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DALTON'S NEW HOME FOR:

Caring for the earth

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Something as simple as choosing between an incandescent light bulb and a compact fluorescent one is a moral issue.

That's according to Sandy Kurtz, a member of the faith-based environmentalist organization Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light. The group was one of about a dozen represented at the 13th annual Ecumenical Earth Day hosted Sunday afternoon at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Thornton Avenue.

"We are trying to bring awareness to all people of faith that creation care is a moral responsibility," Kurtz said.

Kurtz and her companion, Tami Freedman, handed out literature explaining how incandescent bulbs — among other things — contribute to global warming. They use more electricity, which requires more coal, which can involve mountain top removal and is a pollutant, the women said.

John Rossing, pastor of the Lutheran church, said several hundred people came to the event. There were several activities including a petting zoo, crafts and coloring, informational booths, live music, pet and plant give-aways, an American Indian storyteller and environmental demonstrations.

"It's a Christian event put on by churches to celebrate the goodness of God's creation and also to remind people of our responsibility to take care of



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Genna Oshier, 6, bonds with a puppy in the petting zoo area during Ecumenical Earth Day Sunday.

God's creation," Rossing said.

Kathleen Jones, a fifth-grader at Westside Elementary School, said she comes every year. She has two cats, but enjoyed being able to see the other animals in the petting

zoo, especially the chicks.

Brad Britton of Chatsworth brought nearly 500 vegetable and herb plants to give away.

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Fire-damaged sawmill has to lay off workers

BY MARK MILLICAN
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TENNGA — Harold Sutton hurried back to his family's sawmill operation, Sutton Brothers Lumber at 574 Tennga Gregory Road, earlier this month to find the main building engulfed in flames.

"The neighbors told me it sounded like a bomb going off," he said of what was determined by the state fire marshal to be a lightning strike around 10:30 p.m. on April 2. "They said the entire roof assembly had an orange glow to it, and in minutes it was afire from one end to the other with blazes coming out."

The 21,000 square foot building, which housed large and small sawmill lines, was completely destroyed, along with a truckload of lumber that had gone through the sawing process that day. Sutton said he and his brother, Doyle, are still trying to ascertain the loss in terms of dollars, but they will rebuild. Harold's son Brian and Doyle's son Shannon are also involved in the mill operation.

Fire departments from Murray County and Polk County (Tenn.) arrived quickly, said Harold Sutton.

"They did a fantastic job to keep it contained in that one building," he said. "You could tell they were very well trained. That fire had the potential to get gone

but they kept it to that one building."

John Falkner of Precision Husky, which engineers and manufactures equipment for logging and forestry operations, was on hand on Wednesday to help determine the loss and what will need to be replaced.

"I sold them (log) chippers and debarkers 35 to 37 years ago when they had their diesel mill in the woods," he said of the time when their father and grandfather, Otha Sutton, ran the mobile operation in surrounding counties. The business set down roots in Tennga in 1970, said Sutton, and has "grown slow."

"You need to take some credit," Falkner said to Sutton. The company takes logs in from around 100 miles away, Sutton said. He said the loss of the sawmills will allow employees to redirect their work to other areas in the yard, and get "loose ends tied up."

The company employs 40 full-time employees and 12 part-time employees, Sutton said, but since the fire they have had to lay off 10 or 11 men.

"Eight or nine years ago we quit trying to do more and more production, but went to specialty products, 'by order' cuts and house plan lumber and patterns," he explained. "The weather has

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Is swine flu 'the big one' or a flu that just fizzles?

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — As reports of a unique form of swine flu erupts around the world, the inevitable question arises: Is this the big one?

Is this the next big global flu epidemic that public health experts have long anticipated and worried about? Is this the novel virus that will kill millions around the world, as pandemics did in 1918, 1957 and 1968?

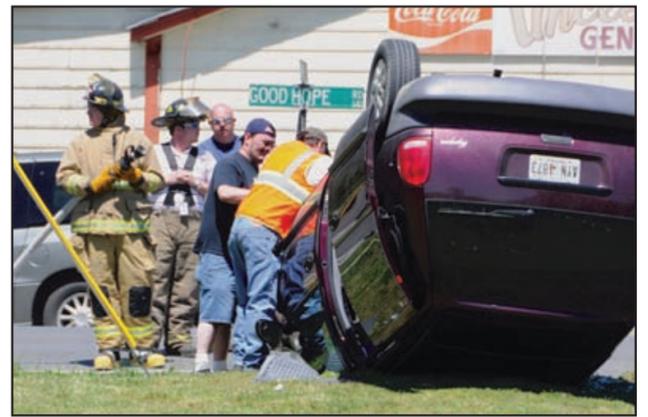
The short answer is it's too soon to tell.

"What makes this so difficult is we may be somewhere between an important but yet still uneventful public health occurrence here — with something that could literally die out over the next couple of weeks and never show up again — or this could be the opening act of a full-fledged influenza pandemic," said Michael Osterholm, a prominent expert on global flu outbreaks with the University of Minnesota.

"We have no clue right now where we are between those two extremes. That's the problem," he said.

Health officials want to take every step to prevent an outbreak from spiraling into mass casualties. Predicting influenza is a dicey endeavor, with the U.S. government famously guessing wrong in 1976 about a swine flu pandemic that never materialized.

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Workers try to flip a van back onto its wheels Sunday on Beaverdale Road.

Auto accident injures 8

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Eight people were injured and four taken by ambulance in a collision at Beaverdale Road and Boyles Mill Road Sunday afternoon.

Georgia State Patrol trooper E. Tommy Bonaparte said 23-year-old Tabetha Nolasco-Sanchez of Chatsworth was charged with failure to yield.

Bonaparte said Nolasco-Sanchez was coming from Boyles Mill Road in her Ford Expedition with five passengers. Bonaparte said she failed to look both directions and didn't yield to the Plymouth Voyager on Beaverdale Road that crossed her path with eight people inside.

Lorie Crider, the driver of the

Voyager, tried to swerve before the van flipped on its top and landed in a grassy ditch, Bonaparte said.

Officials said no one was seriously injured in the wreck.

Syble Page, a clerk at Uncle Buck's General Store, said she heard a loud bang when the collision occurred about 1:30 p.m. Page said she called 911 but didn't actually see the wreck.

In her 30 years at the store, Page said there have been several accidents at the intersection including some with fatalities.

Investigators were also working a 4:50 p.m. wreck on Old Tilton Road between Riverbend and Hickory Flatts in which one person was taken to the hospital. Another wreck at the Dalton bypass and Veterans Road at 1:20 p.m. resulted in an injury.

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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.

"It's time for a change in the Northwest High School baseball program because evidently the coaches don't have a clue."

"Has anyone in the city looked into how much it's going to cost homeowners and business owners if there's a merger between the city and county fire departments. Look at the overall costs of a merger."

"I think merging the fire departments is a most hideous thing, especially when the firefighters from the city and the county don't get along at all. I should know, my husband is a firefighter."

"Park Creek teachers are professionals and deserve some professional leadership."

"Josh Young, you seemed awful tough in that letter, I don't know why you won't take a stance one way or the other, it sure seems like you're running from something."

"Does anyone remember the Shrimp Boat across the street from the Green Spot? My mom and dad used to take me and my sister there when we were little girls."

"Can Dalton High School go to Calhoun and play the Yellow Jackets, it should be a pretty good game. Have they already played this year? What was the outcome?"

"I agree with Samantha Shaw's letter about people hating gays. I don't think she was trying to single out Christians, though."

"Wake up Whitfield County, we have a good fire department and a good fire chief. It might not go as well if King David gets it all in his hands."

"You will always have my respect as a black member of our community. I thank God I was raised to love and respect all people. I have been blessed with many friends of all races. We see no difference between us because of the color of our skin."

"I believe we can sit down with these terrorists and tell them if they stop cutting off the heads of our people, we'll quit pouring water on them. Where are you living, in the land of Oz?"

"Virtual math classes might be OK, but science needs to be hands-on, and backed up with programs like Senior Science Scholars."

"Anyone coming to the Rabies Clinic in

Chatsworth, please make sure cats are in carriers and dogs are on leashes with collars tight enough. We don't want any accidents."

"I had surgery last Friday at Hamilton Medical Center, and I would like to thank the nurses and other medical staff who took care of me. I got wonderful care there."

"No one said that the Murray County offices were closed. It's just that the elected officials aren't at work."

"If we all made the money that we pay Cope, we wouldn't have to worry about these \$125 raises."

"The utilities are sticking us."

"I was just reading today's forum, and I was amazed at the people who call in saying they smoke pot. I would like to know where they get it."

"Residents of Dalton need to recall the mayor and council. They have no need for a paid and volunteer fire department. City residents are going to get shafted."

"I live in the county. We have good men here. We should let the city take care of their budget, and the county do the same. We all appreciate the firemen."

"The city and county government are not telling the citizens how much money the fire department merger will cost them on their taxes."

"How do the Dalton Middle School teachers rationalize the disciplinary action of making students sit in alphabetical order at lunch. This only demotivates the good students and highlights the lazy discipline practice used throughout the entire Dalton public school system."

"I want to thank the man who helped me when I fell this week at the car dealership."

"If you smoke pot or any other drugs, are you not aware that our drug habits are financing the terrorists in Afghanistan and the drug cartels in Mexico. Our soldiers are dying there and innocent people are dying along the border."

"If you're an Iraqi war veteran, you should know that white supremacy groups in this county are recruiting school dropouts, and they're just as extremist as those you were fighting in Iraq."

"I'm a parent of a Dalton Middle School track team member. I'm trying to figure out why the school has quit their track season in the middle of the season instead of letting the kids finish. We spend all this time and money to support our kids and they want to give up on them."



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Doyle Sutton, left, and Eddy Blankenship look over the devastation at the destroyed sawmill.

Fire: Heavy loss

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hindered us in trying to get out there and figure the loss, but we will rebuild."

Sutton said the business had some "friendly

competitors" they could rely on to "help us keep our customer base."

He said the sawmill's business was already down 30 percent this year because of the downturn in the economy.

TODAY'S CITIZEN



NAME: Adrian Love
AGE: 14
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Joyce Love; brother, Sebastian Love
SCHOOL: Dalton Middle School
PLAY: Soccer with friends, video games
HE SAID: "It's always fun to live life how you want it."

Earth

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He grows them from seeds in his living room and gives the vegetation away each year.

"We started right after Christmas," Britton said. "When the Christmas tree went down, the nursery went up."

Brenda Jackson of the Whitfield County Cooperative Extension Service said she gave away literature informing people how to grow their own gardens. Planting time is now.

"A lot of people don't realize that they can grow a vegetable garden in a small space," she said.

The Rev. Frank E. Lawrence Jr., the keynote speaker, said several towns in his home country of Jamaica practice backyard gardening in which residents plant their own gardens on one-quarter to one acre of land. The result is food security, improved nutrition and better protection of the environment, he said. The Jamaican community, Sturge Town Free Village, established 1840, has won several awards for its efforts.

"I'm motivating (people in Dalton) to develop backyard gardens," Lawrence said.

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Celebrating textile history

Brookwood School pays tribute to the community through arts program

SUBMITTED BY DALTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brookwood School will host a community arts program Friday evening at 6:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in honor of Dalton's rich textile history. Area residents are invited to attend as the school pays tribute to the history of Peacock Alley.

Among the highlights will be the presentation of "Simple Gifts", a short performance featuring live dance and drama with recorded instrumental music by Paul Byrum and Friends. "Simple Gifts" is a tribute to Catherine Evans Whitener, one of the women who gave birth to the textile industry in Dalton. Students from Brookwood School will be performing, with local resident Paula Hall cast in the adult role of Whitener.

The performance was conceived, choreographed and will be directed by Sandra Hughes, Brookwood School's guest teaching artist and the artistic director of Gateway Performance Productions in Atlanta. Hughes was inspired by a talk Whitener gave to school children before the end of her life. Whitener's childhood fascination with and eventual creation of a tufted bedspread during the 1890s at the age of 15 was a gift that eventually had great significance for our local community and the entire world. The evening will include photographic images, spoken word poetry and guitar accompaniment by local college student Mason Gavin in collaboration with Nicky Millwood.

In this tribute to Peacock Alley, Brookwood students will perform several musical selections under the direction of music teacher Donna Townsend, and will hold a



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The cast and crew of "Peacock Alley: A Community Celebration" are ready for their upcoming production.

visual art and living history exhibit, led by art instructor Renee Mahan and local resident Marsha Whitener.

In addition, the school is producing a video documentary in conjunction with Charter Media, which features local historians and business leaders discussing the entrepreneurial spirit of the community, past and present. Selections from the video documentary will be aired at the event. A Community Conversation segment also will be included, with textile families and historians available for discussion and a walk down Peacock Alley memory lane.

Members of the

Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will be present to assist guests with the purchase of books, prints and other items of historical interest, as well as provide membership opportunities to area residents. Light refreshments will be served as guests tour the multigenerational exhibit.

In sponsoring this school-community program, Brookwood School seeks to encourage community collaboration and a sense of gratitude — gratitude for the area in which we live, for the people here and for those who have gone before us, and for our area's unique history.

This program is being made possible in part by a grant from Alternate ROOTS and the National Endowment for the Arts. Partnering organizations include Brookwood School, Brookwood PTA, the city of Dalton, Charter Media, the Creative Arts Guild, Peacock Alley Antiques, Tea Room and Gifts, and the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society.

This event is free to the public, with donations being accepted for the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society. Please join Brookwood School on Friday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in this tribute to our community.

Swine: Big or not?

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"The first lesson is anyone who tries to predict influenza often goes down in flames," said Dr. Richard Wenzel, the immediate past president of the International Society for Infectious Diseases.

But health officials are being asked to make such predictions, as panic began to set in over the weekend.

The epicenter was Mexico, where the virus is blamed for 86 deaths and an estimated 1,400 cases in the country since April 13. Schools were closed, church services canceled and Mexican President Felipe Calderon assumed new powers to isolate people infected with the swine flu virus.

International concern magnified as health officials across the world on Sunday said they were investigating suspected cases in people who traveled to Mexico and come back with flu-like illnesses. Among the nations reporting confirmed cases or investigations were Canada, France, Israel and New Zealand.

Meanwhile, in the United States, there were no deaths and all patients had either recovered or were recovering. But the confirmed cases around the nation rose from eight on Saturday morning to 20 by Sunday afternoon, including eight high school kids in New York City — a national media center. The New York Post's front page headline on Sunday was "Pig Flu Panic."

The concern level rose even more when federal officials on Sunday declared a public health emergency — a procedural step, they said, to mobilize antiviral medicine and other resources and be ready if the U.S. situation gets worse.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials say that so far swine flu cases in this country have been mild. But they also say more cases are likely to be reported, at least partly because doctors and health officials across the country are looking inten-

sively for suspicious cases.

And, troublingly, more severe cases are also likely, said Dr. Richard Besser, the CDC's acting director, in a Sunday news conference.

