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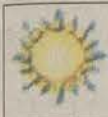
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- A Windchime Workshop will be held at the Botanical Garden Jan. 12 at 10 a.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- GSU will host UNC-Greensboro on Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanner Fieldhouse.

Bush will deepen national deficit to continue 'War on Terrorism'

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - President Bush acknowledged Monday that the federal budget is likely to be written in red ink for the first time since 1997, but said his priorities for the coming year - battling terrorism and protecting America from attack - justify sinking back into deficit spending.

"I said to the American people that this nation might have to run deficits in time of war, in times of national emergency or in times of a recession," the president said as he met at the White House with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and top economic advisers. "And we're still in all three. We had a national emergency, we're trying to win a war and we're in a recession."

Bush said he would propose spending "the money necessary" to win the war against terrorism and to protect the United States, "recognizing that we may not balance the budget for this year."

Mitch Daniels, Bush's budget chief, and independent budget experts predicted late last year that the president's fiscal 2003 budget, expected in early February, would plunge the government back into deficit spending.

In 1998, former President Bill Clinton announced that the federal government had amassed its first

Treasury surplus in 30 years, which was the result of bipartisan fiscal discipline through the 1990s and a

nonpartisan analysts agree, although Bush's big tax cut also contributed to the fiscal reversal.

"WE HAD A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, WE'RE TRYING TO WIN A WAR AND WE'RE IN A RECESSION."

— PRESIDENT BUSH

booming economy. The current economic recession is primarily responsible for this year's return to red ink,

In brief remarks before his meeting with Greenspan, Bush renewed his push for the economic stimulus

package that Senate Democrats derailed last month. He said he would push the package of new tax cuts and relief to the unemployed again in his budget, and urged Congress "not try to play politics with tax relief or, for that matter, economic stimulus packages."

In failing to enact a bill to spur the stumbling economy late last year, Republicans and Democrats in Congress clashed over fundamental ideological differences. Democrats emphasized expanding unemployment

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FOCUSING ON WAR: President Bush met with other politicians in the White House to urge them to focus on nothing else other than assisting the war effort in Afghanistan. According to the President, the money required to continue the attacks in Afghanistan will cause the government to sink further into the national deficit and make paying it off in 2002 extremely unlikely.

GSU student leaves to fight war on Afghanistan

By Amity Zvanut

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The holidays are supposed to be a joyful time to spend with our family and loved ones, to eat good home cooked food, to relax, and enjoy time away from school.

To thank for that freedom, we have millions of American Armed Services, one of whom is a GSU student - Philip Collier. He is defending our nation this very minute so we can celebrate our holidays comfortably and freely.

On Nov. 2, while in his dorm

room, Collier received a phone call that changed his life. He was told to get everything the army issued to him because he was being deployed. "At first I felt disappointed that I would have to put my education on hold, but after analyzing the situation, I felt it was my duty as a soldier and citizen of the U.S.," Collier said.

Collier, 20, a Residence Advisor at Dorman hall and an active Baptist Student Union member, joined the army reserve in 1998. "[I hoped] that

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GSU Football names new head coach

• Paul Johnson departs for Naval Academy coaching position

By Doug Kidd

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After three weeks on the job, Mike Sewak made his first major move as head coach when he named Mitch Ware and Scot Sloan assistant coaches on Monday.

Ware comes to Statesboro from Navy after four years on the job, while Sloan spent six years at Georgia Military College, the past two as defensive coordinator. Ware will

assume duties as the Eagles' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach while Sloan will take over as defensive backs coach.

Sewak, named GSU's head football coach after Paul Johnson left for the top spot at the Naval Academy, helped fill two positions left vacant after four coaches departed with Johnson.

"Mitch is certainly a strong addition to our staff as far as charac-

ter and coaching go," Sewak said in a release. "He's held our offensive scheme very close to his heart and is as knowledgeable about the system as one can get."

Sewak's hire as head coach was made partly because of Sam Baker's desire to keep the Eagles' triple-option offense intact. The GSU athletic director said Sewak, offensive coordinator under Johnson for five seasons, was a good fit.

"We have great confidence in Mike to take over and lead football program into a new era as its head coach," Baker said.

Baker noted that Sewak's role in helping develop GSU's spread option was key in his hiring. "When we started analyzing it, we felt it was the [offensive] system that has made us successful over the years," he said.

"It's only when we went away from the system that we didn't have success," Baker added.

Since being named head coach and signing a four-year contract on Dec. 16, Sewak has tried to tie down remaining coaches and potential recruits. Johnson took Ivin Jasper (quarterbacks), Jeff Monken (slotbacks), Brian Bohannon (defensive backs) and Mike Brass (strength) to Navy.

Sewak's first job was convincing defensive coordinator Rusty Russell to stay in Statesboro. Russell, son of former GSU head coach Erk Russell, was also a finalist for the position.

"Rusty and I had a great conversation," Sewak said to the *Savannah Morning News*. "He's working hard for the program."

Sewak also said Monday he plans on hiring two more position coaches, including a full-time slotbacks coach.



File Photo

NEW MAN IN CHARGE: After five years as the offensive coordinator under Paul Johnson, Mike Sewak has been named head coach of the Eagles. Johnson's decision to leave for the Navy forced athletic director Sam Baker to search for a new coach, and he found his man without looking outside the program.

The day Statesboro froze over...



ONCE IN A BLUE MOON: It doesn't happen often, but last week Statesboro was hit with wintry precipitation. Leaves and branches crystallized with icicles, causing trees and debris to fall to the ground. Nearly the entire state of Georgia saw some form of winter skyfall.



Dennis Hightower/STAFF



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

January 2

• Reliford Lee III was arrested for state warrant.

January 5

• Patrick Kropp, 20, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Brian Dodge, 20, was arrested for DUI, weaving and suspended license.

• William Slim, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

• Shannon Mincey, 23, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

January 6

• Azareel Serian Daniels, 19, was arrested for suspended license and failure to maintain lane.

January 7

• Jessie Braddock, 17, was arrested for suspended license and no proof ID.

January 8

• Adam Waller, 22, was arrested for gasoline drive-off.

GSU Public Safety

January 3

• Cameron Banks, 21, was charged with driving with suspended license.

• Joey Warren reported a lap top computer was missing from Hanner Fieldhouse Room 1311.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the *George-Anne* in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

Tests show fake drugs seized in Dallas made of Sheetrock, gypsum

Associated Press

DALLAS -- Nearly half of all purported cocaine Dallas police seized last year was finely crushed Sheetrock, while one-fourth of the methamphetamine turned out to be composed of gypsum, the main ingredient in Sheetrock, court records show.

Dallas police admitted last week that they paid a confidential informant \$200,000 for information leading to dozens of drug busts, only to find out later that some of the confiscated substances were fake. At the time, police Chief Terrell Bolton said he didn't know what the drugs were made of.

Forensic testing has cast doubt on at least 24 Dallas police narcotics cases, according to information obtained by The Dallas Morning News through interviews and court records.

The cases are first-degree felony drug-delivery charges involving at least 18 defendants in which lab tests have shown that little or no illegal drugs were found in almost 700 pounds of seized evidence.

In those cases, less-reliable field tests showed that the substances were drugs. If convicted, those defendants could have faced from five years to life

in prison.

The cases have raised questions about Dallas police officers' use of paid confidential drug informants, prompted an internal investigation, and spurred police to revise their drug-evidence procedures.

Dallas police spokeswoman Janice Houston says drugs are now submitted for forensic testing as soon as they are stored in the police property room.

Last year, Dallas narcotics officers seized more than 1,400 pounds of substances thought to be cocaine during drug raids and undercover buys, according to department statistics.

But when the substances were tested by the district attorney's office for court cases, more than 660 pounds turned out to be pure gypsum or contained trace amounts of cocaine.

Two cases involving counterfeit drugs were cocaine seizures that Dallas police and prosecutors touted as record-setting busts.

Court records show that the same Dallas narcotics officers, relying on drug deals set up or carried out by confidential informants, made the arrests.

One of the busts, which netted 150

pounds of a substance that later turned out not to be cocaine, was made with help from a paid confidential informant in July. Dallas police said it was one of the largest drug busts in Dallas County law enforcement history.

The Hispanic day laborer charged with the crime was jailed in lieu of \$1 million bail. Months later, after his charges were called into question, he was released from jail on a personal recognizance bond that required only his signature. His case is pending.

The district attorney's office has so far identified 10 drug-delivery cases filed by Dallas police in which the seized evidence didn't contain any illegal drugs.

Prosecutors have found 14 pending cases in which the seized evidence contained so-called "low-quantity" amounts of drugs or amounts that were too small to quantify, said Steve Tokoly, who oversees all felony trial prosecutions for the district attorney's office.

Of the 18 defendants identified by records and defense attorneys, all have Hispanic surnames and only two have prior felony convictions, both of which involved drugs, according to Dallas County records.

Franklin sworn in as Atlanta's first female mayor

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Shirley Franklin was inaugurated Monday as Atlanta's first female mayor, marking a new chapter in the city's political history.

Or, as the Rev. Joseph Lowery, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, put it in his closing prayer, "The city fathers don't have to move out, just move over."

Calling on the inspiration of pioneering women such as Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune and Madam C.J. Walker, Franklin took office alongside new City Council President Cathy Woolard, the first time women have held the city's top two elected posts.

"I proudly represent all the women who have worked in the fields, toiled in the kitchen, fought for our rights and challenged our society," Franklin, 56, said in her inaugural address.

Her words were met with a crescendo of applause. The crowd at the Atlanta Civic Center ceremony effused optimism

as Franklin succeeded a Bill Campbell administration marred by allegations of corruption and a federal probe which has led to several indictments.

Franklin promised an open and honest city hall leading the way to a safer, cleaner Atlanta. Already she has fired 60 Campbell appointees and may replace the police chief, chief operating officer, finance attorney and city attorney.

After the ceremony, she acknowledged that those goals would be a challenge for a city plagued by crime, problems with transportation and air quality and a projected \$45 million budget.

Some Atlantans who attended the inauguration seemed to share Franklin's optimism, but reiterated the work load she faces.

"Really the first thing has to be restoring confidence in city government," Cobb County resident John Morey said. "I think people are very cynical toward city government right now."

Del Clark, a Tucker resident who works with the Atlanta Latino community, said Franklin needs to continue reaching out to more groups.

"We've been working for a long time to get equal footing for (city) contracts, where it doesn't matter what race you are, the best contract wins," Clark said. "It doesn't have to be 3 percent Latino or 7 percent African-American or whatever."

Indeed, the new mayor's role in Atlanta's constant transition "from the ashes Sherman left behind to the vision Shirley will create," the Rev. Mitzi L. Bickers said in the invocation was a common theme for inaugural speakers.

As for the transition to a city government headed by two women, Woolard quoted Eleanor Roosevelt: "A woman is like a tea bag you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Woolard then added, "I think Atlanta is ready for some strong tea."

Court records sealed in Internet abduction case

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- Virginia is likely to join the federal government in bringing charges against a Herndon man charged with transporting a 13-year-old Pittsburgh girl across state lines for illegal sexual conduct.

Scott W. Tyree, 38, made an initial court appearance Monday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. Details of the government's case against Tyree have been sealed.

He was not asked to enter a plea. U.S. Magistrate Theresa Carroll Buchanan scheduled a detention hearing for Tuesday.

