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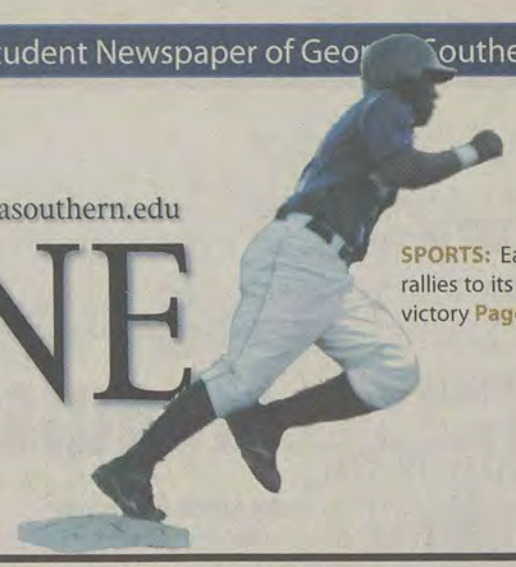

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Thief steals poop from woman walking dog

SAN DIEGO - The hunt is on for a turd burglar. Police in San Diego are searching for a gunman who swiped a bag of poop from a woman out walking her dog.

The woman told police that she was out walking her dog, Misty, on Monday night when a man in his 20s ran up behind her and grabbed the bag she was holding.

When the gunman discovered what was in it, he threw it down in disgust, pointed his gun at the 32-year-old woman and demanded money, San Diego police detective Gary Hassen said.

He then aimed his .22-caliber semiautomatic at Misty and pulled the trigger twice but the gun didn't fire, Hassen said.

The robber ran to a waiting small, silver car and fled the scene, police said.

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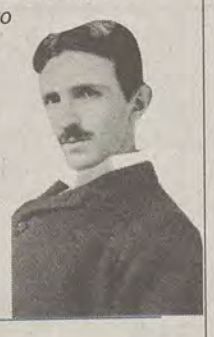
Quote of the Day

"The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane."

– Nikola Tesla



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New bookstore comes to Statesboro

By Jennifer Maddox
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Beginning this fall, Statesboro will have three bookstores in town.

Gray's College Bookstore (which now serves schools such as UNC – Charlotte and the University of South Florida) is currently under construction on Chandler Road, and is scheduled to be completed in time for textbook buyback this semester.

Their grand opening will be in August during the first week of classes.

When it opens, Gray's will be competing with the two other bookstores in Statesboro, which are the University Store — which is located on campus, and University Books of Statesboro — located on Chandler Road right next door to the Gray's College Bookstore construction site.

While the opening of Gray's may bring more competition into the market, neither the University Store nor University Books feel that it would be a danger to them. In fact, both businesses see this as an incentive to work even harder in order to set the standard for customer service.

The University Store has always been a business that focuses on valuing their customers and understands that some competition is inevitable.

Director of Auxiliary Services Wendell Hagins spoke for the University Store, saying "We would like to get all of the students to shop here, but it can't happen. We have worked really hard to do a lot for the students and we are up to the challenge to step up if necessary. We will try to work harder to be better at what we do."

University Books, a privately owned bookstore, has had to compete with the University Store for

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Dallas Oliver/STAFF

Grayson's College Bookstore, currently under construction on Chandler Road, is projected to open in the fall. This will be the third textbook store in Statesboro for GSU students.

First lady in war zone:
Laura Bush shows support for freed Afghani women

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Under heavy protection in this dusty, dangerous capital, Laura Bush on Wednesday talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and urged greater rights. She expressed high hopes, envisioning a day when tourists would flock here for vacations.

There were reminders of war at every turn of Mrs. Bush's visit. U.S. soldiers in camouflage fatigues manned M-60 rifles at both ends of four transport helicopters that flew the first lady and her entourage to events around Kabul. Apache attack helicopters that shadowed the aircraft provided further protection.

"I knew we'd be safe," Mrs. Bush said aboard her plane shortly after it left to return to Washington. "Afghanistan is safe. There are certainly parts of it that aren't right now. But, in general, I think it is a very safe place to travel."

Still, Mrs. Bush kept her stay brief. She spent just six hours on the ground after flying nearly halfway around the world to get here. The trip was kept secret until the morning she left Washington.

Mrs. Bush met with women who are training to be teachers and gave presents to Afghan children on the street. She thanked U.S. troops for bringing down rulers who kept girls from school.

U.S. commanders have said they may cut their 17,000-strong force this year if a Taliban insurgency wanes. But they say the Afghan government remains vulnerable and some kind of U.S. presence will be needed for years. Security guards flanked President Hamid Karzai everywhere he walked within the presidential palace compound.

"He really wants our troops to stay here," Mrs. Bush said about her talk with Karzai. "He thinks it's very important for their stability."

Karzai said Mrs. Bush's visit "matters much more than hundreds of millions of dollars. Much more." Yet the fragile democracy is heavily dependent on international aid, and Mrs. Bush said she was asked for help to pay for scholarships, computers and books.

At a mess hall at Bagram Air Base where Mrs. Bush dined with troops, Lt. Gen. David Barno said, "If you are in Afghanistan, you really wanted to come here – or you came on orders." That elicited laughter from soldiers, many of whom undoubtedly would rather be at home.

The base, surrounded by the snowcapped Hindu Kush mountains outside Kabul, was the first and last stop

"I think Afghanistan really is a very beautiful place," Mrs. Bush said. "I think eventually at some point – and I hope to see this – Afghanistan will become a wonderful place for tourists to come to because it is so exotic and because of its very, very fascinating history."

The rest of her visit focused on the future of Afghan women. Mrs. Bush talked of the women who ignored threats of violence and strode to the polls last October to vote in the presidential election and how millions of young girls, who were banned from school by the Taliban, are enrolled for the first time.

Just four years ago, Taliban rulers were forcing them to veil themselves from head to

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Charles Dharapak/ AP Photo

First Lady Laura Bush, center, stands with Afghan school girls who welcomed her upon her arrival at the women's teacher training institute at Kabul University in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday.

Courtroom guard was off work day of Atlanta shootings

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press

ATLANTA - A sheriff's lieutenant who assigned himself as additional security for a rape trial was off from work the day the defendant overpowered a deputy and began a deadly shooting rampage, authorities said Wednesday.

The replacement for Lt. Gary Reid wasn't in the courtroom at the time of the shootings because suspect Brian Nichols' trial hadn't resumed yet and the judge was attending to unrelated civil proceedings, said sheriff's spokeswoman Sgt. Nikita Hightower.

"What would have happened if Reid was there? I've often replayed that. Reid is a strapping man. Sharp. Big," said Michael Cooke, chief deputy of the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, which is responsible for security at the downtown Atlanta courthouse.

The shootings occurred two days after shanks were found in Nichols' shoes, officials said. No armed deputies were in the courtroom when Judge Rowland Barnes and his court reporter were shot.

In an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press, Cooke and Sheriff Myron Freeman said that after the shanks were found March 9, Reid, the security supervisor for Barnes' courtroom, decided for the remainder of Nichols' rape trial to station himself in the courtroom. Cooke and Freeman said Reid normally is in an office next door to the room.

Reid planned to be in the courtroom any time the judge and his personnel were there, and he did so the day after the shanks were found. However, he was not there the next day. Hightower said Reid was on an excused absence.

Cooke and Freeman said the issue of court officers in the courtroom is one of the many questions his department's investigators are asking as part of a preliminary report on the shootings, expected to be released next week.

"Once we get that report, that will tell us and fill in the gaps and find out exactly who did what, when and where," Freeman said during the interview in his courthouse office.

Asked to speak with Reid, Hightower said the lieutenant was not available for comment Wednesday. Cooke said Reid has been interviewed by investigators.

Asked about criticism of his department in the wake of the rampage, Freeman said he was not prepared to concede that mistakes were made.

John Amis/AP Photo

Fulton County Sheriff Myron Freeman, right, stand his office at the Fulton County Courthouse in Atlanta on Wednesday. A sheriff's lieutenant who assigned himself to be in the courtroom where a rape defendant is accused of starting a deadly rampage was not there the day of the shootings.

"Yes, something happened on that day because we lost four people, one was seriously injured," Freeman said. "Yes, we're improving, and yes, we're going to continue to improve to make sure this doesn't happen again."

"My overview will tell me more about that. I don't know to the extent to say there were mistakes," Freeman continued.

Prosecutors have said they and the judge requested extra security for the rape trial after the shanks were found on Nichols. Freeman has said publicly that the extra security was provided.

Wednesday, however, Cooke said that "no official request was made requesting additional security in the courtroom." He did not elaborate.

Freeman said that what he had meant in earlier statements was that anytime a judge's request for extra security came to his attention, he provided it. A spokesman for the district attorney's office had no immediate comment Wednesday.

Freeman and his department have been dogged with questions since the unshackled Nichols allegedly overpowered a lone female deputy who was guarding him, stole her gun and killed Barnes and his court reporter. Outside the courthouse, Nichols

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OUR OPINION

Censorship is for lower minds

College is a place for free thinking and exploration of all ideas.

We don't doubt that most professors get that idea. However, we are disturbed to hear that professors here, and at our sister school to the north, The University of Georgia, are censoring art.

At GSU, the act was minor we must admit. A student dropped the "f-word" in a class assignment, which was displayed in a hallway. While the work itself still contained references to the word in its entirety, the professor chose to clean the title up with asterisks.

It's minor, but that's often how it starts. A professor changes a word. A paragraph is deleted. And then eventually we become so numb to the process of censoring that we forget altogether that it's a bad thing. That's when books are burned and great thinkers flee to lands where they can truly express themselves.

At UGA, though, the problem was more severe. There, university officials removed a racial slur from artwork commissioned to tell the story of racial oppression.

While a slur is just that, we think it's a part of the history. In Georgia we certainly can't claim to have clear past when it comes to the oppression of blacks. And while it's unfortunate, we shouldn't altogether forget that part of our heritage. The word, no matter if it offended, should have stayed as a reminder of the atrocities of the past.

At GSU, though, the "f-word" isn't something we want on the front page of the paper or the letterhead of our president, but it is something that we feel can and should be allowed to be expressed in artistic endeavors. Professors are free to express themselves in the ways that they feel are necessary, and students should have that same right.

Moguls vs. millions of file swappers

By Linda P. Campbell
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MGM vs. Grokster isn't a monster movie but a monster of a legal fight with rhetoric invoking political freedom and the Framers' intent, technological creativity and dissemination of ideas.

But make no mistake: This case is about money.

Who's making it, who's not making enough of it and who should be making more of it.

When best-selling musical performers can sell 500,000, 800,000, a million CDs in a few days – even at $15 a pop – there are multi-bucks at stake.

When "The Ring Two," an inferior sequel to a peculiarly intriguing horror flick, can take in $36 million in its first weekend, there are fortunes at stake.

When low-budget indie film "Napoleon Dynamite" can make $44 million in DVD release in just a week, well, you get the picture.

Arguments before the Supreme Court on Tuesday will focus on application of the Betamax rule, secondary liability for copyright infringement and possibly the intricacies of peer-to-peer file-sharing technology.

But it boils down to this: Will companies that facilitate free downloading of copyrighted movies, music, sports highlights, books, photos and other materials over the Internet be able to continue distributing their software – or will free-riders in cyberspace and their enablers finally have to pay up?

