink coffee at church! Why worry about what people eat, drink or wear at church? Aren't we there to serve God? Some people need to listen at church and quit worrying about what other churches are doing!"

"What was President Bush qualified for? And he turned out to be such a sorry president."

"To those who don't like crying babies in church, read Psalms 8:2."

"All those people who don't like Obama as president should call 1-800-CRY-BABY."

"No gays in heaven? They'll be a lot of Christians who won't be there, too."

"Maybe the people complaining so much about coffee in Sunday school should stay home."

"I think our commissioners need to go to Bradley County. Those commissioners up there are actually getting jobs for their county."

"Ronald Reagan was more than an actor. He was president of the actors' union and governor of California. He had a lot of experience."

"Dr. Virginia Leonard is practicing from her home in Tunnel Hill and can be reached at 706-264-4706."

"People need to quit complaining to the security officers about the youth escort policy. We didn't make the policy."

"Hello Lloyd. Sorry to hear you fell and broke your hip. We're wishing you a speedy recovery. We're praying for you."

"I was at the downtown Dalton post office this morning and the birds in the trees were just singing up a storm. Everybody needs to get out and listen to nature."

"Can we give the Bible quotes a break. It's getting tiresome."

"I hate to see 280 people lose their jobs, but goodbye to that stink on the south end of Hamilton!"

"I wrote the president of the U.S. a letter and asked him not to forget the carpet capital of the world because our governor, who has an R by his name, has."

"Congratulations to Helen Kizer for her letter to the editor. She's got it right."

"How many times is Mrs. Kizer going to run that same letter? Does she ever change the beat at all?"

LOCAL BRIEFS

Elementary school gets noise citation

Americans for Fair Taxation, a nonpartisan group, will hold a protest rally today in front of the main post office at 100 S. Thornton Ave. to draw attention to a plan to abolish the income tax, close the Internal Revenue Service and create a national sales tax. The rally will begin shortly after the post office opens at 7:30 a.m. and continue into the early afternoon.

The 45th annual Georgia Numismatic Coin Show will be at Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center from Friday through Sunday. Admission is free. There will be a Kids Numismatics Program on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The show runs Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early-bird badges are available each day from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The Whitfield County Farm Bureau will award two \$1,500 scholarships to students interested in pursuing a degree in agriculture and environmental science, forest resources or family consumer sciences. The application deadline is May 1. For an application or information call the Farm Bureau office at (706) 278-9380.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A fed-up Texas homeowner has gotten a noise citation issued against his neighbor — an elementary school.

Police in suburban Universal City say they had to issue the citation after Butch Armstrong complained about the noise coming from Olympia Elementary School during the school's Family Fitness Day on March 20.

Principal Terri LeBleu says the school had already

built a fence, removed loudspeakers and installed noise-reducing backing on basketball goals in response to Armstrong's previous complaints.

According to a police report, Armstrong told an officer that "police, fire, ambulances and the (Air Force) training jets are not unreasonable, but the noise coming from the elementary school was."

A court date for the citation has been set for May 12.

TODAY'S CITIZEN



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Tuition

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"Regardless of the way you look at this, the cuts are substantial," Usha Ramachandran, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs for the University System of Georgia, told the board at Tuesday's meeting. "Fixed for four" was contingent on no reductions in funding. That clearly has not been the case."

The Regents also voted to carry over a student fee put in place in December to help address budget cuts. Students will pay between \$50 and \$100 per semester in fees, depending on where they attend college. The fees are not covered by the HOPE scholarship.

And for the first time ever, most colleges and universities will consider 15 credit hours a full load, rather than 12 hours, which means students will have to pay more each semester to take the minimum number of classes needed to graduate on time.

At Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia, students will pay a flat rate of \$1,800 if they take six credit hours or less and the full-time rate of \$3,035 for more than six hours. The policy is meant to encourage students to take as many classes as necessary to graduate in four years, Ramachandran said.

Georgia is among just a handful of states with a universal fixed tuition program. Others include Arizona and Illinois. Some states, like Texas and Kansas, have just one or two universities that offer such programs.

At Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, administrators stopped offering a fixed tuition rate in 2008 after just three years of the program because state budget cuts were too steep to continue discounting what students pay.

Rabies clinic coming up

The Whitfield County rabies vaccination clinic will be May 2 with reduced fees of \$10 per cat or dog vaccinated.

"We have been doing this reduced rabies vaccination clinic since the '70s to help the public protect themselves and their pets against rabies," said veterinarian Dr. Chris Stearns.

"We have kept the low price of \$10 per cat or dog vaccinated to encourage everyone to have their pets vaccinated. The rabies shots at the clinics are valid throughout the United States, so pet owners in Northwest Georgia and Tennessee are welcome to bring their animals if they wish," Stearns said.

"There is no excuse for not having cats and dogs vaccinated against rabies," said Whitfield County rabies control officer Diane Franklin. "It is just such an important health issue. Rabies is deadly and is in our area now."

Rabies is transmitted by raccoons, skunks, foxes, wolves and coyotes — and the No. 1 rabies carrier is bats. Our pets, cats and dogs, are our barrier between us and these animals. Should an infected animal bite a cat or dog that has not been vaccinated, it will contract the disease and then could spread it to other animals, and a more serious threat, to humans.

While rabies is rare in the U.S. because of strict vaccination laws, worldwide there are about 55,000 cases annually with death rate of almost 100 percent.

The virus shows no symptoms for one to three months. The infected person then begins to have flu-like symptoms —



Dr. Chris Stearns, a veterinarian at Dalton Animal Care, checks Macie, a 5-year-old Yorkshire terrier who belongs to Tonya Craig. Stearns reminds pet owners that a rabies vaccination clinic will be May 2 with reduced fees of \$10 a shot.

headache, fever, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite. Within four days they become confused, hallucinate and begin to have muscle spasms. Finally, hydrophobia (fear of water) begins ... the final stage of rabies. At this point death is inevitable.

Shots are now available for rabies victims, given in five shots over a month-long period. However, they must be given before any symptoms occur.

According to Franklin, a significant increase in coyotes and raccoons raises the danger of rabies.

"That is why rabies shots for dogs and cats are so important," she said. "The reduced rate rabies vaccination clinic is May 2, 2009. Local veterinarians will be at various locations throughout Whitfield County and our office strongly recommends that everyone have their cat or dog vaccinated. It is

Georgia state law, and with the reduced rate of \$10 per animal, it is affordable for everyone.

"Rabies can be fatal for both pets and humans, so protection for the animals is essential for them and for us," continued Franklin.

Participating in the rabies clinic are Dalton Animal Care, Animal Hospital of Whitfield County, Higdon Animal Hospital and the Whitfield County Animal Shelter.

RABIES CLINICS

Location and times for the clinics are:

- **Dug Gap Elementary** — Noon to 1 p.m.
 - **Valley Point Elementary** — 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.
 - **Phoenix School** — 3 to 4 p.m.
 - **Pleasant Grove Elementary** — 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 - **Varnell Elementary** — 12:15 to 2 p.m.
 - **Cohutta Elementary** — 2:15 to 3 p.m.
 - **Dawnville United Methodist** — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 - **Beaverdale Superette** — 5 to 5:45 p.m.
 - **Northwest High School** — Noon to 12:45 p.m.
 - **Tunnel Hill Elementary** — 1 to 2 p.m.
 - **Rocky Face Baptist** — 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.
 - **Westside Elementary** — 3 to 4 p.m.
 - **Mill Creek Baptist** — 4:15 to 5 p.m.
 - **Animal Shelter/Facilities** — Noon to 5 p.m.
- For more information, call Franklin at (706) 278-2018.

"We are glad to provide this service to the community," said Stearns. "With rabies in Whitfield County and in nearby counties, we are at great risk for a rabies outbreak. For just \$10 you can protect your family and your pet from rabies. We urge everyone who has a cat or dog to have them vaccinated at one of the clinics May 2."

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VIEWPOINTS

The doctor is out

Medicine's frontline of defense — the primary care physicians, the family doctors, if you will — is crumbling. And no national health-care reform plan is likely to succeed unless that critical problem is solved.

The issues of access and affordability are almost beside the point without addressing the shortage of primary care physicians. In his series "The Doctor Is Out," Lee Bowman of Scripps Howard News Service found that as many as one in five Americans does not have a family doctor. And this translates directly to higher rates of illness and death and higher costs.

Bowman, with SHNS computer-assisted reporting specialist Thomas Hargrove, surveyed databases and found that counties with more primary care physicians had significantly lower death rates than those with fewer family doctors and they also had lower death rates from detectable and preventable diseases like heart disease and colon cancer. For hypertension — elevated blood pressure that is treatable — the difference in death rates was 32 percent.

In a well-ordered medical system — which, after all, is what reform is all about — the family doctor would act as a quarterback, directing a team of nurses, nurse practitioners and technicians and referring patients to specialists as needed.

The government says there are 326,000 family doctors in the nation but not all of them provide primary care. By one measure that assumes the doctors are putting in brutal hours with a full load of patients, the country is short 60,000 to 80,000 primary care doctors.

That situation is about to get markedly worse and the best health insurance in the world is of no help if there aren't frontline doctors to accept it. One survey found almost half of all primary care doctors say they plan to retire or curtail their practices in the next three years. And their replacements are not in the pipeline: Another recent survey found that only about 7 percent of medical students said they planned to pursue family care and only 2 percent of med school grads trained for internal medicine — the source of most family doctors — planned to enter primary care.

One reason is the pay — \$150,000 a year or less, half as much as specialists are paid and a disincentive to medical students who graduate with an average debt of \$140,000. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance generally don't pay for a family doctor to quarterback his patients' medical care or for single visits that deal with multiple medical issues.

The alternative shaping up is a patchwork of emergency room visits, walk-in clinics, hoping to luck into a doctor who is accepting new patients or simply forgoing seeing a doctor, resulting in higher costs long term.

If, as is generally agreed, our health-care system is broken, primary care is the place to start fixing it.

Scripps Howard News Service



WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

John 10:10

Thought for today: "History would be an excellent thing if only it were true."

Leo Tolstoy
Russian author (1828-1910)

Fear of physicians

The last time I visited a doctor, about a month ago, I fell off the scale in his office and broke a rib. It was 9 o'clock in the morning, and I had consumed only one cup of coffee.

I can tell a dozen stories like that — brushes with bad luck when I put my destiny in the hands of MDs.

Perhaps that fear of physicians runs over into my political reportage. When I look at the enrollment of Georgia's congressional delegation, I do not see Democrats and Republicans. I see three medical doctors and a bunch of other guys.

The three physicians — Tom Price, Phil Gingrey and Paul Broun — were high achievers when they practiced medicine. As congressmen, they have proven to be strikeouts.

They're all very conservative, of course — so conservative, in fact, that I feel as if I have fallen down a rabbit hole whenever I read one of their speeches.

Now if these threesome were ordinary lawmakers — like, say, my good friend state Rep. Ed Seltzer of Acworth, who may believe the Earth is flat — I wouldn't think twice about them. What else would you expect from an environmental engineer who went to Wake Forest?

However, Price, Gingrey and Broun are erudite persons of gravitas, men who early in their lives chose the noble profession of healing mankind.

Before he was lured into politics, Dr. Price was a well-known orthopedist who did knee replacements and things like that. I once consulted him briefly about my left knee, which has gone awry for a second time. He advised me to see another doctor, because he was planning to run for Congress.



Bill Shipp

Dr. Broun is not only a well-known healer; he also is the son of the late state Sen. Paul Broun of Athens, one of the few truly great men in the history of the Georgia General Assembly. In addition to being an all-star senator, Broun senior was among the first politicians to predict early that Jimmy Carter was White House-bound. Sen. Broun was UGA's main man in the Legislature for years. Oh, that Dr. Broun would follow in his dad's footsteps. Perhaps he will one day. First, of course, he must give up his position as vice chair of the fruitcake caucus.

I respect these fellows and even personally like them. As Republicans, however, they don't have much clout in D.C., and that's not a development that occurred with the change in administrations. They were rubber stamps of President George Bush's agenda during his eight years in the White House. More than half the military bases in Georgia were closed during Bush's reign. Loyalty to Bush didn't always pay off, but the three docs didn't know that until it was too late.

Now, the triage trio have established themselves on TV as firm enemies of Barack Obama. Their public attacks on the president may have contributed to the loss of the big F-22 jet-fighter contract and possibly 2,000 jobs at Lockheed-Marietta. Don't look for any exceptional favors for Georgia while Obama is president and the three medics are House members.

While my rib is healing, I have looked several times at photos of Drs. Price, Broun and Gingrey and thought: "Here are three truly qualified experts in their respective fields who are playing out of position. They had splendid reputations in medicine and seem to understand the ins and outs of the federal health-care plans floating around Congress. But they never seem to move up in the ranks of heavy hitters in the House. Maybe they aren't cut out for politics. Maybe they ought to consider coming home and doing what they do best: help folks get well or have babies. Just think, the world might be a better place if the three doctors were practicing medicine in Georgia instead of playing politics in Washington."

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Piracy of Africa



It couldn't happen here?

In Illinois, Cook County Board President Todd Stroger explained why Washington and states across the nation have been raising taxes on cigarettes. "That is the American way," said Stroger. "And the way that it's generally done is, you find some group that's small enough where they can't beat you up, and you tax them and you tell everybody else, 'See? We didn't tax you.'" Who says there are no honest politicians?

Maricopa County, Ariz., has some 39,000 active felony warrants that haven't been served. Sheriff Joe Arpaio doesn't have a single deputy dedicated to serving warrants, and state lawmakers have been asking why he has allowed the backlog to grow so large. During recent hearings Deputy Chief Paul Chagolia insisted the number wasn't as large as it sounds. He claimed San Diego County, Calif., for instance, has 18,000 outstanding felony warrants. But the San Diego sheriff's office says the county has only 3,151 outstanding warrants. Meanwhile, Pima County, Ariz., the state's second-largest county says it has just 2,800 outstanding warrants.

Marcus Hoffer knocked in the door of a house in New Market Township, Minn., and fired five shots at Justin Friedges as he came downstairs to see what was going on. But the local prosecutor says no charges will be filed



Charles Oliver

refused to grant them the liquor license they say they need to make the restaurant financially viable. Do the Catalanos have some sort of criminal history? No, officials admit they are fine. Rather, the problem is the site. You see, the strip club ran into some problems and had its license revoked. Officials decided then that they wouldn't issue any license for that site, even to new owners, for two years. No one bothered to tell the Catalanos.

After he was convicted of cannabis possession, Bret Ravenhill was sentenced to house arrest and fitted with an electronic ankle bracelet to monitor his location. The British man thought it would be a funny joke to stick out his left leg and have the bracelet placed on it. Why was that funny? Well, Ravenhill had to have that leg amputated after an

accident several years ago and now wears a metal prosthesis. But the person who placed the bracelet on the leg never noticed. In fact, no one noticed until Ravenhill brought it to their attention when his sentence ended four months later.

In Illinois, the horse racing tracks are losing money. Meanwhile, the state's four casinos are making money. So the Legislature passed a law requiring the casinos to turn over 3 percent of their gross receipts to the racing tracks.

In Detroit, City Council president Monica Conyers has been using an on-duty police officer, in a department car, to drive her son to a private school each day in a suburb about 15 miles from the city. Conyers, who is the wife of Democratic U.S. Rep. John Conyers insists the police told her she needs protections at all times.

A jury in Colorado has acquitted Kevin Raley of gambling charges. Raley helped organize poker games in a Greeley bar. Colorado law defines gambling as risking money on games of chance and exempts "bona fide contests of skill." Raley's lawyer argued that poker is a game of skill, not purely chance, and the jury agreed.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, April 15, the 105th day of 2009. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 people died.

On this date:
In 1817, the first American school for the deaf opened in Hartford, Conn.

In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in South Carolina, President Abraham Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth.

In 1947, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day.

In 1986, the United States launched an air raid against Libya.

In 1989, Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of 2 million Cambodians.

Five years ago: In a videotape, a man identifying himself as Osama bin Laden offered a "truce" to European countries that did not attack Muslims, saying it would begin when their soldiers left Islamic nations.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI stepped onto U.S. soil for the first time as pontiff as he was greeted at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington by President George W. Bush, first lady Laura Bush and their daughter Jenna.

