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DAILY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

Family starts search for soldier missing in Savannah for 10 days

Father says son went missing after strange phone call after a night of partying

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH — When his father called looking for him, Spc. Robert Hornbeck answered his cell phone and spoke just a few words before the connection went dead: "Dad, I'm on the stairs."

Outside the downtown DeSoto Hilton hotel, Eric Hornbeck called back but got no answer. This was the spot he'd been given to pick up his son and an Army buddy after a night of bar-hopping until last call at 3 a.m.

Nine days after that brief phone call, nobody can find a trace of 23-year-old Robert Hornbeck, who returned to Fort Benning in January after a year in Iraq only to vanish during a weekend getaway to Savannah.

"For three days, I checked garbage bins, alleys. I even chased some homeless people out of abandoned buildings," the soldier's father said Tuesday. "You can speculate until you're blue in

the face. And, Lord knows, I have."

Eric Hornbeck planned a widespread search Wednesday evening after calling on volunteers in Savannah to help comb the downtown area.

The weekend of April 16, when Hornbeck went missing, father and son traveled to Savannah to catch up while staying with a relative in town. Robert Hornbeck brought a friend, Jeremy Stone, from his unit at Fort Benning. Eric Hornbeck came with his wife from Lapeer, Mich.

They had much to celebrate. Hornbeck was preparing to leave the Army at the end of April and return to the University of Michigan, where

he studied psychology for two years before joining the Army in 2004.

He also had a wedding date to marry his college sweetheart in July.

After a Saturday night of playing pool near the Savannah riverfront, Hornbeck's father and wife retired at about 11 p.m. while the soldier and his friend stayed downtown to keep the celebration rolling.

Eric Hornbeck said Stone woke him with a phone call shortly after 3 a.m. asking for a ride.

"Obviously they'd been drinking. He said they were lost, they were at the

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DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION?

If you have information that might help in the search for a missing soldier, call Savannah CrimeStoppers at 912-234-2020. The family has offered a \$10,000 reward for his safe return.



Spc. Robert Hornbeck

Senior to appear on Jeopardy

Brad Jeffcoat says he's excited about chance to compete

By Luke Hearn
Executive editor

Senior Brad Jeffcoat has always wanted to be a Jeopardy contestant. His dream came true on March 31 when producers for the game show called to let him know he had made the cut.

"I was very excited," Jeffcoat, a senior English major from Vidalia, said. "It's been a life-long dream of mine to be on Jeopardy."



Jeffcoat's journey to Jeopardy began when the Jeopardy "Brain Bus" came to Savannah in November. He took a 10-question pre-test, and out of the 350 who took it, he and 81 others passed and were able to take the actual contestant test the next day. He passed.

"I was very excited," he said. "After passing the test, I had an interview with the producers. I must have had the enthusiasm they were looking for, because if you don't have character, they won't call you back."

Jeffcoat left for the Jeopardy studios in Southern California on Tuesday and will tape today.

"They tape five shows a day," he said. "They told us to bring three changes of clothes in case I win. They said 'if Alex (Trebec) can change in 10 minutes, so can you.'"

Jeffcoat said he really hasn't done too much studying for his chance at Jeopardy champion, other than playing the game at home.

"I really haven't studied too much," he said. "I've looked at some stuff, but there really isn't too much you can do. Either you know it or you don't."

"I've started playing at home like they recommended...standing up in front of the TV and using the ballpoint pen they gave us that looks and feels like the buzzer used on the show," he said. "They also told us not to guess."

An avid reader, Jeffcoat said paying attention in school and watching educational channels have helped prepare him for the chance to bring home big bucks.

"I'll read anything, from a Cosmo to National Geographic," he said. "And there's a lot to be said about the History Channel and PBS."

Asked what he would do if he were a Jeopardy champion, Jeffcoat said he would pay off student loans and credit card debt, if his earnings were enough.

Jeffcoat said he wasn't sure of when the taping of his appearance will air, but said he thought it would in the next two weeks.

"I'm ready for the challenge," he said. "They have a game on MSN.com where you can play against mega champion Ken Jennings. When I tried, he scored an eight, and I got a nine."

Jury selection underway in Schrenko trial

Former state school superintendent accused of stealing \$600,000

By Doug Gross
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lawyers began interviewing potential jurors Tuesday in the federal theft and conspiracy trial of former state schools superintendent Linda Schrenko.

Schrenko is accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in federal education money to pay for her failed campaign for governor and a facelift, among other things.

Opening arguments in the case are scheduled for Monday.

Schrenko, 55, sat with attorney Pete Theodocion as dozens of potential jurors filed one-by-one into a courtroom at the Richard B. Russell Federal Building.

She stopped on her way out of the courtroom to shake hands with reporters. When asked how she was doing she replied, "OK."

Schrenko, computer consulting executive Stephan Botes and businessman Peter Steyn, his company's chief financial officer, face dozens of federal counts of money laundering and conspiracy to commit fraud. They face up to 20 years in prison on each count, although it is rare for judges to sentence defendants to the maximum

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Linda Schrenko

Sunscreen may not the best thing under the sun

Sunscreen may ward off burns but that's not enough to stop cancer and aging, say experts

By Kate Santich

The Orlando Sentinel

Like a lot of blond-haired, fair-skinned people, 34-year-old Jonjon Baus slathers on sunscreen before he heads outdoors. As a bicyclist and runner, he opts for the sweatproof formulas, and because he rarely gets sunburned, he figures he's safe.

"That's really how I gauge how effective my sun protection is," said Baus, a manager for Track Shack, an Orlando, Fla., running store.

But in the wake of a class-action lawsuit filed recently in California against sunscreen manufacturers, claiming they have fraudulently exaggerated the effectiveness of their products, Baus has started to wonder.

In fact, although dermatologists still recommend the liberal use of sunscreen, they warn that it's entirely possible for the sun to damage skin without burning it, and that most of the sunscreens currently on the market do a better job preventing sunburn than they do at preventing other problems, including premature wrinkles, age spots and even skin cancer.

And neither sun protection factor (SPF) ratings nor the labeling of a product as "broad-spectrum" gives consumers any information on how much they'll be shielded against ultraviolet A rays, which don't cause burning but do cause aging of the skin and potentially cancer.

"I wish sunscreens were better. That would be terrific. But they're not," said Dr. James



Grayson Hoffman/STAFF

Laura Almas applies suntan oil by the pool at University Pines. Experts advise against the use of suntan oil, but add that sunscreen may provide a false sense of security for millions of users who believe it will prevent cancer and premature aging.

Spencer, a St. Petersburg, Fla., dermatologist and clinical professor of dermatology for Mount Sinai School of Medicine. "But they are a useful tool, and like any tool, if you don't use it properly, it doesn't work."

The problem is that many people may

expect too much from a sunscreen, Spencer said, putting themselves at risk for skin cancer by spending too much time in the sun.

The confusion comes in part because there are different types of sunlight responsible for

see **SUNSCREEN**, back page



SAFE IN THE SUN

- When possible, wear a broad-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt, long pants and UV-light-blocking sunglasses.

- Apply sunscreen liberally to all exposed skin, using a product with an SPF of 15 or higher and one that advertises both UVA and UVB protection. Reapply every two hours, more often after swimming or sweating.

- Avoid tanning beds. The UV light used causes skin cancer and wrinkling. Self-tanning lotions and sprays are a safe alternative, but wear sunscreen for protection outdoors.

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Student leaders to be honored tonight

The annual banquet to honor students who lead will be held tonight. | **CAMPUS, p.3**

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Local business offers sweet gifts

By Jennifer Maddox

Staff writer

On Feb. 1, Statesboro welcomed a new business that offers people a new way to enjoy their favorite sweets.

Jeri Mathis, owner of The Candy Bouquet, has lived in the Statesboro area for 14 years. She worked as a florist for 10 years and opened Candy Bouquet in her own home.

She works part-time in Deal Hall at Georgia Southern doing financial accounting.

In the afternoon, she operates what she calls a "delicious alternative to flowers" on South Edgewood Drive. Mathis is also a member of the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce.

Founded by Margaret McEntire in 1989, The Candy Bouquet is an international franchise that currently boasts over 800 locations. Fifteen are located in the state of Georgia.

The shops offer a selection of bouquets for almost every occasion. Customers can even have their bouquet arrangements custom made to fit their needs.

According to Mathis, the sweets used for the bouquets come from all around the world. Each bouquet is designed with chocolates, candies and colorful accessories in unique

containers.

She said that most orders come from customers hoping to ship bouquets to friends and loved ones.

Mathis said that while floral arrangements may seem like the norm and still make great gifts, creating candy arrangements was a unique business idea.

She said that unlike flowers, this gift will not wilt or die. "A candy bouquet will last as long as the temptation," said Mathis.

Mathis has always wanted to own her own business. When talking about how she came across this opportunity, she said that the business suited her well.

Hand-making arrangements and delivering the product gave her a sense of satisfaction by being on the giving side. She said that starting out has been challenging because of lack of exposure, but she still has hopes of expanding.

She said that she likes that the business makes people happy. "This is an awesome business that brings smiles to people's faces and brightens their days," said Mathis.

