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## More youth are heading to polls but apathy still dominates

By Lori Aratani  
KRT Campus

SAN FRANCISCO – Georgy Russell, 27, made headlines across the country in the fall for selling thong underwear to finance her campaign for governor in California's recall contest. She persuaded 2,216 people to support her, but she still can't persuade her younger sister, Sophie, to tune in to politics.

Such is the dilemma of the youth vote. While the potential payoff is immense – about 1 in 5 eligible voters is younger than 30, according to the University of Maryland's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement – getting those voters to turn out can be difficult, even when

they're related to the candidate.

Young voters are notoriously hard to turn out at the polls. In presidential election years from 1972 to 2000, the turnout rate declined by 13 percentage points among voters 18-24 years old, according to the University of Maryland. In 2000, 42 percent of voters 18-24 years old voted, while 70 percent of citizens 25 and older did.

If recent surveys are any indication, however, 2004 could be the year that younger voters make an impact. More young people say they plan to vote in this year's presidential contest than four years ago. And a new series of initiatives spearheaded by such diverse players as Hollywood producer Norman Lear to wrestling

superstar Bradshaw are focused on making it happen.

A recent MTV poll conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates found that 4 out of 10 of the 18- to 24-year-olds surveyed said they will "definitely vote" in the next presidential election – up nearly 30 percent from 2000. A survey by Harvard University's Institute of Politics found two-thirds of college students were registered to vote and 82 percent of those said they planned to vote this year.

"It's clear that there's a lot of young interest this year," said Ara Khachatourian, the media director for MTV's Rock the

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## Students without permits face risk of towing

Georgia DMVS regulates practices

By Teresa D. Southern  
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Georgia Southern students who do not have registered decals with the university often choose to park at local apartments along the campus perimeter.

But by doing this, they face the risk of being towed.

Melissa Shepard, temporary property manager of Campus Courtyard, said, "The complex has a contract with a towing company that visits the complex multiple times throughout the day to make sure everyone parked there has a resident decal."

The complex does have visitors parking, but visitors must obtain a visitor's pass from the rental office, so they won't be towed.

University Point Apartments is also an apartment complex where students park to walk to campus. This complex requires their residents to have decals. Non-residents can only be towed if a resident calls because there isn't ample parking, or a parking violation such as double parking.

Students should know there are two government agencies working to make sure those being towed won't be overcharged.

The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS) regulates non-consensual towing, or the act of towing vehicles trespassing on private property without prior consent or authorization of the owner or person driving the vehicle at the request of the property owner or their authorized agent.

As of October 1, 2003 the law also requires the DMVS to license wrecker services that perform non-consensual towing of vehicles from private property,

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# CAMPUS LIGHTING

## Safety concerns bring new lamps to frequented areas around GSU

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Safety concerns for students have made the way for new campus lighting.

Charles Wray, Mechanical Manager from Physical Plant said, "New lamps along the (campus) pathways should go up in a couple of weeks."

Major Mike Russell of the Campus police confirmed that due to the change in student traffic patterns around the Information Technology Building, lighting is needed.

Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) met with Major Russell and voiced concerns about the lighting in certain areas of the campus. Some areas noted by SGA were behind the Foy Fine Arts Building and the Center for Wildlife Education, where students frequently walk to and from classes.

Major Russell said more funding is needed in order to light other parts of the campus. High-pressure sodium

lamps cover the campus and provide needed lighting for students to feel safe when walking throughout campus.

Wray said the lamp bulbs last for several years while the incandescent lighting attached to the buildings last only about 2,000 hours. He also noted that the Physical Plant has a full-time employee who maintains the lamps along the pedestrian and roads on campus. There are officers who patrol the campus every night with a "light list" making sure the campus is well lit and lamps are maintained.

If, at any time, students feel unsafe on campus they can call Campus police at 681-5234 and they will send a service officer to escort him or her wherever they need to go.

Major Russell stressed that this service is highly underused.

Students can report problems with lamps located on campus at 681-5270. When calling, refer to the alphanumeric code located on the lamp pole.

## Georgia Southern students tutor local children through America Reads



Georgia Southern students who are eligible for the Federal Work Study program work up to 10 hours a week to help improve the reading skills of the children of Bulloch County.

Photo by Katie Anderson/STAFF

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The America Reads Challenge is helping Georgia Southern students reach out to the community by tutoring children at local elementary schools.

America Reads is a federally funded program that was developed under President Bill Clinton in 1997 to help children improve their reading skills and develop a love for reading.

This program has touched the lives of thousands of children since its institution in 1997. It gives students the special attention they need in learning to read.

Tutors go to elementary schools throughout Bulloch County, and also tutor after school at the Boys and Girls Club of Statesboro. The tutors are Georgia Southern students who are eligible for the Federal Work Study program, and work a maximum of 10 hours per week, tutoring

Kindergarten through third grade students. Before they start tutoring, however, tutors receive four to six hours of training with the Statesboro Regional Library Literacy Services office.

Mary Woods, director of the America Reads program at Georgia Southern said, "It's a win-win situation because the tutors get a chance to work and the children get help improving their reading skills."

The program is a vital asset to children in Bulloch County. Only one in every 10 children in America can read at the proficient level or higher.

The program helps to promote literacy in children across the United States.

Toni Williams, director of operations at the Boys and Girls Club of Statesboro, said, "It [America Reads] has

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### Weekday Weather

Wednesday



HIGH 58°  
LOW 35°

Mostly Sunny

Thursday



HIGH 65°  
LOW 42°

Sunny

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## Police Beat

02-13-2004

- Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning, investigated one traffic accident, assisted four motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

02-14-2004

- A Kennedy Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

- Officers issued four traffic warnings, assisted four motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

02-15-2004

- A Papa John's banner was taken from J.I. Clements Field.
- Officers issued four traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to two fire alarms.

02-16-2004

- Two windows were taken from a Jeep in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.
- Officers issued two traffic citations and assisted six motorists.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

## Campus Calendar

February 18

### Children's Literature Lecture 9 a.m.

Joel Taxel, professor and chair of language and education at the University of Georgia, will guide a conversation and question and answer session about the economics and politics of children's literature from "Curious George" to "Harry Potter." At College of Education Lecture Hall.

### Off-Campus Housing Fair 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Off-Campus Housing Office is hosting its 11th annual Housing fair. At Russell Union Commons.

### Society of Professional Journalists 6 p.m.

The Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) will hold their bi-monthly meeting. Future SPJ conferences and service projects will be discussed. Refreshments will be provided. At Communication Arts Room 1007.

### 'Blues for an Alabama Sky' 8 p.m.

Directed by GSU's own Mical Whitaker, this fabulous recreation of the Harlem Renaissance will be shown February 17-21. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$8 for general

admission. At the Black Box Theatre in the Communication Arts Building, 912 681-5379.

### Little Miss St. Patrick's Day Pageant

97.3 Kiss FM is now accepting applications for the 3rd Annual Little Miss St. Patrick's Day Pageant, to be held March 13 at Savannah Mall. Ages 0-17. <http://www.973kissfm.com>.

### Miss Savannah St. Patrick's Day Pageant

97.3 Kiss FM is now accepting applications for the 23rd Annual Miss St. Patrick's Day Pageant, to be held March 13 at Benedictine Military School. Categories this year include Personal Interviews, Spirit Wear, Swimwear, and Evening Wear. <http://www.973kissfm.com>.

February 19

### Asian Festival 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come enjoy a bit of Asian culture through demonstrations, exhibits, food, music and more. This is a free event. At Russell Union Rotunda.

### 'Gothika'

7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

Thriller featuring Halle Berry, Robert Downey Jr., and Penelope

Cruz about a psychiatrist who wakes up a patient in the mental hospital where she works. \$2. At the Russell Union Theater.

### Peking Acrobats Performance 7:30 p.m.

A troupe of China's most gifted tumblers, contortionists, jugglers, cyclists and gymnasts is bringing its 2,000-year-old tradition to the Performing Arts Center (PAC). \$20 plus tax; GSU students, faculty and staff receive 10 percent discount. At PAC, 912-681-7999.

February 20

### Free Tree Giveaway 11 a.m.

GSU Botanical Garden will be giving away trees, donated by International Paper and the Georgia Forestry Commission to celebrate Arbor Day. At GSU Botanical Gardens, 912-871-1149.

February 21

### NIRSA 5K Run/Walk 9 a.m.

National Intramural and Recreational Services Association will host a 5k Run/Walk. Registration runs until the day of the race. \$20 registration fee; \$10 for GSU students. 912-681-5436 or <http://services.georgiasouthern.edu/cr>.

## News Briefs

### Tom Murphy hospitalized after apparent stroke



Special Photo

ATLANTA — Former House Speaker Tom Murphy, 79, has suffered an apparent stroke and was in serious condition in an Atlanta hospital.

Murphy, one of the state's most influential figures for more than two decades, was being treated at Piedmont Hospital after having what was believed to be a stroke Saturday, said his daughter, Martha Long.

Until his legislative defeat in 2002, Murphy was undisputed ruler of the House of Representatives, the longest-serving state House speaker in the nation.

Murphy was elected to the House in 1960 and to the speaker's post in 1973; lost his seat in the House two years ago, largely because his west Georgia district became increasingly Republican.