Today's Birthdays:
Country singer Roy Clark is 76. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 65. Writer-producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason is 62. Columnist Heloise is 58. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 50. Actor Danny Pino is 35. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 27. Actress Alice Braga is 26. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 25. Football player Antonio Cromartie is 25. Actress Emma Watson is 19.

Save today for unexpected costs

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Financial consultant Sharon Cabeen remembers saving money even when she had only a dime or so left at the end of her weekly budget.

That was during her freshman year of college more than 20 years ago and she saved the change until she could treat herself to an ice cream.

Now vice president for financial literacy of the National Student Loan Program, Cabeen spoke to about 20 students at Dalton State College Monday about budgeting money and planning ahead — even for three to six months from now.

“It really does reduce stress, and it helps me borrow less,” she said. “If we’re not prepared (for periodic expenses) it can be a real problem for us.”

Beaulieu employee and DSC student Chris Storey of Dalton said saving money for unexpected expenses such as a tire blowout or a refrigerator failing was the most important tip he heard. Storey said he now plans to save extra money from each paycheck.

Co-worker Grober Coram of Chatsworth said he has three children in college and has saved for those expenses since they were in elementary school.

“It’s still not enough,” he said. “I need all the help we can get.”

Felicia Johnson of Ringgold said she is pursuing a degree in business management after becoming



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Sharon Cabeen, vice president of financial literacy for the National Student Loan Program, talks to students at Dalton State College about creating and following personal budgets.

Keep track of your money

Can't decide how to spend?

Write down everything you buy on 3-by-5 inch index cards. The list should be exhaustive, including everything from gourmet coffee to pets, children and a house. Take a few weeks to review the cards. Slowly weed out the ones that aren't top priorities until only four or five remain.

Don't know where your money is going?

For one month, write down every transaction, even the small ones. Carry a notepad and immediately write down your expenses. Save every receipt. Record daily. Not only

will you see where your money goes, you'll also be on track to develop better habits.

Unsure how to reach your goals?

The SMART method is designed to set attainable goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Can't bear to part with buying a gourmet coffee each morning? Cut back from seven purchases a week to four.

Source: Sharon Cabeen, National Student Loan Program

ing unemployed. Her two daughters attend college,

but she raised them as a single mother.

“It would have helped me to know about this in-depth stuff (then),” she said.

Cabeen said online resources such as bankrate.com provide helpful tips and calculators to determine how long it would take to get out of debt based on how much you pay.

“Getting debt off the books is one real good way to increase your income and reduce your expenses, both,” Cabeen said.

The National Student Loan Program is a guarantor of loans for private institutions. Financial aid workers at DSC said the college hosts several financial seminars every year. Program representatives are traveling to six other college campuses this week during Georgia Financial Literacy Week.

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Return: Deadline is today to file

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make a payment when they file the extension either by mailing a check made out to the U.S. Department of the Treasury or by several electronic payment methods, such as electronic funds

withdrawals from bank accounts and credit card payments.

Taxpayers can e-file the extension request from a home computer or through a tax professional who uses e-file at no cost. Several companies offer free e-filing of

extensions through the Free File Alliance. These companies are listed on www.irs.gov.

Here are a few last minute tips from the IRS:

- Double-check your figures.
- Make sure all Social

Garden: Idea may expand elsewhere

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“Some of them are representing groups,” she said. “There’s a church group. There’s a Girl Scout troop. A couple of families are working together.”

The level of interest in the garden is what she expected for its first year, Jackson said.

The gardeners will work individual plots as well as all contribute to a “gleaner’s garden.” The gleaner’s garden will surround the individual plots and share the produce from that garden with food banks or other needy people.

Who is taking part in the community garden?

“We’ve had everything from ‘I’ve never planted anything in my life’ to ‘I want to

teach my grandchildren how to garden,” said Dalton resident Dianne Atkins, a garden participant. “We’ve got a wide array of people.”

Atkins is one of several state “Master Gardeners” who will advise gardeners with a green thumb.

“I hope it will turn into a community,” Atkins said. “Those that know how to garden will help those that don’t know how to garden.”

Atkins says such gardens are popular in big cities but Dalton is also an ideal location.

“We have a lot of apartments here, and even people who live in houses, their yards may not be big enough for a garden,” she said.

Jackson says the idea for the garden came from Dalton Parks and Recreation

Department director Ronnie Nix and J&J Industries CEO Jim Bethel.

“They approached me and suggested we look at a couple of parks,” Jackson said.

While the garden will hold its grand opening Saturday at 11 a.m., the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department has already broken the soil, and volunteers have worked for weeks to ready the site.

“We’ve had group work nights and I’m sure we’ll have one this week,” said Dalton resident Michele Corbin, another garden participant. “But also people have just been going out on their own when they have the time.”

The biggest problem lately, say organizers, has been the frequent rains.

Mass murders share some common traits

BY MARK ROTH
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In the past month alone, eight multiple-shooting incidents have occurred in the United States and Europe, leaving 70 dead, including three Pittsburgh police officers killed April 4.

In the criminology trade, they are known as mass murders, and they usually share several common traits, experts say.

The Pittsburgh police shootings, and the actions of suspect Richard Poplawski, fit some of these patterns, they say, but in other ways, they and another incident in which four Oakland, Calif., police officers were killed are atypical.

A common factor in most mass murders, said criminologist Jack Levin of Northeastern University in Boston, is revenge.

“At the most basic level,” Levin said, “the revenge is directed against family members,” who are the main victims in about 30 percent of all mass killings.

“The next most likely target is the workplace, where an ex-worker who was fired or laid off comes back shooting, killing the boss and co-workers.”

And finally, he said, there are mass killers who blame society in general for their problems and may walk into a mall and open fire, or target certain groups for destruction, including, occasionally, the police, because “the police are representatives of society.”

Besides an embittered sense of revenge, the experts said, another common thread in these killings is access to high-powered weapons, which is a particularly American phenomenon.

“You need to understand how our society permits easy access to lots and lots of guns if you’re going to understand why these kinds of killings happen so much in the United States as opposed to somewhere else,” said David Hemenway, a health policy professor at Harvard University.

“As far as I can tell, the psychological problems of these killers are not unique to the United States, but what is unique is that it’s so easy for people in the U.S. to get access to weapons.”

Daniel Nagin, a criminologist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, agreed. “It’s technologically impossible to kill a lot of people very quickly without access to these assault weapons,” he said.

Besides the revenge motive, mass murderers usually share certain other psychological or behavioral characteristics, the experts said.

Grant Duwe, a criminologist with the Minnesota Department of Corrections who has written a history of mass murders in America, cited five:

■ The killer blames others for his problems.

■ He (almost all such mass killers are male) is much more likely to have a mental illness, particularly paranoid schizophrenia, than homicide perpetrators in general.

■ He is often a loner, with few friends or social connections.

■ He carefully plans his attacks, taking days to months to get ready.

■ He is much more likely to be suicidal than a typical killer. “Because the mass murderer considers his life no longer worth living, he will either kill himself or force the police to kill him,” Duwe said.

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Capitalism vs. socialism

In many of today's headlines and in many broadcast news stories, we are more and more seeing and hearing the terms capitalism and socialism. Before I go any further, let me offer a disclaimer ... this column is not an endorsement or criticism of any political party or any individual elected official. It will challenge some policies that have been recently enacted or are under consideration. My hope is that you will see the direct impact these policies have had and will continue to have on business in our economy and the larger global economy.

Recently Fox News conducted a survey and found that 53 percent of those surveyed favored capitalism, 24 percent favored socialism and 23 percent were not sure. Given that only 53 percent of those surveyed chose an economic/political system that is the foundation of our country was astonishing to me. I should not be surprised, though, given that almost half of the U.S. population has a limited role in creating wealth and pay little to no taxes. Of course those that do not pay into a system would favor policies that provide services at little to no expense to them.

Before you puff up and begin yelling that I am some upper-class WASP, let me provide a brief glimpse into my upbringing. My mother and father barely graduated high school. My mother was the daughter of sharecroppers who constantly moved looking for work. To say education was not a priority would be an understatement. My father did quit high school briefly before being convinced by my grandmother that he really needed to graduate. My sister and I were expected from my earliest recollection to attend and graduate from college. Out of approximately 40-plus grandchildren, my sister and I were two of eight that graduated from college. I will come back to the importance of education later.

What are the definitions of capitalism and socialism? Capitalism is an economic system in which the means of production and distribution are privately or corporately-owned and development is proportionate to the accumulation and reinvest-

ment of profits gained in a free market. It is also a social system based on the principle of individual rights.

Socialism is a system of social organization in which private property and the distribution of income are subject to social control. And it requires the political structure that aims at putting that system into practice. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels saw socialism as a transition state between capitalism and communism. They appropriated what they found useful in socialist movements to develop their "scientific socialism."

In the 20th century, the Soviet Union was the principal model of strictly centralized socialism, while Sweden and Denmark were well-known for their non-communist socialism.

I would argue that capitalism is still the best economic and political system for the U.S. I say that based on the second part of the definition that defines capitalism as a social system based on the principle of individual rights. As an American, freedom means I have the opportunity to get an education, to become gainfully employed or self-employed and to be able to build wealth for myself and my family. The freedom that allows me to pursue and build wealth also has a certain level of risk. And the risk between success and failure should and does determine the reward.

Where are we today in America? A large number of our citizens have thrown away or will throw away their free gift of education in this wonderful country. I know that everyone does not need a four-year college degree. But almost every study indicates a strong need for some level of education beyond high school. Equipped with work force skills and a basic education, each of us has the freedom and right to pursue the American and human dream. Recently we have wit-

nessed a strong blurring of the lines between free market principles and blatant government intrusion. As our nation's economy slid toward a full-scale recession predicated by ineffective policies over the last few years, President Bush and Congress begin pouring trillions of dollars into bailout plans. Under the Obama administration, these bailouts have continued with little to no regulation, minimal if any accountability and with minimal confidence that these policies will be any more effective than a natural free market correction.

Beyond the obvious concern over federal meddling into free market principles, I have two main concerns. My first concern is how were the entities chosen that would receive federal assistance? Was AIG chosen because it was the first to raise its hand or yell catastrophe the loudest? Were General Motors and Chrysler next because the employees belong to the United Auto Workers Union?

In addition to the banks, AIG, and the auto industry, were there not other good candidates that could benefit from government assistance? What about all the industries tied to the housing mess? What about our farmers and poultry providers who cannot get access to capital? Once in the water, it is too late to learn to swim.

My second concern is: Who decides success? When the government removes the risk of failure by offering bailouts and limits an individual or corporation's success, can we say we are a free market system? With the government's intrusion and tinkering with the risk and reward balance, will our system perform at its best? I think not.

I hope that the recent manipulation of our free market system is short-term. Businesses should be allowed to operate freely and thrive based on their ability to succeed and fail. Risk and reward will allow accountability and the creative investment process to naturally occur.

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



Brian Anderson

BEATING THE BLUES



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Drummer Emerson Sneary, part of an eight-piece band, presents his drum sticks to Norris and Billie Little at the Guild's Beat the Winter Blues evening "Love Me, Love Me Not" for kicking up their heels as the evening's best dancers. Beat the Winter Blues concludes its season featuring Chattanooga Group Skwalking Heads for an evening of interactive "Improv Seriously" and dinner catered by The Dalton Depot on Friday, April 24, at the Creative Arts Guild. Tickets are \$35 per person and include entertainment and a full course dinner. Call the Guild for an evening of fun at 706-278-0168 for tickets.

Economist, operatic event to close out spring series

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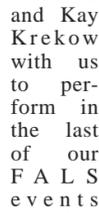
Dalton State College's Fine Arts and Lecture Series (FALS) will wrap up its spring Fine Arts and Lecture Series events with a renowned lecturer and an operatic performance, college officials have announced.

On Thursday, founder and president of The Foundation on Economic Trends Jeremy Rifkin will speak on the topic of "The Third Industrial Revolution: Greening the Global Economy."

Then on April 21, FALS will sponsor tenor Harry Dunstan and soprano Kay Krekow from The American Center for Puccini Studies in a concert featuring musical selections composed by Giacomo Puccini. Both events begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Goodroe Auditorium of Memorial Hall and are free and open to the public.

"We are delighted to have Jeremy Rifkin with us to talk about greening the global economy, a topic which is becoming more relevant every day," says Jane Taylor, director of public relations for Dalton

State. "And we are also delighted to have Harry



Rifkin

Dunstan and Kay Krekow with us to perform in the last of our FALS events this spring. They are both extremely talented musicians and have each won acclaim for their performances worldwide."

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

His books and his monthly newspaper columns, which appear in many of the world's top newspapers, focus on the impact of scientific, technological, and cultural changes on the economy, society and the environment. Rifkin speaks frequently before business,

government, labor, and civil society forums around the world.

The American Center for Puccini Studies was established in 2004 and has as its mission to present many of Puccini's lesser known pieces to music lovers, Taylor says.

The founder of the center, Harry Dunstan, is considered one of the world's leading Puccini artists and scholars. He has appeared with regional orchestras and opera companies throughout the United States and has been a featured soloist at such venues as the Kennedy Center, Wolftrap, Constitution Hall and the Smithsonian Museum. He was the featured soloist in a Papal mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II.

Krekow, a soprano, has been a featured soloist with symphonies, oratorio societies, and opera companies in the United States and Europe. She is considered to be an acclaimed interpreter of the heroines of Puccini, and has sung "Anna in Le Villi," Fidelity in "Edgar," Mimi and Musetta in "La Boheme," and numerous other lead roles.

Monet's works coming to Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — The High Museum has announced a four-year collaboration with the Museum of Modern Art in New York City that will bring several of Claude Monet's water lily paintings to Atlanta this summer.

High director Michael E. Shapiro said Tuesday the exhibition will open June 6 with four of Monet's paintings, including "Reflections of Clouds on

the Water-Lily Pond," "Water Lilies," "The Japanese Footbridge" and "Agapanthus."

In the fall of 2011, the High will exhibit MoMA pieces by Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol and others. Shapiro said the museums are working on developing exhibits for 2012 and 2013.

It's the second time the two museums have worked together after a series of

exhibits in Atlanta from 1997 to 2000.

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Incentives may change

BY JAMIE JONES
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The way the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority awards incentives to new businesses or those seeking to expand may change.

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners on Monday voted 4-0 to approve a resolution that would allow the JDA to give businesses property tax breaks of up to 70 percent for a maximum of 15 years. The Dalton City Council must also approve a similar resolution before the change goes into effect.

The JDA currently uses an incentives formula that takes into account several factors such as number of jobs created, amount of wages, water usage and the type of business.

Brian Anderson, president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce and an ex-officio authority member, said that method is outdated when compared to the types of incentives being offered by neighboring communities. County administrator Bob McLeod said the incentives package needs to be strengthened to attract new industry and encourage existing businesses to expand.

Car 'seat crush' set for Friday

SUBMITTED BY SAFE KIDS DALTON

SEAT CHECK

Safe Kids Dalton is teaming up with the Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Management Authority and Material Recovery facility to crush more than two years' worth of old, expired, or outgrown car seats.

The "seat crush" is Friday at 10 a.m. at the Solid Waste Management facility. The seat crush is being held to remind the public that it's not safe to re-use old car seats. This is the third seat crush for Safe Kids Dalton.

In the first seat crush, approximately 2,200 pounds' worth of car seats were crushed, while two years ago in 2007, Safe Kids crushed approximately 1,000 pounds worth of car seats. The car seats for Friday's event have been collected by Safe Kids at the Dalton-Whitfield Red Cross office, at road safety checks and at car seat inspections.

"It's important that old car seats not be re-used, and the only way to ensure that is to destroy them," said a Safe Kids spokesman.

"Car seats have expiration dates. Made of plastic and webbing, they can become damaged with use and washing, and often parts can be lost over time. They're a one-child, one-use item," the spokesman said.

Safe Kids discourages the purchase of car seats from yard sales or flea markets for this reason. Once a car seat has been in a car accident, even if no child was present, the car seat needs to be replaced.