Kathy Rushing, an accountant working with the Office of Financial Accounting at GSU, is among the many people that have taken advantage of Mathis' business venture.

So far, Rushing has purchased 10 candy bouquets, some have which have been shipped to people living out of town.

Like Mathis, she shares enthusiasm for this establishment. "It's wonderful," said Rushing. "(It is) a neat new idea for Statesboro, and different for the area."

She said that Mathis is a very pleasant person to work with. "She will help and get the product working for you," said Rushing.

To GSU students hoping to open their own business, Mathis recommends a strong work ethic, initial investment and knowledge of the market.

According to Mathis, it may take as long as one to three years for a business to take off. Researching the market for potential competition will prove beneficial before investing time and money into an idea.

Mathis also suggests providing good customer service and not promising something that your business cannot deliver. "Go the extra mile for your customers," she said.

For more information, visit Statesboro's Candy Bouquet Web site at www.4475.candybouquet.com or call 681 2034. Business hours are Monday-Friday 12 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Jared Siri/STAFF

Jeri Mathis, owner of The Candy Bouquet in Statesboro, uses candy instead of flowers in her gift arrangements.

Web site open to GSU students to buy, sell or trade textbooks

By Ditoria Geddis

Staff writer

Students can use websites to get the best value for their books at the end of the semester. A Georgia Southern student developed www.statesborostudents.com so local students can exchange books.

According to Billy Francisco a graduate of Georgia Tech, GSU junior Alex Minnicks, came up with the idea for the Web page.

Minnicks is originally from Hiltonhead, SC, while Francisco is a local Statesboro resident. It took them about three months to create www.statesborostudents.com, because they created it during their free time.

Minnicks said, "I came up with the idea for the Web site because I felt those students were getting ripped off by the bookstores. The bookstore would buy back the books for so little, less than half paid, and charges the

next student more than twice what they paid you for the book."

"I thought that it was a good idea because it seemed very useful and it gave me something to do during my free time," Francisco said.

The pair started creating the Web site middle semester this year. If the students choose to use this website, the membership is free,

and it's a cheap and easy way to save money on books, said Minnicks.

The homepage of the Web site has links to help guide any student through the process. There is a link on the site that shows you how to list books to be exchanged, sold,

or bought.

On the homepage there is a list of the most recently listed books

so anyone registered can get easy updates. There is an example to show students how the everything works at the bottom of the site.

According to Minnicks "The easiest way to use this Web site is to use the IP number on the back of the books bought from the bookstore to list them, because the site does all the work for you after that is done."

By using the telephone numbers that are supplied by book owners, an individual may receive a book

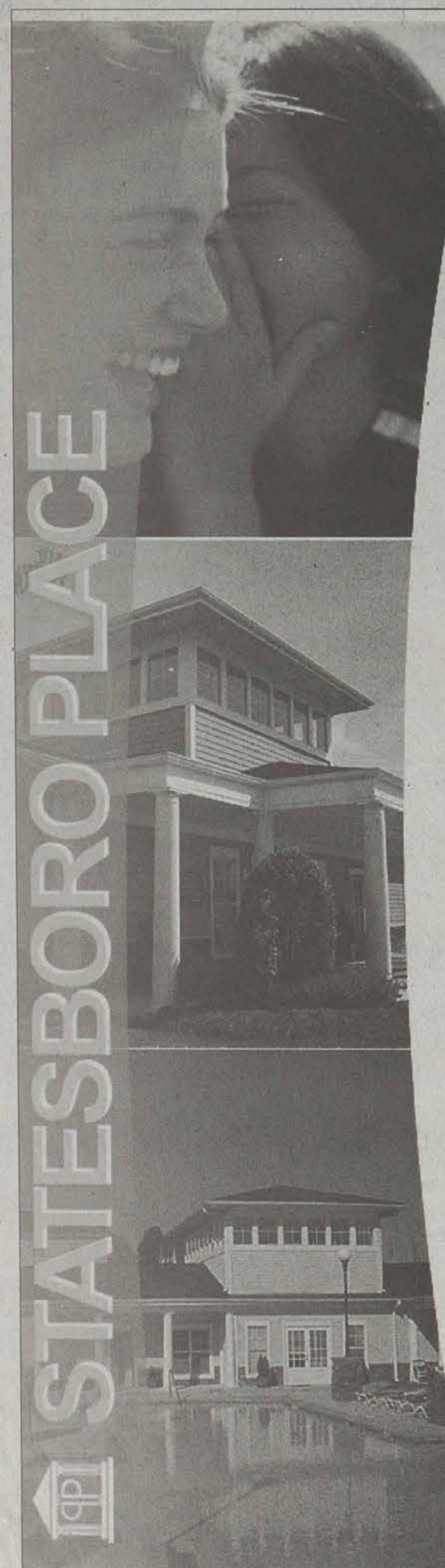
by simply calling the owner up and deciding upon a meeting place, said Francisco.

If the student feels uncomfortable with the process, Francisco suggests students meet in public places like the Russell Union, Landrum or Lakeside.

This new Web site gives direct access to students in possession of needed books and offers an opportunity to save money during the process, said Francisco.

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Club Mud sale to offer handcrafted art

By Briana Tolbert
Staff writer

Now in its 22nd year, the Annual Club Mud spring exhibition and sale will offer the public an opportunity to view and purchase original artworks created by students enrolled in the Betty Foy Sanders department of art. The sale will take place from May 4 until May 6 in the Ceramic and Sculpture Studio on Forrest Drive. The sale features work from art students in a variety of media including ceramics, jewelry and small metals.

Professor of ceramics Jane Pleak began this exhibition and sales opportunity with her students twenty-one years ago as a learning activity sponsored by the ceramics student organization, Club Mud.

"The opportunity to turn the studio into a gallery offers the students a chance to enter into the business of art," she said. "Learning about the marketplace, meeting the public and offering a product for exhibition and

sale are essential components of being a functional and successful artist."

Graduate and undergraduate students participate in the event. All students and faculty involved in the sale volunteer their time in order to make this event possible. Proceeds from the sales support the artist, visiting artists and travel to ceramic and jewelry conferences for students.

Students receive 80 percent of the sales, supporting their development in the arts. Ceramic students will be selling pottery and sculpture. The ceramic works on display will highlight the student's range of ceramic techniques taught in the ceramics program, under the direction of Jane Pleak.

Also featured in the Ceramic and Sculpture building are works from the jewelry and small metals program under the direction of Christina Lemon. Students create designs in sterling silver, gold, copper, bronze, brass, nickel silver and enameled metals using various techniques. The success of a particular handcrafted jewelry

piece rests on several factors including design, media, cost of production and production time.

"The club gives students exposure before trying to do it on their own," said Club Mud member Margo Hutchinson. Aside from working many hours in the studio, the student organization participates in several events throughout the school year, including the Chili Bowl Sale.

Club Mud members handcraft a variety of bowls and sell them to customers with chili and a drink for seven dollars. People are happy to keep the beautiful pieces of art in addition to the dinner. They also make the bowls for the traditional Bowls for the Hungry event.

To create their work, the club mostly works with stoneware clay, which is brown, and porcelain, which is white. They differ greatly from typical handcrafted ceramics shops because they use high-fire ceramics, meaning they fire most of the pieces in up to 2400 degrees.



Special Photo

Profits from Club Mud sponsor visiting artists like this one.

"That's not something that just anyone can handle," Hutchinson said. "The students know how to give you top quality ware you can't find just strolling along Fair Road, and for only a few dollars a piece."

The event is free and the community is welcome to visit the studio, meet with the student artists and view their artwork. For more information, please call the Betty Foy Sanders department of art at 912-681-5358.

DIVE into the GSU Museum to feature 'Midway' exhibit

By Koelling Borneman
Staff writer

The Georgia Southern Museum will host the "DIVE into History" program on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is for 8 to 12 year old children and will give them an in-depth look at how African Americans in Liberty County lived immediately after the Civil War. The children's program is in conjunction with the current museum exhibit, "Midway: Between Slavery and Self-Sufficiency,

DIVE into history

The cost is \$5 per person for members of the museum and \$10 per person for non-members. Advanced registration is preferred. Call the museum at 681-5444 for more information or to sign up.

the Remaking of a Black Community, 1860 - 1875."

Through letters, journals and photographs, children who attend will get a first-hand account of what

life was like for the African American population of Liberty County at that time.

"They will be divided into teams of families and based on what they have they will have to decide if they can afford to buy land, and if so what they should grow on their land," said Becky Warren, the museum's education coordinator. "It will show them the town of Liberty after the Civil War, what life was like, particularly for the slaves who still lived there after the war."

Participants will have to make

decisions that will help their families through hard times and bad luck.

DIVE stands for Day-long Interactive Visitor Experience. The museum's DIVE programs began after the previous Family Fun Shop programs started to see a decline in attendance. Museum staff wanted longer, more involved programs for kids that would last long enough to make an impression. "DIVE into History" is the second of these programs and follows "DIVE into Science" that the museum hosted last semester.

According to Warren, the program on Saturday will provide kids with an "interactive, hands-on" approach to learning about history.

DIVE into history is targeted at children, so parents are encouraged to drop off their children on Saturday morning. The cost is \$5 per person for members of the museum and \$10 per person for non-members.