It's notable that the legal precedent at issue, the 1984 Supreme Court ruling in Sony Corp. of America vs. Universal City Studios, also known as the Betamax case, represents a telling example of the entertainment industry proving wildly incorrect in its doomsday predictions about the impact of technical innovation on artists, film studios, movie theaters and other copyright holders.

Video recorders didn't doom cinema, after all.

Still, the entertainment behemoths insist that they're losing multi-hundreds of millions of dollars because Internet users illegally share their products for free online. The studios, record companies and songwriters want Grokster and StreamCast Networks, companies that make the exchanges possible, to be stopped.

In the Betamax case, the Supreme Court said the maker of a product that can be used to copy copyrighted material without paying for it can't be held liable for wrongdoing if the product is capable of substantial legal uses.

The studios and record companies claim that the companies insidiously promote a lawless culture in cyberspace and "inflict massive and irreparable harm because of the viral distribution they make possible."

Grokster and StreamCast say their software provides economic benefits for creators and consumers and enhances political freedom: "It is harder to suppress a book if 50 million homes, not only central libraries, have copies."

The collection of friend-of-the-court briefs – 23 supporting the entertainment industry, 25 siding with the software firms, seven for neither side – includes law professors and economists.

Intel Corp., AT&T, SBC and Verizon support the companies; the Bush administration, state attorneys general and professional baseball, football and basketball take the flip side.

And don't miss the most-curious interest group alignment.

Would an entertainment industry win stifle innovation, as the American Conservative Union and National Taxpayers Union argue – or would it protect personal property rights, as Americans for Tax Reform says?

> **There's something about circumventing the inflated CD prices and inflated movie ticket prices and inflated rental fees we chumps pay that just looks like stealing. Will the justices know it when they see it?**

Does unfettered file-sharing threaten to "spawn a proliferation of anonymous, decentralized, unfiltered and untraceable peer-to-peer networks that facilitate crimes against children" through child pornography and predatory behavior, as argued by an alliance of groups including the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Fraternal Order of Police?

Or is cracking down on Grokster and StreamCast "akin to enjoining Johann Gutenberg because of some unauthorized reproductions of the Bible," as claimed by the Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund?

There's something about circumventing the inflated CD prices and inflated movie ticket prices and inflated rental fees we chumps pay that just looks like stealing. Will the justices know it when they see it?

Still, the ongoing debate over online downloading already has stimulated market changes and invention. When the recording industry used the courts to shut down the P2P service Napster several years ago, fee-based operations sprang up, purchasing licenses to distribute copyrighted works, then charging users for access.

The Financial Times reported just this week that "international digital music sales grew sharply last year as consumers embraced legal downloading of tracks, and the number of legitimate music sites grew fourfold."

Maybe supply-and-demand always will outsmart the movie and music moguls.

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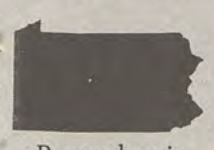
Only in America

Former police chief tries to eat evidence

IMPERIAL — A former police chief accused of stealing tried to eat a piece of evidence, a receipt, during a court hearing, authorities said.

Darryl Briston scuffled with a state trooper during a preliminary hearing Thursday and elbowed the officer when he tried to stop Briston from eating the receipt, police said.



Pennsylvania

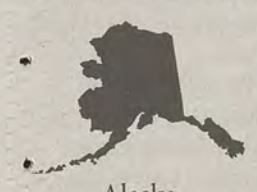
Briston was later charged with aggravated assault and tampering with evidence. Briston claims he didn't try to eat the receipt.

He told KDKA-TV after posting bond Friday that the trooper was trying to take his evidence and when he resisted, the trooper scuffled with him.

Boy, 7, drives truck onto highway

ENTERPRISE — A 7-year-old who apparently wanted to play with friends couldn't wait.

He drove off in his father's truck, eventually running it into a ditch before police officers managed to coax him out of the vehicle.



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The boy was driving the big, dual-wheel truck erratically along Highway 27 when other drivers called police Thursday morning, saying they couldn't see anyone behind the wheel.

The boy apparently got the keys while his father, who was not identified, was sleeping, and he was trying to drive to an Enterprise day care center, police said.

Capt. Mike Lolley said the boy was near a convenience store when the vehicle swerved into a ditch.

The boy rolled up the windows and locked the doors as police approached.

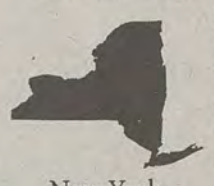
Officers coaxed him out by telling the child they would take him to play with his friends, then took him to the police station.

Two charged for tattooing boy's face

NORWICH — A man and a teenager have been charged with forcibly tattooing an obscenity on the forehead of a 17-year-old boy, police said Monday.

Officer Craig Berry declined to describe the tattoo, except to say it was a phrase.

Kenneth D. Peer, 23, and a 17-year-old boy were charged with assault and unlawful imprisonment.



New York

The two were in jail in lieu of $25,000 bail. A court hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

The victim — whose name also was withheld by police — walked into the police station Friday to file a complaint against his attackers. The victim told officers he had been held down by a man and another teen at a Norwich residence while they forcibly tattooed the vulgarity.

Police said the three men knew each other, but officials have not established a motive for the attack, Berry said.

Berry said the attackers used a homemade tattooing instrument. Berry said it was likely the victim would require plastic surgery or a laser process to remove the ink.

National News Briefs

Former Boy Scout official pleads guilty to child porn charge

FORT WORTH, Tex. — A former high-ranking Boy Scouts of America official who ran a task force that worked to protect children from sexual abuse pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal child pornography charge.

Douglas Sovereign Smith Jr., 61, was accused of receiving images over the Internet of children engaging in sex acts.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of possession and distribution of child pornography.

Smith, who lives in Colleyville, near Fort Worth, faces five to 20 years in prison without parole and up to a $250,000 fine. He remains free until sentencing July 12.

Smith, who worked for the Boy Scouts for 39 years, was a national program director and led the Youth Protection Task Force that worked to shield youth from sexual abuse. But he did not work directly with children, Boy Scouts officials said.

He was put on leave last month, immediately after the organization learned of the allegations, and then chose to retire.

Law enforcement officials indicated that the pictures did not show boys who were with the Boy Scouts organization, Shields said.

Authorities found 520 images of child pornography, including video clips, on Smith's home computer but none on his work computer. There was no evidence Smith had inappropriate contact with children.

Smith's indictment was a result of an investigation launched last year by Operation Kinderschutz, a joint program started in 1997 by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and German authorities that investigates child pornography distributed over the Internet.

Authorities said they found e-mails containing child porn from Smith sent to a German man.

Associated Press

Former Boy Scouts of America high-ranking official Douglas Sovereign Smith, Jr., left, makes a statement to the media Wednesday.

U.S. holds 10,500 prisoners in Iraq

WASHINGTON — The United States is holding about 10,500 prisoners in Iraq, more than double the number held in October, the military says.

About 100 of those prisoners are under age 18, said Army Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill, a spokesman for detention operations in Iraq.

Teenager arrested in string of bomb threats

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A 16-year-old boy has been arrested in a string of bomb threats over the past week that have disrupted life across this city, leading to evacuations at the airport, government buildings and office towers.

Tony Wayne Moore was arrested at his home Tuesday night and charged with 20 felony counts of making false reports. He remained jailed on $250,000 bond.

The threats started last Thursday with calls to the Piedmont Triad International Airport and Jefferson-Pilot Corp.'s downtown office, forcing the evacuation of 1,100 employees.

The airport received threats every day between Thursday and Sunday, causing two evacuations and disrupting holiday travel. Other targets included a hospital, library, courthouse, newspaper office and minor-league baseball stadium.

All told, police said, more than 50 telephone threats were made against businesses and government buildings between Thursday and the time of Moore's arrest.

Police found no explosives in any of their searches.

Some of the bomb threats were made by a caller with a female voice or a computer-animated female voice. Other callers were described as having a male voice.

Police Lt. George Holder said the threats tied up police and other emergency workers across this central North Carolina city of 225,000.

"Depending on what you find, you may have to call in the entire bomb team, set up a perimeter, tie up the fire department, EMS. So, it's a major disruption," he said.

Court issues age descrimination ruling

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court made it easier Wednesday for any worker over 40 to allege age discrimination, ruling that employers can be held liable even if they never intended any harm.

About 75 million people — roughly half the nation's work force — are covered by the decision.

However, the ruling makes it clear that older workers will have a high threshold to prove their claims.

Two found shot, dead in Clayton home

RIVERDALE — An apparent drug scam started a deadly shootout in Clayton County Wednesday morning, leaving two men dead and another two injured.

Just before 4 a.m., police were called to a home where two men were found shot to death. A few hours earlier, two other men reported to a local hospital with gunshot wounds.

"It seems that the two dead guys inside the house were selling drugs to the guys that were at the hospital," Clayton County police Capt. Jeff Turner said.

He said investigators believe the four had originally met earlier, and the two wounded men had paid $5,000 for 10 pounds of marijuana.

"When they got home, they opened up the plastic bag and there was a bunch of clothes and shoes in there, so basically, they had gotten ripped off," Turner said.

None of the four men were immediately identified.

Turner said one of the dead men was found with a pound of marijuana under his jacket and that more than 20 bullets were found inside the house.

– All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Morgan Marsh.

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Men's tennis serves up win against Elon

By Kevin Grego
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Chase Lanier/STAFF
GSU senior Danie Van Den Heever serves up a rock in Wednesday's match against Elon.

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team won 5-2 Wednesday afternoon at Hanner Courts against conference foe Elon. The win snapped a three game losing streak for the Eagles and evened their conference record at (2-2), bringing their overall record to (3-12).

After losing their first match to Elon's #1 pairing of Pramote Malasitt and Austin Fenn, the Eagles responded by winning the remaining two doubles matches. Picking up wins for the Eagles were Lasha Janashia and Germano Knorr at 8-4, as well as Tom Green and Charles-Henri Trottet at 8-2.

Up 1-0 in the match, the Eagles left no chance of a comeback by Elon, claiming 4 straight wins in singles competition. Picking up wins for the Eagles were Danie van den Heever, Tom Green, Germano Knorr, Charles-Henri Trottet, and Nathan Tingen, all in straight sets.

GSU finishes their Southern Conference schedule this weekend with five straight road matches, starting with Furman Saturday at 1 p.m., followed by Wofford Sunday at 1 p.m.

Braves fall to Nationals 4-3

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

VIERA, Fla. - Livan Hernandez was in regular-season form on the mound and at the plate. Most of his teammates have some work to do, but they can take solace from ending a six-game losing streak.

Washington's opening-day starter pitched eight innings and drove in two runs, and reserve outfielder J.J. Davis hit a game-winning homer in the 11th inning to help the Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 Wednesday.

"Everything is now together. I'm ready for the next game - next Monday, opening day," Hernandez said after allowing one run, lowering his exhibition ERA to 2.18, and striking out six. "I've never had a spring training like this one. I'm surprised."

He threw 99 pitches, and both Hernandez and manager Frank Robinson said the right-hander could have pitched the ninth. Hernandez led the NL in complete games and innings the past two seasons.

Davis, whose major league experience consists of 80 at-bats over the past three seasons with the Pirates, hit a 2-0 offering from Matt Childers to left-center to end the game. The reserve outfielder also drove in Washington's third run with a groundout.

