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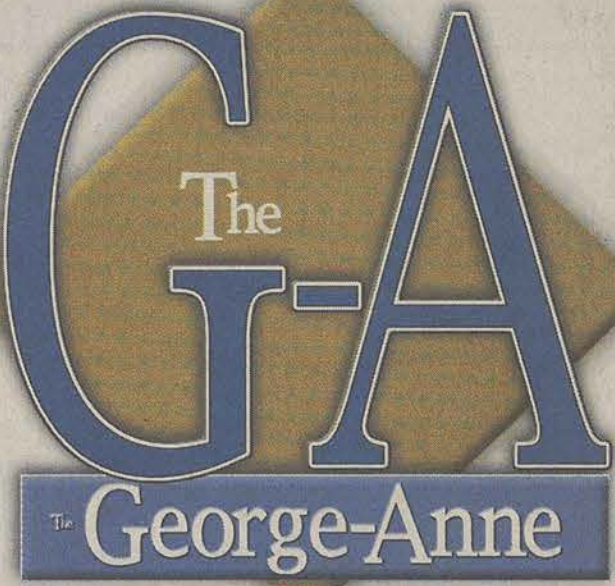
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SPORTS GSU women's basketball SoCon tournament preview inside!



Check out what the GSU women's basketball team is up against in SoCon tournament this weekend. Preview Inside!

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LIFE Ms. Statesboro Nursing Home Pageant held this week



Ms. Velma Lucas Butler was crowned Ms. Statesboro Nursing Home 2001 and will go to Atlanta to compete in the state pageant.

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Putt-Putt is here!

• Twin Falls Miniature Golf comes to the 'BORO

By Amanda Permenter
Staff Writer

In November 1998, GSU professors Darin Van Tassel and Larry Bryant opened a driving range in Statesboro. Even then, the name Hacker's "Golf Park" was assigned to the practice facility in anticipation of the mini-golf course the two owners hoped to eventually build on the property.

Over the past two years, Hackers has gained much notoriety. Patrons of the facility especially enjoy the fair prices, comfortable golfing environment, and lighted, night-accessible driving range provided by Hackers. Thursday, the park proudly held the grand opening of Twin Falls miniature golf course as part of Hacker's Golf Park. The fine and impressive new addition was developed and built by Harris Miniature Golf Courses, Inc.

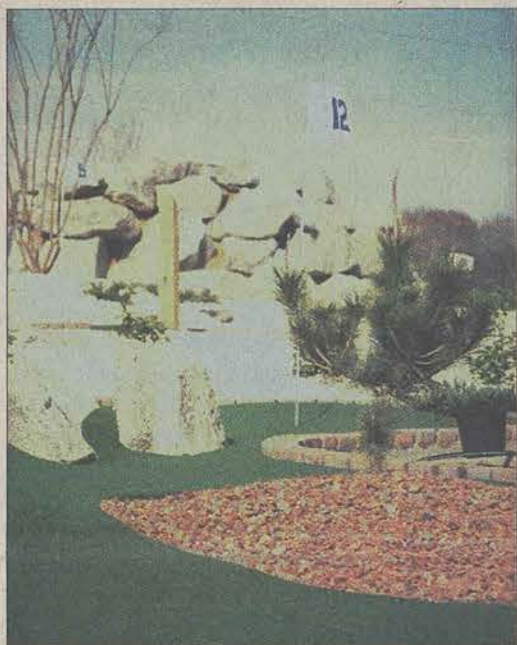
Harris has been the leading developer of mini-golf courses in the US for 40 years. The company's president Rich Lahey calls Twin Falls in Statesboro one of the longest and most challenging courses they have ever built.

Before even opening on Thursday, the park had succeeded in being named regional host site for Harris Cup National Mini-Golf Tournament, and had already managed to book nine birthday parties and a mini-golf tournament for GSU's Greek organizations. The course is adorned by two big granite waterfalls, which owner Van Tassel likes to call, "the largest granite structures south of Stone Mountain." In addition to the waterfalls, a stream of water runs throughout the course, adding another element of challenge to the game.

One hole even uses the water to get the ball toward its destination. Nets can be located throughout the course if you need to fish your ball out of the water. All of the balls for the mini-course float.

A wooden gazebo, picnic area, neatly trimmed landscaping, and a fountain give the course an even more scenic feel. Speakers are posted around the course to provide music to the putters on the course. The new facility is destined to provide a popular activity for students because it is open daily (unless the weather is bad), and is open until 11pm.

Prices are \$6 per game for adults and \$5 for GSU students with an ID. An MVP card can also be purchased for \$25 that entitles the holder to 7 rounds, which pro-rates the price to less than \$3.60 per round. Hackers is located on Old Register Road.



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MINIATURE GOLF: Twin Falls features two large granite waterfalls, a stream that runs throughout the course, and strategically placed obstacles to challenge all mini-golf players.



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PUTT-PUTT HAS ARRIVED! Now Hackers offers more than just a driving range, giving citizens the opportunity to play miniature golf right here in Statesboro.



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TWIN FALLS MINIATURE GOLF: Conveniently located on Old Register Road, Twin Falls offers 18 holes of miniature golf for everyone.



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Today's Birthday (March 2). Your house looks like an interesting place to be this year — frustrating sometimes, but interesting. In March, use the pressure you're feeling as motivation to get something you've always wanted. Your boss has big ideas in April, so find a way to fit into them.

Experience is your teacher in May — watch out! Love and business clash in July, but business can wait. Cruise through autumn on the strength of what you've already accomplished. A breakthrough at work in December creates new possibilities, including a challenging assignment in February.

Saturday's Birthday (March 3). Disruptions at home and at work mean there's never a dull moment. You may be praying for a dull moment by the time this year's over. A conflict with the boss leads to change in March, and maybe a raise by April. Learn the rules in May so you'll have a better chance of winning. Use strategy to achieve your goals in June. Doing your homework helps, too. Steal time for your sweetheart in July, in a very private setting. Ask for more money in August — your odds are best then. A partner stirs things up in September, and more status is yours in December. You can achieve the lifestyle you've been lusting after by next February, if you hustle.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6— Everything seems to be going along fine, and then — WHAP! — you run into a problem you hadn't anticipated. It could be something you forgot all about. That's why it's good to be on a team. Check with teammates to make sure you're headed in the right direction.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6— You could get a raise or some sort of a bonus today. But don't brag about it. One of your friends is in a delicate financial situation. That sad-eyed look will make it hard for you to keep from giving him a loan. And you just know a loan isn't going to be good for him, don't you?

