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Fireworks light up the sky in Murray County on a recent Fourth celebration.

# Fun for the Fourth

## Rec dept. expects thousands for fireworks show

BY JAMIE JONES

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Although the tobacco spitting and greased pig catching contests are no longer a part of Dalton Parks and Recreation Department's Fourth of July bash, one event remains the hallmark of the day: the fireworks display.

On Saturday, the fireworks will again be launched from Heritage Point, providing some 10,000 expected park visitors — and thousands others around town — with a free celebration of the nation's Independence Day. But the fireworks display is just a part of the all-day festivities being hosted by the recreation department.

The events kick off at 8 a.m. with a horseshoe tournament at James Brown Park (904 Civic Drive) and conclude with the fireworks at approximately 9:45 p.m. In between there will be bands, dancers, a "Little Miss Rec" pageant and an eating contest with participants scarfing down Krystal burgers and Little Debbie snack cakes.

Across the river, the Murray County Recreation Department will host festivities from 4 p.m. to midnight at 745 Chestnut St. in



John Burns of Dalton eats burgers in the Krystal-eating contest on July 4 at Heritage Point Park in 2007.

## EVENTS ON THE 4TH

Events for Dalton Parks and Recreation Department's Fourth of July bash (All will take place at Heritage Point Park unless noted)

- 8 a.m.: Horseshoe tournament at James Brown Park (904 Civic Drive)
- 2 to 6 p.m.: Pool open at James Brown Park
- 10 a.m.: Legends softball games
- Noon: Men's and women's home run derby
- 4 p.m.: "Little Miss Rec" pageant
- 4 p.m.: Carnival in the Park: Bull-riding, rock wall climb, face painting, inflatables, hair painting
- 5 p.m. to dark: Entertainment with various acts and events; Freedomfest Talent Quest
- 6:30 p.m.: Eating contest
- 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Cross Plains band
- 9:30 to 10:15 p.m.: Fireworks (music by Sweet Southern Entertainment)

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# New laws in effect

BY GREG BLUESTEIN  
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — The beginning of July ushers in a slew of new laws in Georgia, including a measure that seeks to celebrate the Confederacy while also honoring a civil rights leader, new rules praised by abortion opponents and a pair of laws long sought by prosecutors.

Those measures and dozens of others are set to take effect today, the first day of July. And while some of the new laws aren't among the most high-profile legislation, many are the result of hard-fought legislative battles that could have profound impact.

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# Woman killed in car wreck

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A Rocky Face woman was killed Tuesday after her car crossed the center line on Ga. Highway 201 in western Whitfield County and crashed into a dump truck head-on, said an operator with the Georgia State Patrol.

Penny Bagby, 50, of 2041 LaFayette Road, was pronounced dead at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, where she had been airlifted from the scene. Whitfield 911 reported receiving the call at 9:42 a.m.

Bagby was driving a 2004 Acura sedan when she "crossed the double lines" near the intersection with Dunnagan Road near Westside, said the GSP spokeswoman.

The GSP operator said the report was incomplete. A reason was not given in the report for why Bagby crossed the centerline.

# Man faces child rape charges here

BY MARK MILLICAN  
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A man will face charges here related to impregnating an 11-year-old girl after being arrested in Texas in early June, officials said.

Jesus Ernesto Grijalva, 36, of Cuauhtemoc in the state of Chihuahua in Mexico, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with statutory rape, aggravated child molestation and rape. He was extradited from Uvalde, Texas.

"We began an investigation in August after being notified by the Department of Family and Children Services that an 11-year-old girl was pregnant," said Capt. Rick Swiney with the



Grijalva

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# Fund set up for Varnell Cemetery maintenance

BY CHARLES OLIVER

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No one wants to see the cemetery in Varnell not maintained, say city officials. But they also say it's not proper for taxpayers to mow property the city doesn't own.

That's why, says Mayor Dan Peoples, he has set up a fund that people can donate to to help keep the cemetery mowed.

City crews mowed the ceme-

tery, which city officials say is partly privately owned, for many years.

"I really don't know why the city was ever mowing it in the first place. I don't know how that got started," said Peoples, who was elected last year. "It's really not the responsibility of taxpayers to take care of that cemetery."

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Tombstones lean and graves are covered with weeds in the non-perpetual care portion of Varnell Cemetery.

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**TODAYS FORUM**

**“To the lady officer who checked on my granddaughter this week, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are caring and law enforcement at its very best.”**

“If Obama had any character at all, he could quit that stupid cigarette habit.”

“Well, it’s a no-brainer that the Obama home affordability refinance program is not worth 2 cents. They thought 2 to 3 million people would benefit from it and I think only 13,000 loans have been processed.”

“Life is a lot more interesting and important than a beer bash — even if you say it’s for kids — it’s still a beer bash. Give up drinking totally, and you’ll be able to notice those kids you say you were drinking for.”

“I wish the fire department or someone would stop the burning that occurs every weekend on Green Springs Road. You can’t even enjoy being outside because you have to breathe smoke all the time.”

“Thank you, Whitfield County Sheriff’s Department, for turning up the summer heat by doing seat belt and safety checks. We appreciate it.”

“To the young person who wishes he or she could draw Social Security, obviously your youth has made you a little ignorant. People who draw Social Security paid in to Social Security so we’re getting nothing for free and we barely make enough to live on it. And what’s the alternative to growing old?”

“Why didn’t Lara Hayes get a Georgia Press Association award? Her stories are well written.”

“If Murray County deputies would ride in the same car, it wouldn’t look so bad when you pass the restaurant they’re in.”

“To Miss Henson at Dalton State College, thank you for motivating me to go back to school by teaching me that it’s never too late to educate. I love you, Miss Henson.”

“On the article in The Sunday Citizen called ‘Here comes the Pooch,’ I think I should have married my dog instead of my wife.”

“Thank you so much for writing an article on

Whitfield County Schools and conflict of interest with employees. Now it’s time to look into overspending finances.”

“For the folks who thought it was so bad under Bush, under Bush, you could put food on your table, keep your house cool in the summer and warm in the winter.”

“The energy bill should be put on a referendum and let the people of America decide.”

“The restaurant sting was wonderful. I hope they continue to do it and do it more often. When I found out my underage child was drinking in a downtown restaurant, I went to the manager personally to stop it. Then I told my child and he was too embarrassed to go back in there. So it does work and they need to keep it up.”

“There is nothing wrong with nepotism as long as you keep it in the family.”

“As a teacher in Whitfield County for over 30 years, I found that nepotism was more often the norm than not, often eliminating equal or better qualified teachers.”

“It would be nice to see the newspaper do a story on nepotism in the gifted program as well.”

“I do have a heart, but animals still don’t have rights. When was the last time you had a cheeseburger?”

“How long has it been since you’ve heard church bells ringing on Sunday morning?”

“I’m glad that there’s someone at the veterinary clinic at the south landfill who will help the animals that are dropped off by uncaring people.”

“I couldn’t believe how the news media made an icon out of Mr. Jackson.”

“Speaking about nepotism, what about the Department of Transportation? The whole family can work there.”

“I’ve heard negative remarks about the Hamilton Medical Center ER. Recently, we had an emergency. We received the best care anyone could ask for at Hamilton. Thank you Lynette, Laurie and Cyndi (ER staff).”

**LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS — FOR JUNE 30**  
**Georgia:** Cash 3 Midday: 2-9-0, Cash 4: 5-6-3-7, Evening Cash 3: 6-0-1, Mega Millions: 7-34-49-54-55, Mega Ball: 34  
**Tennessee:** Cash 3: 9-8-1, Lucky Sum: 18; Cash 4: 0-5-0-3, Lucky Sum: 8; Evening Cash 3: 1-8-6, Lucky Sum 15; Cash 4: 5-0-3-1, Lucky Sum: 9

**Cities see resurgence**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing a decade-long trend, many of America’s largest cities are now growing more quickly than the rest of the nation, yet another sign of an economic crisis that is making it harder for people to move.

Census data released Wednesday highlight a city resurgence in coastal regions and areas of the Midwest and Northeast, due to a housing crunch, recession and higher gas prices that have slowed migration to far-flung suburbs and residential hotspots in the South and West.

The 2008 population figures show New York and Chicago made gains from higher births, while Philadelphia stanching population losses from earlier in the decade. Also showing rebounds were industrial centers in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., Columbus, Ohio, and Lincoln, Neb., with economies focused on finance, health care, information technology or education. Detroit, with its ailing auto industry, declined. Los Angeles, San

**Texas cities see biggest gains**

Four of the top 10 U.S. cities with the biggest numerical growth in population are in Texas.

**Largest estimated population increase, July 2007 to July 2008**

New York	53,498
Phoenix	33,184
Houston	33,063
Los Angeles	26,969
San Antonio	25,645
Fort Worth, Texas	24,413
New Orleans	23,740
Chicago	20,606
Austin	18,461
San Diego	18,424

SOURCE: Census Bureau AP

Francisco, Seattle and Portland, Ore., all on the West Coast, registered growth, boosted partly by foreign-born immigrants who moved into and stayed in gateway cities. In contrast, former hotspot areas in Nevada and Arizona had significant slowdowns, as well as inland regions in California.

“Cities are showing a continued vitality as hubs of activity even as some suburban and exurban areas go through tough times,” said William H. Frey, a demogra-

pher at the Brookings Institution. “It emphasizes the buoyancy of large established cities with diverse economies and populations.”

Frey and other demographers said many of the population shifts could be longer-lasting. They noted that while the Sunbelt region is still growing, it is unlikely to return to the torrid growth rates of earlier in the decade before the housing bubble burst.

President Barack Obama has pledged to upgrade mass transit and push energy conservation, high-speed rail and other urban priorities. That could create shifts in residential patterns and city life, especially for younger couples and small families more likely to move.

“Suburban sprawl may not be dead, but it’s certainly on hiatus,” said Mark Mather, associate vice president of the nonprofit Population Reference Bureau. “Even if the economy recovered tomorrow, it might take a while for people to change their behavior. Attitudes just don’t change overnight.”

**Laws: Go in effect today**

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Prosecutors groups, for one, are thrilled that a measure allowing relatives and friends of victims to testify through pre-recorded audio or video is taking effect.

Georgia law has long required the victims to testify in person and without any emotion about the crime’s impact, requirements that were sometimes too stiff for grieving family members. The new law, supporters say, will mean that they will not be silenced again.

Gov. Sonny Perdue, who signed the bill into law in April, said it would give a victim’s supporters “the opportunity for their voices to be heard in a court of justice where all the facts and all the problems can be revealed to those that make those decisions.”

Victims advocates are also cheering a second measure that gives victims who have suffered a mental injury broader access to state-funded counseling and therapy services. The law previously extended that help only to victims who suffered a phys-

ical injury.

Georgia families who use donated embryos to have a child will have new legal protections under a law going into effect that is designed to prevent an embryo donor from later claiming the child born from that embryo to another family.

Opponents worry it could ultimately be used to restrict abortions, but supporters say it would clear the way for the adoption of more unused embryos by protecting families from future litigation.

Jim Beck, president of the Georgia Christian Coalition, says the measure is a signal the state is moving closer to acknowledging an embryo is life.

Atlanta’s cash-strapped subway system could get a boost under a new law that allows transit systems to allow food and beverages to be consumed in rail and bus stations — effectively allowing MARTA to earn more revenue by selling food and drinks.

“This will significantly help MARTA and other transit systems around Georgia bring in additional revenues

during these difficult economic times,” said state Sen. Gloria Butler, a Stone Mountain Democrat who sponsored the measure.

A measure that tightens requirements on Georgia’s boll weevil eradication program takes effect, as does a law that would allow children of active duty military personnel stationed in Georgia to meet the residency requirements of the state’s popular HOPE scholarship program.

Perhaps the most unique bill is an odd two-for-one that designates the month of April as “Confederate History and Heritage Month” in Georgia. The measure’s supporters said it would boost the state’s tourism industry and help attract visitors to Georgia’s Civil War sites.

It drew surprisingly little opposition for black legislative leaders, who may have been swayed by new language added during the legislative session’s final hours that designated Savannah’s Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum an official state civil rights museum.

**Charges: Found in Texas**

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sheriff’s office. “We found out the suspect worked with the father of the girl and did not have a place to live. The family tried to help him out, and he stayed with them about a week in May and then just left without telling them anything.”

Swiney said the girl told investigators Grijalva “forced her to have sex.”

“We felt like that was why he left without saying anything to the family,” Swiney said.

Investigators took evidence to District Attorney Kermit McManus, who presented it to a multi-disciplinary review team that looks at all child abuse cases.

“It can go straight to the grand jury or it can continue

to be investigated with suggestions to the investigators about getting more evidence,” McManus said. “Or, there may just not be enough to go on (to make a case).”

He said he could not recall how quickly Grijalva’s case moved through the review team since the case was several months old, but investigators issued a warrant through the National Crime Information Center

(NCIC). That warrant hit paydirt in Uvalde — approximately 50 miles from the Mexican border — where Grijalva was arrested on June 10, said a spokeswoman with the Uvalde County Sheriff’s Office.

Grijalva was denied bond on Tuesday by Magistrate Court Judge Chris Griffin. He is expected to have a bond hearing in Superior Court next Tuesday.

**TODAY’S CITIZEN**



**NAME:** Megan Welch  
**AGE:** 19  
**HOME:** Dalton  
**FAMILY:** Mother, Mitzi Petty; brother, Jacob Petty; grandmother, Helen Turner; boyfriend, Roy Blackstock  
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Surveillance camera photos show the two suspects wanted in connection with two robberies of video game machines at the Walmart on East Walnut Avenue.

## Police looking for game machine robbers

**SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Two white males who allegedly broke into a video game machine on two separate occasions, stealing almost \$150, are sought for questioning by the Dalton Police Department. The machine belongs to the Walmart at 2545 E. Walnut Ave.

On June 17 at approximately 10:45 p.m. and also on another unspecified date,

the subjects used a type of pry bar to break into the coin box of the game. They left in a small white vehicle with either a black top or a convertible top.

Anyone with information on the identity of these men or the thefts is asked to call Detective John Helton with the Dalton Police Department at (706) 278-9085, extension 143, or Detective Eric Burnette with the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office at (706) 278-1233.

## Whitfield offering 3 new pre-k classrooms

**SUBMITTED BY WHITFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Whitfield County Schools' Cedar Ridge, Eastside and Valley Point elementary schools have each been awarded one new pre-kindergarten classroom for the 2009-2010 school year.

Each classroom will serve 20 children. The goal of Georgia's pre-k program is to successfully prepare children for school by providing an opportunity for them to develop school readiness skills in an environment that encourages fun while learning.

In order for children to attend these pre-k classrooms, they must live within the school's district and be 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 2009. Cedar Ridge principal Allyson Millican, Eastside principal Ty Snyder and Valley Point principal Karey Williams will hold student registration at the Whitfield Career Academy at 2300 Maddox Chapel Road on July 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Since demand is likely to be higher than the number of spaces available, a lottery drawing will be held following registration to choose which students get to attend. The pre-k lottery drawing will be held at 5 p.m.

For pre-k registration, parents need to bring copies of the following:

- Proof of immunizations (Form 3231)
- Eye, ear and dental certificate (Form 3300)
- Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- Proof of residence in parent's name (i.e. rent receipt, lease agreement, settlement statement, utility bill that shows "service address," or if family is living with another family, notarized letter and utility bill from that person)
- Medicaid/PeachCare Card

For more information, please check out the school system's Web site at [www.whitfield.k12.ga.us](http://www.whitfield.k12.ga.us). Click on Departments, scroll down to Teaching and Learning, and select pre-kindergarten.

# Stimulus funds to build Murray bridge

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Murray and Gordon counties are receiving \$1.2 million in federal stimulus funds to rebuild a two-lane bridge over Polecat Creek in southwestern Murray County near Resaca that is "way beyond repair," according to one county official.

The counties are responsible for acquiring the right of way for the project and that has already been done, said Murray County manager Tom Starnes.

"They'll be replacing the existing bridge over Polecat Creek," said Starnes. He said the state Department of Transportation is requesting bids for the work.

Murray County spent \$35,000 to acquire five parcels of land, Starnes said. Polecat Creek runs under County Line Road south into Gordon County.

DOT officials said Monday the department was awarding 22 projects in the state worth \$56.7 million through the federal stimulus program. Construction on most of the projects is expected to begin this month.

## Debit card thieves sought

**SUBMITTED BY THE DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Three people who stole a debit card from an elderly Dalton woman and used it to run up more than \$1,100 in purchases are being sought by the Dalton Police Department.

A woman got lost in Dalton on her way back to the interstate on June 25, according to a police report. She asked two white females and a black male for directions. They asked for a ride to Walnut Square Mall and the woman agreed.

The suspects gave the woman confusing directions to the mall. One of the suspects entered her purse and took her debit card. After



Surveillance camera photo shows two of three suspects wanted in connection with stolen debit card.

returning home, the woman got a call from her bank

about suspicious activity on her account. The card was used at locations across Dalton and Whitfield County, including Walmart, Gamestop, Catos, CVS Pharmacy, Kangaroo, Zaxby's and an Exxon station. The fraudulent purchases totaled \$1,113.82.

Three people were recorded by the surveillance system of the East Walnut Avenue Walmart using the card. Anyone with information on the identity of these individuals or any other information on these crimes is asked to call Detective John Helton at (706) 278-9085, extension 143.

## Garage search continues

ATLANTA (AP) — Rescuers used dogs, listening devices and thermal cameras to scour a collapsed parking deck near downtown Atlanta Tuesday to make sure no victims were in the debris while crews used cranes to lift out crushed cars.

