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THE GEORGE-ANNE

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Pranksters hack GSU homepage

School officials not LOL after homepage attacked twice over 24-hour period

By Luke Hearn

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As if hackers had not done enough when they broke into the University Store's computers late last semester, they were at it again on Sunday and Monday, changing the university's home page to a blank white screen with messages written in black type.

The incidents, which occurred at 10 p.m. on Sunday and about 5 p.m. on Monday, were isolated and corrected promptly, said university spokesperson Rosemary Carter.

"IT services worked to correct the situation immediately. Sunday's situation was fixed in a matter of about two hours, mainly allowing cam-

pus to use the site while IT services investigated the matter. Monday's incident was corrected in about four minutes."

According to Carter, Georgia Southern's web site—presumably like other university web sites—has certain functions designed for interaction for students, faculty and staff. She said one of the web pages supporting a functional area contained a vulnerability that allowed access to an external group.

"IT Services investigation revealed that the problem was contained in a single web page," Carter said. "The Web page was deactivated."

While the hackers were able to manipulate the look of the GSU home page, Carter said none

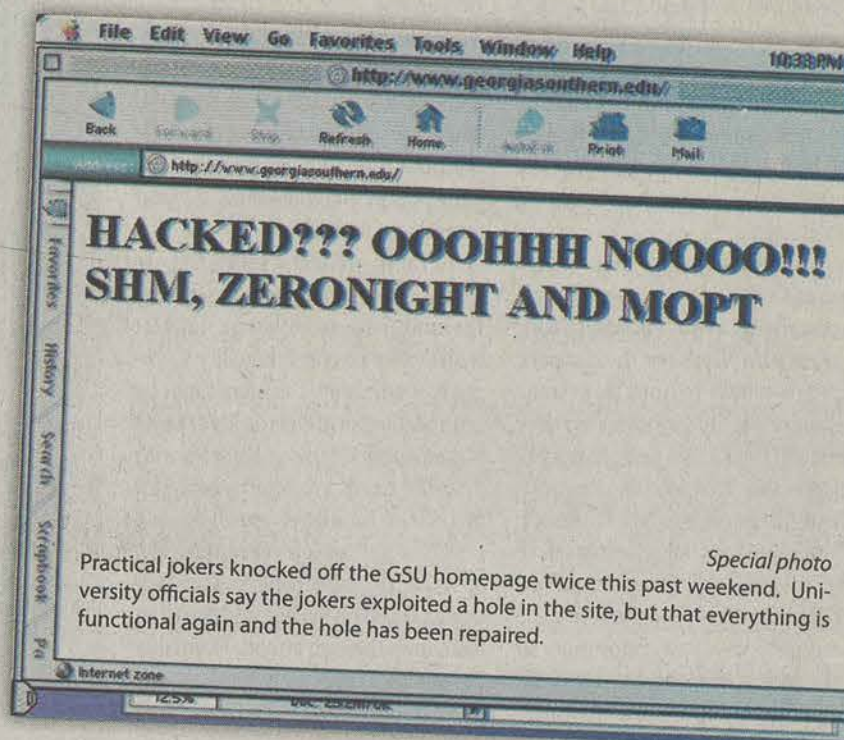
of the other areas of the web site were damaged or corrupted, and that the incident appears to be isolated to the home page only.

While the web site was down, there were no problems reported by students, according to Jonathan Buckner, executive vice president of SGA.

"From what we have heard, no student assignments were affected."

The identity of the hackers is still unknown, but an e-mail address left the second time the page was accessed indicated the hackers may be from Brazil.

Carter said GSU officials have not yet determined how far they will go to pursue a forensic investigation of the incident.



Practical jokers knocked off the GSU homepage twice this past weekend. University officials say the jokers exploited a hole in the site, but that everything is functional again and the hole has been repaired.

Special photo

Student dies in Monday accident

Several others injured in three-vehicle accident at busy intersection

By Rachel Weeks

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A Georgia Southern student died, and several others were injured, in a three-vehicle accident involving two tractor trailers and a Toyota Corolla at the intersection of Old Register Road and the 301 Bypass Monday.

GSU junior Raquel Lorraine Aviles, 20, was driving down Old Register Road at 11 a.m. Monday. According to Statesboro Police Lt. Scott Brunson, Aviles pulled into the path of a tractor-trailer driven by Jerry Waters, 42, of Port. The truck struck her car in the driver side door, then slid into the opposite lane, hitting another tractor-trailer driven by Billy E. Willard, 46. Aviles was killed on impact according to Brunson.

Aviles, a broadcasting major from LaGrange, had recently received a Freeman-ASIA Award granting her \$8,000 to study as an exchange student in the Japanese Language and Studies Program at Nagoya University in Japan for the 2006 school year.

Another GSU student, senior Josh



This was the scene nearly three hours after a fatal Monday morning accident on the U.S. 301 bypass at the intersection of Register Road.

Rasco, 22, a passenger in Aviles' car, was transported to East Georgia Regional Medical Center. He suffered four broken ribs, a punctured lung and a lacerated spleen. He is in stable condition. Waters was treated for minor injuries at the hospital and released. Willard and his wife Stephanie—who was a passenger—were also transported to the hospital for treatment.

Witnesses who saw the accident happen and the remains of the Toyota Corolla were amazed by the destruction to the car. "It's just total devastation. The only part of the car that's left is the passenger seat area. It's amazing that anyone survived," said Matt McDaniel.

Rasco remembers little of the accident. "All I remember was seeing the 18-wheeler coming toward us and then waking up and watching the emergency crew cutting my pants off," he said from his hospital bed.

Roads were blocked for several hours as rescue workers removed victims from the vehicles and evaluated them before transporting them to East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

Law enforcement officials from the area helped to block off traffic so an investigation could be conducted, including the university police, the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia State patrol. The accident is still under investigation.

Changing faces at the Russell Union

Earl Cashion retiring as head of the union

By Jenny Miller

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Russell Union is the home to many Georgia Southern staff, but after the summer there will be two familiar faces missing.

Earl Cashion, director of the Russell Union will be retiring from the university on July 29 after 16 years of service. Cashion started his career as a student employee of the University of South Carolina union, where he received his undergraduate and master's degrees. As he pursued his master's in student personnel, he was hired to run a nightclub in the area.

Cashion left in 1976 to pursue a job in Athens at the University of Georgia.

He served as the assistant director at the Tate Student Center until he accepted a job at GSU as the Director of the Russell Union in 1989.

Cashion says his best memory of his time at GSU has been the people he worked with. "The staff has been really great. It has been fun to watch them all grow and change as the years pass," Cashion said.

Cashion was instrumental in coordinating the 3 Doors Down concert in April. "The 3 Doors Down concert was very challenging, but it was a group effort to make the event a success," said Cashion.

In retirement Cashion plans to play golf and relax, but he will be missed by the people who worked with him throughout the years. "Earl was instrumental in opening the student union in 1990 and his gift for organization will be sorely missed by all of us who have been fortunate enough to work with him," said Bob Miller, GSU catering manager.

Cashion is not the only staff member of the Union leaving. Cara Dawn Byford, the coordinator of Greek Life, has left the university to accept a job in Atlanta to work for the Phi Mu headquarters.

Miriam Willow, secretary for Greek Life has worked closely with Byford. "Cara Dawn brought a lot of new ideas to Greek Life and was fun to work with," said Willow. Georj Lewis, the current Dean of Students, will fill in as the temporary Greek Life coordinator.



Cashion

Library construction progressing as planned despite weather

First phase of \$22.8 construction on track for June 2006 completion, second phase to end in March 2008

By Darren Jones

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Construction is on target for the Zach S. Henderson Library expansion. The 30-year-old library is getting a \$22.7 million facelift and expansion.

The production will result in a 103,481 square-foot addition that will bring the total area to 239,099 square feet.