Authorities allege that Tyree met the girl on the Internet and picked her up in Pittsburgh on New Year's Day. The girl's parents reported her missing and she was found restrained inside Tyree's home Friday by FBI agents.

The only charge levied against Tyree so far carries a maximum 15-year prison sentence.

The investigation is ongoing and more charges are possible that would carry a stiffer punishment, prosecu-

tor Jerry Smagala said. A kidnapping charge, for instance, would carry a maximum life sentence, Smagala said.

Also, Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan met with Herndon police Monday and said state charges against Tyree are likely.

He said the investigation is not complete, but speculated that federal charges against Tyree will take precedence.

Tyree's initial appearance Monday was originally closed to the public, because the victim is a minor in a sex case. But an attorney for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, joined by a lawyer representing The Washington Post and The Associated Press, filed an emergency motion to open the courtroom.

The judge opened the hearing, but the affidavit that outlines the government's case against Tyree remains sealed, Smagala said. He expects Tuesday's detention hearing to be closed to the public as well.

"I'm surprised how much has been out there already, given there's a child victim involved," Smagala said.

Initially, the girl's disappearance was a missing person case and her parents sought publicity to help find her.

George Kostel, the Post-Gazette's attorney, said it's impossible to protect the girl's privacy by closing the courtroom and sealing evidence, given the extensive news coverage the case has received, including a news conference held by the girl's family in conjunction with the FBI.

At Monday's hearing, Buchanan appointed an attorney to represent Tyree, but ordered that he pay some of the costs of his own defense.

She offered Tyree the choice to have his detention hearing and eventual preliminary hearing in Pittsburgh, but he chose to have the hearings in Alexandria. He would be free to change that decision after consulting with his attorney, however.

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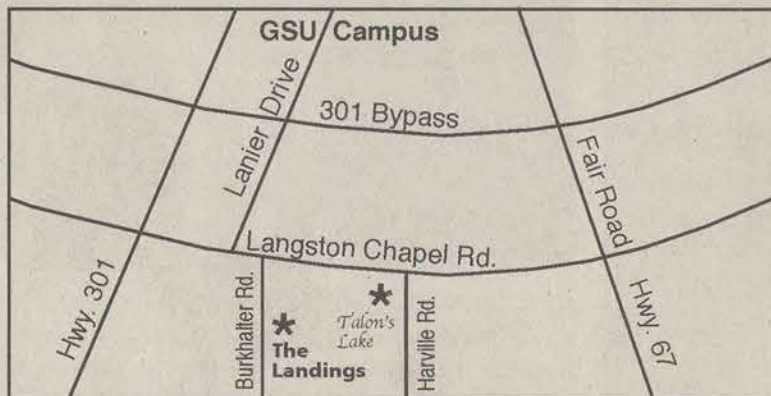
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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Colorado

Four-stool bar opens and goes for world record

COLORADO SPRINGS—The owners of the city's newest night spot aren't worried about attracting customers to its grand opening New Year's Eve.

At Sam's, a contender for Guinness's smallest bar in the world title, four's a crowd.

Nightclub owners Sam and Kathy Guadagnoli plan to break in two of the four barstools when the 111-square-foot tavern opens.

The Guadagnolis, who own four other clubs that measure in the tens of thousands of square feet, specifically designed the bar to be smaller than the current recordholder, a London pub. Sam's title has yet to be confirmed by officials with the Guinness Book of Records, they said. Sam's was inspired by a visit to a six-stool Cabo San Lucas bar called Slim's Elbow Room.

The Guadagnolis said they got some strange looks as Sam's was being built.

"People looked at us and said, 'Are you guys just bored?' But it's a fun thing," Kathy Guadagnoli said. "It's something to give life to downtown. Nowadays, we need something fun in our lives, with what's going on in the world."

Instead, Sam's Smallest Bar In The World T-shirts, hats, photographs and G-strings, sold in the bar and over the Internet, are expected to help pay for the whim, and perhaps make it profitable.

2 Florida

Restaurant owner arrested after argument over hamburger

INVERNESS —A police chief ordered the arrest of a diner owner after a dispute over the chief's

double-hamburger lunch escalated and the restaurateur called 911 to have the out-of-uniform customer removed.

Butch Ramsey, who owns the Happy Dayz Diner with his wife, was arrested on battery charges Tuesday. He was released after posting \$500 bail.

Police Chief Joseph Elizarde ordered two hamburgers over the phone at about 11 a.m. He called back 20 minutes later and became upset because the burgers weren't done, said Ramsey's wife, Judy.

She said his order was delayed because the grill was being switched from breakfast to lunch orders.

Elizarde came to the restaurant wearing sweat pants and talked to Butch Ramsey, who eventually asked him to leave.

"He was very loud and very obnoxious. I couldn't talk to him. Then I finally put my left hand on his shoulder and with my right hand pointed to the door and asked him to leave," Butch Ramsey said.

Butch Ramsey then called 911, and Elizarde stepped to the counter and flashed his badge.

According to police reports, Butch Ramsey pushed Elizarde and admitted it. Ramsey disputes the report.

Attempts by the Associated Press to contact the Inverness Police Department after hours were unsuccessful.

3 Indiana

Dog maintains mysterious vigil at cemetery gates

GARY—Neighbors and animal-control officials are puzzled why a mysterious black dog has stood guard at the gates of a cemetery since a funeral procession last week.

The black chow mix has eluded all attempts at capture

since it entered Mosier Cemetery on Dec. 23.

"It never was at the cemetery before. That's the odd thing," said Debbie Casteel, who lives across the street. "My mind is coming up with a whole bunch of scenarios. Why would it go to the cemetery?"

The dog initially growled at anyone attempting to enter the cemetery. Now it wanders to an area near a fresh grave. It seems that the dog is trying to lead people to the site, Casteel said.

Residents have given the animal fresh food, water and blankets to sleep on during the bitter cold nights.

A grave-protecting dog is not out of the realm of possibility, Kelly Galbraith, an animal-control officer for Porter County, told the Post-Tribune for a story published Friday.

Animal-control officers called out to retrieve dogs from houses where someone has died usually find the animals aggressively protecting their owners, Galbraith said. geo

"I believe it could happen," she said. "Dogs do react to things like that. They can sense things."

4 New York

Woman accidentally drops glue in daughter's eye

MASSAPEQUA—A Long Island woman accidentally squeezed a drop of glue in her daughter's eye, thinking she was holding a tube of prescription eye drops, police said.

Christine Giglio reached

for the drops, a treatment for 9-year-old Nikki's pink eye, but instead grabbed a tube of nail glue Thursday morning.

When she realized what she had done, she called for emergency help. Minutes later, the pair were flown by helicopter to the Nassau University Medical Center, where emergency room staff washed out the girl's eye with two liters of saline solution.

Giglio said she made the mistake because the two tubes looked very similar and were kept near each other.

Fortunately, the eye's protective mechanisms of blinking and tearing often prevents any lasting damage, said Dr. Richard Bagdonas, the attending emergency room surgeon at the medical center.

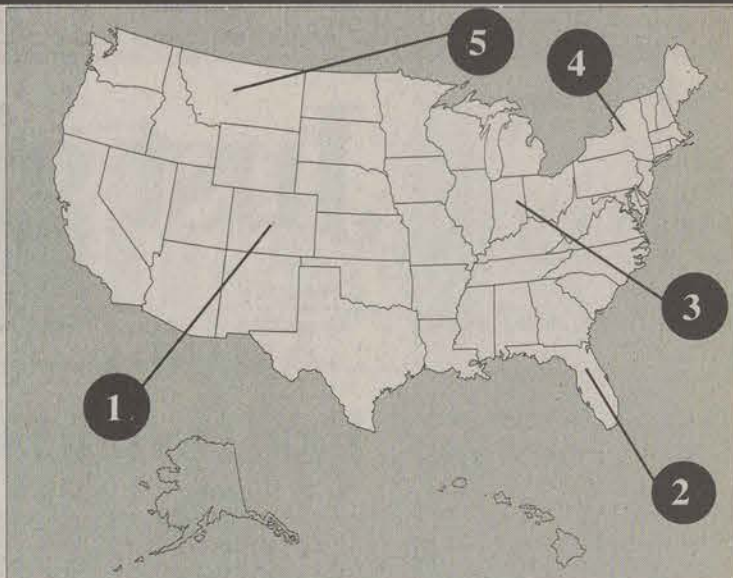
Giglio said an examination at the hospital found that Nikki's eye should be fine, though it remained red and swollen.

Thursday and bits of glue remained around her eyelids and lashes. The residue was expected to be removed through washing over the next few days.

5 Montana

Phony detective orders strip searches at Billings business

BILLINGS—Someone impersonating a detective telephoned a Billings business on Dec. 26 and tricked the manager into conducting strip searches of two female



employees, police say.

The caller stayed on the line and had the manager describe the searches, Sgt. Ross Adams said Friday. The manager and employees became suspicious afterward and called Billings police.

Adams said the caller told the manager that a woman customer of the business was charging that an employee stole a coin purse from her and her 14-year-old daughter.

The caller said unless the manager conducted the strip

searches officers would take the employees to jail and search them there.

Police would not identify the business.

Adams said Billings detectives have learned of somewhat similar incidents around the country but don't know if this one was done by the same person.

They don't know if the call was placed locally or long-distance.

The caller did not use the name of a genuine Billings detective.

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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

End of a Chapter

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
NOOGA
AND DOWN AT "OUR HOUSE"
NOT AN EAGLE WAS STIRRING
MUCH LESS NOT A MOUSE

NO HEADS ARE NOW HUNG
NO TEARS OF DESPAIR
OUR EAGLES PROUD SPIRIT
IS STILL ALIVE THERE

THE PLAYERS ARE HOME NOW
ASLEEP IN THEIR BEDS
WHILE VISIONS OF NEXT YEAR
DANCE IN THEIR HEADS

TO FREDDIE AND TEAMMATES
WE ALL TIP OUR HAT -
AS OUR EAGLES REST UP
WITH AN OFF SEASON NAP

SLEEP WELL AND HEAL UP
IGNORE NOOGA'S CLATTER
FOR ALL OF US KNOW
IT REALLY DON'T MATTER

TWO TEAMS NOW BURN
BRIGHTLY
THEY'LL BE GONE IN A FLASH
THEY'RE REALLY MUCH
BETTER
AT JUST TALKING TRASH

THEY'LL HUFF AND THEY'LL
PUFF
AND TEAR UP THE TURF
LIKE PROUD LITTLE BOYS
WITH FOOTBALLS OF NERF

BUT THEY'LL REALLY KNOW
THAT WE ARE THE BEST
THOUGH LUCKY THIS YEAR
THEY'RE THE BEST OF THE REST

OUR PENNANTS WE'LL STORE
TILL NEXT LABOR DAY
THEN RAISE THEM UP PROUDLY
TO START NEXT YEARS FRAY

SO REST UP YOU EAGLES
YOU'LL SOON HAVE YOUR DAY
OUR FAITH RESTS IN YOU
OUR NEXT POLE'S ON THE WAY

TWAS TIN MEN AND GRIZZLIES
BY SANTA WERE FOUND
HE LEFT YOU OUR TOY
FOR THIS TIME AROUND

SO ENJOY YOUR NEAT PRESENT
AND THEN GET A GRIP
CUZ EAGLES WILL THERE
BEFORE YOUR NEXT TRIP

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR MY
MIGHTY EAGLES!

