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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006

## Starbucks takes coffee break

By Casey Altman  
Assistant news editor

Georgia Southern is still waiting for that morning pick-me-up at the Russell Union. Last fall the school reported that a Starbucks would be ready for operation sometime during this spring semester. Delays in the process may cause the projected opening date to be pushed back.

Tom Palfy the director of auxiliary services said the constructional phase cannot begin until the long contractual process is completed. He said the contract has been drawn and has been signed by GSU.

According to Palfy, the school is now waiting on the contract to be signed by Starbucks.

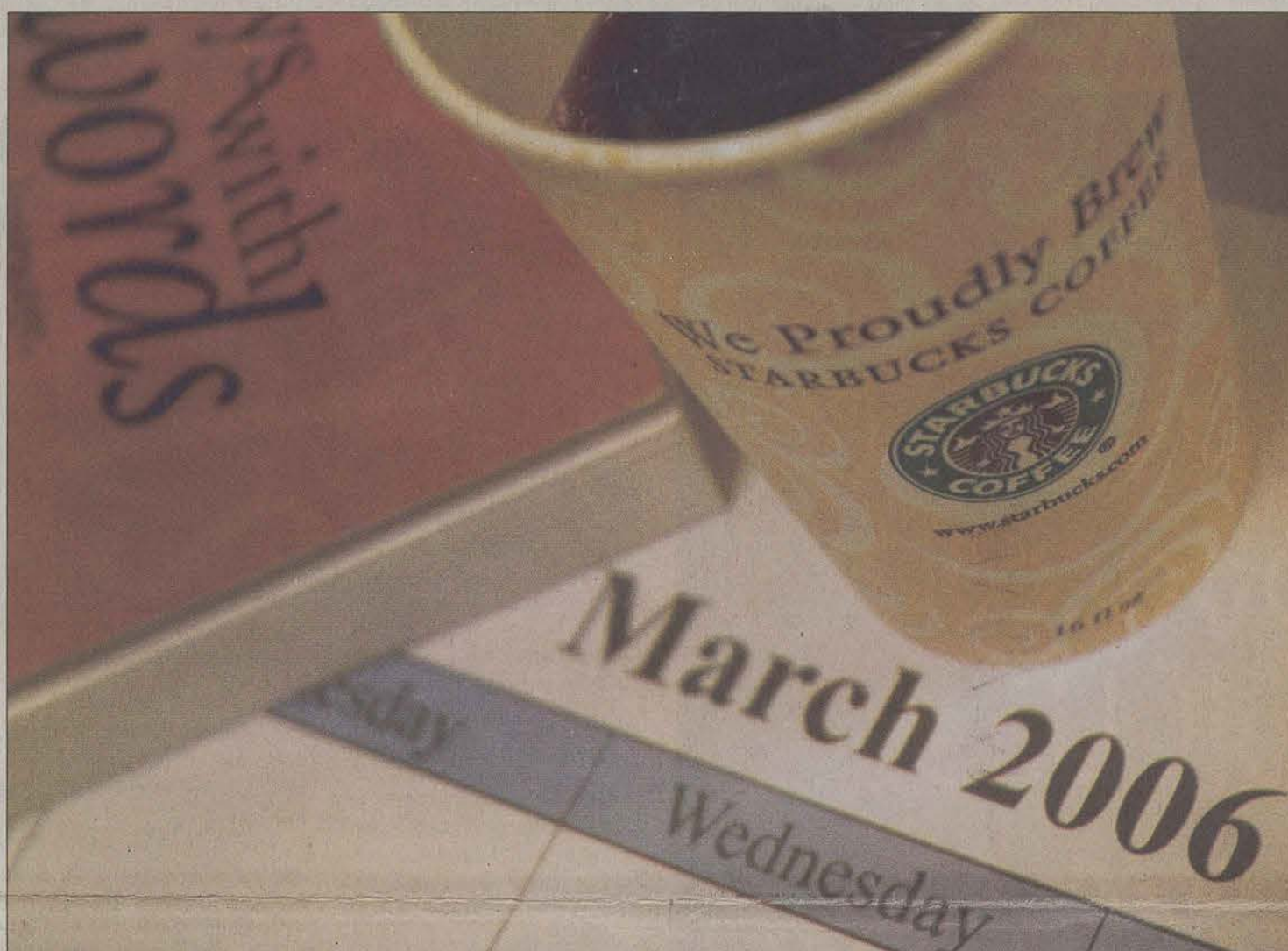
"If they mess around too long it will push back the late April, early May opening date," he said.

Starbucks representatives have not confirmed that a store will be opening at GSU.

Alan Richardson, Southeast Regional Marketing Manager, Starbucks Coffee Company said, "Starbucks is always looking for the perfect location to serve our customers, but we cannot confirm a location in Statesboro, Ga., at this time. We look forward to announcing our plans in the coming months."

Before the holiday break, there

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Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Construction on the new Starbucks at the Russell Union has been delayed until the contractual process is completed. Renovations and construction are now expected to start in March or April.

## Bush addresses nation

Bush talks on policy agenda, war and alternative fuel in State of Union address

By Terrence Hunt  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A politically weakened President Bush declared Tuesday night that America must break its long dependence on Mideast oil and rebuked critics of his stay-the-course strategy for the unpopular war in Iraq.

Rejecting calls for the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, Bush said, "There is no peace in retreat."

In an unscripted moment, anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a fallen soldier in Iraq, was taken into custody by police in the House gallery just before Bush spoke to a joint session of Congress. She was escorted from the visitors' gallery after she caused a disruption, a Capitol Police official said.

Bush asked lawmakers to join him in naming a commission to examine the impact of Baby Boom retirements on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid spending.

Bush called for increased federal research into alternative fuels such as ethanol made from weeds or wood chips instead of corn.

Facing budget deficits that may approach or exceed \$400 billion this year, Bush had no room for expensive, new initiatives. Spending on those three programs alone will be almost 60 percent of the federal budget by 2030, Bush said.

Three years from leaving office, Bush went before the nation as a politically weakened president after the toughest year of his administration. With Americans anxious about the economy, weary of the Iraq war and unhappy about the administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, Bush's job approval rating is in the anemic high 30s to low 40s.

