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SUMMERVILLE MAN 'CRITICAL'



Misty Watson/The Daily Citizen

Workers pull a log out of the middle of Highway 201 at "Pangle's curve" in the Westside community on Monday while cleaning up after a logging truck overturned. A Summerville man was in critical condition in a Chattanooga hospital Monday evening after the logging truck he was driving overturned on Highway 201 west of Westside around 2 p.m., offi-

cial said. Freddie Scroggins, an employee of Matt Owens Logging Inc. in Rome, was airlifted to Erlanger Hospital. Scroggins is in his 30s, said a spokeswoman for Owens Logging. The highway was temporarily shut down while the driver was cut out of the truck. The wreck was still being investigated on Monday night.

Cope: Power bills could triple

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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New clean air rules and potential legislation that would limit carbon emissions nationally could cause local electric bills to triple, says Dalton Utilities president and CEO Don Cope.

Cope briefed utility board members on the legislative and regulatory outlook at their meeting on Monday.

He said he had listened last week to a presentation by the Edison Electric Institute, an organization that all of the large, shareholder-owned utilities belong to, on the possibility of legislation capping carbon emissions produced by fossil fuels such as coal and oil.

"Their estimate is that it will cost the average household in the United States between \$3,000 and \$6,000 per year," he said.

Cope said that is likely a high estimate. But he said if the real cost is even half of the lower end of that range, it will still cost the average household \$1,500 a year or about \$125 a month.

"That's a \$125 increase on every electrical bill on every household in the country," he said. "On our system, the average customer doesn't have a \$125 electrical bill."

Data provided by Dalton Utilities shows its average residential power bill is \$69.79 a month so a \$125 increase would basically triple the average bill.

Cope said state rules that took effect earlier this year mandating that coal-fired plants be retrofitted to reduce sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and mercury emissions will also drive up the utility's costs.

"We are going to have about a 12 percent cost increase right now because of Georgia law for

everything that we buy that is powered by coal. You add on top of that the federal legislation and the regulation that is going to be associated with it and who knows what the costs of electricity will be," he said.

Dalton Utilities officials said they currently get about 40 percent of their electricity from coal-fired plants.

"People need to understand what these costs are, where they are coming from and what the tradeoffs are," Cope said.

Larry Johnson, an economist at Dalton State College, said that utilities have the technology to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from coal-burning plants, but removing carbon dioxide is a different matter.

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Dalton ups cash on classrooms

BY MARK MILLICAN
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The Dalton Board of Education on Monday approved a \$149,000 increase in the budget to build new classrooms at Dalton High School. Palmer Griffin, director of building and maintenance/operations, said the change order was needed to replace and reroute existing electrical, sewer and water lines that would have been running under the new wing if left in place.

"It wouldn't have been good to have an 8-inch water line under the new building, and then have something go wrong with it," Griffin said.

Superintendent Jim Hawkins noted, "They couldn't see into the ground when they did the bid (specifications)."

Board member Rick Orr said the spending is "still within the contingency (funding)" for the wing.

The revised cost for the 27 instructional spaces, which include room for culinary arts and horticulture programs, comes in at \$13.688 million. The work is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, 2010, said board chairman Steve Williams.

Board members also approved a



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Julie Parker, the school nurse at City Park Elementary, examines a student who wasn't feeling well on Monday.

contract with the Whitfield County Health Department for six nurses — one at each elementary school — at the cost of \$291,938. Craig Harper, assistant superintendent for human resources and student services, said the school system had seen a 3 percent reduction in funds from the state for nurses. He

explained that health department director Cheryl Wheeler "worked with" the school system and accepted 5 percent less than last year's contract, which was \$306,464.

Board members Rick Fromm and Danny Crutchfield did not attend the session.

Georgia unready for rail

ATLANTA (AP) — President Barack Obama's plans for a national high-speed rail network is bittersweet for Georgia.

The state is now eligible to win millions of dollars in federal funds for high-speed rail projects.

But transportation advocates say Georgia is so far behind neighboring states that the best it can hope for is money to fund more studies.

Chick Krautler of the Atlanta Regional Commission says the reason is that the Georgia Department of Transportation has "for years been primarily a department of highways."

The department says it is changing. It has recently hired Erik Steavens to oversee rail projects, and he said he will push for a rail line linking Atlanta to Chattanooga.

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TODAY'S FORUM

Editor's note: Please keep your comments as brief as possible. Get to the point! Longer comments should be submitted as letters to the editor. If you include a name, please spell it. Call 706-272-7748 to reach Today's Forum.

"The fair tax would not hurt the poor, because they do not buy yachts, BMWs and Jaguars."

"Gringos is an inappropriate word for Dalton State College to use."

"I couldn't afford the fair tax and I don't consider myself in the poor category."

"People need to stop talking bad about Southeast High School and say something good about it because there are some good things that need to be said."

"People are having a hard time — out of work and taxes are rising. Yet the president gives money to every country he visits. He has put more miles on Air Force One than any other president and that is wasting more money."

"The problem with coaching in the Whitfield County recreation department is parents coaching their own kids. The parents tend to favor their kids and leave the other players behind. They play their kids more and spend more time with them."

"Obama shakes hands and has his picture taken with Hugo Chavez. That just shows how dangerous he is."

"How can President Obama talk about a country living within its means while going \$3 trillion in debt?"

"I am so proud of the Navy SEALs. They nailed it. It's time for this country to stand up and put its foot down."

"What would you say about a doctor that gives you a new medicine that makes you itch like your lying on a bed of insulation? Then when you call him, he tells you to keep taking it."

"I went by the gas station at Home Depot and saw an ambulance driver pumping gas while smoking a cigarette."

"You are wrong about pot, there was a study that showed that 80 percent of the people who got on hard drugs started on pot. That's why it's not a victimless crime."

Editor: They may have drank Sprite too, but we don't make the assumption that Sprite led them to cocaine or heroin. The evidence on the "so called gateway" effect is sketchy at best.

"There is nothing wrong with Dalton Utilities water being bubbly. The bubbles depend on the kind of filter you have in your spigot."

"I'd hate to stand up one day and tell God that I couldn't go to search because of crying babies and spilled coffee."

"The headline on the Ann McFeatters column on Sunday was "Obama takes the train." What was left off was ... "over the cliff."

"Thank you for your Our View in Friday's paper. Instead of name calling and arguing over who is in office, we need to be discussing these economic policies and stopping them."

"Bush was criticized from the beginning. There was a

ways a lot of talk against Bush."

"Happy 4:20 and I love you Mr. Editor."

"The Mexican drug war is already in the United States."

"Let's quit criticizing our president. He's only been in there a little while."

"President Obama is flying around the world trying to make peace and straighten this thing out."

"I saw the story "Grisly slayings bring drug war to US" on page 10-A on Sunday. Sure Mr. Espy, keep trying to sell that smoking pot is a victimless crime."

"Our family has been suffering more than eight years from our son's drug addiction, which began with pot smoking. So far, it has cost our family \$250,000, sleep, peace of mind and many friends. It's also costs him his reputation and his future. It is not a victimless crime."

Editor: Take note that all this happened with pot use ILLEGAL under local, state and federal law. Prohibition did nothing to help your son and may have made things worse. I hope he gets better.

"Love the editor's column on Sunday. And why has there been no mention of all the troops going to Afghanistan under Obama. That's all they talked about under Bush."

"Let's get that national debt paid off."

"Mr. Editor, sorry to see by your column today that you don't know the God of the Bible."

"The Mafia and the oil companies want to keep marijuana illegal? Wow!"

"I remember when the chicken place on South Hamilton used to be a place where you paid your utility bills."

"The brown horse on Ridge Road was loose again this weekend."

"I have Charter and when I had outages I found them courteous and quick. You reach a recording when you call, but the steps you go through are very simple. If that doesn't help, you get a real person the phone."

"School administrators are paid for the number of days they work — 190, 210 or 220 and that salary is divided by 12 for the whole year. So no, the administrators won't be mowing the grass."

"The funniest line in the forum on Sunday was "Fox shows both sides." I am still laughing."

"The best commissioner Murray County ever had was a Ridley. The worst commissioner Murray County has had is a Ridley."

"Whitfield County is talking about furlowing employees including police and firefighters and someone wants to set up a horse park. Something's wrong with that."

"Does anyone know what happened to the local weather on OptiLink Channel 55?"

"You have to give respect to get respect."

"Why is the FBI collecting information for a DNA database?"

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR APRIL 20
Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 1-1-4, Cash 4: 1-7-0-8, Evening Cash 3: 6-7-4, Cash 4: 0-0-2-9, Fantasy Five: 28-12-11-5-8
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 8-0-4, Lucky Sum: 12; Cash 4: 0-8-7-3, Lucky Sum: 18; Evening Cash 3: 0-8-7, L-Sum: 15, Cash 4: 0-8-2-8, Lucky Sum: 18

County 'storm ready'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Whitfield County is now certified by the National Weather Service as a StormReady community.

StormReady is a voluntary program designed to help residents prepare and deal with effects of extreme weather, such as heavy thunderstorms and tornadoes. This is done by setting up a 24-hour warning system, an emergency operations center and providing information to the community about hazardous weather.

Officials with the weather service presented members of the county Emergency Management Services and the board of commissioners with a StormReady sign that will be placed on a road in the county.

For information on the program, go to www.storm-ready.noaa.gov.

In other business, commissioners voted 3-0 to approve a lease-purchase agreement with Cole's Equipment in Dalton for three John Deere tractors. The county will pay Cole's Equipment \$10,718 a month for 36 months (for a total of \$385,848), then will have the option to buy the tractors for \$1 each at the end of the agreement.

Chairman Mike Babb only votes to break ties and Harold Brooker did not attend the meeting.

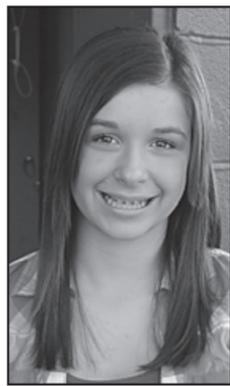
Lawyer guilty

ATLANTA (AP) — A Marietta real estate attorney has pleaded guilty to cheating more than 125 investors out of \$28 million over a five-year period.

U.S. Attorney David E. Nahmias says 48-year-old Robert P. Copeland, who entered the plea in federal court on Monday, raised more than \$40 million since 2004 from investors nationwide.

TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Emily Mays
AGE: 14
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Kim; dad, Mike; younger brother, Andrew
SCHOOL: Valley Point Middle School
PLAY: Cheerleading
SHE SAID: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."
—Romans 5:8



Energy: Going up?

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"About all they can do is collect it, and then you'd have to store it underground or something like that," he said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week declared carbon dioxide a danger to public health, which gives the government the power to impose regulations on industries that emit it.

Cope said regulators are also pressuring utilities to get an increasing share of their power from "renewable" sources such as solar or wind. But he said they do not allow utilities to count nuclear generation as a renewable source, something he and others in the industry disagree with. Dalton Utilities is part owner of nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle and Plant Hatch.

"They are going to force things on us like wind power, which is at best only available to run 30 to 40 percent of the time and conservatively only available 20 percent of the time," he said.

Cope said the only wind power that would be available in Georgia would be offshore. Otherwise, he said, the state would have to buy wind power from producers in the Western states, and that would require new high-voltage transmission lines running across the country.

Cope said carbon emis-

sions per dollar of gross domestic product has been declining in the United States even as it has been growing in other parts of the world.

"We are doing the right things in this country already. It's the rest of the world that has problems. Yet we are going to take the lead, even though we are in an economic crisis. We are going to take the lead and shut down things," he said.

Brian Anderson, president of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce, said such regulations could take a big bite out of manufacturing, especially in the Southeast. They could drive more manufacturing offshore, especially if other nations do not adopt such stringent measures.

Anderson said some companies are actually looking at bringing some manufacturing back to the United States because they have found the benefits of being close to their customers outweigh any savings from lower labor costs overseas but driving up their costs here could hinder that trend.

The Dalton Utilities board voted to put the extension of sewerage to Tunnel Hill out to bids. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.25 million and the estimated construction time is 210 days. The project will lay 23,200 feet on eight-inch pipe from the Mill Creek treatment plant north along Highway 41.

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Refinery lawyers want report tossed

SAVANNAH (AP) — Attorneys for one of the nation's largest sugar producers accused a whistleblower Monday of faking a report that he says he sent to company executives warning them of the dust hazard at a Georgia refinery days before a blast there killed 14 workers.

Kelly Fields, 40, a 1986 graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School, was one of the workers who died from injuries sustained in the blast.

Lawyers defending Imperial Sugar in more than 30 lawsuits filed a motion in Chatham County State Court asking a judge to throw out the report and all testimony by Graham H. Graham because he "knowingly provided false testimony." Graham was vice president of operations at the Texas company at the time of the explosion.