Safe Kids estimates that Dalton has a 95 percent misuse rate of car seats. Misuse includes putting children into forward-facing car seats too soon (children must be a year old and at least 20 pounds before they use a forward-facing car seat), or allowing children to ride without a car seat too soon. Safe Kids recommends that children be at least 80 pounds before they

Safe Kids Dalton will host a car seat check event on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kmart on Walnut Avenue in Dalton.

go without some sort of car seat or booster seat. State law in Georgia requires that children be in car seats or booster seats until they are 6 years old. Tennessee state law requires children use car seats or booster seats until they are 9 years old, with children under 12 years of age required to sit in the back seat.

Other examples of misuse include using seats which have expired, have missing parts or are not being used according to the manufacturers' specifications. These elements all put children at risk or injury or death.

Read the owners' manual of your vehicle and your child restraint system, or contact Safe Kids Dalton if you have any questions about your child restraint system's safety.

Safe Kids is in the Dalton-Whitfield Red Cross office at 1101 S. Thornton Ave. in Dalton, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office number is 706-278-5144.

Certified Child Restraint Technicians are available to answer your questions. Clients of the Dalton-Whitfield Health Department can contact the Health Department for assistance with a free car seat.

Safe Kids Dalton has a reduced-price car seat program for residents of Whitfield County who are parents or have legal custody of children. There is an application which must be completed and reviewed by the Safe Kids Dalton board. No seats are offered before birth and everyone must complete a one-on-one training session about the car seat before one will be issued.

VARNELL FIFTH-GRADERS IN 1982-83



Mrs. Meyer's fifth-grade class at Varnell Elementary posed for this photograph during the 1982-83 school year. Readers who can identify individuals or who wish to share historic photos of any Whitfield County School may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at 706-217-6733; this phone has 24-hour voice mail.



WINS VESPA

Anne Hammick of Dalton is pictured with a new Piaggio Fly 50 motor scooter she recently won from Vespa Dalton. Vespa Dalton and Carmike Cinema 12 are giving away two scooters as part of a promotion. The drawing for the second motor scooter will be May 2. Registration forms can be picked up at both Carmike Cinema 12 and Vespa Dalton (at Family Hyundai, 1502 E. Walnut Ave.) Registration entries will be accepted through May 1.

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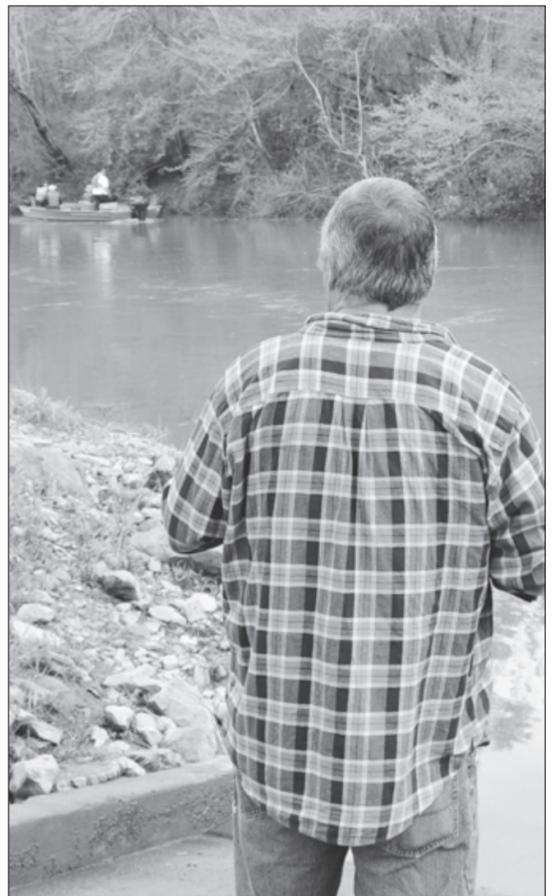
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A search and rescue team walks along the Conasauga riverbank Tuesday afternoon looking for any signs of missing fisherman Bo Hackney, who was last seen on the river Sunday afternoon.



Winston Hackney, father of missing fisherman Bo Hackney, watches as crews drag the Conasauga River on Tuesday.

Missing: Search

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are assisting in the search, chief deputy Ray Sitton said. A unit from Forsyth County supplied a sonar search system that will likely be used today, Ensley said, and three cadaver dogs from the Alpha Team K-9 Search and Rescue based in metro Atlanta and five boats are also being used in the search.

Shane Hackney said his brother seemed like he wanted to be alone when he last saw him before a Sunday Easter egg hunt. Hackney put into the river in a jonboat behind a mobile home park at 4177 Brown Bridge Road between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. where his father, Winston Hackney, lives. Family members said it was unusual for Hackney to go fishing by himself instead of waiting for a friend who had planned to meet him.

The missing fisherman was living with friends at the time and lacked steady work, Shane Hackney said, but he doesn't believe his brother wanted to kill him-

self. Hackney loves his 9-year-old daughter, Ashley, and wouldn't ordinarily leave her for more than an hour, his brother said.

Hackney is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 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 of his daughter's name on his upper left arm.

Winston Hackney said he and several other family members and friends have been at the search site since they discovered their loved one was missing.

"If they don't come up with something, I'm going (searching) tomorrow (Wednesday)," he said. "I hope he's out there in the woods lost."

Hackney's disappearance marks the second time rescue crews have combed the Conasauga River for a missing boater this year. Brett Thomason went missing on Feb. 19 a few miles downstream. His body was found



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Stuart Samples, left, with the Alpha Team K-9 Search and Rescue based in metro Atlanta, watches as his cadaver dog, Denali, works on the Conasauga River on Tuesday to help find missing fisherman Bo Hackney, who was last seen on the river Sunday afternoon. Driving the boat is Shawn Elmore with the Department of Natural Resources.

on March 23. His mother, Dana Massey, visited with the Hackney family on Tuesday.

"As soon as we found out, she

(daughter, Natasha Thomason), got off work," Massey said. "We came straight down here because we know what this family is going through."

Anyone with information about Hackney is asked to call the Murray County Sheriff's Office at (706) 695-4592.

SHOWING SUPPORT

Rebecca Robertson was diagnosed with colon cancer several weeks ago and had surgery recently. Members of the Carpet Capital Association of Realtors decided instead of bombarding the hospital, they would get together and show their support in a picture for her to have at the hospital. "Becca," a local Realtor, is on the "Relay for Life" committee with the American Cancer Society and the "Becca Fights Back" shirts were sold to raise money for her relay team, "The Relay Gang." The Relay for Life event will be at the North Georgia Fairgrounds on June 5 beginning at 7 p.m.



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Edward Jones Investments has added a downtown Dalton office. Owner Tate O'Gwin celebrates by cutting the ribbon with family, friends, Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce executive board member

Rhett Orr, chamber diplomats and Downtown Dalton Development Authority representatives. Edward Jones Investments' downtown office is at 117 Hamilton St. For information call (706) 876-2420.

Tornadoes spotted as storm line rumbles over Fla.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A strong line of storms spawned at least three tornadoes Tuesday as it tore across central Florida, scattering roof shingles, uprooting trees and forcing schools to evacuate children from trailer classrooms.

No injuries were immediately reported and the storms eventually moved off Florida's Atlantic coast. It was the latest round of bad weather to hammer the South after heavy rain and strong winds Monday that hit Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and northern Florida, already reeling from storms and tornadoes last week.

The National Weather Service was still tallying damage information, but initial reports were that three tornadoes had touched down north of Tampa and two others may have struck in central and east Florida.

Twenty Florida counties were under a tornado watch for much of the day.

"To our knowledge, there's been no true structure damage and no injuries," said Jim Martin, Emergency Management Director for Pasco County north of Tampa, where at least one twister was spotted Tuesday morning.

Martin said high winds damaged about 25 homes and flipped over one car. Students were evacuated from trailer classrooms at some Tampa-area schools.

In central Florida, authorities reported no injuries but said the some homes were damaged, trees were toppled, roofing was blown off and power lines were downed. A train also struck a fallen tree on tracks in Marion County but did not derail, though some of its windows shattered.

Randi Cecil, 24, was on her porch in the town of Sparr, about 90 miles north of Orlando, when the wind turned gusty and trees started swaying. Then a tree cracked so loud that it sounded like a car crash and smashed into her neighbor's bedroom.

"It was the most horrible feeling I ever went through,"

29,300 still without power in Georgia

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Power Company and Georgia Electric Membership Corporation say fewer than 30,000 Georgians remain without power after severe thunderstorms moved through the state.

Georgia Power said Tuesday it still has 29,000 customers without electricity, 25,000 in the Atlanta area. GEMC says about 60 customers remain without power, down from 41,000 at the height of the storm.

Georgia Power spokesman Jeff Wilson says about 4,000 customers in the Rome area account for the outages out of the Atlanta area. He says the company expects to have most of the power back on in metro Atlanta by midnight.

One person died as a result of the storm. He was identified as 63-year-old Ray Jones of Ball Ground, a plumber on his way to a job when his pickup truck was struck by a tree in Atlanta.

Progress Energy spokesman Tim Lejedal said more 70,000 customers experienced a power outage, mostly in the Ocala area in central Florida and in southern Pasco County, just north of Tampa. About 14,500 were still without power by late Tuesday afternoon.

The storms also passed through the Orlando area but no significant damage was immediately reported.

Atlanta-area crews were still clearing up fallen trees and working to restore power and traffic lights after squalls Monday pushed through Georgia. Thousands of utility customers in Georgia and Alabama were waiting for power to come back on.

More than 90 charged in gun, drug bust

STATESBORO (AP) — Authorities launched a sweeping gun and drug bust in this sleepy rural town Tuesday after a gutsy undercover operation yielded state and federal indictments against almost 100 people.

Some 67 people have been arrested, mostly on firearm and drug offenses, and another 27 are being sought. Statesboro Police Chief Stan York said some of the com-

munity's most dangerous criminals were among those indicted, and that several were members of local street gangs that have long plagued this south Georgia town of 26,000.

"Today our community is a lot safer," he said.

The indictments were the result of a 10-month undercover operation in which authorities say they were able to infiltrate the gun and drug rings that operated in the

town. Authorities said initially the work was slow to yield evidence, but agents uncovered enough evidence to yield charges against dozens of suspects as they delved deeper into the network.

"They put the word out on the street, and Statesboro's worst emerged," said Gregory Gant, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives.

Many of the suspects were nabbed during a pre-dawn raid Tuesday morning that involved more than 200 police officers and authorities, and authorities said many of them had prior criminal records. Several were also charged with making false statements to Georgia's Medicaid program.

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Pirates on hijacking spree since weekend



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Photo provided by the U.S. Navy shows a team from the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer towing the lifeboat from the Maersk Alabama to be processed for evidence after the successful rescue of Capt. Richard Phillips. Phillips was held captive by suspected Somali pirates in the lifeboat in the Indian Ocean for five days after a failed hijacking attempt off the Somali coast.

BY ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY
Associated Press Writer

MOMBASA, Kenya — Somali pirates were back to business as usual Tuesday, defiantly seizing four more ships with 60 hostages after U.S. sharpshooters rescued an American freighter captain. “No one can deter us,” one bandit boasted.

The freed skipper, Richard Phillips, will return home to the United States on Wednesday, after reuniting with his 19-man crew in the Kenyan port of Mombasa, according to the shipping company Maersk Line Ltd.

The brigands grabbed more ships and hostages to show they would not be intimidated by President Barack Obama’s pledge to confront the high-seas bandits, according to a pirate based in the Somali coastal town of Harardhere.

“Our latest hijackings are meant to show that no one can deter us from protecting our waters from the enemy because we believe in dying for our land,” Omar Dahir Idle told The Associated Press by telephone. “Our guns do not fire water. I am sure we will avenge.”

On Monday, Obama vowed

to “halt the rise of piracy” without saying exactly how the U.S. and allies would do it.

The pirates have vowed vengeance for five colleagues slain by U.S. and French forces in two hostage rescues since Friday.

“The recent American operation, French navy attack on our colleagues or any other operation mean nothing to us,” said Idle, 26, whose gang holds a German freighter with 24 hostages.

The pirates say they are fighting illegal fishing and dumping of toxic waste in Somali waters but have come to operate hundreds of miles from there in a sprawling 1.1 million square-mile danger zone.

The top U.S. military officer, Adm. Michael Mullen, said he takes the pirates’ threats seriously, but “we’re very well prepared to deal with anything like that.” Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

After a lull at the beginning of the year because of rough seas, the pirates since the end of February have attacked 78 ships, hijacked 19 of them and hold 16 vessels with more than 300 hostages from a dozen or so countries.

Pirates can extort \$1 million and more for each ship and crew. Kenya estimates they raked in \$150 million last year.

A flotilla of warships from nearly a dozen countries has patrolled the Gulf of Aden and nearby Indian Ocean waters for months. They have halted many attacks but say the area is so vast they can’t stop all hijackings.

The Gulf of Aden, which links the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, is the shortest route from Asia to Europe and one of the world’s busiest shipping lanes, crossed by more than 20,000 ships each year. The alternative route around the continent’s southern Cape of Good Hope takes up to two weeks longer at huge expense.

In an unusual nighttime raid, pirates seized the Greek-managed bulk carrier MV Irene E.M. before dawn Tuesday. Hours later, they commandeered the Lebanese-owned cargo ship MV Sea Horse.

On Sunday or Monday, they took two Egyptian fishing trawlers. Maritime officials said the Irene carried 21 to 23 Filipino crew and the fishing boats 36 fishermen, all believed to be Egyptian. A car-

rier the size of the Sea Horse would need at least a dozen crew, although the exact number was not immediately available.

NATO spokeswoman Shona Lowe said pirates in three or four speedboats captured the Sea Horse off Somalia’s eastern coast.

The Irene, flagged in the Caribbean island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was sailing from the Middle East to South Asia, said Noel Choong of the Malaysia-based International Maritime Bureau, a piracy watchdog. U.S. Navy Lt. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for

the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, said the Irene carried 23 Filipino crew.

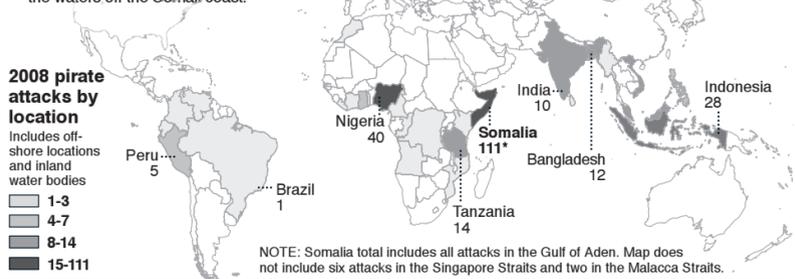
A maritime security contractor said the Irene sent a distress signal about a suspicious vessel approaching.

That rapidly turned into an attack and then a hijacking.

“They tried to call in support on the emergency channels, but they never got any response,” the contractor said.

Lawless waters

More than a third of the world’s pirate attacks in 2008 occurred in the waters off the Somali coast.



SOURCE: ICC International Maritime Bureau

AP

Ending Somali piracy: few options for U.S. forces

BY TODD PITMAN
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya — Stamping out Somalia’s piracy scourge using U.S. warships or military force will be virtually impossible, according to maritime experts who said Tuesday the real problems lie ashore in the ashes of Somalia’s failed state.

Fixing those problems could take decades, and the U.S. already tried intervening — 17 years ago in a failed humanitarian mission that ended with helicopters shot down and dead US soldiers dragged through Mogadishu’s sand-swept streets.

“It’s understandable to find people yelling at their televisions, saying ‘shoot them all or stop them,’” Graeme Gibbon-Brooks, managing director of Dryad Maritime Intelligence Service in Britain, said of the pirates. “You have the might

of international navies, and you can’t end this?”

But sending in more warships is like “sticking a Band-Aid on a gunshot wound,” he said. “The fact is, what you see at sea is a manifestation of the problems ashore in Somalia.”

The Islamic country of 8 million people disintegrated in 1991 when warlords toppled the president. Since then, it’s been ruled by heavily armed rival clans, hit by famine, and suffered relentless outbreaks of street-fighting that turned it into a no-go zone for most foreigners.

The U.S. dispatched troops in 1992 as part of a U.N. relief operation to feed hordes of hungry civilians, but the Americans became entangled in local clan warfare. Months later, militias shot down two helicopters and killed 18 American soldiers in a battle recounted in the book and movie “Black Hawk Down.”

