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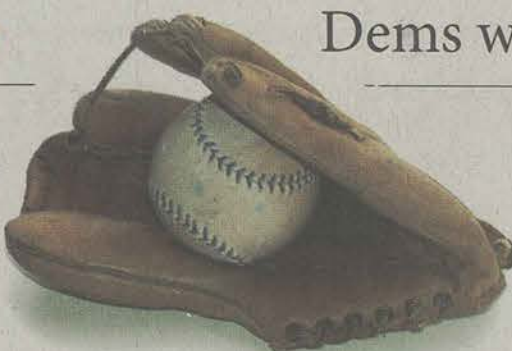
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THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

Should this be a crime?

Group asks city council to outlaw ladies' lock-ups

By Luke Hearn
Executive editor

"Every Wednesday night, dozens of young women, many of them under 21, are being liquored up for free during a two-hour, women-only 'Ladies' Lock-up.' At 11 p.m., men pay a cover charge to enter what many refer to as 'date rape night.'"

These were the concerns Georgia Southern professor Laura Milner, who along with nearly 100 supporters, pleaded with the Statesboro City Council Tuesday to beef up its enforcement of underage drinking and to enact new laws that prohibit practices that encourage binge drinking.

Speaking on behalf of a group of concerned GSU faculty and students, Milner addressed the council Tuesday, blasting practices at local drinking establishments, in particular, the "Ladies' Lock-up" at the Woodin Nickel.

Milner, who teaches in the depart-

ment of writing and linguistics, asked the city council to enforce the underage drinking laws and to amend the city's alcohol ordinance to prohibit the giving away of alcoholic beverages and offering "all you can drink" for a set price.

In the end, those gathered at the meeting left with promises from Statesboro Mayor William Hatcher to address the complaints, but no vote was taken.

"We'll investigate and see what the situation is," said Hatcher, adding that concerned citizens should make he and the others accountable, and the issues will "not be swept under the rug."

The mayor's promises did little satisfy the groups taste for action.

"There was no resolution," said Ayanna Luke, a GSU senior. "The issue was totally avoided and no one would take any responsibility."

Milner, who served as the group's

spokesperson, took a more positive stance.

"I think they were receptive," she said. I felt like we got a commitment from the mayor to take action to investigate and do something."

In presenting the group's claims, Milner told councilmen that she and her colleagues spent a Wednesday evening at the Woodin Nickel, following up on stories of binge drinking from students.

Complete with poster-sized photos of young women guzzling what Milner characterized as green alcohol, she said the Wednesday night lock-ins create a dangerous mix of alcohol and sexually explicit behavior.

The Nickel, as well as Legends, is owned by City Councilman Will Britt.

Britt addressed the standing-room only crowd, saying that his feelings were hurt, knowing that those in the

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Special photo

In this photo provided by Laura Milner, a GSU professor, a bartender at The Woodin Nickel squirts an unidentified green beverage into a patron's mouth. Milner and others pleaded with the Statesboro City Council to curtail consumption of alcohol in this manner at Tuesday night's city council meeting. The face of the patron has been digitally altered to disguise the identity.

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NASA head returns to his roots

INTERVIEW

By Rachel Weeks
News editor

What has not changed since you attended GSU?

The good nature of the people. I had forgotten just how special the people are around here. I've been gone for 30 years, and I really love the caring people at GSU.

What do you think about the new moon mission?

It was announced by the president on January 14, 2004, about a year and a half ago and it's taken us that long to roll what we call the exploration systems architecture study. That's a bunch of words but basically what it means is which launch vehicles we are going to use to go back to the moon. The new vehicles for going to the moon are not going to be the shuttle. We are going to retire the shuttle in the year 2020, but the next vehicles will be shuttle-derived vehicles.

One of the fundamental challenges that we've had with the shuttle is the big external tank with 5,000 pounds of foam because inside is super-cold liquid oxygen

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By Robert Greene II
Staff writer

Yesterday, the students and faculty were shown just how far a degree from Georgia Southern can take you, as James Kennedy, director of Kennedy Space Center in Florida, returned to his alma mater to give a speech on the heroic past and present of the National Space and Aeronautics Administration, or NASA, as well as its bright future.

"It is an honor to be back at Georgia Southern. Go Eagles!" he shouted to an enthusiastic crowd as he began his speech.

Director Kennedy, who received a Master's degree in Business Administration from Georgia Southern College in 1977, quickly moved to talk about the subject being celebrated during "Space Week", a week which has seen an emphasis on space exploration at the Performing Arts Center and all across campus.

"Space Week is an excellent opportunity to reach the next generation of space explorers," he said, addressing a crowd made up not only

of GSU students and faculty, but also students from area schools and small children from the Statesboro area.

Director Kennedy then proceeded to talk about the history of NASA, as well as its current struggles and future hopes. "We can not have another Columbia-style incident," he said, which is an allusion to the Columbia disaster of 2003.

He made sure to also highlight the many successes of NASA, from the early Apollo missions to the most recent mission of Shuttle Discovery, which launched in late July of this year.

Eventually he touched on the International Space Station, the many robots roving on Mars, and observing telescopes being used in exploration, as well as the overall spirit of cooperation and peace that space travel has brought to the people of earth.

Lastly, he touched on the future of space exploration, which includes the phasing out of the space shuttle in the year 2010, with its replacement being the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV), launching in 2012, as well as a mission back to the moon in 2018 and an eventual mission to Mars sometime around the year 2030.

Many students and faculty in attendance were fascinated by the presentation, which included a

speech, slides and old video clips from previous NASA missions.

"I thought it was a cool program," said Joe Waddell, a junior who attends GSU.

Some students even stayed after the program, asking the director questions about space exploration as well as their opportunities to work with NASA.