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6— You can have a lot of fun today. In fact, too much fun. Don't get too rowdy, even if you think you can. The odds of the boss coming back unexpectedly are too great. Just assume somebody important is watching you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5— You need to do some work for someone else, and you have a lot of chores on your own list. What about fun? Don't you get any time for that? Actually, no. Not until Sunday. Schedule a hot date for then.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6— You're so popular that it's hard to make time for practical matters. But if you don't, you could accidentally get yourself too far into debt. It can happen so quickly, too, so you'd better balance your checkbook before you go out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5— If you think everybody around you is crazy, well, you're right. You're the only one exercising any common sense. Your first instinct is to lay low, but that may not work. At least remind them of what they're trying to accomplish. Nicely, of course.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) Today is a 7— You may get an enticing invitation, and wouldn't you love to just drop everything and go? Unfortunately, you haven't finished your work ahead of schedule. But don't fret: If you finish tomorrow, you can go.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6— There are ways to save that you haven't discovered. You could be wasting resources or paying too much interest. Go after those pennies with a magnifying glass. You'll be delighted at how many you find.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6— Your roommate wants one thing and you want another. All you can agree on is that change is necessary. You care enough about each other to work out a compromise. Explain that to a concerned yet innocent bystander.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6— You're a hard worker, and never more so than now. You may have to do a job over again due to someone else's mistake. The good news is, you should be paid well for the work you're doing. You deserve it, because it's interfering with your social life.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7— You'd like to shower your loved ones with goodies, and you'd also like to fund a worthy cause. But you're not made of money. Don't worry: What they really want is your attention. Still, dividing that up between them will be hard enough.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 5— Do you feel like everybody's leaning on you and there's not enough of you to go around? Well, you're right. Guess it's about time for you to set some limits. If you don't, who will?

MOVIES

• Lists compiled by the Associated Press



Movie Review

3000 MILES TO GRACELAND

A heist-and-chase thriller that's 3,000 miles from being a good movie. Stars Kurt Russell and Kevin Costner as thieves disguised as Elvis impersonators, battling over loot from a Las Vegas casino robbery. R (strong violence, sexuality and language). 2:05. 1-1/2 stars

SWEET NOVEMBER

A quasi-successful, old-fashioned tear-jerker about a free-spirited woman (Charlize Theron) who teaches an ad exec (Keanu Reeves) how to really live and love. PG-13 (sexual content and language). 1:54. 2-1/2 stars

Top 10 Movies in Theaters

1. "Hannibal," MGM
2. "Down to Earth," Paramount
3. "3000 Miles to Graceland," Warner Bros.
4. "Recess: School's Out," Disney
5. "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Sony Pictures Classics
6. "Traffic," USA
7. "Sweet November," Warner Bros.
8. "Chocolat," Miramax
9. "The Wedding Planner," Sony
10. "Cast Away," Fox

TELEVISION

• List compiled by the Associated Press from The Nielson Rating



Top 15 TV Shows

1. "ER," NBC
2. "43rd Annual Grammy Awards," CBS
2. "Survivor II," CBS
4. "Life with Judy Garland: Me and my Shadows," ABC
5. "Friends," NBC
6. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS
7. "60 Minutes," CBS
8. "Law and Order," NBC
9. "Will and Grace," NBC
10. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Wednesday," ABC
11. "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS
12. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Thursday," ABC
13. "Frasier," NBC
14. "JAG," CBS
14. "Just Shoot Me," NBC
14. "West Wing," NBC

MUSIC

• List compiled by the Associated Press from the Billboard Charts



Top 5 Songs

1. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive
2. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy (feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent). MCA
3. "Love Don't Cost A Thing," Jennifer Lopez. Epic
4. "Again," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin
5. "Angel," Shaggy (feat. Rayvon). MCA

Top 5 Modern Rock Songs

1. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal
2. "Outside," Aaron Lewis With Fred Durst. Flawless/Geffen
3. "Butterfly," Crazy Town. Columbia
4. "South Side," Moby (feat. Gwen Stefani). V2
5. "I Did It," Dave Matthews Band. RCA

Top 10 Albums

1. "Hotshot," Shaggy. MCA
2. "1," The Beatles. Apple
3. Soundtrack: "Save The Last Dance," Hollywood
4. "No Angel," Dido. Arista
5. "J.Lo," Jennifer Lopez. Epic
6. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic
7. "Greatest Hits," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin
8. "Rule 3:36," Ja Rule. Murder Inc./Def Jam
9. "The Gift Of Game," Crazy Town. Columbia
10. "Back For The First Time," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace/Def Jam South

Amazon expands music download systems

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Music fans wanting new music, but feeling guilty about getting it free, can leave a tip for musicians they like on Amazon.com.

The Seattle-based online retailer said Wednesday it's offering free music downloads from independent labels and unsigned artists. Surfers who like the music can leaving a tip of between \$1 and \$50 in a virtual tip jar. Amazon gets a 30 percent cut.

Amazon hopes the new feature will drive CD sales from its Web site and independent record labels see the honor system tip jar as a way to compensate independent and unsigned artists.

"Downloads are the best way of discovering new music since the invention of radio," said Brett Gurewitz, owner of Epitaph Records and member of the band Bad Religion. "I'm stoked to be able to expose great Epitaph artists to the millions of Amazon.com customers."

Greg Hart of Amazon's music division said independent artists could benefit from the arrangement by having their songs available to nearly 30 million Amazon customers worldwide.

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Doctors operate on wrong part of brain

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A Brooklyn hospital has suspended two doctors who allegedly operated on the wrong side of a man's brain, according to a news report.

The Long Island College Hospital and the New York State Health Department are investigating whether Doctors Rene Kotzen, 44, and Mike W. Chou, 37, mistakenly operated on the left side of 41-year-old Kevin Walsh's brain to remove a potentially fatal blood clot, according to Monday's The New York Times.

