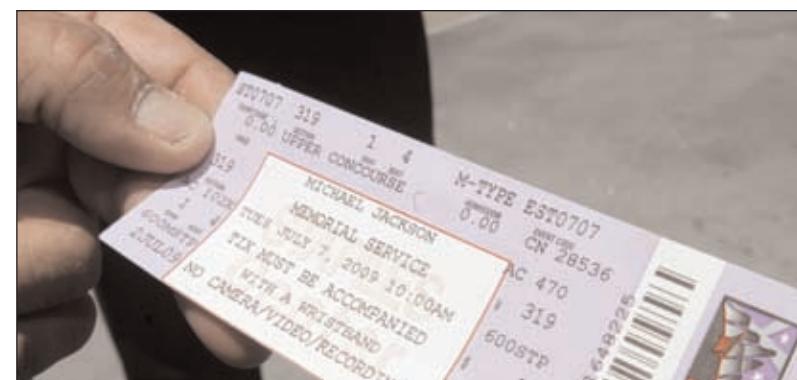




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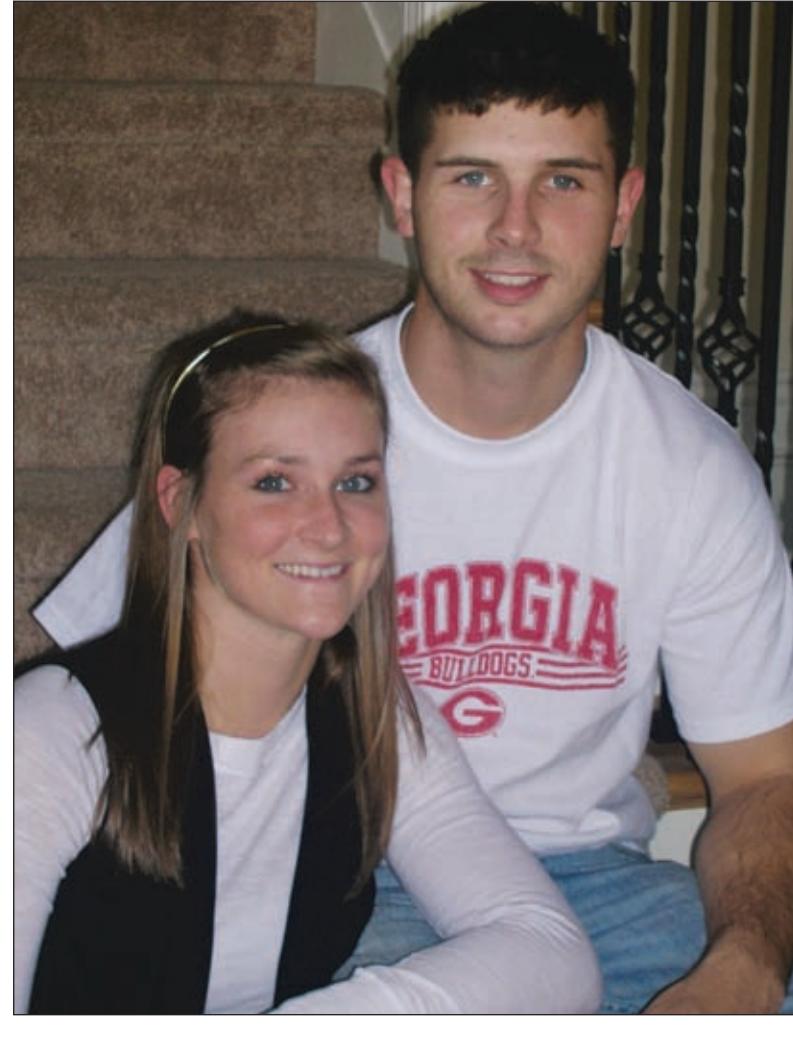
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**Marine Lance Cpl. Seth Sharp, seen here with his fiancee Katie McMahan of Dalton, was killed on Thursday during operations in Afghanistan. Her served with 2nd Battalion/8th Marines.**

# Marine had strong ties to Dalton

By MARK MILLCAN

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Rick Sharp thinks his son — U.S. Marine and former Dalton resident Charles Seth Sharp — is looking down from heaven wondering what all the fuss is about.

"He never bragged, but his actions spoke for themselves," Rick Sharp said. "I think he's looking down now and seeing how many lives he touched. He made the ultimate sacrifice."

Seth Sharp, 20, was a lance corporal with E Company of the 2nd Battalion/8th Marines. He was killed on Thursday in Afghanistan during maneuvers related to Operation Khanjar, a massive effort launched last week to banish Taliban fighters from villages and towns in Helmand province, according to the Marine Corps

Times. He had only been in-country six weeks, but had served a tour of duty in the Iraq theater.

Sharp was born in Dalton and attended Pleasant Grove Elementary before moving to Adairsville with his father in 2000. He attended Adairsville High School and played football there, but left school early to join the Marines. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sharp and his fiancee, Katie McMahan of Dalton, had not set a date to be married. He planned to enroll in college after his release from the Marines in June of 2010, his father said.

"She's taking it rough," said Rick Sharp. "She won't eat, but she's trying to talk a little bit. We

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# Two killed in motorcycle wreck

By MARK MILLCAN

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A man and woman from Dalton were killed Sunday evening when their motorcycle was "sideswiped" by a pickup truck on Highway 225 South in Murray County, officials said. The woman was in the latter stages of a pregnancy.

Ty Woods, 39, of 4260 Brown Bridge Road,

was killed instantly when a 1998 Ford Ranger driven by David Sloane, 55, of Dalton, crossed the center line near North Georgia Raceway Road at 8:15 p.m. and hit the motorcycle, said an operator with the Georgia State Patrol. The state patrol's Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) is investigating and charges are pending against Sloane. Sloane did not immediately return a phone call on Monday.

April Lynthlin, 29, of Cedar Ridge Road, died Sunday during surgery at Hamilton Medical Center, the state patrol operator said. Her child was to be named Cara Marie Woods, according to an obituary from Ponders Funeral Home.

A spokeswoman at Hamilton Medical Center said Sloane was treated and released after the wreck.

# County unhappy with gym deal

By MARK MILLCAN

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If an agreement is not reached soon between the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and the county school system, hundreds of children may not be playing basketball this fall and winter, commission chairman Mike Babb said Monday.

Key provisions of an agreement dating to 2002 — all paid for in-kind contributions — included a one-time payment by the county of \$1 million for four gym expansions and an additional \$50,000 a year for operational costs. The current proposal by the school system for an estimated 1,480 hours of school gym use includes operational costs of \$100,000 per year and \$75,000 in in-kind service requests provided by the county's public works department.

Commissioners agreed they should not be paying more than what they already were in in-kind expenses for the county recreation department to use gyms on school system property.

"I pay my taxes, and 80 percent of them go to the schools," said

commissioner Harold Brooker. "This ain't hitting me right." He also took issue with a 30-day cancellation notice by either party, especially in the middle of basketball season, since such a notice could cancel the season in its tracks.

Finance director Ron Hale said county taxpayers have already paid for the building of school gyms, and for them to pay to use them now means they'll be "paying twice."

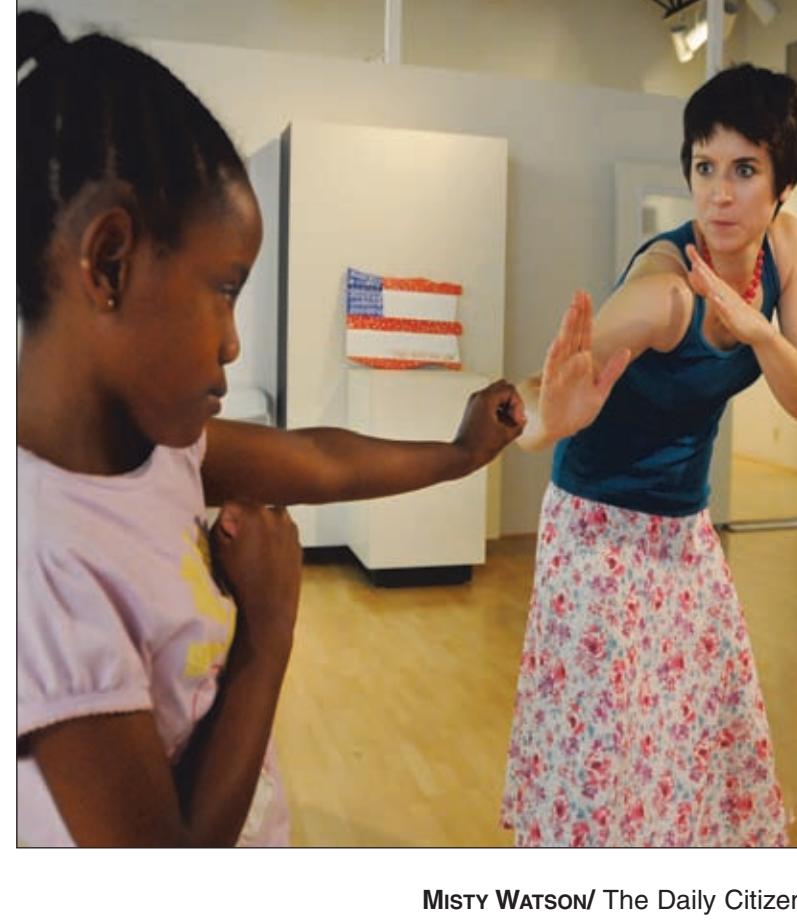
Hale noted the county has supplied well over \$100,000 a year in in-kind services, since they already do work like grading and paving entrances to new schools. He said last season the 14 school gyms allowed 79 youth teams of children ages 9 to 12 to play basketball, a total of more than 600 kids.

"We need to go back to the school system to discuss this," said Babb.

Commissioner Randy Waskul asked if there could be a 30-day deadline for talking to the school board. County administrator Bob

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## PANDA STYLE



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Jaycia Dillon, 9, undertakes a Kung Fu stance like those she's seen in the movie "Kung Fu Panda" with instructor Jessie Knowles during the movie mania camp at the Creative Arts Guild on Monday.



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**TODAY'S FORUM**

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

"To the men and ladies who built this house for Mr. Manis, I think that's one of the greatest things. Every nail had God's blessings on it, every stroke of paint, everything that was done for him, and I'm so grateful that people still care. It's wonderful for that precious man."

"Older people have debts also. The 78-year-old who keeps working is to be commended for being able to pay hers."

"I wonder if Gov. Sarah Palin has ever visited with Gov. Mark Sanford of South Carolina."

"Four years ago Rush Limbaugh predicted the government would find a way to take more of our money for so-called global warming. When are people going to wake up and quit being fools and realize that global warming is just a scam and a hoax?"

"The media sensation over Michael Jackson's death explains Obama being elected. Obama has no qualifications to be president. He just put on a better show."

"I don't know why they say happy cows come from California. It's hot out there and spoils the milk."

"We should all read the page of 'In God we Trust.' Please re-run it again and again."

"Thanks to the Varnell sanitation workers for picking up my trash on July 4. Hope you had a good holiday."

"At least the other countries now have someone to point to to prove that democracy does not work: President Obama. Please, Democratic senators and representatives, please stand up before it's too late."

"I really like Ann McFeatters. Her article in Sunday's paper is good reading for people who probably need to know how the Supreme Court and the judges are to operate. I enjoyed it very much."

"I want to thank Dewey Welch who goes to four different nursing homes a week to minister. God bless him and his family."

"What would First United Methodist Church do without David? He's reliable, trustworthy and faithful. God bless."

"This congratulations goes to Virginia and Jay W."

"I'd like to congratulate the Dalton Elks Lodge ritual team who won state and who recently competed in the national competition in Oregon. Congratulations to the Dalton Elks Lodge, No. 1267."

"God bless the members of the Honduran judicial and legislative branches of government. It's high time an American country stood up and told its president he would not be allowed to steal an election and trash their constitution. Praise the Lord. Finally."

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"I would like to thank the guy at Walmart in line that paid for my milk because my debit card was stolen. Thank you so very much."

"Obama has done more harm to this country in his first six months in office than all the presidents combined."

"I'm glad to see Jeremy Mayfield stand up to NASCAR. I'm glad to see him win, glad to see somebody that isn't scared of them. I'm getting tired of the way they run that."

"I live in Murray County. I live in a trailer. I vote, and I will continue to vote for David Ridley as long as he wants to run. I believe he'll do what's right for Murray County."

"All the states in trouble are run by Democrats? What about nearly-bankrupt California, home of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger?"

"I hope that whoever stole the American flag from my mailbox early morning July 4th proudly waved it all day. We proudly display our American flag daily."

"I made a comment about Dalton High's exercise equipment and you didn't put it in the paper. You must really be a fan of Dalton High."

"The people who call in to the forum are a bunch of cowards. They talk about people and they don't have to give their names. They talk about other people's pasts. Everybody's got a past. Bunch of cowards!"

**Editor: This isn't the first time you've called.**

"Obama did not inherit the mess that Bush left behind but rather the mess that he and his fellow Democrats created in the last two years of the Bush administration."

"I wanted to thank Murray County for their fireworks this weekend. On Friday night Eton had a superb show at the old Eton school, and on Saturday night they had a huge, wonderful outflowing of fireworks at the old original place, the old rec center in Chatsworth. Both shows were beautiful."

"I do turn off Michael Jackson when he comes on the television, when they're talking about him. However, he's on the preview channel all the time. How am I supposed to know what's on TV? Guess at it or flip the channels and there he is again? I respect the man as a singer and an entertainer but there is a certain limit to anything."

"We could save tons of money if Obama would forego using Air Force One and just walk across the ocean."

"Michael Jackson being acquitted like O.J. doesn't mean he wasn't guilty, it just means the state didn't prove its case."

"The person that said all states that are in trouble are run by Democrats needs to check out California, which is in worse shape than any state in the Union. And I believe Arnold's a Republican."

"To the person who called in that the most important accomplishment Obama will make is when he leaves the White House in 2013, didn't you mean 2018?"

**LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS – FOR JULY 6****Georgia:** Midday Cash 3: 3-1-8, Cash 4: 3-4-1-3, Evening Cash 3: 8-5-2,

Cash 4: 1-9-5-1, Fantasy 5 3-5-7-14-30

**Tennessee:** Midday Cash 2-1-8: Lucky Sum: 11; Cash 4: 9-5-1-3, Lucky Sum: 18;

Evening Cash 3: 1-3-1, L-Sum: 5, Cash 4: 9-6-8-2, Lucky Sum: 25

**City OKs merger plan with county****By CHARLES OLIVER**

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The Dalton City Council voted 4-0 on Monday to merge the city's building, zoning and planning departments with those of Whitfield County. City officials said the move will end duplication of services.

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners approved the merger two weeks ago. The merger will leave the county responsible for building inspections and zoning and code enforcement in both the city of Dalton and unincorporated Whitfield County.

The move will shut down the city's building department, which currently has a budget of \$357,080. The county's building, zoning and planning offices currently have a budget of \$638,802. County officials have not presented budget estimates for the new department.

City building inspector Greg Williams said all three city department employees, including himself, have applied for jobs with the county.

Council members made one change to the agreement before they approved it. They changed the period for either side to opt out of the code enforcement agreement to 90 days from 12 months. The Board of Commissioners would have to approve that change.

"I would have liked a shorter opt-out period for all of it, but I respect that the county has to make a significant investment and ramp up their resources and hire staff," said council member Charlie Bethel, who suggested the change. "That's a smaller consideration for code enforcement."

Bethel said some Dalton citizens want higher levels of code enforcement.

"I think the county commissioners understand that and are accepting responsibility for doing that," he said. "I'm only being mindful of the fact that if it doesn't meet our constituency's expectations, they are going to look to us to remedy the problem, and if it's a problem we can't work out with the county, we need to be able to work faster to take back that part of the relationship."

