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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005

## Boyfriend charged in student's death

Federal charges filed in 2003 death of Ardena Carter, unborn child

### Staff and wire reports

COLUMBUS - A U.S. Air Force military policeman was formally charged in U.S. District Court Wednesday with the murder of a pregnant Georgia Southern student whose body was found by hunters on Fort Benning in December 2003.

Michael Antonio Natson, 24, of Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., stood before U.S. Magistrate G. Mallon Faircloth as Assistant U.S. Attorney John Lynch read the federal indictment charging the former Fort

Benning soldier with murder, feticide and murder using a firearm in the death of Ardena Carter.

Police believe Natson to have been Carter's boyfriend at the time of the shooting.

The murder and feticide charges are capital crimes punishable by death or life without parole.

Faircloth ordered Natson held without bond pending an initial appearance and detention hearing to be scheduled next week. Natson told the judge he intended to hire his own lawyer. Natson was indicted June 16, 2005,

but the indictment remained sealed until Faircloth ordered it opened in court Wednesday.

Carter, a 23-year-old student from Statesboro, was 24 weeks pregnant when she was shot to death by a 9mm pistol, a crime that required "substantial planning and premeditation," Lynch told the judge. Ken Brown, chief of police at GSU, said evidence suggests that Carter and Natson were romantically involved at the time of the shooting. However, he would not comment on if Natson was the father of the baby, saying that

information was material to the pending court case.

Carter, who was studying to be a teacher, was last seen alive Sept. 11, 2003, by friends who dropped her off at her home in Statesboro. She told them she intended to walk to the school library for exercise. FBI investigators date her disappearance from Sept. 12, 2003. Her skeletal remains were found by hunters on a remote area of the military reservation about 4 miles west of Cusseta on Dec. 16, 2003. Natson, originally from Statesboro,

was on active duty at Fort Benning at the time of Carter's slaying, according to FBI Special Agent in Charge Gregory Jones of Atlanta.

The soldier was discharged from the Army and joined the U.S. Air Force.

He told Faircloth on Wednesday that he was a reserve in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Montgomery. Jones said in a press release that Natson was arrested in Montgomery without incident by FBI agents and officers from the Montgomery Police Department.



Ardena Carter

## Time capsule to be unearthed to make way for library expansion

By Darren Jones

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The Georgia Southern time capsule will soon be dug up after remaining undisturbed for 15 years. The coffin-sized capsule, in front of the Zach S. Henderson Library, would be in the way of new drainage system pipes coming with the construction work being done to the library.

All involved agreed that it'd be best to relocate the capsule to what will be the library's new entrance.

The time capsule was originally buried October 15, 1990 to commemorate the school's transformation from Georgia Southern College to Georgia Southern University. Items buried included the "University, Yes!" edition of the *Statesboro Herald*, a T-shirt, a banner, part of the goal post from the championship game played in '89, a bottle of "lucky water" from Eagle Creek, and even a few diplomas donated by teachers and former students. What gives the capsule its coffin-like shape is the inclusion of the GSC eagle mascot uniform. When buried in 1990, it was scheduled to be opened in 50 years, or 2040.

There will be no deviating from the original pact, as the capsule will not be opened when it is moved. In fact, it will quietly and unceremoniously be moved only about 50 feet. When exactly it will be moved is hard to say, says Associate Library Dean Ann Hamilton. "Bottom line is we want to protect the university's history," she said. "It'll probably be fully removed within a month or so."

This isn't the first time university artifacts had to be relocated because of construction. The Phi Kappa Phi key, Irish monument, and Hanner Gym monument are all examples of items moved for protection during construction.



Lavene Bell-Koepke/STAFF  
This marker in front of the GSU library notes the spot where a casket serves as a GSU time capsule.

An ROTC student will attend airborne school with her father. They are keeping their military experience all...



ROTC Cadet Glory White will attend airborne school with her father, Richard White.  
Special photo

## In the Family

### Special to the G-A

As the daughter of a man who has made the U.S. Army his career, Georgia Southern student Glory White has always possessed a keen appreciation for the military life.

She even joined the Army Reserve while she was still in high school, and then signed up for ROTC upon her arrival at GSU.

Cadet White will take her commitment to a new level - and make a little history in the process - when she goes to airborne school with her father next week at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

According to a Fort Benning spokesman, Sgt. 1st Class Richard White and Glory White will be the first father and daughter to simultaneously attend the school, which has been training paratroopers in every branch of the U.S. armed forces for 65 years.

"I think it's neat that my dad and I have the opportunity to do this together," said Glory White, who is enrolled in the School of Nursing. "I know it's going to be a challenge, but I'm really looking forward to it."

After beginning with practice jumps from a 34-foot high tower, the three-week course will culminate with a series of leaps from a plane flying at 1,250 feet.

According to Major Steve Kanble, White has been largely involved with GSU's ROTC program. She has been part of Ranger talent competitions held between schools throughout

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## Friends remember student journalist for humor, dedication

By Luke Hearn

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Georgia Southern student James Thomas "J." Wright, JR, age 25, died Sunday, June 20. Wright, formerly of Villa Rica, was a writer and editor at *The George-Anne* and an active staff member in the department of university housing. Reports indicate Wright died of complications of heart disease in his campus residence hall room.

Director of University Housing Vikki Hawkins remembers Wright as a person who worked hard and was a major player

in her department.

"He did a little bit of everything," Hawkins said. "He was an office assistant, a resident adviser, president of the Residence Hall Presidents' Council and helped us with special projects last summer. He was an overall great guy, and our department is better because he worked here."

Others remember Wright just as fondly. Amanda Permenter, former editor-in-chief of *The George-Anne*, recalls Wright's comedic and fun-loving side.

"Some of the most soulful laughing I've

ever done was with J. He loved cracking people up, and though he'd never have admitted it then, I don't think he'd mind being remembered that way now."

Wright also excelled in the classroom, and is remembered as a good student by members of the journalism faculty.

"I had J. in several classes and found him to be a polite, intelligent young man," said Ann Healy, temporary instructor of journalism. "He did well with anything he set his mind to and could have had a fine career in journalism."

Wright is survived by his mother,

Sharon Andrews Wright of Newnan; his father, James Thomas "Tom" Wright, Sr. and wife Teresa of Villa Rica; a sister, Amanda Wright; and grandmothers Robbie Ann Andrews Douglas and Nettie Ables Brooks, both of Newnan.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan. Funeral services are today at 2 p.m. in the McKoon Chapel.

Donations in J's name are being accepted at the American Heart Association.

To express condolences on-line, visit [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).



James "J." Wright



## WVGS under Comm Arts leadership

By Chad Bishop  
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July 15, Georgia Southern's radio station, WVGS, will transition into the hands of the Comm Arts Department. For the first time since the radio station's beginning in 1974, WVGS will no longer be controlled by student media. The change is the latest step in a process that began three years ago.

