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Only In America

Sent packing

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Charles D. McKinley, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y., had four weeks of vacation coming, so he decided to visit his parents in DeSoto, Texas. Rather than buy a plane ticket for \$320, McKinley, a shipping clerk, packed himself into a shipping crate and air-expressed himself home, charging the fees to his employer. When the crate was delivered to his parents' front step, McKinley pushed out of the box and shook hands with the "shaken and frightened" delivery driver. The driver called the police. After an investigation by the FBI, the U.S. attorney, postal inspectors, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration, McKinley was charged as a stowaway, a federal misdemeanor.

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Hiatus

Linguistics Circle and the Geo Club offer chance to see Sapelo Island culture up close



Section B

Quote of the Day

"Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead for the future."

— Euripides, from Phrixus

Weekend Weather

Friday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
58°
LOW
34°

Saturday



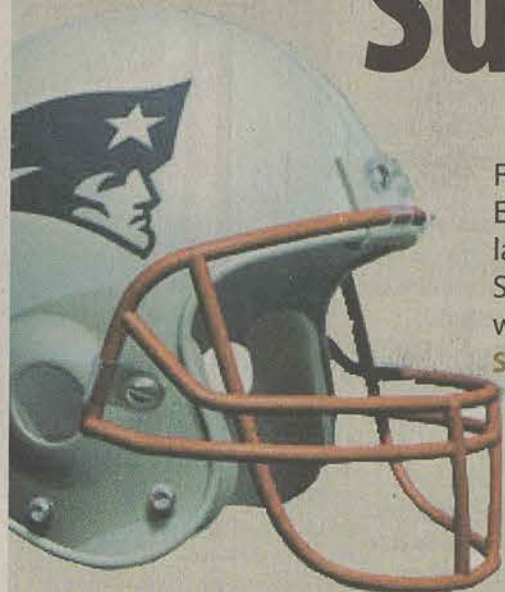
Sunny

HIGH
62°
LOW
37°

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Super Bowl XXXIX



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Super Bowl XXXIX set to take place this Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla.

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS VS. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES



AP Photo/Mark Humphrey

Tarik Abdullah, left, Kamran Abdullah, right, sort ballots before tabulating the votes Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. More than 95 percent of the 3,930 Iraqi expatriates who registered in Nashville cast ballots in their country's first free elections in more than 50 years.

Sunni clerics call Iraq's vote illegitimate

Officials say turnout in Sunni Arab areas low

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's leading Sunni Muslim clerics said Wednesday the country's landmark elections lacked legitimacy because large numbers of Sunnis did not participate in the balloting, which the religious leaders had asked them to boycott.

Emboldened by the elections, which U.S. and Iraqi authorities cited as a victory for democracy, the police chief in Mosul demanded the insurgents hand over weapons within two weeks or he would "wipe out" anyone giving them shelter.

The level of insurgent violence has appeared to drop

sharply after the election.

It is unclear whether the drop is due to disillusionment within insurgent ranks, the effects of the stringent pre-election security measures that are being slowly relaxed, or whether the militants have paused to reassess their strategy in light of the ballot.

"The coming days and

weeks will show whether this retreat will continue or whether it is tactical because of the strike against them," interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told Al-Iraqiya television.

"I don't know if what happened is a decrease (in attacks) that will continue or

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Toy soldier?



image posted on an Iraqi militant Web site



Dragon Models USA action figure "Cody"

This combination shows an image, left, posted on an Iraqi militant Web site on Tuesday and an image provided by toy manufacturer Dragon Models USA of an action figure named "Cody" in a box. The Web site posted the photograph of what it claimed was a kidnapped U.S. soldier, but doubts were quickly raised about its authenticity, and the U.S. military said no soldiers were missing. Dragon Models USA said the figure in the photo resembled one of its military action figures originally produced for sale at U.S. bases in Kuwait.

AP Photo/Brady Miller

Mexican students experience America

By Luke Hearn

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Seventeen students from the University of Vera Cruz (UV) in Xalapa, Mexico have been living the Georgia Southern life over the past week and a half as part of a U.S. Studies program at UV.

The students are here on a two-week cultural immersion program to enrich them in the English language and to help them learn more about the United States.

According to Debra Sabia, a political science professor at GSU who is working with the students from UV, they take English language classes in the mornings and spend their afternoons listening to different lectures, all dealing with some sort of American issue.

