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Obama hears boos from AMA

CHICAGO (AP) — President Barack Obama asked skeptical doctors Monday to get behind an overhaul of the nation's health care system, declaring the system a "ticking time bomb" for the federal budget that could force the entire nation to "go the way of GM."

The difficulty of his sales job was evident when he said he was against limiting awards in malpractice lawsuits, a top priority for doctors. That statement brought him a smattering of boos— a remarkable public response to a popular president accustomed to cheering audiences.

Flying to his hometown to speak at the annual meeting here of the American Medical Association, Obama struck back at critics of his efforts to reshape the health care delivery system to bring skyrocketing health care costs under

control and expand coverage to the millions of uninsured.

He had his sharpest rhetoric yet for those critics, calling them "naysayers," "fear-mongers" and peddlers of "Trojan horse" falsehoods who should be ignored. He warned interest groups and lobbyists not to use "fear tactics to paint any effort to achieve reform as an attempt to socialize medicine."

The president directly took on criticism from former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, though not by name. On Sunday, Romney, widely expected to consider another run at the White House in 2012, called Obama's support for creating government-sponsored insurance as an option alongside private coverage a "Trojan horse" for a single-payer system

like Britain's.

"When you hear the naysayers claim that I'm trying to bring about government-run health care, know this: they are not telling the truth," Obama said.

Even before Obama spoke, Republicans offered push-back.

GOP Rep. Tom Price of Georgia — a former orthopedic surgeon — accused Obama of pushing a "government takeover" of health care. Speaking to reporters on a conference call organized by the Republican National Committee, Price contended that a committee established within Obama's administration to study the effectiveness of various medical treatments would turn into a "rationing board" to overrule doctors and deny patients care.

Building a 'bot



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Sydney Davis, 10, of Chatsworth, builds a Lego battle robot during a camp at Dalton State College on Monday. The college has several camps available to children this summer. For more information visit www.daltonstate.edu/cce or call (706) 272-4454

D.U: No action on Tunnel Hill

Rate hikes considered

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Dalton Utilities board members on Monday held off action again on a plan to extend sewers to Tunnel Hill.

Board members tabled action on a plan to extend sewer from the Mill Creek wastewater plant at their May meeting. They expressed concern about taking on the estimated \$3 million project while facing unexpected costs for relocating utilities for upcoming special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST) projects.

Dalton Utilities president and CEO Don Cope told board members those costs, including interest, are expected to be more than \$12 million, or about \$206,000 per month for the next five years.

Board member George Mitchell said he believed the utility had paid to move utilities in the past on projects that were purely local and didn't involve the state. But Cope said he'd looked at 20 years of records and couldn't find a previous instance where local governments didn't pay to move utilities on road projects.

Board member Frank Robertson said it didn't matter what had happened in the past, Whitfield County officials have made it clear Dalton Utilities will have to pay to move electric, gas, water and sewer on current SPLOST projects.

"There's only one place for us to get the money to do that, from the consumer," said Cope.

Cope said the bids for the Tunnel Hill project will remain in effect until July 13. He will hold a special called meeting of the board to vote before then.

Board of Commissioners chairman Mike Babb said state law does not require the county to pay to move utilities and board members decided the SPLOST money would be better spent on the actual projects.

"People driving by want to see asphalt being laid and improvements made to intersections," he said. "Let's say we collect \$40 million over the (three-year) life of this SPLOST. If it costs \$10-12 million to move utilities, that means around a quarter or a third of the money

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Historically, presidents like road trips

WASHINGTON (AP) — Memo to critics of President Barack Obama's recent "date night" in New York City and his family's tour of Paris: Take a number and get in line.

Taxpayer groups and political partisans have griped for years about presidents' expensive leisure-related travel. And presidents of both parties have largely ignored them, traveling repeatedly to their former homes or favorite getaway spots.

Each time, the political damage has appeared minimal. Most Americans seem to agree that presidents need massive security and other support when the travel, and that they have the right to get out of Washington fairly often.

Ronald Reagan frequently flew cross-country on Air Force One to his beloved California ranch, where he could ahop wood and clear brush. There just wasn't enough physical labor, he said, at the Camp David presidential retreat in

Maryland's mountains, a short helicopter ride from the White House.

Bill Clinton traveled at taxpayer expense to cushy vacation spots like Park City, Utah, Amelia Island, Fla., and Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

George W. Bush spent 490 days as president at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, and 487 days at Camp David — one-third of his eight-year presidency — according to avid record-keeper Mark Knoller of CBS News. Bush worked during much of that time, but critics still called him an absentee commander in chief.

His father, while president, similarly shrugged off complaints about his frequent trips to the family compound at Kennebunkport, Maine. In times of war and recession, he defended his right to recharge his presidential batteries by fishing, playing golf, pitching

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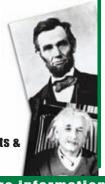
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Today's forum

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"To the person so concerned about the distracted driver on Cleveland Highway: How safe is it for you to watch another driver's hands instead of watching the road?"

"To the lady who made the comment about too much cleavage: Some men really appreciate cleavage."

"Where were all you people who are jumping on our president when Bush and Cheney were running our country into the ground?"

"Is it possible the Braves need a new man in charge? I love Bobby Cox, but wonder if he's getting the best from his players? Is it time for Bobby to move on?"

"I just love Sarah Palin. Someone should step on David Letterman."

"You say it's not racism but then you print comments about the Kool Aid wearing off and being able to see Obama for 'what he really is?""

"The trade center would be a great place for horse shows and chicken fights. They might even show a profit."

"To the person complaining about the taxes: You live in Whitfield County. It's just a part called the city."

"Many thanks to the Murray County Hospital emergency room night shift for the outstanding care they give their patients."

"To the person who wrote about tattoos: Obviously you are not big enough to get one so don't be knocking something you know nothing about."

"The Braves would be better if they could keep Chipper Jones in the lineup. He's injured all the time."

"Thanks to your newspaper for revealing the arrogance and collusion of the Hamilton Medical Center Board of Directors."

"The way Mr. Anderson left office didn't let us have a choice or Mr. Babb wouldn't even be a commissioner."

"Cher's daughter Chastity wants to have a sex change operation. She always did want to be more like her dad."

"I'm a retired cop with more than 30 years of service but I'm too embarrassed to tell anyone because they might associate me with local law enforcement. You've got gangs, drugs and thievery running rampant but the cops are more interested in giving a ticket to a little old lady for feeding a starving cat."

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"The truth is Hamilton Health Care only wants to deal with Alliant Health so they don't have to be compet-

"If you live in the city limits think long and hard about supporting the next E-SPLOST. City schools are making smart choices with their money. County schools are not."

"I read the Lost and Found section of the paper every day. Some of the pets that are missing are too beautiful to just walk away. I think someone is stealing these pets. If you see someone who hasn't had a pet with one, you should call them in."

"George Bush was a Republican and an idiot. Barack Obama is a Democrat and an idiot. What the U.S. needs is a strong third party for the next election."

"We are tired of hearing about the Murray County teachers, parapros, custodians, lunch room workers and school bus drivers losing their jobs. When are we going to hear about some of the highly-paid central office people getting the same treatment? They are in the budget as well."

"Regarding the new 44acre industrial park: Why do we have to bid out this work? The county has the equipment to do the work and it has an engineer. We can do this work and not have to lay off county employees."

"In regards to the article 'Health care logjam' in the Sunday paper: In every line, particularly the things Mr. Bowling says, I see dollar signs. That's what the whole insurance game is about."

"I pay for my own insurance and none of the local doctors seem interested in taking it."

"John Bowling says this area is just beginning to mature in terms of managed care. I don't know a whole lot about that, but is he telling us that Hamilton Health Care is right and everyone else is wrong?"

"I just figured out how to retire. I will declare myself a terrorist and get my government to send me to Bermuda to stay in an ocean-front cottage. Is this a great country or what?"

"Shaw won't get the same kind of security work by going to contract workers."

"Outsourcing is big at Hamilton Medical Center. How many of the 2,035 who work there are employed by outside companies?"

"Why are the flags put out on Saturday June 13 when Flag Day is Sunday, June 14?"

"Hamilton Medical Center and the doctors of Whitfield County won't participate in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO because they are extremely greedy."

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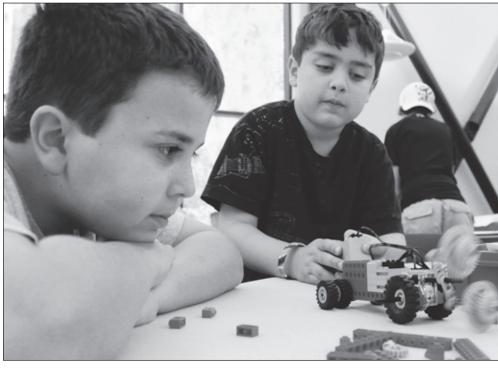
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Lego engineers



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From left, Brandon Brown, 9, of Ringgold, and his cousin, Michael Sain, 7, of Nashville, Tenn., watch a test run of their "battle bot" during a Lego camp on Monday at Dalton State College. The college has several camps available to children this summer. For more information visit www.daltonstate.edu/cce or call (706) 272-4454.

Cope: Rates may increase

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will not go to engineering studies, laying asphalt and other road work."

The board has pledged \$1 million to help Dalton Utilities defray the costs of extending sewer to Tunnel Hill.

Cope said declining revenues and increased costs, particularly new regulatory costs on coal-fired plants, may also cause utility officials to ask board members for rate increases on electric, water and wastewater when they approve the utility's 2010 budget this fall. Current projections forecast the utility will have a negative cash flow this year of \$10.2 million and a negative cash flow of \$5.6 million in 2010.

Data provided to the board showed a 9 percent increase in electric rates and a 20 percent increase in water and wastewater rates would cut those deficits to \$4.2 million this year and \$4.5 million next year. Cope said those increases would still leave Dalton Utilities with the lowest rates in Georgia and some of the lowest in the nation.

But Cope said he has seen a "real pickup" in demand over the past few weeks, especially from industrial consumers. If that trend

continues over the summer, he said, it may reduce the need for rate increases or at least the size of the increases.

Utility officials also briefed the board on efforts to create biodiesel from algae in its wastewater. They said tests have gone well and they could have a pilot facility ready to bid by the summer and construction could start this fall.

Cope said the diesel could be used to fuel the company's vehicles or sold to others. Officials said the project would also help reduce the phosphorous levels at the company's land application treatment facility because the algae remove up to 99 percent of the phosphorous and nitrogen from the waste stream.

Cope also briefed board members on stormwater and erosion control. The utility now handles that for the city of Dalton.

Cope said a state-funded study on creating a regional stormwater utility should be finished in July.

He said design is under way for two new ponds on McLellan Creek to reduce stormwater runoff problems in that area. And the utility is looking at changes to the dam at Threadmill Lake to reduce problems there.

Travel: They all do it

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horseshoes and racing his speedboat, far from Washington.

Conservative commentators and GOP officials took swipes at Obama last month when he and his wife, Michelle, took a small military jet and a smattering of aides, security agents and journalists to New York City for dinner and a play, then a quick flight home

"As President Obama prepares to wing into Manhattan's theater district on Air Force One to take in a Broadway show, GM is preparing to file bankruptcy and families across America continue to struggle to pay their bills," said the Republican National Committee.

More grumbling ensued when Obama capped a recent four-nation trip with some Paris sightseeing with his wife and their two daughters, including a stop at Notre-Dame Cathedral. The girls and the first lady lingered after the president left, visiting the Eiffel Tower and other spots.

Not all Republicans agree with the RNC's complaints.

"There should be no criticism of presidents making occasional personal travel," said Tony Fratto, who was a spokesman for President George W. Bush. Presidents are also "husbands and fathers," he said, "and the pace and pressure of the job are incredible."

No matter the trip's purpose, Fratto said, a

president must be accompanied by "the necessary amount of security, staff support and communications infrastructure."

Because Washington has numerous restaurants and theaters, he said, the Obamas

restaurants and theaters, he said, the Obamas "probably did open themselves up for criticism by making the trip to New York as an exclusive escape from the White House." Had it been tacked on to an official trip there, he said, little fuss would have followed.

Critics mainly cite the high price of using presidential airplanes, although exact costs are hard to obtain, and many less-visible costs also are involved. The White House, wanting to avoid a no-win debate, offers no cost figures on presidential trips.

Any military plane carrying the president is designated Air Force One, including the relatively small Gulfstream that Obama and his wife took to Manhattan last month.

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VIEWS

Effort on ethics?

House Republicans appear to have embarrassed the majority Democrats into an ethics investigation into the links between campaign contributions and what the more fastidious call "congressionally directed spending," but what most people know as earmarks.

Eight times this year the Republicans introduced resolutions calling for an ethics probe into lawmakers steering federal contracts -- often of seemingly questionable merit — to favored companies and then later receiving campaign contributions from these same businesses.

No names were specified but the entire House knew that the resolution was aimed at Democratic Rep. John Murtha, a close ally of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and legendary for using his seat on the Appropriations Committee for the generous federal spending he directed to his western Pennsylvania district.

Since 2007, according to watchdog groups, Murtha earmarked \$76.1 million for clients of a now-defunct lobbying company founded by an aide who was a generous donor to his campaigns.

The Democratic leadership was able to stave off the Republican resolutions, but, with each resolution, the Republicans picked up more and more votes from Democrats worrying about facing the same corruption charges in 2010 that cost the Republicans control of the House in 2006.

The Democratic leadership should have dealt with these allegations at the outset of the new Congress in January but apparently having learned nothing from the Republicans' debacle — in which two senior GOP House members went to jail they stalled, hoping for who knows what.

This past week the Democrats, amidst much self-congratulation, proposed a resolution calling on the House ethics committee to declare whether it was investigating the link between earmarks and campaign cash.

