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LADY BRUINS VICTORIOUS



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Northwest Lady Bruins Quaneisha McCurdy, left, and Jasmine Thornton celebrate after their team beat Mays 56-51 at the school, winning the second round of the Class 4A girls state basketball tournament. The Lady Bruins advance to the semifinals, playing Southwest DeKalb Friday at 4 p.m. in Carrollton. More in Sports, page 1B. For more photos from the game, visit thedailycitizen.zenfolio.com

Principals tapped for Cedar Ridge, Cohutta

BY RACHEL BROWN
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Cedar Ridge Elementary School's first principal will be Allyson Millican, a 16-year educator who says she loves kids and wants teachers to have freedom to try new ideas.

"When you really know your children and you connect (the lessons) to something that's exciting for them ... it's so powerful, and they just want more," she said. "We as schools, we've got to get in sync with our kids."

The five-year principal at Cohutta Elementary will take over when the Whitfield County school opens in August. Cindy Dobbins, an assistant principal at Valley Point Middle School for the past five years, will head up Cohutta.

Whitfield County Schools spokesman Eric Beavers said Dobbins and Millican both applied

for a principal position. He said the school system's policy doesn't allow job seekers to apply to specific schools. Nineteen people applied for a position that was posted Jan. 5.

Millican is originally from Chattanooga. After working for one year in Hamilton County, Tenn., she came to Whitfield schools in 1994 as a teacher at North Whitfield Middle School. She has also been a gifted teacher working between Westside and Valley Point elementary schools. She was an assistant principal for one year at Valley Point Middle School and three years at Eastbrook Middle before becoming principal of Cohutta.

"It's emotional," Millican said. "I love Cohutta, but it's so exciting to go somewhere new."

Cedar Ridge was designed to have several multipurpose areas.

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Millican



Dobbins

Colleges face tuition hikes and furloughs

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Incoming freshmen at Georgia's colleges and universities may have to pay more than their predecessors.

University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis told lawmakers at a committee meeting Monday that he doesn't "see any way tuition is not going to go up." Most students already enrolled in colleges won't see

tuition increases under the "Fixed for Four" plan that guarantees the same tuition rate for four years.

Scott Bailey, Dalton State College's vice president for fiscal affairs, said the Board of Regents normally sets tuition rates for colleges across the state in April.

"Right now, everything is

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Margaret Ball honored for service

BY JAMIE JONES
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Democrats and Republicans aren't always the best of friends in the political realm, but there are exceptions.

The members of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, all Republicans,

chose Margaret Ball, a longtime community volunteer active in the Democratic Party, as their 2008 Community Service Award winner. The Community Service Award is the highest award presented by commissioners and

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TODAY'S FORUM

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

"Somebody please tell me why Whitfield County commissioners will furlough employees, force them to be off one day, but will not excuse being sick."

"Now where does it say you can speed in the left lane. If I'm going the speed limit in the left lane I should move over for you?"

"Ronnie Nix makes \$101,000 per year and he can't even pay his own round of golf at Nob North?"

"Thanks for publishing the salaries of our top dogs in Whitfield and Dalton. Now I know why my utility bills and taxes are so high."

"Those officials making the top dollars don't care about your comments as long as the money comes rolling in."

"I never have seen a sign on Cleveland Highway that says slower traffic keep right. All I see is 45 mph."

"There's a water line broken on Coogler Road and they didn't cut that water off until the day after it was called in. Do they have a hearing problem at Dalton Utilities?"

"I was shocked to see how much officials make in Dalton at our expense. Why should we pay school taxes when we don't have children in school?"

"Where's the money going for the transportation SPLOST we voted on two years ago."

"Good luck to Shawn Hudson who is going to Afghanistan and may God be with him and keep him safe."

"I think the recreation director and his assistants are underpaid, they have to put up with Pennington."

"Varnell's past is like a horrible recurring nightmare. Nepotism and using the city to employ family is unconscionable."

"At least President Obama is spending money on Americans and not on people in Iraq like Bush did."

"From reading that article on salaries I think they're underpaid."

"Did you know tourism is an industry?"

"Why don't the state and county do anything about deadbeat dads?"

"I can't believe the federal government is paying for TV converter boxes if you say you can't afford to buy one. And this is in Obama's stimulus package."

"The Republicans need to run Rush Limbaugh for president and Ann Coulter for vice president."

"It's time that the taxpayers of Whitfield County and Dalton vote on closing the trade center and save a million dollars."

"It's time our high-paid officials try to get some new industry into Dalton."

"I applaud St. Louis for holding a new tea party. When will the rest of the country find the courage to do likewise."

"Why do you people have a problem with a church on Hamilton Street, there was Central Church of Christ downtown and it wasn't a problem. With the kind of attitude you have, maybe you should attend Rock Bridge Church."

"Why wasn't Greg Batts' salary listed?"

"It's sad that Westside charges \$50 for each child playing county ball. The other communities only charge \$25. Maybe that's why Tunnel Hill chose to play with Cohutta instead of Westside because we don't have enough players to play."

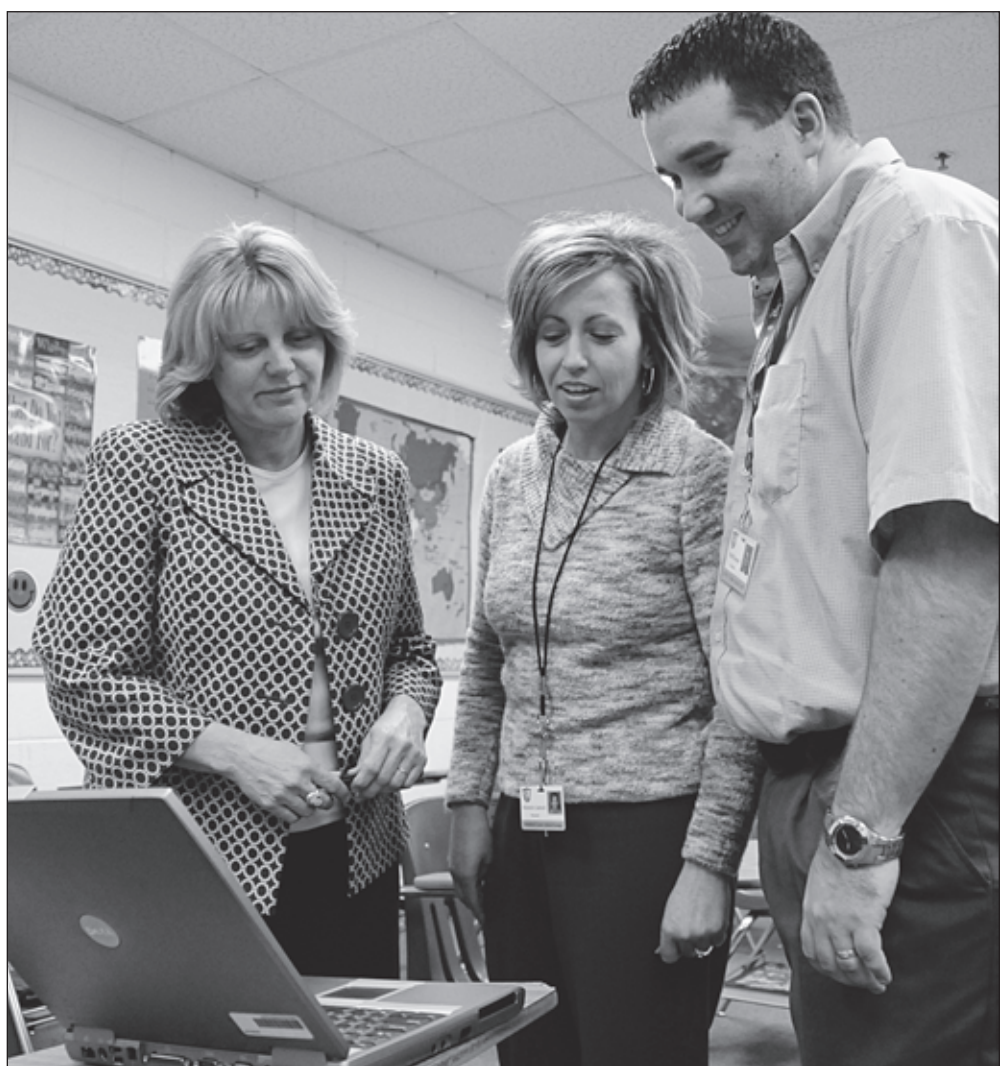
"Obama and the Democrats said they would give us a change, they sure have. The last time the stock market was below 7,000 was under Clinton and the Democrats in 1997."

"If you want to make the world a better place, tomorrow give someone a helping hand instead of a piece of your mind, or just be kind to someone or simply give your smile."

"The 'slower traffic keep right' signs are on the interstate, but not on Cleveland Highway."

"A woman's place is in the home, just as soon as she gets there from work."

"Politics is alive and well in Dalton, there were several comments about the C3 Center that were never printed."



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Cindy Dobbins, from left, reviews material with sixth-grader language arts teacher Michelle Caldwell and eighth-grade math teacher Scott Houston at Valley Point Middle School on Tuesday.

Principals: Announcement

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The design has virtually unlimited potential as teachers and families may take over the area for meetings, group projects or other uses, Millican said. She said she appreciates superintendent Katie Brochu's vision for the system because it focuses on teaching children in the ways in which they learn best and steers away from focusing solely on test scores.

Brochu was out of town and not immediately available for comment on Tuesday, Beavers said.

Millican has two young children. She said she looks forward to working in a school with a nontraditional setting — one which will make heavy use of technology in classrooms — and to building an environment in which each student is treated as if he or she is important but no one child is more important than any other.

School should foster fun, love and creativity, she said.

"Cedar Ridge is like a blank slate," she said. "A new school family is going to come together."

Dobbins started teaching in 1991 and has spent all 18 years of her career in Whitfield County. She taught third and fifth grade at Tunnel Hill Elementary before moving to teach sixth grade at Valley Point Middle School. She has also been an instructional specialist at Valley Point.

"I think Whitfield County Schools is just headed in such a new direction," Dobbins said. "I really wanted to be part of a leadership team."

The Rocky Face resident said she'll wait until she learns more about Cohutta Elementary before announcing specific plans. However, she said she wants to continue to emphasize "project-based learning," a teaching

method that requires students to apply concepts they learn to specific situations. That might be reading poetry or building something.

"I just like for kids to wake up every day and be excited about coming to school," she said. "I would prefer to be known as someone who really cares about their students and staff."

Dobbins has three grown children and a 7-year-old granddaughter. She attended Southeast High School and decided while interning at the school system's central office one summer that a career in education would suit her well since she would be constantly learning. In her spare time, she enjoys reading detective books and playing with her granddaughter.

Cohutta is one of the smaller elementary schools in the system at around 330 students. Valley Point is the smallest middle school in Whitfield, Dobbins said.

EASTSIDE READERS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students at Eastside Elementary celebrated "Read Across America Day" on Monday by reading lots of Dr. Seuss books. Standing, from left, are Jennifer Luna, Caitlyn Bates, Iris Hernandez, Emmanuel Corona and Elmer Tereco. Seated, from left, are Enrique Trevino and Denise Hernandez.

Fishermen reel in hunting invitation

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — When a fisherman reels in a high-caliber catch, should he take up hunting?

Two Arkansas fishermen will have to answer that question after one of them hooked a shotgun while angling on a lake in northeast Arkansas.

Devin Sullivan and his stepfather were fishing on Craighead Forest Lake when Sullivan started to reel in what he thought was a turtle,

only to find a Remington 870 shotgun snagged on the end of the line.

The two men took the shotgun to a Jonesboro police station, where the gun has been taken as evidence, Detective Sgt. Todd Nelson told Jonesboro television station KAIT. Its serial number will be checked to see if it has been reported stolen or involved in any crimes.

Nelson offered a light-hearted observation, saying

it may have been thrown into the lake by "somebody that's mad at a spouse about hunting too much."



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TODAY'S CITIZEN

NAME: Lindsey Taylor
AGE: 16
HOME: Dalton
FAMILY: Mom, Crystal Taylor; sisters, Summer Bramblett, Madison Wiley, Luran Taylor, Brittney Taylor
SCHOOL: Dalton High
PLAY: Pep Club, hang with friends, movies
SHE SAID: "And your point is?"

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Chatsworth closer to retirement plan

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CHATSWORTH — The City Council on Monday approved a new plan for city employees that will allow them to contribute to their retirement fund, similar to a 401(k) retirement plan, said Mayor Tyson Haynes.

Final approval will likely come in early June after City Hall administrators fine-tune the plan and ensure it is in compliance with Georgia Municipal Authority standards.

“Under the old plan the city put in 6 percent of the employee’s gross wages, but employees did not contribute anything,” said Haynes. “It’s not finalized yet, but under the new plan employees could contribute 3 percent (of their

gross wages). But we could revise that and say there is no limit to how much they can contribute. If an employee quits they can take that money with them, including what the city has contributed. It is theirs, and they could take it or roll it into another IRA (individual retirement account) if they want.”

Haynes said there will be no penalty for quitting the city work force and withdrawing funds under the plan. There are approximately 70 employees on the payroll, 33 with the city and 36 or 37 at Chatsworth Water Works, said Haynes. All are covered under the new plan.

The council also approved putting a freeport exemption referendum — a reduction of taxes on inventory items — on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

The exemption would be for 20 percent of inventory, Haynes said, on the categories of personal goods and businesses.

“We need to pass this referendum,” he said, noting the past three years have seen a decrease in the tax digest values of industrial-based businesses in the city, evidenced by some businesses moving to other areas like Calhoun. “Short term, we will probably not see a gain. We’re projecting to lose \$27,000 initially in the first year, but that loss will not be made up by transference (of a tax) to property owners. It will come out of the city budget.

“But we do feel that the purpose of the referendum — to give us better leverage to hold the businesses we have and to attract new business when the economy looks up — will be realized.”

Hearing rescheduled in dog cruelty case

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A probation revocation hearing for Richard Charles Roach — one of the defendants in an animal cruelty case in Murray County — was moved from Tuesday to Friday this week in Whitfield County Superior Court.

Roach, who is in the Murray County Jail, was released from prison in October on a forgery charge from

Whitfield County. Roach, 50, is charged with aggravated cruelty to animals along with Randall Blaylock, 54, and Jeffery Lynn Fuller, 43. They allegedly killed and dismembered a dog on Jan. 20. The charges against Blaylock and Fuller are expected to go before a Murray County grand jury on Monday.

Roach, a registered sex offender, was denied bond on Jan. 23.



Roach

WESTWOOD ON YELLOW BRICK ROAD



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Westwood Elementary School fifth-graders will present the musical “The Magical Land of Oz” on Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$3 at the door. The cast is comprised of from left, first row, Mary Charlotte Smalley and Rachel Carlson; second row, Adam Abdikarim, Kayla Ellis, Kim-Jade Wycherley, Erin Goldberg,

Ashley Carson and Micah Ward; third row, Ashley Nichols, Zachary LaVelle, Aravia Webb and Mary Clark; fourth row, Kyson Willis, Kenia Romero, Jennifer Arana, Baylee Mitchell, Sidney Hanks, Taitlyn Chesser, Darien Hill, Allen Behr, Jordon McKinney, Jackson Pool, Nolan Winston, Landon Hicks and Lane Nichols. Not pictured is Pressley Poag.

Charges against coaches from LaFayette dropped

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Charges against three LaFayette High School coaches who were arrested for possession of alcoholic beverages on school grounds at Southeast High School last year were dropped due to lack of evidence, District Attorney Kermit McManus said.

The coaches were in the press box during a football game on Oct. 24 between LaFayette and Southeast.

“We did a thorough

investigation on our own,” said McManus. “The information we received from the sheriff’s department didn’t add up. They were charged with possession of alcohol on school property, but the people we talked to who were there in the (press box), including a boy who was videotaping the game, said they did not see them drinking. The charges were dismissed because there was no factual basis to support them.”

Highlands board to meet

The Executive Committee of the Highland Rivers Board of Directors will hold a called telephone conference meeting on Thursday at 3 p.m. to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or potential litigation.

Highland Rivers Center offers treatment and support services for adults and children affected by mental health disorders, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases in several counties, including Whitfield and Murray.

AREA ARRESTS

• Kenneth Ronald Burden, 34, 606 N. Duke St., LaFayette, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff’s Office with deposit account fraud.

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- Answers to all your most probing questions about chiropractic care and what it can do for you . . .

he appointment will not take long at all. And like I said, I normally charge \$250 for this (most of which just covers the full set of X-rays). But now, as part of this one time offer, you can come in and find out for certain if you need chiropractic care and how it might help you eliminate the pain you are feeling.

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want to know a little bit about me. So let me tell you . . .

Meet the Doctor



I attended Murray County High School where I graduated in 1988. I received a degree in Criminal Justice from Dalton State College. My Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree came from Life University in Marietta. In addition, I also received extensive pre and post graduate studies from Logan College of Chiropractic in St Louis, Natural Health Sciences in Chattanooga, TN and New York Chiropractic College, where I received a degree in Physiological Therapeutics.

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“Chiropractic treatment of low back pain, which

affects 75 million Americans is superior to the standard regiment administered by medical doctors, a major British study has concluded. “Chiropractic almost certainly confers worthwhile long-term benefit in comparison with hospital outpatient management,” said Dr. T. W. Mead, a British medical doctor who headed the study conducted at 11 hospitals and chiropractic clinics.

Federal Medical Study Endorses Chiropractic for Back Pain - U.S. Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

December 8, 1994 - A panel of 23 doctors headed by Dr. Stanley Bigos, MD, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, studied 3,900 medical articles on low back pain. Their conclusions were that - “Chiropractor’s manipulation of the spine was more helpful than any of the following: traction, massage, biofeedback, acupuncture, injection of steroids into the spine, back corsets, and ultrasound.” Surgery was beneficial only in 1 out of 100 cases!

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Annette D.

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GUEST COLUMN

Some background on the Avenue of Flags

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Lawrence Headrick's comments to the editor in the March 1 edition of *The Daily Citizen*.

His reasoning for not posting our Avenue of Flags was interesting and seemed genuine. After speaking with Mr. Headrick on the telephone, I understand that his cousin is recognized with a flag but he is not. His concern seemed to be for the safety from theft and that the flags represented only honored fallen soldiers and MIAs throughout time. A little history lesson on the Avenue of Flags is in order to have him and perhaps others informed properly.