Advanced registration is preferred. Call the museum at (912) 681-5444 for more information or to sign up.

'Stoops' wins the crowd at the PAC

By Jerriod Grizzle
Staff writer

The Performing Arts Center was host to comedy last weekend as the Georgia Southern Theatre Program put on "She Stoops To Conquer."

With a 21-person cast the play brought in 70 people on its opening night and also brought down the house with laughter on stage and off.

"It took 7 weeks to get ready and I am very pleased," said director Gary Dart, professor in the communication arts department.

Dart said that he was excited to do this play because it is a new kind of play being shown at GSU.

"We have never done a restoration play before. I think this play does good with people because it is a country play about country people being wiser than city people. It shows the concrete values of country people," he said.

The onstage antics of Jimmy Heikkila, Britni Rowen, Sean White, Carla Selden, and Matt Lyles drew laughter from the audience with side comments about which player the audience thought was the best.



Jared Siri/STAFF

The audience weren't the only ones laughing as James Harvard and Chris Rushing perform a scene last weekend at the PAC.

Perhaps the scene that stole the show "Tony Lumpkin," played by White, and "Constance Neville," played by Carla Selden, fought playfully behind the back of "Mrs. Hardcastle," played by Rachael Rabinovitz, who thinks that the two are in love.

Whenever the two "lovers" would start to play a game or talk it would always wind up in fighting.

"I thought it was great. You can honestly see that happening between two people if two people are fighting and their parents happen to walk in the room," said Ashley Anderson, a GSU alumnus.

The play ended well with loud applause and cheering as the performers took their final bow on stage.

Despite the laughter and cheers of the night some members of the cast were sad to see the last performance of the semester end.

"I am glad I got to go out with a bang. This a fabulous comedy," said Rowen, a senior communication arts major.

Even the faculty of GSU had a wonderful impression of the play. "It made you laugh in all the right places at all the right times," said Rebecca Kennerly, a professor in the communication arts department.

Leaders to be recognized in Union Ballroom tomorrow

By Brandee Thomas
Staff writer

The annual Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Night Banquet sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership will be held Thursday in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The event, which is always held during the last week in April, is an opportunity for student and faculty leaders to be recognized.

Event coordinator, Assistant Director of Student Affairs Kellie Pickett stated, "This banquet is a great way for us to recognize our student leaders and all their hard work before the year is over."

The banquet is by invitation only. Invitees include those students, organizations, and faculty members who were nominated for an award and those

people who nominated others. Anyone is allowed to nominate someone or some organization for an award.

"Even organizations are allowed to nominate themselves for an award," Pickett stated. "We have several organizational awards like the 'best program of the year,' or 'most improved student organization of the year award.'"

Several individual awards are up for grabs including the "catch a rising star award," the "unsung hero award," and the "advisor of the year award."

Applications for the leadership awards are made available at the end of February and the deadline to turn them in is the end of March. All campus members are encouraged to nominate those individuals or organizations on campus that exemplify leadership and who deserve to have their hard work acknowledged.

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Wednesday, April 26

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Yom Hashoah, A Holocaust Remembrance Program.
Averitt Arts Center

8 p.m.
Free movie: "Brokeback Mountain."
Russell Union Theater

Thursday, April 27

6 p.m.
Landrum Luau. Enjoy a Hawaiian evening with dinner and entertainment
Landrum

8 p.m.
Percussion Ensemble
Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 28

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

7 p.m.
Hollywood Block Party: Participants will celebrate the end of the year with food and entertainment. Performances by student bands, singers, dancers
Between the University Store and the Russell Union.

7 p.m.
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OPINION



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"I want to stand as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all the kinds of things you can't see from the center."

- Kurt Vonnegut
U.S. novelist

It's been real, and it's been fun...

Reflections on being The George-Anne's editor during a year of so much change

The other night after laying out the paper I cleared out my desk drawers and took the random pictures and other tidbits off my divider wall. When I was done, I looked down to see one small box containing all the things I had accumulated over the year.

Some of the things in the box were school books and other school related items. Others were random ads cut from foreign magazines and an old bottle of White Out I bought about a year ago. But I guess none of that really matters at this point.

The past year as executive editor of The George-Anne Daily has been one hell of an experience, excuse my French. Not only have I had my life threatened and my right to express my feelings threatened, but I've been able to meet some really cool people, cover some really interesting stories, and bring to the newspaper a sense of what the students of Georgia Southern want to see. Of course, none of the latter items are as interesting as the former, but that's life, I guess.

I don't want to bore you all with a sappy story about how much I will miss doing this job. Will I miss it? Sure I will. But do I have confidence that it will sustain without me? Indeed it will, and it will only get better as the years pass.

The Student Media Advisory Board chose current news editor Rachel McDaniel to replace me as head hog of this joint. Rachel will continue to serve this university in her new role with the same diligence and competence that she has shown for the past two years that I have worked with her. She's no amateur at this gig, and her absolute true talents will be quite evident in the coming school year.

Those serving with Rachel on the editorial board of The G-A next year are also very com-

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petent and skilled journalists. Morgan Marsh, Bert Noble, and Casey Altman have all proved themselves to be deserving of the jobs that they will begin this summer. These people, along with Rachel and the other staff members at The G-A, will continue the tradition of excellence that this newspaper has been known to produce for the past 79 years.

I leave this position humbly, understanding that I did my best, but that the show will go on without me. In a way, I'm glad I'm leaving. Not only does it give others the chance to learn incredible amounts about journalism, but it allows for the paper to move in a different direction, to go places only new, creative minds can offer.

I've met some amazing people in the past few years that I have worked with The G-A, and since it would be absurd for me to list everyone here, I will just give a blanket "thank you"; those people know who they are, the ones that advised me, mentored me, and most of all believed in me and what we could accomplish here at GSU's fine newspaper.

People often ask me, "Has it been worth it?" referring to me working here at the paper. And before answering, I have to think about it for a minute. I mean, sure, I've gained weight and

haven't shaved in a blue moon and look nothing like I did when I walked into this office three years ago, 150 pounds and buff. And yes, my GPA has slid a little from what it once was. But when I think about it, when I really, really think about it, I believe it's been worth it. The people I've met and the things I've experienced really make it all worth it.

We've done a good job here, in my opinion. We work damn hard to make this paper look and read well. I mean, after all, we are students first, and then journalists, though I may disagree with that statement. We try to be students first, but it's not always possible. So here, it might be appropriate to send my apologies to current and former professors for being somewhat "slack" at times. I did it for the best of the paper, and thus the best for GSU, honest!

In closing (I doubt anyone is reading down to this spot, but, what the hell?) I would like to say that I've enjoyed being editor of The George-Anne Daily. If I've pissed you off a few times, made you grit your teeth and scream obscenities, then I've done my job. If I haven't, then I too have done my job. If you've read this paper, then we've been successful. Even a glance at the paper shows us that you care. And we care that you care, we really do.



Luke Hearn, The G-A's outgoing executive editor

I'd love to say something inspiring here, I really, really would. But since I'm not that kind of guy, I'll just say thanks, Georgia Southern, for the past four years. Though I'll be here in graduate school here for the next two years, the past four have been truly amazing.

What I packed in that box a few weeks ago will eventually be shoved into a closet or discarded when I move into my new apartment this summer. But the real things I take away from this place will always be with me. I may have walked out of here the other night with just one box full of material things, but my mind is full of fond memories — and a little knowledge — however clouded from my over-worked and under-paid life these past few years they may be.

This is your last chance to complain

This week marks the end of my time as an editor, so suck in my greatness — or lack thereof

When there is something good in the paper, people send their praises to Luke Hearn, The George-Anne Daily's current executive editor. On the same token, when the time comes for snide comments about our coverage, they direct their angry e-mails to him as well.

It's great being the second in command for a lot of reasons, but at about 11 p.m. tonight I won't be able to say that anymore. When The G-A runs across the press tonight it will be the last time my name will appear as the paper's No. 2 man, the managing editor of news.

A few months ago I anticipated this date about as much a kid waiting for summer break. But now that it's here I have to say I'm a little sad.

Thursday's paper will be the last with a front page designed by myself. It'll be the last time I correct an error and hope I knew more than the offending writer. And it will also likely be the last time I have the chance to piss off a reader.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not going to cry about it. I even cleaned out my desk two weeks ago. But I think I'll miss not being a big part of this paper.

Students likely just skim the headlines in this paper and then do the Sudoku puzzles while tuning out their professor. Despite that ADD readership, the other students are a big part of what motivates us to do a good job here.

There's something pretty awesome about seeing a student on the bus or in class reading the paper. Though roughly 6,000 of you do just that every day, the experience never gets old.

Sometimes I spy on students from a distance and watch what they read. Disappointingly it isn't

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usually the stories we spend days — and sometimes weeks — working on. Students still love the fun stuff, like the weird news found in Only In America or the silly antics of other students featured in the police beat.

And while I'd love for you to appreciate the more cerebral stories we spend hours poring over, I guess I can take some appreciation in the fact that you all think enough of The G-A to pick it up at all.