The committee's Democratic chairman and senior Republican said the panel was. Now the Democratic leadership could learn another lesson from the Republicans and not try to meddle in the investigation.

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Food pantry says thank you

To the editor:

Chatsworth Church of God Helping Hands Food Pantry would like to give a public thank you to all of the businesses and individuals for the donations of gifts for door prizes and also the financial support that was given to help make our benefit singing a success.

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Jimmy Wilson



Words of Wisdom

Bible verse: "I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. 'I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."

Jeremiah 29:11

Thought for today: "Not to know is bad. Not to want to know is worse. Not to hope is unthinkable. Not to care is unforgivable."

Nigerian saying

Media love affair

A criticism heard during the early years of the Bush administration was that the media were "in the tank" for Bush, fearing to question his foreign and domestic policies in the aftermath of 9/11 because of his then-high approval numbers and concern that they would be labeled unpatriotic.

Such fears have evaporated with the advent of the Obama administration. The intensity of media worship and slavish devotion by more journalists to President Obama and his policies has risen to what one might expect from members of a cult.

On MSNBC, Newsweek editor Evan Thomas said of the president: "...in a way, Obama's standing above the country, above — above the world. He's sort of God." Speaking of Ronald Reagan, Thomas said he was "all about America" (and) Obama is 'we are above that now. We're not just parochial, we're not just chauvinistic, we're not just provincial." When was the last time you heard an American president faulted for putting America first?

This religious-like faith in Obama has led the media not to question much of what he does. He claims his stimulus plan has "saved or created" 150,000 jobs and that "stimulus II" will "save or create" 600,000 jobs this summer. How does government "save" a job and how does one measure such a claim? In January, before taking office, the president said 90 percent of the new jobs he would create would be in the private sector. The media have yet to ask him why that promise has not yet been fulfilled.



Thomas

Columbus, Ohio and announced police jobs were being s a v e d because of his stimulus bill. According to CNN, "without

the money,

the officers never would have hit the streets. They were to be laid off before their first day of patrol, victims of city budget cuts." The influx of federal stimulus money, however, has done little to solve the city's budget crisis. Columbus voters will decide in August whether to approve a tax increase. If they refuse, city officials may have to lay off 324 police officers. That would be a net loss of about 299 jobs. Don't look for the media to headline that outcome, should it occur, as they trumpeted the original "jobsaving" announcement.

Commenting (reporting is a lost art) on Obama's D-Day speech at Normandy, Chip Reid of CBS News said Obama "hopes to create a world where there never has to be another D-Day." Who told Reid that? And why didn't Reid ask how Obama intends to bring that about and what makes such an effort different from, say, the failed League of Nations and failing United Nations?

NBC's Brian Williams recently hosted an "Inside the Obama White House" special. As the conservative Media Research Center has noted, even liberal Bill Moyers couldn't take the sugar rush:

ered a candygram to the President — two primetime specials called 'Inside the Obama White House.' President Obama couldn't have asked for a sweeter salute..." Perhaps what gave Moyers a toothache was this statement by Williams, "People react strongly to this president. We've seen people moved to tears after just the briefest encounter with him."

The danger in such hero worship is that this president (or any politician) might begin to believe his own press. A president who hears nothing but praise is likely to be less cautious and more enamored with himself. He could be tempted to think, if not actively, than passively, that he is, like Caesar, a "god," above all others in ability and accounta-

It is neither in the interest of the country, nor the president, for the public and the media to treat President Obama as a messianic deliver-

I recently saw two bumper stickers on the same car. One said, "Obama '08" and the other "Question Authority." Surveys have shown most in the mainstream media supported Obama's election. Too many journalists have forfeited their responsibility by failing to question his authority, losing what little remains of their credibility, not to mention readers and viewers. The public is losing its right to be told the truth.

There are houses for worship. Newsrooms ought not to be one of them.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Tuesday**, June 16, the 167th day of 2009. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in **History:**

On June 16, 1858, as he accepted the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date:

In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis were re-nominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law. (It was later struck down by the Supreme Court.)

In 1959, actor George Reeves, "Superman," was found dead of an apparently selfinflicted gunshot wound in the bedroom of his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 45.

In 1976, riots broke out in the black South African township of Soweto.

Ten years ago: Vice President Al Gore formally opened his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Five years ago: Rebuffing Bush administration claims, the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said no evidence existed that al-Qaida had strong ties to Saddam Hussein.

One year ago: Former Vice President Al Gore announced his endorsement of Barack Obama.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Cobbs is 74. Author Erich Segal is 72. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 71. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 70. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 68. R&B singer Eddie Levert is 67. Actress Joan Van Ark is 66. Actor Geoff Pierson is 60. R&B singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 59. Boxer Roberto Duran is 58. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 57. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 54. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 42. Actor James Patrick Stuart is 41. Actor Clifton Collins Jr. is 39. Actor John Cho is 37. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 36. Actress China Shavers is Actress Missy Peregrym is 27. Actress Olivia Hack is 26. Singer DeGarmo ("American Idol") is 22.

bama fast tracking the nanny state

President Obama wants health care reform this year.

He said at a town hall meeting the other day that he won't tolerate "endless delay" and that we probably won't reform health care if we don't do it this

Now why is that Mr. President? Will Congress be on vacation for the remaining three years of your term?

Consider that it's not unusual to take a full session of congress — two years to pass legislation a fraction of the size and consequence of health care reform. Yet our president is demanding that a bill to overhaul a \$2.5 trillion sector of our economy — one sixth of it be considered and passed in a few short

It ought to be clear that this is not about taking an honest and sincere look at how to make this a better country and how to do a better job at delivering health care to Americans. It's impossible to look at something this massive and deal with it in such a short time

This is about raw politics. When Mr. Obama says that if we don't get "it" done this year we probably won't get "it" done, he doesn't mean reforming health care. He means reforming it the way he and Ted Kennedy want to do it. Government run, nanny state health

To pull it off, they have to move fast. First, the White House knows that



Star **Parker**

rating now at 33% is almost twice where is stood last February. And, in latest Gallup polling, the majority now disapprove of how Obama is handling government

Mr. Obama's honey-

moon won't last for-

ever. While his per-

sonal approval ratings

remain high at 60 percent, his disapproval

spending. So the White House wants action now on health care while their man is still pop-

Second, the White House knows that next year is an election year. It will be far more difficult to get Senators and Congressmen to play ball.

Third, they know that the big reason that Hillary Care failed in 1993 was that the American people were given an opportunity to look at it and consider it. They don't want to make the same mistake of giving voters a chance to actually understand what is about to happen to them. They know that the more Americans have an opportunity to take a look at the bureaucrat run, nanny state health care freight train, the more likely they will jump of the track.

Breathlessness is a great political technique. Telling voters that the world will end if we don't get X passed now.

This is how the \$800 billion dollar "stimulus" bill got passed earlier this year. We were flashed images of the Great Depression of the 1930's and told our only hope is the stimulus bill.

Now, three months later, it's clear that our current economy bears no resemblance to the 1930's, that signs of recovery are emerging, and thus far only 6 percent of the \$800 billion "stimulus" pot of political lard has been spent.

The trillions in new debt have been piled up at such a dizzying pace in the last few months Americans are numb. The federal government take from our economy has jumped from one fifth of it to one fourth.

Now, Mr. Obama and his Democrat colleagues want to layer on a new government health care plan to "compete" with private plans. "Compete" means raising taxes a few trillion dollars to provide subsidized insurance, and in some cases, free insurance, through a government plan in which all Americans will eventually wind up. And putting federal bureaucrats in charge of approving what health care procedures we are permitted.

The health care nanny state freight train is moving. Will we wake up before it's too late?

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City revises pension COLA

By Charles Oliver charlesoliver@daltoncitizen.com

The Dalton City Council voted 4-0 Monday night to take cost-of-living language out of the city's pension plan. But council members said the move will not bar them from giving future cost-ofliving increases to city employees.

The move was recommended by the city's pension

"All we are doing is making the plan mirror what we are actually doing. The mayor and council does not give a 3 percent raise every single year anyway," said Fire Chief Bruce Satterfield. "They didn't give a raise this year. I think last year it was 2.8 percent. There have been other years, when the economy was down, that they didn't give one."

Though the employees haven't always gotten the cost-of-living increase, it was still being counted as a liability in the plan because of the plan's language.

"The plan said every employee will get a 3 percent raise every year from here on out, and we know that's not true," he said. "That's not what has been happening."

Satterfield was part of a group of city and Dalton Utilities employees the pension board asked to find ways to help cut the gap between the pension plan's funding and its liabilities.

Before the change, the plan had \$91.8 million in projected liabilities and was 56 percent funded. Now, it has \$75 million in projected liabilities and is 64 percent funded. Before the recession hammered the plan's stock portfolio, the pension was about 80 percent funded.

"We studied the problem for about a month and asked a number of questions of the actuaries," Satterfield said.

He said they looked at several options, including raising the employees' contributions, but the only one that the actuaries said would make a significant difference was removing the cost-ofliving language.

Satterfield said the pension board did extra advertising of their latest meeting and streamed it live on the Internet to try to make sure employees and retirees knew why the changes were being

"We didn't want people to think they were never going to get another raise," he said. "That is not the board's intent. It was just a way to make the plan better funded."

"It doesn't preclude the council from awarding (costof-living adjustments). It is an actuary move," said Mayor David Pennington.

The council also voted 4-

0 to: ■ Approve a \$327,223 contract with Brooks-Berry-Haynie and Associates for new lighting at I-75 and Walnut Avenue. Public works director Benny Dunn said the state Department of Transportation will pay \$192,000 of that contract and the rest will come from the current special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST).

■ Approve a \$125,455 with Hi-Lite contract Markings for runway crack sealing and striping at the Dalton Municipal Airport.

■ Approve a budget amendment which, among other things, takes \$14,000 from contingency funds for a fire barrier at the Norfolk Southern depot, which is being renovated, and adds \$32,750 in spending for six new monuments at the Georgia Coaches Hall of Fame in the Northwest Trade Georgia Convention Center.

Jack Brown and Randy Mayfield spoke to the council expressing concern about a beer festival scheduled for downtown on Saturday. Brown said DUI is a major concern.



Jacob Kadamus



Kevin Kadamus

Hunter charged in son's death

WHEELOCK, Vt. (AP) — By the time the game warden arrived, Kevin Kadamus was sitting down and holding his 17-year-old son in his lap, a blanket covering the boy's bloodied

"He was trying to talk to his son, encouraging him to hang on," Warden David Gregory said.

Jacob Kadamus couldn't hang on. With a 12-gauge shotgun, his father had mistakenly shot him in the torso on the opening day of Vermont's turkey hunting season. He died at the scene.

Now, Kevin Kadamus must cope with more than remorse and grief. The 45year-old computer consultant and father of three has been charged with manslaughter.

It's one of the most difficult decisions prosecutors must make — whether to bring criminal charges against a guilt-ridden hunter who has killed a family member. Some prosecutors take a harder line than others.

"Everybody feels this is a tragedy, but we also have to remove emotion from the case and look at the facts," said state police Lt. J.P. Sinclair, the lead investigator. "There isn't an exemption under the law for family members being charged."

Police say Kadamus violated a cardinal rule of hunting by not identifying his target before firing in the May 1 shooting. The boy was hit after leaving his original hunting area and crossing into his father's, police said.

In August, a Minnesota man who killed his son while hunting pleaded guilty to manslaughter and got a 30-day jail sentence and 10 years' probation. Anthony Klaseus was also ordered to perform 400 hours of community service.

In 2003, an Ohio man who killed his 13-year-old son with an arrow pleaded guilty to negligent homicide and was sentenced to six months in jail. Alan Foster, 40, of Middletown, shot at what he thought was a deer, hitting son Jason in the chest.

But others have been written off as accidental shootings, especially those involving two young people. In November, no charges were filed in the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old Broward County, Fla., boy shot by his 13-year-old brother while they duck hunted on Lake Okeechobee.

"There's nothing more heart-wrenching as a prosecutor, to make a charging decision when a defendant and the victim are family members, no matter what type of offense it is," said Scott Burns, a former district attorney who heads the National District Attorneys Association.

Caledonia County State's Attorney Lisa Warren, who is handling the Kadamus case, would not comment.

Kadamus, who is scheduled to be arraigned July 6, faces up to 15 years in prison. He did not respond to requests for an interview, and court officials were unaware whether he has hired a lawyer yet. Authorities said he has cooperated fully in the investigation.

Barry Latzer, a criminal law expert at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said such shootings "are very tough cases, very gray-area cases."

"It sounds as if it was just a pure accident," he said. "If (Jacob Kadamus) left an area where they'd agreed they'd each hunt separately and he moved into the father's area, then the father is even less blameworthy."

But Gregory, the game warden, said he refuses to call such cases accidents.

"There's three distinct actions that have to take place: You have to aim the firearm, take the safety off and you have to pull the trigger. None of those actions are ever accidental. The simplest way to avoid an accident is to identify your tar-

"I've never seen a 17year-old boy who looks anything like a turkey," he said.

Jacob Kadamus, an outgoing three-sport athlete known as Jake, was a sophomore at Lyndon Institute, a private school.

In its first outing after his death, the baseball team played the first inning with no one in left field — Kadamus' position. Players also wore black "JK" on their sleeves and hung his No. 11 jersey in the dugout.

"He was always smiling, always outgoing, cheerful, friendly," said Rick Hilton, Lyndon's headmaster.

Kevin Kadamus coached his children in junior sports programs.

"He's having a very, very difficult time. He's struggling. And that word is not strong enough to say how difficult this has been for him," said Paul Wheeler, Lyndon's athletic director, who spoke at the boy's funeral.

Some in the community think Kadamus may have been punished enough already.