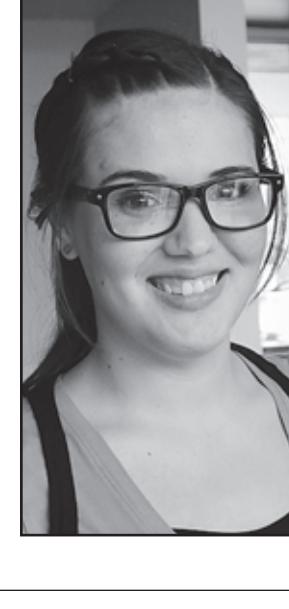
Finance director Cindy Jackson presented the city's first quarter financial report. She said first-quarter revenue was \$3.6 million, which was what was anticipated in the budget, along with \$2.1 million in transfer payments from Dalton Utilities. First-quarter spending came to \$5.4 million, about \$600,000 less than budgeted.

The council also voted 4-0 to:

■ Approve an agreement with Whitfield County to provide about \$130,000 in special purpose local option sales tax funds for new lighting at I-75 and Walnut Avenue. The Georgia Department of Transportation will pay about \$192,000 for that work.

■ Approve a \$39,615 contract to install security fencing at Dalton Municipal Airport.

The council also recognized the authors, editors and subjects of the book "Voices from the Nueva Frontera: Latino Immigration in Dalton, Georgia," which was released last month by the University of Tennessee press.

**TODAY'S CITIZEN****NAME:** Sydney Hooper**AGE:** 19**HOME:** Chattanooga**FAMILY:** Parents

David and Chris, siblings Will, Bob, Grace, Jack and Ben

**SCHOOL:**

Chattanooga State

**PLAY:** Music, theater, volunteer at CAG**SHE SAID:** "To live will be an awfully big adventure."

before himself."

"We talked about it and talked about it and then I prayed about it," he said of giving his son permission to join the Marines at age 17. "I always want to support my kids, and I knew he'd join when he turned 18 if I didn't sign for him. But I asked him, 'Why the Marine Corps?' He said, 'Because it's the toughest, and I want to see if I can make it.' He told me he wanted to fight for those who couldn't fight for themselves."

Sharp's remains arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on July 4. According to the Rome News-Tribune, the body will arrive in Calhoun around 3 p.m. on Thursday. The body will be taken from Calhoun to Adairsville along U.S. 41 to R. Dudley Barton &amp; Son Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and the funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. Both the visitation and funeral will be at Northpoint Church in Adairsville. Sharp will be buried at Adairsville's Eastview Cemetery.

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know they truly loved each other, and we knew that when Seth was with her he was OK."

Rusty Sharp called his nephew "the closest thing to a son I got."

"I have no biological kids of my own," said Sharp. "My wife has some, but Seth was our son too. We took him on many camping and fishing trips."

Sharp's aunt, Rita Sharp Keehly, said he was "determined" when he decided to join the Marines.

"You could tell he really wanted to do it, so we didn't try to talk him out of it," she said. "He was so proud when he made it through boot camp. He went in a little boy and came out a man."

Keehly said Seth always tried to make it home from Lejeune during the holidays to see his family.

"He was a wonderful young man," she said. "My husband, Mike, and I spent a lot of time with him and took trips with him."

Rick Sharp said his son "always thought about others

Prosecutors could not be reached for comment.

Investigators have said Willis and the newlyweds met while they were living in Chickamauga, Ga., and were involved in a sex-for-cocaine relationship. Authorities think Willis killed the newlyweds at his mother's home after the three traveled to

## ARRESTS

• Skylar Keith Caldwell, 20, 502 Saxon Drive, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

• Joseph Michael Dixon, 40, 180 Shady Lane, Orange City, Fla., was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with fugitive from justice (failure to register as a sex offender).

• Terry Lee Painter, 29, 17 Brookwalk Drive, Chatsworth, was charged Sunday by the Murray County Sheriff's Office with DUI.

• Pedro Antonio Vasquez, 32, 438 Lafayette Road, No. 11, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with driving without a license, DUI and simple battery (family violence).

• Jackie Randall Ely, 70, 4774 Lakeside Drive, Blairsville, was charged Monday by the Eton Police Department with DUI.

• Tomi Virginia Swanson, 17, 1009 Cagle Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

## GEORGIA

### Man drowns helping child

CALLAWAY GARDENS — A 21-year-old East Point man has drowned in Robin Lake at Callaway Gardens while trying to rescue a 9-year-old swimmer.

Harris County Coroner James Carver identified the victim as Rico Cruz. His body was recovered from the lake at 2:29 p.m. on Saturday.

Authorities said Cruz likely went into the water about 12:30 p.m. to rescue a boy struggling to stay afloat. A 14-year-old also went into the water having noticed the same struggling boy and he brought the boy safely to shore.

### State receives energy grant

ATLANTA — Federal officials say Georgia will receive \$32.9 million in funds to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects across the state.

The grant is part of the nearly \$82.5 million the department will award Georgia under the Federal-State Energy Program.

The Associated Press

## County: Eyes better deal with schools

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McLeod advised 15 days, noting the urgency of football season almost beginning, with basketball not far behind.

"The taxpayers literally bought those gyms," said commissioner Greg Jones. "I think the feeling is we'll give them 15 days to make their minds up, or we'll do other things." He noted the county already expects to pay \$150,000 to get Crow Road ready for the new high school, and \$850,000 for the expansion of Highway 2 for the same project.



AP PHOTO

**Law enforcement officials enter the scene of shooting in Dallas, N.C., on Monday. South Carolina authorities are on the scene of a fatal North Carolina shooting about 30 miles from a city terrorized by a serial killer blamed for five deaths. Authorities couldn't confirm whether the shooting was linked to the slayings last week near Gaffney, S.C.**

## Carolina murder suspect killed in robbery attempt

GAFFNEY, S.C. (AP) — The serial killer who terrorized a South Carolina community by shooting five people to death before police killed him Monday was a career criminal paroled just two months ago, authorities said.

Patrick Burris, 41, was shot to death by officers investigating a burglary complaint at a home in Gastonia, N.C., 30 miles from where the killing spree started June 27. Bullets in his gun matched those that killed residents in and around Gaffney over six days last week, said State Law Enforcement Division Chief Reggie Lloyd.

Chief Lloyd

Investigators did not have an address for Burris. While evidence left no doubt he was the killer, they still had no idea why he did it.

"He was unpredictable. He was scary. He was weird," said SLED Deputy Director Neil Dolan.

Burris had a long rap sheet filled with charges such as larceny, forgery and breaking and entering from states across the Southeast, including Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. He had been paroled from a North Carolina prison in April after serving nearly eight years.

"Look at this," Lloyd said, waiving a stapled copy of Burris' criminal record. "This is like 25 pages. At some point the criminal justice system is going to need to explain why this suspect was out on the street."

Gaffney farmer Sam Howell, 61, was among dozens of people from Cherokee County who came to the news conference where authorities identified Burris.

"My prayers were answered. He got what

he deserved," Howell said. "He scared the hell out of everyone. I guess we can feel better but we've lost some of our innocence."

The mystery ended in Gastonia early Monday after a couple called police to report a suspicious sport utility vehicle in their neighborhood.

Mike and Terri Valentine were on edge because the Gaffney serial killer was just a short drive away.

They watched two people who sometimes visit the neighboring home get out of the vehicle, followed by a third man who matched the description of the killer: tall, heavyset, unshaven and wearing a baseball cap. The man appeared to be very drunk, Mike Valentine said.

When officers went inside, Terri Valentine said she heard someone yell "put it down" and heard a gunshot.

Then "bam, bam, bam, bam. Next thing I know, all of Gaston County was here," she said.

Gaston County police said the other two people were in custody, but did not indicate whether they were facing charges.

The Gaffney killings happened in a 10-mile area over six days. A peach farmer was killed June 27, an 83-year-old woman and her daughter were found bound and shot four days later, and the next day a father and his teen daughter were shot in their family's furniture store.

The investigation isn't over, and Cherokee County Sheriff Bill Blanton said investigators will trace the suspect's recent activities and trying to figure out if he has killed other people in other places.

"Now we have someone we can focus on," Blanton said.

He said he hopes the arrest calms the fears of 54,000 people in the county 50 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., known for its peach orchards and mills.

"We feel the victims' pain," Blanton said.

"This isn't over. We're just changing gears."

School board member Thomas Barton attended the meeting but did not speak. He said afterwards he was displeased with Babb's "dissimile" attitude.

"The kids have to be in school, in the gyms — or they'll be on drugs," he said. "We've got to get this worked out."

Barry Tarter, the executive director of the North Georgia Regional Development Center (NGRDC), told commissioners that legal action "had

been taken" in Fulton County Superior Court (Atlanta) to challenge a state law that seeks to merge the NGRDC with the Coosa Valley RDC as part of a regional commission.

Babb noted county commissioners had emphasized their unwillingness to include Whitfield County in the suit.

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These questions and more will be addressed at Dalton State College's Center for Continuing Education when Keith Perry presents An Offer You Can't Refuse: The Godfather I, II, III. The programs will be Tuesday through Thursday, July 21-23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the James E. Brown Center. The program is rescheduled from June.

Perry is an associate professor of English for DSC where he teaches American



Keith Perry

literature and film. He is the author of "The Kingfish in Fiction: Huey P. Long and the Modern American Novel," the co-editor of "Larry Brown and the Blue-Collar South: A Collection of Critical Essays," and the guest editor of a special volume of the journal Post Script: Essays in Film and the Humanities on the films of Joel and Ethan Coen.

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James Combs will teach Basic Excel at Dalton State College's Center for Continuing Education on Saturday.

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Dalton State College offers Basic Excel on Saturday at the Center for Continuing Education.

Proficiency in Microsoft's widely-used spreadsheet software, Excel, is a workplace skill that many employees find useful in today's offices. Dalton State has arranged for its long-time instructor, James Combs, to teach the essentials of this program to students on one Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

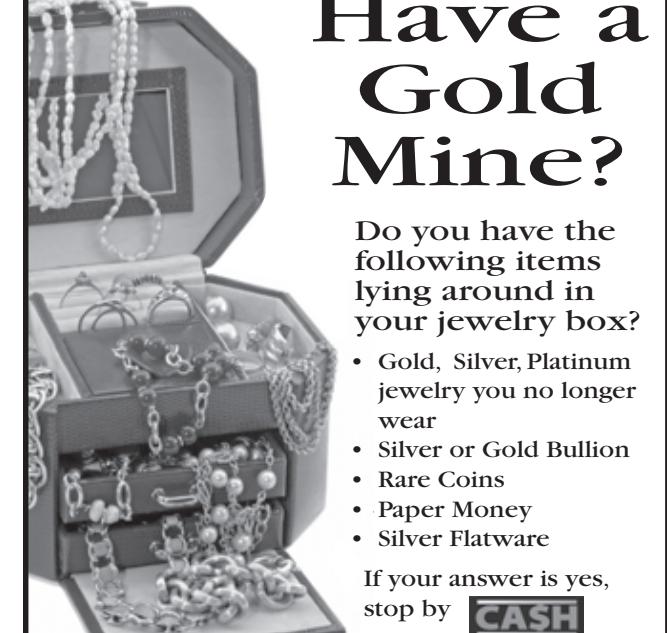
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## LETTERS

### Wagon Train memories not all good

#### To the editor:

This past week was the 50th annual Appalachian Wagon Train in Chatsworth. I have attended many of these events over the 50 years and was there at least five nights this year to watch my granddaughters in the horse shows.

Every horse show is preceded by the National Anthem and presenting of our American flag. It was very distressing to see the lack of respect shown. I was taught very early in life to rise for the anthem and to place my hand over my heart out of respect for my flag and country. So many people simply continued to talk, laugh, walk or do what other activity they had been engaged in prior to the start of the anthem. It was obvious that our children are not being taught to show this respect anymore, but it was also severely lacking in adults who should know better.

I realize that our country is in a mess, but part of that mess can be blamed on lack of respect for what we have. I personally am so very grateful for the freedoms that I have. My father and five of his brothers fought for that freedom in World War II, with his oldest brother giving his life for it. He also had another brother that fought in Korea and there have been many more family and friends fighting in later wars to give us the freedoms that we take for granted. Yes, you may have the right to stand there and be disrespectful, but don't forget all the men and women that have fought and died for that American flag and the freedoms behind it.

Further evidence of the lack of pride and respect in our county was evident on Sunday morning when I drove past the Recreation Center and High School. The 4th of July festivities has been held there on Saturday night and the garbage left behind on the parking lot and grounds surrounding the rec center and schools was unbelievable. It seems that so many people have such a sense of entitlement, they always think it is someone else's job to clean up after them. I did notice that the garbage cans were full, but there appeared to be many bags hanging on the fences that weren't. And it wasn't that the garbage was placed near an overflowing can, the garbage was everywhere. It was on the lawn at the high school, the lawn across from the high school and even on a private lawn across from the rec. If every person had simply taken their own garbage, the area would have been clean.

I hear so many complaints about our town and county, but I have to wonder, how many of those complainers are trying to make changes. If we all depend on someone else, nothing will ever change. If we want new businesses in Murray County, we have to present an area that they want to locate in. If a potential new business representative had driven by the Recreation Center on Sunday, they would have burned rubber leaving the area and never looked back.

Janet Lotspeich

### Bad choice for a judge

#### To the editor:

Our President has nominated Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court position. What a disappointment for Barack Obama.

This woman is not only a self admitted racist (by her comments) but has also had over 60 percent of her decisions reversed by a higher court. She also has stated the the courts set policies. This is not the court's role. The courts are to interpret the Constitution of the United States and laws only.

I believe that there had to be a better choice, but unfortunately she will probably be confirmed because she is a minority. Shame, shame on Uncle Sam

Ron Williamson  
Chatsworth

### Michael Jackson was a great star

#### To the editor:

I am so sad to hear about the death of Michael Jackson. When I was a kid I had pins, dolls, and a lot of other stuff with him. He was my favorite. My mother would talk about Elvis and I would talk about Michael Jackson.

Growing up I liked to listen to other singers but none was like Jackson. I learned how to do the "Thriller" when I was little. My all-time favorite was "Beat It."

My heart goes out to his family. I never believed that molestation bull they said he did. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all times.

Eddie Carver  
Dalton

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

**Bible verse:** "For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people."

**Numbers 32:15**

**Thought for today:** "Only a mediocre person is always at his best."

**Somerset Maugham**  
English writer (1874-1965)

## Palin's collapse



Cal  
Thomas

The soon to be former governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin, is like one of those souffles my mother sometimes made. The recipe warned against premature removal from the oven because the dish would collapse.

That is the saga of Gov. Palin. Prematurely plucked from relative obscurity by John McCain and touted as a rising star by many Republican conservatives, Palin collapsed. Though she was treated unfairly and in ways that no liberal woman would have been -- not even Hillary Clinton -- she clearly was not prepared to discuss the issues, the command of which -- or least familiarity of which -- are essential to anyone seeking national office.

Palin energized the shrinking Republican base, but could never get beyond them to connect with independents and conservative Democrats who might have taken her seriously had she displayed more seriousness. It is not enough to talk about what has been lost in America. One must speak of a vision for the future and ways to reach it.

Many commentators are speculating whether quitting as governor is good or bad political strategy. Few want to take Palin's word at face value, that she is tired of the ethics probes (all but two of the 15 ethics complaints filed against her have been dismissed with no findings of wrongdoing) and the big media's refusal to examine her accomplishments as governor and the substance of her views. Fair enough. But anyone running for national

office must traverse a m e d i a gauntlet -- with the n o t a b l e exception of Barack O b a m a and his worshipful media disc i p l e s . While conservatives can expect worse treatment than liberals, they can prevail with the right strategy.