Currently, the director is working on a co-op program between NASA and GSU, to give students the chance to work for a semester or a year with NASA.

How did faculty feel about this program? "It was wonderful to have him here," said Becky Lowder, a member of the university's planetarium staff.

"He showed an exciting vision for NASA."

"It gives our students and faculty a good feeling for alumni, to see how far their education can take them," said Cindi Chance, who is the Dean of the College of Education and was able to introduce the director to the audience after President Bruce Grube's remarks.

The presentation was part of the Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series, which is named in honor of the now deceased founder of Claxton Poultry.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Peter Bielagus spoke to students about responsible money management.

Speaker: smart money management makes cents

Lecture continues until Wednesday

By Casey Altman
Assistant news editor

A lively crowd of about 200 first year students learned how to build their credit last night at the Russell Union Ballroom, with Peter Bielagus, a licensed financial advisor.

The 28-year-old speaker started writing his book "Getting Loaded" after falling into credit card debt when he was a freshman in college. Bielagus will be speaking again today at 4 p.m.

and 7 p.m.

During his presentation, Bielagus offered helpful and practical advice to the audience.

"Realize you have a financial life and it's happening with or without you," said Bielagus. "If you wait to pay attention to it, your life will be very expensive, but it is easy to get started now and the payoff is going to be huge."

Recently he was asked to be a part of a reality television show about personal finances. Bielagus said he happened upon the opportunity through his literary agent from Los Angeles who has made a career selling

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Psychology degrees offer different options

By Britt Davis
Staff writer

Psychology is a very popular major here at Georgia Southern. Nearly 500 students call psychology their major and that number is constantly growing.

GSU offers two different degrees in psychology. Students who are interested should know the difference between the two degrees.

One degree offered is the Bachelor of Arts, which is a very versatile degree and can be used in many areas of work. It requires a minor and a foreign language. This degree can

serve a variety of purposes, including preparation for law school, or just as a general studies.

The other psychology degree offered at GSU is a Bachelor of Science. The B.S. is more in depth and focuses on additional research and research methods. Students who obtain the B.S. usually plan on further study in the psychology field. If a student wants to work in the psychology field, a master's degree must be obtained after the B.S.

The psychology department here at GSU currently has 14 staff members.

Each member varies in experience and represents different areas of psychology. Some of these areas include experimental, cognitive, physiological and industrial organizational psychology.

Psychology is a constantly growing field, according to John Murray, head of GSU's psychology department. "There isn't one person who isn't interested in psychology in some way," said Murray.

Although a very competitive field, more students are becoming psychology majors everyday. Many aspire to

become mental health practitioners. This is fueled by a desire to help others and also to understand why people act the way they do.

While many of the basic principles, such as Freud, are still taught today, psychology keeps up with the times. For example, technology has been developed to look at the brain of a patient. By looking at the brain and using theories of psychology, patients are able to be diagnosed more accurately than in the past.

Many psychology majors here at GSU are members of the Psychology

Coalition. There is no GPA requirement, and anyone interested in psychology can be a member.

The Coalition has speakers and they take part in many things throughout the semester. One thing they do every few weeks is take a trip to the Joseph's Home for Boys. Here members cook, play, help with homework and spend time with the kids who live there.

"Psychology combines an interest in people with an interest in science," said Murray. "Many people are just interested in helping others."

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 21

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The Bubonic Plague Exhibit
Museum

11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Blood Drive
Russell Union

2 p.m.
Yigal Levy, Israeli Educator for the Savannah Federation, will be speaking on "Disengagement on the Gaza Strip"
Forest Drive Bldg. Room 1233

4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Financial advisor Peter Bielagus will speak on how to avoid debt.
Russell Union Ballroom

Thursday, September 22

7 p.m.
Movie: "Glory" (US 1989) Presented by the History Department.
IT Bldg. Room 1004

Friday, September 23

8 p.m.
Robotic Exploration of Space
Planetarium

Movie Releases

Cry Wolf
Dear Wendy (NY, LA)
Flightplan
Roll Bounce
Tim Burton's Corpse Bride
Waiting

Monday, September 26

7 p.m.
Cinema Arts Movie
Russell Union Theatre

5 p.m.
Creative Writing Club Meeting
Newton Building

8 p.m.
Statesboro-GSU Symphony Masterworks I
Performing Arts Center

POLICE BEAT

09-16-2005

• Officers assisted two motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

09-17-2005

• Alicia Diana Defoor, 20, of Garden District Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking.
• Travis Edward Griffin, 23, of Mark Wood Road, Macon, Ga., was charged with public intoxication.
• Kyle Andrew Huff, 19, of Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, criminal trespass and obstruction of an officer.
• Corey Michael Parker, 18, of Campus Club Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with underage drinking, criminal trespass, obstruction of an officer and possession of a false I.D.
• Officers issued one traffic citation and one traffic warning, assisted two motorists and one injured person, and responded to four fire alarms.

09-18-2005

• A case of simple battery was reported at Johnson Hall.
• A coffee maker, a blender and a lounge chair were taken from Eagle Village.
• Valve stems were taken from a vehicle at Paulson Stadium.
• Officers issued two traffic citations and four traffic warnings, assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

09-19-2005

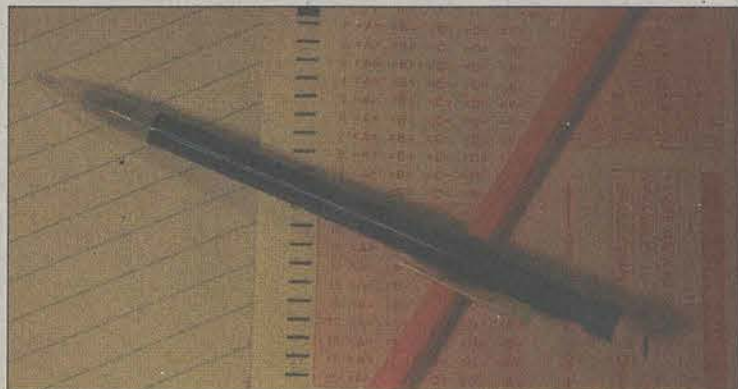
• Officers issued two traffic citations and one traffic warning, investigated one traffic accident, assisted three motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

Information for the Police Beat is compiled from university and Statesboro police incident and arrest reports, which are public record. Not all arrests lead to convictions; the court system determines guilt or innocence.

