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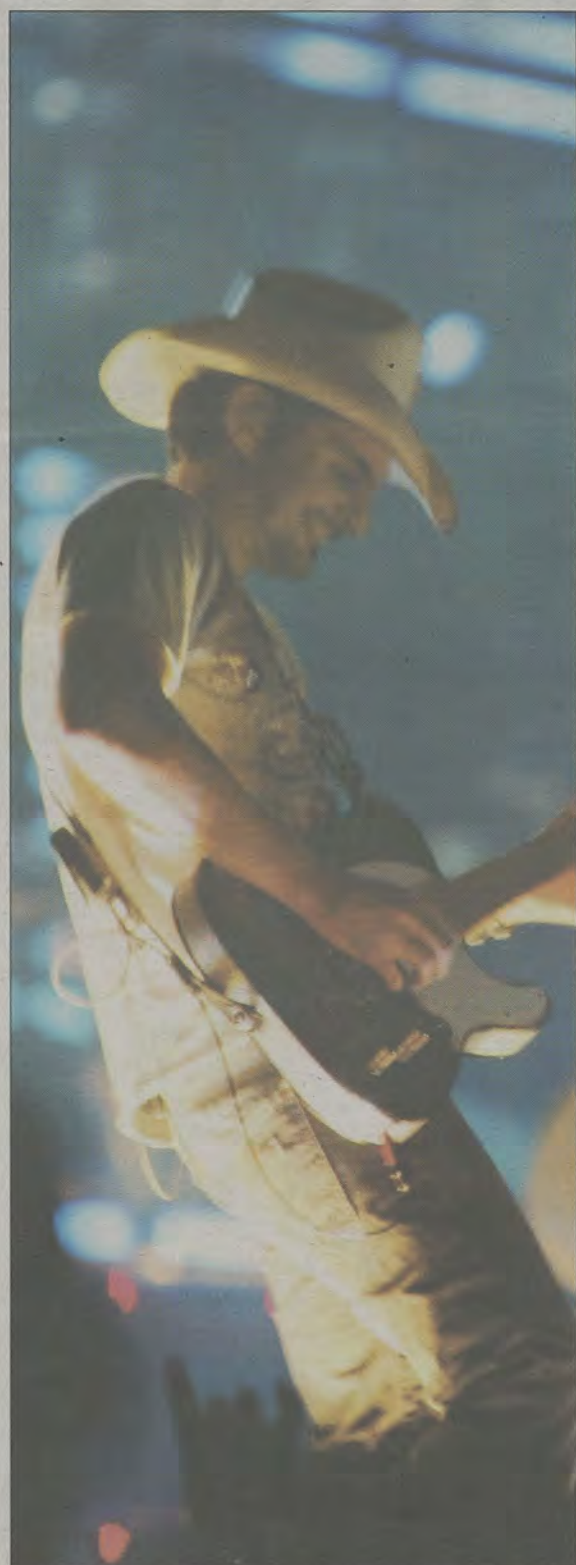
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Tao Ventre/STAFF

The results are in - Paisley and company were a hit

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Sticking out like a 'SOAR' thumb



Audra Grossman/STAFF

New freshman and transfer students gather each week, to learn about Georgia Southern and the surrounding area.

For the rest, see Amy Peet's story, page 3

NEWS

GSU student wins national award

National Residence Hall Honorary, selects resident assistant, Rachel Baker, as it's 2007 Member of the Year.

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Statesboro to supply glass for new WTC

For the rest, see Amy Peet's story, page 2



SPORTS

Southern's uniform rated in top 10 by Sports Illustrated

Sports Illustrated's online site recently reviewed all of the college uniforms in the nation.

The competition was fierce but Georgia Southern managed to score a top 10 position for having one of the best uniforms in the nation. George-Anne sports cover the top 10 winners of the competition.

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Viracon to supply glass for Freedom Tower

By Amy Peets

Staff writer

On September 11, 2001 a terrorist attack in New York City left an empty space in most of America's hearts, when two high-jacked planes flew into the World Trade Center.

Now more than five years later, plans have gotten underway to fill the space the attack left in lower Manhattan, and a Statesboro company, Viracon, Inc., will be lending a helping hand.

Benton Industries of Portland, Oregon, who was recently awarded the curtain wall contract for Tower One to be built on Ground Zero, named Viracon, Inc. Of Owatonna, Min. as glass supplier for the project.

Viracon has two additional locations that will be helping to produce and supply the glass.

One is located in St. George, Utah and the other is right here in Statesboro.

Viracon, the largest single source glass fabricator in the country, was selected based on the company's ability to achieve stringent design and performance criteria for glass, according to a Viracon press release.