While officials at the library say work is on schedule, whether or not everything will go as planned remains to be seen. The weather has been a frustration for workers, who experience flooding each time a minor downpour hits Statesboro.

The expansion of the library was first proposed in 1998 to the Board of Regents.

When completed, students can expect a new entrance lobby, a 24-hour "Information Commons" (another

name for the circulation desk), an increase in shelving space, more general seating, a multi-purpose classroom, and group study rooms.

The exterior will also get a new red-brick facade.

Unlike the RAC, the library is a state-funded academic building, which means it is unlikely the project will result in an increase in student fees.

The entire project has been divided into two phases. The first phase of construction started July 2004 and its anticipated completion is June 2006.

The second phase is set to begin July 2006 and its completion, set for March 2008, will mark the completion of the project as a whole.

McKnight Construction of Augusta has been hired for the task. Cogdell & Mendrala, a design firm from Savannah, did the architectural schematics.



Students pass as construction continues in the background at the Zach S. Henderson Library.

Rachel Weeks/STAFF

CLARIFICATION

WVGS has never been cited by the Federal Communication Commission for indecent programming. A story appearing on page 2A of the June 23 edition contained an inaccurate quote.

TAKING A BREAK

This is the last edition of The George-Anne before fall. Look for us again when school starts back.

Summer camps are a fun way for GSU to grow

By Rachel Weeks

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Summer camps are an opportunity for Georgia Southern to offer unique services and experiences to the surrounding community, while building revenue and recruitment for GSU.

Over 25 academic, artistic and athletic camps were offered at GSU this summer for students from surrounding communities. Some camps with artistic and academic focus include the Atlanta Ballet Residential Camp, French Cultural Camp, Chess Camp, Eagle Cyber Camp, Art Kamp, Eco-Adventure Camp, and Eagle Science Camp. Sports camps drew hundreds of middle and high school students for football camps such as Offensive Lineman Camp, 7 on 7 Camp, basketball camps like Shooting Camp and Post Player Camp and softball and soccer camps.

"The various camps that we host here at Georgia Southern each summer represent a win-win situation for everyone involved. For the campers, they're a vehicle to learn from some outstanding instructors as they augment their own personal skills, whether they are academic, artistic or athletic in nature," said Mark Holland, information specialist for the office of marketing and communications. "From the university's perspective, the camps provide us an opportunity to showcase our campus to a talented and diverse group of potential students."

Rusty Cram, who has been part of GSU basketball for 15 years, said that athletic summer camps are an essential recruitment tool and close to 300 basketball players visited campus this summer.

"We get a chance to get recruited athletes on campus, talk to them, get to know them and evaluate their skills," said Cram. "We've had quite a few students that came to camp in previous years and now are on the GSU basketball team. The main reason we have summer athletic camps is for recruiting purposes because we are not allowed to talk to student athletes off-campus."

Each camp offers different experiences for visiting students. Wendy Denton, acting director of the GSU Museum, was involved with Eagle Science Camp this summer. She said the camp prepares students for later enrollment in college.

"I think we offer a great deal, we give kids the opportunity to see what the university is all about, interact with faculty and see the facility. Coming to a university can sometimes be intimidating," said Denton. "Our camp is grant funded camp so students with financial needs are able to apply for financial aid and receive a scholarship to pay for the camp. It's very much like applying for university, they are accepted based on grades, and financial aid allows them to attend. Hopefully the quality of the camps gives them a good impression of GSU's teaching



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Two-car crash staged to teach students the science of police work

As part of the Summer Institute for Math and Science Education, the Georgia State Patrol staged a two-car crash behind the Lupton Building in the Paulson Stadium parking lot. Chase Puckett, Screven County Middle School teacher and 2005 State Teacher of the Year, directed the camp and drove the car in the staged crash.

The institute is designed to encourage and recruit math and science teachers of the future. Twenty juniors and seniors from area high schools will live in residence halls and participated in special activities coordinated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Georgia State Patrol (GSP).

The students also worked with University professors to create math and science lessons that were presented to fifth and sixth graders from the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County.

Drama Camp

By Alicia Howe

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Georgia Southern was host to drama camp last week. The Missoula Children's Theatre group directed the camp, which brought in fifty-one local children. Drama camp participants learned about acting and put on a performance of The Frog Prince Saturday at the PAC.

Children ranging from age of six to eighteen began the camp last Monday, where they auditioned for roles in The Frog Prince, attended workshops, and practiced their acting skills.

Assistant Coordinator at the PAC, Jan Reynolds, said community members were hired to teach, including Michael Brass, Pete Davis, Mical Whitaker, Pat Alley, and Tim Metcalf who each conducted workshops in music, movement, stunt, dramatics and technical aspects of theater. GSU students and local high school students also assisted in the camp.

About 200 people showed up for the musical performance of The Frog Prince. All of the camp participants had acting parts in the play, whether they were main roles or singing flowers. All proceeds from admissions costs went to pay for the camp.

Eagle Incentive Program

By Casey Altman

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This summer 300 students have a special opportunity to become a part of Georgia Southern's student body. These students are provisionally accepted to the school under the Eagle Incentive Program (EIP). The two-year-old program allows capable students to make an early adjustment to university life.

Susan Davies, the director of admissions, says the program is similar to what other universities call a "bridge program".

"These programs take students that have the promise of academic success," said Davies. "They've done very well in high school courses, and by reviewing their academic credentials, they have promise for being successful in college, but they may not have scored as well on the SAT."

The EIP program gives students the opportunity to attend summer classes and prove that they can be successful. To prove their abilities they must earn a cumulative grade of a "C" or better in seven credit hours during Term B. In the summer the class sizes are smaller and Davies said that this makes the transition a little easier for the students.

Students accepted into this pro-

gram are divided into 15 small groups. They are all pre-registered into classes by the Registrar's office prior to their SOAR visit. Each person in the small group is signed up for the same classes. They take classes like English 1101, GSU 1210, and other introduction classes in either math, political science or history.

According to Davies, the faculty who teach the EIP classes are hand selected, and are encouraged to work together with the material they students are studying.

The students may even do some cross-over studies to help with retention of information. For instance, an English professor may have the students write a paper about what they are studying in political science.

Since the EIP students are living on-campus, EIP administrators have arranged many activities for the students to enjoy on-campus outside of class.

Davies said normally there is not very much going on during the summer with the university, so they have planned to have events so that the students experience will be similar to what it will be like in the fall.

EIP students that meet the requirements at the end of the Term B will be ahead of many of their fellow students in the incoming freshmen class.

<p>Savannah Fantastic Fourth on the River 9:30 p.m. July 3-4, experience one of the largest fireworks displays in the Southeast, along Historic River Street in Savannah, Georgia's first city. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. on the Savannah River near River Street.</p>	<p>Brunswick Old-Fashioned 4th Celebration 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Celebrate the old-fashioned way in Mary Ross Riverfront Park. Games and activities for the whole family include the water balloon toss, sack race, tug of war, hula hoop contest, and free watermelon slices for everyone. Enjoy fireworks exploding over the river. Admission is free.</p>
<p>Fort Stewart 4th of July at Fort Stewart 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Celebrate our nation's independence on Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field. Activities will include children's rides and concessions. Opening remarks are scheduled for at 5 p.m. Local musical entertainment will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by Al Jardines Beach Boys Family and Friends Band at 8 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Atlanta Fourth of July Celebration 6 p.m. - 10:30 Admission is free, so pack your blankets and celebrate Independence Day at downtown's Centennial Olympic Park. The park invites all of Georgia to enjoy Atlanta's best fireworks display and family entertainment, including children's activities, music from 70's and 80's show band Shimmer and special guests Classic Rock All-Stars.</p>
<p>Augusta 4th of July Celebration 9:30 p.m. Join the crowd at Artists' Row on Broad Street and enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, family fun,</p>	<p>Statesboro Firecracker Festival 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Celebrate the 4th at Mill Creek Regional Park for a free day of fun. The event includes handmade arts and crafts, food and three stages of live music including A1A (Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band). There will be games for all ages, including the frog jump contest and the greased pole climb. Stay for Statesboro's most spectacular fireworks show.</p>
	<p>Fort McAllister Fort McAllister Independence Day 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Featuring games of skill, a live colonial band, Union and Confederate soldier re-enactors conducting musket and cannon firing as well as other living history demonstrations and a chance to meet the Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence</p>
	<p>Tybee Island Tybee Island Celebrations Independence Day Celebration with fireworks on the beach will be held July 3, located on the south end of Tybee Island.</p>

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Students finally receive financial aid

By Jessica Lanham

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Although the summer term began on May 17, many students have experienced a delay in receiving their financial aid funds. Students who have fulfilled their six hour requirement in Term A obtained the remainder of their refund two days after the semester was over, while students who are attending Term B to complete their hours must wait for the remainder of their aid.