My name is Marsha Whitener and I am one of the founding members of United We Stand, which sponsors the Avenue of Flags. This group was initiated in January, 1991, during Desert Shield. A group of three citizens met for lunch to discuss ways we could get our local community to show its patriotism for the troops deployed to the Middle East. A soldier's mother, Shirley Childs, was representing her son Earl who was active in the military. Air Force veteran Jim Chamblee is the father of James Chamblee who was a pilot of an F-10 fighter jet in the Middle East with the Air Force. I was there on behalf of my husband, Sparky (Edward), who was deployed with his Army Reserve PAD unit in Rome.

His duties were to send out information to the troops via Armed Forces Radio and Television Services. He and many other local service people were on the receiving end of the SCUD missiles landing in Dhahran and Kuwait City and other targets as he carried out his duties as radio broadcaster. Judge Jack Partain was activated in his Atlanta-based JAG Reserve unit and served in Saudi Arabia as wife Pam joined us in our efforts.

Our original focus was to get local citizens to show their patriotism daily by displaying flags at their homes and businesses. As our organization grew, JoAnn Shirley joined and informed us that she had gone before the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners in earlier years and got permission to have an Avenue of Flags. However, there was not a plan in action to accomplish that goal.

Our small group of three was multiplying each time we met. Our efforts were well-received by the community. Initially Jim Chamblee was hoping for 200 orders for flags. At the end of our ordering deadline we had a field of 558 American flags. The flags were purchased to honor a loved one who had served honorably in any military conflict or were career military servants. Many local people gave countless hours to make our project a success. They know who they are and I regret not including all of the names.

Memorial Day, 1991, was our first posting of the Avenue of Flags, and our local National Guard unit, Charlie Company, had the honor of displaying the flags. How wonderfully appropriate it is to post the flags and honor the 48th Brigade as they are deployed once again into active duty.

Our most recent addition to the Avenue of Flags occurred in 2007 after the completion of the new Whitfield County Courthouse. King Street was revamped to have a median which now serves to display 175 additional flags. We still have a waiting list of families who want to honor their military family members. However, there are several factors that limit us to further additions at this time.

Actually all veterans from Whitfield County are recognized with a specific flag in Section 9 of the Avenue. I would be glad to join Mr. Headrick or any other veteran at the courthouse and walk through the flags on Memorial Day, locate your flag and tour through our awesome American flags.

You and numerous other veterans of politically unpopular wars have a flag. The flags are displayed six times a year (weather permitting). Different organizations are designated to post and retrieve the flags for the different holidays. During our 17-year history, we have had only a couple of flags taken and that was in the daytime. The flags are left standing overnight only if they are damp from a sudden rain. Indeed, on posting days if it is raining at 7 a.m. the flags are not posted.

Over the years there have been several Boy Scouts who have earned their Eagle Scout award by working with the flags, holding carts, maintaining grounds and color coding the flagpoles and sleeve caps. In recent years our civilian volunteers have been shrinking, and some posting days our local sheriff's department has provided trustee inmates to help with pushing the flag-laden carts to and from storage to the courthouse lawn.

During our new courthouse reconstruction on national POW/MIA Day, the fire department came to our rescue to help retrieve the flags when the group in charge could not work the following "rain" day. During the courthouse reconstruction, we were still intent to post the colors and would put out sections 1 and 2 (128 flags) around the memorial.

By the way, members of the military who were killed in action or were POW/MIA are represented in the flags that form the sunburst design that radiates from the main veterans memorial at the corner of Selvidge and Crawford streets. We are extremely grateful to Lowell Kirkman and associates for our layout to have a designated space for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. Headrick, I think it is wonderful that you took the time to videotape the eternal flame dedication. I hope you have made a copy of for future generations and have a written form of the history of how we got our local eternal flame and the individuals who made that tribute a success.

On behalf of Jim Chamblee and the other United We Stand members, I am proud and honored to post our Avenue of Flags for Charlie Company as a community. I pray God will protect them in their military commitment and bring them home safe and unharmed.

It is always an honor for me to work on the flags, whether there are 30 to 50 volunteer club members, just a few volunteers, candidates, political officials or three committee members and eight to 10 inmates with a deputy. I asked what I could do for my country. Perhaps in this simple way of paying tributes to others I have accomplished my task.

Marsha Whitener lives in Dalton.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Bible verse: "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture."

Psalm 37:3

The red ghost

Want a formula for winning elections in the South? Fear + Hate - Transparency and Realism = Victory.

Candidates for governor and other high offices in the old South typically won elections by scaring the daylight out of the white majority.

The Talmadges, Herman and Gene, crisscrossed Georgia warning that Yankee carpetbaggers and home-grown blacks were working to destroy "our way of life." Only the Talmadges could stop the coming pillage, the pair warned. They were masters at turning out the trembling white vote.

Forget that life at the time was characterized by poverty, illiteracy, malnourishment and corrupt government.

In his last statewide radio speech, former Gov. Gene Talmadge talked for over 20 minutes and never mentioned that Georgia needed better schools, better highways, more jobs and a vision for improving the general well-being. Instead, old Gene spoke about the threat to racial segregation laws, which, he said, were our Rock of Gibraltar against outsiders and Negroes (though he used another word for "Negro").

The Talmadges' racial playbook was so successful that even progressive politicians used it to gain an edge for victory.

The good-guy candidates for governor (Carl Sanders, Ernie Vandiver, Ellis Arnall) would begin almost every stump speech with a renewed promise that they could not keep: to maintain a successful legal defense of racial segregation. Without that empty pledge, progressives opened themselves up to becoming known as "race mixers."

When fear and loathing of black people finally wore thin (and Sen. Herman Talmadge



Bill Shipp

won an award from Morris Brown College for helping blacks), political consultants searched out new bogeymen. Communists, gays, women preachers, some college professors, Mexicans and Asians all worked just fine as shadow enemies to get out the votes. Of course, fear of blacks continued (and continues) to be a successful tactic.

Lately, the Southern-centered national Republican Party has turned to another old standby for spooking voters: socialism.

One can seldom pick up a newspaper or listen to one's favorite radio nut without being subjected to a tirade against the evils of socialism, with Democrats portrayed as its main promoter.

We're not talking about Russian communism or Marxism here. We're speaking of socialism; think Sweden and Denmark and even Israel.

The bad news for Republican chieftains is that socialism has already established a firm beachhead. Antisocialists are a little late on the scene.

Where were you in 1934 when the Social Security Act was signed? Now that was genuine socialism, but it was just the beginning.

Medicare, Medicaid and the entire defense industry were fine examples of socialism at work. So were the old and orderly EMCs and TVA, the GI Bill and the Federal Housing Administration. The farm subsidy program, which made our governor and many

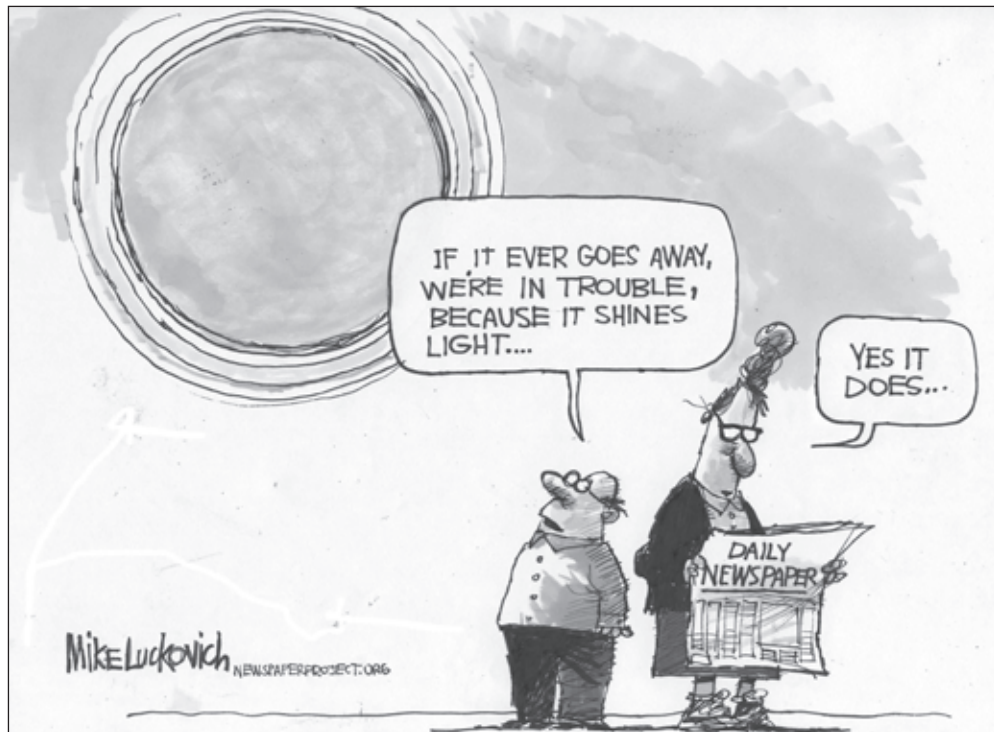
other farmers rich-rich-rich, could have flowed from the pen of the late socialist leader Norman Thomas. It was (and remains) pure socialism.

More than 70 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt singled out the South for special attention and federal economic aid. Early in his administration, FDR declared that the region had been neglected and exploited and needed significant federal help. The former Confederacy received federal assistance, though not nearly enough. Hardly anybody of note charged FDR was turning Dixie red. Instead, the South moved slowly to near the front of the line in national growth. FDR, a New York blueblood, became a Southern idol.

Today's fresh Republican orators conveniently forget to tell us that the renewed fear of socialism developed from the GOP's irresponsible federal budgets that ran up a trillion-dollar tab in less than six years — and then the Republicans called on the Red Chinese to help pay it.

But if we're supposed to be scared of socialism, it's not because of anything new. Socialist-type policies have supported large elements of our new way of life for decades now — with virtually everyone's consent and to most people's benefit. More terror is struck in our hearts by the persistent fearmongering of domestic politicians than by the policies against which they inveigh. If "terrorism" means actions designed to disrupt our national psyche, it could be that a good bit of the real terrorism we face today begins at home.

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It couldn't happen here?

Chicago police have arrested a 14-year-old boy for impersonating an officer. The boy allegedly strolled into a precinct headquarters, reported for duty, signed out a radio and ticket book and went on patrol with another officer for about five hours. Only after the patrol was over did a supervisor get suspicious and demand some ID.

Brittany Engstom, 17, wanted to attend a school dance with her husband Casey, 19. But school officials in Hubbard, Ohio, say Casey isn't welcome on campus because of his facial piercings. They say that's clearly spelled out in the school dress code, which they say still applies to Casey even though he graduated two years ago.

How badly does Lake County, Ill., prosecutor Michael Mermel hate to admit he's wrong? Mermel is continuing to press charges against at least three men for rape and murder, even though their DNA does not match that found on the victims, according to the Chicago Tribune. One man, the newspaper reports, has been charged with murdering his 8-year-old daughter and her 9-year-old friend even though semen found in the daughter was not his. Mermel notes that he has never claimed the girl was raped, so the semen really doesn't matter. He argues the girl got the semen inside her while playing in the woods at a place where



Charles Oliver

some couples have sex. Mermel says he has other evidence linking the father to the murders, which is the only crime he says happened.

Two Michigan State police troopers have been sentenced to two days in jail and four days in jail each for poaching deer while on duty. They arrested him for trespassing. The Brewster Board of Selectmen has held a disciplinary hearing on Houston, but no one is saying what happened in the closed executive session.

Washington, D.C., police officer Tyrone Hardy was dressed as McGruff the Crime Dog and visiting with elementary school students outside their school when a Metro bus pulled out. Driver Shawn Brim got out, appeared to adjust the side view mirrors, then sucker-punched the lovable pooch. Brim then got back on his bus and drove away, leaving screaming children and a dazed doggie behind. Police pulled the

bus over a few blocks away and arrested Brim for assault. Brim reportedly said to a supervisor he was just "trying to be funny."

Brewster, Mass., police officer Joseph Houston allegedly urinated on a fellow audience member at a Metallica concert, harassed that man's sister in a lewd manner, flashed his badge in an attempt to get back in after security tossed him out, called a black Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police officer "Obama" and struggled with MBTA police when they arrested him for trespassing. The Brewster Board of Selectmen has held a disciplinary hearing on Houston, but no one is saying what happened in the closed executive session.

A faculty committee at Southern Illinois University has been accused of copying without attribution part of the plagiarism policy they developed. The SIU student newspaper reports the policy's 139-word definition of plagiarism is "nearly identical" to that used by Indiana University. The SIU committee's chairman says any similarities between the two policies is coincidental. "Any definition is by nature going to be close to another definition," he said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, March 4**, the 63rd day of 2009. There are 302 days left in the year.

Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

On this date:

In 1809, James Madison was sworn into office as the fourth president of the United States. (The occasion marked the first time an inaugural ball was held the evening after the swearing-in.)

In 1858, Sen. James Henry Hammond, D-S.C., declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

In 1989, Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans for a huge media merger.

Ten years ago:

Outraging Italian authorities, a military jury in North Carolina cleared a Marine pilot of charges he was flying recklessly when his jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in the Alps, sending 20 people plunging to their deaths.

Five years ago:

Mounir el Motassadeq, convicted in Germany in connection with the 9/11 attacks, won a retrial from an appeals court. (El Motassadeq was later convicted of helping three of the suicide hijackers and was sentenced to 15 years in prison, the maximum possible under German law.)

One year ago:

Republican John McCain clinched his party's presidential nomination. Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton won primary victories in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island, while Barack Obama prevailed in Vermont.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Paula Prentiss is 71. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 68. Singer Bobby Womack is 65. Movie director Scott Hicks is 56. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 55. Actress Patricia Heaton is 51. Actor Steven Weber is 48. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 46. Actress Stacy Edwards is 44. Actress Patsy Kensit is 41. Chastity Bono is 40. Actor Nick Stabile is 39.

Ball

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"recognizes the citizen who best exemplifies commitment to the community."

Ball said she was "very honored" to be chosen.

"It was absolutely a beautiful surprise," Ball said. "Several people had asked me if they could nominate me and I just sort of generally said no because, I don't know, you just kind of hate to put yourself forward."

Commissioner chairman Mike Babb joked that a Republican board gave the award to a "yellow dog Democrat." Ball has been active in the state, local and national Democratic parties for years.

"She is what this community needs as an activist and a concerned citizen," Babb said.

Commissioner Mike Cowan has chaired the selection committee in the past but was unable to be on the 2008 committee. He supported Ball's selection, noting she is "a real treasure to our community and to her family."

In the early 1960s, Ball and Walter Bush, then the assistant superintendent of Dalton Public Schools, wrote a grant that began what is now the Dalton-Whitfield Day Care. In the beginning, the day care served 25 children in a two-room location. It now serves 250 children in the Lorberbaum Center in downtown Dalton. Ball was a day care board member for more than 20 years.

Politics have always been an important part of Ball's life. In 1999, then-Lt. Gov.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Mike Babb, chairman of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, presents the board's 2008 Community Service Award to Margaret Ball, a longtime county resident and community activist.

Pierre Howard appointed Ball to the Georgia Commission on Women. She is an active member of the Dalton League of Women Voters. She has been a member of the Whitfield County Democratic Committee, the first vice chair of the Ninth Congressional District and

currently serves as district chair, which includes 15 counties. She is also a member of the Democratic Party of Georgia Executive Committee. She was a delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston. In 2002, Ball ran un-

successfully for the state Legislature. She has also involved her family in politics. She took her granddaughter to President Bill Clinton's second inauguration and has taken all of her children and grandchildren to visit the state Legislature in session.

Dalton: Shortfalls

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and Dalton High will be asked to reduce its supplies and materials budget by 20 percent. Supplies and materials includes anything that isn't related to payroll, from books and paper to copy machine contracts. Elementary schools have additional funding sources for those items that the middle and high school don't have, Hawkins said.

Local supplements for teachers, support staff, lunch workers and others will be cut in varying amounts. The amount for teachers is 20 percent, resulting in a 2 percent reduction in their overall salaries.

Hawkins said the cuts were made with input from a majority of the school system's employees and with an effort to minimize the classroom impact and avoid cutting jobs.

Dalton High media specialist Zena Gibson said she was "a little surprised" the cuts weren't worse.

"I thought it was fair," she said. "I liked the way Dr. Hawkins took our opinions and he kind of spread it thin rather than cutting people."

Hawkins announced his

plans for cutting back at the end of January, took feedback from school system employees the first week of February and spent the rest of the month developing the spending reduction plan. School board members have said they hope to balance the budget without raising taxes.

The school system has already approved cutting back on the number of paid days for several administrators and central office employees, including Hawkins; scaling back its number of assistant superintendents from four to one; and instituting a "hiring chill" in which vacant positions will be filled with new employees only when absolutely necessary. Those changes take effect July 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

"It's not pleasant news, but I would tell you the whole process I've been just overwhelmed by everybody's willingness to help," Hawkins said. "We've still got a list that we're going to work from to get the rest of the million ... I think we can get that between now and when school starts."

The school system employs about 900 people.

College: Cuts

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speculative," Bailey said. "Even in good years, there has always been somewhat of a tuition increase. The thing about this year ... is how much it will increase and if it will involve any other increase as well."

Bailey said inflation, the cost of goods, utility fee increases and salary raises have contributed to rising tuition and fees in recent years. The school has a \$30 million budget, and tuition and fees make up about \$7 million of that, he said.

Davis also told the com-

mittee that furloughs are possible for the system's 40,000 employees, reversing his statement in January that he is "philosophically opposed" to asking employees to take unpaid days off. He says campus presidents ultimately will make the decision.

The system has laid off 62 workers so far this fiscal year.

Bailey said Dalton State so far hasn't discussed layoffs or furloughs for its 350 full-time and 150 part-time employees.

"Right now, we're not anticipating any layoffs or budget cuts," he said.

Woman calls 911 3 times because of no McNuggets

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Florida woman called 911 three times after McDonald's employees told her they were out of Chicken McNuggets. According to a police report, 27-year-old Fort Pierce resident Latreaea L. Goodman told authorities

she paid for a 10-piece last week but was later informed the restaurant had run out.

She says employees refused to give her a refund, saying all sales were final. A cashier told police she offered Goodman a larger portion of different food for the same price, but

Goodman became irate.

Police say Goodman was cited on a misuse of 911 charge. A current phone listing for Goodman couldn't be found.