ROB PARKER, GSC '73

Just give us the money already

AMANDA PERMENTER



I hope the university has already contracted someone to repave the stretch of sidewalk between the financial aid office and the university book store. Hundreds of students will wear it thin this week.

The financial folks gave us fair warning last semester not to search our campus mailboxes for those cherished, check containing, school-bus-yellow envelopes

during the first few weeks of school. The basic story seems to be that everyone who receives a refund is going to be inconvenienced because a small percentage of idiots prefer a trip to the bank over the first day of classes. Then, they drop out of school to take the government-granted money for a joyride.

The decision left many of us biting our nails about how to buy books and supplies, pay the rent, and make phone payments. But, the administration knows best, right? Surely some sort of system would be established to handle problems like those.

Indeed, there was a system established. A rumor started to circulate that there would be a voucher system for buying books. I went to the bookstore to investigate, and found the word "voucher" a bit abused.

There certainly is a system. It's a basic case of class discrimination. Unfortunately, I'm too exhausted to argue that fact after spending the day memorizing the scenery between the bookstore and Anderson Hall.

If a student needs the money from

cost of the books. Only then can the student return to the bookstore, check in hand, to complete the purchase.

I have major trouble calling that a voucher system. I call it like I see it: People are being sent on a wild goose chase to get money from the

to accepting an IOU. Let's not even tackle the subject of looming, snarling landlords.

I've come to love the institution of GSU. It's hard for me to come to terms with the idea that a group of authoritative figures representing our student body got together to conjure up and agree with such a leaky idea.

The need for precaution, and even prevention, where such substantial amounts of money are

concerned is understandable. But, why not prosecute those who misuse the money and educate people about the consequences of such irresponsible actions? Complicating the lives of honest students shouldn't be a side-effect of achieving justice for loan larcenists.

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I CALL IT LIKE I SEE IT: PEOPLE ARE BEING SENT ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE TO GET MONEY FROM THE SCHOOL TO GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL. THE PROCESS IS NOT JUST INCONVENIENT, IT IS INEFFICIENT.

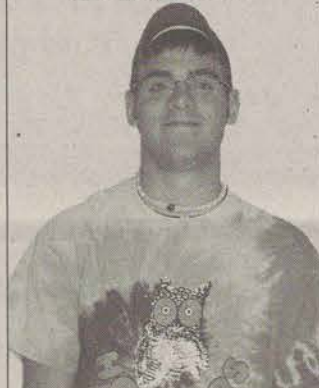
the postponed loan to buy books, the first step is to visit the financial aid office and request an "emergency loan check." The student must then return to the bookstore to have all necessary texts pulled and rung up in order to find out the precise cost of the books. After that, the student (undoubtedly already quite aggravated by this point) must then go back to financial aid and have them cut a check for the exact

school to give back to the school. The process is not just inconvenient, it is inefficient.

Even if a successful voucher system was established for the purchase of books, that leaves a number of problems unsolved. I doubt that Wal-Mart is running a voucher system for hygienic products. By the same token, the grocery store isn't likely to put TV dinners on my tab. Nor is AT&T prone

Recounting an uneventful year

ADAM BRADY



Let's take a look at the first year of the new millennium shall we?

It all started off with the

realization that the New Year's celebrations from the year before were much more extravagant, though not entirely necessary, being that this was indeed the year to begin the 21st century. Well it made no difference to us, we were still determined to achieve the goal of flying cars and hover boards anyhow. It all looked good at the start. And then came the coronation that Democrats despised, Republicans cheered, and Green Party members couldn't care less about: George W. Bush was sworn in. Stocks plummeted, energy production in California fell, the cute little seals that inhabit the Alaskan refuge crapped in their cute little seal pants, and Al Gore increased his Twinkie intake tenfold.

Not everything was as bleak as it may seem though. After all, there was a Starbucks in nearly every shopping center in America.

The spring rolled around, and to my dismay, I discovered that pop music had indeed survived the winter. Baseball started with all the makings of a great season, Hollywood gave us a few new blockbuster hits like 'The Mummy Returns' and 'The Princess Diaries,' Weezer went on tour with a new album, and Tim Prizer turned 20.

Summer crept up on us all, I think. Accosting us in our sleep

and tempting us with visions of scantily clad members of the opposite sex lying on sandy white beaches with the sun warming every inch of their curvaceous forms, sweat glistening all over their bodies... Needless to say far too many of us were discharged from the ranks of the HOPE scholars. We did have the whole summer to plan how we would win back our state-provided financial support by 'working harder next semester.'

Fall just sort of blended into spring as we Americans followed along our daily routines. Then the proverbial feces hit the fan. It all started with the release of the new Transformers mini-series. Definitely not as riveting as the original, it went to prove that not every cartoon produced by the Japanese could take hold in America. Soon following, Halloween yielded far less candy to our country's younger population. I for one found far fewer Snickers Bars and Reeses

Peanut Butter Cups around my apartment than I would have hoped to discover.

As the year continued further in a downward spiral, the World Series ended with New York's greatest relieving pitcher upset by a mere Arizona expansion team in a seven-game battle that could be described as nothing short of incredible.

The long awaited release of Dean Kamen's newest brainchild, "IT" or "Ginger" finally took place in November, and turned out to be far less amazing than it was hyped to be. Turkeys of the world had planned to hide in the trees, but

with the realization that they were unable to fly, our feathered friends once again joined us for dinner.

And then, as a final blow to our once wonderful year, El Nino defeated Old Man Winter in the first round of their bought early in December. It wasn't until Old Man Winter finished off the Latino Love Child in their rematch following Christmas Day that the winter season's champion had the chance to drop a few feet of snow along the east coast.

Well ladies and gentlemen, that is your year in review. I hope I didn't forget anything.

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CRASH, FROM PAGE 1

no one in the law offices where the wreckage of the plane was found.

Bishop said in his suicide note that he acted alone. So far, investigators have no reason to think otherwise. Nor do they have the answer to the question that haunts Bishop's family, friends, fellow students and teachers: Why?

"I think there had to be a major turn of events in his personal life," said Dale Porter, headmaster of Dunedin Academy.

Porter said that Bishop was shy but seemed to blossom at the academy, becoming active in basketball and student government. He took initiative, becoming active in a drive to collect canned food for the poor, assembling a series of student essays about Christmas.

"Rejoice!" Bishop wrote in his own contribution. "Be thankful! Some people have nothing to be thankful for and are severely depressed."

He only stayed at the school for a year before his mother, citing transportation issues, switched him to East Lake High School in suburban Palm Harbor.

Porter thinks Bishop may have had trouble adjusting to the pressure of leaving a small private school for a large public one. A teacher at Dunedin Academy, Danielle Parker, said the teenager told her he had been in several schools and had spent much of his childhood in Massachusetts, where his father still lived.

But teachers and students at East Lake say that if Bishop was troubled by the move - or by anything else - he did not speak of it. There, as at the academy, he was seen as someone who might have been quiet by nature but had no trouble pairing up with lab partners in biology class, or sitting down with strangers. That's what he did one afternoon at the lunch table with Nathan Goldschlag and his group of friends.

"He just kind of came to the table one day at sat 'down,'" said Goldschlag. "We were like, OK. Never said a word."

Mallory McFee, 15, who was in Bishop's English class said the youth "seemed happy" and was "always smiling."

Bishop did not show any hint of being sympathetic toward terrorists, said Gabrielle Terry, his journalism teacher, who said that Bishop was so outraged by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that he wore an Air Force T-shirt to school and vowed to become a military pilot.

He had started taking flying lessons in March at the National Aviation Academy.

Academy operations manager

David Cunningham said that Bishop's lesson on Saturday was to celebrate his once again getting straight A's.

Cunningham was so impressed by the teenager that he wrote Bishop's letter of recommendation for a program for honors students to travel to Australia next summer. Bishop had just learned that he had been accepted into the program.

So keen was Bishop to learn to fly that he washed airplanes to earn \$50 credits toward lessons.

On Saturday, a perfect day for a flying lesson, Bishop's grandmother, Karen Johnson, dropped him off at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport for another lesson in a Cessna 172R.

He was supposed to be checking out the plane but shortly before 5 p.m. taxied the Cessna down the runway and took off. It was a short flight. The young man, who seemed to have so much to look forward to, had 12-minutes to live.

Among all the mysteries Bishop left behind was a bitter irony: Garth

Feeney, a 1991 graduate of East Lake High, was on the 106th floor of Tower No. 1 of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 and died in the attack.

Grief counselors were at the high school on Monday and spoke with about 20 of Bishop's classmates.

Meanwhile, the ease with which Bishop stole the plane prompted calls Monday for tighter regulations on civil aircraft.

Gov. Jeb Bush said the Federal Aviation Administration should consider changing the way it regulates flight schools.

"How do we make sure this doesn't happen again?" Bush said after meeting with Tampa Mayor Dick Greco.

Tampa police said they had been unable to locate Bishop's father, Charles Bishara. Police spokesperson Katie Hughes said that Bishara is of Syrian and Sicilian descent.

Bishop's mother, a freelance graphic artist, would not speak to reporters, but issued a written statement:

"The family of Charles Bishop is appalled and devastated over the incident of Saturday, January 5. We had absolutely no prior indication that this might occur. We are exceedingly grateful that no one else was injured... We will always remember Charles as a loving and giving person, a hardworking and responsible honor roll student, and a boy who cared deeply about his country."

Perhaps the greatest mystery of all is that Charles Bishop seemed to have been all of those things.

Stem cell research brings promising breakthroughs against Parkinson's Disease

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Embryonic stem cells injected into the brain corrected the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease in rats by transforming into neurons that made dopamine, a key brain chemical.

In a study appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers at Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass.,

showed in tests that in rats whose brains had been chemically damaged, embryonic stem would spontaneously convert to correct the Parkinson's symptoms.

Some experts said the study was significant because it showed embryonic stem cells may be used to treat brain disorders, but they cautioned that the cells also possibly could cause tumors.

Dr. Ole Isacson, senior author of the study, said that if further experiments are successful, there could be human trials of the technique in about five years.

Federally funded research on human embryonic stem cells is limited because producing such cells requires the death of human embryos. President Bush last summer

approved some such research, but limited it to cell colonies that already exist — about 60 cell lines.

Many researchers believe that embryonic stem cells hold the promise of creating new organs or cells to replace or renew ailing hearts, livers and other organs. Some earlier laboratory studies have suggested that embryonic stem cells could be directed to transform into curative cells for such diseases as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or diabetes.

In the current study, researchers demonstrated that the embryonic cells could spontaneously correct some symptoms of Parkinson's.

To conduct the study, scientists first caused rats to develop Parkinson's symptoms by injecting into their brains a toxin that killed neurons that typically die during the course of that disease.

The researchers then injected embryonic stem cells that had been extracted from early mouse embryos and were capable of growing into any type of cell.