Health care is a priority for both parties, particularly since nearly 46 million Americans lack insurance. Democrats say that in 2005 alone, the number of uninsured grew by nearly a million.

"Keeping American competitive requires affordable health care," the president said.

Bush proposed greater tax benefits for health saving accounts, the high-deductible health care plan that allows people to contribute money tax-free to 401(k)-like health savings plans, as a way to expand their use. He said lawmakers also must allow workers to take the coverage with them as they change jobs.

As he has in every State of the Union address to some extent, Bush said the United States must curb its reliance on foreign oil imports.

The president addressed the nation from the House chamber before members of the House and Senate, justices of the Supreme Court, foreign dignitaries, Cabinet secretaries and other VIPs.

Bush divided his address between problems at home and abroad.

With the war in Iraq about to enter its fourth year and more than 2,240 American troops killed, Bush said the nation must not falter in

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AP Photo/John Bazemore

Coretta Scott King stands in front of a painting of her late husband, civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, 2003. Coretta Scott King died Tuesday morning.

## Coretta Scott King dies at age 78

By Harry R. Weber  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lori Smith said she wanted to pay her respects to Coretta Scott King, but more importantly expose her children to the legacy of peace and nonviolence that the civil rights pioneer and her husband devoted their lives to.

The accountant from Atlanta watched videos and walked by exhibits Tuesday at the King Center with her two daughters — ages 7 and 16 months — after learning that King had died.

"I wanted my children to see," Smith said. "It's very important for them to know what I already know. It's important that we pass that along to future generations."

Scores of other well-wishers left flowers and cards at the center,

or toured a section that provides information and documentaries about King's slain husband, Martin Luther King Jr.

Paul Green, a 16-year-old from Atlanta, said that a lot has changed since the civil rights era of the 1960s, as he watched a video about King's life. But, he said, in some ways things could be better.

"People could step up that aren't stepping up," he said. "People as a whole. There are things that could be done better."

Smith said she grew up during the tail end of the civil rights era and attended Martin Luther King's funeral as a youngster. She said that considering Coretta King's death, other people will need to carry on the King message.

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## Art professor to lecture on editorial cartooning

By Rachel McDaniel  
News editor

Jorge Montero is a Venezuelan illustrator, graphic designer, visual artist, editorial cartoonist and assistant professor of art at Georgia Southern.

He will talk to students and show his nationally acclaimed cartoons today at 5 p.m. in the Arts Building Auditorium.

Montero has been drawing political cartoons for 25 years.

"Being an editorial cartoonist is a great opportunity to share our statement on social and political issues. It is like being a sort of collective conscience," said Montero.

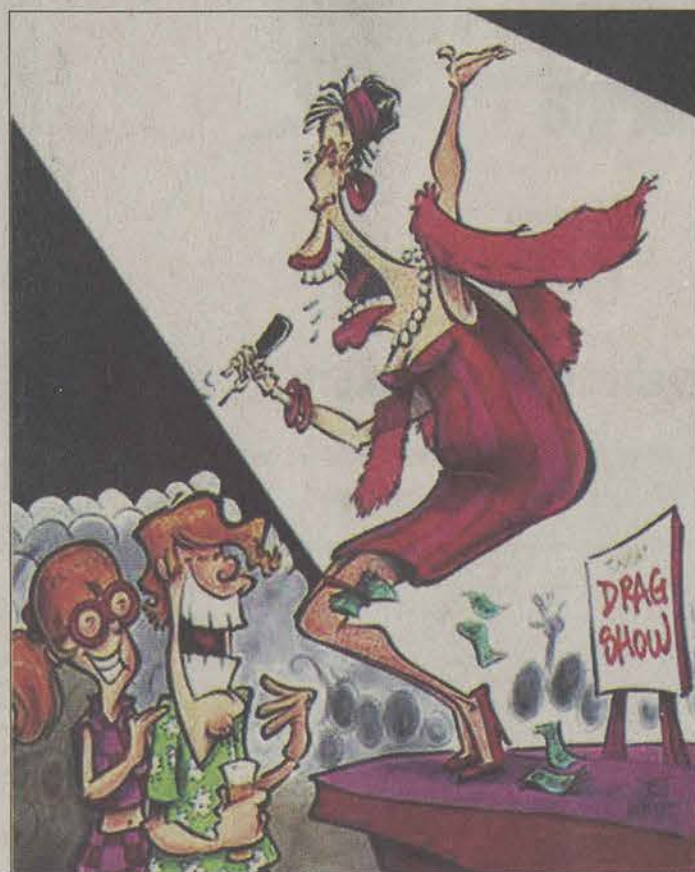
"I was published in El Diario de los Andes, Panorama and El Nacional, all these in Venezuela," he said.

"Also I was the editorial cartoonist for the Daily Iowan in Iowa City during my schooling. In 1996 I got a national Venezuelan award as a cartoonist."

Montero said his main concern with editorial cartooning is to make people aware of what is happening around them, like poverty and other issues.

He thinks it is a good idea for students to try to get published while they are in school because it gives different voices a chance to make a statement of what is going on locally, nationally and internationally.

Montero will speak on how to get published and where to start with ideas. "Start working on analyzing what is happening in social and politi-



Special Photo

Above: An editorial cartoon from Montero's website. Right: An illustration from Montero's website.

cal arena, make a statement and then make a visual," said Montero.

"Make people think about issues and make them aware," he said.

"An editorial cartoon is about making complex social, economic and political issues for the audience to understand."



Special Photo



# Two Georgians make U.S. Winter Olympic team

Harry Webber  
Associated Press

While hardly a winter wonderland, Georgia landed two members on the U.S. team that was announced Tuesday for the Turin Winter Olympics.

Speedskater Charles Ryan Leveille, who grew up in Cumming, and bobsledder Randy Jones of Atlanta were among the 211 athletes officially nominated for the team by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The 22-year-old Leveille (pronounced le-vee-ay) is a former top inline skater who switched to ice after the Salt Lake City Olympics. He overcame a broken back to make the speedskating team as a possible member of team pursuit, a new event.