Knowing you've read the paper at all is sort of an award in itself, but it isn't the only thing that drives us to do a good job. The G-A has two main purposes: one is to provide news and the second is to educate a new class of journalists.

Since going daily our staff has ballooned to about 30 student writers, editors, photographers and designers. I can report that it isn't the pay that makes people come back; those 30 staffers are here for something more valuable — experience.

Take it from me, experience is far more important in this business than anything you'll learn in a GSU journalism class. I say that because I have lots of experience and because I've taken all but three

of the journalism classes offered at GSU.

In addition to working here, I've worked at a handful of weeklies and interned two summers at the Savannah Morning News. Even the weekly papers want to hire journalists who have written before. Just saying you took a class on news reporting does very little to illustrate your real-world knowledge of what it takes to do the job.

I like to think the G-A has helped me become a better writer, a skilled editor and in some ways a better person. But to say that I've gotten better presumes that the work we do here is actually worth a damn. I think it's pretty solid, and despite what some journalism professors might say behind my back, it's as good as any other paper in Bulloch County.

But then again, most people have a tendency to cushion their comments about the paper when I'm in the room. And that's OK. When it comes to errors, I'd much rather you keep them to yourself since we aren't going to reprint the paper to correct yet another Adam Crisp comma splice.

So if you have a few complaints about today's paper, please send those complaints in — but not



Adam Crisp, The G-A's outgoing managing editor of news

to me. Luke Hearn is still editor for the next 24 hours and he can be reached at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. Like always, he'll get the flack for what I screwed up and I'll never be the wiser, because I don't read his e-mail — well, not very often anyway.

It's great to be No. 2.



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THE BIG STORY

Trade Center developer negotiates terms

By Amy Westfeldt
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NEW YORK — The World Trade Center site developer said Tuesday he would agree, with conditions, to let the government oversee construction of the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower and a second skyscraper planned for ground zero.

Larry Silverstein, who holds the lease to millions of square feet of destroyed office space, said he would accept economic terms of the government's latest offer, which would have him build and lease three other towers on the site by 2011.

But he asked for several conditions, including that the site's owner immediately approve the deal. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has a board meeting Wednesday but had proposed waiting until September for final approval.

Janno Lieber, a Silverstein vice president, said Tuesday that work could begin "immediately" if the deal goes through.

Silverstein said that any remaining issues could be resolved "within a matter of days."

"This is about moving the rebuilding forward as quickly as possible in order to revitalize the city's historic downtown," Silverstein wrote top Port Authority executives. The letter said the two sides would still have to work out "logistical issues" with the construction schedule of Freedom Tower.

Port Authority officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Silverstein, who signed a 99-year lease to the twin towers six weeks before they collapsed in 2001, said he would agree to pay an additional \$1.75 billion in rent in exchange for promises to fill more than 1 million square feet of office space at ground zero with federal, state and city leases.

Talks broke down in mid-March when the Port Authority walked out of negotiations, saying Silverstein had asked for too much.

Politicians called the developer



AP Photo/Kathy Willens

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greedy and Silverstein accused the government of stalling rebuilding. It then took more than a month of internal negotiations between the city and the states of New York and New Jersey before a new proposal was sent

to Silverstein last week.

In recent days, politicians led by Mayor Michael Bloomberg have called on the developer to make a deal immediately, saying he has let the rebuilding stalemate drag on long enough.

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Police find naked man wedged in chimney

① SAN FRANCISCO — Believing they had a botched burglary on their hands, police called to a house instead found a naked man wedged in its chimney.

"He didn't have a stitch on," Lt. Gary Branson of the Hayward Police Department said, referring to Michael Urbano.

The 23-year-old man came home early Saturday morning and, finding himself locked out and without his keys, tried to enter the single-story house through its chimney.

"He told us he took off his clothes because as he was going down the chimney the clothes would rub up against it and slow him down," Branson said. "If it was

skin on cement he felt he would go down easier."

Urbano's effort ended disastrously when a cable-television wire he used to lower himself snapped. He fell and was wedged in a section of the chimney tapering into the home's fireplace.

For the next four hours he cried out for help. A neighbor called police and fire fighters, who dislodged Urbano, Branson said.

Boys take mom's car, flag down cop

② GILLETTE, Wyo. — Two boys who stranded a car they allegedly took without permission flagged down another car for help — and realized too late that it was a marked sheriff's cruiser.

The 16- and 14-year-olds sneaked out of their homes early

Thursday morning and took a car owned by the 14-year-old's mother, police Lt. Sawley Wilde said.

After the 16-year-old high-centered the car on a dirt berm around 3 a.m., the boys flagged down a passing motorist. Wilde said the motorist turned out to be Campbell County Sheriff's Cpl. Eric Hyland, who was on patrol.

Wilde said the 14-year-old was returned to his mother and the 16-year-old, who was on juvenile probation, was taken to jail.

76-year-old woman charged for selling heroin

③ SAN ANTONIO — A 76-year-old woman accused of producing and selling heroin from her home has been arrested. Esther Gomez had allegedly been selling black-



tar heroin out of her home for years, according to Bexar County Sheriff's Lt. Darrell Sanders.

On Thursday, Gomez was arrested after authorities received information that led to a search warrant. She was charged with possession with intent to deliver and released on a \$20,000 bond.

Sanders said Gomez ran her business for about three hours each morning as she sat on her back porch.

"It's a good cover, right?" Sanders said. "Who would ever expect it?"

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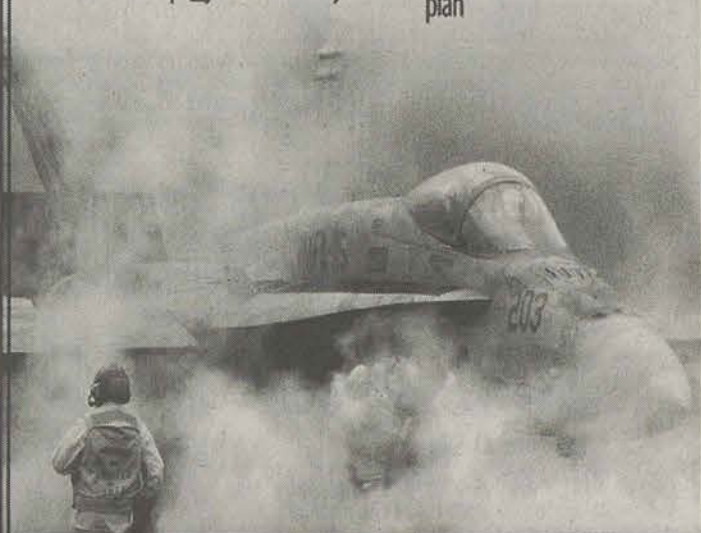
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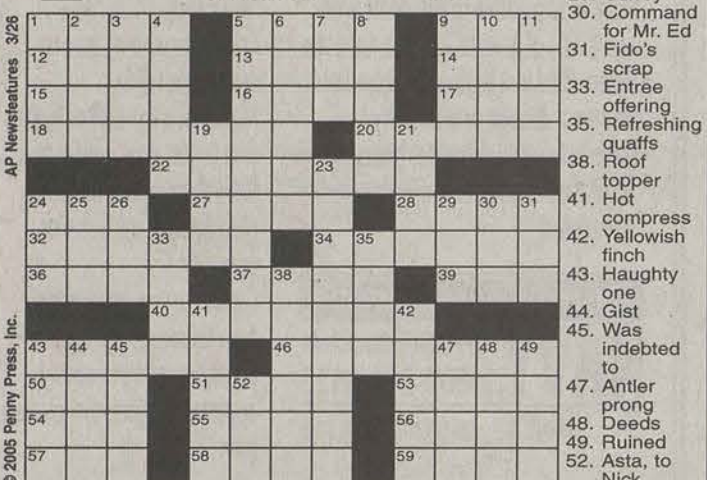
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - OK, you can launch now. You'll shoot straighter and get farther than you expected.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You're generally slow at making decisions. You find it more comfortable. Today, however, act quickly on a snap judgment, and you'll do fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - If you have a short attention span, write yourself a note. Use bold colors and big letters, and put it where it can't be missed. Don't leave anything to chance.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're in line for a promotion, a raise or a more difficult work assignment. It could

be all of the above put together. If you get an offer, take it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Don't spend the entire day goofing around, even if you feel like it. You need to present a professional demeanor. Important people are watching.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You can get what you've been seeking. Don't be embarrassed to shop in places where the overhead is low. Find it cheap.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - There's one way to beat the competition - win them over to your side. Opposites attract, and today you're very attractive.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Push yourself past your own best time. Work faster and make more money. Great treasures can be yours but only if you move quickly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Recent enterprises have been tiring. Accept encouragement. Let somebody who loves you reinforce your confidence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

- Today is a 7 - Something you've kept hidden turns out to be exactly what you need. You had a hunch this would happen, and it did, eventually.