Images of gunmen drag-

ging the bodies of U.S. soldiers through Mogadishu became an icon for those opposed to U.S. involvement overseas. Then-President Bill Clinton ordered a U.S. withdrawal and promised no troops would be deployed there again unless there was a clear U.S. national interest.

Somalia’s anarchy, though, has come back to haunt.

U.S. officials believe al-Qaida has operatives there, and hit at least one suspected

terror base in 2007.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday he saw no immediate need to bulk up the military response to piracy on the high seas. On Monday, the day after U.S. Navy snipers shot dead three Somali pirates holding American freighter Capt. Richard Phillips hostage, President Barack Obama vowed that Washington was newly committed to halting “the rise of piracy,” though he didn’t say how.

It’s a battle America is already involved in.

In December, the U.S. pushed a resolution through the U.N. Security Council, clearing the way for international forces to conduct operations on shore in Somalia against pirate havens. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had said Washington wanted to be sure forces could conduct “hot pursuit” of pirates on land if necessary.

That hasn’t happened.

Pirates operate openly in several towns along the coast, but attacking those sanctuaries would be problematic because intelligence is thin and there are almost no easy targets. Gunmen and guns are rampant in Somalia, and pirates like all insurgents easily meld into the civilian population.

“You have to be able to tell the difference between good guys and bad guys, and they all look very similar,” Gibbon-Brooks said.

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• **Pauline Lackey, Harrison, Tenn.**

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Pauline Lackey

Pauline Lackey, 90, of Harrison, Tenn., went to be with the Lord on Monday,

April 13, 2009.

She was the daughter of the late James M. and Nora B. Long and was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Dooley" Lackey; son, Robert "Bob" Lackey; daughter, Patsy Plemons; four sisters, one brother, and three grandsons.

She was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lackey was a loving wife, mother and grandmother whose spirit of strength and support will be greatly missed.

Survivors include six children, Jimmy Lackey, Barbara Kelley, Paul (Evelyn) Lackey, Linda (Galon) Hough, Charles (Cindy) Lackey, Becky (Anthony) Lemley; 17 grandchildren,

26 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Georgia Ramey and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday in the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Stitts officiating.

Burial will be in Old McDonald Cemetery with

her grandsons serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

We would like to say a special thank you to her "family" at Life Care of Cleveland. They spent countless hours loving and caring for her during her three-and-a-half-year stay. We would

also like to thank Hospice of Chattanooga.

Please share your thoughts and memories online at www.mem.com.

Arrangements are by Chattanooga Funeral Home - Valley View Chapel, 7414 Old Lee Highway.

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AP PHOTO

In this combo photo President Barack Obama is almost pulled down as he shows off their new dog Bo, a 6-month-old Portuguese water dog, with his daughters Malia, left, and Sasha Obama, right, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington Tuesday.

Here's Bo!

Obamas show pooch with 'star quality'

By ANN SANNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — First pooch Bo got star treatment and his first backyard romp at the White House on Tuesday — and even presidential clearance to visit the Oval Office. But he better not get any inflated ideas about doggy sleeping arrangements.

"Not in my bed," declared Barack Obama.

The nation got its long-awaited first look at Bo in action as the Obamas showed off the family's new dog on the South Lawn. First lady Michelle Obama did most of the walking while the 6-month-old Portuguese water dog scampered about. Then daughter Malia took a turn, and Bo took off running.

Despite the name of the dog's breed, daughter Sasha pointed out to reporters, "He doesn't know how to swim." "Yeah, apparently they have to be taught how to swim," Obama added.

The girls grinned as they played with Bo. The wet lawn, chilly air and gray sky didn't put a damper on Bo's debut.

Sasha clapped her hands at one point, calling for the dog's attention. Bo wagged his tail as each of the Obamas bent down to pet him.

Plainly pleased, the president said: "He's a star. He's got star quality."

Obama had promised his daughters, 10-year-old

Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, a puppy during the presidential campaign. The dog finally arrived Tuesday after the girls came home from school.

The commander in chief laid down some guidelines.

Each family member is going to have to help out, Obama said. "We all have to take turns walking the dog."

Asked by a reporter where the dog would sleep, the president said Bo would have his own spot. A bed? "Not in my bed," Obama said.

The president had a word of warning for the first lady. He said he had heard the breed likes tomatoes, so "Michelle's garden is in danger."

The White House will be the puppy's fourth home. He was born in Texas, then moved to his first owner's home in Washington, D.C., then spent nearly a month with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's dog trainer in Virginia, and now is moving to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Bo was given up by his first owner because things

weren't working out with the family's other dog, Kennedy and his wife, Victoria, who had two Portuguese water dogs from Bo's breeder and acquired a third from Bo's litter, thought Bo would be perfect for the Obamas and gave the dog to Malia and Sasha as a gift, the dog's breeder and a spokeswoman for Michelle Obama said.

At 6 months, Bo is still a "goofy puppy" and, like many Portuguese water dogs, may still be that way up to age 2 or even 4, said Stu Freeman, president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. "A puppy is a puppy and these are very active puppies," he said.

The pup is mostly black, but he has white fur on his chest and front feet. The dog's non-shedding coat also makes him a good pick for the family, given Malia's allergies.

After a reporter reminded him of President Harry S. Truman's line, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog," Obama joked, "I finally got a friend."

Older workers worry they're last in line for jobs

By JOSH FLORY
Scripps Howard News Service

As the U.S. economy wrestles with an ongoing recession, thousands of older workers are among those who find themselves looking for jobs. Whether older workers are at a disadvantage depends on whom you ask.

Barbara Monty, director of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee Office on Aging in Tennessee, said there's no question in her mind that older people who have been laid off, or pushed into retirement before they were ready, have a harder time getting a job.

"Age discrimination is out there, and people don't talk about it," said Monty. "They know they can't talk about it, but it's very real. And frequently the older people are the first ones to be laid off, or forced into retirement because they've been there a long time and their salaries are higher."

Monty's agency offers workshops for older job-seekers and helps people rec-

ognize strengths, which can be highlighted during a job interview.

"They can talk about the fact that ... they're going to be there and they're going to be there on time," Monty said. "You don't have to worry about my getting pregnant, you don't have to worry about my having been out on a date the night before. I'm settled and I'm mature and I've got a work ethic."

There is some evidence that older workers are better off than their counterparts at the other end of the spectrum, though. In a recent article, Bureau of Labor Statistics economist James Marschall Borbely wrote that, in 2008, young workers — those ages 16 to 19 — were affected more than those 55 and older by poor labor-market conditions.

Borbely reported that the labor-force participation rate for people age 55 and older increased by 1 percent in 2008, to 39.8 percent, and that the participation rate for older adults has been on the rise since 1995.

"Several factors may have

contributed to this rise," he wrote, "including a gradual increase in the usual retirement age for receiving Social Security benefits, a decline in the number of individuals covered by defined-benefit plans and the decreased availability of employer-provided retiree health benefits."

The same report found that the unemployment rate among workers ages 25 to 54 increased by 2 percent from fourth-quarter 2007 to fourth-quarter 2008. Among workers age 55 and older, the rate increased by 1.7 percent.

Sandra Rockholt of Sweetwater, Tenn., has years of accounting experience and the willingness to stay until a job is finished. But she has been unemployed since last June and thinks that her age — she'll be 61 on April 21 — may have something to do with it. A few weeks back, Rockholt submitted a resume to a new business started by a man who needed an employee in accounts receivable.

"He asked me if I was about ready to retire," she recalled. "I said, 'No, I can't retire. Retirement is not in my vocabulary.'"

Comic book writer to have signing today

Robert E. Brown will sign his new comic book "Bane of the Werewolf" at the Fantasy Factory at 257 N Hamilton St. in downtown Dalton today from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Brown is a Dalton native who has worked for Marvel Comics and Chaos Comics. "Bane of the Werewolf" is published by Silver Phoenix Entertainment Inc.

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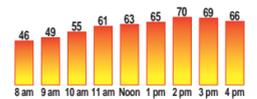
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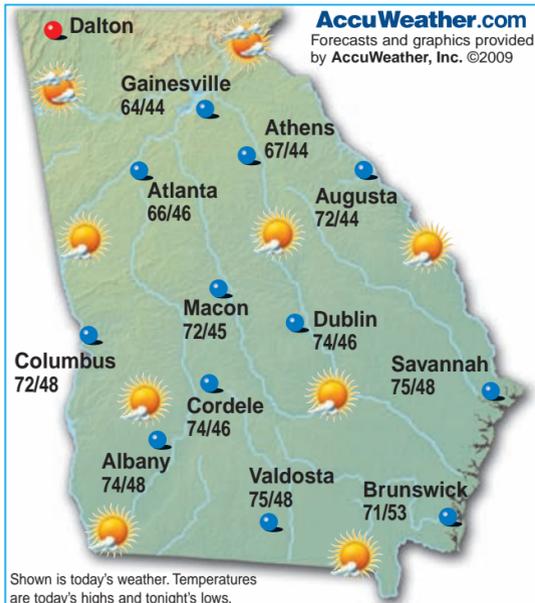
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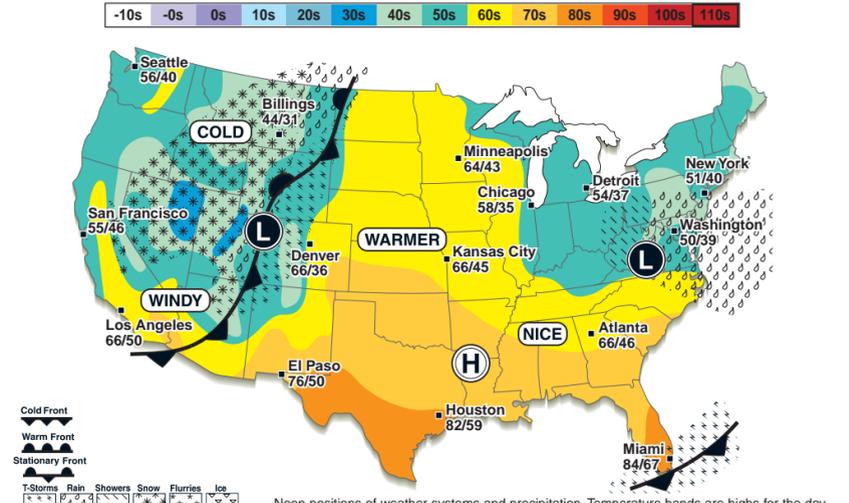
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PRO BASEBALL: FLORIDA AT ATLANTA

Marlins hold Braves to four hits in win

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dan Uggla drove in three runs, Chris Volstad and two relievers combined on a four-hitter and the Florida Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 5-1 on Tuesday night.

The Marlins are a big league-best 6-1 — all against NL East opponents — for their best start since opening 1997 with an 8-1 record.

Volstad (2-0) gave up three hits and one run in seven innings. He struck out four and walked two batters while lowering his ERA to 1.50. He has allowed only five hits in 12 innings.

Uggla drove in two runs with a third-inning single off Javier Vazquez (0-1).

Kelly Johnson led off the fourth with his third homer for Atlanta's first hit off Volstad. Leo Nunez and Matt Lindstrom each pitched a scoreless inning in relief of Volstad.

The Braves' only other threat came in the sixth, when pinch-hitter Martin Prado hit a leadoff double and Volstad walked Yunel Escobar. The runners were stranded at second and third on infield groundouts by Chipper Jones and Brian McCann.

Vazquez struck out 12 in six innings, which tied for the fourth-highest total of his

career, while giving up five hits and three runs. He set a career high with 14 strikeouts for Montreal against the Chicago Cubs on April 9, 2003, and had two games with 13 strikeouts.

Vazquez struck out the side in the third, but gave up three runs on three hits and a walk in the inning. After one-out singles by Emilio Bonifacio and John Baker, Hanley Ramirez struck out and Ross Gload walked to load the bases. Uggla's single past Escobar into center field drove in two runs, and Gload scored on a wild pitch.

Braves left fielder Garret Anderson

dropped two balls in foul territory for errors, matching his combined two errors in 498 chances for the 2006-08 seasons with the Angels.

Anderson's drop of Bonifacio's foul ball helped the Marlins score two runs, including one unearned, in the eighth. Bonifacio singled and scored on Baker's double to left off Jeff Bennett.

After Ramirez singled and stole second base and Gload walked to load the bases,

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PREP SOFTBALL

Lambert resigns at Northwest

BY LARRY FLEMING
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Tammy Lambert, who has directed Northwest Whitfield's softball team to state tournaments the past three seasons, has resigned to accept a teaching position at Cedar Elementary School.

Lambert will finish out the school year at Northwest and begin

her new duties at Cedar Ridge in August, she said Tuesday night.

"This is something I've been feeling for a couple of years," Lambert said. "I felt like

I needed a change and this opportunity at Cedar Ridge came open and I jumped at it."

Lambert said she will teach physical education at Cedar Ridge and won't coach again for a while.

"I need a break from coaching," she said.

Asked if she was burned out on coaching, Lambert said, "That had a lot to do with it. My patience wore thin. It got to the point that I wasn't looking forward to it like I had in the past. Stepping aside from coaching for a little bit will do me good."

The Lady Bruins' 2008 season ended with a 1-0 loss to Madison County, one win from playing for a spot in the Class 4A state tournament semifinals. Northwest started the season 2-11 but rebounded and finished 22-15-1. Northwest also reached the state tournament in 2007 and 2006, posting 19-16 and 17-13-1 records, respectively.

Northwest's Callie Thomas was *The Daily Citizen's* All-Area Softball Team Player of the Year the past two seasons.

Lambert focused on the big picture, though. While individual honors were nice, the fact that Northwest reached the state tourney for three straight years was a bigger accomplishment in her mind.

"Making those girls realize they deserved to be there (at state), making them believe in themselves, and know going to state was a reachable goal, was really satisfying," Lambert said. "I pushed them and they rose to the occasion. They achieved just about every goal I set for them."

Lambert is from Chattanooga and attended East Ridge High School. She then played softball at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tenn., and was a two-time All-America second baseman for the Lady Golden Eagles.

She returned to Chattanooga after graduating from Tennessee Tech and took a PE job at East Ridge Elementary School for two years. At the same time, she coached softball at East Ridge Middle and East Ridge High.

Lambert then taught and coached as head soccer and assistant softball coach at North Whitfield Middle School. In her second year at North Whitfield, Lambert was hired as freshman girls basketball coach at Northwest Whitfield High. In 2003, she was Todd Middleton's assistant with the Lady Bruins' softball team and when Middleton stepped down, Lambert assumed the job as head coach.

PREP SOCCER: WOODLAND-BARTOW VS. DALTON



Dalton Lady Catamounts soccer players Daniela Molinar (20), Rachel Czyz, center, and Jeissy Fraire (15) mob goalie Julie Parham (red jersey) after she stopped a Woodland-Bartow penalty kick to preserve a victory for third place in Region 7-4A soccer action at Harmon Field on Tuesday. The Lady Cats won 4-3 on penalty kicks after the two teams battled to a 1-all tie after regulation and overtime periods.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

Parham saves the day

BY MARTY KIRKLAND
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Julie Parham countered her nerves with prayer, but she used a shallow dive to her left and a solid, two-handed punch to counter Alex Yancy's shot.

Whatever it was that helped Parham, Dalton's starting goal keeper, make the big stop against Woodland-Bartow in Tuesday night's Region 7-4A consolation final at Harmon Field, the Lady Catamounts were happy to celebrate it.

Dalton won a penalty kick shootout, 4-3, after 80 minutes of regulation play and 10 minutes of overtime ended with the teams tied at 1. The victory, which came one day after the Lady Cats lost 4-0 at Hillgrove in the tourney semifinals, locked up the No. 3 seed for Dalton entering the state playoffs.

"I've got to give it to Julie," Dalton coach Rebecca Snellman said. "Our girls scored, but she holds her own in there and doesn't let the pressure get to her. It's a scary spot to be in."

The Lady Cats (12-4-1), who won 2-1

against Woodland (9-8) during the regular season, shot first in the round of five penalty kicks and made their first three attempts as Jeissy Fraire, Keri Shealy and Daniela Molinar converted. Woodland's Kim Gebert and Angela Smith did the same.