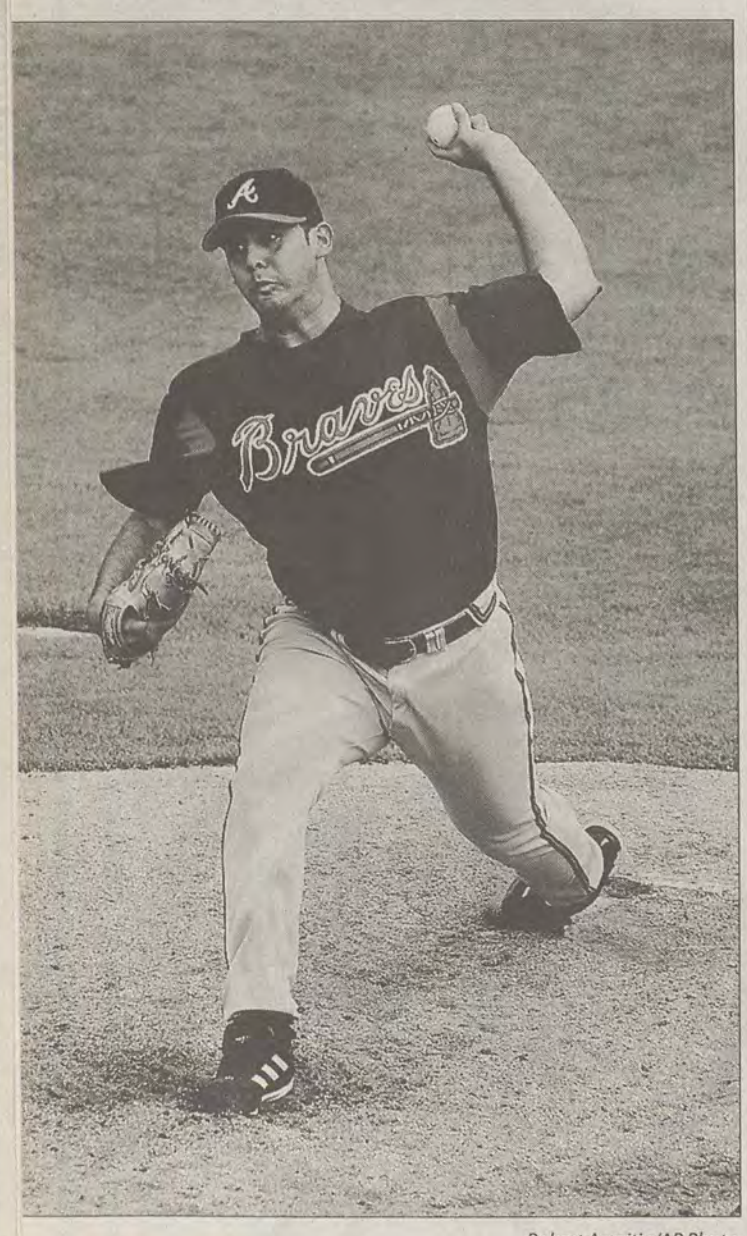
For the second straight night, the Nationals' bullpen blew a ninth-inning lead. Down 3-1, the Braves loaded the bases against reliever Joe Horgan with a walk and singles by Julio Franco and Johnny Estrada, before Pete Orr lined a two-out, two-strike single to make it three-all.

Hernandez made it 2-1 in the seventh with a double and drove in Washington's first run in the fifth. Ryan Church, who had been 0-for-5 since moving into the lineup in center field, reached on an infield single and stole second. He moved to third on Gary Bennett's single and scored on Hernandez's sacrifice against starter Horacio Ramirez (six innings, five hits, one run).

"This is a team that's going to play a lot of 5-4 games, 4-3 games, 3-2 games. Every run's going to be critical," general manager Jim Bowden said. "How we do in one-run games is key."

The Nationals hit into inning-ending double plays in the first, fourth, sixth and 10th, more of the sort of offensive problems that produced just 14 runs over the preceding seven games.

The only run Hernandez allowed came on Raul Mondesi's homer in the fourth. Mondesi missed six games with a strained right hamstring, but since returning Monday, he's 4-for-11 with three extra-base hits.



Robert Azmitia/AP Photo
Atlanta Braves pitcher Horacio Ramirez pitches against the Toronto Blue Jays during the second inning in Dunedin, Fla., Friday, March 25.

Stephens' game-winning single caps come-from-behind win

GSU Athletics Media Relations

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Brent Stephens sent a 0-2 pitch down the left field line, scoring Brett Pelfrey from second base, as Georgia Southern rallied for a 7-6 win over Georgia State Wednesday at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles (17-7 overall) fought back from a five run deficit to win their 11th consecutive game.

Tied six-all heading into the final inning, Pelfrey lined a one-out single to right field. That was his second hit of the game, extending his streak to nine straight multi-hit games. Derrick Smith answered with a single to left center. Flint Wipke was called out on strikes for the second out. Stephens, who was 0-for-4 on the day, fell behind 0-2 and fouled off a pitch before dropping one down the left field line as Pelfrey trotted home.

That capped a wild game in which the Eagles fell behind early.

Joe Maley, making his first career start for the Eagles, worked out of a jam in the first. The senior right-hander gave up a leadoff single, walked the next batter then Justin Newman hit a RBI single. Maley got a groundout then struck out B.J. Hubbert. Second baseman Pelfrey ranged to his left, tracking down a ground ball to end the frame.

The Panthers scored two more runs in the second. After a one-out double, a walk and Maley throwing a wild pitch allowing both runners to advance, Eric Suttle grounded out to second scoring one. Adam Caldwell lined a RBI double down the right field line, staking the Panthers to a 3-0 lead.

Pelfrey continued his hot hitting, nailing a one-out home run to left centerfield, his third this year and second against Georgia State (15-12). Kenny Camp struck out Smith for the second out, but then left the game with an apparent elbow injury to his pitching arm.

Terrence Williams/STAFF
GSU senior Logan Phillips tags first baseball durng the Eagles Wednesday's game against Georgia State.

With two outs in the third, Butch Morris hit a RBI single chasing Maley. Brent Everett greeted relief pitcher Kyle Harrison with a run scoring double down the left field line.

Newman hit a solo home run to center field in the fifth inning making it 6-1. The Eagles staged a two-out rally to start the comeback.

Jeremy Beckham and James Payne were hit on consecutive pitches then Logan Phillips walked to load the bases. Jason Hurst brought home two runs singling up the middle. GSU loaded the bases again when Greg Dowling walked. Relief pitcher Adam Bowling got Pelfrey to ground out ending the rally.

After a 1-2-3 inning by David Cogswell, Smith cut into the Panthers' lead again. Starting the Eagles' half of the sixth, he hammered a shot onto the roof of a building beyond the right field fence. That was his Southern Conference-leading 10th home run.

Phillips drew a leadoff walk in the seventh then Hurst lined a double. Dowling walked to load the bases. Romas Hicks entered the game and promptly picked Phillips off third base. Pelfrey fouled out for the second out. Smith walked on four pitches to load the bases again. Wipke lined a single to right field, plating two runs to tie the game.

Going for the lead, Beckham hit a leadoff single to start the eighth then Payne got hit by a pitch again. With the runners on the move, Phillips hit a chopper up the middle. The base umpire said Panther shortstop Everett beat Payne to second base – which eventually brought head coach Rodney Hennon out to argue

See BASEBALL, page 7

Three teams will leave St. Louis heartbroken, one will not

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

One is a 48-year-old newcomer.

Two have rings, two don't.

Three will leave St. Louis heartbroken, one won't.

Crunch the numbers any way you want. What they guarantee is a very intriguing Final Four.

Illinois' Bruce Weber, the only member of the coaching quartet who's never ventured this deep into the NCAA tournament, has been calling friends in the business for tips on what to expect.

"He's a 3-point shot at the buzzer from being perfect this season," joked Louisville's Rick Pitino, whose Cardinals face the Illinois in the first semifinal Saturday night. "He doesn't need any advice from me."

Experience was the central theme during a teleconference Wednesday featuring the four finalists. While Pitino and Izzo have already won national championships, and North Carolina's Roy Williams is at the Final Four for the fifth time as a head coach, they have nothing on Weber in what might be the most important factor in that equation.

After scanning all four rosters, Izzo came up with only one player who's even been to a Final Four, and that's his own Tim Bograkos, a fifth-year senior and former walk-on.

By the same token, all four teams are led by upperclassmen, which the coaches agreed was the difference in getting this far in what has been an upset-filled, last-gasp tournament so far. The top high school seniors and underclassmen continue to depart for the NBA, but the depth of talent and experience on the Final Four teams proves the top coaches, at least, have learned to adapt.

"If you look at the last six, seven, eight years, teams like UConn, I think all those teams had plenty of juniors and seniors. The only exception was Syracuse," said Izzo, with a nod toward Carmelo Anthony, "and they just happened to have one of the greatest players in the game."

But finding a way to close the experience gap among players wasn't the only change the coaches have had to deal with in recent years.

The 3-point shot has become more prominent as more and more teams employed a version of the zone defense that brought Syracuse and Jim Boeheim a national title, and that has forced coaches to adapt on both ends of the floor. But that trend has also tempted too many players to hoist long-range shots at inopportune moments.

Asked what he was thinking about watching all those treys being thrown up from all over the floor during last weekend's games, Williams deadpanned, "The first thing I start looking for is the closest exit I can sneak out."

But that may be because Carolina has Sean May, arguably the best big man left in the tournament, and prefers to run its offense from the inside out.

"I like it," said Weber, whose team put up almost three dozen threes in a furious comeback win against Arizona in overtime. "When it first became a rule, it became a thing where it was used too much. I think last week was just unusual."

"I've been saying for seven years that the 3-point shot is too close," Pitino said. "We shouldn't move to the NBA distance, but back to the Olympic line, because it would make for even better spacing on the floor."

But that debate will have to wait until the National Association of Basketball Coaches holds its next coffee klatch. For the time being, shooting and defending the three, protecting the ball and keeping players calm and confident in late-game situations are more than enough for the coaches to worry about heading into the biggest weekend of the season.

They all know Lady Luck will play a part at some point, but courting her can be a dicey proposition. Williams began a tradition of spitting in a river near the tournament site when he was an assistant at Kansas, and has been kidded about it often enough to chuckle, "maybe I should market it."

The results have been mixed, but that won't necessarily keep Williams or any of his three rivals from searching out any edge they can find.

"You never can tell," Williams said. "I just may sneak out and do it again."

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A long March ends at the Arch

Seeds, teams and tournament records for men's Final Four teams.

AP

Legislation on photo IDs at the polls debated in three states

By Deanna Wrenn
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Legislation that would require voters to show photo identification before casting ballots has touched off fierce debate in three states, with opponents complaining the measures represent a return to the days of poll taxes and Jim Crow.

Lawmakers in Georgia and Indiana walked off the job to protest the proposals, which they say would deprive the poor, the elderly and minorities of the right to vote.

Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat, has already vetoed a similar measure and has vowed to do so again.

Republicans argue the bills would restore voter confidence and eliminate fraud without overly burdening voters, most of whom have driver's licenses or photo IDs anyway.

Nineteen states require voters to show identification, but only five of those request photo ID, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Those states – Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and South Dakota – allow voters without a photo ID to present other forms of identification, such as a utility bill, or sign an affidavit of identity.