The doctors were suspended Wednesday.

Tests showed that Kevin Walsh, 41, a construction worker, suffered from a clot on the right side of his brain. Once hospital staff realized the error the surgery was performed on the right side, a hospital

spokesman told the paper.

The operation was successful, and Walsh is reported to be in stable condition.

Kotzen is reported to have performed the operation. Chou's lawyer said his client prepared the patient but was not present for the surgery, the Times said. The CT scan was reportedly placed backward on the viewing screen before the surgery.

The hospital said in a statement that it had suspended the two doctors for violating hospital policy and that the incident was reported promptly to the appropriate regulatory agencies.

The state's Health Department said the agency would make a thorough investigation.

Neither suspended doctor is reported to have any recent record of medical miscues.

Volunteers join search for aliens

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Michael Johnson is so committed to finding life in outer space he bought an \$800 computer to do nothing but analyze radio signals for signs of E.T.

Combined with his two other computers, Johnson has donated nearly two years of processing power to the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"If I'm the one who finds the signal, hooray for me," said Johnson, 35, an Omaha, Neb., resident who works for a long-distance telephone company.

Even if the question of whether we're alone remains unanswered, Johnson is by no means alone.

Nearly 3 million Internet users worldwide have donated their idle processing power to SETI@Home, one of about a dozen SETI efforts to detect alien life. By stringing those computers together, researchers can do a better job of scanning the sky.

"It's something that's very near to my heart," said Rob Yale, 47, a Toronto recording studio owner who has been watching stars since he was about 11. "I'm doing my part for something that I would really like to know the answer

to."

SETI@Home, which runs out of the University of California at Berkeley, uses the Arecibo Radio Observatory in Puerto Rico to record signals from outer space.

Researchers slice those signals and distribute them to SETI volunteers, whose computers analyze the data and send back results for further analysis at Berkeley. Volunteers only have to connect to the Net and can even set the software to do so automatically.

David Anderson, the project's director, says SETI volunteers already have identified hundreds of millions of "candidate signals" that warrant further review, though most are likely background noise or manmade signals from Earth.

The project needs intensive computing power to correct for uncertainties in how a planet from which a signal emanates might rotate and orbit, factors that affect how signals appear on Earth. Think of how a fire engine's siren appears to change as the truck whizzes down the street.

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 New Mexico

Oryx invade missile test site

Associated Press

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE - Game managers were simply looking for a good trophy animal for hunters in this empty southern quarter of the U.S. state of New Mexico. What they got was an exotic antelope from Africa so much at home in the desert that it is multiplying like rabbits.

Only several oryx were introduced to the New Mexico's Chihuahuan desert in 1969, but their numbers have grown to roughly 3,000 animals, even though hunters are allowed to kill more and more each year.

And although the missile test range sprawls across 2 million acres (0.8 million hectares), the oryx are migrating beyond its boundaries, crossing highways and grazing on private land where they compete with cattle for forage. They have been spotted on the runways at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, where F-117 stealth fighters are based.

Early studies grossly underestimated the oryx's ability to thrive, and assumed they would stay concentrated in an area considered "empty."

But now researchers say that if the animals were left undisturbed, they would spread throughout southern New Mexico.

They would also spread to Texas and Mexico, said Steve Henry, wildlife administrator for the New Mexico Game and Fish Department.

"We know so very little about oryx," acknowledged Patrick Morrow, a missile range wildlife biologist.

To find the best formula for controlling the burgeoning population, missile range researchers have begun a \$350,000, four-year study of the animals'

haunts and habits.

The New Mexico state Game and Fish Department first issued hunting permits for oryx in 1974. Hunters took more than 700 animals in the 1999-2000 season and about 1,000 will be culled this season.

But increasing the number of permits is costly for the department because wildlife managers must spend time with each hunting party. The weapons tested at White Sands make it a dangerous place, and at least one visitor has been killed by picking up unexploded ordnance. Public access is highly restricted, and hunters must follow safety rules and stay within strict boundaries.

The oryx have thrived because much of the Chihuahuan vegetation is similar to what grows in the in Africa's Kalahari desert, the oryx's native habitat.

And while mule deer and desert bighorn sheep populations dwindled because of drought from 1992 to 1996, oryx thrived.

Oryx use nearly every molecule of water stored in the plants they eat, meaning they don't require streams or springs. And they have a capillary system above their palate that acts like a radiator to keep their brains from baking in the fierce desert heat.

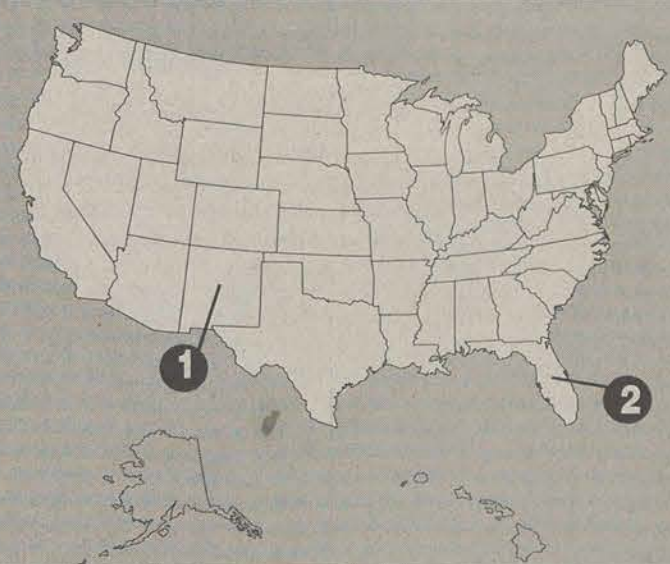
2 Florida

School psychologist has unusual fashion sense

Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, - A veteran school psychologist with a penchant for wearing nail polish and his deceased mother's scarves has filed a discrimination complaint against his bosses, who want an end to the flamboyant dress.

Jarrett Pence, a school



psychologist for 20 years, said he is also coping with his own bouts of disabling depression. He said he's on a crusade against prejudice in the workplace.