What caused the 7-year-old deck on Monday to fall from the fourth floor to ground level wasn't clear and there were no reports of injuries or people missing.

"Until the job is done, we'll be here," Atlanta Fire and Rescue spokesman Bobby Stewart said, adding that he didn't know how long the search would take. Crews would look at "every corner, every confined space" to make sure no victim is left behind, he said.

The process was moving slowly because the structure had to be sometimes shored up after each car was removed as the structure was still unstable. At least 38 cars were damaged, and Stewart said 15 of them had been towed out by Tuesday evening.

More than 50 firefighters rushed to the scene in a busy commercial district of Midtown and the bottom level was a "huge mess of vehicles and concrete," Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration probably will conduct an investigation once the fire department completes its search, Stewart said. Officials weren't sure if the garage would be repaired or demolished.

Harry Gleich, vice president

of engineering for Metromont Corp., which did much of the deck work, said he didn't know why the structure failed but said hot weather and weight were not likely factors.

## AREA ARRESTS

• Tracy Sue Cummings, 45, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with first degree theft by shoplifting, DUI and expired tag or decal.

• Veronica Esther Gonzalez, 19, 1105 Avenue A, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Dalton Police Department with probation violation, financial transaction card theft and first degree forgery.

• Guy Zachariah Lynch, 27, 59 Kelley Lane, Chatsworth, was charged Monday by the Chatsworth Police Department with DUI (drugs).

• Angie Elizabeth Dickinson, 25, 981-A County Farm Road, Dalton, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Fernando Fernandez, 24, 6298 Gorse Lane, Chattanooga, was charged Tuesday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with DUI, driving without a license and no insurance.



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On or about July 8, 2009 the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title III of Division B of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, to undertake a project known as the Neighborhood Stabilization Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program for the purpose of purchase and/or rehabilitation of up to 40 units of housing with approximately \$1,236,472 of Neighborhood Stabilization funds in the following designated communities: Whitfield, Murray, Fannin, Pickens and Gilmer Counties.

**The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation (DWDCDC) located at 301 West Crawford Street, Dalton, GA and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the DWDCDC. All comments received by July 7, 2009 will be considered by the DWDCDC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Whitfield County certifies to DCA that Mike Babb in his capacity as Commission Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Whitfield County to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCA will accept objections to its release of fund and Whitfield County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Whitfield County (b) Whitfield County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to DCA, Attention Rick Huber at 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Potential objectors should contact DCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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### VIEWPOINTS

## Barack Obama frustrates media

Every president tries to manage the press, some have had limited success, but no one has been quite as proficient as Barack Obama, who in his first months has done a masterful job of keeping the Fourth Estate, if it even exists these days, off balance and frustrated.

Not since the earliest days of John F. Kennedy's administration has a chief executive been so successful in manipulating those who report on every machinations of the West Wing. Actually, Barack Obama's keen understanding of how to maneuver through the minefield of 24-hour journalism compares with that of Franklin Roosevelt who so charmed a much smaller White House press corps that it never revealed he was crippled, either photographically or in print.

One need only look at his last press conference — his first in daylight — to validate that assessment. With the few hardened veterans who remain watching opened mouthed in amazement, Obama set up a scene that probably wouldn't have been possible "back in the day." He had arranged for a blogger from the Internet's Huffington Post to get a temporary press pass, told him what he wanted asked (a question from an Iranian citizen about his stance on that country's election protests) and then called on the person as though the whole thing were impromptu. Planted questions are rare but planted questioners are unheard of. Later correspondents went after press spokesman Robert Gibbs in what was described as a "food fight" over the incident at his regular daily briefing.

It is safe to say that had this been Obama's predecessor there would have been an enormous outcry lasting several days if not longer. During an unusually long press conference in the Oval Office in 1965, White House correspondents complained bitterly that there were people in the room who had been prompted by Lyndon Johnson and his staff to ask certain questions. It never happened again and the president's standing with the press took a hit.

Obama's ability to prepackage a press conference has been enhanced by the accelerating decline of the print media. Newspapers that would never have dreamed of letting a president go uncovered are now nowhere to be seen, leaving a vacuum to be filled by online reporters with only a smidgen of experience or understanding.

And while the major broadcast correspondents are still there for the time being, under the Obama rules that limit the number of questions that are allowed and the pre-selection of those who will ask them, they are marginalized. Most reporters now find themselves just window dressing for TV with no chance of getting in a question.

In the meantime, the president uses the opportunity of this staged sham to push his own agenda, filibustering some questions and refusing to answer others. The White House also exploits the TV nets and their anchors by giving them controlled access.

Before the press conference NBC's Matt Lauer was handed the opportunity to interview Gibbs one-on-one on the likely agenda, a slightly amazing piece of business itself. Gibbs literally could have been a correspondent rather than an important White House official, standing as he was out front of the mansion fielding questions like a veteran journalist. Republicans have rightly howled that ABC's recent "promotion" of the president's health care plan violates the tenants of balanced reporting. That network's coverage included an exclusive interview with the president and participation in a live town hall meeting on health care in the White House. The Republican National Committee argues at the very least its Democratic counterpart should pay the airtime.

Nothing signified the end of the traditional, free wheeling give and take of this experience more than the forlorn image of the most recognizable person outside the president at the press conference. Much decorated Helen Thomas, formerly of United Press International and now a columnist for the Hearst newspapers, sat frail and unsmiling in the front row where she has been for decades. She tried once to get a question in only to be brushed off by Obama. A staff member even has usurped her role of thanking the president for his appearance.

— Scripps Howard News

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

**Thought for today:** "The more we learn the more we realize how little we know."

R. Buckminster Fuller (1895-1983)

## Global warming hoax to raise taxes

As the attention of Americans is diverted by inconsequential TV shows like "American Idol," "Jon and Kate Plus 8 Divorce Lawyers," and cheerleading competitions (NBC, CBS and ABC "News" for the Obama administration), we pay less attention to what is happening to our country.

We are all mindlessly watching speculation by the "news" shows on the Michael Jackson toxicology report while Congress is up to its old tricks of making stupid laws. Like a bunch of gangstas, our "leaders" are going to cap our gas with the Cap and Trade bill, which is just another tax on business that will make us even less competitive in the world.

And while a 1,000-page bill with a one-day imperative to pass it was being rammed through the House, 300 pages worth of pork amendments were inserted in the wee hours of the night in order to buy certain Congressmen's votes (a catfish museum is coming soon to a Congressional district near you). Apparently, Congress is breathlessly trying to save the environment in one day.

The reality is that folks are catching onto the fact that man-made global warming is a hoax, an inconvenient truth attested to by more and more scientists. Like any good con man, Obama wants to hurry the shutdown before his mark figures out his game. Democrats actually said that "If we do not act now, the climate will soon be out of our control." This, of course, raises the question: just when was the climate ever under our



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Obama, he has not really talked much on the subject for fear it might fail. In fairness, Obama seems increasingly uncomfortable talking about anything but himself.

After passage by the House of Representatives, the bill goes to the Senate where a compromise might be struck. Instead of making companies pay the government for the privilege of conducting their business, perhaps Congress will take a page from the extortion/protection racket practiced by the Mafia for years and will just let the businesses write their checks directly to the Democratic National Committee.

Obviously, the big winner here is any business not located in the United States. Obama's policies of empowering unions, making it easy for plaintiffs' attorneys to sue, increasing regulation, and raising taxes will chase more companies out of the United States to business-friendly countries overseas. It is no accident that more of the big IPOs of companies are now taking place on foreign exchanges.

The myth of man-made global warming was started by

control? Leave it to Obama to think he can control the weather.

While Cap and Trade is clearly being pushed by Nancy Pelosi and

the left, fanned by Democratic outcast Al Gore with his "The Sky Is Falling/Chicken-Little" slide show, and perpetuated by attacking anyone who dared to question his dubious science. That is pretty much the MO of the left: begin with a self-righteous premise, repeat it often enough, say things like "The science is conclusive on this," and then personally attack anyone who disagrees. If Gore cares that much about the earth's temperature, he could just walk around providing shade for cities.

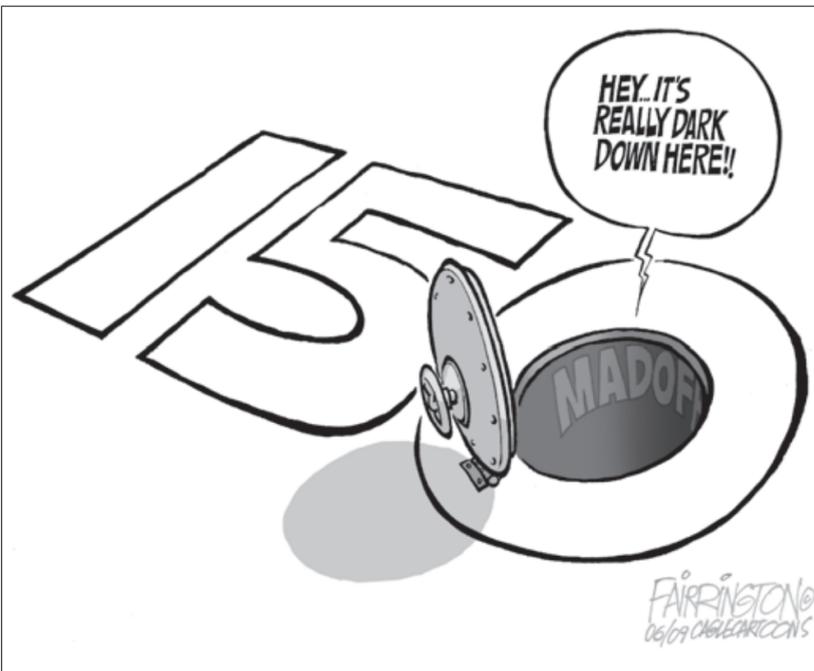
We have been lulled to sleep by the media's frivolous entertainment. Our newspapers are slowly dying because they have become cheerleaders and not independent purveyors of the truth, allowing our politicians to get away with egregious conduct and the waste of our national resources.

Obama said that "Global warming is happening much quicker than we thought." Then one of his handlers reminded him that it is now summer.

Undaunted by the dismal success rate of past scientists' predictions (Y2K doomsday threats, the hole in the ozone layer scare, the dangers of nuclear power), the Democrats lumber forward. In fact, what was the last dire prediction of leftist scientists that actually came true? If you think of any, let me know.

Meanwhile, email your Senator and stop this bill while we still can.

■ Ron Hart is a Southern libertarian and a professional investor. He writes his column weekly.



## It couldn't happen here?

Marye Minton, 70, says she and her husband want an apology from the Marion County, Ind., sheriff's office after deputies raided their house and forced them to the ground. The deputies were looking for a man wanted on several charges. The street number listed on the warrant was 4042. The Mintons live at 4048. Sheriff's Maj. Mark Robinett admits both houses were clearly marked with the right numbers. But he said deputies had trouble reading those numbers because it was overcast that day. I'm not sure about this, but if none of those deputies can see well enough to read a house number when it's overcast, do we really want them handling firearms?

Carolyn McNeal, a secretary at Huntington Area High School in Pennsylvania, has been charged with 29 counts of unlawful use of a computer and 29 counts of tampering with public records. She allegedly changed her daughter's grades as well as those of some of her peers to improve the girl's class standing.

It's bad enough that students and teachers at Australia's Palumpa school have to contend with crocodiles roaming the school property. Now, officials admit that when it rains sewage backs up into the toilets and into the kitchen sink.

In Seattle, Neighbors night club has been around for 27 years. Back in 2007, a woman (it's always a woman) moved into a nearby apartment and immediately



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began complaining about the noise. In fact, a local newspaper reports the woman, whom they did not identify, has called 911 once or twice a night each and every night for almost two years to complain about the noise. The newspaper cited one police report indicating the noise from the nightclub was not loud enough to violate the city's noise ordinance. In fact, the officer noted that "passing vehicular and pedestrian traffic was much louder."

Here's a tip. If you are going to pick up an illegal shipment of prescription painkillers, you probably shouldn't drive your police cruiser and you definitely shouldn't wear your uniform. But that's just what Joseph D'Amelio, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer, has been accused of doing. He and another man have been charged with trafficking more than 100 grams of OxyContin.

Those new low-energy light bulbs the government has mandated? Reports from Great Britain, which began a phased in requirement of the bulbs several years ago, indicate they cause more than a few medical problems. Lupus patients have already

petitioned Parliament for an exemption because the lights cause rashes. Dermatologists report that those suffering from eczema and psoriasis can also get rashes from the lights. Doctors also report they can trigger migraines.

The U.S. Postal Service says it will limit the amount it pays for the houses of employees it asks to relocate to \$800,000. The move comes after a CNN investigation that found the postal service paid more than \$1 million each for 14 homes over the last five years.

In England, an ambulance was taking Ali Asghar to the hospital after he had a stroke. The driver noticed that his shift had ended, so instead of continuing to the hospital, he drove back to his depot and clocked out, reportedly without even telling his replacement there was a critically ill patient in the vehicle. Asghar died, and now the driver and the emergency technician who was in the ambulance have been suspended.

When Paul Leicester found a cell phone, he decided to turn it in to the police in Seaforth, England. They promptly arrested him for theft, took his fingerprints and a DNA sample, and held him for four hours. They eventually dropped the charges.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, July 1**, the 182nd day of 2009. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

**On this date:**  
In 1859, the first inter-collegiate baseball game took place in Pittsfield, Mass., between teams from Williams College and Amherst College. (Amherst won the nearly four-hour, 26-inning contest by the score of 73-32.)

In 1863, the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1968, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and nearly 60 other nations signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

In 1969, Britain's Prince Charles was formally invested as the Prince of Wales by his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1984, the Motion Picture Association of America established the "PG-13" rating.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

**Ten years ago:** Exactly six months before the year 2000, Congress passed legislation to shield businesses from a potential flood of Y2K computer-related lawsuits.

**Five years ago:** Legendary film and stage actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80. Saddam Hussein scoffed at charges of war crimes and mass killings, making a defiant first public appearance in an Iraqi court since being hunted down seven months earlier.

**One year ago:** Ex-convict Nicholas T. Sheley, suspected in eight grisly slayings in two states, was arrested outside a bar in Granite City, Ill. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Denver agreed to pay \$5.5 million to settle 18 more claims by people who said they'd been sexually abused by priests when they were children.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Olivia de Havilland is 93. Actor Jamie Farr is 75. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 68. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 64. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 57. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 48. Actress Pamela Anderson is 42. Actress Liv Tyler is 32. Actress Hilarie Burton is 27.

# Anderson appointed to commission Wagon Train to honor soldiers

**SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF LT. GOV. CASEY CAGLE**

Brian Anderson, president and CEO of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission effective July 1 for a two-year term. The commission will serve as the primary strategic entity for land use, environmental, transportation and historic preservation planning in the region. "As a veteran of the U.S. Army, successful businessman and active community leader, Brian will be a tremendous asset to the Dalton community and for northwest Georgia's future growth," said Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle. "I am very grate-

ful for his commitment to serve my office and the invaluable benefit his experience and dedication will bring to the council." Anderson served as chairman of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners from 2005 through 2008. He has held marketing management roles with Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and the Dalton Beverage Co. Before starting his business career, Anderson served in the U.S. Army from 1987 through 1990 as an intelligence officer. Anderson has served on the Board of Directors for the North Georgia Regional Development Center, Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority, Chief

Elected Officers/Workforce Investment Board and the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership. Past memberships include the North Georgia Metropolitan Planning Organization, Carpet City Rotary Club, the Education is Essential Foundation and Southeast High School's "Project Success" program. He is a graduate of Leadership Dalton-Whitfield, Leadership Georgia and the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. A native of Florence, S.C., Anderson holds an economics degree from Francis Marion University. He and his wife Heather live in Dalton with their two children and attend Dalton First United Methodist Church.

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

With thousands of Americans in military service throughout the world, the generally carefree atmosphere of Wagon Train will take a more serious tone Saturday night. The opening ceremonies for Wagon Train on the Fourth of July will be dedicated to all members of the military, with special recognition for the members of Charlie Troop, a light infantry unit that performs reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition based in Dalton. Many members of Charlie Troop deployed to Afghanistan earli-

er this year. Members of Charlie Troop who did not deploy have been invited to the 7 p.m. ceremony at the Murray County Saddle Club's arena at 560 Highway 52 East. Charlie Troop's time in Afghanistan has special meaning for the Saddle Club. One of its members, 16-year-old Aaron Knight, has two cousins deployed. "We decided that since we're that close that we wanted to do something special for them," said Tammy England, Knight's mother and a fellow Saddle Club member. For information about Wagon Train, visit [www.murraycountysaddleclub.com](http://www.murraycountysaddleclub.com).

## Varnell

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About two months ago, the City Council unanimously voted to stop mowing the cemetery. "As the economy goes down and we are all looking for places to cut, we looked, we were spending several thousand (dollars) a year to mow the cemetery," Peebles said. "We did not make any money off the cemetery. We do not get money off selling the lots. We do not sell markers." "We don't own that cemetery. The city of Varnell does not own that cemetery," said city manager Mark Gibson. Peebles says part of the cemetery is privately owned by the Varnell Cemetery Co. and the owners will take care of that part. But that leaves an older part the city had been maintaining that city crews will no longer mow. City officials say they don't want to see the cemetery go without mowing. "I do have family that is in the section that we are talking about," Gibson said. Peebles said he is setting up a fund to help keep that portion mowed and is asking community members for donations. "To the best of my knowledge, it will take about \$3,500 (a year). That will get it mowed at least every three or four weeks. Fifty dollars here and \$50 there, and we can raise enough money to keep it mowed," he said. "I'll continue this not just as long



**A plot in the non-perpetual care section of the Varnell Cemetery is overrun with weeds.**

as I am mayor, but as long as I am in the Varnell community and in the funeral business."