Company attorneys said computer forensics experts hired by Imperial Sugar determined the report, which Graham says he forwarded to top company executives after he wrote it the week of Jan. 20, 2008 — 17 days before the explosion — was actually generated three days after the blast. They say Graham never sent the document to anyone other than his wife.

"They've made a mistake," Graham said Monday. "The allegations are wrong."

Investigators determined the Feb. 7, 2008, explosion at Imperial Sugar's refinery in Port Wentworth, a few miles west of Savannah, was caused by airborne particles of sugar dust that ignited like gunpowder. Dozens of workers were injured along with the 14 who died.

Graham, who lives in Houston, referred further questions to his attorney, Philip Hilder, who called the accusation a "maneuver by Imperial Sugar to continuously smear Graham Harris Graham."

However, Hilder declined to answer questions about when Graham wrote the report and whether he sent it to company executives.

"I can't comment directly on the forensics until I see them," Hilder said. "I have a lot of questions myself."

Mark Tate, a Savannah lawyer who represents the families of 11 victims suing Imperial Sugar, defended Graham as "the hero of this case."

Storms kill 2

GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Authorities say two people in northern Alabama have been killed in separate accidents caused by heavy storms.

Marshall County Sheriff's spokesman Heath Thomas tells The Huntsville Times a woman was killed and her husband seriously injured when the storms destroyed their mobile home near Guntersville late Sunday. Their identities have not been released.

It was not yet known whether the home was destroyed by a possible tornado or the extremely high winds that the storms produced across much of Mississippi, Alabama and parts of Georgia.

In Morgan County, The Decatur Daily reports that a tree fell on a mobile home and killed a man inside.



FILE PHOTO

The Dalton City Council is seeing federal money for repairs to the Hamilton House on Chattanooga Avenue.

Blight: Hamilton House could benefit from grants

By CHARLES OLIVER
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The Dalton City Council took another step Monday towards preserving one of the city's oldest buildings. Council members voted 4-0 to designate the Hamilton House, on Chattanooga Avenue, as a slum or blight. That allows the council to use part of an estimated \$2 million in federal community block development grant money it expects to receive over the next five years to repair the building.

Mayor David Pennington votes only in the event of a tie.

"We are very grateful to the city for being so supportive," said Ellen Thompson, president of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, which owns the house. "The City Council realizes that we have a historical property there that is unique to this area. It is the oldest brick house in the city. The Hamilton House was built in 1840 by John Hamilton, who was the engineer who moved here to figure out how to put the (railroad) tunnel through at Tunnel Hill. His sons fought in the Civil War. His wife was Rachel, for whom Mount Rachel was named, so there are lots of connections between this area and that house."

Two years ago, the house was closed to the public after the walls were found to be bulging outward. Through a state grant, the society got an engineer to examine the building and develop a plan to save it. Officials

said that would basically involve putting in steel support columns that would be disguised as a porch as well as some work in the basement. The estimated total cost of that work is more than \$223,000.

Council members also voted 4-0 to approve changes to the city's alcohol beverage law and amusements and entertainment law to allow the Downtown Dalton Development Authority to host a beer festival downtown.

DDDA marketing director Veronica French said the agency plans its first festival June 20 from noon to 5 p.m. The law previously permitted the sale of alcohol downtown but only in a completely barricaded area. French said the new law still permits sales only in a designated area but it doesn't have to be barricaded.

"You'll still have to remain in that area, but you'll have a wrist band," she said.

The council held first readings of a law that would ban commercial vehicles from parking in residential neighborhoods except to load or unload goods and of a law that would amend the city's street name change law to make sure emergency services and the postal service are not notified of the change until any residents who oppose the change have exhausted their appeals.

The council recognized Dalton Middle School's Lupita Vidana, district winner of the Georgia Municipal Association's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. She will go on to the state finals.

APPRECIATIVE CAT FANS



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The crowd cheers as Garren Palmer a single-run homerun Monday at Dalton High School's baseball game against Woodland. Palmer's homerun was the teams third of the night. Dalton won 10-0.

Officials: School work will produce 400-500 new jobs

By RACHEL BROWN
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Construction of Whitfield County's newest high school is expected to create 400 to 500 new jobs — more than half of them local — over two years, officials said.

Rick Ott of construction management firm M.B. Kahn said bids for the new school are being taken through May 19. He said he expects the project to come in under budget.

The total cost of the school at Crow Road near Prater's Mill is expected to be about \$62 million. Ott told members of the Whitfield County Board of Education on Monday that he expects to have several bidders.

"We expect a lot of participation in bidding the site," Ott said. "It'll be a big economic stimulus to the community when it's much needed."

Barbara Crum of architect Perkins & Will said the school will have three levels, several outdoor patio areas, areas for science students to grow plants outside their classrooms and large gathering areas instead of long corridors.

Crum said some inexpensive plans designers have to brighten up the building include hanging informational banners, painting the subject area — for example the word "science" — in large letters on nearby walls, and emblazoning the school name across the outside of the building.

Outside, there will be a tree buffer around the property. Buses will have a sepa-

rate route in and out of the school than car traffic, and the school will sit on an elevated part of the property, Crum said.

"I think the site has turned out to be a great site," she said. "Every one of those classrooms will have that fabulous view over the valley."

Between 900 and 1,100 students are expected when the school opens in 2011. The school will be funded primarily through a 1 percent education special purpose local option sales tax that voters passed by a 3-1 margin in September 2006. About \$4.6 million comes from state money.

"I think there's some excitement in the air as we're getting ready to bid," superintendent Katie Brochu said.

The Concerned Citizens of the Prater's Mill Community and Whitfield County have sued the school system in Superior Court, saying a planned \$3.1 million sewer extension with Dalton Utilities isn't an authorized use of taxpayers' education dollars. School officials say it's the least expensive way to get sewer to the new school.

Brochu said the board will have the first preliminary look at the budget year that begins July 1 at the board's next meeting on Monday at 7:30 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Elementary School.

Advertisements for 31 teaching positions and a few non-teaching positions throughout the school system are posted on the school system's Web site at www.whitfield.k12.ga.us.

New Brown book set

NEW YORK (AP) — The book world has a stimulus plan: a new Dan Brown novel.

Six years after the release of his mega-selling "The Da Vinci Code," the Knopf Doubleday Publishing

Group announced that Brown's "The Lost Symbol," a thriller set during a 12-hour period and featuring "Da Vinci Code" symbolist Robert Langdon, will come out in September.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christians should be accepting

To the editor:

Recently I picked up a copy of my newspaper and was shocked to read the letter to the editor. The letter was penned by Mrs. Helen Kizer of Dalton. I am astounded that there is such hatred and fear toward a certain group of people in our world. I can't imagine how it would feel to have the world making your life choices for you. Just because someone is gay, lesbian or bisexual does not make them a bad person. I have many close friends who are gay and I love them like family. Many people don't even try to get to know them but automatically label them instead.

One should not be defined by the actions chosen in life but by the good deeds and kindness they do along the way. Everyone, even the most kindhearted people, have done bad things in their lives but that is part of what makes us human. We are supposed to make mistakes. It's expected.

I am not, however, saying that being gay is a mistake. On the contrary, I for one support gay marriage and being gay in general as long as the parties involved are consenting adults.

I also understand many people have been raised and taught things a certain way. It is hard sometimes to make decisions that are not based on the way you were raised. However, at some point, people are going to have to realize there are bigger things in life we should worry about.

We have to break the chain of hatred and realize that these are our fellow people we have turned against. Whether these people are gay or straight, it does not matter. That is the personal life choice of that person and it is no one else's business. We should embrace one another no matter what our differences are.

Living in the world today, many people are being taught that people of a certain orientation or a certain color — usually other than their own — are unacceptable. Although many people use the Christian religion as a stepping stone to instilling fear in others, this can be said of any religion. It is not the religion that is wrong. It is the deeds of some members. I am a firm believer that everyone needs something to believe in and the Christian religion has helped a great number of people.

However, some people in every religion want to become vigilantes. Many times this hurts more than it helps.

It is fine to make information available to others. It is even a good thing because it may help others see the same light and inspiration that you have found. However, there is no need in becoming a "self-taught prophet" and condemning others to hell. If someone believes another person is going to be condemned for their actions, it is OK to voice your opinion, but after it has been said aloud that should be the end of it.

No one has been appointed to judge others here on earth. I am very thankful that my mother taught me at an early age that I should accept everyone in the world for who they are and not try to change them. I would also like to say you cannot lump a whole group of people together as one. The individual people in the group each have their own beliefs, hopes and dreams. This goes for religion, race, sex, age and orientation.

I understand Mrs. Kizer has her own personal beliefs and that is perfectly acceptable. I respect Mrs. Kizer for sharing her opinion and having such strong faith in her beliefs. I just hope that one day she will be able to accept and tolerate others.

I wish everyone who is living with his or her eyes closed would open them and see the beautiful world around them. We are so very lucky to live in a beautiful region with luscious nature and wildlife, the sound of children's laughter (even in church) and the support of our family and friends.

Instead of teaching our children hatred of people who are different than us, we should teach the generations to come acceptance and tolerance. If everyone in the world could just tolerate the differences of another society then the world would be a better place. Sadly, I fear many will continue the chain of hatred, forcing — not sharing — their religious beliefs onto others.

Samantha Shaw
Chatsworth

FREE MINDS

"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

— Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:55

Thought for today: "Modern man thinks he loses something — time — when he does not do things quickly. Yet he does not know what to do with the time he gains — except kill it."

Erich Fromm
German-American psychoanalyst and author
(1900-1980)

Pretty woman

For two days I contemplated the phenomenon that is Susan Boyle. As nearly everyone must know by now, Boyle is the Scottish singer who blew away the judges, the audience — and by the millions of YouTube hits — much of the world with her performance on the "Britain's Got Talent" television program.

Susan Boyle's performance is not the entire story, however. She's had her magnificent voice since she was a young girl. We are the story because of our reaction to her.

Watch the seven-minute YouTube video to get the full impact. One sees two young men assisting Susan backstage. We quickly size her up: a nearly 48-year-old woman with graying hair, a dress that looks as if it might have been purchased at the British equivalent of Walmart hugging a body that even she described as "like a garage." Frumpy is the word that first comes to mind.

As she walks on stage, the condescension is as thick as a London fog. The judges are Piers Morgan, a former tabloid newspaper editor, the irritating Simon Cowell, the show's creator and also the co-host on America's talent reality show "American Idol," and Amanda Holden, a beautiful, blonde English actress. The message they send with their facial expressions and body language is reinforced by cutaway shots of the audience: What are you doing here? Shouldn't you be mopping the stage instead of singing on it?



Cal Thomas

struggle to hide his disdain, as if to say, "yes, and I'd like to be prime minister." He asks her what she intends to sing and she announces, "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables." One of the judges is heard to mutter; "a difficult song."

The music begins and not 12 bars elapse before a stunned audience erupts in applause. All those hypocrites who thought nothing good could come from this dowdy woman because our narcissistic culture has taught us that the only thing that matters is beauty, not depth of character, suddenly want to embrace what seconds ago they had instinctively rejected.

More music, more words and the audience is on its feet cheering. Slowly, the gorgeous Amanda Holden rises to applaud and the contrast could not be starker. Two women are standing, one the incarnation of all we define as beautiful, the other exuding a depth of beauty that Holden and the entire audience wishes it possessed. The faux beauty is paying tribute to the reality.

People are crying, not

Cowell from the external beauty represented by Holden, but because of the internal beauty projected by Susan Boyle.

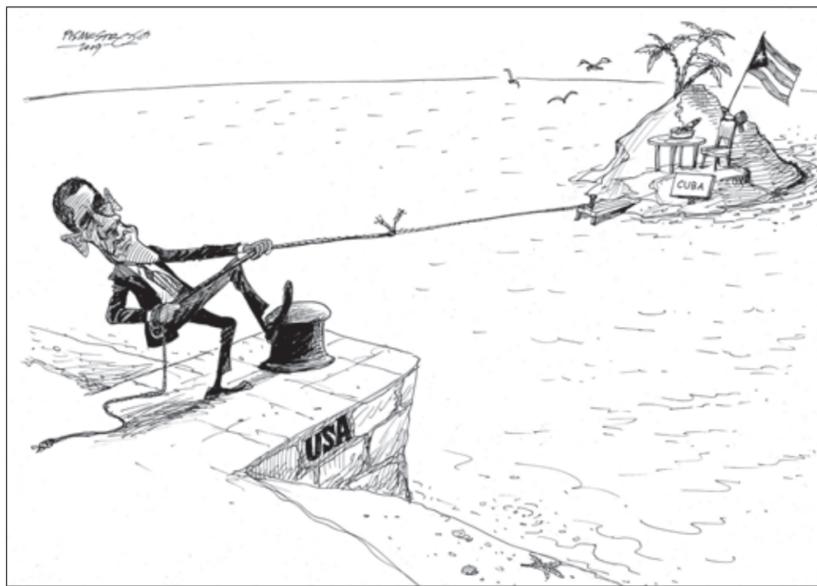
I have worked in television most of my professional life. I see many women before they have their hair and makeup done. Most are good looking enough; some are just average. But when they emerge from their makeovers, they have been transformed into something they are not. Reality was before. They are now someone's fantasy.