"We hate it more than the students," says Connie Murphey, director of financial aid. "But we must follow federal regulations [on disbursement] or we will lose our funding from those programs." Murphey explains that federal regulations mandate a student's attendance and academic status must be checked before funds are released. Specifically, class attendance must be verified no more than ten days after the semester has begun.

Attendance verification accounts for some of the postponement, but another federal stipulation causes further delay. Unlike fall or spring semester, summer term is not considered to be part of the regular school year under federal financial aid guidelines. Summer's special status programs,

such as the Pell grant and HOPE, are unavailable during summer session because they are not maintained by the federal government, but are controlled by the state, institution, or individual scholarship.

Deborah Powell, director of student revenue accounting, said federal student loans must be divided into two installments during the summer. When students are awarded federal loans, those loans are considered to be "single-term" and have special procedures. She states that federal guidelines stipulate that after the initial disbursement, if any funds remain, those monies can only be refunded to students after a thirty-day period. Meant as measure of fraud prevention, Murphey and Powell concede that these policies are highly inconvenient for student awaiting checks.

While WINGS states dates of disbursement, it does not specify when the student will actually receive his or her refund. On the date of disbursement, the funds are released from Financial Aid to the Office of Student Fees, who are in charge of deducting any remaining balance. Once all of the student's charges have been paid, if the student is entitled to a refund, the excess funds are transferred to another account where the refund

checks are drawn. Refund checks are cut and mailed approximately three to five business days after the money has been received.

Powell recognizes that the existing system is perhaps not the most efficient. She said that GSU is currently in the process of expediting the refund process and in approximately nine to twelve months students will have an option to have their refunded aid placed into a personal bank account through the university's direct deposit computer software.

For students, lack of financial aid at key times can cause difficulties. Kenneth Wilcox, a sophomore Information Technology major, says that the delay affected him scholastically, "I had no money to buy books. It put me behind in my classes. I had to play catch-up," he said.

Powell and Murphey encourage students to contact their financial aid officers for personal advisement, pointing out that disbursement is based on the student's individual factors and cannot always be accurately determined by WINGS.

Students who require greater detail about the financial aid process, as well as federal student aid policies, should visit the U.S. Department of Education's web site at www.ed.gov.

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Teacher accused of assigning arson

HOUSTON (AP) - A chemistry teacher who was at least three months behind on her car payments gave passing grades to two failing students who stole and burned her car so she could collect insurance money, a fire investigator said.

Aldine Senior High School teacher Tramesha Lashon Fox, 32, was charged with insurance fraud and arson, and the two students were charged with arson.

Roger Luna, 18, and Darwin Arias, 17, had been failing Fox's class up to their final exam. But Arias received a 90 and Luna an 80, grades high enough for them to pass the semester, said senior fire investigator Dustin Deutsch of the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office.

Luna was arrested Tuesday. Bail was set at \$10,000 and he was expected to be arraigned on Thursday, said Lt. John Martin, spokeswoman for the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Neither Fox nor Arias was in custody early Wednesday afternoon, and they could not immediately be reached for comment. No phone listings could be found.

The teens initially thought her scheme was a joke, but Fox continued to pursue them, Deutsch said. On May 27, the last day of school, the students took the unlocked 2003 Chevrolet Malibu from a shopping mall, drove it to a wooded area and set it on fire, he said.

Fox reported the theft that day, after already having bought a 2005 Toyota Corolla, investigators said. She owed about \$20,000 on the Chevrolet and had been facing repossession, Deutsch said.

Aldine Independent School District officials said Fox remained employed while they waited to see the fire marshal's report.

The students will probably be placed in an alternative school when they return, depending on what happens to them in court, school officials said.

Man accused of drunk shopping cart driving

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. (AP) - A man is accused of driving an electric-powered shopping cart around a grocery store here while drunk, endangering other customers.

Clifford Mattson, 27, was charged with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, Detective Sue Schwab said Tuesday.

Schwab said police went to the Levees grocery store Monday afternoon, after reports of a drunken man driving the shopping cart into people and nearly knocking them down.

"He appeared to be actually driving after them," Schwab said. No one was hurt, she said.

The maximum penalty for the misdemeanor charge is 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine, Schwab said. A court hearing was set for July 19.

Peeping Tom pulled from out-house tank

ALBANY, N.H. (AP) - A 45-year-old man was arrested after a teenage girl found him staring at her from below an outhouse seat, police said. Police said they pulled Gary Moody, from Gardiner, Maine, from the wastetank under a log cabin outhouse on Monday.

"We had to decontaminate him," said Capt. Jon Hebert of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, adding that firefighters hosed the man down before police handcuffed him. "We treated him as if he were hazardous material," Hebert said.

Moody was charged with criminal trespass. Hebert said he could face more charges.

Bridge club members to strip for calendar

FARMLAND, Ind. (AP) - Seven women who usually gather to play cards are planning to strip down for a calendar as part of the fight against plans to tear down Randolph County's 128-year-old courthouse.

The women ranging in age from their early 70s to older than 90 will pose nude — with strategically placed miniature replicas of the courthouse in front of them — in the fundraiser for the Save the Courthouse Fund.

"I don't know how we're going to look, but we're going to pose," 85-year-old Garnita Amburn told The Star Press of Muncie for a story Wednesday.

The Randolph County commissioners voted 2-1 on June 6 to demolish the courthouse in downtown Winchester and replace it with a new structure.

It would be the first courthouse in the state to be leveled since the 1970s, but the commissioners who favor its replacement say they do not believe it would be wise to spend millions of dollars to renovate the 19th century building.

Organizers plan to sell the calendars beginning next month for \$12.95 each and hope to raise at least \$20,000.

The calendar's models are all members of the Farmland Bridge Club in the western Randolph County town.

"We just thought we have great bobs so we thought we'd do it," 76-year-old Iraida Davis-Leitch said.

Eighty-five-year-old Frances Hensley's jaw dropped when she saw sample photographs for the calendar, including a woman holding two miniature courthouses in front of her chest.

"Oh my stars," she said.

Ice rink zamboni operator charged with DUI

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - You can't drive with alcohol in your system, even if the vehicle is a four-ton ice-cleaning machine at a skating rink.

Zamboni operator John Peragallo was charged with drunken driving after a fellow employee at the Men-n-Sports Arena in Morristown called police and reported that the machine was speeding and nearly crashed into the boards.

Police arrived after Peragallo had parked the machine after grooming the ice during a break in a public skating session.

Police said Peragallo's blood alcohol level was 0.12 percent. Levels of 0.08 percent and above are considered legally drunk.

Zamboni privileges were revoked for Peragallo, 63, who has worked for the Morris County park system since 1994.

Lady delivers baby weighing nearly 14 pounds

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Weighing in at 13 pounds, 12 ounces, Delaney Jessica Buzzell isn't your average newborn. Her parents have even dubbed her the "Big Enchilada."