Those wishing to give to the fund should send donations to the Varnell Community Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box C, Varnell, GA 30756.

## Franken headed to Senate

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Republican Norm Coleman conceded to Democrat Al Franken in Minnesota's contested Senate race Tuesday, hours after a unanimous state Supreme Court ruled the former "Saturday Night Live" comedian should be certified the winner. Coleman announced his decision at a news conference in St. Paul, bringing an end to a nearly eight-month recount and court fight over an election decided by only a few hundred votes. "The Supreme Court has made its decision and I will abide by the results," Coleman told reporters outside his St. Paul home. Franken, accompanied by his wife, told reporters outside his downtown Minneapolis town house that "Franni and I

are so thrilled that we can finally celebrate this victory." "I can't wait to get started," he added. "I've been trying to keep abreast of what's going on, and I'll do the best I can" Coleman, appearing relaxed and upbeat, said he had congratulated Franken, was at peace with his decision to concede and had no regrets about the fight, which started almost immediately after the Nov. 4 election. "Sure I wanted to win," said Coleman, who called the ruling a surprise. "But the court has spoken." He declined to talk about his future plans, brushing aside a question about whether he would run for governor in 2010. Franken's victory will give Democrats control over 60 Senate seats, the number need-

ed to overcome any Republican filibusters to health care, energy, or other legislation they or the Obama administration is seeking. But to exercise that strength, they will need to remain as united in support of a bill as Republicans are in opposition, regardless of regional differences, ideology, or political self-interest. The situation is further complicated by the illness of two senior Democrats who have been absent from the Capitol for weeks. West Virginia Sen. Robert C. Byrd was recently released from a hospital after undergoing treatment for a staph infection, and Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is battling brain cancer. It is not known when, or whether, either will be able to return to the Capitol.

## Fourth: Big day

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Chatsworth. The band Longshot will perform at 6 p.m. There will be slides and a train ride for children. The fireworks will begin shortly after dark. Admission to both events is free, but there are minimal charges for the slides, inflatables and a few other activities. Refreshments will be available. Mike Miller, athletics coordinator with the city rec department, has been involved with the Independence Day events for the past 26 years. He estimates between 10,000 and 15,000 people will attend throughout the day. "It's very popular because of the kinds of things we're offering," Miller said. "When we used to have it here at the main office, the whole hill would be completely packed in and you could guesstimate probably 15,000, 20,000 people packed into the little spot right here. As time has gone by and there are more offerings outside of what we do, numbers have sort of decreased." All events in Dalton will be at Heritage Point except for the horseshoe tournament and

swimming at the pool, which will be at James Brown Park. Entering the eating contests is free. Participants will be timed to determine who can stuff the most number of Krystals or Little Debbie's in their gullet. The payoff? A trophy and leftovers. "It's a spectacle," Miller said. "Sometimes the little skinny kids actually are the ones who win. Big guys come in with a gigantic stomach and sometimes their eyes are bigger than their stomachs." For information, call the Dalton Rec at (706) 278-5404 or visit [www.cityofdalton-ga.gov](http://www.cityofdalton-ga.gov) and click on "Departments," then "Recreation." The Murray County rec can be reached at (706) 695-7359.

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# PrimeCare clinic opens at Murray hospital

SUBMITTED BY MURRAY MEDICAL CENTER

Murray Medical Center and Georgia Mountains Health, a federally qualified health care clinic in Chatsworth, are joining forces to open PrimeCare inside the hospital's emergency department.

The new clinic is centered on providing an appropriate level of care for people previously having to use the emergency department for non-emergency conditions, as well as educating the public on appropriate ways to receive medical care. The clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"We are looking forward to the opening of PrimeCare inside Murray Medical Center, and feel it will be a great asset for the commu-

nity as well as our hospital," said Jim Hazel, administrator of Murray Medical Center. "By providing the public with treatment in the proper medical setting, and information about proper levels of care, we feel that the opening of PrimeCare will not only make our hospital stronger, but will in turn make our community healthier as well as help people save on medical bills."

In coordination with the clinic's opening, the hospital will enact a new Emergency Services Policy. Beginning July 1, all patients seeking emergency services will receive a medical screening exam by a physician or nurse practitioner to determine if the patient's condition is emergency or non-emergency.

If a patient is diagnosed with an emergency condition, he/she will be treated regardless of his/her abil-

ity to pay. If a patient is diagnosed with a non-emergency condition certain conditions apply. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., patients with non-emergency conditions will be referred to the PrimeCare clinic for treatment. Fees for service will be based upon the patient's ability to pay. However, a minimum payment of \$40 will be expected at the time of service.

From 7 p.m. to 11 a.m., patients medically screened by the emergency department physician as non-emergency will be given the following choices:

Option 1 — The patient may choose to continue treatment in the emergency department; however, treatment will require a \$100 deposit. If you are a non-emergency patient with insurance, the hospital is obligated to collect your

deductible and co-insurance payment at the time of service. Coverage for non-emergency conditions will vary according to the terms of your insurance plan.

If you are a non-emergency patient without insurance, you will be responsible to pay Murray Medical Center for any treatment you receive at the time of service. The minimum required deposit is \$100.

Option 2 — Return to the PrimeCare clinic at 11 a.m.

Option 3 — Be referred to an area physician or clinic

"We believe that with the opening of PrimeCare, we will be able to better serve both our emergency patients as well as those people that need non-emergent medical assistance, but in a more appropriate and affordable level

of care," Hazel said. "Our decision to partner in the opening of PrimeCare inside the hospital came from a realization that the citizens of Murray County and Northwest Georgia needed a place to receive proper non-emergent medical care while receiving education on all of the resources available to them through our local clinics as well as our growing panel of primary care physicians, with the objective of helping citizens understand the value of having a medical home."

Murray Medical Center is at 707 Old Dalton Ellijay Road and is part of Hamilton Health Care System. For questions about the hospital's new emergency services policy or PrimeCare, contact Danny Wright, director of hospital services, at (706) 517-2033.

## VARNELL SECOND-GRADERS



Ann Pate's second-grade class at Varnell Elementary posed for this photograph during the 1982-1983 school year. Parapro Linda Lawson is at far left on the second row; Pate is at far right on the

second row. Readers who can identify other individuals or who wish to share historic photos of any Whitfield County school may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at (706) 217-6733 (24-hour voice mail).

## College's School of Nursing receives re-accreditation

SUBMITTED BY DALTON STATE COLLEGE

Dalton State College's School of Nursing was recently granted re-accreditation status for the next four years by the Georgia Board of Nursing, college officials said.

Dalton State officials were notified in June that the current accredited status will remain in place through Dec. 31, 2013, according to Cordia Starling, dean of the School of Nursing.

"It's important to us to continue our accreditation status because doing so confirms the quality of our program," Starling said.

Every four years, each school or division of nursing comes under review by the Georgia Board of Nurses to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum, the self-evaluation methodology, and the quality of classroom and clinical instruction.

"We're proud of our program and are always looking to be the best that we can be," Starling said. "Our ultimate goal is to graduate safe and effective health care providers who will serve this region, our state, and even the nation."

Representatives from the nursing board made a two-day site visit in October of last year. They reported their findings to the board in May, recommending full approval of re-accreditation.

The report included nine commendations for the School of Nursing, listing what the board considers to be many of the nursing program's strengths, including

strong administrative support for the acquisition of equipment and supplies, detailed course materials and guidelines for students which enhance learning, and practice-based learning activities.

During the past year the School of Nursing has revamped its curriculum to reflect changes and trends in health care, Starling said. The restructuring process required program review and approval by the National League for Nurses Accrediting Commission as well. College officials also learned in June that the commission granted full approval for the curriculum changes.

"The changes we've made to the curriculum, including increasing nursing instruction from just half a semester for freshmen to full-semesters, should make retention of the subject matter easier for the students," Starling said. "We expect that we'll see this reflected on their performance on their state boards."

## FDA panel: Lower daily dose of Tylenol

BY MATTHEW PERRONE AP Business Writer

ADELPHI, Md. — Government experts called for sweeping safety restrictions Tuesday on the most widely used painkiller, including reducing the maximum dose of Tylenol and eliminating prescription drugs such as Vicodin and Percocet.

The Food and Drug Administration assembled 37 experts to recommend ways to reduce deadly overdoses with acetaminophen, which is the leading cause of liver failure in the U.S. and sends 56,000 people to the emergency room annually. About 200 die each year.

"We're here because there are inadvertent overdoses with this drug that are fatal and this is the one opportunity we have to do something that will have a big impact," said Dr. Judith Kramer of Duke University Medical Center.

But over-the-counter cold medicines — such as Nyquil and Theraflu — that combine other drugs with acetaminophen can stay on the market, the panel said, rejecting a proposal to take them off store shelves.

The FDA is not required to follow the advice of its panels, though it usually does. The agency gave no indication when it would act on the recommendations.

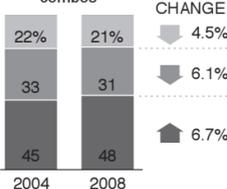
In a series of votes Tuesday, the panel recommended 21-16 to lower the maximum dose of over-the-counter acetamino-

### High demand

Acetaminophen sales reached \$2.6 billion in 2008, an increase of 8.3 percent from 2004.

Sales of medicine containing acetaminophen

■ Prescription combos  
■ Pure acetaminophen  
■ Over-the-counter combos



SOURCE: IMS Health AP

phen from 4 grams, or eight pills of a medication such as Extra Strength Tylenol. They did not specify how much it should be lowered.

The panel also endorsed limiting the maximum single dose of the drug to 650 milligrams. That would be down from the 1,000-milligram dose, or two tablets of Extra Strength Tylenol.

A majority of panelists also said the 1,000-milligram dose should only be available by prescription.

The industry group that represents Johnson & Johnson, Wyeth and other companies defended the current dosing that appears on over-the-counter products.

"I think it's a very useful dose and one that is needed for treating chronic pain, such as people with chronic osteoarthritis," said Linda Suydam, president of the

Consumer Healthcare Products Association.

The experts narrowly ruled that prescription drugs that combine acetaminophen with other painkilling ingredients should be eliminated. They cited FDA data indicating that 60 percent of acetaminophen-related deaths are related to prescription products.

But some on the panel opposed a sweeping withdrawal of products that are widely used to control severe, chronic pain. Prescription acetaminophen combination drugs were prescribed 200 million times last year, according to the FDA.

"To make this shift without very clear understanding of the implications on the management of pain would be a huge mistake," said Dr. Robert Kerns of Yale University.

If the drugs stay on the market, they should carry a black box warning, the most serious safety label available, the panel decided.

"If we don't eliminate the combination products we should at least lower the levels of acetaminophen contained in those medicines," said Sandra Kewder, FDA's deputy director for new drugs, summarizing the panel's vote.

Percocet and similar treatments combine acetaminophen with more powerful pain relieving narcotics, such as oxycodone.

If the combination products are eliminated, the acetaminophen and the other ingredients could be prescribed

separately. In effect, patients would take two pills instead of one, and be more aware of the acetaminophen they are consuming.

Vicodin is marketed by Abbott Laboratories, while Percocet is marketed by Endo Pharmaceuticals.

Both painkillers also are available in cheaper generic versions.

"The panel recommending banning Vicodin and Percocet seems a little draconian," said Les Funtleyder, an analyst for Miller Tabak & Co.

Drug companies avoided the most damaging potential outcome with the defeat of proposal to pull NyQuil and other over-the-counter cold and cough medicines that combine acetaminophen with other drugs.

These drugs can be dangerous when taken with Tylenol or other drugs containing acetaminophen, according to the FDA, but cause only 10 percent of acetaminophen-related deaths.

"I don't think we should be advocating a solution to a problem that really is not there," said Dr. Osemwota Omoigui, of the Los Angeles pain clinic.

A recall of combination cold medicines would have cost manufacturers hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. Total sales of all acetaminophen drugs reached \$2.6 billion last year, with 80 percent of the market comprised of over-the-counter products, according to IMS Health, a health care analysis firm.

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# Iraqis celebrate U.S. pullback

BAGHDAD (AP) — Not a single American soldier was in sight. Gone, too, were the American helicopters whose buzz has for years defined Baghdad's background track.

Left alone to protect the capital Tuesday were thousands of Iraqi troops and police manning checkpoints, with army tanks deployed at potential trouble spots and convoys of pickup trucks with machine guns roaming the streets.

But it was elsewhere, 180 miles to the north, that militants delivered their first deadly challenge to Iraq's security forces on a highly symbolic day after the formal withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from cities at midnight.

A car bombing devastated a food market in the city of Kirkuk, killing at least 33 people and wounding 90. The early evening attack, which bore the hallmarks of Sunni extremist groups like al-Qaida in Iraq, was the second in the Kirkuk area since a truck bombing killed 82 people on June 20.

The latest blast was a deadly example of the violence many Iraqis fear will increase with the departure of U.S. troops from urban areas, despite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's confidence in Iraq's nascent security forces.

The bombing came hours after the U.S. military announced that four American soldiers were killed in combat Monday. It was the deadliest attack on U.S. forces since May 21, when three soldiers were killed and nine wounded in a roadside bombing in Baghdad.

"It reminds me that there are still dangers out there," Gen. Ray



AP PHOTO

**A woman gives a flower to an Iraqi soldier at an army checkpoint in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, Tuesday. U.S. troops pulled out of Iraqi cities on Tuesday in the first step toward winding down the American war effort by the end of 2011.**

Odierno, the top U.S. soldier in Iraq, said of the American deaths. "There are still people out there who do not want the government of Iraq to succeed."

The violence marred what other-

wise was a festive occasion as Iraqis commemorated the newly declared National Sovereignty Day with military parades and marching bands in the capital.

Colorful paper balls and Iraqi

flags were hoisted on blast walls at checkpoints as patriotic songs blared from loudspeakers on sidewalks.

Plastic flowers and streamers decorated police and army vehi-

cles. One car had a red heart with the English word "Love" in the middle, as if for Valentine's Day.

Some policemen danced atop their vehicles as they moved in convoys across the capital. Traffic was light in Baghdad, but particularly thorough searches at some checkpoints meant long lines of waiting cars in parts of the city.

No matter.

"I felt it was normal for an Iraqi soldier, rather than an American, to order me to stop for a search," said Ali Mohsen, a 30-year-old government employee from the mostly Shiite New Baghdad district. "The Americans' cowboy style was annoying," said Mohsen, recounting his car journey to his brother's home in eastern Baghdad.

"I hope our forces will be up to the task so we can return to normalcy," he said.

Any failure on their part could plunge the country into a new round of sectarian warfare that could seal Iraq's fate for years. Success would allow reconstruction projects to go ahead and give leaders of Iraq's rival ethnic and religious groups space to negotiate an enduring power-sharing formula.

Iraqi authorities welcomed the U.S. pullback with nationalist rhetoric and celebrations in what appeared to be an attempt by al-Maliki to rally the public behind his government and secure more support ahead of an election in January.

Al-Maliki, whose three years in office saw a dramatic decline in violence, used a nationally televised address to project an air of confidence.

## Sanford's life unraveled by forbidden romance

By TAMARA LUSH  
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — When South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford flew to Argentina to visit his lover on June 18, he knew it was the end of his carefully scripted life.

It was the end of his rock star-status as top fundraiser in the Republican Party. The end of inside-the-beltway rumors that he would be a legitimate candidate for the 2012 GOP nomination. And, most likely, the end of his 20-year marriage.

"I was frightened and I was scared, and I knew the consequences," he said. "This was a whole lot more than a simple affair. This was a love story. A forbidden one, a tragic one, but a love story at the end of the day."

That love story would lead to Sanford's personal unraveling. During two days of exclusive interviews in his Statehouse office with The Associated Press, Sanford revealed painfully intimate details about his life, saying he needed to lay out the facts.

Often wiping tears from his eyes, Sanford dropped bombshell after bombshell: He isn't in love with his wife; he had "crossed the lines" with other women; and, perhaps the biggest of all, his mistress, Maria Belen Chapur, is his "soul mate."

"I don't have much to lose now," said Sanford, sighing and describing the scandal as "his political funeral."

The father of four boys hasn't always been a ladies' man. Quite the contrary: Associates have called him "asexual."

Sanford is well-known around the capital for his love of charts and graphs. The three-term U.S. congressman and two-term governor describes himself as

"methodical" and "left-brained."

But he also admits that he kept his emotions "in a box" and that once a year, he and his guy friends would go on a trip to "let steam out of the box."

At home, the governor avoided going to bars and clubs, rigidly "avoiding even the appearance of evil." But during these trips — mainly overseas adventures to exotic locales — he would have casual encounters with women.

On some of those trips, Sanford said he "crossed the lines" with a handful of women.

"I'm quite certain that there were a handful of instances wherein I crossed the lines I shouldn't have crossed as a married man, but never crossed the ultimate line," he said. "I didn't cross the sex line."

In January 2001, Sanford took another trip with a buddy, this time to Punta del Este, an exclusive seaside resort in Uruguay. He described going to a club on a "windswept beach" and seeing two women at the edge of the dance floor. One of the women was Chapur; he said he approached her and they began talking.

The connection was instantaneous.