Even though we know where physical beauty ultimately leads — to wrinkles and sometimes to despair — we still worship it. The 18th-century English poet Thomas Gray got to the heart of it when he wrote:

*"The boast of heraldry,
the pomp of pow'r,
And all that beauty, all
that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable
hour:
The paths of glory lead
but to the grave."*

In an interview with a British newspaper, Susan Boyle said, "Modern society is too quick to judge people on their appearances. There is not much you can do about it; it is the way they think; it is the way they are. But maybe this could teach them a lesson, or set an example." Let's hope it does both.

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CNN versus the tax day tea parties

When thousands of people in all 50 states assemble to protest government policy, you might suppose that this is news. Not according to the coverage on the front pages of the Washington Post, New York Times, or the Wall Street Journal. The "tea party" rallies went unmentioned. In Washington, D.C., despite temperatures in the 40s and a driving rainstorm, about a thousand demonstrators assembled across from the White House. The front page of the Times found space for a big story with accompanying pictures of competing public demonstrations in Kabul, Afghanistan, but not a word about the American protestors.

Perhaps this snub was intentional. Fox News (becoming a participant itself and not a recorder of events) had been beating the drums for these rallies for days, and some pressies clearly regarded them as therefore necessarily illegitimate. One reporter, Susan Roesgen, who "covered" the Chicago tea party for CNN, was downright confrontational with attendees she interviewed, challenging a protestor who referenced Abraham Lincoln with "What does this have to do with taxes?" The man attempted to explain. But the reporter interrupted him. "Did you know that you are eligible for a \$400 rebate? Did you know that your state, the state of Lincoln, gets \$50 billion out of the stimulus? That's \$50 billion for your state?" She then tossed back to the anchor noting that "This is really not family viewing."

What Ms. Roesgen and others like her do not understand is that some people are interested in more than their own narrow self-interest. Perhaps the protestor she interviewed, who was holding his 2-year-old son, is eligible for a tax



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rebate. And perhaps his state will get a juicy piece of the stimulus money. It is possible, just possible, that such a bribe does not influence him. Perhaps it doesn't buy his support because he is skeptical that his taxes can remain low when the federal government is embarked on a record-shattering spending spree. He may be offended by the bailout culture, and worried that the obligations of taxpayers cannot remain low when it seems that every irresponsible borrower, failed car company, and free spending state is being rescued by the federal government. Additionally, he may be dubious that the government will spend the money wisely. It has been rumored that government spending has produced waste, fraud, inefficiency, and corruption. But he also may simply believe that engorging the government and enfeebling the private sector — no matter who is writing the checks — is not good for the economic or spiritual health of the country.

The tea parties demonstrated that resistance to big government persists in the hearts of many Americans. And yet, Roesgen has a shadow of a point. When the vast majority of Americans are getting benefits from the government but not paying the bill, the constituency for tax reform does shrink. As Ross Douhat and Reihan Salam note in their book "Grand New Party": "Just before the Reagan tax cuts, a median-income four-

person family paid about 12 percent of their total income in federal income taxes. Reducing that burden, predictably enough, yielded a political windfall for Republicans ... Today the bite the federal income tax takes out of working class and middle-class paychecks stands at roughly half the pre-Reagan level."

A recent Gallup poll found that only 46 percent of Americans say their taxes are "too high." Fifty-two percent of those earning between \$30,000 and \$75,000 said their taxes were "about right." IRS data show why this should be so. Those earning more than \$388,806 in 2006, the top 1 percent of earners, paid about 40 percent of the taxes. The top 5 percent, those earning above \$153,542, paid 60 percent of the taxes. And the top 10 percent, those earning more than \$108,904, paid more than 70 percent of all taxes. Some, including President Obama, argue that the wealthy were disproportionately benefited by the Bush era tax cuts. But as the American Enterprise Institute's Kevin Hassett has pointed out, the tax share shouldered by the wealthy increased more than the share of income going to that group during the past decade.

Still, the numbers suggest that income tax reductions are not going to be the royal road back to popularity for the Republican Party. The path back to political viability will have to be found elsewhere. More on that in future columns.

■ **To find out more about Mona Charen and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday, April 21**, the 111th day of 2009. There are 254 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland Assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1816, Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," was born in Thornton, England.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

Ten years ago: A day after the mass killing at Columbine High School in Colorado, investigators continued their work, while memorial services were held across the city and dozens of counselors offered support to grieving students, pare.

Five years ago: Five suicide attackers detonated car bombs against police buildings in Basra, Iraq, killing at least 74 people.

One year ago: President George W. Bush opened a two-day summit in New Orleans with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 83. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 77. Actor Charles Grodin is 74. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 62. Actress Patti LuPone is 60. Actor Tony Danza is 58. Actress Andie MacDowell is 51. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 50. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 43. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 39. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 39. Actor James McAvoy is 30.

Florida looks at 'crash taxes'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — It was bad enough when Matthew Norville rear-ended another driver, crushing the front end of his own car.

A few weeks later, the Pensacola college student got a \$714 bill to cover the cost of the county police and firefighters who responded.

Florida lawmakers are considering a ban on such fees, dubbed "crash taxes" by detractors who say they're unfair and not always covered by insurance. Six other states — Arkansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee and Georgia — already prohibit them, and Alabama and California may do the same.

"When you have an accident you're taught to call 911," said Norville's mom, Amy. "It never occurred to us that there would be a charge for them."

A Florida Senate committee unanimously approved the proposed ban Monday. A companion bill has three more committee stops before the full House can consider it, so it may not reach the floor this session.

Republican Sen. Mike Bennett of Bradenton, the bill's Senate sponsor, said residents already pay property taxes to cover emergency services and shouldn't face additional fees if they're in accidents.

"We've got to stop the madness right now," he said.

But cash-strapped municipalities in 16 states, including Escambia County, where the Norvilles live, say the fees help pay for the time taken away from other police and fire duties and are necessary because of declining property taxes and tight budgets.

South Adams County Fire Protection District in Colorado, just north of Denver, began charging for accidents in January. Fire Marshal Ron LaPenna says property taxes just aren't cutting it.

When emergency crews are called to a crash caused by a driver who doesn't live and pay taxes there, the driver is charged a basic response fee of \$200, more if additional services are needed.

In Escambia County in the Florida Panhandle, it doesn't matter whether the at-fault driver is a resident or not. Officials decide who is at fault. Then, a schedule of fees is applied; 15 minutes of a firefighter's time costs \$10, while sending a fire engine costs about \$600 an hour.

Stocks decline

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors are back to worrying about banks.

Long-present unease about soured loans bubbled over on Monday after Bank of America Corp. said it set aside \$13.4 billion to cover lending losses even as it posted earnings that beat expectations. Other big banks have also increased loss provisions in the past two weeks.

Financial stocks suffered some of the day's worst declines and major market indicators tumbled more than 3 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 290 points.

Bank of America plunged 24.3 percent and Citigroup fell 19 percent as investors became worried that cleaning up bad loans from banks' balance sheets may have farther to go than many had anticipated.

Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC, said traders are now viewing bank earnings with more skepticism and believe that the better-than-expected profit reports may be disguising problems.

ACCIDENT CLEANUP



Mark Millican/The Daily Citizen

North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation employees work to repair damage to power lines on Tilton Road and Old Dixie Highway.

Five hurt in highway smashup

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Five people were injured in a wreck at the intersection of Old Dixie Highway and Tilton Road in south Whitfield County Monday morning shortly after 8 a.m.

A Georgia State Patrol spokeswoman said a 1991 Honda Accord driven by Kathryn Wilson, 44, of Shelton Road in Resaca, was traveling south on Old Dixie when it ran a stop sign. The Accord collided with a 2007 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck driven by Israel Ayla, 28, of Tilton Road, who was traveling west on Tilton. The pickup left the road and struck a

utility pole.

Taken to Hamilton Medical Center were Wilson and a 17-year-old in the Accord, and Ayla and his wife, Alejandra, and their 4-year-old child. Wilson was in fair condition Monday afternoon, said a spokeswoman with Hamilton. She could not give a condition on the Aylas.

Both roads were closed while the wreck was cleaned up. Crews from the North Georgia Electric Membership Corp. worked to reinstall several power lines that were knocked down.

Whitfield 911 received the call at 8:27 a.m.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Whitfield Rec plans meeting

The Whitfield County Park Recreation Steering Committee will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 6 at Southeast High School in the cafeteria. The public is invited.

Roads to be closed briefly

Robbie Drive is expected to be closed today and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for road repairs, officials said. Jerome Drive is expected to be closed Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, also for repairs.

Whitfield mayors to speak at event

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Good Morning, Dalton" on May 7 at 7:30 a.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.

The topic is the "State of the City and the State of the County." Participating will be David Pennington, mayor of the city of Dalton; Whitfield County Commission chairman Mike Babb; Tunnel Hill Mayor Kenny Gowin and Varnell Mayor Dan Peeples.

Doors will open at 7 a.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$23 for non-members. Tickets must be ordered by noon on May 1.

To purchase tickets log on to daltonchamber.org or call (706) 278-7373.

THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 7841.70 ▼ 289.60
Monday's NASDAQ: 1608.20 ▼ 64.90

	Friday	Monday			
Gold	875.5	877	Intel	15.6	15
Silver	12.21	11.79	IBM	101.27	100.4
Acuity	26.11	25.03	Interface	3.78	3.84
AAir	5.55	5.32	JCP	26.8	25.52
Apple	123.42	120.5	JNJ	53.05	52.47
AT&T	25.95	25.29	Kroger	20.71	20.81
BAC	10.6	8.02	Lowe's	20.73	19.72
BB&T	23.42	19.79	McDonald's	56.09	55.33
BP	40.13	38.90	Merck	25.73	25.22
BristolMyers	20.67	20.15	Microsoft	19.2	18.61
HP-Compaq	36.3	34.68	Mohawk	36.79	34.02
Chevron	66.01	63.87	Motorola	5.56	5.24
CocaCola	45.02	44.33	Region-Fin	7.23	5.80
ConAgra	18.27	17.84	Rock-Tenn.	30.05	28.38
ColonialBnk	.91	.83	Sara Lee	8.62	8.42
Coke Ent.	14.89	15.27	SouthernCo	29.62	29.85
CrackerBrl	32.43	32.13	Synovous	5.16	3.82
CrwnCrafts	1.9	1.90	SunTrust	18.04	14.71
CSX	31.4	28.95	Torchmark	32.26	28.98
Dell	11.06	10.31	Total Sys	14.4	14.06
Delta	7.32	6.81	UPS	54.65	53.16
Dixie Group	1.99	1.56	Vulcan	52.33	48.94
Dow	12.6	11.48	Verizon	31.78	30.93
Duke	13.74	13.72	Walmart	50.2	49.27
DuPont	28.42	26.74	Wells Fargo	20.26	17
Earthlink	7.29	7.19	Wendy's	5.72	5.40
Ericsson	9.39	8.66	Yum	32.07	31.33
Exxon	66.75	65.29	Xerox	5.92	5.36
Ford	4	3.69			
FSG	3.99	4.27			
GE	12.39	11.35			
GM	1.86	1.66			
Goodyear	10.21	9.04			
HomeDepot	26.1	25.15			

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About face: Troops sent to Afghanistan

BAGHDAD (AP) — Only in Iraq a few weeks, nearly 500 U.S. Army combat engineers who specialize in clearing roads of explosives learned they were being shipped off to southern Afghanistan, one of the clearest signs of America's shifting wartime priorities.

The transfer, which moved into its final stages Monday, is the largest movement so far of personnel and equipment from Iraq as President Barack Obama puts the focus on the fight in the Taliban heartland.

"We are probably going to be the beginning of the influx you are going to see to Afghanistan," Lt. Col. Kevin

Landers, commander of the Fort Carson, Colo.-based 4th Engineer Battalion, said as crews packed crates and cleaned vehicles for the flight to Kandahar.

It's now clear some of the troops and firepower will flow directly from Iraq, where the Pentagon plans to gradually draw down its more than 132,000 personnel before the withdrawal of all combat forces by September 2010.

Obama has ordered 17,000 more U.S. soldiers and Marines to Afghanistan to bolster the 38,000 American troops already battling the resurgent Taliban.