"As we continue to look for cases, we are going to see a broader spectrum of disease," he predicted. "We're going to see more severe disease in this country."

Besser also repeated what health officials have said since the beginning — they don't understand why the illnesses in Mexico have been more numerous and severe than in the United States. In fact, it's not even certain that new infections are occurring. The numbers could be rising simply because everyone's on the lookout.

He also said comparison to past pandemics are difficult.

"Every outbreak is unique," Besser said.

The new virus is called a swine flu, though it contains genetic segments from humans and birds viruses as well as from pigs from North America, Europe and Asia. Health officials had seen combinations of bird, pig and human virus before — but never such an intercontinental mix, including more than one pig virus.

More disturbing, this virus seems to spread among people fairly easily — a characteristic not generally seen in the swine flus that have occasionally jumped from pigs to people in recent years.

There's a historical cause for people to worry.

Flu pandemics have been occurring with some regularity since at least the 1500s, but the frame of reference for health officials is the catastrophe of 1918-19. That one killed an estimated 20 to 50 million people worldwide.

Disease testing and tracking were far less sophisticated then, but the virus appeared in humans and pigs at about the same time and it was known as both Spanish flu and swine flu. Experts since then have said the deadly germ actually originated in birds.

AREA ARRESTS

■ Jesus Cisneros, 41, 210 N. Easterlin St. Apartment 225, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with public drunkenness.

■ Alejandro Deharo, 20, 7326 Shadey Vail Lane, Chattanooga, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption.

■ Joseph Keith Diamond, 51, 35 McGhee Place, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with being a pedestrian under the influence.

■ Jodee Morgan Duke, 31, 608 Fondale Lane, Tunnel Hill, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with simple battery and false imprisonment.

■ Melanie Darlene Dunn, 41, 2653 Dunn Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Eton Police Department with possession of hydrocodone.

■ Adrian Lynn Estrada, 17, 906 West Tyler St. #401, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption.

■ Luis Antonio Flores, 18, 1405 Heather Way, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption.

■ Eduardo Lacayo, 36, 330 Wood Ranch Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption, loitering and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

■ Patricia Ann Maynard, 61, 6011 Old Federal S Apartment C, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking and financial transaction card forgery.

■ Jose de Jesus Medina, 18, 261 Twinn Lake Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with underage consumption.

■ Eduardo Ortega, 17, 805 Stillwood Road, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with underage consumption.

■ Jesus Perez, 18, 53 Eagles Way, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with underage consumption.

■ Juan Perez-Fuentes, 30, 16 Walker Road, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Eton Police Department with being a pedestrian under the influence.

■ Sergio Leonel Pojoy, 28, 336 Elbert St., Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Eton Police Department with being a pedestrian under the influence.

■ Amy Susanne Pritchard, 33, 4191 Highway N. 225, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with theft by taking and forgery of financial transaction card.

■ John Bartley Skidmore, 66, 352 Longwith Road, Ringgold, was charged Saturday by the Whitfield

County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

■ Long Thanh Tran, 18, 1100 Autumn Court 4, Chatsworth, was charged Saturday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with underage consumption.

■ Anthony Dale Willis, 24, 4176 Logan Road, Rocky Face, was charged Saturday by the Georgia State Patrol with DUI, failure to maintain lane, open container, no insurance and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

■ Antonio Jesus Zamudio, 18, 1524 Thistle Drive, Dalton, was charged Saturday by the Dalton Police Department with underage consumption.

■ Edibaldo Barrera, 19, 1433 Heather Way, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, laying drags, a turning violation, driving without a license and underage consumption.

■ Keith Kendial Carroll, 39, 193 Briar Ridge Road, Calhoun, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

■ Willard Kenneth Davis, 56, no address, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with loitering, pandering, public indecency and public drunkenness.

■ Jerry Steven Green, 22, 196 Corbin Hill Road, Ellijay, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with intent to distribute marijuana.

■ Curtis William Hedges, 27, 318 Nordic Road, Crandall, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with carrying a concealed weapon, DUI, failure to maintain lane and excessive horn use.

■ Robert William Jett, 17, 827 John Teem Road, Talking Rock, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

■ Mirza Angelina Miranda, 25, 801 Rucky Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with aggravated assault.

■ Destiny Christine Sams, 18, 827 John Teem Road, Talking Rock, was charged Sunday by the Chatsworth Police Department with intent to distribute marijuana.

■ Alberto Lopez-Sanchez, 35, 1863 Riverbend Road, #4, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with being a pedestrian under the influence.

■ Robert Matthew Shipman, 29, 4305 Bass McHan Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with probation violation and first degree forgery.

■ Noe Alfonso Velasquez, 32, 1306 Underwood St., Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with DUI, failure to maintain lane and driving while license withdrawn.

Seasonal vaccine no help against swine flu

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — U.S. health officials say they are "very pessimistic" that the seasonal flu vaccine protects against the unique swine flu infecting people in the United States, Mexico and other countries.

A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official said Sunday afternoon that tests

of the seasonal vaccine and the new virus show no cross-reaction, suggesting that people who got the vaccine have no added protection against the new bug.

It's possible that people who have been exposed to flu viruses every year — especially older people, with a greater exposure history — may have some natural immunity, the CDC official said in a call with reporters.

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IEWS

Battling 21st century pirates

Call it breaking news from 1804.

President Thomas Jefferson has been much in the news recently following the U.S. Navy's takedown of Somali pirates holding Capt. Richard Phillips, master of the freighter Maersk Alabama. Pundits have lauded Jefferson for forcibly subduing the Barbary pirates of North Africa. One such commentator, retired U.S. Marine Gen. Tom Wilkerson, of the U.S. Naval Institute, has urged the Obama administration to embrace the "Jefferson model" of counter-piracy.

What is the Jefferson model? Simple, says Wilkerson: "Build a strong naval task force, equip it with a sizeable contingent of Marines, and send it to attack and defeat the pirates in their lair."

In a similar vein, Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has urged Washington to carry the fight to the pirates ashore, eradicating their coastal safe havens. The Pentagon is reportedly drawing up contingency plans to that effect.

Let's not be too hasty. It made sense for Jefferson to attack the problem at its source, but the challenges he faced differ from today's, despite superficial similarities.

The chief difference between now and then is that the Barbary "pirates" weren't pirates in the strict sense of the term. Pirates are out for private gain, whereas the Barbary corsairs were official agents of the rulers of Morocco, Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli. Chasing around small bands of armed men — the challenge in Somalia — is long, troublesome work. But governments can be negotiated with, deterred, coerced or even overthrown.

Having a diplomatic option simplified matters for Jefferson. The availability of discrete targets for military action — namely the cities where these petty rulers dwelt — helped as well. In a sense, he had it easy.

In effect, the Barbary pirates were the enforcement arm of a government-run protection scheme. North African despots demanded "tribute," or "passports" — in effect protection money — from ships traversing the Mediterranean Sea. Merchant crews that refused to pay for safe passage were captured, enslaved and held for ransom.

Despite Western legal theories proclaiming a right to freedom of navigation, European governments had resigned themselves to payoffs.

Tribute was cheaper than keeping squadrons on station for police duty or mounting naval expeditions against Barbary Coast fortresses. The United States followed the European lead for a time, but the expense — one-sixth of the annual federal budget — ultimately became unbearable for the thrifty President Jefferson.

Jefferson had intended to disband the U.S. Navy, saving Washington the expense of maintaining a fleet. Instead, he ordered an expeditionary force to the Mediterranean. Most dramatically, Lt. William Eaton, his tiny U.S. Marine detachment, and a hastily recruited Arab army trekked through the Libyan desert to assault Tripoli. After Eaton's army seized the walled town of Derna, near Tripoli, a suddenly cooperative Pasha Yusuf Karamanli agreed to peace on American terms.

The United States won a reprieve from pirate depredations by force of arms.

Even the relatively straightforward Barbary Wars, then, required a long-term U.S. naval commitment. Fast-forward to today. Somalia is a "failed state" with no government capable of enforcing order.

Negotiating with, coercing or even deposing the regime in Mogadishu would do little to advance the counter-piracy campaign. No William Eaton will march on the Somali capital, imposing American terms at gunpoint.

On closer inspection, then, the Barbary Wars offer more of a cautionary tale than a model.

What are the options in Somalia? Raids against coastal enclaves, in which Americans came and went, would not do. Pirate bands would simply scatter, wait out the invaders, then regroup afterward. Little would change on the ground.

But the alternative — a more robust, enduring commitment — would present problems of its own. U.S. forces could establish a sustained presence along the coast, preventing the pirates from regrouping. More likely, though, the pirates would join other armed Somali groups and fight back. What started out as counter-piracy could morph into another counterinsurgency resembling Afghanistan or Iraq.

Not a savory prospect.

The bottom line: The Obama administration must carefully estimate the value it places on quelling piracy before embarking on what could be a long, costly struggle. Alternative strategies may yield acceptable results at lower risk.

To my mind, the most prudent course of action comes from Shane Murphy, second-in-command of the Maersk Alabama. The U.S. Navy and partner navies should keep patrolling offshore waters, apprehending brigands and aiding stricken vessels when possible. Meanwhile, merchant crews transiting hazardous waters should arm themselves, tending to their own defense.

In a Wild West setting like the Horn of Africa, self-help looks like the most promising, and least risky, way to go.

—Scripps Howard News Service

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible Text: He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber.

Psalm 121:3

Thought for Today: "Everyone is a prisoner of his own experiences. No one can eliminate prejudices — just recognize them."

Edward R. Murrow
American broadcast journalist (1908-1965)

Guns and drugs

During his visit to Mexico last week, President Obama suggested that Americans are partly to blame for the appalling violence associated with the illegal drug trade there. "The demand for these drugs in the United States is what's helping keep these cartels in business," he said. "This war is being waged with guns purchased not here but in the United States."

Obama is right that the U.S. is largely responsible for the carnage in Mexico, which claimed more than 6,000 lives last year. But the problem is neither the drugs Americans buy nor the guns they sell; it's the war on drugs our government has drafted the rest of the world to fight. Instead of acknowledging the havoc caused by drug control, the Obama administration is using it as an excuse for an equally vain attempt at gun control.

"More than 90 percent of the guns recovered in Mexico come from the United States," Obama claimed last week, repeating a favorite factoid of politicians who believe American gun rights endanger our southern neighbor's security. The claim has been parroted by many news organizations, including ABC, which used it in a 2008 story that suggested the sort of policy changes the number is meant to encourage. The story, which asked if "the Second Amendment [is] to blame" for "arming Mexican drug gangs," quoted a federal official who said, "It's virtually impossible to buy a firearm in Mexico as a private citizen, so this country is where they come."

But as Fox News and Factcheck.org have shown,



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the percentage cited by the president greatly exaggerates the share of guns used by Mexican criminals that were bought in

the United States. Fox estimates it's less than a fifth, while Factcheck.org says it may be more like a third.

If the guns used by Mexican drug traffickers do not mainly come from gun dealers in the U.S., where do they come from? Many of the weapons are stolen from the Mexican military and police, often by deserters; some are smuggled over the border from Guatemala; others come from China by way of Africa or Latin America. Russian gun traffickers do a booming business in Mexico.

Given these alternatives, making it harder for Americans to buy guns, in the hope of preventing straw buyers from supplying weapons to smugglers, is not likely to stop Mexican gangsters from arming themselves. The persistence of the drug traffickers' main business, which consists of transporting and selling products that are entirely illegal on both sides of the border, should give pause to those who think they can block the flow of guns to the cartels.

The futile effort to stop Americans from consuming politically incorrect intoxicants is the real source of the violence in Mexico,

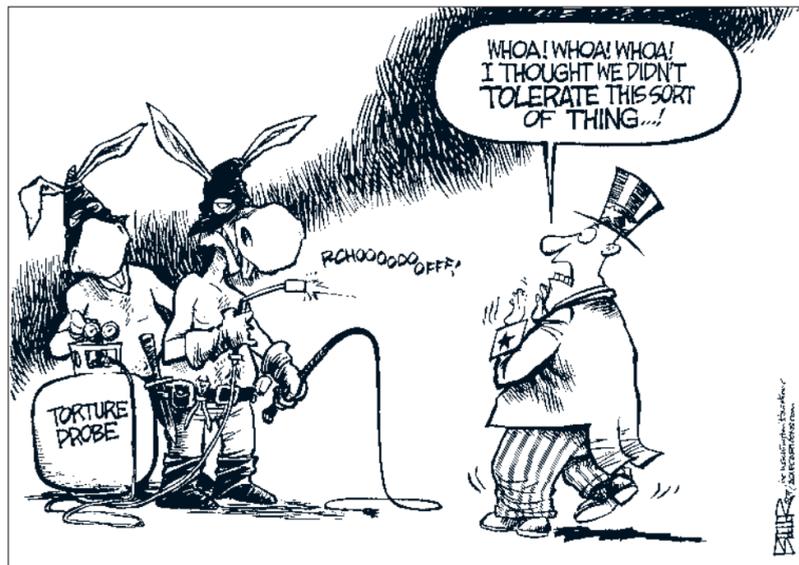
since prohibition creates a market with artificially high prices and hands it over to criminals. "Because of the enormous profit potential," two senior federal law enforcement officials told the Senate Judiciary Committee last month, "violence has always been associated with the Mexican drug trade as criminal syndicates seek to control this lucrative endeavor."

The more the government cracks down on the black market it created, the more violence it fosters, since intensified enforcement provokes confrontations with the police and encourages fighting between rival gangs over market opportunities created by arrests or deaths. "If the drug effort were failing," an unnamed "senior U.S. official" told The Wall Street Journal in February, "there would be no violence."

Perhaps it is time to redefine failure. Three former Latin American presidents, including Mexico's Ernesto Zedillo, recently noted that "we are farther than ever from the announced goal of eradicating drugs." The attempt to achieve that impossible dream, they observed, has led to "a rise in organized crime," "the corruption of public servants," "the criminalization of politics and the politicization of crime," and "a growth in unacceptable levels of drug-related violence."

Instead of importing Mexico's prohibitionist approach to guns, we should stop exporting our prohibitionist approach to drugs.

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Debating enemy combatant torture

In the blizzard of words and polls analyzing President Obama's "First 100 Days" in office, one number in the latest USA Today-Gallup poll caught my attention.

When asked what was "the best thing" the new president had done, the No. 1 answer given was improving the United States' image in the world.

It is true. The November election of Obama, an African-American without family fortune or connections, reaffirmed convincingly both the openness and the political equality of American democracy.

Like most human beings, Americans would rather be liked than disliked, and over the last eight years a lot more people around the globe have disliked, rather than liked, the United States, its attitude and its policies. Probably nothing has made others think less and Americans feel worse about the United States than the evidence that the U.S. government had authorized "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment of captured enemy combatants in Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and elsewhere.