Georgia's proposal, for example, would allow people without photo IDs to cast provisional ballots but require them to return within 48 hours with a picture ID.

State Sen. Vincent Fort, an Atlanta Democrat, said that amounts to "an updated form of Jim Crow," referring to segregation-era laws that kept blacks from voting.

In Georgia, the state chapter of AARP estimated that 36 percent of Georgia residents 75 or older lack driver's licenses.

Tim Storey, an election analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures, said he expects the push for tighter voter identification laws to continue.

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BUSH, FROM PAGE 3

toe in burqas. Some of those once-hidden faces were bathed in the limelight of Mrs. Bush's visit, although the women who met with Mrs. Bush at Kabul University wore head scarves. One kept hers around her face so only her eyes peeked through.

President Bush said his wife called him before she left Kabul.

The president said Afghans are showing people who live under oppression an example of the benefits of freedom.

"Think about a society that has gone from a Taliban-dominated society – where if you were a woman who spoke your mind, you were taken to a public square and whipped – to a free society in which women are now being trained to be able to follow their hearts and teach," he said during a visit to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. "That's the difference between tyranny and freedom."

SHOOTINGS, FROM PAGE 3

allegedly killed another deputy and later a federal agent before surrendering the next day.

Freeman, a former state trooper who once guarded Jimmy Carter when he was governor of Georgia, has only been sheriff since January.

In addition to security issues, the sheriff's department has also taken heat because Nichols' jail cell was not searched the day the shanks were found. The cell was not searched until after the shootings.

"In hindsight, given the fact that contraband was found here, the sheriff is of the opinion that the cell should have been shaken down," Cooke said.

At the same time, he said "nothing of value" was found in the cell. He said only bed linens and jail uniforms were found. Cooke denied news reports that a list of names, possibly a hit list, and a diagram of an escape plan were found in the cell. He did say a book filled with papers was found "near the crime scene," but he declined to describe the contents.

Freeman promised Wednesday that his department will answer all questions once his department's investigation is complete.

He noted that in the meantime his department has added extra deputies to the courthouse and cut down the number of inmates who are brought over from the jail each day. He also said high-risk inmates will be escorted by specially trained officers from now on.

BOOKSTORE, FROM PAGE 3

some 40 years now. Gray's may mean more pressure for them, but they also know that it is impossible to keep competition out.

Their goal is to offer services as they always have and be treated as they would like to be treated.

They even seem to have a fairly healthy relationship with the competition that is already in place. In their own words: "We continue to have good relationship with the GSU bookstore and hope to continue serving students."

Gray's has been known as a bookstore chain that specializes in used textbooks and supplies. They also like to focus, according to Gray's Director of Expansion Eric Spinebok, on customer services and making the students' lives easier because they know that students like for their needs and wants to be met.

When the Statesboro location opens, they will take Eagle Express and provide any other services their customers may want depending on input.

"We are very excited about coming to Statesboro and providing what they need from a bookstore," said Spinebok.

BASEBALL, FROM PAGE 6

the call – then he threw onto first to complete the double play. Hurst struck out to end the inning.

Cogswell, the fourth Eagle pitcher, shut down Georgia State's offense allowing the Eagles to stage the comeback. From the start of the sixth, Cogswell retired 11 of the 13 batters he faced, allowing just one hit and one walk while striking out three. He left with two outs in the ninth and a runner at second base.

Older brother Steve Cogswell (3-1) came into the game. Newman, who reached on a walk then stole second, also stole third on Steve's first pitch. However, Cogswell got pinch-hitter Rusty Bennett to ground out, setting up the ninth inning dramatics.

"David Cogswell really came up big for us. He entered the game and held their offense in check, giving us a chance to battle back. We needed someone from our bullpen to step up and he did just that," said Hennon. "I thought Brent stayed poised after he fell behind 0-2. He fouled off a pitch then slapped one down the line. We kept our composure after they jumped out to the five run lead, stayed in the game and found a way to win."

Hurst finished with three hits and two RBI. Pelfrey, Smith and Beckham had two hits apiece.

Hicks (2-3) allowed only the one run on five hits through 2.2 innings. He walked one and struck out three. Newman not only stole three bases but also finished with three hits and two RBI. Morris had two hits and scored twice.

The Eagles continue their eight-game homestand this weekend. Friday night (April 1) kicks off the first of three games against Gardner-Webb, first pitch scheduled for 7 p.m.

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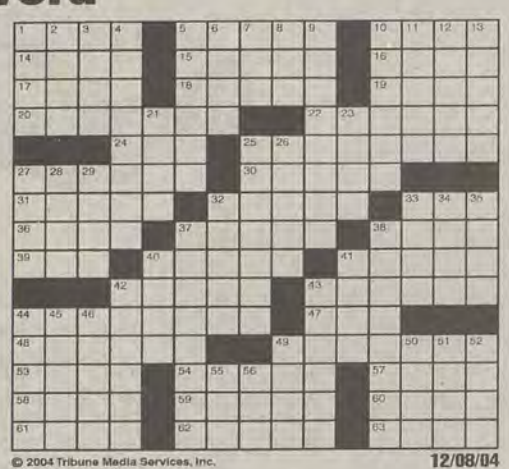

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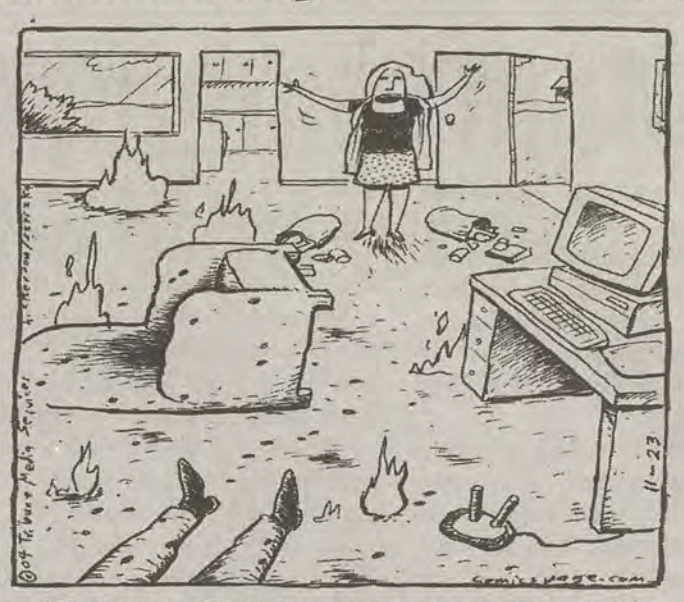

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SELECTION AND TERM: The editorial and broadcast boards will be selected by members of the committee based on a majority of those voting, according to committee by-laws. The term of office for the editorial and broadcast boards shall extend through the end of the next spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS: Specific qualifications for persons holding board positions are listed below. Prior experience may be considered in lieu of stated qualifications. The board positions for each medium are listed in ranking order.

THE GEORGE-ANNE

Executive Editor -- The executive editor should have completed two years of college work, at least one year at Georgia Southern. The executive editor should have served on a student publications staff one year and should display capabilities required for the position, including demonstrable knowledge of basic journalistic and business practices and an understanding of media law and ethics. The executive editor is responsible for the preparation of a commentary section for each edition. The executive editor serves as the chief executive officer of the newspaper and is responsible for the total content of each edition in consultation with editors in chief of companion publications.

Managing Editor for News -- The managing editor for news should have completed at least one year at Georgia Southern and should have served at least one semester on a student publications staff. The managing editor for news should be familiar with basic journalistic practices such as newsgathering and reporting practices, news and feature writing, copy editing and proofreading, photojournalism, layout and design and media law and ethics. The managing editor for news will be responsible for coordinating the editorial content in all sections of the newspaper, such as news, sports, features, companion publications or related media and other duties as assigned by the executive editor. The managing editor for news (with the assistance of the news editor) will be responsible for the preparation of the front page.

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SOUTHERN REFLECTOR

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DEADLINE: The *deadline for the receipt* of all applications for any of these positions is **Monday, April 4, at 5 p.m.** Applications should be sent to Bill Neville, chairperson, Student Advisory Media Board, in care of Box 8067, or delivered in person to Room 2022, Williams Center.

COMPENSATION: Payment rates for board members are pending final budget approval by the Student Activities Budget Committee and the Student Media Advisory Board.

INTERVIEW DATE: All candidates for board positions MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY for interviews as follows: Candidates for the George-Anne, Miscellany Magazine, and Southern Reflector must appear Friday, April 15. All Interviews will be held at 3 p.m. in Room 2007 of F.I. Williams Center (Upper Floor).

APPLICATION FORM AND WAIVER

INFORMATION: Questions regarding these positions should be directed to the advisors of the media: Ryan Honeyman (The GEORGE-ANNE) at 681-0172 or Box 8055; Mike Mills (MISCELLANY) at 681-0154 or Box 8026; or Laura Kaloniatis (REFLECTOR MAGAZINE) at 486-7450 or Box 8026. Additional information and interpretation of the qualifications may be obtained from the chair, Bill Neville (681-0069 or Box 8067).

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Comic book comes to life on the big screen in 'Sin City'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW Y K – When Robert Rodriguez approached Frank Miller about adapting "Sin City," he knew he needed a great pitch.

"I told him we shouldn't insult it by turning it into a movie. We gotta take cinema and turn it into this book," Rodriguez recalls.

But to adapt Miller's black-and-white 2-D world of tough guys in trench coats and back-alley crooks, the duo thought they had to go to extreme lengths of digital mimicry.

The movie is based on three of Miller's "Sin City" comic books, an extravagant noirish world of fantastical ultraviolence. Famous among comic book readers for his "Elektra" and "Daredevil" series, Miller always said Hollywood would never get its hands on "Sin City."

"When it comes to adapting material, very, very rarely do you get 'The Silence of the Lambs,'" says Miller. "Usually you end up with 'Catwoman' something that just uses the title and throws out the source material."

Rodriguez, who directed the "Spy Kids" films and the famously inexpensive "El Mariachi," felt simpatico with Miller.

The author of the book "Rebel Without a Crew," which inveighs against large, specialized film crews, likes to operate his own camera, do his own editing and create many of the effects.

"When I looked at the books and it said, 'Drawn by Frank, inked by Frank, lettered by Frank,' I was like, 'I think I know this guy,'" says Rodriguez.

So Rodriguez convinced Miller of his dedication to faithfully recreating "Sin City." He even wanted to co-direct it with Miller–a move that made him drop out of the Director's Guild of America since it forbids multiple directors.

Rodriguez says the decision was easy even though he sacrificed insurance, residuals, a chance for a directing Oscar and his next scheduled project (for Paramount Pictures, which only hires DGA members).

"What's the alternative? I won't be able to make this movie? That's why you get into this business to make really cool, new, challenging cinema, not to be in a club."

A screenplay was culled from Miller's books practically verbatim. Storyboards were not made. The comic's frames had already done the job.

"Sin City," which stars Bruce Willis, Clive Owen, Benicio Del Toro, Mickey Rourke, Elijah Wood, Josh Hartnett, Jessica Alba and Rosario Dawson was shot entirely with a green screen, which means the only things that are real are objects the actors touch or the cars they ride in. Everything else was later digitally inserted using special effects.

AP Photo

Top frame: The Salesman and the Customer in original art by Frank Miller in the graphic novel 'Sin City.'