But Woodland's Rebecca Broome and Dalton's Rachel Czyz each went high on their shots before Woodland's Nicole Waits and

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OFFENSIVE PUNCH



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Christian Heritage's Derrick Hayes connects on a double during the Lions' 8-3 loss to Flint River Christian in Georgia Independent Schools Association baseball action Tuesday at Christian Heritage. Hayes had three hits.

Ringgold raps Raiders, 11-0

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Colton Cross was a one-man wrecking crew Tuesday, leading Ringgold's Tigers to an 11-0 rout of Southeast in Region 6-3A baseball action in Ringgold.

Cross went 3-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs to pace the Tigers' offensive attack. He also limited the Raiders (7-10, 2-5) to four hits — one single each by Michael Simpson, Bradley Grant, Andrew Shipman and Trey Parris. Cross struck out seven, walked two and hit a batter in a game stopped after 4 1/2 innings by the Georgia High School Association's 10-run rule.

"Cross took care of us by himself," Southeast coach Jason Keller said. "And the first four hitters in their lineup accounted for seven of their eight hits."

Zack Lance and Ryan Walden each had two hits for the Tigers. Zach Ford collected the Tigers' other hit off Southeast pitching.

Colby Cook started for the Raiders and was roughed up for four runs, all earned, six hits, and a walk in two innings. He struck out three. The loss dropped Cook to 1-3 on the season.

Bradley Grant gave up seven earned runs in one inning of relief, allowing three hits and striking out three. T.J. Lovain finished up, issuing two walks but no runs.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Raitz tourney will be played April 26

A golf tournament in memory of Dr. Bob Raitz is scheduled for April 26 at Nob North.

Registration is at noon, tee time at 1 p.m. Cost is \$65 per golfer. Proceeds will go to the Learning Tree School Sponsorship Fund.

"We invite any interested person to join us in this fun event," tournament chairman Murrel Tull said. "Sponsorships are also available — \$250 hole sponsor plus one free golfer, \$500 hole sponsor plus two free golfers, \$1,000 hole sponsor plus four free golfers. Any other dollar amount is appreciated."

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Registration may be mailed to Dr. Bob Raitz Memorial Golf Tournament, c/o The Learning Tree School, 300 S. Tibbs Rd., Dalton GA 30720.

Falcons will play two 'national' tilts

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons will open the season at home Sept. 13 against the Miami Dolphins, matching two of the league's most surprising teams in 2008.

Both teams unexpectedly made the playoffs but were eliminated in the wild-card round.

In a reward for last season's success, the Falcons have nationally televised prime-time games against the Chicago Bears at home on Oct. 18 (a Sunday night game on NBC) and Nov. 2 at the New Orleans Saints (Monday night on ESPN).

De La Hoya quits boxing at age 36

LOS ANGELES — Oscar De La Hoya called it quits in the ring Tuesday, ending a career in which he won 10 world titles in six divisions and became boxing's most popular fighter.

He announced his decision at an outdoor plaza across the street from Staples Center.

De La Hoya, 36, retires four months after he was thoroughly beaten by Manny Pacquiao.

He won his last title in May 2006, beating Ricardo Mayorga in six rounds for the WBC 154-pound belt. He finished with a record of 39-6 and 30 knockouts.

Henry agrees to plea deal for drugs

BILLINGS, Mont. — Former NFL player Travis Henry has signed a plea deal with prosecutors in which he admits to a single cocaine conspiracy charge in exchange for two other charges being dropped.

If U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull accepts the plea, the 30-year-old Henry, who has signed the plea deal, faces a mandatory minimum 10 years to life in prison, \$4 million fine and at least five years of supervised release.

Red Sox's Beckett suspended 6 games

NEW YORK — Boston pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended for six games and fined by Major League Baseball, which determined he intentionally threw a pitch near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week.

Beckett appealed, delaying any penalties until after a hearing. Angels hitting coach Mickey Hatcher was suspended for one game and fined, and he served the penalty Tuesday night.

— Staff, AP Reports



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Woodland-Bartow's Stephanie Hicks (13) battles Dalton's Daniela Molinar for a loose ball during their Region 7-4A soccer tournament match Tuesday.

Soccer: Dalton gets No. 3 seed for state

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Dalton's Marixa Ortiz converted to make it 4-3 and put the pressure on Yancy and Parham, who stopped three penalty kicks during a shootout victory against Rome earlier this season.

"I didn't even see it go," Parham said of Yancy's shot. "I just dove and I just got it."

Parham said praying throughout a shootout comforts her. She also usually takes a glance at her opponents' eyes to see if they'll reveal a preferred direction, but when Woodland's players kept their heads down until the last moment, she was forced to improvise.

"I just kind of went with the flow, whatever felt the best," she said. "I just kind of picked a spot and stuck with it."

She had already survived a busy second half. After each team went to halftime with just two shots to its credit — Dalton capitalized when Czyz's 12-yarder from the right side found its way into the net in the final minute of the first half for a 1-0 lead — Woodland's intensity to start the second half was hard to miss.

The Lady Wildcats dominated possession early in the half and, after hesitancy had seemed to cost them opportunities to set up in the first half, they also created better shots, using the two-pronged attack of forwards Yancy and Gebert to put pressure on both Parham and Dalton's back line.

Whenever a shot by Yancy or Gebert went off of a Dalton defender, the other was there to clean it up and make a second strike.

"I think we just really got focused," Gebert said. "I mean, we knew how much this game meant but I think it really hit us (at halftime) and we just decided to come out and throw it all on the field and give it everything we've got. I think we came out with a good result — we didn't win, but we worked really hard in the second half and that's what we needed."

Woodland caught up in the 46th minute when Smith

converted a penalty kick awarded after she went down in the box with Dalton players on both sides of her. But that was the worst damage the Lady Cats suffered, and they possessed well enough in the final 20 minutes of regulation to hold on to the tie and send the game to what proved to be a quiet overtime.

"They just played a little better than us," said Woodland coach Kyle Morgan, whose team outshot Dalton 7-6. "They made the plays down the stretch and they deserved to win."

Dalton had hoped to be playing for revenge in the region title match against Sequoyah, which eliminated the Lady Cats from last year's state playoffs and beat them 3-2 during the regular season. But they showed no ill effects from missing out on that opportunity with a new one at hand.

"I think after realizing we should have beat that team last night," Czyz said, "we just came out thinking we have to beat this team today and prove ourselves."

While Dalton had a late Monday night, not returning from its semifinal loss in Powder Springs until close to midnight, Woodland was dealing with a long layoff. The Lady Wildcats lost 3-0 to Sequoyah in the region semis on April 3, had last week off from practice because of spring break, and had only a workout on Monday to acquaint themselves with soccer.

"Whenever you have a time period where you don't play you're always a little less than what you would have been if you'd practiced," Gebert said. "But I think it was just we had to move our muscles some and get back into it. But I don't think it really affected the game."

Both Dalton and Woodland will travel for the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs, which begin next week. They'll be matched up with Region 8, with Dalton facing the No. 2 seed and Woodland drawing that region's champion.

Prep: Lions beaten

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■ **Flint River Christian 8, Christian Heritage 3:** Flint River's Jake Hamlett struck out 16 and limited Christian Heritage to five hits, three coming from Derrick Hayes, in Georgia Independent School Association Region 4-2A play at Christian Heritage.

"We beat him (Hamlett) early in the year, but he was on today," Lions coach Noah Stokes said.

Gray Hutchinson belted a two-run homer for the Lions and Parmelee Ward had the other hit for Christian Heritage (5-4, 5-3).

Flint River got three runs off Lions starter Mason Sikes in one-plus innings and added five, just two earned, off reliever Tommy Malerbi over the next 5 1/3 innings. Malerbi gave up six hits, one walk and struck out three.

Varsity golf

■ **Murray County 157, Dade County 158, Gordon Central 219:** Zach Gibson shot a 2-over 38 to lead the Indians to the victory at Fields Ferry Golf Course in Calhoun.

Chase Jones posted a 39, Jacob Wildes 40 and Dylan Langford 40 for the Indians.

Braves: Glavine may retire

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Ugla hit a run-scoring single to right. Jeff Francoeur threw out Ramirez at the plate.

Meanwhile, Braves left-hander Tom Glavine said he may retire if his sore left shoulder doesn't improve in two weeks.

Glavine was told Tuesday he must rest for at least two weeks after inflammation was found in his left rotator cuff. The 43-year-old had an MRI and was examined by Dr. James Andrews, who advised treatment and rest.

Glavine said he's tired of rehabbing after elbow and shoulder surgery last August. He's willing to give the shoulder two weeks, but not much longer.

"I'm willing to put in a little more time but I'm not willing to put in another six weeks or eight weeks because by then, you know what, I'm going to have to start all over again and I'm not interested in doing that," he said.

Glavine joined the Braves at Turner Field on Tuesday night following the examination in Birmingham, Ala.

He ended Sunday's minor league start with Double-A Mississippi after two innings due to soreness in the shoulder after swinging a bat.

Glavine felt similar discomfort when hitting in spring training, but he said that pain didn't last as it did this time.

The visit with Andrews left Glavine with a two-week timetable that may determine if he continues his career.

"From my own standpoint, it works better for me to kind of have a timetable to say, OK, let's give it this amount of time, and if we see some progress, then good. We'll know we're going in the right direction," Glavine said. "If we don't, then I think maybe at that point in time maybe we need to sit down and honestly think about how much more I want to go through this and whether or not anything is going to change."

Because the MRI did not reveal a tear, the initial reaction from the Braves was positive.

General manager Frank Wren said the Braves "were happy that it wasn't more serious."

"I think it's good it happened swinging the bat instead of throwing the ball," manager Bobby Cox said. "It's kind of a disappointment for me, but I think the good news is he's coming back."

Glavine, who agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract in February, sounded less sure that he'll pitch again. He doesn't expect to have another MRI in two weeks.

"I think all of it is going to be based on how I progress pain-wise," he said. "If I'm seeing a definitive change in the amount of pain that I have and the amount of strength I'm being able to gain, then I think I contin-



AP PHOTO

Atlanta pitcher Javier Vazquez flips to first to retire Florida's Ross Gload after fielding a grounder in the second inning Tuesday night. The Marlins won 5-1 and Vazquez took the loss.

ue on. If two weeks from now my pain has not changed and my strength isn't any better, then I think I'm more clearly in a position where I need to honestly sit down and figure out how much more I want to go through with this."

Glavine was 2-4 with a 5.54 ERA in 13 starts last season. He had a partially torn left elbow tendon repaired by Andrews on Aug. 21. At that time, Andrews also cleaned up Glavine's left shoulder.

"I think he's surprised my elbow has held up as well as it has and I'm having so many issues with my shoulder," Glavine said.

The rehabilitation from last summer's surgery has left Glavine less willing to start another long process. He said if his shoulder doesn't feel better in two weeks, he'd have difficulty being ready to pitch before the All-Star break.

"I don't think it's fair to this team and I'm not sure I have the desire to do all that for maybe half a season," he said.

Atlanta adjusted plans for the No. 5 spot in their rotation. Left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes will be recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett for Saturday's game at Pittsburgh, which had been Glavine's first scheduled start of the season.

Glavine, a 305-game winner and 10-time All-Star, spent his first 16 major league seasons with the Braves, winning the NL Cy Young Award in 1991 and 1998. He pitched for the New York Mets from 2003-07 and returned to Atlanta last season to be with his family.

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Booster meeting

The North Murray Mountaineer Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on April 20 in the Bagley Middle cafeteria. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Call Josh Lowe at (706) 537-0133 for information.

Northwest tennis

The Northwest Whitfield tennis banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 23 in the school's commons. Contact Julie Orem at (706) 226-7456 or oremcrew@gmail.com.

Murray wrestling

All former and current Murray County wrestlers are invited to the program's reunion picnic from 1-6 p.m. on April 26 at Appalachian Bank Community Center in Chatsworth. For information, call (706) 517-5815.

Youth fishing day

The Conasauga Bass Club's annual youth fishing event is scheduled for July 25 in Whitfield County. Children should bring their fishing pole and tackle. Club members will help the children with fishing tips, bait, tackle and pole preparation, taking off catches and taking pictures of catches. Food and drinks will be provided and all children will receive a goodie bag and a gift certificate. Poles, bait and tackle will be provided to those that need them. The event is free, but registration is required. Call (706) 847-6973 or write cbcfishingevent@windstream.net. Directions to the event: From I-75 North, take Exit 341. Go right, then turn left onto Lake Kathy Rd. Take the first left onto Oscar Nance Rd., then turn left at the next drive and look for the balloons.

Road races

The second Run for John is scheduled for April 25 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with a 1-mile run/walk starting at 8 a.m. and the 5K race at 9 a.m. Online registration and sponsorship opportunities are available at therunforjohn.org. Race-day registration begins at 7:30. The mission of the race is to raise money for college scholarships in honor of the late John Bruner, who was a standout distance runner at Dalton High. Cost for participation is \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 on race day.

The Bill Gregory Healthcare Classic is scheduled for May 2 at the Bradley Center for

Wellness. Scheduled races are a timed 5K at 8 a.m., the timed 2K "Kid's Classic" (ages 19 and younger) at 9:30 a.m. and an untimed 2K walk at 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$15 before April 21 and \$20 after. Pre-registration is urged — T-shirts and desired sizes are limited for race-day registrants and pre-registrants are eligible for door prizes. Race-day registration will be held from 7-9 a.m. Entry forms can be printed at nwghealthpartners.org.

Registration, tryouts

The North Georgia Bulldogs, a semi-pro football team based in Calhoun, are still looking for linemen to fill out their 50-man roster. The Bulldogs will hold preseason games in May and open on June 13. Anyone interested in trying out for the positions can write to co-owner Kacey Smith at northgeorgiabulldogs@hotmail.com.

The Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Department will have sign-ups for Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 15-19) and Dixie Girls Softball (ages 13-18) from 9-11 a.m. on April 18 and April 25 at Edwards Park on Cleveland Highway and at the WCPRD on Gillespie Drive. Fee is \$45 and due at sign-up. Contact Jerry Manis at (706) 226-8341 or jmanis@whitfieldcountygga.com.

The Whitfield Reds are looking for one 8-year-old boy to play travel baseball. Contact Ricky Chumley at (423) 593-5020.

The Georgia Sting fastpitch softball team is seeking a pitcher to compete in an all 16-under schedule and almost all the ASA 14-under qualifiers in metro Atlanta. Contact Greg Boyd at (706) 581-7624 or gasting@optilink.us.

The Dalton Dolphins will hold tryouts April 27-30 for swimmers ages 5 through 18. The first practice session is May 4. Registration continues through June 15. Also, SwimAmerica swimming lessons start May 4 and run every two weeks through the summer. Times for lessons are 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; classes are limited to five swimmers per instructor. Contact Charles Todd at (706) 275-0077 or visit ccacswimming.org.

The Dalton Parks and Recreation Department is offering select baseball and softball leagues starting May 11. Teams will play an eight-game season, with games held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at Heritage Point Park in Dalton. Costs are \$200 for 8-under coach pitch, \$225 for 9-under and 10-under and \$300 for 10-14. Contact Steve Roberts at (706) 281-1223 or sroberts@cityofdalton.gov.

Add your news

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Note: For a complete calendar, go online at daltondailycitizen.com/sports/events.

TOURNEY CHAMPS



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The 8-year-old Beavertdale Wildcats recently won the Early Bird tournament at Eastbrook. Team members are front row, left to right, Emma Snyder, Jillian Poe and Emma Reed; second row, Kelsey Schneller, Bailee Hixson, Megan Chapman, Lily Snyder, Meghan Schneller, Mallory Poe, Chloe Dashler and Gracie Reed; back row, coaches Dana Poe, Andy Reed, James Chapman, Wes Snyder and David Hixson.

France leaves track position

By JENNA FRYER

Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

Jim France, son of NASCAR founder Bill France Sr., will step down June 1 as head of the largest operator of NASCAR tracks.

Lesla France Kennedy,

AUTO RACING

sister to current NASCAR chairman Brian France, will move from president to chief executive officer of International Speedway Corp. The announcement was made at Tuesday's annual stockholders' meeting in Daytona Beach, Fla.