When Leveille was growing up on Lake Lanier, he never dreamed of one day making the Winter Olympics.

"I didn't even know what ice was,"

he said in early January, shortly after he was picked for the 18-member speedskating team.

Jones, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., is a pusher on the four-man bobsled team.

Jones will be competing in his fourth Olympics, having won a silver medal at the Salt Lake City Games four years ago.

Jones is one of only a handful of black athletes competing in the Winter Olympics. He talked about his warm-weather background in the biography posted on the U.S. Olympic team Web site.

"When we're in Europe, we're in cold places all the time," he said. "You're just longing for heat when the season is done. When you're in training, you can get more done in a warm area. You just feel better. The heat makes me want to go work out."

The Winter Games will begin Feb. 10 in Turin, Italy.



Apo Anton Ohno, left, of the United States collides with South Korea's Ahn Hyun-Soo and Mathieu Turcotte of Canada in the final stretch of the men's 1,000-meter short-track speedskating race at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, February 1

Midway: Between Slavery and Self-Sufficiency-The Remaking of a Black Community, 1860-1875  
Rosenwald Building

Art Exhibit, Foundations: Form and Content  
Foy Fine Arts Building

Final Deadline for International Graduate student to apply for Summer 2006

8 p.m.  
Movie: Saw 2  
Russell Union Room 1085

5 p.m.  
Latino American cartoons  
Arts Bldg. Auditorium 2071

6 p.m.  
Student Government Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2047

### Thursday, February 2

5:30 p.m.  
International Club Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2042

6 p.m.  
Bulloch County Eagle Club baseball preseason rally and cookout  
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6 p.m.  
African Student Association Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2047

6 p.m.  
United Caribbean Association Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2044

### Friday, February 3

7 a.m.  
8th Annual Student Success Conference  
Nessmith-Lane Bldg.

10 a.m.  
Black Expo: booths of artwork, books food and more relating to African American culture  
Between the Russell Union and University Bookstore

6:30 p.m.  
Hillel Services  
Russell Union Room 2044

### Saturday, February 4

10 a.m.  
Hand-Made Paper for your Valentine  
GSU Botanical Garden-Bland Cottage

11:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Hour  
Russell Union Room 2080

### Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m.  
Junie B. Jones  
Nessmith-Lane Bldg.

6 p.m.  
Super Bowl on the Big Screen  
Russell Union Room 1085

### Monday, February 6

6 p.m.  
Future of Black America: Panel discussion featuring Otis Johnson the mayor of Savannah  
Russell Union Room 2047

7:15 p.m.  
Cinema Arts Movie: Rize  
Russell Union Auditorium

### Tuesday, February 7

6 p.m.  
Issues of Today's Black Population  
Russell Union Room 2041

7 p.m.  
GSU Debate Team Meeting  
Russell Union Room 2073

7 p.m.  
Singles Mixer  
Russell Union Room 2047

7 p.m.  
FYE Success Series  
Russell Union Room 2080

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Special Photo

Secretary of GSU's Habitat for Humanity, Anjeanetta Vincent, works at a build site with other members of the club.

By Myrtice Boone  
Staff writer

Everyone has heard the saying 'step by step,' but what about 'plank by plank' or 'nail by nail'? Of course, it is not quite a common phrase but for some students it is a regular process.

Georgia Southern has its own Habitat for Humanity chapter, a national organization that aims to rid communities of poverty housing and provide decent shelter for everyone.

There are local chapters in most major cities and about 200 college campus chapters throughout the U.S. There is a local chapter in Statesboro, which is beneficial to GSU's chapter.

"Because we have a Habitat neighborhood in Statesboro, you can easily see where all your time and money is going," said Leah Bendig, president of the campus chapter.

The campus chapter started in April of 1990 and has about 30 members this year. These students meet twice every month in the Russell Union.

Any student is welcome to join the club by simply showing interest

and paying dues of \$10 for a semester. These dues are put toward the purchasing of office supplies and building materials.

And construction work is not a requirement. Every member is not obligated to go out and build.

Freshman Habitat member Casey Griffin enjoys the fact that he has options.

"I love the leniency of being able to volunteer in whatever activity you want, whenever you want. You're not really pushed, as a member, to do a certain task."

Another freshman member, Shelby Goss, backs Griffin's claim. "Everyone is given a chance to participate through building, meetings or the fundraisers," said Goss.

Some people jump at the chance of going out to the sites. Anjeanetta Vincent, a junior at GSU and the secretary of Habitat, believes taking part in the build is humbling because "everyone is enjoying themselves all while working to help someone else have something that many people may take for granted: their own home," she said.

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Bush

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what he called the central front in the war on terror. Bush did not offer any timetable for bringing American troops home from Iraq. There are about 138,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, down from about 160,000 at the time of the January elections.

Bush said the United States and its allies were united in insisting that Iran not develop nuclear weapons.

The president renewed his oft-stated goal for Congress to make permanent the tax cuts enacted during his presidency.

Bush called for greater public spending on basic science research and more money for math and science education.

He proposed an initiative to train 70,000 high school teachers to lead advanced-placement courses in math and science. In addition, he urged bringing 30,000 math and science professionals into the classrooms to teach.

"We need to encourage children to take more math and science and make sure those courses are rigorous enough to compete with other nations," the president said.

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## THE BIG STORY

## Alito wins Supreme Court confirmation

By David Espo  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Samuel Alito took his place on the Supreme Court Tuesday after winning Senate confirmation, a personal triumph for the son of an Italian immigrant and a political milestone in President Bush's campaign to give the judiciary a more conservative cast.

The 58-42 Senate vote was largely along party lines as Democrats registered overwhelming opposition to Bush's choice to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose rulings have helped uphold abortion rights, affirmative action and other legal precedents of the past 50 years.

Bush hailed Alito as "a brilliant and fair-minded judge who strictly interprets the Constitution and laws and does not legislate from the bench."

"It is a seat that is reserved for few but that impacts millions," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist moments before the Senate sealed Alito's place in history as the nation's 110th justice.

