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BOTANICAL GARDEN
• Hand-made paper for your Valentine, Botanical Garden, 10 a.m. Call ext. 1149 to register.

Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Center opens

• Ceremony greeted with both open arms and protestors alike

By Shana Bridges

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The long awaited Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Center opened its doors to the public after a grand opening ceremony on Friday Jan. 25.

In attendance at the ceremony were some very prestigious people, including President Bruce Grube, Governor Roy Barnes, Senator Jack Hill, Dean Kathleen Burke, and the families of Mr. Jones Lane and Mr. Paul Nessmith, for whom the building is named. Nessmith, who is 93 years old, was also present to see the dedication of the building that bears his namesake.

The ceremony was held in the lobby of the building and included a large audience. The ceremony began with a welcome message from President Bruce Grube. In his speech, he stated that it was "an occasion of great significance to our University." In addition he stated that the building was a "long awaited addition to our campus." He addressed the importance of the guests in attendance, saying "Their presence underscores the importance of this building to our future, as well as to the esteem we have of two leaders of public service and whose name we dedicate this magnificent facility."

Dr. Kathleen Burke, who is the new dean of the Division of Continuing Education, followed with a speech that showed her own enthusiasm about the future of the division. "We have plans in the upcoming weeks and months to offer a variety of programs in this facility—programs that will enhance access to learning, enhance economic development, and also eventually programs that will delight and instruct and showcase the considerable talent of Southeast Georgia," said Burke.

Governor Barnes also addressed the audience with his own ideas about the many benefits of the new center. "Education is the generator of eco-



Christina Ritchie/STAFF

GRAND OPENING: The Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Center held its ribbon cutting ceremony this past Friday, Jan. 25 to a large crowd. The new Continuing Education Building is over 130,000 square feet and is equipped with a 630 seat multi-purpose room, an atrium and exhibit concourse, meeting rooms, office space, a full kitchen and an 850-seat auditorium located in the adjacent performing arts facility. Those in attendance included GSU President Bruce Grube, Gov. Roy Barnes and Sen. Jack Hill. Also in attendance were Georgia state flag protestors who held up Confederate flags and 'Let us Vote' posters during and outside the ceremony.

nomie opportunity. To maintain and build on the success we've had in the last decade, we've made a strong commitment to ensuring that all Geor-

gians have equal access to a good education, and that means whether they live in Atlanta or Macon or Statesboro or anywhere else in this

state." He went on to say that "education is a lifelong process. The

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Former Enron vice chairman John C. Baxter dead of apparent suicide

By Amanda Permenter

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Former Enron Corp. vice chairman John C. Baxter was found dead at age 43 by Sugar Land, Texas authorities early Fri. morning.

Evidence was gathered from the scene of Baxter's death, where he was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The incident was ruled a suicide after an autopsy was performed Sat. by the Harris County Medical Examiner's office.

Baxter's body was found inside a vehicle, which was parked on a highway median. Spokesperson Pat Whitty of the Sugar Land Police Department indicated that there are no signs of foul play.

"Inside his wallet was an I.D. indicating he was an employee of Enron," Whitty said.

Baxter joined energy giant Enron in 1991 and became vice chairman in Oct. 2000. He resigned from the position last May, but continued to work as a consultant for the company. Allegedly, Enron used off-the-book partnerships with various companies to hide debt.

After Enron filed the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 of last year, Baxter's name began to show up in various documents suspicious of the corporation's financial proceedings.

Also in Dec., Baxter was named in a lawsuit from Amalgamated Bank, of which the intention was to freeze the assets of senior executives at Enron who were thought to be artificially inflating the price of Enron's stock. An employee



ENRON SUICIDE: Sugar Land police officers and a Fort Bend County constable gather outside the home of former Enron vice chairman J. Clifford Baxter Friday.

of Enron who spoke with Baxter the Monday prior to his death claimed that he did not seem to be in a state of panic or depression about his involvement with Enron's financial collapse.

On Jan 11, some of Baxter's official documents were subpoenaed by The Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, led by Sen. Carl Levin. Baxter was given until Feb. 1 to comply with the subpoenas, and had not yet responded to them formally. In the weeks before his death, House committee investigators tried to arrange a

meeting with Baxter to no avail.

Though it is unknown whether Baxter's suicide is directly related to the collapse of Enron, the suicide note found at the scene mentions the corporation. The full contents of the note have not been released by police.

Baxter was one of Enron's top executives who gained large profits by cashing in on company stock options. He netted \$22 million in Oct. 1998 by selling nearly 500,000 Enron shares at bargain prices.

The funeral and burial will take place in Baxter's hometown of Amityville, N.Y.

Alpha Omicron Pi celebrates Founders' Day

By Mickauna Love

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Founders' Day is a commemorative celebration for the four founders of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

On Saturday, January 26, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority held its Annual Founders Day Event at the Statesboro Inn. This special day is described as, "a time to be mindful of the strong foundation provided by the founders." The remembrance ceremony showcased Alpha Omicron Pi's dedication to maintaining a rich tradition of sisterhood.

Jessi Wallace Hughan, Helen St. Clair Mullan, Stella George Stern Perry, and Elizabeth Haywood Wyman founded Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. These four roses began their cardinal dynasty on January 2, 1897 at Barnard College Columbia University. Currently, Alpha Omicron Pi is an international sorority with chapters in the U.S. and Canada. The Georgia Southern University chapter was established in 1988 and has since become one of the University's fastest-growing sororities with over 125 members.

The Founders' Day remembrance ceremony has remained unchanged for about 100 years. Alumni and collegiate gathered to reflect on a cherished tradition and spent time together. Michelle Bussey, who has been dealing with alumni relations, coordinated this year's celebration. "I hope it is a great success," Michelle said excitedly. If an atmosphere of sisterhood and sharing was what she had in mind, then it was a great

success indeed.

Lauren Lindsey, who is nearing the end of her presidential term, spoke sentimentally about her experience with Alpha Omicron Pi. "I have met people and formed friendships for a lifetime. I think that is what the founders were trying to bring about," said Lauren.

A theme of continuing involvement with Alpha Omicron Pi sisters after graduation seemed to be an undercurrent of the affair. Outgoing chapter advisor, Kristi Kiene, gave a heart warming speech about how important it is as an alumni to stay involved and how fulfilling her duties have been to her. New chapter advisor, Jill Forehand, remarked, "I graduated in 1999 and I can't wait to meet all the new girls." Chapter Network Specialist, Stacia Waltz, expressed that good things were in the future for the young women of the Georgia Southern chapter.

The most touching parts of Founders' Day were the candle lighting ceremony, the songs, and the sharing. Alpha Omicron Pi lit a candle for each of its founders and sang beautiful songs of loyalty, friendship, and endurance. One sister Belgicia Howell shared her engagement with the group. "I have shared many things with [the sisters] and they have been very supporting and accepting of me," Belgicia said.

Founders' Day meant different things to each rose, yet one meaning overflowed from the room - that of sisterly love.

Kappa Alpha announces new members

By Angela Jones

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What's the secret to becoming a member of the Kappa Alpha Order?

According to new inductee Jay Long, it helps to have a golden smile.

"I didn't think I was going to get a bid," Long said. "I was really surprised, it's pretty hard to get in here."

Lee Vela, Rick Barnes, Greg Spight, Jack Loyd, Jay Long, Hugh Morris and Rick Horne got the news that they had been accepted as new Kappa Alphas on Friday at approximately 2 p.m. Vela and Long were among an estimated 40 guys who participated in the spring rush on Jan. 22-25.

"Spring rush is small, in the fall there's like 300 or 400 people doing it," said Chandler Lee, Kappa Alpha's Scholarship Chairman. Eleven fraternities participated in the spring rush.

"I'm happy," Vela said. "I'm one of the few, the proud, the lucky."

The 19-year-old business major, whose father, uncle and brother were also members of Kappa Alpha, said he's eager to start learning about the fraternity.

"I'll learn the history and heritage, then do a little pledging, and hopefully one day, I'll be a brother," he said.

"The point of rushing is to get out and meet the people and see if they'll like it," Lee said. "This isn't for everyone, some people don't like it."

So, what does a guy have to do to get noticed by the fraternity of his dreams?

"Kappa Alpha seeks to create a lifetime experience which centers on reverence to God, duty, honor, character and gentlemanly conduct, as inspired by Robert E. Lee, our spiritual founder," said member Scott Weeks.

"You have to dress up, have nice manners and present yourself like a gentleman," he said. "One day that person is going to represent us."

It also doesn't hurt to have a way with words either, according to Long.

"I tried to meet as many people as I could," Long said.

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

January 25

• Russell Wane Anderson, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

January 26

• Jason Sorel, 20, was arrested for DUI, open container and operating unsafe motor vehicle.

• Bobby Ougrby, 23, was arrested for criminal trespassing.

• Kalib Mata, 18, was arrested for

weaving on roadway and DUI.

• Marcus Steinke, 21, was arrested for reckless driving.