"I'm gonna dress the way I want to," he said. "In the full bloom of spring."

Pence filed a gender and disability discrimination complaint with the school board last week.

He claims he can only function by taking prescription antidepressants. He says the drugs have allowed him to be more free with his dress and that if women can wear polish and scarves, he can too.

School district officials declined comment on the matter, citing an ongoing investigation and a personnel matter.

"It's a performance and judgment issue," said Jack Staples, the district's human resources director. "It's not a medical issue."

Pence, 58, is four years away from retirement and doesn't want to lose his job evaluating elementary and middle school students for learning disability, emotional handicaps and for gifted programs.

Until 1998, his annual evaluations showed an exemplary employee. Later that year, a

doctor prescribed the drug Paxil after Pence complained of social anxiety.

Two years ago, he returned from a trip to Europe with his fingernails decorated with painted flags of the countries he visited. When his bosses told him to stop using nail polish, he did, but then resumed.

Instead of neckties, Pence wears his deceased mother's scarves to "remember her and honor her memory."

But his bosses complaints didn't stop there, Pence said.

"Last year, they accused me of being too happy and friendly," he said. "They said I got too close to people in conversations and didn't give them enough personal space."

Recently, while evaluating a student, Pence stripped down to his undershirt when the air condition broke and the room became too hot. He encouraged the student to remove his shirt too.

The school complained, saying Pence should have just stopped the testing.

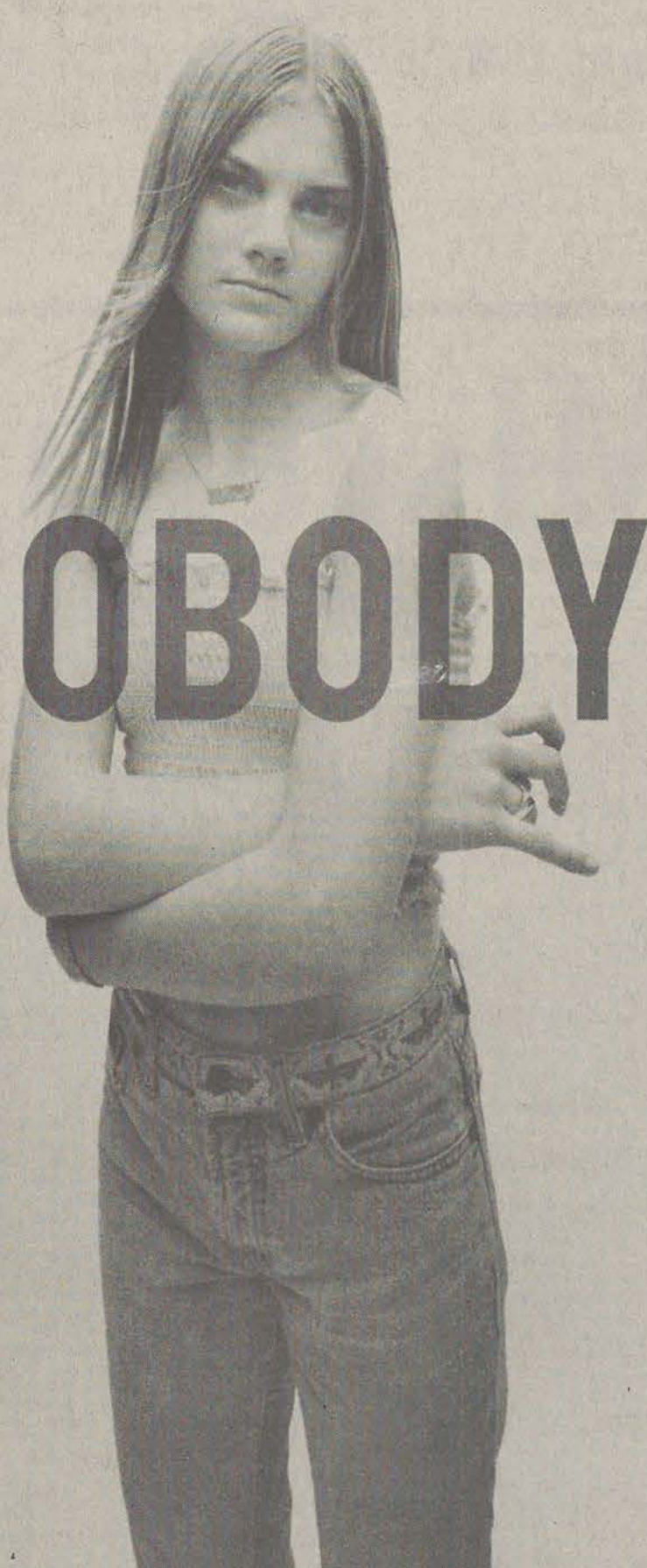
The school board has no rules about employees taking antidepressants, but there is a dress code that requires employees to wear appropriate clothing.

"Employees should be aware they serve as models for students," the policy warns.

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Experts say Seattle could have faced worse disaster from fault

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Although the earthquake that struck near Seattle on Wednesday was the Pacific Northwest's strongest in more than 50 years, most quake experts said the area escaped potentially worse disaster from a more dangerous fault that runs right through the center of the city.

Wednesday's 6.8 magnitude quake originated more than 30 miles beneath the Earth's surface — deep enough to blunt its destructive force. Had the quake come from the Seattle Fault, located much closer to the surface under Puget Sound, the damage could have been far worse.

Experts said most deadly quakes that topple buildings hit within 20 miles of the surface.

"Smaller, closer quakes can do more damage than these big, low rumblers," said Eli Silver, a professor of earth sciences at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Yet the depth of the quake, centered about 10 miles from Olympia, also meant that people could feel it as far away as downtown Portland, Ore., about 300 miles from the epicenter.

"This one was pretty powerful," said Seth Stein, a geology professor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. "It could do enormous damage in an area that's not constructed for it."

Seattle has stepped up its earthquake preparedness since 1998, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency designated the city a "Project Impact" community eligible for funds to improve disaster readiness. Coincidentally, the Northwest earthquake hit on the same day that President Bush submitted budget plans that would eliminate the federally funded project.