Let us resolve first any doubt over whether the United States does officially prohibit cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment. Yes, that explicit prohibition is included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the binding Convention Against Torture, which was ratified by the U.S. Senate after the urging of the president of the United States to "demonstrate unequivocally our desire to bring an end to the abhorrent practice of torture." Those were the words of President Ronald



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American soldier involved in the waterboarding of a North Vietnamese prisoner was court-martialed.

What is most revealing about the continuing public debate over whether extra-legal or clearly illegal techniques of "enhanced interrogation" must be resorted to in order to stop terrorist attacks on America or Americans is the broad fault line between those Americans who are military combat veterans and those who, when they had the chance, preferred not to serve in the U.S. military.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who knows hourly the painful cost of combat, put it well last year in a debate with his primary opponents when he was the only Republican candidate to stand up against the torture of enemy combatants. Speaking of the Senate debate on the Detainee Treatment Act, McCain noted: "There was a sharp division between those who had served in the military and those who hadn't. Virtually every senior officer, retired or

active duty, starting with Colin Powell (Presidential Medal of Freedom winner), Gen. (John W.) Vessey (former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) and everyone else agreed with my position that we should not torture people."

Among the American military leaders who opposed the Bush-Cheney administration's authorization of torture were Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Hoar, former commander in chief U.S. Central Command, Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and three men — former Air Force pilot and U.S. ambassador to Vietnam Pete Peterson, and former Navy pilots Cmdr. Frederick Baldock and Cmdr. Philip Butler. These three men, among them, spent 21 tortured years and 78 days as POWs in North Vietnam.

All of these men have stood with McCain in his fight against torture when he said: "Our brave men and women in the field need clarity. America needs to show the world that the terrible photos and stories of prison abuse are a thing of the past. ... The enemy we fight has no respect for human life or human rights. They don't deserve our sympathy. But this isn't about who they are. It's about who we are. These are the values that distinguish us from our enemies, and we can never, never allow our enemies to take those values away."

The American defense rests!

■ **To find out more about Mark Shields and read past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web site at www.creators.com.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Monday, April 27**, the 117th day of 2009. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Five hundred years ago, on April 27, 1509, Pope Julius II placed the Republic of Venice under an interdict following its refusal to give up lands claimed by the Papal States. (The pope lifted the sanction the following year.)

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y., two days after turning 57.

In 1973, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he had handed over bureau files on the Watergate burglary to the Nixon White House.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months. Fifty-one construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

Ten years ago: A week after the Columbine High School massacre, President Bill Clinton called for new gun control measures, saying, "People's lives are at stake here."

Five years ago: Iraqi police moved into the streets of the besieged city of Fallujah following hours of pounding by U.S. warplanes and artillery on Sunni insurgents.

One year ago: Afghan President Hamid Karzai escaped an attempt on his life during a ceremony in Kabul marking Afghanistan's victory over Soviet occupation in the 1980s; three other people were killed in the shooting.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 87. Announcer Casey Kasem is 77. Actress Judy Carne is 70. R&B singer Cuba Gooding Sr. is 65. Singer Ann Peebles is 62. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 61. R&B singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 60. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 60. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 58. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 50. Singer Mica Paris is 40. Actress Sally Hawkins is 33. Actress Ari Graynor is 26.

BRIEFS**Survey: Gas prices hold steady in US**

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Gas prices in the U.S. are holding steady, according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday.

The average price of regular grade gasoline was \$2.05 a gallon on Friday, when the two-week survey was completed.

That's less than a penny increase from April 10. But the price is \$1.42 below levels from the same time last year.

Fatal abuse trial nears for stepmom

MCDONOUGH, Ga. — A woman who is accused of mentally and physically abusing her 11-year-old stepdaughter is scheduled to go on trial this week for the girl's 2003 death.

Jury selection is set to begin Tuesday. The panel will determine what role Charlott Reaves had in the torture and murder of Joella Reaves.

She faces the death penalty if convicted.

Her husband, Rodney Reaves, was convicted of felony murder, aggravated battery and two counts of cruelty to children in February. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Gunman shoots 2, self in dormitory

HAMPTON, Va. — Hampton University officials say a former student was armed with three guns when he followed a pizza delivery man into his former dorm, shot the delivery man and a dorm monitor before shooting himself.

Officials said at a news conference that all three victims are expected to survive.

Hampton University Police Chief Leroy Crosby says officials have no motive for the shooting, which occurred around 1 a.m. Sunday.

2 Columbus prison escapees caught

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Two inmates who escaped from their work detail last week have been found and are back behind bars.

Columbus police say Michael Patterson and Jason Miller were captured without incident Saturday morning. The two were reported walking along I-185 while still wearing their Muscogee County Prison uniforms.

UAW, Chrysler, Fiat reach deal

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union says it has reached a concession agreement with Chrysler, Fiat and the U.S. government.

The union says the deal is painful but takes advantage of the second chance the company was given by the Treasury Department.

The government rejected Chrysler's viability plan in February and said it could not stand on its own.

The union deal means the company has cleared another major hurdle as it races toward a Thursday deadline to restructure and sign an alliance with Italy's Fiat Group SpA.

Police: Man tried to kill with heater

LaGRANGE, Ga. — Police continued searching Sunday for a LaGrange man accused of using a space heater to try to electrocute and strangle his neighbor during a weekend assault.

LaGrange police said Alexis Dewayne Owens kicked in the door of his neighbors' apartment early Saturday morning and began hitting his male neighbor with the heater.

Authorities say Owens then tried to electrocute the male victim with the heater's cord and when that failed, he allegedly tied the cord in a knot and attempted to strangle the man.

The suspect fled before police arrived.

—Associated Press

Ga. prof suspected in shootings leaves no trail

By **RUSS BYNUM**
Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — A college professor suspected in the shooting deaths of his wife and two men outside a community theater hasn't used his cell phone or credit card, leaving few traces as authorities searched for him Sunday.

George Zinkhan, a 57-year-old marketing professor at the University of Georgia, was last seen Saturday afternoon shortly after the shooting when he dropped his two young children off at his neighbor's house, police said.

Authorities initially described one of the victims, Marie Bruce, as Zinkhan's ex-wife, although police later said the couple was still married.

Investigators have received no tips about Zinkhan's whereabouts and urged people to call police if they see his 2005 red Jeep Liberty with Georgia license plate AIX1376.

State and federal authorities are assisting in the search. Investigators were monitoring airports in case Zinkhan tried to head to Amsterdam, where he owns a home, and speaking with law enforcement agencies in Austin, Texas, where he has relatives. Officials hope Zinkhan will surface, said Athens-Clarke County Police Capt. Clarence Holeman.

"Criminals make mistakes. It doesn't matter if you've got a Ph.D., an M.D. or whatever," Holeman said.

Meanwhile, friends of the victims dropped off flowers



AP PHOTO (THE ATHENS BANNER-HERALD)

Athens Clarke-County Coroner Sonny Wilson wipes his forehead after walking away from the scene where three people were killed, Saturday in Athens, Ga.

and lit candles Sunday morning in front of the Athens Community Theater. The victims — Bruce, 47; Tom Tanner, 40; and Ben Teague, 63 — were members of Town & Gown Players, a local theater group that was staging a performance of "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" this weekend at the theater. Two others were hurt by shrapnel.

It was midday Saturday when a few dozen members of the theater group were gathered at the Athens Community Theater a short distance from campus. Some described it as a reunion, a homecoming for current and former group members. Most were inside the theater, while a small group was gathered

around a few benches outside.

Holeman, the police captain, said an argument erupted between Zinkhan and Bruce. Holeman said police believe Zinkhan walked away briefly, before returning with two handguns.

Each victim was shot multiple times, according to the county coroner.

Holeman said Zinkhan had his son and daughter with him when he went to the theater, but left them in the Jeep when the shooting occurred.

None of the 20 witnesses interviewed by police overheard the argument and couldn't say what prompted the shooting, Holeman said, though he described the slayings as "a crime of passion."

Georgia scholarships to end for 1,500 students

ATLANTA (AP) — Some of Georgia's top students are learning that a four-year scholarship they were awarded to help keep them from attending schools out of state will no longer be funded.

The Governor's Scholarship Program was quietly removed from the budget lawmakers passed April 3 on the final day of the 2009 session, and the Student Finance Commission has been notifying about 1,500 students that they won't get the aid next fall.

The program began in the mid-1980s as an incentive to keep Georgia's valedictorians and other top students from going out of state for college. About 3,000 students were getting more than \$4.5 million in awards at its peak in the 1990s, but the program has been scaled back since then.

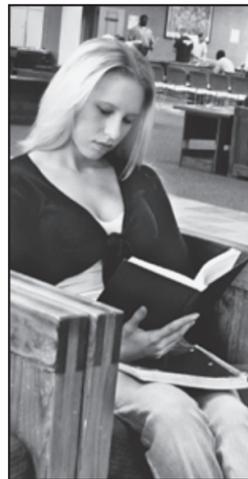
This year Georgia spent about \$1.3 million on the program, which amounted to \$900 for most students.

Tim Connell, president of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, questioned whether the scholarship was keeping top students in Georgia, especially with the drop to \$900.

"It's not enough to say, 'Instead of going to Harvard or going to Vanderbilt or going to Duke, I am going to the University of Georgia,'" he said.

"It's probably become more of an 'attaboy' for valedictorians."

But Joey Krumpach, Georgia Gwinnett College freshman who received the scholarship after being valedictorian said it did help



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persuade him to stay.

"It was the best education for the money," he said.

Governor's Scholarship recipients also get HOPE scholarships, which pay their tuition and provide book and fee money. The Governor's Scholarship helped pay for room and board and other expenses.

Gov. Sonny Perdue recommended the program be eliminated and the Legislature obliged. Rep. Kathy Ashe (D-Atlanta), a former teacher and member of the House Education Committee, said she didn't realize the program had been eliminated until someone sent her a copy of the Student Finance Commission letter being mailed to students.

"We need to make it a priority to reward these deserving students and keep them in the state," she said. "I think it's one of those places where priorities become very clear."

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WINNING PUBLIC SPEAKERS



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Coker Elementary students recently demonstrated their public speaking skills in a contest sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Students shared their presentations on this year's topic, "A Person Who Has Touched Many Lives." From left are Donna Standridge, principal; Victoria Benson, second place; McKinley Blassingame, first place; Andrew Corbin, third place; and Pam Loughridge, Excel teacher.

Politicians debate interrogations charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Democratic senator wants independent investigators to determine whether any Bush administration officials should be prosecuted for authorizing harsh interrogation techniques of suspected terrorists.

Michigan Sen. Carl Levin says no politicians should be involved in making decisions about prosecutions. Levin heads the Senate Armed Services Committee, which came out with a report detailing the history of harsh interrogation techniques authorized under President George W. Bush.

President Barack Obama has said Attorney General Eric Holder would determine whether anyone from the Bush administration broke the law by developing a legal rationale for the interrogations.

Meanwhile, Sen. John McCain says pursuing

charges against Bush administration officials who approved harsh interrogations for suspected terrorists might be an effort to settle some old political scores.

McCain condemns the harsh interrogation techniques as violating the Geneva Conventions and putting American troops at risk when they are captured.

Yet the Arizona Republican says the nation is ready to move on from the controversy and deal with more important issues, including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

McCain says President Barack Obama poured gasoline on the fire when he released memos detailing the Bush administration's rationale for allowing the techniques that critics say amount to torture.

Levin appeared on "Fox News Sunday." McCain appeared Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Experts urging parents to teach children about money

BY MARY CORNATZER
Raleigh News and Observer

Apparently, the heads of AIG, Bear Stearns and Lehman Bros. never got allowances when they were growing up.

If they had, they would have learned to use their money — and presumably their shareholders' money — more responsibly.

That's what the word is from professionals in the business of teaching children about money.

Most people agree that children should be given the responsibility of managing their own money, and while many suggest an allowance, there also was support for chores, lemonade stands and the like. The most important thing, all agree, is to talk to your kids about money.

"It doesn't matter if your family is low-income or high-income," says Erin Scheithe, financial-education director for the North Carolina Bankers Association. "Everyone at any income level needs to be honest and open about how money is earned and spent and saved. ... People of all socioeconomic classes have trouble with debt."

Kids who don't get "the talk" from their parents will get their cues from the media, or from their friends at school, says Stacey Sherman, head of Family Life By Design, which coaches families in family management and financial literacy.

If your children equate having lots of stuff — like the family down the block with the movie room — with being wealthy, you may need to talk about debt. How you get it and the consequences.

And if you don't have that conversation, they'll pick up your feelings about money from watching how you spend and from the little things you say or don't say, Sherman said. The message received may not be the one you want to send.

Of course, that leads to another rule for parents: Walk the talk.

If you preach fiscal

responsibility to your kids, they'll certainly catch you in the act of straying.

Sherman considers money an emotional issue fraught with the baggage we bring to it from our own childhood.

Sherman points to the book "Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids about Money — that the Poor and Middle Class Do Not" (by Robert T. Kiyosaki and Sharon L. Lechter) as an example.

When your child expresses a desire for something, do you say, "We can't afford it"? If you grew up in a poor or a middle-class family, you might. A better option? "Let's figure out how we can afford that." One closes the door for opportunity, Sherman said. The other opens it.

Scheith also suggests talking to children about priorities when they express a desire for something.

"Rather than saying we can't afford the new Wii game, say, 'We're saving \$100 a month so you can go to college,'" she says. "The difference between wants and needs is a fundamental lesson."

Some tips to help you get started:

- Learn where you are in the financial learning curve. If you don't feel comfortable talking to your children about money, it might be because you were never taught yourself.

- Check local community colleges for continuing-education courses on budgeting and investing, as well as area parks and recreation programs.

- Start the talks early. Explain where money comes

from and where it goes: lights, heat, food. Explain what an ATM is (i.e., not free money).

Here are some resources for children, parents and teachers:

- JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy: This one is a clearinghouse for K-12 personal-finance educational materials. Geared toward parents but with some activities for children.

- Personal favorite is www.jumpstart.org/reality-check, which is a quiz. Kids answer questions about how they expect to live when they get older: Eating out or at home? Buying CDs and movies? Public transportation or car? The site then calculates how much they'll need to earn per hour to achieve that lifestyle. (www.jumpstartcoalition.org)

- Institute of Consumer Financial Education's Children and Money: Information on saving, spending and credit info for both kids and their parents. (www.financial-education-icfe.org/children_and_money/index.asp)

- Investing for Kids: Designed by and for high-school students. It includes quizzes, tutorials and a stock-market simulation. (library.thinkquest.org/3096/index.htm)

- Stock Market Game: An electronic simulation of Wall Street trading for students in grades 4-12, sponsored by the Securities Industry Foundation for Economic Education. This one is for teachers. (www.smg2000.org/)

- Money Chimp: For middle school and up, I'd

suggest — parents may find it helpful as well. It offers explanations of what's going on now in the economy as well as how to read an annual report. The graphics explain finance and an interest calculator and a get-out-of-debt calculator. Follow the links to learn how to calculate compound interest. (www.moneychimp.com/)

- "Raising Financially Fit Kids" by Joline Godfrey (Ten Speed Press, \$19.95). Covers 10 specific money skills a child can master by the age of 18 and gives parents a step-by-step approach to raising habitual savers and smart money managers.

