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THE GEORGE-ANNE

DAILY

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

Willow Bend water runs dry

Big bills leave residents without water;
apartment complex refuses commentBy Rachel McDaniel
News editor

More than 100 residents of the Willow Bend apartment complex were left without water Wednesday morning.

Residents say the water was shut off without notice, and they have been presented with bills totalling several hundred dollars.

Both the bills and lack of water have left some residents angry, asking questions and finding answers to be in short supply.

"They could have forewarned people about this, because a lot of families with children live here," said Tamara Morris, a biology and education major. "My roommate said they came by and cut the water off and she couldn't make bottles for her baby, use the rest room or clean up."

Though no one from Willow Bend is talking to the media, residents suggest the complex cut the water off because their bills were unpaid. Those residents say they were under the impression that their water was included in the monthly rent.

Resident Levon Rawls, a GSU graduate, said he was never notified of owing water bills, and when signing the

"They didn't give us any written warning, and we never got a single bill saying we owe anything for water."

Levon Rawls
Willow Bend resident

lease there was a verbal agreement that water would be included in the rent.

In a copy of a residents' lease obtained by The George-Anne, it states that residents are responsible for paying water services at the residence.

"They didn't give us any written warning, and we never got a single bill saying we owe anything for water," said Rawls. "This is the first we've heard about owing for water. They went door to door and actually put a lock on the water in the apartments."

Rawls wrote a petition against the water cut-off for his neighbors to sign after speaking with the magistrate court, the water company, off campus housing authorities, the Better Business Bureau and the Statesboro police.

"The magistrate court said go to the

police because by law the maintenance workers should not be able to turn off any utilities without litigation," said Rawls. "They didn't give us any written warning and we never got a single bill saying we owe anything for water," he said. "There was no warning. This is the first we've heard about owing for water."

The Willow Bend leasing office was full of complaining residents throughout the day.

"I don't have time to talk to you right now," said manager of Willow Bend Brandy Wells. Eagle Realty and Investment Company refused to comment as well.

One tenant said problems with the apartments go beyond this most recent snafu.

"There are a lot of things wrong with the apartment," said Kanetria Mason, a junior computer engineering major, who said she thought the maintenance man had arrived to fix items she filled out work requests for.

"We put in the first maintenance request in August when I first moved in and I went back in November and had to fill out another maintenance request because they couldn't find the other one."



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Dwelle Terrence, a utility worker from the City of Statesboro, works at Willow Bend Apartments where 100 or more residence were without water after the complex shuttered service for unpaid bills the students say they never received.

Month of events
aims to make GSU
women more awareBy Kelly Jones
Staff writer

The month of March will highlight Women's Awareness with events all over campus. The Multicultural Student Center will help students become aware of the issues and experiences of every woman during Women's Awareness Month.

"The Women's Awareness program started out as being only a week and has now grown to a month at Georgia Southern," said Amy Anderson, director of MAP. "During the month, events will bring in all aspects of being a woman in today's culture."

The month will kick off with a Women's Awareness Month Read-in on Wednesday, March 1 and will focus on African-American women like Zora Neale Hurston. On Friday March 3, mechanics from Cleve White's Nissan dealership will present "Car Care for Women," which will teach basic car care.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Week, there will be awareness programs. One event, the Clothesline Project, addresses the issue of violence against women by allowing them to create a free t-shirt to be hung on a clothesline at the Rotunda for all to see. The annual "Take Back the Night" march and rally will begin at the Hanner Fieldhouse and end at the Rotunda on March 8.

The play "For Colored Girls Who

GETTING INVOLVED

The annual "Take Back the Night" march and rally will begin at the Hanner Fieldhouse and end at the Rotunda on March 8 starting at dusk.

Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf" will explore what it means for a woman of color in modern times. Students can catch a showing on March 23 and 30 at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

A self defense class will be taught by GSU student Kajsa Magnusson on March 28. Physical demonstrations and role-playing will show women how to be aware of their surroundings and interactions with others.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the Multicultural Student Center at 912-681-5409.

Many campus groups work together to sponsor Women's Awareness Month, including the Women's Awareness Month Committee, Women and Gender Studies, Career Services, Anthropology and Sociology Department, ReVision, College of Education, JEDI Fellowship, Center for International Studies, Counseling Center, Office for Institutional Compliance, Theatre and Performance Art Club, Communication Arts Department, Sexual Assault Response Team, and the Multicultural Student Center.



Victor Martinez/STAFF

Orange fencing blocks off the future location of an amphitheater.

Construction makes
way for amphitheater

Space for outdoor
classes to be located
near Newton Bldg.

By Rachel McDaniel
News editor

The Newton building has been surrounded by orange tape for some time now, but the outdoor amphitheater project is beginning to take shape. In the next few weeks, an outside amphitheater and landscaping upgrades will be completed. A three level grass terrace will provide a spot for students to sit.

"It's going to be a pretty good addition to the building. I just hope everybody bears with us during the construction," said GSU architect Myron Powell. "It's going to be a real nice area out there for students,

especially when the weather is nice like this."

According to GSU Landscape Architect Chuck Taylor, there were several reasons to create the terrace. He said a steep slope in front of the building caused difficulty in cutting grass, rainwater going down the hill caused flooding around the building and it was time to update the landscaping.

"There will be three tiers. We wanted to create retainer, terraced walls that can function as an informal outdoor amphitheater," said Taylor. "Part of the project was to restore and upgrade the landscape in that area and improve the area. The kiosk was taken down and there's going to be a flowerbed in that space."

Teachers in the Newton building are interested in the changes. "I think it's a pretty cool idea, and I

see AMPITHEATER, page 9



Special photos

TODAY

High: 79 | Low: 52
Cloudy/windy

FRIDAY

High: 73 | Low: 44
Partly cloudy

SATURDAY

High: 65 | Low: 40
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High: 65 | Low: 44
Partly cloudy

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CORRECTION

Greek organizations will hold a swingathon for the Joseph Home for Boys from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday outside the Landrum Center. A story in Wednesday's paper listed the times incorrectly.

Enjoy Caribbean dancing

The United Caribbean Association sponsors variety show



Special Photo

A dancer from last year's Caribbean festival.

By Molly O'Hearon
Staff writer

The United Caribbean Association (UCA) will hold a Caribbean variety show on Monday Mar. 6, entitled the "More Fyah Show."

This is the third year the UCA has sponsored a celebration of Caribbean culture.

The show will be held in the Russell Union Ballroom at 7 p.m. Monday.

The event will feature belly dancing, Caribbean folklore, singing, fashion, skits, hip-hop and much more.

The evening will include elaborate costumes, cultural music and colorful scenery.

One Caribbean dance, the

Merengue, is part of a music scene that emerged in the 1960s with the advent of salsa, a mambo-type dance music brought from Cuba and Puerto Rico via New York.

Salsa, as explained by Caribbean band leader Jose Claudio, is a highly improvised, multi-step dance music driven by congas, bass and timbales.

Salsa is built around a clave, the name of both a musical instrument and an Afro-Caribbean beat that Claudio says is easier to feel than to describe. Tickets to the variety show are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets will be on sale at the Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the week.

"The show is going to be blaz-

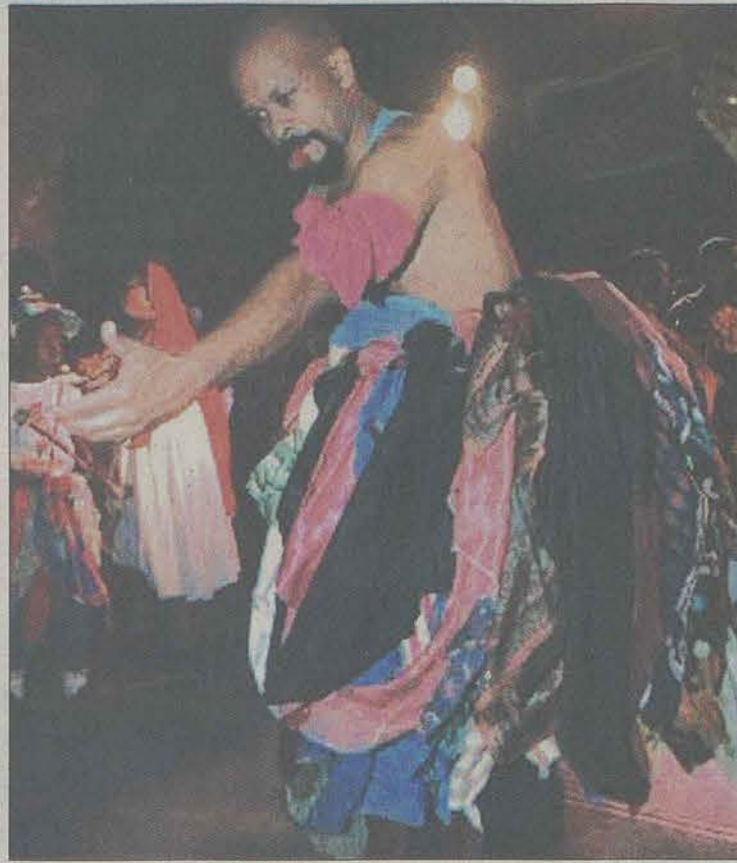
ing. There will be fyah, fyah and more fyah," said Avril Mitchell, UCA public relations representative. "The show will be a representation of our Caribbean culture."

The UCA is collaborating with PReStige, a student-operated public relations firm, to promote the event.

In addition to the show, the UCA will also hold other events during the week of Mar. 1-6. The theme for the week is "5 days of blaze."

"The event is one where cultural students can display their many talents," said Mitchell.

For more information on the "More Fyah Show," e-mail prestige_gsu@yahoo.com.



Special Photo

Dancers on the Caribbean island of St. Bethelamy.

Ogeechee area walk for hospice

Local groups raise money at Mill Creek Park to fund hospice care

By Koelling Borneman
Staff writer

The first annual Ogeechee Area Hospice Walk will take place on Saturday, March 4, at Mill Creek Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9 a.m.. Money raised through the walk will be used for daily care of the hospice's patients and their families.

The Ogeechee Area Hospice provides care for the terminally ill and their families by offering services such as symptom management, education, bereavement counseling, and many others. The hospice provides care so the end-stages of a patient's life can be as comfortable and fulfilling as possible.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, an insurance company, and the Omega Phi Alphas, a service sorority on campus attempting to meet requirements

to receive their official charter, are co-sponsoring the event.

"Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has donated to Ogeechee Area Hospice in the past, but we wanted to do more. Walking is something that is fun to do with others and doesn't require a special skill. As an added bonus, Thrivent will be matching funds raised by the walk," said Vonnie Rutherford, Hospice Walk Committee Chair.