The Tower One, also known as the Freedom



Special Photo

This is a rendering of what the projected tower will look like upon completion in 2011.

Tower, will stand 1,776 feet tall making it the tallest building in North America. The height is symbolic of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

This project calls for just under one million square feet of glass, easily making it the largest contract in the company's history.

Also, the glass is about 50 percent thicker than regular glass used in construction projects.

The length of the glass used in the project is about two feet longer than glass used in skyscrapers of comparison.

"It will be a lot of work but obviously the most important building to go up in America in our lifetime. We're very proud of it," said Bob Randall, Viracon's Vice President of Operations.

The glass will be shatter resistant and coated with a product that will make the glass energy efficient but transparent at the same time.

The building will be constructed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and is expected to begin in 2008.

For more details about the World Trade Center project or Viracon, Inc. check out <http://www.viracon.com> and click on the "Latest News" link at the bottom of the page.

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 28

12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Orientation

Russell Union Building

4 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

First Year Experience workshop
IT Lecture Hall 1005

Friday, June 29

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Orientation

Russell Union Building

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

GSU Writing Project banquet
Nessmith Lane Ballroom

POLICE BEAT

06-26-2007

• Sarah Natasia Bright, 20, of South Edgewood Drive, Statesboro, was charged with financial transaction card fraud.

06-24-2007

• Michelle Lynn Johnson, 20, of Thomasville, Ga., was charged with driving without license and headlight requirements.

• Gordon Gregory Hunter, 19, of Hawthorne Court, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.

• Santos Rivera, 19, of Eagles Landing, Statesboro, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.

06-21-2007

• Ryan Andrew Bolde, 18, of Alpharetta, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• Lawrence Edward Lauer, 18, of Alpharetta, Ga., was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

06-20-2007

• Justin Tyler Celeste, 19, of Woodlands Drive, Statesboro, was charged with entering auto and theft by receiving stolen property.

• Jessica Hope Stephens, 25, of Woodlands Drive, Statesboro, was charged with entering auto and theft by receiving stolen property.

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Paisley packs a punch

By Amy Peets

Staff Writer

Every semester the Office of Student Activities and Eagle Entertainment tries to bring in a big selling concert to the Georgia Southern campus, but the success of last spring's Brad Paisley concert has students' wondering, who's next?

Paisley's "Bonfires and Amplifiers Tour" brought 18,000 students to Paulson Stadium April 27 to see the chart topping country crooner perform.

"Man, it was a good time. All of the performers were so good that it was like seeing a music festival instead of just Brad Paisley, [whom] I would've gladly paid to see by himself," said sophomore and concert attendant Zach Cleghorn.

Cleghorn said he would like to a change next year. "I'd like to see a classic rock band next, like the Allman Brothers," said Cleghorn.

According to Bill Pickett at the Office of Student Activities there has been no selection for Georgia Southern's next performance.

"We'll have a survey for the students in the fall to determine who will perform next," Pickett said.



Audra Grossman/STAFF

New freshman have attended SOAR during the summer semesters. It is a chance to learn about the campus, as well as register for classes in the fall.

Freshman 'SOAR' at orientation program

By Amy Peets

Staff Writer

It's that time again. It's summer and the gnats aren't the only thing swarming campus. Take a walk on campus, and the average observer is bound to experience two different types of students walking around.

There are the summer school attendees, trying to earn credits quickly over the summer semesters, and then there are the future freshmen, experiencing Georgia Southern University's unique and original orientation held every summer.

Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration (SOAR) is an event for upcoming freshmen and their parents to expose what life is like on campus and to help better prepare them for life at GSU.

SOAR, which is a two-day orientation session, helps students get to experience on-campus living by offering them a chance to stay in the dorms, tour the facilities and listen to lectures that will help them to develop the skills to be successful at GSU.

Parents are especially encouraged to come attend the multiple discussions that will include sessions on food plans, on and off-campus living options, campus recreations and study abroad opportunities, just to name a few.

SOAR leaders are a large part of why the sessions are successful and students realize that

this takes hard work.

"It is great and rewarding when a parent or student praises us for our work. Coming to work is joyous and inspiring when you know that you can be the one person who helps another out with [the] transition into college," said SOAR leader Melanie Allen.

Also offered at SOAR is the chance for upcoming freshmen to meet their advisors, look through courses that will be offered, advise and register for the classes they will take their first semester of college.

One program being used this year is the MyGeorgiaSouthern presentation, which shows the students step-by-step instructions on how to register for classes.

"SOAR is very useful for the freshmen. During the two-day schedule we provide the students with great resources that we offer around campus," Allen said. "We discuss these resources through the three small groups, plus through our funny, but serious campus issues skits."