Homecoming packets and King & Queen Applications Available NOW!

Homecoming participation packs can now be downloaded off the Homecoming 2005 site at www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com

Deadline for entries will be Tuesday, September 27.
The Homecoming King and Queen application deadline has been extended until Tuesday, September 20 at 12 p.m.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Regent's and GRE tests are upcoming, so now is the time to prepare.

Don't stress over tests

By Jenny Miller
Staff writer

With the Regent's Exam coming soon, many students are curious to see how they can prepare themselves.

All regularly enrolled Georgia Southern students are required to take the Regent's Exam. Students can not enroll in English 1102, a required course, until they have taken and passed the Regent's Exam.

Director of the Academic Success Center Janet O'Brien says there are several good ways to prepare for the test.

O'Brien said the writing portion of the test is the most troublesome area for students, so it is important to practice this portion in particular. "It is always a good idea for students to look over past topics on the Regent's website which can be accessed in the Academic Success Center," said O'Brien.

Theresa Novotny, testing coordinator for GSU, said there is another way to prepare for the exam. "Regent's Exam workshops are available two weeks before the exam starts on Oct. 28," she said.

Both O'Brien and Novotny said it is very beneficial to practice for the test. After practicing, students can sit down with a tutor and go over the details of the things that they

did wrong so they will know how to improve their test results.

The Regent's Exam is not the only test students are preparing for this time of year. The GRE is the entrance test for anyone who wants to attend graduate school.

Students have several study options when it comes to preparing themselves for the GRE. "I highly encourage students to go out and get the GRE review book, available in the Academic Success Center," said Novotny.

Students can go to the GRE website, www.gre.org, and download free sample questions and tests. Novotny said math sections in the GRE are the hardest for most students and full length tests are available on Power Prep, available in the Academic Success Center computer lab.

The Regent's Exam will start Oct. 28 and run through Nov 2. Students need to log on to WINGS and see which section they are scheduled for. The test will take one hour.

For more information on the Regent's Exam workshops, go to <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/success/RegentsWorkshops.htm>.

The GRE offers Power Prep courses in the Academic Success Center, located in front of the Communication Arts Building.

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THE BIG STORY

Democrats push for tax relief for Delta

By Joshua Fre
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Democrats in the Georgia Senate renewed their call Tuesday for the governor to call a special session to allow lawmakers to consider their tax relief proposal for troubled Delta Air Lines.

"The largest employer in Georgia has a problem and we need to address it," said Sen. Tim Golden, D-Valdosta, who chairs the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The group is proposing to waive state sales taxes for the airline, saving it \$75 million over two years.

Golden said the step would send a strong message to the financial markets and to Delta's active and retired work force "that the state of Georgia cares about this airline."

Delta filed for bankruptcy protection last week, listing debt of \$28.3

billion and assets of \$21.6 billion.

Democrats proposed the tax break earlier this month while lawmakers were meeting in a special session to ratify Gov. Sonny Perdue's order suspending gas taxes for a month.

But the proposal came just hours before the special session was to adjourn and Republicans, who control both chambers of the Legislature, said Delta had not asked them for the help. The company had not filed for bankruptcy at the time.

Dan McLagan, a spokesman for Perdue, dismissed the Democratic proposal as a political ploy. "We've done quite a bit for Delta," he said. "We continue to work with them. We continue to look for ways to be helpful."

The Republican-controlled House and Senate Transportation Committees have scheduled a joint hearing for Thursday to consider ways the state can help the airline.



The Associated Press/Damian Dovarganes
Song Airlines, Delta's low-fare carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection on Sept. 14, in what was seen as a precursor to its parent company's own Chapter 11 filing.

The company's chief executive officer, Gerald Grinstein, appeared before the Republican-controlled Senate Finance Committee on Monday,

telling lawmakers he is confident the airline will emerge from bankruptcy protection as a "stronger and more viable company."

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his authors to T.V.

Beilagus said the idea of doing a show about personal finances was brought up during a pitch meeting, but there was concern about how to make the show interesting. Beilagus's agent recommended him for the job, and he was brought onboard after submitting some video material of himself.

No network has picked up the show yet; however, according to Beilagus, the Hearst Corporation is attracted to the show idea.

His charismatic discussion of finances kept the audience's attention. "There were some guys a few years back that weren't that great," said Christopher Caplinger interim director of First Year Experience. "People were falling asleep."

Interview

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and liquid hydrogen so you've got to have that foam to keep it from boiling off. But then the shuttle takes that very fragile orbiter, like we saw with Columbia, where a piece of foam that weighs as much as a lid on a Styrofoam cooler, hit the wing wing-leading edge and knocked a hole in it that big.

Thank God the piece that came off on the Columbia mission, went right down between the orbiter and the tank. But the new vehicle will prevent that from happening. The next generation vehicle is going to look very much like the Apollo spacecraft.

When you were attending GSU in '77 where did you plan to be in five years?

I never had plans to be the Director of the Kennedy Space Center. I was here because I was in the air force. We had a radar bomb squad site and that's what brought me to Statesboro. I was here forever working for Emerson Electric and I loved it. I was prepared to stay here for a lifetime, until I got a call from NASA. I went up and interviewed and when they explained the space shuttle program and what they wanted me to do I thought, well okay, and so I left, but I was that close to not leaving.