ISC is the largest operator of NASCAR tracks and the France family's publicly traded company. The family runs NASCAR as a private entity.

"Under Lesa's continued outstanding leadership, I have every confidence they will drive future success for ISC's shareholders for many years to come," Jim France said of his niece.

Jim France began working for his father at ISC in 1959 when he was 14 and became president in 1987. He became CEO six years ago when his older brother, the late Bill France Jr., began transferring power to family members.

Jim France will continue as chairman of ISC's board of directors and vice chairman of NASCAR. He is NASCAR's largest shareholder and has spent 50 years with the company, which owns 11 tracks that host 19 premier Sprint Cup Series races each season. ISC's crown jewel is Daytona International Speedway.

"His vision and energies have been vital to our ability to

prosper, and we will continue to benefit from his extensive experience and knowledge of the motor sports industry," France Kennedy said.

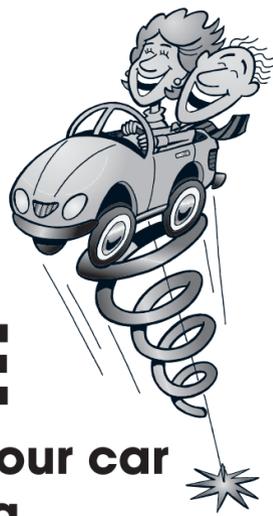
France Kennedy will be replaced as president by current chief operating officer John Saunders. Roger VanDerSnick was promoted from senior vice president to executive vice president and chief operating officer, and Daniel Houser moves from vice president to senior vice president.

"These changes follow the company's plan of succession that has been in place for quite some time," Jim France said.

"Working closely with the board, I look forward to continuing to provide key oversight and support to a strong management team that has shown careful and sound judgment on both strategic and operational matters."

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Lunch: Lunch will be served as players finish their round and before the afternoon flights begin. Afternoon flights are encouraged to come at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.
Cost: \$175.00 per player, \$700 per team. Entry fee includes green fees, cart, ditty bags, mulligans, red tees, prizes, meals, beverages and an opportunity to win door, closest-to-the-pin, long drive, team and hole-in-one prizes. Outstanding prizes and door prizes in both a.m. and p.m. flights, plus a quality, individual ditty bag will be presented to each player.

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a.m. or p.m.
Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____
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LOCAL TENNIS

Wood tourney set Lakeshore courts

SUBMITTED BY NORTH GEORGIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

On May 2-3, the North Georgia Tennis Association (NOGTA) will hold the fourth Terry Wood Memorial tennis tournament at Lakeshore Park in Dalton.

This annual event serves as a kickoff to the competitive tennis season in North Georgia while honoring one of Dalton's most avid players.

Terry Wood died of a suspected heart attack or stroke in 2005. While being known as a competitive tennis player for more than 25 years, Wood worked in Dalton for many years as a salesman for several local and national companies.

NOGTA decided to donate the net proceeds of the tournament to the American Heart Association again this year.

"We really appreciate the efforts of NOGTA and its members to organize this tournament," said Dale Huffstetler of the American Heart Association. "Terry is a reminder to us all that even

though you can be active and healthy, heart disease can affect us at any time."

The event will feature men's doubles, women's doubles and for the second year, a junior division.

Tournament director Randy Ellison said the addition of the junior division is important.

"We want to promote tennis among the younger generation, and adding the junior division helps us do that," he said.

Ellison has helped organize the event since its inception, along with Michel Bates and Lisa Douglas, both NOGTA members.

All tennis players are invited to compete and will receive a commemorative gift for participating. Winners and finalists will receive awards.

The entry fee is \$25 and forms can be obtained by visiting NOGTA.com or calling Randy at (706) 260-5343.

To learn more about the American Heart Association and your risk of heart disease, go to heart.org.

Hawks clip Heat

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ATLANTA — Flip Murray scored 17 points to lead the Atlanta Hawks reserves past the Miami Heat scrubs 81-79 Tuesday night in a playoff preview that was more like a pre-season game.

With both teams locked into their postseason position — they'll play Game 1 in Atlanta this weekend — there was little incentive for

either to give significant minutes to top players.

Miami star Dwyane Wade, coming off a career-best 55 points against the New York Knicks, didn't even bother dressing.

Neither did Jermaine O'Neal or Udonis Haslem, the latter recovering from a deep cut on his right thumb.

Michael Beasley led the Heat with 23 points.

The Hawks rested Maurice Evans and Zaza Pachulia, and kept their starters on the bench much of the night.

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
Rome at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
Woodland-Bartow at Murray County, 5:55
Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. Murray County at Indian Trace, 3

Varsity soccer
Region 7-4A tournament
Championship: Paulding County at Dalton, 7:30

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 (DH), 5
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-Bartow 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-Bartow, 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

Freshman baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Dade County, 2

TELEVISION

On Today
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
WGN — Chicago White Sox at Detroit

7 p.m.
PEACHTREE (Optilink 83, Charter 27) — Florida at Atlanta
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — San Diego at N.Y. Mets

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — Houston at Dallas
10:30 p.m.
ESPN — Denver at Portland

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
VERSUS — Playoffs, Eastern conference quarter-finals, game 1, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
10 p.m.
VERSUS — Playoffs, Western conference quarter-

finals, game 1, St. Louis at Vancouver
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — UEFA Champions League, quarter-finals, leg 2, teams TBA

HOCKEY

NHL Glimpse

Playoffs
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
Today
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.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glimpse

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 23 .716 —
x-Atlanta 47 34 .580 11
x-Miami 42 39 .519 16
Charlotte 35 46 .432 23
Washington 19 62 .235 39

Central Division
W L Pct GB
z-Cleveland 66 15 .815 —
x-Chicago 41 40 .506 25
x-Detroit 39 42 .481 27
Indiana 35 46 .432 31
Milwaukee 34 47 .420 32

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
x-Houston 53 28 .654 —
x-San Antonio 53 28 .654 —
x-Dallas 49 32 .605 4
x-New Orleans 49 32 .605 4
Memphis 23 58 .284 30

Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
y-Denver 54 27 .667 —
x-Portland 53 28 .654 1
x-Utah 48 33 .593 6
Minnesota 24 57 .296 30
Oklahoma City 22 59 .272 32

Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
z-L.A. Lakers 64 17 .790 —
Phoenix 45 36 .556 19
Golden State 29 52 .358 35
L.A. Clippers 19 62 .235 45
Sacramento 16 65 .198 48

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

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 81, Miami 79
Boston at Philadelphia, late
Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Today'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

BASEBALL

AL Glimpse

East Division
W L Pct GB
Toronto 6 2 .750 —
Baltimore 5 2 .714 1/2
New York 4 4 .500 2
Tampa Bay 4 4 .500 2
Boston 2 5 .286 3 1/2

Central Division
W L Pct GB
Chicago 4 3 .571 —
Kansas City 4 3 .571 —
Detroit 4 4 .500 1/2
Minnesota 3 5 .375 1 1/2
Cleveland 1 6 .143 3

West Division
W L Pct GB
Seattle 6 2 .750 —
Los Angeles 3 4 .429 2 1/2
Oakland 3 4 .429 2 1/2
Texas 3 4 .429 2 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, p.p.d., rain
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore at Texas, late
Toronto at Minnesota, late
Cleveland at Kansas City, late
Boston at Oakland, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Contreras 0-1) at Detroit (Galarraga 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Laffey 0-0) at Kansas City (Ponson 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 0-1) at Oakland (Bre. Anderson 0-1), 3:35 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 0-1), 4:08 p.m.
Baltimore (Hendrickson 1-0) at Texas (Benson 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 0-0) at Minnesota (S.Baker 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-0) at Seattle (Washburn 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

NL Glimpse

East Division
W L Pct GB
Florida 6 1 .857 —
Atlanta 5 2 .714 1
Philadelphia 4 3 .571 2
New York 3 4 .429 3
Washington 0 7 .000 6

Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 6 2 .750 —
Chicago 5 2 .714 1/2
Pittsburgh 4 3 .571 1 1/2
Cincinnati 3 3 .500 2
Milwaukee 2 5 .286 3 1/2
Houston 1 6 .143 4 1/2

West Division
W L Pct GB
San Diego 6 2 .750 —
Los Angeles 5 3 .625 1
Colorado 3 4 .429 2 1/2
Arizona 2 5 .286 3 1/2
San Francisco 2 5 .286 3 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Florida 5, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, late
St. Louis at Arizona, late

Today's Games
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Prep Poll

The Georgia Sports Writers Association high school poll:

- Class 5A**
1. South Forsyth
 2. Pope
 3. Roswell
 4. East Coweta
 5. Newnan
 6. Grayson
 7. Kell
 8. Woodstock
 9. Mill Creek
 10. Jenkins

- Class 4A**
1. Lee County
 2. Mariet
 3. Whitewater
 4. Heritage
 4. (tie) Loganville
 6. S. Effingham
 6. (tie) Effingham County
 8. Lakeside-Evans
 9. Madison County
 10. Sprayberry

- Class 3A**
1. Columbus
 2. Cartersville
 3. Lumpkin County
 4. Stephens County
 5. St. Pius X
 7. Carrollton
 8. Peach County
 9. Cairo
 10. Flowery Branch

- Class 2A**
1. Cook County
 2. Calhoun
 3. Heard County
 4. Pike County
 5. Appling County
 6. Jefferson
 7. Lovett
 8. Jeff Davis
 9. Adairsville
 10. Pierce County

- Class 1A**
1. Pacelli
 2. Brookstone
 3. Lakeview Acad.
 4. Savannah Christian
 5. Landmark Christian
 6. Wesleyan
 6. (tie) Commerce
 8. Providence Christian
 9. Hebron
 10. Calvary Day

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Moves

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Boston RHP Josh Beckett six games and fined him an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch near the head of the L.A. Angels OF Bobby Abreu on Sunday. Suspended L.A. Angels hitting coach Mickey Hatcher one game and fined him an undisclosed amount and fined L.A. Angels manager Mike Scioscia, L.A. Angels OF Torii Hunter and L.A. Angels RHP Justin Speier undisclosed amounts for their involvement in the same incident.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended Boston G Ray Allen one game for elbowing Cleveland F Anderson Varejao in the groin during Sunday's game.



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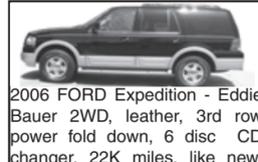
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WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES
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Procedures for selection of an individual or firm will be in accordance with local government requirements and the Common Rule Selection Process and the Georgia CDBG Guidelines. All Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated in terms of project approach, timing, experience, quality of work, and capacity to perform. Local government experiences and qualifications desired include, but are not limited to, community development planning and Federally-funded construction contract management services. Past performances on local government construction projects will also be assessed in terms of timeliness, completing work within budget, quality of work and other factors, such as knowledge of community. Interested parties should respond to this announcement no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2009. Qualification statements should be submitted to Kevin Herritt, County Planner, Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 248 Dalton, GA 30722. Proposals received after the above date and time may not be considered.
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services for a period of two to three years. Plans are to immediately contract with a reputable firm for grants planning and management for a NSP project funded March 27, 2009, as well as a proposed FY 2009 CHIP submitted to DCA on April 1, 2009. This procurement action may also lead to additional contracts and or contract addendums for planning, administrative, and other related services for state and federally funded community and economic development projects for a period of two years. All contracts are subject to federal and state contract provisions as prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and/or other federal agency, as applicable. Criteria for evaluation includes: Firm History; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) experience; Community Home Investment Program experience; Familiarity with the Community; List of associated references; Key personnel/qualifications; Scope and level of service proposed; Experience with similar projects; Fees associated with grant administration. Whitfield County has the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities in the proposal process.

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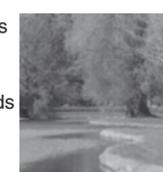
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By LARA HAYES

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When Jimmy Gallman thinks back over his nearly 31-year career with the Georgia Forestry Commission, one situation stands out.

It was a hot day in 1987, made worse by an extreme drought. Multiple fires scorched the Dalton area, including one monster blaze close to Valley Point Middle School. The fire consumed approximately 130 acres, crossing Swamp Creek and roads before crews finally extinguished the blaze about 12 hours later a mile away at Cross Plains Boulevard.

"That was probably my scariest moment," said Gallman, who retired March 1 as Whitfield-Catoosa chief forest ranger senior for the Georgia Forestry Commission. "I felt a bit helpless and I was in charge. The radio frequency was so crowded you couldn't talk to the plane overhead."

The pilot was scouting the fire and relaying information to crews on the ground.

"He was trying to tell us what was going on," Gallman said. "We had fires everywhere and we couldn't do anything with this one. It got close to buildings but the fire department kept them from burning. We just lost a lot of trees."

Growing up on a farm in Murray County, his experiences with nature were peaceful. Woods surrounded the property and the Gallman kids made the forest their sanctuary — playing, hunting and enjoying the outdoors.

"It was all we knew," he said.

As a youngster, Gallman dreamed of becoming a veterinarian and practiced taking care of the farm's pigs, dogs, cows and chickens as well as abandoned animals.

However, his love of animals had to be reconciled with the necessity of survival.

"We'd cry when daddy would shoot a pig," Gallman said. "We raised most of what we ate. We had to, there weren't any jobs in Dalton in 1953."

After graduating from Murray County High School in 1964, Gallman decided against a career in veterinary medicine because he lacked the proper background. Instead, he enrolled at Walker County Technical School to study television repair and later Pickens Technical Institute for appliance repair. Gallman wanted to stay out of carpet mills.

"Working in a carpet mill is a dead end job," he said. "You can only go so far."

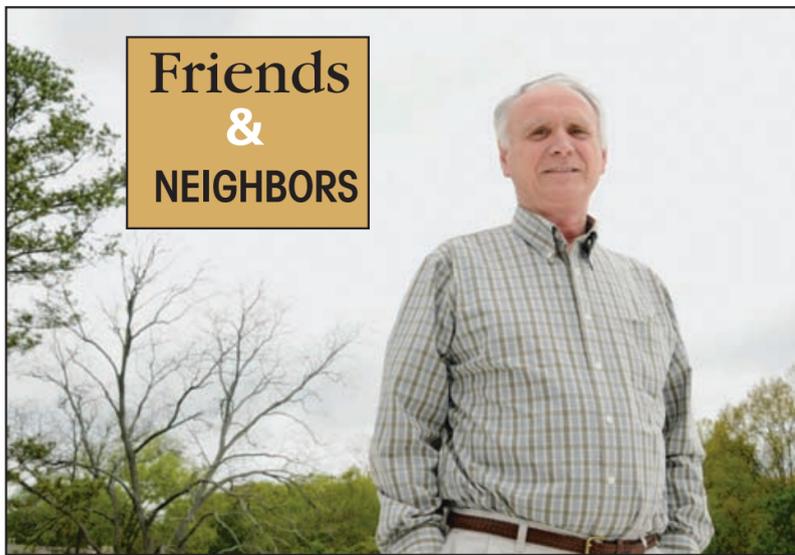
Gallman's plan changed when tough economic times forced him to a local carpet mill, ending his trade school education. After a few years, however, Gallman jumped on a chance to return to one of his lifelong loves: the woods.

Gallman became a forest patrolman in Pickens County for the Georgia Forestry Commission on Aug. 7, 1978. He held numerous Smokey Bear programs at schools teaching kids about trees and forest fire prevention, checked people's trees to diagnose problems and helped fight wildfires.

After 15 months, Gallman transferred to Whitfield County where he continued working as a forest patrolman. He was promoted to chief ranger of Whitfield County in 1986 and became chief ranger senior in 1989. On April 1, 2006 he became the chief ranger senior of Whitfield-Catoosa counties when the two units merged.

Gallman loved the work but found the schedule a bit limiting.

"You couldn't plan anything," he said. "I was on call 24/7, and



MISTY WATSON
THE DAILY CITIZEN

As a child, Jimmy Gallman dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. Instead he spent almost 31 years with the Georgia Forestry Commission. He retired March 1 as the Whitfield-Catoosa chief forest ranger senior.

we couldn't take any days off during fire season. Fire season is February to April and October to December. There were only three people on staff then."

In July 1985, Gallman's unit went to Los Padres National Forest in California to help battle a 200,000-acre wildfire. He summed up the experience in one word: rough.