GSU Public Safety

January 24

• Anthony Edward Fierstos, 18, of Brannen Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Matthew Richard Kuhne, 21, of

Brannen Hall, was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

--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.

Campus News Brief

Today:

• Faculty Recital Series held at Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at 1 p.m.

• Cinema Arts presents, "Paraphrase 175," at the Union Theater

starting at 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$2.

• Woman's basketball game against Appalachian State at the Hanner Fieldhouse at 5 p.m.

• Men's basketball game against Chattanooga at the Hanner

Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

• Faculty Recital Series held at Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

Man lives long enough to carry Olympic torch

Associated Press

MILPITAS, California-- The day before doctors predicted Louie Bonpua might die from leukemia, the 37-year-old carried the Olympic torch and then returned to the hospital and lapsed into a coma from which he never awoke.

Weak from his illness, Bonpua rose from his wheelchair and walked two-tenths of a mile (320 meters) with the flame Jan. 19 in San Francisco. After passing the torch,

Bonpua said goodbye to his loved ones, returned to his hospital room and fell asleep for the last time.

Three days later, doctors

pronounced him dead.

Leading up to the Saturday torch relay, doctors suggested Bonpua wouldn't be strong enough to participate.

They said he might die that Sunday.

But Bonpua was so determined he had concocted a plan to sneak out of the hospital to make the ceremony, his sister Aggie said.

The escape plan, which included a waiting ambulance, was set aside when a doctor decided to let Bonpua participate.

A program manager for Cadence Design Systems in San Jose, Bonpua was diagnosed in 1997 with leukemia, and within a year dropped from 150 pounds

(67.5 kilograms) to 92 (42 kilos).

He became involved with the Team-in-Training Program, a fundraising arm of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, in which people receive endurance event training in exchange for raising money.

He got his weight back up to 150 pounds (67.5 kilos) and in August completed his first triathlon a 2.4-mile (3.9-kilometer) swim, 112-mile (180-kilometer) bike ride and 26.2-mile (42.16-kilometer) marathon with a 17-hour time limit.

To a cheering crowd, Bonpua finished in 16 hours, 56 minutes and 30 seconds.

Search finds fake ID paraphernalia, computer chips

Associated Press

HAMPTON, Va. --Agents who searched a man's home found programs on his computer for making fake driver's licenses and college identification cards.

Wesley Kittling, 32, and his roommate, Troy Ellis, face charges of running a credit-card fraud operation throughout Hampton Roads, the U.S. Secret Service said. The two were released on bond, and Kittling is still missing after

failing to report for a court hearing in December.

Agents from a Secret Service task force found programs on Kittling's computer that enabled him to make fake driver's licenses from Virginia, Georgia and Maryland, as well as fake IDs for Old Dominion University.

The fake IDs can be used to steal people's identity and apply for credit cards in their names.

The agents also unexpectedly

found \$72,000 worth of stolen computer chips, linking Kittling to a heist of about \$184,000 worth of chips from the Newport News United Parcel Service, said Larry Kumjian, resident agent in charge of the Norfolk Secret Service office.

The chips were bound for the Hampton Gateway plant when they were stolen on Nov. 24. Charges in connection with the stolen chips are likely pending, Kumjian said Friday.

US reportedly suspends visa of former Nicaragua tax chief

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua-- The U.S. government has suspended the visa of a former tax chief and close friend of ex-President Arnoldo Aleman, local news media reported Saturday.

Local officials interpreted the move as a warning for Aleman, now head of Congress, to avoid interfering with his successor, new President Enrique Bolanos.

The daily La Prensa quoted Michael Stevens, counselor for public affairs at the embassy, as confirming that Byron Jerez "is not now eligible to have a visa."

The newspaper El Nuevo Diario and local broadcasters also said the visa had been suspended.

La Prensa quoted Stevens as saying Jerez was being barred under a clause aimed at people suspected of money laundering. The papers gave no clear details about what that might involve.

The U.S. Embassy was closed on Saturday and Jerez's office said that he was not reachable.

Jerez has long been the target of

corruption allegations that stained Aleman's five-year term as president.

He resigned from the tax office in July 2000 after the national controller's office said his agency had granted improper tax breaks and mishandled funds.

Ambassadors of the United States, Spain, Germany, France and Sweden took the unusual step at that time of issuing a declaration that Jerez should never again hold a position of trust.

Local newspapers since then have suggested Jerez was involved in dealings that drove a state-run bank into bankruptcy.

Cuban-American businessman Ricardo Mas Canosa last year accused Aleman and Jerez of stealing much of what he said was \$2.5 million that Cuban-Americans had donated to Aleman's 1995 presidential race.

La Prensa also has reported that U.S. tax officials were attempting to obtain back taxes from Jerez, who lived in the Miami area during the 1980s, when Nicaragua was governed by the leftist Sandinista National

Liberation Front.

A former senior official of the controller's office, Rafael Cordoba, said the U.S. action appeared to be aimed at Aleman.

"It seems to me that they are sending clear signals that either he corrects his behavior or this first measure could be followed by stronger ones," Cordoba was quoted as saying.

New President Bolanos has promised to attack corruption echoing complaints by foreign governments that have donated millions of dollars to the country.

Many Nicaraguan analysts have accused Aleman of trying to hold onto much of his power despite polls showing him deeply unpopular.

He heavily influenced the choice of congressional candidates for his Constitutionalist Liberal Party and oversaw a legal reform that gave him an automatic seat in congress and immunity from prosecution as outgoing president.

He parleyed that into election as president of the new congress elected in November.

US will spend whatever it takes to defeat terrorists, Bush says in radio speech

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Calling for the largest increase in defense spending in 20 years and asking Congress to nearly double the money for homeland security, President

Bush promised Saturday to "spend what it takes to win the war against terrorism."

In a preview of the State of the Union address he will deliver to a joint meeting of Congress Tuesday evening, Bush also promised to work to improve the climate in which jobs are created, and to "fight the recession and build economic security."

The president's weekly radio address highlighted announcements made earlier in the week.

Democrats, meanwhile, noted that the once mighty river of budget surpluses has been reversed and that budget deficits now are projected for the rest of Bush's term in office.

Bush said that for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 he will ask Congress for an extra \$48 billion for U.S. military forces, the largest increase in defense spending in 20 years. Another \$38 billion will go toward homeland security, Bush said.

"Every budget reflects fundamental

choices, and my administration has made choices to fit the times," he said. "We'll protect our people in every way necessary, and we will carry on the campaign against global terror until we achieve our goal: The peace that comes from victory."

Bush said the effort to root out terrorists with a capability to strike around the world will be neither short nor inexpensive. The armed forces will need the best high-tech equipment available to succeed, he said.

"My budget calls for ... investing in more precision weapons, missile defenses, unmanned vehicles and high-tech equipment for our soldiers on the ground. I will also seek another pay increase for the men and women who wear our country's uniform," he said. "We will spend what it takes to win the war against terrorism."

He also promised to complete the effort to enhance airport security, strengthen the border patrol, hire another 300 FBI agents and pump cash into efforts to better equip state and local firefighters, police and emergency response teams.

In the Democrats' radio address broadcast an hour later, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., applauded Bush's efforts to curb terrorism, but suggested the nation needs a quick economic boost.

"In the war on terrorism, President Bush and his national security team continue to do a superb job," Daschle said.

"But there are also reasons to be concerned. Last week, we learned that the massive surplus we predicted a year ago has shrunk by four trillion dollars. We are expected to be running deficits for the remainder of President

Bush's term," he said.

The president pledged to steady the troubled economy by building a climate that encourages job creation. He urged the Democratic-controlled Senate to approve an economic stimulus package.

The president returned to Washington from Camp David Saturday afternoon. Bush and his wife, Laura, planned to attend the annual Alfalfa Club dinner, a closed-door event Saturday night featuring hundreds of Washington's top power brokers from both political parties.

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1 Ohio

Toddler survives four days alone in apartment after mom dies of natural causes

ELYRIA -- A 21-month-old boy survived four days alone by eating potato chips, part of a cookie and probably drinking toilet water after his single mother died.

Test results to determine the exact cause of Karen Crisp's death were still pending, but Lorain County Coroner Paul Matus ruled Friday that she died of natural causes.

Authorities said Crisp, 44, had asthma and other lung problems.

Police were called Tuesday because Crisp's co-workers had not heard from her since Jan. 18, three days after she fell ill and left work early.

Her son, Allen Shackelford, was found standing by the door of their apartment, shaking and clutching a bottle of tile cleaner. His soiled diaper was on the floor.

Cans of food lay on the sofa where his mother lay dead. Relatives said they believe he got water from the toilet, which was dry.

He was treated at a hospital for malnutrition, dehydration and skin irritation.

Doctors also tested to make sure Allen had not swallowed anything harmful, said Crisp's father, Herman Larkins.

2 Tennessee

Toilet bandit snatches victim's pants and gets nothing

MEMPHIS, — Reaching under a toilet stall door, the robber snatched off half of his victim's pants and vamoosed.