It was unfair to Palin to have been selected as McCain's running mate so soon after the birth of her youngest child, especially one with Down syndrome, and the pregnancy of her teenage daughter. Either event would have required more motherly attention than usual, but both demand a level of emotional energy that no human being can muster while running for vice president.

If Palin is to have a future in national politics (assuming she wants one) there are several steps she must take. First, she needs a complete makeover. The big media will never admit they were wrong in their judgments, but they might write stories about the "new Sarah Palin." She should hit the books and learn as much as she can about the modern world, history and court cases. She should read newspapers so that when future interviewers hit her with questions, she can dazzle them like a "Jeopardy" champion.

What she should not do is become a cable TV pundit. That's too predictable.

Instead, she might follow Ronald Reagan's example and deliver a daily radio commentary. Radio takes the focus away from outward appearance and places it on the substance of what is said. She should write these commentaries herself, as Reagan did, and the outlets ought to include mainstream stations, as well as conservative and Christian ones.

Palin should hire a speech coach and follow that person's advice. She has a pleasant enough speaking voice, but the tone needs to be adjusted, as do her word choices. "You betcha" should be banned from her vocabulary. Such slang may resonate well with some people, but national candidates should have rhetoric that soars and gets attention.

Lastly, she needs a hair, makeup and wardrobe makeover. She is a beautiful woman, but appearance should not be the first thing one reacts to when people look at her.

There aren't many second acts in politics because the media tend to gobble people up and constantly search for the "new" and exciting. Sarah Palin can be "born again" in a political sense and excite beyond her base if she allows herself to be "baked" at the proper temperature and for the right amount of time. If she does that, she may emerge again and this time she'll rise, not fall.

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## When color trumps Christianity



Star  
Parker

President Obama hosted a reception at the White House celebrating LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Pride month. Black Christians should take note and learn a few things about our black President.

As they say, we are what we do.

It tells us something that Mr. Obama had no time to host an event for the National Day of Prayer.

Nor did he have time to accept the invitation to convey greetings and a few remarks to the couple hundred thousand who came to Washington, as they do every January, for the March for Life.

However, the LGBT Pride event did make it onto the president's busy schedule.

Here are parts of his remarks I think noteworthy for black Christians:

First, we now know that Mr. Obama buys into reasoning equating the homosexual political movement to the black civil rights movement: "...it's not for me to tell you to be patient any more than it was for others to counsel patience to African Americans who were petitioning for equal rights a half century ago."

Perhaps Obama can extend some of his famous empathy to a black Christian woman, Crystal Dixon, who lost her University of Toledo job for writing a column in her local paper challenging this premise. Dixon was fired for being uppity enough to write "...I take great umbrage at the notion that those choosing the homosexual lifestyle are 'civil rights victims' ...I cannot wake up

tomorrow and not be a black woman."

Considering our president's priorities, I recall a song popular during the civil rights movement: "Which Side Are You On?"

Second, Obama sees the black community as being a little slow on the uptake to grasp that homosexuality and same sex marriage are okay. There still are those, according to him, "who don't yet fully embrace their gay brothers and sisters..." He deals with this, he said, by talking about it in front of "unlikely audiences," such as, "in front of African American church members."

Maybe a lot of us black folks, still readin' our Bibles, just haven't had enough of that Harvard learnin'.

And, third, Obama talked about HIV/AIDS but didn't bother to mention that it's overwhelmingly blacks that this scourge is killing.

Why would our black president discuss HIV/AIDS and not mention that although blacks represent 12 percent of our population, they account for 50 percent of HIV/AIDS cases and half of HIV related deaths? Or that the incidence of HIV/AIDS infection per every 100,000 people is 9 times higher among blacks than whites?

Of course, it would have been bad form for Obama to sour the punch bowl at the LBGT Pride month festivities by mentioning the disproportionate toll this lifestyle takes on blacks.

Blacks, of course, made the difference in getting Proposition 8 passed in California, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman. They then switched over and voted for Obama.

Obama has said he opposes same sex marriage. Can this really be so? He said at the White House event that he's called for Congress to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act. DOMA is the main obstacle to nationalizing legalization of same sex marriage.

Black Christians have a lot of soul searching to do. We know the pain of black history. But we also must retain clarity that these many injustices were the result of race and color trumping Christian principles.

How can black Christians do this themselves? How can black Christians allow race and color to trump Christian principles in driving their support for a leader?

Particularly as sexually transmitted diseases kill our people, when a third of all abortions are black babies, and the only hope for future black prosperity is restoration of the black family?

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 7, the 188th day of 2009. There are 177 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

**On this date:**

In 1908, the Democratic national convention, which nominated William Jennings Bryan for president, opened in Denver.

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1948, six female reservists became the first women to be sworn into the regular U.S. Navy.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Ten years ago:** In the first class-action lawsuit by smokers to go to trial, a jury in Miami held cigarette makers liable for making a defective product that caused emphysema, lung cancer and other illnesses.

**Five years ago:** Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay was indicted on criminal charges related to the energy company's collapse.

**One year ago:** A suicide bomber struck the Indian Embassy in Kabul, killing at least 60 people. President George W. Bush met Russian President Dmitry Medvedev for the first time at the G8 summit in Hokkaido, Japan.

**Today's Birthdays:** Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 96. Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 82. Country singer Charlie Louvin is 82. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 76. Former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr is 69. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 64. Actor Joe Spano is 63. Actress Shelley Duvall is 60. Actress Roz Ryan is 58. Actor Billy Campbell is 50. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 47. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 46. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 43. Actress Jorja Fox is 41. Actress Cree Summer is 40. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 37. Actor Troy Garity is 36. Actor Hamish Linklater is 33. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 29.

**NATION****Patrick Kennedy back to work**

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patrick Kennedy said he's "feeling healthy and strong" and plans to return to Congress Tuesday after receiving treatment at a Maryland addiction treatment center.

The Rhode Island Democrat said Monday he was looking forward to returning full-time to his congressional duties.

**Franken begins Senate service**

WASHINGTON — So, did you hear the one about the comedian who spent a whole day on Capitol Hill and told no jokes?

Democrat Al Franken arrived in Washington on Monday content to be as mundane in the Senate as he was brazen in his previous job as a "Saturday Night Live" performer.

Forget funny. Soon after he showed up in a Senate hallway with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Franken made clear his new schtick is serious senator from Minnesota.

"I am ready to get to work," Franken said.

Franken's seriousness didn't faze the dozens of onlookers who packed into a narrow Senate hallway hoping for at least one salty quip.

**Senate to post office expenses**

WASHINGTON — How your senators are spending their multimillion-dollar budgets for staff salaries, travel and office expenses may soon be just a computer mouse click away.

The Senate is planning to follow the House in posting office expenses on the Internet instead of in volumes that must be purchased or viewed in Capitol office buildings.

The idea, says Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okl., is to let people see what their lawmakers are doing with their taxpayer-funded office accounts — and hold their feet to the fire for questionable expenses.

**Panels wants more funds for outdoors**

WASHINGTON — Despite the recession, a blue-ribbon panel says the federal government should increase by tenfold its spending on outdoor recreation and conservation.

At least \$3.2 billion a year — up from current funding of about \$255 million — is needed to conserve and protect the nation's outdoor heritage, including parks, wildlife refuges and open space, the group says.

The report by the bipartisan panel, made up of elected officials and conservationists, also calls for creation of a nationwide system of "bluetways" and water trails to improve water-related recreation opportunities.

**The Associated Press**

**KUNG FU DEFENSE**

MISTY WATSON/ The Daily Citizen

**Eden Scruggs, 7, right, and Cal Price, 6, do Kung Fu stances like those in the movie "Kung Fu Panda" during the movie mania camp at the Creative Arts Guild on Monday. Jaycia Dillon, 9, plays a theme song she wrote on a recorder.**

**L.A. readies for Jackson service**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stage was set Monday for Michael Jackson's final act as the world capital of make-believe braced for what could be the biggest, most spectacular celebrity send-off of all time.

Ecstatic fans who won the lottery for seats at Tuesday's all-star memorial received the tickets and spangly wristbands that will get them into the 20,000-seat Staples Center downtown. The family announced the participants will include Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Usher, Lionel Richie, Kobe Bryant, Jennifer Hudson, John Mayer and Martin Luther King III.

The legal maneuvering that marked Jackson's extraordinary and troubled life also continued on Monday, with his mother losing a bid to control his enormous but tangled estate. And in one of the few reminders of Jackson's darkest hours, a New York congressman branded Jackson a "pervert" undeserving of so much attention.

More than 1.6 million people registered for free tickets to the 10 a.m. memorial, which will be broadcast live worldwide. A total of 8,750 people were chosen to receive two tickets each. The lucky ones picked up their passes Monday at Dodger Stadium amid heavy police presence.

"I got the golden ticket!" one fan screamed out of his car window in a Willy Wonka moment as he drove out of the parking lot.

"My mother loves Elvis.

This is my Elvis," said ticket winner Mynor Garcia, 29.

Downtown hotels were quickly filling. Police, trying to avoid a mob scene, warned those without tickets to stay away because they would not be able to get close to the Staples Center.

British Airways reported a surge of bookings as soon as the memorial arrangements were announced. Virgin's trans-Atlantic flights to San Francisco, Las Vegas and Los Angeles were all packed with fans and VIPs, said spokesman Paul Charles.

"I think this is America's version of Princess Diana. People want to be in the vicinity. People from the UK and elsewhere want to share their emotions together," Charles said.

About 50 theaters across the country, from Los Angeles to Topeka, Kan., to Washington, D.C., were planning to broadcast the memorial live, said Cinedigm Digital Cinema Corp. spokeswoman Suzanne Moore. Admission will be free — first-come, first-served.

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**Army teaches 'leaving'**

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — It was just another day for the U.S. Army in war-weary northern Iraq: insurgents in Mosul, political turf battles in Kirkuk, an attack on the Bayji oil refinery in Salah ad Din.

All needed to be dealt with immediately. And all by an infantry unit that wasn't even in Iraq.

The recent war-gaming took place half a world away as the Army's 3rd Infantry Division wound down a two-week exercise to prepare to go to Iraq this fall. The first Army combat unit to invade Baghdad in 2003, the division will be among the last military units to leave as the U.S. withdraws its troops, overseeing the transition from combat to departure in northern Iraq.

The military mission in Iraq has changed a lot over six years. No longer are most daily U.S. troop operations deadly. Soldiers are as consumed with helping local governments build sewer systems and train Iraqi security forces as they are with shutting down insurgents.

That has required an equally big shift in how the Army trains its troops — not just to help stabilize Iraq, but to hand off the job and leave as planned in 2011.

The 3rd Infantry Division,



In this June 16 image released by the Department of Defense Maj. Andrew Fletcher, 3rd Infantry Division, serves as one of the division's operations officers during a Mission Readiness Exercise for Task Force Marne at Fort Stewart

headed by Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, will lead all U.S. military operations in Iraq's volatile north. Since January, the Georgia-based division has been training at Fort Stewart to defuse potential conflicts before they flare up — largely with the help of Iraqi forces or through diplomacy.

"Our initial reaction was, 'Here's a problem, we're the Army, let's go in and solve it,'" said Lt. Col. Fritz Little, the division's top civil affairs adviser. "Now, it's, 'How can we encourage the Iraqis to solve it?'"

"That's been one of the hardest things to deal with,"

he said.

U.S. combat troops pulled out of Iraqi cities this past Tuesday. Fewer than half the 131,000 soldiers there now will remain by September 2010 — and then only to train and assist Iraqi security forces when called upon.

The 3rd Infantry's training culminated two weeks ago at Fort Stewart. Active-duty and retired Army officers, State Department and economic advisers, and contractors guided the division's senior staffers through a series of hypothetical but real-life scenarios solved more often by strategy than firepower.

**Stocks end day mixed**

Monday's Dow Jones: 8324.9 ▲ 44.1

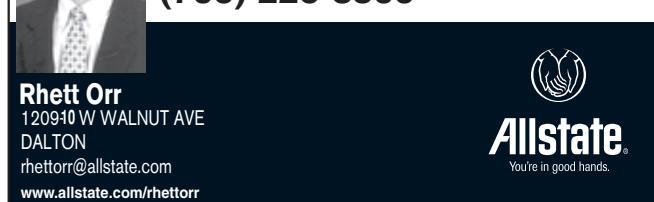
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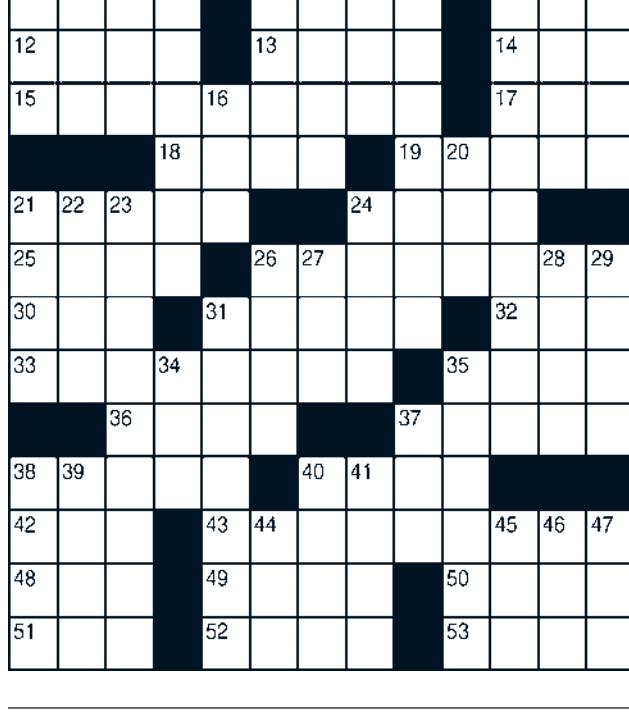
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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — While critics give the Jayhawks credit for helping invent alt-country, co-founder Mark Olson is quick to downplay the band's contributions to the rustic blend of rock and country that blossomed in the 1980s and '90s.

"If people credit us with it, I think it was more that we happened to be working along the same lines" as other groups, Olson says. "There was definitely people working on the same thing."

Olson left the Jayhawks in 1995 but now is back in the lineup with co-leader Gary Louris. The re-formed Jayhawks played a couple of festivals in Spain in May and are scheduled to play their first U.S. show Friday in Minneapolis.

The concert coincides with Sony Legacy's release Tuesday of "Music From the North Country: The Jayhawks Anthology." The collection spans the Minneapolis band's history from Twin/Tone Records through American Recordings; it's available as a single CD or a two-CD-plus-DVD set that includes Jayhawks music video clips. In September, Sony Legacy will start rereleasing the Jayhawks' five major-label releases, with bonus tracks.

Olson, 47, recalls the Jayhawks making waves when they began playing in 1985, when "the Minneapolis Sound" was defined by Prince's funk-rock and the Replacements' pop-punk.

"I think people thought it was a little strange, we were playing this country stuff in the rock bars," Olson said in a recent interview.

The Jayhawks were attracted to the humor and world view of the Flying Burrito Brothers and the "great stories" of The Band,



AP PHOTO

In this publicity image released by New West Records, Jayhawks founders Mark Olson, left, and Gary Louris are shown.

Olson said. That led Olson and Louris to trace those bands' influences and discover "English folk stuff," Olson said.

The Jayhawks signed with Rick Rubin's Def American label (later American Recordings) and released two classic albums — "Hollywood Town Hall" (1992) and "Tomorrow the Green Grass" (1995) — with producer George Drakoulias.

Drakoulias said he first heard the Jayhawks during a phone call to the Minneapolis-based independent label Twin/Tone, where their 1989 album, "Blue Earth," was playing in

the background.

