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County still dodging furloughs

BY JAMIE JONES
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Whitfield County government won't furlough most of its employees "any time soon," but county officials are leaving open the possibility of forcing workers to take one day a month without pay.

How sales tax revenues compare with sales tax projections will determine whether most of the county's 550 employees will be furloughed, Mike Babb, chairman of the board of commissioners, said Tuesday. County financial

director Ron Hale will meet with Babb and the four other commissioners to go over detailed budget numbers.

"After we hear that, we'll probably know what the different scenarios will be," Babb said. "We'll know if we can balance out and keep from having furloughs or do we go ahead and recognize that the revenues are going to be down for the next couple of years and have furloughs."



HARD TIMES

At the beginning of the year, county administrator Bob McLeod said the furloughs could have begun this month. However, sales tax revenues were higher than expected and allowed the furloughs to be delayed.

The county is facing a \$4 million revenue shortfall this year because of lower sales tax receipts. McLeod said there are no raises or promotions planned, staff has been reduced through attrition in departments with larger staff, and \$8 million in capital projects have been delayed for one to two years. If the

furloughs had started this month, the county would have saved \$700,000. The furloughs would amount to a 5 percent pay cut for each affected employee, but they would retain all of their benefits, including health insurance, Babb said.

If furloughs are needed, McLeod said the commissioners will make the decision in a public meeting about a month before the change. The furloughs will be staggered so that office hours and department services will not be interrupted, he added.

Grant to provide jobs this summer

BY CHARLES OLIVER
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The local job market may be tight, but 48 Whitfield County youth might get summer jobs thanks to a federal grant.

Endless Opportunities, a local non-profit agency, recently received a \$170,000 grant to help place disadvantaged youths ages 14 to 24 in summer jobs. To be eligible, the participants must meet federal income guidelines that vary depending on family size.

"They will be working for any employer — profit, nonprofit or public — that is willing to give a student a chance to get some work experience," said Endless Opportunities' Chris Johnson. "The only thing we ask of the employer is that they will be able to supply them with a supervisor. We will cover them under workman's comp. We will take care of their salary. We will take care of their benefits."

The jobs pay \$7.25 an hour, and the participants will be eligible to work up to 40 hours a week.

"We hope to let them work up to 10 weeks," Johnson said. "It might extend past 10 weeks if we can get some more funds."

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PIRATE SUSPECT IN COURT



AP PHOTO

Police and FBI agents escort the Somali pirate suspect U.S. officials identified as Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse into FBI headquarters in New York. Muse is the sole surviving pirate suspect from the hostage-taking of commercial ship Capt. Richard Phillips from the Maersk Alabama. His appearance in a federal courtroom in New York is believed to be the first piracy charges in the U.S. in more than a century.

Colleges push tuition aid for illegal immigrants

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Wading into the politically charged immigration debate, a group of colleges and universities is urging Congress to give illegal immigrants tuition aid and a path to citizenship in light of efforts in several states to block them.

The College Board, made up of 5,000 schools and best known for its SAT college admission tests, released a report Tuesday that cites a need for federal legislation that would open up in-state college tuition, financial aid and legal status to many illegal immigrants in the U.S.

Speaking publicly on the issue for the first time, the

board is making its push after states in recent years have moved to bar illegal immigrants from paying in-state tuition and, in some cases, enrolling in their public colleges. It also comes as opponents are warning that immigration reform now could reduce already-scarce jobs and college enrollment slots in the ailing economy.

"This is a new area for us, but it was an easy call," said Thomas W. Rudin, a senior

vice president for the College Board.

He noted the contradiction in which illegal immigrants who are legally entitled to a K-12 public education suddenly hit barriers when applying to college, even when many are "honor roll students, athletes, class presidents and valedictorians."

"We absolutely believe it's important for opening up economic opportunities," Rudin said.

At least four states — Georgia, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona — generally prohibit illegal immigrants

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Schwenn

The Daily Citizen is going mobile

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mobile phone users can now get a simplified version of The Daily Citizen through a new Web site, www.daltoncitizen.com/mobile. The site is part of a company-wide initiative of CNHI newspapers to expand the ways readers can access the newspaper.

"It's an opportunity for us to expand to the next generation in more ways and more places," said publisher William Bronson.

Information technology director Chris McConkey said the site went up about a week ago with headings for local news, sports, state news and weddings and announcements. The full text of all the stories under those headings is available on the mobile site.

"Any Web enabled cell phone can access it," said McConkey. "It's going to be in a more simplified format (than www.daltoncitizen.com). We're going to be adding more areas to the site as we get out of testing."

McConkey said the newspaper is considering a service that would send text messages about breaking news to registered users.

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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.

"Every person in Dalton owes a direct debt to the carpet industry. We should be celebrating carpet month not talking the industry down. The industry will stabilize at a lower sales level with higher profitability. Dalton should celebrate the industry."

"My vote goes for Hooters to replace Starbucks on Walnut Avenue."

"Why can't the saddle club use the fairgrounds. They only use it one time a year."

"Don't blast just Bush and Obama. For 30 years your representatives have worked for the corporate oligarchy. The shame is collectively ours. Do not be fooled again."

"Does anyone remember Hill's Drug Store? It was on South Hamilton Street. They made the best banana splits."

"If a person wants respect, they need to act respectfully."

"Instead of recognizing the tea parties were protests against high spending by taxpayers, Pelosi calls them whiners. She totally missed the point because spending is what she does best."

"A local softball team named the Sting is going to the Nationals."

"There is a nice piece of property on the hill near I-75 for that horse farm."

"When our leaders fly around the world giving away billions to other people instead of seeing about the needs of our own people, I think they have committed treason."

"If you think the banks are going to help you through these hard times, then dream on. You can't even get them on the phone."

"A 20-year-old would be pretty desperate to want a 70-year-old sugar daddy, unless he was rich."

"A Bojangles at the old Starbucks would make \$2 million."

"Everybody in the forum has a right to his opinion, but we still live in the best country in the world. We are so blessed."

"If anybody can't see that Obama is a socialist or communist, they are so far out of touch they are beyond hope."

"Mr. Espy, are you an alcoholic? You won't ever say anything bad about alcohol. I think it's the worst drug in the world."

Editor: No, I am not. My father was. I do like to drink and used to drink a lot, but not much now."

"Our country wasn't screwed up in 2007 when the Democrats took over Congress. 2008 is when the screwup began."

"Obama has devised the perfect plan to combat illegal immigration. He plans to make America SO poor nobody will want to come here. Coming later, his plan for our economy."

"The President really seems to like to ride around on Air Force One. But the only thing he seems to have accomplished is to get folks at home riled up."

"Obama keeps that plane in the air all the time. I'd like to know how much of the taxpayers' money he has spent travelling."

Editor: Let's be reasonable. Much of Obama's travel has been tied to pre-planned events like the G-20 meeting in Europe. Presidents are supposed to go to these functions. It's also not unusual for a new president to make the rounds to meet other world leaders.

"If Murray County schools aren't good enough for Murray teachers' children, they should not be allowed to teach our children."

"If our nation could make a lot of enemies friends, we wouldn't have many problems."

"President Obama should ask the families of the 3,000 people killed on 9-11 if they are worried about the waterboarding or sleep deprivation."

"Whitfield County needs a horse park so all the horse owners in the county can have a place to participate in events?"

Editor: Then an entrepreneur should build one.

Sarcasm alert
"I am shocked that three of the top four companies on the Fortune 500 list were oil companies. How come? When things pick up, imagine what they can do then."

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR APRIL 21
Georgia: Midday Cash 3: 5-8-3, Cash 4: 3-7-9-0, Evening Cash 3: 4-8-9, Mega Millions: 5-24-37-47-52, Mega Ball: 6
Tennessee: Midday Cash 3: 9-4-7, Lucky Sum: 20, Cash 4: 1-4-4-1, Lucky Sum: 10, Evening Cash 3: 5-9-9, Lucky Sum: 23, Cash 4: 0-7-5-9, Lucky Sum: 21

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from paying in-state tuition rates.

Dalton State College president John Schwenn said that institution hasn't taken a position on whether undocumented students should be given the same tuition privileges as legal residents.

"We follow the state law — they are not considered in-state students," he said. "We cannot give scholarship money or anything like that."

"To me, it's just an issue that we follow what the state laws allow us or require us to do," Schwenn said.

Under House and Senate bills known as the Dream Act, illegal immigrants who entered the U.S. as children — defined as age 15 and under — and have lived here for five years could apply to the Homeland Security Department for conditional legal status after graduating from high school.

Such legal status would make the immigrants eligible

for in-state college tuition rates and some forms of federal financial aid. Then, if they attend college or participate in military service for at least two years, the immigrants would qualify for permanent legal residency and ultimately citizenship.

The legislation, which has been introduced in various forms since 2001, comes as President Barack Obama is preparing to address the contentious issue of immigration reform later this year. The Dream Act has previously passed the Senate but failed to become law as it was folded into proposals for more comprehensive reform.

"It's a straightforward test of what America is about: Do we punish children for the actions of their parents?" said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. "If, as we try to pursue comprehensive immigration reform, we can't get this simple element done, I don't know what we can get done."

Opponents disagree.

"It's a massive amnesty effort being laid for this fall," said Bob Dane, a spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which seeks to restrict immigration. "Since many of these illegal aliens and their families are overwhelmingly on the lower end of the economic scale, they're going to take the lion's share of need-based financial aid."

Among the College Board's findings:

■ About 360,000 illegal immigrants who have a high school degree could qualify for the tuition aid. Another 715,000 immigrants between the ages of 5 and 17 would also benefit if they are motivated to finish high school and pursue a college degree.

■ States that offer tuition aid to illegal immigrants generally saw increased college revenue by enrolling these additional students, rather than financial burdens caused by an influx of immigrants paying cheaper tuition.

Jobs: For youth in summer

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To apply for a job, youth should go to Endless Opportunities' office at 302 S. Thornton Ave. between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"They will need to have a state-issued ID, Social Security card and a birth certificate," said Johnson.

Those who are not in school can start work May 1. Those who are still in high school can start June 1.

Firms interested in providing jobs should call Johnson at (706) 275-0545.

Endless Opportunities works with high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 21, helping them get their General Educational Development (GED) diplo-

mas.

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we help them find full-time employment. If they want to go to college, we help them fill out the paperwork for the Pell grant and to register for college," Johnson said.

TODAY'S CITIZEN



NAME: Bryan Stanley
AGE: 61
HOME: Chatsworth
FAMILY: Wife, Donna; son, Charlie
WORK: Retired
PLAY: Golf
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Truck driver still 'critical'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A logging truck driver who wrecked on Highway 201 west of Westside Monday afternoon remained in critical condition on Tuesday, according to a spokeswoman at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Freddie Scroggins, 32, of Summerville was airlifted to Erlanger after the logging truck he was driving overturned around 2 p.m.

"We think he may have went off the road at that bad curve and overcorrect-

ed," said Paulette Owens of Owens Logging in Rome.

"They told Freddie's father, who also works for us, that he was responding to doctors' questions last night, and that he was talking to the emergency people while he was being transported," said Owens.

The highway was temporarily shut down while Scroggins was cut out of the truck, said a spokeswoman with the Georgia State Patrol. The investigation will continue this week.

Auction to help Friendship House

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Friendship House organizers are selling everything they can — a San Francisco getaway package, cooked pork loin, a one-hour golf lesson, gift certificates to Red Lobster, Atlanta Braves tickets and a kids' toy chest, to name a few items.

The sales of donated items are through an online auction at www.derbyday.cmarket.com to raise money for the child care facility.

"It underwrites the tuition so people can afford to come to this nationally accredited Center of Distinction," said Mary Thelma Norris, director.

The Friendship House was founded 51 years ago by women of local churches, Norris said. About 125 children between six weeks and 5 years old attend, and most receive tuition assistance. Parents must work or attend school full time to qualify.

This marks the first year Friendship House has had an online auction. As of Tuesday afternoon, a little more than \$3,000 had been raised through the online auction alone. Only about one-third of the 93 items for sale had bids, according to the site.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Chris Yarbrough, left, gets a high five from Brian Haynes after Yarbrough's horse won the Kentucky Derby last year. The two were watching the race at Derby Day, a fundraiser for Friendship House, at the Farm. This year's event is Saturday, May 2.

The site supplements live and silent auctions that will be at The Farm on May 2. Norris said organizers hope to raise more money than last year's \$22,000.

The evening's events will include watching the Kentucky Derby, with adults bidding on their favorites to win, as well as a full meal. Norris said the evening is casual and laid back, and all the proceeds go to Friendship House. Cost is \$60.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "It's not high pressure ... There's no dancing (and) you're home by 9."

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Woman in Shaw accident suffers hand injury

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A woman injured at a Shaw Industries plant in Dalton last Thursday sustained a "degloving injury" that typically pulls the skin off a hand, an emergency responder said.

The woman was working at Shaw's 2225 S. Hamilton St. Extension facility, according to a Whitfield 911 operator. A spokesman for Shaw would not give the woman's name. A company official initially said the company was waiting for the woman's family to be notified before releasing the name.

"The female patient's arm got caught in a roller and she sustained severe trauma and severe

bleeding to her arm," said Gary Baggett, battalion chief with the Dalton Fire Department. "It's called a degloving injury and it pulls the skin off and can include muscles and tendons."

The call came in to Whitfield 911 at 12:15 p.m. The woman was first taken to Hamilton Medical Center and then to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Baggett said by the time emergency responders arrived, workers had helped the woman free her arm.

Rick Cobb, director of Whitfield Emergency Medical Services, said his agency could not release the woman's name because of guidelines of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Whitfield Education Foundation Golf Tourney Monday

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The Whitfield Education Foundation will host the 15th Annual Whitfield Education Foundation Golf Tournament at the Dalton Golf and Country Club on Monday.

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cerned citizens.

The registration fee is \$550 for a team of four players or \$150 for individuals, which includes green fees, a cart, unlimited range balls, lunch and tournament favors. Space is limited, so please complete a registration form and return it to the foundation office as soon as possible.

A shotgun start will launch the tournament at 1 p.m. Players will receive a delicious lunch prepared by the chef and his staff at the country club. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to each team member for first, second and third place showings in each flight. Hole-In-One sponsor Pye Nissan will award a

2009 Nissan Altima for a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. Several other hole-in-one prizes will be available including a golf trip to Atlantic City Trump/McCullough's Emerald Golf Links.

For more information and to download a form, visit the Whitfield County Schools Web site at www.whitfield.k12.ga.us and click on "Foundation." You may also contact the foundation by phone at (706) 217-6756, by fax at (706) 217-6755 or by e-mail at wef@whitfield.k12.ga.us.

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LETTERS

A double standard for some?

To the editor:

The Daily Citizen's front page article, "Yarn Scheme Unravels," covering the Beaulieu theft was indeed interesting.

One party of the two men is from one of Dalton's most respected and beloved families. All the charges and words cannot alter this particular sentiment for the accused.

Whatever the truth of the matter is, the profound difference in justice when Beaulieu became the victim cannot be denied. When the CEO and owners of Beaulieu owed millions to the IRS, U.S. Treasury and were charged with countless offenses of lawlessness, they were given a free pass. No sentencing for the powerful and rich in the summer of 2007.

What is most disturbing about the Beaulieu case is who presided over the final sentencing. The federal judge was from Dalton and had been a Superior Court judge when the owners of Beaulieu resided in Dalton where Beaulieu's company was and is located.

With Harold L. Murphy on the bench as an acting federal judge in Rome, why the final sentencing from a judge from Beaulieu's home office and plant? In a case of such magnitude, why was a judge with such conflicting issues allowed to rule on this particular case? Why not Judge Harold L. Murphy, free of any association with the Beaulieu family or their company.

I, in fact, phoned the FBI in Rome and Atlanta asking how this was possible. Needless to say I was not well received. According to the FBI, only an attorney could submit a motion for recusal. Just where were the officers of the court who knew of the extraordinary conflict of interest — yet remained silent. Why?

The newspaper quoted the U.S. attorney in the comment about these men having no pride in their profession and obtaining millions of dollars. Where was the pride with Beaulieu and their actions? Where lies the difference in character in the two cases? Where, in fact, lies the difference in the law and justice in the sentencing of the two cases?

Lady Justice wears a blindfold that was initially intended to represent that justice was to be blind, serving all men equally. We have forfeited that right with corrupt, unethical officers of the court where justice is determined for a price.