In addition to door prizes and free health screenings provided by Georgia Southern Nursing students, Dunkin' Donuts will provide doughnuts and coffee for breakfast and Subway will provide a light lunch.

Door prizes and goodie bags will be handed out throughout the walk. In addition, the individuals who bring in the most pledge money or donations will receive a prize and all pre-registered walkers will receive a t-shirt.

"Planning for the walk has been lots of fun and very successful thus far. We are so thankful to all the businesses and individuals who have donated promotional items, food, monetary donations and more. We can't say enough about the outpouring of community support for this project," said Abbie Williford, Ogeechee Area Hospice Community Relations Coordinator.

A \$20 fee is required per walker to participate, but walkers are encouraged to raise pledges, and additional donations are welcome. There is no deadline to sign up, and walkers can register at the park on the morning of the walk if they prefer.

For more information about the First Annual Ogeechee Area Hospice Walk or to obtain a registration form, please call Abbie Williford or Marne Thompson at 912-764-8441.



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Workers install linoleum next to an empty pool at Hanner during renovations last semester.

Spring swimming classes at Hanner and Splash in the 'Boro

By Brittany Hall
Staff writer

With warmer months on the way, swim lessons are being offered for kids and adults.

Aquatic Director Bridget Melton said he wanted to teach kids at an early age to swim, and so began the Aquatic Clinical Experience (ACE). The ACE began in 2000 and was sponsored by Georgia Southern's Department of Health and Kinesiology in order to increase water safety awareness in the community.

"It is important for every child to have a positive water experience at a young age, as early as six months," said Melton. "It's a matter of safety. Even very small children can learn to be comfortable in the water."

GSU will offer classes to kids from the ages of six months to 14 years-old in different class settings depending on the child's age and experience level. Classes will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. and will run for four weeks. Those sessions will run March 21- April 13 and May 4- May 11. A set of Saturday morning

classes will run at 10 a.m. for nine weeks from March 4- April 29.

To calm uneasy infants, toddlers or even parents, Parent-N-Tot classes are available to keep the experience a positive one. "This experience will help them feel comfortable and safe in and around water," said Melton. "This will also lead to a positive experience in future swimming lessons."

The classes are offered to kids aged six months to five years and the classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Each session costs \$50, is open to the public and is held at the Hanner Fieldhouse pool. Adult lessons are offered in private and group settings and can be scheduled through the ACE program.

Splash in the Boro water park also offers swim lessons for kids and adults. "Kid's skill levels and comfort need to be raised, and that's what our lessons offer," said Steve Brown, aquatic director for Splash in the Boro. Classes at Splash in the Boro are based on the child or adult's experience and age and infant-parent lessons are available for infants and preschool age.

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OSCARS ROUNDUP

We predict who will ride off with the Academy's top honors this year

By CHRIS HEWITT
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Are the Oscars about satisfying dreams or shattering them?

When informed of his best-actor nomination, "Hustle and Flow's" Terrence Howard said, "From the moment ... you decide to be an actor, whether you are 6 or 15 or 20, you watch the Oscars, hoping they will call your name. Right now, I am a physical manifestation of that hope and dream." But what happens to that dream when you lose, as roughly 80 percent of the nominees will when the awards are handed out March 5?

The Academy Awards try to downplay the losing thing, having eliminated "and the winner is" several years ago for the less competitive "and the Oscar goes to," but there's no getting around the fact that a lot of energy is spent in an attempt to be one of the lucky one-fifth. They used to be a little Hollywood affair, but now the Oscars are huge, and campaigning is as much a part of the race as expert prognostications.

In that spirit, here's my guide to who will win the 78th Academy Awards. But don't think of them as winners. Think of them as manifestations of a hope and a dream.

BEST PICTURE

Since audiences first saw it at the Toronto Film Festival last September, "Brokeback Mountain" has looked like a front-runner for the big Oscar, and none of the subsequent contenders seem likely to change that. "Capote" boasts a performance everybody loves, but it's a movie nobody does. "Good Night, and Good Luck" lacks the scope and ambition of a best picture. For a time, the Steven Spielberg pedigree made "Munich" look like a contender, but its hopes faded the minute it opened, when it became clear it was a thorny, complicated film, not the sort of easy-answers melodrama Oscar voters usually go for. "Crash" is that sort of movie — but the super-aggressive awards campaign that took it from minor contender to major player smells a little desperate, like an attempt to convince voters they loved a movie that they just kinda liked. Meanwhile, "Brokeback" remains the same classy, plainspoken powerhouse it was in September.

■ **WILL WIN:** "Brokeback Mountain"
■ **SHOULD WIN:** "Brokeback Mountain"

BEST DIRECTOR



Ang Lee

Even if another movie manages to upset "Brokeback Mountain" for best picture, director Ang Lee will win. Here's why: He's due, having turned out a string of classy films that includes "Sense and Sensibility" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." He's historic, since he'll become the first Asian-American to win best director (and the first person of color). And he's worthy, since his quiet, compassionate sensibility infuses the acting, the look, the music and every other aspect of "Brokeback." Every one else is a runner-up.

Heath Ledger, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal star in "Brokeback Mountain."

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BEST PICTURE

- ☐ "Brokeback Mountain"
- ☐ "Capote"
- ☐ "Crash"
- ☐ "Good Night, and Good Luck"
- ☐ "Munich"

BEST DIRECTOR

- ☐ Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"
- ☐ Bennett Miller, "Capote"
- ☐ Paul Haggis, "Crash"
- ☐ George Clooney, "Good Night, and Good Luck"
- ☐ Steven Spielberg, "Munich"

BEST ACTOR

- ☐ Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"
- ☐ Terrence Howard, "Hustle and Flow"
- ☐ Heath Ledger, "Brokeback Mountain"
- ☐ Joaquin Phoenix, "Walk the Line"

BEST ACTRESS

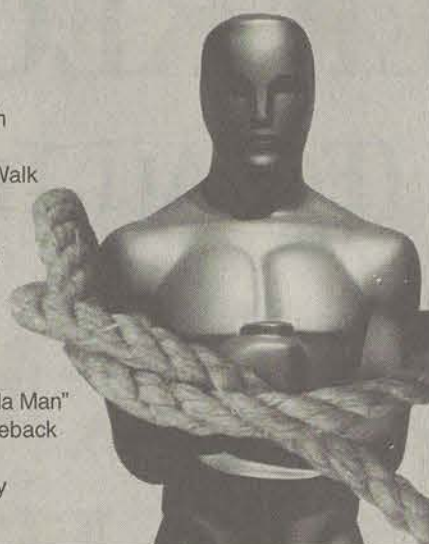
- ☐ David Strathairn, "Good Night, and Good Luck"
- ☐ Judi Dench, "Mrs. Henderson Presents"
- ☐ Felicity Huffman, "Transamerica"
- ☐ Keira Knightley, "Pride and Prejudice"
- ☐ Charlize Theron, "North Country"
- ☐ Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- ☐ George Clooney, "Syriana"
- ☐ Matt Dillon, "Crash"
- ☐ Paul Giamatti, "Cinderella Man"
- ☐ Jake Gyllenhaal, "Brokeback Mountain"
- ☐ William Hurt, "A History of Violence"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- ☐ Amy Adams, "Junebug"
- ☐ Catherine Keener, "Capote"
- ☐ Frances McDormand, "North Country"
- ☐ Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"
- ☐ Michelle Williams, "Brokeback Mountain"



George Clooney, who has better shots with his other two nominations (for supporting actor and original screenplay); Steven Spielberg, whose awards for "Saving Private Ryan" and "Schindler's List" aren't ready for a ménage à Oscar; Bennett Miller, whose "Capote" is the weakest of the bunch; and Paul Haggis, who is seen more as a writer (he also wrote "Crash") than a director.

■ **WILL WIN:** Ang Lee, "Brokeback Mountain"
■ **SHOULD WIN:** Lee

BEST ACTOR

This would have been a great year for some worthy, un-Oscared veteran to claim an award, because all of this year's nominees are the sort of talented, relatively young men who get shunted aside so Harrison Ford, Robert Redford or James Earl Jones can finally win. But none of them were in good movies last year, and David Strathairn — worthy and un-Oscared but better known in New York than Hollywood — isn't going to pick up the big prize for his modest work in "Good Night, and Good Luck." Among the whippersnappers, Heath Ledger was looking good in this category but his momentum has slipped. Terrence Howard's nomination for "Hustle and Flow" feels more like an acknowledgment-of-past/prediction-of-future excellence. In another year, Joaquin Phoenix's performance in "Walk the Line" would be recognized for its skill and degree of difficulty, but, apparently the feeling is this work is too similar to what winner Jamie Foxx did last year in "Ray." Which leaves "Capote's" Philip Seymour Hoffman. His performance is a technical feat almost as impressive as

Phoenix's, and he's one of the most popular actors in the business, to boot.

■ **WILL WIN:** Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Capote"

■ **SHOULD WIN:** Joaquin Phoenix, "Walk the Line"

BEST ACTRESS



Reese Witherspoon

Rule out Judi Dench, nominated for a charmingly lightweight performance in "Mrs. Henderson Presents." Forget about recent winner Charlize Theron in "North Country," a movie that didn't light the world on fire. And Keira Knightley will have to consider it an honor just to be nominated for "Pride and Prejudice." Despite the brevity of her film resume, Felicity Huffman has a shot at the Oscar because her performance as a man in the midst of becoming a woman in "Transamerica" is both a showy stunt and a subtle, deeply felt piece of acting. But Huffman may not be a formidable enough contender to stop Reese Witherspoon, who is viewed as a future-of-Hollywood nominee, gives a great performance and has done a tireless job of giving interviews that remind Oscar voters how hard she worked to learn to sing.

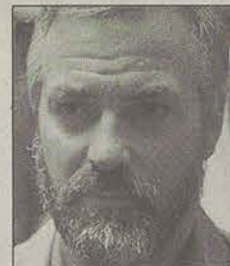
■ **WILL WIN:** Reese Witherspoon, "Walk the Line"

■ **SHOULD WIN:** Charlize Theron, "North Country"

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Much has been written about the brevity of William Hurt's supporting performance in "A History of Violence" and his appearance on the Oscar telecast will be even briefer — nonexistent, in fact, since he has no chance of winning. The other four are legit contenders, though, in what's easily the most up-in-the-air of the major categories. Will it be Jake Gyllenhaal? He's in the opposite situation from Hurt — his role is so huge that he would probably be in the best actor category if "Brokeback's" studio hadn't campaigned for him in supporting. Will it be Matt Dillon, a long-time actor/first-time nominee who's in last year's little movie that could? Will it be Paul Giamatti, a sentimental favorite whose previous slights (he should have been nominated for both "Sideways" and "American Splendor") seem to be overshadowing his performance in the not-beloved "Cinderella Man"? Will it be George Clooney, who went the attention-getting gain-a-ton-of-weight route while making "Syriana"? I'm torn between the last two, but I'm thinking Clooney, since Oscar voters obviously want to give him something and since this category may be his clearest shot at victory.

