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# THE GEORGE-ANNE DAILY

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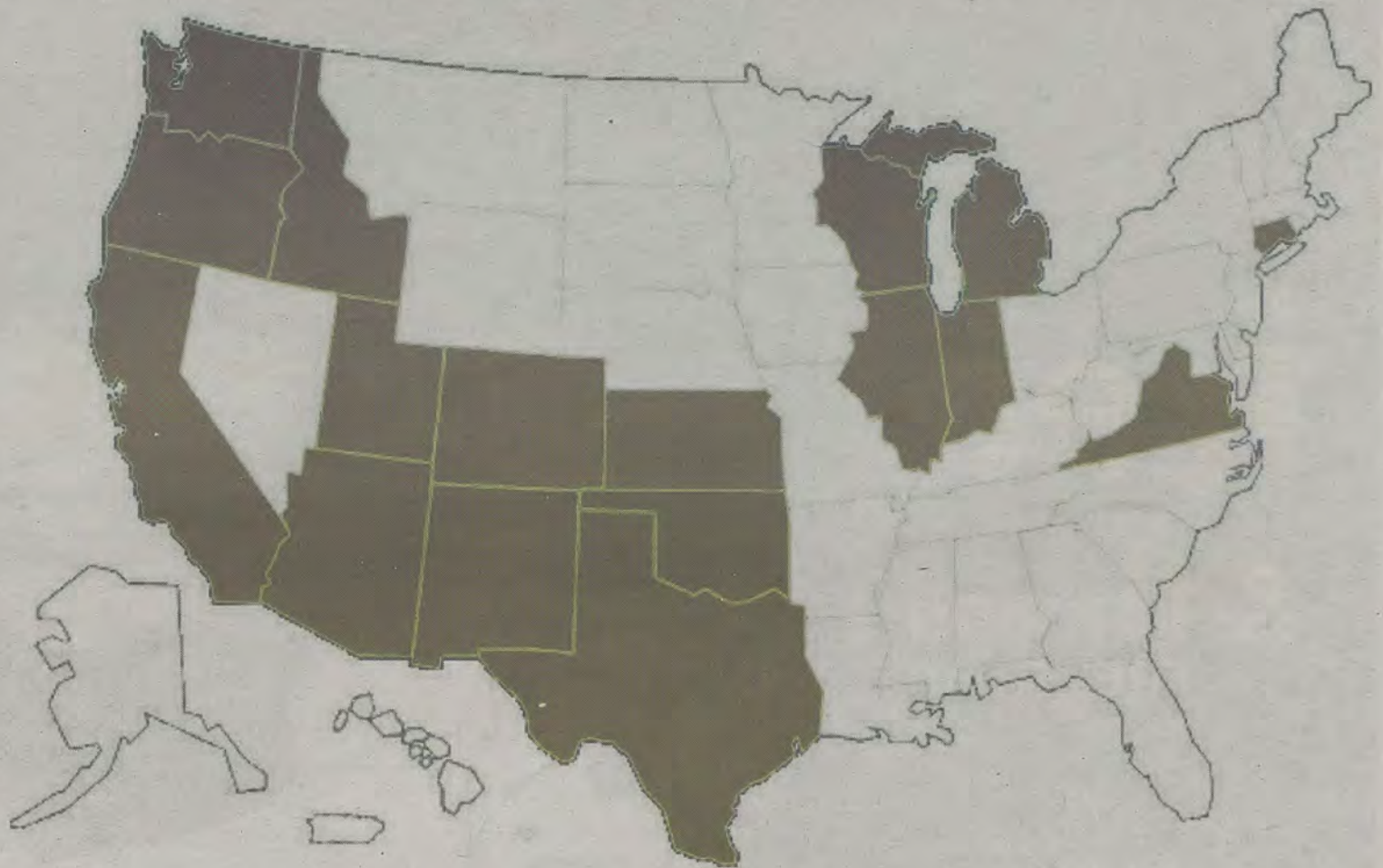
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Despite looking somewhat similar to a political campaign map, the above depiction actually distinguishes between the states whose tomato crop is under quarantine and those whose crop is safe to eat based on Federal Drug Administration results. States in white have been deemed safe while states in green have been deemed potentially infected.

## FDA warning prompts Chick-fil-A to remove sliced tomatoes

*Campus dining halls unaffected by recent salmonella-infected tomato outbreak*

By Will Adams

Senior editor

Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff looking forward a juicy tomato slice on a chicken sandwich from Chick-fil-A might have to look elsewhere on campus.

Joining McDonald's, Chick-fil-A

has chosen to "proactively discontinue the use of sliced tomatoes in their products until the Food and Drug Administration can assure safety of the product," according to an official statement released by the company.

GSU Food Services officials said campus-dining halls have not been affected by the recent outbreak in sal-

monella from infected raw tomatoes and will continue to serve them until told otherwise.

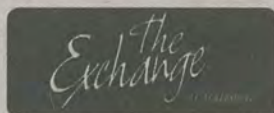
The FDA issued a warning June 7 cautioning consumers that some raw red plum, red Roma and red round tomatoes had been linked to salmonella contamination.

Cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes

and tomatoes sold still on the vine were not implicated. According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, 167 people have been infected with salmonella in 17 states across the country, excluding Georgia, since last April.

