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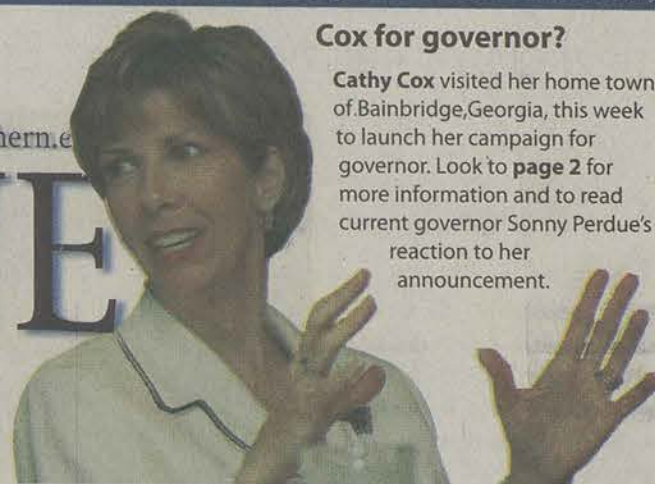


# The GEORGE-ANNE

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## Cox for governor?

Cathy Cox visited her home town of Bainbridge, Georgia, this week to launch her campaign for governor. Look to page 2 for more information and to read current governor Sonny Perdue's reaction to her announcement.



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### Only In America

• Woman accidentally drives car off garage

SILVER SPRING, Md. - A woman accidentally drove her car off a parking garage Monday, but suffered only minor injuries, police said.

The Toyota Avalon landed on its roof after plunging from the top level of the two-story parking garage outside Warwick Towers, Montgomery County police said.

Teeranjani Persaud, 19, told police that as she pulled into a parking space facing the outside of the building, she put her foot on the brake but her car kept going forward. The car crashed through the retaining wall, going down nose first. "I thought the car was going to blow up, so I just called out," she told WRC TV. "I just froze up. My mind was completely cleared. It was like I was meditating." She credited her seat belt for saving her life.

She walked away after being treated on the scene, police said.

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### Quote of the Day

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."



—Marie Curie, in a letter to her brother

### Weekday Weather

Wednesday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH 84°

LOW 57°

Thursday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH 86°

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## Regents vote for tuition increase

*This will become the second-highest tuition increase since 1987*

By Russ Bynum  
Associated Press

SAVANNAH — The Board of Regents voted Tuesday to raise tuition by 8 percent at Georgia's four research universities and increase by 5 percent the cost of attending the remaining state-funded colleges.

The tuition hike — which will take effect with summer classes — is the second-highest in Georgia since 1987, when the cost of attending the state's 34 public colleges and universities rose 8.5 percent.

Still, with the state University System recovering from four years of steep budget cuts,

the board was relieved to avoid a double-digit increase such as the 15-percent hike at research universities imposed in 2004.

"The economy is recovering and we're confident we've seen the last of the budget cuts," said Chancellor Thomas Meredith. "Even with this tuition increase, we'll still remain remarkably low, especially in the Southeast" in terms of cost to students.

In-state, undergraduate students will pay an extra \$135 per semester for attending the four research universities — the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the Medical College of Georgia.

Tuition at other four-year universities will increase by \$58 per semester, while students at two-year colleges will pay \$37 more per term.

That's enough to put a strain on some students' budgets, said Phillip Pope, 22, student body president at Armstrong. Pope said he already works two part-time jobs to pay for his liberal arts degree.

"When you come from a situation like mine, where you're financing your own education without the help of your parents, everything is a financial burden," Pope said.

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### Tuition Increases

In-state, undergraduate students at the four research universities — the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the Medical College of Georgia — will be paying an extra \$135 per semester

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## Mills recognized nationally as outstanding academic adviser

By Adam Crisp  
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Mike Mills, a professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics, has been awarded the Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), a national group that strives to enhance the educational development of students.

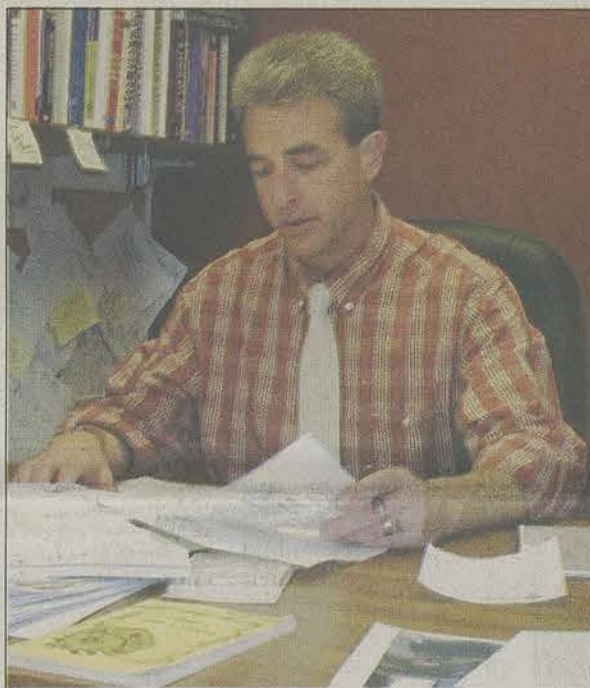
Mills, who was one of the writers of the curriculum for the newly implemented BA in Writing and Linguistics, said advising is an often-forgotten, but important element of the college experience.

"I take seriously the role of service as an integral part of my faculty duties," he said. "It is unfortunate that some students view the advisement process as something less than a positive experience, but I do what I can to make it less so."

Many of the students who are advised by Mills can see he really is dedicated to his work and cares for the students he advises.

"Dr. Mills is always on top of things," said Rachel Weeks, a writing and linguistics major. "When I arrive for advisement, he always has my folder out

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Adam Crisp/STAFF  
Mike Mills, a writing and linguistics professor, looks over some of his students' paperwork before advising them.



Manuel Bal Ceneta/AP Photo

Denise Austin, chair of the President's Physical Fitness and Sports Council, leads Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns, right, and Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Eric Bost, left, to perform an exercise, during the unveiling of the MyPyramid, a new symbol and interactive food guidance system on Tuesday in Washington.

## Government tips food pyramid, adds stairclimbing figure

By Libby Quaid  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government flipped the 13-year-old food pyramid on its side Tuesday, added a staircase for exercise and offered a dozen different models, all aimed at helping Americans trim their waistlines.

Dubbed "MyPyramid," the new graphic interprets the food groups as rainbow-colored bands running vertically from the tip to the base: Orange for grains, green for vegetables, red for fruits, a yellow sliver for oils, blue for milk products and purple for meats and beans. Preferred foods such as grains, vegetables and milk products have wider bands.

To emphasize exercise, the image depicts a figure climbing steps to the top.

In the old pyramid-shaped guide to healthy eating, grains filled the bottom, fats and sweets were at the tip, and vegetables, fruits, dairy products were in the middle.

"It's become quite familiar, but few Americans follow the recommendations," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said Tuesday as he unveiled the new pyramid.

The new one encourages people to figure out their calorie and exercise needs using a new government Web site [www.mypyramid.com](http://www.mypyramid.com). There people can find 12 different models based on daily calorie needs — from the 1,000 calories for sedentary toddlers to 3,200 for teen-age boys.

Improving the health of a nation that has only grown fatter since the first pyramid debuted in 1992 is the goal of the new government tools. Nearly two out of three Americans are overweight or obese, and a report last month in The New England Journal of Medicine contended that obesity, particularly in children, is trimming four to nine months off the average life expectancy.

"If we don't change these trends, our children may be the first generation that cannot look forward to a longer life span than their parents, something that should be very troubling to all of us," said Eric Bost, the Agriculture Department's under secretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

Nonetheless, officials insisted that "MyPyramid" is not a weight-loss plan, which drew criticism from consumer advocates.

"They don't clearly say, 'Eat less,'" said Margo G. Wootan, director of nutrition policy for the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington. "They acknowledge or hint at it with the wedge shape of the food groups. But it doesn't go far enough in making it clear which foods to eat more of and which foods to eat less of."

Nigel Holmes, a Connecticut-based author and lecturer who designs explanation graphics said the new pyramid doesn't provide much information and instead assumes people will do a lot of research.

"They've thrown away the useful part of the pyramid — less at the top, more at the bottom," Holmes said. "I think words and pictures together are very powerful. But just by itself, this isn't a substitute for what we had before."

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## Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany elected pope

*Ratzinger takes the name Benedict XVI*

By William J. Kole  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium.

He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of the past century.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me — a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he said after being introduced by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estvez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new



Andrew Medichini/AP Photo

Newly elected Pope Benedict XVI waves to the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Tuesday. Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, who took the name of Benedict XVI, is the 265th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

pope said. "I entrust myself to your prayers."

The crowd responded to the 265th pope by joyfully chanting "Benedict! Benedict!"

Ratzinger turned 78 on Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

The new pope is the oldest elected since Clement XII, who was chosen in 1730 at 78 but was three months older than Ratzinger.

Cardinals also had faced a choice over whether to seek a younger, dynamic pastor and communicator — perhaps from Latin America or elsewhere in the developing world where the church is growing.

Ratzinger is the first German pope in nearly 1,000 years. There

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# Angela Hipps named Student Employee of the Year

Special to the G-A

Angela Hipps has been named the 2004-2005 Student Employee of the Year at Georgia Southern University.

A junior nursing major from Baxley, Hipps works in the University's Department of Financial Aid. She received a plaque and a \$100 University Store gift card for her outstanding work throughout the year.