House members planned a moment of silence Monday to pray for Murphy's recovery.

### House budget writers plug own projects

ATLANTA — State money may be tight, but Georgia House budget writers found a way Monday to plug some of their favorite projects into the midyear spending plan, adding

a park here, a fine arts building there and extra funds for the Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus.

As recommended by Gov. Sonny Perdue, the spending bill cuts most state agencies by 2.5 percent — about \$360 million — in order to pump more money into Medicaid and PeachCare and meet other pressing needs as the state fights its way back to economic health.

Facing re-election this year as do all legislators, House budget writers added \$60 million in new debt for an array of projects at local technical schools and college campuses in their districts, including \$5 million for a fine arts building at Georgia Southern University.

In all, House budget writers added about \$90 million to the bottom line.

### Schwarzenegger losing favor among anti-tobacco groups



Special Photo

SACRAMENTO — Anti-tobacco groups protested Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's efforts to return the smoke-filled room to California's political lexicon.

To comply with the state's strict smoking laws, the cigar-loving Schwarzenegger is converting the Capitol's interior courtyard into an

all-weather "smoking plaza" where he can entertain lawmakers and other power brokers.

"It's a more positive environment where they can all be on an equal footing, as opposed to everyone going into the governor's office where he's behind his desk," Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Terri Carbaugh said Saturday.

But some protesters said Schwarzenegger is undermining California's precedent-setting efforts to cut tobacco use and its staggering health and financial costs.

About two dozen protesters gathered displaying photographs of prominent dead smokers, including actors and politicians; a headstone labeled "Your Name Here;" and tolling a bell made from an old oxygen tank.

Saturday's rally also echoed complaints from the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association

### Ohio's highway gunman remains elusive, grows bolder

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Joe Joan heard the gunshot while driving his wife and three young children to a flea market. A man standing calmly on an overpass had struck a sport utility vehicle right behind their car.

After pulling over, Joan said he watched the gunman get in his car and slowly drive away.

Ballistics testing confirmed the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday.

Experts said he is becoming bolder.

The serial shootings began in May, though most have occurred since mid-October.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn and Teresa Southern, News Editors.

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# E-Cinema

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Thursday February 26 Russell Union Theatre 7:00pm & 9:30pm

Calvin (Ice Cube), who inherited a struggling barber shop on the south side of Chicago from his father, views the shop as nothing but a burden and a waste of his time. After selling the shop to a local loan shark, Calvin slowly begins to see his father's vision and legacy and struggles with the notion that he just sold it out. The shop is filled with an eclectic cast of characters that share their stories, jokes, trials and tribulations. Eddie (Cedric the Entertainer) is an old barber with strong opinions and no customers. Jimmy (Sean Patrick Thomas) is a highly educated barber with a superiority complex who can't stand Isaac (Troy Garity), the new white barber who just wants a shot at cutting some hair. Ricky is an ex-con with two strikes against him and is desperately trying to stay straight. Terri (Eve) is a hard-edged woman who can't seem to leave her two-timing boyfriend.



## 1 Massachusetts

### Students pull all-nighter to read Shakespeare

WELLESLEY — Wellesley College is having a long night of bloodshed, treachery, tragic love, wayward passion, humorous misunderstandings — and enough iambic pentameter to make your head spin.

The college's Shakespeare Society on Sunday began an attempt to read aloud all of William Shakespeare's works in a mere 24 hours. That's 39 unabridged plays, as well as the poetry and sonnets, that comprise the Bard's canon.

"We put together, this crazy, crazy idea and this is what comes of it," said society member Emily Henderson as she sat Sunday night in the group's yellow and brown Victorian Tudor house, where the readings were taking place.

The 31-member society, one of the oldest groups on campus, began the reading at 5 p.m. EST Sunday with the prologue to "Henry V," and plans to finish with the play "Hamlet" by the same time Monday afternoon.

Based on the calculations of group members, the society estimated five works had to be read simultaneously and continuously to complete the goal. The reading groups were divided into five rooms: two rooms for history plays, the comedy room, a tragedy room and a room for "problem plays" — a term some literary scholars use to describe a work that can't be classified into one of the other groups.

Shakespeare-loving students, professors, children and adults gathered in the rooms to encourage and help the society members. About 50 people attended the beginning of the event, which the students hope might set a world record if all the work can be read in just a day.

"You look at all of those books," said Rebecca Kayes, a freshman. "All of it in 24 hours, it just seems absurd but really fantastic that it actually can happen."

## 2 New Jersey

### Middle school puts a lid on bathroom breaks

LAWRENCE — When you gotta go, you gotta go. But you can't always, at least not here.

Some middle school students are avoiding soft drinks, water and other liquids during school hours for fear of an urgent need to answer nature's call.

Under a new policy at the Lawrence Middle School, seventh- and eighth-graders are allowed to leave class for the bathroom a maximum of 15 times a month. As a result, some are afraid to use up their bathroom passes too quickly and end up with a full bladder and nowhere to go.

The pass system went into effect last month as a way to monitor the school restrooms and stop students from skipping class. It is the latest in a series of disciplinary measures school administrators have taken in response to behavioral problems that have included bomb threats.

School officials defend the policy as a way to ensure safety, security and order. But some parents say the system goes too far. The right to go to the bathroom, they say, is a health and civil rights issue and as taxpayers, they think it is a freedom they pay for.

Urologists say the practice can lead to infections and incontinence.

"Common sense tells you the policy doesn't make any sense," said Dr. Christopher S. Cooper, an associate professor of urology at the University of Iowa who specializes in pediatric urology. "When children need to go, they should be allowed to go. It isn't good to hold it in or drink less fluids. It could have long-term effects on a child's health."

Cooper, the leader of a landmark study that looked at the problems tied to limiting bathroom access for children in elementary schools, said between 7 and 15 percent of 7-year-olds have bladder problems. As children age, their bladders develop

and they can control them better, but older children can still have trouble that can be made worse by limiting bathroom access.

While Cooper acknowledges teachers need uninterrupted time to teach, and that some students ask for a bathroom pass to skip class, he says a student who sits in class trying to restrain the desire to urinate will be distracted and won't be able to pay attention to the lesson.

Principal Nancy Pitcher thinks the policy offers students ample opportunities to use the bathroom. She said it was a necessary step to guarantee the safety of her students and encourage learning. The high school implemented a similar system the previous year.

"The students have 15 opportunities out of 20 to 22 days in the month to use the bathroom pass, and another 15 to go wherever else they need to go. That is quite a few times," she said.

## 3 New Hampshire

### Police recover swallowed ring

SALEM — It took a little patience and a little medicine for Salem police to recover a stolen \$10,000 diamond ring over the weekend.

Police say Kevin Lynch of Boston, 38, admitted stealing and swallowing a 2 1/2 carat diamond ring set in platinum from a jewelry store on Friday.

They caught up with Lynch in a restaurant, one of two men whom they say drove away from the store in a stolen Jeep Cherokee and later abandoned the vehicle.

Lynch gave police permission to search him. An X-ray showed the ring was lodged in his digestive tract. Doctors gave Lynch medication to move things along and police recovered the ring Sunday morning.

Lynch is charged with theft. Police do not believe he intended to steal the ring as a Valentine's Day gift.

## 4 Colorado

### Thieves get more than they bargain for

WOODLAND PARK — A 150-million-year-old, 9-foot-tall femur from a brontosaurus was in a trailer stolen from a Woodland Park construction site.

The trailer, missing Saturday from the site of a museum scheduled to open on Memorial Day, also contained a 20 million-year-old fossil of a 7-foot

palm frond and three casts of dinosaur skeletons, including one that was 24 feet long.

"I'm just sick to my stomach," said Mike Triebold, president of Triebold Paleontology, which is stocking the privately built museum that will be called the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center.

Workers were going to bring the museum exhibits from the trailer into the museum on Monday, Triebold said.

"I'm sure somebody thought they were stealing a nice, shiny new trailer and had no idea what was inside," he said. "You can't fence stuff like this. Anybody with half a brain knows these are things that can't be sold."

The Triebold casts, which take four people two months to build, are so special they would be recognized as stolen property at museums around the world, he said.

The casts were of an Edmontosaurus, a large duck-billed dinosaur; a dromaeosaurus, which is a close relative of the velociraptor; and a thescaosaurus, a 10-foot-long omnivore.

The 24-foot-long, 9-foot-tall Edmontosaurus cast was made from the skeleton of a dinosaur that survived an attack from a carnivorous dinosaur, which left deep gouges in the bones.

## 5 Ohio

### State legislators prepare for 'ribbeting' debate

COLUMBUS — Frog or toad?

The debate might turn cold-blooded, but state lawmakers will have plenty of information to dissect when choosing the state amphibian.

School children have proposed the American toad and the bullfrog, both of which can be found in all 88 Ohio counties, as candidates.