The baby headed home Tuesday after being delivered by Caesarean section on June 23 — a surprising three weeks early.

Her family isn't quite sure what to make of her weight.

The father is 6-foot-2 and the mother is 5-foot-7, and nurse Judy Nadolski described them as "regular-sized."

"We're pretty normal," 34-year-old Paul Buzzell said.

Nadolski said carrying the baby in her arms was like holding a 4- or 5-month-old infant.

The diapers and baby T-shirts also were a little on the snug side.

"It was ready for a steak," the nurse said. "It had quite an appetite."

This isn't the first supersized baby for Paul and Robin Buzzell, from suburban Mequon.

Their now-4-year-old daughter, Cameron, was born weighing 11 pounds, 8 ounces, and their second child, Alexis, now 2, weighed in at 10 pounds, 8 ounces when she was born.

When Cameron was born, Paul Buzzell said he posted a sign on the door that said "Home of the Whopper." When their second child was born, Buzzell put up a sign describing her as "Whopper Jr."

With the birth of the "Big Enchilada," the Buzzells say their family is now complete.

"This will be the last one," Paul Buzzell said.

The child weighs near double the average newborn. And according to the National Center for Health Statistics, less than one percent of babies weigh more than 11 pounds at birth.

Iraqis fear U.S. pullout could trigger chaos, others want a timetable

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - For engineering professor Moayad Yasin al-Samaraie, President Bush's pledge to keep U.S. troops in Iraq until their mission is complete was the promise of order over chaos.

But the assurance rang hollow for Mona Hussein, who woke up Wednesday without electricity or running water after spending the night on her roof trying to escape Baghdad's sweltering heat.

Iraqis on the street and the country's politicians seemed divided over Bush's refusal to provide a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops, along with his promises for a better life in this country of 26 million people.

"Iraq cannot be stable if the American and coalition forces leave," al-Samaraie said.

The 55-year-old said chaos could result "because Iraqi forces don't have the required level of training to protect the country."

But Hussein, also an engineer, said withdrawing foreign troops might restore the security their presence has so far failed to establish.

"The terrorists will continue to attack the Americans as long as they're here. They should leave so that there will be less explosions and more security," she said. "As long as they're here, we'll remain an occupied country, just like Palestine."

Many Iraqis said they didn't see the speech, which was broadcast just before dawn, and some who viewed excerpts of it considered it tailored to an American audience.

"It will make no difference. (Bush) has given speeches before, but we have not seen any results," said Hussein, a 25-year-old mother of two. "A discussion on electricity or oil would have been better than the Bush speech. Maybe more people would have paid attention then."

Bush's speech came on the one-year anniversary of the handover of sovereignty to Iraqis. Violence has raged despite the political progress



AP Photo/Jacob Silberberg

U.S. Marines Lance Cpl. Rolland Ogle, left, of Logan, Ohio, and Lance Cpl. Eric Neighbarger of St. Louisville, Ohio, walk down a street past an unidentified man in Hit, 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

since then, including a January election that brought a new Shiite-led government to office. More than 1,360 people have died since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari took over two months ago.

The speech was broadcast live on several Arab television networks, but few Iraqis could watch it at 4 a.m. Television newscasts and Arab satellite channels broadcast portions later in the day.

Senators want new Justice Department unit to focus on old civil rights cases

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Two senators on Wednesday said they want the Justice Department to form a unit that would focus on unsolved murders from the civil rights era.

It would be patterned after the department's Office of Special Investigations, which since 1979 has focused on finding and deporting former Nazis who are living in the United States.

Sens. Jim Talent, R-Mo., and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said the unit they are pushing for would investigate and prosecute pre-1970 deaths motivated by racial hatred.

A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment on the proposal.

Last week, a Mississippi court sentenced 80-year-old former Klansman Edgar Ray Killen to 60 years in jail for the slayings of three civil

rights workers in 1964. Killen is the latest in a string of elderly suspects tried for crimes committed at a time when justice was out of reach for many blacks.

"The message is, it's never too late to bring a killer to justice," Talent said at a news conference.

The senators' proposal would create an unsolved crimes section within Justice's civil rights division to work with state and local law enforcement officials.

While the office would focus on unsolved murders, which have no statute of limitations, other civil rights violations would be referred to state or federal prosecutors, Talent said.

UGA journalism dean resigns after sexual harassment claim

ATHENS (AP) — The dean of the University of Georgia's journalism school is resigning amid allegations of sexual harassment.

But in his resignation letter, John Soloski said his resignation is not an admission of guilt.

"I want to stress that in no way should this letter be construed to mean that I have violated any university policy or procedure," Soloski wrote in a letter to UGA Provost Arnett Mace dated Monday. "It is simply about my being tired and needing to refocus my life on my own well-being."

The sexual harassment complaint was filed by a former employee at UGA's journalism school. The employee has since transferred to another job at the university.

In his letter to Mace, Soloski, who became a dean of the Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2001, said he had been thinking about stepping down for some time but that the sexual harassment accusation did play a role in the decision.

"There comes a time when a job demands too much," he wrote. "The complaint I reported to the general counsel's office alleging a violation of university policy by me, a charge which I categorically and emphatically deny, has made me reconsider my decision to stay on as dean through my fifth year."

Soloski's resignation took effect Thursday, but he will remain at the school as a tenured full professor, according to Soloski's letter. Under an agreement negotiated when he came to UGA, Soloski will receive his dean's salary through June 2006.

WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL

This is the last edition of *The George-Anne* this summer. The paper will be back in the stands when you return to the 'Boro on August 12. Have a safe and productive summer. Thanks for reading!

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"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself.
Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air
and giving fresh strength to our people."

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OUR VIEW

Treasure the ones close to you

AT ISSUE: Let friends and family know how much they mean to you

If you read the front page of our paper today then you know that Georgia Southern has lost another student.

If you recall the obituary of J. Wright on the front of last week's edition of *The George-Anne*, then you know that the death of Raquel Aviles marks the second death of a GSU student in eight days.

Death is random, and we never really know when it may be our turn to leave this world, but we can appreciate each other while we are here.

We too often forget that life is ever changing, and no matter what religious or spiritual beliefs we subscribe to, the old sayings "life is too short" and "no one is promised tomorrow" are very true.

College-aged people tend to think that they

don't have to worry about death, that they are too young to die.

Unfortunately, the deaths of J. and Raquel should be reminders to us that just because we're young adults and in college we are not invincible.

The recent deaths of our fellow GSU family members should also remind us to appreciate those close to us, and to treasure all the times we are able to spend with our friends and family members.

Instead of fighting about insignificant details, we really should try to understand each other and work together, because everyone is happier that way.

It doesn't always take a long time or a lot of money to let someone know that they are appreciated.

A well-timed phone call could brighten some-

one's day just when they need it, and even a smile can turn a day around. Even a quick e-mail can let someone know that he or she is on your mind.

Life is too short, and it's especially too short to let the little things get in the way of the bigger picture. Tell a friend today that he or she is special to you. The next time you talk to your parents or close family member, tell them you love them.

And if you're at odds with a friend, call that person, and say you're sorry, and that the friendship means more than some petty argument.

It's important to let those around you know how much they mean to you.

Do it today, because you never know if you'll be able to do it tomorrow.

Luke Hearn RAMBLINGS OF A RAGING LIBERAL

Flag-burning ban not a good idea

The U.S. House of Representatives voted yes on an amendment last week that would ban flag-burning.

While the amendment must pass in the Senate and in 38 state legislatures to become official, the fact that the House has approved such an amendment is pretty scary.



Luke Hearn is a senior from Locust Grove, Ga. He writes 'Ramblings of a Raging Liberal' for *The George-Anne*. He is the executive editor of the newspaper.

While there are many factors that make this amendment totally ludicrous, the fact that it violates the first amendment is enough for me to be totally against it.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1989 that flag-burning is protected under the First Amendment. This ruling threw out a 1968 federal statute and many "flag protection" laws adopted by 48 states, all of which were passed in response to anti-Vietnam War protesters who burned American flags at demonstrations.