"The lectures are to help the students learn more about the United States and the various aspects of our culture," said Sabia. "The topics range from American government to American race relations."

The students from UV have really enjoyed their time in Statesboro thus far. Many explained the variances between their campus and GSU's, citing the size and setup as major differences.

"We come from a campus of about 59,000," said Miriam Perez Tirado. "We have to travel to the different buildings on our campus by bus, which can sometimes take 20 to 40 minutes, depending on traffic."

Tirado said that the traffic on the GSU campus doesn't even compare to anything she sees while at UV. "There doesn't seem to be much traffic here at all," she said.

Another student, Enrique Sam, said that the campus life at GSU is different than he is accustomed to.

"[At UV] we don't have dorms like they do here, nor do we have a large eating facility like the ones at GSU," he said. He also said that class schedules are different, with some students taking classes all day long, depending on their programs of study.

According to Sabia, who taught at UV as a Fulbright Scholar in the 2001-2002 academic year, GSU and UV have a formal sistership, and each university encourages their students to study at the other. Sabia encourages GSU students to look into studying abroad at UV.

"The cost of studying for a semester there is about the same price as studying here," she said.

The students from the University of Vera Cruz will head back to Mexico on Saturday.



Leon Wimberly/STAFF

Students from the University of Vera Cruz experience the American lifestyle firsthand at GSU. After spending two weeks at GSU, the students will head home to UV on Saturday.

CAMPUS NEWS



Students from GSU's Baptist Student Union deliver a Singing Valentine to an unknowing student. The money raised from these singing treats will go towards mission trips conducted over the spring and summer breaks.

Singing Valentines offer unique way to show love

Special to the G-A

This February 11, 12, 13 and 14, if a group of college students ask your name and then break out into song, don't run and hide. Chances are you are the recipient of someone's love...by way of a Singing Valentine!

The GSU Baptist Student Union (BSU) is sending out Singing Valentines around the city of Statesboro to raise money to send student volunteers around the globe to do mission work. This is just one of a variety of fundraisers the BSU does each year, but by far this is the most fun. For \$20, students deliver a stuffed animal gift, balloon, candy and songs of love.

The singers may not be Grammy winners, but they have a lot of heart.

In previous years, students, teachers, office workers, factory workers and housewives have been on the

receiving end of this fun affair. The money raised goes to student spring and summer missions.

Each spring and summer break, hundreds of college students give up their time off to help children, churches, missions, youth groups and the poor. The expenses for these students are greatly reduced through fundraisers such as these. BSU's on campuses across Georgia work together to support their fellow students in this endeavor.

If you would like to order one of these singing valentines for your favorite loved one, or if you would like more information, contact Robert Wigington at P.O. Box 20602 or the GSU Baptist Student Union at 681-2241. It will likely be the most fun, embarrassing and original gift your friend, teacher, boss, parent, or sweetheart receives.

STATE NEWS

Georgia groundhog predicts early spring

By **Errin Haines**
Associated Press

LILBURN - The groundhog known as Gen. Beauregard Lee rolled out of his bed Wednesday morning, emerged before a crowd of about 100 people waiting in the rain and predicted an early spring.

Not only did Beau fail to see his shadow, he also brought a surprise: His new girlfriend.

The mystery lady, who will remain nameless until a contest bestows her with a moniker, has been dating Beau off and on during the past six weeks. Game ranchers hope the couple will produce a successor for Lee, who may soon be hanging up his weather vane.

Old age could force the critter into retirement before the next Groundhog Day rolls around, said Art Rilling, founder of Yellow River Game Ranch where Beau lives.

"He's getting a little slower, sleeping in a little later, getting a little fatter," Rilling said. "This could be his last Groundhog Day."

At 15, Beau has already lived the life of at least five groundhogs, which only have a life expectancy of two to three years. His predecessor and uncle, Gen. Robert E. Lee, gave the Groundhog Day predictions for 10 years before he retired.

"When you get fed every day and

have shelter, you can last a long time," Rilling said. "He's got an easy life. He's only expected to do something once a year."

Beau's take differed from that of his northern rival. Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous furry forecaster, saw his shadow on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa., suggesting another six weeks of wintry weather.

No official records of Beau's forecasts have been kept, but his owner says he's only missed once in his 15-year career - a 93 percent accuracy rate. That one miss was a biggie, however, when he called for an early spring in 1993 and the worst blizzard in decades blasted the South.