It is mandatory for all students attending GSU. For more information, contact the Office of Orientation at 912-871-1987.

Remaining SOAR Dates

July 9-10 July 12-13

July 16-17



Student receives national award

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern resident assistant Rachel Baker is the 2007 Member of the Year for the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH).

"It is a very high honor for Georgia Southern to have the national NRHH Student of the Year living on campus," said Vickie Hawkins, director of university housing at Georgia Southern. "Rachel epitomizes the qualities of an outstanding student in and out of the classroom."

Selection for this nationwide award is based on demonstrated excellence in expanding campus and community service projects, bringing recognition and participation to residence hall programs and in the strength of the nominee's own academic scholarship.

Baker has been involved in charitable events with Habitat for Humanity, Books for

Africa and the Statesboro Food Bank donation drives. She also provided gifts through Holiday Helpers.

Baker also developed several programs for campus housing residents such as "recycling bucks" and an upcoming alcohol education program "Green Pines and Fine Wines." She also successfully petitioned the University Housing Department to get its own office.

A University Honors Program 1906 scholar, Baker maintains a 3.56 GPA and is a recipient of the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, Hope Scholarship and Hope promise for teachers.

Baker's campus leadership positions include service as a resident advisor, president of the Order of the Blue and White Chapter of NRHH, desk assistant and central office assistant.

A rising senior English education major, Baker is from Moultrie, Ga.

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COLUMNIST

Carnegie classification misleads prospective students, professors

Georgia Southern wants you to think that you can earn a Ph.D, but guess what? You can't! Georgia Southern is NOT a doctoral research university in the same sense as Georgia Tech or Georgia State. Which is far cry from the information that is spun by the Georgia Southern PR camp, and most notably President Bruce Grube, that could possibly mislead prospective GSU students and professors.

Despite an announcement in 2006 that Georgia Southern was newly classified as a doctoral research university by the Carnegie Foundation, the University System of Georgia still considers GSU a regional university.

"In our system, a major difference is that the research universities are the four institutions that have historically had a large research focus, supported in large part by external funds," said University System of Georgia Board of Regents member Sandra Stone.

"These are the only institutions that are allowed to offer Ph.D. degrees along with an array of other professional degrees," said Stone. The four public institutions that are allowed to offer Ph.D's in the state of Georgia are the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State and the Medical College of Georgia.

"The regional universities offer a wide array of undergraduate and graduate programs, but were not authorized to offer doctoral programs until a few years ago and even so, are limited to offering professional doctoral programs and not the Ph.D.," said Stone.

The Carnegie Foundation's classification is basically the proverbial 'nice job' pat on the back, but what does it actually mean for GSU?

The answer?

Well, nothing really. Sure it sounds nice and looks good on the university homepage, but it will take quite a bit of time, money, patience and especially hard work if Georgia Southern wants to be a legitimate research university and respected amongst the likes of Georgia State and Georgia Tech.

"While there is an expectation of research on the part of faculty [at regional universities], it is not the level expected of faculty in the research universities, and the same can be said for the expectation to bring in external funding," said Stone.

The organization that truly legitimizes Georgia Southern is the University System of Georgia and they create the real classifications. Although Georgia Southern is already well on its way and its made significant progress in a very short period of time, the school still has a long way to go.

GSU needs better academic facilities, more professors and majors, and much more if the school wants to attract more students and grow out of being just a regional university.

Write Will at willa124@yahoo.com



Will Adams is a senior journalism major from Dunwoody. He is the managing editor of news for The George-Anne Daily.

OUR VIEW

Times change and stay the same

THE ISSUE : With the Geore-Anne's last summer issue, the paper prepares for fall

As the second session of the summer semester begins to take off in full stride, The George-Anne closes it's summer publications with this last issue.

The summer has proven to be one of ups and downs, with the different size, new writers, late deadlines and sparse news during the summer term.

With five issues under it's belt, the new editorial staff, with a bit of guidance from the old, has worked hard to present the student body with a paper that stays tied to it's traditional roots of great journalism and strong news coverage, while embracing the smaller size format.

The ultimate deciding factor in weather we would stay with this smaller size, or return to the broadsheet, were our readers, the great students, faculty and staff of Georgia Southern and the community of Statesboro. The general opinion is in and the smaller size has been a hit with our readers.

So, the paper is proud to announce that the tabloid style will stay as our format, and you can expect to see it returning, come August 16 of the fall semester.

The smaller size isn't the only change at Student Media here at Georgia Southern. The Southern Reflector, your student magazine, is moving under the umbrella of the George-Anne, and will publish on Thursdays instead of your regular newspaper.