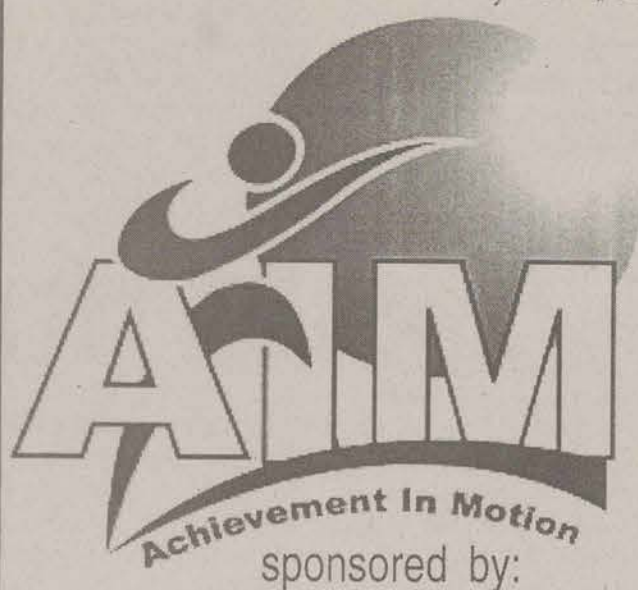
About nine weeks after the injections, the embryonic stem cells converted to neurons that make dopamine, a brain chemical lacking in Parkinson's disease patients, Isacson said.

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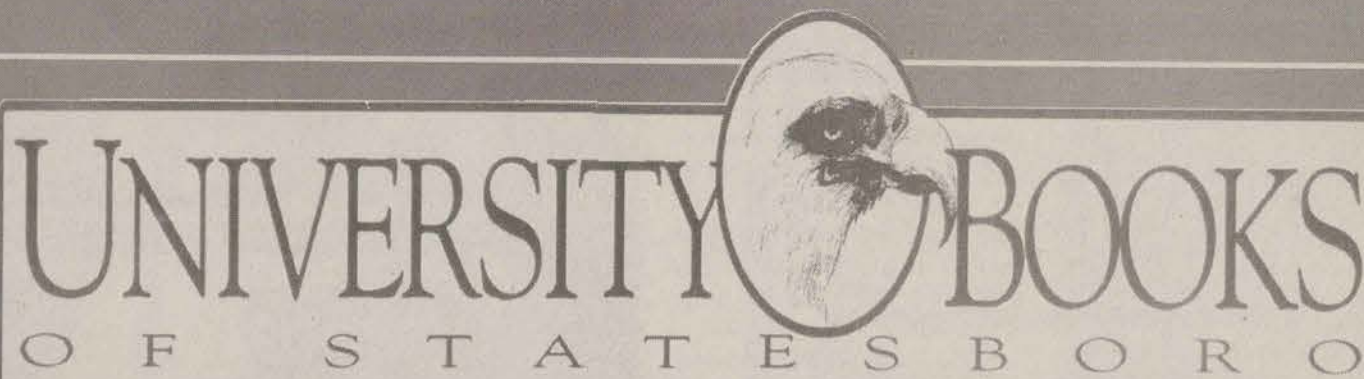


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Coaching football is a messy business

"What have you done for me lately?"

For football coaches in both the collegiate and professional ranks, this question has become a representation of the sport's unforgiving attitude that some are learning all too well.

On the gridiron, college boosters and NFL owners have made it abundantly clear that winning is a "now or never" concept, and if coaches can't put a winning product on the field today, there is little hope that they will be wearing a headset on the sidelines tomorrow.

Yes, football has been this way ever since it was transformed from a simple game into a multi-million dollar business, but recently the impatience of these decision-makers has reached historic levels, and the integrity of their programs have been compromised like never before.

Here at GSU, head coach Paul Johnson was forced to fly to Annapolis, Md. on Dec. 9 in the middle of a week where his team was preparing for a I-AA semi-final match up against the Paladins of Furman, to announce that he had signed on as the 36th head football coach of the Naval Academy.

It's tough to blame coach Johnson for this mess, because he was honest and upfront about the entire situation, but the alumni at Navy were demanding answers after a disastrous 0-10 record in their 2001 campaign, and Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk could probably have cared less that GSU was in the process of making a run for their unprecedented seventh national title as long as the school's boosters quit breathing down his neck.

In Southbend, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame were so distraught after another season without a bowl appearance, that they canned coach Bob Davie (and the remarkable 100 percent graduation rate of his players that he set during his tenure), and hired former Georgia Tech head coach George O'Leary without looking into what turned out to be the most publicized report of a misleading resume in the history of college football.

To make matters worse, Notre Dame interrupted several coaches in the middle of their seasons like Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden to offer the open position, and they were not only immediately shot down by a disgruntled Gruden, but were also blasted in front of a national audience by ESPN anchorman Chris Berman for acting as if they were better or more important than everyone else.

And in the NFL, owners have quickly turned their backs on men who have turned their respective franchises around, to look for someone that might be a quick fix for what may have been one disappointing season.

Minnesota Vikings owner Red McCombs handed Dennis Green his pink slip after ten years where he took his team to the playoff eight consecutive times, and all the way to the NFC Championship in two of the last three seasons, and all because of an unsuccessful season when he and his players had to cope with the death of star Corey Stringer.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers front office has been discussing firing coach Tony Dungy if he doesn't take his team deep into the playoffs this year, and this is all despite the fact that he has won 29 regular season games in the past three years including three straight playoff berths in what has made him the most successful coach in the history of the franchise.

And in Washington, hotshot owner Dan Snyder is contemplating letting go of coach Marty Schottenheimer after he made one of the most historic comebacks in NFL history finishing at 8-8 after an 0-5 start, so he can get his hands on former Florida coach Steve Spurrier, who recently left the Gators a few short days ago.

It's safe to say that coaching football is as predictable as a box of

Forrest Gump's chocolates, and things

are destined to get worse and the coaching salaries continue to grow, but if there are only two words of advice that I could give to these heartless businessmen, they are these: one, if it isn't broke for more than one season

then don't fix it, and two, if you are going to kick a coach out to the curb, do it with dignity and class because you are representing teams, schools, and cities and dragging their names through the mud just to see how fast you can stop the bleeding is only going to make things worse for everyone.

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Bo Fulginiti

Stoops staying with OU Sooners

KRT Campus

For nearly an hour, Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley made his sales pitch to Bob Stoops. But late Monday afternoon, Stoops made an announcement that resulted in sighs of relief throughout the Sooner Nation.

"I feel too strong what this program has, where we're going and what the future looks like," Stoops said. "I feel positive and practical about where this program is headed."

That means that Stoops is not headed to Florida to replace Steve Spurrier as Gators coach. And that means that Foley was on his way to Denver to discuss the Florida opening with Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan. Foley and Shanahan are friends from the days when Shanahan was an assistant coach at Florida in the early 1980s.

Foley flew to Norman, Okla., Monday to gauge Stoops' interest in the Gators. Stoops was

Florida's defensive coordinator for three seasons before being named Oklahoma's head coach before the 1999 season. When Spurrier announced his surprise resignation Friday, Stoops became the top candidate.

However, Foley and Stoops were adamant that no offer was made, no contract (even one for \$3 million a year) was discussed.

"I think people have learned over the last couple of days, not to believe half of what you hear and none of what you read," Stoops said. "I have a personal relationship with Jeremy Foley, Florida's athletic director, and our conversation today dealt with whether or not I'd have an interest in their job. I recognize Florida as one of the great jobs in football."

"Jeremy knew coming in that my feelings were strong and that I was committed to our program. He knew the level of commitment to the administration we have here and how strong and positive our program is. He understood the

direction of this program. He understood my feelings were that I wanted to see our program through completion, and he knew I'm committed to this program."

Stoops met with Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione for two hours Saturday afternoon. School president David Boren also met with Stoops on Monday afternoon to emphasize the school's commitment to Stoops, his staff and the football program. Castiglione and Boren did what Foley couldn't.

Stoops, 41, is 31-7 in three seasons at Oklahoma. Under Stoops, the school won its seventh national championship in 2000. He recently signed a contract extension that pays him \$2 million a year through the 2007 season. Stoops denied reports that the Florida job helped him swing a new contract at OU for \$3 million a year.

"I feel committed and strong to what we're doing here at Oklahoma, about the strength of

our program and where it's heading," Stoops said. "I feel that is what's most important to me, continuing to develop this program at Oklahoma."

In some ways, Stoops' choice was similar to the one made by Kansas basketball coach Roy Williams in the summer of 2000. Williams had the opportunity to take over the head coaching job at North Carolina, but he decided to stay with the Jayhawks. Stoops and Williams both decided to remain in charge of programs they have built, as opposed to taking over programs with living coaching ghosts - Dean Smith at North Carolina and Spurrier at Florida.

"This is a lifetime decision that Carol and I made," Stoops said. "It was never about money. In fact, money never came up with either party. The public needs to understand that Florida is the school that helped me get this job. I believe in this program. We are building something special."



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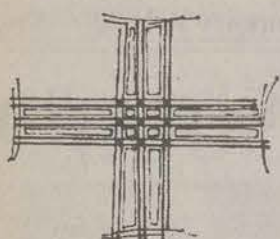
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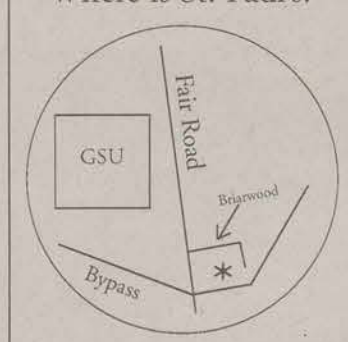
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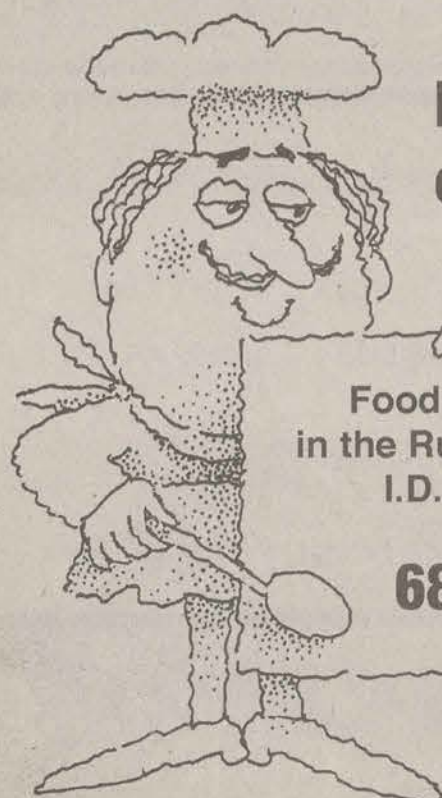
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'Morning View' may not look so good

By Kim Waters
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Do you enjoy whining, poor instrumentals, and repetitive annoying noises? If so, then Incubus's newest album, "Morning View", is for you.

Sure they have a cool name, and yes they have produced their share of CD's, but this CD was definitely not what I expected. Don't waste your money, unless you like the before mentioned qualities.

Who told these people that they could sing? That person needs to take the comment back!

When they sing it sounds like the incessant whining and bellowing of an infant. You will find that you will have to force yourself to listen to all of "Morning View."

The band did pick a good name though. Their name, Incubus, sounds cool, and it has all of the trademark qualities of a good band name.

Incubus stands for an evil spirit that was believed to descend upon sleeping women and impregnate them. Very bizarre!

So they have a cool sounding name, an interesting story behind the name, and it has that needed element of strangeness. But, after producing multiple albums the group should have learned how to play their instruments well, but they didn't.