In the case of these two men versus the Beaulieu case in 2007, volumes of truth are spoken in a famous quote by Jonathan Swift: "Laws are like cobwebs, which may catch small flies but let wasps and hornets break through." Unfortunately Smith and Percy were the small flies and those of Beaulieu the wasps and hornets that broke through and flew free. They were to suffer no punishment or detriment to their lives whatsoever.

Jane Hill Lount
Dalton

Registration had a lot of help

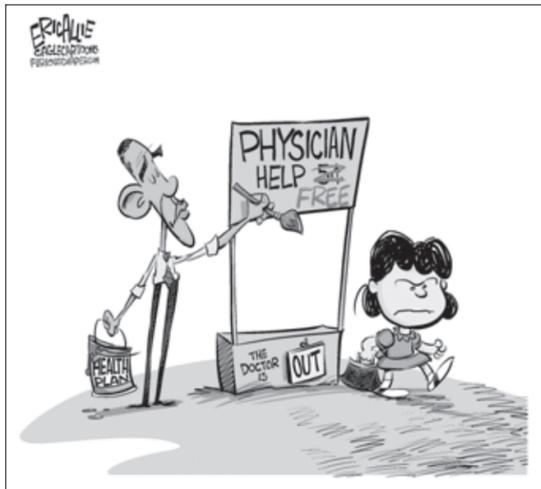
To the editor:

Many people contributed to the success of our recent kindergarten registration. We would like to express our gratitude to the following businesses for supplying crayons, coloring books, pencils and coupons that were a part of a goody bag each kindergarten student received upon completing the registration process: Applebees, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Chick-fil-A, Kool Smiles Dental, O'Charley's.

The Dalton Police Department provided stickers and pencils. Quality Care for Children provided a safe play environment for children under the age of 4 to play and interact with other children while their parents completed the registration forms.

The Whitfield County Health Department graciously allowed us to hold the registration at their site making it very convenient for our families to obtain the immunization records and birth certificates needed for registration.

Debbie Hughes
Dalton Public Schools



WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57

Thought for today: "History is an accumulation of error."

Norman Cousins
American editor (1912-1990)

Karen's conundrum

If I were a gambling man, I'd bet a wad, even at this early date, on Secretary of State Karen Handel to win the Republican primary for governor next year.

Handel has served on the Fulton County Commission and escaped indictment. She has turned out to be a passable secretary of state, though she has been a bit too partisan for my taste. And Gov. Sonny Perdue has joined her team as her No. 1 adviser. The Perdue alliance may be the most important of her attributes. Perdue has already delivered a grand favor to Handel. He made last week's front runner for governor, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, so nervous that he complained of severe neck and back trouble, and dropped out of the governor's contest.

That may be just the first good deed Perdue delivers to Handel. She will need all the help she can get. Georgians usually don't cotton to women candidates for governor, and we've had a run of bad luck with ladies elected to lower constitutional offices.

Former Georgia Schools Superintendent Linda Schrenko, the first woman to be elected to statewide office, is still serving time in prison for stealing money from the state to finance her 2002 bid for governor — a bid that crashed and burned before it got off the ground. The present female school superintendent Kathy Cox recently joined the growing ranks of Georgians forced into personal bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, Handel labors on as secretary of state, handing down one decision after another on election regulations to help her GOP colleagues in their quests for public office. She will have to do more than that to become governor. She must recruit



Bill Shipp

are the anti-Barnes folks who gave us Gov. Perdue:

■ Teachers voted en masse for Perdue because they believed Barnes had turned his back on their demands for tenure and started overusing the word "accountability" in his campaign for better schools. Many of those same teachers are now suffering a bad case of buyers' remorse. Gov. Perdue has whacked their budget by \$2 billion, enlarged class sizes, cut pay and generally ignored Georgia's most pressing need: improving K-12 education. How will those teachers vote next year — for a more humble Democrat Roy Barnes and his crowd, or for the Handel-Perdue alliance?

■ Law enforcement officers across the state were peeved at Barnes for installing a super chief in Atlanta — a commissioner of public safety to oversee all peace officers.

Like teachers, the lawmen in 2002 voted heavily against Barnes, who is already courting them for reconciliation next year. They appeared to be mostly for Cagle until he was struck by strained muscles. How Handel woos the cops, deputies and troopers will be interesting to watch.

■ North metro Atlanta residential owners were solidly against Barnes when he proposed building a

the same coalition of interests that brought Perdue to power and left Gov. Roy Barnes a stunned and defeated Democrat.

Here are the anti-Barnes folks who gave us Gov. Perdue:

Northern Arc highway through the northern suburbs and exurbs north of Atlanta. A hard core of anti-arc voters remains active in Forsyth County. Some other folks have in the meantime become sympathetic to Barnes. They're tired of traffic and want something done. Handel will have to be careful with this group, and perhaps not allude to Gov. Perdue at all. The incumbent's transportation-to-do list is blank, except for a bunch of words about reorganization.

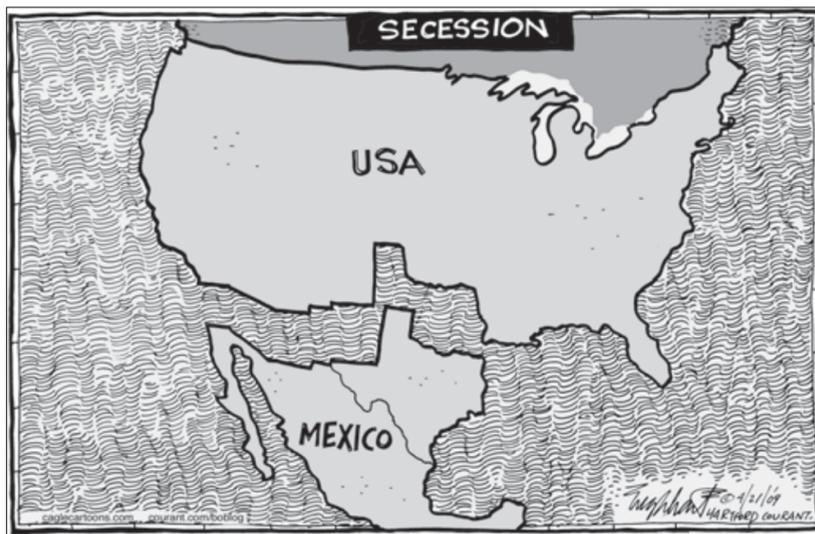
■ The flaggers — the guys and gals who wanted to restore the Confederate cross on the state flag — became Perdue's loudest and most visible allies. After his inauguration, Perdue pushed the flaggers aside and would not even include the rebel emblem on a ballot for a new flag. Handel may try to recruit the Civil War crowd, but she will do so at her own peril. Most folks began suffering flag fatigue years ago and want to move on to something else. Besides, the flaggers may not forget so easily how they were double-crossed.

So there we have it. Karen's Conundrum: Can she attract Perdue's old allies for governor — a group largely alienated and angered by Perdue after his election?

Or will Barnes or some other Democrats bust up the coalition and bring at least part of that angry crowd back into the donkey fold?

Oh, that's right. Barnes hasn't even announced for governor. No matter what happens, my bet on Handel stands.

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It couldn't happen here?

James and Sheila Slaughter have sued the Department of Homeland Security and five Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers for violating their Fourth Amendment rights. The Slaughters contend the officers "bullied their way" into their San Luis, Ariz., home while looking for an illegal immigrant. Slaughter, who himself works for ICE, says he later found out the officers were supposed to be at East 26th Place. Instead, they went to his house at East 26th Street. Slaughter says he can't believe the officers didn't check the property records or even observe the house before trying to search it. "I bleed red, white and blue. I serve my country, and then they do this to me?" he said. Apparently, if they'd done the same thing to someone who doesn't work for the government it would have been OK.

Out West, they say "Shoot, Shovel and Shut Up." It's a reference to the perverse incentives of endangered species protection. If a rancher discovers an endangered species on his land, it may be better for him to kill it than risk losing the use of the land because of increased regulation. New York City is experiencing a similar phenomenon with its attempts to protect historic buildings. The New York Times reports that building owners are often tearing away any distinctive or historic features from buildings if they even suspect that the city might designate them as historic. That renders them unworthy of protection, and it also keeps the city

from being able to dictate to owners how their buildings must look.



Charles Oliver

U.S. Army Sgt. Sterling Terrance Hospedales has been charged with pimping underage girls. Hospedales is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and this is the latest black eye for the base. In February, an underage girl was found dead in one of the barracks of an apparent drug overdose and another minor girl was found unconscious. Pvt. Timothy E. Bennitt is facing involuntary manslaughter and drug charges stemming from that. Three other soldiers from the base have been charged with a string of violent robberies, and two other soldiers have been charged with stabbing a man outside a bar.

Abdul Rao, senior associate vice president of research at the University of South Florida, resigned after he was caught on videotape taking a student's bicycle. Rao says he thought the bike had been abandoned and he was going to lend it to a "semi-homeless" man.

A Washington state jury has awarded Brian Wiederspohn \$500,000, plus legal costs, after concluding he was falsely arrested and wrongly Tasered in his genitals by Whatcom County

deputies. The deputies came to Wiederspohn's house looking for a boy who was dating Wiederspohn's daughter. They didn't have a search warrant, so they couldn't enter the house without his permission, which Wiederspohn didn't give. But one of the deputies placed his foot inside the door. Wiederspohn asked him to remove it. When he refused, the deputies say Wiederspohn slammed the door on the foot, which was assaulting an officer. Wiederspohn denied that. But why did the deputy place his foot in the door? In their reports, the deputies said they were standing on rickety wooden steps that might have collapsed. One problem. Wiederspohn doesn't have steps in front of his house. He has a concrete ramp. Sheriff Bill Elfo defended the deputies, saying in the dark it was easy to mistake a concrete ramp for wooden steps. Speaking of mistakes, Wiederspohn had earlier offered to settle the case for \$100,000, but the county refused.

The letter from officials at England's Macclesfield High School made it quite clear. If Megan Gillan didn't improve her attendance, they would not allow her to attend the prom. But Megan's mother Margaret says she screamed when she read the note. Megan had a good excuse for missing school. She had passed away two months earlier.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, April 22**, the 112th day of 2009. There are 253 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1938, 45 workers were killed in a coal mine explosion at Keen Mountain in Buchanan County, Va.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler. However, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 2000, in dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Ten years ago: At Columbine High School in Colorado, investigators found a powerful bomb made from a propane tank, heightening suspicions that gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who killed 13 people before killing themselves, intended to destroy the school.

Five years ago: NFL player Pat Tillman, who'd traded in a multimillion-dollar contract to serve as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan, was killed by friendly fire; he was 27.

One year ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, defeating Barack Obama and keeping her presidential hopes alive.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Charlotte Rae is 83. Actress Estelle Harris is 77. Singer Glen Campbell is 73. Actor Jack Nicholson is 72. Author Janet Evanovich is 66. Movie director John Waters is 63. Singer Peter Frampton is 59. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 55. Actor Ryan Stiles is 50. Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona is 50. Comedian Byron Allen is 48. Actor Chris Makepeace is 45. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 43.



The Emery Center submitted this photo of the last graduation class of Emery Street School in 1967 before integration. This year's school reunion is set for June 26-28.

Emery Street reunion planned

The 2009 Emery Street School reunion will be held June 26-28. The schedule of events is:
■ June 26 at 5 p.m. — Meet and greet at the Emery Center

■ June 27 at 9 a.m. — Continental breakfast, business meeting and Emery Center report at the Emery Center
■ June 27 at 7 p.m. — Banquet and dance at the Northwest Georgia Trade

and Convention Center; group photo at 6 p.m.
 For more information, call Patricia Rivers at (706) 226-7367 or Mary K. Buford at (706) 529-5323.

Mohawk makes Fortune 500 list

Calhoun-based flooring manufacturer 1 of America's largest corporations

BY BRYANT STEELE
 Calhoun Times

Calhoun-based Mohawk Industries has again made the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations, based on revenues. Mohawk is listed at 367, down from No. 328 a year ago. Mohawk's net sales in 2008 were \$6.826 billion, a 10 percent decrease from 2007. The company will

announce first-quarter 2009 earnings Friday. The annual Fortune 500 list is available online at the magazine's Web site. The magazine will go on sale April 27. The magazine says 2008 was the worst ever for America's 500 largest corporations in the 55-year history of the list. Earnings dropped 84.7 percent from the previous year, from \$645 billion to

\$39.9 billion, the largest one-year decline ever. (A larger percentage drop in 1992 is attributable mainly to an accounting law change, the magazine says.) Exxon Mobil tops this year's list with revenues of more than \$442 billion and profits of more than \$45 billion. Exxon knocked Walmart, with revenues of more than \$405 billion and profits of \$13.4 billion, down to No.

2. The magazine says airlines lost 564 percent, more than any other industry. Food services companies — such as Darden Restaurants, which owns Longhorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden and Red Lobster — climbed 43 percent cumulatively, more than any other industry. Of the 500 companies on the list, 15 are run by women.

Most wreck victims released

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Four people injured in a wreck at the intersection of Old Dixie Highway and Tilton Road in south Whitfield County Monday morning were treated and released from Hamilton Medical Center, a spokeswoman said. A 4-year-old was transferred to T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga.

Kathryn Wilson of Resaca drove the 1991 Honda Accord that collided with a 2007 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck

driven by Israel Ayla, a resident of Tilton Road, a Georgia State Patrol spokeswoman said. Wilson, Ayla and Ayla's wife Alejandra were released early Tuesday morning from the hospital. The 4-year-old is a child of the Aylas. A 17-year-old in Wilson's car was released earlier from the hospital.

No charges had been filed as of Tuesday afternoon. The crash, which happened shortly after 8 a.m., is still under investigation by the state patrol.

AREA ARRESTS

• Becky Renee Anderson, 37, 251 Cottonwood Mill Road, Tunnel Hill, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated assault (family violence).

• Tabitha Lynn Nix, 20, 250 Callie Jones Road, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, underage consumption, failure to maintain lane and too fast for conditions.

• Ferman D. Cottrell, 35, 216 Wilbanks Road, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with possession of firearms by a convicted felon, improper vehicle plates, driving while unlicensed and seat belt violation.

• Jerry Richard Boyd, 25, 640 Ledford Ave. S.E., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with sale of cocaine.

• Phillip James Davenport, 33, 605 Bahamas Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with pedestrian under the influence and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Scotty Lynn Keeler, 35, 84 Meadow Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with child molestation.

• Telisha Rene Montoya, 20, 1221 Hair St., Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with aggravated bat-

tery and theft by taking.

• Ashley Elaine Ellis, 25, 5071 Ooltewah Ringgold Road, Ooltewah, Tenn., was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

• Jonathon Leon Jones, 39, 616 Peter Pan Trail, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, headlight violation and driving while license withdrawn.

• Thomas Daniel Mull, 33, 1171 North Pass, Chatsworth, was charged Tuesday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with public drunkenness and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Gwendolyn Dianne Nicholson, 40, 1957 Dawnville Beaverdale Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking.

• Sabrina Renee Stilner, 31, no address given, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with no insurance, improper tag and DUI.

• William Eugene Stubbs, 22, 1194-A Dogwood Valley Road, Tunnel Hill, was charged Tuesday by the Tunnel Hill Police Department with failure to maintain lane, tail light violation, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, transactions in drug-related objects, DUI and driving while license withdrawn.

• Thomas Christopher Tatham, 38, 1524 Margaret Circle, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and a seat belt violation.



ORATORS

Fifth-grade students at Dawnville Elementary recently participated in a civic oration contest. Students wrote a speech on "A Person Who Has Touched Many Lives." On the first row, from left, are McKayla Mchan, third place; Anna Cline, first place; and Maggie Castillo, second place; second row, Caleb Parangan, Rana Mashburn and Susie Canup; third, Kami Hopkins, Conchita Lopez, Melissa Cabrera, Gabriela Ortiz, Adrian Gonzalez and Salvador Barragan.

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DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Importance of infrastructure for economic well-being

What is the economic impact to a community, a region, a state or a nation in having good basic infrastructure in areas such as roads and bridges, water and waste water, and air quality? I believe, and others seem to agree, that having appropriate capacity in these areas is critical to the long-term success of a community, a state, and our nation.

A recent report by the American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave our nation's infrastructure a grade of "D" based on the needed investment of more than \$2.2 trillion. This needed investment would need to come from all levels of government and the private sector. The group recently released its "2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure." Most figures indicated little has changed since its last report in 2005. The areas of infrastructure cited included: roads, bridges, drinking water systems, and other public works.