"I just loved the sound," Drakoulias recalled. He says he loved Louris' "pure tone" contrasting Olson's "damaged" approach. "They just got to me," Drakoulias said.

Drakoulias said the Jayhawks "really opened the door" for other bands, such as Counting Crows and the Wallflowers. "We cracked it open, and those guys kicked it open," he said.

But after 10 years in the Jayhawks, Olson decided to leave the band when he married singer-songwriter Victoria Williams and moved to the California desert. (The two have since split up.)

**BRIDGE****Salvation of a Queen**

Many errors made by declarer are due more to poor habits than poor judgment. Mistakes of this sort are often repeated over and over again without the player realizing he has done anything wrong.

For example, take this deal where West led the jack of diamonds against four spades.

Declarer covered the jack with the queen, losing to the king. When East continued with the ace, South ruffed and drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy.

A heart was next led to the king and West's ace, and declarer ruffed the diamond continuation. Since another heart and a club still had to be lost, South eventually finished down one.

As happens so often, declarer lost the contract on the very first trick. Because the queen of diamonds could not conceivably have won the opening trick, there was no reason whatever to cover West's lead of the jack with the queen. Instead, South should have played low from dummy, hoping East had started with either the doubleton A-K or the A-K-x of diamonds.

Let's say West shifts to a trump after the jack holds the first trick. Declarer wins in dummy, ruffs a diamond, crosses to dummy with a second trump and ruffs another diamond.

As it happens, the A-K of diamonds fall on the second and third rounds of the suit, establishing dummy's queen as a trick on which South can park his low heart. All he loses later on is one heart trick and one club, thus making the contract.

If it turns out that the queen of diamonds cannot be converted into a trick — which is likely to be the case far more often than not — declarer loses nothing at all by having made the effort. He can still fall back on leading hearts twice from dummy toward his hand and hope to find East with the ace.

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Don't be afraid to go it alone, if necessary. Your numbers are 2, 10, 17, 26, 30, 36, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):**

Criticism can be constructive but don't let it stop you from finishing what you start. Don't just listen to what's being said, offer your input and ask questions if there are things you don't agree with or understand. With a clear picture of what's required, you can get on with more enjoyable pastimes. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):**

Travel for business or pleasure will bring remarkable revelations regarding your current position and partnerships. The possibilities are endless. Communication will clear up any doubts and enable you to move forward. 5 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):**

Take stock of what needs to be cleared up through dealings with banks, government agencies, schools, hospitals or the courts. The more precise and serious you are about what you want, the better the outcome. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):**

Don't reveal the way you feel or you may be forced to talk about something you aren't ready to discuss. The responsibilities you have taken on will prepare you for something bigger and better, so stop viewing your situation negatively. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):**

You probably have as much knowledge and more finesse as anyone putting demands on you. Surround yourself with positive, upbeat doers who can and will contribute to your plans. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

A friendship with some-

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one very different from yourself will help you see situations from many angles. An opportunity is available that you must take advantage of before someone else does. 5 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

Get your priorities straight. You cannot let your heart rule your head. Once you have made a commitment, stick to it or you will give the impression that you are not reliable. Don't renege on your promises or your plans. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

Don't waffle or someone will take advantage of your vulnerability. Don't let someone else's jealousy cause you to doubt your ability. Avoid any complications by doing the work required on your own. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

You'll be tempted to overspend when it's not necessary. Not finishing what you start or making accusations about what you can and cannot do will lead to criticism. A change in a personal relationship will catch you by surprise. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

There is a time and place for everything and, once in a while, you have to take a break for the sake of yourself and those who love you. An interesting look at your personal situation will make you realize what you have and what you can strive to acquire. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

Your knowledge and fabulous way of analyzing situations will grab someone's interest. The more you share with someone you like, the stronger your bond with the person will become. Love is on the rise. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**

You have to think of others if you want recognition, support and help. Approach people carefully and feel out their situation before making assumptions regarding what can be offered. Take any relationship seriously and honor what is expected of you in return. 4 stars

**Classic Jayhawks lineup reunites****BOXOFFICE****Transformers on top again**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Giant robots have defeated dinosaurs and woolly mammoths at the weekend box office.

Distributor Paramount says "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" finished the Fourth of July weekend in first place again with \$42.4 million.

That puts the "Transformers" sequel narrowly ahead of 20th Century Fox's "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," which took in \$41.6 million over the weekend.

Based on estimated revenues Sunday, the two movies had been in a tie for the No. 1 spot with \$42.5 million each.

"Transformers" pulled ahead once final receipts were counted.

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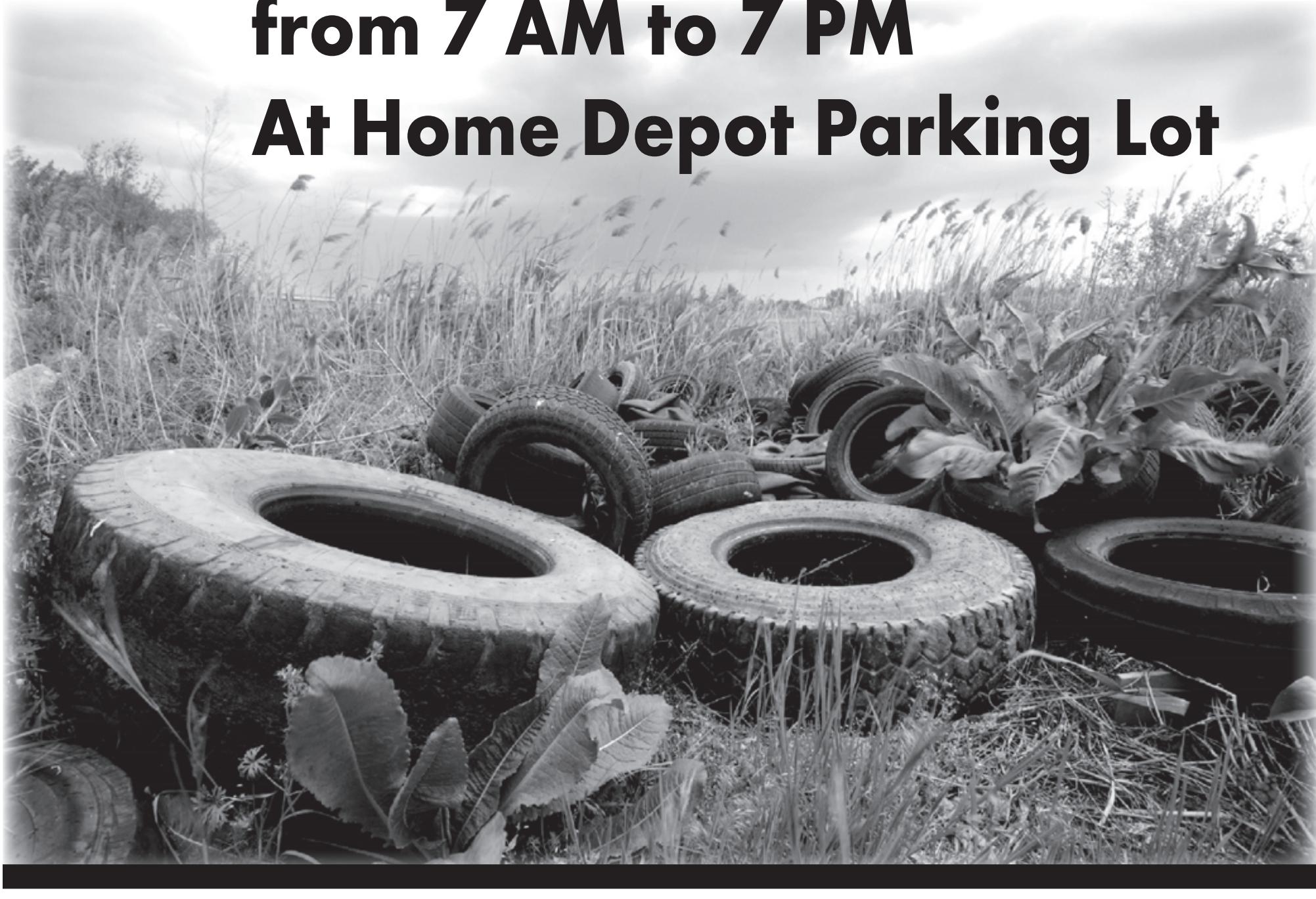
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## OBITUARIES

- April Marie Norwood Collins Lynthlin, Dalton
- Lois Bishop Williams, Mount Pleasant community

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### April Marie Norwood Collins Lynthlin

Mrs. April Marie Norwood Collins Lynthlin, 29, her infant daughter Cara Marie Woods, of Dalton, went to be with the Lord Sunday, July 5, 2009, at the local hospital.

April was born April 8, 1980, in Whitfield County, Georgia. She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, Gladys Cantrell and James Norwood. She is survived her parents, Jimmy and Cheryl Norwood of Dalton, Ga.; daughter, Shanda Michelle Collins; son, John Rylee Lynthlin of Dalton; husband, Joshua Glenn Lynthlin of Fort Stewart, Ga.; grandmother, Zora Norwood of Chatsworth, Ga.; aunts and uncles, Jerry Wayne and Robin Norwood of Chatsworth, Joyce Whitaker of Marietta, Ga., Sue Brooker of Dalton, Diane Wilensky of Virginia; special friends, Tiffany Beavers and Lisa Langley.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. April Lynthlin will be held Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Bret Yeager and Rev. Gerald Foster officiating. Interment will follow in the Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

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

Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Lynthlin family at [www.pondersfuneralhome.com](http://www.pondersfuneralhome.com).

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### Lois Bishop Williams

Lois Bishop Williams, 79, of the Mount Pleasant Community, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2009, at her residence.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton Williams; parents, Lela Edgerton Bishop and John Calvin Bishop; brother,

Cavin Bishop; half sister, Wima Walker.

She attended Concord Baptist Church. She is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Jeanette Williams of Dalton, Lee and Arnette Williams of Cohutta, Jerry and Donna Williams of Chatsworth, and Tim and Linda Williams of Athens, Ga.; a half brother, Arnold Welch of Dalton; grandchildren, Tanya Parker, Ty and Mandi Williams, Amber and Kevin Howell and Jeremy Williams; great-grandchildren, Analee Williams, Ava and Brody Howell; nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. A White Dove Release Ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 6 until 9 p.m. Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.julianpeeples.com](http://www.julianpeeples.com).

Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Pleasant Grove Chapel, Dalton, is in charge of funeral arrangements. For more information, call (706) 259-7455.

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The agency's definition of

# State grapples with budget



Gov. Perdue

course.

"Maybe a wise direction would be to all agree on what cuts to take, what path we should take, and give our public agreement to our governor's plan, and announce that's the way it will be handled," said Hill.

Hill said he and other Republican leaders will try to avoid a special session, which are often tricky — and costly — maneuvers. Each day of a special session could cost \$45,000, and they often last about a week.

And, as Hill points out, often the special session debate is a mere formality as the decisions are hammered out before the 180 House lawmakers and 56 state senators return to Atlanta.

"You may think you get more input if there's a special session, but usually those things are settled before it starts," said Hill, a Reidsville Republican.

An increasingly tight budget could force their hand, though. A return to the Capitol would be unavoidable if the

governor and lawmakers agree that new legislation is needed to dig the state out of a deepening deficit.

Perdue said last week that he would consider calling legislators back to Atlanta if there was a "consensus" that new laws to ax more funding was needed. His spokesman Bert Brantley said the governor has been meeting regularly with lawmakers about the funding cuts.

"If there's consensus and they want to come in, he's glad to have that conversation," said Brantley. "We can have a very robust discussion about it."

House Speaker Glenn Richardson's office said the speaker is working with Perdue and Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle to monitor the revenue figures "before making a decision regarding the need for a special session."

Hill, for his part, is hoping the figures detailing June's tax collections will provide lawmakers with more guidance on their next step — and a glimmer of good news.

He figures revenues may continue their descent, but hopes they are not as steep as previous months.

If so, he said, "we might have the beginnings of a U-turn."

## Customs may ban imported knives

BY STEPHEN CAESAR  
Arizona Daily Star

A popular style of pocketknives will no longer be allowed to be imported into the country, if a U.S. Customs and Border Protection proposal is approved.

The knives — those equipped with spring or release-assisted mechanisms — would be considered in the same class as already banned switchblade knives if the agency's plan is approved.

The new classification would not make it illegal to own or sell them in the United States, said Brian Levin, U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman.

The agency's definition of

knives considered to be switchblades would be expanded and it would consolidate conflicting rulings on what knives can or cannot be imported, Levin said.

"It is strictly those types of knives coming in, not those here already or that are American-made," Levin said. "We wanted to unify the definition of what knives can or cannot be imported."

Oftentimes these knives are mistakenly referred to as switchblades, but they have their differences, said Richard Zwibel, owner of Blade Runner Knives in Tucson, Ariz.

The automatic-opening knife — commonly known as a switchblade -- is spring-operated and is deployed by a separate mechanism, usually a button or slide switch

that is separate from the blade.

In contrast, assisted-opening knives require the user to apply pressure to the blade to release it, then a torsion bar takes over and swings the blade into its locked position, Zwibel said.

Switchblade knives are legal to own and carry in Arizona, but laws vary from state to state.

The federal Switchblade Act of 1958 prohibits interstate commerce of switchblades, but licensed dealers are able to send and receive the knives from manufacturers and ship across state lines to law-enforcement and active military personnel, Zwibel said.

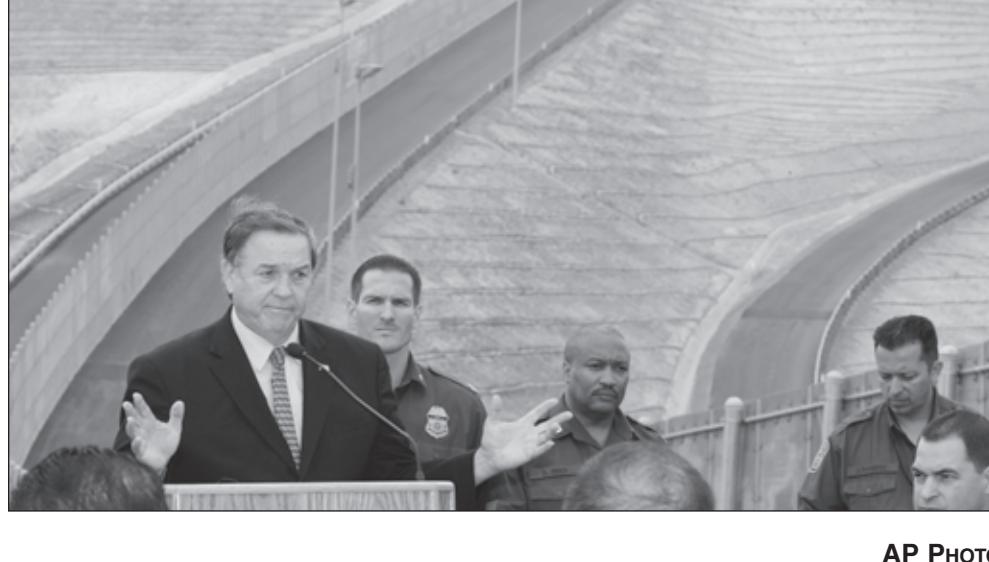
Many manufacturers produce knives in America but make certain knives in other

countries to save money, Zwibel said. He estimates about half of the assisted-opening knives he carries are made overseas.

"It strikes us in the business as silly and is ambiguous to me as to why they are doing it," Zwibel said. "If it's in the interest of public safety, why differentiate between the two?"

The popular imported knives can cost less than those made in the U.S., Zwibel said. Whether manufacturers respond by making more of the knives here will be interesting to see, Zwibel said.