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## Georgia ranked top illegal gun supplier

### Special to the G-A

Georgia, Florida and Texas are the top suppliers of crime guns to other states, according to crime gun trace data recently released by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) and analyzed by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Illegal guns generally flow from states with weak gun laws to states with stronger gun laws. In states with strong gun laws, criminals find it more difficult to obtain guns from local sources and frequently must obtain guns from traffickers supplied by out-of-state gun dealers. This fuels the "iron pipeline" described in past Federal law enforcement reports.

Georgia ranked number one in the nation in the total number of crime guns traced to Georgia gun dealers and recovered in other states in 2007 with a total of 2,631 crime guns.

Florida ranked number two in 2007, with 2,328 crime guns traced to Florida dealers and recovered in crime in other states. Texas ranked number three, with 2,281 crime guns traced to Texas dealers and recovered in crime in other states.

According to the ATF data, these three states alone accounted for one-fifth of all crime guns trafficked across state lines and recovered and traced by law enforcement in 2007.

Additionally, the number of illegal firearms originating from these states is likely much higher, as these numbers represent only

firearms recovered by law enforcement and successfully traced to a retail gun dealer. Crime gun traces generally cannot be completed if gun dealers fail to properly maintain firearm sales information or if firearm serial numbers are destroyed.

Gun dealers in Georgia, Florida and Texas were also major suppliers of the illegal gun market within each state. Texas gun dealers supplied more than 80% of illegal firearms traced and recovered in Texas in 2007.

Florida gun dealers supplied 78% of illegal firearms traced and recovered within the state in 2007. Georgia gun dealers supplied more than 75% of illegal firearms traced and recovered in Georgia in 2007.

States with strong gun laws generally supply fewer illegal guns to the criminal market while receiving more of their crime guns from states with weak gun laws.

In 2007, ATF reported only 35 firearms recovered in crime outside New Jersey and traced to a New Jersey gun dealer. At the same time, 72% of crime guns recovered and traced in New Jersey last year originated from gun dealers outside the state.

"Communities around the nation are paying a price for weak gun laws in a few states that fuel interstate gun trafficking," said Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence President Paul Helmke. "These data patterns show why we need to pass common sense gun measures that make it harder for dangerous people to access dangerous weapons."

## DHR launches YouTube video channel

### Special to the G-A

The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) has launched the agency's official video channel on YouTube.com and is inviting all Georgia residents to subscribe to YouTube.com/dhrcomm for free information about its services and resources.

DHR's YouTube content will include information and educational videos from all its divisions and offices, as well as messages from agency partners that will benefit the quality of life of its viewers.

"DHR's new YouTube media channel is in alignment with our mission to strengthen Georgia's families and our vision to give customers more control over accessing information they need at any time," said Dena Smith, DHR Director of the Office of Communications.

There are currently three videos posted in DHR's YouTube.com channel by the Division of Public Health (DPH). The messages target

different groups of At-Risk Populations. One video contains information for the hearing impaired on what to do when a hurricane warning has been issued. The video includes voiceover and a man communicating in American Sign Language.

Upcoming videos include one for the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers, SERVGA that is administered by DHR's DPH.

The other two videos features DPH Medical Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness Dr. J. Patrick O'Neal encouraging customers with disabilities and customers with diabetes to create a Preparedness Disaster Kit that meets their specific needs in the event of a natural disaster or disease outbreak.

DHR is a comprehensive health and social services agency created in 1972 by the Georgia General Assembly. The department is one of the largest agencies in state government with more than 19,000 employees. It serves all Georgia citizens by providing human services throughout the state.

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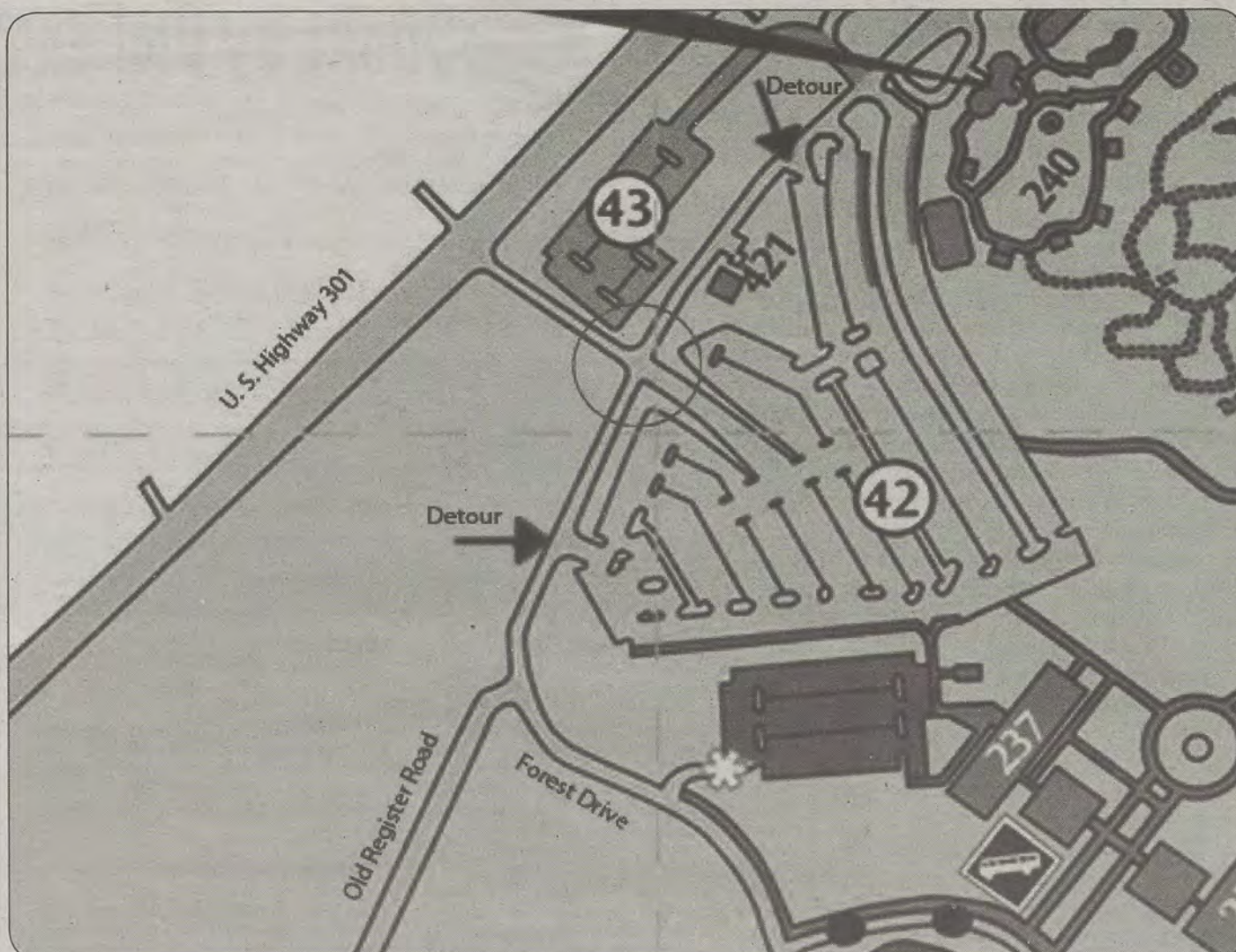
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### NOTE