Chapur confided to this stranger that her marriage was failing. Sanford says he advised her to reconcile with her husband, for the good of her two sons and for the sake of "God's law."

Sanford said there was no physical contact between them during that trip. But at the end of their conversation, they exchanged e-mail addresses.

Sanford returned to the U.S. and began his campaign for governor that same year. He won office in 2002 and began making his mark as a

charismatic Republican governor.

Chapur was never far from his mind — or e-mail inbox. Sanford insists the correspondence was innocent, but he admits that he didn't tell his wife about his pen pal.

The two e-mailed "sporadically" over the years. In 2004, during the Republican National Convention, they met for coffee at a French cafe in New York City.

"It was like catching up with a great, old friend," he said. "I remember there was an older couple sitting to our right, and I remember them watching us, in the way that we interacted. They could see a spark."

The spark turned into a blaze in June of 2008.

Sanford was part of a state economic development mission to Brazil and Argentina. It was during that trip, he said, that the relationship became physical.

Sanford and Chapur arranged to meet again, three months later, in New York City. Two months later, they met again in New York and spent a few days in the Hamptons.

Just before Christmas, a frantic Chapur called Sanford: Someone had hacked into her e-mail account and discovered their missives. Politically, Sanford was at the top of his game: He had been elected chairman of the Republican Governor's Association and there was talk of him running for the presidential nomination in 2012.

About a month later, Jenny Sanford, his wife of 20 years, discovered one of his letters to Chapur.

"She was visibly shaken," Sanford said about his wife's reaction.

## Insomniac Jackson begged for drug

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson was so distraught over persistent insomnia in recent months that he pleaded for a powerful sedative despite warnings it could be harmful, says a nutritionist who was working with the singer as he prepared his comeback bid.

Cherilyn Lee, a registered nurse whose specialty includes nutritional counseling, said Tuesday that she repeatedly rejected his demands for the drug, Diprivan, which is given intravenously.

But a frantic phone call she received from Jackson four days before his death made her fear that he somehow obtained Diprivan or another drug to induce sleep, Lee said.

While in Florida on June 21, Lee was contacted by a member of Jackson's staff.

"He called and was very frantic and said, 'Michael needs to see you right away.' I said, 'What's wrong?' And I could hear Michael in the background .... 'One side of my body is hot, it's hot, and one side of my body is cold. It's very cold,'" Lee said.

"I said, 'Tell him he needs to go to the hospital. I don't know what's going on, but he needs to go to the hospital ... right away.'"

"At that point, I knew that somebody had given him something that hit the central nervous system," she said, adding, "He was in trouble Sunday and he was crying out."

Jackson did not go to the hospital. He died June 25 after suffering cardiac arrest, his family said. Autopsies have been conducted, but an official cause of death is not expected for several weeks.

"I don't know what happened there. The only thing I can say is he was adamant

about this drug," Lee said.

Following Jackson's death, allegations emerged that the 50-year-old King of Pop had been consuming painkillers, sedatives and antidepressants. But Lee said she encountered a man tortured by sleep deprivation and one who expressed opposition to recreational drug use.

"He wasn't looking to get high or feel good and sedated from drugs," she said. "This was a person who was not on drugs. This was a person who was seeking help, desperately, to get some sleep, to get some rest."

Jackson was rehearsing hard for what would have been his big comeback — his "This Is It" tour, a series of performances that would have strained his aging dancer's body. Also, pain had been a part of his life since 1984, when his scalp was severely burned during a Pepsi commercial shoot.

Several months ago, Jackson had begun badgering Lee about Diprivan, also known as Propofol, Lee said. It is an intravenous anesthetic drug widely used in operating rooms to induce unconsciousness. It is generally given through an IV needle in the hand.

Patients given Propofol take less time to regain consciousness than those administered certain other drugs, and they report waking up more clear-headed and refreshed, said University of Chicago psychopharmacologist James Zacny.

It has also been implicated in drug abuse, with people using it to "chill out" or to commit suicide, Zacny said. Accidental deaths linked to abuse have been reported. The powerful drug has a very narrow therapeutic window, meaning it doesn't take doses much larger than the medically recommended amount to stop a person's breathing.

An overdose that stops breathing can result in a buildup of carbon dioxide, causing the heart to beat erratically and leading to cardiac arrest, said Dr. John Dombrowski, a member of the board of directors of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.



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## Jackson's will puts assets in trust

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's will gives guardianship over his children to the singer's mother and leaves all his assets in a trust fund, a person with knowledge of the document told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The word came just a day after the family said in court documents it believed the entertainer had died without a valid will and moved to take control over his estate. The will was created in July 2002 and named as executors Jackson's longtime lawyer John Branca and John McClain, a music executive and a family friend. The Jackson family and its lawyers are reviewing the document. That designation complicates a petition by Jackson's mother Katherine to become the administrator of his lucrative, but debt-encumbered estate.

## 7 teenagers shot near Detroit school

DETROIT — Gunmen in a green minivan opened fire on a group of teenagers waiting at a bus stop near a Detroit school on Tuesday, wounding seven including three who were in critical condition, authorities said. Five of the teens had just left Cody Ninth Grade Academy, where they were taking summer classes, when they were shot at the nearby bus stop. The gunmen exited a vehicle and "asked for a person by name" before they "opened fire at the crowd," said Detroit Public Schools Police Chief Roderick Grimes. Detroit Police were looking for two suspects in a green minivan. The teenagers, four boys and three girls, range in age from 14 to 17 years old.

## Jackson claimed worth of \$236M

NEW YORK — Michael Jackson claimed to have a net worth of \$236 million as of March 31, 2007, according to financial documents obtained by The Associated Press that shed light on the late pop star's murky finances and prodigious borrowing. The documents also show he had little cash on hand to finance his lavish lifestyle. They offer the clearest account yet on the state of Jackson's financial empire, which is expected to become the focus of a legal battle between the singer's family and creditors. Jackson had \$567.6 million in assets, including his Neverland Ranch, his share of the Sony/ATV Music Publishing catalog that includes the rights to songs by the Beatles, and an assortment of cars, antiques and collectibles.

## Plane crashes with 142 passengers

MORONI, Comoros — A Yemeni jetliner carrying 153 people crashed in the Indian Ocean as it came in for a landing during howling winds on the island nation of Comoros. Yemeni officials said a teenage girl survived. The crash came two years after aviation officials reported faults with the plane, an Airbus 310 flying the last leg of a journey from Paris and Marseille to Comoros, with a stop in Yemen to change planes. Most of the passengers were from Comoros, a former French colony. Sixty-six on board were French nationals.

## Woman says dog ate her checks

ARLINGTON, Wash. — A woman accused of dipping into her ex-husband's bank account without permission blames her dog. Detectives filed court orders to follow the money trail. They learned the money disappearing from the 42-year-old Arlington man's account was being used to pay for utility bills and other items at his ex-wife's home. Police said the woman's first response was, "Her dog got into her purse and ate all her personal checks." The 50-year-old woman reportedly told police she had no choice but to take money from her former husband's account.

- Penny Bagby, Rocky Face
- Evelyn I. Newton, Griffin
- David William 'Rev. Booger' Pittman, Rossville

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## Penny Bagby

Penny Bagby, 50, of Rocky Face, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

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## Evelyn I. Newton

Mrs. Evelyn I. Newton, 88, of Griffin, died Monday, June 29, 2009, at Brightmoor Medical Care Home.

Mrs. Newton was born June 6, 1921, in Cochran to the late Terry Shirley and the late Martha Taylor Shirley. She was preceded in death by husbands, Hugh Wesley Brinkley and Morris L. Newton; and daughter, Virginia Wilson. Mrs. Newton was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include children, Barbara Hope of Eastman, Martha and David Phillip of Griffin and the Rev. Jim and Alice Brinkley of Tunnel Hill; son-in-law, Bill Wilson of Stockbridge; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Betty McElheney of Griffin; brother, Roger Shirley of Bremen; several nieces and

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nephews.

Services are today at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Dr. Steve Stewart and the Rev. Jim Brinkley will officiate.

Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Friends visited the family Tuesday at the funeral home.

Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of arrangements; [www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com](http://www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com).

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## David William 'Rev. Booger' Pittman

David William "Rev. Booger" Pittman, 48, of Rossville, died Monday, June 29, 2009.

He was born in Memphis, Tenn., on Feb. 21, 1961, but

lived in the North Georgia area most of his life and was of the Christian faith. He was employed with Shaw Industries as an electrician for more than 10 years and was a member of the United States Coast Guard. He was a member of the A.R.M. Group (Association of Recovering Motorcyclists), as well as a writer for Road Rash Magazine. He was always active in many different charities such as Stockings Full of Love and fundraising for National Guard troops serving overseas.

He was preceded in death by his father, John William Pittman; daughter, Cynthia Lynn Pittman; and a special uncle, William "Boogie" Edington.

Survivors include his loving wife, Pam Pittman of Rossville; mother, Helen Pittman of Ringgold; son, Alex William Pittman of

Rossville; sister, Janice Anderson of Nashville, Tenn.; special niece, Lea Michelle Anderson; and numerous other family, cousins and friends of the A.R.M. Group.

Memorial services are Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Fort Oglethorpe chapel of Wilson Funeral Homes with Brother John Hitchens and Brother Jimmy Cornette officiating.

Burial will be private. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service in the Fort Oglethorpe chapel.

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# Which treatment works best? Top study needs listed

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Irregular heartbeat. Prostate cancer. Back pain. Hearing loss. The government is about to spend millions to try to uncover the best treatments for scores of ailments — and how to handle these four biggies leads a list of top 100 questions that doctors need answered.

One of medicine's secrets: Doctors often have to guess at which treatment or test is best for a certain patient. There's very little good scientific evidence comparing them. As part of the economic stimulus package, Congress set aside a down payment of \$1.1 billion to start figuring that out, so patients don't waste time and money on poor choices.

But where to start? Tuesday, the prestigious Institute of Medicine delivered a blueprint — the top 100 priorities to study first.

"This program is a program about improving decisions for patients," said Dr. Harold Sox of the American College of Physicians, who co-chaired the IOM report.

Some of the questions may surprise patients and families. High on the list:

■ Is medication or a surgical fix better for the irregular heartbeat called atrial fibrillation that afflicts 2 million Americans?

■ What's the best for early stage prostate cancer — various surgeries, different types of radiation, or so-called watchful waiting?

■ What are the pros and cons of new hearing aids, cochlear implants and other devices for age-related hearing loss?

■ How effective are numerous treatments for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — medications, cognitive-behavioral therapy, biofeedback, parent training?

■ When should cancer patients

have an MRI, a CT scan or PET scan, and when are the scans a waste?

■ Which of myriad treatments, from anti-inflammatories to exercises, are best for low back pain?

The advisory group didn't stop at the doctor's office but considered ways of preventing health problems, too. So the report also urges comparing how schools can help fight childhood obesity, from meal programs to physical education to restricting vending machines. And since half of all pregnancies are unplanned, the report calls for testing novel strategies like over-the-counter access to birth control pills.

At issue is the "comparative effectiveness" of various treatments and tests for illnesses and ailments. These winners-and-losers questions drive fierce opposition from drug makers and others who have a financial stake in the outcome. That kind of lobbying has left the nation with a scattershot method for determining best medical practices.

The IOM panel was clear: The new program is not about rationing care — it doesn't call for insurers to

use the results for coverage decisions — but about finding unbiased information to make the best choices for a given patient. To do that, the research must include typical patients — usually sicker ones than drug companies enroll in the studies required for sales approval — the report stressed.

"Patients, even doctors like me, somehow get tongue-tied when it comes time to ask questions of their doctor," Sox said. Eventually, these studies should arm patients with the information to "speak up and really assert themselves in talking with their doctor, to be sure their preferences are reflected in whatever treatment or testing is eventually decided on."

The report didn't put a price tag on the called-for studies, but that \$1.1 billion will cover only a fraction of the projects. Nor is it clear how quickly the answers will arrive.

But Obama administration officials have stressed that quickly disseminating the research results also will be a priority, so the data translates into better care.

# Fawcett remembered

By SANDY COHEN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — The life of "Charlie's Angels" star Farrah Fawcett was celebrated Tuesday at a private funeral in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

Her longtime companion, Ryan O'Neal, 68, was among pallbearers who accompanied the casket, covered in yellow and orange flowers, into the Roman Catholic cathedral.

Fawcett's friend Alana Stewart and "Charlie's Angels" co-star Kate Jackson were among early arrivals before the hearse pulled up, accompanied by 10 motorcycle officers.

Fans and news media watched from across a street. The service was closed to the public.

The funeral program said Fawcett's and O'Neal's 24-year-old son, Redmond, was



Ryan O'Neal arrives at the funeral for actress Farrah Fawcett in Los Angeles Tuesday.

to do the service's first reading. He has been jailed in a drug case but received a judge's permission to attend the funeral. He was not seen outside the cathedral, however.

The program, which fea-

ured a photograph of a smiling Fawcett, also said Ryan O'Neal was to read the 23rd Psalm, and eulogies were to be given by Stewart and Dr. Lawrence Piro, Fawcett's cancer specialist.

Fawcett died Thursday at age 62 after a public battle with cancer. O'Neal and Stewart were at her side.

"After a long and brave battle with cancer, our beloved Farrah has passed away," O'Neal said in a statement last week. "Although this is an extremely difficult time for her family and friends, we take comfort in the beautiful times that we shared with Farrah over the years and the knowledge that her life brought joy to so many people around the world."

Diagnosed with a rare cancer in 2006, Fawcett's battle with the disease was documented in "Farrah's Story," which aired last month on NBC.

# UN tells Honduras to reinstate president

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Honduras' ousted president won overwhelming international support Tuesday as he planned a high-profile return to his chaotic country. The politicians who sent soldiers to fly him into exile in his pajamas said he will be arrested for treason if he tries.

The interim leader named by Congress, Roberto Micheletti, warned only an armed invasion could restore toppled President Manuel Zelaya.

"He has already committed crimes against the constitution and the law. He can no longer return to the presidency of the republic unless a president from another Latin American country comes and imposes him using guns," Micheletti said in an interview with The Associated Press from the heavily forti-

fied presidential palace.

The showdown was building to a climax as the presidents of Argentina and Ecuador signed on to accompany Zelaya and the heads of the Organization of American States and the U.N. General Assembly on a flight to Honduras on Thursday.

Attorney General Luis Alberto Rubi said Zelaya would be seized "as soon as he sets foot on Honduran soil" and face 20 years in prison on charges that also include abuse of authority.

"I'm going back to calm people down. I'm going to try to open a dialogue and put things in order," Zelaya said at the United Nations. "When I'm back, people are going to say ... 'commander, we're at your service' and the army will have to correct itself. There's no other possibility."

The U.N. General

Assembly voted by acclamation to demand Zelaya's immediate restoration, and the Organization of American States was meeting to consider suspending Honduras for straying from democracy.

With no international support but a significant following at home, the new Honduran leadership called thousands of flag-waving people into a downtown plaza. Soldiers fenced off the area around the presidential palace, where security forces used tear gas and water cannons Monday against Zelaya supporters, injuring and arresting dozens.

Zelaya — whose elected term ends in January 2010 — had defied the Supreme Court and called a referendum on constitutional change that opponents worried would lead to Zelaya prolonging his presidency.

# THE MARKET

Tuesday's Dow Jones: 8447 ▼ 82.40  
Tuesday's NASDAQ: 1835.04 ▼ 9.02

	Monday	Tuesday		16.38	16.55
Gold	935.5	934.5	IBM	105.8	104.4
Silver	14.15	13.96	Interface	6.25	6.22
Acuity	28.62	28.05	JCP	28.89	28.71
AAIR	6.25	6.19	JNJ	56.96	56.80
Apple	141.9	142.4	Kroger	22.23	22.05
AT&T	25.22	24.84	Lowes	19.47	19.41
BAC	13.19	13.20	McDonalds	57.23	57.49
BB&T	22.49	21.98	Merck	27.85	27.96
BP	47.96	47.68	Microsoft	23.86	23.77
BristolMyers	20.57	20.31	Mohawk	36.67	35.68
HP-Compaq	38.98	38.65	Motorola	6.61	6.63
Chevron	66.88	66.25	Region-Fin	4.07	4.04
CocaCola	48.29	47.99	Rock-Tenn.	37.31	38.16
ConAgra	19.44	19.06	Sara Lee	9.69	9.76
ColonialBnk	.66	.62	SouthernCo	31.86	31.16
Coke Ent.	16.74	16.65	Synovus	3.08	2.99
CrackerBrl	28.10	27.90	SunTrust	16.35	16.45
CrwnCrafts	3.22	2.90	Torchmark	37.47	37.04
CSX	34.76	34.63	Total Sys	13.18	13.39
Dell	13.86	13.73	UPS	50.32	49.99
Delta	5.79	5.79	Vulcan	43.35	43.10
Dixie Group	2.76	2.91	Verizon	31.36	30.73
Dow	16.07	16.14	Walmart	48.76	48.44
Duke	14.58	14.59	Wells Fargo	24.53	24.26
DuPont	26.01	25.62	Wendy's	4.01	4
Earthlink	7.60	7.41	Yum	33.32	33.34
Ericsson	9.85	9.78	Xerox	6.62	6.48
Exxon	70.58	69.91			
Ford	5.78	6.07			
FSG	3.89	3.80			
GE	11.76	11.72			
GM	1.14	1.09			
Goodyear	11.40	11.26			
HomeDepot	23.87	23.63			

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# Local residents in amazement yesterday as Collectors provide a stimulus package to Dalton.