A McDonald's spokeswoman said the company didn't immediately have a comment on the incident.



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POSSIBLE SCHOOL GROUP



Thanks to Mary Anne Hendricks for sharing this photo that may be a school group in the 1930s. Although no identities are known, the photo belonged to Matilda Watkins who lived in Tunnel Hill, 1894-1972. Readers who wish to share identification information or historic photos of any Whitfield County school may call Ellen Thompson or Freida Talley at (706) 217-6733 (24-hour voice mail).

WESTSIDE MIDDLE FFA



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Westside Middle School's FFA Chapter placed fourth overall in a regional contest, the Junior Floriculture Career Development Event, that was attended by more than 400 students. The team event included identification of plant materials and a written exam involving basic horticulture knowledge. Chapter president Julia Cox had the fourth highest individual score. From left are eighth-grader Felicia Langley; Cox, who is in the seventh grade; seventh-grader Santiago Angel; and sixth-grader Ryan Townsend.

'Extreme Makeover' home auction avoided

LAKE CITY (AP) — A Clayton County family that received a big new home on the reality television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has avoided a foreclosure auction for the second time.

Milton and Patricia Harper's 5,300-square-foot home was set to be sold on the Clayton County Courthouse steps Tuesday. The Harpers and the law firm handling the foreclosure declined say what had prevented the auction from taking place.

The family used the house as collateral for a \$450,000 loan. They say they used the money for a failed construction business.

The Harpers were granted a loan modification last summer to avoid foreclosure.

The couple received the house in 2005. They were chosen by producers from more than 15,000 applicants. Producers selected them after hearing about the family's faulty septic tank that flooded their home with sewage when it rained.

130 dogs seized from kennel

CUMMING (AP) — State Agriculture Department officials have confiscated 134 dogs from a north Georgia kennel, saying conditions were unsanitary and unsafe.

Venessa Sims-Green of the department's animal protection office says the Atlanta Humane Society agreed to take the dogs, which mostly appeared healthy and well-

fed.

Sims-Green says inspectors spent much of Monday and Tuesday at the kennel and found inadequate waste disposal, pest control problems and enclosures with protruding wires. She says some of the dogs had no shelter, but tests showed none of the kennel's animals had sarcoptic mange.

DALTON-WHITFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Welcoming VW: Lesson 3

Last week the subject of my column was part two of lesson two. The title indicated it was lesson three. This week my topic is lesson three. Last week's subject was a continuation of the lesson on workforce education and training. This week the lesson subject is: Be Transparent in Hiring and Vendor Contracting.

Since many wanted to work at the new BMW plant, it was the cause of some anxiety for existing small and mid-sized employers in upstate South Carolina. They were convinced that many of their best employees would be lured to BMW for the pursuit of higher wages and better benefits. The first round of hiring attracted 60,000 applicants for 1,000 jobs.

Last October, the leadership team visiting South Carolina from the Chattanooga region heard a variety of stories about cannibalization of employees. Some of the South Carolina hosts felt cannibalization was minimal while others felt that many gravitated to BMW. Many of those seeking employment at BMW were just as concerned with the perception that many would relocate to the region seeking the jobs that South Carolina had given rich incentives for. BMW addressed this concern early on by establishing that applicants had to have established residency prior to the announcement of the plant in order to be eligible for hire.

An important distinction needs to be made concerning the labor pool of upstate South Carolina of 1992 and that of the Chattanooga region today. When BMW announced it would be building in South Carolina, the 1,000 jobs would be a part of a 250,000 job labor pool. The Volkswagen labor impact of 2,000 new jobs will be a factor within a labor pool of over 1.2 million jobs. Although the impact will be less significant than the impact to South Carolina, the region labor market will be affected nonetheless.

In South Carolina, BMW took steps to convene regional CEOs. They explained the company's intentions for hiring and recruiting. Given the size of the region that will be affected by Volkswagen, the direct approach utilized in South Carolina may not be possible or effective. But, the consideration of transparency should still be factored in. Cannibalization will occur to some degree. But the overall increase of good jobs with good benefits will directly and indirectly improve the employment climate for all.

Put another way, those who have the education and experience that will be hired for the positions with higher pay and better benefits, will open up other positions for many. In a region with higher than normal unemployment and projected to be high for awhile, the creation of net new jobs is critical. As jobs are filled that require better skills and education, those seeking employment will stay in school until graduating or return for their GED.

The recent announcement by the German company investing in Bradley County will also affect our region. It will create cannibalization. Although some of us are experiencing a little envy of our neighbors to the north, we congratulate them and are grateful for their aggressiveness in creating economic development and economic growth for the region. Both will benefit the entire region for many years to come.

Given these changes concerning hiring and vendor contracting, it will be important to minimize the issues associated. As a community, it will be important to fully

ascertain the employment implications as Volkswagen begins production. The Greater Dalton Chamber will work with neighboring chambers in understanding the impacts on employment. We will create forums for communicating the intentions of stakeholders, the impact on employers, and the benefits of those in the workforce. The free market will enable the best talent to flow to the best positions. Even those with the least amount of education and experience will work harder on improving their skill set for future opportunities.

While we are discussing our neighbors to our north, let me suggest that the leadership of Tennessee seems to be very aggressive in their economic development efforts. Again, I applaud them and thank them for the creation of jobs and investment for the region. My conversations with leaders from Chattanooga have indicated a strong desire for partnership and collaboration.

A few days ago, leaders from our community spent the day in Atlanta. We met with Commissioner Ken Stewart and his team from the Georgia Economic Development Commission. We also met with Gov. Sonny Perdue. In both meetings we emphasized the need for Georgia to be just as aggressive in pursuing new investment and new jobs for Georgians. We must be just as competitive as our neighbors. The chamber will continue to build relationships with all stakeholders involved in creating a new economic reality for our community.

By working hard, working together, and seeking mutually beneficial policies, we will succeed! God Bless our community, our state and our country.

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

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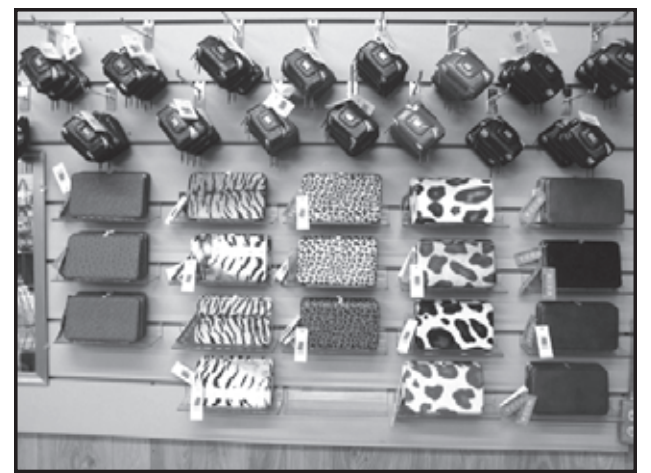
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Murray County Indian varsity rifle team includes on the third row, Jesus Sinaloa (senior), Artiemo Pacheco (senior) and Joseluis Diaz (junior); second row Brian Smith (sophomore) and Gabriel Cassels (junior); in front is retired Lt. Col. Mike Pilvinsky. Not pictured is David Martin (sophomore).

Indian rifle team ends winning season

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7 North champions. During the final home match of the year Gabriel Cassels led the Indians with a score of 273. He was followed by team captain Artiemo Pacheco, who shot 269. Joseluis Diaz shot 267 and Jesus Sinaloa shot 262.



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Ashlee Swilling, center, has been named Employee of the Year for Whitfield County Emergency Services for 2008. Swilling serves as a day shift senior telecommunicator with 911 and has been employed with the county since January 2006. Officials say she is always eager to help with any special projects. She is a founding member of the department's Community Awareness Team and serves as a tactical dispatcher with the Special Operations Communications Team, which

is deployed for major incidents to provide communication, documentation and incident command support. She coaches and trains new employees and works closely with the training division. "Ashlee is a priceless asset to our department and it is always a pleasure to work with her," officials said. From left are Kevin Day, shift supervisor; Jeff Ownby, deputy director; Swilling; Jeffrey Putnam, director; and Claude Craig, deputy director.

Westside Middle sends 4 to All-State Chorus

Georgia All State Chorus was held Feb. 26-28 in Savannah. Students undergo a rigorous audition process for the privilege to sing in one of these prestigious choirs.

More than 8,000 students auditioned from across the state, with 1,500 allowed to participate. The students were recognized for their excellent sight-reading skills, technique and interpretation.

Westside Middle School had four students accepted

into the All-State Chorus for 2009. They are eighth-grader Zachary Foster, son of Gerald and Brenda Foster; seventh-grader Shelby Cates, daughter of Barry and Judy Cates; eighth-grader Cheyenne Gibson, daughter of Audra Duffy and John Gibson; and eighth-grader Harley Jones, daughter of Greg and Sonya Jones.

Foster and Cates were assigned to the Middle School Mixed All-State Chorus under the direction of Debbie Looney.

Gibson and Jones were assigned to the Middle School Treble All-State Chorus under the direction of Sandra Mathias, professor of music from Capitol University.

The students' Saturday afternoon performance was recorded and will be played over Georgia Public Radio. The date has not been set.

Stanley Stewart is the principal at Westside Middle School, and Dale Thomas is the choral director.



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From left are seventh-grader Shelby Cates; eighth-grader Cheyenne Gibson; seventh-grader Harley Jones; and eighth-grader Zachary Foster.

Residents can get help kicking the habit at Freedom from Smoking

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The next Freedom from Smoking class will be in the North Georgia Health District conference room at Bry-Man's Plaza in Dalton on Monday at 6 p.m.

Freedom from Smoking is

a seven-week, eight-session free program founded by the American Lung Association that teaches the skills to become a non-smoker. A \$50 deposit will be returned after successful attendance of all sessions. The program teaches skills in developing

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Obama tax plan draws opposition

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's call to raise taxes on high earners and greenhouse gas polluters met fierce opposition Tuesday from congressional Republicans and also a few Democrats. "I would never want to adversely affect anything that is charitable or good," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said of Obama's call to limit high-income taxpayers' itemized deductions for charitable donations and mortgage interest. Republicans said the president's plan to charge fees to industries that spew greenhouse gases amounts to a stealthy tax increase for all Americans that will far exceed the new \$400 annual tax cut for workers that he wants to extend beyond 2010. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner argued that the Obama proposal would reduce taxes for most Americans. Any increases, he said, wouldn't occur until 2011, when the economy is "safely into recovery."

Earmarks stay in \$410B bill

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly to preserve thousands of earmarks in a \$410 billion spending bill on Tuesday, brushing aside Sen. John McCain's claim that President Barack Obama and Congress are merely conducting business as usual in a time of economic hardship. McCain's attempt to strip out an estimated 8,500 earmarks failed on a vote of 63-32. The Arizona senator's proposal also would have cut roughly \$32 billion from the measure and kept spending at last year's levels in several federal agencies. Last year's Republican presidential candidate said both he and Obama pledged during the campaign to "stop business as usual in Washington," and he quoted the president as having said he would go line by line to make sure money was spent wisely. The White House has said that Obama intends to sign the legislation, casting it as leftover business from 2008.

Fed to spur more consumer lending

WASHINGTON — The government launched a much-awaited program Tuesday to spur lending for autos, education, credit cards and other consumer loans by providing up to \$200 billion in financing to investors to buy up the debt. If the program succeeds, it should help bust through the credit clogs in place since last year and make it easier for Americans to finance large and small purchases at lower rates, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress. That, in turn, would help revive the economy, he said. Created by the Fed and the Treasury Department, the program has the potential to generate up to \$1 trillion of lending for businesses and

households, the government said. It will be expanded to include commercial real estate, though that won't be part of the initial rollout. The program will start off by providing \$200 billion in loans to investors with the goal of jump-starting lending to consumers and small businesses. The program, dubbed the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility, was first announced late last year and originally was scheduled to start in February.

Militants attack Sri Lankan team

LAHORE, Pakistan — A team of heavily armed gunmen, some traveling in rickshaws, ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team Tuesday as it arrived for a match, killing six police guards and wounding seven players. The brazen attack heightened fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable. The assault bore striking similarities to last year's three-day hostage drama in the Indian financial capital of Mumbai. Working in pairs, the attackers in Lahore carried walkie-talkies and backpacks stuffed with water, dried fruit and other high-energy food — a sign they anticipated a protracted siege and may have been planning to take the players hostage. The bus sped through the ambush, but the gunmen's preparations indicated they may have been planning to hijack the vehicle. None of the gunmen were killed and all apparently escaped into this teeming eastern city. Even though the bus was peppered with 25 bullet holes, none of the cricket players were killed.

Warrant issued in Levy's death

WASHINGTON — An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for an imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant in the killing of federal intern Chandra Levy, nearly eight years after the case captivated the country and ended the career of a congressman. The warrant accuses Ingmar Guandique of killing Levy on May 1, 2001, as she jogged through Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Guandique, 27, is already serving time in a federal prison in Adelanto, Calif., for attacking two women in the same park in the weeks following Levy's disappearance. The break was a long-awaited development in an investigation that had gone cold for years after destroying the career of former U.S. Rep. Gary Condit of California.

FOR THE HEART



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Dawnville Elementary School had a Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser recently with 124 kindergarten through fifth-grade students participating. Some \$4,896 was raised. Student Maggie Castillo in fifth grade raised the most, bringing in more than \$1,000.

Yet again, Perdue slashes Georgia's state budget

By SHANNON McCAFFREY
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue said Tuesday he will draw on more than \$1 billion in federal stimulus dollars to help the state dig out of a deepening deficit for the coming fiscal year.

Beset by plummeting tax collections, Perdue ordered deep new cuts Tuesday to state spending. But he allowed that the financial picture would have been far worse without the federal dollars coming from Washington.

Even with the stimulus cash, Perdue's blueprint for the fiscal year that begins July 1 calls for the state's roughly 100,000 employees to ante up at least five percent more for health insurance costs starting in January. And he is ordering another \$69 million in cuts to state agencies which have already pared back their budgets, some by

more than 10 percent.

Hospitals will be hit particularly hard. Facing stiff opposition from members of his own Republican Party, Perdue on Tuesday abandoned plans to charge hospitals and health insurance plans a fee to help pay for soaring Medicaid costs.

Instead, hospitals will be slapped with \$186 million in cuts to Medicaid provider fees. The governor also axed \$37 million from the state's cash-starved network of trauma hospitals.

The governor's revised spending plan cuts the state's revenue estimate by \$1.6 billion from the \$20.2 billion that he had previously budgeted for the year.

Perdue also said



Tuesday he will accept federal stimulus money for the state's unemployment insurance fund, an issue that had been in doubt after he suggested that accepting the money might tie the state to increased spending down the road.

Perdue said Tuesday that the state would need to shell out about \$1 million but would see an infusion of about \$150 million in return.

State Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond said the money will help keep the fund afloat amid soaring unemployment rates in the state.

Among the other federal stimulus dollars, Perdue's budget uses some \$527 mil-

lion in additional Medicaid cash, \$427 million for education and \$7 million for foster care.

But even as he embraced the stimulus money, Perdue cautioned that it comes at a cost.

"We don't believe this is free money; somebody is going to have to pay this back," Perdue told reporters at the state Capitol.

Perdue said Tuesday he's not optimistic about the state's tax collections picking up anytime soon.

He said the state Department of Revenue has issued 48,000 more tax refund checks in February than it had the year before. That suggests Georgians are filling out their returns quickly.

"They need the money," he said.

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Larry Michael Cotton Sr.

Mr. Larry Michael Cotton Sr., 57, of Dalton, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was the son of the late Charles Cotton Jr. and Dorothy Emily Cotton and was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly Ann Cotton; son Larry Michael Cotton Jr.; brother, Kenneth Jeffery Cotton.

Larry is survived by his wife, Brenda Lee Cotton of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Casey Lee and Thomas Cotton of Dalton; sister and brother-in-law, Sherry and Kenneth Koop of Cincinnati, Ohio; grandchildren, Austin Dillon Michael Cotton, Ivy Harwood and Emily Catherine Harwood; nephews, Todd Hennessy, Jr., Kevin Hennessy and Jeffery Cotton.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Junior Williams officiating.

Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Love Funeral Home Thursday from noon until the funeral hour at 1 p.m.

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

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Rayburn Lamar 'Ray' Flood

Mr. Rayburn Lamar "Ray" Flood, 66, of Dalton, departed this life Sunday afternoon, March 1, 2009, at the local hospital.

Ray was born Jan. 1, 1943, in Whitfield County, a son of the late John Harrison and Lemmer Wilson Flood.

He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Timothy Flood; daughter-in-law, Karen Flood; sister, Edna Parks; and brothers, Wallace, John, Gerald, Floyd and Mack Flood.

Ray was a very hard worker who loved and provided for his family. He was the owner and operator of Flood's Cleaning Service and a member of Welcome Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife

of 47 years, Virginia Knight Flood; sons, Ray Flood Jr., Tim Flood, Hunter Flood and Matthew Flood; daughters, Tammie Quinton and Ashley Flood; grandson, Justin Flood and his little friend who thought of him as his Paw Paw, Renn Gann; brother and sisters-in-law, D.L. and Betty Flood, TerrElla Flood and Joy Holcomb; brother-in-law, John Parks; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Ray Flood are Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Guffey officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with Bobby Johnson, Bret Brownlow, Sean Brownlow, Kenneth Shelton, Benny Seiber and Justin Lynthlyn serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6 to 10 p.m.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Dennis Lee Gibson

Mr. Dennis Lee Gibson, 53, of Resaca, died Monday, March 2, 2009 at Hamilton Medical Center.

Mr. Gibson was born June 16, 1955 in Whitfield County, a son of the late Arthur and Mary Gossett Gibson. Dennis was a correctional officer with

Regional Youth Detention Center. He was a member and Past Master of Gordon Springs F& AM Masonic Lodge No. 463. He studied at Ben Kiker United Karate Studio and achieved the rank of black belt.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Elaine Akins Gibson of the residence; daughters and sons-in-law, Tara and Mark Bennett of Rome, Mandy and Darrell Touchstone of Tunnel Hill, Kari Gibson and LeeAnn and Sam Hammontree of Dalton; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Stephanie Duke of Atlanta; brother, David Godfrey of North Carolina; sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Lamar Montgomery of Dalton, Carol Moore of North Carolina and Janie and

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Carol Sue Godfrey are today at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Minister Barry Gilreath officiating.