The guitar is practically non-existent, and when it is present it has no complications. It is just mediocre guitar playing.

The percussion had improved, but not by much. Did the group notice that their drummer was playing almost exactly the same thing throughout most of the songs?

Some of the drum rifts were fairly difficult, but repetition becomes bor-



Special Photo
INCUBUS: Their new album 'Morning View' may be less than what was expected to some listeners.

ing.

Repetition becomes even worse than being mundane, when it is constant annoying, strange sounds. "Morning View" has everything from frogs croaking, to Japanese mandolins. Not to mention whistling and crickets that chirp in the background.

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All of these annoying sounds go on for minutes at a time.

Now, if you are a person that likes to read the lyrics and understand the songs, you might like this CD. Their songs are actually fairly deep.

They cover a wide range of topics including uniformity, breaking-up,

rejection, loneliness, and love.

Even if you never listen to "Morning View", do read the lyrics.

They are interesting, and can even offer subliminal advice.

However, don't take all of their advice no other band writes quite like Incubus.

The only thing left to comment on is the visual attractiveness of the cover. It is a beautiful shot of a cliff-side beach.

The sun is rising, and there is a mist in the air.

Don't let the pretty picture sucker you into buying the CD though! The album is not worth buying.

Take this as a warning. "Morning View" is one of those CD's that you buy, listen to once (if you can stand it that long), and then put into your CD tower where it will never be heard from again.

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'Memento' is one film that demands your attention

By Joe Ben Deal
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Do you ever have to write your self notes so you won't forget what you need to do? That's what Lenny has to do in the movie "Memento," one of the most engaging thrillers ever put to celloid.

Lenny has a condition: ever since the accident in which his wife was murdered, he can no longer create new memories. He still has all his old memories, but he can't create any new ones. So say you pour him a drink and spit in it while he's watching, give him a few minutes and he will forget you had ever spit in it and drink away. To help him remember things, Lenny takes polaroids of everything like his car, his hotel, and the people he meets. He writes notes on the polaroids so he will know what they are. He lives his life by reading notes he wrote, but doesn't remember writing the notes or what they mean. But he won't let his brain injury hinder his search for his wife's killer because her death is the last thing he remembers.

Now what makes this movie "one of the most engaging thrillers ever" is the structure of the film. The story is told in segments which are about five minutes or so and split up by black and white segments. The black and white segments are in chronological order, but the color segments, the bulk of the film, is told in reverse. For instance, the very first segment shows someone getting killed. Then the next segment starts about five minutes prior and leads up to the first segment. This structure recreates Lenny's memory condition for the audience, because the audience never knows why Lenny is doing what he is doing and neither does Lenny. He just reads the notes he wrote and acts on them. As the movie progresses, the audience learns

why he wrote the notes.

The structure may sound confusing, but it is actually very fascinating, and makes the movie unpredictable. It gives the audience a chance to try and piece together the mystery and figure out exactly what is going on. It definitely makes the movie rewatchable because the end is, well, actually the middle. But once you've made it to the end, you will want to watch the movie again just to see the pieces come together now that you've seen the finished puzzle.

Guy Pierce of "L.A. Confidential" does an excellent job of portraying Lenny. Since Lenny always forgets what has happened to him, it would seem that he would lack any character development. After five minutes, he is back to where he started, but this actually opens up

the film for some incredible story telling plus some rather humorous scenes too. One scene starts with Lenny holding a half empty bottle of whiskey and he's thinking "I don't... feel drunk."

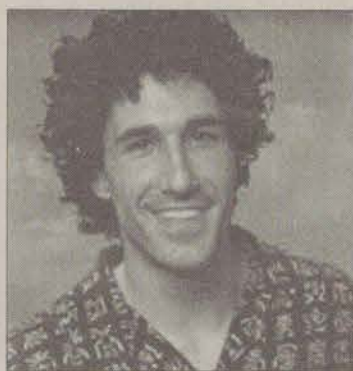
"Memento" is the type of film that you want to tell everyone about and explain what happens, but trying to do so would ruin the movie. Its strongest feature is the way the audience is able to experience the discovery of why Lenny is doing something in any given moment. Almost constantly, the scene begs the question, "now why is he doing this," and half the time Lenny will be asking that question. The next scene reveals why, but usually raises the question again.

The movie co-stars Carrie-Anne Moss and Joe Pantoliano who both rose to fame by co-starring in "The Matrix."

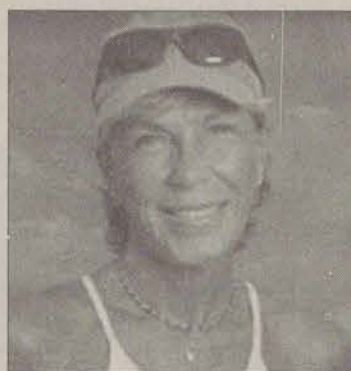
If you like movies that force you to pay attention and require a little brain work, then rent "Memento." The next day you too will be telling everyone about this great film.

Survivor: Africa concludes Thursday night with fallen ratings

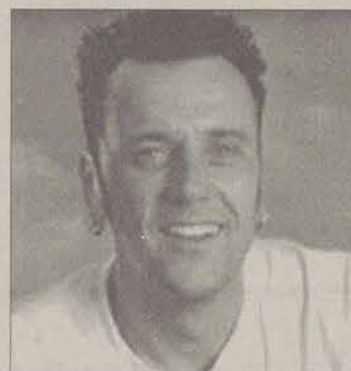
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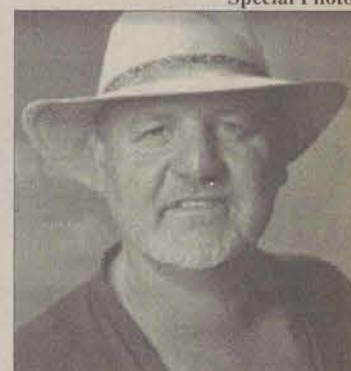
ETHAN ZOHN: The professional soccer player from Lexington, Mass. is well liked, but could this mean his untimely end?



KIM JOHNSON: The oldest of the group at 57, this retired school teacher from Oyster Bay, NY is favored to be in the top two.



LEX VAN DEN BERGHE: Could immunity save this marketing manager from Santa Cruz, CA?



TOM BUCHANAN: The 46-year-old rough around the edges goat farmer from Virginia may be the first to go.

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Actually set in Africa, CBS' third edition of its franchise "reality" series has receded from phenomenon toward nonentity since premiering last October. Dare it be said that "Big Brother 2" had more electricity down the stretch? There, it's been said.

The ratings remain solid in a season where audiences for reality programming otherwise have fallen well short of networks' great expectations. Word of mouth no longer comes from a bullhorn, though. Compared to its two predecessors, "Survivor: Africa" at best has emitted a dull roar despite creator Mark Burnett's proclamation that it's "the best I've ever delivered."

No, it's not. Not even close. Rooting interests are muted. Personality clashes have been minimal. No she-devils or wonder women either. Among the final four, only tattooed Lex van den Berghe has a vivid hue. Otherwise we've got an overt hillbilly, a subdued retired teacher, and a soccer player who's cute but not much of a kick. Besides Van den Berghe, their names are Tom Buchanan, Kim Johnson, and Ethan Zohn. Would you have known otherwise?

The original "Survivor" oozed with treachery and intrigue by the

time Richard Hatch, Susan Hawk, Rudy Boesch, and Kelly Wiglesworth went into final jeopardy mode. Audiences built throughout the summer of 2000, with 51.7 million viewers glued to the finale.

"Survivor: The Australian Outback" also made its mark with a strong leading man - Colby Donaldson - and a four-star Jezebel in Jerri Manthey. Viewers otherwise could buy into the autumn-spring friendship of "Kentucky Joe" Bingham and Elisabeth Filarski. Chef Keith Farnie also became famous for his mushy rice and dour temperament.

A total of 36.4 million viewers eventually watched Donaldson cough up a sure \$1 million by selecting batter-fried Tina Wesson instead of Famie as his final foe.

"Survivor: Africa" has been averaging 19.5 million viewers an episode, and will be hard-pressed to hit the 30 million mark for Thursday's end-game. Its No. 5 ranking in the season-to-date Nielsen ratings is nothing to sneeze at, but even CBS executives concede that this edition otherwise is no best seller. Rather than a lion in the jungle, it's been a leopard without its spots. Internet chatter and water cooler talk have slowed to a crawl. And the

future marketability of this batch of contestants seems a laughable notion at best.

For the record, though, here's how Thursday's finale might shake out: Van den Berghe, a 38-year-old marketing manager from Santa Cruz, Calif., has won a majority of immunity challenges since the Boran and Samburu tribes merged into Moto Maji. He also has established himself as perhaps the least likable of the remaining competitors. So look for Lex to be one of the two finalists whether or not he keeps winning immunity. But don't look for him to claim the grand prize in a matchup with Zohn or Johnson, either of whom would love to go against him.

Lex might have a chance, though, against the 46-year-old Buchanan, who's happily flaunted his butt crack, neck boil, and lately, his smelly feet. Coarse to the core, the Virginia goat farmer also has gotten smashed on hard liquor and aimed a homophobic dart at l'il Brandon Quinton, who's now part of the show's "jury." And Brandon bonded with Lex in the episode before his eviction.

Johnson, at 57 the oldest contestant, could win it all if she somehow gets to a one-on-one matchup against either Lex or Tom. The retired schoolteacher from Oyster

Bay, N.Y., somehow will have to win at least one of the two remaining immunity challenges, though. Or so it seems.

Zohn, a 27-year-old soccer player from Lexington, Mass., easily is the most appealing of the four finalists. That also makes him the most endangered. Look for him to be the first voted out if Lex, Tom, or Kim prevail in the first immunity challenge.

Then again, who knows? And what's more, who really cares? "Survivor: Africa" has mostly drooped in its closing weeks. Cripes, there hasn't even been enough suffering and deprivation in surroundings that have proven to be more barren than picturesque. Now come the four finalists, looking none too worse for wear and generating only slightly more excitement than the corn mush "gruel" they've been choking down daily.

Outwit, outplay, outlast. For the first time, punctuate with hohum.

Survivor: Africa ends with the two hour Finale at 8 p.m. Thursday, and the one hour reunion show at 10 p.m., on CBS. Survivor was created and produced by Mark Burnett. The final four consist of: Lex van den Berghe, Ethan Zohn, Kim Johnson, Tom Buchanan.

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COLLIER, FROM PAGE 1

a military background would aid me in a career in law enforcement because I am majoring in criminal justice," Collier said. He was in the army reserves until he became active as of November.

Ironically, when Collier was called to active duty as a Specialist, he had just transferred into an army airborne unit to parachute more. He had not even trained with the unit before being deployed with them.

Collier had time to say good byes to his friends and family members and honored at the Mobilization Farewell Ceremony. Then he was deployed in "Support of Operation Enduring Freedom." Collier missed spending Thanksgiving with family and friends, and will miss Christmas, New Year, and his birthday at home too.

Collier first went to Germany. Where he is stationed from that point forward is classified.

Although Collier left within six weeks of finishing the first semester, his tuition was refunded and he will not receive credit for the classes he took last semester. Yet, if he wishes, he is able to return as an active GSU student when he comes home.