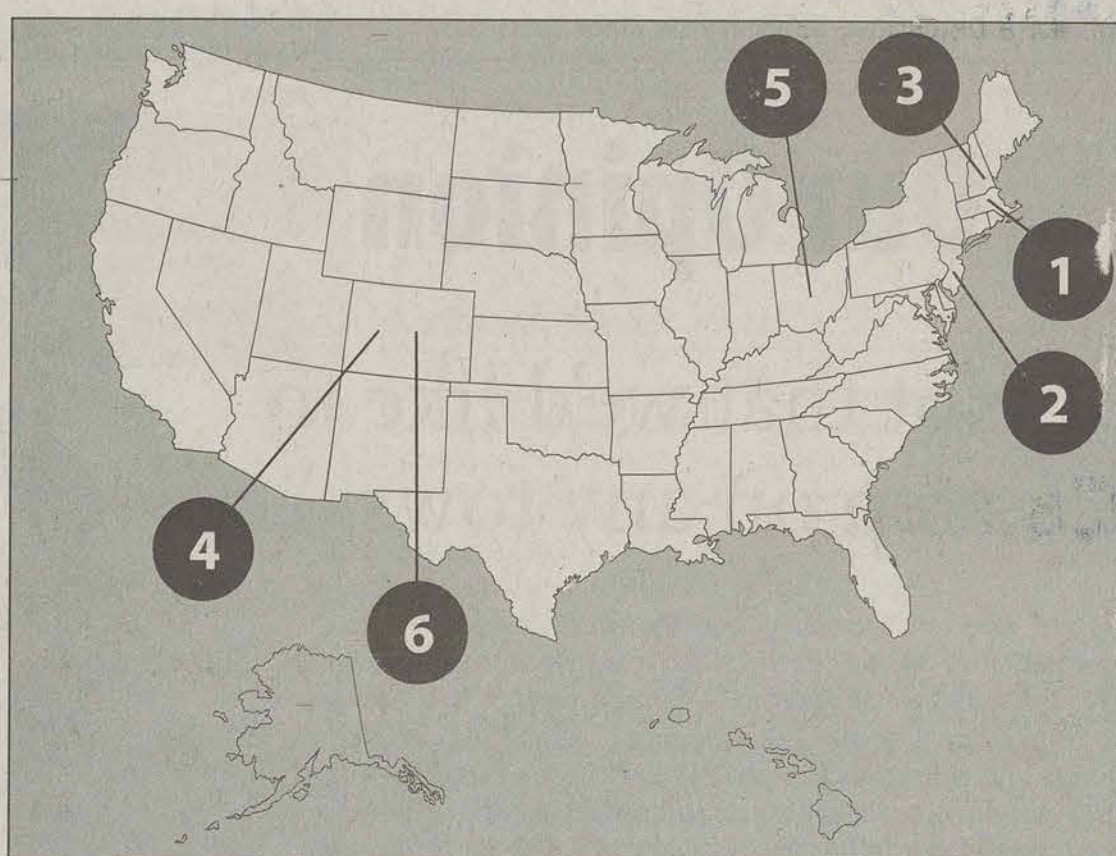
"Hopefully when this is all over we can have a toast to the toad," said state Rep. Jamie Callender, sponsor of the bill supporting Bufo americanus.

The Willowick Republican has the backing of a children's education program with the Lake County Metroparks System.

The bullfrog, also known as Rana catesbeiana, enjoyed early bipartisan support last fall as state Rep. Jim Hughes, R-Columbus, and state Sen. Theresa Fedor, D-Toledo, introduced companion legislation.

A social studies class in the Columbus suburb of Dublin approached lawmakers with that proposal while studying the legislative process.

A House committee approved the



measure in January, and the bullfrog seemed to be on its way to representing the Buckeye state, along with tomato juice as the state beverage, and "Hang On Sloopy" as the state rock song.

## 6 Colorado

### Gay marriage, what's new?

DENVER — Clela Rorex smiles as she watches the national debate unfold over same-sex marriage, knowing she's seen it all before.

After all, the former Boulder County clerk and recorder issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples back in 1975.

San Francisco's mayor may be provoking a national debate by issuing marriage licenses to hundreds of gay and lesbian couples, but Rorex knows they are not the first such licenses ever issued.

"Politicians in '75 didn't want

to touch this with a 10-foot pole, not even Democrats," Rorex said Sunday.

As a newly elected political rookie in 1975, Rorex was approached by a same-sex couple that asked if she would issue a marriage license. After securing a legal opinion from the Boulder County district attorney at the time, who said state law did not preclude issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, Rorex issued the license.

"I issued licenses because I didn't want to be legislating morality," Rorex said, adding she knew little about homosexuality at the time and did not know many gay people.

Once the media latched onto the issue, though, hate mail and calls from state politicians started pouring in, Rorex said.

As word spread, more gay couples came to her asking for licenses, and she would grant them. She said she issued licenses to about a half dozen gay couples in early 1975.

Legislators asked for a legal opinion from the state attorney general at

the time, J.D. MacFarlane. He said Sunday that his office drafted an opinion that state law was clear on the issue, and that marriage is a union between a man and a woman.

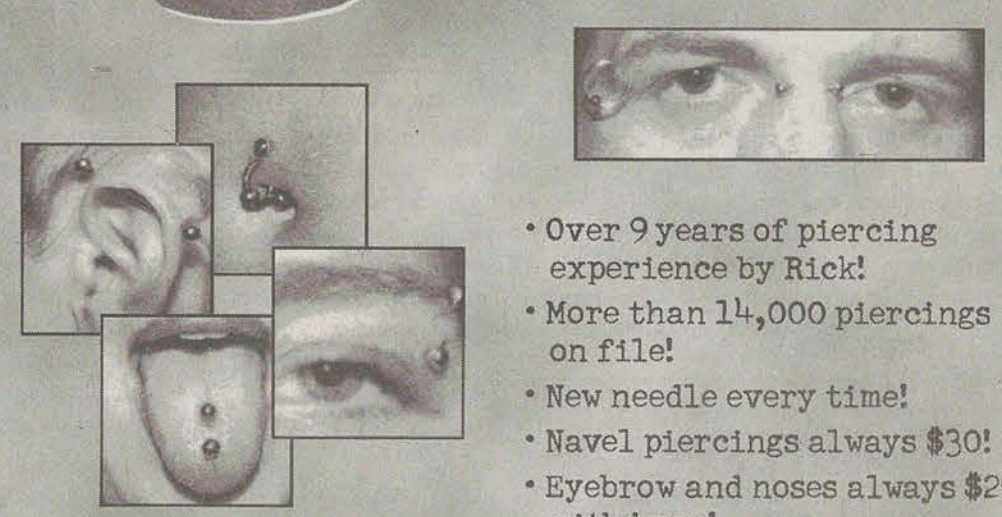
Soon after, Rorex stopped issuing licenses, especially after a man came in trying to get a license for himself and his horse, Dolly. Rorex told him the horse was too young to get married without parental consent.

"After I stopped, the furor kind of died down," she said. "I was just so inundated with mostly hate mail during that time period. It was really incredible the letters I got."

Rorex said she believes all the couples she licensed went ahead and got married, but she does not know what happened to them.

She said she's enjoying the current debate over same-sex marriage, and applauds the politicians who stand up in favor of it. It also helps her put her role in the debate into perspective. "I am prouder now than I ever comprehended then that I would be of the action that I took," Rorex said.

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## The Miscellany needs your submissions!

**DEAD LINE**  
Monday, February 23

The Miscellany is Georgia Southern's magazine of the arts and literature.

We are looking for submissions in fiction, creative non-fiction, and creative essay, up to 1500 words, in poetry or prose-poetry of any length, and in the visual arts of any medium, such as drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, sculpture, etc. Submissions must be received in electronic form, along with a printed copy. Submission packets, which include a cover sheet and submission guidelines, can be picked up at the Miscellany office, Williams Center 2009. Submissions can be sent to Jerome Powell, P.O. Box 8001, or emailed to [miscmag@gasou.edu](mailto:miscmag@gasou.edu).



# Our Opinion

## Not that we'd like to step on any tows...

After careful consideration of the state of Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicle Safety policies, it seems as though something we've all become accustomed to might prove to be slightly less legal than it appears.

According to the Georgia DMVS website, wreckers, or tow trucks, should not be allowed to patrol the parking lots of local businesses they serve. In fact, if they are found to be in violation of this policy, the towing company or wrecker service is to be fined \$1,000.

Now, we here at *The G-A* realize that the law of the land can sometimes be a little obscure, and loopholes to policy and legislation are easily found.

But something just doesn't sit right with us.

We're not naming names or accusing anyone or any business of breaking the law, but it does seem a bit strange to see tow trucks waiting just around the corner from certain parking lots in wait. There is, of course, the possibility that the driver has parked there to enjoy a cigarette or a sandwich. And he or she may not even necessarily be looking in the general direction of the parking spaces nearby. But, just like that creepy guy who's always showing up uninvited to house parties, they seem to be there right on time without an invitation.

And, though it might seem all too convenient that the large truck with the ability to pull your vehicle away is driving around in your friend's apartment complex late Saturday night, that does not mean any kind of patrolling is going on – the driver could simply be looking for a new place to live.

We've heard some students complain about the general practices of towing companies around town, and we'd like to do what we do best: Keep you informed.

Here's something to keep in mind: The first 24 hours of storage of a towed vehicle will, according to the DMVS, be at no charge to the towed party. Also, according to the DMVS, the state-run department is authorized to regulate rates charged by wrecker services for the towing and storage of a vehicle.