"Our leaders are looking for solutions to the nation's current economic crisis," says D. Wayne Klotz, President of ASCE. "Not only could investments in these critical foundations have positive impact, but if done responsibly, it would also provide tangible benefits to the American people, such as reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, clean and abundant water supplies and protection against natural hazards."

The state report for Georgia was also critical of the infrastructure needs within our state. Let me list just a few of the examples cited in the report:

- 21 percent of Georgia's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete

- There are 457 high hazard dams in Georgia

- 147 of the more than 3,800 dams are in need of rehabilitation to meet

state standards

- 97 percent of the high hazard dams do not have an emergency action plan (a pre-determined plan of action to protect property and life in the event a failure were to occur)

- Georgia's drinking water infrastructure needs an investment of more than \$9 billion over the next 20 years

- 41 percent of Georgia's major urban highways are congested

- Vehicle traffic on Georgia's highways increased 56 percent from 1990 to 2007

- Georgia has \$2.4 billion in wastewater infrastructure needs.

It is disappointing to me (and I think many others) that our state leaders just finished another long and cantankerous legislative session that some of these concerns were discussed and even some proposals offered. In fairness, I realize that the budget and the overall economy was the primary focus of our state leaders. And I will say that I am grateful to those who serve in elected office. It is a thankless job and grossly underappreciated.

But at least two policy and legislative debates occurred that were centered on our infrastructure needs. Given that GDOT has many structural, cultural, organizational, and financial issues, much debate occurred that centered on marginalizing the current GDOT Board and creating a new board that would be appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House. Regardless of which side of the debate you were on, the bottom line is nothing happened. We are left with a large bureaucratic state agency that is struggling to address the transportation needs of Georgia and local communities.

The second conversation centered on legislation that would enable a regional or statewide 1 percent SPLOST. The Senate favored legislation that would allow counties to work together and ask voters within a defined geographic area to approve a regional 1 percent SPLOST. The House version proposed

a statewide 1 percent SPLOST for raising the additional transportation funds.

Neither version passed, leaving us without options for providing the necessary resources needed for improving transportation capacity and other related infrastructure needs (bridges and dams). In other words, after tremendous debate and money spent while in session, we did not receive from our state elected officials what are needed — real comprehensive solutions.

During this same session, bills were introduced and debate occurred on many issues such as reducing taxes. The reduction of the capital gains tax was hotly debated. For the most part, I am generally in favor of tax cuts in any form. It just strikes me funny that the same "leaders" who will argue that we do not have sufficient revenue streams for infrastructure and other needs will do an immediate about-face and argue that we need a capital gains tax cut.

Although I personally feel SPLOST instruments have a valid place in certain considerations, they are still a tax. Local government can and do use them due to their very limited revenue generation instruments. State government has a wide variety of tax/revenue instruments at their proposal. We need our state leaders to review our overall tax code, compare to surrounding states, and benchmark the cost-benefit analysis of the current tax code. Additionally, we need leadership in identifying our infrastructure needs and the appropriate solutions for those needs.

Georgia is a great state with unlimited potential. But to meet the current needs of the growth we are experiencing, we need creative solutions to very complex issues. We need state leaders who have vision, passion, and the ability to rise above politics in creating solutions for now and the future.

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



Brian Anderson



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HEALTHY FOOD PROMOTED

Carmel Cowart, right, school wellness coordinator for the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, recently donated several health-related books to the Spring Place Elementary Media Center. With her is Alfonso Pina. Below, families attending the Math, Science, Technology and Physical Education Night held recently at Spring Place Elementary were served healthy sandwiches and baked potato chips and received nutritional pamphlets donated by the CPAN (Childhood Physical Activity & Nutrition) initiative under the direction of Carmel Cowart, school wellness coordinator. Pictured are Michelle Long, Sheyla Lopez, Carmen Sanchez, Jasmine Lopez and Bryan Lopez.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Toby Westmoreland, from left, Angie Wilson, Kendall Causby, and Jennifer Stephens plan songs on Monday for the Murray County High School Alumni Association's "homecoming" gospel singing on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Old Spring Place Methodist Church. The event is free, but dona-

tions will be accepted, which will benefit the association's scholarship fund. A community choir will perform as well as local groups Cool Springs Quartet, Humble Heart, Simply Forgiven, the Gibbs Family and the Bagley Quartet. For more information, contact Westmoreland at (706) 695-1115.

Whitfield schools to host visitors from Monterrey

Whitfield County high schools will host about 10 visitors from Monterrey, Mexico, during the week of April 27 as a part of the Monterrey-Whitfield Exchange Program.

These guests will stay with host families in Whitfield County during the week, attend local schools, visit nearby attractions and participate in community service activities. The goal is for visiting students to learn more about the United States' culture and to build cross-cultural friendships.

This fall, Whitfield County students will visit Monterrey for a similar experience with the goal of practicing their Spanish-

speaking skills, learning about Mexican culture and continuing to build relationships.

The exchange program began as part of the Georgia Project, which was founded by former U.S. Rep. Erwin Mitchell in 1996 in an effort to bring bilingual educators to Whitfield County to support local schools in meeting needs of Hispanic students. The project is now funded with community donations.

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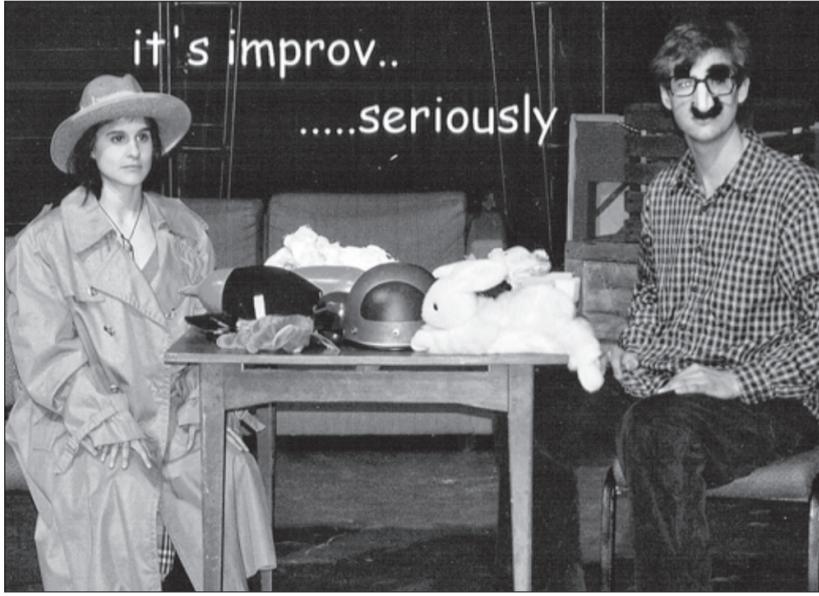
Skwalking Heads Productions will be bringing an unpredictable group of good-natured improvisers to the Creative Arts Guild in Dalton Friday for an evening of fun and hilarity. The Guild closes its Beat the Winter Blues series with this group and dinner provided by the Dalton Depot.

The improvisers are Colleen and Ray Laliberte, Jessica Laliberte-Bowman and Jerry Bowman (all founding members of Skwalking Heads Productions) and Trent Creswell, Jeannie Hacker-Cerulean, Magge Hudgins, Casey Jackson, Karen Henderson, Stephanie Smith and Jen Thrasher (from Atlanta) and your friends from the Creative Arts Guild.

"We promise an evening of scenes that have never been seen before and an evening of audience participation in stories and games that haven't been rehearsed," said Colleen Laliberte.

"If you are familiar with the hit TV show 'Who's Line is It Anyway?' then you have some idea of what to expect with improv but we must warn you, expect the unexpected, expect the obvious, expect us to want to make friends with you, expect milk and cookies! We promise we have no idea what will happen! Won't it be fun to find out?" she said.

Each of the improvisers of Skwalking Heads Productions have just completed a weeklong improv intensive with Keith



Kelly Jean and John Fort of Skwalking Heads invite the public to an evening of comedic improv and a Dalton Depot dinner Friday evening.

Johnstone, founder of the Loose Moose Theatre Company of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and are eager to share the fun with the audience.

Admission to an evening of Improv is \$35 per person and includes dinner catered by the Dalton Depot. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The Guild invites you to come as casually as you would like and help us say goodbye to winter and hello to spring and summer. "Come on it's improv ... seriously!" said Laliberte.

Call the Guild at 706-278-0168 to make reservations or for additional information.

Noah Collins returns to Noon Arts at the Guild

The Creative Arts Guild welcomes guitarist and vocalist Noah Collins for its April Noon Arts Program. Noah's specialty is pure Americana and at 24 years old, his reputation as one of the region's hottest up and coming folk artists is rapidly growing.

With coarse, heart-filled vocals comparable to Manchester-born musician David Gray and American songwriter Jackson Browne, Collins is a regular at open mic nights and regional venues like Atlanta's Eddie's Attic, Chattanooga's Rhythm and Brews, and Nashville's Bluebird Café.

While he started out in the

industry as a 15-year-old putting a personal spin on the classics, today he also turns out his own tunes inspired by real places and real people he encounters as he travels throughout small towns across the Southeast.

"The first guitar I ever touched was my grandfather's, an old Silvertone acoustic," he said. "I started learning old songs by Van Morrison and Credence Clearwater Revival and eventually took up piecing together my own stuff. If there was something I wanted to hear that wasn't out there, I would write it myself. I never planned on becoming a songwriter, but it came naturally."

A Chattanooga native, Collins joined his first band,



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Guitarist and vocalist Noah Collins will be performing Thursday at the Creative Arts Guild's Noon Arts Series. The event is free.

Black Tuesday, as a drummer in 2000. In 2002, he joined acoustic rock group Dear Abi, where he tried his hand at songwriting, vocals, guitar and harmonica. His first copyrighted single, "Maria," was released on Dear Abi's 2002 self-titled album.

After a brief stint playing drums and harmonica with regional honky-tonk/rockabilly group The Tennessee Rounders in 2004, Collins returned to working solo. In addition to large city restaurants and bars, Collins also performs at Colleges, festivals, cafes and coffee houses. His first independent album, "Heart on a Line" is available at www.CDBaby.com and at McKay Used Books and CDs in Chattanooga. For more information, E-mail to: Booking@noahcollinsmusic.com.

The Noon Arts program is

Thursday beginning at noon and concluding by 1 p.m. in the Creative Arts Guild Main Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public. Those attending may bring a lunch or purchase one for \$8 from the Guild by calling 706-278-0168 a day prior to the event.

For more information, contact Creative Arts Guild Music Director Lisa Elders at 706-259-1822 or email music@creativeartsguild.org.

The Creative Arts Guild is the oldest multidisciplinary community arts organization in the state of Georgia. The Guild is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. GCA receives support from its partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

PENNY DRIVE AT DAWNVILLE

Dawnville Elementary held a "Penny Drive" to benefit the American Cancer Society recently. Students donated pennies for two weeks. The pennies were displayed in the cafeteria and the students loved watching the penny jar fill up. The students raised \$936.69 for the Whitfield County Relay For Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Students in Mrs. Dunn's first-grade class raised the most with \$244.97. They hold a mock check to be presented to the American Cancer Society. Representatives with the main branch of BB&T Bank counted the coins as their contribution to the cause.



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Memorial closer to approval

SAVANNAH (AP) — Supporters of a World War II veterans memorial are moving closer to approval for the Savannah project at a new site.

The Veterans Council of Chatham County hopes to present its final drawings and a fundraising plan on May 7 before the Savannah-Chatham Historic Site and Monument Commission.

It has taken nearly four years to win support for a design, which had initial approval to be placed in Oglethorpe Square. But concerns about the scale and concept long delayed the project. The new River Street site is in a plaza near the Hyatt Regency Savannah.

If everything falls into place, the memorial could be completed by Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

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Protect pets against rabies

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

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

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

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

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

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

The virus shows no symptoms for one to three months. The infected person then begins to have flu-like symptoms — headache, fever, muscle aches, fatigue and loss of appetite. Within four days they become confused, hallucinate and begin to have muscle spasms. Finally, hydrophobia (fear of water) begins ... the final stage of rabies. At this point death is inevitable.

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

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

"That is why rabies shots for dogs and cats are so important," she said. "The reduced rate rabies vaccina-

RABIES CLINICS

Location and times for the clinics are:

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

tion clinic is May 2, 2009. Local veterinarians will be at various locations throughout Whitfield County and our office strongly recommends that everyone have their cat or dog vaccinated. It is Georgia state law, and with the reduced rate of \$10 per animal, it is affordable for everyone.

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

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

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

Other vaccines for dogs and cats will also be available on request. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a pet carrier.

Clinics in Murray County Saturday

The annual Murray County Rabies Clinic is Saturday.

The Murray County rabies clinic is sponsored by the Murray County 4-H Club, the Murray County Veterinary Service and RTK Veterinary Service.

The cost of the rabies shot is \$10 each. Distemper and parvo virus shots will be given in combination and cost \$20. Cats and dogs should be 3 months old. Cats must be in a cage to receive their shots.

Location and times for the Murray County clinics on April 25 are:

Team No. 1 Murray County Vet Service, Duvall

Road — 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Team No. 2 RTK Veterinary Clinic (Ga. 225 and U.S. 76, Central) — 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Team No. 3 Morrison's Flea Market (Ga. 225 North) — 9-10 a.m.

Woodlawn Elementary School — 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Old Eton Elementary School — 11-11:30 a.m.

Behind Coker Elementary School — 12:15-1 p.m.

Big D Farm and Seed (Ga. 225S) — 1:30-2 p.m.

Ramhurst (next to cemetery) — 2:30-3 p.m.

If you have any questions, call the Georgia Cooperative Extension, Murray County at 706-695-3031.

FIFTH-GRADERS AT VARNELL



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

THE MARKET

Tuesday's Dow Jones: 7969.60 ▲ 127.80
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BristolMyers	20.15	20	Ericsson	8.66	9.17	Mohawk	34.02	34.87			
HP-Compaq	34.68	35.43	Exxon	65.29	66.23	Motorola	5.24	5.57			
Chevron	63.87	64.88	Ford	3.69	3.80	Region-Fin	5.80	6.14			
CocaCola	44.33	43.09	FSG	4.27	3.91	Rock-Tenn.	28.38	30.46			
ConAgra	17.84	17.97	GE	11.35	11.70	Sara Lee	8.42	8.56			
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CrackerBrl	32.13	32.43	HomeDepot	25.15	25.87	SunTrust	14.71	16.06			
			Intel	15	15.36	Torchmark	28.98	31.82			

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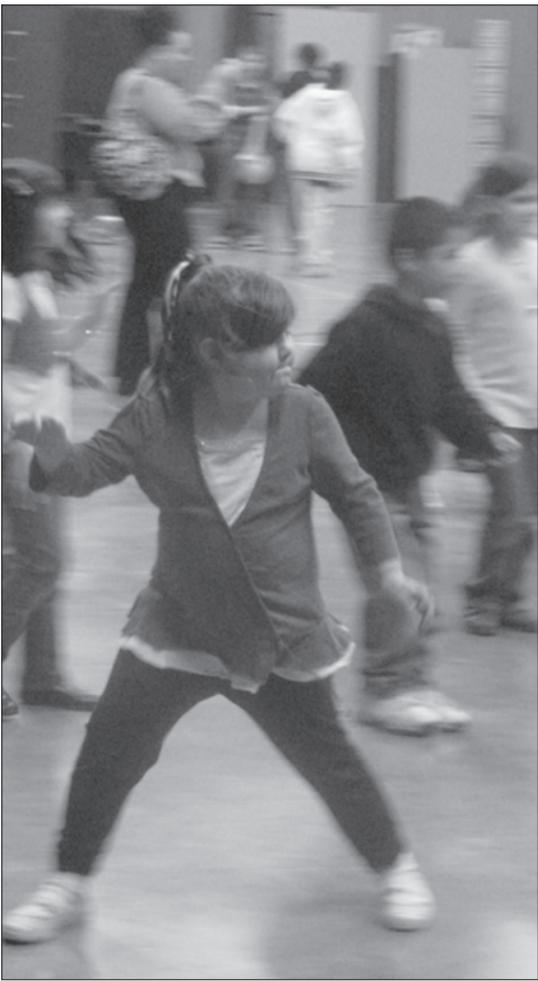
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FAMILY NIGHT AT SPRING PLACE



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Science, Math, Technology and Physical Education Family Night at Spring Place Elementary was an opportunity for families and students to participate in activities that reinforce Georgia Performance Standards for learning. Above, Sophia Milen, kindergarten student in Regina Mantooh's homeroom, participates in the Hamster Dance led by kindergarten students and teachers.