We gratefully acknowledge the theft of one of our slogans- "Liked by Many, Cussed by Some, Read by them All"- from Robert Williams of the Blackshear Times. Credit for the other slogan- "Covering Campus like a Swarm of Gnats"- goes to G-A alum Mike Mills.





## Road Construction On Campus

The Intersection of Forest Drive and Old Register Road will be closed from June 9 to August 1 due to road construction.

The road block will also close the Highway 301 South and Old Register Road intersection to traffic.

Currently Traffic is being redirected through the student parking lot adjacent to the Wildlife Education Center and the College of Education. Signs will be posted to mark the detour.

For more information about the construction, contact Bonnie McMakin.

## Southern Adventures offers free bikes to commuters

### Compiled by staff

In an effort to help Georgia Southern students maintain a healthy lifestyle and to raise awareness about helping the environment, Campus Recreation and Intramurals are letting students exchange their car keys for bikes through the Southern Adventures office.

"Any Georgia Southern student can turn in their car keys and get a bike," an employee with Southern Adventures at the RAC said. According to CRI's website, the exchange is only available during the last Wednesday of each month.

Students can choose between mountain bikes and racing bikes, and are available on a first come, first serve basis

to anyone wishing to trade in their car keys.

"We have over 20 different bikes that students are able to use for 24 hours," he said.

"We take just take down their Eagle ID and check the bike out." The University Wellness Program is focused upon enhancing staff, faculty and student wellness.

It is a combination of existing, new and collaborative programming that addresses the seven dimensions of wellness (emotional, environmental, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, spiritual).

Numerous wellness opportunities are offered, with Wellness Week, which includes the Live Well Fair and Seminar Series, being the major event.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF



## Doctoral student earns Fulbright Grant

### GSU News Service

Georgia Southern University doctoral student Jeffrey Palis has been awarded a U.S. Student Fulbright Grant to study in Latvia. Palis is pursuing his doctoral degree in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading in the College of Education and is the Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator in the Center for International Studies.

Palis' research project, Cultivating Global Citizenship, will explore how global citizenship can be fostered on university campuses and in local communities. During his time in Latvia, Palis will work in collaboration with the Department of International Relations at the University of Latvia, Riga.

"Simply put, this is a dream come true for me. My time in Latvia will certainly have a profound impact on my dissertation and on my professional practice. However, I am most excited to truly become what I am studying – a global citizen," said Palis.

Palis holds a Master of Arts degree in International Studies from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has served as Chair of the Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee of the European Council of the University System of Georgia, as well as Program Coordinator for the University System

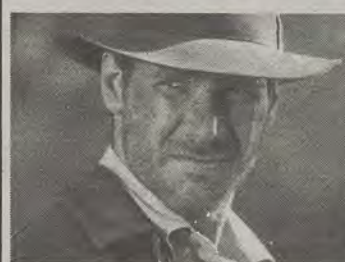
of Georgia's summer studies programs in London, Paris, Czech Republic and Poland.

Palis' grant represents the fourth U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs award presented to a Georgia Southern University student in the past two years. Previous recipients include Nicole Harper, who received a U.S. Student Fulbright Grant to Slovenia for 2007-2008; Jacob Taylor, who was awarded a Gilman International Scholarship to Finland for spring 2008; and Zechariah Anderson, who received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Arabic in Egypt this summer.

During the months leading up to the Fulbright deadline, Palis worked with the staff of the University Honors Program. The University Honors Program serves as the campus clearinghouse for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships and is committed to helping prepare all Georgia Southern University students for these awards.