Comm Arts Professor Reed Smith said a committee was formed in 2002 of representatives from student media, President Bruce Grube's office, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and members of the Comm Arts Department. They arrived at a shared-governance agreement. According to Smith, this became awkward for the members involved, and it was agreed to turn WVGS over to the Comm Arts department.

The transition has become a debatable issue for current and former members of the radio station. James "Jimi" Hendricks, a recent graduate and station manager for WVGS, said there was no reason for the change. "WVGS was doing a decent job. We played the music people wanted to hear, and we did a great job of handling the PSAs (public service announcements)," said Hendricks.

While Hendricks did concede that the station had a few problems with the FCC, his main concern is that the station will become too "academic" and lose the "run-by-students feel."

Another student directly affected by the changes is Joe Gobel. Gobel had been a volunteer disc jockey for the past several years, and was offered the job of operations manager for 2005, but under the new direction of Comm



LaVene Bell-Koepe/STAFF

GSU's radio station, WVGS, will be under new leadership by fall 2005.

Arts, Gobel says he's lost that chance. "Do I agree with the change over to Comm Arts?" asked Gobel. "No. This will be the first time in the station's 30 plus year history that it will not be student run."

Brook Pruitt, former advisor for WVGS, believes that the changes are for the better. Pruitt, who is an instructor for broadcast and audio, says changes were made because the station's resources were not being used to their full extent.

"I believe change is good," said Pruitt. "The station will become more academic related, and better prepare students for a professional career in radio. You can't please everyone, but the move will better WVGS."

Melanie Stone, who has earned her

Ph.D. at the University of Mississippi, will take over as the station's first-ever professional station manager when she arrives in late July. Stone will be working with student program director Stephen Yancey, who is keeping a positive attitude about the transition.

"Things may be a little rocky at first," said Yancey. "But in a move like this, you can't expect everything to go smoothly. We'll just have to see how things work out."

Smith said no immediate changes are set to take place. Besides beginning regular local newscasts, Smith explained that the station will continue to be funded by Student Affairs, and no plans to change the current music format will be made.

## Parking continues to evolve

By Jenny Miller  
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Parking on campus will be entirely different next semester and there are still many questions and concerns among students. Because the parking passes are being sold to individual lots, only a specific number of passes will be issued. In total, around 7,000 parking passes will be sold to students.

Many aspects of the new parking policy will remain the same as previous years. Carpool passes will still cost \$66, but will be limited to specific lots. The ticketing policy will remain the same, with a three-ticket warning before cars are booted.

Priority parking and commuter parking have been combined to include all parking on campus. Students who take classes that begin after 4 p.m. will not have to purchase a parking pass, as parking will be open across campus.

Carpool passes have been selling quickly, according to Liz Mitchell, of Parking and Transpo-

ration.

"The IT and Education carpool passes have been the most popular, because the IT lot used to be priority and the Education lot is the closest to it," she said. According to Mitchell, the Russell Union carpool passes have already sold out.

But what happens if a student goes to park for class and the lot is full because someone else parked there illegally?

"It's unlikely that a lot would be filled, but in the event someone is parked illegally, the student needs to call the parking office immediately and we will issue a ticket," said Mitchell.

Concerns have arisen about construction on the soccer field and track, which is taking up a lot of room that could be used for shuttle user parking.

"The construction issues have been taken into consideration in terms of the shuttle system and we do not anticipate any problems," said Mitchell.

## Bus stop on the way

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Reconstruction began at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Forest Drive earlier this month in preparation for the new transit system. The road in front of the university bookstore will serve as a bus turnaround and student pick-up point with benches and a pavilion to shelter waiting students.

The turnaround is part of a bus route which will begin at Paulson Stadium, run down Lanier Drive to Georgia Avenue and end in front of the bookstore.

"We were hit with a little bit of rain at the beginning, but as long as we get good weather we should stay on schedule," said Jimmy Parramore of Dabbs-Williams General Contractors.

Plans include new pavement, benches for students to sit on and a new pavilion. "It's really going to dress up that area," said Parramore.

To access the bookstore or check post office boxes, students should walk through the Russell Union or Landrum. Reconstruction should be complete by August 11, 2005.



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Incoming freshmen students work together to climb a nine foot wall as part the challenge course located at the RAC. Camp Eagle activities help students to prepare for their first year in college.

## Camp Eagle prepares freshmen

By Rachel Weeks  
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It is time for new students to visit campus and try to prepare themselves for fall semester classes. Camp Eagle is a good way for incoming freshmen to learn about Georgia Southern, its history, the campus, and clubs and organizations available to them with a variety of entertaining activities.

This year, 65 new students were involved in the program, learning from student leaders who work on campus and went through the program themselves. The students visited the Raptor Center and watched an eagle flight presentation, visited the

RAC to take part in a challenge course and participated in a scavenger hunt across campus to help them locate buildings like the Academic Success Center, Landrum and Russell Union and to learn what resources are here to help them.

"Camp Eagle is a good opportunity to learn about GSU and meet some people who are coming in so they'll know at least a few people," said Layne Peacock who has worked with the program for the past four years.

The future students were divided into four different groups the Aggies, the Professors, the Blue Tide and the Eagles. The four smaller groups worked through a challenge course

to build teamwork and leadership skills while getting to know some students they might be in classes with in the fall.

Nathan Kile, who works for Southern Adventures said, "There are two different types of challenge courses. The activities group part focuses on teamwork, leadership skills, problem solving and it's also a good way to have fun and bond with classmates."

Brianna Lewis, who will be attending GSU in the fall, said the Camp Eagle program was lots of fun. "I think it's awesome because everyone has to work together using people's strengths and weaknesses to get through the course."

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## Cyber Camp teaches web building and animation

Special to the G-A

Middle school and high school students visited Georgia Southern this week for a web development and computer animation course called Eagle Cyber Camp.

Now in its second year, this unique summer technology camp took place Monday through Friday in the College of Information Technology computer lab.

Information technology professors Cheryl Aasheim and Amy Zhang taught Eagle Cyber Camp students to make a Web site using Macromedia which is the same program taught to College of Information Technology freshmen.

Students learned basic computer animation. Later in the week, they were able to add the animations to the Web pages they developed during the week-long camp. Participants in Eagle Cyber Camp received camp shirts or caps, a CD-ROM full of games, and daily lunch and snacks.



NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Man gets life term for killing officers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A jury rejected calls for the death penalty for an admitted drug dealer who confessed to killing three Birmingham police officers, instead recommending a sentence of life without parole Wednesday.

Jurors deliberated about 2 1/2 days before recommending a life sentence for 25-year-old Kerry Spencer.

Circuit Judge Tommy Nail set final sentencing for Sept. 9, when he could either accept the jurors' recommendation or sentence Spencer to death.