TIGER DAY



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Sponsored by the School Council, Tiger Day will be held at Spring Place Elementary on Saturday, May 2. The yard sale starts at 7 a.m. Space rental is \$5. Games will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An All-Day Fun Bracelet for kids ages 1-13 is \$6 that provides access to games and jumpers, one snow cone and one bag of popcorn. Pictured from left are assistant principal Kathy Moore and principal Emma Long.

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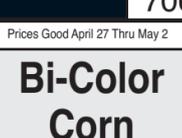
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Famous hand

Once upon a time — and this is no fairy tale — Easley Blackwood, inventor of the Blackwood Convention, was playing in a pair championship when two awestruck and nervous novices came to his table and played this deal against him.

Blackwood got to four spades, and the player on his left led a diamond (the king of hearts would have been a more inspired lead). Blackwood won the diamond with the nine and returned the club deuce. West followed low, and dummy's queen won the trick. South then discarded the king of clubs on the ace of hearts and returned a trump.

Ordinarily, declarer would finesse in this situation, but Blackwood reasoned that, having already "stolen" two tricks in the play, it was wiser to cash the A-K to avert a possible diamond ruff. This turned out exceptionally well when he caught West's queen to pick up yet another trick.

Still not satisfied, Blackwood played four more rounds of trumps, producing this position:

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 2
♥ A J 7 3 2
♦ A 7 4 3
♣ Q 4 3

WEST
♠ Q 8
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ A 7 5

EAST
♠ 9 6 3
♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ 5
♣ J 10 9 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 7 5 4
♥ ♣ K 2
♦ K J 9 2
♣ K 2

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

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

Blackwood now led his last trump, and poor West, who could not spare the king of hearts, discarded a diamond. Blackwood thereupon discarded a heart from dummy and cashed the A-K-J of diamonds to finish with all 13 tricks.

As the two newcomers were leaving the table, West turned to his partner and said, "You see, Charlie, it's just like I told you. Even the experts don't bid all their slams."

Tomorrow: Reading between the lines.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSE A FELLOW LEFT HIS DOORS AND WINDOWS UNLOCKED. I THINK IT'S PROBABLE HE'S ROBBABLE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals L

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Pace yourself wisely this year. You will be inclined to offer too much and to get too little in return. Realize your worth, put a price on your time and effort and incorporate a solid budget. With a little confidence, you will see how much respect you gain and how quickly your options grow. Your numbers are 7, 10, 14, 25, 31, 38, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can reinvent one of your talents and turn it into a prosperous pastime. Step out on a limb and present what you have to offer. It's your no-nonsense attitude coupled with your drive that will attract attention. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show a little versatility if you want others to consider you a candidate for an activity in which you want to participate. Someone will show an interest in you but don't be fooled — there are strings attached. Question what's expected of you. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can work your charm and get your way. Take on a challenge and you'll receive attention from someone who can make a difference in your life. Don't let demanding individuals tie up your time. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions cost you financially. Control your spending and your lending. An interesting individual may charm his or her way into your pocketbook, if you aren't careful. You have to say no. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Whether you are learning something new or getting to know someone or visiting a destination you've never been before, there are lessons to be learned that will give you the advantage in other areas of your life. You can express your desires and come out on top. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may think you have everything under control, but don't expect things to run

smoothly, especially where work is concerned. Someone will do something unorthodox. By taking a power position, you will send a message that is difficult to deny. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take action and you will set yourself apart from the competition. A new look at something you used to enjoy doing will spark enthusiasm, leading to a new hobby, new friends or a new social activity. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone will not be happy if you shirk your responsibilities. A change is apparent within a social or networking group to which you belong. If you take a strong position, everyone will know you mean business. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will want to spend as much time with you as you do with him or her. Plan something special. Changes at home will complement your current lifestyle. An old friend may not agree with what you are doing. Follow your heart. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time with someone who knows how to have fun and you will experience something that can bring you a lot of joy for years to come. Diversify and you will be inspired to make some powerful changes at home to stabilize your future. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love must be nurtured in order to keep things running smoothly and your emotions under control. A job opportunity or chance to learn something new will help you realize what direction you should be taking next. Someone from your past will inspire you. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone will try to upset you emotionally. Do whatever is necessary to manipulate the situation you face. Now is not the time to give in when, in fact, you should be setting the stage for what's to come. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

To Your Good Health

Resurface or replace a hip?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband is 53. He enjoys skiing, hiking, golf and other outdoor activities. He has painful hip arthritis and needs a new hip.



Paul G. Donohue

We have heard many pros and cons about hip resurfacing versus total hip replacement. He wants to avoid a second surgery for as long as possible, but he still wants to be active. What do you have to say? — K.Z.

ANSWER: I say your husband sounds like a good candidate for hip resurfacing. He is relatively young. He's active, and he wants to stay active. Hip resurfacing permits him to resume most, if not all, of his outdoor activities. He should consider it.

Let me give you a guided tour of the hip so we are on the same page. The thigh bone — the large upper leg bone — is the femur. At its top, it takes a 40 degree inward turn toward the pelvic bone. At its end, the hip bone has a ball that fits into a socket on the pelvic bone to make the hip joint. Arthritis roughens the surfaces of the ball and socket and eats away at their cushioning cartilage cover. Movement of the leg becomes painful at the hip, and the joint stiffens.

Resurfacing consists in

smoothing the surfaces of the ball and socket. Bone isn't removed as it is in replacement. The doctor puts a metallic cap over the resurfaced hip ball and places a metallic cup in the pelvic socket. The person now has two smooth joint surfaces.

In hip replacement, the surgeon removes the entire ball of the femur, replaces it with a metal ball and puts a metal or ceramic cup in the pelvic socket.

A resurfaced joint can take more stress than an artificial joint. Your husband will have few, if any, restrictions on his activities. A resurfaced joint has a fairly long life. If, in the future, the hip begins to hurt again, doctors can still perform a hip replacement.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This past year, I had bacterial pneumonia and was put on an antibiotic for six days. I felt good. But then it came back worse than what it had been, and I was put on another antibiotic for almost two weeks.

I finally began to feel great. I was told I wasn't on the first antibiotic long enough.

People tell me that once you have had pneumonia, it becomes a recurring disease. Is this so? What can I do to prevent that? I did get the pneumonia shot. I kept myself in good health. — C.B.

ANSWER: Adequately treated pneumonia doesn't recur. Sometimes, pneumonia damages the lungs and they become more susceptible to another infection, but the same pneumonia isn't likely to come back. A second pneumonia is a distinct second infection, and it happens only if the lungs have been permanently damaged. Usually they are not. You have taken a giant step in prevention of pneumonia by getting the pneumonia vaccine. It's not truly a pneumonia vaccine. It's a vaccine against one kind of pneumonia — pneumococcal (NEW-mock-kok-ul) pneumonia, the most common kind of bacterial pneumonia and one that is especially hazardous to older people. You should also get a yearly flu shot. Pneumonia can follow on the heels of flu.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am about to turn 50, and I will be having a colonoscopy. I saw that the

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bowel cleansers used in preparation for a colonoscopy can cause kidney failure. I am afraid to have the procedure done. Please comment. — G.H.

ANSWER: Sodium phosphate laxatives, often used to clean out the colon, cause kidney failure and electrolyte disturbances only very, very rarely and usually in people who have had prior kidney illness. These colon preparations should be not be used in people with kidney conditions, and they should be used with caution in people taking diuretics (water pills) or the two blood pressure medicines called ACE-inhibitors and ARBs.

Tell your doctor you have reservations. You can use other bowel cleansers. The polyethylene glycol laxatives are examples. Two names are Golytely and HalfLyte.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT



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Several students at the University of West Georgia, including Franklin Zane Dobbins of Rocky Face, were named recipients of Gordon Watson Awards at the university's annual academic honors convocation. The awards are presented to outstanding students from various academic disciplines in the humanities. Recipients must have a declared major in the field awarded, superior academic achievement, a demonstrated leadership ability, potential for development in the respective academic discipline and active involvement in extracurricular activities.

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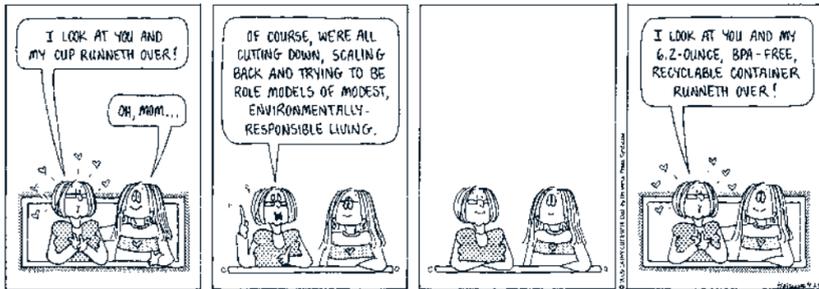
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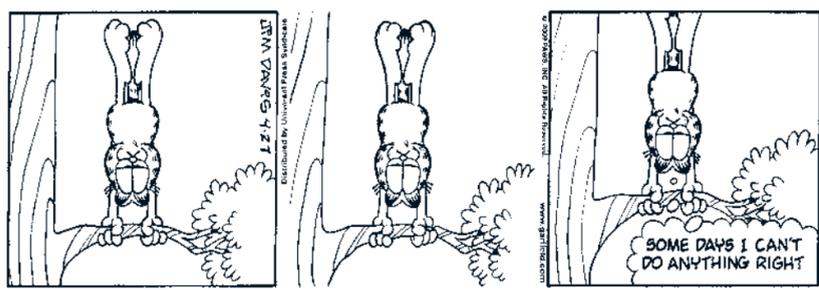
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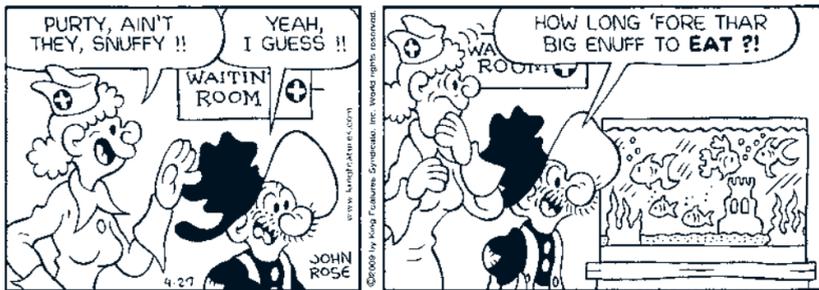
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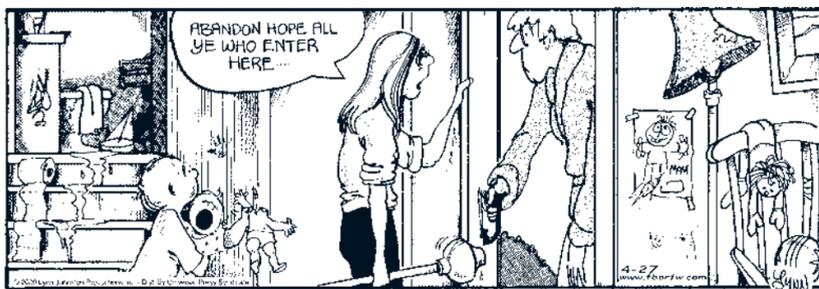
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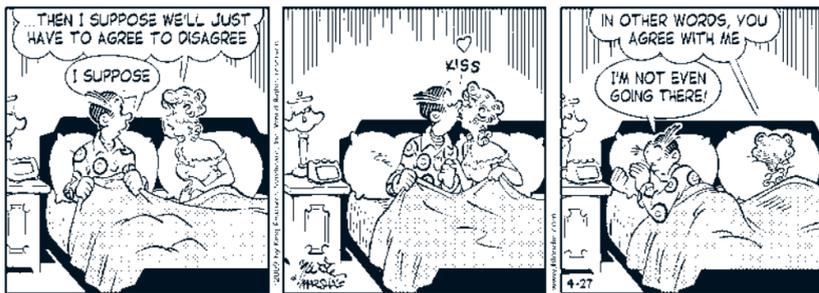
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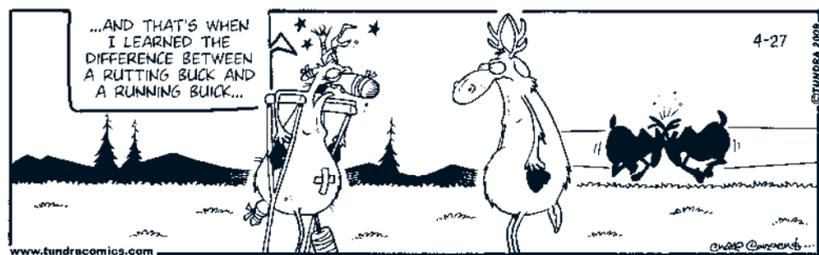
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DEAR ABBY

Girl wants to turn empathy for the disabled into action

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl, soon to graduate from elementary school. Please don't judge me by my age because I have an important question.

Recently, I picked up the newspaper, glanced at the front page and an article caught my eye. It was about a disabled man who had been kidnapped and taken to an apartment where he was beaten. It was one of the most disgusting things I have ever read.

Not long after that, I saw another article. This time it was about a mentally challenged man who was lured from his bus stop to a deserted street, then beaten and robbed. Knowing these things happen makes me sad, angry and turns my stomach.

I want to do something to help stop these acts of violence, but I don't know what. Joining a group or donating doesn't seem to be enough. I would like to help the disabled directly. Do you have any ideas? — CARES DEEPLY IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR CARES DEEPLY: You are a sensitive, right-minded young lady, and for that I commend you. I do have some ideas you might find interesting. You could:

- 1. Collect gently used children's clothing

and donate the garments to a homeless shelter.

2. Volunteer some time each month to befriend a developmentally disabled child. The special education department at your school might be able to help you with this.

3. Collect signatures for a petition to increase the penalties for those who commit crimes against mentally ill and homeless people. Talk about your feelings at school and at your place of worship and see if friends would be interested in joining you in your efforts.

Remember, one small spark can start a prairie fire.