"Jeff's wealth of experience and the quality of his research proposal certainly played a significant role in making his application successful. I am confident Jeff will serve as an excellent ambassador for Georgia Southern University and the United States during his time in Latvia," said Steve Engel, Ph.D., director of the University Honors Program and Fulbright Program Adviser at Georgia Southern University.

## Summer Blockbuster Contest



Is catching some of this year's best summer flicks your way of relieving stress from work or classes? Then why not get something out of it (other than seeing some great movies)? Your friends at the George-Anne Daily are holding

the first annual Summer Blockbuster Contest. All you have to do is go see all of this summer's hottest movies and bring the ticket stubs by the G-A office in the Williams Center. Be sure to write your name, Eagle ID and contact info on the back of the stubs. During the beginning weeks of the fall semester the person who submitted the most stubs will win a special prize.

### Rules and Regulations:

- Must be a Georgia Southern Student and present their student I.D.
- Only one stub per movie may be accounted for per contestant.
- All students and faculty associated with student media are ineligible to play.
- The tickets presented may be from any movie theater, however the movie must be one that premiered in the summer months (May 1- August 1).
- Any movie that premiered between these dates are eligible.



### Here is how it works:

Choose ten books from the list to read and simply check them off as you go.

Then bring the list by the George-Anne office, located on the top floor of the Williams Center, along with an attached sheet with a paragraph or two summarizing each book.

The first person to bring it by the office will win a special prize from Moore Ink.

### Eligibility:

All participants must be GSU students and show their student ID when submitting their form. When submitting make sure that on your attached sheet of summaries you include your name, Eagle ID number, and the best way to contact you. Forms can be submitted Monday-Wednesday from noon-4 p.m.

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# Apple introduces more sophisticated iPhone 3G at half the price

By Avina Darmadjaja

Senior editor



Special Photo

The faster, cheaper iPhone 3G will be available in AT&T stores July 11.

Just less than a year after introducing the first generation of iPhone, Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs revealed the newly improved, and much cheaper, iPhone 3G.

To date, Jobs said that Apple had sold six million iPhones worldwide and is aiming to sell 10 million of the new model by the end of the year. The new 8GB iPhone 3G will be available for only \$199

on July 11 exclusively through AT&T.

While the technical upgrades are impressive, many people are most intrigued by the \$199 price tag. For \$100 more, potential buyers can even double the memory to 16GB. This is a significant drop in price compared to the first generation of iPhone, which costs \$499 and \$599 when it was released last year.

The low price is a result of a deal between Jobs and AT&T Chief Executive Ralph de la Vega. De la Vega agrees to subsidize the cost to offset the difference as long as AT&T can still be the sole U.S. carrier of iPhone.

A recent survey showed that more than half of the people who hadn't bought iPhone said their decision was based on the price of the gadget.

"We need to make iPhone more affordable," said Jobs. He also said that the price cut is necessary especially in today's economy.

However, AT&T recently announced a \$10 increase in its monthly service plan for users of

iPhone 3G. Since the new users are still required to sign a two-year contract with AT&T, it means that they have to pay a total of \$240 more than the current users.

In the end, the new gadget actually costs \$40 more than its predecessor. In addition, text messages are no longer included in the new service package, adding another \$5 to the new users' monthly bills.

Operating on AT&T's 3G, or third generation network, the new iPhone

is at least three times faster than the current version. Current users are mostly dissatisfied with the slower 2G network that the first generation iPhone operates on. According to Jobs, the 3G phone would get five to six hours of Web browsing, seven hours of video and 24 hours of audio usage.

Another new feature added to iPhone 3G is the App Store, which many experts said to be one of the most sophisticated features of the phone. Similar to iTunes, the App Store enables users to download and even create their own applications using simple tools.

Apple announced this new feature in March and since then about 250,000 software writers have submitted their original applications. One of the interesting applications allows iPhone users to look on a GPS map and see which of their cell-phone-carrying friends are nearby.

All of the different applications, which also includes fun games, are going to be available the same day the phone makes its debut.

"...We need to make iPhone more affordable."

— Steve Jobs  
Apple Chief Executive

## Additional Features

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- **Application Download**  
Anything under 10MB. Anything larger will have to be downloaded through Wi-Fi or iTunes.
- **MobileMe**  
A service to push e-mail and synchronize information wirelessly

## Rising fuel prices inspires songwriter

Special to the George-Anne

Songwriter and humorist Brent Burns has tapped into the public's anger over rising fuel prices once again. Burns' "Pain At The Pump" video posted on YouTube had thousands of hits within hours and earned additional national exposure on CNN.

CNN posted the video on their Web site, did a phone interview with Burns and used the song in their report, "Four Bucks! What's Next? America's Fuel Nightmare" which aired May 31 and June 1.

This is Burns' second song to take on the subject of high fuel prices. In 1979, he charted a Top 40 hit with "Cheaper Crude Or No More Food." Radio legend Paul Harvey played that song three times on his radio show and "Cheaper Crude Or No More Food" was a hit.

With the oil embargo and gas shortages of the day, the song struck the right note with the American people. "Pain At The Pump" is striking the same note with a new generation of angry listeners.