■ **WILL WIN:** George Clooney, "Syriana"
■ **SHOULD WIN:** Paul Giamatti, "Cinderella Man"

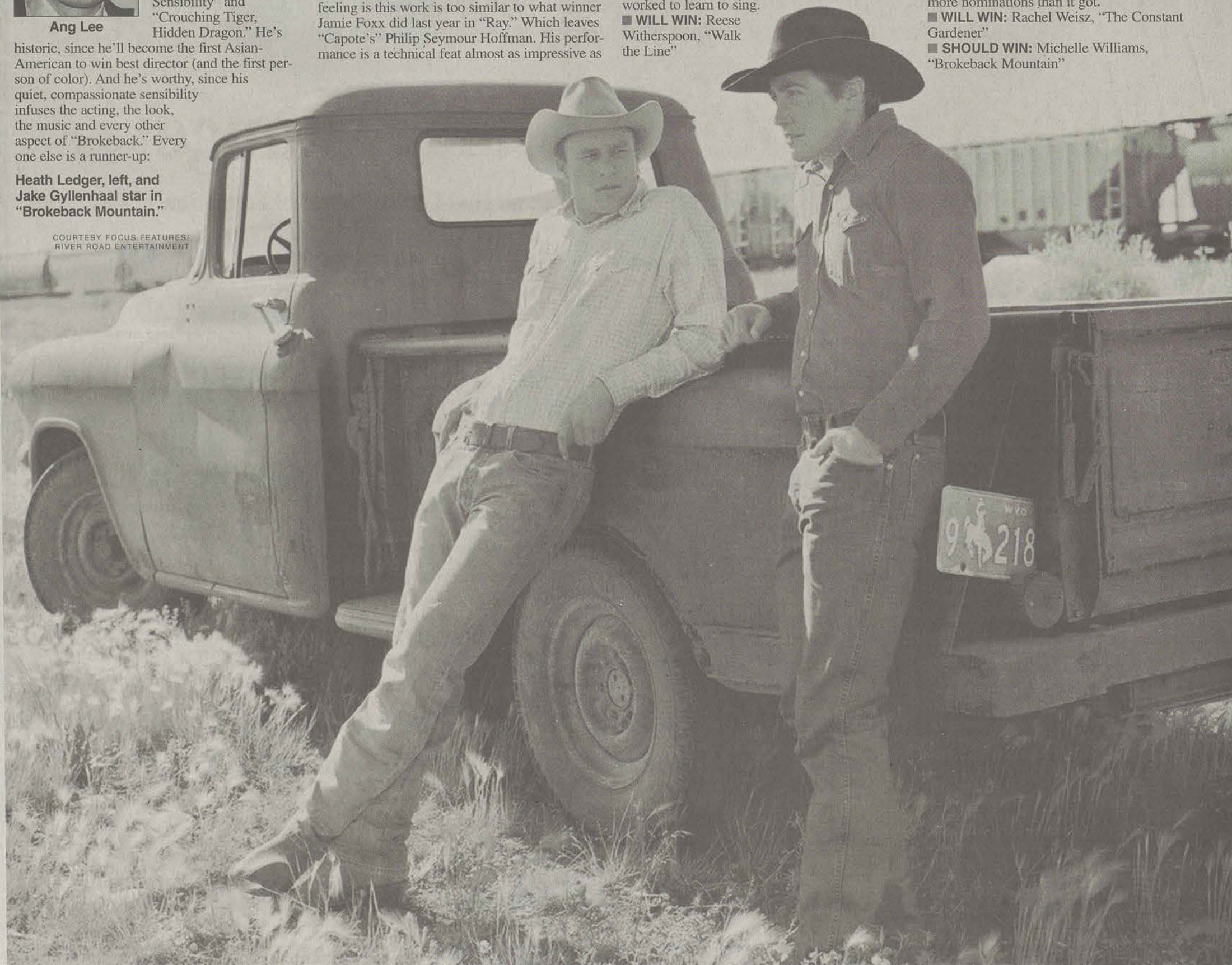


George Clooney

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Frances McDormand has one thing in her favor: Other actors love, love, love her. But she might be quitting the business altogether, doesn't care about the Oscars and didn't even do publicity when "North Country" was released. The second-most-likely actress in this category must be Catherine Keener, who snagged a nomination for "Capote," despite having almost nothing to do in the film. She won't snag a trophy. Amy Adams is the sort of fresh face who has often scored an upset in this category, and her performance in "Junebug" probably has the biggest impact of any in this category, but the movie has no profile whatsoever. Michelle Williams' performance in "Brokeback Mountain" is a model of subtlety. But the buzz from Hollywood is that Rachel Weisz was a classy fixture on the pre-Oscar party circuit, giving one gracious speech after another as she soaked up the affection for "The Constant Gardener," a movie that deserved more nominations than it got.

■ **WILL WIN:** Rachel Weisz, "The Constant Gardener"
■ **SHOULD WIN:** Michelle Williams, "Brokeback Mountain"



THE BIG STORY

Evacuated New Orleans congregation establishes new church in Georgia

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
Associated Press

DECATUR — Hurricane Katrina brought grief and loss to Zelda Richard and her family — it even drove them from their New Orleans home. But after they evacuated to Georgia, their local church followed.

"We lost some of our friends, family and everything we cherished," Richard says. "Church was the one thing that made us feel connected and gave us a sense of home."

Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church was a major congregation in New Orleans with 20,000 members at three locations. The largest was destroyed in Katrina's floodwaters, while the others sustained minor

damage.

With many in his flock not planning to move back, Bishop Paul Morton decided to come to them. He's opened a permanent church in suburban Atlanta to serve the spiritual needs of those who have found a new life hundreds of miles from their once-flooded homes.

"We wanted to be one church in two cities," Morton said.

Morton said he had no plans to start a new church outside New Orleans, but eventually felt compelled to lay down roots somewhere where he could help evacuees.

Under the same name of his ministry in New Orleans, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church opened its doors in an abandoned strip mall in Decatur.



Bishop Paul Morton, pastor of Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church, reacts after cutting the ribbon to open his new church in Decatur during a ceremony, Sunday, Jan. 30.

AP Photo/Gregory Smith

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Friends gather for McWedding in Ohio

1 FAIRBORN, Ohio — Do you take this man—and do you want fries with that?

A couple from the Dayton, Ohio, area got married under the golden arches. They exchanged their vows this week at the McDonald's in Fairborn where they work together and met three years ago.

Trisha Lynn Esteppe says she and Tyree Henderson couldn't imagine a more romantic spot to hold their wedding. So, Monday afternoon they walked down a white aisle laid on the restaurant's floor and had a traditional ceremony—not far from the counter where customers continued to place their orders for Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets.

They were married by the Reverend James Hartman, who says his first fast-food wedding was "just wonderful."

DNA tests ordered for urine in toolbox

2 BATON ROUGE, La. — A Baton Rouge hospital, hoping to get to the bottom of an office prank, is ordering 25 employees to undergo DNA testing or be terminated.

Leaders at Woman's Hospital say a man who works in Building Operations returned from several weeks off to find that someone had placed urine in his toolbox.

After hearing of the incident, hospital administrators sent a memo to 25 employees who also work there telling them that DNA testing would be done unless someone came forward admitting guilt.

Since no one came forward, the hospital said the DNA testing will begin within the next few weeks.

The DNA testing, to be conducted by ReliaGene Technologies of New Orleans, will cost the hospital \$25,000, he said.

Shoeshine man donates \$100,000

3 PITTSBURGH, Pa. — A man who started shining shoes at a hospital in 1982 set a goal of donating \$100,000 in tips to the hospital's fund for poor children.

Albert Lexie on Tuesday was honored by Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for reaching that milestone.

Lexie, 63, of Monessen, received a commemorative plaque; a second plaque will be placed at the hospital.

Lexie charges \$3 for a shoe-shine, which he does at the hospital using a box he built at age 15 in his high school shop class.

He takes a bus to the hospital twice a week and donates tips from his business to the Free Care Fund, which allows children to receive medical care regardless of their family's ability to pay.



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Teens charged in warehouse fire

MONROE — Police in Monroe arrested a 17-year-old and were looking Wednesday for a 12-year-old accomplice in a fire that destroyed a warehouse in northeast Georgia containing the household belongings of deployed soldiers. Police Sgt. Diana Campbell said the teen, identified as Brandon Ellis is charged with arson and burglary. He made a first appearance Wednesday before a Walton County magistrate judge, who set bond at \$34,000. Ellis remained in the county jail Wednesday. The 12-year-old boy faces the same charges, Campbell said.

THE NATION

Senate advances patriot act renewal

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday agreed to add to the Patriot Act new curbs on the government's power to pry into private records, moving President Bush's antiterror law a step closer to renewal before key provisions expire next week. But even as it progressed on a 95-4 vote, some Democrats complained that the limits would be virtually meaningless in practice and sought to add even stronger privacy protections.

THE WORLD

Bush confident Bin Laden will be caught

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Bush, on an unannounced visit to Afghanistan, vowed Wednesday to stand by this emerging democracy and not "cut and run" in the face of rising violence. He also predicted Osama bin Laden would be captured despite a futile five-year hunt. "I'm confident he will be brought to justice," Bush said, standing alongside Afghan President Hamid Karzai outside the presidential palace.