Alito, 55 and a veteran of 15 years on the appeals court, watched on television alongside Bush at the White House as the Senate voted.

He was sworn in about an hour later in a low-key ceremony at the

Supreme Court building across the street from the Capitol. Chief Justice John Roberts, Bush's first nominee for the high court, administered the oath of office.

Alito's confirmation has been a certainty for days, and all Republicans except Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island voted for him. Only four of 44 Democrats voted in favor of confirmation, the lowest total in modern history for an opposition party.

"There is no consensus that he will allow the court to perform its vital role in continuing the march of progress toward justice and equal opportunity," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, leader in a final attempt to derail the nomination that exposed Democratic divisions instead.

Roberts was confirmed by a far wider margin, 78-22, late last year, replacing the late William H. Rehnquist.

Republicans were unanimous in voting for Roberts, and Democrats had split evenly, 22 in favor and 22 opposed.

Roberts was viewed by Democrats as one conservative replacing another. By contrast, Alito is seen by Democrats and outside groups aligned with them as a Reagan-era conservative replacement for a moderate justice whose opinions kept the court centered.



AP Photo/Dennis Cook

Judge Samuel Alito, right, and Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a baseball hall of famer, talk baseball on Capitol Hill Tuesday after the Senate Judiciary Committee on a 10-8 party line vote sent his nomination to the Supreme Court to the

Apart from placing Roberts and Alito on the nine-member Supreme Court, the Senate has confirmed Bush appointees to 42 of 179 total seats on the federal appeals courts. Several of those were confirmed in bruising political battles that brought the Senate to the verge of political meltdown.

Bush has long said he hoped to appoint members of the Supreme Court in the mold of Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The two men are among the court's minority that has voted to overturn the

landmark 1973 court ruling that establish a woman's right to an abortion, the issue representative of a political and cultural divide that has persisted for over 30 years.

Alito's confirmation capped a seven-month drama that began when O'Connor announced she would retire, signaling the first change on the court in a dozen years.

Bush named Roberts to replace her, but Rehnquist died before the Senate could hold hearings. The president swiftly tapped Roberts to be chief justice.

## Coffee

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was a pile of construction material in the old pool hall in the Union, the location of the proposed Starbucks. Don't be confused; this had nothing to do with Starbucks.

"That was a false alarm," said Palfy. He said a construction crew used the space when putting up the new walls

in the commons.

He said that if things go smoothly demolition and construction should begin in February and March.

According to Palfy, GSU will be hiring a company from Orlando to design the space. He said the company typically designs Starbucks shops and knows the company's standards.

Palfy said staff will be hired by March and will go through three weeks of training prior to the opening.

## King

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"I owe it to her," Smith said. "We owe it to her."

Dozens of schoolchildren who had come to the site to learn more about King walked past and watched as other adults — some with tears in their eyes, many dressed in business suits or hospital scrubs — stopped by on their morning commutes to pay their respects to his widow.

At the memorial near downtown Atlanta that Coretta King built to her husband decades ago, people from all walks of life paused Tuesday to honor the woman's legacy after learning of her death. Some laid flowers and knelt in prayer. Most stood silent, staring at King's tomb and the surrounding reflecting pool.

At the neighboring Ebenezer

Baptist Church, where King preached and his widow remained a member after his death, the telephone rang constantly as people offered their condolences.

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered flags at all state buildings to be flown at half-staff and offered to allow the body of Mrs. King to lie in state at the Capitol.

At the Capitol, about a mile from the King Center, lawmakers observed a moment of silence and then took turns delivering emotional speeches, calling Mrs. King "the first lady of the civil rights movement."

Back at the King Center, a postcard on one bouquet of flowers said Coretta King will be missed.

"Thank you God for loaning us one of your most sweetest and precious angels," the card said. "Behind every great man is an even greater woman. We love and adore you, Coretta Scott King."

## Pastor sells church, gets 18 months

1 MANTECA, Calif. — A pastor accused of selling the town's oldest church pleaded guilty to embezzlement and agreed to 18 months in prison, court officials said.

Randall Radic, 53, entered his plea as part of a deal in which prosecutors agreed to drop nine other charges.

Radic had preached at First Congregational Church in Ripon for nearly a decade before he sold the church last October for \$525,000, allegedly using the money to buy a BMW. He also faked documents that gave him possession of his house, authorities said.

Before the plea deal, Radic had faced up to nine years in prison for 10 counts, including two counts of theft by embezzlement, two counts of obtaining property by false pretenses, four counts of forgery of signature and two counts of presenting a fraudulent document.

Radic remains in San Joaquin County Jail on \$750,000 bail. He was scheduled to appear for a formal sentencing and restitution hearing on March 16.

## Carcasses force smelly detour

2 WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — Animal carcasses and parts dumped on the Riverview Expressway gave motorists a smelly rush-hour detour Monday and left authorities hunting for whoever dropped the material to the pavement.

As of Monday evening, police Lt. Dave Wesener said investigators had not determined how the incident happened or identified who was responsible.

Police blocked a part of the expressway about 4 p.m. and required westbound traffic to use the left turn lane to avoid the mess, Wesener said.

The city street department brought in a front-end loader to clear away the carcasses and other animal parts and scrape the pavement clean.

## Town changes name for Steelers

3 WASHINGTON, Pa. — Just to make sure there's no confusion about which team they are supporting in the Super Bowl XL, the mayor and council voted unanimously to change this city's name. Welcome to Steeler, Pennsylvania.

The name change for the city of about 15,000 people south of Pittsburgh will last through Feb. 5, the day of the football game between

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the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks in Detroit.