Visit the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety online at [www.dmv.ga.gov/cvc/faq towing.asp](http://www.dmv.ga.gov/cvc/faq towing.asp) for more information on your rights and the requirements of wrecker services and towing companies in the state of Georgia. To file a complaint, contact the DMVS Commercial Vehicle and Compliance unit at (678) 413-8746 or 8754.

We're not trying to imply any wrongdoing has taken place, nor are we leveling any accusations.

*The George-Anne* would just like to let you know how to educate yourself about the legal rules and requirements of towing.

The only fingers we're pointing lead to the better understanding of your rights.

### LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

*The George-Anne* welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed, preferably via email or on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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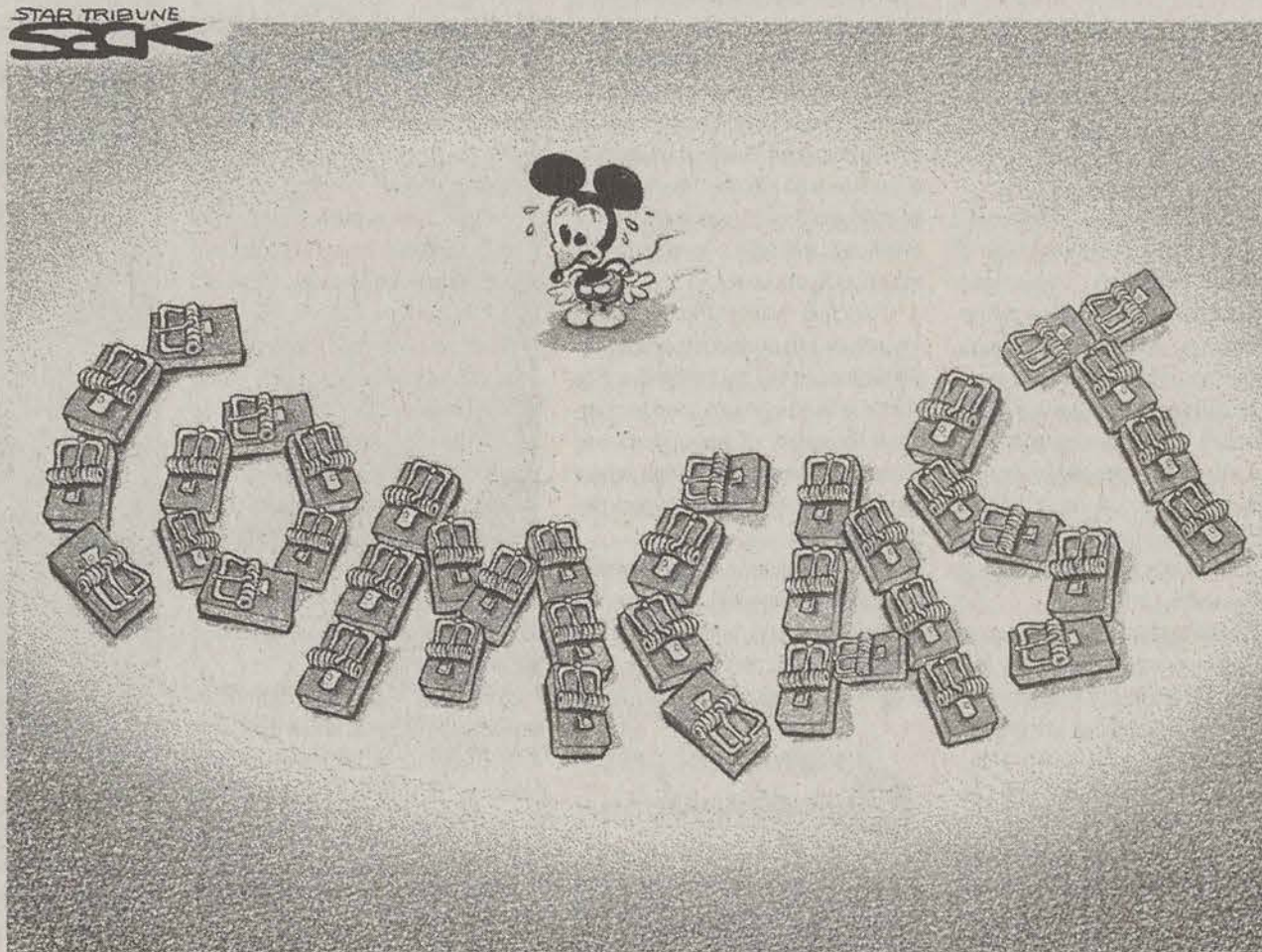
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## The fair-skinned Abercrombie image is just plain racist

By Mary Andom  
KRT Campus

While cruising the mall recently, I couldn't help but notice the sea of white streaming in and out of the Abercrombie & Fitch store.

"Oooh, Abercrombie's having a blow-out sale," my friend said. "Let's go in."

"Uh, I don't know," I told her. "Black folk don't really shop here. I'll walk around the food court or something."

But secretly, I wanted to know what all the buzz was about. I had never had the courage to walk into an Abercrombie before.

"C'mon, it'll only be a minute, promise," my friend said.

As I stepped foot in that store, I felt I was in dangerous territory. An uneasiness swelled in my stomach as the customers looked on in curiosity. Feeling outnumbered and out of place, I tried to look as natural as possible. I shuffled my feet and poked at the clothing. A bubbly sales clerk chirped, "Uh huh, yeah, that tube top looks great with those low-rise jeans," as techno music pulsed in the background.

Every couple of minutes, though, she would look over my shoulder and when I'd catch her

glance, she'd squeeze off an uneasy smile. Not once did a sales clerk ask if I needed anything or wanted to try something on.

But I've long dealt with this reality of Shopping-While-Black: either you're ignored or followed.

The billboard of handsome white jocks and beautiful white women frolicking in fields reminded me of how different I am from them. They are tall, slender and fair-skinned or Asian – everyone from the customers to the cashiers.

"Traitor, you don't belong here," that little voice in my head admonished. "Black people don't shop here."

I had had enough and was ready to leave when my friend chimed in, "Great, I found it; he's going to love this shirt."

"OK, let's just get out of here."

When I walked out, I was reminded of the many reasons why I refuse to spend my money in a place like Abercrombie & Fitch:

- I don't have the "A&F look."
- The suburban lifestyle doesn't appeal to me.
- The Abercrombie image is just plain

racist.

We all know that beauty is largely defined in this culture as white. Even some of the most popular black actresses and pop stars, such as Halle Barry and Beyonce, have lighter skin and long silky tresses.

At a young age, we are taught that white is beautiful – from Cinderella to Barbie. As a child, I used to smear my mother's dark foundation all over my Barbie's face and plait her hair so she could look just like me.

Imagine what message this is sending to the little black girl with dark skin, textured hair and full lips. Is she not beautiful or American enough?

Abercrombie employs these live Barbies to reinforce the Eurocentric ideal of beauty – or as they call it, the "all-American look." I always thought "all-American" referred to the melting pot theory we're taught in school. But I guess Abercrombie had something else in mind.

This controversial image is at the very heart of a racial-discrimination suit filed against Abercrombie & Fitch by nine Hispanic and Asian employees who accuse the company of unfair employment practices. Perhaps surprisingly,

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### Letters to the Editor

## Library dean clarifies computer replacement system

Jesse Knight is incorrect in stating that all of the computers on the library's first and second floors were recently upgraded. There are 310 public computers in the library, and each year the Student Technology Committee uses student tech fees to replace one-third of the computers. This way the committee ensures students will not be using computers

older than three years in the library. The computers being replaced are returned to the Student Technology Committee, which authorizes Information Technology Services to place them elsewhere on campus where older computers will be adequate.

**W. Bede Mitchell, Ed.D.**  
Dean and University Librarian,  
Zach S. Henderson Library



## Kucinich beats Kerry in deserving nomination

I am nobody. Part-time book-keeper. Full-time president of a NH non-profit. A lousy Democrat, constantly re-registering "Undeclared," and then taking the Democratic ballot when it's time to vote. I'm a poet and a fiction writer so I make a little money and spend a lot of time dreaming. I've been an activist forever.

I voted for Nader last time around. The Democrats were wallowing in the middle of things, trying to bouy up a candidate who really was not stoked about becoming president. We all got Bush. I don't blame Nader, the people who voted for him, or the Florida chads. I blame the Democrats.

Until I heard Cameron Kerry speak on behalf of his brother at a Maine caucus, I had felt that I would vote for whomever the Democrats put up. After all, that person would not be Bush.

Or would he? What is the difference between George Bush's taking the country into the War on Iraq and wanting to keep the troops there, and John Kerry's voting for the War on Iraq and wanting to send 40,000 more troops there? Kerry's position is impossible to understand for the very reasons he uses to get people to vote for him.

He is a Viet Nam Vet. He opposed that war when he returned.

In a speech at Drake University, in Des Moines, IA on December 16, 2003, Kerry said,

As we internationalize the work in Iraq, we need to add 40,000 troops – the

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### Today around the world

**Gambia:** Independence Day (1965)  
**Iceland:** National Bun Day  
**Israel:** Mother's Day

### Today in history

**On this day in 1979,** snow fell in the Sahara Desert.  
**On this day in 1885,** Mark Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' was published.