What would you suggest to students who are undeclared majors?

I would suggest that any student with an undeclared major try to understand their true passions. It's not all about brainpower, it's not all about looks, it's not all about some of the other things in life. It's about the passion in your heart and I believe that somebody that gets into the field that they're passionate about, then they'll excel. So if you can understand what you're passionate I think that's about 99 percent of it.

I was fortunate to grow up in Coco Beach Florida, watching the shuttle launches. I went to a Presbyterian church with John Glenn when he was flying back in the '60s. I got to talk to this man and knew he was an American hero, one of the original seven. After knowing him I was convinced I want to do that, that looks like fun and I was fortunate enough to be able to do it.

"I think Peter's youth is part of his appeal," said Caplinger.

Beilagus called for volunteers to aide in his discussion. Games were played and one girl earned \$19 in a mock investment exercise. Beilagus also moved down into the audience to keep their attention and was free to answer questions the audience had. Some students are even considering applying for the T.V. show.

For more information about the show, go to www.brokefolk.com. To learn more about Beilagus check out www.gettingloaded.net.

Ladies

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community perceived the parties at his business improper.

"At no time have I tried to act in a way that's disrespectful to women," he said. "It is upsetting to me that some girls feel that they are not safe, and I will definitely do my best to make sure that's not the case anymore."

After the meeting, Britt said he has no plans to end the "Ladies' Lock-up,"

which he said started about seven years ago, as a safe alternative to partying with men at other clubs. He also said the alcohol content in the beverage that is dispensed from unmarked containers into girls' mouths is very low.

Clara Krug, who teaches French at GSU, said she was not satisfied by the council's actions.

"In my experience, if there is not a motion that is seconded and voted on — when you ask a group when they're going to report and you are just told to check in with them — no one is committed to act."

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OUR VIEW

Georgia Southern cares about Kanye West

AT ISSUE: Kudos to our school for a diverse act, but isn't it about time anyway?

Kanye West is coming south in November, and he'll be performing for what we hope will be a packed Paulson Stadium.

Having West and his entourage on campus is a big deal, even bigger than seeing the Real World's Ace in Wal-Mart.

The funny thing is, of all the big name concert acts the university has had come to campus over the past few decades, West will be the first African American to grace our campus since Ike and Tina Turner back in the dark ages of 1974.

West brings more than hip-hop music and bad oratorical skills to Statesboro.

He brings publicity and advertising opportunities to the university, allowing new recruitment materials to include that West has been among one of the stars to grace the 'Boro with his presence.

While there's no official word on how much GSU is paying West and company, the publicity will certainly outweigh the financial investment.

When 3 Doors Down, in all the semi-washed-up glory, graced the stage in April, they brought minivan loads of teeny-boppers, ready to party with college kids.

In their minds, GSU is a cool place, full of neat concerts, purple-hazed parties and beer soaked sophomores — all the things we know the school isn't — yeah,

right.

But West also brings a genre of music that is fairly popular amongst a wide variety of students.

One unsettling note, however, were the comments made by a GSU administrator in yesterday's edition of The Statesboro Herald.

Teresa Thompson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said that after West, the next act to come to campus will be a major country music star.

Why must the administration jump so quickly and say that a white star will immediately follow West?

Right after 3 Doors Down and those who opened

for them were here, no one mentioned that a black star would soon follow.

Since most students weren't even a thought in their parents' minds the last time a black performer was at GSU, maybe our diverse student body deserves more than one diverse entertainer.

Having plans to bring another big music act to Statesboro is great news, but the announcement was unsettling to some.

Regardless, West's appearance is not a race thing. He's the hottest act available — just as Ike and Tina were nearly 30 years ago — and that's all that should matter to anyone.

Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

Hurricane Katrina: a huge disaster

The disaster in Louisiana/Mississippi has brought our nation together.

Millions of dollars have been raised and thousands of volunteer hours have been used to help get people from those areas back on their feet again.

The media throughout our country has been following the event since it first hit the coast. Any newspaper you open or television broadcast you tune to will have up-to-date analyses available.



Brandon Smith is a junior accounting major from Atlanta. He is a guest columnist for The George-Anne.

We can't help but want to do everything in our power to help the people in need. They are stranded in a situation they can't get out of.

Stuck without access to shelter, food or drinkable water. They are watching their pets, neighbors and family members die due to the unlivable conditions. However — hurricane aside — uncontrollable and unlivable conditions are not created solely by hurricanes. Like poverty.

Families throughout both our country the rest of the world are living life exactly like the people stuck in Louisiana right now, but they're hundreds to thousands of miles from where the natural disaster hit.

Organizations such as Make Poverty History (makepovertyhistory.org) are trying to attack this problem everyday.

"Every single day, 30,000 children are dying as a result of extreme poverty," "back in 2001 the governments of the eight wealthiest nations on the planet said that they were going to do something about it — in what was seen as a breakthrough, they promised to halve world poverty by 2015. Four years later the world is failing dismally to reach those targets."

It's time to stop sitting around talking the talk. Our governments aren't doing anything about these problems because the citizens aren't showing mass interest. More

I'm not bashing the efforts we're putting into the hurricane relief. I just see what our country alone can do when it tries.

people per year die from poverty than both terrorism and natural disasters combined could wish to kill. The September 11 attacks in New York caused the death of around 2,752 people and Hurricane Katrina has killed around 656, according to CNN.com.

These are two of the most tragic events to have ever hit U.S. soil in recent years — and during each of these our citizens joined together to help. But as we look at the statistics it becomes apparent hurricanes and terrorist attacks should be low on our list of worries.

I'm not bashing the efforts we're putting into the hurricane relief. I just see what our country alone can do when it tries. If you're one of the thousands of U.S. citizens actively trying to help improve conditions around Louisiana, I'm here to tell you more help is needed to solve some more serious problems.