This change will allow the Reflector to become your official magazine for the weekend, where it will highlight everything you need to know about what's going on at GSU, in Statesboro and the surrounding areas.

Don't fret though! If you're worried about the loss of your news, don't worry. News happens everyday and at The Reflector, it will still be covered with the same journalistic fervor you find here in the George-Anne.

Worried about losing your favorite sports page? With the Thursday Reflector, plan on seeing sports covered in ways you never thought possible.

There have been many changes through the years at student media since it's founding, one thing has remained constant.

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"How fortunate for governments that the people they administer don't think."

- Adolf Hitler
Former Leader of Germany

YOUR VIEW : Michael S. Berliner

Put the "Independence" back in Independence Day

America's cities and towns will soon fill with parades, fireworks and barbecues, in celebration of the Fourth of July, the 231st birthday of America. But one hopes that the speeches will contain fewer bromides and more attention to exactly what is being celebrated. The Fourth of July is Independence Day, but America's leaders and intellectuals have been trying to move us further and further away from the meaning of Independence Day, away from the philosophy that created this country.

What we hear from politicians, intellectuals, and the media is that independence is passé, that we've reached a new age of "interdependence." We hear demands for mandatory "volunteering" to serve others, for sacrifice to the nation. We hear demands from trust-busters that successful companies be punished for being "greedy" and not serving society. But this is not the message of America. It is the direct opposite of why America became a beacon of hope for the truly oppressed throughout the world. They have come here to escape poverty and dictatorship; they have come here to live their own lives, where they aren't owned by the state, the community, or the tribe.

"Independence Day" is a critically important title. It signifies the fundamental meaning of this nation, not just of the holiday. The American Revolution remains unique in human history: a revolution--and a nation--founded on a moral principle, the principle of individual rights. Jefferson at Philadelphia, and Washington at Valley Forge, pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." For what? Not for mere separation from England, not--like most rebels--for the "freedom" to set up their own tyranny.

Jefferson and Washington fought a war for the principle of independence, meaning the moral right of an individual

to live his own life as he sees fit. Independence was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence as the rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." What are these rights? The right to life means that every individual has a right to his own independent life, that one's life belongs to oneself, not to others to use as they see fit.

The right to liberty means the right to freedom of action, to act on one's own judgment, the right not to have a gun pointed at one's head and be forced to do what someone else commands. And the right to the pursuit of happiness means that an individual may properly pursue his own happiness, e.g., his own career, friends, hobbies, and not exist as a mere tool to serve the goals of others. The Declaration of Independence was a declaration against servitude, not just servitude to the Crown but servitude to anyone.

Political independence rests on a more fundamental type of independence: that of the human mind. It is the ability of a human being to think for himself and guide his own life that makes political independence possible and necessary. The government as envisaged by the Founding Fathers existed to protect the freedom to think and to act on one's thinking. If human beings were unable to reason, to think for themselves, there would be no autonomy or independence for a government to protect.

Reason, wrote Ethan Allen, is "the only oracle of man," and Thomas Jefferson advised us to "fix reason firmly in her seat and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God." That is the meaning of independence: trust in your own judgment, in reason; do not sacrifice your mind to the state, the church, the race, the nation, or your neighbors.

COLUMNIST

Iraq, Vietnam and the military-industrial complex

"War is good business," once wrote now deceased journalist, Hunter S. Thompson. Two term president, Dwight D. Eisenhower vocalized similar sentiments in his 1961 Farewell Address to the Nation.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex(MIC). The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

The term, MIC, refers to a collaboration of war contractors and government officials, who operate in for profit endeavours, and often act against the public interest. Their formation spring up as a latent result of industries that come into existence during war time, but then lose their market when the war is over. These MIC's still exists today.

President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded contracts to Brown and Root in his escalation of US involvement in Vietnam.

Before that, Brown and Root was a major contributor to his congressional campaigns in the 1930's and 40's. In addition to this, there is controversy over whether the Gulf of Tonkin incident was misconstrued, used as an excuse for escalation.

Eisenhower warned, "This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience... We recognize the imperative need for this development.

Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications."

Brown and Root was acquired by Halliburton in 1962, so it's not difficult task to draw a parallel between Johnson and Dick Cheney, since they've profited from the same company. Before the vice president took office, he was CEO of Halliburton, which has made billions since the invasion of Iraq.

A think tank of which Cheney is a member, The Project for a New American Century(PNAC), wrote a letter to Bill Clinton five years before the current war, pushing for military intervention in Iraq. Another PNAC document, written by Cheney in 2000, outlined why he felt the need for an increase in military spending.

Cheney never fought in a war. He was a draft dodger in the 60s. But the vice president seems to have no problem sending other Americans off to die, and to kill.