Washington state lacks some of the earthquake preparations undertaken by California, site of two major quakes since the late

1980s. Unlike Los Angeles, Seattle has been relatively slow to pass ordinances requiring reinforcement of old structures built before stricter building codes were in place.

Some of the most visible damage in Seattle occurred when bricks from such buildings fell onto sidewalks, said Thomas Heaton, a professor of engineering seismology at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

"They have a pretty good inventory of older brick buildings that haven't been retrofitted,"



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Most quake experts said that Seattle escaped a potentially worse disaster on Feb. 28 from a more dangerous fault that runs right through the center of the city.

Heaton said. "That's the first kind of building you'd expect to have damage."

Most of the region's buildings and bridges stood up to the shaking, thanks in part to new building codes that are as strict as California's, Heaton said.

The potential for disaster in the area has been exacerbated by huge population growth in recent decades. In addition, the area around Puget Sound is full of bridges and overpasses, many built in the 1950s and 1960s before modern building codes took effect.

The last few decades have brought increasing understanding

of severe quake threats in the Pacific Northwest. The same churning tectonic forces that created volcanoes such as Mt. St. Helens in Washington make the area prone to disasters such as Wednesday's quake.

Just off the shore of the Pacific Ocean in an area stretching from Northern California to British Columbia, the Juan de Fuca oceanic plate plunges beneath the much larger North American continental plate, producing a fault called the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Deep quakes like the one on

States, usually away from major metropolitan areas.

Much worse than movement within the de Fuca plate would be an offshore quake at the point where the two plates meet. Geologists believe that last happened in 1700, when a large quake knocked local Native Americans off their feet and sent a 30-foot tsunami across the Pacific to Japan.

Experts estimate that quake would have registered as a mind-boggling magnitude 9 phenomenon.

Experts estimate that such quakes might strike the region about once every 400 to 600 years. The Seattle Fault is believed not to have budged in about 1,100 years, and experts have few guesses about when it will again.

"It would be great if we could predict quakes, but it doesn't look like that's going to happen," said Northwestern's Stein. "Airlines still can't tell you when the wings are going to fall off a plane, and that's a completely man-made object."

Yet officials are trying to prepare as though the next Seattle Fault quake were coming tomorrow.

An analysis conducted for Project Impact last year revealed that one-third of the bridges in one quake-prone area were old freeway overpasses that are especially vulnerable.

A quake of 6.5 magnitude along the Seattle Fault could topple as many as 13 bridges in the metropolitan area, the study found.

Heaton of Cal Tech said he was disappointed but not surprised by Wednesday's proposal to cut funds for Project Impact. Although preparing between quakes is the surest way to avoid loss of life, he said, such efforts are difficult to sustain.

"The impact of these things tends to come all at once, with great surprise," Heaton said. "Then the memory fades."

Wednesday come from shaking within the de Fuca plate, as opposed to a sudden shift of the plates moving against each other. In addition to those two types of quakes, a third source of quakes in the region comes from the Seattle Fault, described by geologists as a sort of logjam produced by the North American plate.

Shaking within the de Fuca plate produced five earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater during the 1900s — the worst being a 7.1 magnitude quake near Olympia that killed eight people in 1949. Experts said quakes as severe as Wednesday's happen about once every two years in the United

Over 100 injured in Mardi Gras celebration across U.S.

TMS Campus

DALLAS — It's not a big secret: When lots of people gather and start drinking, trouble's always a possibility.

Add to that the tradition of Mardi Gras, historically one last licentious blow-out before Lent, and the odds are even higher.

Still, far from the Mardi Gras epicenter of New Orleans, a growing number of communities promote or endure celebrations of "Fat Tuesday." It's an opportunity to party, and money talks.

But this year, the "morning after" was nothing to brag about.

More than 70 people were injured Tuesday, two seriously, in Seattle, where Mardi Gras revelry degenerated into vandalism and violence. In Philadelphia, about 40 people were injured as festivities got out of hand. One person was stabbed as a crowd rioted in Fresno, Calif., and police in Austin, Texas, canceled a Mardi Gras Day parade after weekend violence injured five people and resulted in more than 50 arrests.

In New Orleans? A boisterous but relatively uneventful celebration. One explanation is that the local police have had lots of practice.

"In New Orleans, which in the United States has the longest tradition, it is very clear what the rules are," said Dr. Cynthia Gentry, a sociology professor at Trinity University in San Antonio and a former resident of the "Big Easy."

For example, she said, revelers in New Orleans are "free to be intoxicated" and "free to be scantily dressed," with no repercussions.

"At the same time, people know that you do not bother the police unnecessarily, because they've been working for weeks," she said. "You don't carry glass in the street. You do not bother another person. These rules are very clear and they're enforced formally and informally."

In some communities, Mardi Gras festivities are relatively new. Austin and Philadelphia, for example, have celebrated Mardi Gras for two years.

"Every Chamber of Commerce in every city, all the movers and shakers... are always looking for opportunities to

increase the number of people coming to their cities," said Dr. Charles Friel, a criminal justice professor at Sam Houston State University. "So somebody says, 'Mardi Gras — that brings a lot of people in.'"

Philadelphia police Sgt. Roland Lee said a local nightclub was the driving force behind the Mardi Gras celebration there. Some partygoers, he said, had been drinking all day.

Philadelphia City Council member Frank DiCicco said businesses that were "pumping people full of booze from 7 a.m. in the morning should be held accountable."

"We want to see if we can hold the businesses responsible for the destruction that took place," he said, adding that owners may be asked to post a bond in the future to pay for city services and damage.

DiCicco said most of the 40,000 to 50,000 revelers who partied on Philadelphia's South Street were young, many under 21.

With that large a crowd, he said, there were not enough liquor control agents "to keep a close eye on people who are intoxicated, and underage people being served."

Business owners in Austin also came up with the idea of having a Mardi Gras celebration.

Austin Assistant Police Chief Rick Coy said Wednesday that officers there had some problems with the crowd that celebrated Mardi Gras last year, but problems escalated this year.

Coy said that officers had been monitoring the partying and making arrests earlier, but that shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday "the crowd turned on the officers and it just bloomed immediately into a serious situation with bricks and bottles and chunks of concrete being thrown."