*They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!*

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started yesterday in the LaQuinta Inn.

One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for \$4600.00., with one of the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 talley.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old Jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.

## If you go:

**WHO:** Ohio Valley Refinery  
Reclamation Drive:

**WHAT:** Open to public to sell gold and silver.

**WHEN:** June 29-July 3, 2009

**WHERE:** LaQuinta Inn  
715 College Drive  
Dalton  
Directions 706-272-9099

**TIMES:** MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9:00AM - 6:00PM  
FRIDAY  
9:00AM - 4:00PM

## Items of Interest:

**Vintage Guitars:**  
Martin, Gibson, Fender,  
National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch,  
Mandolins, Banjos and others

**Pocket Watches:**  
Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham,  
Patek Phillipe, Ball, Howard,  
South Bend, Elgin and others  
**Wrist watches:** Omega, Accutron,  
Longines, Hamilton, Breitling  
and many more

**Old paper money:** United  
States, Confederate States,  
Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and  
more

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ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots,  
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**War Memorabilia:** Swords,  
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and another for \$12,000.00, to a  
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feed.

## Items we will accept include:

Scrap Jewelry  
Dental Gold  
Sterling Silverware  
Sterling Silver Tea Sets  
Silver Dollars  
All Coins Dated before 1965  
Industrial Scrap  
All forms of Platinum



"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money."  
CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1986.

## Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Dalton

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

The first day of the 5 day reclamation drive in Dalton was a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives were on hand Tuesday purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated before 1965 were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

On the other side of the room

were representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said "we have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week". The event continues today and runs through Saturday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

## Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

*Collectors and Enthusiasts in Dalton with \$2,000,000 to Purchase Yours!*

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now even well worn heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washing ton quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. This country didn't start minting coins until 1792 says Eades. Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform

system of making change.

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and choose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

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feed.

*Below: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting today through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!*



## Local Residents are ready to cash in!

*International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!*

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see below) along with the coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the LaQuinta Inn paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company has explained that these collectors are paying collector price for the vintage items and is great way for people to get a great value for their items.

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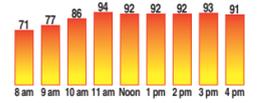
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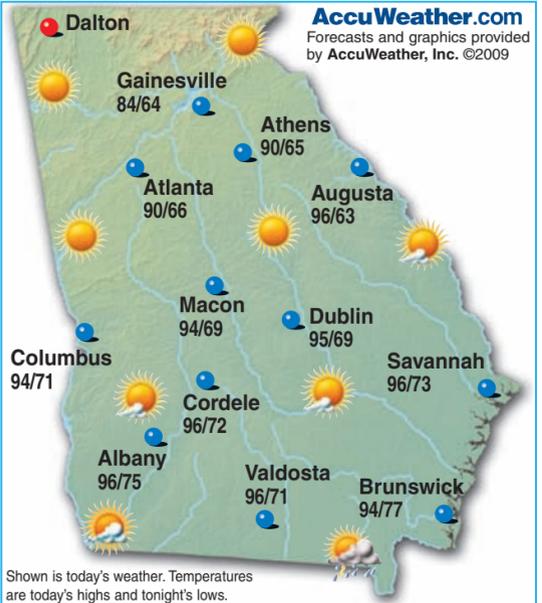
Heavy rain that started July 1, 1975, in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota caused flooding three days later on the Red River. Property damage exceeded \$1 billion.

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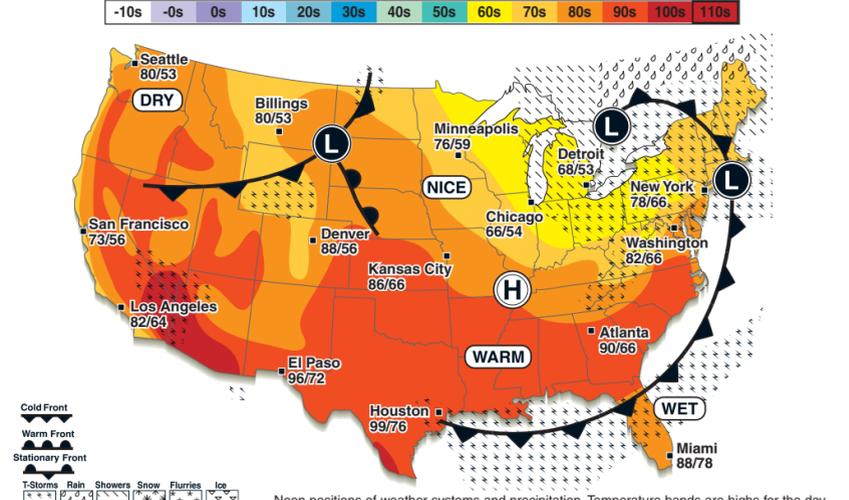
**Georgia Weather**



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	96/75/s	99/77/pc	97/72/pc	La Grange	90/66/s	92/66/pc	88/68/pc
Anchorage	90/66/s	90/70/pc	90/71/pc	Macon	94/69/s	98/69/s	94/70/pc
Baltimore	83/64/t	80/62/t	82/64/t	Marietta	88/62/s	90/65/pc	88/67/pc
Billings	80/53/pc	84/57/s	85/58/pc	Newton	96/72/pc	98/77/pc	97/73/t
Boise	91/61/s	95/63/s	94/64/t	Rome	88/61/s	94/65/pc	91/69/pc
Buffalo	68/57/t	71/60/t	72/58/c	Savannah	96/73/s	99/74/t	97/74/t
Charlotte	88/62/s	88/64/s	90/66/s	Sparta	92/65/s	94/67/s	93/70/pc
Cheyenne	82/54/t	76/55/t	76/53/t	Valdosta	96/71/pc	95/74/t	97/74/pc
Chicago	66/54/pc	76/61/pc	81/58/s				
Cincinnati	70/55/t	76/59/s	82/62/s				
Cleveland	68/55/t	72/60/c	75/60/pc				
Dallas	96/76/s	100/77/s	97/78/pc				

**National Weather for July 1, 2009**



City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.	City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albany	76/63/t	73/59/t	77/60/c	Denver	88/56/t	78/56/t	81/57/t	Okla. City	98/72/s	99/71/pc	94/71/pc
Anchorage	71/55/s	73/54/s	70/54/c	Detroit	68/53/sh	74/59/c	78/57/pc	Orlando	88/75/t	90/74/t	93/76/t
Baltimore	83/64/t	80/62/t	82/64/t	Indianapolis	68/56/t	77/60/s	82/61/s	Philadelphia	82/66/t	78/64/t	80/65/t
Billings	80/53/pc	84/57/s	85/58/pc	Kansas City	86/66/s	80/64/t	86/64/t	Phoenix	106/86/t	104/86/t	106/87/pc
Boise	91/61/s	95/63/s	94/64/t	Las Vegas	101/78/pc	104/85/t	104/84/pc	Pittsburgh	67/56/t	68/56/t	76/60/pc
Buffalo	68/57/t	71/60/t	72/58/c	Los Angeles	82/64/pc	82/64/pc	82/62/pc	Portland, OR	90/55/s	92/57/s	90/59/s
Charlotte	88/62/s	88/64/s	90/66/s	Memphis	92/69/s	91/72/t	90/73/t	St. Louis	84/64/s	79/65/c	89/66/s
Cheyenne	82/54/t	76/55/t	76/53/t	Miami	88/78/t	89/78/t	90/79/pc	S.L. City	88/66/t	91/68/t	88/66/t
Chicago	66/54/pc	76/61/pc	81/58/s	Milwaukee	62/56/pc	75/60/pc	77/59/s	San Fran.	73/56/pc	74/57/pc	75/57/pc
Cincinnati	70/55/t	76/59/s	82/62/s	Minneapolis	76/59/s	81/60/t	77/58/s	San Diego	72/68/pc	75/67/pc	74/66/pc
Cleveland	68/55/t	72/60/c	75/60/pc	New Orleans	94/77/pc	95/77/t	92/77/t	Seattle	80/53/s	84/54/s	84/56/s
Dallas	96/76/s	100/77/s	97/78/pc	New York	78/66/t	80/68/t	80/67/pc	Wash., DC	82/66/t	82/65/t	86/69/t

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CATCHING UP WITH ... : **BLAKE GASH**

## Back to football for ex-Bruin

### Hopes to play at WGU in '10

By **ADAM KROHN**

adamkrohn@daltoncitizen.com

When Blake Gash graduated from Northwest Whitfield in 2008, he left for Chattanooga State with high hopes after signing an athletic scholarship with the National Junior and Community College Athletic Association's Division I school.

But the experience of playing basketball for the Tigers didn't exactly play out how Gash envisioned it would.

**INSIDE SPORTS**

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- ▶ Vick creditors will get more money, **2B**
- ▶ Sanchez and Stafford comparing notes, **3B**
- ▶ NL, AL standings, **3B**

He played limited minutes and the school didn't offer much in the way of extracurricular activities either. Gash not only felt out of place, he was losing his passion for playing college basketball.

"It was frustrating," said Gash, *The Daily Citizen's* 2008 All-Area Player of the Year. "I was looking forward to playing and I felt like I should have been starting or playing more. I worked my butt off all summer long and I felt like it was a waste. But I didn't give up or complain. I kept working and did what I had to do."

Gash's best performance with the Tigers was scoring 13 points against a conference opponent coming off the bench. And that wasn't enough to keep Gash hanging around for another year.

When the school year ended, Gash withdrew from Chattanooga State and decided he had some unfinished business with another passion of his — football.

Gash was a running back and defensive back for the Bruins, but reluctantly gave the sport up to play basketball for Chattanooga



Former Northwest Whitfield football and basketball standout Blake Gash, working out on weights at Bradley Wellness Center, has given up basketball at Chattanooga State and plans to try out for football at West Georgia University.

➤ Please see **GASH, 2B**

### PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA 5, PHILADELPHIA 4



AP PHOTO

Philadelphia Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins gets tangled up with Atlanta Braves base runner Martin Prado after forcing him out at second in the third inning of Tuesday's game. Prado later delivered the game-winning hit in the 10th inning.

## Prado powers Braves past Phillies in 10th

By **CHARLES ODUM**

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Martin Prado singled in the winning run in the 10th inning to finish with a career-best four hits and four RBIs, helping the Atlanta Braves beat Philadelphia 5-4 on Tuesday night for their first home win over the Phillies since 2007.

Gregor Blanco also had three hits and scored twice for Atlanta, which went 0-9 against the Phillies at Turner Field last year.

Matt Diaz started the winning rally with a one-out single off Chan Ho Park (3-2). He moved to third on Blanco's single to left and Prado followed with a liner over left fielder John Mayberry Jr.

Peter Moylan (2-2) recorded two outs to get the win. He was on the mound when third baseman Chipper Jones started a double play with a diving stop of Jayson Werth's grounder in the 10th.

The Phillies took a 4-3 lead in the eighth when Mayberry and Pedro Feliz hit back-

	<b>Philadelphia at Atlanta</b> Tonight, 7:10 p.m.	
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■ **TV:** PEACHTREE TV (Charter 27, Optilink 18)

■ **PITCHERS:** Hamels (4-4, 4.44) vs. Jurrjens (5-6, 2.93)

■ **NOTEWORTHY:** Braves shortstop Yunel Escobar (hip flexor) missed his fourth straight start, but grounded out as a pinch-hitter in the ninth inning of Tuesday's game.

to-back homers off Mike Gonzalez.

Atlanta rallied in the bottom half. Blanco, starting after Nate McLouth was held out with a sore hamstring, walked with two outs and moved to second on Ryan Madson's wild pickoff throw.

➤ Please see **BRAVES, 2B**

### TENNIS: WIMBLEDON

## Williams sisters roar toward another final

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

Associated Press Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Her 19th consecutive victory at the All England Club already wrapped up, Venus Williams grabbed a seat and watched younger sister Serena win easily to reach the semifinals, too.

Afterward, Venus and Mom, Oracene Price, strolled out of Centre Court arm-in-arm, chatting and laughing.

Sure is fun to be a Williams at Wimbledon.

Five-time champion Venus beat No. 11-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-1, 6-2, before two-time champion Serena defeated No. 8 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-2, 6-3,



V. Williams



S. Williams

a pair of overwhelming performances Tuesday that moved the siblings closer to another all-in-the-family final at Wimbledon.

If No. 3 Venus gets by No. 1 Dinara Safina of Russia in

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## NEVER TOO YOUNG TO RUN



Even the youngest children got a kick out of the Carpet Capital Running Club's All-Comers meet Tuesday at Dalton High School. Mary Lino, 3, seems to be having a lot of fun running the 100-meter race despite 90-degree heat.

MISTY WATSON  
The Daily Citizen

# Vick creditors to get more \$

BY LARRY O'DELL  
Associated Press Writer

NORFOLK, Va. — Michael Vick's revised bankruptcy plan would funnel more of his future pay to his creditors and ensure that they receive a portion of his earnings even if the suspended NFL star doesn't return to the league.

Vick attorney Paul Campsen outlined the highlights of the new plan, which was still being drafted, at a status hearing Tuesday. Campsen assured U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank J. Santoro that he will have no trouble filing the document by Thursday's deadline.

Santoro in April rejected Vick's first Chapter 11 plan, saying it was not feasible. Among his concerns

was that the plan depended heavily on Vick returning to the NFL and that Vick was trying to hang on to too many assets. His first bankruptcy plan would have allowed him to keep the first \$750,000 of his annual salary, and Vick also intended to keep two houses and several cars.

Under the new plan, 10 percent of the first \$750,000 Vick earns would go to creditors, and he's agreed to liquidate a house under construction in Virginia. If Vick doesn't return to the NFL, the new plan would give



Vick

creditors a portion of whatever he earns from a lower paying job.

His prospects for playing again in the NFL rest with league commissioner Roger Goodell, who has said he will review the matter after Vick completes his 23-month federal sentence for operating a dogfighting ring.

Vick, who is serving the last two months of his sentence on home confinement in Hampton, is scheduled to be released from federal custody July 20. He did not attend the hearing, which came a day after he began a new job with the Boys and Girls Clubs. He had been earning \$10 an hour in a construction job since leaving the federal penitentiary in May.

Steven S. Kast, chief executive officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs

of the Virginia Peninsula, said Vick will work with children in health and fitness programs for a few weeks.

"We were disappointed by some of his recent actions and decisions, but believe he has learned from those experiences, and is now conscientious of his obligations and responsibilities as a prominent sports figure that impacts and influences our kids," Kast said.

Vick's legal troubles wrecked his finances as well as his reputation. Vick, the NFL's highest-paid player, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in July 2008, listing assets of \$10 million and liabilities of \$20.4 million.

Under the bankruptcy plan, creditors would get a percentage of any income above \$750,000 per year, and that percentage has increased under the revisions.

## Sisters: Nearing another showdown

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Thursday's semifinals, and No. 2 Serena eliminates No. 4 Elena Dementieva of Russia, the siblings would meet Saturday in their second consecutive final at the All England Club and fourth overall.

A Williams has won seven of the past nine championships.

It also would be the eighth all-Williams Grand Slam championship match; Serena leads 5-2.

"I would love it to be a Williams final," Venus said, "and so would she."

They are competitors, of course, but also form a team in many ways: The sisters are sharing a house during this tournament, practice with each other and have reached the women's doubles quarterfinals together.

"We've got it all figured out at this point," Venus said.

She is trying to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1991-93 to win three consecutive Wimbledon titles; Serena wants to add to the trophies she earned in 2002-03 by beating her sister in the finals.

At least one person has no doubt there will be a rematch Saturday.

"It will be. I'll go home because I can't watch," their dad said. "I think they both definitely make it to the final."

First things first. If the 19-year-old Azarenka and 20-year-old Radwanska represented up-and-coming opponents with little experience on the sport's grandest stages — neither has reached a Grand Slam semifinal — Safina and Dementieva are far more accustomed to playing significant matches.

On the other hand, they're not nearly as accustomed to winning them as the Williams sisters are, of course: Serena owns 10 major titles, Venus seven; Safina and Dementieva

have zero.

Safina, who lost in the final at three of the previous five Grand Slam events, overcame 15 double-faults and wore down 41st-ranked Sabine Lisicki of Germany 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1. Dementieva, twice a runner-up at major championships and a singles gold medalist at last year's Beijing Olympics, was never challenged by 43rd-ranked Francesca Schiavone of Italy and won her quarterfinal 6-2, 6-2.

Asked about her double-fault total, Safina replied with a smile: "15? I thought it was much more. Sometimes even I don't know what I'm doing with my serve."

As the younger sister of former No. 1 Marat Safin, who lost in the first round at what he vows was his last Wimbledon, Safina knows about sibling success. But after losing the French Open final a few weeks ago, she acknowledged cracking under the pressure of trying to win her first major.

Looking ahead to facing Venus, against whom she is 1-2, Safina said, "I cannot go on court thinking I lost already. No, definitely, I think I have a chance there."

Dementieva also sounded a brave tone, despite accumulating more unforced errors (18) than winners (13).

"I just want to see how tough I can be out there against her," said Dementieva, who lost to Venus in last year's Wimbledon semifinals and now takes on Serena.

Radwanska and Azarenka failed to make things difficult for the Williams sisters, who were at their dominant best.

Radwanska was playing in her third Grand Slam quarterfinal, 27 fewer than Venus, and while she upset Maria Sharapova at the 2007 U.S. Open, a stunner of that magnitude never seemed a possibility Tuesday.