Burial will be in the Stanley Church of Christ Cemetery in Fannin County with David, Daniel, Darrell, Dale Stanley, Jeremy and Blake Godfrey serving as pallbearers.

The family received

Terry Harrow of Rock Springs; grandchildren, Brian Watson, Logan Touchstone, Bradley Bennett, Luke Bennett, Ruthie Bennett, Bryce Duke, Branson Hammontree, Samantha Hammontree and Kody Hammontree; several nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Gibson are today at 1 p.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Pastor Curtis Belcher and the Rev. Trey Starnes officiating.

Burial will be in the Whitfield Memorial Gardens with Billy Bargo, Phil Mulkey, Bobby Hughes, Mat Cline, Lynn Dyer and Anthony Henry serving as pallbearers.

Masonic graveside rites will be provided by the Gordon Springs F&AM Masonic Lodge No 463.

Visit the Web site at www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mr. Gibson's family.

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Carol Sue Godfrey

Mrs. Carol Sue Godfrey, 68, of Dalton, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Erlanger Medical Center.

Mrs. Godfrey was born Nov. 16, 1940 in Fannin County. She was also preceded in death by her father, Everett Preston Stanley; and son, Barry James Godfrey.

She is survived by her husband, James H. Godfrey Jr. of Dalton; mother, Lois Mae Stanley of Dalton; sons, Joel D. Godfrey and Victor Godfrey of Dalton; brothers and sisters-in-law, David Preston and Vickie Stanley of Dalton, Daniel and Sharon Stanley of Blue Ridge, Darrell and Terri Stanley of Trenton and Dale and Joy Stanley of Dalton; sisters, Betty Holt, Jean Webb and Barbara Warren, all of Dalton and Wanda and Dennis Gilbert of Apison, Tenn.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Carol Sue Godfrey are today at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home with Minister Barry Gilreath officiating.

Burial will be in the Stanley Church of Christ Cemetery in Fannin County with David, Daniel, Darrell, Dale Stanley, Jeremy and Blake Godfrey serving as pallbearers.

The family received

friends at the funeral home Tuesday.

Visit www.pondersfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort and memories with Mrs. Godfrey's family.

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Thomas Goodman

Mr. Thomas Goodman, 93, of Calhoun departed this life Monday evening, March 2, 2009, at Calhoun Health Care Center.

Mr. Goodman was born Aug. 8, 1915, in Jackson City, Tenn., a son of the late Argo and Tina Thompson Goodman. He was a veteran having served his country in the United States Army.

Prior to retirement he was employed as a federal inspector with Lockheed Corp.

He is survived by family members Mark and Pat Wright of Calhoun; several other cousins and family members.

Private graveside services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hollywood Cemetery in Jackson City, Tenn.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Calhoun Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home, 675 Jolly Road, Calhoun; 706-625-7577.

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Willard Headrick

Mr. Willard Headrick, 68, of Dalton died Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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

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Dartha Baker Henderson

Mrs. Dartha Baker Henderson, 83, of Rocky Face, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

She was the daughter of the late Eli and Emma Baker and was preceded in death by her husband, June Edward Henderson.

She is survived by her

daughter and son-in-law, Marcelle and Bruce English of Orange Park, Fla.; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Betty Henderson of Dalton; sister, Margaret Suddeth of Dalton; granddaughter, Valerie and Edward Silva of Tunnel Hill; special friend, Rose Marie Boyd of Rocky Face; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are today at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. George Ross officiating. Burial will be in Whitfield Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

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James Leon McDaniel

Mr. James Leon McDaniel, 59, of Ranger departed this life Monday morning, March 2, 2009, at the Piedmont Healthcare in Jasper.

James was born Feb. 22, 1950, in Gordon County, a son of the late James Lloyd and Annie Ruth Mulkey McDaniel. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sally Sanford.

James was a hard worker and loved his family. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, James R. McDaniel and Dena Ledford of Chatsworth; daughters and son-in-law, Renee and Scottie Childers of Fairmount, Jamie McDaniel of Ranger; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Linda McDaniel, Brian and Bonita McDaniel all of Fairmount, Doug and Brenda McDaniel of Rydal, Danny McDaniel of Ranger, Junior and Karen McDaniel of Calhoun; sisters and brothers-in-law, Deborah and Donald Mathews of Calhoun, Angela and Shane Kirby of Ranger, Retha Chastain and Janice

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Smith both of Fairmount, Margaret Bradley of Adairsville; seven grandchildren, 23 nieces and nephews. Services to celebrate the life of Mr. James L. McDaniel are Thursday at 2 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church in Ludville with the Rev. Reggie Temples officiating.

He will be laid to rest in the church cemetery with Jason McDaniel, Bradley McDaniel, Kyle Smith, Shane Kirby, Dustin Patterson and Cody Patterson serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends and family at the Fairmount Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home today.

Messages and condolences may be sent to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com Arrangements by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Homes, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton, 706-226-4002.

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Guinn Smith

Mr. John Guinn Smith, 88, of Dalton, passed away Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

Born April 28, 1920, in Whitfield County, Guinn was the seventh son of the late Henry Clark Smith and Lillian Wyatt.

Smith of the Five Springs Community. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Rex Young Smith, Robert Earl Smith, Henry Wyatt Smith, Horace Cyrus Smith, W. A. Smith and Guy Clark Smith.

Mr. Smith graduated from Valley Point High School in 1940 and was awarded the American Farmer Degree that same year. He was a vet-

eran of the United States Army serving from 1944 to 1946, with a tour of duty in the Philippines and Japan.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Five Springs United Methodist Church from birth and served on many boards and committees. He served as treasurer for the Men's Sunday School Class for over 40 years. He helped establish the first Boy Scout Troup at Five Springs and was an active leader for many years.

Guinn worked for the City of Dalton for over 41 years, retiring in 1991. He was an expert mechanic, carpenter, farmer and avid gardener. He was a master furniture craftsman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Bertha Mae McAdams Smith of Dalton; daughters and son-in-law, Guinnalyn and Jim Barclay of Dalton and Sandra Smith Franklin of Lawrenceville; grandchildren, Elizabeth and Andrew Cloud of Houston, Texas, Kathy and Chris Hammontree of Varnell, Lanna and Pete Knapp of Atlanta; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Hammontree, Anna Guinn Hammontree, Guinnalyn Cloud and Thomas Cloud; sister-in-law, Ruth McAdams Leak of Greenville, S.C.; nieces and nephews.

A worship service of celebration of the life of Guinn Smith is today at Five Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. R. Allen Stewart and Rev. Kenny Bailey officiating. Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at Love Funeral Home Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Five Springs United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2823 Five Springs Road, Dalton, GA 30721 or to The Alzheimer's Association - Ga. Chapter, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721.

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

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Eugene Wilson

Mr. Eugene Wilson, 62, of Chatsworth, died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Hutcheson Medical Center.

Mr. Wilson was born Feb. 9, 1947, in Campbell County, Tenn., a son of the late Avery and Ruby Wilson. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Wilson; and stepdaughter, Angie Chastain.

He is survived by his sons, David Wilson of Chatsworth and Malcolm Ruben Wilson and Mark Lynn Wilson, both of Dalton; stepson, Billy Hyde of Chatsworth; stepdaughter, Teresa Hyde of Chatsworth; brothers and sister-in-law, Bill and Pearl Wilson and Junior Wilson of Oliver Springs, Tenn.; and 12 grandchildren.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Eugene Wilson are Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Melrose Chapel of Ponders Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the West Hill Cemetery.

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

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Search shuts down campus

KENNESAW (AP) — A prisoner being transported from Florida to Tennessee escaped from the officer transporting him, leading to the shutdown of Kennesaw State University while police conducted a search.

Police say 30-year-old Chris Gay, who was wanted in Coffee County, Tenn. on charges he stole a Wal-Mart truck, escaped

on Tuesday when the deputy transporting him there from Orlando, Fla., stopped at a Waffle House.

Cobb County police spokesman Sgt. Dana Pierce said Gay apparently broke out of his restraints.

Police searched the campus for several hours but were unable to find the fugitive. The campus was reopened at 5:45 p.m.

THE MARKET

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Acuity	22.08	22.20	JCP	14.75	14.18	UPS	38.92	38.49
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Apple	88.02	88.37	Kroger	20.32	20.19	Verizon	27.52	27.31
AT&T	23.04	22.67	Lowes	14.70	14.14	Wal-Mart	48.04	47.38
BAC	3.63	3.65	McDonalds	51.85	52.43	Wells Fargo	10.84	10.67
BB&T	15.63	15.32	Merck	23.44	23.05	Wendy's	4.53	4.16
BP	35.15	34.14	Microsoft	15.79	15.88	Yum	24.96	24.61
BristolMyers	17.74	17.51	Mohawk	21.14	19.86	Xerox	4.75	4.56
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14-year-old fake cop drove patrol car

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago police said Tuesday that the 14-year-old who posed as an officer drove a patrol car and aided in an arrest, and that seven officers face disciplinary reviews for the "lax" behavior that allowed the teen's escapade to happen.

"They weren't paying attention," Superintendent Jody Weis said at a news conference announcing the completion of the investigation. "They were lax. I'm very upset. This whole incident is very disturbing."

The teenager, an aspiring police officer, allegedly wore a uniform and entered a South Side police station through an unlocked back

door around 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. He was issued a radio and rode with a patrol officer for more than five hours, at times using the terminal in the squad car and responding to five assignments, Weis said.

Authorities previously said the teen did not drive a squad car, but Weis said Tuesday that the boy — who is too young to drive in Illinois — spent two hours behind the wheel. The boy also helped in the arrest of a suspect who allegedly violated a protection order.

"He brought the arm into the middle of his back so handcuffs could be placed on him," Weis said.

The boy returned to the

station at 7:37 p.m., when a supervisor discovered the teen was not wearing a complete uniform and had no weapon, Weis said. The teen was arrested at 7:40 p.m.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," Weis said. "We were very fortunate that a lot of tragic things didn't happen."

The boy has pleaded not guilty in juvenile court to impersonating an officer. He is no longer in custody but must wear an electronic monitoring device.

The department's Internal Affairs Division has recommended discipline for each of the seven unidentified officers who remain on the job.

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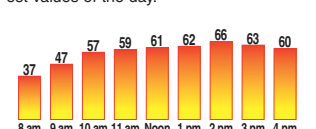
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PREP SOCCER

Indians outgun Dalton

By Marty Kirkland

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CHATSWORTH — Just seven games into his high school soccer career, Luis Jimenez has the type of highlight only a few players ever enjoy.

And just two games into their sub-region schedule, the Murray County Indians have reason to believe a run to the Region 7-4A championship is a reasonable goal.

Jimenez, a freshman forward, delivered the decisive penalty kick in a shootout victory over Dalton on Tuesday night at Murray Field. The Indians converted six penalties to their visitors' five in the shootout, which followed up 80 minutes of regulation play and 10 minutes of overtime that ended in a 1-1 tie.

Both coaches said it was Murray County's first-ever win against Dalton, and the Indians (5-1-1, 2-0 in sub-region 7A-4A) no doubt hope it's a breakthrough after coming close but short in recent years against the Catamounts (3-2, 1-1).

"It means the world to us," Indians coach Randy Baggett said. "Because we always play Dalton a great game and it's always just been a matter of pushing through that last goal, or

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PREP BASKETBALL: STATE TOURNAMENT



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Point guard Baleigh Coley of Northwest Whitfield (22) drives the lane past Mays' Larrisa Carter, left, during their Class 4A state tournament game in Tunnel Hill on Tuesday. The Lady Bruins won 56-51 and advanced to the third round.

Next, please

Lady Bruins top Mays, advance to quarterfinals

By Adam Krohn

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For the first time in a long time, there's championship fever in Tunnel Hill.

The Northwest Whitfield Lady Bruins are headed to the quarterfinals of the state basketball tournament — where they haven't been since the 1989-90 season — after defeating Atlanta's Mays 56-51 in a second-round Class 4A game Tuesday night that went back and forth until the game's final moments.

Up next for the Lady Bruins is defending state champion Southwest DeKalb, the No. 2 seed out of Region 6-4A, which beat 8-4A No. 1 Madison County 67-60. The game will be played at 4 p.m. Friday at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton. Southwest DeKalb defeated Northwest 68-53 in the second round of last season's tournament.

"It's exciting to be able to finally beat Mays on our own floor," said Northwest coach Margaret Stockburger, whose 2004-05 team fell to the Lady Raiders in Tunnel Hill. "It's just sweet."

The Lady Raiders (26-3), the No. 2 seed out of 8-4A and the state's second-ranked team, got a courageous performance from guard Kendra Long, who led all scorers with 24 points. But the Lady Bruins (28-2), the No. 1 seed from 7-4A, had several players step up with clutch performances, led

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<p>➤ MAY Kendra Long, one of only five scorers for Lady Raiders, finishes with 24 points</p> <p>➤ NOR Will face Southwest DeKalb at 4 p.m. Friday in Carrollton in quarterfinals</p>	

by Quaneisha McCurdy's 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

Northwest trailed 40-35 with seven minutes left in the game, but regained the lead at 46-44 on Christy Robinson's turnaround shot in the post with 3:46 left. After baskets from Long and Davina High gave Mays a two-point lead, Baleigh Coley turned the game permanently in Northwest's favor with a series of big plays.

With 2:45 left, Coley drilled her third 3-pointer of the game to give Northwest a 49-48 lead it never relinquished. After Mays point guard Morgan Goss was called for a charging foul on the Lady Raiders' next possession, Coley made two free throws to widen the lead with 1:26 to go.

And as the Lady Raiders were

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AREA ROUNDUP

Bruins romp in opener

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Starting pitcher Chase Plott pitched one-hit ball over four innings and Bradley Stevenson belted a two-run home run as Northwest Whitfield opened its baseball season with a six-inning 11-1 non-region victory over Heritage-Catoosa on a cold Tuesday night in Tunnel Hill.

Plott struck out three and walked two in his 2009 debut, giving up one earned run. Jay Motley finished up and struck out one, walked three and allowed one hit.

"Chase threw a lot of strikes and had some quick innings," Northwest coach Todd Middleton said. "We have four games this week and we needed to conserve our pitching and we did that. Getting by with two pitchers was a big plus."

Plott had two of the Bruins' 15 hits, including a two-run shot in the fourth inning that stretched the Northwest lead to 8-1.

Brent Stephens added two doubles with an RBI while Diego Hernandez had three singles in

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four at-bats and Zane Gordon finished with two hits.

"We swung the bats real well," Middleton said. "We played really good defense and got a lot of groundball outs."

■ **Murray County 7, Chattooga 2:** Justin Shaw had two hits, including a solo home run, as the Indians defeated Chattooga with three pitchers combining on a five-hitter.

Shaw drove in two runs for the Indians (3-0).

Houston Headrick added a double and triple for Murray and Taylor Patterson drove in a run with a single.

The Indians' Ryan Greeson pitched the first five innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out seven. Both runs off Greeson were earned. Patterson

worked a one-hit inning in relief with a strikeout and Chandler Puryear finished up with a hitless inning and one strikeout.

"Considering it was a little cold, we played pretty well," Murray coach Jason Lanham said. "We got some timely hits and when they closed our lead to 4-2 in the sixth we responded with three runs to go up 7-2."

■ **Southeast 15, Sonoraville 3:** Michael Simpson had a single, double and triple, Bradley Grant hit a two-run homer in an eight-run second inning and Dylan Massengill threw a two-hitter over four innings as the Raiders successfully opened their season in a game called after the fifth inning by the 10-run mercy rule.

Simpson also drove in two runs and scored three times. Grant had three hits, scored four runs and drove in three as the Raiders pounded out 13 hits.

Caleb Moore added two hits

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MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Northwest Whitfield's Jay Motley worked two innings of one-hit relief in the Bruins' season-opening 11-1 victory over Heritage-Catoosa on Tuesday. Starter Chase Plott held the Generals to one hit in four innings and struck out three.

COMMENTARY: MIKE STRANGE

Stakes too high for Vols to relax

One day an unexpected snow, balmy sunshine the next. Things change suddenly in this dicey stretch when February yields to March. So it goes for the college basketball season as well. A week ago the Tennessee Volunteers were staggering after listless losses at Ole Miss and Kentucky. Send out the St. Bernard with the brandy flask.

Today, don't forget your sunglasses. All is bright again.

One week ago, coach Bruce Pearl was touting Mississippi State as a must-win scenario for UT's sagging NCAA tournament hopes. The Vols won. Then they went to Florida on Sunday and won again, playing their best 40 minutes in some time if not all season.

The temptation is to say the heat is off. Check the evidence. The fresh postseason prognosis is thumbs-up.

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AP PHOTO
Bobby Maze, right, and the Tennessee Vols have won their past two games, but coach Bruce Pearl believes a strong finish to the season is crucial to their postseason hopes.

PRO BASEBALL: ATLANTA BRAVES

Excitement builds as Hanson shines again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves were hoping to give top pitching prospect Tommy Hanson at least one more year in their minor league system.

He may not need it.

Hanson was impressive in his second spring outing, allowing an unearned run and two hits in three innings of the Braves' 11-2 victory Tuesday over Panama, which was playing its first World Baseball Classic tuneup.

The 22-year-old Hanson struck out the side in the first. He fanned Astros slugger Carlos Lee with a fastball away, much like he did last week when he faced the Astros in his first outing.

"My goal is to get to Atlanta

and stay there," Hanson said. "I'd like to get there as soon as possible, but I understand it may take a little time."

Although Braves manager Bobby Cox has raved about Hanson this spring, he also has proven starters Derek Lowe, Javier Vazquez, Kenshin Kawakami, Jair Jurrjens and Tom Glavine. The Braves spent the offseason rebuilding their staff, thinking Hanson needed more time to develop.

"He's close. He's very close," Cox said. "He's fun to watch. He was good out there, again. Very impressive."

The Braves had 14 hits against five pitchers and a four-run second inning. Panama also had three errors.

PRO FOOTBALL

Falcons sign DE Davis to 4-year deal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLOWERY BRANCH — The Atlanta Falcons re-signed linebacker Coy Wire, tight end Justin Peele, safety Jamal Fudge and three other players Tuesday. Defensive end Chauncey Davis also reached terms on a new deal, according to his agent.

On a busy day, the Falcons also completed exclusive rights contracts with three players.

Davis' agent, Kevin Conner, told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* his client would return to the

Falcons for a \$14 million, four-year deal, with nearly \$8 million due in the first two years.