Hipps was one of 13 Georgia Southern students nominated by their respective departments for Student Employee of the Year.

The award is sponsored by the financial aid department, which annually honors a student employee for reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution.

An employee in financial aid for approximately three years, Hipps received five letters of nomination from the department's staff members.

Even with the demands of her job, she has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average to become a regular member of the Dean's List.

In addition, Hipps is an active member of the University's Baptist Student Union and has participated in mission trips during breaks in the school year. She is also a representative on the Student Advisement Council.



Special Photo

Angela Hipps was presented with a plaque for her achievements as 2004-2005 Student Employee of the Year at Georgia Southern University. Hipps accepted the award from Teresa Thompson, the University's interim vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The Georgia Southern Student Employee of the Year award was presented in conjunction with National Student Employment Week, which runs from April 11 through April 15 and is sponsored by the National Student Employment Association.

The National Student Employment Association has declared that the second complete week in April each year be set aside to recognize the value of student employees and student employment professionals.

The purpose of this week is to enhance awareness of student employment and its important role in the higher education experience as well as to recognize students who perform outstanding work while attending college.

It is also to thank the employer who hires students for part-time positions and to make the student employment program successful.

Angela Hipps is the daughter of Edward and Mary Hipps.

# Students in Free Enterprise team wins regional competition

Special to the G-A

The Georgia Southern University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team recently won the SIFE USA Regional Competition in Atlanta.

The event was one of 21 SIFE USA Regional Competitions being held across the United States and involved approximately 250 competitors from colleges and universities across the southeast.

After presenting a report of their yearlong community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, the Georgia Southern SIFE Team was named a SIFE USA Regional Champion.

The team will now advance to the national level of competition at the SIFE USA National Exposition May 22-24 in Kansas City, Mo.

The Georgia Southern SIFE team received a \$5,000 grant from the Marcus Foundation to support an outreach project to teach business and economics to high school students.

"These 'I Choose' grants are intended to encourage SIFE chapters to develop projects that will directly impact high school age students who are impaired by low income or at-risk circumstances," said John King, business professor and faculty advisor to the Georgia Southern SIFE team. The SIFE team's proposal includes classroom instruction, hands-on activity, mentorship opportunities and a follow-up program.

The SIFE students will work with a small handful of high school juniors

and seniors to help them understand how the free enterprise system works; the benefits and opportunities offered through free enterprise; and the tools needed to take advantage of those opportunities, with an emphasis on higher education, skills development and entrepreneurship.

"Our project will include job shadowing with local entrepreneurs, learning to write a business plan, business etiquette and other activities," said King. "We'll have a business plan competition and the winning plan will receive seed money to be implemented by the students as a group."

SIFE is an international non-profit organization that mobilizes university students to create economic opportunities for others while discovering their own potential.

It was founded in 1975 as a non-profit liaison between business and higher education to encourage students to make a difference through development of leadership, teamwork and communication skills, King said.

The Georgia Southern chapter is one of approximately 1,800 organized on college and university campuses around the globe.

"SIFE assists students in taking what they learn in the classroom and applying it to real-life situations as they use their knowledge to better their communities through educational outreach programs," said King.

For additional information, contact King at (912) 681-0388 or co-advisor Amanda King at (912) 681-0535.

# Business professors honored with faculty awards

Special to the G-A

Several Georgia Southern University College of Business Administration professors were recently honored with end-of-the-year faculty awards, recognizing them for outstanding work throughout the year.

The Dean's Citations for Student Engagement were awarded to Amanda King, Robert Newman and Camille Rogers.

The Tomlinson & Bond Families Staff Award for Excellence went to Lisa Vance.

Donna Fisher won the Brown & Williamson Faculty Award, and David Eckles was presented with the M. Albert Burke Faculty Award.

The Charles R. Gibbs Faculty Award was given to Tim Cairney and the Bank of America Faculty Award to Bill Wells.

Kyle Hensel was honored with the Dean's Outstanding Temporary Faculty Award, and John Barkoulas received the T.J. Morris Jr. Faculty Award for Outstanding Research.

The Martin NeSmith Faculty Award for Distinguished Service was presented to John Brown and the W.A. & Emma Lou Crider Award for Excellence in Teaching to Jack White.

Leslie Fletcher was named the William A. Freeman Professor of the Year, and Bill Levernier received the Eugene M. Bishop Award for Sustained Excellence.

For additional information, contact (912) 681-5106.

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# Cathy Cox returns to her hometown to launch 2005 campaign for Governor

By Elliott Minor  
Associated Press

BAINBRIDGE — Secretary of State Cathy Cox returned to her hometown, where she's known as "Our Favorite Daughter," to launch her campaign for governor Tuesday, promising to bridge the gap between Republicans and fellow Democrats in the Legislature and to set priorities that improve the lives of all Georgians.

"It's a time for a new vision for Georgia," Cox said to a standing ovation from a crowd of 500 surrounding the bandstand in the live oak- and magnolia-lined town square.

Cox, 46, said she would make children a top priority so they can grow up educated, healthy and capable of succeeding. She also said she would use technology to create high-paying jobs.

"Technology has opened enormous opportunities to grow for our small towns—and we deserve a governor who puts job growth first—for all parts of the state," she said. "With the right leadership, we can make the next decade the 'boom' time for our small and medium-sized communities and bring high-paying jobs to every corner of the state."

Cox, who is serving her second term as the state's chief elections official, is seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue in the November 2006 election.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, a well-established politician with a hefty campaign chest and a strong network of supporters, is expected to oppose



AP Photo

Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, greets supporters at a campaign kickoff rally at Willis Park on the square in downtown Bainbridge on Tuesday. Cox, who is serving her second term as the state's chief elections official, is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination to challenge Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue in the November 2006 election.

Cox in the Democratic primary.

Cox, who has degrees in journalism and law, became the first woman attorney in Bainbridge, a city of 12,000 in extreme southwestern Georgia.

She was in the Georgia House from 1993 to 1996 and has been involved in politics since childhood. Her late father, Walter, was the town's mayor and also served 16 years as a state representative.

At the bandstand, which was decorated with red bunting and red, white and blue flags, the master of ceremonies was Sam Griffin, publisher of the Bainbridge Post-Searchlight and son of the last governor from Bainbridge, Marvin Griffin, who served from 1955-59.

Five speakers praised Cox's integrity and her determination and concern for the people. One of them was Steven Bench, her 10-year-old nephew.

"Tough is her middle name, and there isn't anything she can't do. She's a fine aunt, and she'll make a terrific governor," Steven said.

Luther Conyers, a Bainbridge city councilman, said Cox "has been a hard worker for all of her life. If you give Cathy the opportunity, she will lead Georgia. She is going to walk into the mansion as the first female governor of Georgia."

Cox said she is willing to work with people of all political parties to improve the state.

In 2002, Perdue became the state's first Republican governor in more than a century. Party switches gave Republicans control of the Senate after Perdue's election, and last year the GOP took control of the House.

Cox criticized the Legislature for "spending more time debating the legalization of sparklers and hair braiding than they did in considering the entire \$17 billion state budget."

"Georgia's agenda should begin in the governor's office," she said. "We deserve a governor who really leads. We deserve a leader who spends more time bringing people together than dividing them along partisan lines."

"We will govern with a new spirit," she said. "We will say 'no' to the partisan gridlock and gimmicks. I'll be a governor who can work with anyone and everyone, Republicans or Democrats. Anyone with a good idea for Georgia will be welcome at the table."

A spokesman for Perdue declined to comment specifically about Cox's candidacy.

"It seems a bit early for politics," said Perdue spokesman Dan McLagan. "The governor is focused on doing the people's business and enacting important legislation. But we certainly look forward to a spirited Democratic primary."

That will have to wait at least one day. A spokesman for Taylor's campaign declined comment.

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# Only in America

## SWAT team wants monkey on staff

MESA — Police tactical units usually don't engage in a lot of monkey business, but one SWAT team wants to add a capuchin monkey to its staff.

Officer Sean Truelove, with the Mesa Police Department, said the department is trying to obtain a capuchin, considered the sec-



Arizona

ond smartest primate behind the chimpanzee, with about \$100,000 in grant money. Truelove says the monkey, which alone would cost \$15,000, could become the ultimate SWAT reconnaissance tool. Capuchins are small, weighing between 3 and 8 pounds, have tiny humanlike hands and puzzle-solving skills. He said the monkey could be trained to unlock doors and search buildings.

Since 1979, capuchin monkeys have been trained as companions for quadriplegics, performing daily tasks such as serving food, opening and closing doors, turning lights on and off, retrieving objects and brushing hair.

## Religious man wants Mt. Diablo to have 'less demonic' name

OAKLEY — An Oakley man has asked the federal government to rename Mount Diablo, saying the current name, which means devil in Spanish, is offensive to his religious sensibilities.

Art Mijares applied to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for the change and suggests naming the mountain Mount Kawukum.

To make the change, Mijares would need to persuade federal, state and local governments

that it's necessary. That may be easier said than done.

It's been called Mount Diablo for at least 164 years, and references to the mountain permeate thousands of maps, books and historical documents.

The name Kawukum first surfaced in 1866, when a church group tried to change Mount Diablo's name for reasons nearly identical to Mijares'.

## Bush supporter sues over 'W' logo

DALLAS — A supporter of President Bush is suing the Republican National Committee and one of its suppliers, claiming they stole his design for the ubiquitous "W" bumper sticker logo in the 2004 campaign.