The jury convicted Spencer of capital murder Sunday in the shooting deaths of three officers as they entered a filthy crack house to arrest one of his friends a year ago. Spencer said he shot the officers reflexively in self-defense

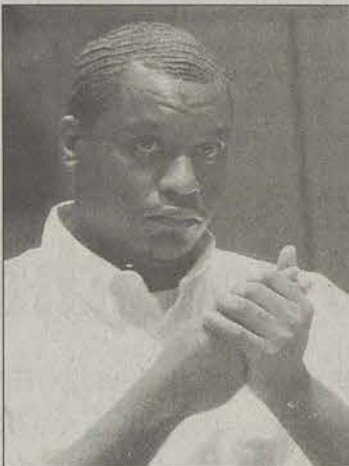
when they entered unexpectedly.

Spencer also was convicted of attempted murder in the shooting of a fourth officer who survived and testified during his trial.

Evidence during the trial showed the officers went to a known drug house a few miles from downtown Birmingham with a misdemeanor warrant for Nathaniel Woods, a friend of Spencer who also was in the house.

Spencer opened fire with an SKS assault rifle, leaving two officers dead in the kitchen and the third on the front porch.

Woods is set for trial Aug. 22 in the killings of officers Carlos "Curly" Owen, 58; Charles Robert Bennett, 33; and Harley Chisholm III, 40.



Associated Press

Kerry Spencer is shown in a June 13, 2005, photo taken in Birmingham, Ala.

Missing scout found alive miles outside search area

KAMAS, Utah — The 11-year-old boy who wandered lost for four days in a mountain wilderness before rescuers found him was released from a hospital early Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

Brennan Hawkins was found in good condition Tuesday by a 43-year-old house painter on an ATV who was out looking on his own, miles outside of active search grids.

Brennan left Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City not long after midnight, said Bonnie Midget, a hospital spokeswoman. Doctors had said they wanted to keep him at least overnight for tests, said Dr. Ed Clark, the hospital's medical director.

The boy apparently eluded thousands of searchers by defying conventional wisdom: He went up instead of down.

Sheriff Dave Edmunds had said Brennan would have been more likely to head down a river valley from a 530-acre Boy Scout camp in the Uinta

mountains.

"Typically children walk downhill, along the least path of resistance," he said. That possibility raised particular fears because the East Fork of the Bear River, which is normally ankle-deep, was swollen by heavy mountain snow melt.

Brennan had hiked some 600 feet higher and more than five miles into the mountains to the spot where searcher Forrest Nunley found him before noon Tuesday.

"I turned a corner and there was a kid standing in the middle of the trail. He was all muddy and wet," from walking over wet ground, said Nunley, who dialed 911 on his cell phone and said he was lucky to find a signal.

The boy had seen some searchers on horseback but avoided them because he was scared, Nunley said. "He was a little delirious. I sat him down and gave him a little food."

The youngster from the Salt Lake City suburb of Bountiful was found on a 9,400-foot pass above Lily Lake,

a summer-only campground in the Uinta range. He was quickly reunited with his parents and their four other children.

Neighbors and schoolchildren tied celebratory yellow ribbons to every part of the Hawkins' yard, the family's boat, and trees surrounding the home. Others honked car horns or held up signs heralding Brennan's safe return.

The boy carried no food or water when he vanished Friday, and his family had said he did not have a good sense of direction.

It was not yet known how he spent his four nights in the woods, or whether he had been trying to find his way back to the Boy Scout camp. "He was in no mood to give us some details," the sheriff said. "He just wanted to eat and see his Mom."

The enormous search had included thousands of volunteers, platoons of all-terrain vehicles, horses and helicopters, including some equipped with infrared devices.

Senate says siting of gas terminals may be federal decision

WASHINGTON — The Senate soundly defeated a proposal Wednesday for mandatory reductions in heat-trapping pollution that may be warming the Earth. Supporters managed to get five fewer votes than they did two years ago.

The proposal to cap greenhouse gases at 2000 levels, within five years, lost by a 60-38 vote. It was a victory for President Bush's policies that focus on voluntary actions by industry to address the problem.

Separately, the Senate agreed to give Washington clear authority to override states' objections to the location of liquefied natural gas terminals.

Senators rejected, by 52-45, an amendment to a broad energy bill that would have allowed governors to veto a federal permit for such a terminal

because of state concerns about safety or environmental harm.

Proponents said deciding where to put these facilities was a federal matter because imports will help meet a growing demand for natural gas and perhaps lower prices. But opponents of the idea said states should have a greater say because of concerns about possible tanker spills and terrorism.

The debate about the climate was seen by some as a barometer of congressional support for Bush's strategy. His approach has come under criticism from environmentalists and some European leaders who say it does not adequately address one of the most pressing environmental issues.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., urged his colleagues to support the measure he sponsored with Sen. Joe Lieber-

man, D-Conn., though he realized the long odds.

On Tuesday, senators had approved modest proposals that would require no cuts in emissions but would increase support for new, clean-energy and carbon-capturing technologies.

"The evidence is now compelling, overwhelming. The world knows that climate change is real," McCain said. "Those who have debunked this and continue to debunk it will have somebody to answer to in not too many years from now."

The approach approved on Tuesday was "meaningless" and "a fig leaf," he said, to hide the fact that the U.S. is doing little to reduce this kind of pollution. Many scientists believe it is trapping heat in the atmosphere and causing the Earth to warm.

CSI camp opens for young aspiring crime investigators

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Using tweezers to pick up bits of string and cotton swabs to collect samples of a mysterious red liquid, the seventh- and eighth-graders try to figure out what happened to Felix Navidad.

They are among the hundreds of students attending camps all over the nation this summer to learn more about forensic science.

Inspired by the rising popularity of the "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" television show and its spinoffs, universities, museums and other organizations are offering workshops and classes to teach children about the science of sleuthing.

The National Science Teachers Association and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences have reported a surge in interest among students, and many schools already include some aspects of forensics in science curriculum during the regular year.

The camps aim first to get young-

sters interested in all science, not necessarily to encourage them to become investigators.

"They are intrigued by that whodunit type of experience, and we're thrilled it provides a good avenue for students to learn science and learn how science is used in the everyday world," said Cindy Workosky, spokeswoman for the teachers association based in Arlington, Va.

Students at "CSI: AMSE" in Oak Ridge studied a mock crime scene surrounded by yellow caution tape and strewn with empty soda cans, sunglasses, an alarm clock, a half-full ice tray and footprints.

Then they put on latex gloves and collected the evidence, carefully placing each item in a separate plastic bag and labeling it.

Many camps are geared toward middle and high school students. But a CSI camp in Knoxville last year for ages 9-11 was so popular the organi-

zation decided to try a camp for ages 6-8 this year.

Some camps try to offer students a more realistic glimpse at investigations by tapping into law enforcement sources. A camp set for August by the South Burlington, Vt., recreation and police departments includes field trips to a laboratory.

An overnight camp at Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania next month for high schoolers is to have a demonstration by a bomb and arson unit of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Thanks to growing interest in forensics, there are plenty of lesson materials already available for teachers.

The teachers association, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and Court TV developed a curriculum called Forensics in the Classroom that teachers can download free from the Internet.