Asked about the police's decision to charge Kadamus, Sheffield-Wheelock Fire Chief Marc Brown tried to resuscitate the boy at the scene — said: "I don't think there's anything they're going to do to him that's any worse than what he's feeling."





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State won't let man keep bear killed in crash

BY MARK MILLICAN

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A Dalton man who hit a black bear late Saturday night on I-75 with his truck said he was told by a Georgia State Patrol trooper he could keep the bear. He said later an official with the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) told him he couldn't keep the bear and that officials would come get it Monday night.

Mike Jewel of 209 Riderwood Drive was pulling a boat behind his Ford F-250 truck after spending time with his family at the Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga. He hit the bear around 11:30 p.m. near the Tunnel Hill-Varnell exit.

"There was nothing I could do," he said. "I didn't even have time to put on the brakes, he was moving so fast. The back end of my truck went up in the air when we ran over him, and the boat and trailer went up in the air."

Jewel said his rig jackknifed and it took him almost 300 yards to come to a stop.

'We were very fortunate no one was (driving) to the side of us," he said. "I'd say it did between \$4,000 to

\$5,000 damage to my truck."

Jewel said the trooper told him he would call DNR to ask whether Jewel could keep the bear, then went to help a motorist who had broken down on the other side of the interstate. Jewel said he drove to Rocky Face but had trouble turning into a gas station because of the damage to his truck.

He said he called the trooper and was told, "The bear is yours, Mr. Jewel, the DNR doesn't want it."

Jewel found the bear and took it home, planning to make a keepsake of it.

"The DNR told me I misunderstood the officer, but I have witnesses," Jewel said. His wife and daughter were with him, and his son and his son's girlfriend were also on the scene by then in another

The trooper was not on duty Monday afternoon.

Jewel said he had the bear gutted and still had it and its entrails in a freezer at his home.

"I feel like I've been used," he said. "They used me to go up there and get it and gut it, and all they have to do is come get it and skin it out. If that's what they're going to do, fine, but I'd like

to see it in a public place where my kids and grandkids can go see it. (The DNR) told me they don't know where they (bears) will end up.'

Chuck Waters, regional supervisor for the DNR's game management office in northwest Georgia, said he was slightly familiar with the case. But Georgia law is clear about road kills involving bears, he said.

"It's been a banner year for road kills, but the deal is we can't give bears to motorists," he said.

Georgia law states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or transport a freshly killed bear or bear part except during the open season for hunting and taking bears."

Waters called the "bear part" of the law a pivotal

"There's an issue with the sale of bear parts worldwide," he said. "Some cultures believe parts of the bear are aphrodisiacs."

Jewel said he will talk to legislators and ask them to sponsor legislation like Tennessee's, which he said allows road-killed bears to be kept by motorists.

Injured child 'satisfactory'

BY MARK MILLICAN

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A 4-year-old girl hurt in a two-car wreck in Murray County Sunday evening was in "satisfactory" condition at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga, a spokeswoman said Monday. The woman driving the other car is seven months pregnant and was in stable condition at Hamilton Medical Center.

Alana Martin, 4, of 146 Woodlake Drive

Chatsworth, was airlifted to Erlanger Hospital Chattanooga following the 7:30 p.m. crash at the intersection of Smyrna Church Road and Leonard Bridge

Amanda Coram, 23, of 66 Shadow Lane in Chatsworth, was taken by ambulance to Hamilton Medical Center. She was "under observation" in the infant delivery area there.

Alana Martin and Jake Defoor, 13, of 146 Woodlake in Drive, were in a 1996 Ford Probe driven by Stephanie Bogle, 18, of the same address. Bogle was leaving Leonard Bridge Road and pulled into the path of Coram's 1996 Nissan Maxima, which was traveling north, officials said. Bogle was cited for failure to

Bogle was taken by ambulance to Murray Medical Center and Defoor was taken by ambulance to Hamilton Medical Center, said an operator with the Georgia State Patrol.



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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips of Calhoun will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Salem Baptist Church in Calhoun. They have two sons, the Rev. Michael Phillips of Rome and Mark Phillips of Chatsworth. They also have three grandchildren, Jennifer Phillips, Sgt. Christopher Phillips USMC and Nathan Phillips. The church is at 1501 McDaniel Station Road S.W.

THE MARKET

Monday's Dow Jones: 8612.10 ▼ 187.10 Monday's NASDAQ: 1816.38 ▼ 42.42

Fr	iday Mo	onday	Intel	16.31	15.98
Gold	950	932.2	IBM	108.2	107.6
Silver	15.40	14.87	Interface	6.04	6.14
Acuity	29.03	27.98	JCP	29.16	28.15
AAir	5.40	5.36	JNJ	56.06	54.75
Apple	136.9	136	Kroger	21.72	21.29
AT&T	25.01	24.63	Lowes	19.85	19.66
BAC	13.72	13.33	McDonalds	58.36	5778
BB&T	23.14	22.60	Merck	26.08	24.96
BP	51.20	49.85	Microsoft	23.33	23.42
BristolMyers	19.81	19.42	Mohawk	40.60	38.43
HP-Compaq	37.76	37.08	Motorola	6.73	6.48
Chevron	72.67	71.08	Region-Fin	4.46	4.33
CocaCola	48.89	48.11	Rock-Tenn.	39.81	38.38
ConAgra	19.46	18.64	Sara Lee	9.01	8.86
ColonialBnk	1.08	1.03	SouthernCo	30.55	30.14
Coke Ent.	17.18	17.04	Synovous	3.60	3.69
CrackerBrl	28.08	27.36	SunTrust	16.69	16.32
CrwnCrafts	2.01	2.01	Torchmark	38.29	37.26
CSX	36.52	34.17	Total Sys	14.46	13.78
Dell	13.39	12.87	UPS	50.53	49
Delta	6.40	6.10	Vulcan	47.20	46
Dixie Group	3.05	3.10	Verizon	29.92	29.73
Dow	17.34	16.68	Walmart	49.84	48.46
Duke	14.67	14.45	Wells Fargo	25.48	24.71
DuPont	27	25.79	Wendy's	3.98	3.92
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ARRESTS

• Jose Alfredo Patino, 29, 2518 Underwood St., Apt. B, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Dalton Police Department with aggravated assault.

• Steven Keath Westfall, 34, 2471 Ridge Road, Dalton, was charged Sunday by the Whitfield County

Sheriff's Office with burgla-

• Jose Angel Ramirez-Ortiz, 34, 102 Cambron Drive, Dalton, was charged Monday by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office with driving on the wrong side of the road and DUI.

On Saturday, June 27th the Murray County Government in conjunction with



will conduct an Auction at 190 Treadwell Rd. in Chatsworth

Items to be Auctioned are Seized Vehicles, County Equipment, Misc. Office Equipment & Supplies

A full listing of all equipment and supplies being auctioned is available by contacting the **Ultimate Auction Co., Inc.** during normal business hours at (706) 695-6463

TH ANNIVERSARY County BOE extends Brochu

BY RACHEL BROWN rachelbrown@daltoncitizen.com

Superintendent Katie Brochu will County Schools

serve Whitfield through 2012 under a contract extension the board approved unanimously during a called meeting on Monday.

Vice chairman Tim Trew said the terms of the contract, and her base

salary of \$180,000 a year, will stay the same as when the

Brochu contract was extended in 2007. The contract includes \$750 a month for automobile expenses.

Brochu has been superintendent since 2005. Her current contract was set to expire in 2010, but board members said her performance warrants extending it two more years.

"We're getting a whole lot more out of a whole lot less since we hired you," Trew said, referring to the fact that Whitfield's spending per pupil has fallen from 88th highest in the state to 162nd highest out of 180 school dis-

Board member Thomas Barton complimented Brochu on keeping students and teachers engaged and happy about

"I would tell you if I thought otherwise," he said.

Brochu said she owes much of her success to her staff and appreciates the board's approval.

Brochu came to Whitfield County from York School District One in York, S.C., where she was superintendent from 2001 to 2005. She began her career in education in 1983 as a physical education teacher.

Brochu's first superintendent's position was from 1994 to 2001 at Sumter County Schools in Americus, where she had worked since 1989. The Georgia School Superintendents Association named her Superintendent of the Year in 1997, and she was one of four finalists in the national Superintendent of the Year race.

Also at the meeting, the board approved spending an additional \$500,000 on the new high school. Some \$156,000 will be used for roof pavers and \$65,000 for an aluminum awning to create 5,400 square feet of outdoor classroom space on the second floor of the building. Another \$170,000 will go toward placing wood ceilings in the lobby, media center and cafeteria.

"In the absence of that, you would essentially have exposed ceiling," said Rick Ott, senior executive vice president for construction management firm M.B. Kahn Construction Co. Inc.

The school off Crow Road near Prater's Mill is set to open in 2011.

Ott said the school system has saved more than \$16 million off the original budget of \$96 million for the new high school, Cedar Ridge Elementary School and several smaller construction proj-

Suddeth: Too much work for cuts

By Jamie Jones jamiejones@daltoncitizen.com

Four bills passed by the state Legislature this year could be taxing to the Whitfield County tax assessor's office, chief appraiser Trammel Suddeth said.

The bills will add work to the office, but the state is not providing any extra money to offset the extra hours, he told the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners on Monday.

Suddeth told county administrator Bob McLeod more employees will probably not be needed, but asked that the department's staff of 22 full-time employees not be cut.

Suddeth also asked that the personal property appraiser position be filled. The county currently has a hiring freeze on all positions that aren't considered critical. The budget for the tax assessor's office is \$1.46 million for 2009.

For example, House Bill 143 removes the Homestead Tax Relief Credit — which is valued at \$8,000 per homeowner — and only reinstates the credit if state revenues grow at least 3 percent above the rate of inflation. State revenues have plummeted so far in 2009. Earlier this year, Gov. Sonny Perdue took \$428 million in tax credits away from the budget. The bill also requires the tax assessor's office to keep two different sets of fair market home values, which will cause extra work, Suddeth said.

Another bill, House Bill 304, requires tax assessor's employees to identify themselves before entering a property for an appraisal and give notice before performing the appraisal. Suddeth said the department will buy door hangers to provide notice, shirts with Whitfield County embroidered on

them and identification for employees.

During the meeting, commissioners: ■ Voted 3-2 to table the Whitfield County Emergency Services resolution. The resolution outlines how agencies react to emergencies. A version has been in place since 1981. The resolution is updated from time to time. Commissioner Harold Brooker asked to hold off on voting for the latest resolution so he could have more time to read the document. Commissioner Greg Jones agreed. Commissioners Mike Cowan and Randy Waskul voted against tabling the vote. Chairman Mike Babb, who only votes to break ties, decided to table the vote, saying if commissioners need extra time the vote could wait.

■ Reappointed Kathryn Sellers to the Dalton Convention and Visitors Bureau board.

NEWS BRIEFS

Cagle official here to meet public

Dennis Pitts, the northern field representative for Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, will hold a listening session today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dalton City Hall. Meetings will be on a first come, first served basis.

Local elected officials are encouraged to attend to give an update on their city or county and share any concerns.

Freedomfest contest planned for July 4

The Dalton Parks and Recreation Department will present the Freedomfest Talent Quest singing contest on the Fourth of July at 5 p.m. at Heritage Point Park.

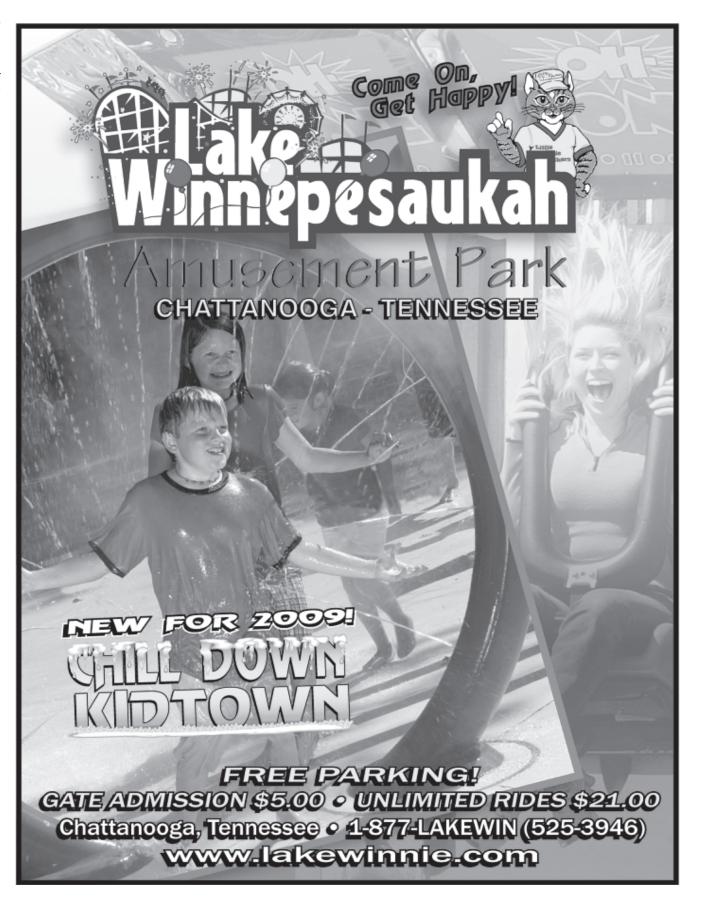
The entry fee is \$10 and only 15 people will be in the contest. The top five will perform that night as the opening act before the traditional fireworks show.

Call (706) 278-5404 to enter.