This amendment is stupid. In post-9/11 America—just as pink is the new black—terrorism is the new Communism.

Instead of everyone opposed to the current administration's policies being called a Communist, they're being called terrorists.

Planning to add a flag-burning amendment to the U.S. Constitution is a way to try and suppress "terrorism" in the U.S. If people cannot burn flags, then they won't, so the Congress thinks.

But if they do, by God, then we'll get 'em, and brand them terrorists, and send them to a military prison and let our boys treat them unjustly. That has to be the mindset for these lame-brained politicians, because you must know: every time a flag is burnt, one of W's hairs turns gray, and we don't need that, do we?

It's insane. Instead of worrying about things that matter, such as the needs of the struggling working-class Americans and the Social Security system that's about run dry, they discuss ways to oppress the American people.

Instead of fulfilling their promises to their constituents back home to improve schools and start a national prescription drug program, they debate each other on how to "save the U.S. from terror" by implementing laws that go against the ideals on which this nation was founded.

These politicians who brought forth and fought for the flag-burning amendment made a mockery of the House, and have further perpetuated the stereotype that Congress doesn't do anything.

The only reason I believe anyone would vote for such an amendment is for political gain.

Think about it.

If a congressman is facing re-election and voted against the amendment to protect the country's flag, his or her opponent could call the incumbent a "supporter of terrorism" or "anti-American."

The same thing could happen in a presidential election, and I'd bet the \$40 in my pocket right now that the candidates in the 2008 presidential elections will use other candidates' votes on this amendment against them.

You can call me a radical if you want, that's fine with me. Though I've never burned a flag, I would like to be able to go out in my front yard and light one up if the urge hit me.

While I don't necessarily foresee myself doing it anytime soon, I don't want to be thrown in jail if I happen to douse a flag with gasoline and light it with the tip of my cigarette...that would just suck.

Write Luke gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu



'EVER GET THE FEELING WE'RE ATTRACTING MORE THAN WE'RE KILLING?'

Chris Lane: YOUR TURN

Make sure to take time and 'smell the roses'

College students are often accused of being self-centered people who have difficulty grasping "the big picture" in the world around them. To a large extent, this is true.

This is not to say that the typical college student suffers major character flaws; rather it reflects a lack of general life experience that brings about perspective. We often become so absorbed in our daily

activities that we lose our sense of what is truly important. Then something truly sad-denning happens. Something that forces us put things into proper perspective. The sudden loss of our friend, GSU student J. Wright, has done just that. All of a sudden, things make sense.

If my fraternity does not reach its goals in the fall, then hey, at least we gave it our best shot. If the Eagles lose to Northeastern, then hey, there are ten

more opponents to beat up on.

As college students, we are constantly bombarded with classes, projects, activities, and other challenges. The barrage of daily stressors combined with our youthful sense of invincibility make accepting true loss that much more difficult.

I am not suggesting that we work less diligently on our obligations, or that we give anything less than our best effort towards life's challenges.

However, it is equally important that we take time to enjoy life and its gifts, because when something happens that makes us truly understand the old, trite saying, "don't forget to stop and smell the roses," it is usually too late for someone.

I was not quite sure how to eulogize J. at first, but anyone who knew him knows that he would want us all to take something positive from his passing.

Rest in peace, J.

Write Chris at Chrisbc01@aol.com

Peter Crembs: YOUR TURN

Republicans need to change focus, direction

Finally, some sense of reason from a collegiate Republican on Georgia Southern's campus (Adam Fogle's "Legislation is not the answer for all issues" in the Thursday, June 16 edition of *The George-Anne*).

To use a Thoreau analogy, it's too bad he seems to be the only "one who is striking at the root."

Mainstream Americans have effectively ceded the task of defining the issues to knuckle-dragging social fundamentalists.

And oddly enough, these are issues that either don't exist or have minimum impact on the lives of the vast majority of Americans: combustible American flags; going after a handful of states that elect to allow gay marriage or some variant thereof; or the right of a hopelessly brain-damaged woman

in Florida to have her final wishes followed.

As a "cradle" Catholic, I know that religion has a place in American culture.

But that place is in the church and the home, not in the public square or governmental institutions.

Much more pressing issues are the billions of dollars in deficits being racked up by this administration: the quagmire that Iraq has become or the corporate off shoring of American jobs.

The neglect of these real problems is part of the reason why I recently changed my voter registration from Republican to Independent.

Unless the national Republican Party moves toward the adoption of a Schwarzenegger-style, laissez-faire approach to social issues, they'll continue to shut out a significant portion of the electorate who affiliate with neither of the major parties.

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Adam Fogle THE NEW VALHALLA

The Sierra Club is not your friend

There is a disturbing trend developing on the Georgia Southern campus, and likely others as well. Members of the Sierra Club—a collection of callous eco-liberal agitators—have launched a ploy to spin the club's image.

Members are quietly working to convince students that the club offers a voice of environmental reason; that they have acquired an undue reputation as a liberal environmentalist organization.

It is not unprecedented that a group would attempt to present a new image. What they are selling is not in any way original either. What is unique however is who is buying it.

In the movie "The Usual Suspects," Kevin Spacey's character says, "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist."

With a hoax rivaling that of Lucifer's, the Sierra Club has penetrated grassroots Republican organizations at their weakest point; a small number of uninformed individuals within the ranks that are naive enough to believe the ruse.

Winning over unaware conservatives has proven very successful. By targeting the ignorant few, the club has gained a foothold in conservative organizations.

To comprehend how menacing this could become for Republicans, one needs only to look at the Sierra Club's background and their involvement in political activity.

Founded in 1892, the Sierra Club was established to raise awareness for environmental concerns. Over the last few years however, the club has undergone a major overhaul of its upper-echelon. The upheaval has seen moderate, environmentally concerned individuals replaced by liberal, politically-motivated activists.

According to the Sierra Club's official website, during the 2004 Election they backed 19 Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate while not supporting any Republicans.

They endorsed 188 Democrats and two liberal Independents for the U.S. House of Representatives; only supporting 11 Republicans—moderate's at that.

Almost as bad as the millions of dollars they pump into the war chests of liberal politicians is their opposition to free trade. In an official fact sheet distributed by the club, they made a radical turn from environmental concerns to railing against the Bush Administration's trade policies.

Not only is this far outside their sphere of knowledge, they apparently wish to protect the environment at the expense of the developing world and at a major cost to millions of Americans.

Instead of integrating the developing world into the global economy, they would choose to let them suffer a cycle of poverty.

The fundamental problem with the Sierra Club and many politically-active environmentalist groups is that they place the concerns of the environment over the needs of the people.

Journalist Clifford Simak once remarked, "It is not until a creature begins to manage its environment that nature is thrown into disorder."

When people become involved with the schemes of far-out environmentalist groups, the result is a vicious cycle in which ignorance gives way to confusion and inevitably leads to utter chaos.

Staying out of that cycle is vital. Preventing opportunities for these groups to capitalizing on a communal lack of knowledge is crucial. Until people awake from their dormant state of ignorance, they will not be able to decipher good from evil.

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FROM YOUR HOMETOWN

Three sentenced for defrauding Home Depot, Lowe's stores over three states

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal judge sentenced three people to prison Tuesday for defrauding Home Depot and Lowe's stores in five states out of more than \$200,000 by switching bar codes on rugs and other merchandise.

Investigators said the three would return merchandise at other Home Depot and Lowe's stores for a refund at the actual price. They sold vouchers for store credits on the Internet or through a pawn shop run by Abercrombie, authorities said. They also bought items with gift-card vouchers, including refrigerators, faucets and other household goods, then sold them on eBay.