"We are going to take this

footprint out of Iraq," said Landers, whose battalion received word of its reassignment last month just after taking command of clearing roads in Baghdad of bombs and debris.

Since then, his troops have conducted routine operations while preparing for their departure.

They won't be replaced — another sign of America's evolving military map.

By the end of next year, the U.S. military presence could be down to about 30,000 to 50,000 personnel to train and advise Iraqi security forces. Plans call for all American forces to leave Iraq by the end of 2012.

Iranian leader angers diplomats

GENEVA (AP) — Dozens of Western diplomats walked out of a U.N. conference and a pair of rainbow-wigged protesters threw clown noses at Iran's president Monday when the hard-line leader called Israel the "most cruel and repressive racist regime."

The United States decried the remarks by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as hateful — reinjecting tension into a relationship that had been warming after President Barack Obama sought to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program and other issues.

Ahmadinejad — the first government official to take the floor at the weeklong event in Geneva — delivered a rambling, half-hour speech that was by turns conciliatory and inflammatory. At one point he appealed for global unity in the fight against racism and then said the United States and Europe helped establish Israel after World War II at the expense of Palestinians.

"They resorted to military aggression to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jewish suffering," he said.

Jewish groups had lobbied heavily for a boycott of the conference, warning it could descend into anti-Semitism or other anti-Israel rhetoric, which marred the last such conference eight years ago in South Africa.

The meeting turned chaotic almost from the start when the two wigged protesters tossed the red clown noses at Ahmadinejad as he began his speech with a Muslim prayer. A Jewish student group from France said it had been trying to convey "the masquerade that this conference represents."

One of the protesters shouted "You are a racist!" before he and the other demonstrator were taken away by security.

Ahmadinejad interjected: "I call on all distinguished guests to forgive these ignorant people. They don't have enough information."

During his speech, he accused Israel of being the "most cruel and repressive racist regime" and blamed the U.S. invasion of Iraq on a Zionist conspiracy.

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OBITUARIES

• **Patricia Ann (Barnes) Bolden, Dalton**
 • **Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney, Chatsworth**
 • **Jordan Snyder**
 • **Ellen Adell Taylor, Crandall**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney

Mr. Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney, 38, of Chatsworth, Ga., departed this life Friday, April 17, 2009. Mr. Hackney was born May 23, 1970, in Turner County, Ga.

He is survived by his parents Winston and Debbie Hackney; daughter Ashley Hackney; son Christopher Hackney; brother and sister-in-law Shane and Veronica Hackney; sisters and brothers-in-law Sherry and Allen Sane, Angie and Joe

Garmley, all of Chatsworth; special friend Tim Kyle of Dalton, Ga.

Services will be held Wednesday morning, April 22, 2009, at 10 a.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Cox officiating. Interment will follow in the United Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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

Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home. www.legacy.com

Jordan Snyder

Shane Jordan Snyder, 25, departed to be with the Lord on April 17, 2009, in

Jonesboro, Ark. Jordan was born on Dec. 27, 1983, in Tupelo, Miss. Jordan had recently moved to Collierville, Tenn., and was a member of Bayleaf Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Forest Hill Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn., with Dr. Tommy Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Memorial Park Funeral Home of Memphis is in charge of the arrangements.

Those who will miss him the most are his parents, Dr. Tommy and Joyce Snyder of Chatsworth, Ga.; one brother, Gabriel, of Collierville, Tenn.; and a sister, Rachel, of Lynchburg, Va.; grandparents, Carey and Delva Ashcraft of Clinton, Miss., and Melita Snyder of Arlington, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Herman L. Snyder.

Jordan was a 2008 graduate of Liberty University of Lynchburg, Va., with a bach-

elor of science degree in communications with an emphasis in broadcasting. While at Liberty, he was the chief announcer at WWMC "The Light" and was awarded the annual Distinguished Service award. He was earlier employed at Q 107.5 radio station in Memphis, Tenn. He previously had a weekly radio program at the Jazz Station on the campus of the University of Memphis. He was known by his radio name of Rocky.

Those who knew Jordan will remember his ever present smile, his love of radio, music, movies and wrestling. He was always bringing laughter with his impersonations of various characters.

Pallbearers are Chett Hickman, Matthew Joyce, Justin Hall, Adam Farris, Jeff Collier and Brandon Reece.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nigerian missions through the ministry of Forest Hill Baptist Church in Germantown, Tenn.

Visitation was Monday night at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis.

Announced as a courtesy of Jones Funeral Home of Chatsworth. www.legacy.com

Ellen Adell Taylor

Ellen Adell Taylor, 89, of Crandall died Monday, April 20, 2009, in Murray Medical Center.

She is preceded in death by husbands, R.L. Woody and Grover Taylor; parents, Luther and Etta Belle Alloway; brother, Richard Alloway; and sister, Artie Morrow.

She is survived by sons, Bob Woody, Tommy H. Woody and Frank Taylor, all of Crandall; daughter, Brenda Carver of Crandall; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday from the chapel of Jones Funeral Home of

Chatsworth with Rev. Jack James officiating. Burial will be in White Oak Cemetery in Cleveland, Tenn.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m.

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

Patricia Ann (Barnes) Bolden

Mrs. Patricia Ann (Barnes) Bolden, 72, of Dalton, died Monday, April 20, 2009.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton. www.legacy.com

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Scandals bring Pulitzers

NEW YORK (AP) — Two newspapers hit hard by a historic downturn won Pulitzer Prizes on Monday for exposing sex scandals that brought down a governor and a big-city mayor, in what was hailed as a victory for old-fashioned watchdog journalism at a time when the industry's very survival is in question.

The New York Times received five Pulitzers in all, including one for being the first to report that then-Gov. Eliot Spitzer was a client of a high-priced call girl ring — a discovery that led to his resignation. The Detroit Free Press won for obtaining a cache of steamy text messages that destroyed then-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's political career.

Three Pulitzers were awarded for coverage of Barack Obama's historic election. But in a surprising turn, not one prize was handed out for the other big story of 2008 — the financial meltdown. Some suggested it could be a criticism of the press for not sounding enough of a warning before the crisis.

"If I had to guess, I feel like there is going to be some reluctance to give prizes for after-the-fact reporting no matter how good it is, period," said Dean Starkman, managing editor of Columbia Journalism Review's The Audit, which focuses on the business press.

The awards were announced after one of the most depressing years ever for the newspaper industry, with layoffs, bankruptcies and closings brought on by the recession and an exodus of readers and advertisers to the Internet. Many of Monday's winners were among the hardest hit; in fact, one of the winners, a reporter in Arizona, was laid off a few months ago.

"These are tough times for America's newspapers, but amid the gloomy talk, the newspaper winners and the finalists are heartening examples of the high-quality journalism that can be found in all parts of the United States," said Sig Gissler, administrator of the prizes. "It's quite notable that the watchdog function of journalism is underscored in this year's awards. The watchdog still barks, and the watchdog still bites."

Despite a rule change that allowed online-only news organizations to compete for Pulitzers this year for the first time, none of the 65 entries won any prizes. However, the Pulitzer Board said online content played a role in several of the winning entries.

In a measure of how bad things have gotten, the Detroit paper less than a month ago cut back home delivery to three days a week.

FACE TO FACE



AP PHOTO

Porterhouse, left, looks at Maxis, right, during the 30th Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest on Monday, in Des Moines, Iowa. Porterhouse, owned by Kevin and Erin Bell, of Des Moines, won the contest and Maxis, owned by Robert Apt, of Des Moines, was runner-up. The pageant kicks off the Drake Relays festivities at Drake University where a bulldog is the mascot.

Probe on of deaths at polo competition

WELLINGTON, Fla. (AP) — Ladies in their spring dresses and men in casual linen suits sipped champagne and nibbled hors d'oeuvres as they waited for the U.S. Open polo match. What they ended up with was a field of death.

Magnificent polo ponies, each valued at up to \$200,000, stumbled from their trailers and crumpled one by one onto the green grass. Vets ran out and poured water over the feverish, splayed-out animals. But it was no use. One dead horse. Then another. Then more. And within a day, 21 horses were dead.

State veterinarians were still performing necropsies but suspect the horses died from heart failure brought on by some sort of toxic reaction in their bodies. Possibly tainted feed, vitamins or supplements. Maybe a combination of the three.

While polo club officials and several independent veterinarians insisted the deaths appeared to be accidental, it remained a mystery that puzzled and saddened those close to a sport that has long been a passion of Palm



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Horses can be scene behind the gates of Lechuza Caracas Polo and Equestrian stables one day after the death of 21 of their polo ponies in Wellington, Fla. on Monday.

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"The players, the owners of the horses were in tears. Bystanders and volunteers were in tears. This was a very tragic thing," said Tony Coppola, 62, an announcer for the International Polo Club Palm Beach in this palm tree-lined town some 15 miles west of the millionaire enclave of Palm Beach.

Spectators at the Sunday match had difficulty making

out what was happening when the frenzy of workers and trucks hovered around the horse trailers. Soon blue tarps were hung and trailers were shuffled into place to obscure their view.

The match was canceled, replaced by an exhibition game, to keep the crowd busy. Rumors swirled and the death toll climbed.

Kirk: NAFTA can be improved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Softening President Barack Obama's campaign-year trade rhetoric, the top U.S. trade official said the administration can strengthen provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement without having to renegotiate the pact.

Speaking in a teleconference with reporters, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon "have both said they don't believe we have to reopen the agreement now" to address labor and environmental side agreements.

Obama himself backed off his election-year call for renegotiation after meeting with Calderon in Mexico last week in advance of the Summit of Americas meeting in Trinidad.

"It would make sense for labor and environmental provisions to be enforceable within that agreement rather than just be viewed as a side agreement," Obama said at a news conference Thursday. "But I recognize that we are

in a very difficult time right now economically on both sides of the border and that those kinds of negotiations are going to need to proceed in a very careful and deliberate way, because we don't want to discourage trade."

During the heat of the Democratic presidential primary last year, Obama said he would use the threat of pulling out of NAFTA to open up the agreement to new negotiations over worker protections and environment. The trade agreement is a frequent target of politicians who blame it for lost jobs.

Kirk, the former mayor of Dallas, did not preclude making changes, but he did not venture how.

"What remains to be done is a review of what our actual opportunities are to strengthen NAFTA, and at an appropriate time I will be meeting with my counterparts from Mexico and Canada (to) make some decision on the path forward," he said.

GM totals \$2.8M for lobbying feds

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. spent \$2.8 million lobbying the U.S. government in the first three months of 2009, while the company was surviving on \$13.4 billion in federal loans, according to a government filing.

The Detroit automaker said it spent the money lobbying a range of issues, including the economic stimulus package, environmental, consumer safety and health issues.

The automaker's lobbying costs fell 15 percent from the \$3.3 million it spent in the fourth quarter of 2008, but are up from the \$2.7 million it spent in the third quarter, according to filings.

GM spokesman Greg Martin said the company did not spend any of its lobbying budget on obtaining government assistance, nor did it spend any of the federal aid it has received thus far on lobbying.

"We're a part of arguably one of the most regulated

industries and we provide a voice in complex policy discussions," Martin said. "We meet strict reporting requirements."

GM said it lobbied on a wide array of issues. It listed the economic stimulus package passed earlier this year, as well as climate change, the Clean Air Act and automotive safety issues such as air bags, alcohol detection systems and child passenger safety issues.

Other issues included lobbying for research and development funding for cellulosic ethanol and other advanced propulsion technologies, international trade and telecommunications issues.