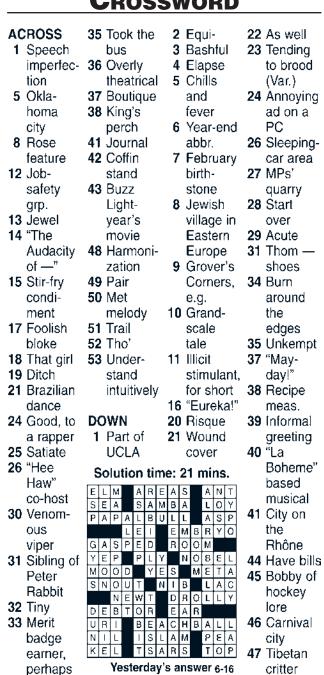
Geneaology workshop set for Saturday

The Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association will host a genealogy workshop at the New Echota Historic Site in Calhoun on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is 'Exploring Your Indian Heritage.'

You may register by mail or go to the Georgia Chapter Web site at www.gatrailoftears.org and follow the instructions on the home page.



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trump loser. Declarer now has to decide how best to proceed in order to avoid a diamond loser.

One possibility is to bank everything on a simple finesse in either diamonds or clubs, each approximately a 50-50 chance. If West has the king of clubs or queen of diamonds and declarer guesses which finesse to take, he winds up making the slam. But if the finesse loses, he will be down one before he can try the other finesse.

It is this consideration — that relying on a simple finesse gives him only one chance to succeed — that should put South on the right track. He should reason that before trying the finesse in one suit, it can't cost him anything to try to drop the missing honor in the other suit. This can be attempted by cashing the ace of clubs and ruffing a club in the hope that the king will fall, or by playing the A-K of diamonds in an effort to fell the queen.

Even if declarer knows nothing about percentages, it isn't hard to decide which suit offers the better chance. Since the opponents hold fewer diamonds than clubs, the diamond queen is far more likely to be doubleton than the club king.

Accordingly, at trick four South cashes the king of diamonds and then leads a diamond to the ace, which, as it happens, catches the queen and makes the slam. Of course, if the queen does not fall, declarer still has the club finesse in reserve, giving him a second chance for the contract.

Tomorrow: Playing the odds.

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Happy Birthday: You have a unique sense of style that you must put to good use in order to stand above the competition. Use your intuition to guide you and your sensitivity toward others to know when to forge ahead and when to pull back. Love and romance will highlight your year. Your

numbers are 9, 15, 23, 25, 27, 32, 46 ARIES (March

21-April 19): Your emotions will be hard to control. Don't let anyone's actions cause you to make a costly mistake. Taking a back seat until things settle down will be beneficial but not easy to do. Time is on your

side. 3 stars **TAURUS (April 20-May** 20): You can make some very interesting observations that will protect your interests and help you with personal and professional relationships. Use your charm to get others to see your potential. Be adventuresome but practical. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take on a new challenge and you will prove your ability to someone who may have questioned you in the past. You will have the chance to make some cash by investing in something that is slow-growing but stable. 4

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone you trust will let you down, causing emotional upset that will affect your status. Be ready to make a fast move in order to spare as much notoriety as possible. Someone you least expect will help you rebuild and find new footing. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a chance on someone who you feel will eventually contribute to one of your projects, causes or your life. You can expect to come into cash through an unusual means. Don't rule out being paid for something you didn't expect to benefit from financially. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A short trip that will bring you knowledge, information or a better understanding of what's being offered will pay off. A responsible attitude will prove that you are in the right and that you should proceed without guilt. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be pulled in several different directions. A

partnership can develop or you can come to terms with someone you disagree with. Travel plans should be made, mixing business with pleasure. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for change instead of trying to hold onto something that is weighing you down. You

have to let go of grudges and replace negativity with a positive attitude. A new partnership can be good for you. 3

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be convincing but not everyone will buy into your scheme. Beware of the person able to upset your plans and turn people against you. Being viewed as a spendthrift will sabotage your efforts. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some adjustments at home that will further your goals. Getting your papers in order will lead to an asset you forgot you had. Someone or something you used to know or do will aid you in getting further ahead. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan to have some fun with someone you find interesting, entertaining and unique. Your ability to help others can be put to good use if you don't let your emotions get the better of you. Stay calm and you will handle with finesse any situation that crops up. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid erratic behavior. You may want to keep your personal life a secret until you know where you stand and what's going to unfold. Now is not the time to share your ideas or to let others see your vulnerability. 3 stars

Could Palin flap be Letterman's Hugh Grant?

BY DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Sarah Palin would no doubt be horrified by the idea, but there's a chance she could become the same boon to David Letterman's career that Hugh Grant was to Jay Leno's.

Grant's 1995 appearance on NBC's "Tonight" show after a prostitution arrest, where Leno famously asked "what were you thinking?," was seen in retrospect as a turning point in the late-night race. It drew a huge audience and propelled Leno to the top of the ratings, a spot he would not relinquish.

Letterman did not court last week's battle with Palin, who called him "perverted" for making a joke about her daughter getting "knocked up" by New York Yankee Alex Rodriguez, and he said in retrospect the remark was in poor taste.

Palin rebuffed his invitations to appear on the show, but that might not matter. The story had the effect of turning the attention to Letterman at a critical time, during the second week of his new competition with Leno's replacement, Conan O'Brien.

"It will be interesting to see if that can be maintained or whether it is one of those temporary things," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

The final numbers won't be out until later in the week, but there's a strong chance that Letterman could average more viewers than the "Tonight" show in the second week of O'Brien's new 11:35 p.m. job. That hasn't happened since 2005, and the



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Alaska Governor Sarah Palin greets the crowd at the Independent Group Home Living gala in St. James, N.Y., June 7.

timing is significant: some of Leno's old fans may be more amenable to searching for a new late-night habit during the transition period.

It's difficult to tell whether Letterman received a boost this week because of people interested in what he was going to say about Palin. Strong guests like Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington were a boost,

Letterman has referenced the NBC transition in a handful of jokes over the past two weeks, many of them poking fun of himself as much as his

"Conan O'Brien, of course, is the new host of the 'Tonight' show," Letterman said a week ago. "Did they even look at my audition tape?"

On a top 10 list of Signs it's Time for Kim Jong-Il to retire, was No. 2: "Republic already named his successor, Conan Jong-Il. Topping the list of Surprising Facts about Sonia Sotomayor was: "Demonstrated impeccable judgment by watching Conan." Despite the competition,

no doubt it's hard for Letterman to exhibit the same animosity toward O'Brien as he did toward Leno. O'Brien has openly acknowledged his debt to Letterman, and his subversive anti-talk show style is more reminiscent of what Letterman did in the 1980s than what Letterman is doing today.

Letterman maintains his biting sarcasm, but at age 62 he has evolved into more of a traditional talk show host than his rivals. Thompson said he believes Letterman is more topical than ever, in part a recognition of Jon Stewart's success at Comedy Central. The Letterman of two

decades ago attracted attention for dropping watermelons from the roof of a building or wearing a Velcro suit; now he gets it for charged interviews with John McCain or Joaquin Phoenix.

When Letterman did a brief filmed skit last week tied to Washington's new movie, "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" it seemed like a quaint throwback; O'Brien does such pre-filmed segments all the time.

"David Letterman's biggest problem is he was brilliant in going against the grain," he said. "David Letterman is now the grain. He's his own toughest act to follow. So that's why it is smart that he has tried to change the game."

Letterman, who went through a life-changing heart surgery and became a father in the past decade, seems committed to the new competition. It was revealed this week that he had agreed to a contract extension that will keep him on the "Late Show" into 2012, and there's no indication that he's looking toward retirement.

His longevity, however, may be his biggest handicap in getting back to the top.

"By and large, late-night comedy is a young wiseguy's business," Thompson said.

Palin may have inadvertently given Letterman a platform at a time when it is most valuable; the next few weeks will show how he's been able to use it.



Engvall 'nervous' about hosting CMT awards

By Michael Cidoni Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Bill Engvall is a comedian, a sitcom star and a member of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. So, hosting this week's CMT awards should be a piece of cake.

Or not.

"I haven't been really nervous about a gig in a long time," Engvall said in a recent interview. "You don't want to be the guy who made people say, 'Oh, remember the year when Engvall did it? Ugh."

Engvall, 51, also has his own CMT-show agenda. He said he's looking forward to meeting Def Leppard, who are nominated for their collaboration with Taylor Swift, because he admired the band in his youth. He's also eager to reconnect with old friends like Trace Adkins and Brad Paisley.

The CMT awards will air live at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday on CMT from the Sommet Center Nashville, Tenn.

Country music fans among Texan Engvall's earliest supporters, and they've stuck with him. Since 1996, eight of his comedy albums have hit the Billboard country charts, the last being 2007's "15 Degrees Off Cool." Engvall said his continuing popularity with country music lovers has to do with the "family attitude that I put out there, because that's a lot of what country is. Of all the music genres, I

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Comedian Bill Engvall, a sitcom star and a member of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, will host the CMT Awards tonight.

would say it's probably the most family.'

Engvall's TBS comedy series, "The Bill Engvall Show," begins its third season on July 18. He's taping a special for Comedy Central, and is on a standup comedy tour.

"It's fun being Bill Engvall," he said. "I think people, if they could crawl in my skin, would see that I'm just having the time of my life right now."

On the Net:

www.billengvall.com www.cmt.com www.tbs.com/shows/ billengvall



OBITUARIES

- Karl George Fehd, Plant City, Fla. Vivian Hayes Headrick,
- Lula Mae Sapp, Dalton
- Ernest Stanley, Dalton Ruth Thornton Tinsley, **Dalton**

Obituary notices are posted online at www.daltondailycitizen.com

Karl George Fehd

Karl George Fehd, 88, of Plant City, Fla., passed away Wednesday morning, June 10, 2009, at the Bear Run Campground in Portersville,

He was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Warrick



County, Ind., and was the son Jacob Frederick and Meta Louise Steinmetz Fehd. He and his

family traveled with the Navy to Florida, Guam, Indiana, Rhode Island and Hawaii and later retired to share time Florida and North Carolina.

He was active in church activities for many years, including Grace Methodist Church in Sanford, Fla., and Deltona United Church of Christ in Deltona, Fla.

In 1968, he retired as a chief yeoman from the U.S. Navy.

His hobbies were woodworking, chair caning, gardening, cooking and baking. He enjoyed his winter residence at Country Meadows Retirement Park in Plant City and summer activities at the Bear Run Campground.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald of Atlanta, Joel and daughter-in-law Cindy of Tunnel Hill; two daughters, Lynn and son-in-law Van Robbins of Seffner, Fla., and Sue and son-in-law Mark Elmore of Smyrna; eight grandchildren, Ruby and Amanda Fehd, Karl and Hilda Fehd, Jeffrey and Tyler Robbins, and Jenna and Emily Elmore; two greatgrandsons, Austin Robby Fehd; and one greatgranddaughter Melissa Carvalho. He was survived by his companion, Lois Wehr Chappell of Portersville and Plant City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy L Jeffery Fehd, who passed away May 14, 2003; one sister, Hilda Michel; and three brothers, Arthur Fehd, Edwin Fehd and Elmer Fehd.

Interment will announced by the family at a later date and will be at the Florida National Cemetery for Veterans in Bushnell, Fla.

Memorial contributions can be made to the National Military Family Association, 2500 N. Van Dorn St., Suite 102, Alexandria VA 22302, or www.NMFA.org (703-931-6632).

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Raisley Funeral Home, Prospect, Pa., and for more information or to leave an online condolence go to www.raisleyfuneralhome.com.

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Vivian Hayes Headrick

Vivian Hayes Headrick, 76, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2009, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John

and Vernon Hayes; sister, Sybil Ridley; two brothers, Raymond and Grady Hayes.

Mrs. Headrick taught school for the Whitfield County school system for



over She years. was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She

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survived by her husband, Headrick Itsel Headrick of the resi-

dence; daughter and son-inlaw, Sonja and Gary Stevenson of LaFayette; sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Carylon Headrick of Ringgold, David Headrick and Samuel and Michele Headrick, all of Dalton; brother and sister-in-law, Milford and Betty Hayes of Warner Robins; five grandchildren, Rob and Barry Edwards, Logan, Trevor and Tanner Headrick; four greatgrandchildren, Dakota, Jeremiah, Serenity and Conner; nieces and nephews also survive.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Murray County with the Rev. David Moore officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday after 4 p.m. Messages of comfort may be sent to the family at www.julianpeeples.com

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

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Lula Mae Sapp

Mrs. Lula Mae Sapp, 91, of Dalton, departed this life Monday, June 15, 2009, at the Wood Dale Health Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by locally owned operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton; (706) 226-4002. Your selected independent funeral home.

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Ernest Stanley

Mr. Ernest Stanley, 68, of Dalton, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2009, at Hamilton Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Stanley, and a granddaughter, Ruby Sue Stanley; aunts and uncles. Ernest was a very giving person, never letting the opportunity to help someone in need pass him by. He was an avid gardener, making a habit of growing way too much for his family so he could give the extra away to his friends and neighbors. Ernest loved to fish and had a passion for bluegrass music.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Faye Quarles Stanley of Dalton; daughter and son-in-law, Selena Stanley Blankenship and Blankenship Matt Watkinsville; son, Ernest Scott Stanley of Atlanta; mother, Margie Ledford Stanley of Dalton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Bill Bishop of Dalton and Wanda Dee-Etta Raya of Dallas, Ga.; grandchildren, Alana Blankenship, Jackson Blankenship, Conor Blankenship, Olivia Stanley and Emma Stanley; nieces and nephews; and many, many special friends.

Services are today at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Talley officiating. Burial will follow in West Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home Monday.