# Kerry claims victory, Edwards close second

By Steven Thomma and Mark Johnson  
KRT Campus

MILWAUKEE – John Kerry narrowly won the Wisconsin primary Tuesday, edging out a surprisingly strong challenge from John Edwards that signaled the race for the Democratic presidential nomination is not yet over.

Kerry's win, his 15th in 17th contests, tightened his grip on the Democratic presidential nomination. "A win is a win," said Kerry before the polls even closed.

But Edwards was buoyed by a surge of support in the final days of the Wisconsin campaign and vowed to fight on.

Their close 1-2 finish suggested a two-man race as the campaign moves toward a March 2 Super Tuesday showdown.

"We'll go full-throttle to the next group of states," said Edwards, given new life and momentum to take on Kerry in a shrinking field.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean appeared to finish a distant third – his 17th loss in a row – and headed home to Vermont to reassess



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**Democratic Presidential Candidate Sen. John Edwards meets with supporters. He finished closely behind front-runner Sen. John Kerry on Tuesday.**

his campaign.

The race turns next to a coast-to-coast series of contests on March 2, the single biggest day of voting when 1,151 delegates will be up for grabs in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Kerry rolled into Wisconsin as the undisputed front-runner for the nomination, having won with increasing ease in past weeks. He emerged still the front-runner, but no longer assured of an easy march to victory.

In his victory speech to supporters, Kerry told supporters in suburban Milwaukee that "together, we can change the direction of our country."

But first he must beat Edwards on March 2 – and then President Bush on Nov. 2.

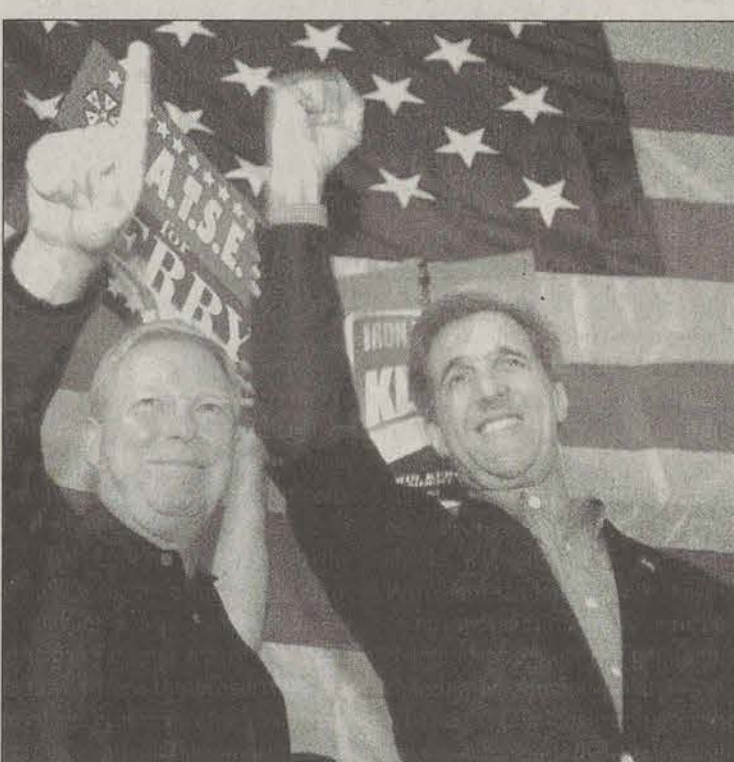
Edwards gained support in the final days of the Wisconsin campaign as a majority of the eventual primary voters tuned in and made up their minds.

About half the primary voters settled on a final choice in the last week, according to exit polls.

They appeared to break more for Edwards than Kerry in the final days, a period that included a Sunday night candidates' debate and an endorsement for Edwards from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, the state's largest and most influential newspaper.

A majority of Kerry voters, about 60 percent, made up their minds before Sunday. A solid majority of Edwards voters, 75 percent, made up their minds since Sunday.

At the same time, Wisconsin voters shuffled the deck of qualities they thought most important



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**Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, right, waves to supporters with U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-MO) during an event where Kerry received an endorsement from labor unions in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Tuesday.**

in picking a nominee.

While Democrats in earlier states consistently rated electability as their top priority, Wisconsin voters said jobs and the economy were their most pressing concern.

Edwards spent much of his Wisconsin campaign stressing his opposition to trade pacts that many Wisconsin voters blamed for lost jobs.

Edwards said Wisconsin voters sent a message that "they want a debate. They want this campaign to continue." He also joked that he was gaining on Kerry.

The open Wisconsin primary was also heavily influenced by

crossover votes, which broke for Edwards.

About 30 percent of the votes were cast by independents, and 10 percent were cast by registered Republicans, the highest percentage in any primary so far this year.

Edwards' strongest support came from the Republican-leaning suburbs of Milwaukee, according to exit polls.

At stake Tuesday were Wisconsin's 72 delegates. Kerry entered the day with 578 of the 2,162 delegates needed to secure the nomination. Dean had 188, Edwards 166 and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York had 16.

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Vote campaign, which is entering its 14th year. "The economy and, of course, 9-11 and war in Iraq have really engaged folks. This year they're pausing and looking at issues outside of their immediate realm."

Early signs are promising: Exit polls taken during the Iowa caucuses in mid-January showed voter turnout among those younger than 30 almost doubled to 17 percent, from 9 percent in 2000. The number of voters younger than 30 was higher than that of the 30- to 44-year-old crowd.

Even so, young voters aren't a sure bet.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was among the first of the 2004 field to use the Internet to reach college students and other young people. His Web site includes a separate section targeted at younger voters, called Generation Dean. But the early buzz on college campuses hasn't been enough to help him win a primary or caucus.

Other nonpartisan efforts are joining forces to reach out to young voters in 2004.

Producer Lear's initiative, "Declare Yourself," includes tours of 18 different college campuses. The group has also linked with Friendster, the popular Web networking site to launch "voter parties" featuring cast members from MTV's "The Real World."

"We're really trying to reach young people where they live, work and play using popular culture," said Declare Yourself spokeswoman Christy Salcido. "Research shows it's important to get them early."

World Wide Entertainment's effort – "Smackdown Your Vote" – includes voter registration drives at wrestling events. The drive will culminate at WrestleMania XX in New York next month.

Russell, who's mulling a run for city council in Mountain View, Calif., if she doesn't get into business school, said getting young people's attention can be difficult, but it can be done. The key is talking to them, she said, not at them.

As for Niakan, he's still engaged. His mission now is to get his younger brother, Navid, to register to vote.

"Maybe something will happen," he said. "It's all about having the conversation."

From professional wrestlers to spoken-word artists, many nonpartisan groups and celebrities have kicked off aggressive campaigns to reach out to young people this year. Here are some Web sites to learn more about their efforts: [www.smackdownyourvote.com](http://www.smackdownyourvote.com), [www.declareyourself.com](http://www.declareyourself.com), [www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com), [www.youthvote.org](http://www.youthvote.org) and [www.stateofthevote.org](http://www.stateofthevote.org).

**'We're really trying to reach young people where they live, work and play using popular culture,'**

—Christy Salcido

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authorizes the DMVS to regulate the rates charged by wrecker services for towing and storage of the vehicles.

According to the DMVS website, <http://www.dmv.ga.gov>, "It is illegal to perform automatic surveillance, or patrol surveillance and is strictly prohibited and punishable by a fine of \$1,000. The property owner or their agent must contact the wrecker service for each individual case of trespass."

Students should also know a wrecker service may charge up to \$50 if the trespassing vehicle has been hooked or loaded but has not been removed from the private property by the tow truck.

The property from which the vehicle was towed must have signs posted for at least 24 hours before any trespassing vehicles can be removed from the property. Signs must be posted at each designated entrance and each sign must contain the following information warning that unauthorized vehicles will be towed: the sign must show the wrecker service name, address, and telephone number, towing fees and daily storage fees, hours of operation, and method of payment.

According to the Department of

Motor Vehicles website all wreckers that engage in the practice of non-consensual towing will be fined \$2500; however, all towing companies are not under these regulations.

The Georgia State Patrol has a list of guidelines that towing companies they use must follow. Although the Georgia State Patrol does this for the safety of vehicles they tow, the guidelines help all citizens.

According to Corporal G.T. Jackson of the Georgia State Patrol, they require the towing company's vehicles to have six months of pre-paid insurance, they must maintain the lot the vehicles are stored in, and their drivers must have criminal background checks. Jackson said Georgia State Patrol also randomly checks towing companies' rates. They make sure they charge fair prices for towing and aren't charging "astronomical charges."

These regulations are only for the towing companies that the Georgia State Patrol uses, or the companies who register to be on the list of towing companies they call when towing is needed.

Georgia State Patrol and DMVS issue these regulations for towing companies, not only for students, but all Georgia residents.

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has increased academic scores and provided students with one-on-one attention." Tutors work at the Boys and Girls Club every day and spend anywhere from one to three hours with the children.

Angela Foster, an America Reads

tutor, said, "it is a good program and more people should get involved in it if they can."