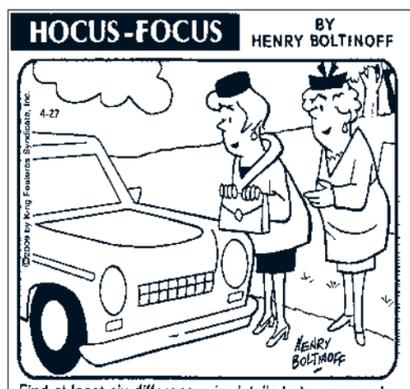
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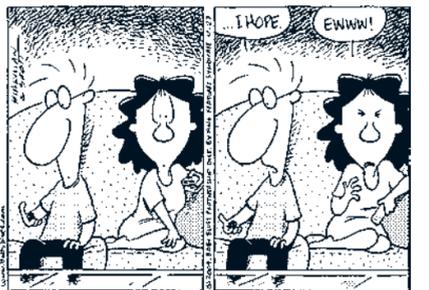
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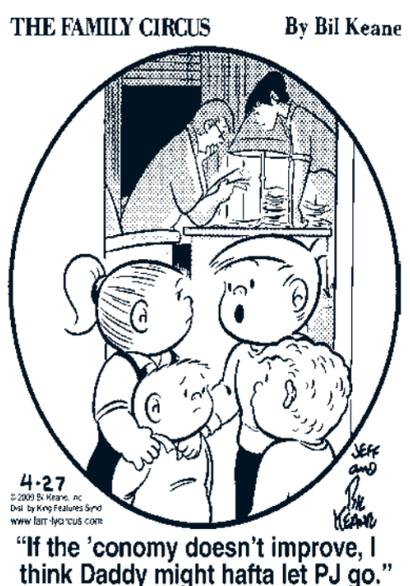
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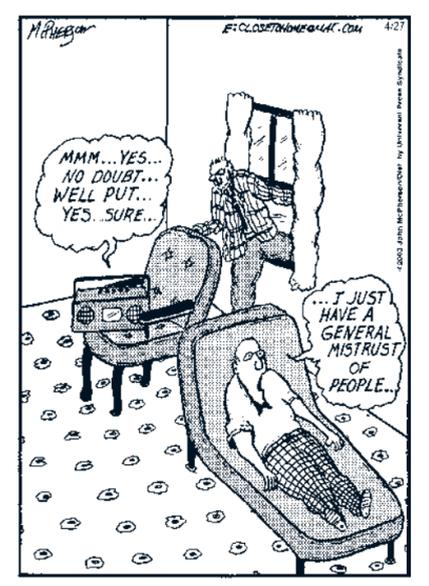
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OBITUARIES

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 • **Emmalene Miller Goldman, Dalton**
 • **Rodney Keith Higgins, Dalton**
 • **Betty Lois (Langford) Martin, Dalton**
 • **Bonnie Brown Nelson, Dalton**
 • **Joyce June Ruiz, Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Earl W. Dye

Earl W. Dye, 105, a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., passed away at his home on Friday, April 24, 2009, with his family by his side.

Mr. Dye was born in McMinn County and he was the son of the late Mary and Albert Dye. His wife, Lucy Annie Johnson Dye, whom he married in 1921 when he was 18 years old and she was 14 years old and his daughter, Della Sue Dye Thomas, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Dye lived through the Great Depression and many wars. He worked hard and did what he had to do to raise his family. He made sure his six children had plenty to eat, clothes to wear and an education. Mr. Dye worked for L&N Railroad in Etowah. The young couple moved to Cleveland in 1941 where he worked for Dixie Foundry and Rossville Woolen Mills. He then went to work for Brown Stove Foundry and retired from there in 1969. He mowed grass after his retirement until he was 91 years old. Mr. Dye came to the Lord in 1961 and was faithful until his death. He was baptized at Easy Fork by the Rev. John McCann. He attended the Southview Baptist Church every Wednesday and Sunday until he was 104 and became unable to attend. Mr. Dye told his family "the sure miss going to church."

Survivors include his sons, James Robert Dye and his wife Judy, William Dye and his wife Frances,

Richard Herman Dye and his wife Becky all of Cleveland; his daughters, Phyllis Clark and Marie Cooley, both also of Cleveland; 21 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, 38 great-great-grandchildren, four great-great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The Remembrance of Life Service is today at 2 p.m. from the Wildwood Chapel of Jim Rush Funeral Homes with the Rev. Buddy Brewer and the Rev. Don Harris officiating.

Burial will be in Mars Hills Cemetery in McMinn County with grandsons, Jason Dye, Harold Dye, Timmy Crumley, Ronnie Godfrey, Danny Catlett, Lonnie Cross and James Dispaine serving as pallbearers. A dove release will conclude the services.

The family received friends from Sunday at the Wildwood Chapel of Jim Rush Funeral Homes, which has charge of the arrangements.

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Emmalene Miller Goldman

Mrs. Emmalene Miller Goldman, 100, of Dalton, died Friday, April 24, 2009, at her residence.

She was the daughter of the late Norman W. Miller Sr. and Lillian Climer Miller and was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Goldman and brothers, Norman W. Miller Jr., Nevin J. Miller Sr. and W. Edward Miller.

Emmalene is survived by her sister-in-law, Hilda Strain Bryant of Dalton; nieces and nephews, Nevin J. Miller Jr. and Anne of Gwinnett County, Laird and Amy Miller of Gainesville, Janey Miller Amos and Michael of Dalton, Susan M. Robinson and William of Albany; great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are today at 10 a.m. at Fain Cemetery in Calhoun with the Dr. Joe Peabody officiating.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Sunday.

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

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Rodney Keith Higgins

Mr. Rodney Keith Higgins, 55, of Dalton, departed this life Friday, April 24, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Higgins was born Feb. 17, 1954, in Whitfield County. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Higgins.

He attended Grace Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Beverley Ogle Higgins; mother, Dimple Morrison; son, Stacy DeFoor; sister, Kim Johns all of Dalton; brother, Bruce Travillian of Tunnel Hill; grandchildren, Joe Burley DeFoor and Dougie DeFoor; mother-in-law, Ollie Ogle of Dalton; grandmother, Lillian Higgins of Knoxville, Tenn.; sisters-in-laws, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services are Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Brother Chris Corbin officiating.

Interment will follow in the United Memorial Gardens with Stacy DeFoor, Bruce Travillian, Mike Woodard, Eric Griffin, Caleb Travillian, and Rick Patterson will serve as pallbearers.

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

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the

Higgins family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Betty Lois (Langford) Martin

Mrs. Betty Lois (Langford) Martin, 72, of Dalton, went to meet her heavenly father on Friday, April 24, 2009, with her family at her bedside, after a brief illness with lung cancer.

She was a retired hairstylist of 25 years and was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church in Dalton, where she taught Sunday School for 20 years, and was active in the church choir, Awana's and Bible School until her illness. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family dearly.

She is the daughter of the late Rev. James A. and Bessie Steelmon Langford and was preceded in death by her brothers, Will Dee Langford and V.S. Langford; sisters-in-law, Frances Langford and Hazel Langford.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 50 years, Billy Martin of Dalton; daughter, Rhonda Segars of Ringgold; son and daughter-in-law, Marty and Anda Martin of Dalton; grandchildren, Cory Segars, Kyle Martin, Brittney and Robby Runyan; great-grandchildren, Isaac Phillips, Trenton Phillips, Gavin Runyan and Brinlee Runyan; brother, J.C. Langford; sisters and brother-in-law, Mildred Coley, Margie and Johnny Muse all of Dalton; sisters-in-law, Margaret Witt of Rainbow City, Ala., and Neva Sane of Dalton; special cousin, Geraldine Sneed; special friend, Sue Chumley; her faithful dog, Oscar; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services are today at 2 p.m. from the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Glen Cavin, the Rev. John Leatherwood and the Rev. Dan McNeese officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 2115 Murray Ave., Dalton, GA 30721.

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

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Bonnie Brown Nelson

Mrs. Bonnie Brown Nelson, 96, of Dalton, died Friday, April 24, 2009, at Regency Park.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 75 years, Homer H. Nelson in 2006; her brothers, Lloyd Brown, Milburn Brown, Alfred Brown, Thomas Brown and J.W. Brown; sisters, Lola Burnette and Dell Williams.

Bonnie is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Earl Watson, Lillian and John Shuler, Shelia and Dan McNeese all of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Homer B. and Betty Nelson of Dalton; ; sisters-in-law, Pauline Brown and Marie Brown, both of Dalton; grandchildren, Debbie and Bobby Lankford, Tony and Sonya Shuler, Eric and Michelle Shuler, Bradley and Jamie Nelson, Scott and Kristy Watson, Julie Nelson, Terry and Carrie Smith all of Dalton, Greg and Cassie Parsons of

Jackson, Tenn., Carl and Cindy Flemister of Ooltewah, Tenn.; great-grandchildren, Michael and Donna Craig, Jan and Mike Cross, Jeremy Shuler, Brad and Leigha Petty, Kelly and Carl Flemister, Lane, Lance and Logan Watson, Hunter and Brock Nelson, Erica Shuler, Caleb, Grace-Ann and Jacob Smith, Marcus, Luke and Katie Parsons and Hadley Nelson; great-great-grandchildren, Brooke and Brandy Craig, Cade and Judson Petty; sisters, Jessie and Robert Williams and Jenell and Glenn Smith, both of Dalton; nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Glen Cavin and the Rev. Dan McNeese officiating.

Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Sunday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 3859, Dalton, GA 30719.

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Joyce June Ruiz

Mrs. Joyce June Ruiz, 72, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday, April 26, 2009 at a local hospital.

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

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Decreasing services, staff

US hospitals are cutting back in recession

LINDA A. JOHNSON
 AP Business Writer

TRENTON, N.J. — Ailing from the recession, many U.S. hospitals have had to begin making painful cuts to patient services and laying off staff, as previous cost-cutting hasn't been enough, an industry survey found.

In previous recessions the health care industry has held up well, but this time hospitals and other health care businesses are hurting. Besieged by financial pressures including more needy and uninsured people, hospitals now are making tough decisions that affect their patients and communities.

The American Hospital Association found 22 percent of hospitals that responded to its March survey have reduced services since the economic crisis began in September. Those services range from outpatient clinics and behavioral health programs to patient education and home health care after discharge.

University Medical Center of Southern Nevada had to close its mammography center and started phasing out outpatient cancer treatment in November, said spokesman Rick Plummer. The decision was made right after Nevada's legislature, squeezed because high unemployment and foreclosure rates have slashed tax revenue, cut about \$30 million from the Las Vegas safety-net hospital's charity care and funding for Medicaid, the government health care program for the poor.

Meanwhile, nine of 10 hospitals said they cut expenses in the first quarter, with eight in 10 cutting administrative spending. Other strategies include eliminating jobs, selling assets, reducing overtime,



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Hospitals are not immune to cutting back in this recession, according to a recent survey.

cutting staff hours, freezing salaries, cutting benefits and reducing supply costs. In addition, some hospitals are considering mergers to reduce costs.

Just under half the hospitals have cut staff, and the number resorting to mass layoffs — 50 or more employees at once — is up.

And while total employment at hospitals grew somewhat in 2008, even as millions of jobs were lost in other industries, hospital employment grew by only 0.1 percent each in January and February and was flat in March. That's according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For the first quarter of this year, 43 percent of hospitals

said they expected to lose money, up from 26 percent in the first three months of last year. About one in three hospitals saw a drop in the ratio of income to what they must pay creditors. Declines in such measures of financial health can lead creditors to demand immediate repayment of loans.

Meanwhile, many hospitals are seeing increased interest expenses, insurers taking longer to pay their bills, more difficulty or inability to borrow money and other problems. That's led more than three-fourths of hospitals to delay, stop or scale back building projects or upgrades to medical or information technology.

The survey was sent to all 4,946 community hospitals in the country, and 1,078, or 22 percent, responded. Data was collected from March 5 through March 27. The hospital association said the respondents generally represented all types of hospitals, such as urban, suburban and rural.

Doctors urge baseline test for prostate cancer

(AP) — An influential doctors group is backing off its call for annual tests after age 50 to screen for prostate cancer.

"Many men do not need yearly screening," but each man's risk should be individually assessed, said Dr. Peter Carroll, who led the panel that wrote the American Urological Association's new guidelines. They are being issued today at the group's annual meeting in Chicago.

The new stance brings the group more in line with advice from other experts, who say annual screening is leading to unnecessary biopsies and treatment with little proof that it saves lives. Screening involves a physical exam and a blood test for a substance called PSA.

The urology group's new advice says men should be offered a baseline PSA test at age 40, and follow-ups at intervals based on each man's situation. A high PSA at age 40 greatly predicts a risk of prostate cancer, said Carroll, a urologist at the University of California at

San Francisco.

Doing a baseline test "makes a lot of sense to me," said Dr. Eric Klein, prostate cancer chief at the Cleveland Clinic.

Others disagreed. There is no proof that a baseline test will save lives, said Dr. Barnett Kramer, a National Institutes of Health scientist.

"The same issue of harm comes up — overdiagnosis. A baseline PSA, just like regular PSA screening, can lead to the diagnosis of cancers that would not have harmed a man had they not been detected," Kramer said.

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in American men. An estimated 186,000 new cases and 28,660 deaths from it occurred last year.



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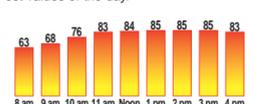
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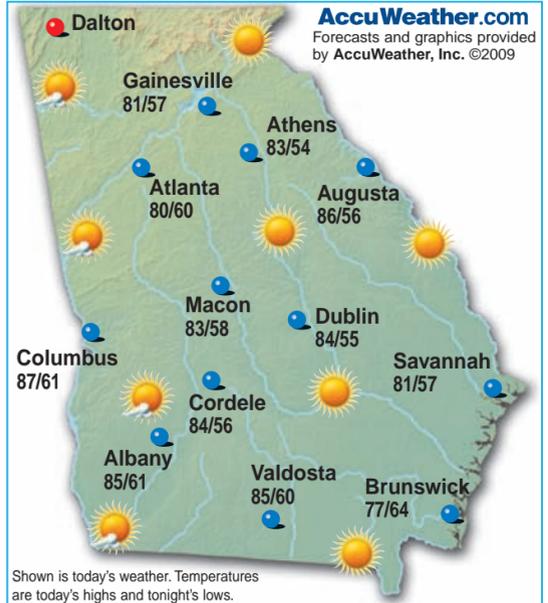
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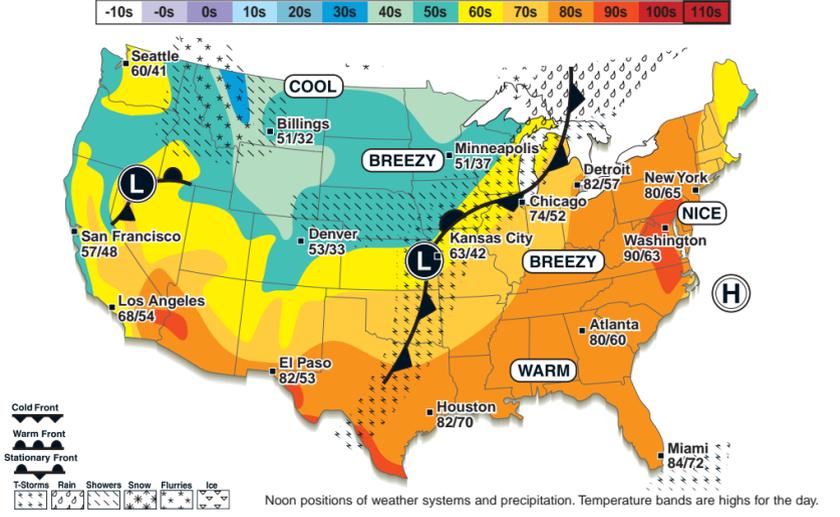
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Georgia Weather