The death count and poor living conditions caused by both hurricane Katrina and the September 11 attacks are shadowed by those caused by poverty.

Let's use what we've learned from helping the victims in Louisiana and start to tackle some bigger problem.

Write Brandon at Audi143@hotmail.com

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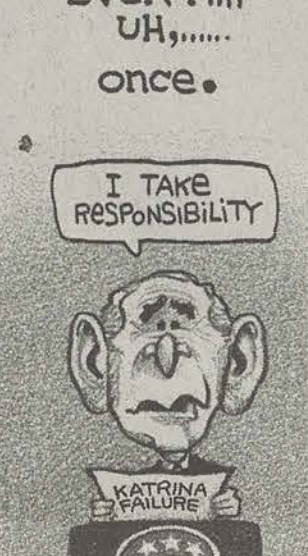
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Ben Thomson: YOUR TURN

Smith, other liberals out of touch with issues

I simply had to write a rebuttal to Brandon Smith's laughable column from last Wednesday ("Are equal rights too much to ask?" Sept. 14).

Mr. Smith says that gun control has nothing to do with taking guns off the market, but that automatic weapons and certain rifles are only made for the military.

I want to know how exactly these weapons are on the market if no private citizen can buy them.

The problem with liberals and guns is that they know how to keep guns away from law-abiding citizens, but no clue how to handle criminals.

Mr. Smith also seems to think that it is the government's job to help out poor people. Sorry, the government's job is to keep us safe, not to redistribute income. He argues that the poor are in that position not because they are lazy or dumb, but because of capitalism's design.

Wrong again. Of course the poor are lazy and/or stupid. At some point in their life they were in school, that's the law, and at some point they decided they wanted no more education and ended it there.

Editorial Round-up | WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on jingoism out of place on 9-11 anniversary:

On the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Defense Department distorted their significance with a tacky display of jingoism. Your tax dollars paid for the anniversary's "America Supports Your Freedom Walk," a grab-bag event that included a memorial at the Pentagon, a stop at Arlington National Cemetery and a country music concert.

It seems this event was meant to rejuvenate lagging support for the war and to peddle a mendacious link between 9-11 and Iraq, again.

The Greenville (S.C.) News, on debt:

Americans are in debt and saving at rates comparable to the Depression; the economic toll could be significant ... not only for individuals but also for the entire American economy.

Americans have accumulated \$11 trillion in debt, according to a recent Associated Press story. Most worrisome: Americans owe more than \$800 billion — or \$7,200 per household — in credit card debt. ...

Likewise, many Americans don't have a financial cushion for unexpected expenses. The average American saves less

than \$1 of every \$100 earned — the lowest saving rate since the depths of the Great Depression. ...

An added concern is that much of the debt in recent years has been accumulated by lower-income families and middle-income families, who borrowed to maintain a better standard of living as wages stagnated.

If millions of Americans suddenly can't pay their bills, that would take a toll on banks and other businesses, which might have to reduce their work forces — leading to a downward economic spiral. ...

The Associated Press

Finally, it is clear that Mr. Smith has no concept of Christianity. I really doubt that if Jesus came back today he would be Michael Moore.

I don't think he would be George Bush either because Jesus was without sin, unlike any person on this planet today.

My guess is that someone like Mother Theresa was the closest thing to Jesus on this planet lately.

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Dave Barry COLUMNIST

Laying tile requires stick-to-itiveness

Any home decorator will tell you that there is nothing quite like a tile floor for transforming an ordinary room into an ordinary room that has tile on the floor.

But if you're like most homeowners, you think that laying tile is a job for the "pros." Boy, are you ever stupid! Because the truth is that anybody can do it! All it takes is a little planning, the right materials and a Fire Rescue unit.

Consider the true story of a woman in Linthicum, Md., who decided to tile her kitchen floor, as reported in the An-



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napolis, Md., Capital. According to this article, sent in by many alert readers, the woman, who wanted to be identified only as "Anne" for reasons that will become clear, decided to surprise her fiancé by tiling her kitchen floor herself, thus saving the \$700 a so-called "expert" would have charged for the job.

Step One, of course, was for Anne to spread powerful glue on the floor, so the tiles would be bonded firmly in place. Anne then proceeded to Step Two, which — as you have probably already guessed — was to slip and fall face-first into the glue coat she created in Step One, thus bonding herself to the floor like a gum wad on a hot sidewalk.

Fortunately, Anne was not alone. Also in the house, thank goodness, was one of the most useful companions a person can ever hope to have: a small dog.

Specifically, it was a Yorkshire Terrier, a breed originally developed in England to serve as makeup applicators. A full-grown "Yorkie" is about the size of a standard walnut, although it has more hair and a smaller brain.

Anne's dog, named Cleopatra, saw that her owner was in trouble, so she immediately ran outside and summoned a police officer.

Haha! No, seriously, Cleopatra did what all dogs do when their owners are in trouble: lick the owner's face. Dogs believe this is the correct response to every emergency.

When Cleopatra decided to help out, she naturally also became stuck in the glue. But again, luck was on Anne's side, because also at home were her two daughters, ages 9 and 10, who, realizing that the situation was no joking matter, immediately, in the words of the Capital article, "began laughing hysterically."

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the Capital article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered." I don't know about you, but that sentence disturbs me. I think somebody should check on the glue-emergency-hotline staff. I picture an office reeking of glue fumes, with whacked-out workers permanently bonded to floors, walls, ceilings, each other, etc. Come to think of it, this is also how I picture Congress.

But getting back to Anne: Still trying to solve her personal glue problem, she called a tile contractor. During this conversation, the glue on her body hardened, such that (1) her right foot became stuck to the floor, (2) her legs became stuck together, (3) her body became stuck to a chair, and (4) her hand became stuck to the phone.