Cops raid wrong home

NAMPA — Police in this southwestern Idaho town raided the wrong duplex, throwing a powerful noisemaking device through the unit's window and standing outside with guns drawn.

John Simpson, convinced he was under attack Wednesday, said he hit the floor of his home, and took his wife down with him.

A Nampa police officer had confused Simpson's window for that of residents who share a duplex with the 62-year-old Vietnam

veteran, Assistant Chief Tim Vincent said. Police threw the so-called "flash-bang" device in the window, breaking the glass and setting off loud noise and light.

Simpson said he picked up the first thing he could find — a vacuum hose — and ran out the duplex's door to defend himself.

Police arrested Simpson's 20-year-old neighbor. They allege he had 4 ounces of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

Shelter to stop serving bear

JUNEAU — A Juneau homeless shelter has stopped serving donated bear meat after learning the state prohibits nonprofit groups from accepting wild game meats

such as bear, fox and walrus. "We didn't know that it is illegal,"

said Jetta Whittaker.

For years, the shelter accepted bear meat to supplement its meals for the homeless. The meat went into many recipes, including burgers, casseroles and spaghetti.

But last year, Whittaker learned that serving it was contrary to rules

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set by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. This year, it has meant turning down five offers of bear meat.

Cash spills out of armored car

BENSALEM — The door of an armored truck flew open Tuesday afternoon, causing money to fly out the door and onto the road.

The mishap occurred at about 5 p.m. near an off-ramp of Interstate 95.

Traffic was tied up for more than an hour as security guards and police officers scrambled to pick up the money from the shoulder and an embankment.

Family expecting 16th child

TONTITOWN — Arkansas' best-known big family will be getting bigger in the fall. Michelle Duggar and her husband, former state Rep. Jim Bob Duggar, say they're expecting their 16th child.

Michelle Duggar was honored in April 2004 with the state's Young Mother award. At the time, she was pregnant with young Duggar No. 15, a boy named Jackson born May 23, 2004.

The next child, a girl, is expected in October.

"We love children," Jim Bob Duggar says. "We consider each one a blessing from the Lord and we would both love to have some more."

The Duggars say No. 16 might not be their last.

Cat born with two faces

ROSEBURG — A newborn kitten recently entered the world with two faces. Gemini was born Sunday with two mouths, two tongues, two

noses and four eyes. "I kind of feel sorry for her, because I can't know for a fact if she's going

to live or die," said its owner, Lee Bluetear.

Roseburg veterinarian Alan Ross, who examined the kitten, said when he first saw the kitten, he wouldn't have given her more than a 10 percent chance of survival.

Ross said that if the kitten does survive, it might need surgery to remove the extra tissue in between its two mouths.

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**Aruba arrests 3 in missing student case**

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) - Aruban police arrested three men Thursday who admitted giving a ride to an Alabama teenager the night she disappeared more than a week ago, the attorney general said. The three men were previously questioned in the disappearance of Natalie Holloway, 18, and described as "persons of interest." They told police they dropped off Holloway, of Mountain Brook, Ala., at her hotel early May 30, but Holiday Inn employees say security cameras did not record her return.

**Military investigates U.S. guards in Iraq**

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) - The U.S. military is investigating 16 private American security guards for shooting at U.S. Marines and Iraqi civilians during a three-hour spree last month west of Baghdad, officials said Thursday. Meanwhile, President Jalal Talabani said up to 25 Sunni Muslim Arabs will be appointed to join elected lawmakers in drafting Iraq's new constitution, averting a threatened Sunni boycott of the process if they did not receive greater representation.

**Tropical Storm Arlene forms in Caribbean**

MIAMI (AP) - Tropical Storm Arlene developed Thursday in the northwest Caribbean Sea, edging closer to western Cuba as the Atlantic hurricane season's first named storm. Gulf Coast residents, including those in storm-battered Florida, were warned to beware. Arlene had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph after strengthening from a tropical depression that formed Wednesday, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Tropical storms have top sustained winds of 39 mph to 74 mph.

**Greenspan: economy on fairly firm ground**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that the economy seems to be on a "reasonably firm footing," with inflation under control. In his most extensive remarks on the state of the economy since February, Greenspan said that a recent uptick in economic indicators showed the soft readings of the early spring were not signaling a more serious slowdown in the pace of

**Hispanics are fastest-growing minority**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hispanics accounted for half the 2.9

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Rollover ratings show improvement among SUVs

WASHINGTON — Automobile manufacturers have made strides in designing new sport utility vehicles that are safer and more resistant to dangerous rollover crashes, the government's top highway safety official said Wednesday.

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said new research released by the agency found that SUVs have become less top-heavy

since 2000, calling it "a dramatic increase in rollover resistance."

Runge, releasing new government rollover tests, said two dozen SUVs from the 2005 model year earned a four-star rating in their review, representing a vast improvement compared with one vehicle that received a four-star rating in 2001.

No SUV earned a five-star rating. Under the government's ratings for rollovers, a vehicle with five stars has

a rollover risk of less than 10 percent while a four-star vehicle has a 10 percent to 20 percent risk. Three-star vehicles have a 20 percent to 30 percent risk.

Rollover crashes are considered extremely dangerous. While only 3 percent of all crashes involve rollovers, they lead to more than 10,000 deaths every year, about a quarter of all traffic fatalities. About 60 percent of fatalities in SUVs involve rollovers.

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## OUR VIEW

# When minorities go missing so does the national spotlight

AT ISSUE: National media selectively covers missing person cases, often overlooks poor minorities

It seems like there have been a lot of people missing lately. Besides the Alabama teenager Natalie Holloway missing in Aruba, the "runaway bride" and the missing (and then found) Boy Scout who have recently made national headlines, there are many other white Americans who have become famous because of their misfortunes.

The odd thing all these people have in common is they are white. Even looking back a year or so, faces such as Laci Peterson's and Elizabeth Smart's come to mind as those who stole the spotlight as the "token missing people" in the United States.

But what about the others who have gone missing: those of Hispanic, African

American and Asian origins? How often do you see the missing little girl of a Mexican family pasted up for the world to see? You don't, but instead see the face of JonBenet Ramsey. How often does a black lady receive that same media attention? The headlining story in today's *George-Anne* is proof of how often.

In September 2003, a pregnant Georgia Southern student was reported missing. The Statesboro and Savannah news outlets picked up the story — along with a handful of Atlanta's — but that was about it. While the story did get attention for a while, it wasn't a main headline every day like many of the others mentioned above have been.

Even after Carter's remains were found, the story stayed fairly local.

Yesterday, the justice agencies working on the Carter case announced that a person had been indicted for the murder of her and that of her unborn child. Local TV and newspapers will broadcast this information, as we have, so that those familiar with the story may have a little closure. The rest of the country will be unaffected, because Carter wasn't white.

And she's not alone.

Two years ago Ashlee Moore, a young black girl from Savannah went missing and the world barely blinked an eye.

The story barely made it outside Cha-

tham County — much less into the national media.