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Athens	83/54/s	80/56/pc	80/58/pc	Marietta	80/55/s	79/58/pc	79/58/pc
Augusta	86/56/s	84/53/pc	82/58/s	Newton	85/58/s	86/61/pc	85/62/s
Brunswick	77/64/s	77/65/s	76/65/s	Rome	86/57/s	83/58/pc	81/58/pc
College Park	80/60/s	78/59/pc	77/60/pc	Savannah	81/57/s	81/57/s	80/61/s
Columbus	87/61/s	84/61/pc	84/62/pc	Sparta	81/52/s	81/57/pc	83/58/pc
Gainesville	81/57/s	77/57/pc	78/58/pc	Valdosta	85/60/s	86/59/pc	85/61/s

National Weather for April 27, 2009



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Baltimore	90/58/s	88/56/pc	70/48/c	Indianapolis	79/59/pc	70/49/t	68/52/pc
Billings	51/32/c	48/31/r	44/27/sn	Kansas City	63/42/r	69/50/s	73/54/c
Boise	64/41/pc	59/39/c	56/37/sh	Las Vegas	83/59/s	81/61/s	85/62/s
Buffalo	83/58/pc	68/45/r	58/38/pc	Los Angeles	68/54/pc	64/52/pc	66/55/pc
Charlotte	86/56/s	82/56/pc	81/58/pc	Memphis	81/64/pc	76/63/t	76/63/t
Cheyenne	50/31/c	61/37/pc	65/37/s	Miami	84/72/s	83/73/pc	83/72/s
Chicago	74/52/t	55/42/sh	64/44/pc	Milwaukee	69/46/t	52/39/sh	57/40/pc
Cincinnati	85/59/pc	73/52/t	68/52/c	Minneapolis	51/37/pc	61/42/s	55/45/pc
Cleveland	81/61/pc	69/46/t	61/44/pc	New Orleans	83/68/pc	82/68/pc	83/67/pc
Dallas	78/64/t	75/65/t	79/66/t	New York	80/65/s	86/60/s	70/49/c
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NASCAR SPRINT CUP: AARON'S 499

Keselowski sneaks in win on wild final lap



AP PHOTO

Carl Edwards (99) goes airborne as Ryan Newman (39) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. drive by on the final lap of the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.

BY JENNA FRYER
Associated Press Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Carl Edwards climbed from his crumpled race car and crossed the Talladega Superspeedway finish line on foot. In the grandstand to his left, seven fans were injured from the flying debris of his last-lap battle with eventual winner Brad Keselowski.

"We'll race like this until we kill somebody," Edwards said, "then (NASCAR) will change it."

The dangerous but dramatic restrictor-plate racing came under fire again Sunday after Edwards' attempt to block Keselowski's winning pass triggered the last of several frightening accidents at one of the sport's most visible tracks. Officials said none of seven fans

sustained life-threatening injuries from the debris that flew into the grandstands.

Dr. Bobby Lewis, Talladega's onsite physician, said two people in the crowd were airlifted from the track to avoid the heavy traffic. One woman had a possible broken jaw, Lewis said, and another had an undisclosed medical issue.

After Keselowski pushed Edwards past Ryan Newman and Dale Earnhardt Jr. into the lead on the final lap, the 25-year-old Earnhardt protege peeked around Edwards as they closed in on the

finish line. Edwards ducked low to block the pass, but Keselowski was too close and couldn't avoid contact that sent Edwards into a spin up the track and into Newman's path.

Edwards' car flew over the top of Newman's hood, then went airborne into the frontstretch fence. It swelled toward the fans but held, and Edwards' car returned to the racing surface.

"I'm glad the car didn't go up in the grandstands and hurt somebody," Edwards said. "I saw some fencing at one point and that made me a little bit nervous. I don't know if I could live with myself if I ended up in the grandstands."

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COMMENTARY

Stafford set up for failure in Detroit

It's a given — Matthew Stafford will fail in the NFL.

Just look his starting position in the league. The first pick of the 2009 draft will now play quarterback for the league's worst franchise, the Detroit Lions.

The Lions are coming off the NFL's first-ever 0-16 season. They've never been to a Super

Bowl and have one playoff win in 52 years. Their best player in franchise history, Barry Sanders, retired about five years early after the 1998 season because, as he would later admit, he couldn't stand playing for a losing organization.



Adam Krohn

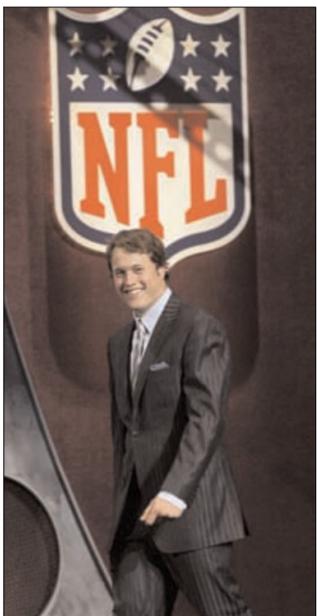
And of course, there's the Matt Millen era, which was basically eight years of horrible draft day decisions that worked to keep the Lions reputation for being losers well intact.

Does anyone really expect Stafford, a three-year starting quarterback at Georgia, to change the losing culture in Detroit? A hot-headed, overconfident 21-year-old kid with a rocket arm can't take a team with no defense, no offensive line, no running game and an inexperienced coaching staff to higher levels.

Or, at least that's never been done before.

Even if the pieces were in place on the field for Stafford personnel-wise, he's not mentally prepared to

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AP PHOTO
Matthew Stafford, the quarterback from Georgia, is the Detroit Lions' new designated savior. Stafford was the first overall pick of this weekend's NFL draft.

PRO FOOTBALL: NFL DRAFT



Falcons first round draft pick Peria Jerry, center, poses with Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff, left, and coach Mike Smith, right, during a Sunday press conference where the Falcons announced the addition of the former Ole Miss defensive tackle to the team at the Falcons practice facility in Flowery Branch.

AP PHOTO

Falcons boost D

Team enjoys productive weekend

BY CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press Writer

FLOWERY BRANCH — Position by position, draft pick by draft pick, the Atlanta Falcons kept addressing needs on defense.

The draft which started with two defensive picks on Saturday continued with five more selections on defense on Sunday.

The Falcons selected defensive players with seven of their eight picks. The imbalance was unusual, but so was Atlanta's need — especially after the trade for 10-time Pro Bowl tight end Tony Gonzalez two days before the draft filled the biggest hole on offense.

The Falcons ranked sixth in total offense and 24th in total defense in 2008.

The bookends for Atlanta's draft were two defensive tackles

— the team's first pick, Peria Jerry of Mississippi and its last, Vance Walker of Georgia Tech. General manager Thomas Dimitroff also drafted two cornerbacks, a safety, a linebacker and a defensive end.

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tackle.

Jerry is expected to win a starting job for coach Mike Smith.

"Going in this whole process, Mike Smith and I sat down many, many times and talked about how we wanted to build this defense and how we wanted to stop the run," Dimitroff said Sunday. "We wanted a versatile defensive lineman, a guy that could penetrate ... but also have the stoutness to hold the point and play sort of in a nose

tackle position."

Jerry and Jonathan Babineaux are the probable starting defensive tackles.

"We want to be able to stop the run and I really believe it starts with the two defensive tackles," Smith said. "With Peria and Jonathan Babineaux, I believe we've got two fine defensive tackles now."

One year ago, in his first draft, Dimitroff scored big by landing two starters in the first round — quarterback Matt Ryan and offensive tackle Sam Baker. Ryan joined free-agent running back Michael Turner and an emerging star at receiver, Roddy White, to help the Falcons finish a surprising 11-5 and earn a playoff spot.

The offense, already strong, gained another important piece with Thursday's trade for

Gonzalez for a second-round pick in 2010. Gonzalez predicted "we have a chance to be in the top five in the league in offense."

But no one was ready to make gaudy predictions about an Atlanta defense which had problems even before losing linebackers Keith Brooking and Michael Boley, safety Lawyer Milloy cornerback Domonique Foxworth and defensive tackle Grady Jackson.

Hence the strong draft emphasis.

The Falcons opened Sunday by taking cornerback Christopher Owens (5-9, 181) in the third round, serving early notice the team would continue on the path it started Saturday when it picked

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Braves' three-game win streak ends

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce homered twice and drove in four runs, Micah Owings earned his first win in nearly a year with seven strong innings and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Atlanta Braves 8-2 on Sunday.

PRO BASEBALL
Joey Votto had two doubles and three RBIs to help

the Reds salvage the finale of the three-game series after losing the first two.

Owings (1-2), acquired in the trade that sent Adam Dunn to Arizona, also had two hits while earning his first win in 15 appearances, including 11 starts, since a 9-3 win at Atlanta for Arizona

May 25. The right-hander, who was 0-9 with an 8.53 ERA in that span, limited the Braves to six hits and one run with three walks and six strikeouts Sunday.

Former Reds catcher David Ross broke up Owings' shutout bid with a solo home run with one out in the seventh.

The Reds, who scored three more runs Sunday for Owings than they totaled in his first two starts, avoided their first three-game skid of the season and cost the Braves their first four-game winning streak.

Atlanta starter Kenshin Kawakami held the Reds hitless and limited them to just two baserunners until Joey Votto lined a double down the right-field line with one out in the fourth inning.

An out later, Bruce hit an opposite-field home run to left.

The Reds broke the game open with a six-run fifth. Votto hit a three-run double just out of the reach of lunging first baseman Casey Kotchman. Brandon Phillips followed with a run-scoring single and Bruce capped the inning with his second homer of the game and fifth of the season. It was his third multihomer game and first this season.

Bruce's homer knocked Kawakami (1-3) out having given up eight hits and eight runs with a walk and a strikeout. The 33-year-old rookie right-hander from Japan has lost his last three starts after starting his big league career with a win over Washington on April 11.



AP PHOTO
Braves pitcher Kenshin Kawakami looks on after giving up a two-run home run to Cincinnati's Jay Bruce.

NASCAR: Earnhardt Jr. concerned about wreck

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NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said the sanctioning body will analyze the accident, as well as the safety fence, to determine if anything can be improved.

"If there were something that we felt we could do today to make it safer, it would be done," Hunter said. "This is a fast race track. It's wide. I saw guys racing five-abreast today, which I have never seen. We know the cars are safer than they've ever been."

Restrictor plates are used at both Daytona and Talladega to combat the high speeds at NASCAR's two fastest tracks. The plates typically keep the field bunched tightly together, and one wrong move by a driver can cause a massive accident.

There were three bad ones

Sunday: a 13-car accident on Lap 7, a 10-car accident with nine laps to go, and Edwards' flight to the finish. A day earlier, Matt Kenseth was uninjured in a fiery roll during the Nationwide Series race.

"Talladega is short for 'We're going to crash, we just don't know when,'" said Newman, the third-place finisher. "We saw (an airborne car) two times this weekend, so maybe we need to look at things that keep the car down on the ground."

Earnhardt Jr., a five-time Talladega winner and seventh-time winner of restrictor-plate races, finished second but echoed concerns about the racing style. Drivers dread it because so much is out of their control, but Earnhardt said it's loved by fans because of the danger.

"For years, we've had



AP PHOTO
Jeremy Mayfield prepares to climb from his burning car after crashing during the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., on Sunday.

wrecks like this every time we've come to Talladega. Ever since the plate got here. And for years it was celebrated," he said. "The media celebrated it,

the networks celebrated it, calling it 'The Big One,' just trying to attract attention.

"So there's a responsibility with the media and the net-

works and the sanctioning body itself to come to their senses a little bit."

No drivers involved in any of the accidents were injured.



AP PHOTO

History shows Matthew Stafford will be a bust in the NFL. The Lions have won just one playoff game in 52 years and the last NFL quarterback from Georgia of significance is Fran Tarkenton.

Krohn: NFL bust

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lead a pro football team. For instance, look at how Stafford handled the 49ers psychological interview during the draft process. His true colors showed as he grew angry with the questioning. Instead of giving answers he asked the psychologist how much he was being paid.

With that attitude, Stafford doesn't come across as someone that would do a good job handling questions from the Detroit media after a loss, or someone who could shake off boos from the crowd during a game.

Stafford's temper separates him from his more even-keel peers in the league, young quarterbacks such as Matt Ryan, Joe Flacco and fellow newcomer Mark Sanchez from Southern California, the fifth-overall pick by the Jets. Stafford comes across more as a Jeff George or Ryan Leaf type — arm-strong but not head-strong.

Not to mention, when has a quarterback from Georgia ever done anything worthwhile in the NFL? Buck Belue, quarterback of the Dawgs' last national championship in 1980, never made it to the league and spent his final days as a professional athlete playing baseball in the Montreal Expos' minor league organization. Eric Zier was a five-year journeyman with a career QB rating of 74.4. David Greene has already retired after three years as a back-up in Seattle. And D.J. Shockley is currently Matt Ryan's first-string clipboard holder in Atlanta.

Of course, if you go all the way back nearly 40 years ago, there was one Georgia quarterback who managed to make a name for himself in the NFL. Fran Tarkenton lasted 17 years in the league, was selected to the Pro Bowl nine times and appeared in three Super Bowls with the Minnesota

Vikings. However, he did horrible in each of the Super Bowls — all losses — and, like Stafford, is notorious for not winning the big game and for having a bad temper.

It will be entertaining to watch Stafford adapt to losing in the NFL. And the adjustment should be painful. As if playing in Detroit wasn't bad enough, Stafford's best offensive weapon on the team, Calvin Johnson, is a receiver from Georgia Tech, the program that beat him on his own field in his final game in Athens.

So will Stafford embrace his new career, or will he fold early like Sanders? Although he has the word "bust" all but tattooed on his forehead, he'll stick around for at least six years. You see, in the NFL you don't have to be good to make \$41.7 million in guaranteed money.

Stafford's not even the best quarterback of the 2009 draft class. That honor goes to Sanchez. Not only is Sanchez smarter and more athletic than Stafford, he's also set up to succeed. The Jets have several offensive and defensive pieces in place and are far enough along that Sanchez won't be asked to save the team.

Stafford, on the other hand, will be expected to lead the team — possibly from as early as Week 1 of the 2009 season — and we all know how well he handles expectations. Six years from now when Stafford's rookie contract is up and his career is all but over, you'll see his name next to Joey Harrington's on the long list of Lions players to never pan out.

And that's the way things will be in Detroit until someone in the front office gets a clue.

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Seahawks let LB Hill go

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks have rescinded their franchise tag on outside linebacker Leroy Hill, making him a free agent.