Jerry Gossett of Wichita Falls says he pitched his design for



Texas

a logo to the RNC's supplier of campaign materials, The Spalding Group of Lexington, Ky., in 2001

and to the RNC in 2003, and was turned down.

But in early 2004, he says, a similar logo appeared on a Web site and he traced it back to the RNC. This month, Gossett's Rally Concepts LLC sued in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for copyright infringement and conspiracy.

Gossett, inspired by scenes of firefighters raising a flag at the site of the World Trade Center, drew an American flag fluttering from a large W, next to the number 43 for Bush as the 43rd president.

The Spalding design reads "W'04" instead of "W 43," and is rounded, unlike Gossett's rectangular design. Hollander said key elements in the company's design had emerged as early as 1999.

## Woman, 90, saves pet from bobcat

WYMAN TOWNSHIP — A 90-year-old woman grabbed a bobcat by the tail to free her beloved pet cat from the wildcat's mouth.

Mildred Luce, who lives alone, said the action began one recent day when she looked outside her



Maine

window and saw the bobcat lying on its side with the head of her 20-year-old cat, Smudge, in its mouth.

Luce ran out the door, grabbed an aluminum snow shovel and pushed it down on the bobcat's neck. But it held on tight.

"Then I took hold of its head with my hand and pulled on its tail, and Smudge popped out," she said.

Luce was upset by the episode, even more so because her other cat, 5-year-old Foxy, had been mauled the night before and died two days later.

## Portable toilets face dumping restrictions

TALLAHASSEE — There's an attempt in the Florida Legislature to put restrictions on the dumping of contents from portable toilets.

Currently those contents can be emptied anywhere, including



Florida

streams and lakes. A bill making its way through the House would fix that.

The legislation would put the Department of Health in charge of regulation, permits and inspection of portable restrooms.

The House Health and Families Council approved the proposed law today. It now goes to the House floor for a vote.

## Man sets record with 157 squibs on body

FAIRMONT — A man has set a Guinness world record for the most squibs to be set off on a human body.

On April 11, his 35th birthday, Mike Daugherty donned a wet suit



West Virginia

with 160 squibs riveted to it.

Squibs are similar to blasting caps and are used to simulate gunshots in movies.

At Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington, N.C., Daugherty was surrounded by family, paramedics, a special effects crew and some firefighters when special effects artist Will Purcell detonated the charges.

All but three exploded, earning Daugherty his place in the record book.

## Moussaoui offers to plead guilty

WASHINGTON — Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person in the United States charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks, is offering for a second time to plead guilty and a federal judge is evaluating whether to accept the plea, a legal source said Tuesday.

The source, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the matter remains sealed, said if U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema finds Moussaoui mentally competent to make the decision, he could enter the plea before the end of the month.

## Massive wave damages cruise ship

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A seven-story wave damaged a cruise ship returning from the Bahamas over the weekend, smashing windows, flooding more than 60 cabins and injuring four passengers.

The Norwegian Dawn was diverted from its route when the ship ran into rough weather on the way back to New York on Saturday.

The 965-foot-long vessel docked in the Charleston harbor for repairs, and departed for New York early Sunday after a Coast Guard inspection, officials said.

It was expected back in New York by noon Monday.

## Four people charged in death of toddler

FOREST PARK — Four people charged Tuesday in the death of a two-year-old boy plotted to rob his parents' hours before the shooting, then recruited the gunman to carry out the crime, authorities said.

Clayton County police arrested Kearndric David Smith, 20, and Freddie Lamar Floyd, 38, both of College Park, on Monday night.

Michael Anthony Hendrix, 32, of Atlanta, turned himself in Tuesday morning.

Shakeila Danuaralle Hampton, 33, of Atlanta, was arrested April 14 on unrelated charges.

The four face charges of felony murder and conspiracy to commit a crime in the Feb. 10 shooting death of Xavier Miranda. Hendrix and Hampton also are charged with giving false statements.

The accused gunman, Torrin D. Reese, 18, was arrested Saturday and charged with felony murder, kidnapping and two counts of aggravated assault.

Reese surrendered without incident and has admitted to the killing, authorities said.

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

# National News Briefs

## Senate panel delays vote on Bolton to U.N.

WASHINGTON — John R. Bolton's

nomination as U.N. ambassador suffered an unexpected setback Tuesday when a Republican-controlled Senate committee scrapped plans for a vote in favor of a fresh look at allegations

of unbecoming conduct.

Despite his history of hostility to the United Nations and a reputation for blunt talk and a hard head, Bolton had appeared on his way to confirmation.



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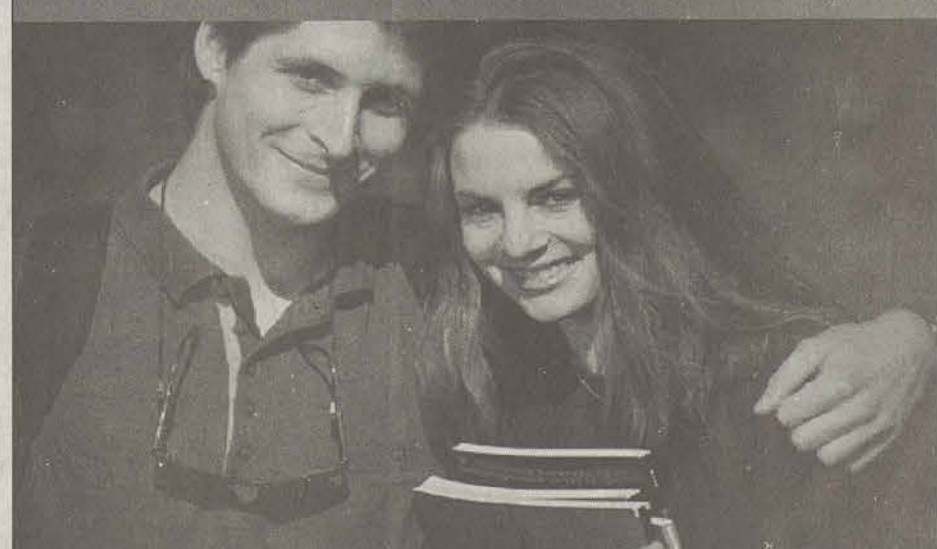
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Our Opinion

# Pain and lessons still surround Columbine

Today is the sixth anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre. We all know the stories, so there is no need for us to recap them all here, but we do think it's important that, on this anniversary, we remember what happened there.

Apparently, the two gunmen Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, who eventually committed suicide, went on their rampage in order to get back at people who were making their lives hell.

According to reports after the shootings, both boys were "outcasts" of sorts and didn't mesh well with other students in their school. Simple logic tells us (sadly) that when kids are outcasts, that means they are made fun of. This certainly happened in the cases of both Klebold and Harris.

There are other factors as well, such as, "where the hell were their parents while they were making bombs in their bedrooms?" and "how were these two students able to plant bombs throughout the school without being caught?"

While there may be no answers to these questions — or the million others that loom in the wake of the tragedy — asking them is still important.

It's a shame people can be driven to the point of killing through ridicule and seclusion. It's also a shame that parents can be so totally clueless as to their kids' daily lives.

Despite the terrible outcome of the case with Klebold and Harris, these types of situations can be avoided.

If bullies would get a life and parents would get into their kids' lives, some future problems could be solved.

Could the Columbine shootings have been stopped if some students had been nicer to the gunmen or if their parents would have been more involved?

Maybe, maybe not.

But we must say, it couldn't have hurt.



# Hope yet for Georgia Dems

I'm so glad I'll still be a Georgia voter next year. It isn't that she's a woman. It isn't even Secretary of State Cathy Cox's Democratic affiliation that gets me so tingly in my bathing-suit areas. It's her skill.

She is, without a doubt, the most with-it candidate for governor we've ever had.

I haven't been so excited about a political prospect since... well, ever.

Since I've been old enough to vote, I've felt short-changed in every election, including our last two presidential races. It's as though I'm always simply settling for the lesser of two evils. It isn't that way this time around.

I couldn't have hand-picked a better contender, and here's why:

Cox does two things I ask a politician to do, and does them better than any public official I've ever seen.

First of all, *she puts education first*. She understands that a knowledgeable society is more secure and productive than a confused, ignorant one.

Cox has held her current office since 1998. I've been keeping an eye on her since my late high school days, and besides admiring her for being the first woman to serve as Secretary of State, I'm in awe of the way she's made the inner workings of our state government accessible and understandable to the public. Try Googling a Georgia topic sometime. It won't be a university or textbook publisher that comes up, it'll be a division of her official website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us>.

The woman has a page chock-full of ready-made lesson plans for anyone teaching civics or Georgia history. And she isn't even a teacher!

But my bet is she would consider herself a teacher, or at least a liaison between what the government knows and what the public should. She does, after all, have plenty of experience with education. She's studied agriculture, journalism and law, and all at Georgia institutions.

She created an online government archive containing everything from census figures to vital records dating back three centuries, fully searchable and free to the public. Interested in seeing a postcard sent from someone in your county in the early 1900s? Need credible information and sources for a history paper? Want to know about educational events throughout the state for the rest of the year? All those things are only a few clicks away.

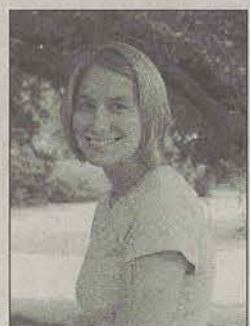
She informs the public, but knows that isn't enough. She goes a step beyond.