## Braves: Win in 10

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Prado followed with a double into the right-field corner. Prado moved to third when Werth bobbled the ball for the Phillies' third error, matching their season high.

Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins was 0 for 5 in his return after being held out four straight games. Rollins, who has a career .274 batting average, has no hits in his last 24 at-bats and is hitting only .207.

Braves fans mocked Rollins by chanting "2-0-8!" during his final at-bat.

Derek Lowe, who had lost three straight starts, gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings for Atlanta. He remained in the game after being hit on his backside by Shane Victorino's liner in the fifth.

Lowe threw out Victorino before leaning over in pain. Manager Bobby Cox and teammates surrounded Lowe near the

mound, and Jones couldn't hold back a laugh with Lowe's bottom attracting so much attention. Lowe then surrendered Chase Utley's homer to give the Phillies a 2-1 lead.

Joe Blanton gave up three runs and eight hits in five innings for Philadelphia.

After Prado's homer in the bottom of the fifth tied it, the Braves loaded the bases on singles by Jones and Garret Anderson and a walk to Casey Kotchman. Jeff Francoeur's groundout gave Atlanta a 3-2 lead.

Lowe struck out pinch-hitter Chris Coste to strand runners on second and third in the sixth.

The Braves have won five of seven against the Phillies this season. The first six games of the season series were played in Philadelphia.

**NOTES:** Braves SS Yunel Escobar (hip flexor) missed his fourth straight start. He grounded out as a pinch hitter in the ninth.

## UNDEFEATED AGAIN



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Varnell Bulldogs went 14-0 and won the Dixie Youth Majors Whitfield County championship. It was the second straight year the Bulldogs were undefeated. Team members are front row, left to right, Ross Myer, Ty Pendley, Matthew Howell; second row, Luke Brock, Drew Satterfield, Jake Dean, Z Williams, Brandon Falconer and Max Wilson; back row, coach Shane Pendley, coach David Smith, Jantzen Smith and coach Robert Ballard.

## Gash: One semester at DSC

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State. When he spoke with close friend Kareem Hawkins, who played football and basketball for rival Dalton High, he learned of a possible opportunity to revive his gridiron career at the college level.

Hawkins currently attends West Georgia University in Carrollton, and Gash said Hawkins has been in contact with the school's football coach, Daryl Dickey, inquiring about a possible tryout with the football team for the 2010 season.

With the potential opportunity to play football, Gash applied to the school, but was told he needed more credit hours before being eligible to transfer. He will spend a semester at Dalton State and then try to enroll at West Georgia.

"I've been watching a lot of football and have been wanting to get back into it," Gash said. "When I found out Kareem was at West Georgia, we talked about playing football, and we both decided we'll see if we can try out next year."

Gash said he plans to travel to Carrollton

sometime next week to visit the campus and speak with Dickey, the former quarterback at Tennessee and son of ex-Volunteer athletic director Doug Dickey.

While Gash still has a ways to go before he can even think about putting on a football uniform, he'll spend his time between now and then working hard in the weight room to get in top shape. When he's not working as a guard at the Dalton Golf and Country Club, he's working out at the Bradley Well Center. And he still plays basketball to stay in shape, but says he'd rather be on the gridiron.

"It just clicked one day that I wanted to get back to football," Gash said. "People told me I was better at football, and I just missed playing a lot."

Gash's former basketball coach at Dalton, Ryan Richards, still keeps in touch with him, and is glad to hear he's getting to move on to a situation that will make him happy.

"It could be a great opportunity for him to go to a bigger school," Richards said. "He's a great kid with a great work ethic and that's why he has been so successful."

## PGA OK's club grooves change

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHESDA, Md. — PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem didn't have to spin this one. He made it clear Tuesday that the tour will go along next year with a new rule that changes the grooves in irons and wedges.

The U.S. Golf Association and Royal & Ancient Golf Club announced last year that effective Jan. 1, the dimensions in grooves — from the 5-iron through wedges — would change to create less spin when the ball was struck. The idea was to make shots out of the rough more difficult, putting a higher premium on driving accuracy.

Finchem was under increasing pressure from players and some equipment companies to postpone by one year the new rule, allowing for more research in what amounts to the first rollback in golf equipment since World War II.

But after a spirited discussion by the PGA Tour policy board, Finchem decided to stay the course.

"I think that we're late in

the process," Finchem said. "I think there's been a lot of reliance on the schedule by individuals, by equipment manufacturers, by other tours, by other golf organizations in taking steps to prepare for this schedule. We got a couple of requests to consider a delay, and we concluded that it was a problem."

Grooves previously were U shaped with sharp edges, allowing high-skilled players to generate enormous spin. The USGA was concerned that players were able to spin the ball out of the rough, allowing for shots to stop more quickly on the green. It felt that players no longer were penalized severely for missing the fairway.

"I think it's great," Tiger Woods said. "We've had plenty of time to make our adjustments. All the companies have been testing and getting ready for this, and the guys will make the changes."

Woods said players likely

won't be able to control the ball out of the rough with smaller grooves, and it could change the way they approach par 5s or short par 4s that can be reached off the tee. Missing in the rough could mean a player "is obviously going to pay a little more of a price."

Golf's governing body announced in August last year that the grooves rule would take effect Jan. 1 for major championships and tour events around the world. However, each tour has a "conditional competition" clause that allows it to decide whether to follow USGA rules.

USGA president Vernon said two weeks ago that the U.S. Open would follow whatever the PGA Tour decided.

Recreational players could continue using irons that were manufactured through 2010, and the new rules would not apply to them until at least 2024.

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**Anthony Kim hits from a bunker beside the 18th green during the second round of the Travelers Championship last weekend.**

# Kim winless skein now 25 tourneys

**By DOUG FERGUSON**  
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BETHESDA, Md. — Anthony Kim pressed a cell phone against his ear as he listened to Tiger Woods, the tournament host of the AT&T National, congratulate him on another impressive victory that seemed to mark the arrival of America's next great golfer. That was one year and 25 tournaments ago.

Kim has yet to pose with another trophy he could call his own. Remember, the Ryder Cup is an exhibition, and no matter how thoroughly the 23-year-old dismantled Sergio Garcia in the leadoff singles match, it was a team effort.

Over the last year, Kim has made news for not remembering how many majors Woods had won, not being fully aware that the automobile industry was hurting, not realizing Colin Montgomerie had been selected Ryder Cup captain for Europe or not knowing Congressional once hosted a U.S. Open or two.

Trouble is, he has not made news for what matters. Kim started the season with a runner-up finish at Kapalua. He has not finished in the top 10 anywhere in the world since. So perhaps it was not surprising Tuesday when someone asked him the best thing that has happened to him this year.

He thought about this briefly, then smiled. "I made it to my 24th birthday," he said.

His age should count for something. When he unleashed a bogey-free 65 in the final round at Congressional last year for a two-shot victory, Kim became the first American under 25 since Woods to win at least twice on the PGA Tour in the same year.

Woods, who was home in Florida recuperating from reconstructive knee surgery, told him that day to keep working hard and there would be no limits on what Kim could achieve. And it appeared that Kim was headed in that direction.

He was in the mix Sunday at Royal Birkdale, his first taste of links golf. He was in the final group at

the Canadian Open until he kept his foot on the accelerator through one too many construction zones, as Kim is prone to do. He was a birdie putt away from joining the playoff at the season-ending Tour Championship.

And there was that week at the Ryder Cup, where Kim was the life of the party in so many ways.

Still, celebrations for his golf have been rare.

Kim has dealt with more nagging injuries than he can recite, whether it was his jaw from a horseback riding in New Zealand to the most recent setback, an injury in his left thumb that kept him from making an aggressive pass at the ball.

He had to stick with fairway metals at long and soggy Bethpage Black, and he was pleased to finish tied for 16th with those kind of restrictions. He made 11 birdies in the second round at the Masters when he shot 65, but he didn't break par the other three rounds.

"It's probably been my toughest year on tour, the fact that I've had these little injuries that have held me back," Kim said. "But I'm learning more about myself when I'm not playing well. I'm learning how to play this game. I'm learning how to approach different situations when you're not playing you best, and it's going to help me when I do start hitting the ball well, and do start putting well, when my game comes together."

Kim isn't the only player who has struggled this year.

British Open and PGA champion Padraig Harrington has missed his last four cuts. Adam Scott had a hard time breaking 80 a few months ago. Ernie Els hasn't won in 16 months and has fallen out of the top 20.

The fact Kim has gone an entire year without winning is a reminder that winning is never easy on the PGA Tour.

"We live in the era of Tiger Woods, who makes winning look ridiculously easy," Paul Goydos said last week. "The more I think about it, the more I feel Tiger Woods is the most underrated player on this tour."

# Sanchez, Stafford comparing notes

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Matthew Stafford and Mark Sanchez are set to become rich beyond comprehension long before throwing their first official NFL pass.

**PRO FOOTBALL** The quarterbacks will be anointed as saviors — Stafford for a Detroit team that went winless in 2008, and Sanchez for a New York Jets club that hasn't tasted the Super Bowl in 40 years.

The accompanying pressure can be overwhelming. So Stafford and Sanchez often find themselves seeking someone who understands their situation. They call each other.

Already linked as the top two quarterbacks in this year's draft, Stafford and Sanchez have forged a separate bond. They go back and forth as a sounding board for the other while attempting to turn potential into performance.

"We're just learning, playing football," said Stafford, the No. 1 overall pick who went off the board four slots ahead of Sanchez. "Obviously, during the season, you want to win football games. That's the No. 1 priority. But at this point, we're just trying to learn and give ourselves a chance to be competitive during training camp and get a chance to get on the field."

The friendship started last summer, when they were counselors at the same camp for elite high school quarterbacks. They've kept in contact regularly since, talking about practically every imaginable topic.

On Tuesday, at the NFL rookie symposium, they were on the same field together — throwing footballs around with dozens of kids brought in to interact with the game's newest professionals. But in down moments during this mandatory event for first-year NFL players — which offers education on how to handle sub-

# SCOREBOARD

## TELEVISION

### On Today

**3:30 p.m.**  
GOLF  
TGC — PGA of America, Professional National Championship, third round, at Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
7:10 p.m.  
PEACHTREE (Optilink 18, Charter 27) — Philadelphia at Atlanta

**TENNIS**  
7 a.m.  
ESPN2 — Wimbledon Championships, women's quarterfinals, at London

**10 a.m.**  
NBC — Wimbledon Championships, women's quarterfinals, at London (live and same-day tape)

**1 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Wimbledon Championships, women's quarterfinals, at London

**WNBA BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Minnesota at Atlanta

## BASEBALL

NL Glance				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	35	.527	—
Florida	39	39	.500	2
New York	37	39	.487	3
Atlanta	36	40	.474	4
Washington	22	52	.297	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	42	35	.545	—
St. Louis	41	38	.519	2
Cincinnati	37	38	.493	4
Chicago	36	38	.486	4 1/2
Houston	36	38	.486	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	41	.468	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	49	28	.636	—
San Francisco	42	34	.553	6 1/2
Colorado	40	36	.526	8 1/2
San Diego	33	42	.440	15
Arizona	31	46	.403	18

**Monday's Games**  
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 1  
Milwaukee 10, N.Y. Mets 6  
Florida 4, Washington 2  
San Francisco 10, St. Louis 0  
Houston 3, San Diego 1  
L.A. Dodgers 4, Colorado 2, 13 innings

**Tuesday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 0  
Arizona 6, Cincinnati 2  
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 4, 10 innings  
Milwaukee 6, N.Y. Mets 3  
San Francisco 6, St. Louis 3  
Washington at Florida, late  
Houston at San Diego, late  
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Today's Games**  
Washington (Zimmermann 3-3) at Florida (Jo. Johnson 7-1), 12:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-3) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-4), 2:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Hammel 5-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-5), 3:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Vasquez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona (Garland 4-7) at Cincinnati (Cueto 7-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Hamel 4-4) at Atlanta (Jurjens 5-6), 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Cain 9-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 8-5), 8:15 p.m.  
Houston (Moehler 4-4) at San Diego (W.Silva 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Arizona at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.  
Houston at San Diego, 3:35 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.

AL Glance				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	47	29	.618	—
New York	43	32	.573	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	44	35	.557	4 1/2
Toronto	41	38	.519	7 1/2
Baltimore	34	42	.447	13
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	42	34	.553	—
Minnesota	39	39	.500	4
Chicago	38	38	.500	4
Kansas City	33	42	.440	8 1/2
Cleveland	31	47	.397	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	32	.568	—
Texas	40	35	.533	2 1/2
Seattle	39	38	.520	3 1/2
Oakland	32	43	.427	10 1/2

**Monday's Games**  
Boston 4, Baltimore 0  
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 3  
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1  
L.A. Angels 5, Texas 2  
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 2  
Oakland 7, Detroit 1

**Tuesday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1  
Boston at Baltimore, late  
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, late  
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, late  
L.A. Angels at Texas, late  
Minnesota at Kansas City, late  
Detroit at Oakland, late

**Today's Games**  
Tampa Bay (J.Shields 6-5) at Toronto (R.Romero 5-3), 1:07 p.m.  
Boston (Beckett 9-3) at Baltimore (Bergesen 5-2), 1:35 p.m.  
Minnesota (Perkins 3-4) at Kansas City (Meche 4-7), 2:10 p.m.

Detroit (Verlander 8-3) at Oakland (Braden 5-7), 3:35 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Contreras 2-7) at Cleveland (Sowers 2-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Washburn 4-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 7-3), 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 8-3) at Texas (Millwood 8-5), 8:05 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

## TENNIS

**Wimbledon Results**  
Tuesday  
At The All England Lawn Tennis Club  
Wimbledon, England  
Purse: \$20.5 million (Grand Slam)  
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

**Singles**  
Women  
Quarterfinals  
Venus Williams (3), United States, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (11), Poland, 6-1, 6-2.  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1.  
Elena Dementieva (4), Russia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-2, 6-2.  
Serena Williams (2), United States, def. Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, 6-2, 6-3.

## TRANSACTIONS

**Tuesday's Moves**  
BASEBALL  
American League  
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed 3B Mike Lowell on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 28. Recalled 1B-OF Jeff Bailey from Pawtucket (IL).

National League  
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated 1B Chad Tracy from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Leo Rosales to Reno (PCL).  
CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned RHP Jose Ascanio to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Jeff Samardzija from Iowa.  
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated LHP Mike Hampton from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Wesley Wright to Round Rock (PCL). Announced RHP Brandon Backe rejected an outright assignment to Round Rock (PCL), making him a free agent.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed LHP Antonio Bastardo on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Sergio Escalona from Lehigh Valley (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Traded INF-OF Eric Hinske and cash to the N.Y. Yankees for RHP Casey Erickson and OF Eric Fryer. Purchased the contract of OF Garrett Jones from Indianapolis (IL).  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Acquired OF Nyjer Morgan and LHP Sean Burnett from Pittsburgh for OF Lastings Milledge and RHP Joel Hanrahan.

BASKETBALL  
National Basketball Association  
DETROIT PISTONS—Fired coach Michael Curry.  
INDIANA PACERS—Made qualifying offers to G Jarrett Jack and F Josh McRoberts, making them restricted free agents.  
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Made a qualifying offer to F Steve Novak, making him a restricted free agent.  
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Announced G Damien Wilkins exercised his contract option for the 2009-10 season.  
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Announced G Michael Finley exercised his contract option for the 2009-10 season.  
UTAH JAZZ—Announced F Carlos Boozer and C Mehmet Okur exercised their contract options for the 2009-10 season.

FOOTBALL  
National Football League  
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Waived LB Mike Juergens and LB Brit Miller.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed OT Colin Brown.  
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Traded WR Dennis Northcutt to Detroit for S Gerald Alexander.  
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed RB Andre Brown. Waived C Alex Derenthal.

HOCKEY  
National Hockey League  
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed RW Troy Bodie to two-year contract extension, through the 2010-11 season.  
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with C Dave Bolland on a five-year contract. F Jake Dowell on a two-year contract and G Antti Niemi on a one-year contract.  
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Named Dave Rook goaltending coach.  
MINNESOTA WILD—Named Jim Mill assistant to the general manager.  
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Agreed to terms with D Johnny Oduya on a multiyear contract. Acquired C Ben Walter and future considerations from the New York Islanders for the rights to C Tony Romano.  
NEW YORK RANGERS—Traded C Scott Gomez, F Tom Pyatt and D Mike Busto to Montreal for F Chris Higgins, D Ryan McDonagh and D Pavel Valentenko.  
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Made qualifying offers to F B.J. Crombeen, F Jonathan Rowley, G Chris Holt, D Roman Polak, D Danny Richmond and D Steve Wagner.

SOCCER  
Major League Soccer  
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Acquired an international roster spot from Kansas City for a 2010 third-round draft pick.

COLLEGE  
NCAA—Named Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith chairman of the Div. I men's basketball committee for 2010-11. Reduced the probation period for Alabama State's football program from five years to three.  
MARYLAND—Named Kyle Spencer tennis coach.  
MONTANA STATE—Signed men's basketball coach Brad Huse and women's basketball coach Tricia Binford to three-year contract extensions, through the 2012-13 school year.  
PHILADELPHIA—Named Jean-Marie Torpey women's assistant basketball coach.  
UNC GREENSBORO—Announced the resignation of women's volleyball coach Shawn Garus to take a similar position at Boise State.  
WAGNER—Named Marcie Klebanow women's assistant soccer coach.