Team officials had no comment until the deal was officially signed, which was expected to be announced today. By keeping Davis, Atlanta stemmed the tide of losses in free agency, having surrendered linebacker Keith Brooking to Dallas, cornerback Dominique Foxworth to Baltimore and linebacker Michael Boley to the New York Giants.

Wire was signed by the Falcons

last summer and wound up replacing Boley at outside linebacker late in the season. Wire had 24 tackles and broke up one pass while starting four games.

Peele made 11 starts at tight end, catching 15 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns. He also had a TD reception in Atlanta's wild-card playoff loss to Arizona.

Fudge had a career-high 10 tackles in his lone start of the season and hopes to compete for a starting job in the secondary. The Falcons have an opening at strong

safety after cutting ties with Lawyer Milloy.

The Falcons also re-signed defensive tackle Jason Jefferson, offensive lineman Ben Wilkerson and linebacker Tony Gilbert. Running back Jason Snelling, cornerback Brent Grimes and safety Antoine Harris were retained through exclusive rights deals.

"All of these guys are hard working, focused players who understand their roles," general manager Thomas Dimitroff said. "They fit into our system and what we are

trying to accomplish as a team."

The Falcons had been scheduled to meet with free-agent defensive end Mike Montgomery, but that was canceled after an agreement was reached with Davis, a key player in the defensive line rotation.

Playing behind Jamaal Anderson, Davis had 35 tackles, four sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one pass defensed in his fourth NFL season. He hopes to win a starting job in 2009, even if it means sending Anderson to the bench.

MC: Tipped off

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usually we give up a goal late in the game ... I wish we could have won it at least in overtime, but I'm very happy with this win."

While Jimenez's winning kick may be something he remembers for a long time, it also helped get rid of one unpleasant memory from his soccer past. A year after coming up short for Bagley Middle during a shootout against Dalton Middle, he didn't waste his chance at redemption.

"That day I was feeling bad and I got hurt and I told them I didn't want to kick," Jimenez said. "But they put me to kick first and I missed. So today was a great day to score the goal and get revenge on Dalton."

Jimenez said he was tipped off on Dalton keeper Ivan Salas' read of his own intentions by eye movement and changed his plan. When Jimenez struck left, Salas went the other way before catching himself too late to make the correction.

"As soon as I scored," Jimenez said, "I was like, I did the right choice."

Dalton went first in the initial round of five penalty kicks and entered the final phase with a 4-3 edge after Salas used a two-handed punch to stop Ariel Garcia's shot on Murray County's first penalty.

But with a chance to bookend his clutch stop with the decisive shot, Salas banged the ball off the left post, Edwin Velasquez made the Indians' next attempt to tie the round and the shootout went to "sudden victory" status.

The teams traded successful shots on their first attempts in that phase — Dalton's Rene Real and Murray County's Carlos Ortiz kicked — before

Murray County keeper Rolando Ambriz-Reyes stopped Nino Silva's attempt and Jimenez converted.

Ambriz-Reyes, who had five saves in the second half as Dalton improved its offensive attack after a sluggish start, had wanted to avoid the shootout, calling it a "50-50" scenario in which he's forced to simply guess.

And like Ambriz-Reyes, Dalton coach Matt Cheaves — who saluted the Indians' defensive effort — might have rather avoided the shootout altogether, but his Cats' late push wasn't enough to make up for other shortcomings.

With a non-region matchup at top rival Southeast on Friday, Dalton, which won seven consecutive 7-4A soccer crowns before Southeast stopped the string last season, will try to recover quickly.

"We just need to play together as a team," Cheaves said, "and follow our plan and work on the details that we're not doing as well as we should."

Murray County's Michael Lopez and Dalton's Ricky Rodriguez each converted penalty kicks during the first half of regulation for their team's scores.

■ Dalton girls 5, Murray 0: The Lady Catamounts (4-1-1, 2-0) did all their scoring in the first half as they secured the victory that set up a split of the night's action.

Imelda Cortez recorded a hat trick, Rachel Czyn had two goals and an assist and Julie Parham made four saves in goal as she recorded the shutout.

Elena Salazar — who took over in goal at the tail end of the first half for Murray County (0-6, 0-2) — recorded a shutout in the second half.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen
Northwest Whitfield's Callie Thomas (11) can't beat Mays' Gouston Crawley to a loose ball Tuesday night in their Class 4A state tourney game in Tunnel Hill. Northwest won, 56-51.

State: Physical play

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bringing the ball up on the next play, Coley stepped in front of a pass at mid-court for the steal, streaked down the baseline and cut to the top of the key before dishing to Callie Thomas, who made an open layup to give Northwest a 53-48 lead with 1:00 left.

For the first time, it looked as though Northwest had finally taken charge of a game no team could up to that point, and the Lady Bruins could actually smell victory.

"I'm pretty sure everyone knew we were going to win at that point," said Coley, who finished with 11 points and five assists.

After Thomas' layup, Mays never pulled any closer than five as McCurdy hit 3 of 4 free throws to give the Lady Bruins their final tally.

After one quarter, Northwest owned a 14-12 lead highlighted by Emily Trew's five points. Coley opened the second quarter with a 3 and Trew hit a long field goal to give the Lady Bruins a seven-point lead they held until late in the third. At halftime, Northwest led 25-23, led by McCurdy's 10 points.

With 2:08 left in the third, Mays took its first lead of the game since the three-minute mark of the first quarter on Long's steal and layup as McCurdy watched from the bench with three fouls. With McCurdy out, Robinson took charge in the fourth quarter, grabbing three offensive rebounds and scoring six points which helped to keep Northwest in the game as the Lady Raiders built their five-point lead.

"Christy Robinson really grew up tonight," Stockburger said. "She was very physical and strong."

Robinson, who fought

most of her battles with Mays post Larrisa Carter, delivered for the Lady Bruins when they needed her most.

"They were very physical," said Robinson, who finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds. "We had to battle with them and get in there and get the rebounds and when we came back after they were up by five, they couldn't stop us."

Throughout the game, both McCurdy and Robinson were able to catch the ball deep underneath the basket for easy scoring opportunities. Stockburger said those came from beating Mays' back-court pressure.

"We knew that if we could ever get through those front three guards that we could break them down and shoot layups," she said. "Once you get past those three, you've got two people guarding three and you can't do that."

It will be the Lady Bruins' first quarterfinals appearance since 1990, when Stockburger was an assistant on Ron Wheeler's staff. Northwest lost in the championship game that year.

Tuesday's win gave the Lady Bruins a perfect 13-0 record at home for the season.

Trew led Northwest in assists with six and added seven points, and Jordi Cook finished with six points on two 3-pointers. Mays had just five scorers, led by Long and Carter, who finished with 15.

Though the Lady Bruins are riding an 18-game win streak, Thomas insists the team isn't getting carried away.

"Our confidence is not through the roof like most people think it would be," she said. "We're not cocky or conceited, we're right where we want to be."

Area: Southeast claims track meets

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and drove in two runs, Tanner McCutchen had two hits, including a double, and one RBI and Austin Fowler drove in two runs.

Massengill struck out seven, walked two and allowed three runs, only one earned. T.J. Lovain pitched a hitless inning in relief.

"We played well and hit well," Raiders coach Jason Keller said.

Varsity tennis

■ Northwest Whitfield boys 4, Ridgeland 1:

No. 1 Matt Bailey won 6-2, 6-0, No. 2 Nathan Minor posted a 6-2, 6-3 win and No. 3 Alex Powell took a 6-2, 2-6, 6-0 victory as the Bruins (2-2) swept the singles action against the Panthers.

Northwest's No. 2 doubles team of Tynner Hungerpiller and Matt Davies took an easy 6-1, 6-1 win.

■ Northwest Whitfield girls 3, Woodland 2:

Adrienne Orem rallied to win her No. 1 singles match 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 as the Lady Bruins improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in Region 7-4A. Kelsey Rice and Haley Dobson won at No. 1 doubles 6-3, 6-3 and Ashley Miles and Lindsey Denton posted a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 win at No. 2 doubles.

■ Dalton boys 3, Calhoun 2:

Hunter Carson captured the No. 3 singles match for the Catamounts (3-0) while Andy Partain and Pryce Puryear won 7-6, 6-3 and Jeffery Hair and Sam Batts claimed a 6-2 6-1 win in doubles action.

■ Calhoun girls 3, Dalton 2:

The Lady Yellow Jackets swept singles play, but the Lady Cats won both doubles matches. No. 1 Emily Broadrick and Malaka Awad won 6-1, 6-0 and No. 2 Sarah Kellehear and Clara Norfleet posted a 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 victory.

■ Southeast boys 3, Heritage-Catoosa 2:

Matt Hall won a 7-2 tiebreaker for the Raiders' lone singles victory. In doubles, Josue Limas and Ralph Guzman won 8-2 and Coleman Jenkins and Tadeo Azuara posted an 8-0 win for the Raiders (2-0).

■ Heritage-Catoosa girls 3, Southeast 2: Casey Crump won 8-6 and Whitney Napier claimed an 8-3 victory for the Lady Raiders (1-1).

Varsity soccer

■ Southeast boys 6, LFO 0:

Fernando Villasenor scored two goals and Jesus Serna and Estrada Ezurdia combined for the shutout in goal for the Raiders (6-1, 3-0 Region 6-3A).

Bernabe Rangel, Alam Tiador, Alejandro Garcia and Adrian Avalos each

scored one goal.

Southeast took 15 shots and limited Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe to just two, coach Jamison Griffin said.

Ociel Fabela was credited with two assists.

LFO's girls defeated the Lady Raiders on penalty kicks.

Varsity track

■ Southeast boys 84.5, Sonoraville 33, Heritage-Catoosa 25.5:

The Raiders opened their season with the victory with eight different individual winners.

David Rayburn won the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet, 5 inches, Chase Worley took the shot put (43-9) and Cristian Perez claimed the discus (128-8 1/2).

Kody Ratcliff won the mile run in 5 minutes, 17 seconds, Kevin Southerland won the 400 meters (55.9), Damond O'Neal the 110 hurdles (17.2), Ross Sutton the 800 (2:15) and Preston Rogers the 200 (24.3).

The Raiders' won both relays: the 4x100 in 45.79 with Daniel Lewis, Terrance Jackson, Jeremy Bishop and Rogers making up the four-some; and the 4x400 in 4:04 with Southerland, Rogers, Bishop and Andy Pichardo.

"It was really cold, just miserable weather," Southeast coach Chad Brewer said.

■ Southeast girls 81, Heritage 42, Sonoraville 28:

Jelisa Griffin and Shelby McFarland each won two events for the Lady Raiders.

Griffin won the 100 meters in 13.04 and the 200 in 27.97. McFarland won the 800 meters with a time of 2:39 and the mile in 6:09.

Hilary Nevad won the triple jump (33-5), Briana Sosebee the discus (80-6) and Ashley Stuard the 100 hurdles (19.96).

Southeast's 4x100 relay team (Griffin, Nevad, Beth Stone and Briana Coppock) won in 54.4 and the 4x400 team (Sosebee, Summer Faith, Nevad and McFarland) won in 4:58.

JV baseball

■ Southeast 3, Sonoraville 0:

Esgardo Chavarria struck out 10 of 12 batters and didn't allow a hit in the four-inning game shortened by a time limit. Andrew Shipman had a hit and RBI. Jacob Moore added a single and scored once.

JV golf

Calhoun shot 184 to beat Dalton (201) and Adairsville (208) at Fields Ferry.

Will Smith, Drew Smith and Spencer Peters all shot nine-hole scores of 49 for the Cats. Beau Ridley and Jared Whorton each shot 54 and Whitt Shealy had a 56. The top four scores were counted for team results.

Strange: Heat's on

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The two NCAA bracket projections I surveyed this week reached consensus on the Vols: A No. 7 seed in Minneapolis.

If the SEC tournament began today, Tennessee would be the Eastern Division No. 1 seed. But of course it doesn't begin today. Two regular-season games remain.

First, a visit to South Carolina on Thursday night. The winner will be the Eastern Division leader going into the final weekend. The other is Sunday, when Alabama visits Thompson-Boling Arena for UT's Senior Day.

I might say the heat is off. You might say it. The bracketologists might say it. Pearl won't.

"Our team has responded with their backs against the wall on a number of occasions," he offered instead. "I think I'm going to keep our backs right up against it."

When Pearl looks around the country, he sees so many high-major programs on the tournament bubble: Kentucky, Florida, Arizona, Michigan, Cincinnati, Providence, Maryland, to name a few.

"I don't think you can take anything for granted," said Pearl.

He certainly doesn't think you can take

Alabama for granted. For the past month, the Crimson Tide has been an afterthought. Hey, they've already fired their coach. A four-way, skin-tight Eastern Division race has dominated the discussion.

If the Vols win in Columbia, they can do no worse than share the East title and gain the No. 2 seed, which assures a first-round bye in the SEC tournament.

"But it's a two-game week," Pearl said. "These games both matter, pretty much one as much as the other."

Two years ago, Tennessee was 0-6 on the road in SEC play when it went to Arkansas on Feb. 24.

"If we didn't get a road win pretty soon, we were going to be on the bubble or off," Pearl said.

The Vols got that one. They got another at Georgia on the last day of the season and were bumped up to a No. 5 seed. Where they're at this week is considerably more agreeable than where they were last week.

Still, it's that time of year when an icy blast can sneak in overnight. Keeping the heat on is the smart move.

Mike Strange writes for *The Knoxville News Sentinel in Tennessee. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.*

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Houshmandzadeh jumps to Seattle

SEATTLE — Free-agent receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh has signed with the Seattle Seahawks.

Houshmandzadeh (hoosh-mahn-ZAH'-deh) caught 204 passes in the last two seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals. Seattle's top receiver last year was Bobby Engram with 47 catches.

The Seahawks had seven injured wide receivers last season and finished with a 4-12 record.

Reports say the deal is for \$40 million over five years.

Search for missing boaters called off

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The Coast Guard says it is suspending at sundown the search for two NFL players and another man whose boat capsized off Florida's Gulf Coast.

The Coast Guard said Tuesday it doesn't believe anyone is on the surface of the water.

Crews had narrowed their search for Oakland Raiders linebacker Marquis Cooper, free-agent NFL defensive lineman Corey Smith and former University of South Florida player William Bleakley after finding a survivor Monday.

Former South Florida player Nick Schuyler was found clutching to the boat's hull.

Economy forces USOC to cut staff

The U.S. Olympic Committee will reduce its work force by 10 percent to 15 percent in the upcoming months as it retrenches to deal with the economic crisis.

Chief executive officer Jim Scherr said the USOC hopes to save \$7.1 million in its 2009 operating budget with reductions in administrative expenses, programming and personnel. The federation will take the next four weeks to determine where to make staffing cuts.

The USOC employs about 425 people, most working out of its offices in Colorado Springs, Colo.

With less than a year to go before the Winter Olympics, Scherr said there would be no reduction in funding for the individual sports. That budget stands at about \$50 million.

Judge won't allow Eller to leave jail

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Minnesota Vikings great Carl Eller will not be released from a county workhouse while he appeals his misdemeanor convictions for driving under the influence and assault.

Hennepin County District Judge Dan Mabley ruled Tuesday that the 67-year-old Eller must continue serving his 60-day sentence even as his lawyers pursue the appeal. Mabley says Eller has not shown remorse or taken responsibility for his crimes.

Eller was convicted last week.

ESPN to televise Tide's spring game

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama's annual spring game isn't just attracting huge crowds. Now the Crimson Tide's A-day game will have a national television audience.

ESPN announced Tuesday that it will televise the game nationally on Saturday, April 18.

Alabama has drawn more than 170,000 fans to Bryant-Denny Stadium for the intrasquad scrimmage in the two years since coach Nick Saban took over. The combined crowds were tops in the nation for spring games.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL

Prep Schedule

Today

Varsity baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Ridgeland, 5

Varsity golf
Dalton girls at Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30

JV baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Ridgeland, 7:30

JV tennis
Ringgold at Northwest Whitfield, 4:30

Thursday

Varsity baseball
LFO at Northwest Whitfield, 5
Trion at Murray County, 5
Dalton at Ringgold, 5:55
Coosa at Southeast, 6

Varsity golf
Southeast vs. Murray County, Indian Trace, 3:30

Varsity soccer
LaFayette at Southeast, 5
Murray County boys at Gilmer, 5:30

Varsity tennis
Murray County at Gordon Central, 4
Sonorville at Southeast, 4
Rome at Dalton, 4:30
Sequoyah at Northwest Whitfield, 4:45

Varsity track and field
Murray County, Ringgold at Dalton, 4

JV baseball
Trion at Murray County, 7

JV soccer
Dalton at Rome, 5:30

Freshman baseball
LFO at Northwest Whitfield, 7:30

Middle school baseball
Westside at Eastbrook, 4:30
Gladden at Eastbrook, 4:30
North Whitfield at Valley Point, 4:30

Middle school soccer
Eastbrook at Gladden, 4:30
New Hope at Westside, 4:30
Valley Point at North Whitfield, 4:30

Friday

Varsity baseball
Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 5
Rome at Southeast, 6
Gordon Lee at Murray County, 6:30

Varsity soccer
Rome at Murray County, 5:30
Northwest Whitfield at Woodland, 5:30
Dalton at Southeast, 6

JV baseball
Gordon Lee at Murray County, 4:30
Northwest Whitfield at Ringgold, 7:30

Saturday

Varsity golf
Northwest Whitfield boys at Apple Mountain Invitational, 9 a.m.
Northwest Whitfield girls vs. North Forsyth, 8 a.m.

Varsity track and field
Dalton, Murray County at Northwest Invitational, 9 a.m.

JV golf
Northwest Whitfield at Apple Mountain, 9 a.m.

JV soccer
Woodland at Northwest Whitfield, 10 a.m.