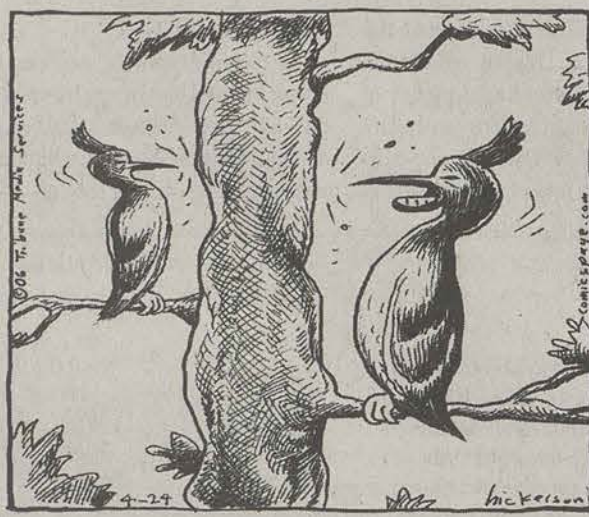
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Today is a 7 - Your curiosity is intense now. You can partially satisfy it by yourself, but not completely. Consult a wise older friend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Another's generosity is tapped, in your favor. Be gracious and accept what you're given. Yes, you do deserve it.

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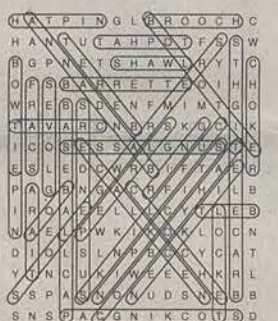
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Bad batch of drugs kills at least 9 in Northeast

Police worry addicts will seek out the drug

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — After Ellen Krips' cousin died of an overdose of extremely potent drugs last week, the heroin addict's first thought was not how she could avoid the bad junk.

It was more like: I have to get some of that stuff.

A bad batch of drugs for sale on the streets of Philadelphia and southern New Jersey has killed at least nine heroin users over the past two weeks. And while authorities are warning people to stay away from the stuff, they are afraid some junkies are drawing the wrong lesson.

Like Krips, 32, they are intrigued by the possibility of a powerful new high.

Investigators are trying to de-

termine exactly what is in the stuff, which is being sold as heroin under such names as "Flatline" and "Capone." Since Friday, about 70 people have been hospitalized.

Tests done in one community show that what was sold as heroin was mostly fentanyl, a drug 80 times more powerful than morphine. It is used to treat chronic pain and as anesthesia for open-heart surgery. No heroin was in the batch.

Medical experts say fentanyl, which has been harming Chicago-area addicts for a few months and has shown up mixed with heroin in Cleveland and elsewhere this year, can cause breathing problems and make users feel as if they are suffocating.

William Gamble, 40, said he was sickened last week. Hours after a state trooper warned him that "Flatline" was

dangerous, Gamble bought three, \$10 doses of "Capone." He, his wife and another man shot up in an abandoned house. The men passed out quickly, but both survived and were not hospitalized. His wife was not affected.

Warnings from police, counselors and news outlets have had the opposite effect on some addicts.

"If I tell someone I OD'd, they're coming to find that bag," said Gamble, who goes through seven or eight bags of heroin a day.

Authorities arrested 11 heroin users in Camden last week in an effort to track the drugs back to the dealers and their suppliers. By Tuesday, those dealers had not been found.

Some public health officials estimate that 10,000 people in the Philadelphia area are addicted to heroin. With major airports and seaports nearby, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York dealers are known to sell heroin in highly pure forms.

Johnny "J.B." Brown, a drug counselor who cruises the streets of this impoverished city in an RV, offering HIV tests and other services for drug users and prostitutes, has been trying to warn users.

"You being careful out there? You know, there's some bad dope," Brown said Monday as a steady stream of drug users approached for snacks, condoms and bleach kits to clean their needles.

All of them said they have heard about the killer drugs. But they said stuff so strong that it kills is impossible to resist. And even if they wanted to avoid the bad stuff, they might not be able to, since it is never clear which bag might contain fentanyl or some other deadly substance.

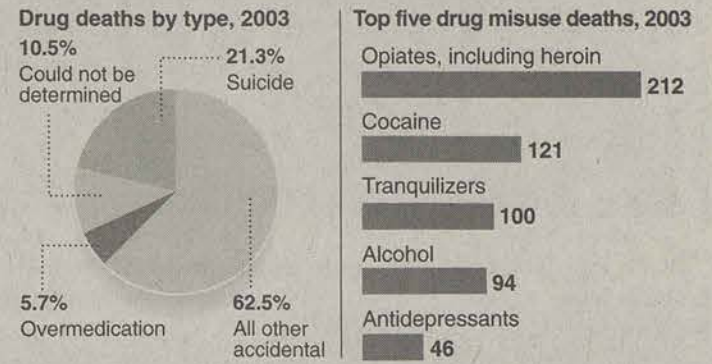
"It's like Russian roulette," said addict Michelle Galante, 28, of Swedesboro, "just like any drug."

Stephen Marcus, medical director of the New Jersey Poison Control

Opiates prevalent in drug misuse deaths

Almost two-thirds of all drug deaths in Philadelphia and neighboring metro areas were accidental. A large number of deaths stemmed from opiates like heroin.

Drug-related deaths for Philadelphia metropolitan area



SOURCE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration AP

Center, said he hopes more publicity about the dangerous drugs will help uncover similar problems elsewhere. But he also knows that every news report might serve as a commercial

for drug dealers. "Will this make the drug abusers go out particularly looking for the stronger stuff?" he asked. "If it does, it's a double-edged sword."

NASA head says 2011 earliest target date for new spaceship completion

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new spaceship could be ready to replace the nation's aging shuttle fleet by 2011 — three years ahead of schedule — if lawmakers added money to NASA's proposed budget, the head of the space agency told a congressional panel on Tuesday.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said that date is the earliest the new spaceship, or crew exploration vehicle, could be developed no matter how much money the agency received.

Currently, the target date for building a new vehicle is 2014.

With his pitch to Congress, Griffin underscored a point he has made previously about completing the spaceship on a faster time frame.

Pressed by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., Griffin acknowledged an additional \$1 billion could accelerate the program's completion.

The shuttle is to be retired in 2010, and lawmakers are concerned about when a replacement will be ready.

"If money were not an issue — going back to Apollo kinds of days — then I think it would be no technical problem to have an operational

system available in five to six years," Griffin said after testifying before a subcommittee that oversees NASA spending.

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Top 10 potential picks in NFL first round

Pick	Predicted player	NFL team	Pick	Predicted player	NFL team
1.	Reggie Bush, RB, USC	Houston	6.	Yemon Davis, TE, Maryland	San Francisco
2.	Brickshaw Ferguson, OT, UYA	New Orleans	7.	Vince Young, QB, Texas	Oakland
3.	Matt Leinart, QB, USC	Tennessee	8.	Brodrick Bunkley, DT, Fla. State	Buffalo
4.	Mario Williams, DE, NC State	N.Y. Jets	9.	Mike Huff, DB, Texas	Detroit
5.	A.J. Hawk, LB, Ohio State	Green Bay	10.	Jay Cutler, QB, Vanderbilt	Arizona



Richt says true quarterback competition will come in fall

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia coach Mark Richt has had two weeks to evaluate the play of his quarterbacks in the April 10 G-Day spring game.

That time has left Richt with this conclusion: The more telling competition at the position will come in the fall.

Joe Tereshinski, the senior who was the top backup to D.J. Shockley last season, will enter fall practice with the No. 1 spot on the depth chart.

Tereshinski's big advantage is experience. Richt indicated Tuesday that edge over others in the competition, including freshman Matthew Stafford, could begin to fade as the young contenders gain confidence.

"I really didn't see it as a competition in the spring, especially with the young guys, because they don't know what to do yet," Richt said. "They learned a lot and they should have enough of a working knowledge to compete in the fall, and if they don't in the fall it will eliminate them from the race."

Stafford, Joe Cox and Blake Barnes trail Tereshinski on the depth chart. Tereshinski had one fill-in start in 2005.

Barnes is the only other candidate to appear in a game last season, but he missed the spring game with a thumb injury. Barnes, a sophomore, also played through the spring with a knee injury. He has had arthroscopic surgery on the knee and is expected to be ready for preseason practice.

"They are sharp guys and they have learned a lot," Richt said. "I think it will be more of a true competition in the fall."

Cox threw four interceptions and Tereshinski also struggled with two interceptions in the April 10 G-Day spring game. Stafford threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Mikey Henderson on his first snap, but that was the only scoring pass of the day for any quarterback.

After the G-Day game, Richt said it was too early to say if any of the performances would impact the 2006 preseason depth chart.

Even more than two weeks later, Richt was reluctant to place much emphasis on what he said is still only a brief review of the G-Day game film.

"I think the biggest thing I saw was how big of a difference there was in Joe T. and Stafford from the beginning of spring to the end of spring, especially Stafford," Richt said.

"That first day he didn't know what he was doing. By the end of it he was fairly polished to where he ought to be able to compete pretty good in the fall."

Stafford, regarded by most major recruiting services as one of the nation's top high school quarterbacks, enrolled at Georgia early for spring semester in the 2006 recruiting season.

When asked if his experience in spring practice, combined with additional time to study the playbook before preseason practice begins in early August, will be ample time to prepare him to play as a true freshman, Stafford said "That's plenty of time, in my opinion."