# Senate to look at BCS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate plans to hold a hearing next week looking into antitrust issues surrounding the Bowl Championship Series. It's the second time this year that Congress is shining a light on the polarizing system college football uses to crown its national champion.

The hearing will be held next Tuesday in the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on antitrust, competition policy and

consumer rights, according to a posting on the committee's Web site.

In an essay for Sports Illustrated being released Wednesday, Republican Senator Orrin Hatch wrote that the Sherman Antitrust Act prohibits contracts, combinations or conspiracies designed to reduce competition. Hatch noted that President Barack Obama and others have called for the BCS to be replaced with a playoff system.

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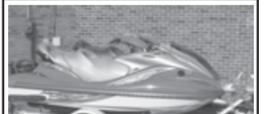
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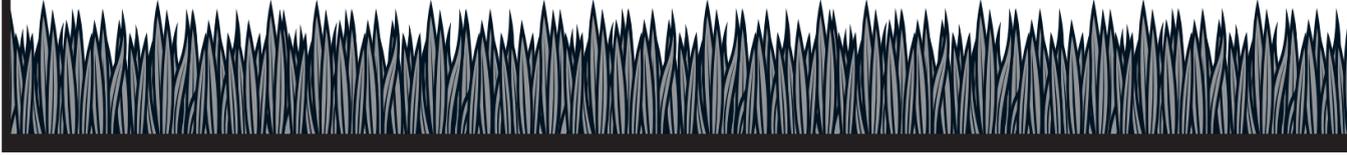
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## Essie Ritchey still bowling at age 84



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Essie Ritchey bowling at Galaxy Bowl.

state association for five years. That may sound important, but she saw it as more drudgery than anything else.

"I didn't like it because I didn't know half the people," said Ritchey. "And you had to go to all the meetings. We met in Savannah, Atlanta ... everywhere. Too much travel."

But don't think Ritchey prefers to stay near home all the time. She'll happily bowl anywhere as evidenced by the 25 times she has traveled across the country to participate in national tournaments. So far Ritchey has played in Buffalo, N.Y.; Pittsburgh; Reno, Nev.; Tampa, Fla.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Indianapolis; Tuscon, Ariz.; Salt Lake City; Baton Rouge, La.; Lansing, Mich.; San Antonio, Texas; New Orleans; Las Vegas, Nev.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlanta; Baltimore, Md.; Boise, Idaho; Seattle; Carson City, Nev.; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her favorite is Reno.

"I've been twice and just got back," she said. "I think (Nevada's) a beautiful state. Reno has big lakes and big mountains. The scenery is really pretty. I like to look at the scenery and the buildings and how they're kept up."

Ritchey enjoys seeing a lot of the same people and catching up with how everyone is doing.

"I like the camaraderie and the people of bowling," she said. "Everybody is so nice."

Fifteen years ago, that feeling of friendship and support proved invaluable when Ritchey was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her left breast and neighboring lymph nodes were removed.

"It scared the living daylights out of me," she said. "It scared me

when they said 'surgery.' But I stayed pretty positive. I just said, 'I'm not gonna let it get to me. I'm gonna fight it.'"

Following six weeks of recovery, she had six chemotherapy treatments. After that, doctors said no more was needed, and Ritchey has had no recurrence of cancer.

More importantly, she was able to get back to bowling — "better than before."

Today Ritchey boasts a 179 average, which she says is the highest average of any woman in the leagues she participates in. She bowls three games three times a week. She also cleans her daughter

Delyn's three-story house every Friday and spends a lot of time making goodies.

"She does a lot of baking for people," said Galaxy Bowling co-manager Alison Tucker. "She brings cakes to the bowling alley all the time, especially for birthdays. She's something else."

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# Food Tips: Naturally energizing

## FOOD NETWORK KITCHENS

Forget the energy drinks, supplements or packaged sports bars — get your zip from naturally energizing foods. Try these five to get extra oomph every day.

### 1. Whole-Wheat Bread

The body's primary source of energy is carbs. Whole grains burn off slower, giving you longer-lasting vigor. They also contain loads of B-vitamins, which work together to boost energy and your metabolism.

Other whole-grain sources: Whole-grain cereal (like raisin bran or shredded wheat), brown rice and oatmeal. Kashi makes great whole-grain hot and cold cereals that we love.

### 2. Strawberries

Need an immediate burst of energy? Have a handful of strawberries. Strawberries also contain

fiber, which helps your body more slowly absorb the carbohydrates you eat. Fresh fruits make a great mid-afternoon snack, especially for that 3 p.m. slump.

Other energy-boosting fruit: cherries, apricots .... just about any fresh fruit will give you a lift.

### 3. Broccoli

One cooked cup of broccoli actually contains as much vitamin C as an orange. Why is that vitamin important? Well, an Arizona State University study found that 1 in 3 women were not getting enough in their diets. After upping their intake to 500 milligrams a day, they



MCG photo

reported feeling better and more energized. Forgo vitamin C supplements and just up your broccoli snacking or sides. (This applies to men, too).

Other vitamin C-packed veggies: cabbage, radishes and spinach.

### 4. Pork

To keep energy levels constant, you need to get enough iron. Unfortunately, iron is the most common nutrient deficiency. This mineral helps transport oxygen to wherever your body needs it by hooking onto red blood cells. Common iron-deficiency symptoms? Low energy and fatigue.

Not only does pork contain iron, it's also a good

source of the B-vitamins like thiamine and niacin, which are both involved with your metabolism. Choose lean cuts of pork, like tenderloin and pork chops — higher-fat foods can weigh you down and make you sluggish.

Other lean proteins: beef tenderloin, chicken breast and shrimp.

### 5. Water

Our bodies are two-thirds water. Water helps control body temperature and digestion and, of course, we need it to produce energy. Even slight dehydration can make you tired. Classic recommendations say eight cups a day, but this can vary per person. Keep a glass by your side and sip away all day. And don't count out food — eating foods with high water content (fruits and veggies, especially) count toward your daily water needs.

Courtesy of Toby Amidor on foodnetwork.com

## GROWINGS ON

# Beat the heat in your yard

Summer is here and so are all of the jobs in the yard and garden that go along with the heat and humidity. The following tips are offered to help you make it through the heat and still enjoy the fruits of your labor in the yard and garden.



Louis Dykes

fertilizer per square yard of planted area and apply a generous layer of mulch.

■ Tall flowers should be staked to prevent damage by wind. Use stakes that are large enough to support the plant, but not too conspicuous. Use soft twine or plastic twist-ties to

secure. ■ The dwarf sunflower variety, "Sunspot," grows only to 2 feet, but flower heads are full sized and have edible seeds. It is unusual in ornamental plantings and space saving in the garden.

■ Cut back and fertilize delphinium and phlox to encourage a second show of bloom.

■ Many plants are easily increased by layering. Verbenas, euonymus, pachysandra, ivy, daphne and climbing roses are some of the plants that will root if stems are fastened down on soft earth with a wire and covered with some soil.

■ Sow seeds of holly hocks, English daisies, foxgloves, violas, Canterbury bells and Sweet William now for next year's bloom.

■ Divide and transplant bearded iris using the vigorous ends of the rhizomes. Discard the old center portion. Cut the leaves back to about 8 inches.

■ Get a second bloom from faded annuals by cutting them back to approximately half their height, then fertilize them with 2 cups of 5-10-10

secure.

■ Flowering dogwood (Cornus florida) commonly is affected by a number of diseases, including the fatal dogwood anthracnose. Protecting your dogwoods from drought stress can go a long way toward keeping them healthy. Make sure they have been mulched in a wide ring with organic material; about 3 inches deep (do not use dogwood leaves or wood as mulch, and pull back from trunk). During prolonged dry periods, water dogwoods thoroughly.

■ Cornus sericea "Silver and Gold" is a variegated dogwood that withstands summer heat and humidity. It grows to about 7 feet. Silver and Gold has white-variegated leaves in summer and yellow twigs in winter.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### July 2

■ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will have bingo July 2 at 7 p.m. The cost to play is \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

■ Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center will host a Fourth of July celebration July 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Center. The event will include a patriotic game of bingo and entertainment by Margaret Culberson and Johnnie Sue Watts. The Center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton. For more information, call (706) 278-3700.

### July 4

■ The Coalition of Latino Leaders (CLILA) will have its second annual citizenship ceremony July 4 at 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Park as part of the Independence Day celebration. Those from all ethnic backgrounds who have become U.S. citizens from January 2008 to July 2009 are invited. Participants will receive a recognition signed by Mayor David Pennington, a Whitfield County representative, Tom Pinson of the Dalton Community Center and CLILA's citizenship committee chair Maria Guijon. Call (706) 529-9216 before July 3 to be included.

### July 7

■ The regular monthly meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will be held July 7 at 6 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 5:30. All members are asked to attend.

### July 11

■ Descendants of Absalom and Clements Hooper will

have a family reunion July 11 at noon at the Georgia Fairgrounds in Hiwassee. A covered dish lunch will be served. For more information, call B. Byers at (706) 581-2016 or Violet Cranfield at (865) 856-3557 or e-mail condaroga@yahoo.com.

■ A work day will be held July 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Dunagan Cemetery in Rocky Face. Biscuits and juice will be provided for workers. Please bring tools for yard work, including weed eaters, mowers, grass shears, rakes, hoes and wheelbarrows. For more information, call Kim Pickens at (706) 673-5197.

### July 13

■ The Murray County High School Alumni Association will meet July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Historic Wright Hotel in Chatsworth. The group will discuss plans for celebration of the school's diamond anniversary and the 2009 Hall of Fame induction. Membership is \$10 and may be sent to MCHS Alumni

Association, P.O. Box 2155, Chatsworth, GA, 30705. All MCHS alumni are invited.

### July 19

■ A health expo and antique car show will be held July 19 from noon to 5 p.m. under a big tent west of Cohutta Elementary School in Cohutta. There will be free samples of vegetarian cooking, free watermelon and corn on the cob, blood pressure testing and more. Admission is free. The school is located on Wolfe Street.

### July 25

■ Dalton author Dr. Helen McIntosh will sign copies of her book, "Messages to Myself: Overcoming a Distorted Self Image," July 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Book Nook in Dalton. The book is a guidebook to teach the reader how to re-frame his or her beliefs and thoughts and how to invite God in to deal with their messages to themselves and other people. The Book Nook is at 229 N. Hamilton St.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY



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Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Reed of Tunnel Hill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 27. They have three children, Dayna and James Logan and Debra and Glenn Watts, all of Rocky Face and Brian Reed of Dalton. They also have seven grandchildren, Casey Broome, Ashley Watts, Danielle Watts, Isaiah Logan and Mezmariah Logan, all of Rocky Face and Skylar Reed and Fletcher Reed of Dalton.

## Senior Center offers classes

The Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center has announced the following upcoming art classes:

■ Mixed Media Canvas Painting — This six-week class will be held each Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning July 13. Instructor Judy Sorrow will supply paint; please bring brushes. Class size is limited to 10. The cost is \$30. No prior painting class is required.

■ Doll Clothes Sewing — This class will be held each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon from July 8 to August 12. Instructor Barbara Rupert will provide supplies. Class members will learn to sew doll clothes, Bible covers and aprons on a sewing machine. Cost is \$20.

■ Acrylic Painting — This six-week class will be held each Thursday from 10 a.m.

to noon beginning July 23. It is a very basic class geared to beginner and intermediate levels. The instructor is Jack Devlin.

■ Ballroom Dancing — This 10-week class will be held each Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. beginning July 7. Please come with a partner. Instructors are Jackie and Bob Scott. Cost is \$30 per person.

A one-day trip to the Western Booth Museum in Cartersville will be held July 28. The group will also have lunch. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes transportation and museum admission. Lunch is on your own. Registration should be done by July 24.

The Center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton. To register or for more information, call (706) 278-3700.

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# Aquarium hopes obese kids flip for athletic seals

BY JAY LINDSAY  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Yes, he's obsessed with grooming, and he occasionally barks at you, but in most ways Isaac is not your typical fitness instructor. He weighs in at 350, eats 16 pounds of food at a time and he's only 9 years old. And he's a seal.

Isaac is one of five northern fur seals to be featured in a new exhibit at the New England Aquarium that aims to entice an increasingly obese generation of kids to get moving.

The seals twist, stretch, leap out of the water, run on their flippers and shoot like missiles under and between the fiberglass rocks. Isaac even stands on his head. The "Move It!" program at the New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center, which opens Wednesday, uses the seals' athleticism as an example for children.

"Those marine animals will do things that are jaw-dropping at times," said Tony LaCasse, an aquarium spokesman. "We wanted kids to be inspired by them."

The seals will dart around an open-air space in the \$10 million center, built at the back of the aquarium on Boston Harbor.

The animals are rarely this close to the Atlantic. They live in the Pacific from Southern California to Japan, and north to the Bering Sea. Males grow to up to 7 feet long and 600 pounds, while females are about 5 feet and 110 pounds.

The seals are considered depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and a big reason is the



AP PHOTO

**A northern fur seal is rewarded with food after completing an exercise at the New England Aquarium in Boston recently. A new program titled "Move It," featured in a new exhibit at the aquarium, aims to entice an increasingly obese generation of kids to get moving.**

hunters who pursued its pelt — two layers thick and stuffed with 300,000 hairs per square inch. The pelt demands constant grooming, and the seals attend to themselves in an endearing way, contorting their bodies so their long flippers can get the job done.

Kathy Streeter, the aquarium's marine mammals curator, calls the northern fur seal a "Dr. Seuss animal" — a quirky combination of a sea otter and sea lion. It has ears, unlike the harbor seals common around Boston, has a distinctive bark and can prop itself up on its long flippers to look at visitors face to face.

That charisma, plus its story as a hunted and scarce animal, made it a good choice for a marine mammal center that seeks to help people relate to ocean life, Streeter said.

"They help give people a perspective on how the ocean affects everybody," she said.

The center opening is a sign of health at the aquarium three years after it regained its accreditation after repairing shaky finances. The accreditation was pulled in 2003 by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums after financial struggles and layoffs followed two major expansions in the late 1990s.

The new center's childhood fitness push comes as statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate 32 percent of American kids ages 2 to 19 are overweight, including 17 percent who are obese.

Panels around the aquarium will show seal moves like stretching, jumping and swimming, explain the ways the moves are similar to humans and encourage kids to "Try It!"

A guide that visitors get with their tickets includes more exhortations to move like the seals, and also eat some of the healthy fish they devour. In the center itself, the seals will perform stretches and moves with trainers, and some kids will be allowed into the shallow end of the seals' swimming area to exercise with them.

Paul Boyle, an environmental biologist and a vice president at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, said that other institutions have pushed programs that get kids engaged outdoors, but that tying seal moves to kid fitness was unique and innovative. He added that the center has a strong draw in the sleek, engaging fur seals — though attendance will ultimately be a measure of just how strong.

Figuring out whether the seals can inspire fitness is a tougher task, but Boyle didn't see it as much of a stretch.

"You can almost see a child in front of the exhibit, gyrating, trying to mimic the seal and saying, 'Well this is pretty cool,'" he said. "Then they go home and they may roll around in the backyard and then they may start to, you know ... run."

## COMMENTARY

# Saved by the dinner bell

I've never given much thought to the family meal.

To me, it's always been rather utilitarian — the food is ready at one time. We sit and eat at one time, while it's hot and fresh. That's about it.

But some recent reading on the topic leads me to believe there may be some wise method to this munchiness.

According to a flurry of studies done by accredited universities, children who participate often with their parents in family meals are less likely to smoke, drink, or engage in promiscuous behavior, are healthier, and do better in school than their dining-and-dashing counterparts. By contrast, kids who seldom eat with their parents or guardians are more likely to smoke, drink, date a loser, get fat, and drop out of school — usually, within a 12-hour period. They are, though, statistically, better dancers.

So they have that going for them.

I still wasn't convinced. How can the act of simply sitting down and eating help children in school? What if their parents are morons? Or, before spell-check corrected me, morans?

It's not just the custom of dining, say the experts. It's in the dining customs.

"If it were just about food, we would squirt it into their mouths with a tube," said Rutgers University anthropologist Robin Fox in a Time magazine piece on family meals. "A meal is about civilizing children. It's about teaching them to be a member of their culture."

Translated from anthropologistese, Fox said: Having a meal with your children means they are less likely to behave like wild animals.

Apparently, Dr. Fox never took a 3-year-old to a crowded restaurant. In that case, an adult's presence doesn't make the slightest difference (from my experience).

As stated, I've never really thought about the impact of our family din-

ing together. At our home, we make meals and the children just follow us wherever we go to eat. We've tried hiding, but they always find us.

So, I decided to conduct some research of my own, and actually pay attention during a family meal

to see if any "civilizing of children" was occurring.

After a blessing, the gobbling commenced. A few moments of glorious silence followed. I decided to jump start the teaching of culture.

"So, did anything of interest happen today, kids?"

"No," said Kid A, our 10-year-old daughter.

"No," replied Kid C, our 5-year-old son.

Kid B, our 7-year-old son, broke the monosyllabic mimicry.

"You know, dogs pee on cars," he said between spoonfuls of corn.

"Yes," I responded thoughtfully. "I've noticed that."

No follow-up from Kid B. That was his contribution.

A few "pass the salts" later, another conversation starter commenced.

"In the olden days, instead of eating food, people ate napkins," said Kid C. "Like this," he added, sticking a napkin in his mouth.

He swallowed about half of it before being subdued.

When order commenced, our daughter offered her conversation starter, or, ender.

"Daddy, why are certain words cuss words?"

"Hmm, uh, er," I stammered.

"Yeah, Daddy, what's the 'J' word?"