"I know the folks in the state of Washington are rooting for the Seahawks, so we wanted to make sure everyone knows the city of Washington is fully in support of the Steelers," Mayor Kenneth J. Westcott told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Anyone sending bills, cards or letters should continue addressing them to Washington, however, because the name change is



cosmetic and not recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

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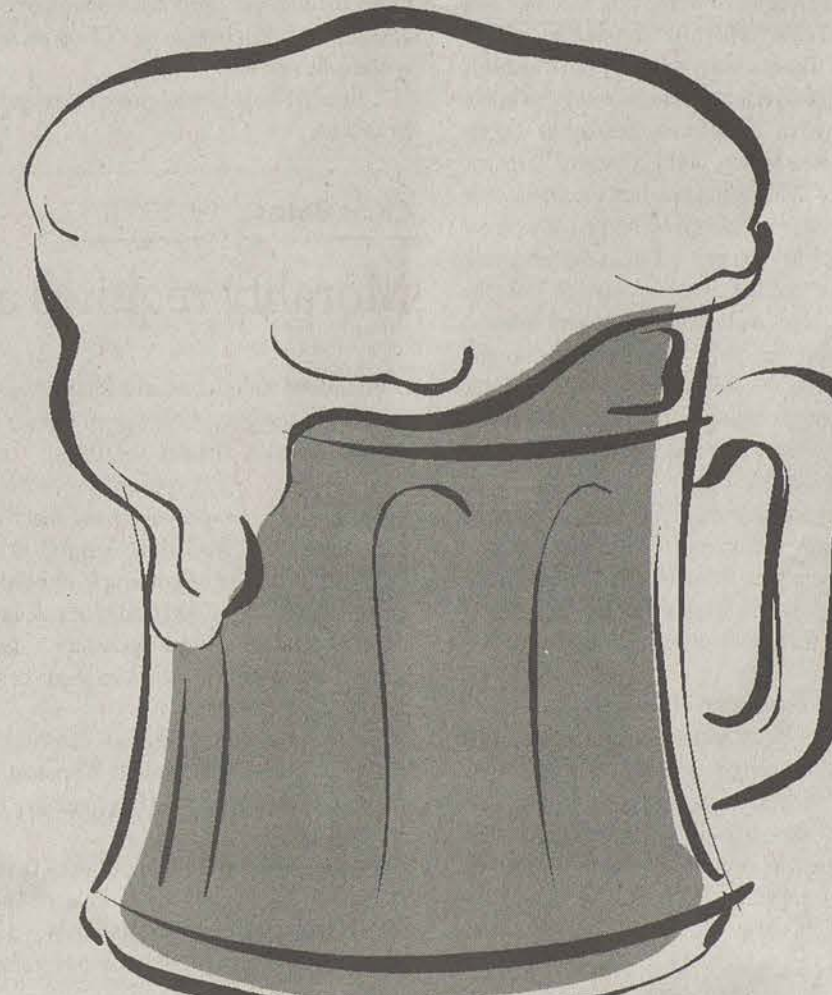
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"I will never apologize for the United States of America - I don't care what the facts are."

-George H. W. Bush  
In Newsweek on Aug. 15, 1989, commenting on the shooting down of an Iranian airliner by a U.S. warship, killing 290 passengers.

## Shaky case for warrantless surveillance

The following editorial appeared in The Orange County Register on Monday, Jan. 30:

Administration spokespeople including Vice President Dick Cheney, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and the president himself, have been conducting a full-court offensive to persuade Americans that the program of surveillance of Americans by the National Security Agency without a warrant from the special secret court created by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act was not only legal but virtually obligatory following the terrorist attacks of 9-11.

The campaign is no doubt intended to soften up public opinion in advance of hearings into the matter scheduled for Feb. 6 by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The trouble is, every argument the administration makes rests on shaky legal ground.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act was passed in 1978 precisely to control the use of surveillance technology by the government in the wake of abuses documented during Vietnam and Watergate. While the act allows for some emergency exceptions, it specifically says, "the procedures in this chapter ... shall be the exclusive means by which electronic surveillance may be conducted."

Supreme Court precedent says that when Congress has legislated in a specific area the president's authority to act in a way other than specified by law, even during wartime — which Congress was never asked to declare — is at its weakest. And the FISA law says, "A person is guilty of an offense if he intentionally engages in elec-

tronic surveillance ... except as authorized by statute."

One can understand the president authorizing some surveillances without warrant as an emergency situation seemed to warrant it. But this systematic program has been underway for four years. That's plenty of time to get Congress to adopt new procedures if they were needed. That would have been the right way to do it. Indeed, the USA Patriot Act contained a few minor tweaks to the FISA system, so getting Congress to act on new procedures was hardly out of the question.

Abraham Lincoln has been criticized, and rightfully so, for suspending the right to habeas corpus unilaterally during the Civil War. But when it became apparent the war was going to go on a while, he went to Congress and got authorization for what he had done. That's a sound precedent.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the administration wanted to undertake surveillance that the FISA court — which has refused only a handful of requests for warrants to do surveillance in the last 20 years — and Congress would not have authorized if asked to do so openly.

We hope the Judiciary Committee explores these and other questions aggressively, without the kind of grandstanding we saw during the Alito hearings, and in a format that allows plenty of time for follow-up questions and perhaps incorporates staff counsel as well as senatorial questions. The issue of whether the president deliberately broke the law — even with pure intentions — is serious enough to warrant extended exploration.

### Brandon Smith AGAINST THE GRAIN

## Bush can never be above the law

"Months after the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush secretly authorized the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on Americans and others inside the United States to search for evidence of terrorist activity without the court-approved warrants ordinarily required for domestic spying, according to government officials." This is the first paragraph of the New York Times story "Bush Lets U.S. Spy on Callers Without Courts," published Friday, Dec. 16, 2005. This story was the start of the still-ongoing debate about whether Bush's actions were legally or morally right.



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Here's the background: according to wikipedia.com, in 1978 Congress passed a law called the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) which prescribed procedures for the physical and electronic surveillance and collection of "foreign intelligence information" between or among "foreign powers." In a nutshell, this law requires our government to obtain a warrant from the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in order to legally wiretap international phone calls. Then, in 2001, the Patriot Act enhanced the FISA to include terrorism groups, not just foreign powers.

To increase effectiveness this act allows agencies like the National Security Agency (NSA) 72 hours to wiretap without a warrant, but they must receive a warrant within that 72 hour period for the tapping to remain legal.

Here's the controversy: in 2002 Bush issued an executive order giving the NSA permission to wiretap without ever obtaining warrants. This has been kept secret for over three years; not even Congress has known these warrantless wiretappings have been going on. It wasn't until a security leak and the New York Times report that this was made public.