Ottawa	23	29	10	56	155	182
Southeast Division						
Washington	40	20	5	85	215	193
Florida	33	23	8	74	181	178
Carolina	33	27	5	71	174	188
Tampa Bay	21	31	12	54	165	207
Atlanta	23	35	6	52	191	225
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Detroit	41	14	8	90	234	187
Chicago	35	17	9	79	205	155
Columbus	32	26	6	70	173	180
Nashville	31	28	4	66	159	172
St. Louis	28	26	8	64	173	181
Northwest Division						
Calgary	38	19	6	82	207	186
Vancouver	32	22	8	72	186	175
Edmonton	31	26	5	67	173	188
Minnesota	30	26	5	65	155	144
Colorado	28	35	1	57	171	204
Pacific Division						
San Jose	42	10	9	93	205	148
Anaheim	31	28	5	67	180	188
Dallas	29	26	7	65	179	191
Los Angeles	26	28	9	61	164	184
Phoenix	27	31	5	59	159	193

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Tuesday's Games

Florida 4, Atlanta 3
Philadelphia 4, Boston 2
Columbus 5, Los Angeles 4
Carolina 5, Washington 2
Calgary 6, Ottawa 3
New Jersey 3, Toronto 2, OT
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 1
Edmonton at Nashville, late
Anaheim at Chicago, late
Detroit at St. Louis, late
Minnesota at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	47	14	.770	—
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	17
New Jersey	27	33	.450	19 1/2
New York	24	35	.407	22
Toronto	23	39	.371	24 1/2

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	44	16	.733	—
Atlanta	34	26	.567	10
Miami	31	28	.525	12 1/2
Charlotte	26	35	.426	18 1/2
Washington	14	46	.233	30

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	47	12	.797	—
Detroit	30	29	.508	17
Milwaukee	29	34	.460	20
Chicago	27	34	.443	21
Indiana	26	36	.419	22 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	40	19	.678	—
Houston	39	22	.639	2
New Orleans	37	22	.627	3
Dallas	36	24	.600	4 1/2
Memphis	15	43	.259	24 1/2

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	39	22	.639	—
Portland	37	22	.627	1
Utah	37	23	.617	1 1/2
Minnesota	18	42	.300	20 1/2
Oklahoma City	15	45	.250	23 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	48	12	.800	—
Phoenix	34	26	.567	14

Golden State	21	39	.350	27
L.A. Clippers	15	46	.246	33 1/2
Sacramento	13	48	.213	35 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Orlando 111, Phoenix 99
Charlotte 96, Chicago 80
Detroit 100, Denver 95
New Jersey 99, Milwaukee 95
Golden State 118, Minnesota 94
Houston 107, Toronto 97
Indiana at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Men's College Scores

EAST
St. John's 59, Georgetown 56, OT
Texas-Pan American 63, N.J. Tech 49

SOUTH
Clemson 75, Virginia 57
Duke 84, Florida St. 81
Richmond 64, Charlotte 62
South Florida 70, Cincinnati 59

MIDWEST
Michigan St. 64, Indiana 59
Ohio St. 60, Iowa 58

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma St. 77, Kansas St. 71

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 90, S.C.-Upstate 40
Weber St. 84, Montana St. 64

BASEBALL

Spring Training

Tuesday's Scores

Canada 6, Toronto 4
Atlanta 11, Panama 2
Washington 9, Italy 6
Detroit 7, Venezuela 5
Cincinnati 9, Boston 8
Minnesota 3, Puerto Rico 2
Tampa Bay 12, Houston 2
Pittsburgh 5, Netherlands 4
Dominican Republic 10, Florida 1
St. Louis 15, N.Y. Mets 4
USA 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Milwaukee 8, Colorado 6
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Diego 4
Chicago Cubs (ss) 6, Oakland 4
Cleveland 9, Kansas City 9, tie, 10 innings
San Francisco 7, Arizona 6

Today's Games

Italy vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Panama vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
USA vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Venezuela vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Canada vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Dominican Republic vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Australia vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
South Africa vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Netherlands vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Mexico vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 7:05 p.m.
Puerto Rico vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Las Vegas, 10:05 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

Thrashers fall, 4-3

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Rookie Michael Frolik scored two goals, Stephen Weiss had three assists and the Florida Panthers held off the Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 on Tuesday.

Cory Stillman and Richard Zednik also scored as the Panthers moved into fifth place in the Eastern Conference, one point behind idle Montreal.

Ilya Kovalchuk pulled the Thrashers to 4-3 with 2:59 left with his 35th goal but the Panthers held on for their second straight win and third in four games. Kovalchuk has goals (14) in 10 of his last 11 games.

Colby Armstrong and Jim Slater also scored for Atlanta, which fell to 11-18-2 at Philips Arena for an NHL-low 24 points at home. Frolik scored his 16th

goal in the opening period as Atlanta took a 2-1 lead on goals by Armstrong (16) and Slater (6).

Frolik added his second goal and 17th at 2:41 of the second period to tie it at 2, beating Atlanta goaltender Kari Lehtonen with a backhand off a shot by Jay Bouwmeester.

Stillman scored his 13th at 14:51 and Zednik got his 14th with 50 seconds left in the period for a 4-2 lead. Weiss drew assists on the first three goals.

Atlanta opened the scoring only 2:19 into the game when Armstrong knocked in a rebound of a shot by Eric Christensen to easily beat Florida goalie Tomas Vokoun, who was playing for the first time after missing four games with an inner ear problem.

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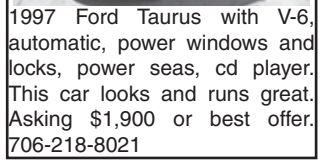
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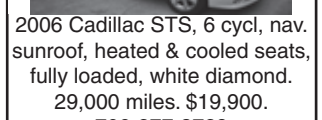
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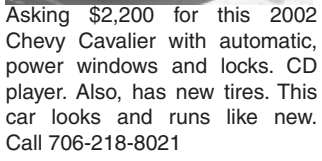
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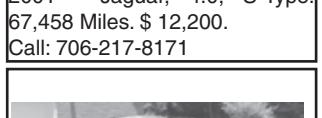
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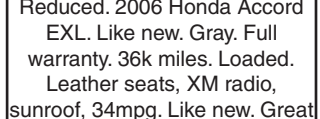


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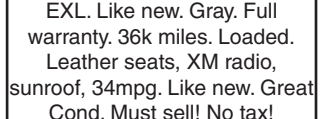
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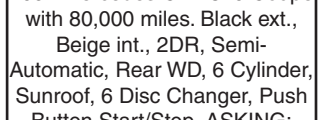
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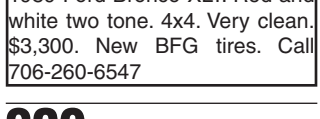


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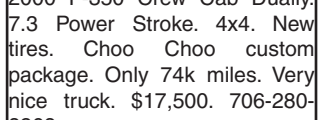


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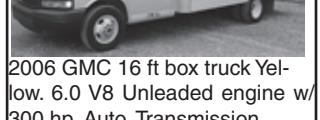
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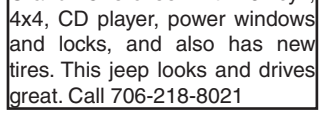
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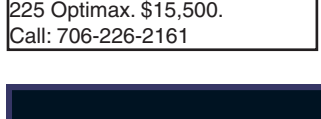
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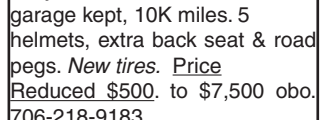
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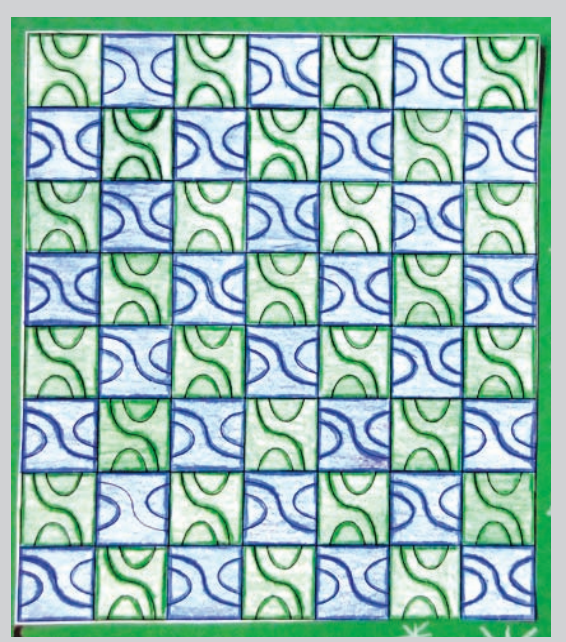
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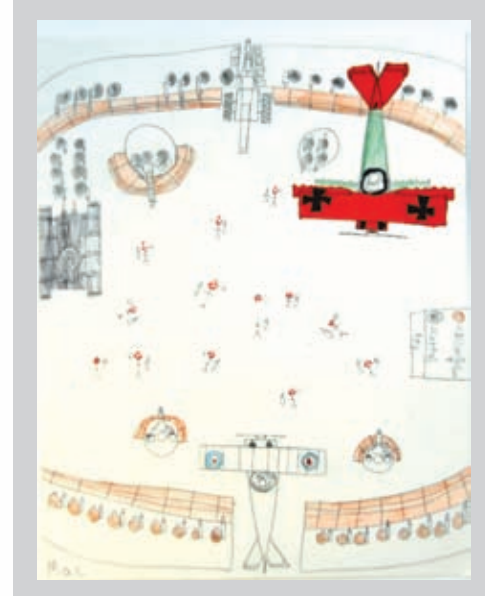
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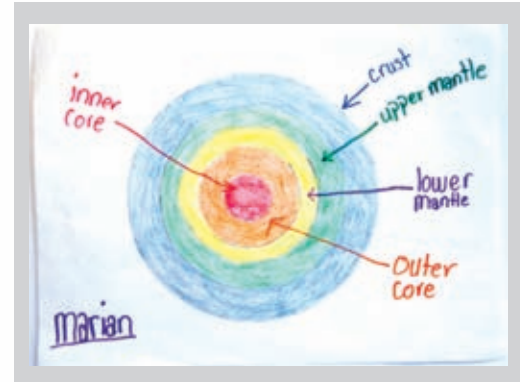
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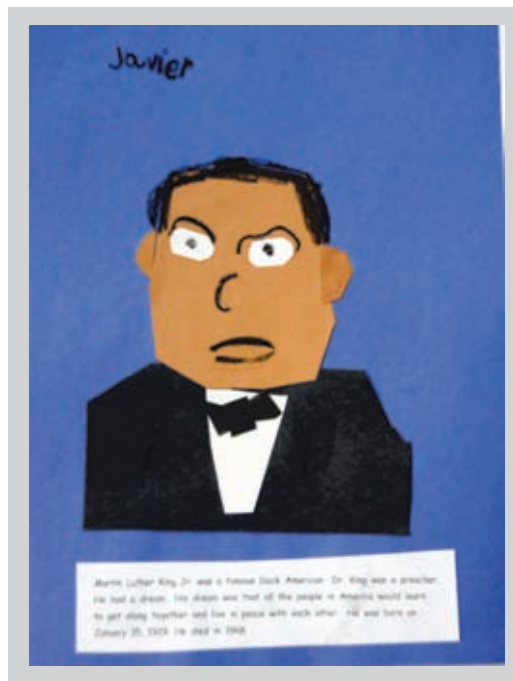
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Wickes a teacher who keeps learning

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Dalton High School English literature teacher Jim Wickes didn't exactly grow up loving English and education.

A minister's son, Wickes spent much of his early childhood moving around the South. By age 10 he had lived in Alpharetta, Enterprise, Ala., Orange Park, Fla., and Cleveland, Tenn. His hardest move was the last.

"It was really tough moving to Tennessee," Wickes said. "I didn't want to leave my friends."

Wickes also had trouble adjusting to colder winters compared to South Alabama and Florida. However, it didn't take long for the naturally outgoing youth to make new friends and settle into life in the Tennessee Valley.

Wickes, 32, maintained good grades throughout high school despite his self-professed non-interest in learning. He especially hated English.

"I liked to read, I just didn't like being told what to read," said Wickes. "All that old literature ... ugh."

As a result, he decided to pursue a career far, far away from the dreaded reading list — accounting. But after 18 months in the program at Lee University, Wickes was completely miserable. He knew he had to make a change, but what? An English assignment provided the answer.

"I can remember sitting in sophomore survey class and reading the poem 'On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer' by John Keats and thinking, 'OK, I get it,'" said Wickes. "And also the modern-day 'Romeo and Juliet' movie from the mid-'90s. I fell in love with Shakespeare."

Wickes changed his major to English and never looked back.



MISTY WATSON/The Daily Citizen

Jim Wickes, right, the Dalton High soccer team's goalkeeper coach, helps Ivan Salas with his stance during practice.

"From that point on, I wanted to study Shakespeare for the rest of my life," he said. "I finally got it, and now I can see it in my students' eyes when they get it."

Wickes is particularly fond of "Hamlet," which he spends two-thirds of the first semester every year teaching to senior AP (Advanced Placement) and college prep students. He says he never gets tired of it because each time he learns something new.

Wickes was in Shakespeare-lover heaven when he spent a semester studying in Cambridge,

England, with a group from Lee University. They visited a lot of "cool places," including Shakespeare's house and his burial site. But even that experience wasn't what affected Wickes the most.

"It changed my whole view of learning," Wickes said of the trip. "I fell in love with it. It was everywhere, like it was in the water. It lit the fire in me. I wanted to do something great."

Something great like his literature professor, the late Janet Rahamut, who became like a second mother to him. Rahamut was

killed in 2000 one week before Wickes' graduation.

"I wanted to be someone else's Dr. Rahamut," he said. "If I impact 10 percent of the people she did, then I'll be making a difference. She was special."

After completing his undergraduate studies, Wickes moved to graduate school at the University of Chicago where he studied humanities under David Bevington, a renowned Shakespeare scholar. It was there his entire view of education changed.

"I realized teaching makes the

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greatest impact on the greatest number of lives than anything else," said Wickes.

He began his teaching career at Dalton High in 2001, where he also serves as an assistant junior varsity and varsity soccer coach.

But just because teaching provides lots of rewards doesn't make it easy.

"Teaching is hard," Wickes said. "People don't realize how hard it is. There's always stuff to do. I've spent the last eight years behind. I think that's why teachers get summers off."

All the hard work paid off last summer when Wickes received word via text that he had been named an Educator of Distinction by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

"A former student sent me a text congratulating me," he said. "He had seen it in the paper. I was like 'What are you talking about?' I was shocked. But I still haven't received anything from Coca-Cola."

Any spare time Wickes can squeeze in is spent golfing, watching movies, playing video games or watching Auburn University football. He and his wife, April, live in Dalton with their 10-month-old daughter Addison.

He's also looking forward to many more years in the classroom — a place he thought he'd never be.

"I'd like to be able to look back on my career and know I've made a difference, and that my students are better off for having known me," he said.

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COMMENTARY

Carving some more Mount Rushmores

ESPN recently revealed its "Mt. Rushmore of Sports" for each state in the union.

For this promotion, they chose the four pivotal sports figures whose likenesses would go on that state's "Mt. Rushmore of Sports" — if such a sculpture existed.

For instance, they selected Hank Aaron, Herschel Walker, Ty Cobb, and Bobby Jones as Georgia's Mt. Rushmore athletic foursome.

I can't really argue with those choices, other than to point out that Jackie Robinson and Jim Brown are both Georgia natives.

That being said, I thought it would be interesting to delve into other types of "Mt. Rushmores" — from sports, entertainment, and pop culture.

Here it goes.
Atlanta Braves Mt. Rushmore: Hank Aaron, Phil Niekro, Dale Murphy, and John Smoltz.

Remember, this is the Atlanta Braves, not Milwaukee or Boston. Unfortunately, my favorite Brave, Willie Montanez, just barely missed the cut.

Late Night TV Mt. Rushmore: Johnny Carson, Steve Allen, Jack Paar, David Letterman.

Georgia Bulldog football Mt. Rushmore: The aforementioned Mr. Walker, Erk Russell, Larry Munson, Vince Dooley.

TV Sitcom Character Mt. Rushmore: Barney Fife, Archie Bunker, Lucy Ricardo, Kramer.

Fonzie, Hawkeye Pierce, Ernest T. Bass, Homer Simpson, and Ralph Kramden also make good arguments.

Atlanta Falcons Mt. Rushmore: Tommy Nobis, Steve Bartkowski, Jeff Van Note, Dan Reeves.

Not much to choose from here. Reeves is included because he guided the Falcons to their only Super Bowl appearance. Hope to add Matt Ryan in a few years.

Atlanta Hawks Mt. Rushmore: Dominique Wilkins, four times.
Rock/Pop Mt. Rushmore:



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Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney.

One could make an argument for John Lennon over McCartney, but I won't.

Stand-Up Comedian Mt. Rushmore: Richard Pryor, Henny Youngman, Steve Martin, George Carlin.

Country Music Mt. Rushmore: Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Hank Williams Sr.

Harrison Ford character Mt. Rushmore: Indiana Jones, Han Solo, Jack Ryan, Richard Kimble ("The Fugitive").

Saturday Night Live cast member Mt. Rushmore: John Belushi, Phil Hartman, Eddie Murphy, Chris Farley.

Not the list you want to be on, considering three of them are dead.

Character Actor Mt. Rushmore: Robert Duvall, Rip Torn, Christopher Walken, Morgan Freeman.

Although I think Gary Cole (the boss in "Office Space," among other roles) will be up there in a couple of years.

Cute Young Actor/Actress Mt. Rushmore: Ronny Howard, Gary Coleman, Macaulay Culkin, Drew Barrymore.

Game Show Host Mt. Rushmore: Chuck Woolery, Bob Barker, Gene Rayburn, Pat Sajak.

With apologies to Richard Dawson, Alex Trebek, and Monty Hall.

Cartoon Character Mt. Rushmore: Mickey Mouse, SpongeBob SquarePants, Bugs Bunny, Charlie Brown.

Movie Jerk Mt. Rushmore: William Zabka (the jerk in "Karate Kid"), Mark Metcalf (Doug Neidermeyer in "Animal House"), Danny Glover (for "The Color Purple") and William Zabka again (the jerk in "Back to School").

Those are my unscientific Mt. Rushmore picks. Feel free to argue (with someone else, not me).

Len Robbins is the editor of Clinch County News.

Getting constant fitness results

Have you started an exercise program in the past only to become frustrated weeks or months later having seen no improvements?