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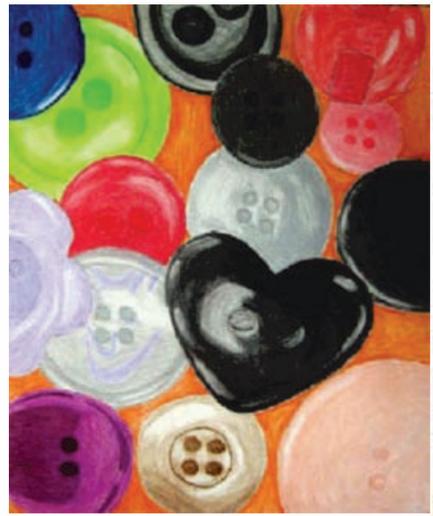
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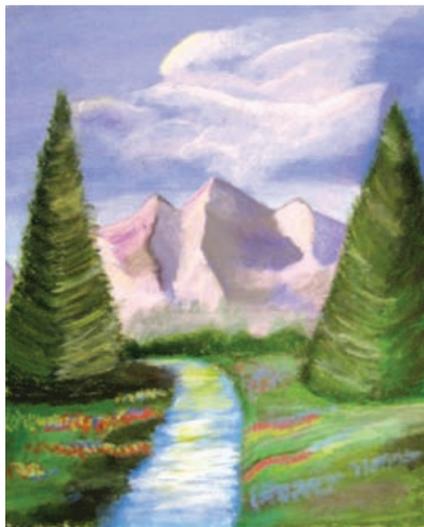
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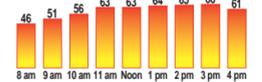


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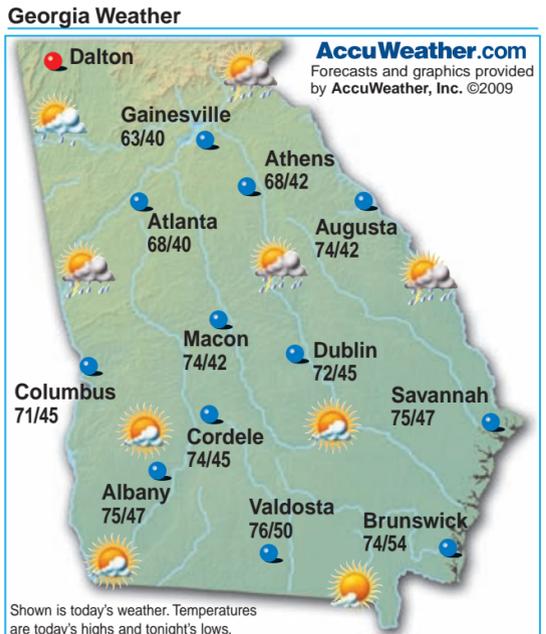
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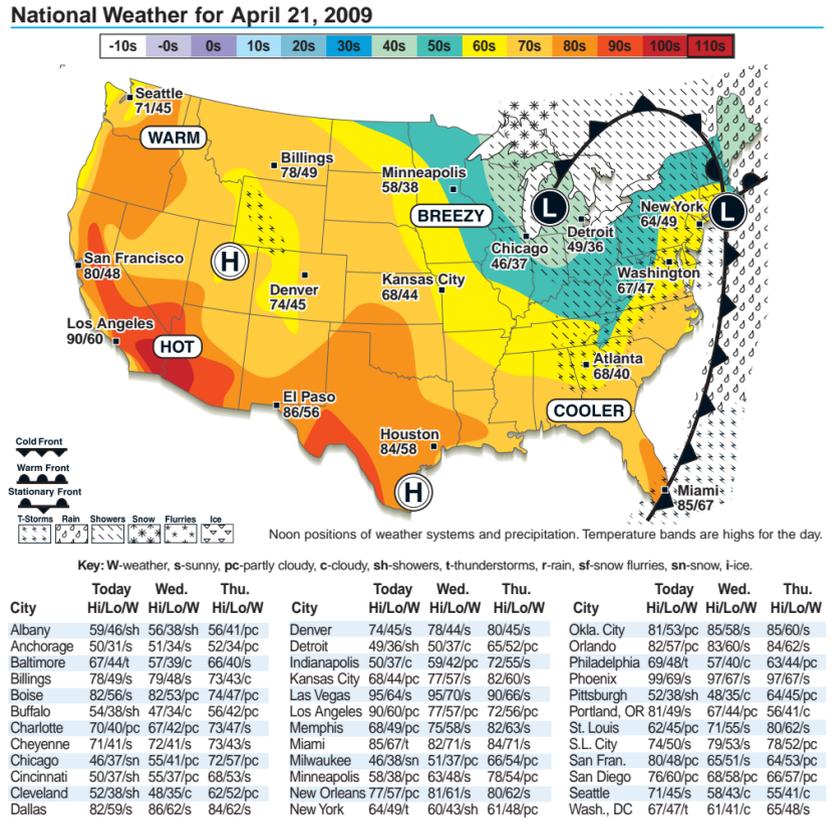
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PREP GOLF: REGION 7-4A BOYS TOURNAMENT

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Harris each shot a 2-over par 74 to pace Northwest. Seniors Hunter Keener and J.T. Meadows finished at 76 and 78, respectively, on the 6,242-yard layout that played longer due to overnight rain.

Black and Harris finished tied for third in the 14-team, 84-player field. Keener tied for sixth and Meadows was in a three-way log-jam in eighth.

Dalton's Dylan Coffey posted a solid 73 to lead the Catamounts and finished runner-up to Hillgrove's Matt McKagen, who carded a 71, the only sub-par round of the day.

Coffey's backside 35 matched McKagen as the day's lowest nine-hole scores.

"I birdied 17 and 18 and I'm happy with that," Coffey said. "Coach (Jordan) told me to finish strong, and he's been preaching that all season, and I guess I finally listened to him."

The Cats' Will Morrow shot 75, Chase Miller 76 and McLean Davies 80 for the Cats' four counting scores. Morrow finished fifth and Miller tied Keener for sixth.

Black, Harris, Keener and Meadows all earned spots on the all-tournament team, made up of the top seven finishers, as did Dalton's Coffey, Morrow and Miller, as well as McKagen.

Northwest and Dalton, along with McKagen as the low medalist, advance to the Class 4A state tournament on May 4 at Nob North Golf Course in Cohutta.

"Our motivation all year has been to play in the state tournament at Nob North, a course that has been good to us," McGrew said. "That's one of our home courses

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PREP BASEBALL: DALTON 10, WOODLAND 0



Dalton's Toombs Norman, left, welcomes senior Carter Crutchfield to the plate after he hit a three-run home run in the first inning against visiting Woodland-Bartow on Monday. Crutchfield also had a two-run homer in the fifth inning to end the game, 10-0, via the GHSA's mercy rule, and two other players also homered for Dalton.

MISTY WATSON
The Daily Citizen

Big bats drive Cats

Dalton has 12 homers in past four games

By ADAM KROHN

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As of late, Dalton High has made the baseball field seem more like a driving range.

The Catamounts were up to their longball tactics again on Monday at home, smashing four home runs among six hits in a 10-0 win against Woodland-Bartow, Dalton's 13 consecutive victory. The Region 7-4A north sub-region game was stopped after 4 1/2 innings due to the GHSA's mercy rule.

For the third time in four games, Dalton (16-4, 10-0) had someone hit two home runs in a game. This time it was Carter Crutchfield, whose second home run — a two-run shot to

ONLINE: To see more photos from Dalton's game, visit thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com.

right-center field — ended the game with no outs in the fifth. Crutchfield finished the game 2-for-3 with five RBIs.

Saturday at Murray County, Stryker Brown hit two homers; last Thursday against visiting Cass, Garren Palmer also belted two. In their past four games against region opponents Cass, Sequoyah, Murray County and Woodland, Dalton has 12 homers.

"Early in the season we weren't hitting the ball deep that much," said Dalton first baseman

Blake Raber, who in the first inning followed Crutchfield's 3-run homer with a solo shot of his own. "But lately in region play, we've been coming focused to play every day and the ball is starting to fly out of the park."

As was the case Saturday against Murray County, Dalton did its damage with two outs in the inning, scoring four runs in the first and three in the second off Woodland's Jordan Henson. The second inning featured Garren Palmer's team-leading eighth home run of the season, a three-run shot that put Dalton up 7-0

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PRO BASKETBALL: NBA PLAYOFFS

Smith's talent on the rise

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — There are nights when Josh Smith looks bored, makes silly plays, frustrates his coach and baffles his teammates.

But, oh, when he's into the game, look out.

Smith had one of those performances in the opener of Atlanta's playoff series against Miami, scoring 23 points and rocking the house with five spectacular dunks.

He jammed one with his back to the rim. He threw down another after grabbing a pass that seemed hopelessly out of reach.

"He's a freakish athlete," said Miami's Dwyane Wade, the NBA's leading scorer during the regular season but a mere onlooker as Smith led the Hawks to a 90-64 blowout in the opener to the best-of-seven series. "There's no one on

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the court, really no one in the NBA, who can match his athleticism. That's tough. You can't practice it. You can't scout it."

Smith has endured his ups and downs since getting drafted by his hometown team straight out of high school. His rookie year was a real bummer — Atlanta went 13-69 for the worst record in franchise history — but he's been part of a steadily improving team that made the playoffs in 2008 and finished fourth in the Eastern Conference this season.

It all came together Sunday night.

Smith got the Hawks rolling with 13 second-quarter points, including his own personal slam dunk contest (which he won for real as a rookie).

Joe Johnson threw an alley-oop pass to Smith, who jammed it through with ease. Then Mike Bibby upped the degree of difficulty, lobbing one up as Smith was angling into the lane. With his back to the rim, he had the presence of mind of catch the pass and pull off a reverse dunk while looking toward the other end of the court. Finally, after Wade missed a 3-pointer, Flip Murray led a fast break the other way, spotted Smith swooping toward the lane and delivered a perfect pass that he converted into a thunderous left-handed slam.

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AP PHOTO

Smith had five dunks and scored 23 points in the Miami Heat on Sunday night of the playoffs. It was another game in which he was the big-time star in the league.

PRO BASKETBALL: NBA PLAYOFFS

Allen awakes as Celtics tie up series

BOSTON (AP) — Ray Allen picked the perfect time to snap out of his shooting slump.

Allen made a tiebreaking 3-point shot with 2 seconds left and finished with 30 points, leading the Boston Celtics a 118-115 win over the Chicago Bulls in Game 2 of their playoff series Monday night.

Ben Gordon nearly carried Chicago to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. He scored with 12.3 seconds left to tie it, and had a play-off career-high 42 points. Then Boston set up a play for Allen, who took a pass from Rajon Rondo and connected from the right side.

Allen had just four points on 1-

for-12 shooting in Boston's 105-103 overtime loss on Saturday and missed the final shot.

The next two games of the series are scheduled for Chicago on Thursday night and Sunday.

Allen scored 28 points in the second half, which turned into a shootout between the All-Star guard and Gordon. Consecutive 3-pointers by Gordon gave the Bulls a 109-104 lead before the Celtics rallied. Glen Davis made two free throws and Rondo connected on a long jumper to give Boston a 112-111 lead with 1:01 to play.

Gordon followed with a 16-foot jumper and Allen countered with a 3-

pointer that put Boston ahead 115-113 with 25.3 seconds remaining.

Then it was Gordon's turn. He connected from near the foul line before the Celtics called a timeout to set up their final play. Rondo dribbled on the left side and Allen worked himself free, caught the pass in rhythm and converted as the crowd went wild. Tyrus Thomas then heaved a shot from beyond midcourt that fell short.

Allen ran to the bench where injured Kevin Garnett, wearing a sport coat and tie, slapped him on the head and chest. On his way to the locker room, coach Doc Rivers shouted, "yeah, yeah," pumped his fist and exchanged high-fives with

fans. Then, headed to his postgame news conference, Rivers joked, "nice and easy, never a doubt."

Glen Davis had 26 points for second-seeded Boston, passing his career high of 24 points on March 21, and Rondo had a triple-double — 19 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds. Paul Pierce added 18 points and Kendrick Perkins contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds.

John Salmons had 17 points and Brad Miller scored 16 for Chicago.

The Celtics nearly lost despite controlling rookie point guard Derrick Rose. He finished with 10 points, seven assists and six rebounds.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Times set for local state competitions

Times and dates have been set for area soccer and tennis state playoff contests this week. Dalton High's boys and girls soccer teams will both play on Wednesday in the Class 4A state tournaments, with the Lady Catamounts traveling to face Heritage-Rockdale at 5:30 p.m. and the Cats hosting Loganville at 6:30 p.m.

Dalton High's boys tennis team will also compete in their Class 4A tourney Wednesday, playing at Heritage-Rockdale at 2:15 p.m., while the Murray County boys will host Winder-Barrow in 4A action at 4 p.m.

On Thursday, Dalton High's girls tennis team will host Habersham Central at 4 p.m. in the 4A tourney. On Friday, Southeast's boys soccer team will host Dunwoody at 7 p.m. in the Class 3A state tourney.

Former Vols OL dies in Arkansas

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Former Tennessee offensive tackle Leslie Ratliffe, a two-year starter for the Volunteers, has died. He was 35.

The Newport, Ark., native passed away April 8 of kidney failure at a Little Rock, Ark., hospital and was buried April 13.

Ratliffe started at right tackle during the 1993 and 1994 seasons. He was selected in the seventh round of the 1996 NFL draft by Denver, though his professional career was spent playing in the NFL's European league and the Canadian Football League.

Braves deal Boyer for minor leaguer

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals added bullpen help, acquiring right-hander Blaine Boyer from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for minor league outfielder Brian Barton.

The 27-year-old Boyer was designated for assignment on Saturday when the Braves recalled left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes from Triple-A Gwinnett to start against the Pirates.