When he warned the public about WMDs and the connection of 9/11 to Iraq, he wore a pin of the American flag on the lapel of his suit jacket, but that was only for show. He's not a patriot. He's a liar and a war profiteer.

Congressman Dennis Kucinich(D-OH) filed articles to impeach the vice president in April, but has seen little support from his colleagues. Which was shown in May, when congress approved \$100 billion more to fund the war.

Unfortunately, the military-industrial complex lives on.

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Readers Respond *Your voices, your views*

In response to last weeks column "Underdog candidate speaks up in presidential debates" a GSU student, Alex Yang writes:

It's hard to ignore the benefit of hindsight when evaluating history. It can take us awhile to remember that people didn't know then what we do know now.

Mohammed Mossadeq was overthrown and placed under house arrest during the Cold War, when our enemy was communism, not religious fascism. It was Mossadeq's sympathy to communist ideology that bothered us, not his anti-imperialism. Since we did not want a People's Republic of Iran under the influence of the Soviet Union, we backed the pro-Western Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. It was a natural extension of our containment policy. That Pahlavi eventually became an autocrat and

terrorized dissidents was the compromise for ensuring that Iran did not become communist.

Indeed, as history shows, Iran never adopted the proletariat's struggle. Even though the Shah was forced to flee his nation amid the Iranian Revolution that led to the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979, the sickle and hammer never found its way there. In that sense, we succeeded.

Twenty-eight years later, communism is but a specter as the remaining nations founded in its ideology have moved themselves toward freer markets. Today, our enemy is religious fascism, of which the Islamic Republic of Iran is a state supporter. However, we did not know that would happen then. It is fair to ask our leaders to consider the consequences of their actions, but it is not fair to demand clairvoyance from them.

SPORTS

Who's
HOT

MLB: Atlanta Braves. Atlanta scored more runs Wednesday night, 13, than in the past seven games. After a five game-losing streak, the Braves bounced back by sweeping the Washington Nationals in the three game series.

Who's
NOT

NFL: Tank Johnson. The Chicago Bears' former defensive tackle was released Monday. The Bears said that they are "embarrassed" by his legal troubles and said that he "compromised the credibility" of the team.

SI.COMTOP 10 COLLEGE
FOOTBALL
UNIFORMSBy Zac Case
Sports Editor

When the first uniforms were used in collegiate football, the teams had

nothing more than matching sweaters and handkerchiefs wrapped around their heads.

Now, of course, teams have a

much more colorful exterior. SI.com picked out the top 10 uniforms and G-A sports staff added their own commentary to the list.



Georgia | Although the uniforms look better with red home jerseys, the silver pants offer a nice contrast on the road. But, as endearing as the helmet logo, ripped off from the Packers, has become to Dawgs fans, the uniforms were better before the mid-'60s, when the helmets were solid silver.

USC | The never-out-of-style Cardinal and Gold uniforms have been classics for Heisman winners from Garrett to Bush.



Georgia Southern | With no money for uniforms in 1982, the Eagles wore Statesboro High's jerseys. Erk Russell once said, "We couldn't even put a stripe down the middle of our helmets. We used a strip of tape. Those kind of things screamed, 'Team.'" Keeping the same uniform look since, GSU considers the uniform to be a reminder of their humble beginnings and championship tradition.

Notre Dame | Green is not usually the color of choice for these Irishmen. Fearful of the curse that follows their green jerseys, Notre Dame wears its slick blue and gold attire to bring them luck on the gridiron.



Wofford | As the only SoCon rival of the Eagles to make it into the top 10, the Terriers Black and Gold scheme is bold for a team whose mascot is a just small dog.



Ohio State | The Scarlet and Gray have kept a similar uniform throughout the years, although the team did make changes to its top in 2006. Fans cried out in disgust for white stripes on the sleeves instead of gray ones even though the pants and helmet did, indeed, stay gray.



Yale | As one of the oldest football teams in history, the Bulldogs have had plenty of time to make their uniforms stylish in every degree.

Auburn | The 'War Eagles' have one of the most original uniforms in history, which contrasts with their in-state rivals, the University of Alabama, which received honorary mention on the list.



Michigan | The Maize and Blue are an incredible match, either at home or away. Also, Michigan's headgear MIGHT be the nation's best, and is necessary in rating "The Victors" the nation's best fight song.

Texas | With all apologies to the neon orange Vol-unteer fans, no one makes better use of this color than Texas. And, with one of the most recognizable helmets in college football, the Longhorns' uniforms are the ones to beat.



Draft Puzzle Incomplete

Besides the top two picks, the NBA draft is wide open with plenty of talent and trade rumors circling about.