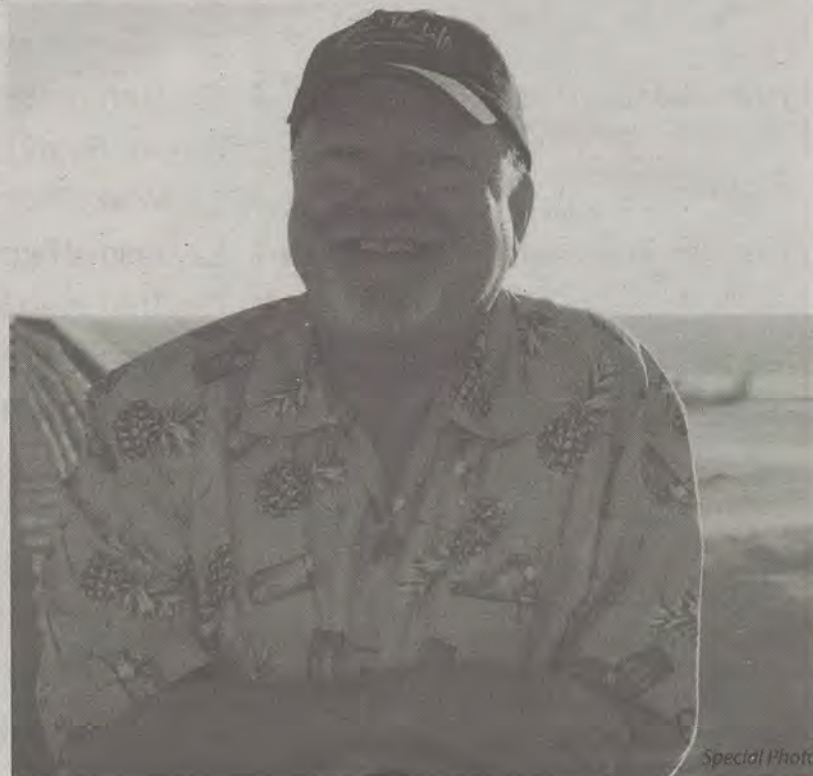
"We're all feeling the pain at the pump. From the gas station to the grocery store, prices are going up and people are frustrated and angry," Burns said. The video takes humorous aim at all those who may have a hand in the situation—OPEC, politicians and oil companies. "From the comments the video has generated, I guess there's plenty of blame to go around," Burns added.

Burns has six CDs of original music which look at life from his own unique and humorous perspective. His songs include "If It's Snowbird Season Why Can't We Shoot 'Em?" and "I'm Goin' Ugly Early Tonight."

A portion of the proceeds from Burns' CD sales are channeled back to the community through his Brent Burns Charitable Foundation.

Burns was the first entertainer to perform for troops overseas after 9/11 and is a decorated and twice wounded combat veteran.

To learn more about Brent Burns and find links to the "Pain At The Pump" video and the CNN interview, visit his web site, [www.brentburns.com](http://www.brentburns.com).



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## The Merry Wives of Windsor comes to Black Box Theatre at Georgia Southern

### Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern University's Theatre and Performance group will present their interpretation of Shakespeare's classic comedy *The Merry Wives of Windsor* as their summer performance. The show will open Thursday, June 19 and run through Saturday, June 21 in the Black Box Theatre located in the Center for Art and Theatre.

The play tells the story of an aging knight, John Falstaff, who decides to make his fortune by seducing two wealthy married women; Mistress Ford and Mistress Page. Unfortunately, Falstaff overestimates his charm and romantic skill. Lacking imagination in all things poetic, Falstaff writes identical love letters to the two women proclaiming his desire for them. When Mistresses Ford and Page discover this, they plot revenge on Falstaff for attempting to cause them dishonor. There is much fun to be had as the wives play trick after trick on the foolish knight in this classic tale of deceit, jealousy, and love.

However, director James Harbour has decided to give this Elizabethan tale a distinctly Southern twist. With an updated setting for this rendition of the classic play, GSU's version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will take place in the North Georgia Mountains. Harbour believes that the audience will get less of a feeling of Shakespeare's

England but more of one that resembles that of the classic television series *The Dukes of Hazzard*. He has re-envisioned Falstaff, the bumbling knight, as the aging leader of a biker gang who is surrounded, not by servants, but his biker babes.

The production will star GSU Junior Eddie Key as John Falstaff. Key was most recently seen on stage as the Duke of Cornwall in *King Lear* and Brighella in *King Stag*. Bailey McClure and Mandy Shead will portray the "merry wives," Mistresses Page and Ford. McClure is an employee of the GSU Theatre Department's Scene Shop and has appeared in *On Dragonfly Wings* as Tara and as Crystal Allen in *The Women*. Shead, a Sophomore Theatre major, made her GSU stage debut as a crone in the spring production of *King Lear*.

Due to suggestive sexual themes, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* is not recommended for children under the age of 13.

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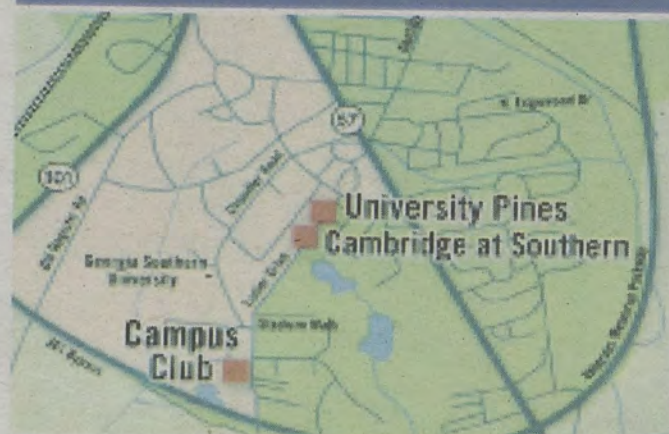
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# Boys and Girls State hold annual meeting at GSU

## GSU News Service

More than 800 high school seniors from across the state visited Georgia Southern University's campus this week to take part in the weeklong Georgia Boys State and Georgia Girls State.