*She actually represents us.*

She's not in this for the glory. She wants to share her power with the people, and the proof is in all she's done for the voting process in Georgia. In addition to making the government's voice more clear to us, she's worked to increase our visibility and made our voices heard through all the bureaucracy.

You know all that nice, simple touch-screen voting? You know how we were the first state to have that in every county? That's her work.

She has also pushed incessantly for our early voting



Amanda Permenter  
editor-in-chief

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## International Students Speak Out Here is my answer to getting a well-rounded education

As each day brings me closer to graduation, I have one constant question on my mind and I am not alone.

My mother actually called me today asking the same question after she received my graduation announcement in the mail. "Brittany, what in the heck is an International Studies degree?"

As an International Studies major here at Georgia Southern, my classmates and I are all struggling with the same question. The thing is, the answer is so simple. First, you must re-phrase the question to best suit you personally. Ask yourself, "What does a degree in International Studies mean to me?"

In my case, when I first came to this university, I had no direction in my life. I struggled with so many fears. I finally came to my realization while volunteering for one summer in Tortuguero, Costa Rica. While I was there, I began to realize just how small the world was beginning to seem to me. I had no idea about the world at this time, and all I wanted was to learn and experience more of it.

When I came back to the states, I immediately started researching the International Studies major here at GSU. I decided to enroll in Dr. Darin Van Tassel's Intro to International Studies course. This also happened to be the semester after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. The more Dr. Van Tassel taught us about the world, the more I realized how ignorant and in the shadows I had been.

I immediately started engulfing myself in world news. I learned about so many conflicts around the world and America's role in them. I needed to under-

stand why our country was going to war.

The courses offered in this degree have taught me so many things in the short time that I have been here. They have taught me that our world today is interdependent and they have helped me to think on a more global level.

Each action our country takes is felt by others around the world. I have developed a larger appreciation and sensitivity toward other world cultures.

The more I learned, the more my problems began to shrink and world issues began to draw nearer. I gained a need to make an impact on the world. Whether this impact may only affect one individual or many, I have the knowledge and confidence now through my degree to execute this task.

An International Studies degree also has a foreign language requirement that has allowed me to improve my proficiency in Spanish. This ability will further help me with the language barriers I will experience this summer on my exchange program in Xalapa, Mexico at the Universidad Veracruzana.

I have also learned how to interact with businesses around the world. There is an entirely different business culture in each area of the world on top of a social culture. These are key skills that I will need to use for the rest of my career.

This brings me to my point. What an Interna-

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The courses offered in this degree have taught me so many things in the short time that I have been here. They have taught me that our world today is interdependent and they have helped me to think on a more global level.

## Letter to the Editor Don't save Social Security

It should be perfectly clear why many people are opposed to private Social Security accounts: They don't want to be responsible for their lives.

A recent article running on Yahoo! News talked to several people labeled as "working poor," or what I call "chronic bad-decision makers." These people said they like not having to worry about retirement money and the comfort of knowing it will always be there. I say to them, it's time to grow up.

Before Roosevelt gave us the luxury of the welfare state, people saved for retirement themselves. They knew that when they got older they wanted to quit working and put aside some money to allow them that luxury. Nowadays, people go out and spend every cent they have on items that bring them happiness now, giving no thought to their future.

If I could, I would phase out Social Security quickly and put people's retirements back where they belong, in their own hands. I understand we can't pull the rug out from

underneath some 70-year-old widow, but what we could do is quit funding so many silly programs like the National Endowment for the Arts, and transfer that money into the Social Security system.

Or maybe we could kick the UN out and rent that building on the free market, that should provide plenty of money. At this point, I don't think much Social Security reform will happen.

Democrats can't afford to lose this precious government dependency program, and too many Republicans are too chicken to challenge them.

The only way reform will happen is if enough people stand up and say, "I will take responsibility for my own life and not be made a financial slave to the state."

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system, which allows the hard working among us a fairer chance to cast our ballots.

Not content to justify the way Atlanta politicians frequently ignore the rest of the state's needs, she has brought government focus to middle and South Georgia by making Macon the home of her largest operating division.

I don't care who you are or what party you're affiliated with. Follow Cathy Cox's campaign and give her some consid-

eration. Do your own objective check on her achievements. Search the news headlines for her. Go listen to her speak.

She visits Georgia Southern and other Georgia schools often. That alone is more than any of the stuffed suits up in Atlanta have to say for themselves.

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tional Studies degree means to me is *International Awareness*. I am now more aware of how to interact with people all over the world. I have new senses that I have gained with this knowledge. I can now communicate with more ease with international cultures and with my own.

I am also knowledgeable of politics, business and issues all over the

world. I am thankful for the education I have received through the GSU International Studies Department. I am thankful for my advisors, professors and especially the department secretary Georgia for guidance through my education.

I believe Dr. Van Tassell said it best in his introduction to his International Studies course syllabus,

"Education is not a purely local or national affair, rather, it involves consideration of the entire world. And an individual that knows little about the world cannot be truly educated."

That is my education defined. Brittany Smith is an International Studies major and can be reached at [bsmith3@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:bsmith3@georgiasouthern.edu).

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tizing wasn't available decades ago because the technology wasn't available.

It wasn't necessary because television and films more accurately reflected community standards and values than they do today.

Despite the solemn pleas from famous directors, it's hard to oppose

giving parents the tools to exert some control in their own homes.

But there will be many sequels to this story. The challenge of ensuring artistic integrity in a digital age will only grow as the free market offers new ways to customize what we view, read and hear. Copyright protections have changed enormously since the

introduction of the printing press to England in the late 15th century. They're about to change again.

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# Africa needs both U.S. and U.N.

By E.R. Shipp  
New York Daily News

Whenever people marvel that I have never been to Africa, I point to the headlines: civil war, pestilence, famine, corruption, plagues, poverty, sadness. And yet many people describe this cradle of civilization as having some of the best vistas, the most amazing animals and some of the most complex history, from archaeological and cultural perspectives, on the planet.

Africa is not a poor continent, but is bereft of wise, honest leaders with the clout to control tribalism, demand more from the Western corporate world or appeal to the international community to live up to its pledges of commitment to securing and maintaining peace.

It is no wonder that some Catholic cardinals from the continent hoped the next pope would be one of their own, someone who could focus attention — and resources — on Africa.

Kofi Annan, the African at the helm of the United Nations, is trying his darnedest to focus attention on the AIDS epidemic and on the genocide underway in Darfur, the western part of the Sudan. But last week the United Nations warned that without more money it would have to cut rations to more than 1 million people displaced by what's happening in Darfur. Cutting rations to people who are already in dire straits.

Even as the Sudanese government and insurgents agreed to end a 21-year civil war that has led to the deaths of 2 million and the displacement of more than 4 million in the southern part of this largest country in Africa, something like 200,000 people have been killed and 1 million displaced in the west. Each day women and girls are raped and then, if they become pregnant, are shunned as whores, beaten and jailed. Sudan is a mess.

And we in the more blessed nations of the world throw up our hands in both frustration and disgust.

Under the auspices of the United Nations, nations pledged \$4.5 billion for Sudan to rebuild in the south, with the U.S. making its promise of \$1.7 billion contingent upon a resolution of the genocidal chaos in the west.

That \$4.5 billion sounds good, but pledges are too often for show. About five months ago, the United Nations asked for \$1.5 billion to help Sudan through 2005. Only \$500 million — a third of what was requested — has come through.

Africa is a mess. But so is the international commitment to come to its aid. This is what the United Nations' news service reported last week:

"8 April 2005 — An international appeal for humanitarian assistance of over \$39 million for Cote d'Ivoire has brought in 'just over zero percent,' while a general appeal for all emergencies, except the Indian Ocean tsunami, has garnered less than 10% of what was hoped for, the United Nations said today. ... Gathering less than 5 percent of what was needed were Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Russian Federation for Chechnya, Cote d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Guinea, the Republic of Congo, Somalia and the West African region." Notice how that list is pretty much Africa.

The United Nations is a mess. But, short of divine intervention, it's the best thing going right now to engage the nation states of the world. The United States must exercise its influence not to tear down the United Nations, but to lead it toward freeing Africa from its present self.

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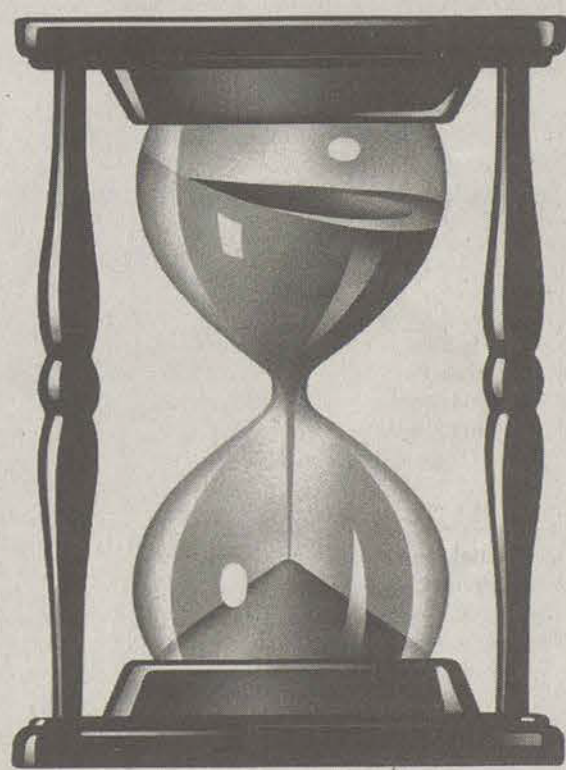
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## Eagle baseball to host Charleston Southern

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Georgia Southern's four-game homestand concludes on Wednesday (April 20) when Charleston Southern travels to J.I. Clements Stadium. The newly scheduled non-conference baseball game came about after the Eagles lost two games due to rain.