Above, Sandra Sanchez-Soto and Jacob Arthur take part in a science experiment. Below, fourth-grade teacher Alan Pacheco helps students in a light demonstration during Science, Math, Technology and Physical Education Family Night.



Science teacher Lynne Long and principal Emma Long attended Science, Math, Technology and Physical Education Family Night.



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BRIEFS

Obama expands service programs

WASHINGTON — Calling on Americans to volunteer, President Barack Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service bill Tuesday that triples the size of the AmeriCorps service program over the next eight years and expands ways for students to earn money for college. "What this legislation does, then, is to help harness this patriotism and connect deeds to needs," said Obama, a former community organizer in Chicago. "It creates opportunities to serve for students, seniors and everyone in between," he said. "And it is just the beginning of a sustained, collaborative and focused effort to involve our greatest resource — our citizens — in the work of remaking this nation."

Judge rules piracy suspect is adult

NEW YORK — The sole survivor of a pirate attack on an American cargo ship off the Somali coast was charged as an adult Tuesday with piracy after a prosecutor said he gave wildly varying ages for himself but finally admitted he was 18. U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck said Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse could be treated as an adult in U.S. courts after a closed hearing during which he said Muse's father gave conflicting testimony about the ages of his children. Muse was charged with several counts, including piracy under the law of nations. That charge carries a mandatory penalty of life in prison. Muse sobbed early in the hearing when his attorneys mentioned they had contacted his family in Somalia. The judge closed the hearing for testimony about Muse's age and decide whether he was a juvenile. After he reopened the courtroom, he had lawyers on each side recount what happened.

Memos may prompt prosecutions

WASHINGTON — Widening an explosive debate on torture, President Barack Obama on Tuesday opened the possibility of prosecution for Bush-era lawyers who authorized brutal interrogation of terror suspects and suggested Congress might order a full investigation. Less than a week after declaring it was time for the nation to move on rather than "laying blame for the past," Obama found himself describing what might be done next to investigate what he called the loss of "our moral bearings." His comments all but ensured that the vexing issue off detainee interrogation during the Bush administration will live on well into the new president's term. Obama, who severely criticized the harsh techniques during the campaign, is feeling pressure from his party's liberal wing to come down hard on the subject.

Geithner: Banks still broke

WASHINGTON — America's banks are still broken despite all their bailout billions, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told impatient rescue overseers Tuesday as they pressed him on when things will get better and how much it will cost. A bleak new report estimated U.S. banks and other financial institutions could lose a stunning \$2.7 trillion in all. How well is the mostly-spent \$700 billion federal bailout working? "To date, frankly, the evidence is mixed," Geithner told a congressionally appointed oversight panel. Confidence in the program is wearing thin on Capitol Hill. With lawmakers back from their spring break, even bailout supporters are skeptical that Congress — weary of bankers' bonuses and still-scarce credit — would approve additional bank rescue money if requested.

Perdue signs nuclear power bill, rates to go up

By SHANNON McCAFFREY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Georgia Power customers will see their electric bills rise beginning in 2011 to pay for the construction of two new nuclear reactors under a bill signed into law Tuesday by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Critics have slammed the bill as anti-consumer, arguing it will make ratepayers start footing the bill for the Plant Vogtle reactors at least six years before they go online. But supporters said customers will pay the costs either way and that the financing scheme will save money in the long run by shaving roughly \$300 million off the expansion's \$14 billion price tag.

The new law allows Georgia Power, a subsidiary of Southern Co., to begin to collect some \$1.6 billion in

financing and shareholder equity costs early. The project, near Augusta, is scheduled to be completed in 2017. It could be the first new nuclear project to break ground in the country in three decades.

Ratepayers will see their electric bills rise by an average of \$1.30 a month in 2011, under the new law. Those increases will gradually rise to an additional \$9.10 a month in 2017.

Perdue's support for the measure had been expected. His chief of staff, Ed Holcombe, was the powerful utility's former chief lobbyist. And the governor told members of the state Public Service Commission last

month he would sign it. "The governor believes in the numbers the company presented which show that over the term of the project it will be beneficial to Georgia Power customers," Perdue spokesman Bert Brantley said Tuesday.

The state Public Service Commission has already signed off on the expansion and financing plans. The expansion must still receive approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The financing bill was heavily lobbied at the state Capitol this session. Georgia Power signed on a fleet of top lobbyists to push the measure. Consumer groups enlisted advocate Clark Howard, who bashed the bill as bad for ratepayers. It was one of the first significant pieces of legislation to clear both chambers this year.



Perdue

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cloer recognized for her service

Betty Cloer, a customer service representative for 1st Franklin Financial's Dalton office, was recently recognized for five years of service with the company. Cloer joined the company on April 19, 2004. She resides in Chatsworth.



Cloer

1st Franklin Financial is based in Toccoa and has been in the consumer finance business since 1941. It oper-

ates 248 branch loan offices in five southeastern states. The Dalton office is at 2705 Airport Road, Suite 110.

Dalton native opens photography studio in Atlanta

Dalton native Aharon Hill recently opened Daddy Photography (www.daddyphotography.com), a lifestyle photography business specializing in modern wedding, family and child photography.

Daddy is based in Atlanta, but regularly serves clients in the Dalton area. For information, e-mail Hill at daddyphoto@gmail.com or call her at (404) 771-3968.

Building to be dedicated to former Dalton music director

Bainbridge College in Bainbridge will dedicate the Edward D. Mobley Administration Building this Sunday, according to an article in the Post-Searchlight newspaper. The building is named after the college's founding president and president emeritus who in the 1960s served as elementary school music

director for the Dalton school system as well as choral director and co-director of the high school band.

After doing doctoral work in Tallahassee, Fla., Mobley returned to Dalton where he served as director of the Creative Arts Guild and as one of the founding professors of Dalton Junior

College, according to the article. He later served as chairman of the humanities division and as academic dean at Dalton Junior College before going to Bainbridge in 1972.

"I'm very touched by having this building named for me," Mobley told the Post-Searchlight. "It is quite a thrill really."

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

■ CHATSWORTH — The Murray County Saddle Club will have a yard sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the arena. The cost to set up is \$5. Those fees go to the Relay for Life

team as part of the American Cancer Society fundraiser.

■ A celebration of the re-opening of Edwards Park will be May 16 from 9 to 11

a.m. Events include a ribbon cutting at the picnic shelter at 9:30 a.m. and a horseshoe tournament at 10 a.m.

There will also be basketball, volleyball, tennis and refreshments.

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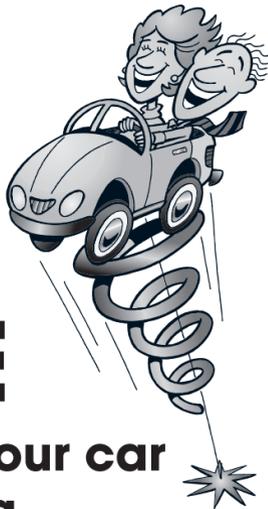
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Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Cora Belle Banks

Mrs. Cora Belle Banks, 88, of Chatsworth, departed this life Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Banks was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Murray County, a daughter of the late Reno and Emily Ash Carroll. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marcus William Banks; brothers, Henry Carroll, Harley Carroll and Floyd Carroll; and sisters, Edna Pless and Ina Silvers.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Rethel and Clay Hawkins of Resaca and Faye and Kenneth Shelton of Dalton; sons and daughters-in-law, Reece and Carolyn Banks of Dalton and Reed and Renita Banks of Charlottesville, Va.; grandchildren, David and Heather Hawkins, Seth Banks, Maia Banks, Renee and Kevin Barnette, Jennifer and Tim Wright, Billy and Tiffany Shelton, Mary Alexander, Phillip and Lisa Alexander and Dareth and Garry Broome; great-grandchildren, Kyle Hawkins, Alex Shelton, Marcus Barnette, Jarrod, Abby and Kaylee Wright, Dylan and Madison Shelton, Blake and Bethany Alexander, Haley, Olivia, Amany and Sidney Broome; special friends, Richard and Stephanie McAtee, Richard Jr. and Grayson Cora McAtee; nieces and nephews.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel

of Ponders Funeral Home with Pastor Dwight Wilson officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

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

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Banks 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

Patricia Ann (Barnes) Bolden

Mrs. Patricia Ann (Barnes) Bolden, 72, of Dalton passed away on Monday, April 20, 2009, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bolden was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Charles Edwin Bolden Sr.

A native of Ellaville in Schley County, Patsy graduated from the University of Georgia where she was a member and officer of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Mrs. Bolden was a member of Dalton First Methodist Church, a longtime member of the Dalton Four Seasons Garden Club, United Methodist Women Circle and served the community as a Salvation Army bell ringer, Better Infant Birth volunteer, and PTA president.

Patsy began her career as an educator at Druid Hills High School in Decatur and later at the old Eastbrook High School in Dalton. She also served as school librarian at Tunnel Hill Elementary School. Patsy was also a real estate broker and owner of Jones Real Estate in Dalton.

Mrs. Bolden is survived by her five children, Charles Edwin Bolden Jr. of Valdosta and daughter-in-law, Teresa Bolden, Thomas David Bolden of Jacksonville, Fla.,

and daughter-in-law, Donna Bolden, Robert Edward Bolden of Marietta and identical twin daughters, Linda Susan Puryear and son-in-law, Dan Puryear of Asheville, N.C., and Julia Elizabeth Helton (Betsy) and son-in-law, Scott Helton of Rocky Face; brother, Thomas Edward Barnes of Ellaville; 10 grandchildren, Thomas David Bolden Jr. and Jennifer Brooke Bolden of St. Simon's Island, Jacob Cress Bolden of Fernindina, Fla., Benjamin Charles Bolden of Valdosta, Ashley Clarissa Bolden of Statesboro, Zachary Thomas Puryear of Asheville, N.C., John William Helton of Rocky Face, Thomas Henry Helton of Rocky Face, Alexander Charles Puryear of Asheville, N.C., and Ella Mae Helton of Rocky Face; nephews, Charner Britton Barnes and William Height "Bo" Barnes both of Orlando, Fla.

Services for Mrs. Bolden will be in the chapel of Dalton First United Methodist Church on Friday at 3 p.m. with the Dr. Joe Peabody and the Rev. Billy Beard officiating.

The family will receive visitors in the atrium of the church from 1 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Dalton First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 627, Dalton, GA 30722.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhomega.com.

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Helen Dilling

Helen Dilling, 93, of Cohutta and formerly of Hatboro, Pa., passed away Monday, April 20, 2009, at her current residence. She was preceded in death by her parents Catherine and Alois Holler and her husband John Fred Dilling.

Helen was born August 4, 1915, in Altoona, Pa., and lived in Hatboro, Pa., for 57 years and in Cohutta with her daughter and son-in-law for 3 1/2 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed 30 years of volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. She was a lifelong member of the Crooked Billet Women's Club in Hatboro, Pa. Helen was an avid gardener, bowler, reader, cross puzzle enthusiast and bridge player. She was a lifelong member of the Lehman Memorial Methodist Church in Hatboro, Pa.

She is survived by one son, John Dilling; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Jack Boyd; daughter Nancy Wardwell; grandchildren David Dilling, Nancy Grava, Linda Kosalko, Nicole Sleath, Michael Wardwell, Ryan Wardwell, Natalie and Mitchell Bedwell, and Jackie Weaver; great-grandchildren include Thomas and Lukas Dilling, Lindsay and Kaelyn Grava, Aiden and Bridgette Sleath, and Jackson and Greyson Weaver; other special family members- Roger Wardwell, Carol and Al Hinkley and very special friend and caregiver, Connie Davis.

A memorial graveside service will be in Martinsburg, Pa., at a later date. This final resting place for Helen will be next to her beloved husband.

The family may receive messages of comfort through Julian Peoples Funeral Home

and the guest register can also be signed at www.julianpeoples.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels at 1419 Ross Drive, Dalton, GA 30720, phone (706) 278-2777, or American Lung Association at 3335 Ringgold Road, Suite 105, Chattanooga, TN 37412, phone (423) 629-1098. For more information, contact Julian Peoples Funeral Home at (706) 259-7455. www.legacy.com

Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney

Mr. Waylon Keith "Bo" Hackney, 38, of Chatsworth, departed this life Friday, April 17, 2009.

Mr. Hackney was born May 23, 1970, in Turner County.

He is survived by his parents Winston and Debbie Hackney; daughter Ashley Hackney; son Christopher Hackney; loving grandmother, Clara Sue Carter of Dalton; 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; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are today at 10 a.m. in 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 today from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Hackney family at www.pon-

dersfuneralhome.com.

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Thomas Hurshel Lance

Mr. Thomas Hurshel Lance, 80, of Chatsworth, departed this life Friday, April 17, 2009, at the local hospital.

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Chalmers "Chief" Scott

Mr. Chalmers "Chief" Scott, 77, died Monday, April 20, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice Scott.

He is survived by his daughters, Sondra Scarbro, Sandra Arnett, Louerra Jacobs, Berlether Locklear, Sharry Lee, Pearl Araujo, Patricia Olvera and Vickie Gomez; son, Laverne Jones; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Shawn Chapman Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in Day Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m.

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Hackney



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Pictured are the members of the Scottish Society of Northwest Georgia who attended the proclamation ceremony. On the first row, from left, are Spenser Dunn, Mildred Maynard, Jean Hayes (co-

founder of the Scottish Society) and Bill Hayes; second row, Larry Gibson, Christopher Hayes, Phil Hayes, Carolyn Hayes, Mike Whitfield and Jean Whitfield.

Whitfield proclaims Tartan Day

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners recently presented the Scottish Society of Northwest Georgia with a plaque and a proclamation recognizing April 6 as National Tartan Day.

The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate voted in 2005 to declare

April 6 as National Tartan Day in the United States to honor the contributions to the world made by Scots and Americans of Scottish descent. Commissioner Mike Cowan presented the plaque to Bill Hayes, chairman and co-founder of the Scottish Society of Northwest Georgia.

Larry Gibson piped the national anthem for the meeting and also piped "Flower of Scotland," the unofficial anthem of Scotland.

For more information on the Scottish Society of Northwest Georgia, contact Bill and Jean Hayes at (706) 259-5169.

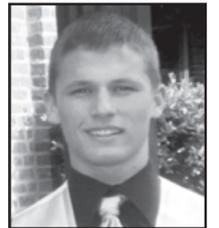
Area employers to learn about Onsite Dental

Area employers of 500 or more will meet on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center to learn about Onsite Dental, which seeks to provide quality, convenient mobile dentistry to corporate America.

Citing an absence of dental networks and managed dental care in Northwest Georgia, Onsite Dental officials say the area's employees are at a disadvantage.

"We view this as an opportunity to provide the employees in Northwest Georgia with the same value that their fellow Georgians enjoy in more urban areas," said Debbie Rowson, executive vice president with J. Smith Lanier & Co., which is cosponsoring the meeting.

Attendees will be able to tour a mobile dental unit and a mobile auditory screening unit. For more information e-mail iblack@jsmithlanier.com.



The family of **Brett Thomason**

would like to thank each one that took a part in helping search for Brett, all the prayers, and support. Unfortunately the outcome was not the one we wanted, but we are forever thankful to those that helped in every way. May God bless each of you. *Thanks again, Dana Massey and family*

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PREP GOLF: REGION 7-4A GIRLS TOURNAMENT

Giambastiani tower of strength

Leads Northwest to team title



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest senior Lauren Giambastiani shot a 5-over par 77 for medalist honors and led the Lady Bruins to the Region 7-4A golf title on Tuesday.

BY LARRY FLEMING

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Northwest Whitfield's Lauren Giambastiani wasn't going to let one bad hole ruin her day.

Giambastiani, the Lady Bruins' No. 1 player, hit in the water twice and took a quadruple bogey 8 on No. 13 at Indian Trace Golf Course on Tuesday, but steadied herself down the stretch and shot a 5-over 77 to lead Northwest Whitfield to the Region 7-4A golf championship.

With Turner Fordham turning in an 85, the Lady Bruins posted a 179 and beat runner-up Hiram by eight shots. Hiram was led by Kelsey McEntyre's 80.

Sequoyah took third place with a 178 while Dalton, led by Hannah Duffie's 83, was fourth, Hillgrove fifth at 208 and Murray County sixth at 209, led by Alicia Moneymaker's 93. North Paulding shot 211, South Paulding 237, Sprayberry 238 and Cass 239 to round out the top 10.

Giambastiani and Duffie earned spots on the all-region team.