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Mystic Arts Horoscope

Today's Birthday (03-02-06). The money's coming in, but take care. You could spend it faster than you get it, if you're not careful. Go ahead, take a few classes and have some fun, but don't even try to impress people by buying them things. That won't work.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Conditions are unstable, with the possibility of wide mood swings. Tempers are short, so the odds for hurt feelings are high. Save all controversial topics for later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A target you've been shooting at seems to be getting farther away. Could it be? Yes, it could. Adjust your sites.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Friends are eager to tell you how you ought to spend your money. Do not follow this advice. Stall.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Ask questions. Inves-

tigate in depth. Confer with experts, but don't try to change an older person yet. Let it happen naturally.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Resist the temptation to dump the project you're working on. Just do it. No more excuses will be allowed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Tempers are short and money is scarce, not a good combination. If you can't scrimp and save any more, find a way to increase your income.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Over the next few weeks, review the way you're allotting your time. Are you creating art at least an hour a day? If not, do.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You've always been a highly energetic person, some would say. Be careful today and tomorrow. You're borderline frantic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - For the next several weeks, you'll have a passion for cleaning up old messes. This is a good thing, once you get over your initial resistance.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

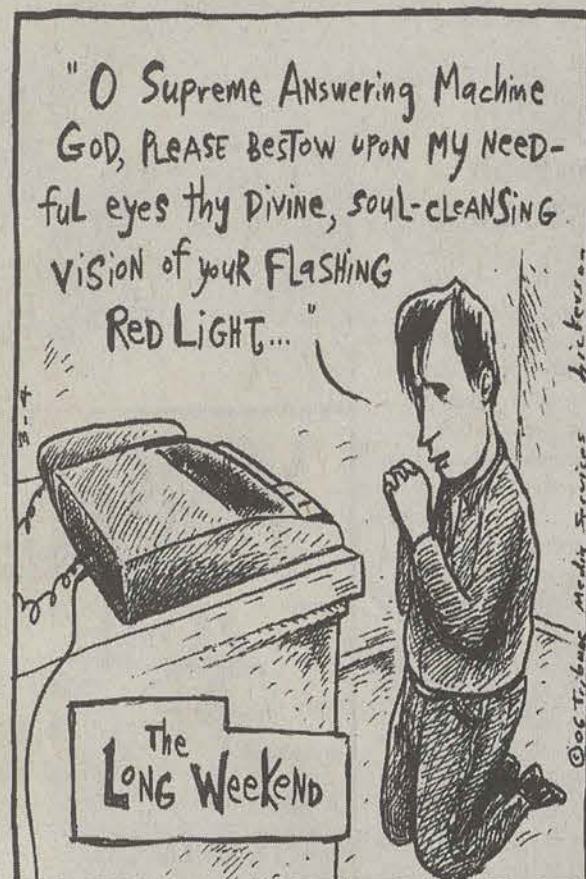
- Today is a 7 - Although you're trying your best to be charming, it's tough. Your patience is being tested.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You're a compulsive student. You can't seem to help yourself. This time, look for the error before you submit your conclusion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - In the coming several weeks, you may be reluctant to say what's on your mind. Write down your inner thoughts instead, and make an amazing discovery.

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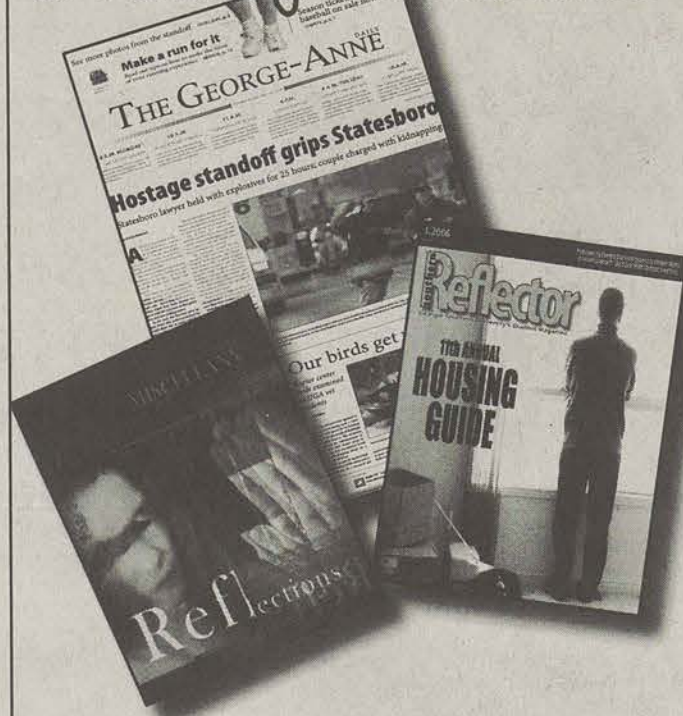
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A group of 15 Cubans, who reached an abandoned bridge in the Florida Keys Jan 4, sit outside a house in San Francisco de Paula in the Matanzas, Wednesday. A federal judge ruled Tuesday that the U.S. government acted unreasonably when it sent home 15 Cubans who thought they had safely made it to the United States.

U.S. judge rules in favor of returning Cubans who landed in Fla. Keys

By Laura Wides-Munoz
Associated Press

A judge has ordered federal officials to "use their best efforts" to help 15 Cubans return to the United States, weeks after they reached an abandoned bridge in the Florida Keys but were sent back to their homeland.

While U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno sympathized with the difficulty the U.S. Coast Guard faces in making split-second decisions at sea, he wrote, "those Cuban refugees who reached American soil in early January 2006 were removed to Cuba illegally."

Under the government's policy, Cubans who reach U.S. soil are generally allowed to stay, while those stopped at sea are sent back. The federal government said the old bridge that the 15 Cubans reached didn't count as dry land because chunks of the bridge are missing, and it no longer connects to U.S. soil.

The group thought it had reached U.S. soil, and had it landed a 100

yards away on the new bridge, the U.S. Coast Guard would likely have allowed it to stay.

One of the 15 migrants, Elizabeth Hernandez, 23, spoke with The Associated Press by telephone Tuesday evening from her family's home in Matanza, Cuba, where she was celebrating the decision.

"I am so happy," she said. "I always had hope I would be able to return."

It was unclear Tuesday whether Cuban President Fidel Castro would allow the 15 to return to the United States from the communist island.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dexter Lee had argued that the Coast Guard's decision to send the migrants home was reasonable and the judge should defer to it.

A message left Tuesday for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami was not immediately returned. It was unclear whether the government would appeal the decision.

Kendall Coffey, an attorney for the migrants and their families, said the migrants have been stigmatized

back in Cuba and told they're not wanted there.

"They're very much wanted here, and we hope they'll be allowed to return and are counting on the U.S. to use its best efforts to help them get back where they belong," Coffey said.

Ramon Saul Sanchez, head of the Democracy Movement, a Cuban-American advocacy group that also joined in the lawsuit against the government, applauded the ruling.

"Really, it is a vindication for all immigrants," said Sanchez, who waged an 11-day hunger strike to protest the group's return to Cuba.

Despite the initial hopes of the Cuban-American community, the judge made clear that his ruling Tuesday was limited in scope.

"In this holding, the Court is not ruling on the wisdom, or lack of wisdom, of the 'wet foot/dry foot' policy," Moreno wrote in the 12-page ruling.

By Tuesday evening, family members of the migrants and their attorneys gathered to celebrate in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood.

Charges filed in \$92 million robbery

By Tariq Panja
Associated Press

Police charged three suspects Wednesday in the \$92 million robbery at a cash depot in southeastern England, the world's largest known peacetime theft.

The charges against the trio are the first in the investigation of the theft last week at the security warehouse in Tonbridge, 30 miles southeast of London.

Police said car salesman John Fowler, 57, was charged with conspiracy to rob the Securitas Cash

Management Ltd. warehouse and with kidnapping depot manager Colin Dixon, his wife Lynn and their 9-year-old son.

Stuart Royle, 47, was charged with conspiracy to rob, while Kim Shackelton, a 39-year-old woman, was charged with handling stolen goods.

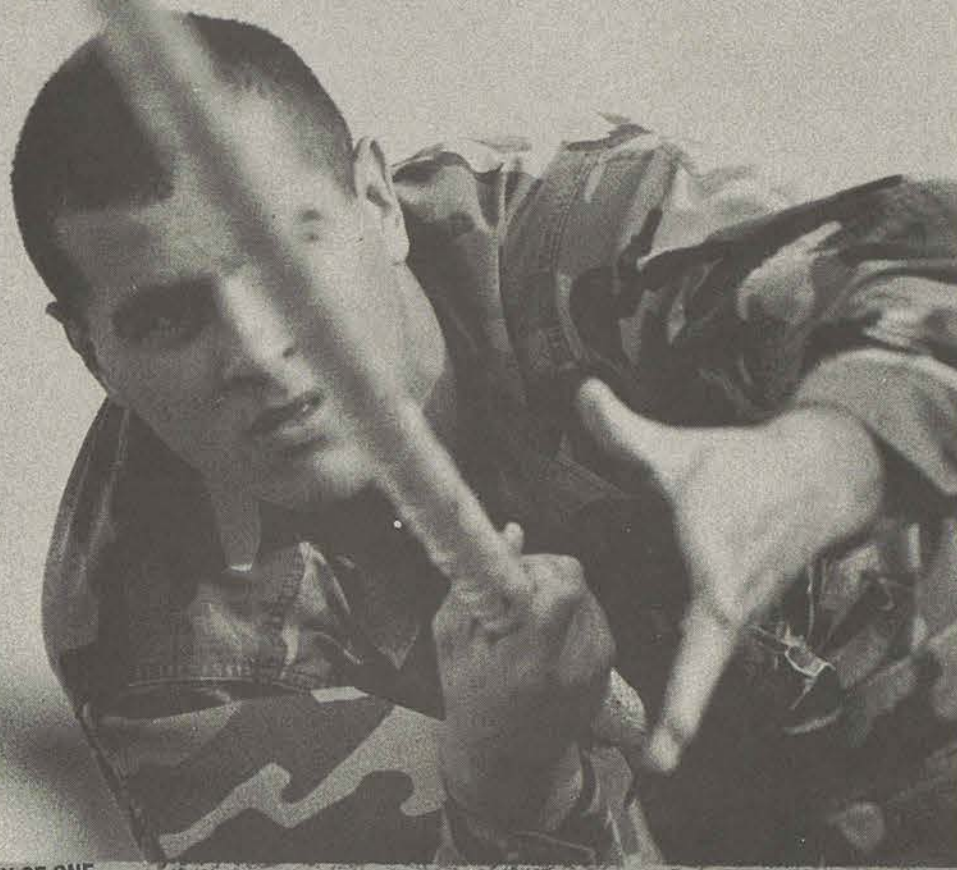
Thirteen suspects have been arrested since the heist, but the three were the first formally charged by police.

Fowler is the owner of a farm, near Tonbridge, which has been the

focus of intensive police searches. Police have refused to confirm television reports that a substantial amount of money has been found there.

The sophisticated robbery is believed to be the largest heist during peacetime. It eclipsed a \$70 million theft from the Central Bank in Fortaleza, Brazil in August, a \$65 million heist at the Knightsbridge Safe Deposit Center in London in 1987, and a \$50 million robbery at the Northern Bank of Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 2004.