Man acquitted of killing cousin, sentenced for concealing death

RINGGOLD, Ga. (AP) — Jack Randall Webb escaped a murder conviction on Friday but was sentenced to 10 years and fined \$5,000 for concealing the death of his cousin, Shirley Ann Callaway.

The Catoosa Superior Court jury deliberated three hours on Friday in a case that took a week to decide.

Webb had been accused of shooting Callaway, 51, in her Georgia home on March 29, 2002, burning her body in Tennessee and dumping it in North Carolina. He was arrested in Florida in 2002.

Defense attorneys admitted throughout the trial that Webb had concealed his cousin's death.

The sentenced was rendered by Judge Ralph Hill.

Miss Lake Lanier wins Miss Georgia

COLUMBUS (AP) — The third time was a charm for Miss Lake Lanier Monica Pang, who was crowned Miss Georgia 2005 Saturday.

Pang, 24, graduated in 2003 from the University of Georgia where she majored in consumer journalism. She is the first Asian to win the title.

Pang will focus on her platform, America's Promise, a program started by former Secretary of State Colin Powell to offer a safe place for children after school.

First runner-up was Miss Warner Robins Amanda Kozak, 20; second runner-up was Miss Spirit of Georgia Blair Alexandra Riley, 23; third runner-up was Miss Coastal Georgia Kelley Bradshaw, 21; and fourth runner-up was Miss Capital City Kristen Elizabeth White, 24. They will receive scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to 8,000. Sara Waldan, Miss DeKalb, took Miss Congeniality.

Man kills mailman 'to make a statement'

SNELLVILLE (AP) - A suburban Atlanta man who feared losing his home to mounting debt shot his mailman several times in the abdomen Wednesday "to make a statement," authorities said.

Bill Crutchfield shot Earl Lazenby as he was delivering the mail about 11:30 a.m., then drove to the Snellville Police Department and turned himself in, Gwinnett County Police said.

Lazenby, 52, a 28-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service and Crutchfield's regular mail carrier, underwent surgery at Gwinnett Medical Center and was in stable condition, postal service spokesman Michael Miles said.

GEORGIA NEWS WRAP-UP

Perdue pitches plan to protect HOPE

Opponents say proposed constitutional amendment is more politics than prevention

By Russ Bynum

Associated Press Writer

SAVANNAH — Gov. Sonny Perdue pitched a proposed state constitutional amendment Friday that would restrict spending of lottery funds to HOPE college scholarships and pre-kindergarten classes.

"We cannot allow money to be frivolously spent on programs that have nothing to do with college scholarships or early learning," Perdue said in announcing his proposal at a conference of the Georgia School Board Association.

According to the governor's office, Georgia lawmakers spent \$1.8 billion in lottery revenues — nearly a third of the total — on programs other than HOPE and pre-kindergarten between fiscal years 1994 and 2003. They included satellite dishes, historic building renovations and a \$50 million public broadcasting complex.

Perdue has wrestled with lawmakers over how best to ensure HOPE remains capable of covering college costs for eligible Georgia students in the face of rising enrollment and tuition costs. He said Friday his new amendment would stop waste of criti-

cal lottery revenues.

A 1998 amendment mandated spending lottery money on HOPE and pre-kindergarten first, but allowed leftover funds to be used for school technology and some construction projects.

"Siphoning money out of lottery funds for pet projects jeopardizes these two great programs," Perdue said. "I think the people of Georgia deserve the opportunity to put a permanent stop to this practice."

Perdue spokeswoman Heather Hedrick said the governor plans to submit his amendment during the 2006 legislative session beginning in January. If approved by lawmakers, it could appear before voters on the ballot in November 2006.

HOPE has been one of Georgia's most popular programs since it was created in 1992 and several other states, including Tennessee and South Carolina, have copied aspects of it in their lotteries.

It's also a safe, virtually critic-proof issue for Perdue, Georgia's first Republican governor since reconstruction, as he seeks re-election next year.

HOPE has also long been a pet issue of Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor, who's seeking the Democratic nomination

to oppose Perdue next year. As a state senator, Taylor shepherded the lottery through the Senate for Miller.

Taylor used Perdue's announcement Friday to blame the governor for cutting HOPE benefits to college students.

In 2004, Perdue proposed cutting more than \$120 million HOPE money for textbooks and fees, proposed by a bipartisan commission, to ensure the program's solvency. Lawmakers passed less-drastic measures, raising standards for calculating the minimum B-averages for HOPE eligibility and providing for a rollback of covering books and fees if the scholarship fund starts losing money.

"I support any and every proposal that makes HOPE a priority," Taylor said in a statement. "But this does nothing to protect students and families from feeling Perdue's cuts or future cuts."

Asked whether Taylor would back Perdue's proposed amendment, spokeswoman Kristi Huller said: "I'm certain he will vote for it if it's on the ballot. It's just a question of its value."

Despite fears early this year that lottery sales were dipping, ticket sales are expected to raise more than \$800 million for HOPE and pre-kindergarten in the fiscal year ending this month — up from \$782 million last year.

IN SHORT

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THE LATEST: Despite fears early this year that lottery sales were dipping, ticket sales are expected to raise more than \$800 million for HOPE and pre-kindergarten in the fiscal year ending this month — up from \$782 million last year.

Before that outlook was known, legislators this year considered cutting off HOPE to students after four years of college, which would have kicked hundreds off the rolls before graduation, passed the House died in the state Senate this year.

Leah Sears sworn in as new chief justice, first woman to hold the job

By Dick Pettys

AP Political Writer

ATLANTA — Leah Sears, who survived an attempt by conservatives last year to block her re-election to the state Supreme Court, took the oath of office Tuesday as the court's chief justice, becoming the first woman to

hold that position.

With U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a long-time friend, looking on, Sears vowed to "strive mightily to uphold the independence and integrity" of the judiciary.

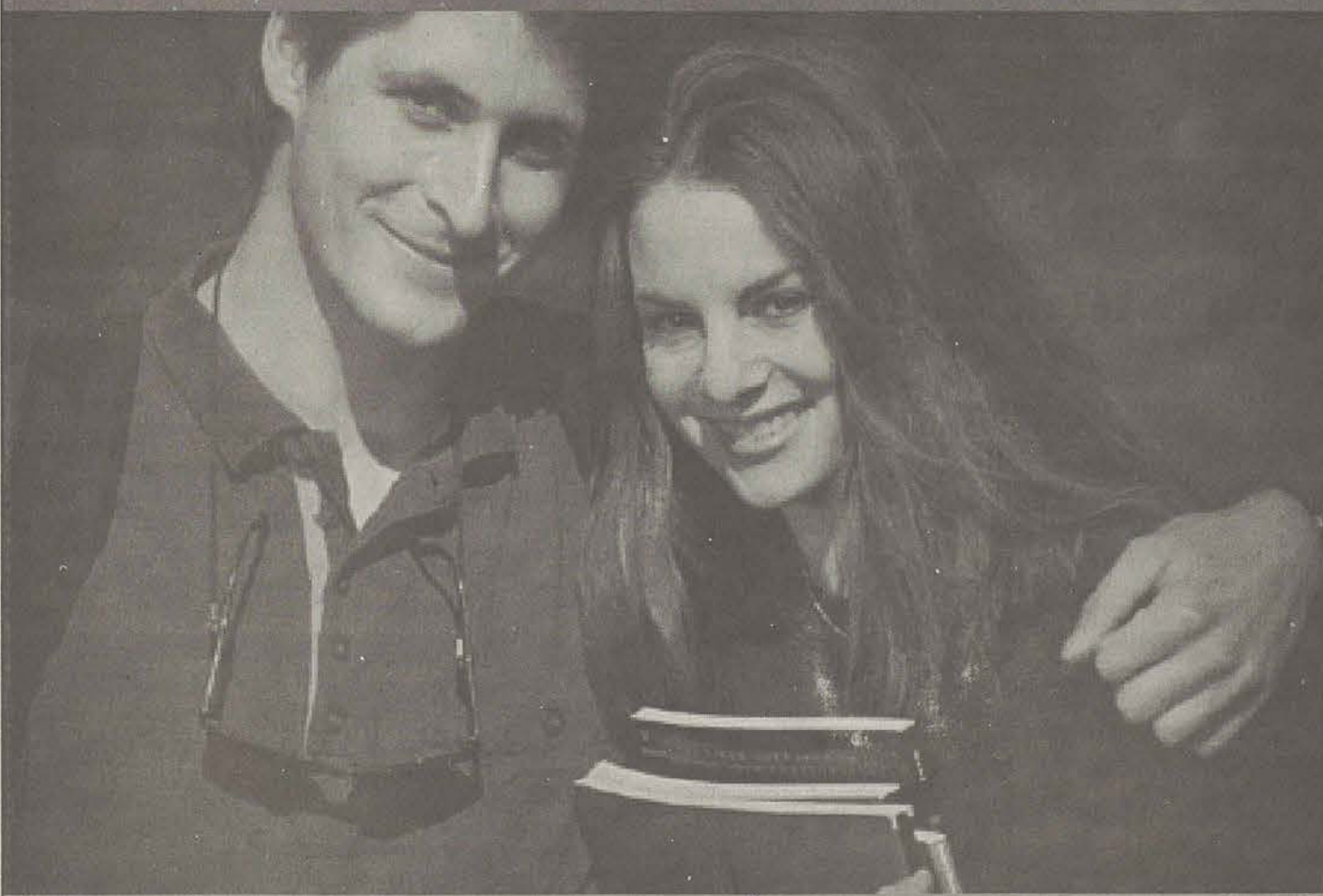
According to the National Center for State Courts based in Williams-