One has to wonder if the national mainstream media is passing judgment on these cases.

Maybe they think a pregnant grad student who turns up missing is less than valuable. Maybe they think only young white faces will attract attention. Or maybe it's that our media tends to turn its back on those who aren't rich or in power.

In the end, justice is being served with Ardena Carter. It appears that police have found a man who they have said they are confident will serve time for the murders.

It's unfortunate, but likely, that Carter was

dead long before regional markets picked up the story of her disappearance.

But who's to say future missing persons cases couldn't benefit from the national exposure?

It's time that our national media outlets stop picking and choosing the stories of missing Americans based solely on skin color and affluence.

Instead, they should tell the stories of poor people and those of color, who while they don't have big homes or nice cars to go missing from, their families no less worry about where they have gone and where our national media is when they need the coverage.

## Rachel Weeks THOUGHTS TO PONDER

# Students need break between summer terms

As if it's not bad enough having to take classes in both summer terms, the two terms are only separated by one measly weekend.

Between the two terms, there are only two days to try to unwind and squeeze out all the information crammed into an overheated brain so it can soak up another term's worth of classes on Monday. There is just enough time to wish you hadn't taken any classes at all over the summer.

With finals on Friday and a fresh set of classes on Monday, most students who take both summer terms are stressed out and unable to do their best at the quick-paced demanding requirements of summer classes.



Rachel Weeks is a senior journalism and writing major from Thomaston, Ga. She is the news editor for *The George-Anne*.

In scientific studies, excessive stress has been shown to reduce individuals' abilities to think in-depth about subjects for long periods of time — like thinking and taking notes for two hours that summer classes last.

Having a whole semester's worth of knowledge crammed into five weeks is hard enough, but having to do it all over again with only two days to recover is simply heartless.

Not all students take classes in both terms during summer, but for those who do, the short break between finals

and starting a new semester is cruel. We watch jealously as other students who are still in Statesboro get to go to the beach and have a leisurely summer, soaking up the sun, having fun and thinking about anything but buying books, taking tests, giving presentations and doing homework.

The fact that Father's Day fell on the two days between classes makes it even more cruel that the terms are so close together. Some students, such as myself, were unable to travel home to visit with their family because they needed to stay in Statesboro and prepare for the new term.

Lots of students live too far from home to leave after finals and drive home for only one day and then travel back home to wake up and go to classes in the morning.

It may be my problem that I have to take summer classes, but the way the summer terms are scheduled turns my small problem into a huge one. Three or four days between terms would at least give students a chance to take care of all the things they had been neglecting to do, such as pay bills, so they could study for final, finish papers and other class activities.

Some students missed the first day of class this Monday because in the past, classes usually began on Tuesday rather than Monday.

The stresses of starting new classes and trying to get books and supplies causes apathy in students who are simply too tired to really care anymore. The results of the short break between terms include unnecessary worry, lower grades, lack of attention and a feeling of frustration that is difficult to combat.

I do not think that it is unreasonable for students to expect at least three or four days between semesters, especially when a national holiday falls between terms.

I suggest that the Registrar's office extend the period of time between semesters for future summer terms. If the second term of summer classes were delayed by two more days, then they would end July 26, which still leaves over two weeks until Fall semester begins.

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I WONDER WHY IT TOOK HIM SO LONG TO REALIZE HE WAS WASHED UP?



## Jacob Fisher: YOUR TURN

# RAC expansion project worth the cost to students

This letter is in response to the "Our View" staff editorial entitled "GSU should focus on brains, not biceps" in the Wednesday, June 16 edition of *The George-Anne*.

I realize that everyone is entitled to his or her opinions, but this one is just wrong.

If you had looked at the numbers, then you would know that over 80 percent of the students at GSU use the CRI facilities and that they are constantly overcrowded.

Plus, it is not as if the school just up and decided to build an expansion, the students voted to impose higher fees on themselves in order to have a nicer facility.

Now, it is not my fault that only 2,000 students voted when given the opportunity, but we do live in a democratic society and if you had wanted to make an argument, you should have done so prior to the vote.

I do agree that there should also be a focus on improving faculty conditions to attract better students, but the opinions of many already said that they would rather not.

Back in the fall when there were talks of increasing tuition to cover a \$2.7 million budget cut, some writers of the paper urged students to go sign the petition brought forth by the SGA against raising tuition.

## Fellow GSU students, faculty remember J. Wright

"J. had a great sense of curiosity, had good news instincts, was well-liked by those on the staff [of *The George-Anne*] and possessed a real gift for reporting and writing. I felt he was headed for a career as an outstanding journalist."

— Bill Neville, coordinator of student media

"J. was comedy incarnate. He would go off on these tirades at people — it didn't matter if they were friends or strangers. If you didn't know him, you'd think he was serious. If you did know him, that made it all the more hilarious."

— Amanda Permenter, former editor-in-chief of *The George-Anne*

"I remember J. telling me his dream was to write for the *National Enquirer*. Every time I see one, I'll think of the wonderful writer and person who could have graced their sensational pages."

— Teresa Southern, former news editor at *The George-Anne*

## Adam Brady GUEST COLUMNIST

# Remembering J. as the 'Wright' kind of friend

Ever since I decided to write something about J. Wright, I've had a hard time pinning down exactly what I wanted to say.

There are a lot of things J. was, but I'll get to that later. First, I'd like to talk about what J. wasn't.

J. never donned a GSU jersey and ran the pigskin in for a touchdown. He didn't make it to the top of his class in grade point average, or even rack up enough classes to shake hands with a provost and walk off with a degree. He was never given any kind of award for a special achievement and never made the star of any theatre production.

He didn't play a musical instrument and he never painted a landscape. He wasn't the friend who could chug a case of beer, crushing the cans against his forehead as he drank nor was he the one to have the most talent in mixing the perfect drink.

J. wasn't the first to take credit for his good work, never the person to ask someone to do something he surely would not and always stayed as far as he could from becoming the one to stand in the limelight.

What J. was truly transcends the boundaries of what we here at GSU know as a great man.

Despite the fact that he never led a sporting team to victory and was never ranked highly in the world of academia, J. had something much more important on his mind than himself: his friends.

And when I say friends, I don't only mean people like myself, or those he lived or worked with.

If you knew J., and he knew you, that's all he needed before you'd become his top priority.

If you had trouble with a class, J. was there to help you in any way he could. If he didn't know the answer, he'd point you in the direction of someone who did.

If you worked with him, you knew that no matter what needed to be done you could always rely on him to finish it early and do it better than you ever imagined it could be.

If you knew J., and he knew you, that's all he needed before you'd become his top priority.

He knew your birthday, your parents' names, your siblings and even your pets — and he asked about them because he really cared how they were doing.

J. was a person that could always make you smile, even if it meant poking fun at himself in the process. He knew what to say in any situation, and had a way of letting you know how he felt at exactly the right time.

J. would never let you walk away unhappy or upset because he believed there was always something he could say or do to help you out — and he was right.