Tereshinski, a third-generation Georgia player who has played on special teams while awaiting this opportunity, will be favored to start the Sept. 2 season opener against Western Kentucky. But Richt says the competition — including the battle for the No. 2 job — is still open.

"We're still trying to figure out who the quarterback is gonna be," Richt said. "Right now Joe T. will be the first guy rolling into the fall. I'm not sure where it will fall after that. I'd say that by the time practice is out and we have our first ball game against Western Kentucky we'll have to have it narrowed down to at least two."

NFL suspends Ricky Williams

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams was suspended for the 2006 season by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's substance abuse policy for the fourth time.

The league announced the suspension after Williams' appeal of his latest positive drug test was denied. Williams met with NFL counsel Jeff Pash on April 10 in an attempt to have the league overturn the test.

"I'm disappointed with the decision, but I respect it," Williams said in a statement released by the Dolphins. "I'm proud of my association with the National Football League and look forward to returning to the Dolphins in 2007."

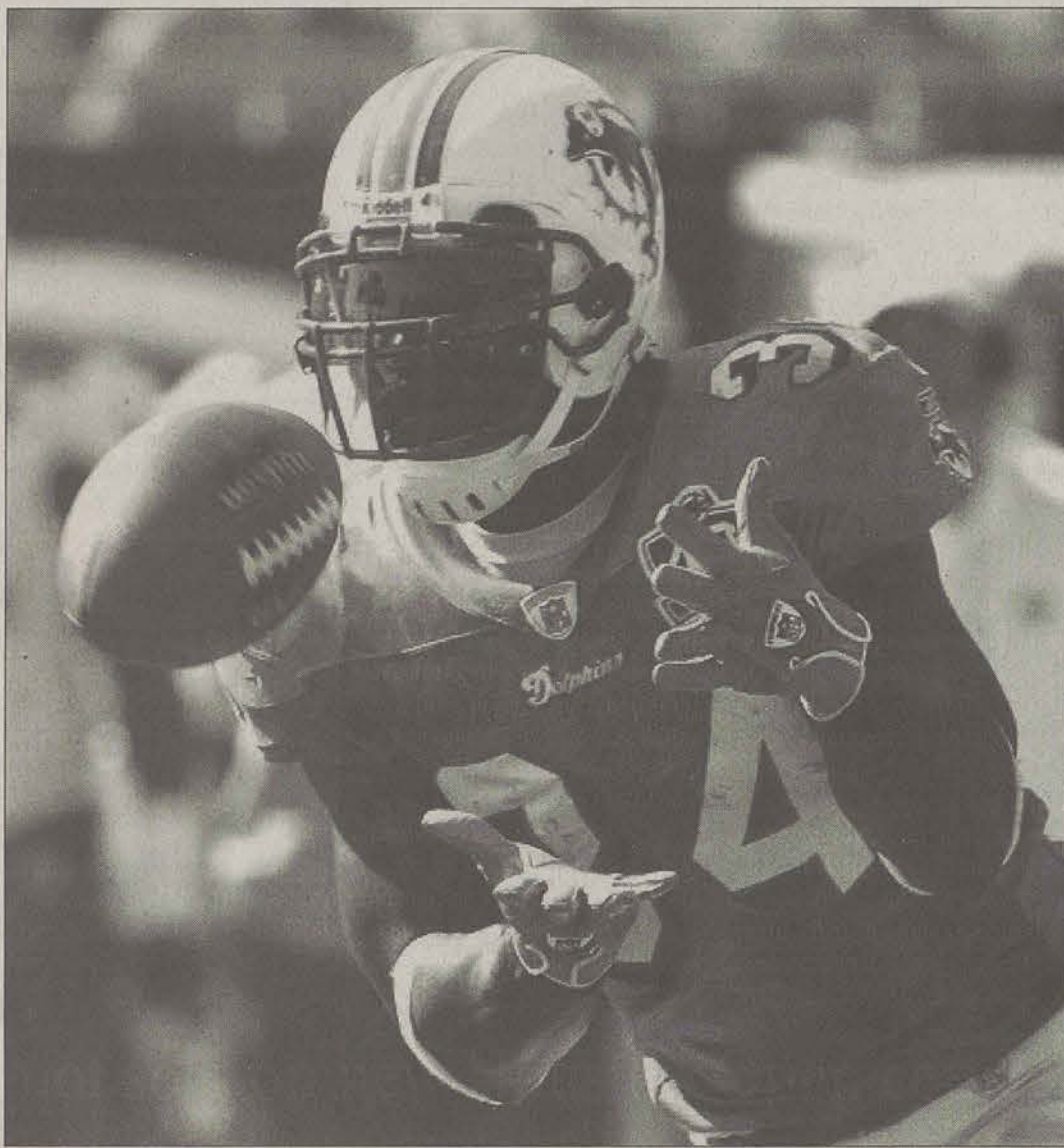
Previous positive tests were for marijuana, which Williams acknowledged using. The latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner and 2002 NFL rushing champion, Williams retired and sat out the 2004 season, then returned last year to play for new Miami coach Nick Saban.

He served a four-game suspension at the start of the 2005 season for his third violation of the drug program, then ran for 743 yards and averaged 4.4 yards a carry while sharing playing time with rookie Ronnie Brown.

News that Williams had failed another drug test surfaced in February, while he was in India studying yoga and holistic medicine.

Saban repeatedly has praised Williams' conduct and performance last season and supported him in the appeal process.



AP Photo/Scott Audette

Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams pulls in a pass from quarterback Gus Frerotte during their 27-13 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2005. Ricky Williams was suspended for the 2006 season by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's substance abuse policy for the fourth time.

"This is a league decision, and we are disappointed in what it means for Ricky and the team," Saban said in a statement. "Ricky did an outstanding job for the Dolphins, not only as a player but also what he added as a person to the team's chemistry

and to our overall success."

The suspension represents a financial blow for Williams, who owes the Dolphins \$8.6 million for breaching his contract when he retired in 2004. His return to the NFL was motivated partly by the

need for a paycheck.

It's possible the suspension could mean the end of the mercurial running back's career. If he tries to return in 2007, he'll be 30 years old and will have played a total of 12 games in the previous three seasons.

Duke lacrosse player faces trial for assault

By Heather Greenfield
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Duke University lacrosse player charged with raping a stripper in North Carolina was ordered Tuesday to stand trial in Washington on an unrelated assault charge from last fall.

The assault charge against Collin Finnerty, 19, could have been dismissed if he completed 25 hours of community service and stayed out of trouble, but a Washington judge decided his arrest in the rape case violated that agreement.

Finnerty and two friends are accused of punching a man after he told them to "stop calling him gay and other derogatory names," according to court documents.

Finnerty remains free pending a July 10 trial in the Washington case. He could get up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 if convicted of simple assault.

Judge John Bayly also set a 9 p.m. curfew, ordered him to report by phone to court officials every Friday, and required that he stay away

from places that sell alcohol.

Finnerty nodded when the judge asked if he understood. A family priest stood a few feet behind him in the courtroom.

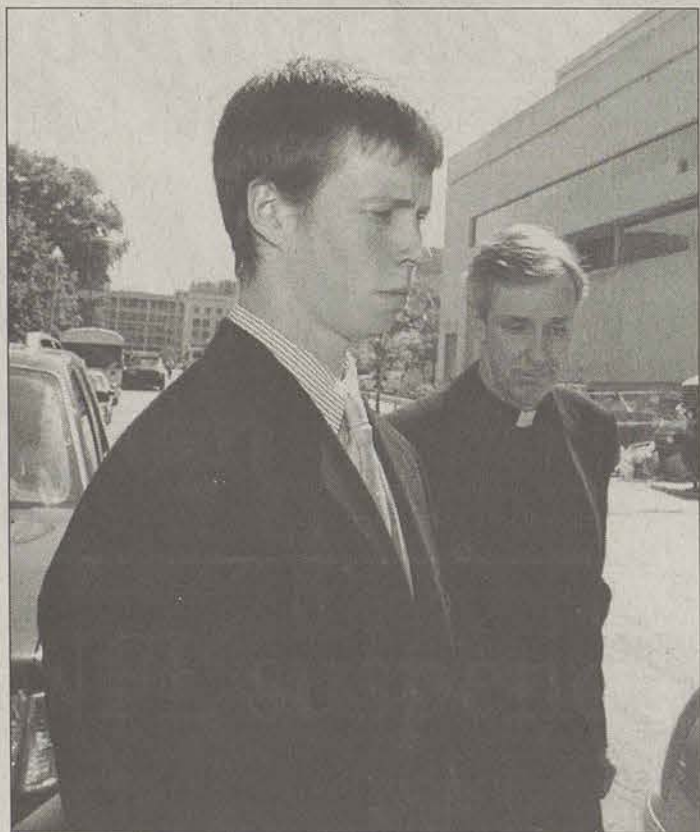
"This incident has been grossly mischaracterized," said attorney Steven J. McCool, who is representing Finnerty, of Garden City, N.Y., in the Georgetown case. McCool said the media have unfairly portrayed the incident as a hate crime. He did not elaborate.

Finnerty and Duke teammate Reade Seligmann, 20, were indicted on rape and kidnapping charges last week.