By Matt Mauney

Staff writer

In what could possibly be the deepest draft ever, the 30 teams of the NBA will look to add some important pieces to their puzzles Thursday night in the 2007 NBA draft.

Since the NBA season has come to a close and the San Antonio Spurs were crowned champions, the world of the NBA has been buzzing about the draft and trade rumors circulating about prominent superstars, such as Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett. These men and others could very likely change the whole outlook of the draft.

Earlier this month the much scrutinized NBA draft lottery took place. Once again, the two teams that finished the regular season with the worst records, Memphis (22-60) and Boston (24-58), left the lottery disappointed, leaving with the fourth and fifth picks respectively.

The Seattle Supersonics (31-51) came away with the first overall pick, while the Portland Trailblazers (32-50) snagged the second pick. This will most likely mean that the two best prospects in the draft, Greg Oden and Kevin Durant, will go to these two teams. This means that the West will continue to grow strong, while the Eastern Conference is straggling behind for another season.

Most draft boards have Oden going #1 to Seattle and Durant going to Portland, but the choices become harder with the third pick going to our own Atlanta Hawks (30-52).

Many draft experts are uncertain which path the Hawks will choose to take in this year's draft. Will they choose the third best player in Al Horford, which would mean they once again would choose a forward with their first pick when they desperately need a guard? There is even talk about a possible trade for a veteran player such as Kevin Garnett. The Hawks also have the eleventh pick in the draft which could give them the guard they so desperately need in Acie Law out of Texas A&M.

Memphis and Boston were severely hurt in not receiving the top two picks and gaining a franchise player in Oden or Durant to build their team off of. However, there is still a lot of talent on the board even if these two along with Al Horford go early.

Mike Conley Jr., the guard from Ohio State will be a huge weapon for the Grizzlies who have the fourth pick. Even though the Celtics could have desperately used someone like Durant on their squad, it wouldn't be that bad of a consolation prize to end up with someone like Brandon Wright from UNC, Corey Brewer from the back-to-back national champion Florida Gators, or possibly even the next Yao Ming in the 6'11" Yi Jianlian.

The Milwaukee Bucks have the sixth selection, as they will most likely choose one of the two players that Boston passes up. The Minnesota Timberwolves have the seventh pick and the highly sought after trade bait in Garnett. They will try to trade KG and pick up Jianlian if he is still available.

The Bobcats, Bulls, and Kings hold the eight through ten picks respectively. Both Charlotte and Chicago would love to have a talented big-man like Joakim Noah on their roster, but would gladly accept high-scorers in Jeff Green or Al Thornton.

The 76ers, Hornets, and L.A. Clippers round out the top 14 in this year's draft. If Atlanta decides to keep their eleventh pick and choose Law, the final three teams in the "lottery 14" will also have a choice of a big-man and some talented high-scorers.

Julian Wright, the talented forward from Kansas would be a huge asset to Philadelphia, while New Orleans could come away with a much needed guard in Nick Young, the Junior out of USC. This would leave the Clippers with a possible late steal of Spencer Hawes, the 7-foot freshman from Washington, with the fourteenth pick.

Live coverage of the 2007 NBA draft begins at 7:00 tonight on ESPN.

GEORGE-ANNE MOCK NBA DRAFT

Compiled by staff

#1   Greg Oden Ohio State Center	#2   Kevin Durant Texas Forward	#3   Al Horford Florida Forward	#4   Mike Conley Jr. Ohio State Guard	#5   Corey Brewer Florida Forward
#6   Brandon Wright North Carolina Forward	#7   Yi Jianlian China Forward	#8   Joakim Noah Florida Center	#9   Al Thornton Florida State Forward	#10   Jeff Green Georgetown Forward
#11   Acie Law Texas A&M Guard	#12   Julian Wright Kansas Forward	#13   Nick Young USC Forward	#14   Spencer Hawes Washington Center	

I heard it @ gadaily.com

In response to last week's article "No 'Hope' for GATA," the following comments were posted on gadaily.com.

GSU I | This is insane, if any other team would have beaten GATA this article would not have been placed. The only reason this article is in the paper is because 'Hope We Win A Game' is a team filled with nothing but referees and officials from the RAC. Everyone on there team has some kind of affiliation with the RAC. I play pretty much every intramural sport the

RAC has to offer, and everytime I play against one of there teams the umpires, referees, and officials always seem to favor there team. This is nothing but politics, and like I said before if any other team would have won then this article would not have been posted. The players that are hired by the RAC will always get publicity and calls made there way.

GSU T | I agree 100 percent! My question is why does the RAC allow there employees to play intramural sports, then they turn around and umpire the SAME division they are in the next night. Dont you think they will want to advance and if they get beat by a team and then umpire them the next night they will screw them out of the game! Ive seen it done!!! Its total BS!