"It is too early to tell," Zwibel said. "But if it passes, an immediate impact will be that a lot of my hot-selling inventory would be unavailable."



AP PHOTO

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., speaks during a ceremony held in front of the completed Smuggler's Gulch project along the U.S.-Mexico border Monday, July 6, 2009 in San Diego. The ceremony was held to mark the completion of the controversial infrastructure and fencing project. The fence is part of an effort to complete a secondary fence from the Pacific Ocean to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry.

## Border project finished

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A scrub-filled gorge historically used as a staging area for immigrants to gather by the hundred before dashing illegally into the U.S. has been all but sealed off by a massive berm topped with a steel-meshed fence and bright lighting.

The finished Smuggler's Gulch project was unveiled Monday. It involved moving 1.3 million cubic yards of dirt to fill in part of the canyon, which straddles the border just inland from the Pacific Ocean and alongside the Tijuana River estuary.

At a cost of about \$59 million, and 12 years of planning, environmental reviews and legal challenges, the project has transformed the look of the westernmost edge of the border, an environmentally sensitive area that is a key stopover for migratory birds.

Gone are the precarious switchback roads that once zigzagged up either side of the canyon. It now is filled in with dirt and spanned by the light-brown berm that has a smooth asphalt road running along its top.

Gone too are the crowds of would-be immigrants and the vendors that catered to them on the Mexican side of the gorge.

"This is night and day compared to what it used to be," U.S. Border Patrol supervisory agent Daryl Reed said, recalling a period in the '90s when an agent could arrest dozens of people in a single shift.

The project is part of an older plan dating back to 1996, when Congress approved a 14-mile stretch of fence inland from the ocean. Filling in the gorge and work on the surrounding area proved highly contentious as environmentalists worried about potential damage to sensitive habitats in the estuary.

The Border Patrol says changes in the area will actually help the environment, because fewer people will be trampling on sensitive habitat and the asphalt roads have reduced the amount of dust in the air.

Border Patrol agents said the fencing means they now have full "operational control" of the area. In 1986,

there were 600,000 apprehensions of immigrants along San Diego County's border with Mexico, Border Patrol spokesman Jerry Conlin said. The number has dropped dramatically since then, with 162,000 arrests last year.

But critics say people are simply being forced farther east into more treacherous conditions in the desert.

Conlin said the Smuggler's Gulch project means agents can now safely zip across the rolling terrain in minutes, whereas it would previously have taken up to an hour.

Local lore says the gulch got its name from bootleggers bringing alcohol into the U.S. during Prohibition.

The project has spelled the end for a transnational park on a bluff overlooking the Pacific. Friendship Park drew crowds from both sides, and people would chat through a chain-link fence separating Imperial Beach and Tijuana.

Now it lies abandoned behind a towering new fence.



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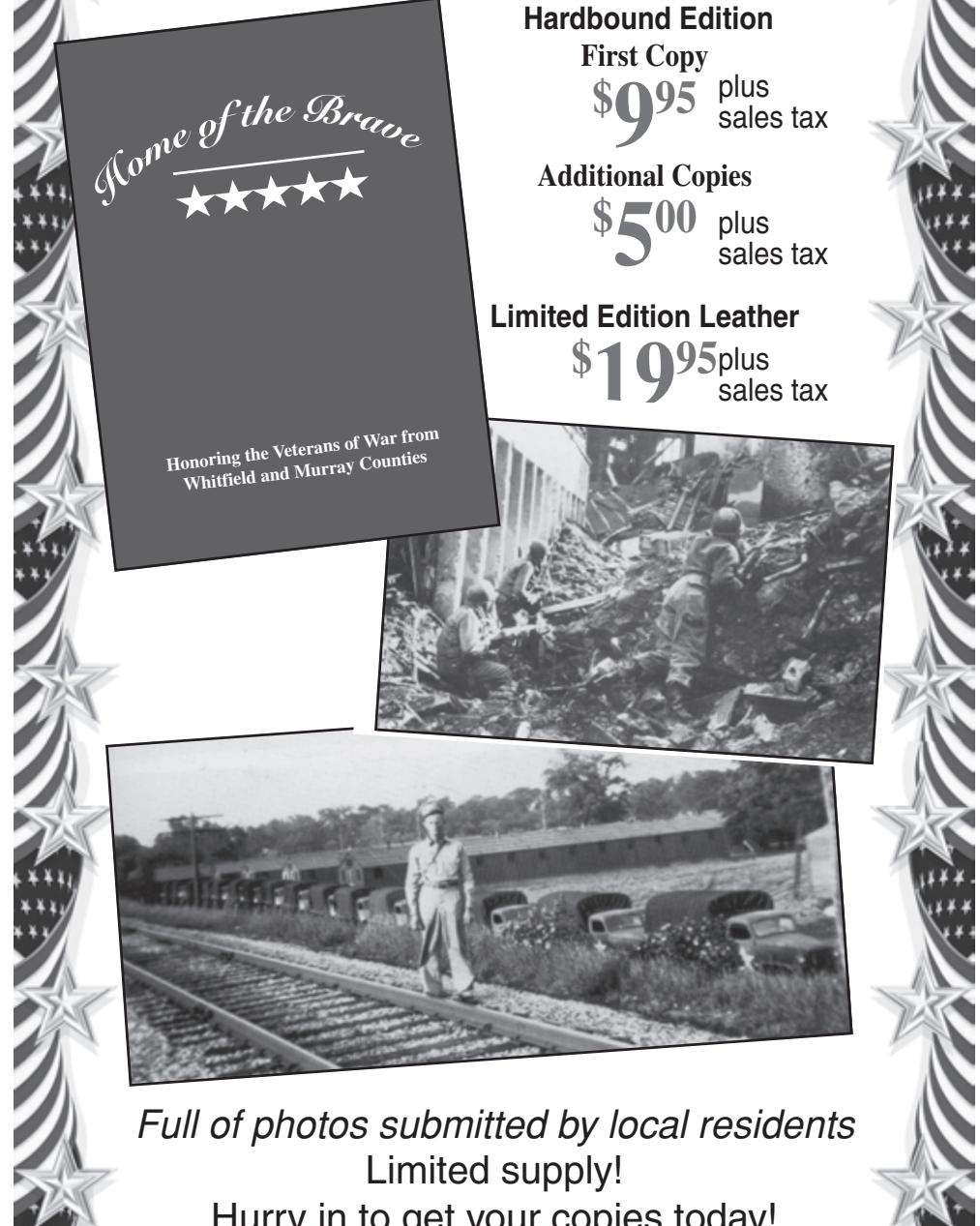
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# Chinese smother unrest

URUMQI, China (AP) — Chanting "Strike down the criminals," hundreds of para-military police with shields, rifles and clubs took control of the streets Monday in the capital of western China's Muslim region, a day after the deadliest ethnic violence in decades.

State media said at least 156 people were killed in the unrest, which did not bode well for China's efforts to mollify long-simmering ethnic tensions between the minority Uighur people and the ethnic Han Chinese in Xinjiang — a sprawling region three times the size of Texas that shares borders with Pakistan, Afghanistan and other Central Asian countries.

As darkness fell, security forces became especially tense and ordered residents off the roads near the main gate at Xinjiang University — the scene of some of the worst clashes Sunday.

As people watched from an apartment building across from the school, riot police in green camouflage uniforms and helmets pointed long sticks at the gawkers and barked, "Close those windows!"

Mobile phone service and the social networking site Twitter were blocked, and Internet links were also cut or slowed down. Some videos were posted on YouTube.

The government often says the Uighurs should be grateful for the roads, railways, schools, hospitals and oil fields it has been building in Xinjiang, a region known for scorching deserts and snowy mountain ranges.

Many Uighurs haven't been wooed by the rapid economic development.

## 'BULLS TO THE SEA'



AP PHOTO

Revellers jump into the sea followed by a bull during the 'Bous a la mar' or "Bulls to the sea" festival in the eastern town of Denia, Spain, on Monday. The bulls are later brought back to the coast in boats.

## Zelaya backers vow action

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) —

Supporters of ousted President Manuel Zelaya vowed Monday to widen protests and block trade nationwide as the deposed leader headed to Washington for a meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Thousands of Zelaya supporters have demonstrated since his overthrow eight days ago, including 2,000 who rallied peacefully Monday near the presidential palace. Anger increased following the death of a teenager shot by soldiers Sunday as a crowd tried to break through an airport fence where a plane carrying Zelaya was prevented from landing.

"We're going to change strategies," said organizer Rafael Alegria, 57. "We can-

not live under the current state."

Alegria said they planned to take their fight nationwide by blocking major highways and border crossings in an effort to impede trucks carrying fuel and merchandise.

Clinton was to meet Tuesday with Zelaya as the Obama administration weighs responses to his ouster.

The talks would be the administration's highest-level contact with Zelaya since his removal from office.

On Monday, the family of a slain teenager — identified as Isis Obed Murillo Mencia, 19, from Zelaya's home state of Olancho — was seen driving past the airport with his body in a coffin in the back of a pickup truck, sobbing, yelling and shaking their fists at riot police and sol-

diers.

The interim government closed the airport Monday and soldiers and military vehicles continued to block the runways.

Zelaya got as close as several hundred feet above Tegucigalpa Sunday in his continuing effort to return and reclaim power, but the Venezuelan pilots of his plane — on loan from President Hugo Chavez — decided not to risk a crash after circling the airport and spotting the obstacles on the runway.

## Obama, Medvedev talk nuclear cuts

MOSCOW (AP) — Presidents Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev confidently committed to a year-end deal to slash nuclear stockpiles by about a third on Monday, but the U.S. leader failed to crack stubborn Kremlin objections to America's missile defense plans — a major stumbling block to such an agreement.

Both men renewed pledges to pull U.S.-Russian relations out of the dismal state into which they had descended during the eight years of the Bush administration. And to that end, they signed a series of agreements and joint statements designed to enliven and quicken contacts on a broad range of issues — including cooperation on Afghanistan, a key Obama foreign policy objective.

Obama said the leaders both felt relations had "suffered from a sense of drift. President Medvedev and I are committed to leaving behind the suspicion and rivalry of the past."

His host expressed similar good will.

"This is the first but very important step in improving full-scale cooperation between our two countries, which would go to the benefit of both states," the Russian leader said. But he injected a note of caution, saying discussions so far "cannot remove the burden of all the problems."

There was no statement of Russian readiness to help the United States persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions, even though Obama's



top Russia adviser, Michael McFaul, told reporters in a post-meeting briefing that Iran dominated the two leaders' private meeting that

opened the summit. Talks continued in an expanded session that included 12 advisers for each president.

For all the upbeat public statements, a pall of disagreement on missile defense and NATO expansion lingered over the glittering Kremlin hall where Obama and Medvedev answered reporters' questions. Obama said the meetings had been "frank," diplomatic speak for difficult.

Obama sits down on Tuesday with Medvedev's patron and predecessor as president, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the target of a verbal poke from the U.S. president last Friday.

In a pre-summit interview with The Associated Press, Obama said Putin still had one foot in the old, Cold War way of doing things.

While Medvedev insisted on Monday that a replacement to the keystone START I nuclear arms reduction treaty, which expires Dec. 5, must be linked to Russian concerns about the U.S. missile defense program in Eastern Europe, it remained unclear if the Kremlin was prepared to scuttle the negotiations over that issue.

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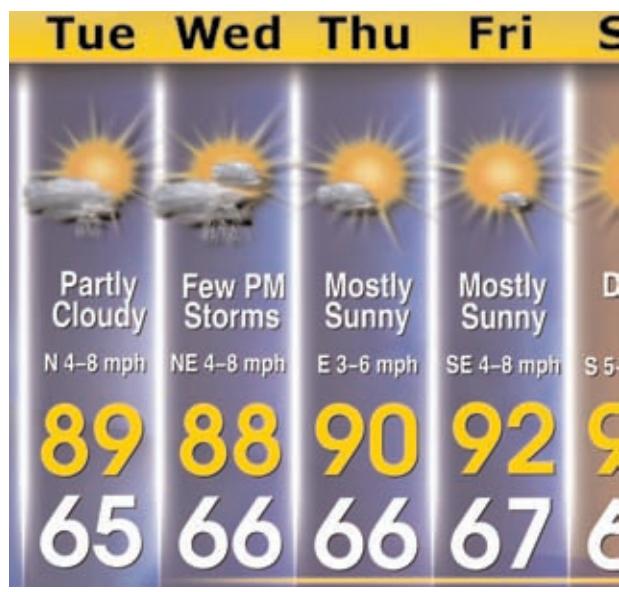
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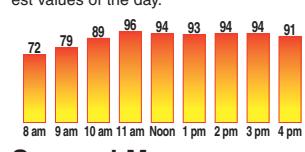
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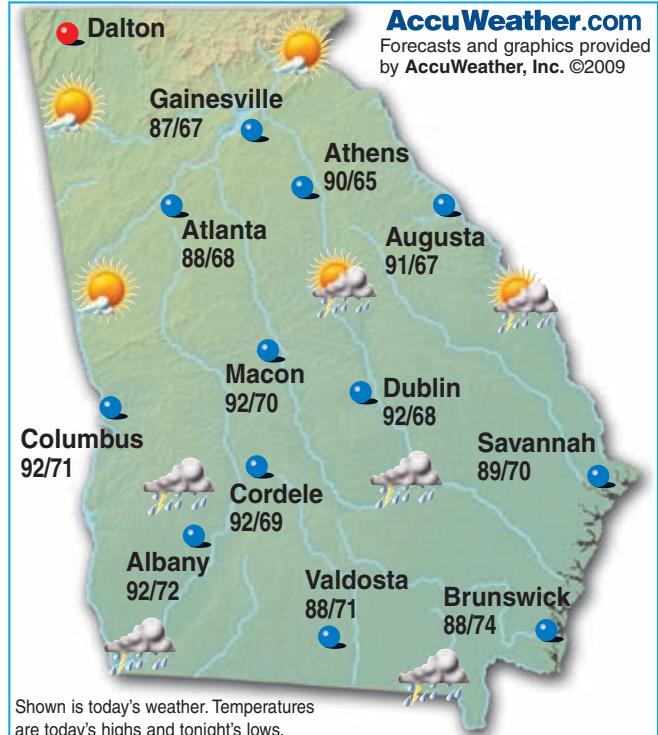
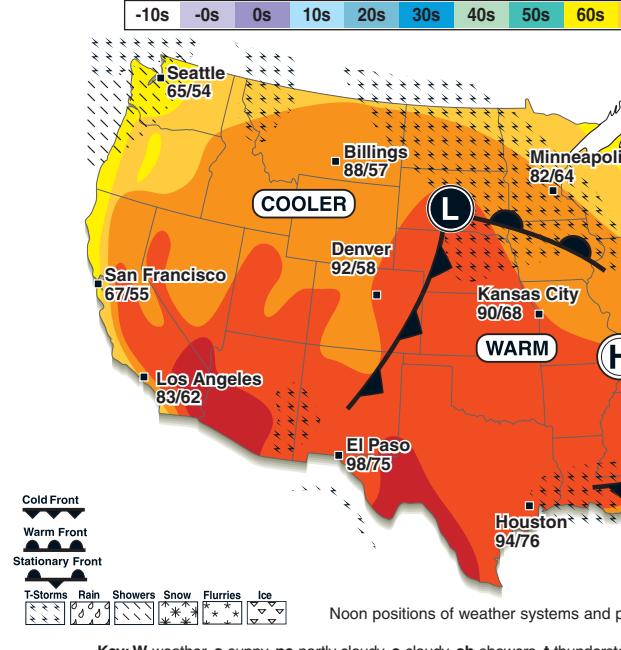
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## PREP FOOTBALL: CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

## Lions add lights to field, to play Friday nights

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

This morning, Christian Heritage School will resurrect lights for its multipurpose field, where the Lions' soccer and football teams play.