Still, Beau's prognosticating prowess has earned him honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University.

Handlers at the ranch decided this year to give Beau a home worthy of his stature. Tuesday, he was moved into a three-story mansion built on his property, appropriately called Weathering Heights.

To lure him out of his new palace Wednesday, ranch handlers plied Beau with hash browns and fresh fruit as onlookers cheered, "Go, Beau!"

Meanwhile, in Lexington, N.C., a town of 17,000 known for its barbecue restaurants, an early morning crowd



turned out to see the weather forecasting debut of the town's "groundhawg" - a 65-pound miniature potbellied pig named Lil' Bit.

The porcine prognosticator agreed with Gen. Beauregard Lee, forecasting an early spring.

Dressed in a pink, frilly collar and led on handlers by a pink leash, the

black-and-white pig emerged from a vacant building that used to house what is thought to have been the city's second barbecue restaurant.

Squealing and grunting, she appeared shy in front of the crowd of onlookers - or maybe just nervous about the fact that most were munching on free sausage and ham biscuits.

POLICE BEAT

01-28-2005

- Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated one traffic accident, assisted one motorist and responded to one fire alarm.

01-29-2005

- Douglas Aquavius Walker, 18, of College Walk Apartments, Statesboro, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol, open container violation and leaving the scene of an accident.

- Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted one sick person and responded to one fire alarm.

01-30-2005

- Officers issued one traffic warning and assisted one motorist.

01-31-2005

- Matthew Robert Lutz, 23, of Cedarwood Drive, Lilburn, Ga., was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and expired tag.

- An Olympic Boulevard resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

- Officers investigated one traffic accident, issued five motorist and one injured person and responded to one fire alarm.

02-01-2005

- A bicycle was taken from the Brannen Hall bike rack.

- Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists and responded to two alarms.

IRAQ, FROM PAGE 1A

will escalate, but the final outcome is that it is a failure. They will continue for months but this (insurgency) will end. These dark forces will not be able to succeed."

With the threat of election violence past, the U.S. Army handed over control Wednesday of several combat outposts to Iraqi security forces on the west side of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

Allawi hosted a meeting of leaders from 16 of the country's prominent political factions Wednesday, his office said.

The leaders, who included President Ghazi al-Yawer, Sunni elder politician Adnan Pachachi and Finance Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi, a Shiite, agreed to pursue the participation of all political, ethnic and religious groups in the new government, the statement said.

Large numbers of majority Shiite Muslims and Kurds participated in Sunday's election for a new National Assembly and regional parliaments. Although no results or turnout figures have been released, U.S. officials say participation appeared much lower in Sunni areas where the insurgency is strongest.

The low turnout has been blamed variously on the clerics' own boycott call and on fears of insurgent reprisals against those who voted.

In its first statement since the balloting, the Association of Muslim Scholars said the vote lacked legitimacy because of low Sunni participation. The association months ago urged Sunnis to shun the polls because of the presence of U.S. and other foreign troops, and insurgents threatened to kill anyone who voted.

Iraqi officials have acknowledged voting problems, including a ballot shortage in Baghdad, Basra and Mosul, which have substantial Sunni populations and which also may have contributed to a low Sunni turnout.

With many Sunnis having stayed away, a ticket endorsed by the Shiite clergy is expected to gain the biggest number of seats in the 275-member National Assembly, followed by the Kurds and a list headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite.

Shiites comprise an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people, and Shiite candidates were expected to fare best regardless of Sunni turnout. Low Sunni participation was

believed to have reduced the totals of other tickets.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the Shiite Muslim who heads the ticket expected to have won the largest number of parliamentary seats, indicated in a Wednesday interview with The Associated Press that his group wants the post of prime minister in Iraq's new government.

Al-Hakim, a Shiite cleric with close ties to Iran, said representatives of all Iraqi groups should participate in writing the new constitution.

The association said the election "lacks legitimacy because a large portion of these people who represent many spectra have boycotted it."

As a result, the group said the new leadership lacked a mandate to draft a new constitution and should be considered a temporary administration.

Official voter turnout figures have yet to be released, but a Western diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity Wednesday said turnout appeared to have been "quite low" in Iraq's vast Anbar province, which includes the rebellious cities of Fallujah and Ramadi.