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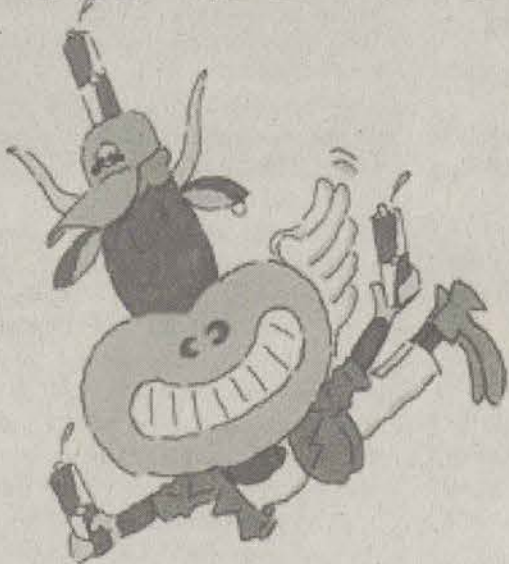
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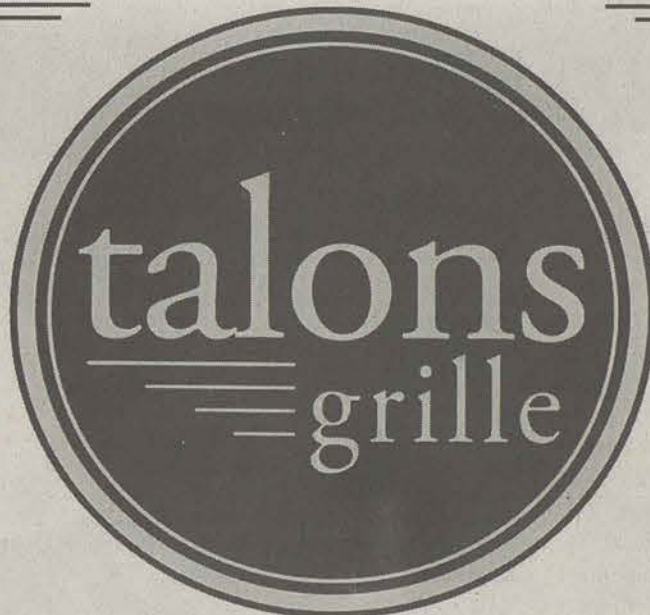
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SPORTS

Kentucky upsets No.11 Tennessee

Randolph Morris scored 22 points and Rajon Rondo added 16 and Kentucky beat number 11 Tennessee. The Wildcats (19-10, 9-6 SEC) avenged the Volunteers' win in Lexington last month that snapped an eight-game losing streak in the series. The Wildcats, still battling Florida for the East's No. 2 seed for the SEC tournament, shuffled the lineup since the teams' last meeting. C.J. Watson, Jajuan Smith and Chris Lofton each scored 15 points for the Vols (20-6, 11-4).

Cause of death for former Falcon Claridge could take several weeks to determine

Authorities said that it could take several weeks before a cause of death is known for former Atlanta Falcons lineman Travis Claridge. Claridge, 27, who played for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Canadian Football League last year, died Tuesday morning at a hospital in Henderson after he was found unconscious at his home in Las Vegas, according to the Clark County coroner's office.

Basketball marches into SoCon tournament as number one seed

By: Will Adams
Staff writer

It is win or almost go home for the Georgia Southern men's basketball team this weekend when they compete in the SoCon tournament to determine what team will go to the NCAA tournament.

GSU will still see post-season action whether or not they win the tournament. By clinching a regular season championship with their win over Furman last Sunday, GSU now has a guaranteed bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

On Friday at noon, GSU plays the winner of a game between Wofford and Appalachian State, who play today. The game will be played in the North Charleston Coliseum.

Nesbitt believes that the momentum from the win over Furman will help them in playing through the conference tournament this weekend.

"We just have to go out and focus on Coach Price's theory of playing good defense and getting rebounds and concentrate on getting our first win."

An 11-4 conference record was the best finish in school history and helped the Eagles claim their third South Division title in five years under Head Coach Jeff Price.

"One of the keys to our success has been the great chemistry between all of our players. They have all been very unselfish and I think that was very evident this season," claims Coach Price.

Price believes that fatigue is a big factor in winning the tournament.

"No one has ever won the tournament without having a first round bye. We have won eight of our last nine games and that consistency is important."

Some students, such as senior Scott Mason, are planning to make the two and a half hour drive to Charleston this weekend to support the Eagles.

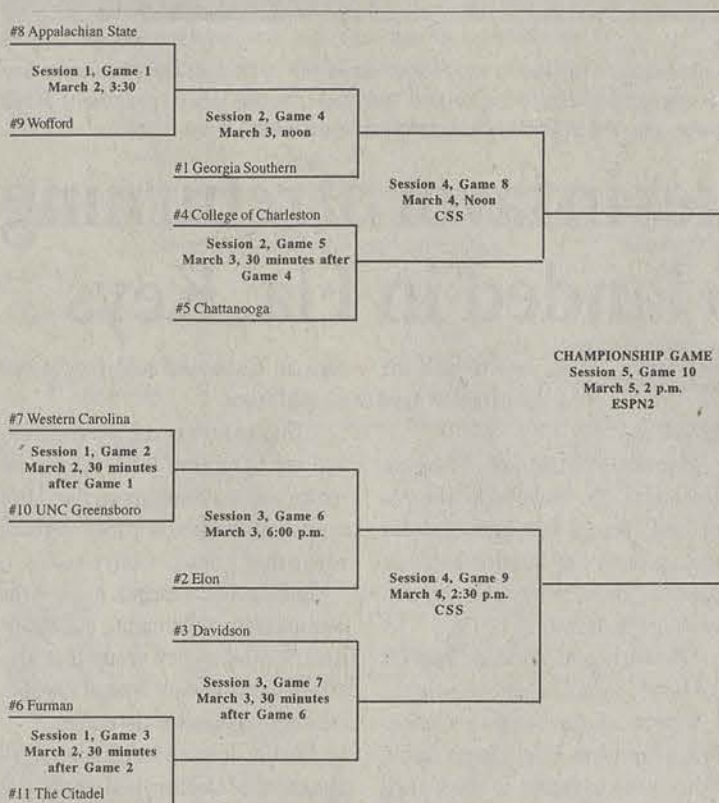
"I'm excited for the seniors like Elton Nesbitt. It is their last year and they've worked hard all season and have a good shot at getting into the NCAA Tournament in a few weeks."

Sophomore Austin Edwards thinks it will be nice to see a team other than Georgia or Georgia Tech being talked about going to the tournament because "it shows that smaller schools like Georgia Southern are still able to compete."

In order to win the tournament, GSU only needs to win three games. The semi-final games will be televised on CSS, and the SoCon championship game will be shown on ESPN2.

Tickets are available at the North Charleston Coliseum box office. Tickets are also available by contacting Ticketmaster online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling a SoCon ticket office.

Visit www.soconsports.com for more information on the tournament.



Number 1 Duke upset by Florida State

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State beat No. 1 Duke for the second time in three years and the latest win had quite an ending.

Alexander Johnson's basket with just over a minute left broke the game's final tie and the Seminoles went on to a 79-74 victory over the Blue Devils. The fans stormed the court with the Seminoles leading 77-72 and 1.7 seconds left on the clock. The game was delayed several minutes until the floor could be cleared and Duke was awarded two free throws on a technical foul against Florida State for its players leaving the bench area.

J.J. Redick, who led Duke with 30 points, made the foul shots to make it a three-point game, but Al Thornton, who was fouled as the premature celebration began, made two free throws for the final margin.

The loss ended the run at an unbeaten Atlantic Coast Conference season for Duke (27-2, 14-1).

Nesbitt named 'Player of the Year'

Elton Nesbitt is Georgia Southern's first ever SoCon Player of the Year winner.

By Will Adams
Staff writer

Georgia Southern guard Elton Nesbitt was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year Wednesday by both the league's coaches and media. He is GSU's first ever recipient of this award.

Nesbitt led the Eagles to their first number one seed in the tournament since GSU joined the SoCon in 1992.

"I really stepped up this year and played harder, I wanted to be more of a leader and try to improve my game, but I know couldn't have done it without my teammates," Nesbitt said.

Coach Jeff Price thinks it is no surprise that Nesbitt is the POY and attributes it to "his ability to create plays off the dribble and make big things happen, he's been able to make others around him a lot better."

Junior guard Jimmy Tobias said that "When I first came here, he made me play a lot harder and with more intensity, he was a real team leader."

Nesbitt leads the SoCon with 22.4 points per game, which is also 14th in the nation. He led the league with 3.5 three-pointers per game and was fifth in three-point field goal percentage.

He is the first Eagle to score more than 600 points in a season multiple times. He is six three-pointers short of the school record. He also owns the career and single-season free throw marks.



Jared Siri/STAFF

GSU Senior guard Elton Nesbitt drives the lane. Nesbitt was named the SoCon Player of the Year Wednesday.

Also announced on Wednesday, junior Donte Gennie and sophomore

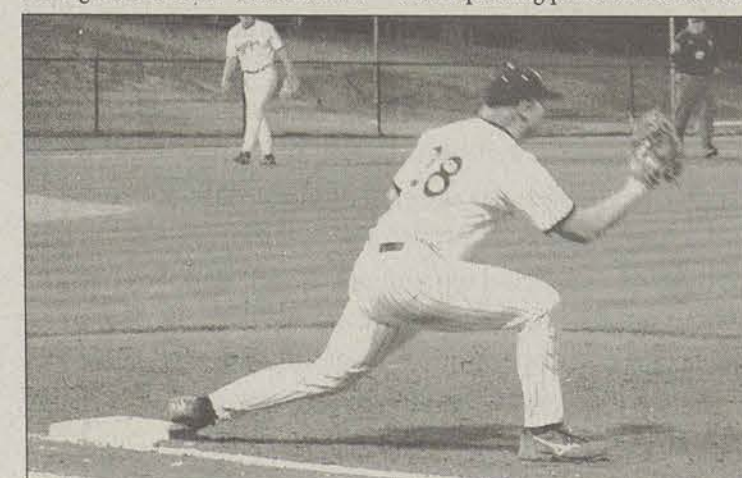
Louis Graham earned third-team media All-Conference honors.

GSU News Service contributed to this report.