Season ticket holders wanting to attend this game need to bring a photo ID to the ticket booth at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles (24-11 overall) enter the game having won 18 of their last 22.

Last weekend GSU took 2-of-3 from Elon, improving to 11-3 in the Southern Conference. A.J. Battisto will get the start against the Buccaneers. The sophomore right-hander, making his first start, does not have a decision in 18 relief appearances. He owns a 4.61 ERA in 27.1 innings, striking out 18 to 11 walks issued. In the previous four games, Georgia Southern's starting pitcher has recorded at least 10 strikeouts.

The Eagles' .321 team batting average slipped to third in the SoCon while the 5.39 team ERA rose to fourth. Jason Hurst jumped up to fourth place in the SoCon with his .415 batting average

while Greg Dowling stands sixth at .399. Dowling, a junior first baseman, was recently added to the College Baseball Foundation's 2005 Brooks Wallace Watch List for National "Player of the Year" - one of four on the list representing the SoCon.

Derrick Smith's 12 home runs continue to lead the SoCon as does James Payne's 27 stolen bases. With 45 runs scored this year, Logan Phillips moved into second place.

The Bucs (20-19) own a .278 batting average and 5.06 ERA. Charleston Southern snapped a five-game losing streak when it defeated VMI 2-0 in the nightcap of a doubleheader last Saturday. CSU plans on utilizing several different pitchers in the game. Justin Fyle leads the hitting attack at .352 with Drew Grosse right behind at .350. Brian Sole leads CSU with eight home runs and 37 RBI.



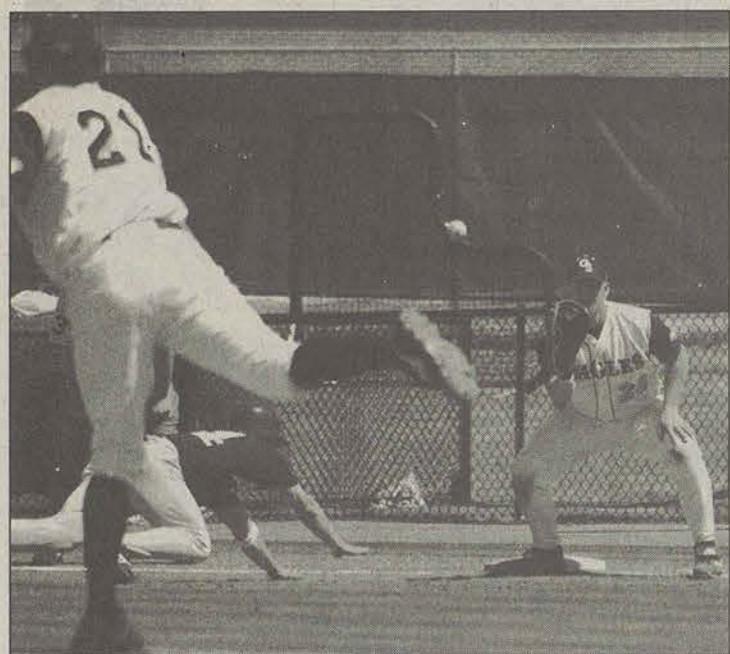
### Eagles

Next Game:

Charleston Southern

When: Today, 4 p.m.

Where: Clements Stadium



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF  
GSU pitcher Dustin Evans attempts to pickoff a runner in a game earlier in the season.

## Armstrong 15th after first stage of Tour de Georgia

By George Henry  
Associated Press

MACON, Ga. (AP) - Lance Armstrong took a safe approach in the first stage of the Tour de Georgia, spending Tuesday in a pack with his teammates, avoiding risk of injury and finishing 15th.

"We didn't go very fast," Armstrong said. "In fact, we went flat-out slow for most of the day. I was trying to stay out of trouble, and the guys did a good job staying out in front and keeping me out of the way."

Armstrong, who won 648-mile event last year, is using this race as a tuneup for what he said will be his final Tour de France this summer. The 33-year-old Texan, who won cycling's most prestigious event for an unprecedented sixth straight time last year, announced his retirement plans Monday in Augusta.

Robert Hunter, a South African racing for the Phonak Hearing Systems of Switzerland, won the 128.8-mile leg in 5 hours, 47 minutes, 52 seconds. With several thousand fans lining the streets of downtown Macon, Hunter edged his front tire past Ben Brooks to earn the yellow jersey.

The big crowd, most of whom strained to catch a glimpse of Armstrong, energized Hunter.

"It's not any fun when you're racing for 200-plus kilometers unless you see someone out there," Hunter said. "It's really nice to see that."

Each of the top 56 finishers was credited with times of 5:47:52. Brooks, who races for the U.S. team Jelly Belly, and third-place finisher Michele Maccantini of Italy, also were credited a time of 5:47:52.

"It wasn't a traditional kind of sprint," Brooks said of the finish. "The hill makes it kind of hard. You've got to have good position. I had a good shot, but Robbie's a world-class sprinter."

Dan Bowman of Farmington Hills, Mich., held the break for 90-plus miles to earn five sprint points, but he finished in 112th place.

Five of Armstrong's seven Discovery Channel teammates, Jose Azevedo, Viatcheslav Ekimov, Tom Danielson, Jose Luis Rubiera and Michael Barry, had the same time.

It was difficult for Armstrong to gauge how he felt in his lengthiest competition since

finishing 28th in the Ronde of Flanders in Belgium on April 3.

"I don't know," he said. "For the first day, and not being used to race pace, it was faster than you expect. The way they were accelerating on the circuit - that kind of pace I'm not used to yet - but I remember being shocked at the speed of these circuits last year. Overall, I feel good."

The six-day race continues Wednesday in Fayetteville and ends 122.7 miles later in the northwest town of Rome.

Armstrong indicated the Georgia race could end his competitive career in North America, but he might consider another practice event in May to stay fresh for the Tour de France.

### Armstrong to race final Tour

Lance Armstrong, 33, announced that he will retire from professional cycling after he attempts to extend his Tour de France winning streak this summer. His record six straight titles followed his inspirational recovery from testicular cancer.

#### Tour de France appearances

Overall finish	NR	NR	36	NR		1	1	1	1	1	TBD				
No. stage wins	1	0	1	0		4	1	4	4	2	6				
	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05
Other notable victories	U.S. Amateur Championship				Clasica San Sebastian			Tour de Suisse			Criterium du Dauphine Libere				
	USPro Championship; World Championships				Diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer; returned to racing a year later				Bronze medal, 2000 Olympics						
NR - Not ranked															

SOURCES: Tour de France; LanceArmstrong.com

AP

## Irwin earns National Soccer Honor

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Senior Tommy Irwin has been named to the 2004 National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Men's Scholar Athlete All America Third Team. The forward from Myrtle Beach, S.C. has amassed a 3.55 grade point average majoring in business.

On the field, Irwin netted a career-best seven goals in 2004, including three game-winners.

In addition to this award, Irwin has already been named second team all-Southern Conference, earned COSIDA Academic All-America honors, and earned all-tournament honors at the UK/Nike Invitational.

Irwin, who was one of just five athletes from the Southern Conference named to this prestigious squad, will continue his education this fall as he plans on attending the University of South Carolina MBA program in Hilton Head, SC.



By Bryan Metcalf

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All the talk this week is Alex Smith versus Aaron Rodgers versus Braylon Edwards for who the San Francisco 49ers will select with the No. 1 overall pick in this weekend's NFL draft. Although the first person selected will likely make a huge impact on his team, the bigger question should be who will be the next Tom Brady.

So who is the diamond in the

rough? Who is the late-round pick that could lead his team to three Super Bowl titles in four years?

Two names emerge as I look over the hundreds of young men entering the draft. Adrian McPherson, the former Florida State QB who was banned from NCAA football after allegations he bet on FSU football games, and Stefan LeFors of Louisville.

McPherson showed talent in his four starts at Florida State and continued to impress at the NFL combine. The former Florida "Mr. Basketball" and "Mr. Football" will have to adjust to a different game than what he played last year in the Arena Football League. He has above-average arm strength - able to throw the ball 72 yards while

flat-footed - but relies too heavily on his arm. He has shown exceptional speed and footwork, but his size is a concern for some NFL scouts. At 6'3" and 218 lbs., it has been suggested that McPherson needs to bulk up. The even bigger issue is his character. While he has stayed out of trouble since the 2002 gambling scandal and has accepted responsibility for ruining his college career, his past actions are a cause for concern for NFL teams. ESPN draft specialist Mel Kiper predicts McPherson to go somewhere in the third or fourth round, possibly to the Detroit Lions.

LeFors is one of the most efficient passers in the draft. What he lacks in arm strength, he more than makes up

with accuracy. In his senior season at Louisville last year, he completed 189 of 257 passes (73.5 percent) for 2,596 yards and 20 touchdowns. Like McPherson, LeFors has exceptional footwork and throws great on the run. He also has an exceptional pocket presence and avoids a lot of pressure with his 4.53 forty-yard dash speed that helped produce six rushing TDs. As a junior, LeFors led Louisville to an 11-1 record. He threw for over 3,000 yards and had 17 touchdowns. Over two years as a starter, LeFors threw only 13 interceptions (10 as a junior). LeFors has demonstrated great leadership and intelligence, but his size is cause for concern. At 6'0", 208 lbs, his durability becomes a concern. Also a

concern with his height is his inability to see over the pocket. He would have to spend a lot of time on the move, ala Jake "the snake" Plummer.