For more information on the program contact Mary Woods at 486-7448 or go to the America Reads website at <http://www.ed.gov/initi/americareads>.

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there are no black plaintiffs in the suit. In a way, we've created color-coded fashion associating the urban look of flashy tennis shoes, puffy coats, baggy jeans and jerseys with blacks, and the suburban look of khaki pants, polo tops and Dr. Martens with whites.

And Abercrombie represents this image perfectly, further propagating stereotypes and hatred with its racist message. Does Abercrombie have an obligation to represent minorities on

their billboards and in their stores and catalogs? That's for the courts to decide.

But honestly, I cringe at the thought of Abercrombie & Fitch expanding its marketing of self-hate and racism to even more people.

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equivalent of two divisions – to the American military in order to meet our responsibilities elsewhere – especially in the urgent global war on terror. In my first 100 days as President, I will move to increase the size of our Armed Forces.

This is not an exit strategy. This is a call for a draft. Last November, the Selective Service put out a call on its website for people to serve on local draft boards. It looked like George Bush was thinking about the draft. The call was removed from the site as quickly as it went up. What is the difference between a Bush draft and a Kerry draft?

I had e-mailed Kerry in March of 2003, stating, "There are worse things than losing a presidential election. Unilaterally sending young men and women to launch a pre-emptive attack is one of them. Doing nothing to stop it is another." The Senator replied, in part,

"I voted last fall to authorize the use of force in Iraq because I believed then, as I believe now, that Saddam Hussein's development and possession of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) pose a threat to our country

and to his neighbors that must be confronted. Now that our country is engaged in war, it is incumbent upon all of us to support our troops in Iraq and to support President Bush as our Commander in Chief."

President Bush knows his Achilles heel is the illegitimate war on Iraq. He spent half his State of the Union and much of his time on "Meet the Press" (2/8/04) defending it.

And candidate Kerry can't go near him on that issue because he voted for the war, urged us all to rally behind our "Commander in Chief," and intends to maintain a military presence in Iraq.

Dennis Kucinich and over 100 other Congressmen and 20 Senators were not fooled by George Bush's lies. They voted against the war. Kucinich wants to end the American occupation of Iraq. He has an exit strategy.

I am nobody. But I can see which of the Democratic candidates could beat Bush. All he needs is the nomination.

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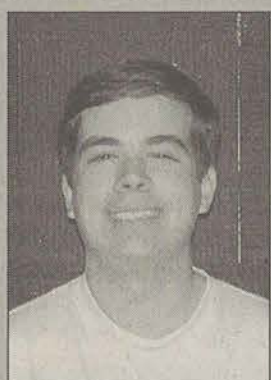
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**It's not as bad  
as it could be****ELI BOORSTEIN**  
sports editor

There have been some trying times lately for our storied Georgia Southern football program.

In the fall, the Eagles stumbled to a 7-4 overall record and missed the postseason for the first time in seven years. Though this an acceptable finish for many programs, in Statesboro, there are loftier standards.

All-American Eagle fullback Jermaine Austin was charged with driving under the influence.

Then, not long after, as a result of the underachieving season, head coach Mike Sewak announced on Jan. 14 that he was not retaining assistant coaches Rusty Russell and Levern Harbin for the 2004 season.

The powder keg reached its limit just this past weekend when former head coach Erk Russell, one of the men responsible for re-launching the dormant Georgia Southern football program in the early 1980s, announced that he was disassociating himself from the university.

Barbs have been thrown explaining Russell's departure: frustration from the release of his son, Rusty, to it just being time to move on. No matter the reason, frustrated boosters and alumni have called for changes, insinuating that Sewak or athletic director Sam Baker should be held accountable. Drastic changes have been called.

When looking at the apparent plight of Georgia Southern football, one should look about 1,600 miles to the west, to the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado, where the program is in the middle of much loftier infractions.

The Buffalo football program has been troubled with accusation after accusation lately. These charges are not as tame as under-performing seasons or fired assistants. The charges at Colorado include accusations of using sex to entice recruits into signing with the program and the alleged rape of one female walk-on player.

Three women have filed suit against the university in a federal court, alleging that they were raped by Colorado football recruits and players. Further investigations have revealed that a Colorado recruiting assistant placed cellular phone calls to an escort service.

All these revelations have led Colorado governor Bill Owens to launch a full investigation into the university's transgressions. Owens' call for action came before the most recent, and startling, accusation.

Kicker Katie Hnida, who walked on to the Buffalo football team in 1999, said in a "Sports Illustrated" article that various teammates would expose themselves, rub their genitals against her during huddles and yell vulgarities at her.

However, the ultimate charge came at the home of a teammate, where Hnida accuses the teammate of kissing, groping, and then penetrating her. Hnida, who weighed over 100 pounds less than her assailant, was unable to escape until the phone rang.

Feeling embarrassed and ashamed, Hnida never came forward with the alleged rape, and ultimately left Colorado for New Mexico, where she became the first woman to score in a Division I-A football game, when she kicked an extra point.

When looking at a troubled program, we should not be peering at Georgia Southern. At Colorado, they are fighting much more serious problems that here in Statesboro.

People get fired, no matter if it's the waterboy or a son of a legendary coach, like with Erk and Rusty Russell.

When the trouble involves a case as serious as rape, that's where the attention is needed.

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# Paladin pressure dooms Georgia Southern in loss

By Eli Boorstein  
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Troubles continue to plague the Lady Eagle basketball team in a season that has been a far cry from last year's conference runners-up.

Most recently, Georgia Southern could not find an answer for the Furman press as the Paladins cruised to a 65-46 win at Hanner Fieldhouse Monday evening.

After their fifth loss in six games, the Lady Eagles fall to an overall record of 11-13, and 7-11 in conference play. They are sitting in eighth place in the Southern Conference with just three games remaining.

Most prevalent among Georgia Southern's perils is ball-handling, as they committed 29 turnovers Monday, one shy of a season-high. The Lady Eagles had 17 turnovers alone by halftime.

Inconsistent shooting has also been a problem as Georgia Southern shot just 29.8 percent, remaining winless when shooting less than 40 percent.

"The guard play is keeping us behind," said head coach Rusty Cram. "We played right into their hands."

The Lady Eagles showed promise early on, scoring the first five points of the game on their way to an early 10-8 edge at the 12:59 mark. However, a Lauren Few three-pointer just a mere nine seconds later put the Paladins ahead, a lead they would not relinquish

**"We broke down. I'm just mystified by it."**  
— Head coach Rusty Cram

for the rest of the contest.

Furman would twice extend their lead to 10 points before their gap over the Lady Eagles settled at 29-23 entering halftime.

The second half saw Georgia Southern continue their rally from the end of the first half, as a pair of Jessica Everett free throws nine seconds into the half cut Furman's lead to just four. But, from there, the Lady Eagles went ice-cold while the Paladins took advantage of their opponent's misfortunes.

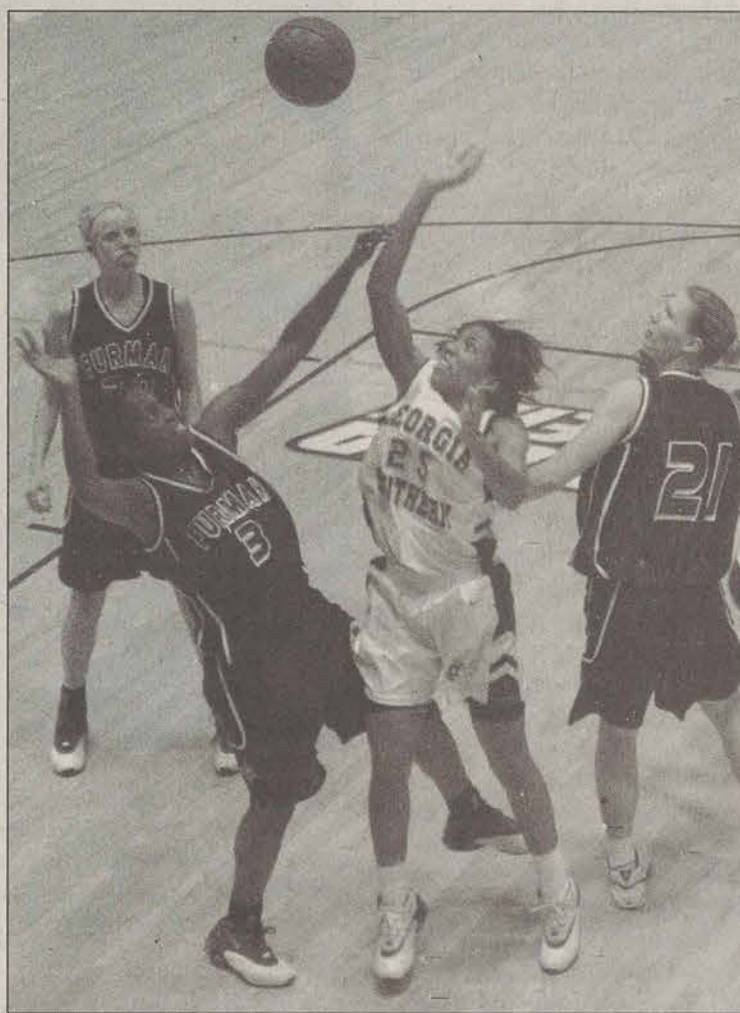
Over a nearly six-minute span, Furman notched 18 unanswered points to build their lead to 47-25. Over that same span, Georgia Southern missed five field goals and three free throws.