Baseball to host 3 at GSU Invitational

By Todd Steinmetz
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Eagles Baseball team will be holding the GSU Invitational against Le Moyne, Michigan, and UNC Asheville this



Victor Martinez/STAFF

Eagle Greg Dowling stretches to force out a runner at first base in a game against Marshall last weekend.

weekend. The Tournament will consist of 6 games with the first game beginning on Friday at 3 p.m., when Michigan plays UNC Asheville.

The Eagles (7-5) finished last week with a three game sweep of Marshall after a pitching performance that al-

lowed only nine runs and an offense that drove in 23 on 24 hits. Greg Dowling earned himself SoCon player of the week honors as he went 7-11 with six walks and no errors during the team's last four games. Dowling is now batting .500 on the season and leads the Eagles with a .621 on base percentage and a .667 slugging percentage. Brett Pelfrey (.354, 11 RBI) and Griffin Benedict (.419, 11 RBI) have helped guide the offense, while the new look defense has been much improved.

Le Moyne (1-3) is batting .279 as a team with 22 runs on 41 hits. Their offense is led by Keith Connors (.467, 3 RBI) and Andy Parrino (.389, 2 RBI). Le Moyne's pitching staff has been adequate with a team ERA of 5.56, but the defense has been unstable, committing 10 errors through the first four games. Relief Pitcher A.J. Lindsey (2.08 ERA) is the only pitcher to post a win. Le Moyne will play the Eagles

on Friday at 7 p.m. in J.I. Clements Stadium.

Michigan (1-2) is only batting .255 as a team, but Jeff Kunkel (.545), Doug Pickens (.455), and Eric Rose (.357) are off to a great start offensively. So far, Pickens has a slugging percentage of .909 and has scored five runs with two doubles and a home run. The Wolverines pitching staff has given up 19 runs on 27 hits while striking out 20 and walking 10. The staff is led by starters Drew Taylor (0-0, 3.38 ERA) and Andrew Hess (0-0, 3.38 ERA). GSU and Michigan are set to battle Saturday at 2 p.m.

UNC Asheville (1-7) will play the Eagles Sunday at 3 p.m. UNC has struggled this year with a team ERA of 7.26 and batting average of .244. The offense is led by Nathan Durham (.462) and Tony Campana (.400). The Pitching staff has given up 53 earned runs, while the defense has allowed 20 runs on 18 errors.

What's going on this weekend

Womens' tennis

The women's tennis team has two home matches this weekend. Saturday, they play Gardner-Webb at 11 a.m. Sunday, they have a match against Western Carolina at noon. The team's season began with many tournaments on the road, and this is their first home match of the season.

Womens' basketball

The Lady Eagles will be competing in the Southern Conference tournament in Charleston, South Carolina, for a spot in the women's NCAA Tournament. Thursday, they play Wofford in the second tournament game of the day, which will begin 30 minutes after the first one ends. If the Lady Eagles win, they keep playing. The tournament ends Sunday, with the finals being shown on CSS.

Men's Tennis

Saturday, the men's tennis team will be traveling to The Citadel to play at noon. Sunday, they will be playing Charleston at 1 p.m. Their next home match is Wednesday, against Hampton.

Softball

Thursday, the softball team has a double header against South Carolina State beginning at 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, they will be playing in the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic, where they will play Columbia, NC State, Miami of Ohio and Gardner Webb. The team has a record of 5-12 on the season.

Golf

Golf will be playing Sunday through Tuesday in Dorado, Puerto Rico, at the Hyatt Plantation Club Intercollegiant. The team finished ninth in their last tournament, the Ashworth Intercollegiant in Westlake Village, Florida.

Baseball downs Mercer

GSU News Service

MACON, Ga. — Georgia Southern scored eight unanswered runs, rallying from down three runs, to defeat Mercer Wednesday night at Claude Smith Field, 8-3. The Eagles, 8-5 overall, won their fourth straight.

Mercer jumped on the board in the first when Josh Thompson hit a sacrifice fly. The Bears extended the lead to 3-0 in the next frame when Sean McCahill hit a double just inside the third baseline, scoring two runs.

Will Southwell lined a RBI single with two outs in the fourth, scoring Derrick Smith. On the throw home, Southwell went to second base. Pitcher Blake Quarles attempted a pickoff at second, but his throw hit Southwell, who was sliding back into second, and went into right field allowing him to trim the deficit to 3-2.

The Eagles loaded the bases in the fifth with two outs. Justin Klinger lined a 2-run single through the left side. Greg Dowling avoided catcher Mike Armstrong's tag for the go-ahead run. Derrick Smith

followed with a run-scoring single, which put GSU ahead 5-3.

Klinger slammed a 2-run opposite field home run in the seventh, his team-leading third homer. Two batters later Southwell added a solo shot.

Starter A.J. Battisto, on a low pitch count, went 1.2 innings allowing three runs on four hits. He walked one and struck out two.

From there the bullpen shut down the Bears. Aaron Eubanks (1-0) scattered four hits in 3.1 innings while Mike Chiciak equaled his career-high of three innings, allowing one hit and fanning a personal-best four batters.

David Cogswell pitched a scoreless ninth inning.

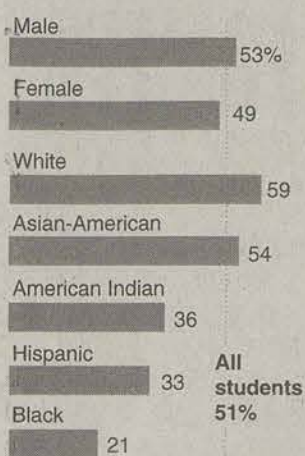
Klinger and Southwell had three hits apiece while Smith and Miller added two each. The Eagles out-hit Mercer (9-5) 13-9 as both teams committed three errors.

McCahill and Armstrong led the Bears with three hits each. Josh Young (1-1) allowed two runs in two-thirds of an inning, suffering the loss.

Reading standards

An ACT study found that 51 percent of high school students tested were prepared to handle the reading requirements of a first-year college course.

Percentage of 2005 high school graduates ready for college-level reading



SOURCE: ACT

AP

Ampitheater

from page 1

would consider having class outside," said Dr. Eric Nelson of the Writing and Linguistics department. "I'd like to have a poetry reading out there sometime, maybe late afternoon, early evening."

Taylor said the landscaping problems in the area are due to students who make their own paths. "We have a problem with students cutting across and if everybody picks the same path, the grass can't take the compaction and it turns into dirt and mud," said Taylor. "We are trying to do landscaping that will improve the appearance of the area and keep students on the paths. People take shortcuts so we try to create walks that follow path of least resistance."

Taylor said the project will also replace the temporary, moveable bike racks with stainless steel racks to match the ones at the Nursing and Education buildings.

"They should be done in two or three weeks provided the weather holds up," said Taylor.

Complex reading in high school key to college success

By Ben Feller

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The ability to handle complex reading is the major factor separating high school students who are ready for college reading from those who are not, according to a new report.

The study by ACT, a nonprofit company that tests students, found that most states contribute to the lack of college preparedness by not

requiring complex reading comprehension in high school. In fact, ACT found that most states don't have any standards at all for high school reading achievement.

"If you're not asking for it, you're not going to get it," said Cynthia Schmeiser, senior vice president for research and development at ACT, formerly known as American College Testing.

In complex reading passages, organization may be elaborate, messages

may be implicit, interactions among ideas or characters may be subtle and the vocabulary is demanding and intricate.

The ACT isolated reading complexity as a critical factor by analyzing the results of the 1.2 million high school seniors in 2005 who took the well-known ACT college entrance test. Based on that test, only 51 percent of students showed they were ready to handle the reading requirements of a typical first-year college course.

The literacy of today's high school graduates has become an enormous concern for colleges and employers.

In the United States, reading is largely treated as an elementary school subject, with diminishing focus in later grades. But with each alarming report on college readiness, adolescent literacy is gaining attention.

On the federal test considered a report card for the country, the performance of 17-year-olds has essentially

been stagnant for 20 years. Another recent study found that more than half of students at four-year colleges lack the literacy to handle complex, real-life tasks.

Richard Ferguson, the CEO of ACT, said his new study has data to show that complex reading is what makes a difference — and that states don't require it.

"It's sort of an in-your-face statement about how far we have to go," Ferguson said.

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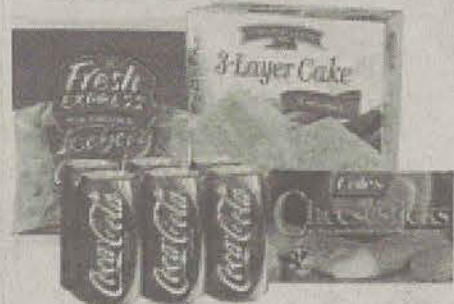
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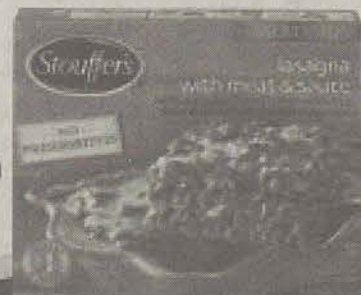
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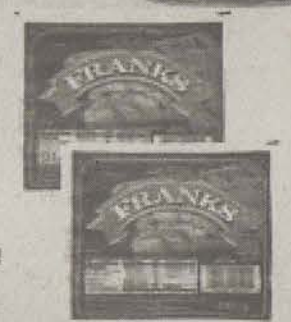
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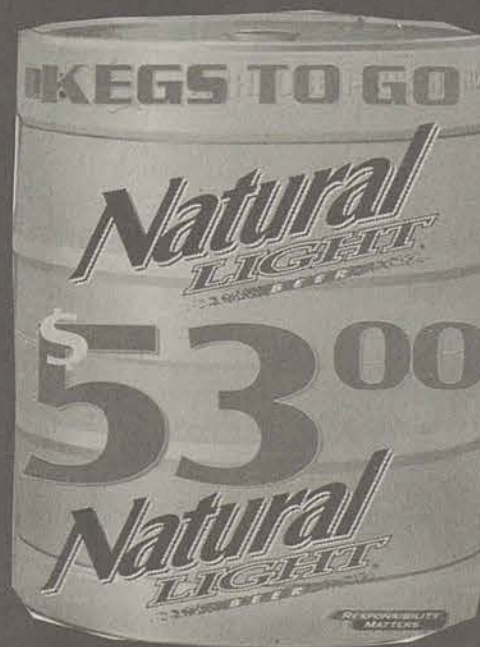
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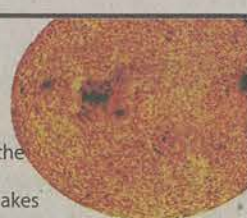
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OUR PICK