But there is another tremendous upside to LeFors. He is the only one in his family that isn't deaf. He is extremely skilled at using his hands to communicate. He used this skill often when calling audibles at Louisville, and will be able to use them in the pros just as good, if not better than, Payton Manning. LeFors is currently ranked at number 176 on ESPN.com. It is likely he will go in the sixth round, however he could move up to the fifth round if a team is looking for a quality back-up who can win if he is needed to play.

# Golf finishes second at SoCon Championship

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DAVIDSON, NC - The Georgia Southern golf team shot a low round 285 Tuesday afternoon, but it was not enough, as East Tennessee won the 2005 Southern Conference Championships by three strokes over the Eagles at River Run County Club.

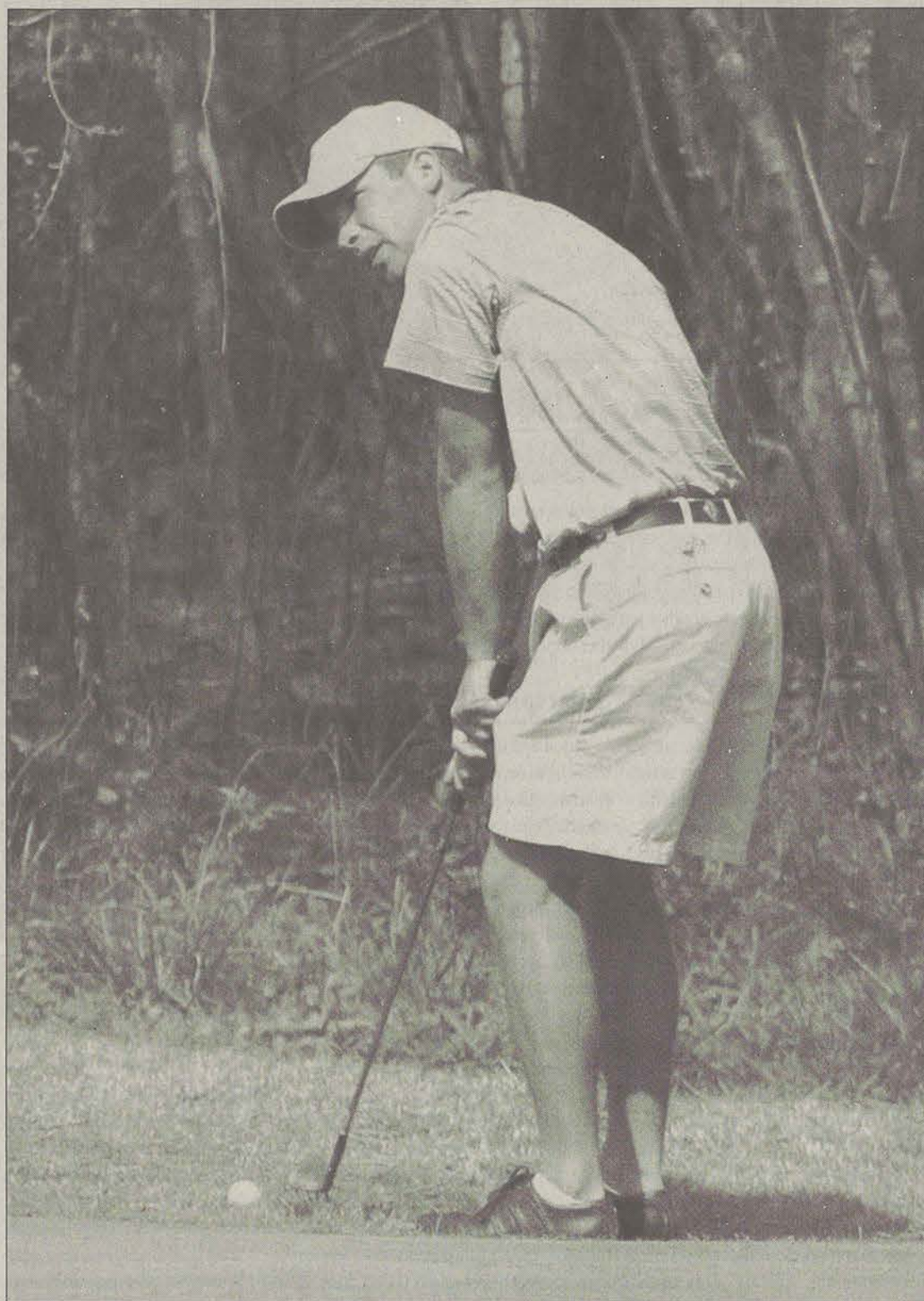
ETSU finished 18-over par after carding a final round 287, led by SoCon individual champion Rhys Davies, who won by 10 strokes (-8). The Eagles made a late rally Tuesday afternoon, coming back from ten-strokes out to finish just three shots out of first place, at 21-over par, good enough for second place.

Host school Davidson took home third place after shooting a final round 296, finishing at 26-over par, four strokes behind GSU. Chattanooga and UNC Greensboro tied for fourth at 30-over par.

GSU had three players finish in the top ten, with freshman David Palm coming in tied for fifth place (+4) after carding a low round 68 on the day. Senior Aron Price and sophomore Bryan Jones finished just two strokes behind Palm at 6-over, tying for 8th place. Freshman Chris Smith fired a final round 73, putting him 11-over par and tied for 24th, while junior Jon David Kennedy struggled in the final round, finishing 13-over par, tied for 32nd.

"I'm proud of our guys for coming back and making a late run," said head coach Larry Mays. "East Tennessee State just played better. We didn't adjust to the course, which is something we need to work on. We can't worry about the conditions of the course, we have to make the best of what the conditions are, and play from there."

The Eagles have a month until the NCAA Regionals, which begin May 19 at The Golf Club of Tennessee in Nashville, Tenn.



Hillary Jones/STAFF  
GSU junior Jon David Kennedy chips the ball onto the green during a tournament this season.

## After six years away, affiliated baseball returns to Mississippi

By Joedy McCreary  
Associated Press

PEARL, Miss. - Doug Groner waited nearly six years for affiliated minor-league baseball to come back to the Jackson area. It's back now, and he didn't want to miss anything about the return.

The former member of the Jackson Mets and Jackson Generals booster club was the first fan to enter the home plate gate Monday night at Trustmark Park.

The retired Pearl resident walked into the park promptly as the ball yard opened at 5:30 p.m., and made a beeline for his season tickets four rows behind home plate.

"I wanted to get here early (but) I didn't have to be the first person," Groner said. "It looks fabulous, first-class."

The Class AA Mississippi Braves brought affiliated baseball back to central Mississippi with their Southern League home opener against the Montgomery Biscuits, the team's first game since it relocated from Greenville, SC.

The final score was largely irrelevant to the 5,500 fans expected to

pack the sold-out, \$25 million ballpark - mainly because it was the first game here for a bona fide farm team since the Jackson Generals of the Class AA Texas League moved to Texas after the 1999 season. The independent Jackson Senators still play uptown at Smith-Wills Stadium.

But what endears the new team to the locals is its affiliation with the Atlanta Braves, long considered the official Team of the Deep South.

Wearing an Atlanta Braves visor and tomahawk earrings in the left-field pavilion, Natchez resident Ruth Nix said the new ballpark, Trustmark Park, reminded her of Turner Field, the home of the big-league Braves.

Work crews were at the park around the clock in recent weeks in their race to finish the team's field of dreams; it wasn't long ago that access roads, now paved, were made of dirt and nearly impassable, and the Bermuda grass surface took root remarkably well despite not even being in place for a full month.

A few kinks still needed to be worked out.

Construction dust was scattered throughout the concourse. Workers used a ladder to apparently inspect some wiring beneath the press box - which was overflowing with reporters, a rarity for a minor-league baseball game.

Then again, this wasn't a typical bush league game. Several dignitaries were in attendance for the M-Braves' historic home opener.

Gov. Haley Barbour threw out the first pitch, a lazy, high strike to Brave's pitcher Matt Wright. Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz watched the game from a luxury suite along the third-base line.

Schuerholz had several reasons to attend. Trustmark Park was the latest in a line of new ballparks - from Rome, Ga., to Myrtle Beach, SC. - to open for Braves farm teams.

"They all have their own uniqueness," Schuerholz said. "This is the newest, of course, and we're as proud of this one as we are of any that we have seen go up. To have our organization affiliated with this great facility and the excitement within this community, we're really proud of that."