If you would like to respond or add another comment to this article, go to gadaily.com and post your thoughts and opinions.

NATIONAL NEWS

CIA 'family jewels' reveal organization's dark history

McClatchy Newspapers

The Central Intelligence Agency shined an unaccustomed light on its dark side Tuesday, making public a 693-page report that documents some of its worst historical abuses, from failed assassination plots against world leaders and illegal spying on Americans to its links with the hapless Watergate burglars whose arrests eventually toppled the presidency of Richard Nixon.

Known inside the agency as the "family jewels," the collection of memos, investigative reports and handwritten jottings confirm many details of the CIA's troubled past from the '50s through the early '70s. It reveals the determined work of the American espionage bureaucracy to conceal some of its worst deeds behind its sizeable cloak of government secrecy.

Many of the allegations addressed by the documents have been reported before. But Tuesday's disclosure was the first widespread release of the original records. Interest in the CIA's darker deeds generated enormous interest, overwhelming the CIA's Web site, where the documents are posted.

Some episodes, such as the CIA's enlisting of Chicago mob boss Sam "Momo" Giancana to arrange an ill-fated assassination attempt against Cuban leader Fidel Castro using CIA-manufactured poison pills, have become the stuff of popular legend.

Failed attempts to assassinate other heads of state, such as Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba, also are discussed.

The CIA's peripheral involvement in Watergate led then-CIA Director James Schlesinger to compile the "family jewels" file in 1973, asking



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each CIA component to send him a summary of activities it thought might have violated the law. Schlesinger's goal was to learn for himself of activities that had the greatest potential for embarrassing the agency.

Much of the "family jewels" file was leaked to The New York Times in December of 1974. Though now officially declassified, the document contains numerous deletions and many pages that are entirely whited-out.

The 1974 leak prompted Congress to launch two long-running investigations that unearthed volumes of information about the intelligence agency's illicit history, including the surreptitious opening of letters mailed from the U.S. to the former Soviet Union and China and break-ins by

CIA operatives at the homes of past and present employees suspected of disloyalty.

The late Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, who presided over one of the investigations, famously termed the CIA a "rogue elephant on a rampage."

Even today, the documents provide a compelling record of government gone awry at a time when the course of an unpopular war and the role of intelligence gathering were called in question.

The parallels to the current national mood over the war in Iraq, and accusations that the CIA intelligence was manipulated to justify that war, make the timing of CIA's disclosure, and the records themselves, all the more sobering.

QUICK, WHAT'S NEW

McClatchy Newspapers

Tony Blair exits from big stage

With a slight change of address and a brief chat with the queen, Gordon Brown became Britain's new prime minister and Anthony Charles Lynton Blair became an ex-prime minister.

Unlike the U.S., where the transition of power is marked by a daylong parade, a formal inauguration and a long night of fancy balls, Britain's transitions are swift, surprisingly casual and, in reality, just another working day.

Poll: U.S., Russia, China distrusted

At last, President Bush can take solace in being dissed by much of the planet: He isn't alone. Russian President Vladimir Putin is increasingly distrusted worldwide, according to a poll of 45,000 people in 46 nations and the Palestinian territories released today. It also found growing concern over China's power and little support for would-be players such as the leaders of Iran and Venezuela. Even terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's support has dropped. The poll by the Pew Global Attitudes Project found that support for the United States remains low. And pollution and the environment are fast rising to the top of humankind's concerns.

Young pilot completes round-the-world flight

It's official — Barrington Irving is the youngest and first black person to fly solo around the world.

In his plane Inspiration, Irving touched down at Opa-locka Executive Airport at 10:26 a.m. Wednesday. The journey ended 95 days of traversing throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia, battling weather and fatigue.

NATIONAL POLITICS

Senate agrees 64-35 to resume immigration debate

McClatchy Newspapers

A controversial immigration bill survived a key Senate vote Tuesday but still could be derailed by dozens of thorny amendments that threaten to upset the fragile compromise.

With President Bush aggressively lobbying for its passage, the Senate voted 64-35 to reopen debate on the legislation. But final approval was uncertain given the level of opposition to the bill, which would harden the nation's borders and provide a chance at legal residency for millions of undocumented immigrants. Several senators said they voted to start debate but reserved judgment on the bill's ultimate merits.

Still, backers said revival of the bill, which was pulled from the floor earlier this month

after supporters failed to secure 60 votes on a procedural vote, was cause for celebration.

Bush has made the legislation his top domestic priority. Tuesday's vote came after he renewed his call, asking the Senate to pass what he called a "careful compromise."