"I had to dial 911 with my nose," she is quoted as saying.

When the rescue personnel arrived, they found Anne still stuck. Perhaps this is a good time in our story to bring up the fact that she had been working in, and was still wearing, only her underwear.

So the bottom line, homeowners, is this: Don't be afraid to tackle that tile job! Just be sure to have a dog handy, and always remember the No. 1 rule of tile-installation professionals: Wear clean underwear.

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SPORTS

The Wednesday Smack

It's a bird! It's a train! It's... ridiculous.

By Chad Bishop
Sports Editor



Have you ever met someone with an identity crisis? They're not quite sure who they are, or how to present themselves?

Upon introduction they say, "Hi, my name is Harry, I used to be called Jim, you can call me Steve. Here's my card, with a picture of a horse."

This, my little Eaglets, is the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

UTC's official nickname is the Mocs, short for the now defunct Moccasins, which represented Native American footwear (and to a lesser extent venomous water snakes indigenous to the Southeast).

Their mascot is a mockingbird in a conductors outfit (cute), and their logo is a train. Ah yes, the old mockingbird-train combo.

UTC's inability to decide on a proper mascot has spilled over into an inability to field a football team.

The Mocs haven't had a winning season since 1997, and have only had three winning seasons since 1990.

GSU owns a 17-1 record against Chattanooga, losing once in 1996. Let us never speak of it again.

Chattanooga's second biggest claim to fame is their prized football facility. Who wouldn't know it by their average home attendance of 5648 last year.

Finley Stadium Davenport Field is home to the Division I-AA National Championship, and has been since 1997. It's known more commonly to Eagle fans as, "Paulson North."

Their first biggest claim you ask? My favorite and yours, Terrell Owens. The temper tantrum prone professional wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles is, you guessed it, a former Moc.

But even T.O. couldn't beat GSU. The Eagles beat Owens in 1993 45-0, in '94 56-20, and in '95 35-9.

To make matters even more depressing for this school of 8,653 undergrads, Rodney Allison is the Mocs fourth head coach in the last 12 years.

Don't expect him to stick around much longer either, as UTC has had only one coach to last more than 10 years.

This year Allison's been given a team in which 23 of the 80 players transferred from another school. That's almost 30%. I guess someone has to pick up the trash.

What's worse is that even the Mocs' fans (all 20 of them) can't get it right either.

At an attempt to steal the patented G S U, "WHOSE



HOUSE?-OUR HOUSE!" chant, the Moc students went with, "WHO'S HOUSE?"

I guess no one passed Intro. to Grammar at UTC. Or maybe they were paid by Fox to promote a certain Emmy award winning television show on Monday nights.

So this Saturday night the Mocs of UTC will again run into Paulson Stadium, and three hours later they'll limp out. Despite UTC's early success, the Eagles will score a lot, the Mocs will score a little.

The game will be over before Southern Pride has a chance to scramble.

The Eagle faithful, however, will be there. Why? Well, mostly for the post game fireworks, and to watch the Eagles win.

But also because it's so fun to beat this mockery of a football program.



By Ben Callahan
Staff Writer

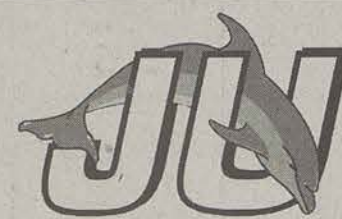
As a quiet Tuesday evening in Georgia's infamous heat continued on, the last rays of the sun blazed down upon the Georgia Southern Women's soccer team.

Though the heat might have been too much for the spectators, it did not prevent the Eagles from meeting their opponents, the Jacksonville Dolphins, head-on.

Most of the game was marked by multiple exchanges of possession, the occasional close call and head butting of the ball.

The teams seemed evenly matched, with GSU landing four shots on, but not in the goal and

Women's soccer falls to Dolphins



five corner kicks while Jacksonville had three close shots and corner kicks.

However, neither team could manage to score a goal within the allotted two halves, sending them into overtime.

In overtime, it looked as though both teams would stay matched with no definite victor.

Unfortunately, after another episode of the ball traveling back and forth over all four corners of the field, the Dolphins managed to slip in past GSU and emerge victorious.

In the first overtime, in the 99th minute (98:18), Jacksonville's Keri Zwicker put the ball into the back of the net giving the Dolphins a

1-0 win.

Though the Eagles lost, honorable mention should be made to their goalkeeper for this game, Megan Macdonald.

MacDonald is the fourth goalkeeper used by the team this season, as GSU has been decimated by injuries at the goalkeeper position.

Originally starting off the season as a forward, Macdonald still put up an impressive defensive performance Tuesday afternoon with three saves and prevented the Dolphins from having any hope of scoring during regulation.

The Lady Eagles fall to 1-6-1, and will return to the road to face Georgia State on Friday at 4:00.



LaVene Bell-Koepeke/STAFF
The Eagles winless streak now stands at six matches.

Softball tourney to benefit Relay for Life

Over \$500 to be awarded to winning team next Saturday.

By Renaldo Stover
Sports Editor

Attention all Georgia Southern students.

The GSU Sports Marketing Club is sponsoring a weekend softball tournament with cash prizes to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Money raised from the event will go to the Relay for Life in Bulloch County. Since this event will only last

for two days, the tournament field will be limited to the first twenty teams to register so act fast.

The maximum number of participants on each team will be limited to twelve so assemble your squads accordingly.

Event organizers are expecting to have a positive turnout for the event that will include a first place prize of \$375. The team that places second will receive a \$200 cash prize.