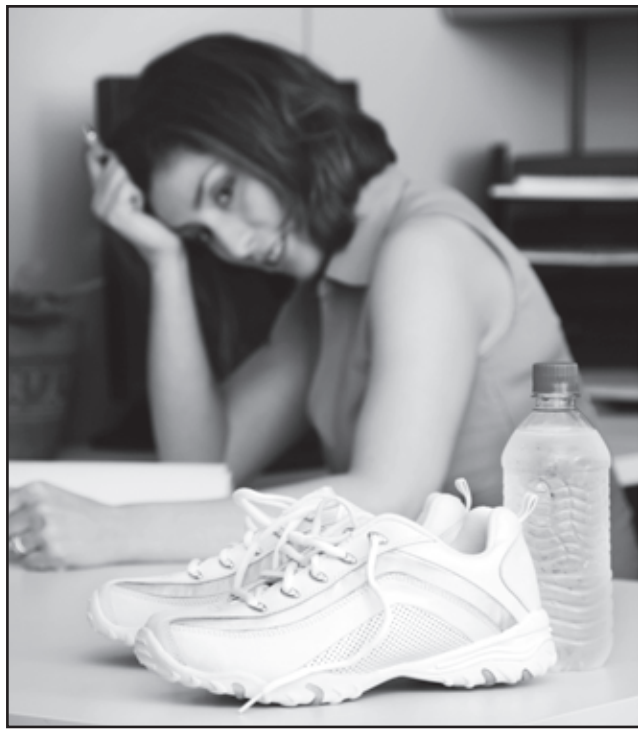
If so, don't be like many who fail to achieve positive progression towards their goals and abruptly "throw in the towel." All that is needed is an understanding of the key principle that makes all exercise programs work — progressive overload.

Progressive overload equals constant results

Progressive overload refers to the gradual increase in load or difficulty placed on the body during exercise. According to this basic principle, your body only changes because it adapts to increasing levels of stress placed upon it. Once your body adapts to a particular workload, in order to keep improving you must progress to a slightly higher work level.

For example, to gain strength, the muscles must be loaded beyond the point at which they are normally loaded. This means slowly adding poundage or resistance to what you normally work with. As the newly added weight becomes easier to manage and the muscles become stronger, the load has to be increased to stimulate further strength gains.

Progressive overload not only applies to resistance training and strength. It can also be used to increase cardiovascular fitness, thus improving stamina and endurance. Using walking as an example, pushing yourself to walk a farther distance



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or travel the same distance in a shorter amount of time on a planned, consistent basis is using the principle of progressive overload.

Essence of training

In the mid-90s, a study was published on the effects of a walking and stair climbing routine on physical fitness and reducing risk factors for heart disease. In this study, the men exercised at levels that were very comfortable — about half their maximum heart rate. They did this for several hours a week, burning 2,000 calories each week in those activities.

The interesting thing was that the routine had no progression to it. The men just burned calories. It was a proto-

col that resembled what many people do for exercise, but it yielded virtually no results. There was no weight loss, cholesterol levels didn't change, heart rate, blood pressure and fitness levels were all unchanged. As far as the measurable risk factors were concerned, the hours of exercise amounted to little more than a waste of time and effort.

But how could that be, you ask?

What that exercise program was lacking was the essence, the key principle or active ingredient of training, namely some plan for progression. If there is no progression, there is no change that should be expected. There is simply no reason for any adaptation to take place.



Somewhere in your weight training or cardio programs, there must be some form of progressive overload if you want to see and feel more results.

Does this work for everyone?

This is not a fad that has been recently introduced by the billion dollar a year fitness industry. Anyone can obtain a higher level of fitness using the principle of progressive overload. The grandmother who wants to get stronger, the first-time mother who has weight to lose and the high school football star can all see results and benefit using this proven method.

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Submitted by Thomas Morrison, fitness coordinator and Jeremy Walraven, fitness consultant/personal trainer, Bradley Wellness Center

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 6-7

The Chattanooga Area Mothers of Multiples Club will host a spring consignment sale March 6-7 at the East Ridge Community Center in East Ridge. Available items include children's clothing from preemie to kids, baby gear, shoes, toys, maternity items, household goods and more. Proceeds will benefit local charities and the club. Hours are March 6 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales are cash only. For more information, call Jennifer Gibbs at (423) 774-4488 or e-mail jennifer@chattanooga-mothersofmultiples.com.

March 7

Junior Achievement will host its 18th annual "Boot Scootin" Bowl-A-Thon March 7 at Galaxy Bowling Lanes in Dalton. Bowling times are 9 and 11 a.m. Just get together a team of five bowlers who will each raise \$100 for Junior Achievement for a team goal of \$500. Each team will bowl two games and receive shoes, a custom T-shirt and team picture. There will be door prizes and incentive prizes. For more information or to register your team, call JA at (706) 278-9180.

Aimee Stinson, author of "The Championship Game," will have a book signing March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Book Nook in Dalton. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Stinson lives in Tunnel Hill. The Book Nook is on North Hamilton Street.

The Murray County High School Band Boosters

will sell chicken or barbecue chicken plates March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murray County High School football stadium concession stands. Plates are \$5 and include choice of chicken (breast and drumstick), baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert. All proceeds benefit the school band. For information or to place orders, call Teresa at (706) 581-4881.

Harmony Baptist Church will host a benefit singing for cancer patient Kenneth Prue March 7 at noon. Special singers include New Melodies and others. There will also be a cakewalk, bake sale and door prizes. Lunch will be provided after the singing. Raffle tickets for door prizes are \$1 each and may be purchased in the fellowship hall immediately following the singing. The church is at 187 Lower Dawnville Road in Dalton.

Residents of the Antioch and Eastside communities as well as families of Eastbrook Middle students are asked to help with Eastbrook Middle School Clean-Up Day March 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the baseball fields on Eastbrook Road.

March 10

The Carpet Capital Women's Network (CCWN) will have its monthly luncheon meeting March 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Western Sizzlin' Steak House on Legion Drive in Dalton. Amy Holcombe will be the guest speaker. Membership is not required and all ladies are invited. For more information, call Susan Swinney at (706) 278-8260 or

Clydine Tyson at (706) 275-7509.

March 16

The Humane Society of Northwest Georgia will have its monthly meeting March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Wade Adoption Center. The Center is at 1703 Cleveland Highway in Dalton. The public is invited.

March 19

The Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce will offer Season Tickets March 19. There will be two classes offered. For more information call Talk, Listen, Communicate at (423) 622-TALK. Mention code DWC for special pricing.

March 28

"Strut Your Mutt" will be March 28 at 10 a.m. at Edwards Park on Cleveland Highway. Early registration before March 20 is \$25; after and on the day of the event is \$30. The fee includes contest(s) entry, the walk, a T-shirt and goody bag. Merchants and vendors who are interested in setting up are asked to call the Humane Society of Northwest Georgia at (706) 226-5002.

March 29

The Oakwood Café will host a fundraiser Sunday lunch March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit Friendship House. Plates are \$8 and include fried chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and drink. For carryout, call ahead at (706) 529-9663. The Oakwood Café is at 201 W. Cuyler St. in Dalton

LENTEN LESSON



The Rev. Rhoda Howell, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Dalton, will be the guest speaker Thursday at Dalton First United Methodist Church for the second of the church's weekly Lenten Lesson Series. Howell will speak at noon and 6 p.m. in the chapel. The Lenten theme this year centers around Jesus' teachings about how to change our viewpoint from one of short-term self-interest to one of the longest term — eternal life with God.

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

Today

The Woman's Community Club will meet today at 4 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. All members are asked to attend so finalizations may be made for the upcoming Hat Show. The show will be held March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Dalton Community Center. Admission is a \$5 donation. The Center is located on Fredrick Street in Dalton.

March 5

The Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission will have a special called meeting March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Georgia Regional Development Center in Dalton. The group will consider John Veverka's proposals as presented Feb. 28 and their impact on the commission's goals. The Center is at 503 W. Waugh St.

The Southeast Raider Band Booster Club will meet March 5 at 7 p.m. in the school band room. The executive committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4985 will offer bingo March 5 at 7 p.m. Prizes start at \$7 with \$1,500 in prizes. The Post is located on Veterans Drive in Dalton.

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HAMILTON MEDICAL CENTER VISIT



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American Heritage Girls Group GA0098 recently visited Hamilton Medical Center for a tour. Their guide, Emily Michaels, showed them things such as the maternity ward nursery, the Judd Cancer Institute and the place where they do EEGs. She also taught the girls about personal hygiene. The troop is sponsored by First Christian Church at 1506 Dug Gap Road. For more information, call the church office at (706) 278-7244 or visit www.firstchristianofdalton.org. In the front, from left, are Lauren Parker, Cheyanne Spurlock, Haley Berryhill and Kadee Roberts. In the second row are Anna Bramblett, Kaitlynn Cooper, Meghan Swafford and Rachel Akins. In the back are Lyndsey Parker, Emily Michaels and Kayla Gardner.

TALKING TEACHER RETIREMENT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Mike Zarem, right, manager of communication of the Teacher Retirement System of Georgia, recently updated retired educators from Dalton, Whitfield and Murray counties on the state of teacher retirement. The luncheon was at Western Sizzlin' in Dalton. Later that day, Zarem conducted a workshop at Dalton Middle School, above, with current teachers who are within five years of retirement. The event was sponsored by Dalton Whitfield Murray Retired Educators Association. The group was welcomed by DMS principal Brian Suits and Martha Wassum, president of DWMREA. Gary Cochran introduced Zarem. Refreshments were provided by the retired teachers.



GROWINGS ON

March turf and ornamental tips

As the Bradford Pears get ready to show off their blooms, we all want to start working in the yard. March is probably one of the most important months in the home landscape, to start the growing season off right and to enjoy all of the beauty you can, during this growing season. Listed below are some tips that will help you as you start your 2009 work.



Louis Dykes

Early spring is the right time for two special turf treatments, if needed: vertical cutting or thinning to remove thatch and aerification or coring to reduce soil compaction. Special equipment is available for each operation.

Hostas, lirioppe, daylilies, dicentra, Shasta daisies and coral bells are some perennials that can be divided before growth starts in spring.

When the leaves of spring-flowering bulbs emerge, apply a complete fertilizer to ensure quality blooms next year. Remove the bulb foliage only after it dies naturally.

Impatiens, one of the best annuals for shady spots, start blooming three months from seeding. Start seed indoors now, and they'll be ready to set out after the last frost date for your area. Pinch back seedlings once or

twice before setting out to promote compact, bushy plants.

If weeds occur in bulb beds, do not remove them by cultivation. Pull them by hand so the bulbs and roots will not be disturbed.

Some annuals, such as verbenas, snapdragons and petunias, take 70 to 90 days to bloom.

They should be started indoors in early spring or purchased as greenhouse-grown transplants.

Divide and transplant summer- and fall-blooming perennials (astilbe, aster, bleeding heart, coral bells, daylilies, phlox and Shasta daisies). Perennials perform best in well-drained soil with plenty of humus. Astilbe, hosta and bleeding heart will bloom in the shade.

To protect seedlings from cutworms, cut newspaper into three-inch squares. Wrap a square around each plant's stem. About half the "collar" should protrude above the ground when the seedling is planted.

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

ENGAGEMENT

Gribble, Rankin

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Gribble announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kay Gribble, to Mr. Jacob Scott Rankin of Rocky Face, son of Mr. Mike Rankin and Ms. Paula Headrick and stepson of Mrs. Teresa Rankin. The wedding is planned for March 7, 2009 at Ryman Hall.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School with high honors.



Jacob Rankin and Amanda Gribble

The groom-elect is a 2007 graduate of Northwest Whitfield High School.

ACT Playhouse to present 'Li'l Abner'

The rollicking, foot-stomping musical "Li'l Abner" will come to life with more than 30 performers on the Artistic Civic Theatre stage March 19-21 and March 26-28 at 8 p.m. and March 22 at 2 p.m. at the ACT Playhouse.

Based on characters from the famous comic strip by Al Capp, "Li'l Abner" opens on a typical day in Dogpatch, USA. Sen. Jack S. Phogbound (John Hutcheson) has called the town together at a compone meeting to announce that the government has selected Dogpatch as the "most unnecessary place in the whole country" and is going to use it as a nuclear testing site. The evacuation of the town will upset the traditional Sadie Hawkins Day Race where single females chase the town bachelors in hopes of catching them in matrimony.

Daisy Mae (Lori Etheridge) hopes to finally catch Li'l Abner Yokum (Greg Ogle) and be wed by Marryin' Sam (Brad Cline) this year. Daisy hatches a plan with Mammy and Pappy Yokum (Mary Rose Threet and Mark Orr) to find something necessary to save their way of life from extinction.

Mammy's famous yokumberry tonic saves the day and is sped off to Washington for further testing. Gen. Bullmoose (Danny Buckner) gets wind of this incredible tonic and wants to control the rights. He enlists his shapely girlfriend, Miss Appassionata (Heather Holloway) to help him by entering the Sadie Hawkins Day Race and winning Abner for herself. Adding to the ten-

sion is Earthquake McGoon (Gene Threet), who would like to have Daisy Mae for himself and plans to sabotage her efforts during the race.

Other cast members include Tom Berry, Richard Bryan, Andrea Etheridge, Chase Parker, Mary Mae Sims, Jan Corbin, Chad

Long, Cordell Cole, Reid Manis, Sam Martin, Nikki Robinson, Carol Burchfield, Eliska Threet, Denise Ireta, Delancey Dantzler, Cindy Deverell, Jan Bramlett, Robb Andersen, Randy Poplin, Emma Phinney, Hannah Etheridge and Caleb Satterfield. The show is

directed by Tim Etheridge, with musical direction by Peter Infanger and choreography by Jennifer Phinney.

The show is sponsored by Shaw Industries.

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 17 Simple
 18 Indy's hat
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 21 Zilch
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 31 Offspring, often
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Yesterday's answer 3-4

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BRIDGE

Triumph of mind over matter

Bridge is basically a game of probabilities, with most of the key decisions based on the chance that one set of circumstances is more likely to exist than another. However, probabilities should not always be followed blindly. Other factors frequently enter into the overall calculations, and one of the most important is that the aim of the game is to win.

For example, consider the accompanying deal where declarer is trying to make five diamonds. Since he will go down only if he loses two spades and a diamond, all his thoughts should be directed toward trying to prevent this from happening.

After ruffing the club lead, South leads the queen of diamonds, to which West follows with the deuce. Ordinarily, declarer would play dummy's ace, because the percentages slightly favor a 1-1 division when two cards are missing.

But in the present case, South should finesse the queen. Why? Because if he does, he is certain to make the contract, while if he doesn't, he may — and in the actual deal will — go down one when West later gains the lead with the king of trumps and leads a spade through dummy's king.

Conversely, if the diamond finesse loses to East's king, which is certainly a good possibility, the wound is not mortal, as there is nothing East can then do to stop the contract.

For example, let's say he returns a club. Declarer ruffs and cashes his four high hearts, discarding a spade from dummy. As a result, his only losers prove to be a diamond and a spade.

In this case, the trump finesse, though it may run against the probabilities, serves a far more important purpose: It assures the contract.

Tomorrow: Upping the percentages.

North dealer.
 East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 8
 ♥ Q J 2
 ♦ A 10 7 6 3
 ♣ J 5 4

WEST
 ♠ Q 9 7 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ A K 10 8 3

EAST
 ♠ A J 6 4
 ♥ 8 7 5 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q 9 7 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 10 5 2
 ♥ A K 10 3
 ♦ Q J 9 8 5 4
 ♣ —

The bidding:
 North Pass 3♦ 5♦
 East Pass 4♣
 South 1♦ 4♦
 West 2♣ Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Regrets are a waste of time and will hold you back. Dig deep and you will find solutions. Forgive and forget in order to make progress. A trip down memory lane will help you put things in perspective and will impact your life and your future. Listen to words of wisdom from someone you respect. Your numbers are 2, 7, 19, 21, 23, 30, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Maintain balance. Get your work done but leave room to play and have fun. Your communication skills will be great, so get what's on your mind out in the open. The connections you make will lead to development of your ideas and current projects. 4 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let someone's concerns or problems bog you down. Concentrate on your professional gains or pursuits. Don't let others throw you off guard — don't leave room for error. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A hasty decision will lead to regrets and must not be made because of emotional threats or ultimatums. Take control and be in charge. You have what it takes to excel and don't let anyone tell you differently. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You don't have to go overboard to get things done to perfection. Uncertainties in your personal life will have to be taken care of without hesitation. Giving in to demands will only lead to more conflicts in the future. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your convincing way of presenting what you want to do will lead to extra effort and enthusiasm. You can expand your knowledge, experience and your circle of friends through involvement in cultural events and physical activities. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Just because someone pushes you doesn't mean you have to give in. Consider what's in your best interest, especially if it has to do with work or dealing with your peers. Keep your emotions out of the equation. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your intellectual approach to ideas you want to present will spark interest from someone who can contribute to your plans. Get out of your normal environment and surround yourself with people, places and things conducive to creativity, networking and new friends. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't spend foolishly, especially if it's to impress someone. Show restraint and be willing to do things by yourself. Misinformation is likely to be given. Follow through with your own research before you act on hearsay. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Uncertainties are likely to cause some emotional stress. Stay calm. Your strength of character will see you through and help you win. Love is on the rise and a past acquaintance will become your best ally. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go over your personal paperwork and deal with your financial and contractual commitments. You cannot let anyone influence you to overspend on luxuries you can do without. Don't allow yourself to end up in an awkward position because you made a decision too quickly. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's up to you to take control of your life and work through any uncertainties you have regarding others or your current position. Get involved in something that will hold your interest and you will find new friendships or love. Don't be afraid to be a pioneer. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are likely to be drawn to people who are not the best for you. Problems will occur due to a secret involvement. Back away before you get into an emotional mess that will be difficult to clear up. 2 stars



Eugenia Last

CRYPTOQUIP

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O Y M M R Z Y L N N L F O N N L R Q .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DRIVING HOME IN SOME VERY HEAVY TRAFFIC, A BUNCH OF JELLY FACTORY BUDDIES GOT CAUGHT IN A JAM.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

COURT OF HONOR



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An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held March 1 at Varnell United Methodist Church for Nicholas Tucker of Varnell Troop 67 to commemorate his advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 67 Scoutmaster Raymond Roy (left) presents Tucker with his Eagle Scout certificate. Tucker is the son of Randy and Beth Tucker of Varnell.

Free diabetes event set for March 24

The Hamilton Diabetes and Nutrition Center will host a free community event March 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to recognize American Diabetes Alert Day. The topic will be "Diabetes on a Budget" to provide individuals with resources to improve their management of diabetes more affordably and to provide risk assessments for those who would like to complete the diabetes risk test sponsored by the American Diabetes Association which determines one's risk for developing pre-diabetes or diabetes. Free blood glucose meters will be available. American Diabetes Alert Day is a one-day "wake up" call to inform the American public about the seriousness of diabetes, which is observed the fourth Tuesday of every March. RSVP by calling (706) 272-6079. The Center is at 1109 Burleyson Road, Suite 103 in Dalton.