Northwest and Hiram advance to the Class 4A state tournament to be held at Dalton Golf and Country Club on May 4. Northwest also won the boys region title on Monday and will play in the state tournament on May 4 at Nob North Golf Course, their home course.

"We've got almost two weeks to prepare and find a way to shave a couple of strokes off our score," Northwest coach Steve Summers said, referring to the state tournament. "We'd like to shoot 160 or better. We wanted to win region with a 165 or better and we did that. We've accomplished some of our goals this season, and some we're still shooting for."

Giambastiani's round, which earned her medalist honors, stole the thunder on a sunny, blustery day at the par-72, 4,958-yard Indian Trace layout. Players finishing in the afternoon were at a distinct disadvantage because of the gusting wind.

The Northwest senior shot at 1-under 35 and was breezing along until she came to the par-4, 335-yard 13th.

"I hooked my tee shot into the creek," Giambastiani said. "I dropped and then hit my next shot into the water near the green. I missed the green and then two-putted."

Giambastiani quickly regrouped. "I just told myself to forget that hole and play my game," she said. "That hole was behind me."

She never looked back. Giambastiani, who shot 87 in last year's

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PREP BASEBALL: MURRAY COUNTY 7, NORTHWEST WHITFIELD 4

Hanging in

Indians top Bruins; both cling to hope

BY MARTY KIRKLAND
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CHATSWORTH — Murray County's postseason hopes are hanging by the thinnest of threads, but the Indians lightened the load of pressure those fibers are holding just a little bit on Tuesday.

Colton Roberts and Blake Hammontree's first home runs of the season highlighted a strong showing by the bottom half of Murray County's lineup, Chandler Puryear pitched well enough to survive his own control struggles and the Indians played error-free defense at home to beat rival Northwest Whitfield, 7-4, in Region 7-4A north sub-region action.

For the Indians (7-10, 2-7) to finish among the top three teams in the sub-region and have a chance to play for a spot in the Class 4A state playoffs, it will take them winning three games over the next three days as well as some help from the rest of the sub-region.

But as they left the ballpark on senior night, the possibility of postseason baseball was still out there.

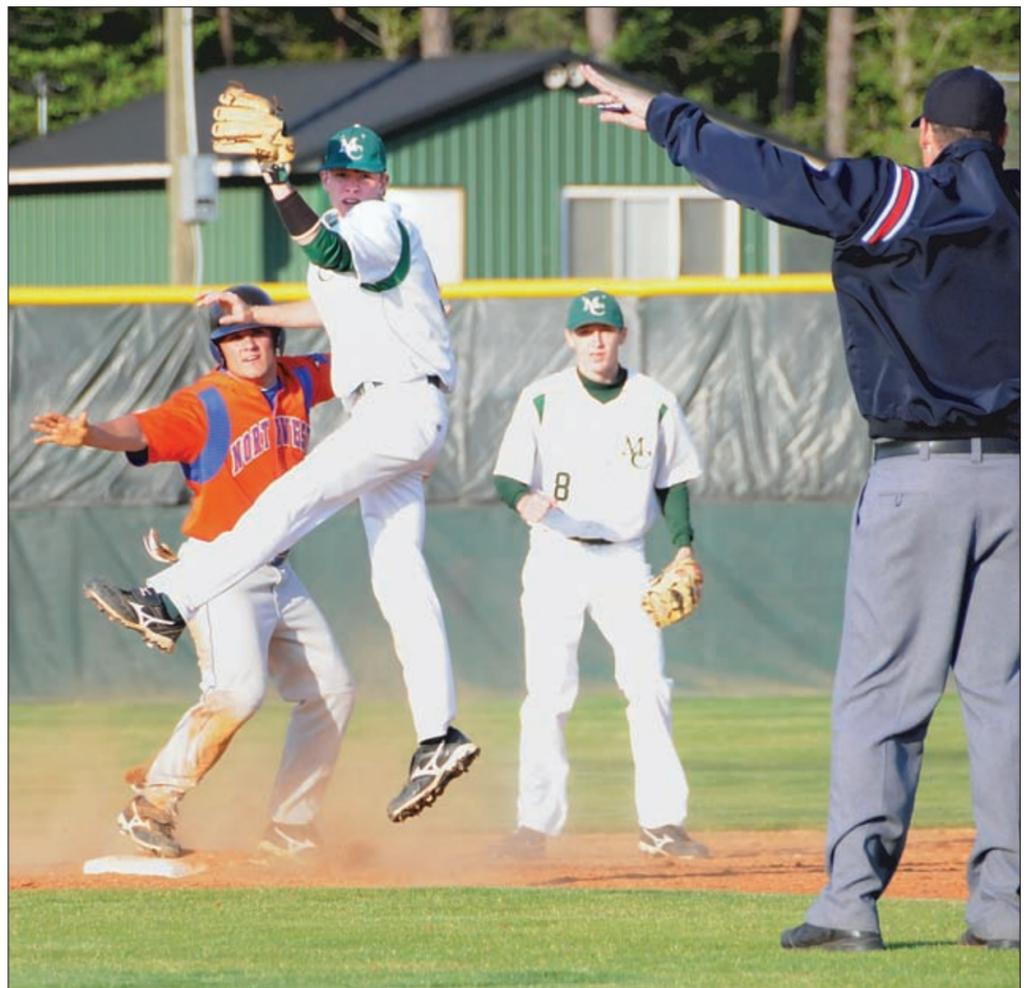
That was good enough for Indians coach Jason Lanham.

"There's a small, small glimmer at the end of that tunnel, but we can still see light," Lanham said. "Basically everybody we beat this week, we help ourselves. We've told our kids we're in a four-game single-elimination tournament, because if we lose one, we have no shot."

The Bruins (12-9, 5-5) began the day sitting much higher in the sub-region standings than last-place Murray County, but they've got their own work to do in the hunt for a playoff berth after losing four of their past six games. Northwest hosts Dalton today and Sequoyah on Friday with the margin for error growing ever slimmer.

But with the mental boost provided by a late-but-short rally and the potential shown in flashes this season, the Bruins will approach the next few days as optimistically as anyone in the fight for a playoff spot.

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MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Northwest Whitfield runner Jordan Darnell agrees with the umpire that he was safe at second with a stolen base in the seventh inning as Murray County shortstop Blake Hammontree was late with the tag. Darnell went 3-for-3 with three stolen bases and scored twice in the Bruins' 7-4 loss.

Braves drop fifth of six

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Thanks to a suddenly stout bullpen, the Washington Nationals finally have their first winning streak of 2009.

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Adam Dunn homered, Washington's beleaguered relievers tossed three scoreless innings for the second day in a row and the Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 Tuesday night for their second consecutive victory.

After opening the season 0-7, then dropping to 1-10, Washington is 3-10. Atlanta has lost five of six games.

Played following a 61-minute rain delay, this game was filled with all sorts of miscues: three

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OH, SO CLOSE



Carole Hoskins, right, reacts as her putt runs past the hole on the ninth green as Doug Hoskins, left, and David Finley look on during the Rotary Invitational golf tournament held at Dalton Golf and Country Club on Tuesday. For photos of the winning teams, please see 2B.

MATT HAMILTON
The Daily Citizen

Indians smother Winder-Barrow

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Battling a tenacious wind from the west the entire match, Murray County blew right past visiting Winder-Barrow, 5-0, in the first round of the Class 4A state tennis tournament on Tuesday in Chatsworth.

The Indians will play the McIntosh-Forsyth Central winner in the second round, most likely early next week, coach Kirk Hemphill said. "The wind was blowing straight across the court,"

Hemphill said, "and we never have a west wind like that around here. There are no wind screens in that direction. It affected our nerves more than anything. Some shots were going wide that should have been in, but they adjusted after a few games."

Garrick Sanford won at No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-2 while No. 2 Tanner Hemphill won 7-6, 6-2 and No. 3 Brandon Garcia won by injury default.

At No. 1 doubles, Will Ross and Beau Booth won 6-2, 6-3 and No. 2 Andrew Miles and Zach

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Area: Panthers drop Raiders

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Davis posted a 6-2, 6-2 victory. "It was a pretty solid win," coach Hemphill said. "The guys picked it up a notch and it was one of the better matches we've played this year."

Varsity baseball

■ **Ridgeland 7, Southeast 4:** Two Southeast pitchers allowed just four hits, but six Raiders errors led to five unearned runs in the Region 6-3A north sub-region game.

Raiders starter Dylan Massengill went 2 1/3 innings and gave up four runs, two of them earned, on two hits, two walks and he struck out four. Colby Cook pitched the final 3 2/3 innings, allowing three runs, one earned, on two hits and a walk. He fanned three.

Caleb Moore had two of Southeast's eight hits. Trey Parris added a hit and scored once while Austin Fowler had a hit and drove in a run.

■ **Christian Heritage 6, LaGrange Academy 2:** Gray Hutchinson pitched the Lions to the win, allowing one run on six hits and a walk with eight strikeouts, and also went 2-for-3 at the plate in the GISA Region 4-2A victory on the road.

Derrick Hayes was 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs and Mason Sikes also homered for the Lions (7-4, 7-3).

Varsity soccer

■ **Christian Heritage 6, King's Ridge Academy 0:** Josef Rodriguez scored three goals for the Lions (2-4-1, 2-3-1 GISA region). Viktor Ferraz added two goals and two assists as the Lions broke out of their season-long scoring slump.

Taylor Gray had Christian Heritage's other goal, his first of the season and Joey Dunaway turned in another solid effort, coach John Seehorn said.

Cole Curry and Damien Chaney shared goalie duties and the shutout.

■ **LaGrange Academy 4, Christian Heritage 0:** With the shutout loss the Lady Lions fell to 7-2 overall and 7-2 in GISA region play.

Varsity track

■ Dalton, Southeast and Murray County had a three-way meet in a tuneup for Friday's Region 7-4A meet at Dalton. No score was kept at the meet.

Dalton's boys winners were: Beau Brown, pole vault, 11-6; Dre Toliver, long jump, 21-4, personal best; Reaves Coker, triple jump, 28-6; Chas Thomason, high jump, 6-7, personal best; Jonathan Fletcher, 100, 11.1; Corbin Adams, 110 hurdles, 16.4; Ethan Bennett, 200, 23.0, personal best; Ahmed Farag, 300 hurdles, 41.1; 4x100 relay, (Fletcher, Farag, Bennett, Toliver),

44.1; 4x400 relay, (Fletcher, Bennett, Adams, Farag), 3:33.

Girls winners were: Kathryn Sigmon, long jump, 15-4; Brandi Joubert, 300 hurdles, 53.1; Annalee Houston, 400, 63.1; Carina Nieto, 3,200, 13:05.

Southeast girls winners: Jelisa Griffin, 100, 12.72, 200, 27.04; Hillary Nevad, triple jump, 34-5; Shelby McFarland, 1,600, 5:49, 800, 2:36; Lacie Roberson, shot put, 33-2; Briana Sosebee, discus, 94-9; 110 hurdles, Ashley Stuard, 18.04; 4x100 (Griffin, Nevad, Beth Stone, Brianna Coppock), 51.28; 4x400 relay (Sosebee, Amber Young, Nevad, McFarland), 4:32.

Southeast boys winners: Chase Worley, shot put, 44-10; Cristian Perez, discus, 120-1.

JV baseball

■ **Northwest Whitfield 15, Murray County 4:** Garrett Smith hit a solo homer and double and drove in four runs for the Bruins (9-4) in the five-inning game. Carter Thames added a two-run homer.

Jarrett Bruce was the winning pitcher, allowing just one hit and striking out five. Aren Ivester and Conner Hayes finished up, with Hayes getting four strikeouts and allowing one hit in 1 2/3 innings. Ivester gave up one hit, but walked five.

MS baseball

■ **Silverdale Academy 6, Christian Heritage 1:** Will Fischer had one of the Lions' four singles and scored on Jake Roberts' groundout.

Michael McKinney and Roberts handled the pitching duties, combining for 10 strikeouts for the Lions (4-4, 4-3 Independent Schools Conference). Roberts had six.

MS soccer

■ **Dalton boys 3, McCallie 0:** Ramiro Huitanda, Artemio Lopez and Andreas Barragan scored goals and Eder Mora, Carlos Martinez and Ryan Czyz had assists for the Cougars (6-0).

Raymundo Bahena got the shutout in goal and had four saves.

MS tennis

■ Christian Heritage split a pair of boys and girls matches with Spalding on Monday, with the Lions winning 6-3 and the Lady Lions losing 8-1.

Singles winners for the boys were No. 1 Phillip McClure, 8-4, No. 3 Devon Sanders, 8-5, and No. 6 Gregory Howard, 8-4. Doubles winners were McClure and Evan Townsend, via tiebreaker, No. 2 Sanders and Harrison Gleaton, by forfeit, and No. 3 Howard and Morgan Craig, 8-5. The lone winner for the girls was Kristi Russell, 9-7 at No. 1 singles.

The Lions improved to 6-0 on the season, while the Lady Lions dropped to 2-4.

ROTARY FLIGHT WINNERS



MATT WILSON/The Daily Citizen

First flight winners in the Rotary Invitational golf tournament at Dalton Golf and Country Club on Tuesday were, left to right, Matt Oxford, Andy Oxford, Dwight Hefner and Travis Russell.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Ken Finch, Mark Marlowe, Sven Jaekel and Mark Buckner, left to right, won the second flight in Tuesday's Rotary Invitational golf tournament.

Murray: Hammontree homers

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"I've never questioned our desire to win and our heart and ability to battle back," Bruins coach Todd Middleton said. "It's just, like I said, we need to keep that intensity for seven innings."

Northwest took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI single from Diego Hernandez, who finished the day 3-for-4 with three RBIs, but the Indians went ahead with a four-run second highlighted Roberts' three-run homer to center field. They added the other run when Hammontree came home on a throw to catch Tyler Ellis stealing second base for the inning's second out.

Roberts hit the first pitch he saw from Bruins starter Jordan Darnell into a swirling wind to score Taylor Patterson and Houston Headrick, who had reached on singles.

"I didn't think it was going to carry," Roberts said. "I thought it was just going to be a line drive off the wall or something."

Murray County stretched its lead in the fourth on Hammontree's two-run homer and an RBI single by Puryear, who went 2-for-3 with a walk, but the Bruins — who left the bases loaded in the sixth — made things interesting with their three-run seventh.

With Puryear out after six innings, Ryan Greeson was tagged for the runs on Zane Gordon's RBI single and a two-run hit by Hernandez, and he left after recording just one out. Taylor Patterson gave up a leadoff

double to Cody Jones, but exited without any further damage on a lineout and flyout to end the game.

Middleton complimented Puryear's work on the mound, but the senior left-hander had his share of rough spots against the Bruins, who left at least one runner on base every inning except the third. Still, despite issuing six walks, hitting a batter and going deep in the count to several other hitters, Puryear and his defense found a way out of every jam after the first inning.

"You've just got to have a tough mental mindset and know that you can throw strikes," said Puryear, who scattered five hits and the same number of strikeouts on his way to the win.

"You're the one on the mound, the one controlling the game, so you've got to have a good mound presence and have confidence you can get them out."

Darnell pitched a complete game and allowed six earned runs on nine hits while walking two, hitting a batter and striking out seven. At the plate, he was 3-for-3 with a walk, three stolen bases and two runs, while Chase Plott doubled and walked and Hunter Key walked twice.

Darnell hopes the seventh was a sign of the Bruins' bats waking up.

"We just need to take that into tomorrow with the big game against Dalton," he said.

Headrick and Ellis each had two hits for Murray County.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Murray County's Tyler Timms slides safely into third base ahead of the tag of Northwest Whitfield's Hunter Key during their Region 7-4A baseball game on Tuesday in Chatsworth. The Indians won the game, 7-4.

Golf: Duffie's putter balky

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region tournament at the Elks Club Course in Calhoun, played the final five holes even and that included a birdie on the par-4, 280-yard 15th. She lost a stroke with a bogey on the par-3, 110-yard 18th.

"But if it wasn't for that one really bad hole (13), I would have had a really nice round," Giambastiani said. "I haven't always been able to put a hole like that behind me, but I was determined not to let it get to me."

Summers lauded Giambastiani's recovery.

"She did a great job," Summers said, "of keeping her composure and not letting that hole ruin a good round. She played even after that and that says a lot about her."

The Lady Bruins' 162 was their best

score of the spring, Summers said.

"I thought the girls did a good job preparing for the region tournament and came out here ready to play," Summers said. "A lot of that has to do with the level of competition they were going to face."

Dalton's Duffie, a junior, was trying to defend her individual championship from 2008 when she was low medalist with an 85 and led the Lady Catamounts to the team title.