He said that based on anecdotal accounts, turnout in three other provinces with large Sunni Arab populations was slightly higher but not more than 50 percent.

Carlos Valenzuela, the chief U.N. election expert in Iraq, told the AP that turnout in Sunni Arab areas was higher than expected, with lines forming outside polling centers in insurgency strongholds like Fallujah and Mosul.

Valenzuela cautioned that forecasts for the Sunni areas were so low to begin with that even a higher-than-expected turnout would remain low.

In Mosul, police Gen. Mohammed Ahmed al-Jubouri offered amnesty to insurgents who handed over their weapons within two weeks but promised tough action if they did not. In an interview with the provincial television station, al-Jubouri threatened "to wipe out any village that would hide weapons after the two-week period and shell any safe haven for the insurgents."

Mosul has been tense since insurgents rose up in November in support of rebels under siege in Fallujah, west of Baghdad. The entire 5,000-member police force deserted before U.S. and Iraqi troops regained control.

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Man cuts pacemaker from mother's body

HOUSTON, Tx. - A Texas man charged with removing a pacemaker from his mother's body with a kitchen knife refused to give authorities the device in exchange for his freedom on Tuesday, prosecutors said.

James Allan Donalson, 59, said he sliced out the pacemaker after his 85-year-old mother died of natural causes so he would have evidence in a 10-year dispute involving doctors and the medical device company that provided it. Donalson was released on a \$5,000 bond on Tuesday. He could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of evidence tampering.

Town finally gets phone service

Mink, La. - Beginning today, people in the hamlet of Mink, Louisiana, will know the pleasure of a phone call or the frustration of a busy signal.

Mink was one of the last rural areas of the U.S. without regular phone service. BellSouth has spent \$700,000, or about \$47,000 per phone, to extend 30 miles of cable through thick forests to Mink.

Taxpayers will pick up some of the tab, with a levy on their phone bills statewide. There's going to be a fish-fry in Mink to celebrate today.

Who knows, maybe the dinner will be interrupted by a call from a telemarketer.

Unkempt yard sends man to prison

SANFORD, FL. - A man who defied officials for more than 13 years by refusing to remove airplane parts and other junk from his yard was sentenced to three years in prison.

Alan Wayne Davis, 49, had been placed on house arrest in September after serving nearly a year in prison for illegal dumping and creating and maintaining a public nuisance.

On Monday, a judge sentenced Davis to three years in prison for violations of his house arrest, including failing to return home from work on time and keeping part of a World War II fighter plane in his yard.

Davis claims he's the victim of a government conspiracy and that he's merely fighting to protect his property rights.

Singer accused of stealing 'Potter' DVD

TAOS, N.M. - Lynn Anderson has been accused of shoplifting a "Harry Potter" DVD from a Taos supermarket and punching a police officer.

Anderson's lawyer entered pleas of not guilty on behalf of the 57-year-old country singer to charges of battery on a police officer, resisting a police officer and shoplifting.

Taos County Magistrate Betty Martinez allowed Anderson to seek medical treatment out of state after the pleas were entered Friday. Martinez said she didn't know why Anderson was seeking medical treatment.

Taos police officer Virgil Vigil said Anderson asked him, "Do you know who I am?" when refusing to sign a citation after supermarket employees had accused her of taking the DVD.

When the officer asked if she was resisting arrest, Anderson turned and punched him on the left forearm, according to his statement.

Paris Hilton steals own sex tape

LOS ANGELES, Ca. - Prosecutors said Wednesday they will not file charges against Paris Hilton stemming from a scrape at a newsstand in which she allegedly pocketed a copy of her homemade sex video without paying.

The investigation stemmed from a Dec. 15 run-in between Hilton and a West Hollywood newsstand dealer, who was selling copies of her infamous video, "One Night in Paris."

The sex tape surfaced in 2003 just before the start of Hilton's reality TV series "The Simple Life."

She has said she was embarrassed and humiliated that the tape ever became public.

Roosters to wear boxing gloves

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok. - An Oklahoma senator hopes to revive cockfighting in the state by putting tiny boxing gloves on the roosters instead of razors.

The Oklahoma legislature outlawed the blood sport in 2002 because of its cruelty to the roosters.

To try to revive it, State Sen. Frank Shurden has proposed that roosters wear little boxing gloves attached to their spurs, as well as lightweight, chicken-sized vests configured with electronic sensors to record hits and help keep score.