Bush aides said they're optimistic about the once moribund bill's chance at clearing the Senate this week, and Bush noted that "when successful in the Senate, we'll be reconvening to figure out how to get the bill out of the House."

"I view this as an historic opportunity for Congress to act," he told business leaders.

But the bill's prospects in the House are even hazier. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and other Democrats believe there should be immigration legislation, but Hoyer

declined Tuesday to predict when or if the House would begin debate on a measure.

Crafted by a bipartisan group of senators and two Bush Cabinet secretaries, the Senate bill seeks to legalize millions of undocumented immigrants, create a temporary guest-worker program, toughen security along the U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada, and crack down on employers who hire illegal workers.

But along the way the bill has picked up vocal detractors from the right, who considers legalization as amnesty for lawbreakers, and from some Democrats who say the bill's emphasis on skills-based immigration could be harmful to families.

Both sides have proposed changes that could sink the legislation.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

From Universal Press Syndicate

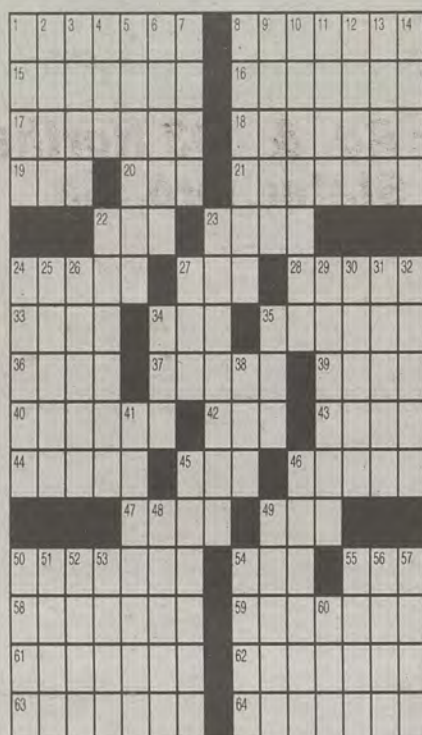
Least competent criminals

• Federal inmate Brandon Sample won his appeal in November and is entitled to have on computer disks the public records he requested (rather than the paper copies the Bureau of Prisons was offering). However, Sample still lacks a computer to read them on, and the appeals court ruled that he has no legal right to one.

Puzzlers

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Certifies under oath
 - Ten-sided polygon
 - Forward progress
 - Like acid rain
 - EST word
 - Gets there
 - Jan. honoree
 - John's last name?
 - Agree
 - Harden
 - Painful
 - Diets religiously?
 - Antonio, TX
 - Abrasive tools
 - One with regrets
 - D.C. VIP
 - Beset
 - Writer Ferber
 - Support-line employees
 - Deuce plus one
 - Mickey Mouse channel
 - Strike lightly
 - Quickness contest
 - Kernels
 - Glitch
 - Intense beam
 - Mine vehicle
 - Pronounce
 - Skirmishes
 - Made a lap
 - Big name in e-mail
 - Like a vacuum
 - Insect's feeler
 - Pensioner
 - More severe
 - African flies
 - Gain control over



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- DOWN**
- Attention getter
 - River duck
 - Job to do
 - Bangor's summer hrs.
 - Borg and Bergman
 - Seer's deck
 - "Auld Lang ___"
 - Pastor's assistant
 - Bonehead play
 - Intersection elements
 - Sale-tag notation
 - Contribute
 - Hot chamber
 - Bird abode
 - Maroon
 - Holy place
 - Savage and Friendly
 - Actor Murphy
 - Feel
 - Visualize
 - Not on target
 - Gilbert and Teasdale
 - Segment
 - More cunning
 - Farm pen
 - Small viper
 - Crone
 - Rolle and Williams
 - Deep voices
 - Former's counterpart

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- View a movie twice
- Claus
- Golfer's vehicle
- Deliberate misstatements
- Comic Johnson
- Narrow cut
- Curtain holder
- Comic Meara
- Singletons
- "I Remember Mama" character
- Sea eagle

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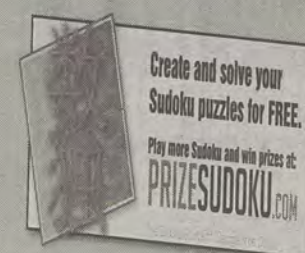
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97 Easy

- Solution Trivia Puzzle 96**
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 - William F. Hearst
 - Joan of Arc
 - Al Smith
 - John Barrymore
 - Jack Dempsey
 - Francis Marion
 - Thomas Edison
 - Muhammad Ali
 - Andrew Jackson
 - Lon Chaney
 - Clara Bow

Solutions

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