"I feel that all the work I put into this semester is pointless, but there is no possible way for me to predict the future," Collier said. Although he did say that when he returns from this operation, he will continue his college education at GSU and seek a commission as an Army Officer.

Besides Collier himself, many people were affected by his leaving, including GSU, family, and friends.

As one can imagine, Collier

leaving was probably very difficult for his parents. Yet, his leaving probably was more difficult to his parents and family members than most. The Colliers have four children, two sons in the Armed Forces (one in Japan and Philip in Germany), a daughter living in Germany who is married to a man in the Armed Forces, and a son in

a close friend of Collier. "I wish I was already graduated so I could go over there. I hate that my friend has to go, but I can't right now. Even though I miss him, he will do fine," said Boldt.

Friend and RA John Dolinski said, "Not only does him leaving put more stress on the staff because of being shorthanded, it affects us

said Dorman Hall has been quiet. "Residents are still in a state of shock, yet very supportive of his actions," Dolinski said.

Dorman Hall Resident, Emeka Okpukpara, 18, remembered when Collier came by his room during the first week of school and talked about sports and BSU. Collier made it easier for Okpukpara, a freshman, to adapt to the college life.

"We had a lot in common and it really affected me when Phillip left. He was very friendly. I remember one time, when I went to Landrum, he called me over to sit with him. We talked about everything. Then, every time he saw me there, he always called me over to sit with him," Okpukpara said.

Emmett McCord, Dorman Hall RA and marketing major, said Collier leaving was personal. "My mom works for Delta and she could have been in the plane crashes, but the affect of September 11 made it hit home when Phillip left," McCord said.

McCord also said, "I am mad about him leaving because he made the job fun for me when times were stressful. We were friends, not just co-workers."

Bolt said he is as confident as he can get with the army and Collier. "Our military is the best trained army in the world. If, by chance, Collier does not return, he pass on serving his country - that is a risk you take when you join the military. Although it is always sad losing someone, it goes with the job - like being a police officer," said Boldt.

"Although we all are going home for the holidays, remember the ones who are fighting for our lives and freedom," Dolinski said.

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middle school

Jerri Collier, Philip Collier's mother, said that she was very proud of her three children who are away from home. "All three are where they have to be, yet they make the best of it. Philip may be having a hard time, yet he is happy to be there. He has that inner strength that allows him to keep a positive attitude," Collier's mom said.

"At first I asked myself a lot questions because this [Collier leaving] was so unexpected. What is he getting into? Why would they call him while he is in the middle of school? The next emotion I felt was peace. I was at peace because Philip said 'Mom, I am where I am suppose to be because I have faith in God.' Also knowing the person leaving brings a peace because you know the strength, knowledge, and training that person has," said Collier's mom. "Collier's mom said.

Philip Boldt, 19, is also a RA and

mentally also. What I mean about mentally affecting us is before this, we didn't worry. Everyone knew there would be a war, but this hits home. By losing him as a staff member, we lost an intrigue part of the community that affects at least the 250 people in the building [Dorman Hall] who think of him as a leader."

RA's make door decorations for their hall residence. The last decoration Collier put on his hall's door was a shield with the number 314, which symbolizes his brother's unit. "The shields were a reminder of his brother in times as such. Now that he is gone, the emblem is a burning reminder for everyone on his floor, that Collier dedicated the shields to his family, residence, and now to himself," Dolinski said.

Dolinski said that Dorman Hall and GSU are very proud of him for "stepping up for our country to protect us and our freedom. He is more so a leader now than ever." He also

Tampa suicide crash reignites questions about 'teen loners'

Associated Press

A Florida youth flies a small plane into a skyscraper and leaves a note supporting terrorists. Another from California ends up fighting for the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Like the defendants in high-profile school shooting cases, Charles Bishop, the 15-year-old suicide pilot who crashed a small plane into a Tampa office building, and John Walker Lindh, the 20-year-old American Taliban fighter, are sometimes described as loners or outsiders.

Some experts say these latest cases are simply too complex to be compared. But others see a common thread that may also run through the school shootings. There is, they say, a sense of disconnectedness coupled with teen-age angst and impulsiveness that leads to extreme acts.

"Loner doesn't even really describe it - they don't really know how to play the game," says John Mayer, a clinical psychologist from Chicago who has served as a consultant to the FBI and police in several high-profile cases involving troubled teens.

Vickie Beck, a child psychotherapist at the University of Maryland Medical System, agrees that it goes far beyond being a loner.

"You ask yourself, 'Is there depression in there - that sense of isolation and powerlessness and the underlying rage against the system?'" Beck says.

At first glance, the lives of Bishop and Lindh sound idyllic in many ways. Lindh grew up amid wealth and the fog-shrouded headlands of Marin County, just north of San Francisco.

Bishop attended a private school in Dunedin, Fla., where he played basketball and flag football, tutored first-graders and was a flag-bearer.

At least one student at the high school described him as a "teacher's pet." But he was also characterized as one who kept to himself, spending a great deal of time in his bedroom, where authorities searched and confiscated computers after Saturday's plane crash.

Grief counselors were sent to Bishop's high school Monday. But, at

least early in the day, no students had turned out talk about his suicide, said Ron Stone, a spokesman for Pinellas County School District.

Lindh was described as a gifted poet, but one who stayed in the background at an alternative high school he attended. In 1997, at age 16, he took the state high school

equivalency exam and passed it - converting to Islam that same year.

Abdullah Nana, the 23-year-old son of one of the leaders of the Mill Valley, Calif., Islamic center where Lindh first studied, called him "a sincere person, intelligent person, a quiet person." But he was one of the few of Lindh's peers who claimed to know much, if anything, about him.

Lindh would later tell his parents that he felt at home - perhaps for the first time - in central Asia.

Mayer says that, "while it may not be politically correct to say so," there is another factor he wonders about in these cases - privilege.

"You don't see urban kids doing these kinds of things; they're in survival mode," Mayer says. "They don't have the luxury of going out and finding Islam in northern California or taking private flying lessons."

"Even those kids in Columbine, they had a garage full of weapons," he adds. "Where would most kids get the time, resources and parental neglect to accomplish that?"

But other experts, while hardly condoning high-profile acts of violence and rebellion, offer a more sympathetic view.

"Do we, once again with Charles Bishop, have a boy who was somehow singled out in unpleasant way at school? Was he being teased? Was he being hazed?" asks Carol Maxym, an educational consultant and author of "Teens In Turmoil," a guide for parents.

"You can tell the kids who are being picked on. And I am over and over and over again, shocked, astonished and appalled with adults who don't step in and say something."

BUSH, FROM PAGE 1

insurance and health coverage for laid-off workers. Republicans wanted larger and permanent tax cuts. They also wanted to accelerate the effective date of some already enacted income tax-rate cuts that many Democrats would prefer to delay.

Illustrating how this debate over economic policy is likely to echo throughout this congressional election year, Sen-

ate Republican leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., charged Monday that Democratic lawmakers prefer a weak economy to a strong one because they think it will help them in November's elections.

In a radio interview, Lott said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and other Democrats have "concluded that a good economy is bad politics and a bad economy can work to their benefit."

Last Friday, Daschle blamed the disappearance of Clinton-era Treasury surpluses on the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut that Bush pushed through Congress last year. The president and other Republicans immediately accused Daschle and the Democrats of advocating tax increases. But while some Democrats have argued for delaying the effective date of the phased-in tax cuts, none has argued for new taxes.

Daschle's office declined to react Monday to Bush or Lott, but House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., blasted Republicans for playing politics with the nation's economy.

"I have not heard one Democrat say he or she wants to raise taxes. Nonetheless, some in the Republican Party are insisting that Senator Daschle and Democrats want to raise taxes," Gephardt said.