The State Senate will consider Shurden's proposal next month.

Mother jailed over son's unpaid fees

ANGLETON, Tx. - A Houston-area mother who spent time in detention with a daughter over tardiness has landed in jail over one of her son's unpaid fines.

Because Manis' son, now 19, does not have a steady job, she had agreed to send the court \$50 a month to pay off about \$10,000 in fines, fees and court costs he owes from three different convictions of offenses as a juvenile.

Manis said she was unable to make last month's payment.

Manis was in court Monday and agreed to make a payment by Thursday.

The couple earlier spent an hour in school detention with their 13-year-old daughter, who was late for class six times when the family's van wouldn't start.

National News Briefs

Preacher accused of conning churches out of \$9 million

ROME, Ga. - Small, black churches normally don't have much money. But they do have tremendous faith.

It was that faith that moved many congregations of only a few dozen members to hold fish fries, sponsor cake walks and throw carnivals just to raise the \$3,000 they needed to be a part of the Rev. Abraham Kennard's dream.

Kennard is now on trial for allegedly bilking nearly \$9 million from

1,600 churches in 41 states in just over a year. Federal prosecutors say the charismatic preacher took advantage of the nation's tight network of black churches to launch a fast-growing pyramid scheme.

Saying he was backed by more than \$100 million in investments, Kennard told preachers that for a fee of a few thousand dollars their churches could be "members" of his company, which he said was developing Christian resorts around the country. In return, he

promised that in a few months those churches would get a grant or a forgivable loan of up to \$500,000.

Kennard is charged with 132 counts, from money laundering to tax evasion to mail fraud. Prosecutors are expected to wrap up their case against him and his brother, Laboyce, in the next week.

Kennard, who is acting as his own attorney, maintains that his actions were not criminal or meant to defraud anyone.



Associated Press
Abraham Kennard stands in front of a limousine he rented with money that prosecutors say he stole from churches nationwide.

Bush plan won't affect 55 and up

WASHINGTON - Giving Social Security a makeover will be the signature topic of President Bush's State of the Union address on Capitol Hill, where Democrats already have denounced his plan to let younger workers open private retirement accounts.

Citing information they received in a preview of the president's speech, Republican congressional officials said that Social Security benefits promised to workers currently 55 and older would remain unchanged under Bush's call for voluntary personal accounts for younger Americans.

These officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they did not want to pre-empt the presidential address.

Plane skids off runway, crashes

TETERBORO, N.J. - A corporate jet hurtled off the end of an airport runway Wednesday while attempting to take off, speeding across a highway and striking two cars before slamming into a warehouse.

About fifteen people were injured, one critically, but nobody was killed, officials said. The injured included at least two people in the cars, officials said.

Fed raises interest rates by quarter-point

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised interest rates for the sixth time since last June as policy-makers continued their efforts to make sure a strengthening economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The Fed announced that it was raising its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, by a quarter-point to 2.5 percent.

Before the Fed began tightening credit last June, the funds rate had been at a 46-year low of one percent.

Bills target sale of violent video games

ATLANTA - Video games that depict crime, killings and other violence are the target of a pair of bills introduced in the state Senate on Wednesday.

The bills, sponsored by Sen. Doug Stoner, D-Smyrna, would make it a crime to sell or rent violent games to children and require stores to post signs explaining a video game rating system to parents.

According to the first bill, it would be a misdemeanor for stores to sell or rent "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel" games to children under 18.

The second bill would require stores that sell or rent videos to post signs explaining a video game rating

system that deems game suitable for everyone, teens or adults.

Student dies after wrestling frat brother

BEREA, Oh. - A student at Baldwin-Wallace College has died from injuries he received during a fight with a fraternity brother in a dormitory hallway.

Brent Jones, 21, of Mount Vernon, was diagnosed with a fractured skull and swollen brain after his head hit a door frame Jan. 16.

Jones, a senior who studied biology and wanted to be a veterinarian, never regained full consciousness.

Junior Adam Gaydos, 20, of Mentor, has been charged with two counts of felonious assault.

Berea police detective Charles Gute said on Wednesday that he expects new charges will be filed now that Jones has died.

Witnesses told police that Gaydos and Jones appeared to be playing around when wrestling after a night of drinking.

But Gute said Wednesday that that information was false and the fight may have happened after Jones' fiancée found her younger cousin kissing Gaydos in a dorm room.