He said Austin's Sixth Street area also has large crowds on Halloween and New Year's Eve, but Mardi Gras seemed to attract "a much younger, raucous crowd." Police officials will be reviewing what happened and trying to develop ways to avoid serious problems next year, he said.

Fresno Police Lt. John Fries said that

the violence in Fresno's Tower District, a concentration of restaurants and nightclubs, mainly involved intoxicated teenagers, "young people drunk and under the influence of drugs."

He added that the city still supports

the Mardi Gras celebration, now in its eighth year, and will take steps to prevent a repeat of this year's violence.

Mardi Gras is not the only event that attracts large crowds with a tendency to get rowdy.

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'Fashions from the Motherland' showcases African fashions

By Urkovia Jacobs
Staff Writer

After the singing of the South African National Anthem by Isheman Williams, the Ballroom was filled with African tunes and extravagant colors welcoming students to the African Students Association "Fashions from the Motherland: An African Extravaganza."

With clothes from Lerine Antoinette, Mertilava Creations, and other unknown tailors from across Africa, models showcased both a spring/summer and fall/winter fashion collection. The first collection modeled was spring/summer. This African collection consisted of clothes for an evening in the town, a day at the beach, lunch, or a wedding using colors such as bright blues, greens, yellows, pinks, and purple.

During a brief intermission, four-year old Luckey Meritt, a dancer with Sankofa Dance as a Troop Tot, performed a short

traditional African dance and was followed by Molleshia Robinson, a GSU student and one of the models for the evening. Robinson also performed a short dance routine. Meritt was one of two young girls who modeled off African attire for children while wearing a matching head wrap and carrying dolls wearing clothes to match their attire.

The second collection, fall/winter fashions, were considered more traditional and were also appropriate for weddings and even funerals. This collection showcased colors of baby blues, whites with royal blue, golds, reds, and sequences, along with matching wraps and ties.

This night of African fashions came to another brief intermission allowing a performance of the "Merengue" by four dance couples within the Hispanic Students Association. To end the fashion show, an original collection of clothes designed by model and GSU senior Akil

Cunningham was showcased for the first time. The name of Cunningham's collection is "S.O.S. 577," which stands for "Styles Of the South." Cunningham's collection will be showcased again in April with Michael Knight, another senior design student at GSU.

"I didn't want the design to be dated so I decided to do something that at a distance looks tribal, but as you walk-up to it, it appears futuristic, so it's from the past and the future," Cunningham said of his showcased collection.

Allowing Cunningham to showcase his collection at the end of the African Extravaganza was Emma Brandy, the President of the African Student Association.

"I feel good about [the show] because the models had fun and the crowd got in to it and enjoyed it, which was our ultimate goal," Brandy said.

Ms. Statesboro Nursing Home crowned this week

By Natalie Herrington
Staff Writer

GSU's Sociological Society and Sociology and Anthropology Department attracted substantial representation from Georgia Southern and the community on Tuesday, February 27 at its 10th annual Ms. Statesboro Nursing Home Pageant. On this special evening, one lucky lady would feel like a teenager again.

Miss GSU, Lauren Koch; Miss Savannah, Erin Kennedy; retired Bulloch County Sheriff, Arnold Ray Akins; and Special Collections Assistant in Henderson Library, Susan Moody, were the judges on the panel. The gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity escorted the contestants.

Pageant Coordinator and Director, Eileen Sconyers said the pageant started when the "Sociological Society wanted a service project for the community that provided entertainment." Over the years, the pageant has grown.

Former anchorwoman Natalie Hendrix came up with the idea to add entertainment when she was asked to be the mistress of ceremonies eight years ago. She has been the mistress of ceremonies every year since then. Hendrix said she keeps coming back because the pageant gets "more fun every year." There were nine contestants in the pageant. According to Sconyers, the contestants were judged on their personality and physical appearance, ability to communicate and alertness, participation in nursing home activities, and an interest in contributing to others.

Winner of the pageant, Velma



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FEELING YOUNG AGAIN: Ms. Velma Lucas Butler won the Miss Statesboro Nursing Home Pageant, which was put on by the GSU Sociological Society with the help of Miss GSU, Miss Savannah, and members of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Lucas Butler, encouraged college students to "do [their] best and [not] be mean."

She was adorned with a tiara, a bouquet of roses and a trophy. Butler will go on to compete in the Ms. Georgia Nursing Home Pageant in Atlanta.

Foreign film festival to be held in COBA building

By T. McDonald
Staff Writer

Those who attended and enjoyed the 2000 Georgia Southern Department of Foreign Languages film festival will be happy to learn that the event will be making a repeat performance in 2001, with all new films from a diverse variety of cultures.

Entitled "Rebellion and Conformity: Challenges and Threats to Identity," the festival is slated to begin on Sunday, March 4, and will be held in the same format as last year's: two or three films per night introduced by presenters who are also GSU staff members. The presenters and sponsors will preface each film with a ten minute lecture and provide time after the screening for comments and discussion from the audience.

The festival coordinator, Dr. Antonio Serna of the Department of Foreign Languages, hopes that this open discussion format, as well as the

festival itself, will "promote culture on campus through film." He also strongly encourages attendance by residents of Statesboro who are not GSU students and expresses a desire for "Georgia Southern and the [Statesboro] community to better understand each other [and] different social and cultural functions."

The film to kick off the festival at 2 p.m. Sunday the 4th is "Wend Kunni," a West African offering by director Gaston Kabore. The movie is a retelling of an ancient African fable that attempts to "return to the sources of traditional African culture" and juxtapose ancient African values to the continent's modern problems. The film's presenter will be the Department of Foreign Languages' Dr. Clara Krug.

One of the festival's most anticipated films will screen the following day, March 5, at 4 p.m. and will feature a guest speaker/presenter, Dr. Frederic Canovas of the Department of Foreign Languages at the University of Arizona. "Pedale Douce," Monday's film, is a relatively

new French film that deals with the complex and often confusing issues of homosexuality in modern society.

Other films to note include the Cuban-American "Bitter Sugar" and the sole American film to appear, "Men with Guns," a comment on violence in Latin America by writer/director John Sayle.