Boyer was 0-1 with a 40.50 ERA in three games, allowing six runs in 1 1-3 innings. He appeared in a career-high 76 games last year with Atlanta while also setting highs in innings (72) and strikeouts (67).

The Cardinals acquired the 26-year-old Barton in the Rule 5 Draft in 2007. He batted .268 with two home runs and 13 RBIs last year as a rookie.

Former Army RB Blanchard dead

BULVERDE, Texas — Felix "Doc" Blanchard was a college football superhero, the powerful Mr. Inside to Glenn Davis' Mr. Outside in Army's famous Heisman Trophy winning backfield of the 1940s.

Blanchard, who won Heisman in 1945 and along with Davis led Army to three consecutive undefeated seasons, died Sunday of pneumonia at home in central Texas. He was 84.

Blanchard scored 38 touchdowns and gained 1,908 yards in his three seasons at West Point.

WR draft prospect Byrd hospitalized

MIAMI — Former LSU receiver Demetrius Byrd was in critical but stable condition Monday after a car accident in Miami, and his agent said the NFL prospect was expected to fully recover.

Byrd had scrapes and bruises, but was being held in intensive care for observation, said his junior college coach, Tim Hatten of Pearl River Community College in Mississippi. Hatten had talked with Byrd's mom, who said her son was alert and talking at the hospital.

— Staff, AP Reports

Smith: Still has room to grow

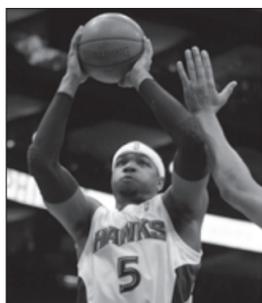
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The Hawks led 59-39 at the half and were never seriously challenged. But Smith wasn't done. In the second half, he pulled off two more dunks, one off another lob by Bibby that seemed intentionally high, as if he wanted to see just how high his teammate could leap. Smith reached behind his left ear, snared the ball with his huge left hand and rattled the rim with such force it's a wonder the whole thing didn't come crashing down.

"There's definitely an adrenaline rush that goes through your body when you do something special, like catching a tough pass," Smith said Monday, giving a backhanded compliment to his point guard. "I think Bibby really wanted everybody to see my athleticism."

That part of his game has never been in question. Smith is certainly among the NBA's top 10 when it comes to his physical attributes: the speed and quickness that seems misplaced on someone who's 6-foot-9 and 240 pounds, combined with a leaping ability that no one can match and the innate sense to control his body while in the air.

Miami coach Erik Spoelstra and the Heat found a grim reminder of Smith's



AP PHOTO
Others say Josh Smith's jump shot must improve for him to become more complete as a scorer.

aerial assaults in the opener and perhaps got a bit of motivation heading into Game 2.

After Spoelstra put his team through a long film session, the Heat finally made it out for practice, about an hour behind schedule. When they looked up, the scoreboard above the court still showed Sunday night's debacle: Hawks 90, Heat 64.

Another Smith dunk-athon could translate into another beatdown.

"He can be a dynamic player," Spoelstra said. "When he gets out in the open court like that, he changes the game for them. He really can. A lot of those plays are above the rim. Not a lot of guys can beat him up there."

Down at ground level, it can be a different story. Smith had another solid season, but his numbers (15.6 points, 7.2 rebounds per game) actually were down just a bit from the two previous years. He's also had an up-and-down relationship with coach Mike Woodson, including a heated exchange between the two at halftime of a game in Charlotte. The two could be heard yelling in a hallway outside the room, and Smith spent the entire second half on the bench.

Both sides insist everything is fine now, but there are still parts of Smith's game that need improvement.

"One thing that really would define him is being a better jump shooter," Miami's Jermaine O'Neal said. "If he keeps working, he can be one of the top 10 guys in our league. He has that much athleticism. The only thing is his jumper. He's very, very streaky and very, very inconsistent with his jump shot."

Streaky, indeed. Smith was nearly as likely this season to score 20 points (he did that 17 times) as he was to be held to 10 or less (that happened 15 times, though he left one game with an injury and barely played in the final two games of the regular season).

Area: Raiders close out year

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Varsity golf

■ Southeast's boys team closed its season with a showing that encouraged coach Chad Murray in regard to the future as two freshman turned in the lowest rounds for the Raiders at the Region 6-3A tournament at Oak Mountain Golf Course in Carrollton.

John Burns shot a 92 and Collins a 99 on the par-72 course as the Raiders took ninth in the 11-team event. Two weeks ago at Central Carroll's Lion Invitational at the same course, Burns turned in a 108 and Collins a 110.

"I'm really pumped about those two kids," Murray said. "It's actually one of the better finishes Southeast has had in the past three years. We're very, very young and Eastbrook and Valley Point (middle schools) are going

to be feeding us some very strong golfers. I look for one of those two teams to be winning the league championship on April 30 at Spring Lakes."

Two seniors contributed the other counting rounds for Southeast, with Jake Rackley finishing at 102 and Josh Wilson at 108.

"Those four people that scored worked their tails off at the country club the other day," Murray said. "We worked on putting because those greens down there were just glass, they were so fast."

Carrollton shot a 213 to win the event and also had the day's best round by an individual at 75, while LaFayette was second at 214 and will also advance to the Class 3A state tournament.

Southeast finished third among 6-3A's north sub-region teams behind LaFayette and Ringgold.

■ Christian Heritage boys 189, Holy Spirit Prep 190: Ty Whaley's 5-over par 41 earned medalist honors and led the Lions to the one-stroke victory in a nine-hole match at Indian Trace.

Other scorers for the Lions, who improved to 4-0 in matches this season, were Will Clark (46), Cole Townsend (49) and A.J. Hooper (53). Holy Spirit's lowest round was a 43.

Varsity softball

■ Signal Mountain, Tenn., 10, Christian Heritage 8: Shelbee Wilbanks struck out 12 in seven innings and contributed two hits at the plate for the Lady Lions at home.

Katherine Anne Blackstock was 2-for-4, while Morgan Sanford, Ann Marie Massengale and Brianna Brewster each had a hit for Christian Heritage (0-6-1).

Golf: Murray County claims top five finish, too

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the championship. It's going to be special playing up there. And I hope that adds pressure to our guys, to do something when it really means something. I think pressure is good. How you handle it is the big thing."

Dalton coach Chad Jordan is happy to be making another trip to the state tournament as well. The Cats have won nine state titles, eight in Class 3A and one in Class 4A, with that one — the most recent — coming in 2004.

"Coming into the region, I knew we'd have to play our best golf of the year to get out of region," Jordan said. "Northwest is strong, Murray County is good and Hillgrove was the wild card. We shot our best score of the season and that's great.

"I sure didn't want to

miss the dance (state tourney) this year since it's going to be played at Nob North. We had pressure on us and the guys finished strong."

Murray County was led by a trio of 80s from Tyler Simpson, Caleb Langford and Dylan Langford. Simpson and Dylan Langford each shot 42-38 for their 80s, while Caleb Langford went 40-40. Jacob Wildes' 81 was the Indians' other counting round.

"I didn't play so well on the front," Simpson said, "but did better on the back side. The air was thick this morning and I misjudged some shots that were coming up short."

North Paulding was sixth at 345 while Cass shot 346, South Paulding 350, Allatoona 352, Rome 354, Paulding County 377, Hiram 399, Woodland 412 and Sprayberry 420.

The field was almost twice as large as last year, when the tourney was held at WindStone Golf Course in northern Catoosa County near the Tennessee state line.

Black seems to play his best golf in the postseason. He shot a par 72 in last year's region tournament — only teammate Chris Gordon beat him with a 70 — as Northwest posted a 292 and trounced the field for its third straight title. Dalton finished at 318 and Ringgold was third at 372.

In the 2008 Class 4A state tourney, Black shot another par 72 and led the Bruins to a fourth-place finish at 302.

"I started slow today with bogeys on two of the first three holes," Black said, "but then I got it back and turned 2-over. I birdied three of the last four holes — 14, 16 and 17 — and parred the 18th.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Not to be overlooked during Dalton's recent glut of home runs is strong pitching by the Cats, including junior Colton Kinnamon, who won for the seventh time this season on Monday.

Cats: Power binge

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on just three hits against the left-handed freshman.

The only run not scored via the longball came in the fourth inning, when designated hitter Will Estes walked, stole second, advanced to third on Henson's wild pitch and scored on Stryker Brown's single.

"Right now they're taking good swings in count situations and going into the (strike) zone and hitting balls deep," Cats coach Bobby Brotherton said. "And they're getting out of here."

With Saturday's win against Murray County, the Cats clinched first place in the sub-region, assuring them home-field advantage at least through the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs. Dalton will play either Sprayberry or South Paulding — the two are currently tied for first place in 7-4A's south sub-region — next week for the region championship in a best-of-three series, with the time and location to be determined.

If the Cats win the region title, they'll have home-field advantage through the first two rounds of the state playoffs, a luxury they didn't have last season when they lost at Heritage-Rockdale in the second round.

Crutchfield, one of seven seniors on this year's team,

believes one reason the team is so locked in at the moment is because the Cats sense the postseason and want to improve last year's finish.

"We're definitely starting to taste the playoffs," Crutchfield said. "Last year, it was a sour feeling losing to Heritage on their field. Everybody that was on that team felt like we could have played a little better and gone farther. Now, we just want to get back (to the postseason) and we've picked the right time to start hitting the ball the way we are."

Cats starter Colton Kinnamon pitched five shutout innings to pick up his team-high seventh win of the season. He struck out eight, walked two and gave up just one hit.

Dalton's next game is on Wednesday against a Northwest Whitfield team trying to keep its postseason hopes alive. If the Bruins (12-8, 5-4) can hold their third-place position in the sub-region standings, they'll play the No. 2 seed from the south sub-region in a three-game series with a No. 4 seed in the state playoffs at stake. But Crutchfield said the Cats will be prepared to stand in the Bruins' way.

"We take it one game at a time," Crutchfield said. "That's the thing. Ask anybody on this team what the most important game is and they'll say the next game. Right now, we're focused on Northwest."

Keener birdied Nos. 11 and 17 and had six bogeys in his round.

The Cats' Miller wasn't too thrilled with his effort on the par-4, 398-yard No. 18, where he three-putted from about 15 feet.

"I tried to jam the first one, but it went about 5 feet past and the next one lipped out," he said. "I had a couple of stupid mistakes on the front, but other than that that played a pretty solid round."

The Region 7-4A girls tourney is scheduled today at Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. The Class 4A girls state tournament will be held at Dalton Golf and Country Club the same day as the boys state tourney.

For complete team results from Monday's boys tourney and the top 10 individuals' scores, please visit daltoncitizen.com.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
 Christian Heritage at LaGrange Academy, 4
 Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 5
 Southeast at Ridgeland, 5:30
Varsity golf
 Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Region 7-4A girls tournament at Indian Trace, 8 a.m.
Varsity soccer
 LaGrange Academy girls at Christian Heritage, 4
 King's Ridge Christian boys at Christian Heritage, 5:45
Varsity tennis
 GISA state individual tourney, Tifton
Varsity track and field
 Southeast at Dalton, 4
JV baseball
 Northwest Whitfield at Murray County, 7
Middle school baseball
 Dalton at Hunter, 4:30
 Silverdale vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 5:30
 Dalton JV at Hunter (after varsity game)

Wednesday

Varsity baseball
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
 Rome at Murray County 5:55
Varsity soccer
GHSAA Class 4A boys state playoffs
 Loganville at Dalton, 6:30
GHSAA Class 4A girls state playoffs
 Dalton at Heritage-Rockdale, 5:30
Varsity tennis
GHSAA Class 4A boys state tournament
 Dalton at Heritage-Rockdale, 2:15
 Winder-Barrow at Murray County, 4
Middle school baseball
 Bagley at Dalton, 4:30
 Bagley at Dalton JV (after varsity game)

Thursday

Varsity golf
 Christian Heritage boys at Kings Ridge, Alpharetta, 4
Varsity softball
 Covenant Christian at Christian Heritage (DH), 4:30
Varsity tennis
GHSAA Class 4A girls state tournament
 Habersham Central at Dalton, 4
Varsity track and field
 Sub-region 6A-3A boys meet at LFO, 4
Middle school baseball
 St. Jude vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 5:30

Friday

Varsity baseball
 Arlington Christian at Christian Heritage, 5
 East Ridge (Tenn.) at Southeast, 5:30
 Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
 Rome at Dalton, 5:55
 Murray County at Cass, 5:55
Varsity soccer
 The Heritage School at Christian Heritage, 4
GHSAA Class 3A boys state playoffs
 Dunwoody at Southeast, 7
Varsity track and field
 Region 7-4A boys meet at Dalton, 4:30
JV baseball
 Rome at Dalton, 8
Middle school softball
 Christian Heritage at Belvoir Christian (DH), 4:30
Middle school tennis
 Christian Heritage at Grace, 4:15

Saturday

Middle school baseball
 Dalton at McCallie tournament

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Moves

MLB
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Radhames Liz to Norfolk (IL).
 MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Jesse Crain on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 18.
National League
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Acquired RHP Blaine Boyer from Atlanta for OF Brian Barton.
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with 3B Ryan Zimmerman on a multiyear contract. Purchased the contracts of RHP Kip Wells and RHP Jordan Zimmermann from Syracuse (IL). Recalled RHP Garrett Mock and RHP Jason Bergmann from Syracuse.
FOOTBALL
NFL
 CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed S Nate Salley and LB James Anderson to one-year contracts.
 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-signed S Matt Giordano.
 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Re-signed WR Jeff Webb.
 NEW YORK JETS — Signed OT Michael Krackalik.
HOCKEY
NHL
 DALLAS STARS — Signed D Philip Larsen.
 MINNESOTA WILD — Re-signed D John Scott.
COLLEGE
 FLORIDA — Named Richard Pitino men's assistant basketball coach.
 GEORGIA TECH — Announced sophomore F Gani Lawal will enter the NBA draft but has not hired an agent.
 NORTH CAROLINA — Signed baseball coach Mike Fox to a six-year contract through 2014.