But he ran into the arms of security guards, and the pants leg he was clutching held a wallet with no cash in it.

Oscar Reynolds, 29, got another setback in his criminal career Wednesday when a jury took just 15 minutes to convict him of robbery.

He faces six to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced next month.

John Brady, 55, told the jury he was in an office building men's room on Feb. 25, 2000, when a man's face suddenly appeared below his toilet stall door.

"He stuck his head in and said give me your wallet you white-haired (expletive), and I told him no," Brady said.

Brady said the intruder then grabbed his khaki pants at the ankles and began pulling on them.

The left side of the pants, from cuff to waist, tore away and the intruder fled. He got away with Brady's wallet, but the victim's cash was in the front pocket of the pants leg he still possessed.

Yelling for help, Brady pursued the attacker who soon was captured by the office building's security guards.

Reynolds, who has previous robbery and drug convictions, told police he needed money to buy crack cocaine.

3 Florida

Woman on cross-country cab ride gets mental evaluation

JACKSONVILLE -- A woman taking a round-trip taxi cab ride from Jacksonville to Alaska has been stopped by police in Northern California for a mental evaluation.

Patricia Agness was detained Monday by police after she caused a disturbance at a motel in Fort Bragg, Calif., several hours south of Oregon.



5 Ohio

Man overcomes amputation of both legs, loss of arm

ALLIANCE -- George Fisher considers each one-arm push up he does to be a gift from God.

"I thank God for bringing me this far," he says.

Fisher, 59, has come a long way. He has overcome the loss of one arm and the amputation of both of his legs.

Forty-eight years ago, Fisher was walking to a store with his younger brother, Russell, when the tennis shoe on his left foot got wedged in the train tracks the boys were crossing.

While his brother went for help, a boxcar being hooked onto a train got loose and rolled toward Fisher. It sliced off his left arm above the elbow and mangled his left leg, which had to be amputated.

Fisher learned to walk with crutches and later got an artificial leg. He was independent and didn't need any help taking care of himself.

But that changed in December when Fisher's right leg had to be amputated because of diabetes. "I didn't want to live," Fisher told The Review. "At first I didn't think I could do the things I did before. I felt like I could do nothing."

Praying four or five times a day and a plaque hanging in his living room that reads "Jesus Never Fails" has helped motivate Fisher to recover.

He has therapy sessions three times a day at the Center of Rehabilitation at Alliance Community Hospital.

"The Lord is not done with you yet, George," Jane Hammond, clinical coordinator in the physical rehabilitation unit, tells Fisher, trying to get him to work harder.

Hammond said Fisher has gotten mentally and physically stronger while working on mobility and strengthening exercises with therapists who also teach him how to cook, wash dishes and do laundry from his wheelchair.

"I do everything they tell me to for the future when I will be on my own," said Fisher, whose family currently helps him with grocery shopping and paying bills. Fisher, however, doesn't need help with everything.

He recently did 50 push ups with his remaining right arm by doing 25, stopping to rest and then another 25.

Fisher appreciates the help that the rehabilitation center's staff has given him.

"The people here are great," he said. "They understand your situation. If you get down, they talk to you until you feel like living again."

Agness left Jacksonville Jan. 16 for her 10,000-mile trip with stops in 30 cities.

She hired two cabbies to drive 8-hour shifts on her trek from Florida through Texas and up the California coast. They planned to continue north to Juneau, Alaska, and return through the Midwest with stops in Minneapolis and Nashville, Tenn.

When they checked into a motel Monday evening, Agness insisted on staying in the lobby instead of her room, police said. The motel manager called the police.

"Police went and talked to her and she was making some unusual statements, so we determined she was in need of mental health evaluation," said Fort Bragg interim Police Chief Bruce Cumming.

California police can hold people up to 72 hours for a mental health evaluation if they are considered gravely disabled or a danger to themselves or others.

Officials at the Mendocino County Health Department would not comment.

Agness switched cab companies in Buellton, Calif., when her original cabbies said she wanted to shorten the planned driving breaks.

4 Illinois

Hundreds of dead birds rain down on southern Illinois town

BREESE -- It looked like something out of an Alfred Hitchcock movie: hundreds of dead birds covering JoAnn Thole's lawn in this southwestern Illinois town.

"I've got 117 pounds of dead birds -- I weighed them," Thole said as she opened her garage, which she had made into a makeshift bird morgue.

The European starlings hadn't died of some mysterious disease, but of poison distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the request of local farmers, who said the birds had been eating their cattle feed and causing other problems.

It's not the first time the issue of poisoning birds has surfaced in the region.

Last year, Harvey Culli of Freeburg had to devote 30 of his prime woodland acres to conservation for 25 years to settle a lawsuit after he admitted poisoning red-winged blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds, common grackles and horned larks. The birds had been damaging his family's crops, he said.

The difference between the government's killing spree and Culli's is that the 81-year-old farmer was poisoning birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act with a pesticide that had not been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said Kirk Gustad, director of the Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services unit in Springfield.

Gustad uses a poison that is EPA-approved for killing birds and is sprinkling it only where the starlings, which do not enjoy special legal protection, look for their food, he said. Still, some blackbirds are likely killed in the process, he said.

Malcolm X's grandson charged with burglary and assault

Associated Press

MIDDLETOWN, New York -- Malcolm Shabazz, the grandson of Malcolm X who set a fire that killed his grandmother in 1997, has been arrested on robbery and burglary charges, police said.

Shabazz, 17, was arrested early Friday while riding in a car that was reported stolen, police said.

He and Thomas Carter-Love, 17, were charged with two counts of second-degree robbery and one count of first-degree burglary.

He and Carter-Love were accused of assaulting another 17-year-old, threatening him with a gun, robbing him of \$100, then going to the victim's home, stealing cash and assaulting him again.

Both remained in custody pending a court appearance this coming week.

Police said Shabazz did not have a lawyer when he was booked.

In 1997, when Shabazz was 12, he pleaded guilty to arson and other charges for setting the fire that killed his 61-year-old grandmother, Betty, wife of the late Muslim activist.

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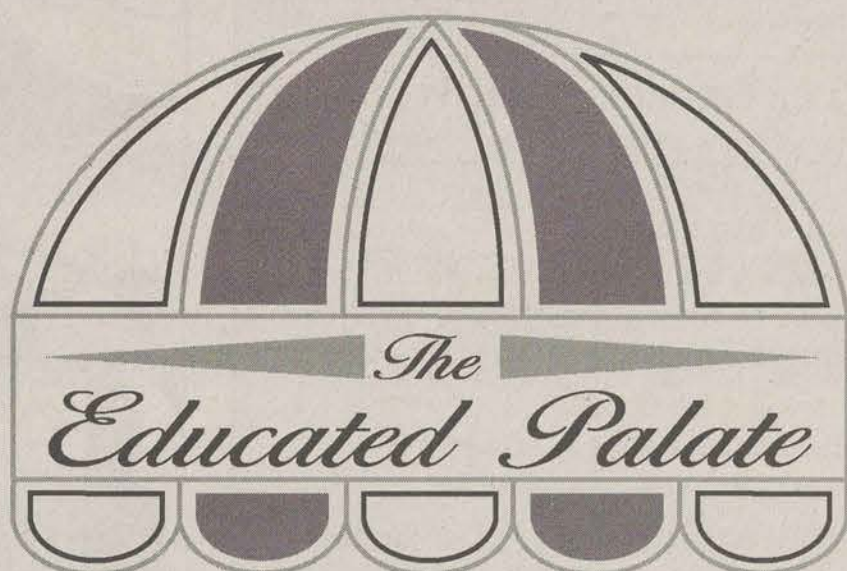


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OUR OPINION What kind of mother?

What happens to a person to make them so down-trodden that they would give birth to a baby and put it in a dumpster to die?

Last week newborn "Baby Grace" was abandoned in a dumpster in Savannah. Luckily, she was found by trash truck driver Ron Sheppard and taken to the hospital where her state of existence has become a puzzle to all who see her.

Sure, we can all think of semi-rational reasons why a person would do this: They were sick, they were mentally ill, they were scared, they didn't know how to raise a baby.

Fairenough, do you not think there was one individual in that person's life who perhaps picked up a warning sign. Better yet, how can one conceive that after the baby was born was the first time the mother had doubts about parenthood?

There are options. There are alternatives. There is such a thing as a planned pregnancy. When worse comes to shove, abortion is even an answer sometimes.

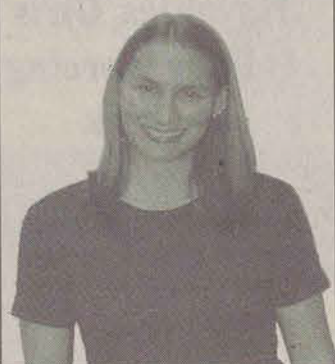
In the Savannah area, over 15 babies have been thrown away "dumpster style" in the past ten years alone. What is causing this? Are maternal and/or paternal instincts going down the drain?