Lions football coach Mike Vaden said he's already informed his 2009 opponents in the independent Georgia Football League that Christian Heritage's home games — originally scheduled for Saturday afternoons — will now be held under the lights on Friday nights.

"We're very excited," Vaden said. "Being able to move our games to Friday nights really validates us as a football program as we continue to

grow and work our way towards joining the Georgia High School Association."

To be eligible for the GHSA, the school will need 150 students enrolled. Right now, Vaden said, the school's student enrollment is approximately 100.

Vaden said adding lights was originally a plan for later down the road. The school began raising private funds for a fieldhouse, which was to include

weight room, and had estimated it would cost around \$700,000 to build. After the school raised over \$100,000 through private funds, it was approved for a \$500,000 athletic facilities development grant from Friends in Atlanta, a non-profit, philanthropic organization.

When the school learned it would only cost \$450,000 to build the fieldhouse, a board meeting was held in March and it was proposed the school move forward with further developing the athletic facilities. Lights for the field were top on the priority list and the board approved the proposal unanimously.

"When I first got here, we were

hoping to have a field in four years," said Vaden who has coached the Lions since 2006. "Not only do we have a field, but now it's lighted and the fieldhouse is on the way. God has really blessed us with great opportunities to provide these facilities for our students."

The field was built in the summer of 2007 and Vaden believes the fieldhouse could be ready as early as November.

Shifting the football schedule from Saturday afternoons to Friday nights could adversely affect fan attendance at Lions games, as local fans will be forced to choose between

Christian Heritage and the local GHSA schools, including Dalton, Southeast, Northwest Whitfield, Murray County, and now North Murray, which will play a JV schedule its inaugural season.

"We realize fans are going to have to make a choice, of course," he said. "But this is by far and away in the best interest of our school. We won't have to worry about the heat issue of playing at 2 or 3 in the afternoon. Playing in the cooler weather will be better for both the players and the fans."

The Lions are coming off a perfect 12-0 season in which they won their first-ever GFL championship.



Vaden

## PRO BASEBALL

## Braves not feeling Wells

## Cubs rookie dominates

By RICK GANO

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Rookie Randy Wells won his fourth straight start, Derrek Lee homered and the Chicago Cubs got their sixth win in eight games, beating the Atlanta Braves 4-2 on Monday night.

Wells (4-3) gave up seven hits and two runs in six innings, including a homer to Nate McLouth. Kevin Gregg worked the ninth for his 15th save in 18 chances.

Jair Jurrjens (6-7), who held the Phillies hitless for 6 2-3 innings in his previous start, gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings, including Lee's 16th homer, a two-run shot in the first.

Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez returned to the lineup after missing two months with a dislocated left shoulder and got a loud ovation in his first at-bat. He went 0 for 4.

Jurrjens had given up only six homers all year before Lee drove a pitch deep into the left-field bleachers in the first — one out after a leadoff single by Kosuke Fukudome — to give the Cubs an early cushion.

The Cubs tacked on two more in the sec-



Atlanta at Chicago

Tonight, 8:05 p.m.



■ TV: ESPN

■ PITCHERS: Vazquez (5-7) at Dempster (5-5)

■ NOTEWORTHY: After their five-game win streak was snapped Saturday in Washington, the Braves have now lost three in a row.

ond with four straight two-out hits. Mike Fontenot and Wells singled, Fukudome lined an RBI double into the right-field corner and Ryan Theriot beat an out an infield single to short as Wells scored for a 4-0 lead.

Chicago loaded the bases in the third but Braves shortstop Yunel Escobar went deep in the hole to collect Wells' grounder and made a strong throw to first to end the inning.

Atlanta had three singles off Wells in the fourth, including an RBI liner to center by Escobar that cut the lead to 4-1. And when Wells' fumbled Casey Kotchman's dribbler to the left of the mound for an error, the Braves had the bases loaded. Wells escaped by striking out Matt Diaz and getting Jurrjens to hit into a forceout.

McClouth led off the fifth with his 14th homer — fifth since joining the Braves — to cut the lead in half.



**AP PHOTO**  
Chicago Cubs rookie Randy Wells pitches during the first inning of Monday's game against the Atlanta Braves at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Wells gave up seven hits and two runs in six innings, including a homer to Nate McLouth. Wells moved to 4-3 on the year and the Cubs have one six of their last eight games.

## AUTO RACING



AP Photo

Jeremy Mayfield, seen here leaving a federal courthouse in Charlotte, N.C. last week after the court ruled in his favor over NASCAR concerning Mayfield's positive drug test, now faces the possibility of another suspension.

## NASCAR asks for Mayfield to be put back on suspension

By JENNA FRYER

Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR asked a federal judge Monday to reverse the ruling that lifted driver Jeremy Mayfield's indefinite suspension for failing a random drug test.

The motion filed in U.S. District Court asked Judge Graham Mullen to reverse the injunction he issued last Wednesday that cleared Mayfield to return to competition. NASCAR also filed notice of its intent to appeal to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Mayfield was suspended May 9 for a positive drug test, and NASCAR has identified the substance as methamphetamine.

Despite his reinstatement,

Mayfield did not attempt to qualify for Saturday night's event at Daytona International Speedway, and he is not on the preliminary entry list for this weekend's race at Chicago.

NASCAR in its filing disputed Mullen's conclusion that the chance of a false positive on Mayfield's drug test was "quite substantial," and contended that Mullen relied on facts "outside the record, including the purported existence of reliable hair sample tests and same-day tests for methamphetamine."

NASCAR said Mullen failed to properly consider the reliability of assessments by Mayfield employees

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## PRO FOOTBALL: STEVE McNAIR 1973-2009

## Quarterback's affair ends in tragedy

By JOE EDWARDS AND TRAVIS LOLLER

Associated Press Writers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The star quarterback and the waitress met six months ago, at a restaurant where she worked and his family often ate. He was married and 16 years older, but she seemed happy and eager to build a life with him.

Steve McNair was retired from the NFL and spending time again in Nashville, where he had spent the best years of his career. Sahel Kazemi was 20 years old and swept up: He gave her an Escalade for her birthday and took her on trips to Las Vegas and Key West.

"She just had it made, you know, this guy taking care of everything," her

nephew, Farzin Abdi, said Monday.

They were found dead on the Fourth of July — McNair from two gunshots each to the head and chest, Kazemi from a single shot.

Police said Monday that Kazemi had bought a gun Thursday night from someone they did not identify.

On Monday, as the coach of the Tennessee Titans remembered McNair as the man who put the franchise on the map and police continued their investigation,

more details of their relationship

continued to come to light.

Kazemi appeared confident the pair would last and had introduced her family to McNair, her nephew said. Abdi quoted her as saying McNair was divorcing his wife and that it would be finalized soon.

"I think she had already put her stuff up for sale on Craigslist," Abdi said.

The first sign of trouble was early Thursday morning. Police stopped Kazemi on Broadway, not far from the honky-tonks where throaty country singers belt out tales of unfaithful spouses. She was driving the Escalade SUV that McNair gave her for her birthday in May.

According to an arrest affidavit, Kazemi had bloodshot eyes and alcohol on her breath. She refused a breath test and told an officer "she was not drunk, she was high." She was charged with DUI.

McNair was with her but not charged, and he later made her bail.

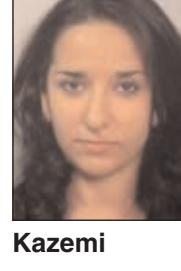
The next night, McNair was out late with friends, but he and Kazemi got together at a downtown condo within sight of the Titans stadium, a pad McNair shared with a friend. A witness told police the quarterback arrived between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Her car was already there.

When McNair's roommate, Wayne Neeley, got to the condo at midday, what he thought he saw was his friend sitting on the couch and Kazemi lying on the floor. So he went into the kitchen. Then he saw the blood, police said.

Officers said they found a gun under her body. There were no signs of forced entry into the condo. Police labeled McNair's death a homicide Sunday but said they were reviewing every possibility before labeling Kazemi's.



McNair



Kazemi

Mechelle McNair, his wife of 12 years and mother of two of his four sons born between 1991 and 2004, has been described by police as very distraught about his death and has not commented on it. McNair's brother, Fred, said the day of the shootings that he had never heard of Kazemi.

No court records of divorce proceedings have surfaced so far. The strongest public evidence that the McNairs might have been estranged is that their 14,000-square-foot Nashville home has been up for sale recently, listed at \$3 million.

McNair, 36, retired from the

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**AP PHOTO**  
Farzin Abdi of Florida, nephew of Sahel Kazemi, talks to his mother in his hotel room in Nashville on Sunday.

# Steve McNair's Gridiron 9



**People look over the tributes and memorials left to Steve McNair at McNair's Gridiron 9 restaurant in Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday. McNair, a former NFL quarterback with the Houston Oilers, Tennessee Titans, and Baltimore Ravens, was found dead of gunshot wounds along with a 20-year-old woman in a downtown Nashville condominium July 4, according to police.**

## McNair: Opened restaurant

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NFL last year. He had earned the respect of fellow players for shaking off defenders and injuries and the love of fans amazed at how the quarterback kept showing up for work — and winning.

He was known as Air McNair because of his passing prowess and was named to four Pro Bowls in 13 NFL seasons. He shared the NFL's MVP award with Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts in 2003. In 2000, he led the Titans to the Super Bowl, where they fell one yard short of a last-second touchdown to tie the game.

In retirement, McNair had opened a restaurant, the Gridiron9, near the Tennessee State University campus. It sells deep-fried hot dogs for \$3.50, Cajun catfish sandwiches for \$6.50 and Southern-style chicken strips for \$6.75.

Television news footage showed McNair putting used trays away inside the eatery after dumping scraps

in a trash can.

"He had a sweet spirit," Kimberly Hardy, a 25-year-old McNair admirer, said outside the restaurant, where mourners have been gathering and leaving flowers and writing notes on the front window.

The night before he died, McNair went alone to the Blue Moon Lagoon Restaurant where he met another couple around 10:30 p.m. and then left by himself about 1 a.m., said James Weathers, manager of the restaurant.

Weathers said McNair visited there occasionally and "was always alone, but he'd meet a group of friends." The manager described McNair as always friendly, "never a big drinker," gracious with constant photo-seekers.

Earlier this year, Kazemi and McNair took trips to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Key West, Fla., and Mississippi, said Abdi, the nephew. McNair had been seen at Kazemi's Nashville apartment two to three times a week, so often neighbors

wondered whether he had moved in.

"They were together all the time unless he was taking his kids on vacation," Abdi said.

Kazemi was born in Iran but left in 2000, fleeing religious persecution for their Baha'i faith, Abdi said. They spent 2 1/2 years in Turkey before moving to Florida. Later Kazemi dropped out of high school and, at age 17, moved with a boyfriend to Nashville, where she sometimes worked two or three jobs to support herself.

She liked not depending on anyone for money, and she told her nephew that McNair admired her independent nature.

"He liked her so much because they would go shopping and stuff and she would want to spend her own money," Abdi said. "The reason he said he loves her is because she's not trying to use him like other girls. She was different from other girls he had been with."

## Public memorial, viewings set for McNair

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A public memorial and viewings are scheduled later this week for slain former NFL quarterback Steve McNair.

The public will have a couple of opportunities to attend viewings in Nashville on Thursday and a memorial will be held later that evening at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

A second memorial service will be held Saturday at Reed Green Coliseum in in Hattiesburg, Miss., on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. McNair, 36, was from Mount Olive, a small town nearby.

Fans are asked to make donations to the Steve McNair Foundation.

The former quarterback was found shot to death inside a Nashville condo Saturday.

A 20-year-old woman police say he had been dating was found dead beside him.

Police say McNair was the victim of homicide, though they aren't yet ready to label Sahel Kazemi's death a suicide.

### GOLF: LPGA

## Players asking for league commissioner to resign

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ORLANDO, Fla. — A meeting last week of more than a dozen players has resulted in a letter sent to the LPGA Tour's board urging that commissioner Carolyn Bivens resign, according to a published report.

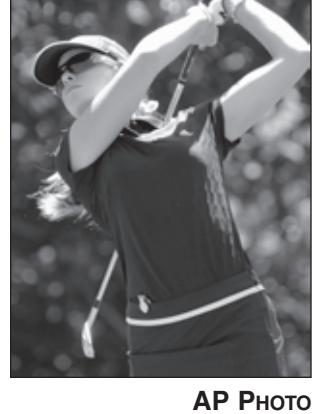
Golfweek Magazine reported Monday that key players stated in the letter the LPGA Tour's woes cannot be blamed on a poor economy, and they said the tour should find a new leader to rebuild relationships with longtime sponsors.

The magazine cited a player who had received a copy of the letter.

Among those at the meeting last week in Toledo, Ohio, were Lorena Ochoa, Paula Creamer, Cristie Kerr, Morgan Pressel and Natalie Gulbis, among the most prominent players in women's golf.

Golfweek said players in favor of Bivens' resignation attached their names, although it didn't say how many signed it.

LPGA spokesman David Higdon did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.



**AP PHOTO**  
**LPGA tour player Paula Creamer is one of several players calling for Carolyn Bivens to step down.**

Philadelphia. After that, the LPGA Tour will not have another tournament in the United States until the last week in August.

Golfweek reported that at a player meeting last month at the State Farm Classic, players were told 10 contracts with title sponsors had been signed for 2010.

"We're getting to the point where we don't know who to believe, which is hard," Katherine Hull told the magazine. "When tournaments that have been very loyal to us start withdrawing, that's really a red flag to me."

Bivens, who took over for Ty Votaw in 2005, has two years remaining on her contract.

## NASCAR: Meth

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that the driver did not ingest methamphetamine; the sophistication and sensitivity of NASCAR-commissioned Aegis Laboratories drug-testing procedures that prevent false positives; and an affidavit from a Mayfield expert that found the level of methamphetamine in Mayfield's sample would make him a chronic user.

Mayfield attorney Bill Diehl argued to Mullen that Mayfield shows none of the physical characteristics of a chronic meth user, and if he tested positive at the levels NASCAR claimed, Mayfield would be "either a walking zombie or he's dead."

NASCAR also questioned in its filing Mullen's belief that Mayfield can be tested daily, including hair samples, to see if he is a safety risk.

"The Court improperly decided without the benefit of any evidence in the record that a reliable and accurate same-day test for methamphetamine exists which can ensure Mayfield's drug-free participation in upcoming NASCAR events," court documents state, adding there is no evidence a hair test for methamphetamine exists.

"Mayfield continues to pose a threat to public safety, thereby warranting NASCAR's immediate appeal of this Court's decision."

Mayfield, who could not find a full-time ride following his 2006 firing from Evernham Motorsports, started his own team this season and qualified for five of the first 11 races. He was randomly drug-tested May 1 at Richmond International Speedway, and suspended eight days later. He's missed eight straight races since his suspension, and his team has not traveled to the last six events.

He's repeatedly blamed the positive test on the combined use of Adderall for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Claritin-D for allergies, but that theory has been rejected by

NASCAR's drug testing administrator.

In seeking an emergency injunction, Mayfield's attorney attacked NASCAR's testing program as flawed because it doesn't follow federal guidelines. Among their issues was Mayfield's inability to challenge the positive result with an analysis from an independent lab.

In reinstating Mayfield, Mullen found the harm to the driver outweighed the harm to NASCAR. But NASCAR on Monday questioned why Mayfield needed the emergency injunction if he was not prepared to compete at Daytona last weekend.

"It is clear that Mayfield misled the Court about the need for a preliminary injunction to protect his livelihood given that — contrary to his representations to the Court — he failed to seek eligibility for the Fourth of July NASCAR race," NASCAR said in its filing.