This annual interactive program teaches the fundamental principles and procedures of city, county, and state government under the American system.

This year's Boys State and Girls State are sponsored by the American Legion. Boys State has been held at Georgia Southern University for nearly 30 years, while Girls State has been held on campus for more than 10 years. While both groups meet at the Nessmith-Lane building, their instruction, their activities, and their events remain separate.

Special guests who addressed gatherings of both Boys and Girls State include Georgia

Secretary of State Karen Handel, Georgia Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox, Superior Court Judge Cynthia Becker, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections James Donald, and Rep. Jack Hill.

"We truly enjoy hosting Georgia Boys State and Georgia Girls State on the campus of Georgia Southern," said Russell Keen, director of government relations for Georgia Southern University. "These outstanding young men and women not only have the opportunity to learn a lot about the political system, but get to live and learn at a University before they complete their high school education."

During their week of instruction, participants in Boys and Girls State simulated a 51st state, using campaigning and elections to develop township, city, county, and state governments.

While learning about the rights, privileges, and duties of citizenship, the students took part in legislative sessions, court pro-

ceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, and recreational programs.

In addition to electing their local officials, they elected a governor. Sponsors and invited officials interviewed potential candidates and selected two student "senators" to represent the state at Boys and Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

High school juniors are selected by their local American Legion Posts to attend Boys and Girls State in the summer between their junior and senior years, and in most cases, the students selected are in the top 10 percent of their school class.

The sponsoring American Legion Post pays the costs for their students to participate. Attendance at Boys and Girls State becomes part of an individual's permanent resume, and in some cases has led to future public office.

During the week, approximately 100 of the students attending successfully completed an Honors Test, which provides a

basis for some of the achievement awards presented at the end of the week.

"I keep hearing about how young people are not interested in our future," said Phil Youngblood, Boys State director. "When we select delegates to Georgia Boys State and Georgia Girls State and see what they have already accomplished, we know that our future is very bright. This week truly does become a 'Week that Shapes a Lifetime,' not only for the delegates, but the staff as well."

Boys and Girls State could not exist without a dedicated group of volunteers to provide instruction and guidance for the week's activities. American Legion members, law enforcement officers, veterans, city, county, and state officials, and school counselors were involved in the event.

The housing, food, and other arrangements for the week were overseen by Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Department under the direction of Deborah Champion.



## Tomatoes

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"We've been checking every day to see if we're on the list," said Lakeside Cafeteria Manager Kent Tatum. "Our tomatoes come from South Carolina," he said, which is not listed on the CDC's list of affected states.

GSU's purchasing agent, U.S. Foodservice told Food Services Buyer Wendell Lee that the FDA has yet to recall any tomatoes, but did issue a warning. Lee also said that GSU's purveyor would only be shipping

within specific regions throughout the country.

In case of a major recall "our supplier would send out an advisory and tell us which of our foods we need to pull," Tatum said.

Landrum Chef Jason Pickard said proper care such as thoroughly washing the surface of tomatoes and refrigeration would prevent any bacterial growth.

In a statement released by Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tommy Irvin said that he encourages everyone to buy their tomatoes from Georgia growers and that buying from local farmers is the best way to ensure quality as well as safety.

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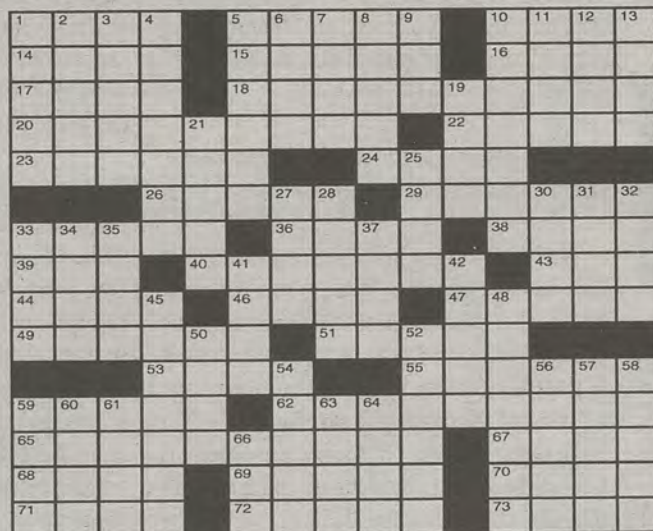




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35 Leaping parasite  
37 Santa Maria's sister  
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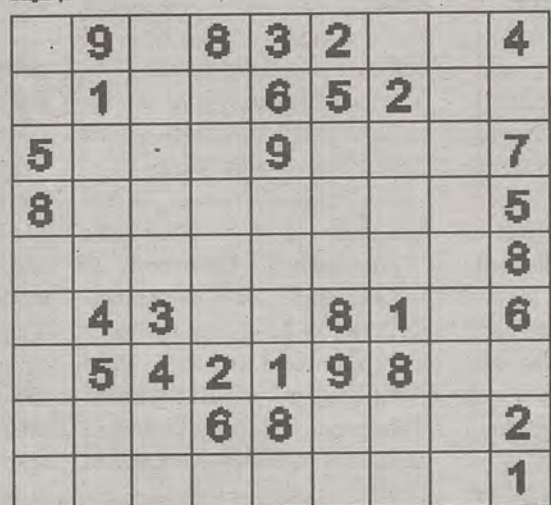
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"Artie, they took my bowl!"