The family asks that flowers please be omitted and memorials be made to Volunteer Services/Patient Advocate, c/o Hamilton Medical Center, P.O. Box 1168, Dalton, GA 30722-1168, to help support the food ministry for families that spend so much time in the waiting areas of the hos-

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

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Ruth Thornton Tinsley

Mrs. Ruth Thornton Tinsley, 90, of Dalton, departed this life Monday morning, June 15, 2009, at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home. Ruth was born July 20,

1918, in Murray County, the daughter of



Tinsley

late Edward Eccleston Thornton Sr. and Ida Scott

death by her husband, James Edward Tinsley; her son, Jerrell Tinsley; grandson, Jeffery Allen Tinsley; brothers, Edward E. Thornton Jr. and Steed Thornton; and sister, Dimple Thornton.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James "Jimmy" and Nancy Tinsley of Dalton; grandchildren, Sheryl Page of Chatsworth, Jennifer Tinsley of Dalton and Brandon Tinsley of Ringgold; great-grandchildren, Matt Maples and wife Cindi of Cleveland, Tenn., Holly Short of Chatsworth, Camden Tinsley Ringgold, Chance Tinsley of Ringgold; great-great-grandchildren, Payton Maples, Jace Maples, Brooklyn Short and Jessa Short; special sisters-in-law, Annie Thornton and Bonnie Tinsley, both of Dalton; several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Tinsley was a member of Welcome Hill Baptist Church.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Ruth Tinsley are Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Welcome Hill Baptist with the Rev. Michael Deems officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ross Woods Adult Day Services, P.O. Box 307, Dalton, GA 30722-0307. Thoughts and memories

may be shared with the Tinsley family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.

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Court backs gay parent

ATLANTA Georgia Supreme Court on Monday tossed out a trial judge's order that banned children in a divorce case from having any contact with their father's gay and lesbian friends and partners, and added strong language calling the restriction an abuse of

the judge's discretion. The court's unanimous opinion, written by Justice Robert Benham, concluded that the Fayette County judge's order "flies in the face of our public policy that encourages divorced parents to participate in the raising of their children."

UGA students lose lose music decision

ATLANTA — The strict noise ordinance in the music haven of Athens is still in effect for now.

The Georgia Supreme Court narrowly decided Monday to uphold the dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the local noise ordinance filed by two University of Georgia students upset that local officials used the rule to make them turn down their

music. The court's 4-3 ruling concluded that the students, Robert Manlove and William Hoffman, did not have the right to sue because they failed to show they were harmed by the city's laws. Neither student has been cited or prosecuted for the noise complaint.

Ga. Tech student has swine flu

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech officials say the first case of swine flu has been confirmed on the Atlanta school's campus.

The officials say the Georgia Public Health Laboratory confirmed on Monday that a Georgia Tech student has H1N1 influenza. They say they are following established protocols and the student is recovering at home.

The Associated Press

Protests continue in wake of election

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In a massive outpouring reminiscent of the Islamic Revolution three decades ago, hundreds of thousands of Iranians streamed through the capital Monday, and the fist-waving protesters denounced President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's claim to victory in a disputed election.

Standing on a roof, gunmen opened fire on a group of protesters who had tried to storm a pro-government militia's compound. One man was killed and several others were wounded in the worst violence since

the disputed election Friday. Angry men showed their bloody palms after cradling the dead and wounded who had been part of a crowd that stretched more than five miles (nearly 10 kilometers) supporting reform leader Mir Hossein Mousavi.

The huge rally — and smaller protests around the country - reinforced what has become increasingly clear since the election: the opposition forces rallying behind Mousavi



An unidentified demonstrator holds a placard during protests on Monday.

show no signs of backing down. Their resolve appears to have pushed

Iran's Islamic establishment into attempts to cool the tensions after days of unrest.

In his first public comment on the Iranian election, President Barack Obama said he was "deeply troubled by the violence I've been seeing on

Although he said he had no way of knowing whether the election was valid, Obama praised protesters and Iranian youth who questioned the

"The world is watching and is inspired by their participation, regardless of what the ultimate out-

come of the election was," he said.

Police and other security forces stood by quietly - some sitting on stoops with their batons and shields resting behind them as the marchers swallowed the streets in parts of Tehran. Estimates put the turnout at hundreds of thousands overflowing the square, where crowds of 200,000 have filled the plaza in the past.

Mousavi made his first public appearance since the polls closed,

and he launched his claims that the vote was rigged to re-elect the hardline president.

Brief clips of the march were shown on state television in an extremely rare nod to anti-government protests.

"Respect the people's vote!" Mousavi cried through a hand-held loudspeaker in Azadi, or Freedom, Square — where Iran's leaders hold military and political gatherings.

It appeared that Iran's ruling clerics had opened the door for the demonstration — even giving it news coverage — in a possible bid to avoid more street clashes and seek some breathing room in the growing con-

frontation. But a single moment could change all that. Gunfire erupted from a compound used by the Basij, a volunteer militia linked to Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard. An Associated Press photographer saw at least one demonstrator killed and several others with what appeared to be serious wounds.

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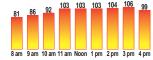
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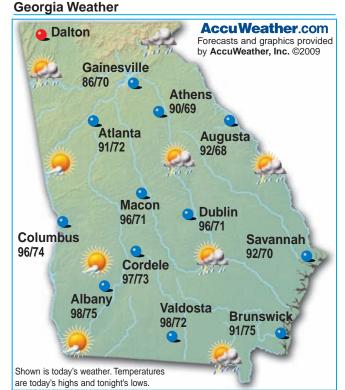
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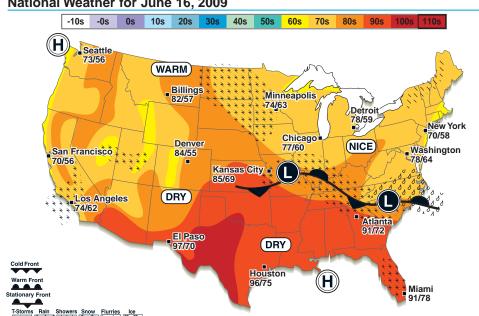
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IN THE PITS

Changes may help NASCAR

ans cringed and teams shuddered when NASCAR opened its doors to Toyota, the first foreign automaker to enter a sport built around American cars.

Competitors feared that a deep-pocketed company with its free spending and technological savvy would



Jenna **Fryer**

run wild over the loyal supporters of Detroit's Big Three manufacturers. Longtime fans simply couldn't stomach a Japanese car racing side by side against their red. white and blue models.

It's now been five years since Toyota eased into NASCAR in the third-tier Truck Series three since the automaker graduated into the premier Sprint Cup Series — and a foreign brand didn't bring the sport to a halt. Nor did it ruin the racing. If anything, its improved both the competition and overall health of the industry.

Now, NASCAR says it is willing to consider other foreign automakers. BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan, and Mercedes-Benz all have manufacturing plants inside the U.S. — the same criteria Toyota met when NASCAR accepted the automaker into NASCAR in 2002 - and Volkswagen is building a facility in Tennessee. Any of those manufacturers can approach NASCAR about coming on board, and chairman Brian France is apparently willing to listen.

"We're the pre-eminent place in North America for car manufacturers to build their business with an auto racing group," France said before Sunday's race. "We remain that and clearly there's some companies that are going to look at opportunities that may not have even been there in the past that could be presented in the future."

That his comments came at Michigan International Speedway — a short drive from the home offices of Ford, GM and Dodge — probably didn't sit well with those in NASCAR.

But on what grounds can any American automakers object to NASCAR allowing more manufacturers into the sport? Chrysler and GM are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and the restructuring plans have led to cutbacks in each auto racing budget.

Dodge flagship owner Roger Penske says it's been business as usual for his team since Chrysler's filing. But Richard Petty Motorsports cut salaries across the board and laid off at least nine employees last week as it prepares for significant shortfalls in Dodge funding.

Then came GM's decision late last week to end its support of teams in the lower-tier Nationwide and Truck Series, a cutback that slashes the bottom lines at race teams owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and every organization not run by a big-time NASCAR star. The pullout leaves Toyota as the only manufacturer supporting teams in either of those series.

But GM's cost-cutting could also reach the Cup series as early as this week, and every Chevrolet-supported team has got to be on edge as owners wonder just how much cash might vanish from the 2009 budget.

Never mind the flashes of muscle shown by Toyota the past year, Chevrolet is still the top player in NASCAR with great success spread among a diverse lineup of teams and drivers. Chevy teams have won 13 of the last 16 Cup titles, and Mark Martin's victory Sunday was its eighth in 15 races this season.

➤ Please see FRYER, 2B

ACTION SPORTS: MOTOCROSS

DAVID MEDINA/Medina Photography

Dalton's Will Posey has had his ups and downs in 14 years as a motocross rider, but he reached a low point when he had to temporarily give up the sport last year after suffering a serious head injury. Back on the dirt bike, he's much happier now.

What a ride

Posey battles back from injuries, returns to form

him

BY ADAM KROHN

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There was a time earlier this year when Will Posey wasn't sure he'd ever ride a dirt bike again.

The Dalton native, who has been racing since he was 4 years old,



Posey

with bleeding of the brain. The injury was the worst of a long list of injuries he'd suffered

over the past four years (concussions, broken wrists/hands/collarbone, torn MCL, serious hip-kidney injuries) and after this one, his father Billy Posey — a recreational dirt bike rider himself in high school — said enough was enough.

INSIDE SPORTS

- ► Cal State Fullerton out at CWS, 2B
- ▶ Dolphins lose meet on road, 2B
- ▶ NFL rule covers new ground, 2B
- ► Mountaineers play ball, **3B**

No more dirt bikes for his son. "I told him his body couldn't take it anymore," Billy Posey said. "He was the most depressed boy you ever saw because he couldn't ride."

Posey, now 18 and a homeschool student who graduated earlier this year, considers not being able to ride his dirt bike the lowest point in his life.

"Everything I had worked for my entire life was gone in my mind," said Posey, who began selling off a lot of his dirt bike equipment. "It was a really bad time in

➤ Please see RIDE, 3B

Bad days for Braves grow worse

BY CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — The standings show the Atlanta Braves falling fast in the NL East. That's not the only cause for concern.

The stories behind the won-loss totals — a lack of hitting and lackadaisical play — also are troubling for Atlanta, which has lost seven of its last 11.

The Braves (30-32) were off on Monday after losing two straight games at Baltimore to fall below Florida into fourth place in the NL East, 6 1/2 games behind Philadelphia. The Braves' road trip resumes at Cincinnati this week before a weekend series at Boston.

Starting pitching has been the team's strength, but ace Derek Lowe didn't make it out of the third inning in Sunday's 11-2 loss to the Orioles.





■ PITCHERS: Jurrjens (5-4, 2.85) vs. Harang (5-6, 3.74)

■ NOTEWORTHY: Braves first baseman Casey Kotchman is expected to come off the disabled list today.

Perhaps more notable's than Lowe's short stint was manager Bobby Cox making the rare move of benching shortstop Yunel Escobar during the game.

Cox believed Escobar, who committed four errors in a nine-game homestand before the weekend

➤ Please see BRAVES, 3B



АР Рното

The Atlanta Braves haven't given their fans much to see lately as they've fallen into fourth place in the National League East, but Sunday's 11-2 loss to the Baltimore Orioles made for a particularly bad day for more than one reason.

PRO BASKETBALL: NBA

АР Рното A trade for Pau Gasol during the 2007-08 season gave the Los Angeles Lakers a comple-

ment to star Kobe Bryant.

Quick-fix titles are pricey

By Brian Mahoney

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — The last place Phil Jackson expected to end up when he returned to coach the Los Angeles Lakers was the NBA finals awards podium.

Sure, the Lakers had Kobe Bryant, but that was about it.

"I said that I'd have to think about it a long time because this team is quite a ways from a championship even though Kobe Bryant always gives you a chance to win," Jackson recalled of his discussions with Lakers executive Jeanie Buss, his girlfriend, in 2005.

"So over the next two and a half months I spent some time thinking

about it and rekindling my energy to come back and coach, but when I came back I didn't anticipate we'd win. I'd be part of it. I thought maybe I'd build the steps to a winning team, but I didn't think I'd be part of it, and this is much quicker than I thought it would happen."

A good trade can do that.

The last two NBA champions have proved just that, and the next team willing to make a bold move might be the one sipping champagne next June. But how many teams dare to do it during an uncertain economic climate?

NBA commissioner David Stern said before the finals that revenues could be down as much as 10 percent next season, and the league already has warned its teams that the salary cap is expected to decrease in the next few years.

That means some may have to put All-Star players on the market as a way to cut costs and avoid having to pay the luxury tax, and a team willing to open its wallet to acquire one of them could see a rapid reward.

Boston was coming off one of the worst seasons in its storied history when it traded for Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett in separate deals two summers ago.

➤ Please see TITLES, 3B

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: GEORGIA TECH

Lawal back; picture looks good for Jackets

By Charles Odum

Associated Press Writer ATLANTA — Georgia Tech,

coming off its worst ACC finish in 28 years, should be well-stocked for a comeback season.

Forward Gani Lawal confirmed on Monday he will return for his junior season and will withdraw his name from the NBA draft. He will be joined by four returning starters and one of coach Paul Hewitt's top recruiting classes, raising hopes the Yellow Jackets should improve after finishing 12-19 overall last season, including a 2-14 record in Atlantic Coast Conference games.

Georgia Tech's 2-14 ACC finish was its worst since 1980-81, when the Yellow Jackets finished 4-23 overall and 0-14 in the league. Bobby Cremins' 19-year run as head coach began the following year.

Lawal, a 6-foot-9 forward, averaged 15.1 points and 9.5 rebounds. He ranked second in the ACC in rebounds and led the league in double-doubles.

Lawal said putting his name in the draft helped him to learn where he needs to improve before moving up to the NBA.

'Going through the process of dealing with the NBA teams was

definitely a positive experience for me," Lawal said. "I learned a lot about my game and what I need to work on, and coming back to school will be very beneficial toward that end. I'll also be a year closer to graduating, and I'm excited about the team we'll have next year."

Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt says Lawal should be one of the top players in the ACC next season.

"Gani's return may be the most significant factor for our team's success looking ahead to next season," Hewitt said. "He made tremendous progress between his freshman and sophomore years and

feel he can make even more progress in his junior season. He certainly will receive consideration for player of the year honors in the

Lawal is expected to be joined on Georgia Tech's front line by 6foot-9 freshman Derrick Favors, Scout.com's No. 1 prospect.

Favors was named the Naismith national player of the year after averaging 28.1 points and 13.3 rebounds at South Atlanta High, including 38 points and had 21 rebounds in the school's Class AAA state championship game victory over Westover.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NFL rule covers senior posts now

The NFL has broadened its "Rooney Rule" by requiring teams to interview at least one minority candidate when seeking to fill its senior football operations positions.

Commissioner Roger Goodell informed the NFL's 32 member teams by memo Monday of the new requirement. The change is expected to provide minorities more opportunities to fill each franchise's one senior football post, which varies in title from team to team.

Currently, there are five minorities filling top executive positions in the NFL. The new rule builds on the requirement that applies to head-coaching vacancies that was established seven years ago by an NFL committee led by Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan Rooney.

Postgame vandals won't stop parade

LOS ANGELES Looting and vandalism that broke out in the aftermath of the Los Angeles Lakers' basketball championship won't keep the city from celebrating the team's victory.

City officials and the Lakers are planning to foot the bill for a victory parade they hope will overshadow unrest the police chief blames on a mob of "knuckleheads."

Police reviewed security video and media images Monday to identify suspects who caused damage downtown the night before. Police Chief William Bratton said many known gang members were in the crowd.

A victory parade was being planned for Wednesday.

RV accident costs pro golfer right leg

JACKSON, Miss. — Champions Tour golfer Ken Green's lower right leg was amputated Monday following a recreational vehicle accident last week in which his brother and girlfriend died.

He was under sedation and in good condition after the three-hour operation at University of Mississippi Medical Center, Green's agent and close friend Kevin Richardson said.

Richardson said Green will spend at least a week in the hospital before returning home to Indiantown, Fla. He will go through rehabilitation and be fitted for a prosthetic limb. The 50-yearold golfer will need surgery on a suborbital bone in his face.

U.S. falls to Italy in South Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa — New Jerseyborn Giuseppe Rossi scored twice in the second half and Daniele De Rossi had a goal, leading Italy over the United States 3-1 Monday night in its opener at the FIFA Confederations Cup.

The U.S. played a man short after Ricardo Clark was ejected in the 33rd minute for a late tackle on Gennaro Gattuso.

Preparing for next year's World Cup in South Africa, the U.S. brought most of its top players to this eight-nation tournament. The United States plays South American champion Brazil on Thursday and closes the first round against African champion Egypt on Sunday.

- The Associated Press

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition, the caption that accompanied a photo of the 7-8-year-old Westside Knockouts on page 2B said they placed second in the Relay for Life softball tournament. The Knockouts won the

Scoreboard

TRANSACTIONS Monday's Moves Colorado 7. Seattle 1

BASEBALL American League CLEVELAND INDIANS — Signed 1B Ben Carlson, RHP Brent Brach, LHP Kirk Wetmore and INF Kyle

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tanner Bushue, RHP Brailon Wikoff, RHP Justin Harper, RHP James MacDonald, RHP Mark Jones, RHP Robert Donovan, RHP Brender Stines RHP Scott Migi, OF Telvin Nash, OF Ryar Humphrey, OF Brian Kemp, OF Julio Martinez, OF Jackson Hogue, SS Brandon Wikoff, SS Ben Orloff, LHP Mike Modica, LHP Travis Smink, C David Williams 1B Ronald Sanchez 1B Nicholas Stanley, 2B Barry Butera and 3B Aaron Bay.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with OF Virgil Hill, 1B Alan Ahmady, LHP Pat Daugherty, 3B Matt Carpenter, OF Ross Smith, 1B David Washington, 1B Jonathan Rodriguez, C Anthony Garcia, C Travis Tartamella, RHP Scott Schneider, C Matthew Adams, RHP Keith Butler, RHP Josh Squatrito, OF Christian Beatty, RHP Johnathan Fulino, LHP Justin Edwards, LHP

Daniel Calhoun, SS Tyler Bighames, RHP Travis Lawler, SS Devin Goodwin, RHP David Kington, RHP Andrew Moss, RHP Justin Smith, 3B Richard Racobaldo, LHP John Durham, RHP Jesse Simpson, RHP Cale Johnson, RHP Aaron Terry, LHP Manuel De La Cruz, LHP Kyle Heim, RHP Michael Thompson and RHP Jason Novak.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association DETROIT SHOCK — Announced the resignation of coach Bill Laimbeer, Named Rick Mahorn coach Announced assistant coach Cheryl Reeve will keep her title and become the team's general manager HOCKEY

National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS — Signed general manager Peter Chiarelli to a contract extension. CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with coach Paul Maurice on a multiyear contract. Announced Ron Francis will return as associate head coach and take on the title of director of play er personnel.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Announced president

and CEO Roy Mlakar will leave effective June 30. Promoted chief operating officer Cyril Leeder to president Named Frin Crowe executive vice-president and chief financial officer. Announced general manager Bryan Murray will add executive vicepresident to his duties.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Announced the retire

ment of D Derian development coach. ment of D Derian Hatcher and named him player Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Traded M/F Pat Noonan to
Colorado for a 2010 first-round draft pick and allo-

COLLEGE CONNECTICUT — Announced freshman F Atel Majok has withdrawn from the NBA draft. FLORIDA - Named Jan Dowling women's golf

coach.
GEORGE MASON — Extended the contract of athletic director Tom O'Connor through 2013.
GEORGIA TECH — Announced sophomore F
Gani Lawal has withdrawn from the NBA draft.

TELEVISION

On Today

COLLEGE BASEBALL

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{2 p.m.} \\ \text{ESPN2} & -\text{World Series, game 7, North Carolina} \\ \text{vs. Southern Mississippi, at Omaha, Neb.} \end{array}$ 7 p.m.

ESPN — World Series, game 8, Arizona State vs Texas, at Omaha, Neb. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Sunday's Scores N.Y. Yankees 15, N.Y. Mets 0 Florida 11, Toronto 3 Baltimore 11, Atlanta 2 Philadelphia 11, Boston 6 Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3

Chicago White Sox 5, Milwaukee 4 Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 1 Chicago Cubs 3, Minnesota 2 L.A. Dodgers 6, Texas 3 L.A. Angels 6, San Diego 0 San Francisco 7, Oakland 1 Houston 8, Arizona 3 Cleveland 3, St. Louis 0

Monday's Scores Milwaukee at Cleveland, late L.A. Angels at San Francisco, late

Today's Games Milwaukee (Gallardo 6-3) at Cleveland (Sowers 1-3), 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 4-2) at Baltimore (Guthrie 4-6),

Toronto (R.Romero 3-3) at Philadelphia (Hamels 4-Washington (Martis 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia

Atlanta (Jurrjens 5-4) at Cincinnati (Harang 5-6), 7:10 p.m Florida (Volstad 4-6) at Boston (Wakefield 8-3),

7:10 p.m Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

Houston (W.Rodriguez 5-5) at Texas (Millwood 6-Arizona (D.Davis 3-7) at Kansas City (Meche 3-5).

Pittsburgh (Maholm 4-2) at Minnesota (Perkins 1-Detroit (Verlander 7-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-4). 8:15 p.m. Tampa Bay (Niemann 5-4) at Colorado (De La Rosa 2-6), 8:40 p.m.

Seattle (F.Hernandez 6-3) at San Diego (Correia 3-Oakland (Braden 5-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-5), 10:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (E.Santana 1-3) at San Francisco

(J.Sanchez 2-6), 10:15 p.m. Wednesday's Games Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m. L.A. Angels at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m Washington at N Y Yankees 7:05 p.m. Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. Florida at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Arizona at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at Minnesota 8:10 p m Detroit at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. Seattle at San Diego, 10:05 p.m. Oakland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

MLB Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING—DWright, New York, .364; Tejada, Houston, .344; Beltran, New York, .344; Hawpe, Colorado, .337; HaRamirez, Florida, .330; Sandoval, San Francisco, .325; Pujols, St. Louis, .324 RUNS—Ibanez, Philadelphia, 51; Pujols, St. Louis, 50; Utley, Philadelphia, 46; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 43; Victorino, Philadelphia, 43; Braun, Milwaukee, 42; Reynolds, Arizona, 42; Werth, Philadelphia, 42; Zimmerman, Washington, 42. RBI—Ibanez, Philadelphia, 59; Pujols, St. Louis, 57; Fielder, Milwaukee, 56; Howard, Philadelphia, 51; Hawpe, Colorado, 47; Dunn, Washington, 45; Helton, Colorado, 45; Reynolds, Arizona, 45 HITS—Tejada, Houston, 87; DWright, New York, 82; Hudson, Los Angeles, 78; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 78; FSanchez, Pittsburgh, 78; HaRamirez, Florida, 77; Zimmerman, Washington, 77.
DOUBLES—Tejada, Houston, 23; FSanchez,

Pittsburgh, 22; Hawpe, Colorado, 21; Beltran, New York, 20; AdLaRoche, Pittsburgh, 20; HaRamirez, Florida, 20; Hudson, Los Angeles, 19; Rowand, San Francisco, 19; DWright, New York, 19. TRIPLES—Morgan, Pittsburgh, 5; Victorino, Philadelphia, 5; Bourn, Houston, 4; Kemp, Los Angeles, 4; Pence, Houston, 4; JUpton, Arizona, 4;

10 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS—AdGonzalez, San Diego, 22; Ibanez, Philadelphia, 22; Pujols, St. Louis, 22; Howard, Philadelphia, 19; Dunn, Washington, 17; Reynolds, Arizona, 17; Bruce, Cincinnati, 15; Fielder, Milwaukee, 15; Utley, Philadelphia, 15. STOLEN BASES—Bourn, Houston, 22; DWright, New York, 17; Pierre, Los Angeles, 16; Morgan Pittsburgh, 15; Kemp, Los Angeles, 14; Reynolds, Arizona, 13; Taveras, Cincinnati, 12.

PITCHING —Cain, San Francisco, 9-1; Billingsley, Los Angeles, 9-3; Marquis, Colorado, 8-4; JSantana, New York, 8-4; Lilly, Chicago, 7-4; DLowe, Atlanta, 7-4; Duke, Pittsburgh, 7-4. STRIKEOUTS—JVazquez, Atlanta, Lincecum, San Francisco, 103; JSantana, New York, 94; Billingsley, Los Angeles, 93; Peavy, San Diego, 92; Haren, Arizona, 90; JoJohnson, Florida,

SAVES—Bell, San Diego, 18; BWilson, San Francisco, 17; FrRodriguez, New York, 16; Capps, Pittsburgh, 16; Broxton, Los Angeles, 16; Cordero, Cincinnati, 15; Franklin, St. Louis, 15; Hoffman,

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland, .335; Youkilis, Boston, .331; Morneau, Minnesota, .329; Figgins, Los Angeles, .326; AdJones, Baltimore, .324; MiCabrera, Detroit, .320; Rolen, Toronto, .320.

RUNS—Damon, New York, 49; CPena, Tampa Bay, 49; Morneau, Minnesota, 48; BRoberts, Baltimore 48; Scutaro, Toronto, 48; Figgins, Los Angeles, 47; Pedroia, Boston, 47.

RBI—Bay, Boston, 61; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 58; Morneau, Minnesota, 54; Teixeira, New York, 54; TorHunter, Los Angeles, 51; CPena, Tampa Bay, 48; Lind, Toronto, 45; VMartinez, Cleveland, 45. HITS—ISuzuki, Seattle, 87; AHill, Toronto, 86; VMartinez, Cleveland, 82; Morneau, Minnesota, 82: Crawford, Tampa Bay, 81: Jeter, New York, 79 Cano, New York, 77; Figgins, Los Angeles, 77; MYoung, Texas, 77

DOUBLES—Lind, Toronto, 22; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 21; BRoberts, Baltimore, 21; MYoung, Texas, 21; Byrd, Texas, 19; Markakis, Baltimore, 19; Scutaro, Toronto, 19.

TRIPLES—Crisp, Kansas City, 5; DeJesus, Kansas City, 5; Andrus, Texas, 4; Bloomquist, Kansas City, 4; JAnderson, Detroit, 3; JBuck, Kansas City, 3; Crawford, Tampa Bay, 3; Cuddyer, Minnesota, 3; Figgins, Los Angeles, 3; Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 3. HOME RUNS—CPena, Tampa Bay, 20; Teixeira, New York, 20; Bay, Boston, 17; NCruz, Texas, 17; TorHunter, Los Angeles, 16; Morneau, Minnesota, 16; Branyan, Seattle, 15; Dye, Chicago, 15; Kinsler,

STOLEN BASES—Crawford, Tampa Bay, 36; Ellsbury, Boston, 25; BUpton, Tampa Bay, 24; Figgins, Los Angeles, 22; Abreu, Los Angeles, 15; Bartlett, Tampa Bay, 14; Crisp, Kansas City, 13; Jeter, New York, 13; BRoberts, Baltimore, 13. PITCHING —Halladay, Toronto, 10-1; Slowey, Minnesota, 9-2; Greinke, Kansas City, 8-2; Wakefield, Boston, 8-3; JerWeaver, Los Angeles, 7-2; Verlander, Detroit, 7-2; Beckett, Boston, 7-3. STRIKEOUTS—Verlander, Detroit, 106; Greinke, Kansas City, 97; Lester, Boston, 96; Halladay, Toronto, 88; FHernandez, Seattle, 84; Beckett, Boston, 81; ABurnett, New York, 74; JerWeaver, Los Angeles, 74

SAVES—Fuentes, Los Angeles, 16; Papelbon, Boston, 16; Nathan, Minnesota, 15; Jenks, Chicago, 14; MaRivera, New York, 14; Rodney, 12; FFrancisco, Texas, 12; Sherrill

College Baseball

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At Rosenblatt Stadium **Double Elimination** Saturday, June 13
Arkansas 10, Cal State Fullerton 6

LSU 9, Virginia 5 Arizona State 5, North Carolina 2, 10 innings Texas 7, Southern Mississippi 6 Monday, June 15

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Today
Game 7 — North Carolina (47-17) vs. Southern Mississippi (40-25), 2 p.m. Game 8 — Arizona State (50-12) vs. Texas (47-14-1), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17
Game 9 — Virginia (49-14-1) vs. Arkansas (40-23), Thursday, June 18

Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 Friday, June 19

Game 11 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner

Saturday, June 20 Game 13 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 or 7 p.m., if necessary

Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner,

7 p.m., if necessary NOTE: If only one game is necessary, it will be played at 7 p.m Championship Series Best-of-3

Monday, June 22: Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23: Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24: Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

GOLF

PGA Tour

May 21-24 — HP Byron Nelson Championship (Rory Sabbatini) May 28-31 — Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial

June 4-7 — The Memorial Tournament (Tiger June 11-14 — Stanford St. Jude Championship (Brian Gay) June 18-21 U.S. Open, Bethpage State Park (Black

Course), Farmingdale, N.Y.
June 25-28 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.