TELEVISION

On Today

NBA
 8 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 2, Detroit at Cleveland
 10:30 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 2, Utah at L.A. Lakers
NHL
 7 p.m.
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Eastern Conference quarterfinals, game 4, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
 9:30 p.m.
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Western Conference quarterfinals, game 4, Vancouver at St. Louis (joined in progress)
 10:30 p.m.
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Western Conference quarterfinals, game 3, San Jose at Anaheim

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA Playoffs

Sunday's Scores
 L.A. Lakers 113, Utah 100, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
 Philadelphia 100, Orlando 98, Philadelphia leads series 1-0
 Atlanta 90, Miami 64, Atlanta leads series 1-0
 Denver 113, New Orleans 84, Denver leads series 1-0

Monday's Scores

Boston 118, Chicago 115, series tied 1-1
 Dallas at San Antonio, late

Today's Games

Detroit at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
 Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Denver at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 San Antonio at Dallas, 4 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 9 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs

Sunday's Scores
 Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3, Pittsburgh leads series 2-1
 Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, Vancouver leads series 3-0
 New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT, New Jersey leads series 2-1
 Anaheim 3, San Jose 2, Anaheim leads series 2-0

Monday's Scores

Boston 4, Montreal 2, Boston leads series 3-0
 Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0, N.Y. leads series 2-1
 Chicago at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

PRO BASEBALL

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	11	2	.846	—
Atlanta	6	6	.500	4 1/2
New York	6	6	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	5
Washington	1	10	.091	9
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	4	.636	—
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	6	5	.545	1
Pittsburgh	7	6	.538	1
Houston	4	8	.333	3 1/2
Milwaukee	4	8	.333	3 1/2
West Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	10	3	.769	—
San Diego	9	4	.692	1
Colorado	4	7	.364	5
Arizona	4	8	.333	5 1/2
San Francisco	4	8	.333	5 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Milwaukee 4, N.Y. Mets 2
 Florida 7, Washington 4
 Atlanta 11, Pittsburgh 1
 Philadelphia 5, San Diego 4
 Cincinnati 4, Houston 2
 San Francisco 2, Arizona 0
 L.A. Dodgers 14, Colorado 2
 St. Louis at Chicago, p.p.d., rain

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 8, Florida 0
 San Diego at Philadelphia, p.p.d.
 Atlanta at Washington, late
 Cincinnati at Houston, late
 Colorado at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Atlanta (Kawakami 1-1) at Washington (Martis 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Parra 0-2) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Florida (A. Sanchez 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0) at Houston (R. Ortiz 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Owings 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (O. Perez 1-1) at St. Louis (Wellemeier 1-1), 8:15 p.m.
 Colorado (F. Morales 1-0) at Arizona (Petit 0-1), 9:40 p.m.
 San Diego (Peavy 2-1) at San Francisco (Cain 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Florida at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.
 San Diego at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.
 Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	10	4	.714	—
Boston	7	6	.538	2 1/2
New York	7	6	.538	2 1/2
Baltimore	6	7	.462	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	4 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	7	5	.583	—
Detroit	7	5	.583	—
Kansas City	7	5	.583	—
Minnesota	7	7	.500	1
Cleveland	4	9	.308	3 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	8	5	.615	—
Oakland	5	7	.417	2 1/2
Texas	5	7	.417	2 1/2
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	3 1/2

Sunday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 3
 Toronto 1, Oakland 0
 Boston 2, Baltimore 1
 Chicago White Sox 12, Tampa Bay 2
 Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 1
 Texas 6, Kansas City 5
 Detroit 8, Seattle 2

Monday's Scores

Boston 12, Baltimore 1
 Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d.

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Contreras 0-2) at Baltimore (Bergesen 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Ponson 0-1) at Cleveland (Lafey 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Bre. Anderson 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (McCarthy 1-0) at Toronto (Halladay 3-0), 7:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (S.Baker 0-1) at Boston (Wakefield 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Galaraga 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 0-1) at Seattle (Washburn 2-0), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Texas at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Minnesota at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

AP SPOTLIGHT

April 21

1951 — Bob Davies' two foul shots and Jack Coleman's layup give the Rochester Royals a 79-75 triumph over the New York Knicks in the seventh game of the NBA championship series.
 1951 — The Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup for the fourth time in five years as they beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-2 in the fifth game.
 1975 — Bill Rodgers breaks the Boston Marathon record with a time of 2:09:55.
 1980 — Bill Rodgers wins his third straight Boston Marathon. Rosie Ruiz is disqualified eight days later as women's champion when it's discovered she did not run the entire distance.
 1994 — Eddie Murray sets a major league record with his 11th switch-hit home run game.

COMMENTARY: JIM SUTTIE'S GOLF WORLD

Loosen up: Movement's OK

How many times have you been told on your golf swing to keep your head still and down and to keep your head back after impact? You have probably heard that as many times as you have heard, "You missed that one because you looked up."

You really didn't look up, but you pulled your entire body up at impact.

Believe it or not, the head can be a 30-pound anchor that restricts your swing on the backswing and retards the weight transfer on the forward swing, or it can be a benefit to a smooth, flowing swing.

Unless you are an extremely flexible person, your head was designed to rotate a little bit on the backswing. Since most of us were told to keep our heads absolutely still on the backswing, we end up making little or no turn on the backswing.

This leads to keeping your weight on the front leg on the backswing. This "reverse pivot" can cause almost every poor shot in golf.

There are really three turns on the backswing:

- A shoulder turn.
- A hip turn.
- A small head turn.

The head must rotate a little bit on the backswing if you are to make any kind of shoulder turn. And as we know, the shoulder turn allows for a good weight transfer on the backswing.

Even the great Jack Nicklaus rotated his head slightly to the right before he took the club back.

I must say, some of the instruction that the general public has been getting is a little difficult for the average guy to do, unless you are trying to increase the business of your favorite orthopedic neck and spinal surgeon. Nothing against you stack-and-tilters, but I just hope you are 22 years old and have a healthy back.

This doesn't mean I would condone a head sway on the backswing, but I would encourage you to allow your head to rotate a little bit. Even the King, Arnold Palmer, has told us in his instruction that you should keep your head absolutely still on the backswing. Yet, when you watch him, he moves it two to three inches to the right. It allowed him to win 60-plus tournaments.

And what about the downswing and follow-through?

The head should be behind the ball at impact but don't keep it down too long as you will restrict your ability to move your weight to the front foot. If you hit a lot of hooks, pushes and tops, chances are that you are keeping your head down much too long after impact.



AP PHOTO
 Even legendary golfers such as Jack Nicklaus, left, and Arnold Palmer showed some head movement in their swings.

This causes you to hit off your back leg, causing your arms to "pull in" or shorten at impact. This is the dreaded "chicken wing" arms through impact. Just let your right side go through the impact area, and allow your head to rotate with the turning body.

Go ahead and let your head rotate with the rotation of your body. Some of you might remember Annika Sorenstam or David Duval at impact. Neither of these golfers were even looking at the ball at impact but their head seemed to move with the rotation of their body.

So just allow your head to move naturally and create a better swing and a more repeating and natural motion. Maybe it is all in your head.

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DISTANCE RUNNING: BOSTON MARATHON

U.S. runners finish third

By JIMMY GOLEN

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — American Kara Goucher ripped off the gloves she wore for the first 25 miles and threw them to the pavement.

The sprint was on.

Kenya's Salina Kosgei outkicked Goucher and defending champion Dire Tune in the last mile of the Boston Marathon on Monday, going back and forth with Tune in the final blocks of Boylston Street to win the closest women's finish in event history.

Ethiopia's Deriba Merga won the men's race, with Ryan Hall picking up another third place for the Americans

— their best showing in more than 20 years.

"I've never experienced anything like this, and I've been in the Rose Parade. So that's a pretty big deal," said Hall, who finished 10th in the Olympics and threw out the first pitch at a Red Sox game over the weekend.

Hall took the early lead with a blistering pace and was shoulder-to-shoulder with the leaders until they passed from Wellesley into Newton, with about 10 miles to go. Merga had pulled away by the bottom of Heartbreak Hill, winning in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 42 seconds — 50 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Daniel

Rono of Kenya, with Hall another 8 seconds back.

Merga led much of the Olympic marathon last summer before he wilted in the Beijing heat and was passed in the last quarter-mile, finishing fourth.

His victory Monday gave Ethiopia its second in five years; Kenya had won in 16 of the past 18 years, and will have to be satisfied with a women's title — its seventh since the turn of the century.

Goucher led the three women as they crossed above the MassPike into Kenmore Square with 1 mile to go, but the two Africans began to pull away from her as they dueled.

City of Dalton Public Notice

The City of Dalton's CDBG 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and FY 2009 Annual Plan are available in draft form for the public to review. Both plans outline Dalton's objectives for increasing the provision of decent housing in the community, enhancing the community's living environment, and expanding economic opportunities. Interested citizens are encouraged to review the plans and submit any comments for inclusion in the plans. The period to receive citizen comments is April 14, 2009 - May 14, 2009. The plans are available for public review at the following locations: Dalton City Hall, Dalton Public Library and the Dalton Whitfield Chamber of Commerce. Copies of the plan can also be obtained by calling Renetta Cochran at 706-529-2467. Comments should be submitted in writing to the Dalton City Hall, Attention: Renetta Cochran, P.O. Box 1205, Dalton, GA 30722 or by email to rcochran@cityofdalton-ga.gov.

Magic's Howard will see eye doc

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard says he's going to get his eyes examined after he was inadvertently scratched by Philadelphia 76ers center Samuel Dalembert.

Howard said Monday he would see an eye doctor but that the injury won't keep him sidelined for Game 2 on Wednesday night. Howard said he was "seeing just a whole bunch of crazy stuff" when he closed his eyes.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 1ST

34th Annual
Dalton Golf & Country Club
ROMAN OPEN
LOCAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday • May 11, 2009

Since 1999, \$598,000 in donations have been put to work locally!

In 2008 Alone,
\$74,000 were donated to 23 local charities and two Dalton State College scholarships were awarded.

Enjoy a day of golf, win great individual and team prizes and, most importantly, help raise funds the will have a tremendous impact on our local community!

8am and 1:30pm Shotgun Starts

Team or Individual Registration

Great Prizes, Gifts and Awards!

Format: 4-person select shot tournament flighted by handicap (soft spikes are mandatory). Ladies are encouraged to participate.

Tee time: Registration/breakfast for a.m. flights begins at 7:00 a.m. Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Registration/lunch for p.m. flights begins at 11:45 a.m. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

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.

Two options are available for participation.

Option A: You may pick your own 4-man team. Please provide all 4 names and addresses below plus each player's handicap or average score. Please circle your preference for tee time:

a.m. or p.m.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____

Option B: You may enter individually and you will be assigned your teammates based upon your handicap or average score:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____ HCP _____

Your entry fee goes a long way to help area non-profit organizations with budget shortfalls and non-budgeted emergency expenditures.

In accordance with IRS Regulations, we have determined the fair market value of "goods and services" received is \$64 per player, therefore \$110 of the entry fee may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

I cannot play this year but would like to contribute to the local charities that need our support. Please accept my donation of _____

Make check payable to:
Roman Open Charities, Inc.
P.O. Box 672 Dalton, GA 30722-0672
Check and application must be received by May 1.