burg, Va., Sears is the first black woman ever to head the highest appeals court in any of the 50 states, although there have been woman judges in the lower courts for the District of Columbia and a Hispanic woman has been chief justice in New Mexico.

Sears will take office Friday.

She is the second black to head Georgia's highest appeals court.

Thomas, like Sears a native of the Savannah area, called the event "an especially important day. I'm proud to be a Georgian and to be from Georgia," he said.

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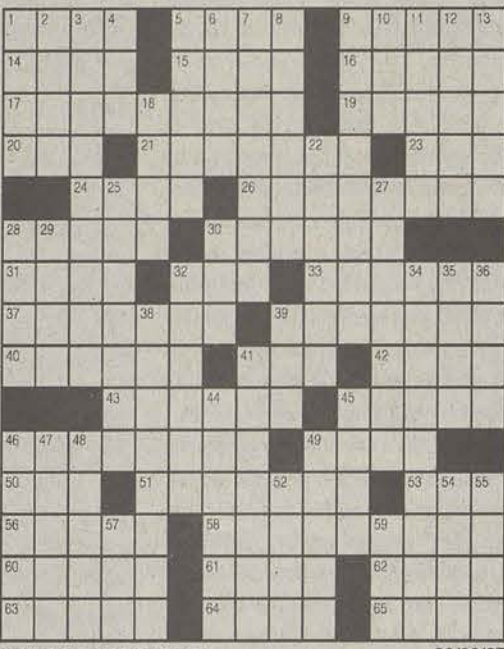
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Mystic Arts Horoscope

By Lasha Senluk

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Through July 3, 2005

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Social charisma and emotional influence are high over the next few days. Late Monday respond quickly to new invitations or suggestive compliments. Someone close may now need to witness definite indications of romantic interest. Don't be shy: in the coming weeks new relationships will inspire positive family choices. Friday through Sunday, a complex business alliance may need to be redefined. Ethical standards and daily work expectations are highlighted: stay focused.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Over the next four days, some Taurans may be confronted with strong opinions or bold criticisms. If so, watch for friends and loved ones to publicly challenge recent family decisions. Someone close may be feeling isolated or misunderstood: carefully address all social doubts or privacy issues. After Friday, rental agreements and housing contracts demand serious attention. Financial negotiations or revised payment schedules may be bothersome: remain quietly diplomatic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Physical attraction is now unusually distracting. Over the next four days, find meaningful and creative ways to cultivate new friendships or romance. Already attached Geminis can expect quick proposals and revised home plans. If so, thoroughly discuss all options: a precise declaration of short-term goals may be needed. Later this week, a trusted friend may reveal unexpected travel or business plans. Encourage caution: financial risks will prove unrewarding.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Private flirtations will not go unnoticed this week. After Monday, new colleagues or officials may offer broad compliments or rare invitations. Remain receptive but distant: if too quickly begun, complex social or romantic alliances will be easily challenged or silently derailed. Thursday



through Saturday, a financial or business promise from the past may require new negotiations. Legal rights and time-sensitive documents may be a key factor: ask for written permissions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before Thursday, close friends or relatives may be reluctant to participate in planned events or group celebrations. Remain patient but gently encourage revised social or romantic goals. At present, your influence with loved ones may be more deeply felt than anticipated. Wednesday through Saturday, your influence with loved ones may be more deeply felt than anticipated. Wednesday through Saturday, your influence with loved ones may be more deeply felt than anticipated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Private business discussions will this week work in your favor. After Monday, expect older colleagues or previously silent officials to reveal new sources of information. Offer your time and expertise: rare opportunities or new workplace roles may arrive without warning. Wednesday through Saturday, close roommates and family members will avoid direct questions. Areas of sensitivity

include financial promises, debts and home security: respond quickly to subtle hints.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Long-term romantic partnerships will now move steadily forward. After a brief but intense period of scattered priorities or lost interest, loved ones are now prepared to discuss serious goals. After mid-week, passions may be unusually high: watch for unexpected outbursts or rare ultimatums. Thursday through Saturday, an older friend or relative may admit to a past social deception. No serious or lasting affects are likely, so not to worry. Do, however, carefully examine all promises.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Love relationships will this week expand to include home alliances, family discussions or shared business ventures. Many Scorpios will now allow long-term friends or relatives to participate more fully in their private or daily lives. Remain dedicated to your own time schedule and all social commitments will steadily progress. After Thursday, relations with authority figures may be temporarily strained. Don't confront: quiet tensions or hidden agendas will soon be revealed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week, long-term property or family decisions require special attention. Complicated financial proposals now need to be clarified or newly negotiated: don't hesitate to challenge ongoing mistakes or unrealistic plans. After Friday, signed documents work to your advantage: expect written agreements, deeds or new schedules to soon be a top priority. Friday through Sunday, romantic invitations arrive without warning. Controversy is likely: remain diplomatic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Insightful thoughts or sudden flashes of wisdom are highlighted over the next four days. Many Capricorns will now experience a compelling phase of social awareness and renewed family commitment. Don't hold back: recent disputes concerning trust or group loyalty may also be resolved. Wednesday through Saturday, loved ones may express a strong desire for new entertainment,

exotic travel or creative social activities. Be receptive: restlessness needs to fade.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Loved ones may now offer unique invitations or complex flirtations. Early Tuesday, expect a wave of sentimentality, quiet reflection and romantic seduction. In the coming weeks, passionate attachments will intensify: stay open and expect a sincere response to establish permanent emotional rules. Wednesday through Saturday, a new business contract may inspire unusual career opportunities. Accept all proposals for training or revised roles: you won't be disappointed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Over the next four days, new money ventures may prove unreliable. After Monday, expect friends, close colleagues or relatives to reveal controversial business ideas or unrealistic home proposals. Remain cautious and wait for added clarity: facts, projected figures or calculations will require careful scrutiny. Thursday through Saturday, a friend or lover may demand a bold expression of social loyalty. Don't hesitate: loved ones will respond passionately to public displays of affection.