Abandonment cases like Baby Grace's are extreme variations of more common crisis pregnancies. If the idea of children coming into the world without direction is disturbing to you, there is more you can do as a community member than you might think.

Get involved and volunteer with a crisis pregnancy or planned parenthood center. If there isn't one around, create one. And, most importantly, make an example of yourself by thinking and acting responsibly about sex and parenthood.

The Georgia state flag? This is what I think

AMANDA
PERMENTER



It is said that numbers don't lie, but they haven't done much to dissipate arguments about the Confederate Battle Flag.

According to a nationwide 1994 poll, 90 percent of whites were not offended by images of the Confederate Battle Flag, whereas 66 percent of blacks were. Of course, if everyone was concerned with how the symbol affects the feelings of others, there wouldn't be a debate about it. With that said, perhaps it is time to ditch the figures and present an intelligent verbal argument about the Georgia State Flag.

At Friday's dedication of the new Continuing Education Building, a diplomatic group of students took advantage of the presence of Governor Roy Barnes and gathered to protest last year's decision to change the flag without allowing the people of the state to vote. Their display was difficult to miss, and no doubt duly

noted by Barnes.

I am a southern woman, born and raised in Virginia. (Yes, Virginia is a southern commonwealth, for those of you who still think it is above the Mason-Dixon line.) A descendant of at least thirty Confederate Civil War veterans, mostly from North Carolina, I am extremely proud of my heritage. My ancestors arrived on the southeastern shore of this country in the 1700s, and when the Civil War broke out they were die hard rebels. They fought for their homeland, the rights of their state

and, in their ignorance, the slavery that characterized southern America. The lives of those people were important, and the era in which they lived is rich with historical culture.

However, they lost the war.

The main and probably most justified argument presented by supporters of the inclusion of the Confederate Battle Flag in the Georgia State Flag says that the state's heritage lies within the cross-barred symbol. It is difficult to dispute that claim because it is an intimidating one that seems accurate enough. Then again, knowledge is power.

Fully aware that I could end up shot with a twelve-gauge for it, no matter how many of my great-great-

grandfathers died for the Confederacy, I am forced by conviction to present my firm belief.

The heritage argument for the Confederate Battle Flag is unfounded.

Twelve different flags have flown

gracing Georgia's flying fabric, first between 1861 and 1865. After that last year, the Confederate Battle Flag went on a 91 year hiatus from the State Flag. Southerners flew the Battle Flag independently, but the state of Georgia was officially and

elegantly represented by thick stripes of red and white and beautifully drawn seals. Over how much heritage could the Battle Flag have had kingship during that nearly century long period?

Besides the fact that

Georgia's flag has been without the Confederate emblem twice as long as it has been with it, we must realize the irony in the fact that the same symbol flew over both a war to continue the practice of slavery and a movement to liberate the previously enslaved human beings from the prejudices still lingering one hundred years later.

The cultures surrounding and consistent with the Civil War South are fascinating. Influential people lived and died, just as technology and civilization continued and advanced. Dreamers had ideas of things not yet in existence, families grew, and traditions of new and old persevered throughout generations. That is where Georgia's heritage can be found.

Unfortunately, while this beautiful culture was thriving, some people's human rights were being sacrificed. Individuals with all the same potential as anyone else were subordinated in a socially constructed stratification, the conditions of which were below those of domesticated animals. America was impregnated with a gross injustice.

When history is ignored, we run a 100 percent chance of allowing ourselves to repeat the negative aspects of it. For that reason, and that reason alone, what heritage is present in the Confederate Battle Flag should not be hidden away and stifled. And for that same reason, the symbol should not be used to represent a state community that has spent the past century attempting to unite and educate diverse people.

Whatever flag topped the canons of the Civil War, whichever banner flies over Georgia's capitol today, something of utmost importance should be remembered by all. The flags that cast waving shadows on Georgia's red soil before any could belong to the state were representative of a nation. After the American independence movement, the Grand Union Flag, the U.S. National Flag, and two different U.S. Flags were all that symbolized this land and any land between the eastern coast and the western settlements.

Before we were Georgia, before we were Confederate, we were American.

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I just want to be loved as a bee

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Besides the uncomfortable weirdness of blind dates and like situations, why do people feel like they have to dress up and act like someone they're not? Is it for the sake of the first impression? And what happens when he sees you next time and you look different and act different? Will he still like you?

My friend Erica went out on a blind date recently. She burnt up the phone lines calling me to ask what she should wear. I didn't think her outfit mattered that much, so I doubt I was any help. But the whole phenomenon of attempting to become a perfect person when you meet a blind date...I

just don't comprehend.

Do you remember the Jordan Knight video that came out a couple of years ago? Not the video with him as part of New Kids On The Block, but the first video since he went solo. The one where he was at an amusement park singing a song with explicit lyrics and dancing with his team of pretty people. Remember it?

In the video, there is a girl dressed as a bee working in one

of the booths. Jordan sees her, but does not acknowledge her, apparently because of her bee costume. The girl, in a valiant effort to make Jordan notice her, changes out of the bee costume and re-emerges in the video wearing a sparkly red halter top and girly shoes. She also attempts to light up a cigarette, trying to look cool. But her friend stops her before she takes a drag, because smoking will not make her look cool (though apparently dressing in spandex and sequins will).

When she reappears in the video, Jordan immediately notices her because she changed her look. Only then does he talk to her, and sing

explicit lyrics to her. This pleases her, and they live happily ever after, so we're led to believe.

In case it's not obvious, this video angers me. I would not necessarily say it is the epitome of everything wrong in the world today, but it defi-

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nately hits some major points. Conformity, body image, gender roles, objectification of women.... you get the point.

There are many things in the video that I simply don't understand. Why doesn't Jordan acknowledge the girl when she's dressed as a bee? Why is it only after she's put on tight clothes and makeup that he even looks twice at her? And why does she think she has to change her clothes and her image just to fit some twisted ideal he holds? Why can't she decide what person she wants to be on her own, without his influence? Is Jordan a superficial imbecile in real

life, or did he just play one on television?

I know that girls who have such outlooks on life and let themselves be controlled by men and the media do exist in the world. I do not know why they think the way they do though.

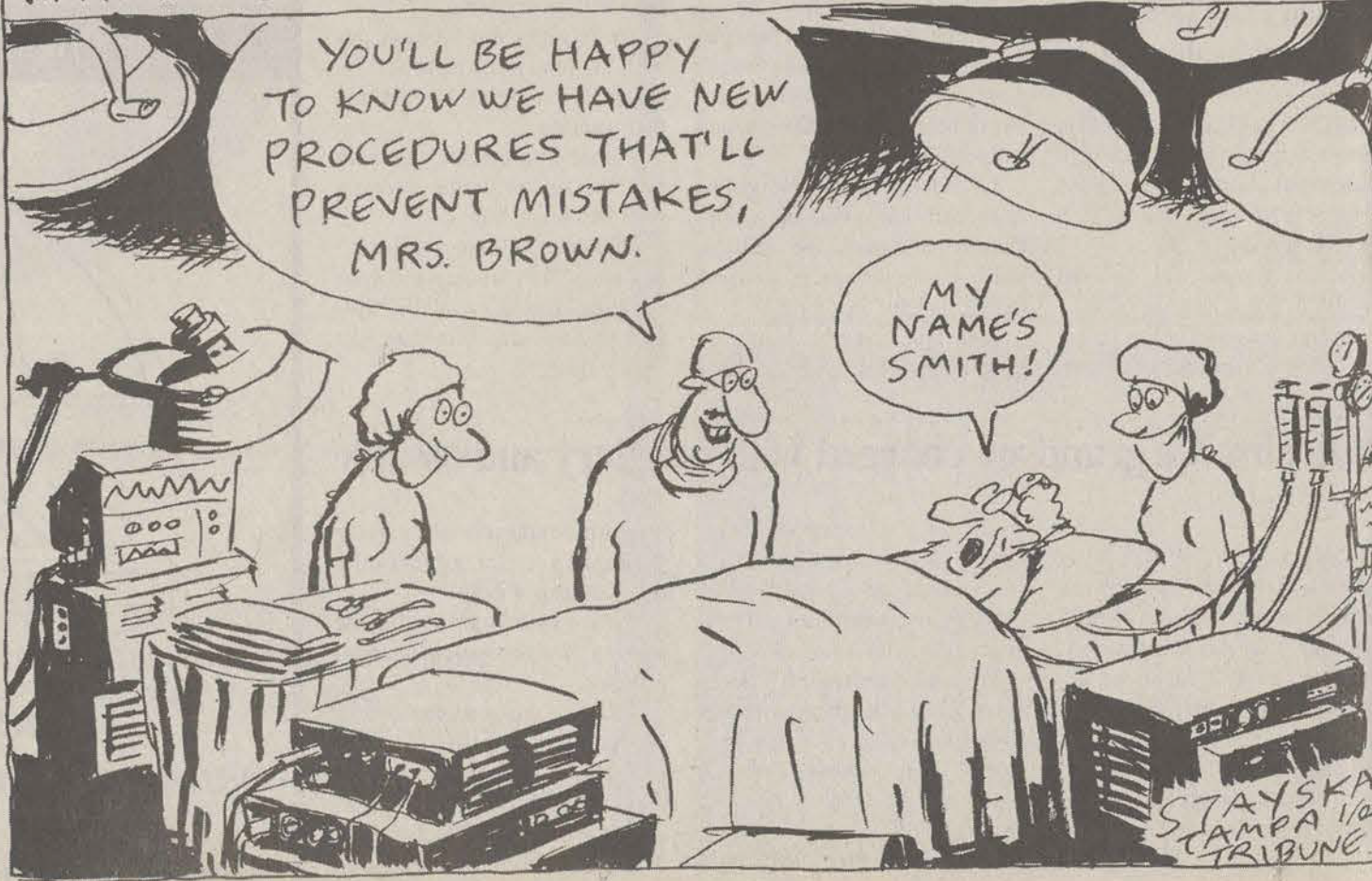
Maybe their mothers put them in beauty pageants and stressed to them the importance of being pretty and having a man in your life. Maybe grandmothers and aunts always demanded