"'J' word? I don't think there's a 'J' word. I guess it's..."

"Dinner's over," my wife interrupted, saving me by the dinner bell. "Time to put the dishes up."

Can a frequent family meal "save" the family? I'm not certain. It's definitely worth a try — and a newspaper column.

■ Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Local ophthalmologist Dr. Brian Kim of Professional Eye Associates will speak at the regular monthly Parkinson's support group meeting July 14 at 6 p.m. at the Dalton-Whitfield Senior Center. The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the center. The center is at 302 Capps St. in Dalton. Those with Parkinson's and their caregivers are welcome. For more information, call (706) 278-7917.

■ The Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter is offering Next Step, a social support group for persons in the early stages of memory loss and their caregivers. The group meets for a Dutch treat dinner on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Café in Dalton. Meetings provide the opportunity for couples to socialize with others who are living with early-stage dementia. For more information or to register, call Laurie Parker at the chapter office at (706) 275-0819.

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

■ The Murray County Senior Center hosts a monthly Alzheimer's support group the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Anyone who is a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's is welcome. The Murray County Senior Center is at 820 G.I. Maddox Parkway in Chatsworth.

■ The National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) has a support group for men and

women with anorexia, bulimia or binge-eating disorder and their families every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m. at the MCR Foundation. The foundation is at 1400 McCallie Ave., in Chattanooga. For more information, call Jan Robinson at (423) 991-9730.

■ Helping the Hurting Inc. is offering a support group, Life After Divorce (LAD), each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 207 W. King St., Suite A in Dalton. The program includes discussion, review, teaching and videos. Each meeting is independent so participants can start anytime. The group meets on an ongoing basis. For more information or directions, call (706) 277-4357.

■ Family Frameworks is offering "Dating My Spouse in Dalton." Participants commit to date their spouses at least one evening each month. Interested couples may purchase a button for \$15 per couple and use it once a month this year for discounts. To purchase a button or for more information, call (706) 313-0023 or visit [www.marriageisforever.org](http://www.marriageisforever.org).

■ Al Anon Family Groups for families and friends of problem drinkers meet each Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in the lower level of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dalton. The church is at 901 W. Emery St. For more information, call (706) 217-5953.

■ In Remembrance is a group of young adults (high school and college age) joined together to honor the lives of friends, family members or classmates who have died. The group meets twice monthly at St. Mark's Episcopal Church for lunch and spend time sharing memories about those they loved. For more information, contact Margie Bruner at (706) 259-6076 or Susan Ewing at (423) 266-7479 or [susanferrisewing@hotmail.com](mailto:susanferrisewing@hotmail.com).

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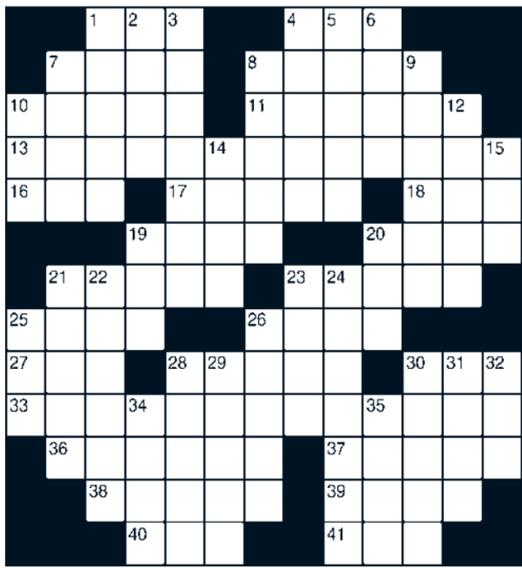
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Yesterday's answer 7-1



**BRIDGE**

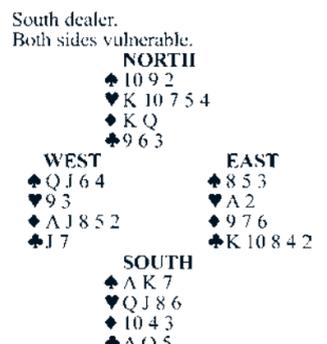
**Opportunity knocks but once**

This deal occurred at the 1986 world team championship in a match between Indonesia and the Netherlands. The hero was Holland's Kees Tammens, who took advantage of a subtle defensive slip to bring in a seemingly hopeless contract.

North's two-diamond response was a transfer to hearts, and Tammens accepted his partner's invitation to game on the next round. West led a trump, and Tammens was confronted by at least one loser in each suit.

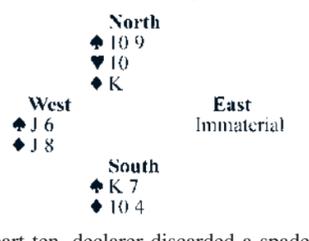
East won the opening heart lead with the ace and shifted to a low club, ducked to the jack. West's club return was taken by the queen, and South drew the missing trumps before leading a diamond.

West won with the ace and made the harmless-looking return of the spade queen. This gave Tammens an opening that he quickly exploited. After winning with the ace, he cashed the ace of clubs and then ran his trumps, producing this position as dummy's last trump was led:



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

Opening lead — three of hearts.



On the heart ten, declarer discarded a spade, and West was a dead duck. If he discarded a diamond, South would cash the diamond king and take the last two tricks with the spade king and diamond ten. If West discarded a spade instead, Tammens would cash the spade king and score the last two tricks with dummy's diamond king and spade ten.

West could have avoided this unhappy ending had he returned a diamond after taking the ace. This would have removed a vital entry to dummy, and the squeeze would not have materialized.

**Tomorrow:** Like taking candy from a baby.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

J L I E Z L I V Z S M I E Z J O P Z I  
 T O I D P O Z G P E G I O E W E R T  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WOULD PEOPLE CALL BIG SCAVENGING BIRDS THAT STUDY ANTHROPOLOGY? CULTURE VULTURES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals P

**HOROSCOPE**

**Happy Birthday:** You will learn from your past experiences. Your intensity and will to find a way to explore avenues of interest will lead to more options and opportunities. Welcome challenges and you will show your talents to the fullest. Your strong will and desire to accomplish will not be denied. Your numbers are 3, 9, 12, 19, 25, 36, 47

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A partnership will bring you greater incentive to follow through with your plans. You can make some noteworthy changes at home that will make it easier for you to get your chores out of the way, leaving more time for the projects and pastimes you enjoy most. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Spend more time taking care of the people and projects that mean the most to you. Otherwise, you will feel weighed down by the growing obligations that face you. A romantic gesture will help you get something you want in return. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A change regarding your position will be beneficial, personally and financially. You can expect to get a good response from communicating what's in your heart. You can make travel plans but remember to budget. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can prove a point to someone who has been questioning your motives. An interesting relationship with someone you meet at a conference, event or while volunteering will develop quickly. Don't let anyone take advantage of your kind and generous nature. 5 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't allow someone's emotional whims to cause you to miss out on something you want to attend. You must be kind but firm regarding your intentions. You shouldn't feel that you have to buy someone's adoration or approval. 2 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.**

22): Take any opportunity you get to be around others. You need to broaden your horizons and check out ways to update or revamp your look. The change will do you good and will attract some interesting attention. 4 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will mesmerize everyone with your unique outlook. You should spread the word around about something you are doing and gather interest and support. This is an ideal time to promote, present and pursue a creative venue. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Someone may play with your heart but, if you are prepared to walk away, you will send a message that will put you back in control and able to make a beneficial, responsible move. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** An old partnership can be reestablished. There are benefits to working alongside someone who complements your style and skills. Avoid situations with bureaucrats if you are traveling or dealing with foreigners or institutions. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Do what you can to fix up your digs or update your look. Getting involved in something you enjoy will also promote a partnership that will help you out personally and professionally. A change of plans will be in your favor. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't be fooled by what someone tells you or by the advances being made or the signals sent. Read between the lines if you want to avoid being led astray. You should be able to catch someone in his or her own trap. 2 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Use your experience to see your way through any doubt about your capabilities. You can show everyone your unique and effective qualities. Be ready to sign on for a proposal coming your way. 5 stars



**Eugenia Last**

**To Your Good Health**

**COPD takes one's breath away**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am a 48-year-old man who was recently told that I have COPD. I was a heavy beer drinker and cigarette smoker for much of my life. I have quit both, but I have a beer belly and I get short of breath easily. Will you tell me more about COPD and how I can get rid of my beer belly? — P.T.



**Paul G. Donohue**

tubes that deliver fresh air into the lungs. The inflammation causes the airways to fill with thick, yellow mucus, and it narrows the diameter of airways. Cough with the production of sputum is the chief sign of chronic bronchitis.

Medicines to soothe airway inflammation and expand the airways come as inhaled sprays and as oral medicines. Breathing tests quantify how great the lung damage is and permit the doctor to prescribe the appropriate medicine or combination of medicine. If those tests haven't been done, I'm sure they will be.

Treatments you can do for yourself include exercise. It sounds inane to suggest exercise to someone who's coughing and short of breath. But gradually building up exercise tolerance is an important element of combating the disease. Short walks, gradually lengthened and gradually increased in intensity, are an exercise most COPD patients can cope with.

A beer belly is lost only through calorie restriction and abdominal exercises like sit-ups.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Please give information on what effect birth-

control pills have on the development of breast cancer. Do they cause it? Is estrogen a factor? How is it prevented? — B.D.

**ANSWER:** Reliable studies show that birth-control pills have little, if any, involvement as a cause of breast cancer. Estrogen is a factor if it's taken for a long enough time after menopause.

Things that lower the risk of breast cancer include: having a late onset of menstrual periods and an early onset of menopause; having children at a relatively young age; breast-feeding; staying lean; minimizing the consumption of fat and red meat; limiting alcohol to one drink a day; not smoking; having the good luck not to inherit genes that promote breast cancer; and, according to some, staying physically active.

The booklet on breast cancer covers this topic in detail. Readers who would like a copy can obtain one by writing to: Dr. Donohue — No. 1101, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My husband yawns a lot, and I mean A LOT! So

**ASK THE DOCTOR**

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much so that it becomes annoying. I keep thinking, How can someone be that tired? Maybe it doesn't come from being tired, but from a health condition. Could that be so? Is there anything I could encourage him to do so he doesn't yawn so much? — T.G.

**ANSWER:** No one has a universally accepted explanation of a yawn's benefits. It does not bring more oxygen to the brain. It might, however, cool the brain. Boredom, sleepiness and seeing someone else yawn promote yawning. All animals yawn, including birds and fish.

If your husband is chronically tired, he should find the reason for that. That's the chief medical reason for yawning. If it's not fatigue or boredom, then your husband can suppress his yawning without a great deal of effort. Yawns are partly voluntary, so we can stifle them.

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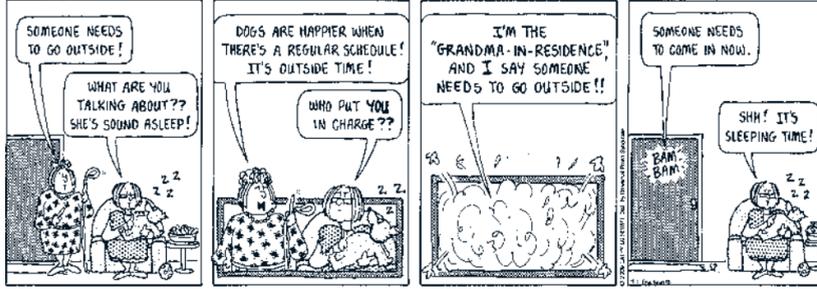
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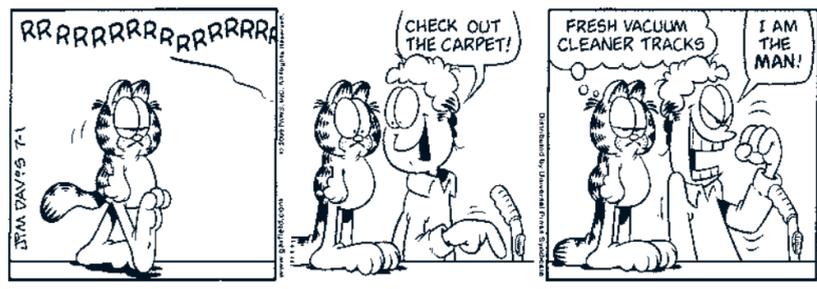
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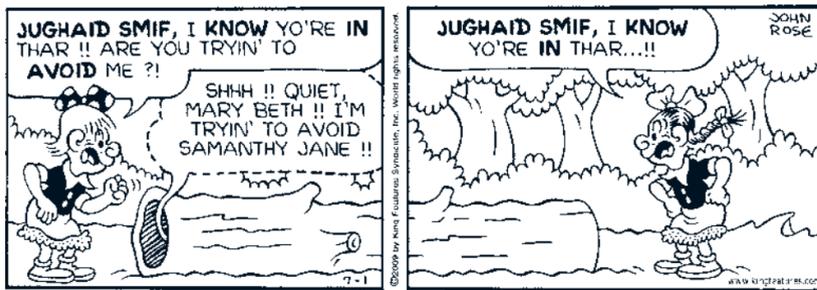
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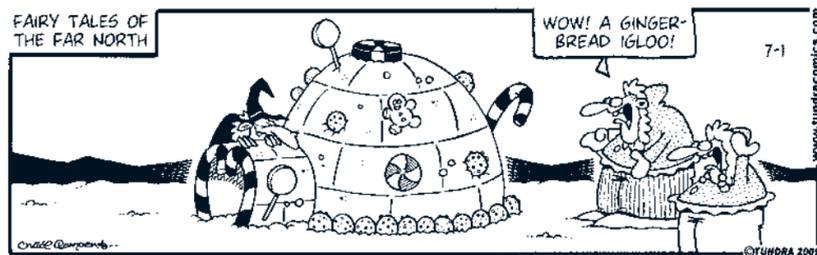
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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend can't get clearance to see man's top-secret list

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Beau," and I moved in together and already we have trust issues.



Jeanne Phillips

out of there and schedule an appointment with your gynecologist ASAP.

DEAR ABBY: Does anyone know what the protocol is for providing food for house sitters?

DEAR NOT CERTAIN: I think the answer depends upon who is doing the sitting and for how long a period of time.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding."

One of the things he doesn't want me to see is "The List." He keeps a list of all the girls he has slept with — including one-night stands.

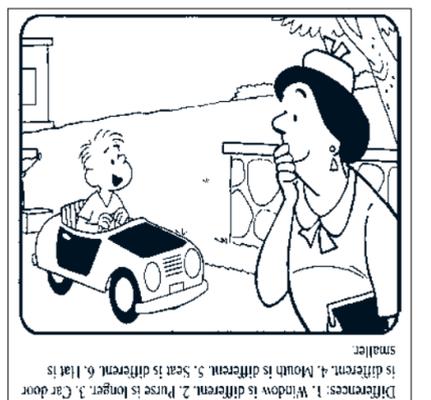
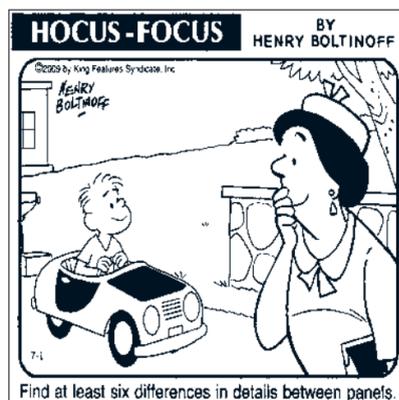
I have asked him to delete the list, but he said that if he gets a weird disease in the future, he can always refer back to it.

Should I drop the matter? — UNLISTED NUMBER IN TEXAS

DEAR UNLISTED: No, honey. You should drop him. If Beau was simply afraid you would see how many women he has slept with and was trying to protect your feelings, he would print out the list and stash it in a safety deposit box.

I don't blame you for having nightmares. A man who is seriously worried that he'll get a weird disease in the future is exposing himself and YOU to them now.

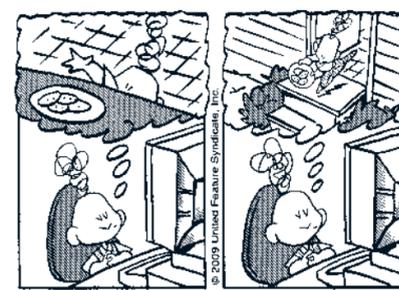
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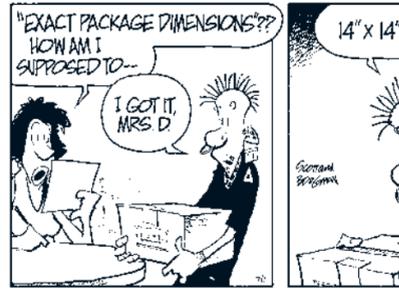
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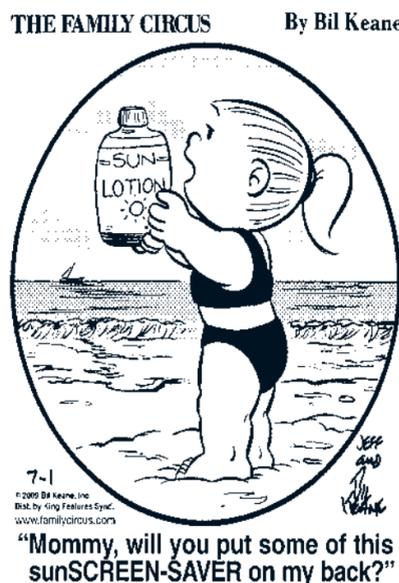
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