Mayfield said lack of preparation time between the ruling and the entry deadline prevented him from taking his Mayfield Motorsports-owned car to Daytona. He also cited the media attention and the distraction it created as his reason for not attending the race.

He said in a statement issued two hours before the event that Mayfield Motorsports "will do everything in our power to race next weekend," at Chicago.

But the No. 41 was not on the entry list released Monday. He still can meet the late entry deadline of Thursday afternoon, but the registration fee increases from \$3,630 to \$5,000 — money Mayfield might not have.

The suspension has left Mayfield's fledgling program financially strapped. In court documents, he said he has laid off 10 employees, borrowed money from family and sold personal assets to cover his living expenses.

Triad Racing Technologies also filed a lawsuit after his suspension, accusing Mayfield of owing more than \$86,000.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Charter adds World Fishing Network

Charter Communications Monday announced that it added WFN: World Fishing Network, North America's only 24-hour fishing lifestyle channel, for customers throughout Bridgeport, Cleveland, Chatsworth, Dalton, Jasper, Mentone, Ringgold, Summerville and Trenton.

On June 02, 2009, WFN was added to Charter's digital cable systems serving Bridgeport, Cleveland, Chatsworth, Dalton, Jasper, Mentone, Ringgold, Summerville and Trenton. WFN is available on Charter Sports View, digital channel 313.

World Fishing Network is dedicated to all segments of fishing, with programming that covers instruction, tips, tournaments, travel, food, boating, outdoor lifestyle and more.

### Rangers activate OF Hamilton from DL

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Texas Rangers activated All-Star center fielder Josh Hamilton from the 15-day disabled list before the opener of a key three-game series against the Los Angeles Angels on Monday night.

Hamilton has a .240 batting average, six homers and 24 RBIs in 35 games.

He went on the disabled list June 2 and had abdominal surgery a week later. He was injured when he smacked into an outfield wall while making a catch on May 17.

Hamilton, who hit .304 with 32 homers and an AL-high 130 RBIs last season, was voted a starter for next week's All-Star game in St. Louis despite missing much of the first half due to the injuries.

### Tribune Co. reaches deal to sell Cubs

CHICAGO — The Tribune Co. has reached a written agreement to sell the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field and other assets to the family of TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts for about \$900 million, a person close to the negotiations said Monday.

The agreement was reached over the weekend and a document outlining the deal — called a term sheet — was sent to Major League Baseball for review, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

Tribune Co. would not confirm an agreement had been reached.

### Thrashers sign four players to contracts

ATLANTA — Defenseman Joel Kwiatkowski and forward Jason Krog have signed deals to return to the Atlanta Thrashers.

Kwiatkowski, 32, recorded five assists in 18 games with Atlanta during the 2007-08 season, but played in Russia last season.

Krog, 33, had three points in 14 games with Atlanta in the 2006-07 season and had 86 points with Manitoba of the AHL last season.

The Thrashers also signed unrestricted free agent goalies Drew MacIntyre and Peter Mannino on Monday.

### Glavine won't be at Maddux's ceremony

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine said Monday family obligations will prevent him from attending next week when former Atlanta Braves teammate Greg Maddux has his number retired by the team.

The Braves will retire Maddux's number before a home game against the New York Mets on July 17.

Maddux also will be inducted into the Braves' Hall of Fame.

The Braves released the 43-year-old Glavine on June 3, prompting a bitter reaction from Glavine. But Glavine said Monday his unexpected release would not have prevented him from supporting Maddux next week if not for the family obligations.

— Staff, AP Reports

## SCOREBOARD

### TELEVISION

#### On Today

##### CYCLING

8:30 a.m.

VERSUS — Tour de France, stage 4, at Montpellier, France

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VERSUS — Tour de France, stage 4, at Montpellier, France (same-day tape)

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VERSUS — Tour de France, stage 4, at Montpellier, France (same-day tape)

##### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

8 p.m.

SPORTSSOUTH, WGN — Atlanta at Chicago

Cubs

### TRANSACTIONS

#### Monday's moves

##### BASEBALL

###### American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Kam Mickolio from Norfolk (IL). Placed RHP Chris Ray on the 15-day DL.

BOSTON RED SOX—Placed 1B Jeff Bailey on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of 1B OF Aaron Bates from Pawtucket (IL). Transferred SS Jed Lowrie from the 15- to the 60-day DL and assigned him to Portland (EL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Acquired INF-OF Ryan Freeland and cash considerations from the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Named Rod Carew executive representative.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed LHP Dallas Braden on the bereavement list. Recalled LHP Dana Eveland from Sacramento (PCL). Optioned OF Travis Buck to Sacramento.

TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Josh Hamilton from the 15-day DL. Optioned 1B Chris Davis to Oklahoma City (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated C Michael Barrett from the 15-day DL and sent him outright to Las Vegas. Announced INF-OF Russ Adams cleared waivers and elected free agency.

###### National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Activated 3B Aramis Ramirez, OF Reed Johnson and RHP Angel Guzman from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Kevin Hart and OF Sam Fuld to Iowa (PCL). Placed RHP David Patten on the 15-day DL.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated RHP Luke Gregerson from the 15-day DL. Placed INF David Eckstein on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Mike Ekstrom from Portland (PCL). Optioned LHP Joe Thatcher to Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed LHP Randy Johnson on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Kevin Frandsen from Fresno (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Announced RHP Kip Wells has cleared waivers and elected free agency.

##### BASKETBALL

###### National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G Jason Kidd to a three-year contract.

##### FOOTBALL

###### National Football League

NEW YORK JETS—Signed OT Nevin McCaskill.

##### HOCKEY

###### National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed D Joel Kwiatkowski, F Jason Krog, G Drew MacIntyre and G Peter Mannino.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed F David Jones, F Chris Durno, F Darren Haydar, F Matt Hendricks, F Brian Willise and G Tyler Weiman.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed F Pascal Peltier to a one-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Signed C Jeff Taffe to a two-year contract.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Named Pierre Groulx goaltending coach and Perry Pennant assistant coach.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed to terms with C Greg Moore, LW Matt Moulson, RW Greg Mauldin and D Mark Flood on one-year, two-way contracts.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with F Corey Locke and LW Chris Higgins. Signed F P.A. Parenteau.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed RW Alex Kovalev to a two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Resigned F B.J. Crombeen.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with D Franco Beauchemin on a three-year contract.

Signed C Nazem Kadri and F Richard Greenop to three-year contracts. Resigned F Ben Ondrus, F Ryan Hamilton and F Tim Brent to one-year contracts, and F Jay Rosehill to a two-year contract.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed G Andrew Raycroft.

##### COLLEGE

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Meredith Mullins and Joe McCleese administrative fellows for the 2009-2010 season.
CAMPBELL—Named Brian Burg men's assistant basketball coach.
LOUISIANA-MONROE—Named Lantz Wheeler pitching coach.
MIDWESTERN STATE—Named Nelson Haggerty men's assistant basketball coach.
PHILADELPHIA—Named Mark Jackson baseball coach.
SAMFORD—Named Lori Strand assistant cross country and track & field coach.
SYRACUSE—Named Kris Bertsch men's assistant soccer coach.
UCF—Named Jeff Chakouian assistant track & field coach.
UNC-ASHEVILLE—Named Tom Smith baseball coach.

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Seattle	42	39	.519	3 1/2
Oakland	35	46	.432	10 1/2

#### Sunday's Games

Oakland 5, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 8
Boston 8, Seattle 4
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 6, Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 9, Baltimore 6
Texas 5, Tampa Bay 2

#### Monday's Games

Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 6
Kansas City 4, Detroit 3
Oakland 6, Boston 0
Texas at L.A. Angels, late
Baltimore at Seattle, late

#### Tuesday's Games

Kansas City (Chen 0-2) at Detroit (Verlander 8-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Rzepczynski 0-0) at Tampa Bay (J.Shields 6-6), 7:08 p.m.
Oakland (Eveland 1-2) at Boston (Beckett 9-3), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 7-5) at Minnesota (S.Baker 6-6), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Sowers 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 8-2), 8:11 p.m.
Texas (Nippert 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Lackey 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Guthrie 6-8) at Seattle (Bedard 5-2), 10:10 p.m.

#### Wednesday's Games

Baltimore at Seattle, 4:40 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:08 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:11 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

#### Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 43 37 .538 —
Florida 43 40 .518 1 1/2
New York 39 42 .481 4 1/2
Atlanta 39 43 .476 5
Washington 24 56 .300 19

#### Friday's Games

Central Division
W L Pct GB
St. Louis 45 39 .536 —
Milwaukee 43 39 .524 1
Chicago 41 39 .513 2
Cincinnati 40 41 .494 3 1/2
Houston 40 41 .494 3 1/2
Pittsburgh 37 46 .446 7 1/2

#### Saturday's Games

West Division
W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 52 30 .632 —
San Francisco 44 37 .543 7 1/2
Colorado 43 39 .524 9
San Diego 35 46 .432 16 1/2
Arizona 33 49 .402 19

#### Sunday's Games

Florida 5, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 1
Washington 5, Atlanta 3
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 2
Arizona 4, Colorado 3
Houston 7, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 6, 13 innnings

#### Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 22, Cincinnati 1
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 1, Washington 0
San Diego at Arizona, late
Florida at San Francisco, late

#### Tuesday's Games

Chicago 4, St. Louis 5
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 1, Washington 0
San Diego at Arizona, 3:45 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.

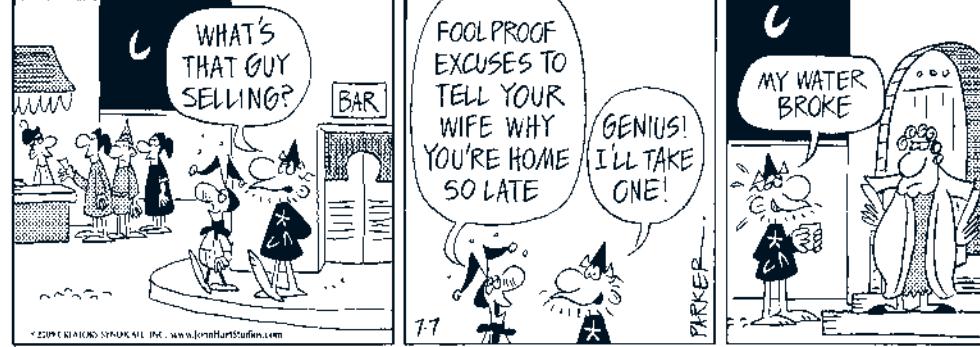
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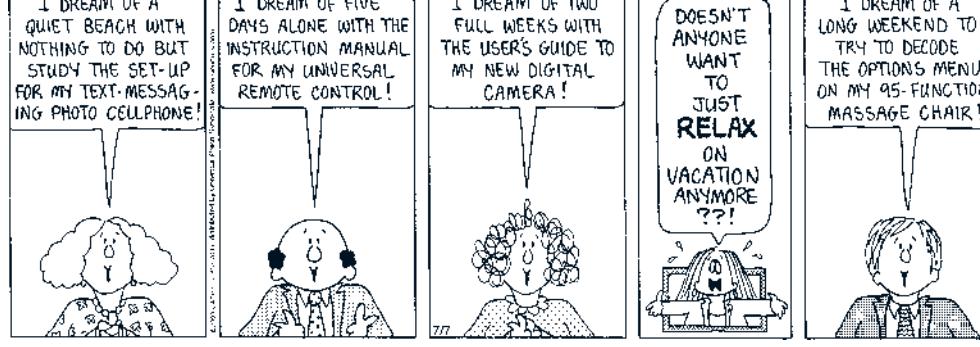
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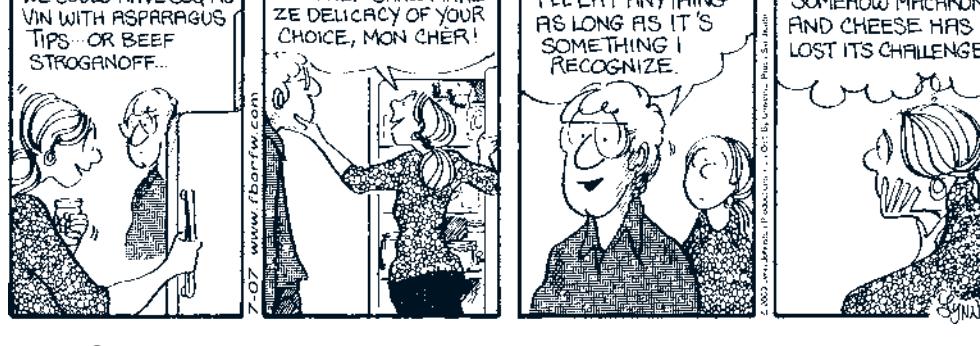
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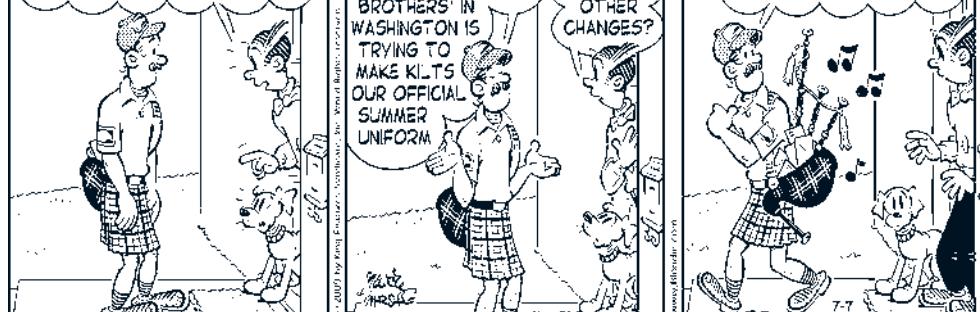
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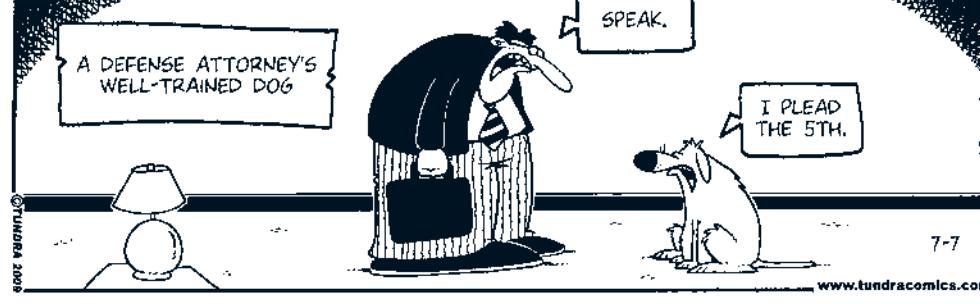
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## ■ TUNDRA



## ■ DEAR ABBY

# Opinions differ on tradition of asking for daughter's hand

**DEAR ABBY:** You got it all wrong with "Dismayed in Roswell, Ga." (April 8), who complained that his daughter's fiance didn't ask his blessing before proposing. I'm the mother of two high-school-age daughters, and it would signal a rupture in our relationship if my husband and I were not included in the process.

You made it sound like this self-supporting daughter has no obligation to help her father and fiance begin their own relationship as in-laws. This is a perfect time for this "grown" young woman to establish a mutually respectful adult/parent connection. Advising Dad that the "gesture was unwelcome" is advising him to swallow all efforts to communicate and connect with his daughter and her fiance, when he clearly wants to be included.