to know whether or not the girl had a guy in her life and what the relationship status was. Or maybe they warned the girl about the prospect of the becoming a spinster and living alone with fifteen cats when she gets old because she didn't bother to do what it took to entice men while she was still young.

Whatever it was that influenced these girls, at some point they started to believe the myths. I don't believe these myths, however. So you can either love me as a bee, or don't love me at all.

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WATCHDOG GROUP PROMOTES STRATEGY TO END MEDICAL ERRORS



BSU competes in state basketball tournament

By Tracy-Scott Hilton
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This past weekend, the GSU Baptist Student Union competed in the annual State BSU Basketball Tournament hosted by Columbus State University. This year's mens team was able to pick up one win in its weekend competition.

The first game was on Friday night against the University of West Georgia. Even though the GSU men played an excellent game, they just could not keep up with their superior opponent. Many attempts at rebounds were stopped by the UWGA team, with the final score ending 33-21 in favor of UWGA.

The second game on Saturday morning was played against the stacked team

of Valdosta State University. Of course, this game seemed to be a repeat of the night before. The GSU team seemed to be doing better with their rebounds with the aid of Kevin Windham, junior and Todd Strain, the GSU BSU campus minister intern, but the Valdosta powerhouse team kept the GSU team on its toes, with a final score of VSU-36 and GSU-20.

Later that morning, the GSU men's team seemed to have gotten the shot-in-the-arm it greatly needed against the men's team of Columbus State University. The first two GSU members to put points on the board were Windham and Scott Barnhill, senior. The second half proved even better for the GSU men. The first points scored were by Windham,

accompanied by Alex Brown, sophomore. The GSU team was victorious over CSU by a score of 39-30.

The fourth and final game of the tournament for the GSU men was against the men's team of Georgia College and State University.

The first half began with points scored by Keisler, along with a needed rebound and a one point shot made by Windham. Brown was also able to put some much needed points on the board, along with another one-point shot made by Windham. The second half did not fare as well for the GSU team, being dominated by the GCSU team. Only a few points were able to be scored by Brown, Windham, Thompson and Barnhill. The final score was GCSU-50 and GSU-28.

KAPPA ALPHA, FROM PAGE 1

After they sign up with the Greek Life office, hopeful Greeks go to each fraternity and meet the members to see which place they would fit into best. Then they wait out the week to see if their fraternity of choice gave them a bid. Applicants must also have a 2.25 GPA and be full time students.

So, what if you rush, and no one bids for you? Don't worry, it's not the end of the world. You can go back through the next semester.

Billy Coward has been a Kappa Alpha for almost three years. He went through the spring rush after he failed to get a bid in the fall. He believes that getting out there and talking to as many people as possible is the key.

"I didn't get in fall because I didn't get around and meet enough people," Coward said.

It seems talking to people is especially important to become a Kappa Alpha. Their recruits have to get a unanimous vote to be accepted.

"It's important to know that everyone wants you in there," Lee said. So, if it's so tough to get in a fraternity, why would anyone bother rushing?

Regan Evans, a graduating senior, has been a Kappa Alpha for five years. He thinks that the life lessons and the friendships he's experienced have made being part of the organization worthwhile.

"It's amazing how you can take a bunch of people from different backgrounds, and over time they get close, like brothers," Evans said.

If nothing else, being in a fraternity keeps you from being bored,

according to new inductee Rick Barnes.

"I like having a place to go and hang out," Barnes said. "There's always something going on. This town would be pretty dull otherwise."

But, it's not all fun and parties. The guys have to go to class and keep their grades up too.

According to Scholarship Chairman Chandler Lee, Kappa Alpha had the highest grades on Greek Row last semester.

"I keep everybody in line with their grades, make sure their getting everything done," Lee said.

Kappa Alpha is also home to the Peter Mathis band, which, according to band founder Peter Mathis, is famous on Greek Row.

GRAND OPENING, FROM PAGE 1

Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education building plays an important role in meeting the education needs of this community and of this state. It is named in honor of two of Georgia's most distinguished former state representatives. These two men, Jones Lane and Paul Nessmith are examples of how a strong commitment to public service can improve the lives of others."

After the governor's speech, Dr. Ben Nessmith, who is the grandson of Paul Nessmith, and State Representative Bob Lane, who is the son of Jones Lane, both offered their appreciation to the audience and to all of the people who made the building possible. On behalf of Nessmith and Lane, they expressed their feeling of gratitude and honor of having such a magnificent building named after these two great men.

The Governor performed the ribbon cutting and President Grube officially opened the building to the public saying, "Please enjoy it."

In response to the events, Senator Jack Hill said, "The Continuing Education Building is a benefit not just for Georgia Southern, but for the business community of the entire region not only for continuing ed events but for cultural events that we can bring to campus that I think will have a cascading effect all around our region."

Burke also had additional comments, saying, "This center is an incredible thing for our region. We're going to be able to have world-class performing arts and the students here at Georgia Southern are going to be able to see really excellent performances. And if they are in theater and performance, they will be able to perform here potentially. Everyone can get courses no matter how old you are, or how young. It's the ability that we can have something here so that we can all come together."

Paul Nessmith was very honored to be recognized and said, "I've had a good life and I'm thankful for all this."

Protestors of the new Georgia flag attended the ceremony to alert Gov. Barnes of their discontent with his recent decision to change it. Their protest was silent for the most part and consisted of the members of the protesting party holding up full-size replicas of the old confederate Georgia flags and signs that read, "Let us vote." Additional protestors waited in the parking lot with their own flags to show support for their comrades who were in attendance inside.

The new Continuing Education building is over 130,000 square feet and is equipped with a 630 seat multi-purpose room, an atrium and exhibit concourse, meeting rooms, office space, a full kitchen and an 850-seat auditorium located in the

adjacent performing arts facility. That facility is the largest of its kind in Southeast Georgia. The project first began in 1981, with the building of the former 28,000-square-foot Southern Center. Now, in 2002, it is finally complete and well equipped to meet the needs of the surrounding area.

The two for whom it is named, Paul Nessmith, and Jones Lane have contributed much to our state and rightly deserve such a great honor. Nessmith served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1963 to 1980. Because of his success in farming, he was recognized as the Georgia Master Farmer in 1961 and honored with the Georgia Farm Bureau's Outstanding Service Award in 1969. He has served as chairman of the Southeastern Peanut Advisory Committee and supervisor of the Ogeechee River Soil and Water Conservation District. He was also a member of the Georgia Surface Mine Land User Board and the State Advisory Committee for Vocational Agriculture. He was also an active supporter of Georgia Southern's mission of regional service as well as the construction of the Continuing Education Building.

W. Jones Lane, Sr. served two decades in the Georgia House of Representatives, from 1960 until his death in 1980. He helped to promote a modern highway



Christina Ritchie/STAFF

PROTESTING: The crowd that gathered at the grand opening of the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building also contained many Georgia state flag protestors, who showed up to express their dissatisfaction with not being able to vote for a new flag to Gov. Roy Barnes, who was present at the ceremony.

network for the state, a university for South Georgia, and nursing care for rural Georgians. In fact, he was one of the founders of Georgia Southern's nursing

program. He also served as chairman of the House Transportation Committee for six years, earning statewide recognition as a "great leader" in building Georgia's

highway system. He was also active in his native Bulloch County, where he was a devoted family man, a civic leader and a successful contractor.

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Eagles defeat C of C, tied for first in South Division

G-A News Service

Julius Jenkins scored a game-high 17 points as Georgia Southern knocked off College of Charleston 60-57 on the road Saturday afternoon at Kresse Arena.

The victory was Georgia Southern's first in Charleston since Feb. 22, 1949 and its first road win vs. the Cougars in Southern Conference play. The win also moved the Eagles into a first-place tie

with Charleston and The Citadel atop the South Division standings.