A 27-year-old stripper who had been hired to perform at a lacrosse team party March 13 told police three men raped her in a bathroom of the off-campus house.

District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he expects to charge a third person soon.

Defense attorneys say time-stamped photos, phone records and a taxi driver's testimony show Seligmann could not have been there when the rape is alleged to have occurred.



AP Photo/Evan Vucci

Duke University lacrosse player Collin Finnerty leaves the DC Superior Courthouse on Tuesday in Washington. Finnerty appeared before a DC Superior Court judge for a previous scheduled status hearing of an assault case that occurred last November.

Many players not sold on new Houston Open course

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas — The Shell Houston Open will move to the weekend before The Masters next year, a change organizers hope will lure a more star-studded field.

It's not the date, but the course that could keep many away.

The new Tournament Course at Redstone, where Stuart Appleby shot 19 under last weekend to win the event, got a lukewarm response from the players, most of whom were seeing it for the first time.

Vijay Singh won the previous

two Houston Opens at the adjacent Jacobsen/Hardy course at Redstone. The event moved to the 7,457-yard Rees Jones layout this year.

Singh said too many of the holes look the same.

"The golf course did not grow on me," said Singh, the 2000 Masters winner. "Normally, the more you play, the more it grows on you. I just hope they go back to the old golf course next year. I think that's the consensus of most of the players."

Bob Estes, who finished second to Appleby, didn't like the distance between holes. The second tee was more than a quarter mile from the

first green and though players had carts waiting to shuttle them, Estes said the process backed up play.

"It's just so spread out, the rounds were really long, and that's the downside of it," Estes said.

Appleby led wire-to-wire and won by six shots. Naturally, he liked the course, but said it was not the ideal tuneup for Augusta. But he added that no course really is and said most players only play the week before majors for the competition.

"Certainly, if I play like this next year going into Augusta, I'll have the next event to gain the momentum and the vibe going in," he said.

Others did have compliments for the new course north of Houston, which former PGA champion David Toms helped Jones design.

John Daly, who drew the largest galleries last week despite finishing tied for 59th, said the new course was more demanding than the old one off the tee.

"The other one, you can rip driver on all the par 4s and par 5s and this one here, you can't," he said. "But I do like it. It's an awesome golf course."

Outside of a few long walks, Estes enjoyed it, too. "It's definitely hard enough to challenge all of us," he said.

Tim Dahlberg

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Imagine that: a woman in the dugout instead of the kitchen

My first thought upon hearing Keith Hernandez was in trouble was that he was doing drugs again.

OK, that was a cheap shot. It's been two decades since the former All-Star first baseman came clean about his cocaine use, and there is no evidence he's been smoking anything lately.

Still, there has got to be something to explain what came out of his mouth Saturday night in San Diego.

Apparently "Just For Men" isn't just a hair dye that Hernandez endorses. It's his way of looking at life. You know, the stuff made by men just for men? Turns out Hernandez is a real believer.

In case you missed it, Hernandez was helping broadcast a Mets-Padres game when he tried to turn the gender equity clock back to the days when he was paid to play rather than talk. The object of his ire: a 33-year-old woman who makes her living as a member of the Padres' training staff.

Kelly Calabrese, San Diego's full-time massage therapist, caught the attention of Hernandez when she high-fived Mike Piazza after he hit a home run. But it wasn't Calabrese slapping hands with Piazza that offended Hernandez the most. It was that she dared enter some sacred male-only zone.

"What's going on here?" Hernandez said. "You have got to be kidding me. Only player personnel in the dugout." Hernandez didn't stop there.

"I won't say that women belong in the kitchen, but they don't belong in the dugout," he said. And that last one came after he found out that she's Padres player personnel, after all.

Nice, Keith. Twenty years past your prime, 20 years behind the times. Sure, you probably already knew that women have the right to vote, and may have even seen some drive their own cars to games. But did you know that they can be doctors, CEOs and, yes, even get involved in baseball? There's even one who is a senator from New York and is an early favorite for president.

"You know I am only teasing. I love you gals out there — always have," Hernandez replied, inserting his foot even deeper into his mouth.

Across New York City, old guard male chauvinists had to be cheering. They probably hadn't heard stuff this good on television since Archie Bunker lived with Edith in Queens.

The sad thing is that, like Hernandez, they don't realize that this is 2006, not 1986. They don't understand that there are roles for women in sports beyond those played by the blondes who hang out in the players' parking lot.

Men aren't the only ones who want to be involved in sports anymore, just like women aren't the only ones who dye their hair anymore. Since the Mets won the World Series 20 years ago, an entire new generation of women have grown up watching, playing and even running games.

Women are being paid to play basketball, and women are acting as role models for young soccer players. There are aspiring women umpires, a woman who is the assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and even women in the broadcast booth.

The fact that there is a woman in the Padres dugout shouldn't be a shocker. Thousands, perhaps millions, of young girls occupy dugouts while playing softball, and some even share them with boys while playing Little League baseball.

If Hernandez had opened his eyes he might have noticed some of them. Then maybe he wouldn't have been caught so off guard when he saw a woman standing amid the soggy sunflower shells that litter every major league dugout.

Hernandez may have a tough time hanging onto that "Just For Men" endorsement. That's because real men don't act like that anymore.

Jury deliberates in Moussaoui trial

By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Jurors in the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui went into a second day of deliberations Tuesday to decide whether the Sept. 11 conspirator should receive a death sentence or life in prison.

The jury deliberated for three hours Monday after hearing closing arguments in the six-week trial.

Prosecutors told jurors that the decision to sentence Moussaoui to death ought to be relatively easy given the horror inflicted on 9/11 and

Moussaoui's glee — evident throughout the trial — at the destruction he helped wreak.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Moussaoui's court-appointed defense lawyers, who have been at odds with their client for years, said a death sentence would be giving Moussaoui exactly what he wants — an execution at the hands of his enemies and martyrdom.

Moussaoui has said at various times that he believes being executed by the Americans may grant him a path to paradise in the afterlife.

Moussaoui's transparent contempt for his victims "is proof that he wants you to sentence him to death," Zerkon told the jury.

"He is baiting you into it. He came to America to die in jihad and you are his last chance."

The jury has only two choices: death or life in prison. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema instructed jurors to balance all the factors that argue for death or life in making their decision.

If the jury cannot reach a unanimous decision, Brinkema will automatically sentence him to life.

Terrorism cases

The federal government has had some victories in its prosecution of alleged terrorists, but it also has seen some of its high-profile cases fall apart.

Selected U.S. terror cases

1 The Lackawanna Six

Six Yemeni-Americans arrested in 2002 in Lackawanna, N.Y.; accused of being al-Qaida sleeper cell members; pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of material support for terrorism in 2003 and received sentences of 7-10 years

2 Detroit sleeper cell

Four Detroit men convicted in June 2003 of helping terrorists target sites in the United States and abroad; ruling later overturned after court found that prosecutors withheld evidence that could have helped the defense

3 The Portland Seven

Group of Muslims attempted to travel to Afghanistan to defend the Taliban in late 2001; one member killed in Pakistan, remaining six sentenced to 3-18 years in prison

4 Jose Padilla

Padilla arrested in May 2002 in Chicago, accused of planning to detonate a "dirty bomb"; held as enemy combatant, then charged with supporting terrorism and conspiracy to commit terrorist acts overseas

5 Ali Saleh Kahlaf al-Marri

A student at Bradley University, al-Marri was arrested in December 2001 in Peoria, Ill., on charges of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent; held as an enemy combatant since June 2003

6 Richard Reid

"Shoe bomber" attempted to blow up a flight bound for Miami from Paris in December 2001; pleaded guilty in 2002, serving a life sentence in Colorado

7 Zacarias Moussaoui

Arrested weeks before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and pleaded guilty to plotting with al-Qaida; death penalty trial under way in Alexandria, Va.

8 Ali al-Tamimi

An Islamic scholar who urged his followers to join the Taliban and fight U.S. troops, al-Tamimi was convicted of soliciting treason last year in Alexandria, Va., and sentenced to life in prison

9 Enaam Arnaout

Former head of the Illinois-based Benevolence International Foundation was arrested in 2002, charged with funneling money to al-Qaida; pleaded guilty in February 2003 to sending money to fighters in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Chechnya without telling donors; sentence later reduced to 10 years



Two men rebuild their lives after fatal crash

By Doug J. Swanson and Gregg Jones
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DALLAS — At this stage of his recovery, Mike Martin can confront almost anything but the TV shows his children might have watched.

On Sept. 20, 2004, an 18-wheeler crossed a North Texas highway median and killed Martin's wife, three sons and mother-in-law. Five men in another vehicle also died.

Since then, Martin has tried to piece his life together by willing himself through each day with the language of emotional combat.

"You have to be a victor, not a victim," he said. "As hard as it is, you've got to stand up and face it."

Martin, 38, lives alone now in Prosper, Texas. When there's no one around, the television stays on because he can't stand the silence. He sometimes piles his clean laundry on his bed so it won't seem so empty at night.

On the day of the crash, Martin was working on the house intended to be his family's home. He said goodbye to them that afternoon, when they left to buy two children's bicycles.