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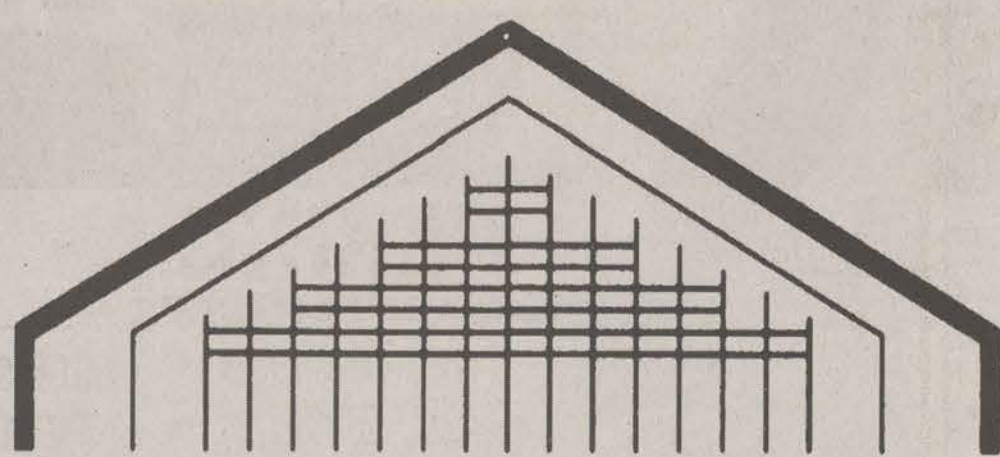
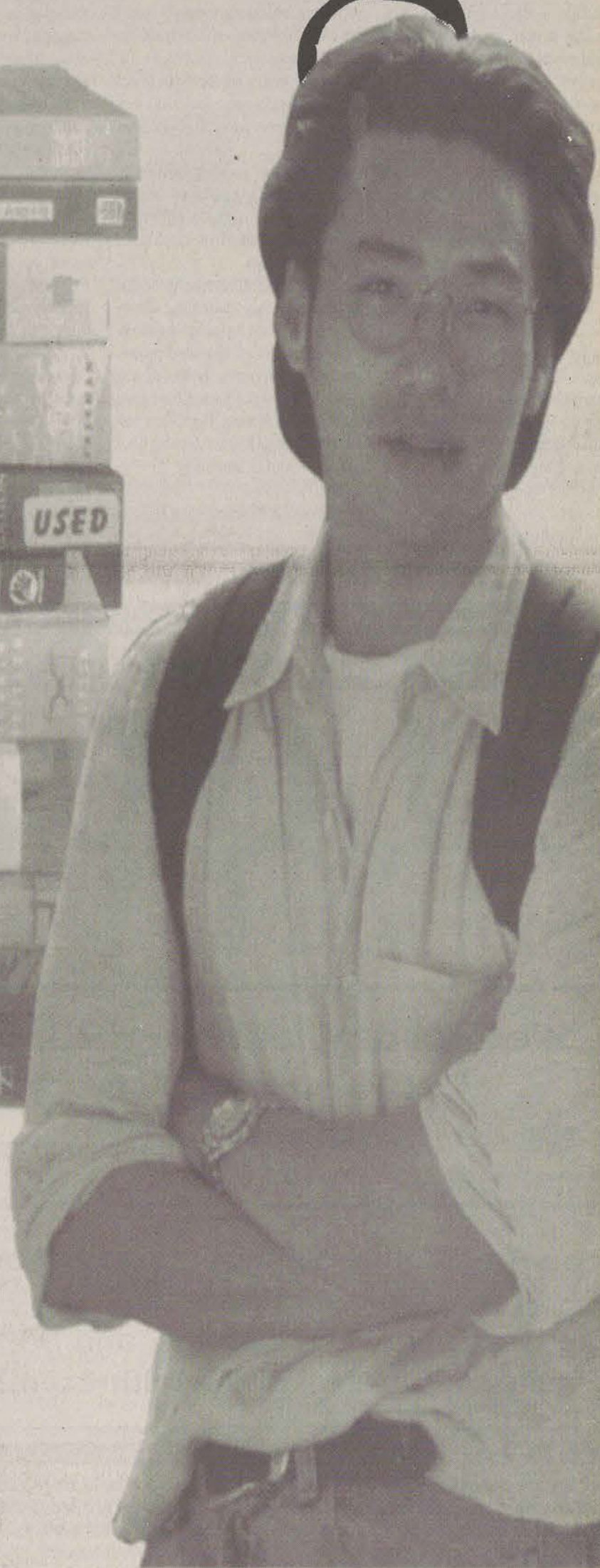
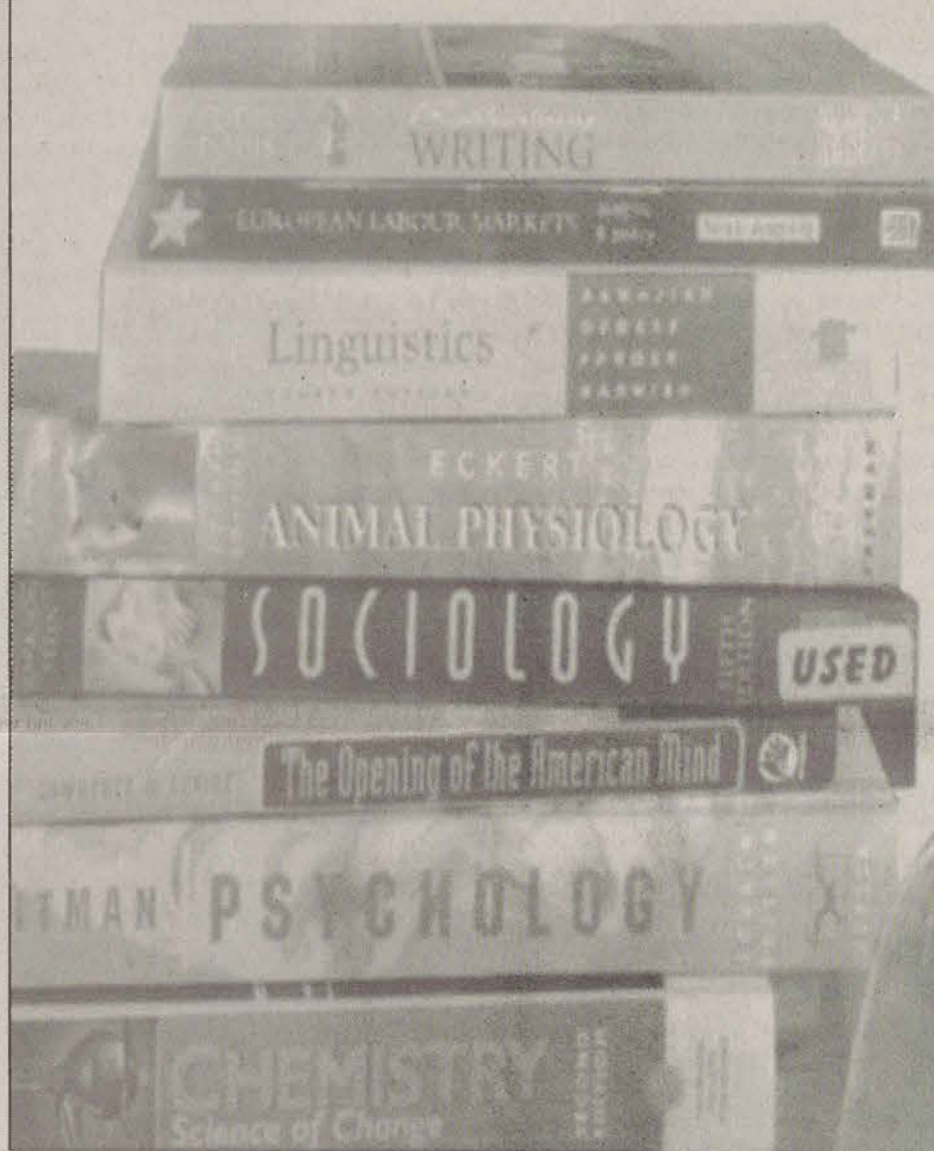
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A magical journey, not just for the young

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"The motionless bodies of the snakes glistened like some unknown metal, the one black as night, the other silvery white.

The havoc they could wreak was checked only because they held each other prisoner. If they let each other go, the world would end. That was certain."

On the cover of Michael Ende's "Neverending Story," these two snakes form an oval around the title, each biting the others tail. Within these snakes rests the fate of Fantastica and Bastion Balthazar Bux.

"The Neverending Story," in the tradition of Harry Potter and the Chronicles of Narnia, is a children's novel that adults may find enjoyable too.

The main characters are children and they find themselves on extraordinary missions in worlds they did not know existed.

Bastion, the heroic protagonist is a "fat little boy of ten or twelve" and all the kids at school tease him. His home life is not much fun either because he and his father are still mourning his mother's death.

So, when Bastion finds "The Neverending Story" he decides to run away from his own life. He locks himself in the attic of his school and sets out to read "The Neverending Story."

The story he is reading is about a world called Fantastica, which is slowly being destroyed by "the nothing." Wherever the nothing goes it leaves nothing, not even a hole, "when you look at the place, it's as if you were blind."

The inhabitants of the Fantastica believe the nothing is related to the Childlike Empress' sickness.

She is dying and the five hundred best doctors in Fantastica can not find a cure.

The Childlike Empress puts all

her faith in a young greenskinned warrior of the Grass People, Atreyu. He learns that only a human from our world can save Fantastica.

Bastion's story is printed in red ink and the story that he is reading about the world of Fantastica is printed in green ink.

If you have seen the Warner Brothers film made in the early eighties, then this story may sound familiar, but whereas the movie ends with Atreyu's quest, the novel continues much farther. Atreyu's quest is only the beginning of Bastion's story.

Fantastica is a magical world. Within its borders you'll find a huge forest which buds and grows once the sun goes down, but with the dawn, it disintegrates into a desert where every sand dune is a different color; huge gates with nothing on the other side till their challenges are faced and someone passes through them; a city made of a special silver that sits in the middle of a salt lake, a lake so salty it destroys anything but the silver of the silver city.

These wonders are only a few of the magical places visited by the heroes of Fantastica.

The chapters are episodic, each new chapter is a new place and a new adventure with in the larger quest of the hero.

The story is very reminiscent of C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, especially when Bastion enters the world of Fantastica like the children in Lewis' stories.

In both adventures, the heroes are children and they share their adventures with the talking animals. Chronicles has an educated professor who not only believes the children's stories of Narnia, but knows more about Narnia than they do; Fantastica has a knowledgeable book collector who is much like the Professor.

In both, the children meet all kinds of wonderful characters who give

them advice and help their journey along their way. Bastion even meets a witch who acts much like the White Queen of Narnia and tries to tempt Bastion to do evil things.

Bastion faces many problems, but he can only overcome these difficulties with help. He befriends a pack mule named Yikka who is honored to give him transportation and gives him advice.

When he questions her about how she recognizes things that other people miss, she explains, "When a person is only half an ass like me, and not a complete one, she senses certain things."

Bastion is an innocent character that people can relate to. He wants to be the brave hero that isn't scared of anything, but once he starts on his adventures, he starts forgetting who he is, which makes him a very different person and the reader has to wonder if what Bastion seeks is really what is best for Fantastica.

"To be wise was to be above joy and sorrow, fear and pity, ambition and humiliation. It was to hate nothing and to love nothing, and above all to be utterly indifferent to the love and hate of others.

A truly wise man attached no importance to anything. Nothing could upset him and nothing could harm him," and Bastion thinks that is what he wants.

The inhabitants of Fantastica he faces during his journey are anything but normal and include the greenskins like Atreyu; the rock chewers who appear to be huge rocks, make everything they need out of rock and eat rocks; the acharis who are the ugliest creatures in all of Fantastica and are forever crying; the headfooters whose heads are connected directly to their nice long legs; and many other fantastic creatures who challenge the imagination.

Many of the characters speak in simple verses that encourage Bas-

tion and the reader to consider their truths.

"When it comes to controlling human beings there is no better instrument than lies. Because, you see, humans live by beliefs. And beliefs can be manipulated.

The power to manipulate beliefs is the only thing that counts. That's why I sided with the powerful and served them—because I wanted to share their power," says Gmork, the warewolf who wishes to devour Atreyu.

"The Neverending Story" is a magical book that forces the reader to not only use their imagination, but question its power. Can your imagination really take you to Fantastica?