"My putts just wouldn't go in," Duffie said. "I hit my drives pretty solid, and my short game gave me some problems. This was very disappointing because we would have had a huge advantage playing in state on our home course."

Dalton's Brendie Rockholt posted a 98 to give the Lady Cats a score of 179 for the tournament.

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Cards' Boggs to start Saturday vs. Chicago

FROM STAFF REPORT

Mitchell Boggs, former Dalton High and University of Georgia pitcher, has been moved into the starting rotation for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Boggs will start Saturday's game against the Chicago Cubs, the next time their fifth starter spot comes up, according to the MLB.com Web site.

Boggs and P.J. Walters, who had been the Cardinals' fifth starter, will move into the bullpen in Boggs' spot.

Walters lasted four innings in his big league debut last week at Wrigley

Field, with seven strikeouts and two walks, but the Cubs hit several balls hard. Boggs had two effective relief innings in that same game.

"I think it makes more sense," manager Tony LaRussa is quoted in the story, written by Matthew Leach. "Walters gets ready quicker. He's a better fit for the bullpen right now. Boggs takes more time, so he's a better fit for the rotation."

Boggs started spring training ahead of Walters, but missed time due to an injury. At the same time, Walters had a good spring.

Braves: Martis wins

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errors, other misplays in the field, a few running mistakes, failed sacrifice bunt attempts and more.

Shairon Martis (2-0) went six innings and gave up three runs — two earned.

Then came the procession of Nationals relievers: Mike Hinckley went 1 2-3 innings, Julian Tavarez got one out, and closer Joel Hanrahan had an adventurous ninth. But after a walk and double put two runners on with none out, Hanrahan got the next three batters. He has converted his last two save chances after blowing his first two of the season.

The Nationals gave away ninth-inning leads Friday, Saturday and Sunday against the Marlins, precipitating a revamping of Washington's relief corps. And while Hinckley, Tavarez and Hanrahan were not part of the roster moves, they appear to have gotten the message.

Martis worked his way in and out of trouble — his lone 1-2-3 inning was the

second — but he only allowed runs in the first. He got himself in a tight spot with two outs by walking Chipper Jones and Brian McCann, who was fitted for a new contact lens Tuesday after being bothered by blurred vision in his left eye.

Casey Kotchman delivered an RBI double to right-center. Jeff Francoeur then hit a sharp groundball that shortstop Alberto Gonzalez grabbed at the edge of the outfield grass. Gonzalez's throw got past first baseman Nick Johnson, and two runs scored on the play. Francoeur was credited with an RBI single; Gonzalez was charged with a throwing error that allowed the second run, and Atlanta led 3-0.

Atlanta starter Kenshin Kawakami (1-2) left after failing to record an out in the sixth. Dunn led off with his fourth homer, a shot to straightaway center that cut Washington's deficit to 3-2.

Atlanta's seventh ended when Martin Prado was thrown out at third by catcher Jesus Flores after trying to advance on a pitch in the dirt with Jones at bat.

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today
Varsity baseball
 Dalton at Northwest Whitfield, 5:55
 Rome at Murray County 5:55
Varsity soccer
 GHSA Class 4A boys state playoffs
 Loganville at Dalton, 6:30
 GHSA Class 4A girls state playoffs
 Dalton at Heritage-Rockdale, 5:30
Varsity tennis
 GHSA 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
Middle school JV baseball
 Bagley at Dalton (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
 GHSA 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
GHSA 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

TELEVISION

On Today
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 7:05 p.m.
 SPORTSOUTH (Optlink 41, Charter 72) — Atlanta at Washington
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — N.Y. Mets at St. Louis
NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 2, Miami at Atlanta
 10:30 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 2, New Orleans at Denver
NHL HOCKEY
 7 p.m.
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Eastern Conference quarter-finals, game 4, Washington at N.Y. Rangers
 10 p.m.
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Western Conference quarter-finals, game 4, Chicago at Calgary

HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs
First Round (Best-of-7)
Monday, April 20
 Boston 4, Montreal 2, Boston leads series 3-0

Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0, N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-1
 Calgary 4, Chicago 2, Chicago leads series 2-1
Tuesday, April 21
 Detroit 4, Columbus 1, Detroit leads series 3-0
 Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1, Pitt. leads series 3-1
 Carolina 4, New Jersey 3, series tied 2-2
 Vancouver at St. Louis, late
 San Jose at Anaheim, late
Wednesday, April 22
 Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 23
 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.

BASKETBALL

NBA Glance
First Round (Best of 7)
Monday, April 20
 Boston 118, Chicago 115, series tied 1-1
 San Antonio 105, Dallas 84, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, April 21
 Cleveland 94, Detroit 82, Cavs leads series 2-0
 Houston at Portland, late
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, late
Wednesday, April 22
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23
 Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
 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, April 26
 Boston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 9 p.m.
Monday, April 27
 Atlanta at Miami, TBA
 Denver at New Orleans, TBA
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

BASEBALL

AL Glance
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	10	5	.667	—
New York	8	6	.571	1 1/2
Boston	7	6	.538	2
Baltimore	6	7	.462	3
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	4

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	7	5	.583	—
Detroit	7	5	.583	—
Kansas City	7	6	.538	1/2
Minnesota	7	7	.500	1
Cleveland	5	9	.357	3

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	8	5	.615	—
Texas	6	7	.462	2
Oakland	5	8	.385	3
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	3 1/2

Monday's Games
 Boston 12, Baltimore 1
 Oakland at New York, p.p.d., rain
Tuesday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Oakland 3
 Cleveland 8, Kansas City 7
 Texas 5, Toronto 4
 Minnesota at Boston, p.p.d., rain
 Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, late

Detroit at L.A. Angels, late
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, late
Today's Games
 Oakland (Bre. Anderson 0-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Danks 1-0) at Baltimore (Guthrie 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Ho.Ramirez 0-1) at Cleveland (Cl.Lee 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Benson 1-1) at Toronto (Purcey 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Liriano 0-3) at Boston (Penny 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 0-2) at L.A. Angels (Saunders 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-2) at Seattle (Jakubauskas 1-1), 10:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Seattle, 6:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Texas at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NL Glance
East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Florida	11	3	.786	—
New York	6	6	.500	4
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	4 1/2
Atlanta	6	8	.429	5
Washington	3	10	.231	7 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	7	4	.636	—
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati	7	5	.583	1/2
Pittsburgh	8	6	.571	1/2
Milwaukee	4	8	.333	3 1/2
Houston	4	9	.308	4

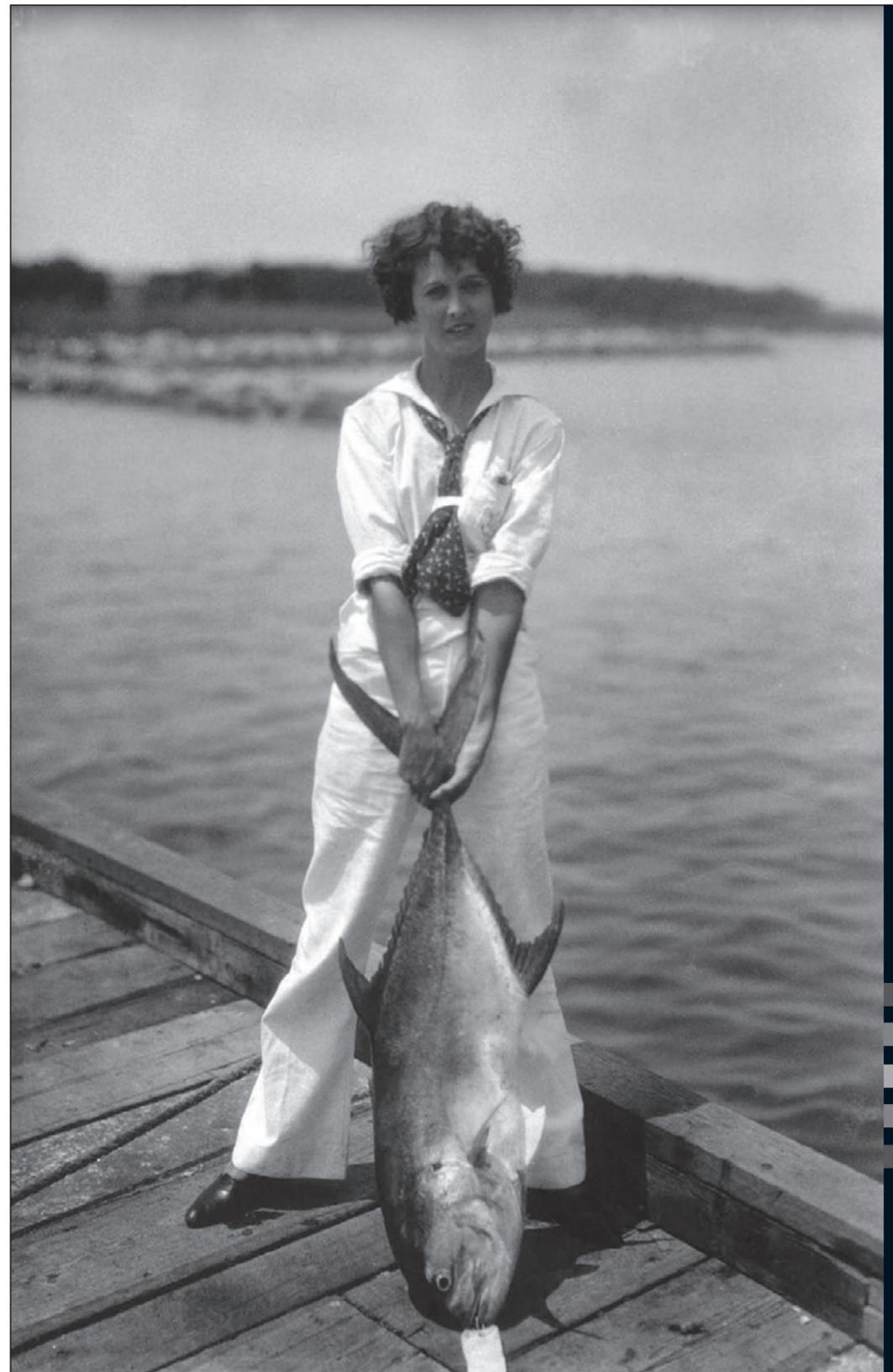
West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	10	3	.769	—
San Diego	9	4	.692	1
Arizona	5	8	.385	5
Colorado	4	8	.333	5 1/2
San Francisco	4	8	.333	5 1/2

Monday's Games
 Washington 3, Atlanta 2
 Pittsburgh 8, Florida 0
 San Diego at Philadelphia, p.p.d., rain
 Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
 Arizona 6, Colorado 3
Tuesday's Games
 Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2
 Washington 4, Atlanta 3
 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, late
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, late
 L.A. Dodgers at Houston, late
 N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, late
 Colorado at Arizona, late
 San Diego at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
 Florida (Nolasco 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
 Colorado (De La Rosa 0-1) at Arizona (Haren 0-3), 3:40 p.m.
 San Diego (C.Young 2-0) at San Francisco (Zito 0-2), 3:45 p.m.
 Atlanta (Jurjens 2-1) at Washington (Lannan 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Looper 1-0) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 1-1) at Houston (Oswalt 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Cueto 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Maine 0-1) at St. Louis (Pineiro 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 1:40 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

League Leaders
NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Theriot, Chicago, .400; F.Lewis, San Francisco, .395; Ibanez, Philadelphia, .386; Hudson, Los Angeles, .385; Kemp, Los Angeles, .383; Duncan, St. Louis, .381; N.Johnson, Washington, .381.
RUNS—Bonifacio, Florida, 13; Pujols, St. Louis, 13; A.Soriano, Chicago, 13; Hudson, Los Angeles, 12; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 12; Kemp, Los Angeles, 12; DanMurphy, New York, 12.
RB—Eithier, Los Angeles, 16; Ludwick, St. Louis, 15; Delgado, New York, 14; Kemp, Los Angeles, 14; Pujols, St. Louis, 14; McLouth, Pittsburgh, 13; 2 tied at 12.
HITS—F.Sanchez, Pittsburgh, 22; Hudson, Los Angeles, 20; Morgan, Pittsburgh, 20; Bonifacio, Florida, 19; F.Lopez, Arizona, 19; Kemp, Los Angeles, 18; Tejada, Houston, 18.
DOUBLES—F.Sanchez, Pittsburgh, 8; Spilborghs, Colorado, 7; 6 tied at 6.
TRIPLES—Francoeur, Atlanta, 2; EGonzalez, San Diego, 2; Hudson, Los Angeles, 2; Morgan, Pittsburgh, 2; F.Sanchez, Pittsburgh, 2; 32 tied at 1.
HOME RUNS—AdGonzalez, San Diego, 5; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 5; Ludwick, St. Louis, 5; A.Soriano, Chicago, 5; 5 tied at 4.
STOLEN BASES—Bonifacio, Florida, 4; Hudson, Los Angeles, 4; Kemp, Los Angeles, 4; Morgan, Pittsburgh, 4; 6 tied at 3.
PITCHING (2 Decisions)—16 tied at 1.000.
STRIKEOUTS—Santana, New York, 27; J.Vazquez, Atlanta, 25; Lincecum, San Francisco, 23; Peavy, San Diego, 23; JoJohnson, Florida, 21; Billingsley, Los Angeles, 21; Zambrano, Chicago, 20.
SAVES—Bell, San Diego, 7; Cordero, Cincinnati, 5; Broxton, Los Angeles, 4; Capps, Pittsburgh, 4; 4 tied at 3.

TRANSACTIONS
Tuesday's Moves
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLOS—Placed Ryan Freel on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Lou Montanez and RHP Brad Bergesen from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed OF Rocco Baldelli on the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Designated RHP Mike MacDougal for assignment. Recalled RHP Jack Egbert from Charlotte (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed RHP Doug Waechter on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 18. Recalled RHP Brian Bannister from Omaha (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS—Recalled LHP Jose Mijares from Rochester (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS—Traded INF Chris Burke to San Diego for cash.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled LHP Franklin Morales from Colorado Springs (PCL). Placed RHP Ryan Speier on the 15-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Added David Newhan to their player development staff as player/coach for Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed C Ryan Dourmit on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 20. Recalled C Robinson Diaz from Indianapolis (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Added RHP Blaine Boyer to the roster. Optioned IF David Freese to Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired INF Chris Burke from Seattle for cash.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed LHP Joe Beimel on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Saul Rivera from Syracuse (IL).
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
INDIANA FEVER—Waived F Allison Feaster.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-signed LB Pierre Woods.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS—Fined Toronto FC coach John Carver \$750 for public criticism of league officiating.
COLLEGE
GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS—Announced the retirement of men's tennis coach Steve Wilkinson at end of the school year.
ST. FRANCIS, IND.—Announced women's basketball G-F Kayla Mullins will transfer from Indiana State.
ST. FRANCIS, PA.—Named Jesse Weber strength and conditioning coach for all athletic teams.
VASSAR—Named Del Harris men's basketball coach.
VILLANOVA—Announced junior G Scottie Reynolds declared for the NBA draft but has not hired an agent.



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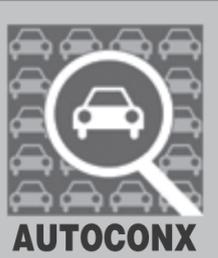
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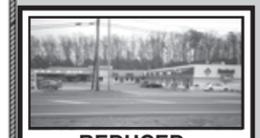
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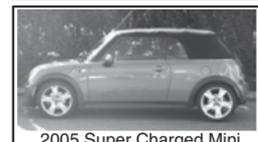
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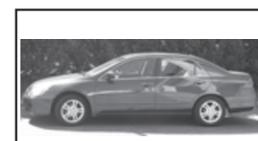
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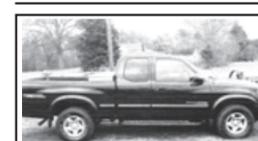
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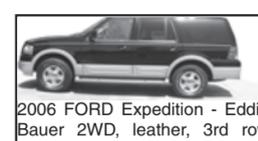
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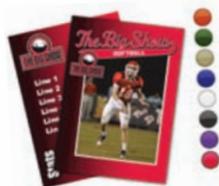
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All aboard! Railroad enthusiast Yarbrough operates 3 layouts in his back yard

BY LARA HAYES

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Think getting stopped in your car by a train is a pain? Do you spew colorful words when you see the flashing red lights and bars coming down?

For Ted Yarbrough there's nothing better.