I'm also unimpressed with a young man who would make no effort to ingratiate himself to his future children's grandfather. Marriages in our society are struggling to survive precisely because young people like those place no importance on building a support system. We need our parents and others to help us through the tough challenges. As a divorced father, "Dismayed" deserves every opportunity before the wed-

ding to help his daughter get it right the first time. — JAN IN ST. PAUL

**DEAR JAN:** Your opinion was shared by some — but certainly not all — of those who wrote to comment. Read on:

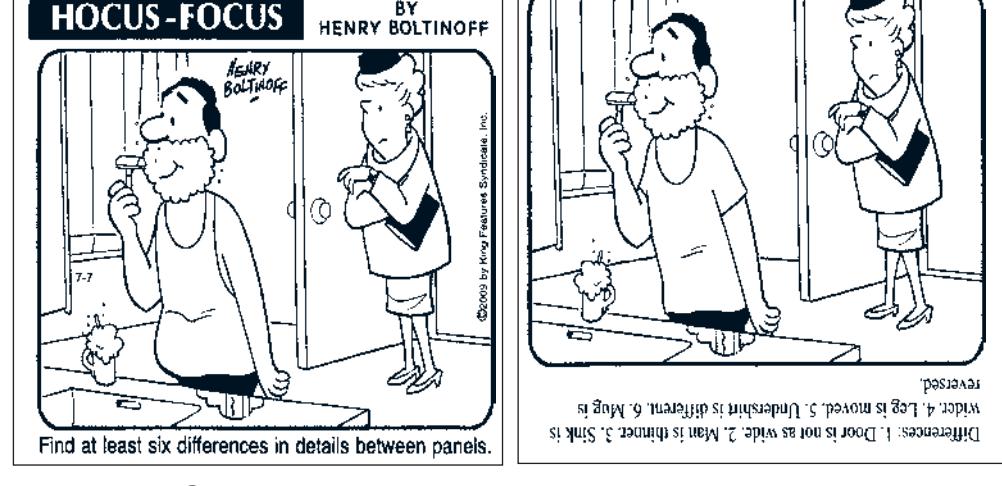
**DEAR ABBY:** The custom of asking a father for permission to marry his daughter is outdated and for good reason. It's not so much a gesture of respect as a symbolic gesture that indicates the woman is a piece of property being "purchased" from the previous owner (the father) by a prospective new owner (husband-to-be).

The daughter in that letter, "Amanda," is one of many women today who regard the practice as disrespectful to women, not respectful to loving fathers. Dad's comment about "who wears the pants" in the family shows he feels Amanda should be unequal and subservient to her new "owner." She wants no part of this custom, not because her fiance "doesn't pass muster," but because she lucked out and found a man who, unlike her dad, views her as an equal in their relationship and, therefore, is as offended as she is by this outdated practice. — OUTRAGED IN BELLEVUE, WASH.

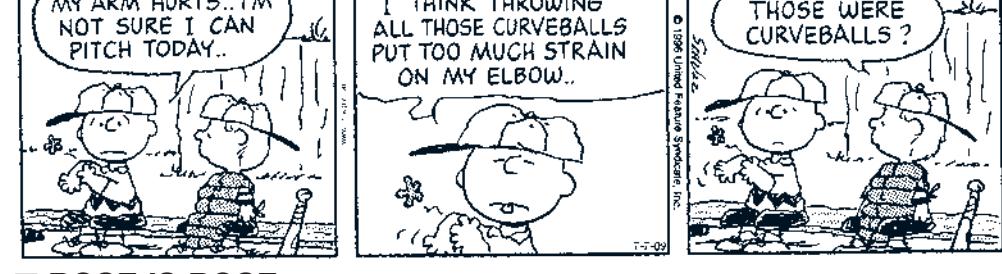


**Jeanne Phillips**

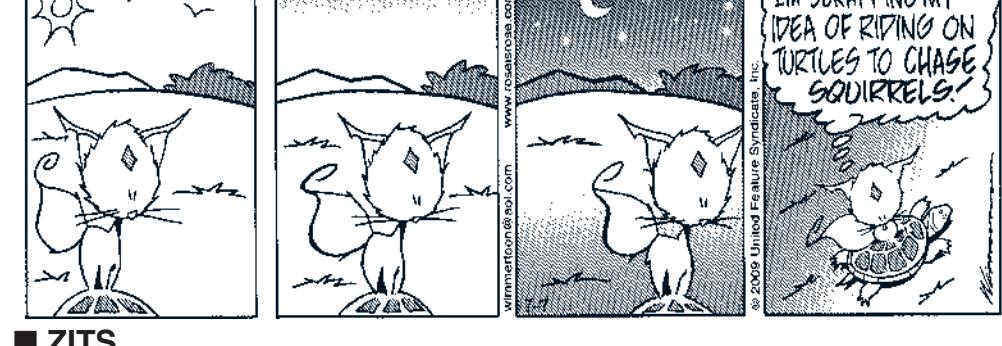
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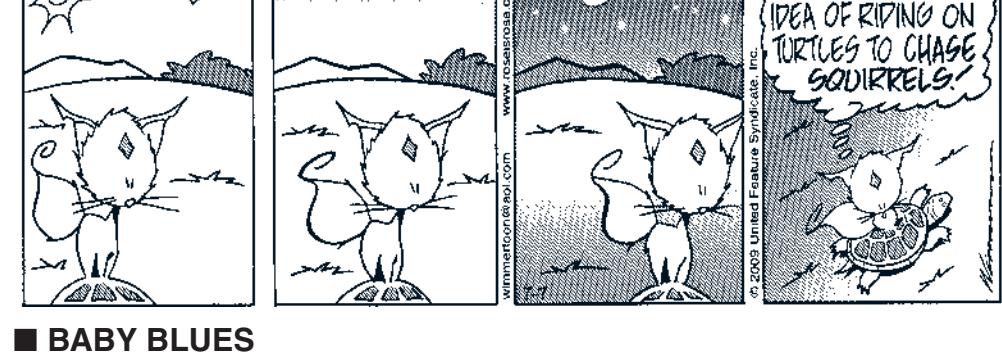
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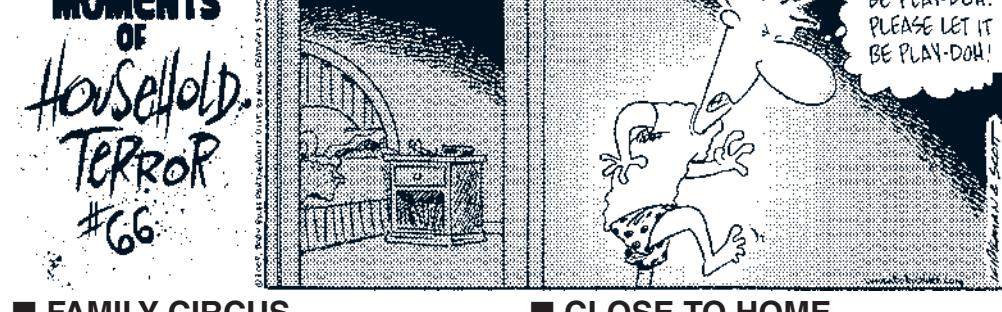
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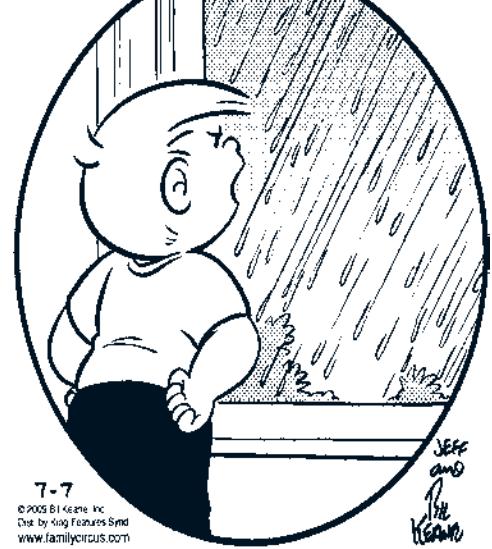


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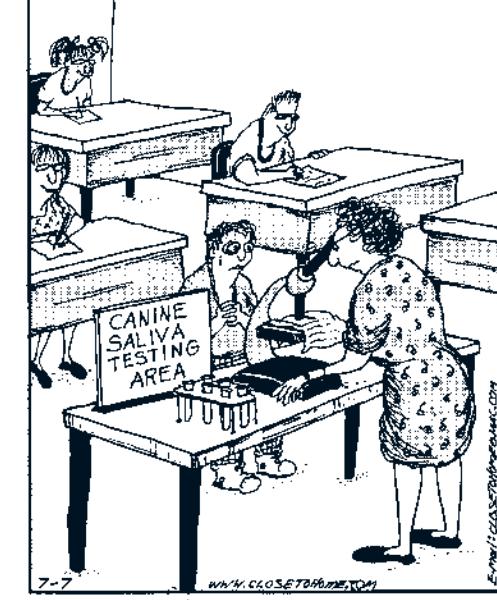


## ■ FAMILY CIRCUS

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## ■ CLOSE TO HOME



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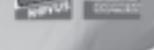
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### Misc. Items For Sale

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## 705

### Homes For Sale

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## 726

### Commercial Buildings

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\*Retail space - Dalton Place Shop. Ctr. 2518 Cleveland Hwy. 1200, 1400, 44,000 SF avail. 706-279-1380 Wkds 9-5:30

## 728

### Commercial Rental

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\*1515 Abutment Rd. 10,000 sq. ft. includes utilities. Many sizes or suites. 1.3 mi. S. of Walnut

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# Sales are booming for clinical strength diet pill

Participants in clinical study lost an average of 5 times more weight without additional exercise or diets; 48-hour time limit now in place

By K. Tedeschi  
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) - Over 10 million doses have been shipped to dieters so far, and sales continue to climb every day for the diet supplement called Apatrim®.

"We knew we had a great product, but it's even exceeded our expectations," said Ken Geis, Manager of Call Center Operations for PatentHEALTH, the company that developed the clinically tested weight loss supplement.

"People just keep placing orders, it's been pretty amazing," he said.

But a closer look at this weight loss sensation suggests that maybe the company shouldn't have been caught off guard by its success.

There are some very good reasons for Apatrim's surging popularity.

To begin with, the clinical test results were very impressive. Participants taking Apatrim's active ingredient lost an average of 400% more weight than those taking a placebo during the 4-week U.S. clinical study. These remarkable results were achieved without additional exercise or diets.\*

Apatrim comes from a natural edible plant source. It's safe, as well as easy to use. This weight loss supplement can actually begin working the very first day. And since researchers believe Apatrim works to suppress appetite, most people can eat what they want and still lose weight.\*

"By suppressing their appetite, most people will consume fewer calories which can lead to weight loss," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research & Development for PatentHEALTH. "Consumers should always keep in mind that there is no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight."\*

#### Impressive clinical results

Apatrim's active ingredient has a known ability to help control hunger pangs. This allows people to eat the foods they want and always seem to be craving because they'll just want to eat less.\*

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles. The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. The caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise. Specifically, no changes to their daily routine; just take the recommended dosage 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

A remarkable 100% of the participants taking Apatrim as directed either lost weight or inches off of



**POPULAR PILL:** Allison Garwood (front) and Renee Pellegrini pick up a bottle of the breakthrough weight loss supplement called Apatrim® at the pharmacy. An amazing 100% of the participants in the U.S. clinical trial got results taking Apatrim and its popularity is soaring. Consumers can call 1-866-964-2349 to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes.

their waistline during the 4 week clinical study. Those losing weight lost an average of 5 times more than study participants who were taking the placebo pills.\*

Some participants experienced fabulous results, losing as much as 8 lbs and up to 3 inches off their waistline. These amazing results were achieved without changes in lifestyle. All they did was take the pills as instructed.\*

#### Professional support

Industry trends along with professional's support in the weight loss and fitness industries indicate that Apatrim is the real thing. This amazing pill is being recommended to companies and clients across the country.

Mark Loy, a personal trainer has had some of his clients use Apatrim with great success.\*

"When I'm working with my clients I can control what they're eating," said Loy. "But when they leave they're on their own and that's when the tendency to cheat comes into play," he continued.

"I heard about Apatrim so I checked out the facts then decided to try it as a part of my training program," Loy said.

"It's really helped some of my clients to control their eating. I've watched people get some amazing results while taking Apatrim," said Loy. "Sign me up, I'm a believer."

Dr. Joseph Dietz was impressed with the quality of the clinical

trials as well as the U.S. patent (#7,060,308). This patent protects the proprietary method of extracting the active ingredient. This process is what the developing scientists believe is the key to the active ingredient's effectiveness.

"When I read the clinical results, the U.S. patent and all of the other scientific support I immediately knew we needed to use this weight loss compound," said Dietz.

"The results are real; Apatrim is a great product that's been

shown to help people lose weight."\*

#### Where to get it

All of the national retail pharmacies including Walmart, CVS/pharmacy and Walgreens have placed orders for Apatrim.

There have been some reports of out-of-stocks, so to make it easier for people to get it right away a Regional Health Hotline has been put in place for the next 48 hours.

Starting at 8:00am today, all consumers have to do is call 1-866-964-2349 and ask for Dept.

AP4832; orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

"For those people who call the hotline to have Apatrim shipped directly to their homes, we guarantee they'll get product and they can also qualify for a direct-to-home discount," said Ken Geis. "But this discount is only available through the hotline for the next 48 hours," he said.

So for those who choose not to call or miss the deadline you may have to pay more for Apatrim or possibly run the risk of not finding it at the drug store. ■

## Here's how to guarantee you get it:

To make it easy for people to get Apatrim quickly, the company has set up a Regional Health Hotline. Follow the instructions listed below to have Apatrim shipped directly to your home or you can check your local drug store to see if they have it in stock. For consumers who call the hotline, advise the operator that you want Apatrim shipped directly to your home so they can see if you qualify for the direct-to-home shipping discount.

#### Regional Health Hotline; 48 hours only

Consumers can begin calling promptly at 8:00am today. The hotline will be available for the next 48 hours. Call 1-866-964-2349 and ask for Dept. AP4832. All orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Retail Pharmacies:

National chains across the country that have ordered Apatrim include **Walmart**, **CVS/pharmacy** and **Walgreens**. All of these chains have confirmed that they have received their initial shipments of Apatrim and are working to make certain they have stock available. Consumers not able to find Apatrim at their local pharmacies can call the hotline and have it delivered directly to their homes. You may also qualify for a special discount.

On the web: [www.apatrim.com](http://www.apatrim.com)

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Mark Loy is a personal trainer and fitness consultant to PatentHEALTH, he is remunerated for his services.

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# Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier  
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Darla Miller, Operations Manager for PatentHEALTH, the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Miller was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigoxamine®.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigoxamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Miller.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.\*

Trigoxamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronic acid also called HA-13 which is the building block of "natural joint fluid," medically known as synovial fluid.

This joint fluid reduces

friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz.\*

"Using Trigoxamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz.\*

Trigoxamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range

of motion.\*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigoxamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.\*

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so impressive.

"We get messages from consumers all the time telling us how great Trigoxamine works for them," said Miller.

"Everybody wants it," added Miller.

"CVS/pharmacy was one of the first ones to order Trigoxamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some invent-

tory left," said Miller.

"And to make it easier for people who can't find Trigoxamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Miller.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," she added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able to get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigoxamine and may be hard pressed to find it. ■

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**HEALTHY JOINTS:** X-rays reveal joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints. HA-13, one of Trigoxamine's key ingredients is a component of synovial fluid.



**ALMOST GONE:** Sales of the joint pill Trigoxamine are soaring which could lead to out of stocks as shown in this photo illustration. Consumers unable to find it can call 1-800-924-2109 and have it shipped directly to their homes.

## Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigoxamine at **CVS/pharmacy** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigoxamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72-hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigoxamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

**Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY**

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1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC, as Director of Health Science, Research Development. 2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigoxamine by the United States Government.

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