In all, "Rebellion and Conformity: Challenges and Threats to Identity" will feature ten international films that will be presented between the 4th and the 7th of this month. All films will be shown in the College of Business Administration, room 1124, and admission to every screening is free. A full schedule of all the film's show times, their summaries, and their corresponding presenters can be found online at: <http://www2.gasou.edu/gsu/filmfest.htm> or on one of the many yellow flyers that have been posted on campus.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Dr. Antonio Serna at 871-1375.

Southern Adventures opens new ropes course in the woods behind the RAC

By Samantha N. Smith
Staff Writer

"It's like pulling teeth to get people to have fun," Kurt Frederick, Director of Southern Adventures said. Fortunately it's not dentistry he's interested in. However, he is excited about today's grand opening of the ropes course.

CRI's Southern Adventures Program is opening its Challenge Course today from 1-6 p.m. in the wooded area behind the RAC. The Challenge Course is made up of a low and high ropes course that promotes individual and team building experiences. Although admission is free to GSU faculty, staff and students, there is a \$10 per person charge for non-profit organizations and a \$20 per person charge for corporate organizations with a minimum of 10 participants.

Located next to the Communication Arts parking lot is the site of the old ropes course that had been in place since 1992. GSU freshmen orientation classes largely utilized this area. However, due to an expansion of the Raptor Center, it was abandoned.

Frederick said that with the opening of the new course comes the opportunity for more activities during the experience. "With the addition of some new and cool toys there is so much more to do which makes the experience a great deal of fun," he said. Frederick added that because of its hidden location, it will also make it easier to have more than one group at a time participating without affecting the overall experience.

Frederick encourages all to come out and participate in the Challenge Course, assuring that everyone will have a really good time.

"In the end, I haven't heard anyone say that they wished they

hadn't done it," he said.

The ropes course is only one element of CRI's Southern Adventures Program. The Southern Adventures Program is the outdoor recreation program that is also responsible for the climbing wall located inside the RAC, scheduling adventure trips, and providing equipment rental facilities for camping, kayaking, canoeing, and backpacking.

The Southern Adventures Program also hosts clinics for the various services it provides. Belay clinics are held to teach

individuals how to hold others up while scaling the climbing wall, and there are clinics for learning how to maneuver the kayaks and canoes.

A resource library is also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. so that people can come in and get help with planning trips. Some of the trips that are scheduled for this quarter include a Spring Break trip to California and a trip to Yosemite National Park in May.

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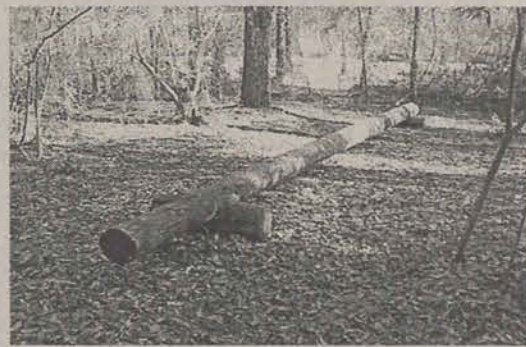
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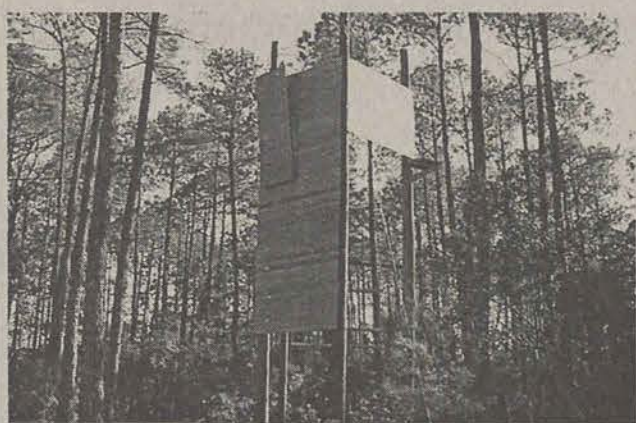
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Lady Eagles head to Greenville, SC for weekend tournament

By Dennis Hightower
WVGS Sports

The Lady Eagles are anxious to play the first game of the Southern Conference today. The #2 seed from Statesboro, GA will play the winner of the College of Charleston/Appalachian State game, which was underway at press time. Tip-off time is 5pm. All of the women's games are at Timmons Arena.

GSU swept ASU (82-70 at Boone and 90-64 at Hanner), and split with the C of C Lady Cougars (loss 66-63 in Charleston and won 81-61 in

Hanner). The player to watch from the #7 College of Charleston will be Wilma Simpson. She scored 16 points in both games. Simpson averages 12.8 ppg and 7.2 rpg. For #10 Appalachian State, it's Natasha Lettsome 21 and 25 points, respectively. She averages 16.3 ppg and 8.6 rpg.

Whoever wins the second round games between GSU/ASU/C of C will face the winner of #3 North Carolina-Greensboro/ #6 East Tennessee State. The Lady Eagles and UNCG split with the vis-

iting team winning. GSU swept ETSU.

In the other half of the bracket, #4 Furman plays #5 W. Carolina on today, and #1 Chattanooga will face the winner of the #8 Wofford/#9 Davidson match-up.

The winner of the tournament will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The East region is in Pittsburgh, PA. The Mideast region is in Birmingham, AL. The Midwest region is in Denver, CO. The West Region is in Spokane, WA. The Final Four is in St. Louis, MO.