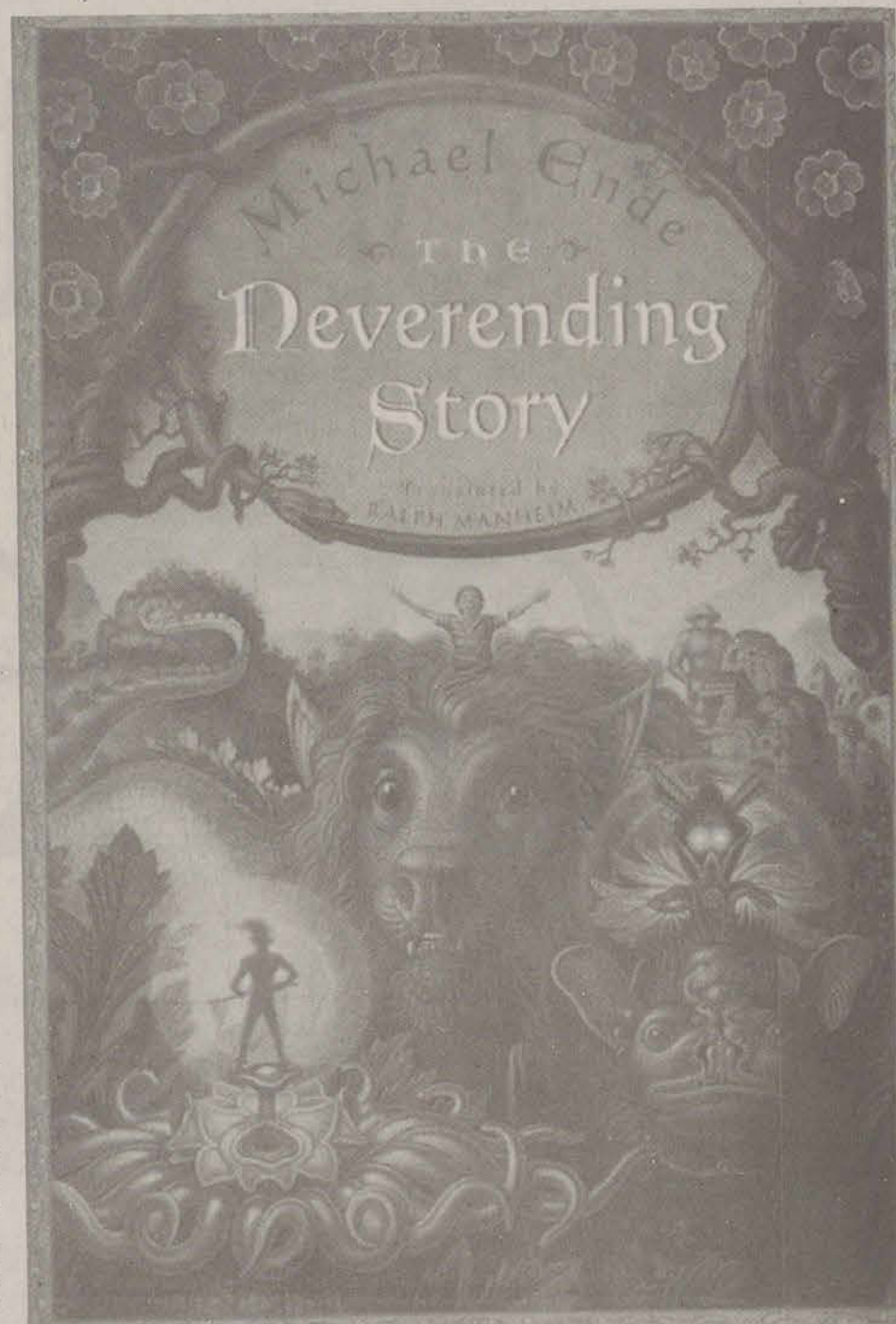
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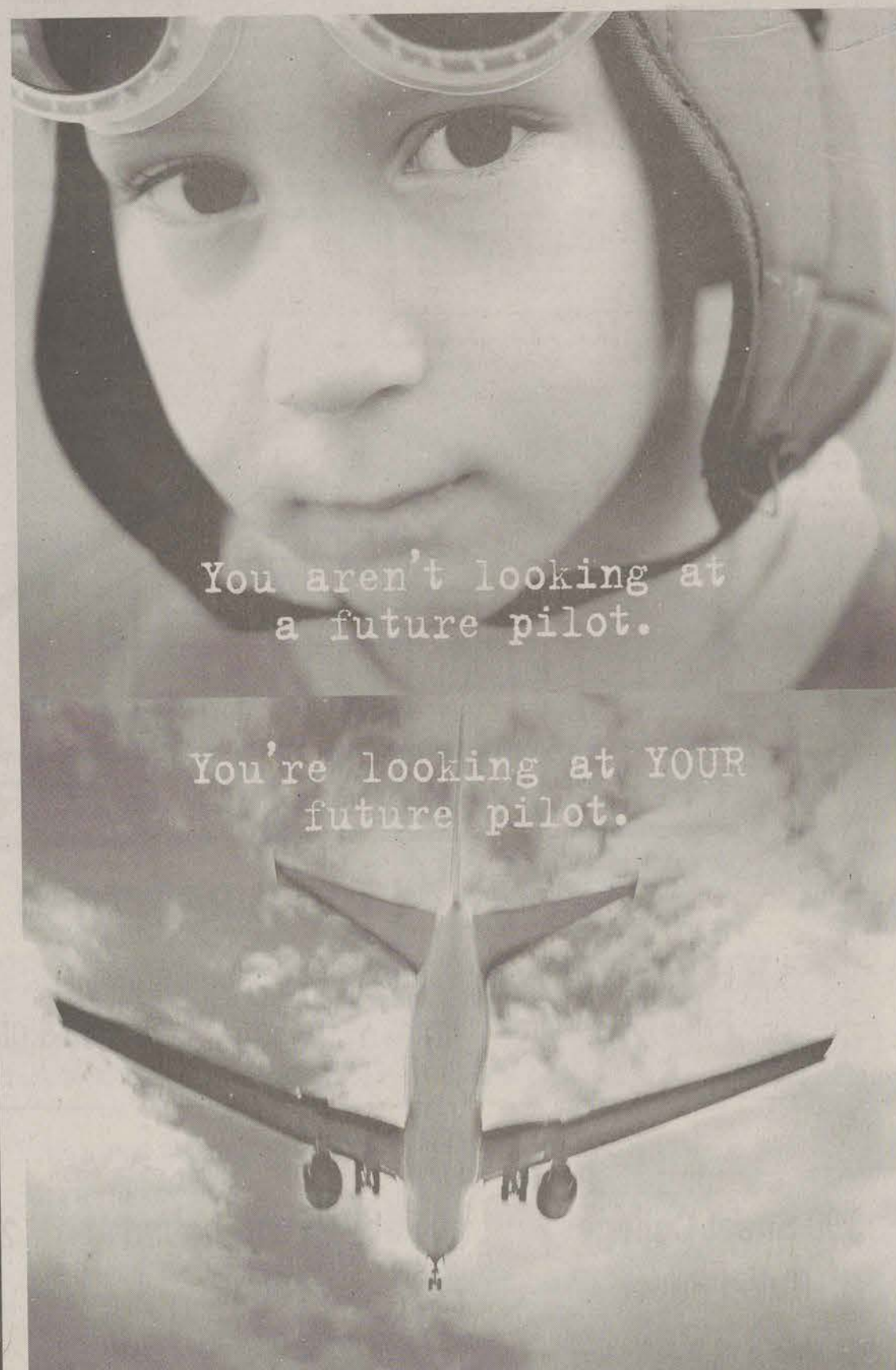
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Restaurant founder Dave Thomas dies of cancer at age 69

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Thomas, 69, died Tuesday morning of liver cancer at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Thomas' achievements in menu innovation and food quality helped build Wendy's into the nation's No. 3 hamburger chain.

With his Midwestern vernacular, self-deprecating humor and regular-guy persona, the beefy Thomas gave Wendy's a wholesome identity that appealed to middle America.

"He's like everyone's favorite uncle," said Jim Schmidt, chief creative officer at Chicago ad agency Euro RSCG McConnaughey Tatham. "Everybody got comfortable with him really fast."

Wendy's, based in Columbus, Ohio, rode Thomas' homespun charm to fast growth in the 90s. Its U.S. sales increased 74 percent to \$5.7 billion

between 1992 and 2000, outpacing growth in the quick-service hamburger category, according to Technomic Inc., a restaurant consultant. Over the same period, McDonald's U.S. sales grew 48 percent.

Wendy's now has more than 6,000 restaurants worldwide and more than 2,000 Tim Hortons, a Canadian-based coffee and doughnut chain acquired in 1995. Together, the two chains have sales of more than \$8 billion.

"Dave was our patriarch, a great, big lovable man," said Jack Schuessler, chairman and chief executive of Wendy's International Inc. "He was the heart and soul of our company."

Thomas opened his first Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger restaurant in downtown Columbus in 1969, nam-

ing it after one of his daughters. Thomas said the burgers were square because Wendy's didn't cut corners.

From day one, he was a fanatic about the quality of the food, opting for

Because of Thomas' focus on premium sandwiches, Wendy's has consistently outranked rivals when it comes to food taste scores. McDonald's has tried to catch up by overhauling its

profit-sapping discounting wars that Burger King and McDonald's engage in from time to time. To meet the needs of its cost-conscious customers, Wendy's created a separate value menu of 10 items each priced at under a \$1, including a Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger, medium fries and a baked potato.

Thomas retired as chief executive of Wendy's in 1982 and became senior chairman.

His career as corporate pitchman didn't start on a high note. One prominent ad critic once referred to him as a "steer in a half-sleeve shirt."

Thomas used his celebrity to support other causes, in particular national and regional adoption organizations. Born on July 2, 1932 in At-

lantic City, N.J., he was adopted when he was six weeks old.

Thomas dropped out of high school after the tenth grade and worked in a number of jobs, including running some Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants.

Wendy's has been preparing for Thomas' death as his health problems multiplied in recent years. In 1996, he suffered a heart attack and had quadruple-bypass surgery. Then last year he began undergoing kidney dialysis.

He was diagnosed with cancer more than a decade ago. The company has not disclosed its future advertising plans.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Lorraine, five children and 16 grandchildren. His funeral is scheduled for Friday in Columbus, and a memorial service is scheduled for Jan. 18 in Fort Lauderdale.

"DAVE WAS OUR PATRIARCH, A GREAT, BIG LOVABLE MAN."

— JACK SCHUESSLER, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF WENDY'S INTERNATIONAL INC.

fresh ground beef over frozen and giving customers a choice of toppings, even though the strategy meant more expensive burgers than his rivals. Thomas also catered to the health-conscious before it was fashionable to do so in fast food, introducing a salad bar and baked potatoes.

kitchens to make food to order. The expensive makeover also allows McDonald's to experiment with new sandwiches that its offers on a rotating basis. Burger King also is in the process of redoing its kitchens.

Wendy's also distinguished itself from the competition by avoiding the

Study says increasing cost of college demands financial aid

Associated Press

A new study released Monday on the skyrocketing cost of higher education says only five states have four-year public colleges that low-income students can afford without financial aid.

In a third of all states, low-income students need loans even to attend some two-year community colleges, the study found.

The findings of the year-old Lumina Foundation for Education have sparked sharp criticism from higher education groups.

The foundation rated nearly 3,000 colleges and universities, and said that while at least half the public four-year schools in 40 states are financially manageable for median-income students, those students often need loans.

Only Alaska, Arkansas, Hawaii, Kentucky and Wyoming offer four-year public colleges that are affordable to low-income people, it said.

Critics complained that the study flies in the face of reality: 15 million people from all income levels attend college at two- and four-year schools. They also charged that the study risks discouraging those who might benefit most from a college degree.

Lumina's vice president for research, Jerry Davis, said the study focuses on the hardships imposed by paying for college.

"We're saying students and families must make inordinate financial sacrifices to attend those schools," Davis said. The struggle to afford college leads some to quit, he said.

Davis said he had hoped that higher education officials would use the study to help secure more state and federal aid for students.

The study arrives as the recession is both driving up demand for college — as people look to improve their skills and resumes — and the cost of attending, especially at state institutions where

about 80 percent of college students are found.

The study used 1998 federal statistics on income, enrollment and financial aid, among other factors. It looked at four income groups: low- and median-income students still dependent on parents' income, and independent students ages 25-34 with low or median incomes, could put people off the idea of college or certain institutions.

"Enrollments go up every single year," said Terry Hartle, vice president of the American Council on Education. "If this is correct, there are a lot of people in higher education that aren't supposed to be there."

Hartle lauded Lumina's effort but said it would reinforce mistaken assumptions. Surveys find the public tends to overestimate the cost of a college education, he said.

David Warren, head of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said the report "misrepresents reality, misleads readers, and harms the very families the foundation is trying to help."

The topic of cost is "probably one of the touchiest policy issues in higher education right now," said Travis Reindl, state policy director at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

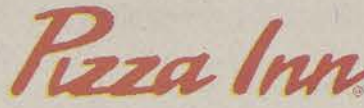
Still, Reindl said it was unfair for the study to label specific schools as "unaffordable."

"If you're going to really judge an institution, you have to really dig into the nitty-gritty of what's happening at the institution," he said.

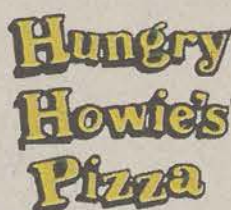
The nonprofit Lumina Foundation was created with proceeds from the 2000 purchase of USA Group, a nonprofit company that services student loans, by Sallie Mae, a leading provider of student loans. The foundation is devoted to expanding access to higher education.



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