"We were there two weeks," he said. "We slept on the ground in spike camps. They fed us good ... We put in fire lines with rakes. That's not a place to be if you're not in good physical shape."

Gallman never saw any firemen or forestry workers die or suffer major injuries.

"You're trained to do it," he said. "Most fatalities occur when helicopters or planes crash. You drink a lot of water to avoid heatstroke. The biggest thing is blisters and lack of sleep."

Back home, Gallman helped

form the Dalton Tree Board in 1992 with Harlan Godfrey and Grant Evans. He also had the idea to create Otis Cook Tree Park on Northview Drive with Kris Thomas in 1996.

"I'd always wanted to see an arboretum (a botanical garden devoted to trees)," Gallman said. "Its about two acres, very peaceful and quiet. It draws people in. Kris did the footwork for it though. I can't really take credit for that."

Gallman thinks the community can never have too many trees.

"It's cooler and more pleasant," he said. "You feel cooler under a tree."

Gallman also is a self-described people lover and is grateful for the opportunity to have met thousands of amazing people over the years.

"Ninety-nine percent are as nice as can be," he said. "You treat them well and they'll treat you well. I had a few mad at me but not many."

Gallman misses that interaction since he retired, but he says the time had come.

"I had my time in and everything was falling into place," he said. "Everything ends. In life you're just passing through."

Gallman now spends his time working on his wife Paulette's "long honey-do list," gardening, metal detecting, raccoon hunting, babysitting twin grandsons Noah and Braeden and doing genealogy research. He also hopes to get back to beekeeping soon.

"Bees are good for pollinating, honey and nature," said Gallman. "My dad kept them. I've been stung multiple times. They'll eat you up if you're not careful."

Gallman believes communing with nature requires respect.

"I like water but I respect it," he said. "Same with fire. Everybody likes fire because it's relaxing but I respect it. When it's controlled and you respect it, it's good."

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LADIES OF THE EIGHTIES



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The Ladies of the Eighties, consisting of former Southeast High students who graduated during the 80s, held a brunch April 11 at Shoney's on Walnut Avenue in Dalton. Above are from left, first row, Tonya Ragan ('83), Judy Phillips Denney ('83), Tracy Gordon Chambers ('85), Melissa Roberson Grooms ('85); second row, Donna Brooks Nelson ('85), Melanie Milton Flood ('86), Candace Stewart Green ('85), Nina Hicks Dixon ('85) and Valerie Goswick Hegwood ('85).

Former North Dalton residents plan reunion

Friends of North Dalton will host the fifth annual North Dalton reunion April 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Ray Broadrick, spokesman and one of the event coordinators, invites former residents to attend to

reminisce and renew acquaintances.

"The reunion is for every former resident of North Dalton," said Broadrick. "If you attended North Dalton or Fort Hill schools, the First Church of the Nazarene, Hamilton Street United Methodist Church or Mount Rachel Baptist or worked at

Crown Cotton Mills or Duane Chair Company, then we'll be expecting you."

The reunion will be in the church's family life center at 901 Veterans Drive. Light refreshments will be served.

There is no charge to attend, but a donation of protein canned goods (peanut butter, canned meats, spaghet-

ti with meat sauce, beans) for the church's food pantry are appreciated.

For more information, call Elaine Pope Shepard at (706) 259-9850, Emma Lou Mullins Burgess (706) 278-3872, Lucena Lowery Ault at (706) 673-5530 or Sandra Houston Lowe at (706) 694-8476.

GROWINGS ON

And the 2009 Ga. Gold Medal winners are...

Each year, a select group of plants are named Georgia Gold Medal winners. These plants are stand-outs, and the five chosen for 2009 are no different. This year's gold medal winners have all proven their worth and are ready to add beauty to Georgia's landscapes.



Louis Dykes

And the 2009 winners, by category, are: summer annual, Summer snapdragon; herbaceous perennial, Arkansas blue star; evergreen vine, Armand clematis; evergreen shrub, Fragrant tea olive; and deciduous tree, Lavender twist redbud.

Selection process

Each year an elite group of green industry and academic professionals from throughout Georgia select a slate of outstanding ornamental plants in five categories, said University of Georgia Cooperative Extension horticulturalist Gary Wade. Only one plant in each category can earn the plant selection committee's coveted gold medal award. The committee is made up of nurserymen, flower growers, landscapers, landscape designers, garden center managers and University of Georgia horticulturists. It was organized in 1994 to promote the production, sale and use of superior landscape plants.

"The nominees are judged on a strict list of criteria including pest tolerance, ease of maintenance, survivability, seasonal interest and availability," Wade. "The list of nominees is long and the selection process is tedious, but in the end, all on the committee agree that the plants chosen are deserving of their gold medal designation."

2009 winners' descriptions

Armand clematis is a low-maintenance annual flower that provides an explosion of blooms from summer through fall. It's most noted for its heat and drought tolerance, extended bloom period and performance in the landscape. The annual is available in a wide range of colors, including white, rose, lilac, violet, blue and many shades in between. Its flower spikes have about a dozen flowers. The flowers hold up well in floral arrangements.

Arkansas blue star, a clumping herbaceous perennial, has soft foliage texture and outstanding fall color. In the spring, light-blue, star-shaped flowers with yellow centers are borne along the upper portions of the stem and last three to four weeks. In the fall the foliage turns golden yellow and literally glows when the sun strikes it. It's a showstopper when planted in groups and backed up by taller evergreens, ornamental grasses or plants with burgundy foliage.

Armand clematis is an evergreen flowering vine with few pest problems. Its glossy, evergreen leaves are attractive year-round. Spring flowers are an added bonus of Armand clematis. White, fragrant, star-shaped flowers appear in March in Athens, Ga., and persist nearly a month. Its flowers have a spicy, subtle fragrance that is not overpowering.

Fragrant tea olive, a flowering shrub, lives up to its name with outstanding fall fragrance. A tough, low-maintenance plant with few pest problems, it adapts to a wide range of soils. This large shrub is best used as a background plant in a perennial border, a specimen plant or an evergreen hedge. Its creamy white flowers are often hidden among the foliage and aren't usually noticeable until their fragrance infiltrates the landscape.

Lavender twist redbud is sure to be the focal point in any landscape. The plant stops traffic when in bloom. Flowers are borne not only along the branches, but along the main trunk as well. When winter arrives and the leaves drop, the tree becomes a living sculpture with zigzag branches, a contorted trunk and persistent pea-like seed pods that hang from its weeping branches.

To learn more about on the Georgia Gold Medal Winners program, visit www.georgiagoldmedalplants.org.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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

April 16

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

April 18

The Conasauga Chapter of the Georgia Nurses Association will present an educational seminar, "Identifying Injuries of Abuse Across the Lifespan" April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Brown Conference Center at Hamilton Medical Center. Featured speakers will be Susan Patton of the University of Tennessee and Patricia S. King, a forensic specialist for the Georgia Division of Aging. The cost is \$10 and may be sent with reg-

istration to J. Bernice Whaley, 388 Beaverdale Road, Dalton, GA, 30721. For a registration form or more information, call Whaley at (706) 259-5508 or e-mail jbernice34@yahoo.com.

Blood Assurance will conduct a blood drive April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart located on Shugart Road in Dalton. There will be t-shirts, snacks and drinks for all donors. The event is sponsored by the 43rd Tri-County Masonic Convention. All participants are asked to eat a good meal and bring their ID.

April 23

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

April 24

The Conasauga River Alliance will host its 2009 Sparkling Waters Golf Tournament April 24 at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. The event is four-man select shot. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams. There will also be prizes for longest drive, closest to pin and hole-in-one. To register, call (706) 625-7044. Proceeds are used to support public activities for a clean Conasauga River.

April 24-26

Thomas the Tank Engine will visit Tennessee Valley Railroad in Chattanooga April 24-26 and May 2-3. Activities include a 25-minute ride, meet Sir Topham Hatt, a "Thomas and Friends" imagination station, storytelling, videos and live music. Tickets are \$18 plus tax for ages 2 and up. For tickets, call (866) 468-7630 or visit www.ticketweb.com/thomas. For directions, call (423) 894-8028.

April 25

The annual reunion of the late Tom J. and Lillie Grant Brown family will be held April 25 at 4 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church on Antioch Road in Dalton. A covered dish dinner will be served.

The annual reunion of the George and Lori Keith Morris family will be held April 25 at the Brookstone Development Clubhouse in Calhoun. For more information, call (706) 529-6975.

April 26

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

The Stines and Holmes family reunion will be held April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at Red Clay Park. It is requested to bring a covered dish. All relatives and friends are invited. For more information, call (423) 614-8955, (423) 244-4425 or (706) 281-2128.

April 30

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

May 1-2

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

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Army Pvt. Charles Searles Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of Brenda Houser of Glenn and a 1999 graduate of Dalton Hills High School in Augusta.

COMMENTARY

Being mad is a waste of my time

I've decided on something.

It's the second decision I've made this year; the first being to not start smoking.

Such decisiveness being so rare, I've decided to share it with my reader, or, if this is my lucky day, readers.

I'm never going to get angry again.

For most who know me, this would seem a relatively simple task.

Unlike Al Hrabosky, baseball's "Mad Hungarian," I'm neither mad nor Hungarian, although I am constantly hungry. I'm of very even temperament, not prone to fits of fury over spilled milk, or gasoline. You really have to do something horribly horrific to make me mad — like set my head afire, or disagree with me about something of great importance, like my opinion.

But for even the mildest of milquetoasts, eliminating anger altogether from the array of human emotion is quite an undertaking. It's going to take discipline. It's going to take lots and lots of patience. It's going to take lots and lots of Doritos. It's going to take free cable. It's going to take the Georgia Bulldogs winning the national football championship — every year.

I made this decision based on one simple principle: Being mad is a waste of my time, and I make a really hideous face when I'm irate.

Why get all bent out of shape when there is nothing you can do about it? How does it help to get furious when your neighbor's dog, or your neighbor, poops on your back porch? Does the poop go away or start smelling better if you become enraged? No. And I know that for a fact.

My vow is to turn the other cheek. Since I have



Len Robbins

about five of them now, that's easy to say, but much harder in practice.

So when the guy with the "I Fear No Beer" bumper sticker fails to use his turn signal, forcing me to slam on the breaks and spill my dipped cone all over my Sunday britches, I won't honk frantically and salute him with a gesture of bad will. No, I will gently roll down my window and gleefully exclaim, "Greetings, fellow driver! You'll get 'em next time with that turn signal."

When my wife throws away the T-shirt I watched the Braves win the World Series in — the one I wanted my grandson to wear the next time they win the series — I won't give her a verbal lashing and begin to sob. No, I will kiss her on the cheek softly and tell her how thin she looks in that outfit.

When my son pours syrup in my tennis shoes after I repeatedly told him to quit playing with the syrup, I won't scold him or bring out the belt. No, I will sit him tenderly on my knee and explain that soggy shoes don't make for good walking. We'll then skip to the kitchen for some jello.

When a colleague at work erases a witty, perfectly-worded column never to be found again, I won't pound them upside the head with a socket wrench. No, I will tell them, "Don't worry about it, friend. Go about living happily. I've got another one right here in my ole noggin."

I, of course, will be lying.

That may be another thing I need to stop doing.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

Get the most out of it

There are four keys to successful exercise

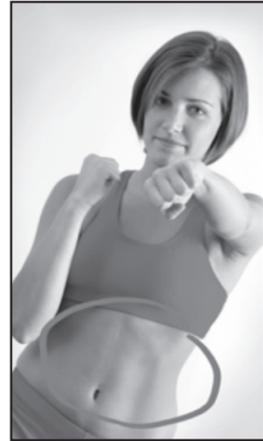
Whether you're an exercise novice taking the first steps toward fitness or a committed fitness fanatic hoping to optimize your results, there are four key elements you need to include in your routine for long-term success.

The first, aerobic exercise, is probably the most well-known and is the cornerstone of most fitness training programs. When the surgeon general recommends you get 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week, he is talking about aerobic exercise. Any physical activity that uses the large muscles of your hips and thighs continuously for about 12 minutes or longer and increases your heart rate can be aerobic. Walking, jogging, biking, swimming, dancing, playing sports, etc. can all be used.

This type of exercise is most esteemed and recommended by health and medical authorities because it is most associated with increased cardiovascular health. The better your aerobic fitness, the more efficiently your heart, lungs and blood vessels transport oxygen throughout your body — and the easier it is to complete routine physical tasks and rise to unexpected challenges.

Aerobic fitness, however, is not the be all and end all of a complete fitness routine.

Muscular fitness is another key component that is being recognized more and more as a critical element to strengthen mus-



MCG PHOTOS

The four keys to success in exercise are aerobics, muscle fitness, stretching and the core strength.

cle, reduce injury potential and even stave off age-related muscle and bone loss. Regular strength training has been found in recent years to be vital in maintaining lean muscle while dieting and is the key in getting that lean, toned look that cannot come from weight loss alone. Most fitness centers offer various resistance machines, free weights and other tools for strength training.

Since both aerobic and muscular fitness activities cause your muscles to contract and flex, for balance

in your fitness training program, it's important to stretch those muscles too. Stretching increases your flexibility, improves the range of motion of your joints and promotes better posture and circulation.

Regular stretching can even relieve stress and help prevent injury, especially if your muscles are imbalanced and causing tightness at a joint. You should set aside time to stretch tight muscles after each workout when your muscles are warm and receptive to stretching. If you



don't exercise regularly, you might want to stretch at least three times a week to maintain flexibility. Activities such as yoga and tai chi promote flexibility too.

The muscles in your abdomen, lower back and pelvis — known as your core muscles — are so important to your health and overall posture and function, that they deserve an element of attention all to themselves. Abdominal crunches are a classic core exercise, but planks, side planks, hip bridges and the quadruplex or "birdog" exercise have gained more prominence in recent years. You can also try tai chi or do various core exercises with a fitness ball. Sitting on the ball with good posture is a good start. From there, you can try abdominal crunches and other core movements.

Whether you create your own fitness training program or enlist the help of a personal trainer, you should make aerobic fitness, muscular fitness, stretching and core stability each a part of your overall exercise plans. Factoring in these four fitness elements can help you promote fitness for life.

If you need help, the Bradley Wellness Center has all the tools necessary to help you put all these pieces together in a way that is appropriate for your unique body, interests, strengths and weaknesses. Stop by or call (706) 278-9355 and ask to speak with one of our fitness consultants about our free assessment process. We'd be glad to help you.

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BRIDGE

Who does what to whom?

You don't have to have a slide rule to be a good defender, but it helps greatly to know a thing or two about standard defensive conventions. For example, take this deal where West led a club against four hearts. Declarer won East's jack with the king and played a trump, taken by East with the ace. Back came the seven of diamonds, South's king losing to the ace, and West returned a club to dummy's ace. Declarer played a trump to his hand, led the jack of spades and finessed. East took his king and returned the five of diamonds, but South went up with the queen and later discarded his diamond loser on dummy's third spade to make the contract. West stumbled badly on defense when he won the king of diamonds with the ace at trick three. East's seven-of-diamonds return, in accordance with convention, should not have been difficult to read as "top-of-nothing," that is, indicating a doubleton or tripleton diamond holding headed by the seven. This meant that declarer held either the K-Q-x or K-Q-x-x of diamonds, so there was no urgency about taking South's king with the ace. Had West ducked the king, South ultimately would have gone down one. When East later gained the lead with the king of spades, his diamond return would have allowed West to score the A-J to set the contract. Incidentally, South likewise erred in the play of the hand. He should have led the jack of spades at trick two, not a trump. If the spade finesse succeeded, the contract would become foolproof, while if the spade finesse lost, declarer would simultaneously acquire an extra spade winner that would prevent his losing two diamond tricks. There was consequently much more to be gained by tackling spades before trumps, and had declarer recognized this, the defense's chance to set the contract would never have come to pass.

Tomorrow: Malfeasance in office.