"We broke down," said Cram. "I'm just mystified by it."

With the Paladins ahead 53-30, and 9:05 left in the game, the Lady Eagles made one final rally over the next five-plus minutes, going on a 14-4 run to cut their deficit to 13.

That was as close as the home team would get before seeing the Paladins score eight of the next ten before the final buzzer sounded.

Everett was one of the few bright spots in the otherwise forgettable game, as the senior



Jessica Langley/STAFF

scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, both team-highs. The Folkston native also shot a perfect 9-for-9 from the free-throw line.

Kim Lawrence led Furman (16-8, 13-4 SoCon) with 14 points

while Tommi Paris added 12.

Georgia Southern will have a good chance at improving in the near future with a home match-up against lowly Savannah State on Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

## Hart adds five new players in first recruiting class

By Chuck Thomas  
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Next fall, the Georgia Southern Women's Soccer team is looking to improve on their 5-14-1 record from last year, and they have acquired five new prospects to help them achieve their goals.

With last year's roster cut in half, first-year head coach Ashley Hart signed goalkeeper Laura Harris, forwards Becky Patterson and Jenni Boykin, and defenders Colleen Deignan and Shea Hickey.

Hailing from Jonesboro, Ga., Harris had an impressive run as keeper for the Jonesboro High team, with 261 saves over her career. Her achievements also include being named to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State team in both 2001 and 2002. Patterson comes from Leon High School in Tallahassee, Fla. She also spent three years in prep school at Florida State University School. A

**Hart**

leading scorer at FSUS, she was also named the team's Offensive Player of the Year all three seasons.

Both Boykin and Deignan come from St. Thomas Aquinas High in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They were also teammates on Team Boca, a club soccer team which placed second in the Florida state tournament last season. Boykin was named Aquinas High's MVP last season, and Deignan earned four varsity letters over her high school career. The pair also helped lead Team Boca to a win over the Irish Women's National team last summer.

Hickey comes to GSU from Stanton College Preparatory High, where she was a starter all four years in her career there; she also was on the Jacksonville Fun club team for three seasons.

"I am very excited about our recruiting class so far," Hart was quoted as saying. "All five of our signees have played at not only very good high school programs, but on top club teams."

Eight letter-winners, which include six starters from last season, return to help flesh out the roster that awaits to start a new season next fall.

## Cubs hold out hope on bringing Maddux back to the Windy City

Yankees reportedly showing interest as well

Associated Press

CHICAGO — With only three days until pitchers and catchers report to spring training, the Chicago Cubs still hope to sign Greg Maddux.

Cubs general manager Jim Hendry spoke with Maddux's agent, Scott Boras, on Saturday, and it's possible Hendry increased Chicago's offer. The Cubs offered Maddux a two-year deal Jan. 13 worth between \$10 million and \$12 million.

The Cubs haven't given Maddux a deadline, but he's expected to make a decision this week. The Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals also have expressed interest in the four-time National League Cy Young winner.

Maddux began his career in Chicago, and the Cubs hope he'll want to end it there, too. He likes pitching at Wrigley Field, and his addition to a rotation that already has Kerry Wood,



Mark Prior and Carlos Zambrano could make the Cubs the favorites in the NL Central.

Maddux, who turns 38 in April, is second among active pitchers with 289 wins, 21 behind Roger Clemens. He's 289-163 with a 2.89 ERA in his 18-year career, and has won 15 or more games in a record 16 straight seasons.

He has pitched in nine division series, eight league championship series and three World Series.

## Selig approves blockbuster to send Rodriguez to Yankees

Rangers to pay off contract until 2025

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's official: Alex Rodriguez is a New York Yankee after major league commissioner Bud Selig approved the record-setting deal on Monday, allowing the reigning American League MVP to be traded by the Texas Rangers.

Texas will pay \$67 million of the \$179 million left on Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract, the most cash included in a trade in major league history. The Rangers get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named, but they also will pay Rodriguez through 2025.

"I am very concerned about the large amount of cash consideration involved in the transaction, and the length of time over which the cash is being paid," Selig said.

"I want to make it abundantly clear to all clubs that I will not allow cash transfers of this magnitude to become the norm. However, given the unique circumstances, including the size, length and complexity of Mr. Rodriguez's contract and the quality of the talent moving in both directions, I have decided to approve the transaction."

Rodriguez will move from shortstop, a position at which he's been a seven-time All-Star, to third base, where he will replace injured Aaron Boone. The Yankees will keep captain Derek Jeter at shortstop.

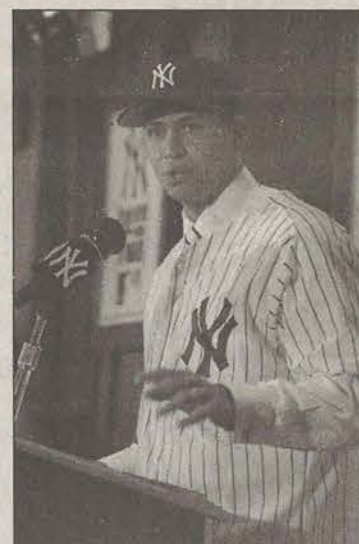
"I don't think he ever thought about playing another position until the concept came up," Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, said Sunday. "He decided it didn't make a difference — shortstop, third base, center field. He wanted the opportunity to play on a competitive team."

The Rangers will wind up paying \$140 million for three seasons with Rodriguez, an average of \$46.7 million annually for three last-place finishes in the AL West. The Yankees will owe him \$112 million over seven years.

The major league's biggest spenders will raise their annual payroll to about \$190 million.

"The disparity is not healthy for the sport," Arizona Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said Sunday. "But everyone runs their team the way they see fit, and they did it by the rules."

Under the deal, the Yankees will pay Rodriguez \$15 million in each of the next three seasons, \$16 million each in 2007 and 2008, \$17 million in 2009 and \$18 million in 2010, according to contract information obtained by the AP from player and management sources.



KRT Campus

Alex Rodriguez, the latest acquisition in the Yankees' winter-long shopping spree, speaks to the media on Tuesday.

In each of the first four years, \$1 million would be deferred without interest, to be paid in 2011.

The trade calls for Texas to pay \$43 million of Rodriguez's salary over the remaining seven years: \$3 million in 2004, \$6 million each in 2005, 2006 and 2010, \$7 million apiece in 2007 and 2009 and \$8 million in 2008. In addition, the Rangers will pay the \$24 million remaining in deferred money from the original contract, with the interest rate lowered from 3 percent to 1.75 percent.

All the deferred money owed by Texas — \$36 million, including salaries from 2001-03 — will be converted to an assignment bonus, which makes the money guaranteed against a strike or lockout. The payout schedule will be pushed back to 2016-25 from 2011-20.

In exchange for the alterations, which devalue the present-day value of the contract by \$5 million, Rodriguez will receive a hotel suite on road trips, have the right to link his Web site to the Yankees' site and get a guarantee that the deferred money won't be wiped out by a work stoppage.

Boras said that as part of the deal, the Rangers will buy Rodriguez's home in Texas and his luxury suites at The Ballpark in Arlington and American Airlines Center.

While the Rangers appointed Rodriguez team captain on Jan. 25, Boras said that once Texas decided to go with younger players, it became apparent a change was needed.

"Because of the change in direction in payroll in Texas, we didn't think Alex was the fit there he was before," he said. "This trade was a situation that would benefit everybody."

### NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE



**Savannah State at Georgia Southern**

Saturday • 5:15 p.m. • Hanner Fieldhouse

### RECORDS

Savannah State (6-18, Independent)  
Georgia Southern (11-13, 7-11 SoCon)

### LAST MEETING

The two teams last met on Jan. 22, when Georgia Southern won 57-43 in Savannah. The Lady Eagles, who shot 64.7 percent in the deciding second half, was led by Jessica Everett's 18 points and seven rebounds, while Kellie Tiller added 12 points.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

#### FURMAN (65)

Lawrence 6-10 2-2 14, Roach 1-2 1-2 3, Wake 2-4 2-3 6, Paris 3-8 5-7 12, Shealey 1-11 5-8 8, Strickland 1-4 0-0 2, Harris 1-6 2-2 5, Nadalin 3-8 3-4 9, Few 1-4 0-0 3, Gant 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 20-60 20-28 65.

#### GEORGIA SOUTHERN (46)

Early 2-6 0-4 4, Everett 5-9 9-9 19, DuBose 3-9 1-3 9, Newton 1-4 2-4 4, Tiller 2-10 0-5, Pijeaux 0-0-0-0, Wells 0-1 0-0 0, McCorkle 0-3 1-2 1, Krellner 0-2 0-0 0, Benemon 1-2 2-4 4, Jessie 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 14-47 15-26 46.