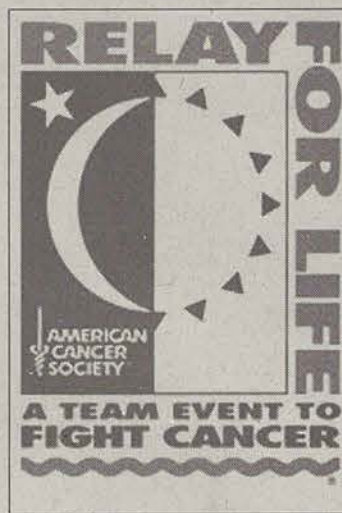
There will also be various door prizes that include food and gift certificates, a DVD player and a few unnamed items as well as a 50/50 raffle that will be held on Saturday

following the events.

"This is a chance to make a difference in the fight against cancer," said event organizer Betsy Millsap, who is with the American Cancer Society.

The entry fee for the event is \$125 per team, which equals about \$10.45 per member on a team of twelve.

The tournament begins Friday, September 30 from 6:30 to 10:30 and continues Saturday morning with the first pitch scheduled to be thrown at 9:00. For more information, please call your American Cancer Society at (912) 764-7410, or send email to bmillsap@cancer.org.



White Sox on verge of historic collapse

Rick Gano
Associated Press

Down at Jimbo's, the mood is decidedly different these days.

Jammed earlier this season with families and friends pumping up the White Sox, the bar-restaurant just two blocks from U.S. Cellular Field is now full of worry warts.

"It's like they lost their chemistry," patron Sarah Grady said.

Rarely do baseball fans on the South Side dare to dream. Resigned to being second place in their own city, and without a World Series title since Shoeless Joe Jackson helped them win in 1917, they believed this season was going to be different until the White Sox headed toward a record collapse, the kind usually seen by the crosstown Cubs.

Leading the AL Central by 15 games on Aug. 1 and on the verge of a runaway, the White Sox find themselves hanging on with two weeks to go, trying to hold off the hard-charging Cleveland Indians.

Chicago still tops the league in wins, but a 7-5 loss to the Indians on Monday night cut its edge to 2 1/2 games. It was the eighth loss in 11 games for the White Sox and suddenly, instead of the playoffs, there's talk about them blowing the biggest lead ever.

The 1951 Brooklyn Dodgers squandered a 13-game lead on Aug. 11, beaten when Bobby Thomson's homer doomed them in a playoff with the New York Giants for the NL pennant. The 1978 Boston Red Sox wasted a big edge over the New York Yankees and the 1964 Philadelphia Phillies blew it in the final week.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen can tell how things have changed from the tone of the e-mails he gets. After guiding Chicago to the best record in the majors for much of the season, he's under assault from angry critics and frustrated fans.

"A lot of nasty ones," Guillen says. "It's your fault. You stink. I know you are going to choke."

The Indians, meanwhile, won for the 13th time in 14 games Monday night.

"Everybody wants to put the blame on us and say this and that. We haven't played our best in the second half or

since August or whatever," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. "But at the same time, I tip my hat to them."

Sounds like a collapse that usually happens on the other side of town, where the Cubs under the so-called curse of the Billy Goat haven't been to a World Series since 1945 and haven't won one since 1908.

The Cubs led most of the 1969 season before a late swoon and, some say, the appearance of a black cat on the field helped the New York Mets win the pennant.

And the Cubs were five outs from the World Series two years ago when a fan interfered with a foul ball at Wrigley Field, fueling a Florida Marlins rally that led to an eventual World Series title.

Don't forget, too, that the White Sox haven't been to a World Series since 1959, so years of baseball futility in this city is not limited to one side or the other.

The Cubs always outdraw the White Sox, regardless of the records, mainly because of the appeal of Wrigley Field and the surrounding saloons, although White Sox attendance this season has surpassed 2 million with 38 crowds of more than 30,000.

Sitting on a porch on a side street near U.S. Cellular Field, 89-year-old retiree Nick Bertucci, who once worked for the White Sox and sold hot dogs, said he's doing everything he can to help the team snap out of it.

"I make all kinds of signs for them to get hits. Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't," he said.

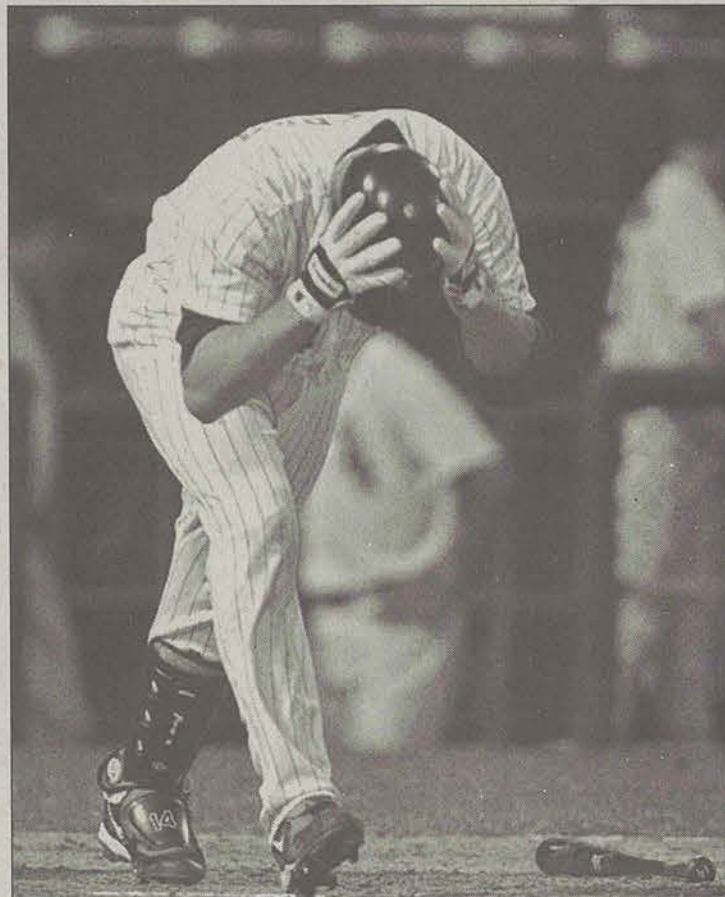
His daughter, Ava Bonomo, said it's been difficult watching the team's season crumble.