# Grinding my Gears

By Thom Cunningham  
Staff writer

10. The US Open starts on Thursday at Torrey Pines. How could you not go with Tiger on this one? Yes, he had knee surgery, yes this is his first tournament back, and he has only played 9 practice holes since he's been back, but Tiger says he is ready for this tournament. So despite those little setbacks Tiger has, he has won the US Open 4 times and won on Torrey Pines 6 times. The other golfers don't beat Tiger and the field doesn't beat Tiger. Tiger beats Tiger, but I have a feeling he won't this weekend.



9. I am done with Mr. Ocho Cinco! First, he says that he will not show up for training camp. Then he throws his quarterback and head coach under the bus and demands a trade, but Ocho's not done yet. He then tells ESPN the magazine that he is "crazy but not dumb," and says that he is happy in Cincinnati. Hey Cincy, get rid of him! You guys were well under .500 last year and there's another receiver on that team that could easily replace Chad Johnson. Mr. TJ Hous-your-mama! He has produced for 2 straight years and has become a top receiver in the NFL. You're replaceable in Cincinnati, Chad. Cincinnati should now use him as trade bait and work on that defense. Maybe you wouldn't try to

be digging yourself out of a hole if you didn't put yourself into it. People are starting to compare him to the old T.O.

8. Talk about a terrible Saturday.

The entire day was filled with horseraces and a long, long, long wait for something that never even happened. This could be a bigger upset than the Super Bowl. It's not that Big Brown did not win the Triple Crown (because I didn't expect him to win it, but he finished dead last!) The crazy thing is that nobody knows why. Dutrow blames Desormeaux, Desormeaux blames Dutrow. Ok, I see it now. So when the horse wins the Preakness and the Kentucky Derby, it's because the horse is better than the other horses, but when the horse loses it's the trainer and it's the jockey's fault. How about this? If you're going to credit the horse with the win, you have to credit the horse with the loss! I understand everybody's hopes were up because Big Brown was a great horse and had a chance to revive history, but he also lost that race at Belmont. The horse just had a bad day; it happens.



6. Manny hit his 500th homerun last week. I'm sick of hearing people complain that Manny sets a bad example for kids because of all of his "Manny being Manny" antics like cutting off a ball he had no business touching or going behind the outfield wall during an inning. Here are some antics for you Manny haters. How about

hitting 500 Homeruns in his career or 2 World Championships or an MVP award or an 11 time All Star? Yeah, all of those are "Manny being Manny" antics, the great antics, the antics that will get him to Cooperstown.

5. Is anyone else tired of Jeff Van Gundy commentating on the Finals?

4. Tim Donaghy just will not go away. Not only has this guy been fixing games, but now he says that other NBA officials fixed the 2002 and 2005 playoffs! David Stern already replied to these accusations by saying that Donaghy is a convicted felon trying to save himself. David Stern better be right. This story, if Donaghy is found to be correct, could change and maybe kill the NBA all together. I really hope that Stern is not lying, and I hope that he wasn't fixing games because basketball would be ruined.

3. Speaking of the NBA, the Boston Celtics are up 2 - 1 against the Los Angeles Lakers in the finals. I can see the reasons the Lakers are favored in this series, but they really should not be. Yes, the Lakers whipped the Western Conference. Yes, Kobe Bryant won MVP and yes, Boston went to seven games against Atlanta and Cleveland. However, people seem to forget that Boston has the best NBA record, home court advantage throughout the playoffs, the #1 defense in the NBA and the Big 3!

2. Michael Strahan finally called it quits after he got his Super Bowl ring. He has been to 7 Pro Bowls, ranked 5th on the all-time sack leaders (141.5), won Defensive Player of the Year in 2004

and has a Super Bowl ring. This guy is a first-ballot Hall of Famer and don't say otherwise. One stat that really shines is that he has the single-season sack record which he won in 2001. He has more sacks than Giant great Lawrence Taylor. 2013, he should be in Canton.

1. Ken Griffey Jr. just recently hit his 600th homerun. Griffey is, in my mind, arguably one of the best players in the MLB during my generation! This proves how Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were more than likely taking steroids. Griffey was a better hitter than all 3 of them talent wise. Don't tell me that Bonds and McGwire did not take steroids because they more than likely did. This goes to show you that the steroid era is full of false statistics like the homerun record by Barry Bonds. Griffey's stat means a lot more than Barry's homerun record. This stat proves how tough it really is to catch the records that Hank Aaron, Joe Dimaggio and Cal Ripken Jr. set. Griffey was a better pure homerun hitter (talent wise) than Bonds and McGwire. This stat is much more than a number. It shows that when you play the game the way it's supposed to be played, the right way, how great the players before us were and just how tough it is to break the records that the great ones set before us.



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## Draft

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Hennon. "Jeremy was a big part of our success over the past four years. He came out and worked hard every day. You can see the improvements he made both offensively and defensively this year."

Nation turned in career-best numbers during his junior year. He finished 3-3 and led the staff with seven saves. In 24 relief appearances he posted a 5.93 ERA in 41 innings. The 6-foot, 8-inch right-hander struck out 36 batters to 15 walks allowed. In 14 of his appearances he did not allow an

earned run, and actually started the 2008 campaign by throwing 10.1 scoreless innings.