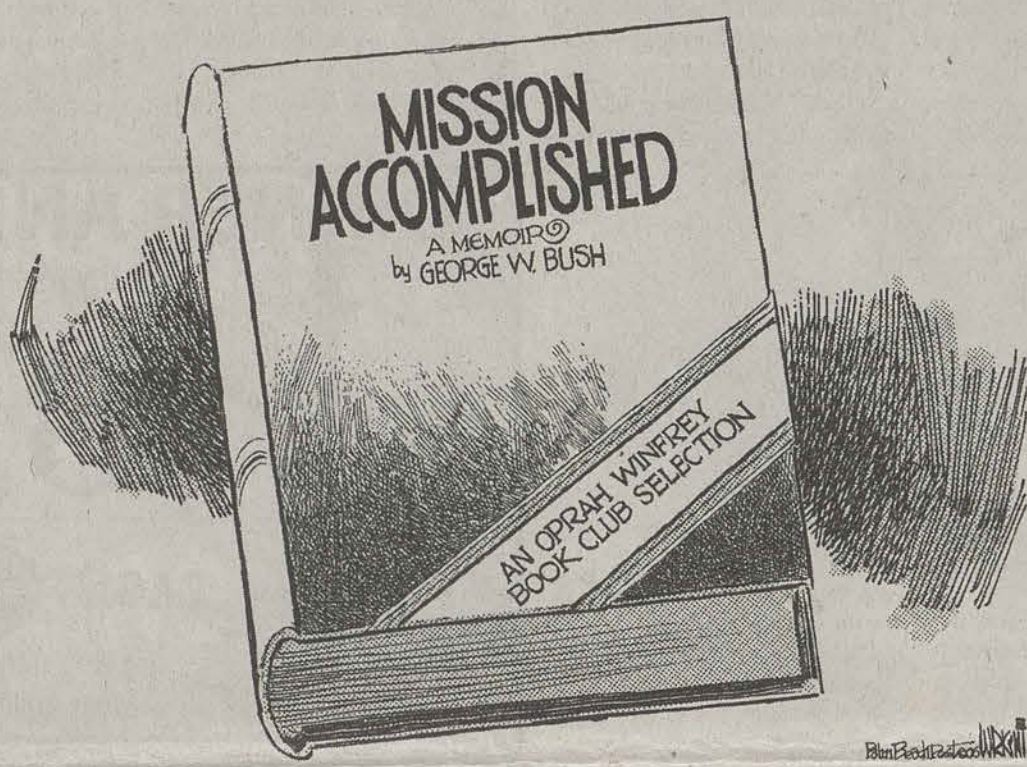
The New York Times claims that they have had this information for over a year, but were asked by the White House to keep it secret. They finally decided to step up and publicize the information, and I commend them for that. They brought light to an issue that the public, and more importantly the rest of our government, had to know about. Bush completely stepped out of line in removing the requirement for the NSA to obtain warrants from the specialized court. Our country has checks and balances for a reason. The fact that our president would go around both the judiciary and the legislative branches to invade the privacy of our citizens is nothing short of tyrannical, and is a huge blow to our country as a whole. The law that required warrants was more than sufficient.

According to nwsources.com, of the last 5,645 requests for court-ordered surveillance, only 179 have been modified and six have been rejected. This shows that the systematic and legal approach prescribed by the FISA worked smoothly and efficiently, and there was truly no reason to bypass the law.

Democrats, and even many Republicans, have raised negative opinions on Bush's secret activity. Senator John Kerry feels Bush acted wrongly and said this: "If the current system — in which a special court can approve such wiretaps, even retroactively — is inadequate, the administration can come to Congress to approve a new law." I agree with Kerry's statement completely. If Bush felt the current law was insufficient he should have approached Congress with a new plan.

It's time to take action against a president who feels he is above the law. It's time to let George Bush know once and for all that he is President. Not King.

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### Mike Kennedy: YOUR TURN

## Why do I need to be a Christian to help out?

This past Wednesday I noticed a flier stating the perfect way to spend this spring break: by helping those in need in New Orleans. What a great idea, I thought! I have wanted to help since the devastation occurred, but never really knew how I could get down there to do so until this flier.

In case you haven't seen it, it says it costs \$100 and "everyone" is welcome. The Baptist Student Union is organizing this effort. I called the number listed and a young man answered. I asked him if you have to be a Christian to go on this venture; he said no.

I asked if I had to attend church or religious services; he said no.

When I said "great," he told me that they have nightly prayer meets, which I asked if they were required and he said no, but you have to go.

I asked if you technically have to be Christian, and he said yes, and that it is required to attend the services, after all. I said that excludes me then, and hung up.

How disappointing. Christians are all the time screaming that they are being discriminated against, and they excluded me because I am not one, how crazy! How very Christian-like! I just wanted to help with the effort and not have to listen to religious doctrine in the process. I am so glad I am an atheist; at least I don't practice faith-based discrimination.

Write Mike at kennedy.mike@comcast.net.

### Chris Bates: YOUR TURN

## Morality requires a standard, higher being

Brandon Smith's recent article regarding religion and morals was truly against the grain (*Values and morals not just Christian, Monday, Jan. 19*).

I applaud the writer for thinking uniquely and slightly fading the stigma that Georgia Southern is composed of simple-minded thinkers.

As I read his article and pondered his arguments I was once again face to face with the ignorance ever present in certain arena of society and, specifically, the media.

I do concur with the writer's statement that values and morals are not singularly Christian, however I disagree that values should be of primary importance, not Christianity.

Morality is defined as being in accord with standards of right or good conduct, but what are the standards of right and good conduct? If we live in a society that asserts truth as merely relative, my morality is as good as yours.

It is imperative that we recognize morality and virtue to be based on an absolute standard. The purpose for

morality, and the reason it must be transcendent and immutable, is primarily rooted in the fact that what is "right" or "good" is for the protection and benefit of society.

Because human justice and morality are failing us daily, the only alternative or way any useful morality can exist is through an infinite all-powerful God.