Halftime—Furman 29, GSU 23. Three-point goals—Furman 5-12 (Lawrence 0-1, Paris 1-1, Shealey 1-3, Harris 1-4, Few 1-1, Gant 1-2), GSU 3-13 (DuBose 2-5, Tiller 1-5, Wells 0-1, Krellner 0-2). Rebounds—Furman 40 (Nadalin 7), GSU 42 (Everett 11). Assists—Furman 14 (Paris 5), GSU 10 (Tiller 3). Total Fouls—Wofford 23, GSU 20. Fouled Out—None. Technicals—None. A-470

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
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Chattanooga	15	0	1.00	20	2	.909
Furman	11	4	.733	14	8	.636
ETSU	11	5	.688	11	11	.500
Davidson	10	6	.625	13	10	.565
Elon	9	6	.600	13	9	.591
UNCG	8	7	.533	8	14	.364
W. Carolina	6	8	.429	7	14	.333
Ga. Southern	6	10	.375	10	12	.455
App State	4	10	.286	5	16	.238
Charleston	3	13	.188	5	18	.217
Wofford	0	14	.000	0	21	.000

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPORTS CALENDAR

#### Wednesday

Baseball vs. Georgia State  
4:30 p.m., J.I. Clements Stadium

Men's Basketball at  
College of Charleston, 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Swimming & Diving  
at NEC Championship, All Day  
(runs through Sunday)

Softball - GSU Invitational  
TBA, Eagle Field  
(runs through Sunday)

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Charleston Southern, Mercer

#### Saturday

Indoor Track & Field at  
South Carolina Invitational

Baseball vs. Georgia  
1:30 p.m., J.I. Clements Stadium

Women's Basketball vs.  
Savannah State  
5:15 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs.  
UNC Greensboro  
7:30 p.m., Hanner Fieldhouse

#### Sunday

Baseball vs. Georgia  
1:30 p.m., J.I. Clements Stadium



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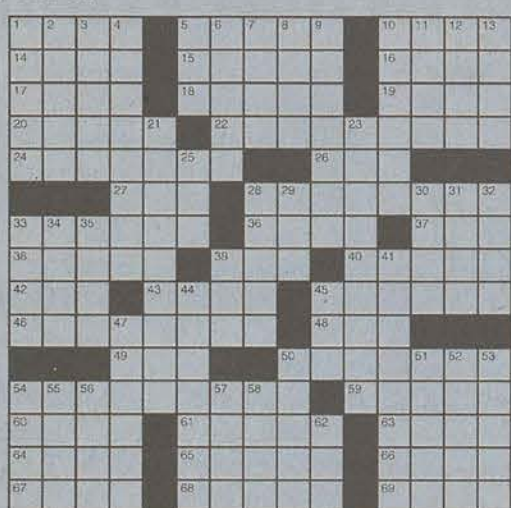


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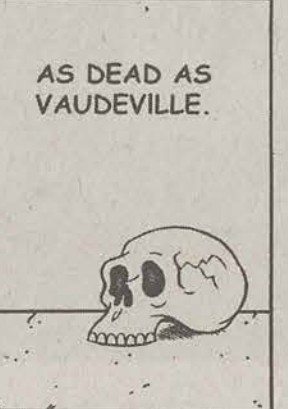
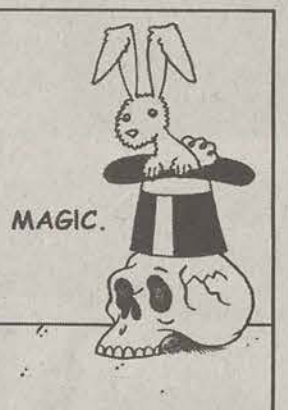
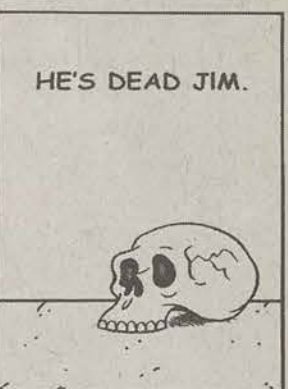
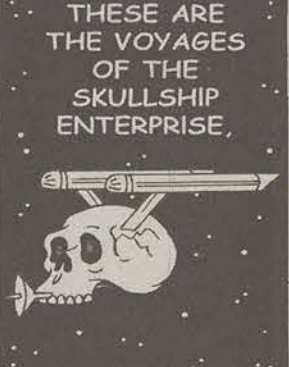
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# Judge declines to stop same-sex weddings in San Francisco



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**Top:** In San Francisco's city hall, Assemblyman Mark Leno, right, performs a marriage ceremony for Molly McKay, left, and Davina Kotulski on Thursday, February 12, 2004. San Francisco became the first city in the nation to perform same sex marriage ceremonies.

**Bottom:** Hundreds of same sex couples waited in line for hours to apply for their marriage licenses and to say their vows at San Francisco City Hall on Monday, February 16, 2004

By Tracey Kaplan, Mary Anne Ostrom and Thaa Walker  
KRT Campus

Despite a judge's warning that San Francisco appears to be breaking the law, he refused Tuesday to order an immediate halt to same-sex weddings, and Mayor Gavin Newsom vowed to keep issuing marriage licenses to gay couples until the courts explicitly order the city to stop.

Superior Court Judge James L. Warren said the city appears to be on thin legal ice with a near non-stop procession of gay marriages that began Thursday. In all, 2,636 same-sex couples have tied the knot in a public spectacle that has garnered worldwide media as far away as Korea.

The practice also brought a rebuke Tuesday from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who said he supported domestic partnerships, but charged the city was violating the will of the voters, who approved Proposition 22 four years ago defining marriage in the state as a union between men and women only. He urged the courts to act quickly to resolve the matter.

Warren, grandson of former U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren, did eventually order the city to cease and desist, but made the order non-binding, a distinction the city took to mean: Full steam ahead.

City lawyers are due back in court March 29 to explain their legal position.

"The path we're on is inevitable," Newsom said. "We are going to march down that path until they force us to stop. I am more resolved than ever."

Resolved Mat Staver, an attorney for the Campaign for California Families, which opposes gay marriage: "We're going to take it up to the appellate court to get it out of this circus atmosphere."

Fearing the courts would halt the marriages; many same-sex couples arrived at City Hall before dawn Tuesday. Despite the drizzle, couples from as far away as Alaska, South Carolina and Belgium stood in a queue they dubbed the "line of hope" that stretched around the building's ornate main rotunda.

Periodically, the crowd burst into song to keep up its spirits, most frequently into the romantic ditty "What the World Needs Now is Love (Sweet Love)." At one point, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus showed up to cheer up the crowd, singing "Going to the Chapel."

Late in the afternoon, when city officials vowed to keep issuing same-sex licenses, advocates roared their approval.

The ruling by Warren, coupled with another procedural court decision earlier Tuesday in favor of the city, frustrated conservatives and overjoyed same-sex couples who were turned away by city officials Tuesday but now have another chance to tie the knot Wednesday. The city has married couples from more than six foreign countries and 20 states since Thursday.

Opponents vowed Tuesday to ask a San Francisco appeals court to intervene and shut down the marriage spree. But the explosive question of whether gay marriage is legal in California despite Proposition 22 is expected to be resolved ultimately only by the California Supreme Court.

Tuesday's much anticipated court hearings were the first legal test of Newsom's unprecedented decision to move forward on the issue without a state mandate. Newsom said he believes discrimination against gay marriage is prohibited under the equal-protection clause of the California Constitution.

Opponents of gay marriage, including the Campaign

for California Families and the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the marriages are illegal because only the state has power over marriage. They also argue that the city is violating Proposition 22, which prevents California from recognizing marriages of same-sex couples performed outside the state.

That proposition clearly defined marriage as a union between a man and a woman. But gay-rights advocates say it changed only a section of the state's family code that applies to recognition of gay marriages in other states, not to California's definition of marriage.

In a separate court action on the issue Tuesday, another San Francisco judge also refused to stop the city from issuing same-sex marriage licenses for procedural reasons. Superior Court Judge Ronald Quidachay postponed a hearing on the merits until Friday, saying opponents had failed to give the city the full 25-hour notice it was entitled to under the law. Attorneys for the Campaign for California Families said they gave the city 24 hours and 45 minutes notice, just 15 minutes less than legally required.

At one point in the hearing before Warren, the fate of gay marriage appeared to turn on a single misplaced semicolon in legal papers filed by opponents.

"It would seem that the judges have used the most inconsequential procedural issues to refuse to address the underlying merits of the case," said Douglas W. Kmiec, former assistant attorney general and senior policy fellow at Pepperdine University. "This is a disservice to the city and to the people relying on the license, and to the much larger community that has a stake in the definition of marriage."

The most intense court debate Tuesday centered on whom would be harmed if the city continued issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

Attorney Robert Tyler warned Judge Warren that there would be "a wave of litigation" as employers, family law specialists, bankers and insurance companies struggle with defining who would be eligible for benefits under a San Francisco-issued same-sex marriage license.

He also said the city was overturning a definition of marriage "as old as the Book of Genesis."

"What are we teaching our children? What kind of example are we setting?" Chief Deputy City Attorney Therese Stewart later shot back that Tyler only represented "one organization with a particular agenda, political. The only (damage) he can claim is a psychic one."

Stewart, whose lesbian partner of 12 years sat in the courtroom, argued the case went to the core of discriminatory behavior against gays and lesbians: the refusal to grant them benefits equal those of married couples.

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