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You may have to take a back route this year if you want to get to your destination unscathed. Be very clear in your communications, don't promise more than you can deliver and be practical in all your partnerships. Don't give the impression that you can get something for nothing. Your numbers are 2, 12, 15, 21, 29, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Leave the talking to someone else. Anything you say will be held against you and will cause you grief. You have enough support to take care of any pressing matter. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The more you express your likes, dislikes, ideas and plans, the more support you will get and the closer you will come to making your dreams a reality. Don't miss an opportunity to pick up skills to enable you to earn and enjoy more. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have some great ideas that can earn you some extra cash or help you win a settlement or contract. However, sharing what you want to do with too many people will work against you. Go it alone, using your own style and finesse. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Have faith in what you do and how you do it. With a little imagination and positive confirmation, you can convince others to join a plan that allows you to pursue one of your dreams. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen to the arguments being made by others before you take a position. It will be the simplest of plans that will have the best outcome. Don't let anyone convince you that you have to do things in an extreme manner. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Remain firm and stick to your plans, regardless of what anyone around you does. You can expect the unexpected from someone you've been dealing with regularly. An emotional



Eugenia Last

issue can now be taken care of with positive results. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on your ideas and creative skills, as well as, your social life and the people who can help you advance. Trying to push your will on someone with whom you don't agree will not help resolve the issue. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let go of any personal affront against yourself or a loved one. If you waste your time and burn your energy on revenge, you will miss out on an important opportunity. Enjoy the people you are with. The collective effort will pay off and bring you higher status. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll experience lots of controversy because of meddling, arguments and disruption regarding your strategy and plans. Rethink something you did in the past and reverse a decision. Honesty is always the best policy. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your emotions lead the way. Discuss your feelings and intentions regarding the direction of your personal and professional life. Taking on something you've thought about but never imagined you could pull off will be within your reach. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expression of speech is a wonderful thing and you can use it to your advantage if you want to force necessary reforms. You will come up with some unusual methods that may not have been considered and will have a lasting effect on the situation. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't use force when all it will take is a simple, polite request to get your way. Let go of any aggressive feelings and avoid the unpredictable. Allow everyone a chance to do his or her own thing. 4 stars

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU PENNED A POEM. THEN IMMEDIATELY THREW IT AWAY. WOULD YOU SAY YOU'VE DE-VERSIFIED?
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals U

PET OF THE WEEK



Midnight

Midnight needs a home

Midnight is a beautiful pit bull that was left behind when her owners moved out of town, unfortunately an occurrence which is happening more and more. You can help by considering to adopt from the Murray County Humane Society and making a tax-deductible donation. The Murray County Humane Society relies on donations from the public and 100 percent is used for the animals — for veterinary costs, assisting individuals financially with pet spay or neuter and medical emergencies and caring for those pets in the foster facilities. While pet abandonment is on the rise, donations are down. Donations can be mailed to: Murray County Humane Society, P.O. Box 796, Chatsworth, GA 30705.

PRIZE FLOWERS?



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Bernice Chambers arranges flowers from her garden. She hopes to enter the flower show April 23 at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center, 302 Cappes St., in Dalton. To enter one of the the four categories — Easter bonnet, horticultural, potted and cut stems and creative and novel designs — call (706) 278-3700.

To Your Good Health

Acne can persist into adulthood

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter, now 30, has a severe case of acne. I thought her acne would go away as she grew older. Could there be something medically wrong that's causing it? — M.L.



Paul G. Donohue

ANSWER: Acne most often starts at puberty and disappears in the early 20s. However, that's not always the case. Close to 10 percent of acne patients are in their 40s, and some struggle with it until quite late in life.

Acne comes from an overproduction of male hormone, a clogging of skin pores, an excessive output of skin oil and the proliferation of a bacterium named P. acnes. Your daughter could have a condition where she is making too great a supply of male hormone. Polycystic ovary disease, other ovary conditions and adrenal gland problems are examples of things where excess male hormone leads to acne persistence into older ages. However, women (and men) can have persistent acne without any serious medical disorder. Your daughter should be checked by her doctor for a possible endocrine problem.

If she has no underlying medical issue, then her attack on acne centers on eliminating the four acne causes I mentioned. Acne treatment usually begins with benzoyl peroxide, whose brand names are many. It comes as a lotion, a cream or an ointment, and it is available without a prescription. It fights the P. acnes bacterium. A step up on the treatment ladder is use of antibiotic creams, lotions or ointments con-

taining c l i n - damycin or erythromycin. Another approach is the use of vitamin A related s u b - stances to u n p l u g clogged skin pores. Retin-A, Differin and Tazorac are examples. The next step up is oral antibiotics like doxycycline or minocycline. For severe acne, the doctor can inject cortisone into large, bothersome acne lesions. Birth-control pills for women right any imbalance between male and female hormone, and are often successful in suppressing acne.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to know about pulmonary fibrosis. Does it usually follow COPD? Is it similar to cystic fibrosis? What is the usual treatment? — R.M.

ANSWER: Collagen, the body's all-purpose filler and supporting material, is the stuff that makes up scars. You can think of pulmonary fibrosis as lungs filled with collagen strands — scar fibers. The most common variety of this disorder is idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. "Idiopathic" indicates that a cause isn't known. COPD (chronic obstructive pul-

monary disease — emphysema and chronic bronchitis) can be seen with pulmonary fibrosis, but the two are distinct processes. Cystic fibrosis, a genetic illness, usually appears early in life and is not related to pulmonary fibrosis, which mostly comes on after age 50.

Scar tissue interferes with oxygen passage into the blood. The two common symptoms of pulmonary fibrosis are breathlessness on slight physical activity and a dry cough.

Cortisone drugs are the drugs usually chosen as the first therapy, and prednisone is the cortisone drug usually prescribed. Sometimes azathioprine is given in conjunction with it. Oxygen is supplied when indicated. Many other treatments are under evaluation. A lung transplant is the ultimate solution to the problem, when such is possible.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I never read much in your column about high liver enzymes. My enzymes are 442. I consume beer (no liquor) every day, probably on average between six to eight beers.

Is this reversible? — H.R.

ANSWER: Enzymes are

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

proteins found in all body cells. They make sure that cell chemistry proceeds at the optimal tempo. Without them, things would proceed at a snail's pace. Some organs, tissues and cells have enzymes unique to them. When blood levels of those enzymes rise, that indicates those cells are dying.

Two frequently monitored liver enzymes are AST (also called SGOT) and ALT (also called SGPT). The upper normal value for these enzymes is around 40. Your value is 10 times that limit.

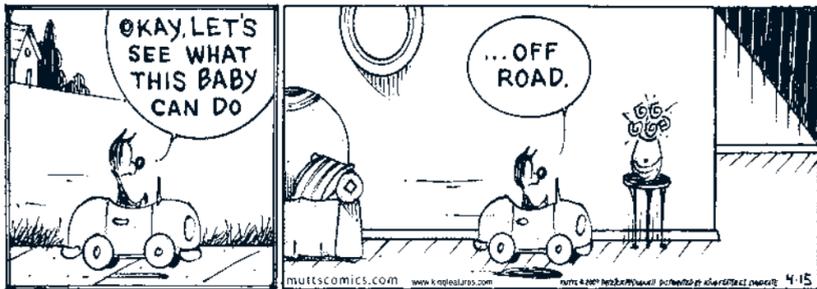
You have to stop all alcohol. Your enzyme levels should return to normal if you do, and your liver should recover. Who ordered these tests? That person should step in, direct your recovery and make sure no other process is adding to liver injury.

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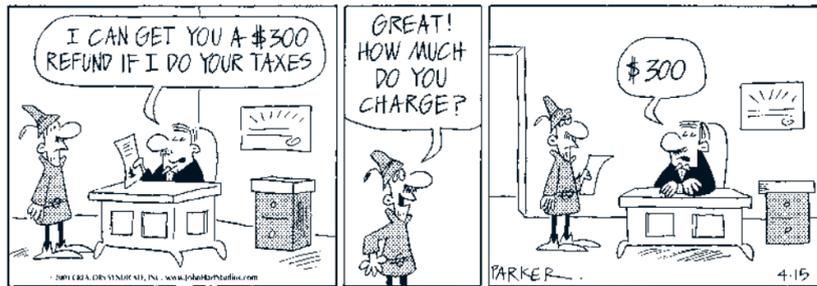
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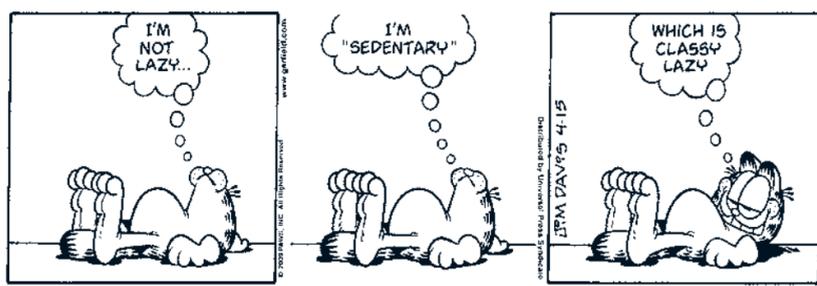
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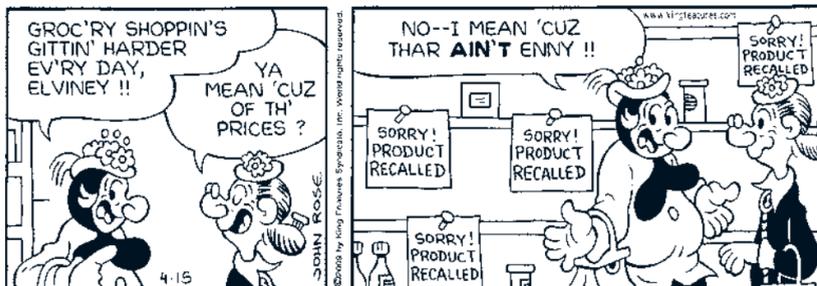
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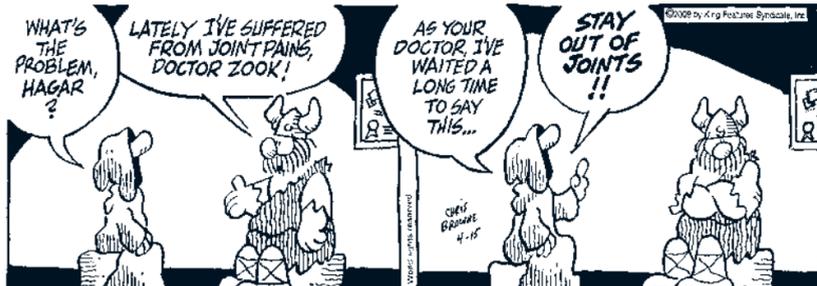
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's lie ends affair, but may save her marriage

DEAR ABBY: I am trying hard to rebuild my marriage. My husband and I have three young children. Four months ago, I met a man (I'll call him "Jack") who made me feel like I haven't felt in a long time. We have not slept together. We tried to stop seeing each other, but my attraction to him was too strong.



Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am concerned about my younger brother. I'll call him "Freddy." Freddy is 18 and very lazy. His girlfriend lives with him at my mother's house. Our mom is always cleaning their room, cooking and sometimes even launders their clothes. Mom is bothered by this. I live with her, too, but I do my share. I pay half the rent. How can we let them know we are not their housekeepers, but in a nice way? — TOUCHY SUBJECT, LAS VEGAS, N.M.

This week my husband and I separated. I saw Jack this morning. Before things went too far I told him that I had herpes. He practically had a heart attack and ended it on the spot! The thing is, what I said wasn't true. I just could not think of another way to make him stop being available so I could concentrate on my marriage. I feel like a coward, and I am heartbroken. I miss Jack terribly. Would there be any point in telling him that I lied, or did I do the right thing? — WAVERING IN THE SOUTH

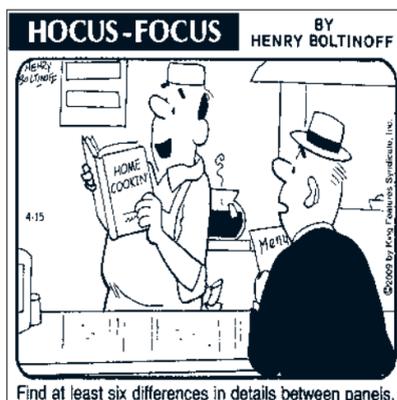
DEAR TOUCHY SUBJECT: I, too, am concerned about your brother. It is time your mother realized that by allowing this arrangement, she has done her son no favors.

The girlfriend should not be living in his room rent-free. If she is a student, she should have a part-time job and contribute something — and so should Freddy. If he is old enough to have a live-in companion, he should be mature enough to clean up and do a load of laundry.

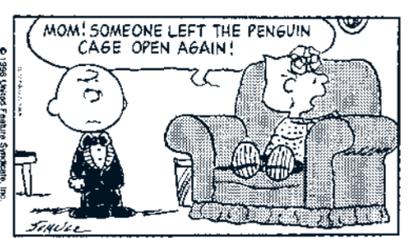
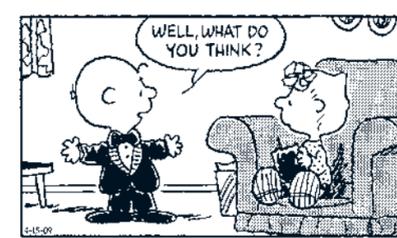
Your mother should convene a "family council" meeting and start assigning chores. Until and unless she becomes assertive enough to draw the line, she will continue to be taken advantage of. It's not about being mean or nasty. It's about encouraging Freddy to grow up and lessen his dependence upon her.

DEAR WAVERING: I can see absolutely nothing positive to be gained by approaching Jack again. While I would never recommend lying, yours exposed the man's truth. If he truly cared about you, he would have stuck by you instead of heading for the exit. Consider yourself lucky to have learned the truth while there was still time to save your marriage.

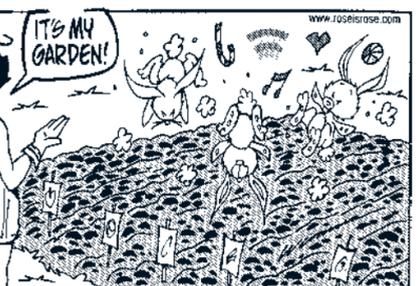
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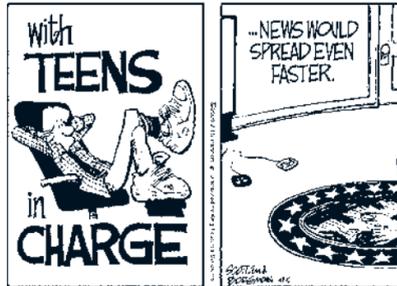
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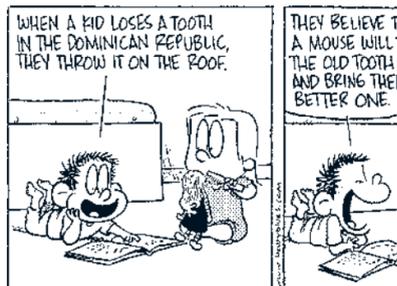
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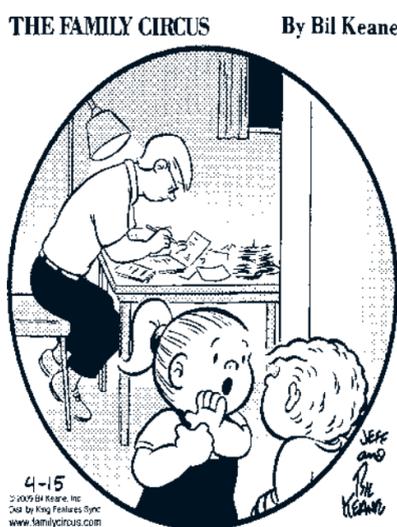
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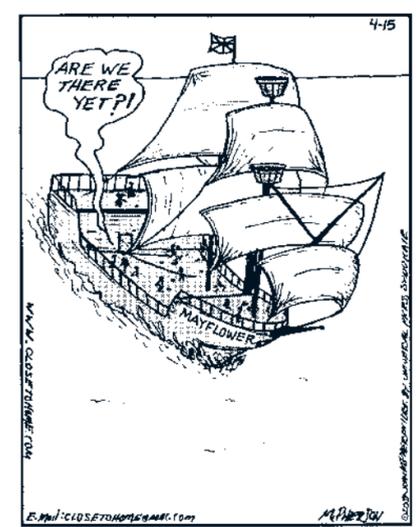
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