Gaydos is free on bond but has been suspended by the school.

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February: Black History Month

When Black History Month doesn't register

By Gregory Clay
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON - Let's play a game of firsts.

Who was the first black person to receive a doctorate from Harvard? W.E.B. DuBois in history, in 1895.

Who was the first black Rhodes Scholar? That would be Alain Leroy Locke, in 1907. From 1907 to 1910, the Philadelphia native studied at Oxford in England.

Who was the first black student admitted to Clemson University? That would be Harvey Bernard Gantt, in 1963. He also became the first black mayor of Charlotte, N.C., from 1983-87.

And who was the first black president of the Harvard Law Review? That would be Barack Obama, in 1990. Obama, of course, currently is only the fifth black U.S. senator in American history.

With Black History Month set for its annual commemoration in February, perhaps a few national PSAs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education touting those aforementioned educational achievements would be warranted. It surely would be better than paying conservative political commentator Armstrong Williams' public relations firm \$240,000 to promote President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" policy (remember Williams doesn't have much clout in most of the black community anyway).

How about some public service announcements and commercials featuring working teachers and instructors, but with a solid mandate issued: no athletes or entertainers allowed. It's high time to break those stereotypical role models often used to reach today's black youth.

Many observers say the only way to reach today's black youth is through the hip-hop culture. If there's no music or gangstas or rapping, they won't listen.

Says Bernard Heyward, who works daily with youth in Florida, "The average black teenager in the 'hood, if you asked them to name 10 famous black figures not associated with music or athletics, I don't think they could do it."

Is that Ludacris or just plain ludicrous?

This insanity needs to change.

Perhaps that's the problem. Black History Month should be about more than P. Diddy or Snoop Dogg or Shaquille O'Neal or Terrell Owens.

"I think a lot of our young black folks would have a different view on life - for the better - if they knew how their parents and grandparents struggled for them," says Heyward, a Bronx, N.Y., native who is unit director for a Boys & Girls Club in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. "I think if they knew their history, they would have a different attitude. They need to know things - like the guy who invented the traffic light was black."

That would be Garrett A. Morgan, an engineer from Paris, Ky., who also invented the gas mask.

Let's take the Black History Month issue a step further.

There are two schools of thought about it in much of the black community.

One: Black History Month is absolutely necessary because if we didn't have that one month - albeit a short one - we wouldn't have any measure of recognition at all during the year.

Two: But there are 12 months in a year. What about the other 11? Let's review some history first.

On Jan. 31, 1988, Doug Williams became the first black quarterback to start a Super Bowl. By 11 o'clock Eastern time that night, he also became the first black quarterback to win one when the Washington Redskins trounced the Denver Broncos, 42-10, in San Diego. He sets his tone on Black History Month this way.

"What I accomplished was history, period," said Williams the other day via his cell phone. "That's this February thing this time of

the year. I have a problem with separating the months. I believe in 12 months. We should teach our kids all year round. Don't wait for one month, then let our kids forget."

In some corners, many children never have a chance to even think about Black History Month, much less celebrate it. Take our nation's capital, for instance.

In 2004, 24 people under the age of 18 were murdered in Washington, more than double the total from the year before. The overwhelming majority was black.

They never had a chance.

The media play a major role in shaping February, too. The major television networks, cable outlets, radio stations and newspapers have their own policies for the shortest month of the year.

Leon Carter, sports editor of the New York Daily News, which has a weekday circulation of 763,974, says one month is insufficient. "February should not be a month where editors set aside to do stories on black folks or black sports figures just because it's Black History Month," says Carter, one of the few black sports editors at U.S. daily newspapers. "If you are doing a good reporting job, you are doing these stories all year round. To say I would only do these stories in the month of February, that's saying it's not worthy to do these stories the rest of the year."

"It should be a 12-month thing. If you don't and take out the month of February, then you would have an excuse to never do these stories."

These types of stories would be ideal as educational tools in the classroom. Furthermore, since self-esteem issues among the young are said to be widespread in the black community, what better way to offer a remedy to this malaise than focusing on great black achievers who didn't rap or have some form of a ball in their hands.

But what about the apparent indifference among some black teenagers when the subject is educational advancement?

Take the National Association of Black Journalists, for example. There is a growing concern among some in this 4,700-member group that several scholarship sponsors and foundations will revoke their funds allocated for organizations such as NABJ because of a lack of interest among many black students.