Second frame: [illegible] scene as it was shot with Josh Hartnett and Marley Shelton in front of a green screen.

Third frame: How the scene will appear in the movie 'Sin City' after being digitally retouched.

"Sin City" is sure to make some people squeamish because of its extreme violence and what some may see as misogyny.

It's a familiar gripe for Miller.

"Chuck Jones got criticism for violence!" Miller answers, referring to the legendary animator who created Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote. "It's one of those buzz words."

While "Sin City" draws considerably from film noir's cityscapes, the lighting and texture is uniquely that of a comic book–like eyes glowing in the dark.

"A lot of Fra[illegible] is not really physically possible, and that's why we had to shoot it all on a green screen," Rodriguez says. "But when you look at it, it doesn't feel like an effect. ...It's an abstraction of reality."

To get the stark shadows of Miller's drawings, Rodriguez not only separated the actors from the background, but often from each other to light them specially.

"Everything becomes like a painting and you're using light the same way Frank uses ink," Rodriguez says.

Working together, the co-directors paid obsessive attention to capturing the "Sin City" of the page, frame by frame.

"We were working with my drawings up on one camera where we would superimpose the real image and adjust it until it matched my compositions," says Miller.

Though the film made at Rodriguez's Austin, Texas-based Troublemaker Studios is almost entirely composed of deep blacks and bright whites, the filmmakers shot the movie in color, later transferring it. That made it possible to keep some of the colors as brilliant exceptions to the overall palate.

In the opening scene, a woman stands on a high-rise balcony. Only her slinky dress is in a color of deep red. This and other color highlights throughout the film stand out in a manner similar to the little girl's red coat in Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List."

One of the movie's chief villians, Yello Bastard, was kept in color.

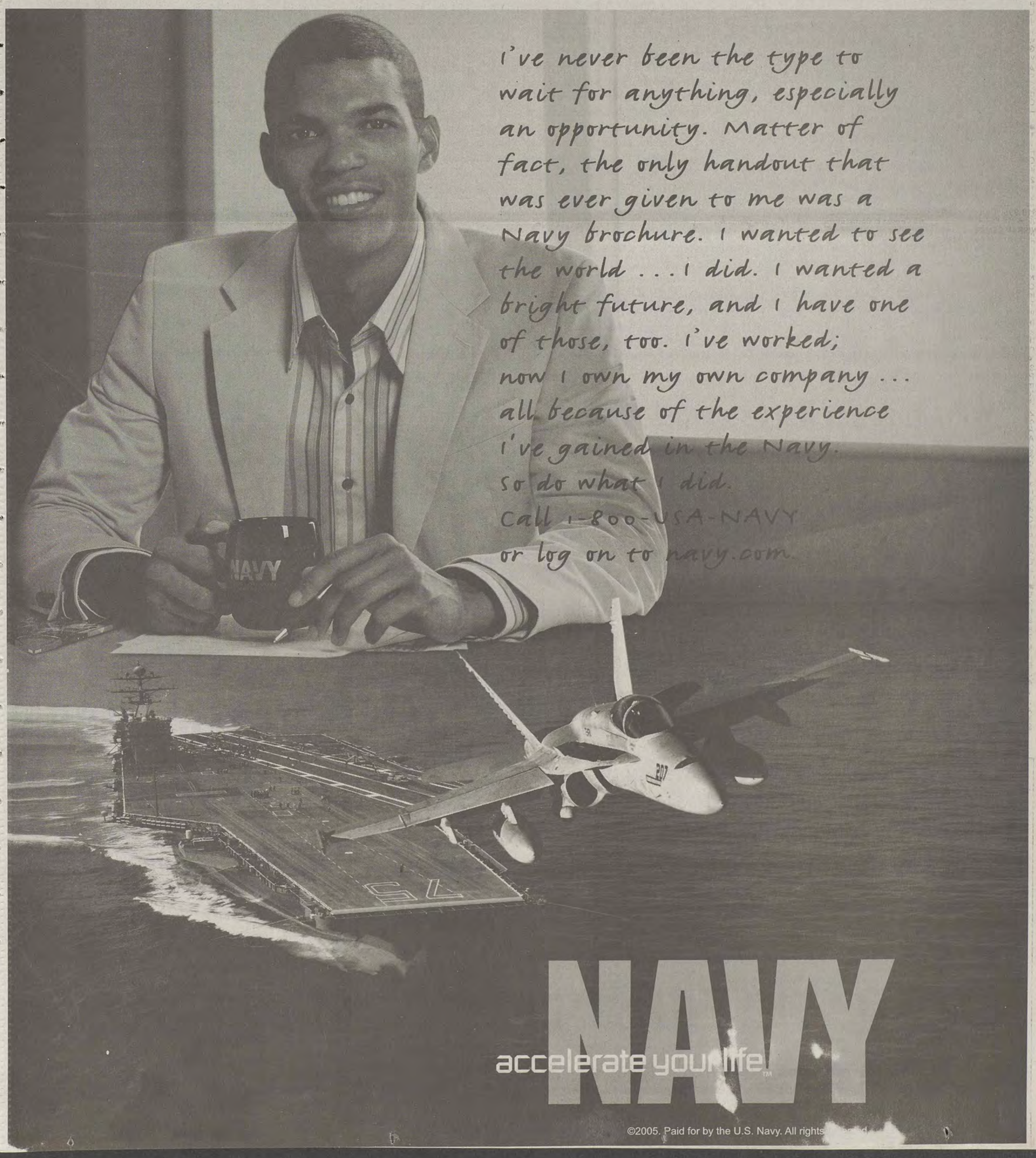
For Rodriguez, "Sin City" would have been just a regular movie if not shot digitally.

"What I love about new technology is that it really pushes the art. It really pushes it in a way that you can't imagine until you come up with the idea," he says. "It's idea-based. You can do anything."

For his part, Miller thinks "Sin City" is not only a benchmark in the history of cinematic advances, but a redefining of Hollywood's growing relationship with graphic novels.

"This is the first time in the courtship between comics and movies that the two are really joined in intent," Miller says. "It's paced like a comic book; it feels like a comic book. Not the Biff!' Bam!' Pow!' kind of comics that a lot of people still believe defines the form, but the new era of the graphic novel."

Look for the "Sin City" movie review in next Thursday's Hiatus.



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Top: Azaleas preponderate the landscape. Bottom: Natural dogwoods cover the GSU campus.

Katie Anderson/STAFF
Students gather on the lawn at the Georgia Southern Botanical Gardens.

Adam Crisp/STAFF
Top: These male and female pine cones have been the source of many allergy problems. Left: The Bulloch County Courthouse glows in an afternoon sunbath.

Spring temperatures call students outdoors

Studies show that outdoor activities improve health; we offer up a few suggestions on good spots

By Marcy Thornton
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With blue skies ahead, it's getting to be that time of year when studying indoors becomes passé. We have a beautiful campus, and the spring season is the perfect time to discover that beauty and put it to work.

There's just something about being out in the fresh air that awakens the senses and makes even the most boring information seem more alive. There's even actual science behind this. A recent study conducted by the University of Michigan found that "lingering outside when spring arrives can be especially beneficial, with pleasant weather improving mood, memory and broadening cognitive style (openness to new information and creative thoughts)." Research indicates that the more time one spends outside, the more positive effects they will feel. That means that these effects will spill over, improving one's mood indoors, too, beating out the spring semester panic as finals approach.

So where are the best places on campus for relaxing, quiet study in the sunshine? Of course, immediately one thinks of sitting outside at a table at Lakeside, or finding a shady spot in Sweetheart Circle. These are wonderful places if you're not looking for solitude or quiet, but they are popular destinations. The best places to study out of doors on campus are those sunny niches that go overlooked due to location or ignorance.

Air on Sweetheart Circle is nice but if you don't like being surrounded by cars, joggers, et cetera, why not opt for the courtyard between the Nursing/Chemistry Building and the IT Building? Freshman Rachael Barkie pointed out this optimum location, saying, "Wide, open air areas are excellent places to get your studying done. The space near the IT building offers plenty of fresh air and space." Because it is somewhat removed from the Mecca of the campus, this is one of the quietest outdoor areas. In the afternoon especially, the benches around the circle provide a great place to sit and read while enjoying the spring sunshine. However, because this is such an open-air place, it would not be wise to try to sit on a bench and handwrite notes or an essay draft. Effective studying minimizes stress, and chasing notebook paper caught by an afternoon breeze is not conducive to overall mental clarity.

Roaming, wide-open spaces may not your thing, but if you still long to take advantage of beautiful weather, why not visit the Builders of the University Terrace? Just off Sweetheart Circle, nestled between Anderson Hall and the Marvin Pittman Administration building, the Terrace is perhaps the quietest, most secluded outdoor location on campus. Sitting in the shade of one of the alcoves, listening to birds singing, one can barely tell that the Terrace is located practically in the middle of campus. The alcoves provide shielding from major breezes, making note-taking a joy. However, the Terrace is located right by the Library, and the sounds of construction could be a distraction. If you're easily disturbed by construction white noise, why not bring your MP3 player along and rock out while you study?

GSU Junior John Gleissner pointed out the next study location, saying, "The Russell Union Rotunda has architecture that is simple, which contributes to less distraction." If you want to study outside, but you are not into nature, then the Rotunda is definitely for you. It's all about Feng Shui at the Rotunda, relaxing in man-made comfort while also soaking up the springtime warmth, bringing your mind and body in balance…provided that you use this spot during a non-peak hour, i.e.—early in the morning, before the Russell Union becomes the center of the GSUniverse.

Many pros and cons can be found in every study place, both in and out of doors. The important thing to remember when trying to find a place on campus is that your study area creativity is limited only by your imagination. Try studying in different spots around campus until you find your niche. No matter where you go outside, you'll still be out in the spring sunshine, which can only do good things for your overall academic outlook.

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Public Television fails to make children gay, PBS president resigns

Special to the G-A

Stung by a new study that revealed that PBS children's broadcasting doesn't make kids want to be gay after all, PBS president Pat Mitchell was forced to resign in disgrace earlier today.

"I failed in my duty to bring homosexuality to America's children," said a tearful Mitchell at a news conference this afternoon, "but I am not giving up my fight for gay values, I'll just find another venue," she added.

Experts say PBS's methods were too subtle to be effective.

"Well, having Ernie and Bert living together and introducing Buster the bunny to that lesbian couple just wasn't enough," said child psychologist Dr. Lloyd Flaro, "I mean, they needed more leather, more piercings, maybe even some dildos with Elmo's face on them… something!"

Other critics say the PBS programming was just too entertaining to work.

"You need to fight fire with fire in this business," said conservative movie and TV reviewer Michael Medved. "Have you seen the average Church-funded videos for kids? They're so God-awful they make you willing to do anything to get them to stop. Now, 'Sesame Street', 'Arthur', geez… even 'Barney' are all better than any of those 'Davey & Goliath' pieces of crap. Mitchell's successor needs to lull the kids into submission with something preachy and low budget, like your average episode of 'Highway to Heaven.'"

Special Photo

Bert and Ernie pose together during an afternoon of fun.

Congressional Republicans are using Mitchell's resignation as a pretext for pulling more funding from PBS, but there's late word that an anonymous sponsor has pledged to replace any future budget cuts dollar for dollar.

"Our generous sponsor is asking that his name not be revealed, and has only specified that the new funding be recognized as the 'Neverland Ranch Grant' from now on," said a PBS spokesperson.