He was more than just a good person, a hard worker and a great friend. J. was the bright center of the Georgia Southern universe.

And while he made it easy to hide all he did for everyone he encountered, it's hard now to ignore how he had such a great effect on the lives of all who knew him.

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## Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 23, the 174th day of 2005.

There are 191 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On June 23, 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief U.S. justice by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

## On This Date:

- In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."
- In 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first black candidate nominated for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)
- In 1892, the Democratic national convention in

Chicago nominated former President Cleveland on the first ballot.

- In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane.
- In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.
- In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.
- In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)
- In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing

747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.

- Five years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, during a visit to South Korea, said American troops would remain in the country indefinitely to maintain strategic stability in the Pacific area.
- One year ago: In a major retreat, the United States abandoned an attempt to win a new exemption for American troops from international prosecution for war crimes — an effort that had faced strong opposition because of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

"Today in History" information provided by the Associated Press.



# House approves flag-burning amendment

By Laurie Kellman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A constitutional amendment to outlaw flag burning cleared the House Wednesday but faced an uphill battle in the Senate.

An informal survey by The Associated Press suggested the measure doesn't have enough Senate votes to pass.

The 286-130 outcome was never in doubt in the House, which had passed the measure or one like it five times in recent years. The amendment's supporters expressed optimism that a Republican gain of four seats in last November's election could produce the two-thirds approval needed in the Senate as well after four failed attempts since 1989.

But an AP survey Wednesday found 35 senators on record as opposing the amendment — one more than the number needed to defeat it if all 100 senators vote, barring a change in position.

Late Wednesday, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., revealed that she would vote against the measure. "I don't believe a constitutional amendment is the answer," Clinton, a possible presidential candidate in 2008, said in a statement.

Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., remained undecided, a spokesman said.

The House debate fell along familiar lines over whether the amendment strengthened the Constitution or ran afoul of its free-speech protections.

Supporters said there was more public support than ever because of emotions following the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

They said detractors are out of touch with public sentiment.

"Ask the men and women who stood on top of the Trade Center," said Rep. Randy (Duke) Cunningham, R-Calif. "Ask them and they will tell you: pass this amendment."

Critics accused the amendment's supporters of exploiting the attacks to trample the right to free speech.

"If the flag needs protection at all, it needs protection from members of Congress who value the symbol more than the freedoms that the flag represents," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., whose district includes the site of the former World Trade Center.

Since 1789, there have been more than 11,000 attempts in Congress to amend the Constitution; only 27 amendments have won ratification. The last, in 1992, prevents Congress from passing a law giving itself a pay raise before the next election. The 26th Amendment, in 1971, extended the right to vote to citizens as young as 18.

One of the most recent amendments that received congressional approval but failed to gain ratification by states was the Equal Rights Amendment. It would have set into law equality between men and women. The period for states to ratify it expired in 1982.

The last time the Senate voted on the flag-burning amendment, the tally was 63 in favor and 37 against, four votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Now, with more than two dozen new members,

a four-seat Republican gain in the last election and a public still stung by the terrorist attacks in 2001, activists on both sides say the Senate could be within a vote or two of passage.

But the amendment's prospects faded late Wednesday when Democratic Sens. Maria Cantwell of Washington and Mark Pryor of Arkansas revealed that they would oppose it.

Possible presidential contenders who have supported the amendment in the past include Evan Bayh, D-Ind., Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and John McCain, R-Ariz.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., a likely presidential candidate, has said he would oppose the amendment.

The proposed one-line amendment to the Constitution reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

For the language to be added to the Constitution, it must be approved by two-thirds of those present in each chamber, then ratified within seven years by at least 38 state legislatures.

The amendment is designed to overturn a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling in 1989 that flag burning is a protected free-speech right. That ruling threw out a 1968 federal statute as well as flag-protection laws in 48 states.

The law was a response to anti-Vietnam War protesters setting fire to American flags at demonstrations.

The Senate could consider the measure as soon as next month.



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

A protester burns an American flag to protest President Bush's second inauguration during a march in downtown Portland, Ore., in this Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 file photo.

## AIRBORNE, FROM THE FRONT

Georgia and Florida, the equivalent of collegiate sports for ROTC. She has also had the opportunity to attend the air assault program, which involves rappelling out of moving helicopters.

"When she graduates she will be a 2nd Lieutenant in charge of 30 to 100 soldiers and in charge of millions of dollars worth of equipment," said Kanble. "She's been able to balance our ROTC requirements plus do excellent in scholastics. She's been involved in all of our field training exercises." To get involved in the campus ROTC program, just sign up for classes like mountaineering in the fall.

The second of four children in her family, Glory White enlisted in the

Army Reserve shortly after turning 17 years old. She went through basic training during the summer between her junior and senior years at Richmond Hill (Ga.) High School.

"I've always believed that the Army has a lot to offer," Glory White said. "I know it's done a lot for my dad."

Following her graduation from high school, she considered the military as an immediate career option, but chose to first attend college. Once at GSU, she earned a nursing scholarship through the ROTC program.

In addition, Glory White won a Bothwell A. "Snag" Johnson ROTC Honors Scholarship, which is presented to ROTC students at GSU who rank in the top of their class academically

and possess exceptional leadership and potential. She also captured the Iron Eagle Award by notching a perfect score on the Army Physical Fitness Test — three times in a row.

"I've always been really good at the physical requirements," Glory White said. "Our ROTC commanders encourage us to get as much training as possible, and I thought airborne school would be a good experience."

So did her father, who will celebrate his 44th birthday on July 11. Ironically, that is the same day that Richard White and his daughter expect to make their first actual jump from a C-130 plane.

"Now that will be a great birthday present," he said.

## Winn-Dixie to close 35 percent of its stores

*Statesboro among stores closing its doors in corporate restructuring*

By Ron Word  
Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Super-market chain Winn-Dixie plans to close more than a third of its stores and slash 22,000 people from its work force as it tries to emerge from bankruptcy.

Among the stores to shut down, was Statesboro's Winn-Dixie — a fixture in the community since the mid-70s.

The store employs 60 locals. All the Winn-Dixie stores in the Savannah area will close including nearby

Claxton and Vidalia as well.

Winn-Dixie on Tuesday said it will close or sell 326 of its 913 stores in the coming months. It will cut 22,000 of 78,000 positions and an additional 500 workers will lose their jobs in the company's corporate headquarters in Jacksonville.

"We made a very detailed announcement and I am confident we are making the right decision," said Peter Lynch, company president and CEO.