Greg Lee, chairman of the NABJ Scholarship and Intern Program and senior assistant sports editor at the Boston Globe, says: "From my experience, a lot of kids aren't applying, which is a problem. It's a shame that many black students aren't taking the time to apply for these scholarships because the money is out there."

"Why they don't apply, I don't know. Maybe it's apathy. The opportunities are out there, the money is out there, but many of them don't seize the opportunity."

That's a travesty.

Perhaps some history lessons would alter that disturbing frame of mind.

With that, in the spirit of Black History Month and education, remember the name Charles Lewis Reason. According to "Black Firsts: 2,000 Years of Extraordinary Achievement," he was the first black person to hold a faculty position at a predominantly white college. Reason was a professor of Greek, Latin, French and mathematics at Central College in McGrawville, N.Y.

When: 1849 to 1852.

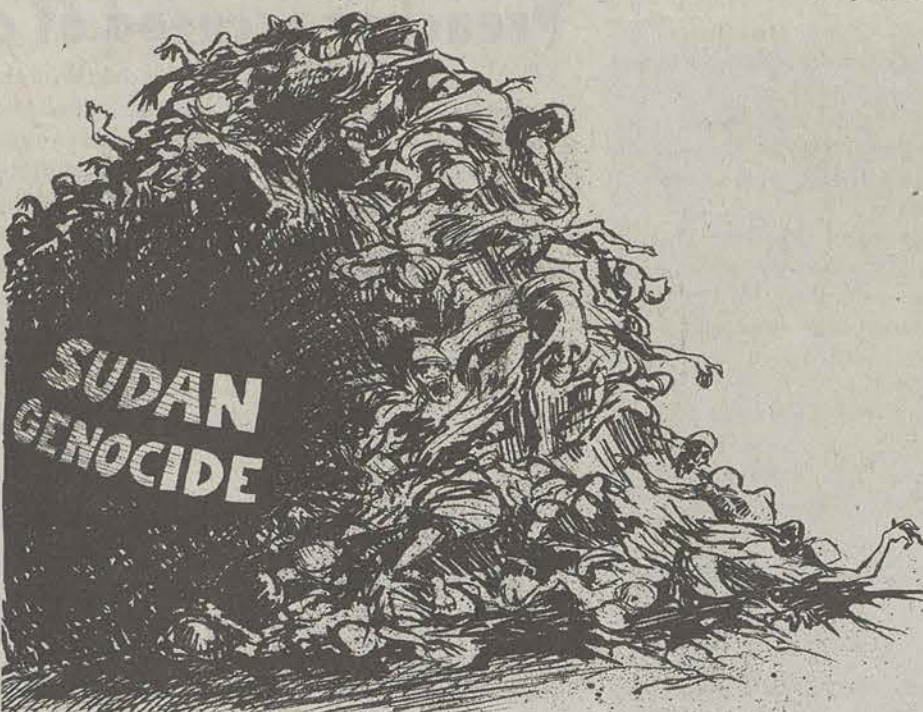
As former NFL quarterback Williams says, "Rosa Parks made history, period. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made history, period."

In any regard, it's all history now.

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A gold watch for Georgia's hog

The first thing I did yesterday morning was fire up my laptop and head to CNN's website.

It wasn't to see the large banner and 47 corresponding links about the State of the Union address. That was the last thing on my mind. I just wanted to see if Beauregard Lee had seen his shadow or not.

He didn't, it turns out. Early spring for us.

If for some odd reason you don't know, yesterday was Groundhog Day and Gen. Beauregard Lee serves the same "general" purpose as the Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil. He just does so in a distinctly Southern way.

Allow me to digress for a moment, as my views about the divide between north and south must be understood before my sentimentality over this little hibernating critter can make any kind of sense.

I'm no proponent of perpetuating conflict between Yankees and Southerners, or of clinging to romantic notions of the failed Confederacy. But I'm a Southerner myself, a passionate lover of Southern culture and a constant student of its many... particularities, if you will.

I say Gen. Beau, retiring this year, is a better groundhog than his northern counterpart. Forgive me if I subscribe to a few affectionate stereotypes and generalizations while I explain why.