His wife, Lisa, 32, drove their 2000 blue Ford Expedition. His mother-in-law, Betsy Wood, 70, sat beside her. Four-year-old Chance sat in the back



Melanie Burford/KRT
Mike Martin touches the grave of his family in Allen, Texas.



Melanie Burford/KRT

Mike Martin's table is covered with family snapshots waiting to be placed in an album in his home.

with Brock, 2, and Reid, 2 months, all of them in child-restraint seats.

Just before 4:30 p.m., a northbound truck driven by Miroslaw Jozwiak crossed the median on U.S. Highway 75. It hit the southbound Expedition and a Ford pickup carrying seven roofers.

Martin reached the site to see his wife's car on its side, a charred hulk in the bright white of the emergency lights. He could smell diesel fuel and burned flesh. "I looked over," he said, "and they were cutting Lisa out of the car."

"I told my mom, 'I have nothing to live for.' I was praying to die."

But he awoke the next morning, he said, with a purpose: to keep going. He sold the house he was building for his family and disposed of most of his wife's and children's possessions. "I couldn't sleep on the beds," he said. "I couldn't sit on the furniture. I just couldn't do it."

In northwest Dallas, another victim of that day tries to rebuild his life. Javier Esparza, 23, lost most of his right leg. He was one of seven roofers in a two-tone Ford pickup that smashed into the 18-wheeler's trailer after the rig crossed the median. Five of the seven died.



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Javier Esparza shows his scars from his injuries and surgeries after the crash.

Esparza was asleep when the crash occurred and spent six weeks in a coma. He was so seriously hurt that his family had a grave dug at his village.

Once a soccer player, now he limps slowly on his prosthetic leg. A dark scar 3 inches wide splits his abdomen. He lost a kidney and part of his intestines. For now, he lives on \$265 a week in workers' compensation payments.

Javier Esparza said he has nothing to say to the driver of the tractor-trailer, who caused the accident. "I think it was an accident, and it's already happened," he said. "But he should feel responsible."

Do you want to be a George-Anne Daily Editor?

The George-Anne Daily is looking to fill five positions for the 2006-2007 academic school year, including Deputy Managing Editor, Sports Editor, Assistant News Editor, A&E Assistant Editor and Assistant Photography Editor.

- Students should be available for training this summer.
- Students must be in good standing with the university and have a GPA of at least 2.0.
- Previous writing and/or publication experience is a plus.
- A resume, cover letter and writing samples should be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27 in room 2023 of the Williams Center. Interviews will be arranged. The search will remain open until all positions are filled.

Deputy Managing Editor —

The Deputy Managing Editor is responsible for day-to-day operations and office management, and organizing and editing wire and syndicated stories for the paper. The editor should also have good writing skills and will cover breaking news and features when called upon.

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The Sports Editor is responsible for covering all GSU sporting events. The editor is responsible for directing sports coverage, recruiting writers, assigning sports stories and working with sports writers. Some layout and design is required.

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The News Editor's assistant should be able to write two or more news stories per week, help come up with news story ideas and assign them to writers. The editor should assist in designing pages and working with writers.

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The Arts and Entertainment Editor's assistant is responsible for helping create story ideas and recruiting writers to cover the stories for the weekly Entertainment edition of Thursday's paper. The editor is also responsible for helping with design and organization of the Entertainment and Features section.

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The Photography Editor's assistant is responsible for coordinating photography assignments, asking in recruiting photographers, preparing multi-media presentations, and covering 2-3 photo assignments per week.

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in such cases.

All three have pleaded not guilty.

Defense lawyers and federal prosecutors took turns questioning potential jurors about topics ranging from their political activities to their opinion of Schrenko and relationships with teachers and other employees of the state Department of Education. Schrenko, a Republican, headed the department from 1995-2002.

"I'm appreciative of her efforts that have provided betterment for Georgia school students," one pro-

spective juror said in a questionnaire he had filled out earlier.

Several potential jurors were asked whether a defendant's financial success would affect their opinions and at least one, a black woman from Gwinnett County, was asked if she would be biased against a defendant from South Africa.

In the late '80s and early '90s, Botes's Computer Consulting Services Corp. was listed as one of the fastest-growing companies in the nation. He is the great-great grandson of the first president of the Republic of South Africa and was jailed for refusing military service during the nation's apartheid era, according to a biography released by his defense team.

Several potential jurors also were asked their opinions of witnesses who

had made deals with prosecutors.

Merle Temple, Schrenko's one-time friend and former deputy superintendent and campaign manager, pleaded guilty to charges in the case last year. He is expected to testify for the prosecution.

Prosecutors say Schrenko funneled \$614,000 in federal Department of Education money to companies owned by Botes, who provided no services. Some of those funds were intended for state schools for the deaf.

Instead, the government says about half of that money was steered to Schrenko's failed campaign for governor in 2002. Another \$9,300 was used by Schrenko for cosmetic surgery, according to the indictment.

Soldier

from the front

Hilton," he said. "Robert was madder than hell because Jeremy had taken his cell phone to call me, and Robert didn't want dad to come rescue him."

Eric Hornbeck arrived at the hotel about seven minutes later, he said. He found Stone, who said he'd lost sight of Robert Hornbeck just minutes earlier. Then Eric Hornbeck called his son's cell phone.

"He answered the phone and said something about, 'Dad, I'm on the stairs,'" he said. "I can't say if it went dead or he hung up. But that was the end of the conversation."

Police checks of Hornbeck's cell phone, credit card and bank account records show none have been used since he went missing, said Lt. Mike Wilkins, a spokesman for Savannah-Chatham County police.

"We have no evidence that Mr. Hornbeck is a victim of any crime," Wilkins said. "All searches to this point have not yielded any information on his whereabouts."

Fliers posted in downtown storefronts with Hornbeck's photo and a full-page ad his father bought in Sunday's Savannah Morning News haven't turned up any fresh tips. Neither has a \$10,000 reward offered by the family.

The longer he searches, Eric Hornbeck becomes more worried that his son is either dead or "he has postwar trauma and he's holed up somewhere."

"You never know. People do snap," he said. "But nobody had any indication that was the story. I hope it is the story. That's our only hope."

As gas prices continue to climb, wind power wins over new fans

By Robert S. Boyd

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Thanks to \$3-a-gallon gasoline and \$75-a-barrel oil, wind power — the once-wimpy little brother of the energy industry — is putting on muscle and gaining favor.

Its backers promote wind as a clean, cheap, endlessly renewable way to make electricity that can help reduce the nation's reliance on high-priced, perhaps undependable foreign sources and thereby enhance national security.

"There's been a key change in attitude in the last year," said James Lyons, an official at GE Global Research, a branch of General Electric Co. based in Niskayuna, N.Y. "Energy security is driving this."

"The culture is shifting," said Alexander Karsner, the assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy at the Department of Energy. "People are coming to see the importance of energy independence."

Critics say wind energy is unreliable, unsightly, harmful to wildlife and economically viable only because of government tax credits.

Nevertheless, "wind power is becoming a force to be reckoned with," said Clinton Andrews, a professor of urban planning at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. Andrews and others spoke at a conference of industry executives, government officials and energy experts in Washington last week.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Nora Brownell told the conference that there's an "alignment of the stars" for wind power today.

Bigger, quieter and more efficient wind turbines are sprouting across the land. About 30 states have wind farms that are able to generate almost 10,000 megawatts of electricity — enough to power 2.3 million homes — at a cost roughly competitive with that of natural gas, nuclear power and "clean coal," which has been scrubbed of



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As wind power becomes more cost-competitive with gasoline, many people are looking to wind power to become a major source of electricity.

impurities. Some states, such as New York and California, require that a certain percentage of their electricity come from wind.

President Bush asked Congress for \$44 million to advance wind energy in his 2007 budget. Big utility companies such as General Electric are getting into the game.

"The wind industry has been built up to a critical mass," said Charles Smith, the executive director of the Utility Wind Integration Group, an organization that eight utility com-

panies founded to speed their use of energy from wind.

Nevertheless, wind power still faces substantial problems.

Wind is notoriously variable. It typically blows most strongly in the morning, when it's least needed, and fades out in the afternoon and evening, when electricity demand is highest.

"Reliability is a critical factor," said Mark Ahlstrom, an expert at Wind-Logics, a wind-forecasting firm in St. Paul, Minn. "You just have to be able to deal with it."

Pressured on gas prices, Bush halts deposits to reserves

By Nedra Pickler

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday ordered a temporary halt to deposits to the nation's strategic petroleum reserve to make more oil available for consumer needs and relieve pressure on pump prices.

Bush also announced steps to ease environmental standards governing fuel grades.

The moves came as political pressure intensified on Bush to do something about gasoline prices that are expected to stay high throughout the summer.

Bush said the nation's strategic petroleum reserve had enough fuel to guard against any major supply disruption over the next few months.

"So, by deferring deposits until the fall, we'll leave a little more oil on the market. Every little bit helps,"

he said.

Easing the environment rules will allow refiners greater flexibility in providing oil supplies since they will not have to use certain additives such as ethanol to meet clean air standards.

The suspension of oil purchases for the federal emergency oil reserve is likely to have only modest impact since relative little extra oil will be involved.

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