July 2-5 — AT&T National, Congressional CC (Blue Course), Bethesda, Md. July 9-12 — John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run

> **Tour Leaders** Through June 14 Scoring Average

1. Tiger Woods, 68,88, 2. David Toms, 69,44, 3 Brian Gay, 69.52. 4, Steve Stricker, 69.56. 5, Tim Clark, 69.59. 6, Sean O'Hair, 69.74. 7, Jim Furyk 69.75. 8, Kenny Perry, 69.79. 9 (tie), Luke Donald and Jason Day, 69.82.

Driving Distance

1, Bubba Watson, 313.2. 2, Robert Garrigus, 309.0. 3, Dustin Johnson, 307.9. 4, Gary Woodland, 307.3. 5, Nick Watney, 302.7. 6, Brandt Jobe, 302.3. 7, Scott Piercy, 301.6. 8, J.B. Holmes, 300.9. 9 (tie), Charley Hoffman and Harrison

Driving Accuracy Percentage 1, David Toms, 74.74%. 2, Joe Durant, 72.64%. 3, Brian Gay, 72.35%. 4, Tim Clark, 72.14%. 5, Scott Verplank, 71.68%. 6, Scott McCarron, 71.58%. 7, Bart Bryant, 71.21%. 8, Mark Brooks, 70.36%. 9, Paul Goydos, 70.17%. 10, Jeff Klauk, 69.99%.

Greens in Regulation Pct.
1, John Senden, 71.40%. 2, Sean O'Hair, 71.11%.
3, Briny Baird, 70.65%. 4, Brandt Jobe, 70.51%. 5, Camilo Villegas, 70.08%. 6, Jay Williamson, 69.66%. 7, K.J. Choi, 69.01%. 8, Steve Marino, 68.95%. 9, Dustin Johnson, 68.93%. 10, Steve

Total Driving
1, Lucas Glover, 69. 2, Mathew Goggin, 77. 3, Jonathan Byrd, 78. 4, John Senden , 79. 5, Robert Allenby, 81. 6, Boo Weekley, 86. 7, Bill Haas, 88. 8, Kenny Perry, 98. 9, Ernie Els, 99. 10, David Toms,

Putting Average

1, Luke Donald, 1.697. 2, Geoff Ogilvy, 1.710. 3, Steve Stricker, 1.713. 4, Rory Sabbatini, 1.716. 5, Charlie Wi, 1.717. 6, Joe Ogilvie, 1.719. 7, Tim Clark, 1.722. 8, Kevin Na, 1.724. 9, Brian Gay 1.725. 10, Mike Weir, 1.726. Birdie Average

1, Geoff Ogilvy, 4.48. 2, Dustin Johnson, 4.47. 3, Anthony Kim, 4.41. 4, Sean O'Hair, 4.40. 5, Paul Casey, 4.29. 6 (tie), Steve Stricker and Tim Clark, 4.22. 8, Tiger Woods, 4.21. 9, Nick Watney, 4.19 10, Charley Hoffman, 4.17.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, Bubba Watson, 62.3. 2, Nick Watney, 86.4. 3 Dustin Johnson, 88.2, 4, Davis Love III, 94.0, 5, Tag Ridings, 97.2. 6, Phil Mickelson, 105.0. 7 (tie), Tiger Woods and Ryan Palmer, 108.0. 9, Chris Stroud, 110.3. 10. Retief Goosen, 111.0.

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Sand Save Percentage

1, David Mathis, 69.70%. 2, Kevin Na, 65.56%. 3, Luke Donald, 64.47%. 4, Brian Gay, 63.64%. 5, Ian Poulter, 63.46%. 6, Webb Simpson, 62.96%. 7, Brad Adamonis, 62.50%. 8, Ben Curtis, 60.98%. 9, Mike Weir, 60.76%. 10, Jerry Kelly, 60.56%.

All-Around Ranking
1, Sean O'Hair, 252. 2, Tim Clark, 293. 3, Charlie
Wi, 298. 4, David Toms, 302. 5, Kenny Perry, 323.
6, Dustin Johnson, 328. 7, Camilo Villegas, 333. 8, Nick Watney, 337. 9, Stephen Ames, 346. 10, 2 tied

with 349. PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders
1, Geoff Ogilvy (12), \$3,319,045. 2, Zach Johnson (15), \$3,305,441. 3, Phil Mickelson (11), \$3,250,731. 4, Tiger Woods (7), \$3,246,813. 5, Steve Stricker (13), \$3,117,036. 6, Sean O'Hair (13), \$3,047,542. 7, Kenny Perry (14), \$2,776,705. 8, Brian Gay (15), \$2,740,535. 9, Nick Watney, (13), \$2,587,386. 10, Paul Casey (8), \$2,560,610.

COLLEGE BASEBALL: WORLD SERIES



LSU's Mikie Mahtook (8) celebrates with his teammates after hitting at three-run home run against Arkansas in the first inning of the Tigers' 9-1 win in the College World Series on Monday.

Tigers win again; Titans eliminated

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. -Mikie Mahtook, Austin Nola and Blake Dean homered and LSU stayed unbeaten at the College World Series with a 9-1 victory over Arkansas on Monday night.

The No. 3-seeded Tigers (53-16), who have won 12 straight, are off until they play the Razorbacks or Virginia on Friday. A win in that game would send LSU to next week's bestof-three finals.

Arkansas (40-23) and Virginia meet Wednesday in an elimination game.

Razorbacks starter Brett Eibner (5-5) was knocked out in the second inning after allowing four runs. TJ Forrest held LSU scoreless until the sixth, when the Tigers added five more.

LSU's Louis Coleman (14-2) gave up six hits over his six innings, allowing the Hogs' only run in the first. He struck out seven. Daniel Bradshaw and Nolan Cain finished LSU's third win in four meetings against its Southeastern Conference rival.

The Tigers ran their season home run total to 99, including five in their two CWS games. It was the 14th time this season the Tigers have hit three homers in a game.

Mahtook hit a three-run homer in the first for his seventh of the year. The Tigers jacked two more in the five-run sixth, with light-hitting shortstop Nola turning on a fastball for his third of the season and Dean hammering his 16th deep into the right-field seats for a 7-1 lead. ■ Virginia 7, Cal State

Fullerton 5: Virginia eliminated second-seeded Cal State Fullerton, beating another ace by chasing Daniel Renken in the victo-

The Cavaliers (49-14-1) won the elimination game and next play Arkansas. Fullerton (47-16) has lost five straight in the CWS.

Renken (11-3) gave up a season-high six runs and left in the sixth inning. The Cavaliers tagged another one of college baseball's top pitchers, having defeated San Diego State ace and No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg in the regionals.

Virginia, in the CWS for the first time, took the lead for good in the second inning by scoring four times. Keith Werman, the Cavaliers' ninth-place hitter, singled home the tying run and Danny Hultzen hit a two-run single past diving right fielder Gary Brown.

Werman continued his key hitting in the College World Series, going 2 for 4 and driving in two runs. The 140-pound freshman is 6 for 9 with two doubles and three RBIs in two CWS games.

Fullerton, 21-9 in NCAA tournament elimination games since 1999, tried to come back against closer Kevin Arico in the

YOUTH SWIMMING: CASL Dolphins lose in Tenn.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A short-handed Dalton Dolphins squad lost to the Aqua Tigers 367-363 in a Chattanooga Area Swim League dual meet Monday in Cleveland, Tenn.

"The kids that were there swam very well," said Dolphins coach Charles Todd, who cited vacations among other reasons the team was smaller than usual.

Top point-scorers for the Dolphins were James Fuller (19), Chas Jones (18),

Joanna Rosales, Taylor Dale, Stephen Jones (17), Ricardo Chavez (16), Cecilia Rodriguez, Alex Mashburn (13), Abigail Romina Crawford, Mendoza, Austin Mobley (12), Caroline Mathis, Ana Rodriguez, Rebecca Davis (11) and Ana Hanna (10). The Dolphins, now 1-1

in the league's top division,

have their home opener

against Ringgold at 5:30

p.m. Thursday at the Dalton Recreation Center. PET MEMORIALS
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Fryer: Nothing ventured tually vanish from the

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There were 14 Chevrolets in the 43-car field Sunday, and six of the 12 drivers currently qualified for the Chase for the championship are GM-supported. If that money dries up, particularly before the end of the season, it will have wide-ranging effects on the competition.

There would be no way for Richard Childress Racing to revive its slumping program before the end of the year, and Juan Pablo Montoya would have an extremely difficult time making his first Chase. Tony Stewart's bid to become the first driver/owner to win a championship since the late Alan Kulwicki would become much harder, and many longtime loyalties to Chevrolet could be tested.

So why shouldn't NASCAR let more manufacturers into the sport? Two of the three current participants are struggling to pay the bills, and Ford isn't exactly on stable ground. Even mighty Toyota has taken a hit this year, and as the only player in Nationwide and Trucks, the company will likely have to reconsider spending money on those series. France needs to make

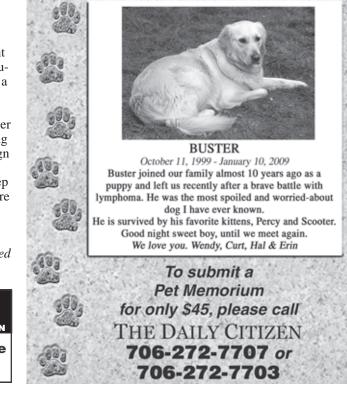
decisions based on the longterm health of the industry, and worrying about rankling fans who only buy American can't be a consideration. With sponsorship opportuni-

ties dwindling, many teams are hanging on by a thread. They need money and they need manufacturer support, and without it, they'll evenNASCAR landscape. The automakers' current

economic woes will eventually jeopardize everything a NASCAR fan wants: full fields, competitive racing and exciting drivers to cheer every weekend. By opening the industry to more foreign automakers, NASCAR could take a significant step toward stabilizing the future of the sport.

Jenna Fryer covers NASCAR for The Associated





Happy campers



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North Murray High School baseball held its first camp for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade this past week. North Murray will begin classes later this summer and the Mountaineers, who will be coached by Steve Granger, will play their first season next spring.

Titles: Who's willing to pay the cost?

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The Celtics surged to the best record in the NBA, the greatest one-season improvement in league history, and won their 17th championship by beating the Lakers last June.

By then, Los Angeles was clearly on the rise after acquiring Pau Gasol from Memphis at midseason. The Spanish forward averaged 18.6 points in the finals, joining Bryant to give the Lakers More big-name, big-salary the 1-2 punch that every champion needs.

"He's a dominant post-up player, extremely versatile, makes great decisions, and obviously when we got him last year, that really took us to that next step," Bryant said.

Shaquille O'Neal, Amare Stoudemire and Vince Carter were among the players who were believed to be available at the trade deadline, but there were no significant moves.

players will likely be put on the market around the draft or later in the summer — Phoenix already has discussed trading O'Neal to Cleveland, according to reports.

The Suns are among the many teams looking to slash. Harder to find are the ones willing to spend.

Cavaliers' Dan The Gilbert will, vowing to do whatever it takes to show LeBron James the commitment to building a champion. Dallas owner Mark Cuban has said he is open to taking on additional salary, but doesn't believe there will be many others, even after it seeing it work out for the Lakers and Celtics.

But the NBA is a superstar's league, and they don't come cheap. The Cavaliers, Lakers and Celtics, who had the league's three top records, had three of the five highest payrolls.

Ride: LaFayette's Bentley plays mentor

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Though there were some positives that came from his time away from riding, such as devoting more time to his studies and graduating three months early in February, as well as meeting new people through other hobbies, the absence of a dirt bike was taking its toll on Posey.

At the beginning of May, Posey decided to talk to his father about riding again. It had been seven months since his head injury, and he felt he was healthy enough to ride again.

"He explained to me how much he loved the sport," Billy Posey said. "When your kid looks at you a certain way, you can see how much it means to him. I told him he can ride, but just be

Within hours, Posey was ack on his dirt bike, riding in a nearby field.

The head injury he suffered in October was in his first race after a severe hip injury that sidelined him for five months, so he said it felt

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series at Baltimore, was slow

to react on Sunday when the

Orioles pulled off their first

steal of home since May 23,

0 in the second inning, Brian

Roberts was caught off first.