In his three-year career Nation has made 39 relief appearance, recording a 6.56 ERA in 59 innings striking out 47 batters.

Seattle called Nation prior to selecting him in the draft, but the junior righty had to wait for his name to get announced.

"[Seattle] called me before my name was announced, asking me if this was good and I said it was fine. I was waiting, then the 20th and 21st round passed by and I was getting really nervous. Once I saw my name I was really excited," said Nation. "Really my main goal growing up was to get a college

scholarship and anything after that was icing on the cake. I'm going to take the next couple of days, weigh the Mariners' offer, talk things over with my family and decide on whether to take the offer or come back for my senior year at Georgia Southern."

Said Hennon, "This is a great opportunity for Blake. He made great strides this past year. He and his family will have a tough decision to make on his future decision. We would love to have Blake back for his senior year but I understand this is a great opportunity."

Shehan led the way offensively for the Eagles. The Southern Conference's 'Player of the Year' (sports media association) batted .438 -

the fourth highest single-season average. The junior outfielder scored a GS record 84 runs and ranked among the season 'Top 10' in seven categories in all. He became the fifth Eagle to be named SoCon 'Player of the Year'.

Starting in all 58 games, Shehan tallied 84 runs scored (GS record), 77 RBI, 17 doubles, three triples, 22 home runs, .557 on-base percentage, 53 walks, 22-of-24 stolen bases and six outfield assists. A Third Team Academic All-District pick, Shehan recorded a team-leading 33 multi-hit games and 23 multi-RBI games. He ended year on 15-game hitting streak and earned a spot on the SoCon All-Tournament Team. If he returns for his senior year,

Shehan is on pace to break several career offensive records.

A near-certain All-America performer this year, Shehan was a finalist on three different National Player of the Year award watch lists - including one of 16 semifinalists for the Dick Howser Award. Twice named SoCon 'Player of the Week' and the league's top offensive player in March, he also earned National 'Player of the Week' honors.

Shehan stated that he will join the Orleans Cardinals of the prestigious Cape Cod summer baseball league and after a couple of weeks will make a decision on whether to join the Atlanta Braves or return for his senior year at Georgia Southern.



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## SPORTS

Who's  
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**GSU:** Michael Curry. Curry, who graduated from Georgia Southern in 1990, was named the new head coach of the Detroit Pistons last week. He will inherit a team that has made it to the Eastern Conference Finals the last six years.

Who's  
**NOT**

**MLB:** Big Brown. After winning the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, Big Brown disappointed by finishing last in the Belmont Stakes, ending his much-hyped run at Horse Racing's 'Triple Crown'.

## Eagles selected in Major League Baseball draft



Laura Pallini/STAFF

Jeremy Beckham throws a runner out at first during the team's game against USC-Upstate.



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Chris Shehan makes contact for the Eagles during an at-bat this year.



Brandilyn Brown/STAFF

Blake Nation deals against USC-Upstate earlier this season.

## GSU News Service

Georgia Southern University senior second baseman Jeremy Beckham, junior pitcher Blake Nation and junior outfielder Chris Shehan were selected in day two of the Major League Baseball 2008 draft. It marks the fourth straight year an Eagle baseball player has been drafted.

Beckham was Tampa Bay's first pick of the 17th round, number 503 overall. The senior second baseman joins his younger brother Tim, the first overall pick of the draft, in the Rays' organization.

Nation was the 672nd pick overall, going in the 22nd round to Seattle. Shehan went in the 30th round to the Atlanta Braves, pick number 910. Incoming freshman pitcher Matt Murray went in the 39th round - pick 1,177 overall - to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It feels great. This is a life long dream. I've waited so long to achieve this goal and to finally accomplish it is a great feeling," said Beckham.

Beckham, a four-year letterwinner, started 156 times in 179 games played, the past two years at second base. He hit .333 this season with six doubles, one home run, 41 runs scored and 25 RBI. Beckham proved to be a tough out at the plate, drawing 26 walks to only 22 strikeouts in 171 at-bats. He also led the Eagles stealing 24-of-29 bases.

As good as Beckham was offensively, he continues to build on his reputation as a defensive player. Beckham recorded a personal-best .973 fielding percentage, 14 points higher than his previous high last year.

"I felt pretty good coming into this year that I would improve defensively, that was an area I really worked on. I knew my bat would be there, I wanted to come back as strong as I had ever been defensively," said Beckham.

Throughout his four-year career Beckham posted a .296 batting average and .945 fielding mark.

The announcement capped an exciting past two days for the Beckham family. The older Beckham was pictured on the front of MLB.com celebrating with his younger brother Tim after the Rays selected him with the first overall pick. Jeremy wasn't sure as of Friday afternoon when or where he would report to.

"It has been very exciting, the best couple of days of our lives. The atmosphere, the community being behind us... it has been great to see the community behind us and wishing us luck."

Beckham was one of five seniors on this year's team that finished 33-25 overall and 16-11 in the Southern Conference, extending the program's streak to nine straight 30-win seasons. Georgia Southern broke season offensive records in: runs (595), hits (751), home runs (114), total bases (1,269) and RBI (543) while finishing second in doubles with 154, one off the record. The .346 team batting average is the highest mark during the modern era (.353 in 1955). Beckham was part of the Eagles' NCAA record 14 home runs hit during a 26-8 win over Columbia.

"We are very happy for Jeremy. He has had a good career at Georgia Southern and we are going to miss him," said Eagles' head coach Rodney

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