Yarbrough has loved trains from an early age. As a youngster in Carrollton, he and his next door neighbor would walk approximately half a mile down the road just to watch them pass. At home he spent hours playing with his American Flyer train — lost in an imaginary world of big diesel engines, depots and railroad cars.

When he was 8, Yarbrough and his family moved to Murray County. There he could indulge his love for trains to his heart's content at one of the many area railroad crossings. As an adult his interest evolved into building small-scale model trains when the one he wanted wasn't available for purchase.

"I wanted an L&N train (now CSX) because that was what was here locally," Yarbrough said. "But you couldn't find them anywhere."

Over time he built 15 engines and approximately 50 cars, often dismantling them to repaint and redo according to whim. Eventually age caught up with him, however, and rendered him unable to see the tiny parts. Yarbrough sold all the models and in 1989 decided it was finally time to get serious, buying his first large scale engine with a separate set of cars to go with it.

But he wasn't done. "I made a train room in the house but I realized you couldn't go big, so I moved it outside in 1992," said Yarbrough. "I had read about garden railroading in magazines. I also joined the Georgia



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Ted Yarbrough operates one of his three garden railroads in his back yard. He either builds the models piece by piece or orders unique items via mail order.

Garden Railway Society and started going to national conventions."

Garden railroading consists of building a railroad layout to scale complete with buildings and people, all around a variety of flowers and sometimes water. Layouts range from the simple to the extravagant.

Yarbrough's first display featured one tunnel, one bridge, a small town and 150 feet of track.

"I brought in a load of landscape timbers and a load of dirt," he said. "I was like a kid in a sandbox. It took about six months to complete."

These days Yarbrough's buildings look authentic, but back then there wasn't anything available but plastic kits similar to models. He

prefers to build his piece by piece or find them via mail order.

"Everyone pretty much had the same stuff," he said. "I wanted something different from what everyone else had."

In one display sits a replica of Prater's Mill which he found on eBay. However, it didn't start out as such.

"I bought it from a man in Arizona," said Yarbrough. "He asked me how I wanted it painted and I told him red. Then he asked me what I wanted written on it and I told him Prater's Mill. Turns out the man's daughter lives in Ringgold and he had been to Prater's Mill."

Currently Yarbrough boasts three layouts in his backyard. And how does his wife, Deborah, feel

about all this?

"She thinks it makes the yard look nice," he said. "She helps with the gardening part of it. We usually go on vacation every year to ride trains. My favorite place to ride is Colorado. They have a lot of steam trains there."

Yarbrough particularly enjoys the nostalgia that goes along with the hobby.

"In the old days the train depot was the town's hub of information," he said. "People would gather there at a slower pace. I try to make the trains and towns as realistic as possible. The people and buildings reflect the atmosphere from back then."

Yarbrough says the displays are fairly easy to maintain. The buildings do sustain some wear and tear

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if left out in the elements year round, so he usually brings his in during the winter months. Prospective garden railroaders can research online and in books for photos of what towns and depots looked like. There are also online forums to share information as well as the magazine "Garden Railways."

The Southeast Garden Railway Society will host a show May 1-2 at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton. The event will feature garden railroad displays with running trains; vendors selling model trains, speaker systems and power supplies; and various clinics ranging from how to get started to how to make an aquarium train car. On May 3, garden railroading enthusiasts in Chatsworth, Resaca, Canton, Woodstock and Loganville will open their homes for tours at no extra charge.

Eventually Yarbrough would love to see a tourist train in the Dalton-Chatsworth area and perhaps a refurbished steam engine. He sees an ever-growing number of railroad lovers, especially among children with the advent of the "Thomas the Tank Engine" television series, books and videos.

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where the remains of a Neolithic village that was built at the same time as Cheops Pyramid in Egypt has been discovered.

They then visited the shores of Loch Ness, enjoying the stunning and unspoiled landscapes along the way. The group made the local Scottish newspaper for being the first American group of the season to visit Dunrobin Castle and view the Falconry display.

Attending were group leaders John and Rosie Mosteller, Larry and Joanne Shepherd, Tony and Della Knick, Linda Boyd, Edith Jackson, Jo Ann Hooker, Phyllis Williams, Don and Genny Popli, Don and Sue Walters, Carolyn Britton, Robbie Rockholt, Jewell Dale and Gail Montieth.

Rosie Mosteller reports that the club is taking reservations for the 2010 trip to Oberammergau for the

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balance moderate tree vigor with quality fruit production and flowerbud formation. Moderate tree vigor is critical. Too much vigor results in poor fruit quality, and too little vigor results in small fruit.

Keep annual records on how much fertilizer you applied, the vigor of the tree and the size and quality of the fruit. Average shoot growth of 8 to 12 inches for apples and pears and 15 to 20 inches for peaches, nectarines and plums is about ideal if you have a crop of fruit.

For example, if you put 4 pounds of 10-10-10 (late February only) on your trees and got ideal growth and fruiting, do the same thing next year. If the trees fruited but you got much more than the ideal growth, reduce the rate by one-third next year. Increase the rate if tree vigor was too low.

What you do for one of these tree fruit responses might negatively affect other responses you want. Here are some rules to follow for fertilizing fruit trees:

Always adjust the soil pH to 6.5 before you plant. Incorporate lime in a 10-foot by 10-foot area where the tree will be planted. Your county extension office can have soil samples analyzed for you to find out how much lime you'll need.

Don't put fertilizer in the planting hole. Fertilizer granules that come in direct contact with the roots may kill the tree.

During the first year, fertilize the trees with a balanced fertilizer often (early April, midMay, early July) with a small amount of fertilizer. Onehalf to one cup of 10-10-10 evenly scattered over a circle 2 feet across should be about right.

The second year, double the circle diameter and the fertilizer rate. Fertilize three times: late February, early May and early July.

The third year of the tree's life is a year of transition from a vigorous, nonfruiting tree to a nearly mature tree. So only fertilize it twice, in late February and late May.

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Now you may be getting the idea why it's so hard to get a straight answer from a tree fruit expert. Managing vigor is the key. Heavy pruning invigorates trees, so reduce the amount of fertilizer following heavy pruning.

Trees grown on sandy soils generally require more fertilizer than on loamy or clay soils. If you get a late freeze that reduces or wipes out the crop, you will have a vigorous tree to deal with.

The University of Georgia has many free publications on fruit production in the home garden. You can get copies from the Murray County Cooperative Extension Office. Call (706) 695-3031 or stop by the office.

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

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE



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Allen Brooker of Brooker Ford, left, gives Gary Mimbs, pastor of Dalton First Church of the Nazarene, the keys to a 2009 Ford Focus. It will be given to the first golfer who makes a hole-in-one in the upcoming Driving for the Dominican golf tournament. The event is May 1 at noon at

Spring Lakes Golf Club in Chatsworth. Proceeds go toward the summer missions trip to the Dominican Republic. Lunch and prizes are provided. For more information, call the church office at (706) 278-8428 or email dfnc@optilink.us.

Bradley Wellness offers spring classes

The Bradley Wellness Center has announced the following upcoming classes:

■ **Tennis Clinics** — BWC will offer adult tennis clinics this spring. An all levels clinic will run each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. from April 21-30. Another all levels clinic will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. from May 4-13. Sign-up deadline is one week prior to class and the fee is \$60 for members and \$80 for nonmembers per clinic.



■ **Sensational Salads** — This class will be offered May 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. Wow your friends with beautiful, zesty salads that are power-packed with nutritious ingredients. They are as

delicious as they are healthy. The fee is \$10 for members and nonmembers. Registration deadline is May 13.

■ **Hiking Club** — The Hiking Club will travel to Mount LeConte in the Smoky Mountains May 16. Hikers will leave the BWC parking lot at 5 a.m.; registration is required by May 9.

There is no fee. For more information on hike rating, length, what to bring and to sign up, call the center.

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



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COMMENTARY

Are you smarter than a flange of baboons?

I thought I knew English and stuff.

Apparently, I were wrong.

Recently, I ran across a listing of collective nouns associated with animals, and was startled by my ignorance. For instance, for years, I had referred to a group of gerbils as a "bunch of gerbils." I was way off. The proper term is "horde of gerbils" (which sounds much more intimidating). The more correct animal collective nouns I learned, the more dumbish I felt.

In an effort to feel better about my intellect, I have concocted a animal collective noun quiz for my readers. At the end are the correct answers (no cheating, please).

I wish you nothing but failure.

Below, choose the proper collective name for each group of animals:

1. Apes.
 - A. A planet of apes.
 - B. A shrewdness of apes.
 - C. A mute of apes.
2. Hummingbirds.
 - A. A charm of hummingbirds.
 - B. An aerie of hummingbirds.
 - C. A gam of hummingbirds.
3. Hens.
 - A. A cackle of hens.
 - B. A brood of hens.
 - C. A plump of hens.
4. Jellyfish.
 - A. A smack of jellyfish.
 - B. A generation of jellyfish.
 - C. A mischief of jellyfish.
5. Camels.
 - A. A company of camels.
 - B. A flock of camels.
 - C. A kindle of camels.
6. Rattlesnakes.
 - A. A chine of rattlesnakes.
 - B. A weyr of rattlesnakes.
 - C. A rhumba of rattlesnakes.
7. Starlings.
 - A. A school of starlings.
 - B. A murmuration of starlings.
 - C. A covey of starlings.
8. Goldfish.
 - A. A glint of goldfish.
 - B. An aqua of goldfish.
 - C. A charlatan of goldfish.
9. Emus.



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10. Lizards.
 - A. A lounge of lizards.
 - B. A clan of lizards.
 - C. A leap of lizards.
 11. Woodpeckers.
 - A. A rookery of woodpeckers.
 - B. A descent of woodpeckers.
 - C. A bloot of woodpeckers.
 12. Tigers.
 - A. A tyranny of tigers.
 - B. An ambush of tigers.
 - C. A courage of tigers.
 13. Buzzards.
 - A. A bait of buzzards.
 - B. A gut of buzzards.
 - C. A wake of buzzards.
 14. Chimpanzees.
 - A. A cartload of chimpanzees.
 - B. A buttload of chimpanzees.
 - C. A romp of chimpanzees.
 15. Crows.
 - A. A murder of crows.
 - B. A storytelling of crows.
 - C. A flock of crows.
- Correct answers:
- 1.: B. A shrewdness of apes.
 - 2.: A. A charm of hummingbirds.
 - 3.: B. A brood of hens.
 - 4.: A. A smack of jellyfish.
 - 5.: B. A flock of camels.
 - 6.: C. A rhumba of rattlesnakes.
 - 7.: B. A murmuration of starlings.
 - 8.: A. A glint of goldfish.
 - 9.: B. A mob of emus.
 - 10.: A. A lounge of lizards.
 - 11.: B. A descent of woodpeckers.
 - 12.: B. An ambush of tigers.
 - 13.: C. A wake of buzzards.
 - 14.: A. A cartload of chimpanzees.
 - 15.: Here's where I got tricky. The correct answer is both A. A murder of crows; and B. A storytelling of crows.
- And I'm not telling a story.
- If you got at least three correct – congratulations! You're smarter than a dummy of newspaper columnists.

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

Tucker receives Lesche scholarship

Hannah Joy Tucker is the 2009 Lesche scholarship recipient for Lesche Woman's Club of Dalton. She is the daughter of Jeff and Gina Tucker and a senior at Dalton High School.

Tucker's school activities include cheerleading, cross country, track and field, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, National Art Honor Society, National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Platinum Card Club, Psychology Club, Schools for School, Student Council and A-Plus Ambassadors. She was an officer in many of these clubs.

Tucker's community activities include displaying flags for veterans at the courthouse, Brookwood Ballywho, Ropes Course Day, freshmen orientation, assisting with First Methodist Church and First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, Dalton High School English tutoring,



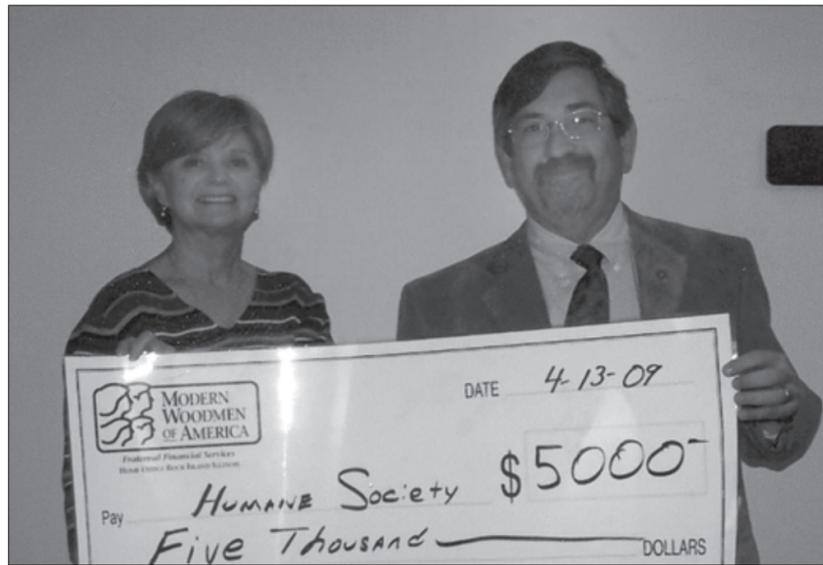
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Above, from left, are Carole Whaley, Lesche scholarship chairman, and Hannah Joy Tucker, scholarship recipient.

FBLA Go Green Project and Peach Project and Westwood School Round-Up.

She is currently considering attending either the Georgia Institute of

Technology, the University of Georgia or the University of Alabama.



PET SUPPORT

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Donald Jones of Modern Woodmen of America presents a \$2,500 matching fund check to Kathy Wasson of the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at their recent Pancake Day fundraiser at Applebee's. A certificate of appreciation for their community service was given to Applebee's from the Humane Society. Funds will be used for medical care of pets at the facility.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

April 23

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

April 24

■ The Conasauga River Alliance will host its 2009 Sparkling Waters Golf Tournament April 24 at

Indian Trace Golf Course in Chatsworth. The event is four-man select shot with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. To register, call (706) 625-7044. Proceeds are used to support public activities for a clean Conasauga River.

April 24-26

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

April 25

■ The annual reunion of the late Tom J. and Lillie Grant Brown family will be held

April 25 at 4 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church on Antioch Road in Dalton. A covered dish dinner will be served.

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

■ The annual Laster-Cleary reunion will be held April 25 at the Dalton Shrine Club. A covered dish lunch will be served at 1 p.m. The center is at 514 Chattanooga Ave., in Dalton. For more information, call (706) 277-3318.

April 26

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

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

■ A golf tournament in memory of Dr. Bob Raitz will be held April 26 at Nob North Golf Course in Varnell. Registration begins at noon followed by tee time at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Learning Tree School Sponsorship Fund. The cost is \$65 per golfer. Prizes will be given for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. Lunch will be provided by the school's Home and School Association. For more information, call (706) 278-2736. Registrations may be mailed to: Dr. Bob Raitz Memorial Golf Tournament, c/o The Learning Tree School, 300 South Tibbs Road, Dalton, GA, 30720.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY



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The public is invited to Robert Mosier Stephens' Eagle Scout ceremony Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Varnell Spring. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be at Varnell City Hall on Main Street.

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BRIDGE

Neither side vulnerable

General rules are helpful in the bidding and play of many hands, but they can be self-defeating when they are applied indiscriminately. The player who blindly follows "standard procedure" is sure to stumble occasionally because he does not recognize that there are valid exceptions to many rules.

Consider this deal where West muffed a chance to defeat four hearts. He led the queen of spades, followed by the jack and another spade. When South ruffed and then led the ten of clubs, West made the mistake of following low. After the ten held, declarer cashed the A-Q-J of hearts, led a diamond to the king, drew West's last trump and cashed his remaining diamonds to produce 10 tricks.

Had West been more alert, he would have defeated the contract by taking the club ten with the ace and returning a spade. True, this would present South with a ruff-and-discard — he could ruff in one hand and discard from the other — but West was in position to know that the ruff-discard would not help declarer; on the contrary, it could only harm him.

All players are taught to avoid yielding a ruff-and-discard like the plague, but this broad advice is not intended to cover every conceivable case and should surely have been ignored by West in the present deal.

West should realize that if the spade is ruffed in dummy, his ten of trumps will become a trick, while if declarer ruffs in his own hand instead, West will (unless South started with six hearts) then have more trumps than declarer and will eventually score a trump trick. The dictum against yielding a ruff-and-discard — and for that matter the advice to play second-hand low — should not be applied when the violation is clearly beneficial to the defense.