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Advertising Supplement

BOXED IN BY "CHOICE"?

Dear Reader,

Do you feel boxed in by "choice" on the issue of abortion? It's no wonder given the way shallow rhetoric is used to mask the reality of the issue. In the following pages, we'd like to take you beyond the word "Choice." It's time to free your mind—it's time to step outside the "Choice" box.

Newsflash: It's okay to be against abortion and you should never be ashamed to admit it! Being opposed to abortion does not mean you are anti "choice." It usually means you are all about freedom, so much so that you happen to think all existing persons, big, small and really small, should be allowed to enjoy it.

The word "choice," used as the battle cry for absolute unlimited legal abortions, makes a mockery of true liberty. Why disguise the fact that the subject matter is abortion?

Why? Plain and simple, because elective abortion is naturally repulsive and no one likes to contemplate it, much less partake in it or defend it. Countless numbers attest to the fact that abortion has painfully backfired on women, men and families since it was legalized in 1973.

The information in this supplement could help you save a life. With approximately 3,500 surgical abortions being performed every day in the United States, you probably know someone who has been or will be involved in an abortion. If you or a friend is facing an unexpected pregnancy, gather all the information you can—this supplement will get you started. You will never regret thinking outside the box!

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Nurturing Network	1-800-866-4666	www.nurturingnetwork.org

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American Rights Coalition	1-800-634-2224	
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QUESTIONING THE EASY WAY OUT

"Tim, I think I'm pregnant." It was New Year's Eve. My boyfriend sighed deeply, his gaze remaining fixed on the TV. He then muttered something that made me feel already deserted. I felt a sour lump in the back of my throat. Yes, I was pregnant, and I was scared!

I knew from firsthand experience how tough it is raising a child as a single mother. I already had a 2-year old daughter, Jennifer, from an earlier unsuccessful marriage. When my pregnancy was confirmed, Tim's non-committal response to my distress and his move to Chicago, 400 miles away, left me despondent and convinced that abortion was the "easy way out." I was already struggling financially with one child. How could I raise two?

I felt desperately alone. I often cried myself to sleep. I decided to confide in a couple of college professors who collected money to fly me out of town to have an abortion. Now I was obligated to go through with it. Still, I agonized!

I was summoned to the room where the abortions are performed. I could hear a woman sobbing hysterically in the recovery room. That memory haunts me still.

As the doctor was examining me, prior to performing the abortion, he suddenly stopped and said to the nurse, "Get her out of here! She's too far along!" Relief instantly washed over me! How odd! I had thought I wanted an abortion but now felt instantly relieved to know I was still pregnant.

I decided to use every ounce of courage I could muster to deal with my pregnancy. My ambivalence turned into love for my unborn daughter, Melanie.

It took energy and creativity to support the three of us.

During the first year of Melanie's life, she attended classes with me. When my daughters were preschool age and in daycare, I obtained a job as bookkeeper for the daycare center they attended. If they needed a hug, they could come into my office and get one. Other means of support included: Renting rooms to students; teaching evening classes at the community college; and operating a typing business out of the dining room of my student housing which, again, enabled me to be with my children while working.

My two daughters inspired me to do great things. They never stood in the way of my career. I finished my degree; then I went on to get my Master's and Ph.D. Besides being a proud mother, I am happily married, a published author, a motivational speaker, and a part-time musician.

When we endure something tough, our character and self-esteem are strengthened. Many women who have confessed to me that they've had abortions have discovered that the "easy way out" is just an illusion. Some are in abusive relationships. Some are on anti-depressants. Others just seem detached from life. Some sadly remember their aborted child's "would be" birthday each year.

I cannot promise that it will be easy. I can only promise that the anguish will pass and there are people who will help you through this trying time. One day you will look back on the birth of your child, and know that you did the right thing.

Sincerely,
Dr. Angela Woodhull

Instructions: Using a softlead pencil, completely blacken only one oval per question. Do not use ink or colored pencil. Cleanly erase any unintended marks.

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DEPT.	COURSE	DATE

ABORTION INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT TEST

1. On January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion through which month of pregnancy?

(A) 6th month (B) 4th month (C) 3rd month (D) 9th month

2. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, surgical abortion alone has extinguished the lives of _____ preborn babies.

(A) 6 million (B) 20 million (C) 33 million (D) 44 million

3. About what percentage of pregnancies end in surgical abortion?

(A) 10% (B) 29% (C) 20% (D) 16%

4. Which age group has the most abortions?

(A) 15-19 (B) 20-24 (C) 25-29 (D) 30-34

5. In 2000, white women had 167 abortions per 1,000 live births while African American women had _____ abortions per 1,000 live births. (See *Reproductive Racism* on page 9.)

(A) 79 (B) 134 (C) 328 (D) 503

6. According to a 2003 report by the Centers for Disease Control how many late-term (>21 weeks of pregnancy) abortions were performed in 2000?

(A) 3,700 (B) 1,200 (C) 8,000 (D) 12,000

7. What percent of abortions performed in the U.S. are repeat abortions?

(A) 60.7% (B) 40.2% (C) 48% (D) 30.5%

8. A developing baby's heart begins to beat at:

(A) 21 days (B) 30 days (C) 45 days (D) 60 days

The answer key can be found on page 4.

GIVING MY BABY A WAY

I sat on the floor of the shower trying to muffle the noise of my sobs. I couldn't breathe, my heart was stopped, my legs shook uncontrollably. I wanted to crawl inside myself, run, hide, disappear. I wanted it to go away!

I never knew loneliness like I did when I found out I was pregnant. I felt ashamed, angry, terrified of what others would say and more than anything, I was disappointed in myself. Why didn't I save sex for marriage and for someone I really loved? I didn't want anyone to judge me and I desperately needed someone to tell me it was okay. I wanted my boyfriend to be supportive. I wanted him to be the man he did not yet know how to be and so I shouldn't have been surprised when he told me to have an abortion.

My mind raced to justify abortion. Perhaps my child would be better off dead than in a broken family with parents who didn't even love each other. I thought that an abortion would save me from ridicule and shame and that it would erase my pain. Then I tried to tell myself that my child wasn't "really" a baby, just tissue. I told myself lie after lie and then I made an appointment for an abortion.

I Couldn't Fool Myself

No matter how hard I tried to fool myself, I knew I carried a baby. I knew, deep down, that if I were to take my baby's life I would forever regret it. I didn't show up for the appointment.

In desperation, I closed my eyes, swollen from crying, dropped to my knees and began to pray, something I hadn't done in a long time. The more I asked God for help, the more I felt the strength to face reality and embrace motherhood—to see my baby as a gift. I soon realized that it was my duty as a mother, as a woman, to protect my child's best interest and give him all that I could. Out of love for my child, I began to look at the third option, adoption.

"I can live with my decision... and so can my son. I have no regrets!"

Many relatives didn't understand why I was even thinking about adoption because after all, who in the world would be able to give up their child? Me... that's who. Of course I wanted to be the one to rock him, to caress his hair, to walk him to kindergarten, to bandage his skinned knees, to set his curfew, and to watch him graduate from college. But beyond my wants, I knew that my child deserved more. My child deserved a stable loving mother and father.

Nine Months

I had nine months of nurturing, morning sickness, cravings, kicks and hiccups. Nine months of time to fall in love and nine months of time to face the fact that adoption was the best way I could love my child and give him my all.

My boyfriend was not overly thrilled about adoption, but nevertheless was willing to look at several different couples with me. We asked them question after question, memorized their faces and met with them several times to ensure that we'd found the best. They were...they are.

The couple we chose was married, deeply in love, and they welcomed our child as their own into their home and their lives. They are not perfect, no one is, but their love for my child is divine.

A Million Smiles

I am not angry, ashamed, or alone. That fall on my knees helped me to hold my head up high and people are amazed. The birthfather, my family and my friends congratulate my decision and they came to realize it was out of pure love. I learned what a wonderful gift life is and I refused to waste my son's or mine. I thank God each day that I don't have to visit the memory of an aborted baby, the grave of an innocent life.

Yes, I grieve the loss of my child and it's hard, but the joy far exceeds the sorrow. I rejoice in all he has gained! My son has a million smiles and more love than any child I know! Through pictures and letters full of heartfelt thanks, I hear the laughter of a living, breathing son with loving parents, who birthed him from their hearts and into their home.

I can live with my decision... and so can my son. I have no regrets!

Molly

Answers to Abortion I.Q. Quiz (from page 3)
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THE OTHER HALF: A FATHER'S REGRET

I was a participant in two abortions with my ex-wife...It has been six years since the last abortion, nine since the decision for the first one. Every time I see children of the approximate age of the two lost ones, I cry, no matter where...church, the mall, the park, the library.

I want to call their names, Michelle, Danielle, Stephen, William. Their legacy is gone. Their beauty unfinished, nullified by a decision to which I agreed...I have gone from pro-choice to pro-child."

— E-mail message from a father to Human Life Alliance

THE SPIN

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

It sounds almost patriotic. Our great American freedoms: To speak my piece, to peaceably assemble, and to practice the religion of my choice. How can these freedoms be equated with the freedom of a woman to abort her unborn baby? We might as well be "pro-choice" on graffiti, kiddie porn, and prostitution.

A WOMAN'S "RIGHT"

Women are breaking through the glass ceilings everywhere, surpassing the number of men in college, in law and medical schools. Just look at sports—basketball, soccer, hockey, and wrestling. We've come too far to reduce women's "rights" to mean the "right to abortion."

IT'S JUST TISSUE

Simple tissue isn't bursting with life, with stem cells that some researchers would kill for, with a beating heart and fingerprints, with enough DNA to fill five sets (not volumes) of Encyclopedia Britannica if the micro-miniature language was enlarged to standard-sized print.

A "WANTED" CHILD

Does your value depend on the degree someone wants you? Let's be honest. A child is a child. How could any baby be called unwanted when there are over one million couples waiting, hoping, and praying for a chance to adopt a child?

"SAFE" ABORTION

Many young women believed this until it was too late. The book, *Lime 5*, documents over 200 cases of women injured or killed by legal, so-called "safe" abortions. An aborted baby, the potential for cervical cancer, the possibility of becoming infertile—so where's the safe part?

"BACK-ALLEY" ABORTIONS

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 70 maternal deaths due to legal and illegal abortions (abortion was legal in three states at the time) in 1972, the year prior to the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion nationally. As tragic as any loss of life is, this number is nowhere near the often claimed "thousands of deaths by back-alley abortions."

I WOULDN'T DO IT, BUT I CAN'T TELL SOMEONE ELSE WHAT TO DO

What if U.S. citizens had been willing to accept this justification for tolerating slavery? As it is, our "land of the free" offers limited, selective freedom. Our youngest, most vulnerable citizens are still slaves to their mothers' life or death whims.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

FORMER ABORTIONISTS AND CLINIC WORKERS SPEAK OUT

"There is a great difference between the intellectual support of a woman's right to choose and the actual participation in the carnage of abortion. . . seeing body parts bothers the workers. . . "

- Judith Fetrow: Former Clinic Staff ("Abortion Providers III")

"I want the general public to know what the doctors know—that this a person; that this is a baby. That this is not some kind of blob of tissue..."