A team spokesman confirmed the surprising move Sunday, a day after the team made Wake Forest star outside linebacker Aaron Curry the

fourth overall pick in the NFL draft.

It gives Seattle salary cap space of \$8.3 million — the value of the guaranteed contract for 2009 the team was obligated to offer Hill as its franchise player.

Curry is expected to get at least \$25 million guaranteed in his new contract.

Draft: Furman CB selected

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Jerry in the first round and Missouri safety William Moore in the second round.

Owens had 13 career interceptions as a three-year starter for San Jose State. He said he uses speed and quickness to overcome his lack of size.

Owens said he felt good before the draft about his chances to be picked by the Falcons.

"That's the place that I wanted to go and I was hoping and praying they would draft me," Owens said.

"When I went on a visit to Atlanta, I really felt com-

fortable being out there. ... I felt good when I met with all the coaches and the GM. When I found out what their scheme is and I like it, I really felt like I was home."

The defensive roll continued in the fourth round with defensive end Lawrence Sidbury (6-2, 266), who had 20.5 career sacks at Richmond.

Furman cornerback William Middleton was the first of two fifth-round picks. Middleton was a three-year starter at Furman and a former high school star at Marist in Atlanta.

Dimitroff traded another fifth-round pick to Dallas

for fifth- and seventh-round picks. After taking North Carolina offensive tackle Garrett Reynolds in the fifth round, the focus returned to defense with Miami linebacker Spencer Adkins and Walker.

Reynolds (6-7, 310) made 26 consecutive starts at right tackle for North Carolina. Adkins (5-11, 246) had 20 tackles and four sacks as a senior. Walker had 33 tackles and three sacks for Georgia Tech as a senior.

The draft picks will join free-agent linebacker Mike Peterson, who was signed to replace Brooking.

PRO BASKETBALL: NBA PLAYOFFS

Bulls tie series at two with 2OT victory

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Ben Gordon scored 22 points, hitting the tying 3-pointer in the first overtime, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Boston Celtics 121-118 in double overtime Sunday to tie their first-round series at two games apiece.

Derrick Rose added 23 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. John Salmons scored 20 points after a slow start, hitting four free throws in the final 26 seconds of the game and blocking Paul Pierce's tying 3-pointer.

Boston's Ray Allen buried a 3-pointer with 9.8 seconds left in regulation to tie it at 96, and Rose missed a fadeaway in the closing seconds of regulation. Gordon came through with 4.5 seconds left in the first overtime, hitting a 3-pointer over Pierce to tie it at 110, and the Bulls never trailed in the second OT.

Pierce led Boston with 29 points, although he was just 9-for-24. Ray Allen added 28, and Rajon Rondo again hounded the Bulls, finishing with 25 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

■ **Cavaliers 99, Pistons 78:** In Auburn Hills, Mich., LeBron James had 36 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists to lead Cleveland to a first-round sweep of Detroit.

The top-seeded Cavs might be off for more than a week, waiting for Atlanta or Miami to advance.

Detroit, meanwhile, will have its longest offseason since 2001 and about \$20 million in salary-cap space to rebuild a once-proud team.

Mo Williams scored a career playoff-



AP PHOTO

Chicago's Ben Gordon, front, is fouled by Boston's Glen Davis while driving to the basket during the first overtime period of Sunday's game.

high 24 for the Cavs. Detroit's Antonio McDyess had 26 points, tying a career playoff high.

■ **Magic 84, 76ers 81:** In Philadelphia, Hedo Turkoglu nailed a 3-pointer over Thaddeus Young with 1.1 seconds left to lift Orlando over Philadelphia, evening their Eastern Conference first-round series at two games apiece.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 18 rebounds, and every Magic starter scored in double figures. Turkoglu and Rashard Lewis each added 17.

Andre Miller led the Sixers with 17 and Young had 15.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night in Orlando. The teams have alternated wins so far.

Hawks, Heat SFs play with injuries

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Heading into Game 4, Atlanta and Miami have a common issue: Big problems at small forward.

Marvin Williams of the Hawks and Jamarion Moon of the Heat were both unable to practice Sunday, casting doubt on the availability of either player for Monday's fourth game of this Eastern Conference first-round series, where Miami holds a 2-1 lead.

Williams has a severely sprained right wrist that kept him out of Saturday's Game 3. Moon — who was already slowed by a groin strain — aggravated a lower abdominal muscle in the second quarter of that matchup, painfully limped to the bench and didn't return.

Heat coach Erik

Spoelstra stopped short of ruling Moon out for tonight's fourth game, but it surely seemed like Moon's chances are, at best, doubtful.

"It's frustrating, man," Moon said, after getting some shooting in after Miami's Sunday practice session ended. "It's getting frustrating. I'm just continuing to get treatment and we'll see what it feels like."

Williams got hurt while taking a fall in the second quarter of Game 2 on Wednesday. He's seen some improvement — the swelling is way down — but still wasn't able to even shoot on Sunday.

"As far as moving it up and down, it's still a little shaky," Williams said, shortly before tugging a protective wrap over the

puffy wrist. He'll planned on keeping the wrist in a soft cast Sunday and today, with hopes of getting some shots up in the hours before Game 4.

Hawks coach Mike Woodson didn't sound optimistic.

"Don't know what his status is going to be," Woodson said. "Probably be a game-time decision on Marvin. ... Only Marvin knows. He'll let me know (today) after shootaround if he can go, and I'll watch him and kind of gauge it that way."

Mo Evans would likely start in Williams' place tonight. The Heat have been starting James Jones at small forward during the series, even after giving him just one start in the regular season.

GOLF

Ochoa holds on

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORELIA, Mexico — Mexican star Lorena Ochoa shot a 5-under 68 on Sunday to hold off Norway's Suzann Pettersen by a stroke in a dramatic final round and win the Corona Championship for the second straight year.

Ochoa, who also won the tournament in 2006, had back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes to break a tie with Pettersen and finish at 25-under 267.

The charismatic star played without regular caddy Dave Booker, who got hurt playing a soccer match on Saturday and was unable to help the 27-year-old Ochoa around Tres Marias Residential Country Club. She ended up calling on childhood coach Rafael Alarcon to caddy for her.

South Korea's Na Yeon Choi finished third at 18 under. Wendy Ward was another shot back and Christie Kerr and Yani Tseng tied for fifth at 16-under par.

Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, La. — Jerry Kelly rallied with a pair of birdies on the back nine Sunday, showing steady nerves to win the Zurich Classic for his first PGA Tour title since 2002.

Kelly birdied the fifth before bogeys on No. 8 and No. 10 brought him back to the pack. He then birdied the 11th and 14th to shoot 71 and finish 14 under for the tournament, one shot clear of Charles Howell, Rory Sabbatini and Charlie Wi.

Howell took advantage of Kelly's mid-round stumble with one of his six birdies at 11 that gave him a two stroke lead. But bogeys at the 15th and 17th left him with a 68 on the day.

Steve Marino, playing with Kelly, stayed within one shot of the lead until the 18th, when he went into a bunker and ended up with a bogey for a round of 70. He finished tied for fifth.

Legends of Golf

SAVANNAH — Tom Lehman made a par putt on the second playoff hole to become the 13th player to win his Champions Tour debut, teaming with Bernhard Langer to fend off Craig Stadler and Jeff Sluman in the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf.

Each team finished at 27-under 189 in the better-ball event.

Stadler bogeyed the second playoff hole and Langer's approach landed in a greenside bunker, where he blasted out to 5 feet but missed his putt. After Sluman missed his par putt from 4 feet, Lehman rolled in his from about the same distance for the win.

Defending champions Tom Watson and Andy North (65) never mounted a serious charge, finishing at 21 under. Since teaming up in 2005, they're a combined 102-under par in this tournament.

Ballantine's C'ship

JEJU ISLAND, South Korea — Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee closed with a 2-under 70, then beat Kang Wook-soon and Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano in a three-way playoff to win the \$2.9 million Ballantine's Championship at the Pinx Golf Club course.

All three players finished at 4 under for the tournament, and Thongchai won the playoff with a birdie at the first extra hole, the par-4 18th. The tournament, jointly sanctioned by the Asian and European Tours, was his second win in two months.

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SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Monday
Varsity baseball
 Sequoyah at Murray County, 6
Varsity golf
 Christian Heritage boys at Region 4-2A tournament

Varsity soccer
 Arlington Christian at Christian Heritage, 4

Varsity softball
 Tennessee Temple at Christian Heritage, 6

Varsity Tennis
Class 4A state tournament
At Peachtree Tennis Center, Atlanta
 Murray County boys vs. McIntosh, 1
Varsity track and field
Southeast at Region 6-3A boys meet at Carrollton, 4
 Dalton, Murray County, Northwest Whitfield at Region 7-4A boys meet at Dalton, 4:30

Middle school tennis
 Christian Heritage girls at Berean, 4:15

Tuesday
Varsity baseball
 Furth Prep at Christian Heritage, 5
 Heritage-Catoosa at Southeast, 5:30

Varsity tennis
GHSAA Class 4A state tournament
Second round
 Dalton girls at Starr's Mill, 4:30

Middle school baseball
 Lookout Valley vs. Christian Heritage at Lakeshore Park, 5:30

Wednesday
Varsity baseball
 Region 7-4A playoffs

Thursday
Varsity baseball
Region 7-4A playoffs
 South Paulding at Dalton, DH, 5:30
 Christian Heritage vs. Chattanooga Patriots at Covenant College, 4
 Southeast at Ringgold, 5:30

Varsity soccer
 Colonial Hills at Christian Heritage, 4

Varsity track and field
 Sub-region 6A-3A girls meet at LFO, 4

Middle school baseball
 Christian Heritage vs. Temple at Engel Stadium, 6:45

Middle school golf
 North Georgia Middle School Athletic League tournament at Spring Lakes Golf Course, Chatsworth

Friday
Varsity baseball
 Cedartown at Southeast, 6
 Region 7-4A playoffs, if necessary

Varsity soccer
 Christian Heritage boys at Holy Spirit Prep, 4

Varsity softball
 David Brainerd at Christian Heritage, 6

Varsity track and field
 Region 7-4A girls meet at Woodland-Bartow, 4:30

Middle school softball
 David Brainerd at Christian Heritage, 4:30

TELEVISION

On Today
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — St. Louis at Atlanta NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 4, Atlanta at Miami

10:30 p.m.
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 5, Utah at L.A. Lakers

NHL Hockey
Time TBA
 VERSUS — Playoffs, Western Conference quarterfinals, San Jose at Anaheim, game 6

PRO HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs
First Round (Best-of-7)
Sunday
 Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3, series tied 3-3
 New Jersey at Carolina, late

Today
 Chicago at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA Playoffs
First Round
 Chicago 121, Boston 118, 2OT, series tied 2-2
 Cleveland 99, Detroit 78, Cleveland wins series 4-0
 Orlando at Philadelphia, late
 Portland at Houston, late

Today
 Atlanta at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Denver at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

PRO BASEBALL

AL Glance

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	14	6	.700	—
Boston	11	6	.647	1 1/2
New York	9	8	.529	3 1/2
Baltimore	9	10	.474	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	7	11	.389	6

	Central Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	8	.556	—
Chicago	9	9	.500	1
Kansas City	9	9	.500	1
Minnesota	9	10	.474	1 1/2
Cleveland	7	12	.368	3 1/2

	West Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	12	6	.667	—
Texas	8	10	.444	4
Oakland	6	10	.375	5
Los Angeles	6	11	.353	5 1/2

Saturday's Games
 Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Boston 16, N.Y. Yankees 11
 Texas 6, Baltimore 5
 Chicago White Sox 10, Toronto 2
 Minnesota 7, Cleveland 1
 Detroit 9, Kansas City 1
 Seattle 9, L.A. Angels 8

Sunday's Games
 Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
 Baltimore 8, Texas 5
 Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 3
 Detroit 3, Kansas City 2
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, late
 Tampa Bay at Oakland, late
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, late

Today's Games
 Boston (Wakefield 2-1) at Cleveland (Cl.Lee 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1) at Detroit (Verlander 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Harrison 0-2) at Baltimore (Guthrie 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Purcey 0-1) at Kansas City (Bannister 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Niemann 1-2) at Minnesota (S.Baker 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Jakubauskas 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-0), 8:11 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Boston at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 8:11 p.m.

NL Glance

	East Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	11	7	.611	—
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1 1/2
Atlanta	9	9	.500	2
New York	8	10	.444	3
Washington	4	13	.235	6 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	6	.684	—
Pittsburgh	11	7	.611	1 1/2
Cincinnati	10	8	.556	2 1/2
Chicago	9	8	.529	3
Milwaukee	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Houston	7	12	.368	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	6	.684	—
San Diego	10	8	.556	2 1/2
San Francisco	8	8	.500	3 1/2
Arizona	6	11	.353	6
Colorado	6	11	.353	6

Saturday's Games
 Atlanta 10, Cincinnati 2
 N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 2
 St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 2
 Milwaukee 9, Houston 8, 11 innings
 Philadelphia 6, Florida 4, 10 innings
 San Francisco 5, Arizona 3
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Colorado 5
 Pittsburgh 10, San Diego 1

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia 13, Florida 2
 Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 2
 Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 1
 Houston 3, Milwaukee 2
 Chicago Cubs 10, St. Louis 3
 Colorado 10, L.A. Dodgers 4
 Pittsburgh 8, San Diego 3
 San Francisco at Arizona, late

Today's Games
 Washington (Martis 2-0) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Houston (Oswalt 0-2) at Cincinnati (Cueto 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Florida (A.Sanchez 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Maine 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Pineiro 3-0) at Atlanta (Jurjrens 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Karstens 1-0) at Milwaukee (Looper 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
 San Diego (C.Young 2-0) at Colorado (Hammel 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lilly 2-1) at Arizona (Haren 1-3), 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 1-1) at San Francisco (Zito 0-2), 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Florida at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

GOLF

Legends of Golf
Sunday
At Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, Savannah, Ga.
Purse: \$2.6 million
Yardage: 7,087; Par: 72
Final Round
x-won on second playoff hole

x-Langer and Lehman	61-66-62	—	189 -27
Sluman and Stadler	63-65-61	—	189 -27
Roberts and Wiebe	64-61-65	—	190 -26
Cook and Sindelar	63-63-64	—	190 -26
Kite and Morgan	68-62-62	—	192 -24
Smyth and James	68-62-62	—	192 -24
Bean and Pate	66-64-63	—	193 -23
O'Meara and Price	63-64-66	—	193 -23
Funk and Hoch	65-66-63	—	194 -22
Jacobs and Zoeller	61-67-66	—	194 -22
T.Watson and North	66-64-65	—	195 -21
Forsman and Purtzer	66-62-67	—	195 -21
Fleisher and Jenkins	65-67-64	—	196 -20
Haas and Crenshaw	67-63-66	—	196 -20
Lyle and Woosnam	62-68-66	—	196 -20
Eger and McNulty	66-65-66	—	197 -19
Nelson and Thorpe	67-65-65	—	197 -19
Eaks and Gilder	66-67-65	—	198 -18
Bryant and Nielsen	70-63-65	—	198 -18
Goodes and Weibring	64-68-67	—	199 -17
Fergus and Norman	66-66-67	—	199 -17
Doyle and Quigley	67-66-66	—	199 -17
Hatslasky and Pooley	70-64-65	—	199 -17