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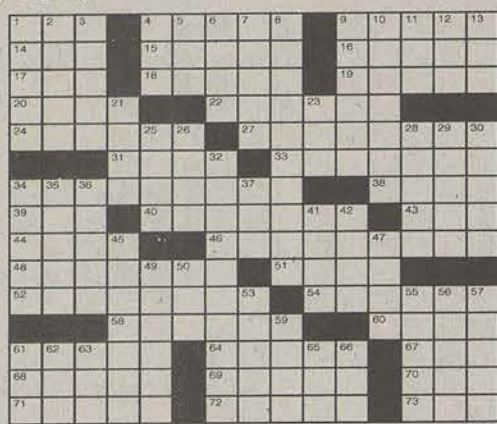
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4 Spinach-and-bacon, e.g.  
9 Proud mount  
10 Downing Street address  
15 Think out loud  
16 Spud  
17 McKinley's first lady  
18 RBIs and such  
19 Jet black  
20 Caviar  
22 Fail to forget  
24 On the same team  
27 Uses up  
31 the Red  
33 Most tidy  
34 Argued  
38 Overfill  
39 Ref's cohort  
40 Floors  
43 Work on a sampler  
44 Sapporo sashes  
46 Beach quality  
48 Gallivant  
51 Actress  
52 Lollibridge  
53 Most available  
54 Conical abodes  
58 Shaving foam  
60 Per pop  
61 Sort of lever  
64 Ouzo flavoring  
67 Sock end  
68 Tanklike animal  
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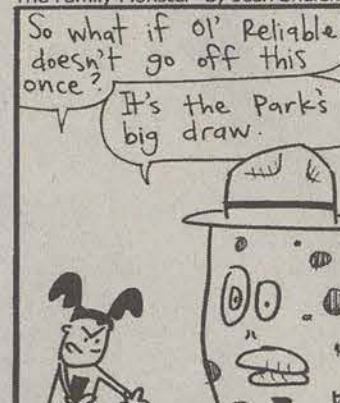
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31 THE RED  
33 MOST TIDY  
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38 OVERFILL  
39 REF'S COHORT  
40 FLOORS  
43 WORK ON A SAMPLER  
44 SAPPORO SASHES  
46 BEACH QUALITY  
48 GALLIVANT  
51 ACTRESS  
52 LOLLIPOP  
53 MOST AVAILABLE  
54 CONICAL ABODES  
58 SHAVING FOAM  
60 PER POP  
61 SORT OF LEVER  
64 OUZO FLAVORING  
67 SOCK END  
68 TANKLIKE ANIMAL  
69 OUTSPOKEN  
70 BUILDING ADDITION  
71 STRONG FLAVORS  
72 OPPONENT  
73 STRIPED SHIRT

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2 BICYCLE PART  
3 GROWL  
4 HELP  
5 SUITABLE  
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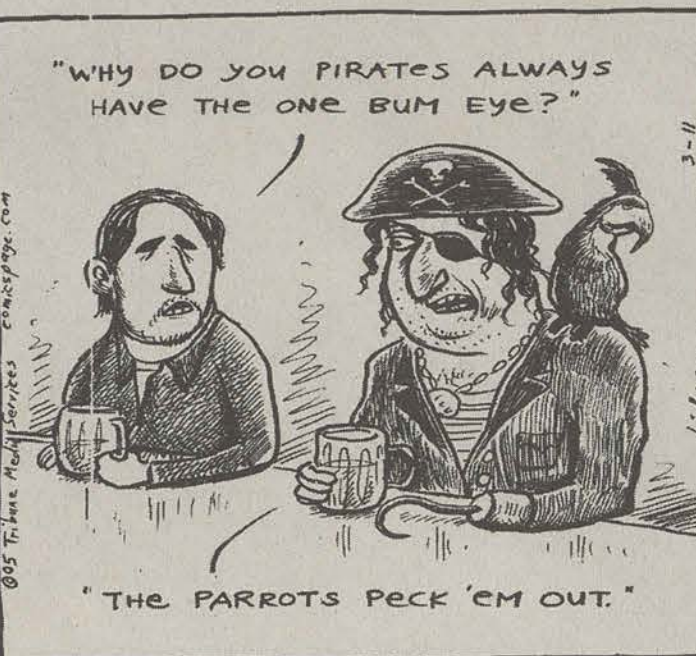
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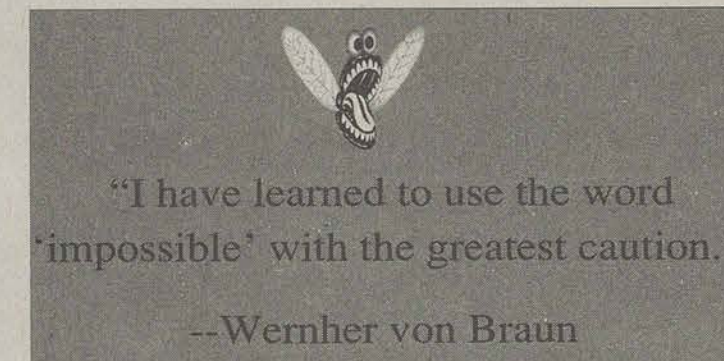
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# Perdue signs spam, meth bills

By Doug Gross  
Associated Press

ATLANTA - Georgians would have to buy some cold medicines from behind the counter and could get fewer lurid and misleading e-mails in their inboxes under a pair of bills Gov. Sonny Perdue signed Tuesday.

One law is intended to crack down on so-called Internet spam.

The other measure is designed to curb the manufacture of methamphetamine, a dangerous drug that uses cold medicine as one of its key ingredients.

The spam bill would charge Georgians with a felony if they send more than 10,000 false or misleading computer messages in one day, generate large amounts of money from spam, or use minors to help them transmit the e-mails.

The bill — dubbed the Georgia Slam Spam E-Mail Act — would also allow Internet companies to sue people who use their service for spam.

Criminal penalties for felonies include up to five years in prison and



Gov. Sonny Perdue

a \$50,000 fine.

A misdemeanor charge for lesser violations would include up to a \$1,000 fine and one year in prison.

"Thanks to the Georgia Slam Spam E-mail Act, we can start cleaning up spam in this state and put our citizens back in control of their online lives," Perdue said during a signing ceremony on the campus of Georgia Tech.

The plan was approved overwhelmingly in the Legislature, which adjourned late last month.

But some critics argued the plan was mostly for show, since the vast majority of spam e-mail Georgians

receive originates outside the state or even outside the country.

The bill mostly deals with spam from Georgia, but it does have some provisions for working with authorities from other states.

Under the meth plan, drugs such as Sudafed that are made only of pseudoephedrine would have to be sold from behind retail sales counters.

Most cold medicine has other ingredients and would not be affected.

The idea is to make it more difficult for manufacturers of meth — which has ravaged some rural parts of the state — to get enough of the ingredients to make it.

Perdue called the bill "an important step toward safeguarding Georgia families and protecting our communities from the destructive effects of this drug."

The governor signed the bill in Chickamauga, the northwest Georgia home of the plan's sponsor, Sen. Jeff Mullis.

Doug Gross is a former editor of The George-Anne.

## MILLS, FROM PAGE 1

and is ready to discuss what classes are best for me."

This most recent award is not Mills' first from NACADA, nor his first in the area of advisement.

In 1998, he was awarded the Certificate of Merit Award for Outstanding Student Advisement from NACADA.

For academic year 1997-1998, Mills

received the GSU Advisor of the Year Award, the last year the university presented this award.

While Mills understands that not all students receive the best guidance regarding advisement, he is hopeful that it is something that will improve across campus.

"My goal is to do everything I can

to streamline the advisement process, be as honest and informed as I can be, and then allow the student to make his or her own choices," Mills said. "I strive to be a true advisor rather than a teller."

Mills will receive his award at NACADA's annual conference in October.

## TUITION, FROM PAGE 1

Board members voted unanimously to approve the increase during a two-day meeting at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah.

The entire board voted, but because it was acting as a "committee of the whole," a final vote was required Wednesday.

Lawmakers this year appropriated more than \$1.5 billion for the University System, including \$103 million in new funds, for fiscal 2006.

But public universities are still trying to make up for more than \$328 million in budget cuts over the previous

four years while paying for new faculty and construction to accommodate surging enrollment growth.

The vote Tuesday came six months after the regents opted last October to back off a 10-percent midyear tuition increase, an unprecedented proposal condemned both by students and Gov. Sonny Perdue.

The University System estimates the upcoming tuition hike will bring in more than \$43 million.

Meredith said Georgia colleges and universities remain a bargain relative to other states, ranking 41st in the na-

tion in terms of tuition and fees. Last year, Georgia ranked 39th.

But students can expect further increases in coming years, said Patrick Pittard, chairman of the board's finance committee.

"There was probably a lot of psychological room for a more aggressive increase" this year, Pittard said. "We won't see any leveling off of tuition in the near future."

## DIET, FROM PAGE 1

Holmes called the stair-climbing figure an "inelegant" attempt to encourage exercise.

"If you remember the pyramid at all, and you remember oil was at the top, you now have somebody marching steadfastly up towards the oils," he said.

The new pyramid recommends 30 minutes of daily physical activity, says 60 minutes is needed to prevent weight gain and 90 minutes may be needed to sustain weight loss.

To help promote the new emphasis on exercise, Johanns invited fitness expert Denise Austin to be a cheerleader for the recommended 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Austin, a member of the president's Physical Fitness and Sports Council, goaded reporters like an exercise class instructor: "The more you move, the more you lose!" She gave an impromptu demonstration, gripping the arms of her chair like parallel bars and lifting her legs to work her abdominal muscles.

Criticism of the new pyramid stood in contrast to praise that greeted the more detailed "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005," released by the government in January.

Developed by a panel of scientists and doctors using the latest research, the 70-page booklet served as the basis for the pyramid's makeover.

The guidelines' message was to choose foods packed with the most nutrition and the least calories; for example, bread made from whole-grain flour instead of white flour.

They also said the government should make its advice less confusing by switching from "serving" sizes to cups, ounces and other household measures, which it did.

In all, there were 23 general recommendations and 18 suggestions for special populations.