- Dr. Anthony Levantino: Former Abortionist ("Meet the Abortion Providers")

"We would find their weaknesses and work on it...The women were never given any type of alternatives to abortions. It was just automatically assumed that they knew what they wanted."

- Debra Henry: Former Clinic Staff ("Meet the Abortion Providers")

"But I think the greatest thing that got to us was the ultrasound...The baby really came alive on TV and was moving...That picture of the baby on the ultrasound bothered me more than anything else.... We lost two nurses. They couldn't take looking at it."

- Dr. Joseph Randall: Former Abortionist ("Meet the Abortion Providers")

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Day 1
Fertilization

The sperm joins with the ovum to form one cell. This one cell contains the complex genetic makeup for every detail of a new human life—the child's sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone, etc. Nothing new is added but oxygen, nutrition and time.[1]

Month One

The first cell divides in two and cell division continues as the newly formed individual travels down the Fallopian tube to the uterus. There are over 500 cells present when this tiny embryo (the blastocyst*) reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization.[2] Foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are already established, and on day 21 the heart begins to beat in a regular fashion with a blood type often different from her mother's.[3] Muscles are forming, and arms, legs, eyes and ears have begun to show.

**The blastocyst is the stage at which many researchers want to destroy the embryo in order to harvest stem cells which are the building blocks of life.*

Month Two

By 6 weeks brain waves can be detected by electroencephalogram and the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs.[4] The jaw forms, including teeth and taste buds.[5] The baby begins to swallow amniotic fluid, and some have been observed hiccupping.[6] During this time, the stomach produces digestive juices, and the kidneys begin to function.[7] Fingers and toes are developing and at 7 weeks the chest and abdomen are fully formed.[8] Swimming with a natural swimmers stroke in the amniotic fluid, she now looks like a miniature human infant.[9,10]

> As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."
>
> —World renowned geneticist, the late Dr. Jérome LeJeune

7 weeks

Bell Museum of Pathology Bulletin, University of Minnesota Medical School, Autumn 1972, Pub. No. 2

Month Three

Unique fingerprints are evident and never change.[11] The baby now sleeps, awakens, and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth. Even though mom cannot feel the movement yet, baby is very active. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. The sex can be visually determined and family resemblances may appear as well![12] By the end of the month all the organs and systems of her body are functioning.[13]

10 weeks

Photo by Dr. Russell Sacco, Portland, Oregon 1970

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Inside Womb!

Month Four

By the end of this month, the baby is 8-10 inches in length and weighs about 1/2 pound. Her ears are functioning and she hears her mother's heartbeat, as well as external noises like music. Mother begins to feel baby's movement, a slight flutter at first only to become stronger.[14] Life-saving surgery has also been performed on babies at this age.

Month Five

If a sound is especially loud, the baby may jump in reaction to it. Thumb-sucking has been observed during the fifth month.[15] Babies born prematurely at this stage of development often survive, thanks to advances in neonatal medicine. Case in point: baby Kenya King, born in Florida at 19 weeks (4-1/2 months) weighed 18oz and survived.[16]

Month Six

Oil and sweat glands are functioning. The baby's delicate skin is protected in the amniotic sac by a special ointment called vernix. She grows rapidly in size and strength while her lungs become more developed.[17]

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20 weeks

3D Ultrasound

33 weeks

Month Seven

The baby can now recognize her mother's voice. She exercises by stretching and kicking as she grows even bigger. She uses the four senses of hearing, touch, taste and she even looks around with open eyes at her watery home.[18] If the baby is a boy, his testicles descend from the abdomen into the scrotum.[19]

Month Eight

The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day and often hiccups.[20] Though movement is limited, due to cramped quarters, her kicks are stronger and mom may be able to feel an elbow or heel against her abdomen.[21]

Month Nine

Gaining 1/2 pound per week, the baby is getting ready for birth. The bones in her head are soft and flexible to more easily mold for the journey down the birth canal.[22] Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have already taken place. Only four more come before adolescence. In terms of development, we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.[23]

44 weeks!

MICHELLE'S STORY

I was 18 years old when I got pregnant. Since I had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life.

My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being done I asked to see it. But this wasn't allowed (so much for "an informed decision"). Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant. That hit me hard. I started doubting, and wanted to talk to my friend, but I wasn't allowed to.

When it was my turn the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I've ever felt in my life. It felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body. Later I went into shock.

After the abortion, I tried to make up for it by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back. I never got pregnant again. I don't know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. I found out later that this is part of the grieving process.

Two-and-a-half years later, I ended up in the hospital with bulimia. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done so I was punishing myself. I became obsessed with women who were pregnant. My life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma.

When I was 21 years old I received help from a woman who was involved with pro-life activism. I went through a program called "Conquerors." Not only did I experience forgiveness, I was also challenged to help others. I answered the challenge!

I started sidewalk counseling. There is a healing process that comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students and share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, "Please don't make the same mistake I did."

—Michelle C.

THE SILENT GRIEF OF ABORTION

Ann Marie Cosgrove

After an elective abortion some women may immediately experience a sense of relief since they are no longer facing an unwanted pregnancy. However, this "relief" experience is all too often short-lived. Abortion is clearly an experience of loss and a period of grieving is to be expected. The natural tendency to suppress or deny the unpleasant, not to mention the pressure from a society that fails to recognize the need to grieve the loss of an aborted child, may help a woman to mask the grief and cope temporarily. Eventually, however, the stress from the intense pain she naturally suffers may result in emotional instability or even psychosis.[i,ii]

In an interview for the Washington Post, Dr. Julius Fogel, a psychiatrist and obstetrician who has performed abortions as well as counseled many women who have undergone an abortion, said, "There is no question about the emotional grief and mourning following an abortion. Many come in—some are just mute, some hostile. Some burst out crying...There is no question in my mind that we are disturbing a life process."[iii] In an earlier interview, Fogel, said, "This is part of her own life. When she destroys a pregnancy, she is destroying herself. There is no way it can be innocuous."[iv]

Ann Marie Cosgrove, President of *Silent No More-Minnesota*, publicly testifies about the trauma and pain that abortion has caused in her life, "Abortion changes you forever. I thought the abortion would free me up from a responsibility I felt I was not ready for. Instead it held me in bondage to feelings of regret, remorse, depression and despair. My soul became a slave to self-hatred and worthlessness. My sanity the price I would pay. Women deserve better than abortion."

There are many courageous women, such as Ann Marie, who give personal testimony in opposition to abortion. They also offer their understanding, compassion and time to those who need their support in coping with the emotional and psychological aftermath of an abortion. There are chapters of *Silent No More* in nearly every state.

The U.S. Senate recognized the mental health consequences of abortion when it passed an amendment (November 6, 2001) to the appropriations bill H.R.3061:

SEC. 227.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) *the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of NIH and the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, ...should expand and intensify research ...with respect to post-abortion depression and post-abortion psychosis; ...the Director of the Institute should conduct or support research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and to find a cure for, post-abortion conditions;*

...(http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/).

Fortunately, as the emotional/psychological correlates of induced abortion are becoming more fully recognized and acknowledged women and their families, who have undergone an abortion, are able to identify the symptoms, to better understand their cause, and to seek help. Treatment programs have sprung up across the nation making it possible to get help privately over the Internet and on the telephone, confidentially on a one-to-one basis, or by joining one of the many group therapy programs available.

For help following an abortion:
click www.pregnancycenters.org or
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www.helpafterabortion.com,
www.victimsofabortionspeakout.org,
www.postabortionpaths.org,
www.afterabortion.com

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REPRODUCTIVE RACISM

The vision of Planned Parenthood, founded in 1916 by Margaret Sanger, became the working arm toward eugenic goals. The stated vision was "reproductive freedom" for the wealthy families and "birth control" for everyone else.

The organization most responsible for the bigoted concepts of "Social Darwinism" is the American Eugenics Society. Founded in the early 1900's, this organization was the working arm of the British Eugenic Society which embraced the white—more specifically, the Anglo-Saxon race—supremacy doctrine. In the United States eugenics became more than an abstract philosophy. It degenerated into an active campaign to eliminate all those deemed inadequate and resulted in a worldwide crusade to abolish all human inferiority.[1] The American Eugenics Society fostered the Jim Crow laws of the South, the anti-Semitic doctrine that encouraged Nazi Germany during the Jewish Holocaust and supported South-African Apartheid.

Despite claims that Margaret Sanger was not a racist or an anti-Semite, the fact remains that "she openly welcomed the worst elements of both into the birth control movement."[2] Henry Pratt Fairchild who wrote, "Birth control and eugenics are by nature closely related, and neither one can attain its complete fulfillment, or render its maximum service to society, without the other"[3] and Lothrop Stoddard, author of, *The Rising Tide of Color Against White World Supremacy*, were two of many eugenicists who worked closely with Sanger.

Historical documents prove that Planned Parenthood acted as the willful arm of the American Eugenics Society and even developed a plan, the *Negro Project*, as a propaganda program to infiltrate the black community through their civic leaders.[4] Margaret Sanger's expressed disdain for the poor and disabled whom she frequently dubbed "undeserving," "unfit," and "dysgenic" and her call for their sterilization and segregation[5] is well known and is likely to have been the motive behind her "Negro Project."

Lest one think reproductive racism was merely an issue of the past, current numbers prove the problem persists. Racial targeting by abortion providers, Planned Parenthood being the foremost national provider of abortions, has demonstrably resulted in a disproportionate number of minorities obtaining abortions. In the year 2000, African Americans, numbering 34.7 million individuals, or 12.3 percent of the U.S. population obtained 32% of abortions in that year.[6,7] Black women are more than 3 times as likely as white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2 1/2 times as likely.[8]

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THE "HARD CASES"

Researchers David C. Reardon, Julie Makimaa, and Amy Sobie completed a nine year study on pregnancy outcomes of sexual assault victims.

As part of their research the authors drew upon testimonies from 192 women who became pregnant as a result of rape or incest, and 55 children conceived in sexual assault. Following are excerpts from their book, *Victims and Victors*.

Pregnancy resulting from sexual assault is actually a contraindication for abortion. A doctor treating a sexual assault victim should advise against abortion precisely because of the traumatic nature of the pregnancy. The testimonies and studies quoted in this book confirm that both the mother and child are helped by preserving life, not by perpetuating violence.

Research shows that after any abortion, it is common for women to experience guilt, depression, feelings of being "dirty," resentment of men, and lowered self-esteem. These feelings are identical to what women typically feel after rape. Abortion only adds to and accentuates the traumatic feelings associated with sexual assault. Rather than easing the psychological burdens, abortion adds to them.

Kathleen DeZeeuw, whose son Patrick was conceived in rape when she was 16, writes: "I, having lived through rape, and also having raised a child 'conceived in rape' feel personally assaulted and insulted every time I hear that abortion should be legal because of rape and incest. I feel that we're being used by pro-abortionists to further the abortion issue though we've not been asked to tell our side of the story."

The case against abortion for incest pregnancies is even stronger. Studies show that incest victims rarely ever voluntarily agree to abortion. Instead of viewing the pregnancy as unwanted, the incest victim is more likely to see the pregnancy as a way out of the incestuous relationship because the birth of her child will expose the sexual activity.

For example, Edith Young, a 12-year-old victim of incest, writes twenty-five years after the abortion of her child: "The abortion which was to 'be in my best interest' just has not been. As far as I can tell, it only 'saved their (my parents') reputations, solved their problems and allowed their lives to go merrily on."