Tomorrow: A light in the tunnel.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 6 4
 ♥ A Q J
 ♦ Q 10 8
 ♣ Q J 7 2

WEST
 ♠ Q J 10 8 5
 ♥ 10 7 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A 9 5

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

SOUTH
 ♠ 3 2
 ♥ K 9 8 6 5
 ♦ A K J 6
 ♣ K 10

The bidding:
 South 1♥ West Pass North 2NT East Pass
 3♦ West Pass North 3♥ East Pass
 4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: You don't have to back down or take no for an answer this year. You can write your own ticket by being responsible. Stand up and be counted and push to achieve your goals. An unusual turn of events will evolve and you'll be the one in charge. Your numbers are 2, 7, 13, 26, 36, 44, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication is a must if you want to stay in control. Someone may try to upset your position or influence the outcome of something you are working toward. Someone will use underhanded tactics to try to beat you. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go right to the top if you want to get something resolved. You will fall privy to secret information that will give you the edge. Use your charm, coupled with your knowledge and experience and you'll come across as confident and capable. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to whatever will benefit you professionally, personally and financially. You will face jealous and possessive acts if you lead someone on or you make a promise and don't keep it. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should receive an honor or raise or something that will improve your status. Someone may not like all the attention you are getting. Honesty will help you resolve any incident that crops up. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get derailed by criticism you don't deserve. Greater involvement in challenging activities will raise your confidence and prove what you are capable of. Put your cash in a safe place and don't lend or borrow, regardless of the circumstances. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are ready to revamp your old ways, habits and lifestyle. Change bring more excitement to your life. There is money to be made if you pick up information or take courses that will broaden your skills. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Say what you mean and mean what you say. You'll be under the spotlight and your conduct will make a difference to the outcome of anything you are currently working towards personally and professionally. You can out maneuver anyone who challenges you. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can present and promote effectively. Love will come easy and someone you care for will be accommodating in every way imaginable. Show everyone what you have to offer. Your longtime goals are now within reach. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't stretch the truth if you don't want to be embarrassed. Your reputation may be compromised if you haven't been completely honest about what you are offering others. You can, however, make an impact at home and in your personal life. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will win if you challenge someone. Taking an unusual path will help you learn something about who you are and what you are capable of doing. You can learn from past experiences, as well. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not everyone will think the same way you do. Expect opposition and prepare to compromise if you want to resolve issues and get things done. It's never too late to start something new or to go back and get something or someone you left behind. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make a noise unless you are prepared to back up your accusations with lots of proof. Someone will push back if you decide you want to take over or have things your way. Personal relationships will be emotional, passionate and full of excitement. 3 stars



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To Your Good Health

Atrial fibrillation controllable in many ways

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Two years ago, my doctor checked me and informed me I had atrial fibrillation. The doctor put me on warfarin (Coumadin) and sent me to a cardiologist. He performed a successful cardioversion with an electric shock. My heartbeat remained normal for six months, but the atrial fib then returned. The cardiologist performed a second, successful cardioversion. Two months later, the atrial fib was back. The doctor did not perform a cardioversion this time. He put me on medicine to slow my heartbeat. Is this the proper next step? Why the cardioversion in the first place? Doesn't atrial fibrillation cause heart enlargement? How should I address this? — R.P.

ANSWER: Atrial fibrillation is a common heartbeat

disturbance. More than 2 million adult Americans suffer from it. The atria — the upper heart chambers — aren't beating. They're wiggling (fibrillating) at a very fast and erratic rate. The lower heart chambers — the ventricles — do beat, but they beat fast and totally out of sync.

Two bad things happen. The rapid and irregular beat affects blood pumping, which can make some people have chest pain or heart failure. The second danger is clot formation in the atria. Pieces of those clots can break loose, enter the circulation, be swept to the brain and cause a stroke. The goals of treatment are to slow the heart, return it to a normal beat when possible and protect against clot formation by administering a blood thinner if a normal beat isn't restored.

The cardioversion accomplished all the goals by restoring a normal heartbeat. However, your heart doesn't maintain the normal beat. That's why the heart doctor used cardioversion only twice. Some heart medicines can restore a normal heart rhythm, but most of those have unwanted side effects. Your doctor has chosen a safe treatment in your case. He has chosen to slow the heart with medicine but not attempt to restore a perfectly normal beat. Slow atrial fibrillation doesn't harm the heart.

Other ways exist to treat atrial fibrillation. Catheter ablation is one. A catheter equipped to deliver radio waves is threaded into the heart to destroy the heart tissue generating the abnormal heart signals. Surgery can accomplish the same. Irregular heartbeats are



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common disorders. Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter are two examples. The booklet on heartbeat irregularities covers these topics in depth. Readers can obtain a copy by writing Dr. Donohue — No. 107, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I know a number of lung cancer patients, including my

father, who were diagnosed with cancer long after they stopped smoking. My father died at 84. He stopped smoking at 44. We are led to believe that the likelihood of lung cancer diminishes after one stops smoking. My observations seem not to support the theory that stopping cigarettes prevents lung cancer. — G.R.

ANSWER: Scientists have proven beyond any doubt that quitting smoking adds years to a person's life. The younger a person is when he or she stops, the greater the gain he or she attains.

For heart disease, after one year of abstinence, a former smoker has a 50 percent reduction in the risk of dying from heart disease. After 15 years, the risk is the same as that for people who never smoked.

ASK THE DOCTOR

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

For lung cancer, 10 years of not smoking reduces the cancer risk by 50 percent. After 30 years, the risk is the same as a never-smoker. Some, however, believe that the cancer risk never entirely leaves.

Your dad lived to be 84. If he had smoked for those 40 years, his chances of living to that age would have been quite small.

■ A breast cancer support group will meet May 5 at 7 p.m. at Rock Bridge Community Church in volunteer headquarters (downstairs in The Gathering). Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (706) 226-5858.

■ The Dalton Parkinson's Disease Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. The center is at 302 Cappel St. in Dalton. For more information, call (706) 278-7917.

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

Center is at 820 G.I. Maddox Parkway in Chatsworth.

■ The National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) has a support group for men and women with anorexia, bulimia or binge-eating disorder and their families every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. at the MCR Foundation, 1400 McCallie Ave., in Chattanooga. For more information, call Jan Robinson at (423) 991-9730.

■ Helping the Urthing Inc. is now offering a new support group, Life After Divorce,

each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 207 W. King St., Suite A in Dalton. Life After Divorce is a group meeting that has discussion, review, teaching and videos. Each meeting is independent so participants can start anytime. For more information or directions, call (706) 277-4357.

■ Family Frameworks is

now offering "Dating My Spouse in Dalton." Participants commit to date their spouses at least one evening each month. Interested couples may purchase a button for \$15 per couple and use it once a month this year for discounts. Discounts at local restaurants will be available the second

week of each month. Participants also have a chance to win a monthly prize from local merchants. To purchase a button or for more information, call (706) 313-0023 or visit www.marriageisforever.org.

■ The Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter is offering Next Step, a social

support group for persons in the early stages of memory loss and their caregivers. The group meets for a Dutch treat dinner on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Café in Dalton. For more information or to register, call Laurie Parker at the chapter office at (706) 275-0819.

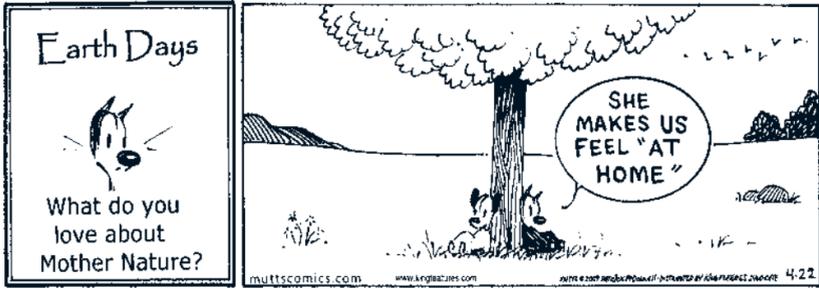
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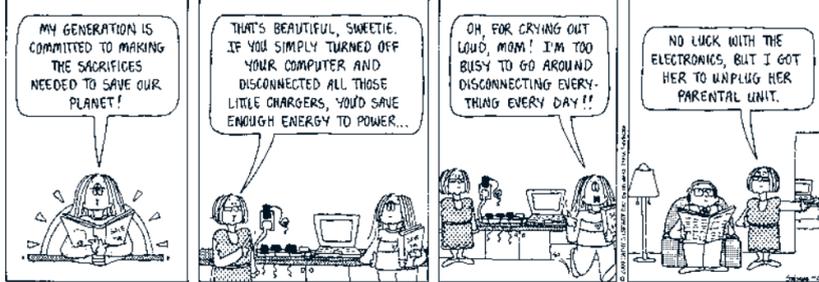
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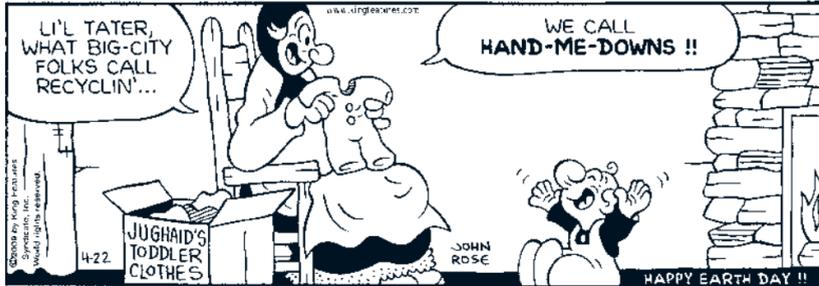
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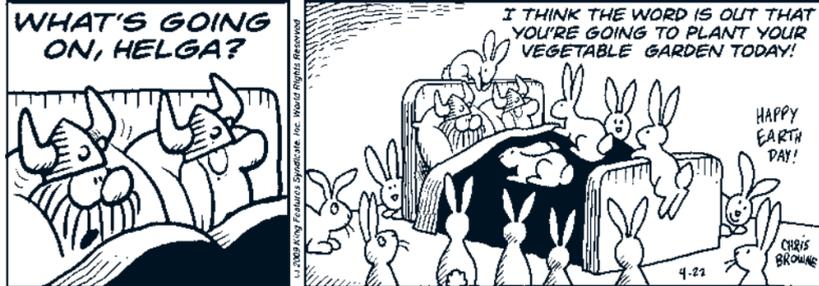
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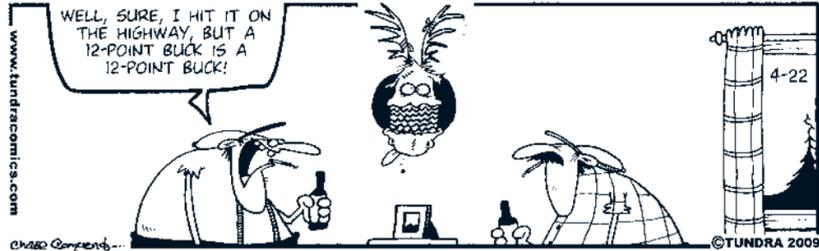
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DEAR ABBY

A future together is in doubt for couple with different goals

DEAR ABBY: I am in my mid-20s and in a long-term relationship. I can see myself getting married and having children in the next few years. So what do you do when your partner does not share your lifetime goals?



Jeanne Phillips

He has told me marriage is on the horizon "someday, maybe," but he has no desire for children. I love him dearly and won't put pressure on him, but have made my intentions clear. How should I handle his wish to remain childless and unmarried when it is a lifetime dream of mine? — DREAMING IN WISCONSIN

Several of us have asked him, politely, to floss in the bathroom or somewhere private, but it made him extremely defensive and angry. I'm sure there are others out there who do it. We just want Jerry and others to know that it is not appropriate and is considered rude. — SICK TO MY STOMACH IN KENNEWICK, WASH.

DEAR SICK TO YOUR STOMACH: Not only is your relative's behavior inappropriate and rude, it is also gross. The reason people floss their teeth in a bathroom, preferably over a sink, becomes evident to anyone who has ever cleaned the bathroom mirror. To floss anywhere else, particularly over someone's shoulder, is unsanitary.

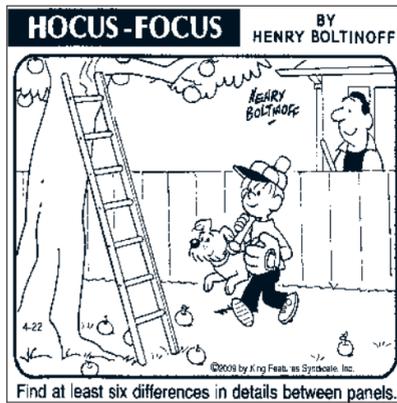
DEAR DREAMING: Marriage may be on your boyfriend's horizon "someday, maybe," but so is interplanetary tourism to Mars. When you realize that your partner does not share your lifetime goals, what you should do is end the relationship on the highest note possible and move on.

There is a saying, "The best defense is a strong offense." If Jerry wasn't already aware that what he was doing was wrong, he wouldn't have reacted the way he did when you asked him to stop. Shame on him. His behavior is boorish.

DEAR ABBY: We have a relative, "Jerry," whom we dearly love. However, he has the disgusting habit of flossing his teeth in every room except the bathroom. After we eat, Jerry gets up and proceeds to floss his teeth in the kitchen, the living room or wherever he likes. He has even stood behind others and done it right over their shoulders. It's disgusting!

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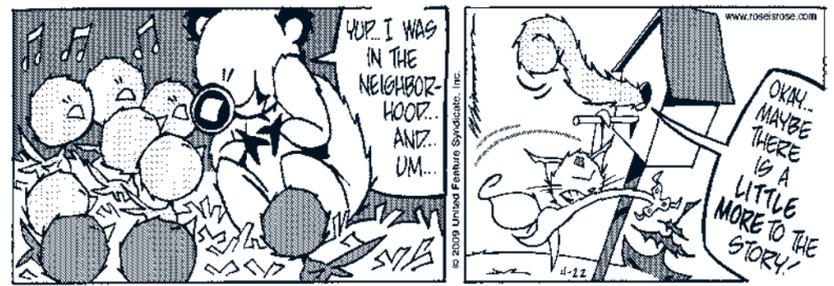
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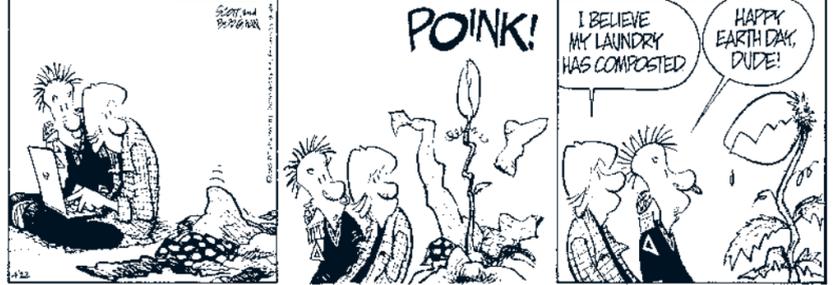
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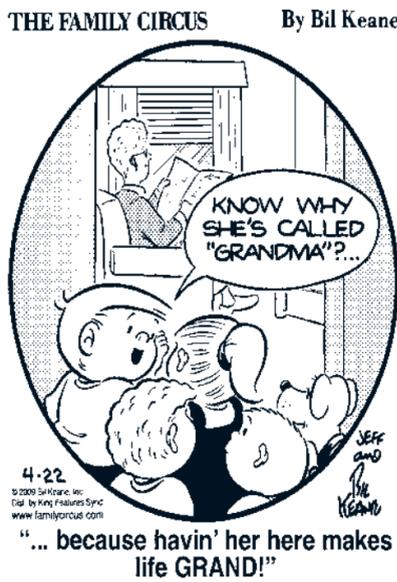
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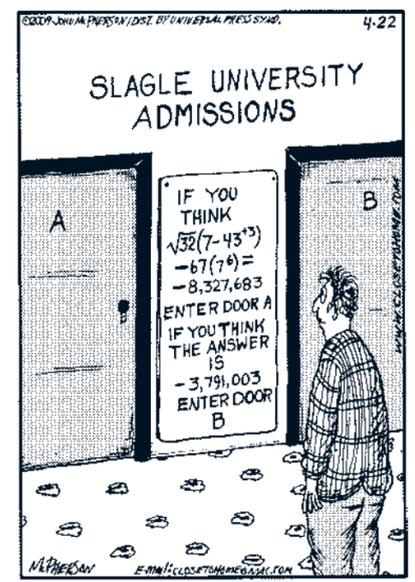
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