Officials decided that was too much to cram into the symbol and put the information on the new My-Pyramid website.

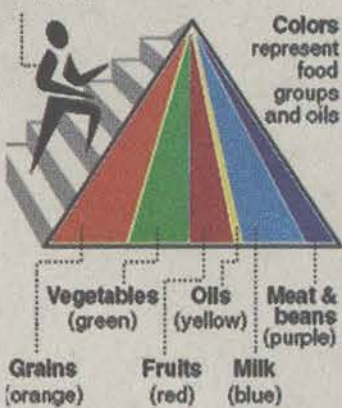
The department figured some would be less interested than others, so they created different types of tools.

## Food pyramid gets a new look

The Department of Agriculture unveiled a new version of the food guide pyramid on Tuesday, adding a colorful reminder to make healthy food choices and increase physical activity.

### Anatomy of the pyramid

Figure represents the importance of daily physical activity



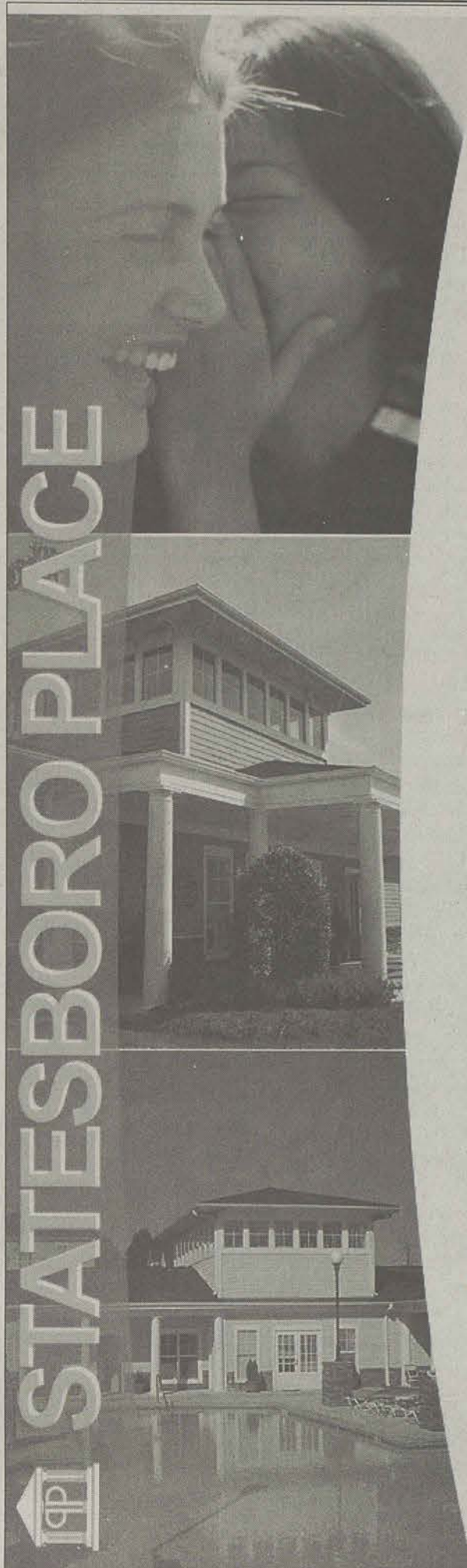
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My Pyramid Plan gives a quick estimate of types and amounts of food people should eat based on age, gender and activity, while My Pyramid Tracker gives a more detailed assessment of an individual's actual diet and exercise habits.

Plenty of people don't use the Internet, and for them, the government is looking to educators, public health officials, dietitians and counselors for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, to help spread the word.

Food companies said through their trade association, Grocery Manufacturers of America, they will distribute posters and guides for teachers and parents next fall aimed at reaching 4 million students.

Materials for students to take home will be in both English and Spanish and will include math, nutrition and science activities.



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# Pope Benedict XVI

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were at least three German popes in the 11th century.

Benedict XVI decided to spend the night at the Vatican hotel, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, and to dine with the cardinals, said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. He was to preside over a Mass on Wednesday morning in the Sistine Chapel and will be formally installed on Sunday at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT).

If Ratzinger was paying tribute to the last pontiff named Benedict, it could be interpreted as a bid to soften his image as the Vatican's doctrinal hard-liner.

Benedict XV, who reigned from 1914 to 1922, was a moderate following Pius X, who had implemented a sharp crackdown against doctrinal "modernism." He reigned during World War I and was credited with settling animosity between traditionalists and modernists, and dreamed of reunion with Orthodox Christians.

Benedict comes from the Latin for "blessing" and is one of a number of papal names of holy origin such as Clement ("mercy"), Innocent ("hopeful" as well as "innocent") and Pius ("pious").

The last pope from a German-speaking land was Victor II, bishop of Eichstatt, who reigned from 1055-57.

On Monday, Ratzinger, who was the powerful dean of the College of Cardinals, used his homily at the Mass dedicated to electing the next pope to warn the faithful about tendencies that he considered dangers to the faith: sects, ideologies like Marxism, liberalism, atheism, agnosticism and relativism — the ideology that there are no absolute truths.

"Having a clear faith, based on the creed of the church, is often labeled today as a fundamentalism," he said,

speaking in Italian. "Whereas relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and 'swept along by every wind of teaching,' looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards.

Ratzinger served John Paul II since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In that position, he has disciplined church dissidents and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms.

He had gone into the conclave with the most buzz among two dozen leading candidates. He had impressed many faithful with his stirring homily at the funeral of John Paul II, who died April 2 at age 84.

President Bush called him a "man of great wisdom and knowledge."

"We remember well his sermon at the pope's funeral in Rome, how his words touched our hearts and the hearts of millions," Bush said. "We join with our fellow citizens and millions around the world who pray for continued strength and wisdom as His Holiness leads the Catholic Church."

Some have questioned whether the new pope betrayed any pro-Nazi sentiment during his teenage years in Germany during World War II.

In his memoirs, he wrote of being enrolled in Hitler's Nazi youth movement against his will when he was 14 in 1941, when membership was compulsory. He says he was soon let out because of his studies for the priesthood.

Two years later, he was drafted into a Nazi anti-aircraft unit as a helper, a common fate for teenage boys too young to be soldiers.

Enrolled as a soldier at 18, in the last months of the war, he barely finished basic training.

"We are certain that he will continue on the path of reconciliation between Christians and Jews that

John Paul II began," Paul Spiegel, head of Germany's main Jewish organization, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

White smoke poured from the chimney atop the Sistine Chapel and the bells of St. Peter's pealed at 6:04 p.m. (12:04 p.m. EDT) to announce the conclave had produced a pope. Flag-waving pilgrims in St. Peter's Square chanted: "Viva il Papa!" or "Long live the pope!"

The bells rang after a confusing smoke signal that Vatican Radio initially suggested was black but then declared was too difficult to call. White smoke is used to announce a pope's election to the world.

It was one of the fastest elections in the past century: Pope Pius XII was elected in 1939 in three ballots over two days, while Pope John Paul I was elected in 1978 in four ballots over two days. The new pope was elected after either four or five ballots over two days.

"It's only been 24 hours, surprising how fast he was elected," Vatican Radio said.

Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Germany told reporters Tuesday night that Benedict was elected on the fourth ballot — the first of the afternoon session.

The cardinals took an oath of secrecy, forbidding them to divulge how they voted. Under conclave rules, a winner needed two-thirds support, or 77 votes from the 115 cardinal electors.

After the smoke appeared, pilgrims poured into the square, their eyes fixed on the burgundy-draped balcony. Pilgrims said the rosary as they awaited the name of the new pope and prelates stood on the roof of the Apostolic Palace, watching as the crowd nearly doubled in size.

Niels Hendrich, 40, of Hamburg, Germany, jumped up and down and shouted, "Habemus papam!" — Latin for "We have a pope!" when the smoke first poured from the chimney, but he then gave only three halfhearted claps when he learned who it was.

"I am not happy about this at all," he said. "Ratzinger will put the brakes on all the progressive movements in the church that I support."

Many others in the square, however, were joyful — as were those in the pope's hometown of Traunstein, Germany. A room full of 13-year-old boys at St. Michael's Seminary that Ratzinger attended cheered and clapped as the news was announced. After the bells started ringing,



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Pope Benedict XVI looks on after greeting and blessing the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Tuesday. Prelate at right is unidentified. Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, who chose the name of Pope Benedict XVI, is the 265th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

## Pope Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, a rigorously conservative guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy, was chosen the Catholic Church's 265th pontiff Tuesday. He took the name Benedict XVI, and is the first Germanic pope since the 11th century. An accomplished pianist, he speaks several languages including Italian, English and his native German.

April 16, 1927 — Born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, Germany  
1943 — Drafted as an assistant to a Nazi anti-aircraft unit  
May 1945 — Deserted German army; held in U.S. POW camp for several weeks  
June 29, 1951 — Ordained a priest  
1953 — Obtained doctorate in theology

1952-77 — Taught dogma and theology at German schools and universities  
1962-65 — Expert on Vatican Council II  
March 24, 1977 — Appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising  
June 27, 1977 — Created Cardinal  
Nov. 25, 1981 — Named Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, responsible for enforcing Catholic orthodoxy  
Nov. 6, 1998 — Elected Vice Dean of the College of Cardinals  
Nov. 30, 2002 — Elected Dean of the College of Cardinals  
April 19, 2005 — Elected Pope Benedict XVI



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Newly elected Pope Benedict XVI waves to the crowd from a balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican on Tuesday.



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