'Our Very Own Star'

Visit the planetarium (located in the Math Physics building) on Friday, March 3rd to learn about what makes sunspots, what it means to be a magnetic star, and much more. This interactive live show is open to the public and will be held in two performances, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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Johnny Depp

MOVIES

1. **Madagascar**
2. **Eight Below**
3. **The Pink Panther**
4. **Date Movie**
5. **Curious George**
6. **Firewall**
7. **Final Destination 3**
8. **Doogal**
9. **Running Scared**
10. **Freedomland**

ALBUMS

1. **Jaheim Ghetto, Classics**
2. **Jack Johnson, Sing-A-Long Songs...**
3. **Barry Manilow, The Greatest Songs of the Fifties**
4. **Mary J. Blige, The Breakthrough**
5. **Andrea Bocelli, Amore**
6. **Various Artists, High School Musical**
7. **Carrie Underwood, Some Hearts**
8. **James Blunt, Back to Bedlam**
9. **Jamie Foxx, Unpredictable**
10. **Eminem, Curtain Call**

Source: Entertainment Weekly

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- Big Momma's House 2**
(4:30), 7:00, 9:30
- Curious George**
(5:10), 7:15
- Date Movie**
(5:25), 7:30, 9:35
- Doogal**
(5:10), 7:15, 9:20
- Eight Below**
(4:15), 7:00, 9:40
- Final Destination 3**
(5:20), 7:30, 9:50
- Firewall**
(4:15), 7:00, 9:40
- Freedomland**
(4:30), 7:10, 9:45
- Madagascar**
(4:30), 7:00, 9:30
- Mrs. Henderson Presents**
(4:15), 7:05, 9:35
- Pink Panther**
(4:30), 7:00, 9:30
- When a Stranger Calls**
(5:20), 7:30, 9:40

Parenthesis denotes matinee

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 7th:

- Opening remarks
COBA room 1124, 3:45 p.m.
- 'Maria Full of Grace'
COBA room 1124, 4 p.m.
- 'Motorcycle Diaries'
Forest Dr. room 1223, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th:

- 'A Matter of Taste'
COBA room 1124, 4:30 p.m.
- 'Boutique'
COBA room 1124, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th:

- 'The Teaching of film in the Classroom'
Forest Dr. room 1225, noon
- 'The Sea Inside'
COBA room 1124, 4 p.m.
- Closing remarks
Forest Dr. room 1223, 7 p.m.
- 'The Educators'
Forest Dr. room 1223, 7:15 p.m.

Courtesy of the
International Film Festival

International Film Festival returns for seventh year at GSU

By Jessica Newsome
Staff writer

Stories of obsession, drugs, passion, love, and revolution: what more could you ask for in a film festival?

The seventh annual International Film Festival offers a wide selection of films from ten different countries on these subjects and more. The theme of this year's festival is "Transgression and Rebellion in Cinema."

The film festival will begin Tuesday, March 7th at 3:45 p.m. with opening remarks by Donnie Richards in the College of Business and Administration building room 1124.

The first film of the festival, "Maria Full of Grace," presented by Steve Hale of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will be shown after opening remarks. The film tells the story of a young woman who makes the dangerous choice of becoming a drug trafficker to support her family.

The second film of the festival, "Motorcycle Diaries," presented by David Alley of the Department of Foreign

Languages, catalogues the story of two friends seeking adventure that end up finding themselves in the process. This film will be shown at 7 p.m. in room 1223 of the Forest Drive building.

On Wednesday, March 8th at 4:30 p.m., Martha Hughes of the Department of Foreign Languages will present "A Matter of Taste." Showing in room 1124 in the COBA building, the film is the story of friendship gone wrong between a young man and a wealthy businessman, who must decide what to do when their relationship becomes a perilous obsession.

Following "A Matter of Taste," Steve Engel of the Department of Political Sciences will present "Boutique," a film about a store owner's attempts to aid a girl in solving her mysterious problems.

The festival's grand finale will begin on Thursday, March 9th at noon with keynote speaker Nancy Nenno of the Department of Foreign Languages. Nenno is scheduled to speak on the topic "The Teaching of Films in the

Classroom." The speech will be in Forest Drive room 1225.

After Nenno's lecture, at 4 p.m. in room 1124 of the COBA building, Linda Collins will present "The Sea Inside," a touching film based on the life of euthanasia activist Ramon Sampedro, who fought for his right to die with integrity.

Closing remarks will be held following "The Sea Inside" at 7 p.m. in room 1223 of the Forest Drive building; the keynote speaker will be the Dean of Class, Jane Hudak.

Following Hudak's remarks, Nenno will present "The Educators," a story of activists seeking revolution and justice, which will conclude the festival.

The festival is hosted by the Department of Foreign Languages, general coordinator Antonio Serna and co-coordinator Alain Lawo-Sukam. Other sponsors of the event include the Dean of Class, Jane Hudak, the Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services, the Center of International studies, and the Multicultural Student Center.

Doves emerge on campus with fashion show

By Maria Folsom
Staff writer

Around Spring 2004, a group of young women, adorned in blue and white, silently established their presence on campus. But to many, who they were and what they represented remained either unknown or misinterpreted.

Dove, Incorporated, was founded in 1933 at the 14th Annual Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Conclave by Brother Carl Turner. His concept was to form an organization for distinguished young ladies who could assist the gentlemen of Sigma in their various community service and business endeavors.

However, as both organizations grew, a fine line was drawn to differentiate between the Doves and members of Zeta Phi Beta, Incorporated, the sisters of the Sigmas. The Doves were soon labeled merely as the girlfriends or "groupies" of the fraternity. Now, with the chartering of Dove, Inc. at GSU, a new age of women are set to

shed their old image and embrace a new future with projects which included the first-ever Dove fashion show featuring the designs of Julian Lark's "J. House of Fever."

Dove, the organization's symbol, is also an acronym for "Dedicated on the Verge of Excellence." Dove was made an official student organization in December 2005 as an auxiliary group. Dana Bond, a junior majoring in nursing, recalls the process.

"There was a lot of hard work put into chartering the Doves. With the help of the ladies in our group, the Doves of Valdosta State, and this chapter of Sigmas, it was made a reality," she said.

The Doves' first venture into campus involvement was "Kaliedoscope." Hosted by Dove member Amber Wells and Damarcus Woodward, the event showcased the designs of Statesboro-raised, Atlanta-based designer Julian Lark. Held in the Union Ballroom this past Friday, "Kaliedoscope" served up vibrant and eclectic fashions

from Lark's "J. House of Fever." That night marked Lark's first show in his hometown.

"It's a pleasure to be home and to show that it doesn't matter where you're from, but how you come," said Lark, a graduate of AUI. "I'm so proud to have been a part of the Doves' first experience establishing themselves on campus. It was also a landmark night for the staff of my company."

The designer, who has been sketching and designing since the fourth grade, has distinct lines within his 'House of Fever' label. "Sophisti-Funk" and "P.U.N.C." are the casual/club wear divisions of his line. Included is "Untouchable," the evening wear line and "Tre'Zures," the lingerie line. Lark, who also modeled in the show, looks forward to future projects and is ready for the challenges to come.

"I plan on having a boutique here and in Atlanta by 2008. Through perseverance, hard work, and with positive people in your life, you can do anything. I am living proof of that."

The Doves cite the idea of mutual support as one of their founding concepts. Nevertheless, some may question how the group plans to break free of the image that their support is strictly limited to the Sigmas, especially since their activity at Sigma-sponsored events is more evident than at those for other Greek organizations. In addition, the Doves sport the traditional Sigma/Zeta colors of blue and white.

"That is something we've always had to deal with—people thinking we support only Sigmas or that we're 'Zeta wannabes,'" explained Bond. "As far as the colors are concerned, those were the colors of the Doves. We plan to carry that tradition. We want to grow and network with organizations—Greek and non-Greek—that are willing to work with us. The Sigs just happen to be our biggest supporters. We're about working with those who are trying to make a difference, no matter who they are."

Fellow Dove and GSU Idol Ivori

Lewis points out that the women who become Doves are not put under pressure to become future Zetas or associate themselves solely with Greeks.

"We're an auxiliary group. We are a little sister organization that provides women with insight to Greek life to see if it's for them. No one is told to be this one thing. If a young woman decides to go Zeta, Delta, AKA or not at all, it's her choice," Lewis said.

The power of choice was one aspect of Dove, Incorporated that attracted Jessica Henfield, a senior Early Childhood Education major. She notes that individuality is embraced, while conformity is discouraged.

"We have a diverse group within ourselves. We want to be a true representation of all women. We're here to make you a better you, not a better somebody else," she said.

During the show, co-host Wells added, "This is not the last of the Doves. We have more to come, so look for us year after year. We've only just begun."

THE BOTTOM LINE

by ADAM CRISP

Get jazzy with it

If you're a lover of music, check out the Georgia Southern Jazz Band 8 p.m. Friday in the Performing Arts Center.

Unlike stuffy classical concerts, the jazz band plays music that will have your feet tapping and your heads bobbing.

I haven't had a chance to hear the band perform in a couple years, but no doubt its con-

certs are still among the most lively in the area.

The band will be joined by guest artist and jazz vocalist, Kathy Kosins.

The show is free and it's a great way to support student artists.

BOTTOM LINE

A free concert featuring energetic jazz music performed by students. It's 8 p.m. this Friday at the PAC.



ALBUM REVIEW

Matchbook Romance's 'Voices' is too long, too mellow

By Edgar Fernandez
Staff writer

Matchbook Romance's 2003 debut "Stories and Alibis" may not have been groundbreaking, but it sure was a favorite of many screamo fans. Their

newest album "Voices," tries to smooth out the rough edges of their previous album, but sadly scrapes out most of the originality they had.

Not that there is anything wrong with soft music, but most of the songs

are too mellow, and they sound too whiny. Another thing that annoyed me was that many of the songs were just too long. One song, "I Wish you were here," was an excruciating 15 minutes long.

I only liked three songs off the entire album. "Monsters," which is the first single from the album (smart choice), has a good sound and a catchy chorus. "Fiction" was another good one, plus it was the shortest song on the

album. Also, "You can run, but we'll find you" was too soft, but definitely not as boring as the rest.

Most of the other songs were too bland, with few outstanding characteristics, if any.

Voices

Artist: Matchbook Romance
Label: Epitaph/ADA
Released: 2006

Prices:
barnesandnoble.com - \$11.18
bestbuy.com - \$12.99
samgoody.com - \$11.18

Grade - 1.5 of 5 ★★★★★

MOVIE REVIEW

Give me back my five dollars!
'Date Movie' is a waste of time and money

By Carl Bonebright
Staff Writer

"Date Movie," co-written by Aaron Seltzer and Jason Friedberg (Scary Movie), offers a chuckle, maybe even a giggle, but rarely a guffaw.