Please call 706-278-7533 for additional information

CROSSWORD

ACROSS 35 Shell-less snail
 1 Did some weeding
 5 Cudgel
 8 "National Treasure" actor
 12 Roundish hairdo
 13 Inventor Whitney
 14 Rainbow
 15 Just lie there
 17 Gridlock elements
 18 Deity
 19 Within one's power
 21 Xbox enthusiast
 24 Crow or crane
 25 "Metamorphoses" poet
 26 Military headquarters
 30 Automaton, for short
 31 Leans to one side
 32 Singer DiFranco
 33 Cameo's opposite

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 4 Followed relentlessly
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 11 Being, to Brutus
 16 Neither mate
 20 Table scraps
 22 Shakespeare's river
 23 Catcher's prop
 24 Prove untrue
 26 Pirate
 27 Festive
 28 Responsibility
 29 At hand
 31 Work-week's end initials
 34 Lacking a musical key
 35 Rap session?
 37 Director Spike
 38 Founder
 39 "Grapes of Wrath" type
 40 Baseball team
 41 Unescorted
 44 Actress Hagen
 45 AAA job
 46 Hearty quaff
 47 Needlefish

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-21

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BRIDGE

The making of a safety play

Declarer's primary responsibility is to make his contract. To achieve this goal, he should try to find the line of play that offers the greatest chance of success. This may sound overly simplistic, but it is often overlooked in the heat of battle. Take this case where West led a diamond against three notrump. Declarer won East's jack with the king, crossed to a high heart and led a club to the queen. South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 10 6 5 3
 ♥ A K Q 7
 ♦ 6 2
 ♣ 10 4

WEST
 ♠ A J 7 4
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ Q 10 8 5 3
 ♣ K

EAST
 ♠ 9 8 2
 ♥ 10 9 6 4
 ♦ J 9 4
 ♣ J 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ Q
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ A Q 7 6 5 3 2

The bidding:
 South 1 ♣
 West Pass
 North 3 ♣
 East Pass
 3 NT
 Opening lead — five of diamonds.

West won with the king and returned a diamond to South's ace. The ace of clubs was cashed, but when West showed out, declarer could not recover, and he finished down two. Of course, had South peeked into West's hand before attempting the club finesse, he could have done much better. By playing the ace of clubs rather than finessing, he would have snared the king and finished with 11 tricks. The question, then, is should declarer have made this play without the privilege of peeking? The answer lies in South's recognition of the fact that he can afford to lose a club trick, but cannot afford to become cut off from the rest of the suit. This can happen only if the clubs divide 4-0, if West has three clubs including the king, or if West was dealt the singleton king. Declarer cannot do anything about a 4-0 club break or West holding club length, but he can guard against the singleton king by playing the ace at trick two. If the king does not appear, he next crosses to dummy with a heart and leads a club, making the contract whenever East started with three clubs or the suit breaks 2-2. Admittedly, this method of play loses an overtrick if East started with the doubleton king of clubs, but with the contract on the line, that consideration is of minor importance. Tomorrow: Never is a long time.

CRYPTOQUIP

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSE A PIG IS MAKING ITS WAY ACROSS THE STREET. WOULD YOU CLAIM YOU SAW A PORK IN THE ROAD?
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals Y

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You have to take a strong position this year, regardless of what everyone around you does. You can build a strong support system and position yourself for the future. Strive for perfection and practicality with emphasis on originality and detail. The little extras will help you stand out and be recognized. Your numbers are 6, 15, 20, 24, 26, 38, 43

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Network all you can. Dealing with children, friends and lovers will prove to be interesting and will enable you to take a position of authority. Start a new interest that offers you a creative outlet. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have to get out and interact with others if you want to promote your project. By taking time to nurture a personal or business partnership, you can develop an excellent rapport that will complement what you are trying to accomplish. Correct domestic problems. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be prone to exaggerate and, if you do, someone will call your bluff putting you in an awkward and embarrassing position. You will have to deal with family problems. This is not the time to ignore what's going on around you. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone from your past will remind you of something you always wanted to do. A unique way of approaching something or someone will grab attention that can prompt a deal or proposal. Financially beneficial changes can be made. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Uncertainty may cause emotional issues to rise to the surface. Don't give in to anyone trying to push his or her ideas on you but be careful not to let your anger show. Deception is apparent so check facts carefully. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The more vocal you are, the more you will accomplish. You will have a way of putting things that will be undeniably clever and should help you win whatever war you are waging. This is a great time for advancement, looking for work or starting your own business. 3 stars



Eugenia Last

'Idol' documentary to air on Gospel Music Channel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Gospel Music Channel will shine the spotlight on "American Idol."

Filmmaker David Lewis' "From Idol to Inspiration" will premiere Thursday before the Gospel Music Association's 40th annual Dove Awards telecast. The one-hour documentary explores the effect of the Fox network singing competition on Christian music.

The documentary features interviews with several former "Idol" finalists and with Maria Santiago, sister-in-law of current finalist Danny Gokey, who has worked for eight years at Faith Builders International in Milwaukee and at its sister congregation in Beloit, Wis.

Mandisa Hundley, Chris Sligh, Phil Stacey and Melinda Doolittle are the ex-"Idol" finalists featured in the documentary.



AP PHOTO

Contestant Danny Gokey performs on the singing competition series, "American Idol," April 14.

'The Price Is Right' goes green for Earth Day

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Green prizes are coming on down at "The Price Is Right."

In observance of Earth Day, Wednesday's episode of the CBS game show will feature environmentally friendly products including cell phones made of recycled materials, solar charging equipment and a recycling cabinet.

Environmentalist and actor Ed Begley Jr. will introduce a showcase that includes an electric bike,

golf cart and Toyota Prius hybrid car. Trips offered during the show will be paired with donations to offset carbon emissions.

CBS soap operas "As the World Turns," "The Young and the Restless" and "Guiding Light" will recognize Earth Day within their sudsy plots, and Lesley-Anne Down of "The Bold and the Beautiful" will appear in a public service announcement.

"More than ever there are things that we can do that

are really simple to do," said Barbara Bloom, senior president of daytime for CBS.

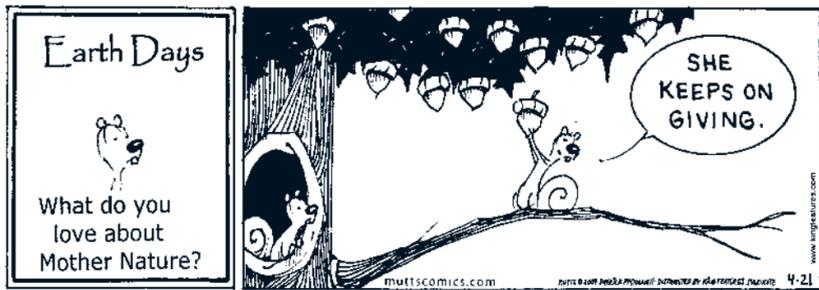
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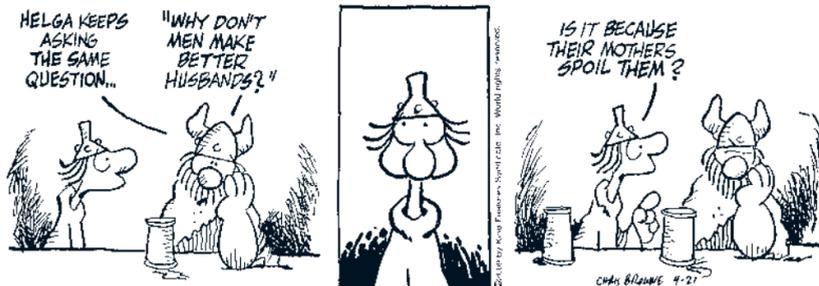
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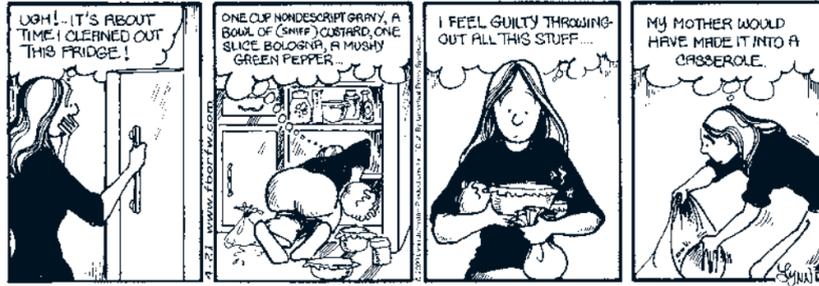
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DEAR ABBY

Girl is eager to defend kids ridiculed for being different

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl and have a 10-year-old brother with autism. At school there are many kids who have special needs, and I try my best to befriend them.

A large number of students are unbelievably cruel to these people. They call them names and make fun of them right to their faces. Sometimes they don't do it in front of the person, but I also think it is very rude to talk about people behind their backs.

When I see or hear it happen, I would like to be able to say something to help them understand that what they are doing is not acceptable. What should I do when I am caught in these situations? — TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OHIO



Jeanne Phillips

that the student body could benefit from sensitivity training regarding discrimination, which is offered at many schools.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law was unhappy in her relationship, so my husband and I offered to let her stay with us. We moved her and all her stuff into our home. We even kicked our 3-year-old out of his room so she could have privacy.

She stayed with us for two nights, then went to her mother's. She was gone a week, then came back and spent one night. Then she returned to her mom's for two weeks. Most of her things are still here, but she hasn't said she's living with her mother permanently.

Do I still have a houseguest? I'd like to give my son his room back, but I don't want to be rude to my possible guest. — POSSIBLE HOSTESS

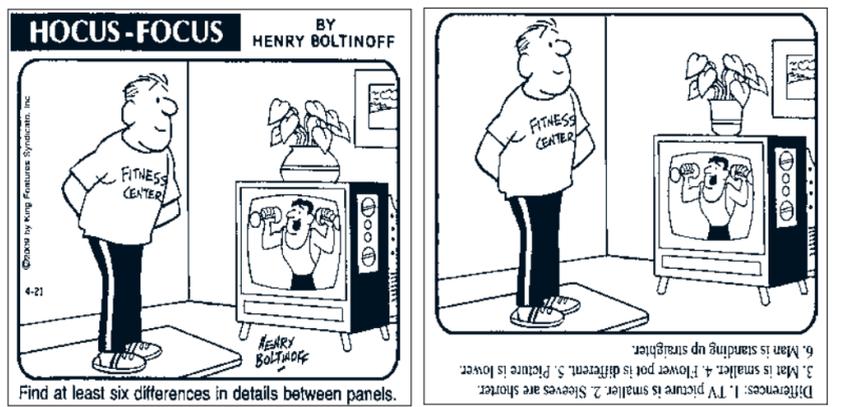
DEAR POSSIBLE HOSTESS: Your little boy needs his room back! Unless you are ready to establish some boundaries, your sister-in-law could bounce back and forth indefinitely.

It's time for you and your husband to talk to his sister and his mother and determine where his sister plans to nest, because it is unfair to use your son's bedroom as a storage locker.

DEAR TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: People who ridicule others because they are physically or developmentally disabled sometimes do it for attention because it makes them feel superior or because they don't realize the damage they are doing.

One way to correct the perpetrators would be to speak up and say you don't think what they are doing is funny because you have a brother who struggles every day with the challenges of autism. You should also talk to a counselor or the principal of your school, describe what has been happening and suggest

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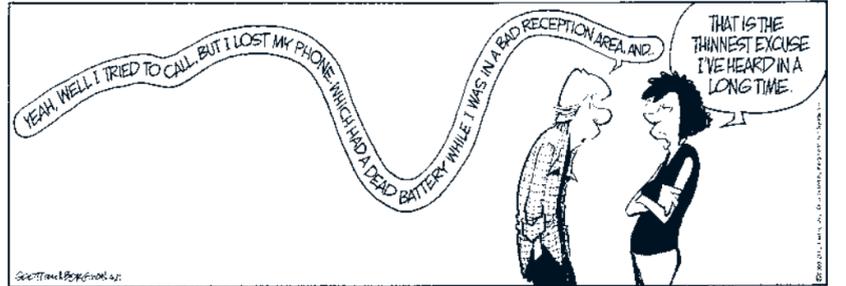
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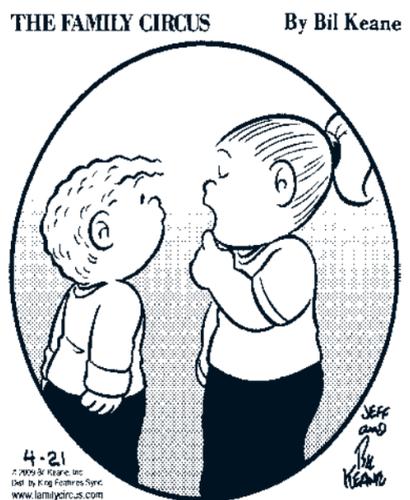
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Look for the solution to today's Sudoku Puzzle on page 7B of the classifieds.

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