"We did a great job of holding our composure down the stretch," GSU head coach Jeff Price said. "We knew Charleston would make a run and we were able to stand up to it. The bottom line is we found a way to get it done. Our defense is getting better with each game, and we found a way at the end."

GSU (11-7, 5-3), which never trailed in the game, jumped out to 15-1 and 18-2 leads in the first half

as Charleston went the first 11 minutes without a field goal before Leighton Bowie's basket at the 8:51 mark. The Cougars (15-4, 5-3) got to within six on three occasions, the last at 22-16 with 3:39 left, only to have GSU score nine of the last 11 points to close out the half.

The 19 points allowed by the Eagles were the fewest surrendered in the first half by GSU under head coach Jeff Price and the fewest allowed by the Eagles since holding Tri-State to 18 on Dec. 3, 1994.

GSU limited the Cougars to 20.7 percent shooting (6-of-29) in the first 20 minutes.

After a three-point play by Bowie to open the second half, GSU scored six straight points to take a 39-24 lead with 16:17 remaining in the game. A 12-1 Charleston run over the ensuing 13:43 got the Cougars to within 55-53.

Sean Peterson then answered with a short jumper to put GSU up 57-53 with 2:34 remaining, and the Eagles made three free throws in the final 36 seconds to offset two layups from Bowie and Jeff Bolton. Jenkins' free throw with four seconds left gave GSU its final three-point margin of victory.

Peterson tallied 13 points, two blocked shots and a steal, while Frank Bennett added 10 points and six rebounds for the Eagles, winners of three straight and five of their last seven.

Georgia Southern returns to action Monday night, hosting Chattanooga in another key Southern Conference South Division matchup at 7:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

THREE WAY TIE: The Eagles defeated College of Charleston at Charleston to bring the Eagles to first place in the South Division and give them their first victory at C of C since 1949.

Lady Eagles fall to Mocs in second half

G-A News Service

The Lady Mocs turned on the defensive pressure and their offensive guns for a second-half surge that resulted in Chattanooga's 71-67 come-from-behind victory over Georgia Southern Saturday night at The McKenzie Arena. The win moved Chattanooga into sole possession of second place in the Southern Conference with a 7-3 league mark, and the Lady Mocs won their fifth straight game overall for a 13-6 mark. Georgia Southern falls to 8-10 overall and 5-5 in the league.

The Lady Eagles had a 41-30 lead by scoring the first bucket to start the second half before UTC went on a 7-0 spurt to crawl back in the game. The Lady Mocs finally tied it 51-all

with 12:53 to play on a 3-pointer by Miranda Warfield. Chattanooga took the lead for good 48 seconds later on Warfield's layup.

"We fell behind early because they took it to us," said UTC coach Wes Moore. "We were hesitant and tentative. In the second half, we brought a little more fight to the situation."

Warfield finished with 16 points and she was 4-for-7 on 3-pointers. Damita Bullock scored 13 of her 15 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer. Jennifer Wilson tallied 10 points, with eight coming after half-time.

Alie Rousseau paced Georgia Southern with 23 points, including three 3-pointers, and Dauna Simpson

added 10. The Lady Eagles shot 45.5 percent from the floor in the first half, but UTC held GSU to 28 second-half points on 37.5 percent shooting. UTC forced seven second-half turnovers by the Eagles.

Chattanooga dominated the glass 48-33, including a 26-15 edge in the second half. Freshmen Tiffany Patton and Shanya Sermons both pulled eight boards to go with six points and both had a pair of steals. Heather Dykes scored nine points and pulled eight boards.

UTC continues its home stand Monday night when East Tennessee State visits The McKenzie Arena for a 7 p.m. game. Georgia Southern is back at home Monday to tangle with Appalachian State.

Indoor track season begins with four records broken

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern track and field team opened the 2002 indoor campaign by breaking four school records at the UNC Blue Heaven Track and Field Rumble this weekend.

Georgia Southern broke three school records in the field events. Allen placed 13th in the triple jump

with a leap of 38' 2", a new indoor school mark. In the shot put, freshman Nikki Slocumb earned 12th with a toss of 44' 11" to break the old GSU mark seven feet. Sophomore Amber Tiggs recorded a weight throw of 46' 4", also a new GSU mark.

On the track, sophomore Lindy Petteway broke the 60-meter hurdles school-record with a time of 8.94

seconds, missing the finals by just .02 of a second. Junior Jacqueline Allen posted the Eagles fastest 60-meter dash time at 7.80, good for 21st place. The Georgia Southern 4x400 relay team earned a time of 4:00.80, placing 15th.

Georgia Southern returns to action February 1-2 at the USC Gamecock Open in Columbia, S.C.

Lady Eagles fall to FSU in opening match

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team opened dual match play Saturday losing to the #34 ranked Florida State Lady Seminoles 7-0.

The Lady Seminoles picked up six wins in singles action. Anca Dumitrescu defeated Georgia Southern's Amy Barlett 6-1, 6-4 in No. 1 singles. Christina Denny bested Sarah Iqbal at No. 2 6-0, 6-0

and Jessica Balbuena outlasted Brooke McNamee 6-0, 6-2 in No. 3 singles. At No. 4 singles, FSU's Lauren Walker won over Charlotte Bruneteaux 6-1, 6-1 while Meredith Fish beat Callie Ward 6-1, 6-0 at No. 5 and Beth Lawrence defeated Sally Williams in No. 6 singles 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles play, Florida State won all three matches as Alida

Gallovis and Balbuena defeated Barlett and McNamee in No. 1 doubles 8-0. Dumitrescu and Amber Tantee won over Ward and Bruneteaux 8-1 at No. 2 and in No. 3 doubles Denny and Lawrence beat Williams and Iqbal 8-2.

Georgia Southern returns to action February 9 hosting the Lady Rattlers of Florida A&M in a 1:00 p.m. match at the Hanner Courts.

Capriati comes back to win Australian Open

Associated Press

Jennifer Capriati produced the greatest comeback in a women's Grand Slam final to overcome Martina Hingis and defend her Australian Open title.

Capriati saved four match points before clinching a 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2 victory over Hingis in Saturday's championship decider at Melbourne Park, the scene last January of her personal comeback from a tumultuous past.

Saturday's win was her first defense of a major, and no woman has saved more match points and won a Grand Slam final.

"I'm not looking for a place in history," Capriati said. "I think I have

something already in there. I'm just looking for titles."

Capriati has won three of the last five Grand Slam events. After her breakthrough 6-4, 6-3 championship win over Hingis at the last Australian Open, Capriati won the French Open and reached the semifinals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

"I had a lot to deal with out there. I had a lot on my shoulders, being the defending champion and being No. 1," Capriati said. "I don't know what's better. The first or to come back from match point and win this."

Capriati was the first top-seeded woman to win a Grand Slam title since Hingis won her third consecutive Australian title in 1999. The

Swiss has lost in the last three Australian Open finals.

"(Hingis) was pretty close to getting the revenge on me, same two sets, same scores," Capriati said. "I don't know how I pulled it out. On those match points I was really aggressive."

"I just had to really go for it and it paid off."

Capriati said she'd once lost after holding nine match points, so she knew a comeback wasn't impossible.

Both players struggled in the 95-degree heat, sitting in chairs in the shadows at both ends between points, taking refuge in the player's tunnel during bathroom breaks and saturating themselves with water and ice.

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'American Dream' is alive in the NFL

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NFL Hall of Fame defensive end Howie Long once said during his enshrinement speech in Canton, Ohio, "Baseball is America's pastime, but football is truly America's passion."

Now in 2002, the game that Americans love is also the game that is proving why America is the greatest country in the world. Plain and simple: anybody can succeed.

Yesterday's two conference championship match-ups featured two pro bowl quarterbacks who experts from day one didn't give much of a chance to make an impact in the NFL.

Current MVP and St. Louis Rams starting quarterback Kurt Warner was playing Arena football in Iowa and stocking

shelves in the local grocery store just four short years ago.

Pro Bowl New England quarterback Tom Brady played college ball at Michigan, deep in the shadows of quarterbacks Brian Griese and Drew Henson, and was drafted as the 199th player in 2000 to back up the franchise's 100 million dollar man Drew Bledsoe.

Both players were given a shot to lead their teams down the field when the men in front of them went down with gruesome injuries.

Both players took that shot and went all the way to the top, becoming superstars in a super league, and making it big by waiting their turn and being ready when that turn came around.

And the truth of the matter is, these men are only premier examples of a league that has numerous "success stories" of men who were once no-name players that came into the league with a dream...and a backup role.

The Indianapolis Colts found out that they had two 1,000-yard rushers on their team when All-Pro running back Edgerrin James was placed on the injured list, and former Midwestern Texas State running back Dominic Rhodes was sent out their to take the handoffs from Peyton Manning, rushing his way to 1,104 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Denver Broncos also have been proof year after year that NFL stars can be found in places where you least expect them.