If your birthday is this week: Older colleagues and key officials may dramatically change daily routines or workplace schedules over the next 12 weeks. Planetary alignments now suggest that unfulfilled projects from approximately four months ago will soon need to be restructured and finalized. Business managers may be unusually temperamental: avoid taking on more responsibility than is warranted. After mid-October, a new era of social choice is also due to arrive. Many Cancerians will soon allow unproductive friendships to fade. Use this time to bring greater understanding to family expectations and romantic relationships: before early February, a serious commitment to shared home values will be necessary.

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Kelly Osbourne poses at Chelsea Market in New York on April 25. Osbourne has a new album titled 'Sleeping in the Nothing.'

New album No regrets

Kelly Osbourne hopes new musical style will push her career beyond her first overly-pop attempt at fame...

By Kerry L. Smith
For The Associated Press

Her first album. Verbally attacking pop stars like Christina Aguilera. Fighting with her brother on national television. Being a rock star's daughter.

Kelly Osbourne isn't sorry for any of it. "In order to do something better you have to make mistakes," the 21-year-old singer/actress/aspiring fashion designer said during a recent interview at Sanctuary Records in New York City — shortly before she entered rehab for the second time in as many years.

Osbourne has made a lot of changes in her life — and she's not referring to her numerous hairstyles.

"I have nothing to hide and I never will have anything to hide," Osbourne said.

Osbourne's sophomore album, "Sleeping

in the Nothing," was produced and co-written by Linda Perry (Pink, Christina Aguilera, Gwen Stefani). It's a collection of dance-inducing pop tracks on which Osbourne sings frankly about nearly every aspect of her life.

Distancing herself from certain Osbourne stigmas hasn't been easy. "I will never escape that identity," she said. "And that took a long time to come to terms with. That part of my life was a roller coaster and now I'm moving on and I hope that I get to achieve great things."

Osbourne openly discusses her experiences with drug abuse on songs like "Red Light" and "Save Me." But taking a stand against a dark chapter in her life was just one part of Osbourne's experience making this album.

With the release of this album, which

Osbourne says is a representation of a "more mature" reincarnation of herself, also comes a truer representation of the girl known as Kelly Osbourne. That, she says, has been the biggest reward.

"I don't think I'm trying to reinvent myself. I think I'm finding myself, being myself ... instead of having somebody telling me what to do."

But don't expect the potty-mouthed Osbourne to become a pushover just because she has grown up.

"I respect my first record because I don't like it," she said. "That album was my learning process. I was a huge marketing ploy. They thought if they signed me they'd make money. They tried to make me like Avril Lavigne or Ashlee Simpson (or) Fefe Dobson. It's just so stupid and fake and contrived and I never fed into that ... it was sick."

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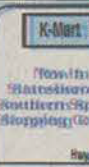


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SPORTS

Ripken buys Augusta baseball team

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Ripken Baseball Group, which owns the Aberdeen Ironbirds, on Monday announced the purchase of the Augusta Greenjackets, a first-year Class A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

Ripken Baseball, which represents the business and philanthropic efforts of Cal Ripken, Jr. and Bill Ripken, will assume full operation of the Greenjackets on Oct. 1.



Today in Sports History

1969 - NBA great Bill Russell announced his retirement from the Boston Celtics after a stellar 13-year career that included 11 NBA Championships.

1999 - The Chicago Bulls selected Duke's Elton Brand with the first overall selection in the 1999 NBA Draft.

1995 - Cleveland's Eddie Murray singles in the 6th inning against Minnesota's Mike Trombley for his 3,000th career hit, just the 20th player to reach the mark.



Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP Photo

Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, shakes hands with New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, left, while holding Kraft's diamond-encrusted 2005 Super Bowl ring, as News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch, center, looks on.

Russian president gets Super gift from Patriots owner

Associated Press

BOSTON - Russian President Vladimir Putin walked off with New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft's diamond-encrusted 2005 Super Bowl ring during a recent meeting with U.S. business executives.

But not to worry: Kraft says the ring was a gift to Putin, presented out of "respect and admiration."

Earlier, Russian media had speculated that Kraft hadn't meant to give away the ring.

"I showed the president my most recent Super Bowl ring," Kraft said in a statement released Wednesday. The Russian president "was clearly taken with its uniqueness," Kraft said.

"At that point, I decided to give him the ring as a symbol of the respect and admiration that I have for the Russian people and the leadership of President Putin," Kraft said.

Putin met with the businessmen

Saturday at Konstantinovsky Palace near St. Petersburg, Russia. Near the end of the meeting, Kraft took off the ring, and handed it to Putin. Putin tried it on, put it in his pocket and left, according to Russian news reports.

According to Patriots spokesman Stacey James, the ring - which is encrusted with 124 diamonds - has a value of "substantially more" than the previously reported \$15,000.

A senior Kremlin official, Dmitry Peskov, told The Associated Press that Putin had given the ring to the Kremlin library where other foreign gifts are kept.

Kraft's business interests include paper and packaging companies and venture capital investments. He handed out Super Bowl rings to players and coaches at his home two weeks ago.

The Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Williams not too nice once he steps on the court

By Paul Newberry

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Marvin Williams walked into the room Wednesday, playing the role perfectly.

A dark blue suit, hanging just right on his lanky frame.

A Carolina blue shirt, open stylishly at the collar.

A demure smile, part humble, part appreciative.

Standing a few away, Dominique Wilkins nodded his head approvingly.

"I'm real impressed with him off the court," the man formerly known as The Human Highlight Film would say later, after Williams had wrapped up a news conference introducing him as the newest member of the Atlanta Hawks.

Williams made a good first impression on the Hawks, who landed the 6-foot-9 forward with the No. 2 pick in Tuesday night's draft. If he comes across as well on the court, the NBA's worst team will have a much-needed star - and a league in need of an image makeover might have another good guy to brush away some of the negative headlines.

When told of those who say he's a little too nice to handle the rigors of a rough-and-tumble, trash-talking style of play, Williams merely shrugged his shoulders.

Besides, Williams' mom can vouch that he becomes a totally different guy once he puts on the uniform. If someone wants to jaw a little bit, he'll give it right back. If someone sneaks in an elbow to the ribs, he knows how to get payback.

"I've seen some game film of him where he shows faces that I've never seen at home," Andrea Gittens said. "He looks so mean."



Gregory Smith/AP Photo

Atlanta Hawks general manager Billy Knight, left, poses with 2005 NBA draft pick Marvin Williams during a news conference yesterday in Atlanta.

Wilkins scoffed at the notion that a player must carry his intensity home with him.

"Look at myself," he said. "I was a pretty easygoing guy. But once I stepped on the court, I was a different guy. I was almost evil because I liked to compete so much."

Off the court, Williams' parents drilled into him the proper way to act - be respectful, be polite, use manners, don't curse. Gittens said she never had any serious problems with Marvin or his two younger brothers.

While Williams toed the line at home, he never lost sight of his goal: playing in the NBA. In the ninth grade, he had to write an essay on what he

wanted to do when he grew up. Williams wrote that he was going to be a pro basketball player.

"She told him to get realistic and made him do another paper," Gittens said, unable to suppress a proud grin. "Well, look at him now."

After Milwaukee took Utah center Andrew Bogut with the first overall pick, the Hawks didn't waste any time sending in Williams' name.

The Hawks now have four players who share many of the same skills. Williams joins a roster that includes two other 6-9 forwards, Al Harrington and Josh Smith, along with 6-8 swingman Josh Childress.

But general manager Billy Knight

said there will plenty of playing time to go around. He also was impressed with Williams' behavior off the court, knowing that a team coming off a 13-69 season couldn't afford more bad news between games.

"He exemplifies the things we're looking for in our young people," the GM said. "He's the type of person we can try to build a foundation around."

That said, Williams won't become a new face for the league's image if he doesn't deliver on the court.

"He can definitely be that kind of guy," Wilkins said. "He has the image to carry that torch. But we've got to remember that he's still young. We've got to give him game time to mature."

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