David C. Reardon, Julie Makimaa, and Amy Sobie. Victims and Victors. *Acorn Books, Springfield, IL 2000. pp.15-17. For further information see http://www.afterabortion.org.*

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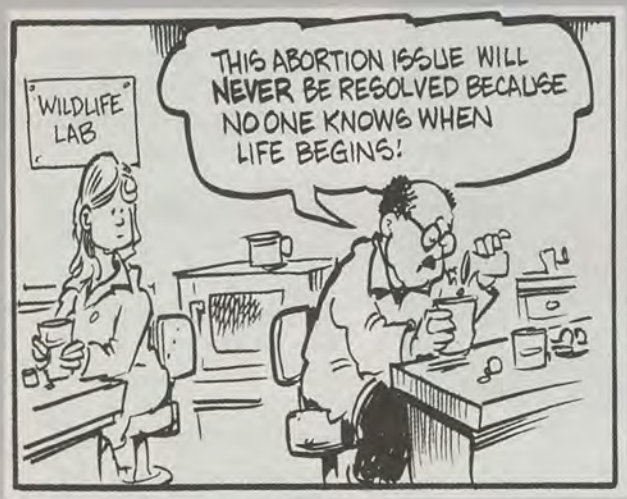

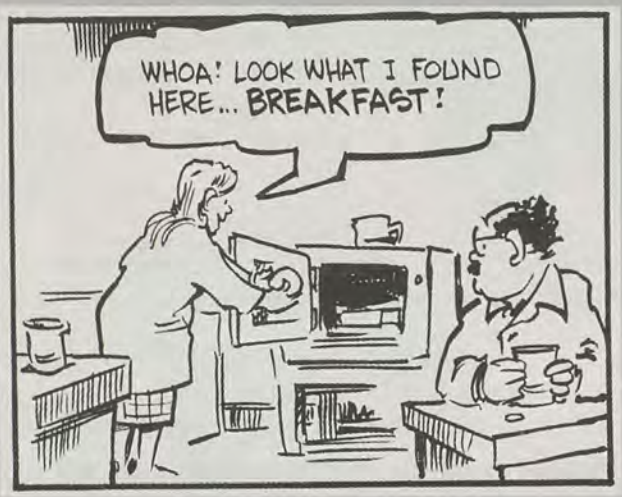

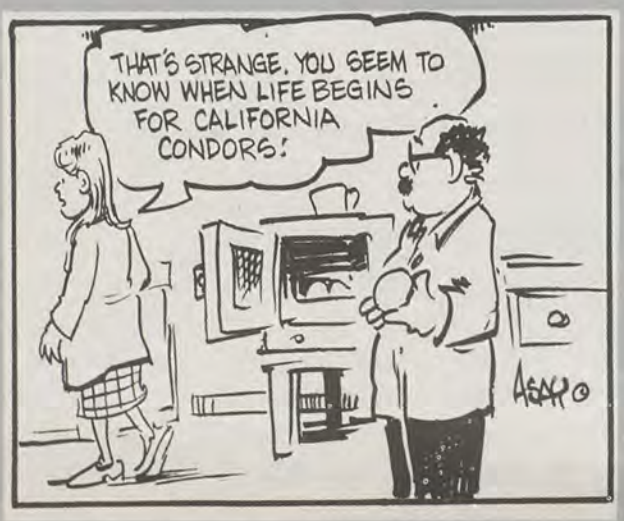

SUBSTITUTING SEX FOR LOVE

Cynthia Brantley and Leland Elliot, co-authors of the study "Sex on Campus: The Naked Truth About the Real Sex Lives of College Students," said of college students, "They want to be in love. They're looking for relationships, and in the context of this, they're having a lot of sex."

In their study, Brantley and Elliot note that 80 percent of college students are sexually active, and 60 percent engage in casual sex. Fifty-five percent of those studied admitted to having unsafe sex, and 21 percent said they never use a condom because they "didn't care."

However, 92 percent of college students say they are seeking a "real" relationship—they say that love is more important than sex. But actions speak louder than words.

On today's campuses sex is anything but taboo—it is practically a given. The remaining 20 percent who are not sexually active are looked down upon and often laughed at. They are seen as young, naive and—a personal favorite—lacking self-confidence. When even among friends it is found that someone hasn't had, or doesn't have, sex, their peers ask, "What's wrong with them?"

The real question should be, "What's wrong with everyone else?"

Putting all of the dangers of disease aside, sex is no substitute for the real relationship the vast majority of students claim to desire. Sex will not fill that need, and certainly will not result in anything that lasts. It is not a foundation for love.

If it was, then the average number of partners would be lower than 6.4, and disease would not be as prevalent as it is today.

And that seems to be the real problem. The greatest threat to college students is not the contraction of herpes, syphilis or AIDS. It's that young people are replacing love with sex.

In conversations with friends about this very subject, the question has been raised, "How can you know you really love someone if you haven't had sex with them?" That question is also morphed to include the experience side of things: "How do you know you're with the right person if you haven't had sex with someone else?" As if to say we need to compare people sexually to find the one we "love."

It's sad to think that's all love has become. That love culminates itself in that short span of passion. That the crux of a real relationship hangs on sex.

It's sad because it is so empty. Do you really love someone when all they are is a body to have sex with? Do you really feel loved when that's all you are? Surely, many of you reading this are objecting, starting your sentence with, "Yeah, but..."—and that's because you don't.

As was said before, sex is no foundation for love. That's why relationships based on sex don't last.

When something hotter comes along, or one person decides they are not attracted to their partner anymore, it's over. And is that really love? Is that the real relationship 92 percent of college students claim they want to find?

As it turns out, though they are not the majority, the students who aren't seeking love through sex are smarter than the rest—and most likely happier and more content—not to mention more confident of themselves and what they really want.

Not only are they saving themselves from un-needed trips to the doctor, they will be the ones who find that real relationship. They won't have to feel the emptiness of casual sex. They don't need to reinvent themselves to attract the next one-night stand. They will be the ones who find themselves. They will wind up having more to offer than just a body. Perhaps that's where all college students should be looking for love and that real relationship we all claim to desire.

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"EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION"

An Advertising Deception

The campaign to make "Emergency Contraception" (EC) available over-the-counter with its slogan "Back up your Birth Control with EC", is deceiving women regarding EC's action and the risks related to its use. It exacerbates what feminist Germaine Greer calls, "the cynical deception of women by selling abortifacients as if they were contraceptives," a deception she finds "incompatible with the respect due to women as human beings." Some of the deceptive claims we hear are:

CLAIM: EC does not end a pregnancy; it won't work if you're pregnant.
FACT: On the contrary, one of the actions of EC is to alter the lining of the uterus and thereby end a pregnancy by inhibiting the implantation of the embryo. Since EC can prevent a developing embryo from implanting in the womb, its effect frequently "is to kill a tiny human being," said Dr. John C. Willke, president of the Life Issues Institute in Cincinnati. "It is a very, very early abortive drug." (*Washington Times* 01/02/02)

EC, also known as the morning-after-pill, is a high dosage of the birth control pill. Almost all birth control pills, drugs (such as RU-486) and devices, except the condom, are abortifacient in nature; that is, they may allow the sperm to fertilize the egg to produce a newly formed individual and then act to inhibit the embryo from implanting in the womb. Consequently, the woman's body rejects the tiny embryo and he or she dies and is eliminated in the next menstrual cycle. This is called a chemical abortion. Anything capable of inducing or causing an abortion is more than a "contraceptive"—it can be an abortifacient.

CLAIM: EC is "safer than aspirin."
FACT: Some of the documented side effects are: Nausea, Vomiting and Diarrhea, Infertility, Breast tenderness, Ectopic pregnancy—can be life threatening, Blood clot formation and Stroke—can be life threatening. The "prescribing information" for the well-known EC, Preven, warns: "Blood clots that form in the leg can cause blockage of blood flow in the leg veins [and] can travel to the lung causing serious disability or death."

CLAIM: Easy access to EC will reduce the number of abortions.
FACT: EC has been readily available in Scotland for years, but teen pregnancy and abortion rates have not gone down.

CLAIM: Increased access to EC will not increase promiscuity.
FACT: A recent report from Scotland suggests two causes for both the high use of EC and the increase in abortions: "more unpremeditated sexual activity" and "more failures in contraception with increased use of condoms." The report also notes an "alarming rise" in sexually transmitted diseases paralleling greater use of EC.

It is worth noting that the birth control pill causes 150 different chemical changes in the woman's body. This fact is documented in the *Textbook of Contraception* by Malcom Potts, Director of Planned Parenthood of England (Cambridge Press 1983, p. 144).

Based on an article by Susan Wills, "Deconstructing Rosie," March 2, 2002 USCCB

ABORTION/BREAST CANCER - NO LINK AT ALL? HMMM!

In February of 2003, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) claimed that no significant link has been found between abortion and the incidence of breast cancer. Most known risk factors for breast cancer are attributable to estrogen overexposure. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the *10th Report on Carcinogens* (Dec. 2002) listed steroidal estrogens as a "known" human carcinogen (http://ehp.nichs.nih.gov/roc/). In a healthy pregnancy, a woman's blood estrogen level rises by 2000% by the end of the first trimester. Terminating that pregnancy prematurely leaves high levels of estrogen in the body, thereby making abortion a highly suspected risk. Considering the high incidence of both abortion and breast cancer, the numerous studies and reviews which report a significant association and the numbers of advocates (on both sides of the abortion debate) for informing women of the potential risk, Human Life Alliance encourages its readers to obtain more information. The following websites are recommended: www.bcpinstitute.org; www.abortioncancer.com; www.abortionbreastcancer.com; www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm.

COMMON ABORTION METHODS

SUCTION ASPIRATION

The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic suction tube into the dilated cervix. The uterus is emptied by a high-powered suction machine. The baby's body is torn as he/she is being pulled through the hose.

DILATATION AND EVACUATION

Used after 12 weeks. Once the cervix is dilated considerably further than in first trimester abortions, the abortionist inserts a narrow forceps that resembles a pliers. This instrument is needed because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. The spine is snapped and the skull crushed. Body parts are then reassembled and counted to make certain that the entire baby has been removed and that no parts remain in the womb.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

After three days of preparations, the abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother's abdomen and locates the child's legs and feet. The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby's legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down position.

Using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby's body in a manner similar to a breech birth. The baby's head remains inside the birth canal.

The last step involves using surgical scissors to pierce the child's head at the base of the skull. The abortionist forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening. He/she then inserts a suction catheter into the brain and vacuums out the child's brain tissue with a machine 28 times more powerful than a household vacuum.

RU486 - MIFEPREX

Mifeprex blocks the action of the hormone progesterone, which is needed to maintain the lining of the uterus providing oxygen and nutrients for the embryo. Without it, the baby dies. Mifeprex is used in conjunction with the drug Cytotec (misoprostol) which is taken two days after Mifeprex, causing uterine bleeding (sometimes profuse), strong contractions, and expulsion of the baby.

The pregnant woman first visits the abortionist to obtain three Mifeprex pills, returns two days later to receive misoprostol, and a third time to verify that the abortion is complete. The failure rate of this method is about 8% if the pills are taken within 7 weeks and up to 25% at 8-9 weeks. If the baby survives the abortion, there is an extremely high risk that he or she will suffer mental and/or physical birth defects from the Cytotec.

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