They pulled two rabbits out of

the same hat drafting running backs Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary from the University of Georgia, and these two men have gotten more playing time in the "mile high city" rushing for the coveted 1,000 yard milestone, then they ever did "between the hedges" when they were riding the bench.

And in 2001, when Davis and Gary went down with injuries, they plugged in Mike Anderson who was considered an over-aged prospect from Utah whose primary job was to serve our country as a Marine, but instead shocked everyone by running for 1,487 yards along with 15 trips to the end zone.

The Bottom Line:

In the NFL and in America, success is a goal that is achieved by those who are willing to work the hardest and continue to keep reaching for higher plains when others tell them to just go home.

I tip my cap to all the "little guys" that strap on the pads every Sunday in the NFL, waiting for their chance to make a breakthrough on the game's greatest stage.

You give inspiration to a journalist writing for a paper in the small town of Statesboro, that there might still be a pot of the gold at the end of the rainbow.

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Women will never be equal to men until the can walk down the street with a bald head and a big gut, and still think they are beautiful."

-Unknown

Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Former heavyweight champ
4 Sonora snoozes
11 Sir Walter Scott novel, "Roy"
14 Writer Deighton
15 Concubine in a haem
16 Each and every one
17 Region between the Tigris and Euphrates
19 Muckraker
20 Met highlight
21 Made tidy
23 Yo-yo part
27 Lute's cousin
28 Active
30 Boring
33 "The Raven" poet
34 de Saint-Exupery
36 Hitler's stat
39 Arbor, MI
40 Haunted house features
41 Samovar
42 Tennis do-over
43 Conveyance
44 Fellow
45 Formerly owned
46 Adversaries
48 Missing
51 Armstrong, Collins
52 Passages
53 Light touches
54 Writer Burrows
59 Plane port
64 Abel to Adam
65 Squaler
66 Equal score
67 Lamb's morn
68 Nationalist
69 Disseminate

DOWN
1 mater
2 Salacious stare
3 Unyielding
4 Soak (up)
5 Marriage vow

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Solutions

ACROSS
1 MOS
4 SONORA
11 ROY
14 DEIGHTON
15 CONCUBINE
16 EACH
17 MESOPOTAMIA
19 MUCKRAKER
20 HIGHLIGHT
21 TIDY
23 YO-YO
27 LUTE
28 ACTIVE
30 BORING
33 RAVEN
34 SAINT-EXUPERY
36 HITLER
39 ARBOR
40 HAUNTED
41 SAMOVAR
42 TENNIS
43 CONVEYANCE
44 FELLOW
45 FORMERLY
46 ADVERSARIES
48 MISSING
51 ARMSTRONG
52 PASSAGES
53 TOUCHES
54 BURROWS
59 PLANE
64 ABEL
65 SQUALOR
66 EQUAL
67 LAMB
68 NATIONALIST
69 DISSEMINATE

DOWN
1 MATER
2 SALACIOUS
3 UNYIELDING
4 SOAK
5 MARRIAGE

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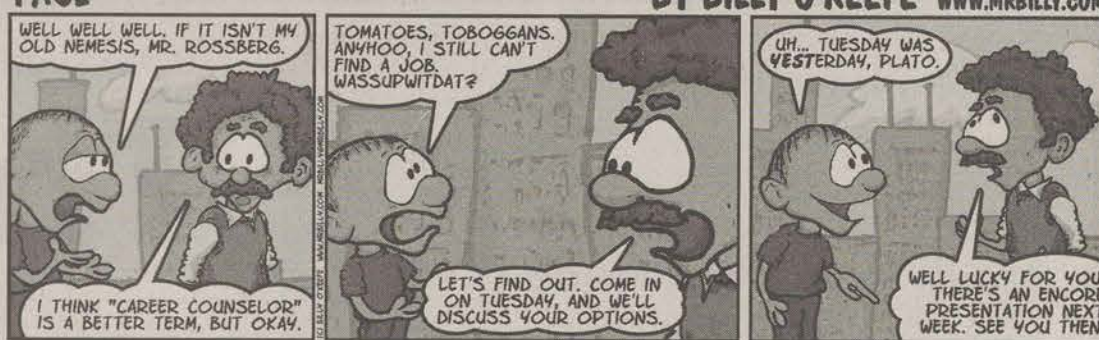


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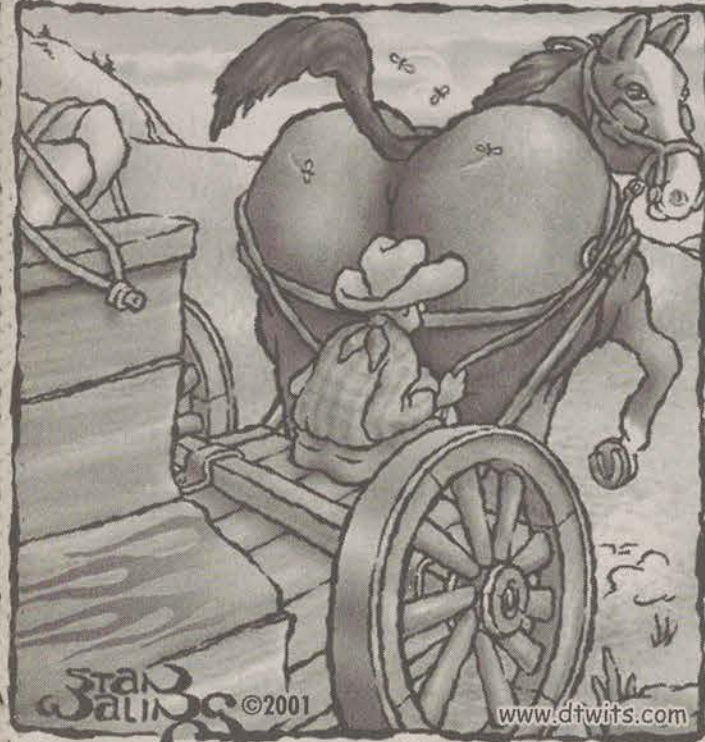
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'Somewhere in Time,' not just another love story

By Joe Ben Deal
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"In romantic tales, laughter shared by men and women invariably results in wrought-up staring, fervent embrace, and passionate kiss. Not in our case," thinks Richard Collier in his own romantic adventure, "Somewhere in Time."

Written by Richard Matheson, "Somewhere in Time" tells the story of a dying man who falls in love with Elise McKenna from a picture he sees in the year 1971. The problem is the picture was taken in 1896 and Elise McKenna is no longer alive. That does not stop Richard, who starts researching Elise's life and becomes obsessed with her to the point that he starts believing he must find a way to go to the year 1896.

Once again, Matheson takes a subject that is reserved for science fiction or adventure stories and writes a very personal and real story. His details are so descriptive of real feelings that I find myself wanting to believe this all happened. The story is told entirely from Richard Collier's point of view because the book is really just his journal. The novel opens with a forward from Collier's brother explaining his reasons for publishing his brother's story.

"In addition to believing that my brother's book deserves to be read, there is another reason for having it published. Frankly, his story is incredible. No matter how I try, I can't believe it. I hope its publication creates the possibility that someone will," states Robert Collier. In addition to a forward and an afterword, Collier also has two or three notes throughout the story where he says he edited out chunks of the journal because they slowed down the story.

This style of having the character write the story while his brother edits it gives the novel the ability to transcend the boundaries of fiction similar to Ann Rice's

"The Vampire Lestat" in which Lestat addresses the reader and comments on the previous book in the series, leaving the reader to wonder, maybe this is only consider fiction because no one wants you to know its true. But of course, its not true.

As the novel starts, the narration seems pointless and scattered. Then Collier drops the bomb.

"I'm going to die in four to six months and thought I'd write a book about it while

reconsidering all the possibilities he dreamed up the night before. Of course, where time travel is concerned, you have much to consider.

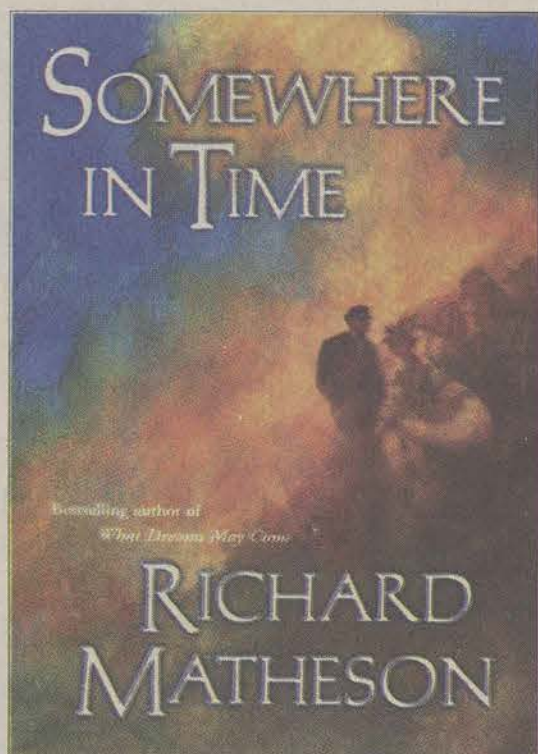
"What if, when I open my eyes in 1896, it is to see somebody in the room with me, gazing at me in shock? could I cope with that? What if—Good God!—some married couple had just begun to experience 'nuptial conjugation' as I suddenly appear in bed with them, most likely under or on top? Grotesque. Yet how can I avoid it?" thinks Collier as he starts to believe he might can transcend time.