To Your Good Health

Medicines usually can control gout

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm just an old country woman who needs to know more about gout. I have it at least twice a year, and it's so painful I can't put my foot to the floor. Please list the things not to eat so that I can kind of keep it under control. — E.W.



Paul G. Donohue

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I woke up with severe pain in my large toe. The pain got to be unbearable, and I then went to the emergency room. The doctor informed me I had gout. Please help me understand it. — W.B.

ANSWER: Uric acid crystals that bore their way into joints are the cause of gout. Uric acid is a byproduct of the daily turnover of body cells. As long as blood uric acid stays within a normal range, all is well. When its blood level rises, the uric acid infiltrates joints and causes intense joint pain, swelling, redness and heat.

Gout mostly happens to middle-aged to older men and to women who have gone through menopause. The base of the big toe is often the first joint to suffer an attack. Further attacks can target the heels, ankles, knees, elbows, wrists and fingers.

The definitive proof of gout is finding uric acid crystals in joint fluid. A rise in blood uric acid

level is another tip.

The gout diet is not very restrictive. In the days before medicines effectively controlled gout, diet was the only remedy. It's in second place these days. The consumption of red meat and especially organ meat (kidneys, heart, liver, brain and sweetbreads) should be minimized. It's best to avoid gravies. Seafood, especially anchovies, sardines and shellfish, should be eaten in moderation. Alcohol — beer in particular — can provoke an attack. All vegetables and fruits are permitted, and low-fat dairy products appear to prevent attacks.

Gout medicines are of two varieties: ones for an acute attack and ones for prevention. Indomethacin is an example of medicine for an acute attack, as is colchicine. Zylorim (allopurinol) and Benemid (probenecid) prevent attacks. Zylorim decreases uric acid production, and Benemid enhances its excretion by the kidneys.

The pamphlet on gout discusses this common ailment in greater detail. To order a copy, write: Dr.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For four years I have been dealing with lichen planus. Is there any new treatment? — J.P.

ANSWER: Lichen planus is most often found on the skin of the wrists, ankles and legs. It can also find its way into the mouth. The genital skin, including the area around and inside the vagina, is another target. It starts as flat-topped, many-sided, small red patches that can merge into a larger patch. The color turns purple. White lines crisscross the surface of the patch. The outbreak is intensely itchy. A cause hasn't been identified, but it might result from an immune system gone berserk. Sometimes it's seen in conjunction with another illness, like hepatitis C.

The strongest varieties of cortisone creams and ointments are the usual treatment. Many patients are free of the condition in a year or so. To prevent

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relapses, some have to keep applying the ointments on a less-frequent basis once the skin has cleared.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read your article on dry eyes. My wife has this problem. She was examined by an eye doctor, who advised GenTeal gel, an eye ointment. She has been using it regularly since 2002, and it has worked wonders for her. It is relatively inexpensive. — P.K.

Many thanks for letting people with dry eyes know how well your wife has done with the product. It also comes as a solution of artificial tears.

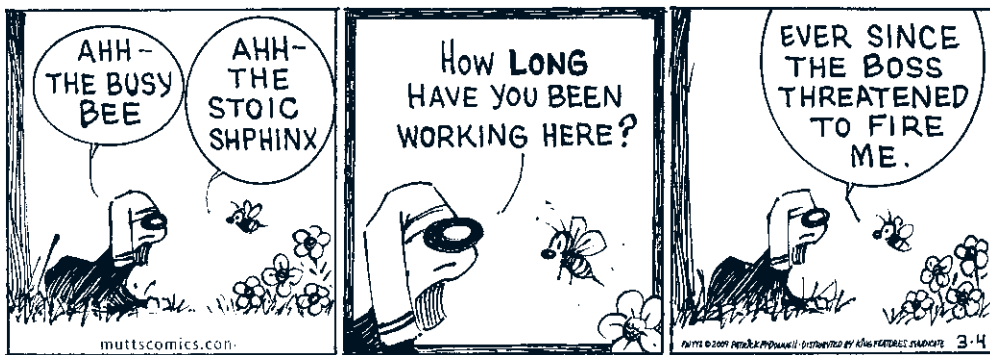
People with dry eyes must first find out what's causing the problem. One of the big causes is Sjogren's syndrome, which also can produce dry mouth.

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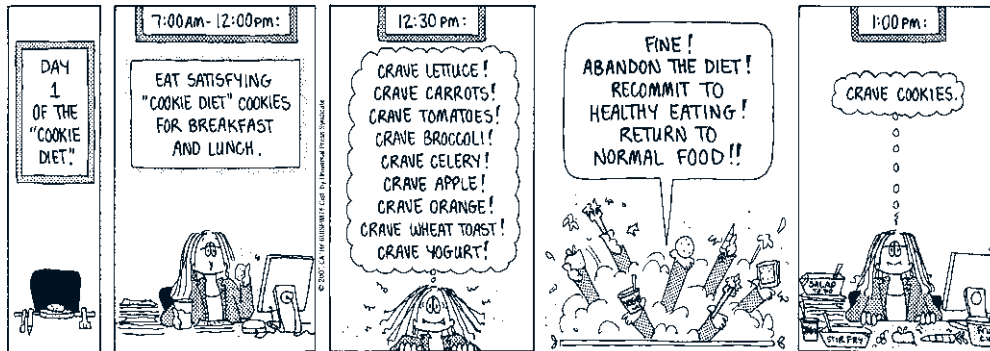
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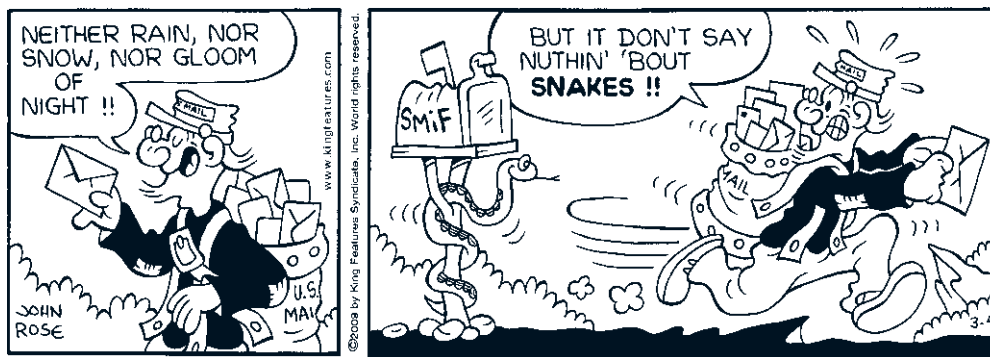
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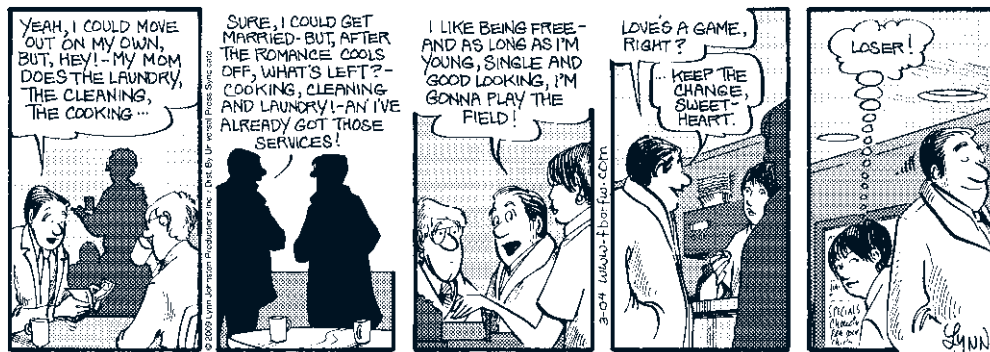
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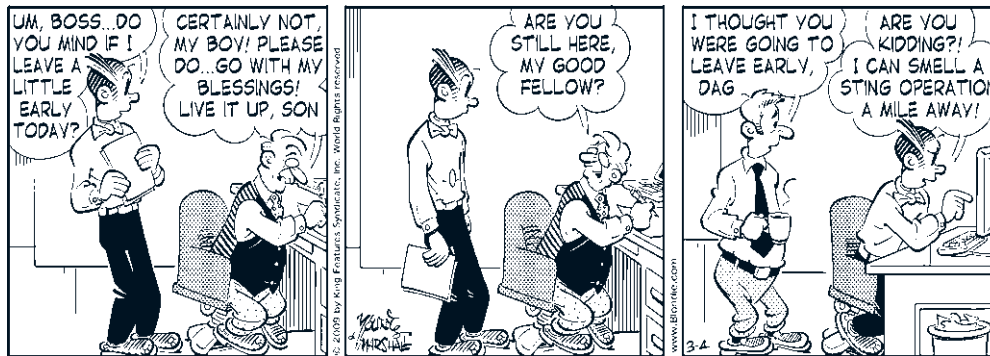
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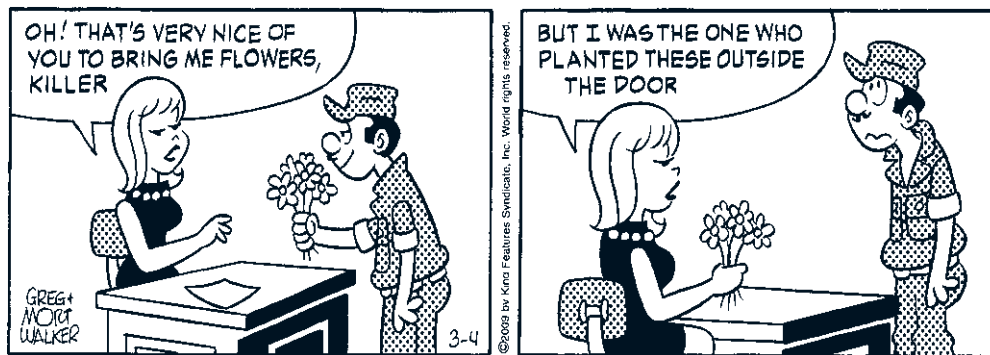
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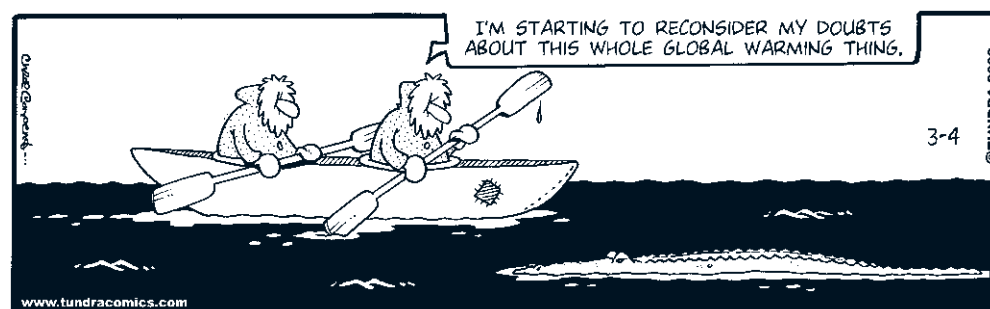
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DEAR ABBY

Girl caught having sex is blackmailed by her sister

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Joni," caught me having sex with my boyfriend. (We used protection, so it's not like I'm going to get pregnant.)

Our parents were away and Joni was supposed to be gone for several hours, so I thought we would be safe. But Joni had a fight with her boyfriend, came home sooner than we expected and caught us "in the act."

Now she's blackmailing me. I have to hand my allowance over to her — and that's not all. She has turned me into her personal slave — changing her bed, picking up her dirty clothes and doing her chores. She forces me to let her wear my nicest jeans and shirts, but because she's bigger than me, my clothes are getting stretched out of shape or torn at the seams. When I complain, she says, "What are you going to do about it? Go ahead and tell Mom and see what I tell her!"

I know if Joni tells our parents they won't let me see my boyfriend anymore. We're in love, and I couldn't handle that. But the blackmail is driving me crazy. Please help me. — BLACKMAILED IN AMES, IOWA

DEAR BLACKMAILED: Part of being sexually active is being mature enough to be responsible about it — and that includes not

only making sure you won't become pregnant but also that you won't contract a sexually transmitted disease, some of which, I am sad to say, are rampant today. Because you are sexually active, you should now have regular checkups by a gynecologist and possibly be using a second form of birth control because condoms have been known to fail.

That is why it is important that you confide in your mother. Once she knows, your sister will have nothing to blackmail you about.

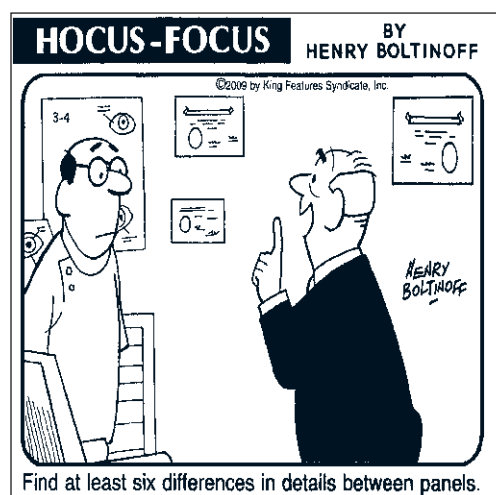
DEAR ABBY: My husband and I disagree about something. When we use a restaurant coupon, how should we figure the tip? I say you should tip on what the total would have been if you didn't have the coupon. He says we tip on the discounted amount. Who is right? — COUPONING IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR COUPONING: You are. Your husband is already getting a good deal because he is getting a discount. For him to expect the server to suffer a loss in gratuity income is stingy. How would he feel if the person brought out only one entree and let him pick up his from the kitchen? Not too pleased, I suspect.

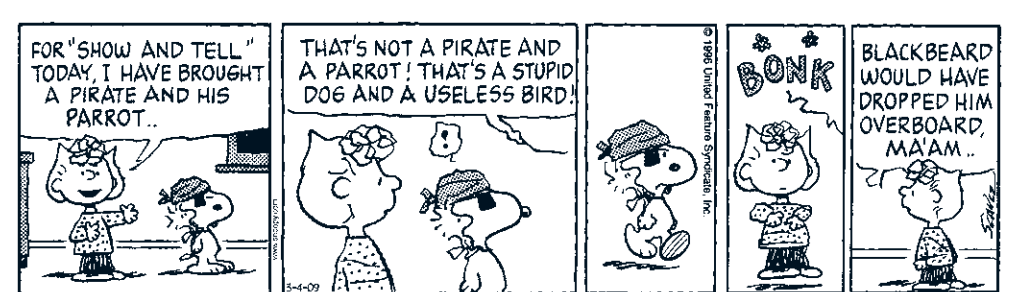


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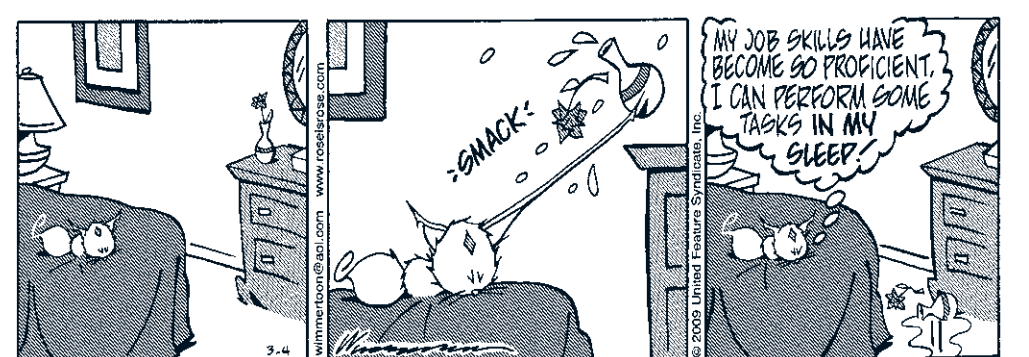
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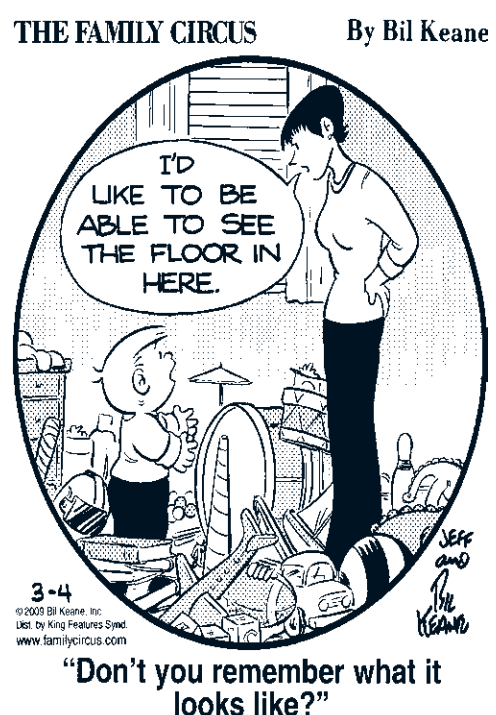
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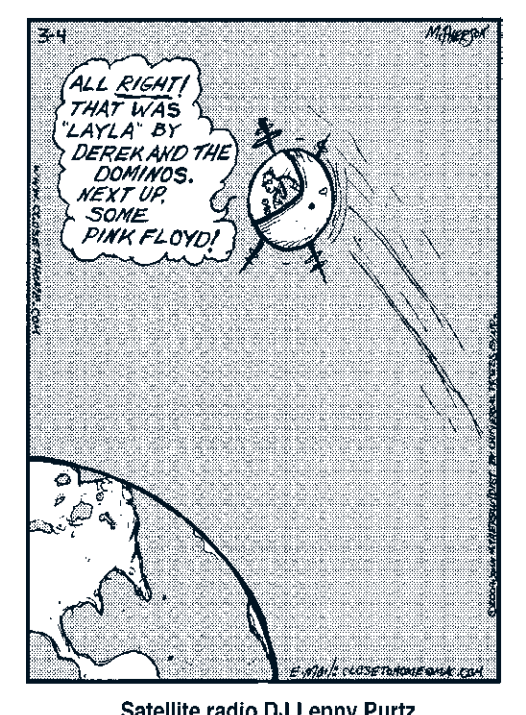
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