Zurich Classic

Sunday
At TPC Louisiana
Avondale, La.
Purse: \$6.2 million
Yardage: 7,399; Par: 72
Final Round

Jerry Kelly	68-69-69-71	—	274 -14
Rory Sabbatini	70-67-71-67	—	275 -13
Charlie Wi	66-70-71-68	—	275 -13
Charles Howell III	68-69-70-68	—	275 -13
David Toms	68-68-72-68	—	276 -12
Steve Marino	70-68-68-70	—	276 -12
Steve Stricker	68-73-69-67	—	277 -11
Aaron Watkins	70-68-69-70	—	277 -11
Aaron Dufner	68-73-69-68	—	278 -10
Roland Thatcher	68-70-70-70	—	278 -10
Tim Petrovic	70-69-73-67	—	279 -9
Joe Ogilvie	70-69-69-71	—	279 -9
Boo Weekley	72-68-71-69	—	280 -8
Bob Estes	73-69-68-70	—	280 -8
Ian Poulter	71-66-72-71	—	280 -8
Jeff Overton	68-72-68-72	—	280 -8
John Rollins	69-67-71-73	—	280 -8
Rod Pampling	68-71-68-73	—	280 -8
Charley Hoffman	69-66-77-69	—	281 -7
Greg Owen	70-68-72-71	—	281 -7
Y.E. Yang	69-70-71-71	—	281 -7
Brian Davis	70-70-70-71	—	281 -7
Lucas Glover	72-71-66-72	—	281 -7

Corona Championship

Sunday
At Tres Marias Golf Club
Morelia, Mexico
Purse: \$1.3 million
Yardage: 6,539; Par: 73
Final Round

Lorena Ochoa	65-65-69-68	—	267 -25
Suzann Pettersen	69-64-67-68	—	268 -24
Na Yeon Choi	66-69-69-70	—	274 -18
Wendy Ward	71-68-66-70	—	275 -17
Cristie Kerr	70-70-66-70	—	276 -16
Yani Tseng	69-66-71-70	—	276 -16
Seon Hwa Lee	72-68-69-68	—	277 -15
Brittany Lang	69-68-70-70	—	277 -15
Morgan Pressel	71-67-67-72	—	277 -15
Vicky Hurst	70-71-69-68	—	278 -14
Michelle Wie	66-71-72-69	—	278 -14
Jimin Jeong	69-73-66-71	—	279 -13
Ai Miyazato	69-70-72-70	—	281 -11
Eva Dahlhof	73-71-71-67	—	282 -10
Jill McGill	68-71-72-71	—	282 -10
Karrie Webb	70-67-72-73	—	282 -10
Teresa Lu	72-71-70-70	—	283 -9
Sandra Gal	67-74-70-72	—	283 -9
Shi Hyun Ahn	73-68-69-73	—	283 -9
Nicole Castrale	70-69-70-74	—	283 -9
Kristy McPherson	68-68-73-74	—	283 -9
Anna Nordqvist	67-74-67-75	—	283 -9
Irene Cho	70-67-68-78	—	283 -9

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup
Aaron's 499 Results
Sunday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (9) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 188 laps, 98.9 rating, 190 points, \$312,075.
 2. (11) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 188, 117.2, 175, \$224,200.
 3. (25) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 188, 77.8, 170, \$201,104.
 4. (34) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 188, 81.4, 160, \$161,598.
 5. (8) Scott Speed, Toyota, 188, 69.5, 160, \$144,798.
 6. (28) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 188, 100.1, 155, \$130,750.
 7. (2) Greg Biffle, Ford, 188, 72.7, 151, \$140,225.
 8. (30) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 188, 86.8, 147, \$136,648.
 9. (22) Joey Logano, Toyota, 188, 88.8, 143, \$153,276.
 10. (20) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 188, 94.8, 139, \$146,456.
 11. (41) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 188, 70.5, 130, \$137,401.
 12. (10) David Ragan, Ford, 188, 96, 132, \$107,500.
 13. (24) Paul Menard, Ford, 188, 63.7, 129, \$129,431.
 14. (17) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 188, 74.3, 126, \$92,900.
 15. (6) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 188, 72.2, 118, \$91,775.

16. (15) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 188, 90.1, 120, \$110,175.
 17. (13) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 188, 99.9, 117, \$136,315.
 18. (43) Max Papis, Toyota, 188, 50, 109, \$88,975.
 19. (39) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 188, 73.9, 11, \$100,275.
 20. (1) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 188, 89.7, 108, \$133,298.
 21. (31) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 188, 72.3, 105, \$98,600.
 22. (18) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 188, 104.5, 102, \$104,275.
 23. (29) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 188, 64.2, 94, \$101,198.
 24. (16) Carl Edwards, Ford, accident, 187, 57.1, 96, \$139,506.
 25. (23) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 187, 93.1, 98, \$138,273.
 26. (32) David Reutimann, Toyota, 187, 66.5, 85, \$107,548.
 27. (40) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 187, 44.1, 87, \$94,825.
 28. (12) Bobby Labonte, Ford, accident, 179, 53.9, 79, \$113,804.
 29. (42) Robby Gordon, Toyota, accident, 179, 46, 76, \$104,635.
 30. (36) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, accident, 179, 85.5, 78, \$137,026.
 31. (37) David Stremme, Dodge, accident, 179, 74.1, 70, \$118,915.
 32. (27) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, accident, 179, 46.3, 72, \$82,075.
 33. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 179, 90.4, 69, \$121,190.
 34. (4) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, accident, 179, 61.7, 66, \$103,685.
 35. (38) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 164, 29.5, 58, \$84,675.
 36. (35) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 133, 28.8, 55, \$123,973.
 37. (14) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 128, 34.2, 52, \$121,201.
 38. (19) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 127, 30.1, 49, \$118,353.
 39. (5) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 8, 57.7, 46, \$88,875.
 40. (26) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, accident, 6, 46, \$80,550.
 41. (21) Scott Riggs, Toyota, accident, 6, 48.4, 40, \$80,325.
 42. (32) Jamie McMurray, Ford, accident, 6, 44.7, 37, \$88,155.
 43. (7) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, accident, 6, 52, 34, \$88,484.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 147.565 mph.
 Time of Race: 3 hours, 23 minutes, 20 seconds.
 Margin of Victory: 0.175 seconds.
 Caution Flags: Nine for 33 laps.
 Lead Changes: 57 among 25 drivers.
 Lap Leaders: J.Montoya 1-4; D.Earnhardt Jr. 5; J.Montoya 6; D.Ragan 7-8; J.Andretti 9; G.Biffle 10; J.Logano 11-13; M.Trux Jr. 14-17; J.Montoya 18; Ku.Busch 19-20; D.Hamlin 21; J.Burton 22; D.Hamlin 23; J.Burton 24-27; Ku.Busch 28-29; R.Newman 30; Ky.Busch 31-43; S.Speed 44; Ky.Busch 45-47; D.Earnhardt Jr. 48-49; M.Kenseth 50-52; D.Earnhardt Jr. 53-61; M.Waltrip 62; M.Trux Jr. 63-74; D.Hamlin 75-76; J.Montoya 77; D.Earnhardt Jr. 78-79; J.Johnson 80; D.Hamlin 81-82; S.Hornish Jr. 83-85; J.Nemechek 86; P.Menard 87-88; D.Hamlin 89-91; J.Johnson 92; D.Hamlin 93-110; D.Earnhardt Jr. 111-113; M.Trux Jr. 114-115; J.Logano 116; M.Trux Jr. 117-120; B.Vickers 121-122; M.Trux Jr. 123-124; C.Edwards 125; Ky.Busch 126-133; E.Sadler 134-136; Ku.Busch 137-139; D.Hamlin 140; C.Mears 141-142; J.Burton 143; D.Earnhardt Jr. 144; Ku.Busch 145; D.Earnhardt Jr. 146-147; J.Mayfield 148; Ku.Busch 149-153; Ky.Busch 154-171; M.Kenseth 172-177; R.Newman 178-186; C.Edwards 187; B.Keselowski 188.
 Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):
 Ky.Busch, 4 times for 42 laps; D.Hamlin, 7 times for 28 laps; M.Trux Jr., 5 times for 24 laps; D.Earnhardt Jr., 7 times for 20 laps; Ku.Busch, 5 times for 13 laps; R.Newman, 2 times for 10 laps; M.Kenseth, 2 times for 9 laps; J.Montoya, 4 times for 7 laps; J.Burton, 3 times for 6 laps; J.Logano, 2 times for 4 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 3 laps; S.Hornish Jr., 1 time for 3 laps; B.Vickers, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Ragan, 1 time for 2 laps; P.Menard, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Mears, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Edwards, 2 times for 2 laps; J.Johnson, 2 times for 2 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 1 lap; S.Speed, 1 time for 1 lap; G.Biffle, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Nemechek, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Waltrip, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Andretti, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Mayfield, 1 time for 1 lap.
 Top 12 in Points: 1. Ku.Busch, 1,299. 2. J.Gordon, 1,294. 3. J.Johnson, 1,235. 4. T.Stewart, 1,232. 5. D.Hamlin, 1,190. 6. Ky.Busch, 1,124. 7. C.Edwards, 1,119. 8. C.Bowyer, 1,098. 9. J.Burton, 1,092. 10. G.Biffle, 1,081. 11. D.Reutimann, 1,077. 12. M.Kenseth, 1,063.

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Do-Dah's May 2009 Events Calendar

Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
5 Open Mic	6 John & Max Buckner	7 Karaoke 7-11	8 Danger Kitty 8-12	9 Karaoke 8-12
12 Open Mic	13 Bob Smith	14 Karaoke 7-11	15 Fort Mtn Boys 8-12	16 Karaoke 8-12

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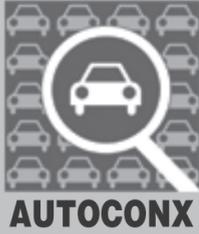
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602 Apparel
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 3038 Hurricane Rd. 2 BR 1 BA. \$69,900, \$1,000 dn, \$615 mon
3286 Hurricane Rd. 5 BR 3 BA \$135,000. \$1,000 dn \$1,000 mn
TUNNEL HILL
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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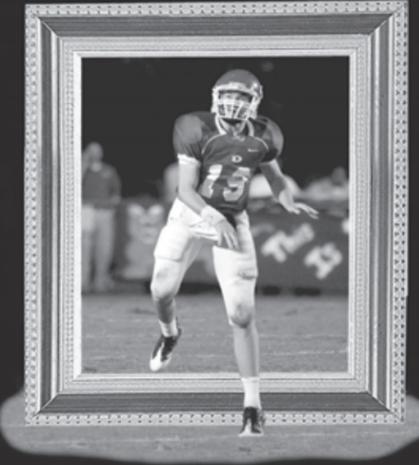
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- More and more allergy medications are becoming available over the counter, without a prescription, including Claritin and Zyrtec.
- That leads many parents to treat their children's allergy symptoms on their own, without first consulting their pediatrician.
- There is usually nothing wrong with that, as long as you are really treating allergies and not something else, like a cold or sinus infection. That makes learning to recognize allergy symptoms important.

Allergy Symptoms

In addition to having symptoms that always occur during a certain time of the year (seasonal allergies), you can suspect allergies if your child has symptoms after being around a specific indoor allergy trigger such as dust mites, pet dander or mold.

These allergy symptoms for hay fever (allergic rhinitis) can include:

- Runny nose with clear discharge
- Stuffy nose (congestion)
- Sneezing
- Itchy nose
- Red eyes, with tearing and itching.

As allergies worsen or linger, children may also develop a sore throat, headaches and coughing, and their allergies may interfere with their sleep, leading to daytime irritability. It is these allergy symptoms that are often confused with having a cold or sinus infection, as many parents don't believe that allergies should get "so bad."

In addition to these allergy symptoms, children with allergies often have dark circles under their eyes (allergic shiners) and may have a crease near the bottom of their nose (allergic crease) from rubbing their nose so much (allergic salute).

If a child also has asthma, uncontrolled allergies may also trigger asthma symptoms, leading to coughing, wheezing and trouble breathing.

Cold Versus Allergy Symptoms

Although a clear runny nose, congestion and sneezing are all classic allergy symptoms, it is important to keep in mind that they are also common cold symptoms. A green or yellow runny nose or fever are also more likely with a cold and are not typically thought of as occurring with simple allergies.

Since cold and allergy symptoms can be so similar, it can also help to tell the two apart by thinking about a few questions:

- Is your child in one of his typical allergy seasons?
- Has your child been exposed to something that typically triggers his allergies, such as a cat or dog?

- Has he been around anyone else who has a cold?
- Are his allergy medicines working?

Instead of allergies, your child may just have a cold if his allergy medicines aren't working, everyone around him has a cold, and he hasn't been around his usual allergy triggers. This is especially likely if he has a green or yellow runny nose or fever.

Asthma Triggers

After learning to identify common asthma symptoms, such as a night time cough, wheezing and trouble breathing, etc., one of the most difficult things for parents of children with asthma is trying to figure out common asthma triggers.

These asthma triggers are simply things that can trigger or cause an asthma attack, and if you are fortunate, you can sometimes find something you can avoid to limit or prevent future asthma attacks.

Asthma Triggers

Among the common asthma triggers are:

- Allergens, which is common if your has 'allergic asthma,' and can include pollens, molds, cockroach droppings and dust mites, etc.
- Extreme changes in the weather, especially when it starts to get very cold.
- Irritants, including exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, smoke from fires, strong odors, pollution in the air, and ozone alert days, etc.
- Infections, especially colds and sinus infections
- Exercise, especially if your has exercise induced asthma
- Gastroesophageal reflux, although these children don't always have typical symptoms of heartburn and sometimes just have asthma that is hard to treat or a chronic cough.

A symptom diary may also help you find other specific asthma triggers for your child's asthma, such as foods or stress.

Managing Asthma Triggers

If you do identify some asthma triggers, you should work with your pediatrician to help your child avoid those triggers or manage them in another way. For example, if exercise triggers your child's asthma, it isn't practical to avoid all exercise, but using a short acting bronchodilator, such as albuterol, about 15 minutes before exercising and warming up properly, can help you manages this trigger.

Many other asthma triggers can also be avoided, controlled, or treated, for example taking allergy medicines if springtime pollens trigger your child's asthma.

If you don't find specific asthma triggers or can't seem to control them, then an aggressive asthma treatment plan should help to minimize the effect of those asthma triggers and hopefully prevent most asthma attacks.

Finding Asthma Triggers

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