Morality or good deeds without a true belief in God are worthless to those who truly understand the teaching of atheism. This is because those who understand the true end of atheism understand that there is no meaning, nothing matters and that those who are telling me to do right are just like me: they are human.

My point is that without an infinite being as an absolute standard and without something non-human, such as God, setting the standard for right and wrong, these seeming opposites can vary as situational influences shift the popular mind set.

As a result, true practical morality will decline and human values will be worthless.

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### Garrison Keillor THE OLD SCOUT

## If it's OK with them, it's fine by me

If the National Security Administration is monitoring my phone calls for quality assurance (and why shouldn't they be?) they're no doubt puzzled over conversations that go like this:

ME: Hi. Just me. HER: Where are you? ME: On my way home. HER: You're calling from the car? ME: Right. HER: You coming straight home? ME: Be there in five minutes. HER: Okay. Bye now. ME: Bye now.

"Bye now" is a common sign-off in Minnesota, short for "Goodbye for now," but to an intelligence officer, it might sound like "Final," the code name of the al-Qaida operative in Upper Hotdogistan, which might be enough to get me stuffed into an unmarked plane to Syria, where men with pantyhose over their heads will take turns bouncing on me until I tell what I know about Project Cantaloupe, which is nothing, nada, zero. And three years later I'd return home, unable to remember my own Social Security number.

But I am not going to worry about this now. Conservatives are supposed to worry about government running roughshod over individuals. That's their job. If conservatives don't give a rip about warrantless wiretaps or torture or imprisonment without trial, then why should you or I?

Fear of the NSA isn't inhibiting anybody; that's for sure. I got on a plane in Indianapolis last Sunday and half the passengers had little silver phones stuck to their ears, checking in with headquarters, reporting their position and ETA.

To me, young people, the cell phone is an innovation out of the funny papers, Dick Tracy's wrist radio now in everyone's pocket. Everyone except my stepdaughter, who believes it causes brain cancer. I saw a homeless man camped in a sleeping bag on the steps of a church, his shopping cart parked nearby, and he was mumbling into a cell phone. Which is perfectly reasonable, homeless people having no way to hook up a regular phone, but what about Trappist monks? What about cowpokes and deckhands and poets and all the classic lonely guys? The hobo highbaling through Utah: Does he sit in his boxcar and talk to his mom in Peoria?

I remember, young people, a time in our nation's history when people walked down the street quietly thinking their own thoughts. Persons of that era — an era that produced Joseph Heller's "Catch-22," J.F. Powers' "Morte D'Urban," and "Searchin'" by Leiber & Stoller and recorded by the Coasters — were able to live in their own heads a good deal of the time.

I don't say that's a good thing necessarily.

Soon we'll have 14-digit telephone numbers, and then 20- and 25-digit. You can't remember 25 digits, so if you lose your cell phone on the plane, you'll be in big trouble. You'll need to locate a surviving payphone, perhaps in a dusty alcove under the stairs, and get some coins by breaking a twenty at Starbucks, purchasing the venti latte with 2 percent and a shot of rhubarb flavoring. You dial Information. You get an operator with a Bengali accent and you ask for a number in Minnesota and she asks you to spell it. And then an electronic lady's voice spits out the 25 digits as you balance the latte in the arm that your laptop bag is slung over and you write seven digits on the palm of your left hand before the ballpoint runs out of ink and a big hand clamps on your shoulder. A bullet-headed man in a black jumpsuit takes you away in an SUV. Those seven digits correspond to Arabic letters that spell "Tuesday," and for the next three days interrogators sit on you and ask what heinous things you're cooking up.

I'd rather not go there, young people. You go. I'll stay here.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - At first it seems like the task you're facing is impossible. As you get into it, however, you will find a way.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't make assumptions, or rely on others, especially early. Too many changes are going on.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - An unexpected development related to your work disrupts your travel plans. Watch out

for that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Not a good time to travel, not a good time to gamble - wait until tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Conditions are unstable now. Others seem to be in control. It's up to you to keep things going in the right direction.

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- Today is a 7 - Don't believe everything you hear today. Even reliable sources could have the facts wrong. Don't gossip, either.

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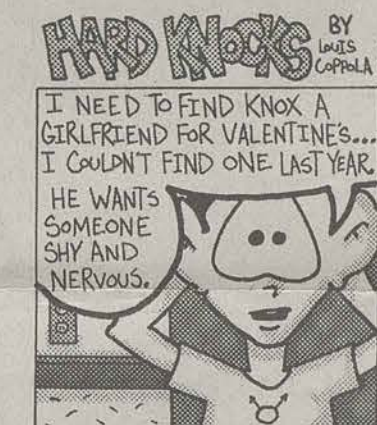
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# SPORTS

The GSU baseball team's season starts on Saturday against the University of North Florida at J.I. Clements Stadium.

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Chad Bishop

THE WEDNESDAY SMACK

## Awakening of the spring fan Crazies

Shhh.... did you hear that? Listen. Did you hear that rustle of leaves? That twig snap under distant footsteps? There's someone (or something, or somethings) approaching.

They are a group of young men (and women) who are clearing their throats, massaging their larynxes and hardening their posteriors for another long spring of America's favorite pastime.

They have gained an infamous reputation for making a certain stadium on a certain campus certainly uneasy for the visitors who happen to enter its confines.

They emerge the first weekend of February with the foremost intention of making collegiate first basemen weep like willows and coaches of that same position want to crawl into a hole and forget their wasted lives. They have been reprimanded by elders, Student-Athlete Services personnel and Athletic Directors alike.

They have become in the fear of every Southern Conference foe, and the urban legend of their existence has spread throughout the Eastern seaboard.

You may hear the echoes of some of their greatest hits, such as: "Hey coach, you're washed up!" or "Hey first base! How about a salad!?" and everyone's favorite, "Heeere coooooome the MIDGETS!!!"

(Ask the University of Buffalo about that last one.)

So Saturday afternoon at the beautiful and glorious J.I. Clements Stadium, nestled between Brannen and Cone Halls, at approximately 1:30 p.m., this mythological faction of "crazy", sometimes lewd, but often amusing baseball fans will awake.