Escobar was about to tag

Roberts before realizing too

late that Robert Andino was

running from third base.

Andino easily beat Escobar's

doing things right, being in the

game and (we) don't do things

lackadaisically," said Cox,

who moved rookie shortstop

Diory Hernandez into the

react on a throw to the plate

in the Braves' 3-2 home loss

to the Pirates on Wednesday

night. Pittsburgh's Craig Monroe kept running around

third after taking off from

second as Kelly Johnson

made a diving stop of a

grounder and flipped to

Escobar for an attempted

force at second base.

Escobar also was slow to

game in the third inning.

"We pride ourselves on

With the Orioles ahead 4-

like it was the first time he had raced in more than a

But after riding his bike again, he felt good enough to race the next day in Bremen in an area qualifier for the Air Nautiques/AMA Amateur National Championships on Aug. 4-8 at country music star Loretta Lynn's property in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

The qualifier in Bremen called for racing two heats known as "motos." Posey would need a top eight overall finish to make the cut and advance to the regional qualifier in Pell City, Ala., at the end of May. He finished fourth in the first moto and first in the second. Out of approximately 80 racers, Posey had made the cut.

In Pell City, he had to race in three motos and again come away with a top eight overall finish to qualify for the nationals. He finished third, third and seventh to earn a fourth overall finish. He was headed to the national championship as one of just 42 racers in his class (450C, highest possible) out

of tens of thousands that tried out all over the country.

"That was probably the happiest I've ever been racing," Posey said. "I did what I didn't think I could do, which was overcome myself.

"And when I went out there, I was faster than before I quit. I guess because the break helped me mentally. In my heart, I wanted to be a champion more than ever. I had a strong drive."

With Posey's comeback now in high gear, he has a lot of people in his corner. LaFayette's Shae Bentley, the 2000 125cc West Coast SX champion, has taken Posey under his wings and is training him in all aspects of racing, from exercise and diet to technique on the track.

Posey also maintained roughly 20 sponsors from his years of racing, which includes corporations such as Monster Energy and Oakley as well as family and friends. Curt Knuckles, a mechanic, will use his vacation time to travel to Tennessee so he can work on Posey's bike during the national championship.

"Curt has always taken care of the bike and has been there no matter what," Posey said. "Without him, we couldn't do it the way he have."

Bentley said there's only one goal in mind for the next few months of preparation leading up to the nationals.

"We're going there and we're winning," Bentley

"We're not leaving there without a championship, bottom line. He's already been through all the bad stages, and God has left him with something very special. He's a natural talent on a motorcy-

A win would give him a great boost to starting a pro career, which he is planning for regardless of where he finishes in nationals.

"This is pretty much my whole life," Posey said. "It's what I want to make a living doing. It's an adrenaline rush riding, and the challenge from the competition is fun.

"And, based on everything I've been through, I know you have to work for it. It's not given to you."

bases. McLouth already is

tied for second on the team

in steals, and he has scored

team expects first baseman

Casey Kotchman to come off

the 15-day disabled list on

Tuesday. Kotchman has been

out since June 7 with a right

would wait until Tuesday on

the Kotchman transaction

"and make sure he feels

to send first baseman

Barbaro Canizares back to

Triple-A Gwinnett to clear a

spot for Kotchman. Cox

could choose to keep

Canizares on the roster to

serve as designated hitter in

the weekend series against

the Red Sox.

The Braves are expected

Wren said the Braves

Wren said Monday the

seven runs.

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UK's Meeks in draft

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) Kentucky top scorer Jodie Meeks has decided to leave the Wildcats and remain in consideration for the NBA draft.

Coach John Calipari posted Monday on Twitter that Meeks had called to let him know about the decision.

Calipari wrote that he understood the decision for Meeks, who led the SEC in scoring and was eighth nationally with 23.7 points per game.

"He's excited and I'm excited for him," Calipari said. "I wish I got the chance to coach him."

The decision is one of few setbacks in Calipari's efforts to amass a star-studded roster. He has landed some of the nation's top recruits, and center Patrick Patterson decided not to go pro.

Meeks provided one of the few highlights for a lackluster Kentucky season when he scored a team-record 54 points against Tennessee.



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Braves: Jones says pitchers doing fine scored Monroe Escobar was wild on his

belated throw to the plate. "It wasn't heads-up," Cox said of Escobar's play last week.

Johnson said Escobar "probably assumed (Monroe) wasn't going to score. You've just got to peek in at the runner. Certainly it was the last thing on my mind too, that he (Monroe) would be going.'

Cox sighed when asked Sunday if benching Escobar will make a point.

"I've talked to him an awful lot since he's been here," Cox said.

Escobar's bat makes him an important part of the lineup. He is hitting .293 with six homers and leads the team with 33 RBIs and 35 runs.

The Braves probably can't keep Escobar out of the lineup because there has been too little offensive support for Chipper Jones, who is in an 0-for-21 slump, and Brian McCann in the middle of the lineup.

"I'm tired of being frus-

Braves scored a combined three runs in consecutive losses to Pittsburgh to end a 4-5 homestand last week. "We've certainly pitched

trated," Jones said after the

well enough to be leading this division right now," Jones said.

Jones said the Braves struggle if he and McCann are held without a hit or take a day off.

"This has been the story of our whole season," Jones said. "This is nothing new. If Mac is not playing and I go 0-fer, we're in trouble. If I'm not playing and Mac goes 0fer, we're in trouble."

Left fielder Garret Anderson is hitting only .254 with three homers and 18 RBIs. Right fielder Jeff Francoeur is hitting .250 with four homers and 29 RBIs.

Braves general manager Frank Wren tried to help the lineup by acquiring center fielder Nate McLouth from the Pirates on June 3.

In his first 10 games with the Braves, McLouth is hitting .244 with one homer,

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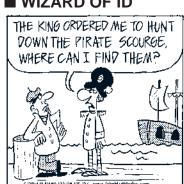
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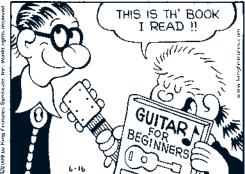






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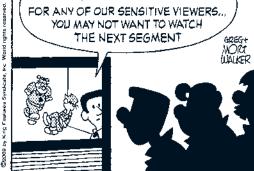






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DEAR ABBY

Reluctant bridesmaid looks for graceful way to bow out

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 20s and have worked for this company for a few years. One of my coworkers is my age and has always been very sweet. We talk occasionally about casual events in our lives, but I have never socialized with her outside of work and don't consider her more than a "work friend."

When she became engaged, I told her I was happy for her and admired her ring. Out of the blue she asked me to be a bridesmaid! I was taken by surprise, but she looked so hopeful that I agreed. I realize pay for her own outfit. now it was a huge mistake.

She is a nice girl, but we talk only at work, maybe three times a month. She has also asked two other girls from work to be a bridesmaid and maid of honor. They are in the same boat as I am, and both were also shocked to have been asked.

The wedding is a year and a half away. I am worried that it will cost me money. Don't bridesmaids have to buy their own dresses? I would never want someone in my wedding who didn't want to be there and who honestly didn't consider herself my friend. Is there an appropriate way to get out of this and not hurt her feelings? -DISTRESSED IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR DISTRESSED: It is not necessary to tell your co-worker that you do not consider her a friend. But do tell her that, while you are flattered that she asked you to be a bridesmaid, you responded impulsively without thinking it through and that it would create a financial hardship for you - which is why vou must decline. Obviously, this young woman has no close friends, **Jeanne** so do her a favor by not making this **Phillips** a topic of conversation at the office.

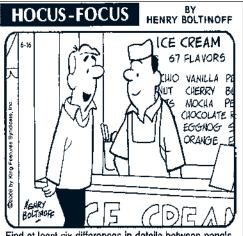
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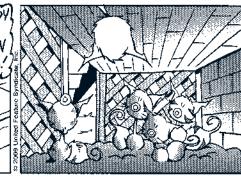






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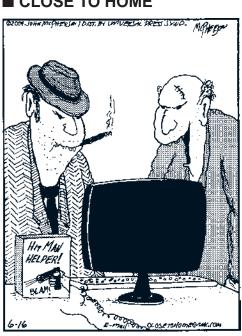
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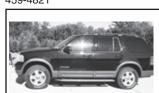
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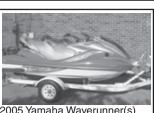
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By Anne-Marie Thompson The Great Treasure Hunt STAFF WRITER

Do you have antiques in the attic? Broken chains in your jewelry box? Comic books in the closet? What are you waiting for? The Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Roadshow coming to Dalton June 16th-20th, so start your springcleaning now and trade your unused items for cash!

Stationed in Kernersville, NC, the Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Roadshow has scoured the countryside for over 20 years in search of anything of value. Some exciting new finds have been a baseball jersey belonging to St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Stan Musial, the estate of late baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb, and two Jerseys from ABA basketball pro Lee Davis.

But nothing is too big or too small for the Treasure Hunters.They will buy anything from scrap gold and silver coins to Rolex watches and Hank Aaron autographed baseballs.

Kevin Batchelor, Treasure Hunter for two years running, assures clientele: "We are in the business to buy. We will buy anything of value." The Treasure Hunters welcome everyone to come out with to the public. Appraisals

Sharon Egan of Canton, OH brought in her father's old baseball cards, hoping to make

anything that might be worth some fast cash. "My daughter worth some money. The sale money, as this event is free is turning 5," she said, smiling. "I want to throw her a big offered at no cost. birthday party." The cards had been sitting in her attic since her father passed away, and she said she had never considered that they might be



The Treasure Hunters will be set up at the Dalton Super 8 Convention Center, Tuesday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

was quick and happy. She made \$1310. She exclaimed, "I can throw my daughter's sweet sixteen off what the Treasure Hunters gave me!"

Just recently, 82-year-old Ben Williams of Green Bay, WI came to visit the Treasure Hunters. He had antiques passed down from his mother, including a 150-year-old oak coffee table with painted detail and a lamp dating back to the 1910s. When asked about the condition the coffee table was kept, Ben replied, "I've never let a sole on it. The Treasure Hunters were very fair, and I know the table is going in the right hands," Ben said.

The Treasure Hunters have established well-rounded teams to ensure accurate appraisals. Each Treasure Hunter has their specialty. Batchelor has expertise in sports memorabilia, while Rick Kohl Jr. has gained extensive knowledge in stones and precious metals. Treasure Hunter Nick Gervasi explains, "We pay as much as we can. We want people to tell their friends and family about the positive experience they had with the Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Roadshow."

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After just a few moments you will be asked to come and have a seat at a table with one of our Treasure Hunters. In order to expedite the process, we ask that you place all your items on the table in front of you so that we may easily see them. If you have coins, please separate them into denominations. By doing this, you will assist in making the process smoother. Our Treasure Hunters will divide your items into two categories:

1. Items we would like to purchase.

2. Items we are not interested in purchasing.

This does not mean that these items do not have value, but they simply are not in demand in our network of collectors. Once the items are separated, we will make an offer on the items we are interested in purchasing. This offer is based on the current market value. We use a number of resources to obtain this price, including results of recently completed auctions. If you have a certain price in mind for your items, please do not hesitate to tell our associates. This information could help to make a deal rather than lose one. Should you choose to accept our offer, we will give you a prompt cash payment.

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FREE ADMISSION

June 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20Show Times: Tuesday - Saturday Tues 1p-7p | Wed-Fri 9a-6p | Sat 9a-3p

Super 8 Convention Center

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\$100,000 Mandolin found in Pennsylvania

On the Treasure Hunters' last trip to Pottsville, PA, they discovered an unexpected gem. Treasure Hunter Will Whitaker reports, "I couldn't believe we had come across a Gibson F-5 because they are so rare!" With a speedy call to Kenny Davis, the Treasure Hunters quickly learned of the mandolin's authenticity. It was genuine.

The Treasure Hunters met the seller's asking price enthusiastically, and the Gibson F-5 became a found treasure. He made a very large profit on the mandolin and left the Roadshow with a great deal of cash in hand.



Finished with an ultra-thin, hand-brushed varnish and hand-applied French polish, the Gibson F-5 Master Model is the ultimate in sound and beauty.

Friends Carpool To The Roadshow

By Anne-Marie Thompson The Great Treasure Hunt STAFF WRITER

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Hunters to pay the highest amount possible to their sellers. The company bases their offers on today's going rates, so you can be sure you are getting the most for your valuables.



The Treasure Hunters will be set up at the Super 8 Convention Center, Tuesday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We represent some of the world's top memorabilia antique collectors



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The Treasure Hunters are willing to meet sellers privately to ensure the safety of their goods. Their purchases are always professional, fair, and discreet.

Single Mom Sells Her Old Gold and **Starts Business**

Jane Mitchell from Northampton, Massachusetts came in to the Great Treasure Hunt Antique and Collectible Roadshow in need of extra cash. She brought her out-of-style gold jewelry and some broken chains. "I didn't think they would be worth much, but

"It only took a few minutes & I left - CASH In Hand!"

I'm starting my own business from

home, so every little bit counts." The little bit she hoped for ballooned to an even \$2000, which was more than enough cushion for her new catering

With gold at an all-time high, it is no wonder she received such a large sum. "What's great," Jane exclaimed, "is that this was all just sitting in an old



jewelry box in the back of my closet!" The Treasure Hunters turned her unwanted jewelry into much needed cash in less than 15 minutes.



Paying Top \$\$\$ For.. Over \$3 million Paid Out **Last Year**

- Gold, Sterling & Silver
- Jewelry
- Antiques
- Vintage Toys Pre-1965
- Vintage Sports Memoribilia
- Watches & Coins
- Guitars
- Comic Books
- Vintage Baseball Cards
- Complete Coin Sets
- Autographs Pre-1970
- Mechanical Banks Beatles
- Tobacco Cards
- Movie Posters