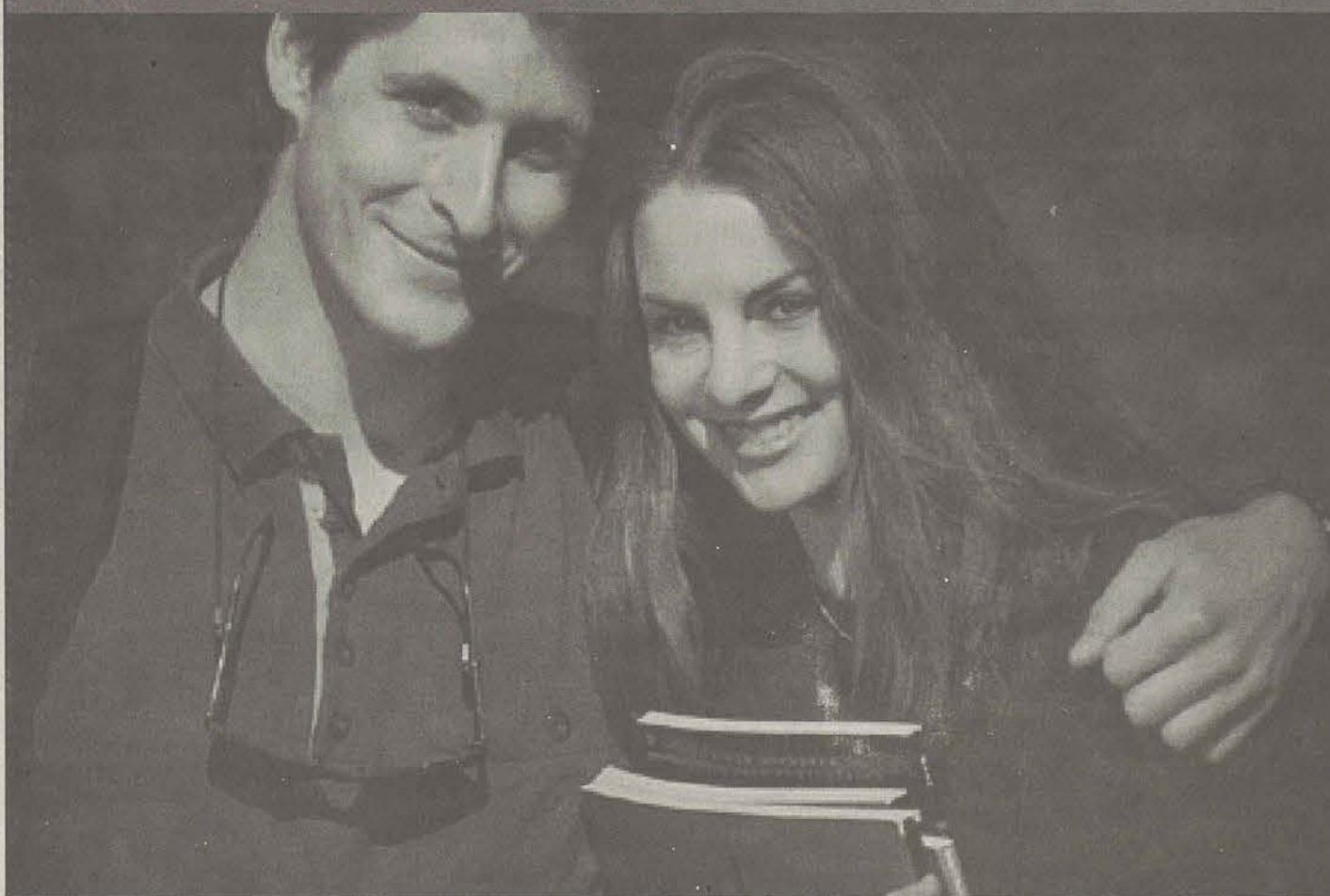
The company said it will try to find buyers for the closing stores and

ask the new owners to retain as many employees as possible.

Winn-Dixie is leaving a number of larger markets, including Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah in Georgia; Charleston, Columbia and Greenville-Spartanburg in South Carolina; Charlotte, Greensboro-High Point and Raleigh-Durham in North Carolina; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Columbus, Tupelo and Jackson in Mississippi and Alexandria, La.

An announcement on corporate restructuring will be made later this summer.

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## Annika's biggest challenge might be the pressure

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. - Annika Sorenstam engaged in a friendly match Wednesday at Cherry Hills, trying her best to treat this U.S. Women's Open like any other week instead of such a grand occasion.

But when she settled into her chair before a room crammed with reporters and television cameras, Sorenstam was reminded that this is no ordinary week. Having already won the first two major championships of the year, Sorenstam has reached a critical juncture in her quest for the Grand Slam.

"This is a great challenge for me. This is a true test for me, to see if I can handle it," she said. "This is the challenge I've been looking for, and it's all about controlling your emotions and your shots out there."

Adding to the drama is the historical significance of Cherry Hills.

It was on this tree-lined course 45 years ago that Arnold Palmer charged from behind to win the U.S. Open, which inspired him to resurrect the concept of a Grand Slam - winning all four majors in one year.

Palmer never got it done, losing by one shot at the British Open.

Mickey Wright, Jack Nicklaus, Pat Bradley and Tiger Woods all got halfway there when circumstances intervened, whether it was their own errant shots, bad weather or great golf by someone else.

**"This is a true test for me, to see if I can handle it."**

-Annika Sorenstam

Bradley recalled a week at the 1986 U.S. Women's Open in which there was a chemical spill near the course that kept players from returning to their hotel, and a tornado. Palmer dealt with torrential rain that canceled a round. Woods ran into raging winds at Muirfield, sending him to an 81.

"To win the slam, you have to be able to control yourself," Palmer said Wednesday morning from his office in Latrobe, Pa. "Then there are outside factors you have no control over, that people don't think about. You've just got to hope they work out for you."

Sorenstam built a five-shot lead at the Kraft Nabisco Championship and won by eight. Two weeks ago the LPGA Championship, she again led by

five shots after 54 holes and was never seriously challenged. The best anyone could do was Michelle Wie, a 15-year-old who hits prodigious drives but still isn't old enough to drive a car.

Cherry Hills presents a different test.

The rough is thicker than anything the women saw at Mission Hills or Bulle Rock, sites of the first two majors. The greens were still relatively soft Wednesday, but the targets are smaller than they seem because of the slope. At 6,749 yards, this is the longest course in Women's Open history.

In other words, it's perfect for Sorenstam.

"She'll be tough to be beat," Laura Davies said.

The greatest challenge might be the pressure.

Sorenstam laid out her grand plans a year ago - she wanted to be the first player, male or female, to win the four professional majors in the same year - before failing to win the first one.

Now that she has won the first two, she has become increasingly aware of the history she can make.

"I'm only halfway," she said. "These next two are going to be the toughest two."

Asked later what made the U.S. Women's Open and the Women's British Open next month at Royal Birkdale the toughest two legs of the Grand Slam, she quickly replied, "Because the pressure is building."

She is certainly no stranger to pressure.

The 34-year-old Swede has won 19 of 38 times on the LPGA Tour since Colonial, and five of the last nine majors. She has looked unbeatable at times this year, winning six of her eight starts.

But respect and appreciation should not be mistaken for a white flag of surrender.