## Newton receives SoCon Player of the Week

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern senior Nicole Newton has been named the Baden Southern Conference women's basketball Player of the Week.

Newton, a native of Dublin, Ga., earns the award for the second time in her career.

In two games last week, she averaged 23 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, leading the Lady Eagles to a 2-0 record.

In GSU's 65-48 win over Furman, Newton poured in 22 points, 16 in the second half, and just missed out on a double-double with nine rebounds. The victory snapped a six-game losing streak to the Lady Paladins.

Monday night Newton tied her

career high with 24 points, shooting 12-for-17 from the floor, and set a new personal-high with six steals.

She also dished out two assists and had one block, marking the second straight game she tallied at least one assist, block and steal in the same game.

Her 46 combined points are the highest two-game total in her career.

Newton ranks second in the SoCon in points per game (14.3) and third in rebounds per contest (8.5).

GSU (9-11, 6-5) head back out on the road this weekend playing at Elon Saturday and UNC Greensboro Monday.



Jared Sitt/STAFF

Senior Nicole Newton averaged 23 points and 7.5 rebounds during the last two games, both wins for the Eagles. Newton ranks second in the conference in points and third in rebounds.

### NOTES

SoCon Men Standings as of 1/31

North Division		
STANDINGS	W-L	W-L
Elon	6-2	10-11
Chattanooga	4-4	13-10
Western Carolina	4-4	10-13
UNC Greensboro	3-5	10-12
Appalachian State	3-5	9-12

South Division		
STANDINGS	W-L	W-L
Davidson	6-2	13-7
Coll. of Charleston	6-3	13-7
Furman	5-3	12-8
<b>Ga. Southern</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>14-7</b>
Wofford	3-5	7-14
The Citadel	0-9	6-15

SoCon Women Standings as of 1/31

	W-L	W-L
Chattanooga	11-0	17-3
Davidson	7-4	11-9
UNC Greensboro	6-5	10-10
Charleston	6-5	9-10
<b>Ga. Southern</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>9-11</b>
Appalachian St.	5-5	9-10
Elon	4-7	9-11
Furman	3-7	7-13
Western Carolina	4-7	4-16
Wofford	2-8	6-13

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## Steeler to make trip back to homeland

By Alan Robinson  
Staff writer

Hines Ward is taking the trip of an NFL player's lifetime to the Super Bowl. It's the visit he's wanted to make since first playing youth football in Atlanta and, because of two AFC championship game losses, one he feared he might never achieve.

As much as reaching Detroit means to the Pittsburgh Steelers' four-time Pro Bowl receiver, the journey he takes in April will be equally significant for a much different reason.

For the first time in his adult life, Ward is traveling back to South Korea.

One of the few Asian-heritage stars in NFL history, he's planning a two-week vacation there accompanied by the mother, Kim Young-hee, who came to America in the 1970s to be with her GI husband.

This is about saying thanks to a mother who didn't know English when she moved to the United States, but knew of things far more important: the value of trust, honesty, hard work, loyalty.

And, most of all, of love.

"My mom is why I'm here today," Ward said Monday, shortly after the Steelers arrived in Detroit. "My mom worked her tail off for me. She taught me how important it is to work hard. I'm not here if it's not for my mom."

To really bring out the emotions in Ward, one needs only to mention his mother. Ward invariably gets misty-eyed talking about her, as if he can't

believe how lucky someone could be to have a mother like his.

Young-hee must feel the same way about her son.

Shortly after coming to the United States, she and her husband divorced, leaving her in a country whose culture and language she didn't understand and with a young son and no way to support him.

To raise Hines, Young-hee often worked three jobs nearly around the clock, taking breaks only to sleep for a few hours and to go home to get her son up in the morning and make sure he had dinner.

Ward didn't have a father to lean on. He says he has no communication with him today, but he did have direction.

Even as his football career took off at Forest Park High near Atlanta, his mother made him concentrate on academics, and Ward received excellent grades.

When Ward came to the NFL as a third-round draft pick in 1998 but, in essence, a man without a position, he threw himself into his work.

Ward's background may explain why he often plays with an edge uncommon for a skill position player.

"My mom never gave up," Ward said. "She did everything she could for me, worked three jobs. She worked her tail off."

"I could never pay my mother back for what she did for me," Ward said.

## NBA slam dunk contest

Hawks forward Josh Smith aims to be first to win consecutive slam dunk contests

Associated Press

Atlanta Hawks forward Josh Smith could become the third player to win consecutive NBA slam dunk contests when he participates in the event during All-Star weekend.

Michael Jordan won back-to-back competitions in 1987-88 and Jason Richardson did it in 2002-03.

Joining Smith in the contest this year will be Andre Iguodala of the Philadelphia 76ers, New York Knicks 5-foot-9 guard Nate Robinson and Hakim Warrick of the Memphis

Grizzlies.

Judges for the event, scheduled for Feb. 18 in Houston, all have ties to the Houston Rockets.

Clyde Drexler, Moses Malone, Elvin Hayes and Kenny Smith were all stars for the team and former coach Rudy Tomjanovich led the Rockets to two NBA titles.

The winner will receive \$35,000, the runner-up gets \$22,500 and the third and fourth finishers get \$16,125 each.

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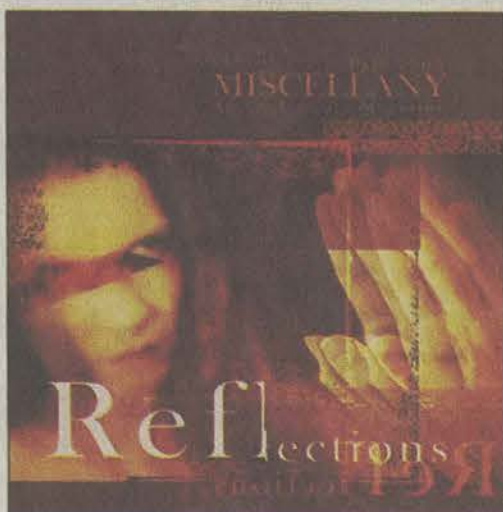
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