"It's heartbreaking, but they're still our Sox and we love them," she said.

The strong starting pitching that had been the centerpiece of a team that started 27-9 has faltered recently with All-Star Mark Buehrle, Freddy Garcia and Orlando Hernandez struggling.

Jose Contreras, the most inconsistent starter for the first half of the season, is now the best pitcher on the staff with a 9-2 record since the All-Star game. He's the only White Sox starter with a winning record since the break.

The bullpen also has been a mess, having allowed nine earned runs in



Brian Kersey/Associated Press

Chicago White Sox's Paul Konerko reacts after popping up in the ninth inning to end the game against the Cleveland Indians Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, in Chicago. The Indians won 7-5.

its last 18 innings.

After jettisoning run producers such as Carlos Lee and Magglio Ordonez in the offseason and relying on Guillen's preferred small-ball attack featuring speedy leadoff hitter Scott Podsednik, the White Sox have struggled during stretches to score.

Last week, as the Indians continued on their tear, the White Sox dropped two of three in Kansas City the worst team in the majors and prompted the always opinionated and outspoken Guillen to proclaim: "We really flat-out stink"

"When I say my team stinks and doesn't play the way it can play, I don't want to hear it from anybody else because they can hear it from me," Guillen said.

The Indians are amply aware the White Sox are wobbling.

"They don't have that big lead anymore and they've got to be thinking about that," Cleveland pitcher C.C. Sabathia said.

Chicago's road is rough in the final two weeks. After the Indians, they play

four games at home against the team that has dominated the AL Central the previous couple of years,

the Minnesota Twins. Then it's on to Detroit for four games and then perhaps fitting a three-game finale in Cleveland.

"People told me if you don't make the playoffs you're going to be the biggest loser ever," Guillen said. "Well, that's part of the game."

"I'm not choking," he added. "This is baseball. My life is going to continue to move on, maybe here or somewhere else. As soon as the season is over, believe me, I'm going to turn the page."

The largest leads held by teams that did not finish in first place in their league (or in division, post-1969), as compiled by the Elias Sports Bureau. Date of largest lead is listed:

Date	Team Lead	Score
Aug. 11, 1951	Brooklyn Dodgers	13-0
Aug. 9, 1995	California Angels	11-0
July 4, 1979	Houston Astros	10-5
Aug. 5, 1942	Brooklyn Dodgers	10-0
July 8, 1978	Boston Red Sox	10-0
July 22, 1993	San Francisco Giants	10-0

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Georgia Southern Athletics

Friday

Men's Soccer at Stetson

Women's Soccer at Georgia State

Saturday

Volleyball at UNC Greensboro, 2 p.m.

Football hosts Chattanooga, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Volleyball at Elon, 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer hosts Gardner-Webb

Friday, September 30

Women's Soccer hosts Wofford

National Football League

By The Associated Press

	AFC East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	25	26
Miami	1	1	0	.500	41	27
New England	1	1	0	.500	47	47
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	24	34

	South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	34	10
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	29	14
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	32	44
Houston	0	2	0	.000	14	49

	North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	64	21
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	61	14
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	39	51
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	17	49

	West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	50	24
Denver	1	1	0	.500	30	51
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	37	53
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	41	48

	NFC East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	69	29
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	23	20
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	41	38
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	52	17

	South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	43	16
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	32	31
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	47	40
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	33	47

	North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	45	15
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	23	41
Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	27	43
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	21	61

	West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	42	40
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	31	67
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	35	44
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	31	59

Sunday's Games

Chicago 38, Detroit 6
Tennessee 25, Baltimore 10
Pittsburgh 27, Houston 7
Tampa Bay 19, Buffalo 3
Indianapolis 10, Jacksonville 3
Cincinnati 37, Minnesota 8
Carolina 27, New England 17
Philadelphia 42, San Francisco 3
Seattle 21, Atlanta 18
St. Louis 17, Arizona 12
N.Y. Jets 17, Miami 7
Cleveland 26, Green Bay 24
Denver 20, San Diego 17
Kansas City 23, Oakland 17
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants 27, New Orleans 10
Washington 14, Dallas 13
Sunday, Sept. 25
Carolina at Miami, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.
BYES: Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, Washington
Monday, Sept. 26
Kansas City at Denver, 9 p.m.

National League Baseball

By The Associated Press

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	85	65	.567	-
Philadelphia	80	70	.533	5
Florida	79	71	.527	6
Washington	77	73	.513	8
New York	73	76	.490	11 1/2

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	95	56	.629	-
Houston	81	69	.540	13 1/2
Chicago	74	76	.493	20 1/2
Milwaukee	73	76	.490	21
Cincinnati	69	80	.463	25
Pittsburgh	62	88	.413	32 1/2

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	75	74	.503	-
San Francisco	69	80	.463	6
Los Angeles	67	82	.450	8
Arizona	67	83	.447	8 1/2
Colorado	61	88	.409	14

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Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 9, Cincinnati 7
Houston 6, Milwaukee 1
Chicago 7, St. Louis 4
San Diego 2, Washington 1
San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Colorado 7, Arizona 1
Florida 14, Philadelphia 6
Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, Houston 0
San Diego 8, Colorado 7

American League Baseball

By The Associated Press

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	87	63	.580	-
New York	86	63	.577	1/2
Toronto	73	76	.490	13
Baltimore	70	79	.470	16
Tampa Bay	63	88	.417	24