Meg Mallon found the secret to beating Sorenstam last year at the Women's Open, closing with a 65 at the Orchards for a two-shot victory. Juli Inkster got it done three years ago at Prairie Dunes, shooting a 66 in the final round to go from a two-shot deficit to a two-shot victory.

"She finds her weaknesses and makes them better," Mallon said. "She was good, but she made herself great."

Over the next four days, Sorenstam will find out if she can continue her quest to be simply grand.



Chris Carlson/AP Photo

Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, chips to the seventh green during a practice round for the US Open at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver on Wednesday, June 22. The tournament will get underway today.

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## Around the National League

### Reds 7, Cardinals 6

CINCINNATI - Adam Dunn led off two straight innings with home runs and the Cincinnati Reds overpowered slumping Mark Mulder before holding on for a 7-6 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday. Dunn moved into a tie for the NL lead with his 19th and 20th home runs to help the Reds improve to 2-0 under interim manager Jerry Narron, who was promoted from bench coach on Tuesday to replace the fired Dave Miley. Reds starter Ramon Ortiz (3-5) didn't allow a hit in his first career appearance against St. Louis until Mark Grudzielanek led off the fifth with his seventh home run of the season. Ortiz gave up five hits and three runs in seven innings for his second win in his last three starts. David Weathers pitched 1 2-3 innings of effective relief before Kent Mercker struck out Jim Edmonds for the final out in the ninth for his first save in three tries. The save was his first since Aug. 27, 2003, for Atlanta against the New York Mets.

Mulder (8-5), who is 1-4 in his last five starts after going 7-0 in his previous eight, allowed season highs of 12 hits and seven runs in four innings. His previous season highs were 11 hits, by the Reds in his 6-5 loss on April 13, and six runs by Cincinnati and two other teams.

### Astros 6, Rockies 2

HOUSTON - Roger Clemens pitched seven strong innings for his 334th win, Morgan Ensberg hit a three-run homer and Houston completed a three-game sweep of Colorado.

Clemens (6-3) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out four and walked two, lowering his major league-leading ERA to 1.51. The Rocket, ninth on the career wins list, has won three straight decisions for the first time this season.

Ensberg hit the go-ahead homer in the third. The Astros scored three more runs in the seventh with the help of some terrible Colorado defense, and John Franco and Russ Springer combined to pitch two scoreless innings for Houston's fifth win in six games.

The Astros got their fourth sweep of the year against the last-place Rockies, who have lost five straight and eight of nine.

Jason Jennings (4-8) allowed six runs and five hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked two.

### Nationals 5, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH - Brian Schneider's softly hit go-ahead single in the eighth inning barely traveled 150 feet in a game featuring mostly long home runs, and Washington came back after squandering an early lead to beat Pittsburgh.

Jose Guillen had his second two-homer game in the three-game series as the teams combined for five homers in the first three innings, helping the Pirates take a 4-2 lead that starter Josh Fogg couldn't hold.

Hector Carrasco (3-1) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the victory, the Nationals' second in the series. Mike Gonzalez (0-3) took the loss after walking Ryan Church and Junior Spivey in succession with two outs in the eighth, ahead of Schneider's opposite-field single into short left field.

The Nationals won their 18th in 23 games and finished up a 5-4 road trip against the Angels, Rangers and Pirates, while Pittsburgh dropped its eighth in 10 games. The Pirates had won their last five series at home.

Chad Cordero pitched the ninth inning for his 23rd save in 25 opportunities and his 20th in a row. Thirteen of his last 17 saves have come in one-run games, which the Nationals have dominated with a 15-5 record.

### Phillies 8, Mets 4

PHILADELPHIA - Chase Utley had a go-ahead RBI single in a six-run seventh inning, Jim Thome homered and Kenny Lofton had a three-run double for the Phillies, who won for just the third time in eight games.

Cliff Floyd and Mike Piazza homered for the Mets, who have lost 10 of 13. Ryan Madson (4-2) gave up a run in one inning for the win, and Royce Ring (0-2) was the loser. Mets reliever Aaron Heilman was charged with five runs while recording just one out.

# Braves shut out Marlins, 8-0



John Bazemore/AP Photo

Atlanta Braves' Brian Jordan is tagged out by Florida Marlins catcher Matt Treanor as he tries to score on a Horacio Ramirez fly ball in the second inning Wednesday.

By Charles Odum

Associated Press

ATLANTA - While Chipper Jones sits, Andruw Jones is carrying the Atlanta Braves.

Hitting his ninth home run in the last 11 games - an upper-deck shot - Andruw Jones drove in three runs as the Braves crushed the struggling Florida Marlins 8-0 Wednesday night.

"If it isn't Chipper, it's Andruw," said Marlins manager Jack McKeon.

"He may cool off, but right now he's hot. He's a guy who can hit 30, 40, even 50."

Jones' homer gave him the NL lead with 21 and gave the Braves a 4-0 lead in the fifth inning. The shot off Brian Moehler traveled an estimated 432 feet to left field.

Jones has hit nine homers in the last 11 games, a streak that began with

a two-homer game on June 11 against Oakland - five days after Chipper Jones was placed on the disabled list with a foot injury. The status of another Braves pitcher is in question. Horacio Ramirez left Wednesday night's game with a strained groin after throwing five shutout innings.

"We're going to wait a couple of days and see how it goes," said Braves manager Bobby Cox. "We haven't crossed him off his next start, that's for sure."

Ramirez, who suffered the injury while running out a double in the fifth inning, said he didn't think the injury was serious enough to force him to miss a start.

Despite leaning heavily on such rookies as Kelly Johnson, last week's NL Player of the Week who had three hits and a walk Wednesday night, the Braves have won five of six games.

Adam LaRoche added a homer, his eighth, off Florida reliever John Riedling in the sixth.

Florida has lost four of its last five games to fall to .500 (34-34) for the first time since they were 6-6.

In the two losses to the Braves, the Marlins had only one baserunner reach third base - pinch-hitter Damion Easley, who was stranded on third in the ninth inning Wednesday night after leading off with a double.

Ramirez (6-4) threw only 66 pitches while giving up three hits in five innings. He is 3-0 with two no-decisions in June.

The Braves already have three starting pitchers on the disabled list - Mike Hampton, John Thomson and Tim Hudson.

Moehler (2-5) gave up six hits and four runs while walking four in five innings.

The Braves settled for one run in the first after loading the bases with no outs on two walks and an infield hit by Johnson. Rafael Furcal, who led off with a walk, scored on Jones' fly ball to right.

Jones' homer capped the Braves' three-run fifth inning. Ramirez led off with a double and scored when Marlins right fielder Jeff Conine bobbled Johnson's single for an error.

The Braves made it 8-0 with three runs in the seventh against Riedling and Valerio De Los Santos. Two runs scored on Marcus Giles' ground-rule double off Riedling over the center-field wall.

With the victory, Bobby Cox tied Walter Alston for seventh on the all-time managing list with 2,040 wins. The Braves will look to make it a sweep against the Marlins tonight at 7:35 p.m.

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