Matheson's refuses to give the reader what they expect and is always throwing curves and unexpected twists into the story. In the beginning, when Richard is researching Elise's life, Matheson is constantly dropping clues to what has already happened and what will happen. Then, when the story seems to be moving along and leading in a certain direction, Matheson turns different direction, and not always in a direction the reader will like.

"Somewhere in Time" was originally published as "Bid Time Return." The new title coincides with the cult classic movie adaptation starring Christopher Reeves and Jane Seymour. <http://somewhereintime.pair.com/> is the official webpage for the movie. Somewhere In Time collectibles and the International Network of Somewhere In Time Enthusiasts (INSITE). INSITE is an organization solely devoted to "Somewhere In Time" fans.

Richard Matheson has published a variety of novels, many in the horror genre, but his most beloved novels, "Somewhere in Time" and "What Dreams May Come," escape classification.

He was one of the three major writers on the original Twilight Zone TV series and many of his novels have been adapted to film. The most recent one being "Stir of Echoes" starring Kevin Bacon.



'SOMEWHERE IN TIME': A dying man falls in love with a deceased actress he sees on the big screen.

I traveled," he writes after introducing himself to the reader. Suddenly the story becomes more personal and takes a different turn as it changes from a traveling story to a time traveling romance story. It also helps that the narrator is conscious of how absurd time travel is, "How casually I sit here talking about changing history."

It's only in the wee hours of the night, when Collier first thinks time travel might be possible and isn't it easier to believe the impossible in the predawn hours of the day? But the following morning, he is almost back to square one, doubting and

Ben Stiller stars as a male supermodel in the outrageous comedy 'Zoolander'

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If you are in the mood for some seriously mindless entertainment, Ben Stiller, and his cast of many, have assembled one of the more original dumb comedies in some time in "Zoolander."

Of course, comedies are usually very subjective, and some will see this film simply as stupid and unfunny, while others will grant the "stupid," but consider it funny instead.

I personally enjoyed it for the most part, cracking up loudly during a couple of specific sequences. I loved the Derek Zoolander character, and the unrestrained whipping they released on the fashion industry.

Written, directed, and produced by Ben Stiller, Zoolander is a total reflection of his vision of male supermodels.

But with all films of this type, there is bound to be some scenes that simply doesn't work. A few particulars which didn't strike my fancy included the bulimia and sex scene with Christine Taylor, and the break-dance fighting. I also never get why they use real countries in plots like this. Why not just make up a country, instead of zeroing in on a certain people?

The film could have used less of the Taylor character in general, since she wasn't all that interesting and seemed to slow things down every now and then.

But those few missteps were nothing compared to some of the more memorable scenes that definitely did work for me.

My favorites scenes were the gas station disaster and walk-

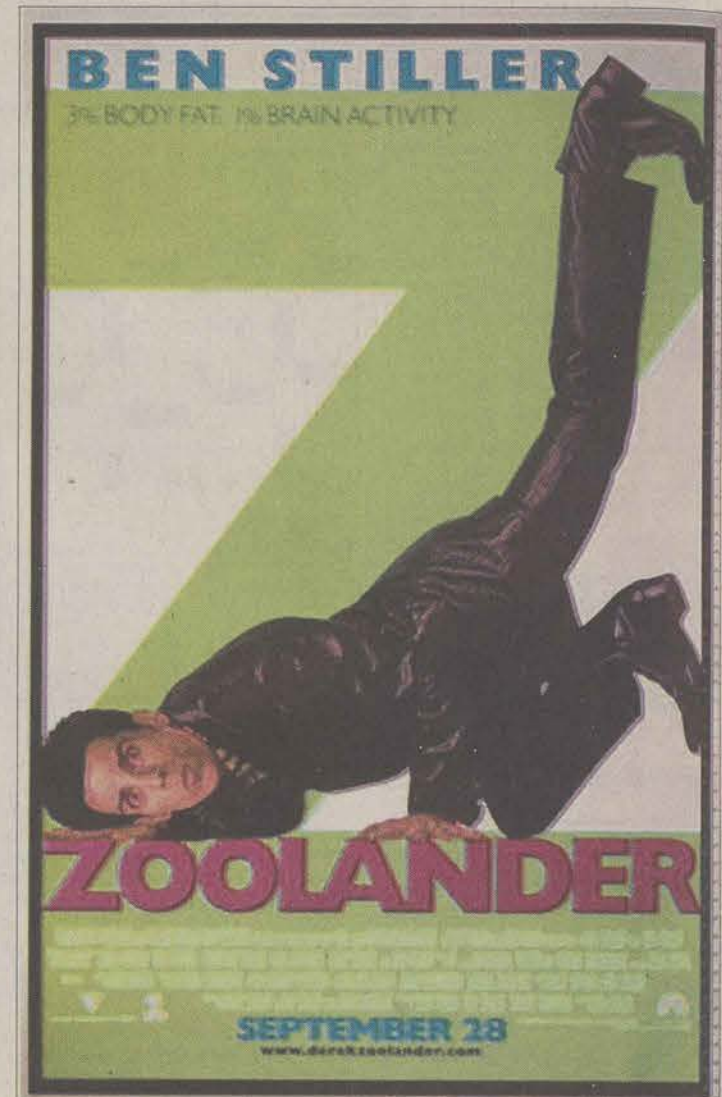
off contest, which were hilarious. I appreciated many of Zoolander's moronic one-liners ("I was a Merman...a Merman!").

I dare you to get his "monkey" photo shoot out of your head after seeing this movie. The soundtrack was exceptional as was the pace of the film, both of which zipped and zagged, and established a

solid rhythm.

However, this movie is dumb and not for everyone, but my guess is that if you found the trailer at all funny, you will likely enjoy many of the quips in the actual picture as well.

If you thought the trailer was dumb, skip this film and go rent "Austin Powers", a film from which there is an obvious influence here.



'ZOO LANDER': A comedy written and directed by Ben Stiller, in which he stars as a supermodel.

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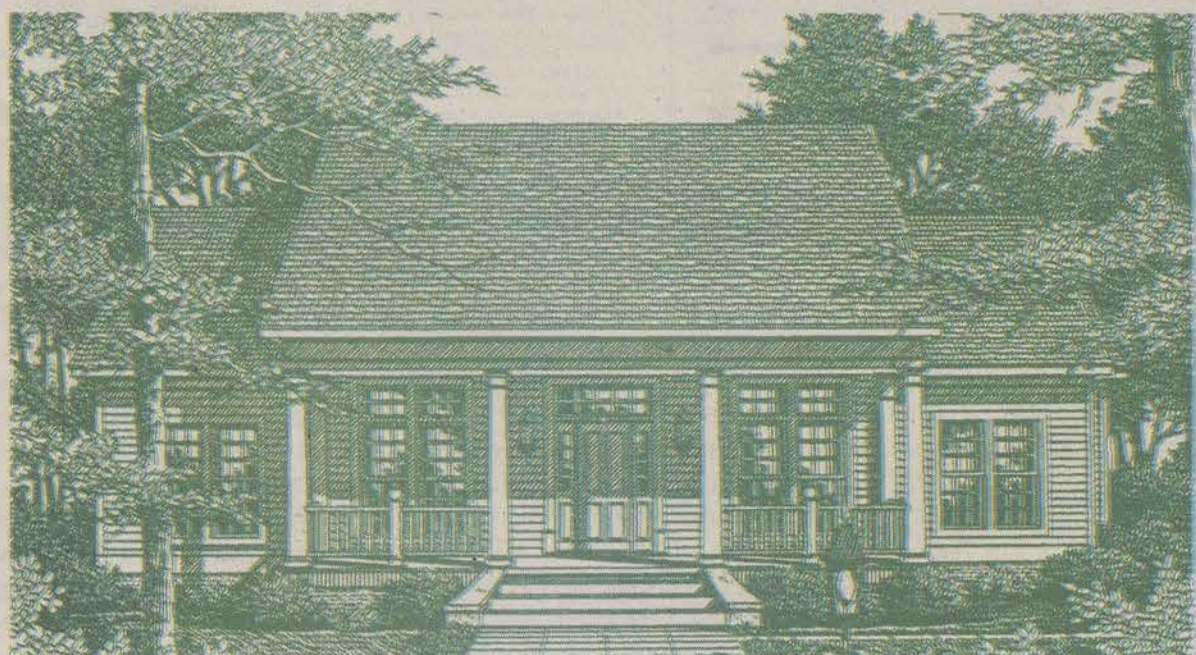
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