The movie stars Alyson Hannigan ("American Pie") as Julia Jones, a young woman working her life away as a waitress in her family's Greek restaurant. Along comes her Prince Charming, played by Adam Campbell (WB's "Commando Nanny"), who is immediately struck by her beauty, as well as other heavy blunt objects. Hilarity ensues... or not.

The two fall madly in love and immediately decide to get married. When Grant Funkyerdoder (Adam Campbell) invites his "best man" to the wedding, his ex-girlfriend, played by Sophie Monk (ABC's "The Mystery of Natalie Wood"), immediately tries to break up the wedding by constantly reminding Grant of what might have been, a la "My Best Friend's Wedding."

Grants parents fail to smooth the marital process. Roz, played by Jennifer Coolidge ("Robots"), is an overzealous sex doctor specializing in, well, pushing the limits of the PG-13 movie rating. Grant's father, played by Fred Willard ("Chicken Little"), completes the "Meet the Fockers" feel with the hairiest chest this side of a "Star Wars" film.

The film is very reminiscent of "Not Another Teen Movie" in the sheer

Date Movie

A spoof on the classic romantic comedies of our time, this film offers celebrity cameos, raunchy jokes and slap-stick comedy.

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Grade - 2.5 of 5 ★★★★★


number of films spoofed, referenced, and quoted. It draws from a myriad of romantic comedies, everything from "When Harry Met Sally" to "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" to "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." Movie buffs will love the opportunity to see how many different references they can spot. Numerous celebrity cameos and lots of physical comedy are also there to round out the film.


What the movie lacks, however, is any substance. The most successful spoofs play with what others have done, weaving it into their own convoluted story, but "Date Movie" seemed an attempt to put as many references together as possible with too little plot glue. The result is more schizophrenic than funny. Also, the movie seemed to be straining at the PG-13 rating, as if the writers had to cut out much of what they wanted simply to get the lower rating.


All in all, "Date Movie" boldly goes where many have gone before, but fails to make any significant contributions of its own. Save your money, folks.




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Spice up your side dishes with creativity

By Alicia Howe
Staff writer

Traditional side dishes can sometimes become boring.

To change things up, add unusual seasonings to the dishes and cook them in different ways.

For example, adding a chili pepper spice and shredded Monterey Jack cheese to mashed potatoes can help break away from the usual.

Be creative in your seasoning

choices. For an Italian feel, add a blend of Italian spices and garlic. For a Chinese feel, add Chinese five-spice.

Also, stop cooking your side dishes the traditional way. Roasting vegetables gives them a slightly sweet flavor. Give a nice crisp to your vegetables by pan frying them.

All in all, be creative and try new things when cooking your side dishes.

Here are three side dishes you can be creative with.

Pan Roasted Corn

- 2 tablespoons of butter
- Fresh corn on the cob
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Melt butter in skillet on medium heat
2. With a sharp knife, cut off the kernels of corn from the cob
3. Place kernels in pan and cook for about ten minutes or until corn is a golden brown color

* Note: pan roasting fresh corn brings out the milk in the corn, which will form a delightful crust when finished.



Roasted Vegetables

- Baby carrots
- Potatoes
- Onions
- Broccoli
- 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- Your favorite seasoning

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Cut potatoes and onions into bite-sized cubes and florets of broccoli away from the stalk
3. Put vegetables in roasting pan; pour olive oil and seasoning over vegetables and then mix with hands, making sure the oil is evenly spread on all the vegetables
4. Place in oven and cook for about twenty minutes or until vegetables are slightly brown



Mashed Potatoes

- Red potatoes (about one for each person)
- ¼ - 1 cup of heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon of butter
- Your favorite seasoning
- Your favorite cheese

1. Quarter potatoes and place them (skin on) into a pot of boiling water
2. Let cook until a fork can easily go through the potato (about 15 minutes)
3. Drain water and add butter
4. Gradually add whipping cream to potatoes while mashing with a fork until the potatoes are creamy in texture
5. Add desired amount of cheese and seasoning and mix

* Note: after adding cheese, potatoes might become less creamy; if so, add more heavy cream to mixture



Strut into spring fashion

Get the run-down on this season's hottest shoes

By Ashley Ferguson
Staff writer

Last week I mentioned that I reference Victoria's Secret a lot, and since I just got their "Shoe Book" in the mail, I will be using it to guide you through the styles of sandals that are hot this spring.

This season, everything is strappy, tying around the ankles. Ankle wraps and leg wraps are going to be all over the malls whether the shoes are flat, kitten heels or stilettos. Wrap sandals, especially those with a heel of 2" or more, are perfect for nights out on the town or hot dates.

For our large campus, I recom-

mend kitten heels or flats, so there will not be a lot of strain on your feet. Of course, there are those that can walk around in 3" heels and not be bothered with it, but every woman is different, so go with what's comfortable for you.

On the other hand, wedges are perfect if you plan to be on your feet all day. Because they support your foot more, you can walk around in 3" wedges and never put tension on your feet.

This spring's wedges are designed for the bohemian trendsetters and those women who prefer to be unique with the clothes in their closet. Designers have them bejeweled, decorated in metallic colors, stud-

ded, and covered in prints. Given that wedges are ideal for campus, I hope to see more of them once the weather warms up.

What is better than ankle wraps and wedges? Wedges with ankle and leg wraps, of course!

There is no reason to limit the style of wedges to slip-ons only. The best and most comfortable form of this fantastic hybrid is the espadrille. The comfort of the espadrille is based on the cotton canvas material.

They are practical, designed to both simple and elegant, and are usually cheaper than the other shoes you are going to find in stores (and online).

Of course, it is no surprise that the

avored shoes among most GSU students are flip-flops. Although I only own one pair — I am a firm believer in high heels — I do understand that it is easier to slip on some flip-flops and not stress over what looks best with my outfit.

However, you do not have to limit yourself to plain black, white, or tan flip-flops. Go ahead buy the neon green thong sandals.

It's spring! Wear lots of color to bring attention to that pedicure you just treated yourself to.

I hope that the Statesboro Mall will be full to the brim with all the styles I mentioned. If not, take last week's advice and go online.

Happy Shopping!

'Walk the Line' is the must-see film for '06

By Jason Hurst
Staff writer

This week's blockbuster release is the James Mangold film, "Walk the Line." More than likely, many are already lined up to rent or buy the bio-drama of the legendary Johnny Cash; if you aren't, you should be. "Walk the Line" is, so far, the best film to make its way to DVD in 2006.

Beginning with the childhood loss of his older brother, the movie gives brief glimpses into the life that haunted John Cash throughout his career.

We see the struggling relationships he carries with every person he meets, his battle with drug addiction, and his desperate attempts to prove himself to everyone he meets.

The movie, though respectful and humble, gives an honest and sincere view of the true human condition: what it is to be good and bad in the same person, strong and weak, a lover and a fighter, a boy and a man.

The acting is top notch, with Reese Witherspoon's portrayal of June Carter as the shining star and driving force of the film. Her power, beauty, emotion, and strength set the tones of the movie perfectly.

Witherspoon earns the Oscar nod she has received for this performance.

'Walk the Line'

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, Ginnifer Goodwin.
Running time: two hours and 16 minutes.

Prices:
amazon.com - \$15.06
barnesandnoble.com - \$26.98
samgoody.com - \$16.99

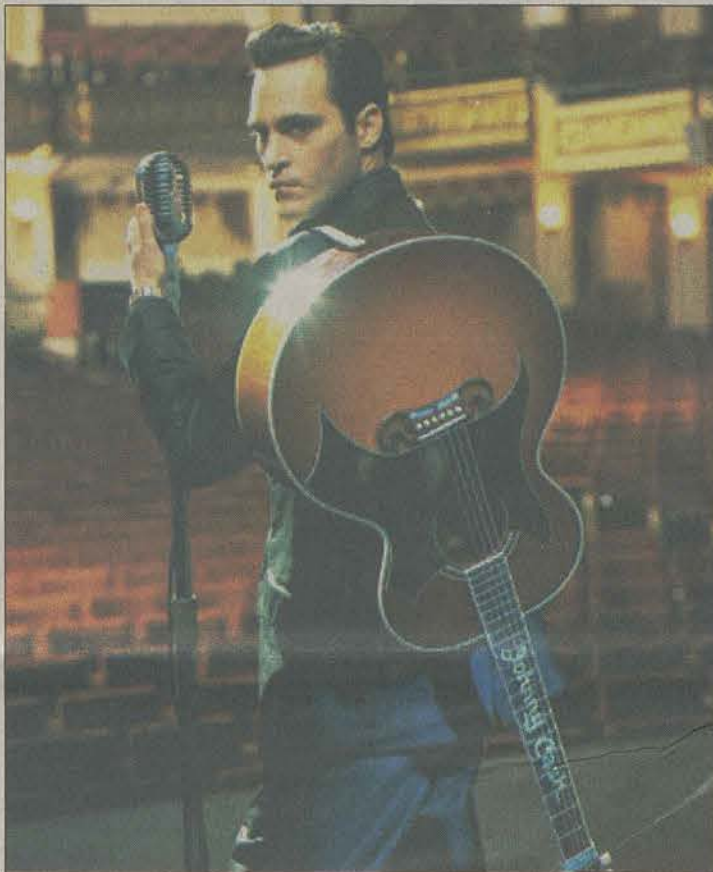
Grade - 4.5 of 5 ★★★★★

Phoenix plays Cash to an eerie likeness, and all of the supporting cast perform their parts without fault. Perhaps my only complaint on this point is the casting of Elvis.

Elvis is a legend and we know his face better than any other music superstar. The actor who was cast for his part, though similar, does not fit the bill quite well enough for such a prominent appearance. Mangold does a superb job in directing this film. The cinematography doesn't overweigh the content.

The scenes are well trimmed to maintain a very fluent rhythm throughout "Walk the Line," as you can see from watching the interesting but all together trivial deleted scenes.

Lighting is spot on with great attention to colors, moods, and atmosphere. In film quality, I can't find



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fault with this movie.

Aside from minor casting issues, "Walk the Line" is a beautiful film.

It accomplishes exactly what it sets out to do, and you walk away feeling like you maybe understand a man you

never knew.

I don't know what more you could want from a bio-drama than that. Go rent it if you'd like or scrape up the cash and add this worthy film to that coveted DVD library.

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