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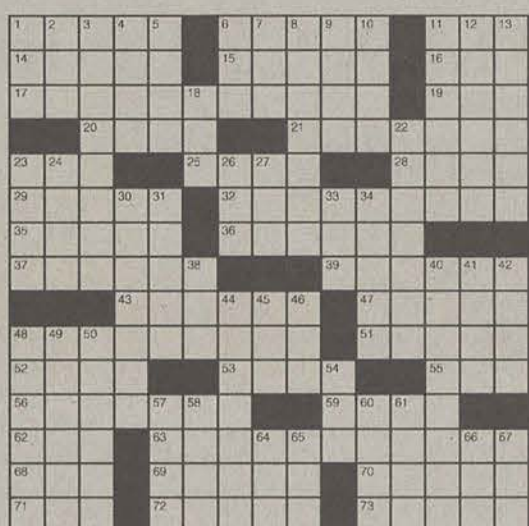
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6 Spaghetti: Spaghetti
11 Letters on graves: Tombstones
14 Bathsheba's husband: Samson
15 Vegetable to cry over: Onion
16 John's Yoko: Yoko Ono
17 DNA: Deoxyribonucleic acid
19 Tenth mo.: October
20 Otherwise: Or else
21 Camper's set of utensils: Camp gear
23 On the contrary: Conversely
25 Duration: Length
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32 Hemorrhage in one's honker: Nosebleed
35 Dream time: Dreamtime
36 Implement with an eye: Goggles
37 Affectionate greetings: Hello
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52 Algerian port: Algiers
53 Jodie Foster film: The Accused
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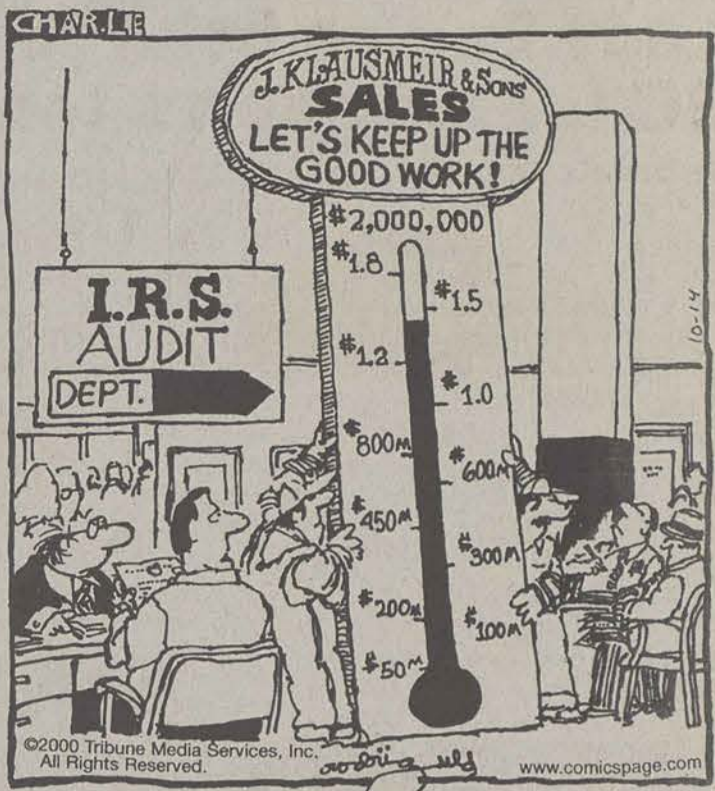
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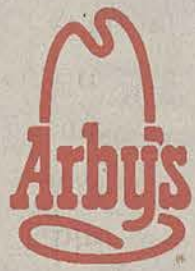
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Eagles capture 2-1 road victory



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ON THE ROAD: The Eagles claim their first away game victory against Charleston Southern with a score of 2-1.

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Pinch hitter Scott Henley's one-out, first-pitch double to centerfield scored Matt Herring with the eventual game-winning run in the eighth inning as Georgia Southern captured a 2-1 road victory over Charleston Southern Wednesday afternoon at Buccaneer Field.

Herring opened the frame by drawing a walk against CSU reliever Robbie Sharpton (0-1). After moving over to second on a wild pitch, Herring advanced to third base on Darryl Stephens' sacrifice bunt before easily coming home on Henley's blast over the centerfielder's head.

Freshman righthander Jared Comstock (2-0), who currently possesses a team-best 1.38 earned run average through his first four appearances, earned the win after scattering two hits and striking out five in the final three innings. Georgia Southern starter Dennis Dove worked the first six innings

and allowed just three hits and an unearned run while fanning four.

Georgia Southern (8-3) opened the scoring in the first inning when J.R. Revere coaxed a lead-off walk against Buccaneer starter Matt LaReau. After Chris Walker reached by getting hit with a pitch, Herring drilled a 3-2 pitch into centerfield for a run-scoring double to plate Revere.

Charleston Southern (3-6) answered back in the bottom half of the first inning, benefitting from just one hit and a pair of Eagle errors. Andrew Grosse singled, moved to second on second baseman Brandon Burnsed's error, advanced to third on a double play ground-out and scored on shortstop Chad Hall's miscue.

LaReau pitched the first four innings for the Buccaneers and allowed three hits, one run and three walks before getting relief help from Andrew Viards, Sharpton and Patrick Boucher.

Burnsed picked up a pair of hits to lead Georgia Southern offensively while Scott Thacker contributed two singles to pace the Buccaneers at the plate.

Georgia Southern will return to action Friday, opening a three-game series against Appalachian State beginning at 7:00 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium. The contest will also serve as the Southern Conference opener for both squads.

GSU softball sweeps Mercer

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Pitchers Aimee Littlejohn and Janice Savage collected wins from the mound in helping the Georgia Southern softball team to a double-header sweep of Mercer, 5-1 and 5-0, Wednesday afternoon at Bear Field. It marked the first sweep of the season for the Eagles, who have now won five of their last six contests.

In the opener, Savage allowed five hits, one run and struck out three to even her record to 4-4. Georgia Southern (7-12) posted all five of its runs in the first inning en route to the 5-1 win. Senior Shannan Hoobin went 3-4 with a run and an RBI to lead the winners.

Littlejohn struck out a season-high nine batters in game two and also recorded her first shutout of the season. The Eagles broke a scoreless game in the fifth by plating a run. They added three more in the sixth and one in the seventh to clinch the sweep. Both Meghan Correia and Savage went 2-4, while five Mercer errors also helped the Eagle cause.

Georgia Southern will return home to host the second annual Eagle Classic, which starts on Friday and lasts through Sunday. The Eagles will welcome in four teams; Florida, Florida A&M, Tennessee and Pittsburgh; to the three-day tournament, which will include two days of pool play action and then a single-elimination championship bracket on Sunday. Georgia Southern will enter the weekend as the reigning Eagle Classic champion after beating Tennessee Tech last season in the tournament's finals.

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