For one thing, he's tougher. I'm not saying Yankees can't be tough. I'm just saying we're tougher. Beau has been around for fifteen Februaries, and it's no secret his father Gen. Robert Lee looked for his shadow ten times before he retired. The average lifespan of a groundhog is three to five years. Of course, the bunch of jokers up in Punxsutawney still insist their groundhog is the same one from 1887, making him over 119 years old.

As you can see, Beau and his crew are more honest. I appreciate the Yankees' efforts to bring magic to their tradition, but I'd prefer a little down home

Southern bluntness to a lot of exaggerated pompous ceremony any day.

Up there, they drag Phil out of a contrived wooden stump and read (very bad) poetry the groundhog supposedly composed.

Down here, they ring a farm bell and set a plate of Waffle House hasbrowns outside Beau's three-story hog house, and he comes out whenever he's good and dang ready.

So, there you have point three: Beau has great taste. Last year, concerns about Beau's age and weight led caretakers to the painfully fallible plan of attempting to lure Beau out with an Atkins-friendly breakfast instead of his favored, flavored, high-carb, greasy one.

They ought to have known better than that. Ol' Beau wouldn't eat that junk; he proved he'd sooner eat wood by gnawing on the door of his house instead. A distinguished old gentleman such as Beau doesn't need fat-free chicken and no-yolk eggs! He knows this low-carb crap is just a passing craze. He'll prove right in that prediction, just like he has in all but one of his weather prognostications, bringing us to advantage four.

Beau is more accurate. Phil (or, truth-be-known, the many Phils) must have been wrong a lot after more than a century in the business. The two Georgia generals have only been inaccurate once in 25 years, which makes a lot of sense because if you're tough and honest and have good taste, you're bound to be right most of the time.

Know what else those qualities can get you? Ladies. That's right. Beau is a mack. He's currently shacking up with a cute little female groundhog so he can pass on his legacy.

Where's Phil's girlfriend, y'all?

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SPEAKING OF... censorship

How many of you were here over the Christmas holidays?

I was, and it was nice to see all the colorful and creative Christmas decorations floating about in Statesboro. The most memorable (and still visible) of which can be seen nightly just a short walk from campus.

At the end of O'Neal Drive is a house, with what I personally believe has the most amusing Christmas decorations I've ever seen. While surrounded by reindeer, candy canes and Santa Claus, the residents of the house in question gave us a glimpse of their own Christmas cheer. In what could possibly be the best use of Christmas lights ever, they spelled out (and illustrated) "We love tits!" Granted, it's a little blatant and vulgar. But it's funny, and it's their right to do so.

Free speech and the freedom of expression are both such wonderful things.

So imagine my surprise when, while doing research for another column, I stumbled across a blatant attempt to take those things away. Last June, Rep. Duncan Hunter, a member of that endangered species known as the "California Republican," invented a novel twist: passing off censorship as "empowering parents."

The Parents' Empowerment Act is House legislation that would allow parents to prosecute anyone who distributes "material that is harmful to minors." Basically, it says that if the material is contained within a medium which a child might see and if that material has the potential to upset that child, then his (or her) Mommy and Daddy can take the distributors, retailers and publishers of the work to the federal court.

Sounds to me like just the kind of round-about whimsical waste of time that the American judicial system was made for.

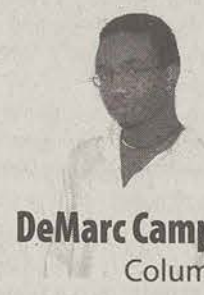
So, how does one go about determining what exactly what's harmful to a minor? The same way every other stupid lawsuit is decided in the US: at the discretion of whatever judge and jury just happen to be presiding on that particular case. And it seems to be the norm with obscenity laws. There will be instances where the courts will end up dealing with edge cases (i.e. a 17-year-old reads one of my columns via the GSU website), and renders verdicts based on their best (un)educated guesses.

The ultimate goal of this legislation doesn't seem to be to protect children at all.

It seems more like a way to attack people. No wonder the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund guys are pulling their hair out. Comic shops (like our local favorite, Gallops) and other small independent stores make "OK" money, but don't often move large quantities of product. A single violation could put a comic book store out of business.

In his book *Saying Yes*, Jacob Sullum describes what he calls "voodoo pharmacology," or the idea that any drug can take control of an individual and override their reason and volition without their consent. This law is voodoo psychology. Let's give children some credit, please.

A few bare breasts does not a criminal make. If a child's moral compass is this weak, the fault is not the retailer's - it's the fault of parents.

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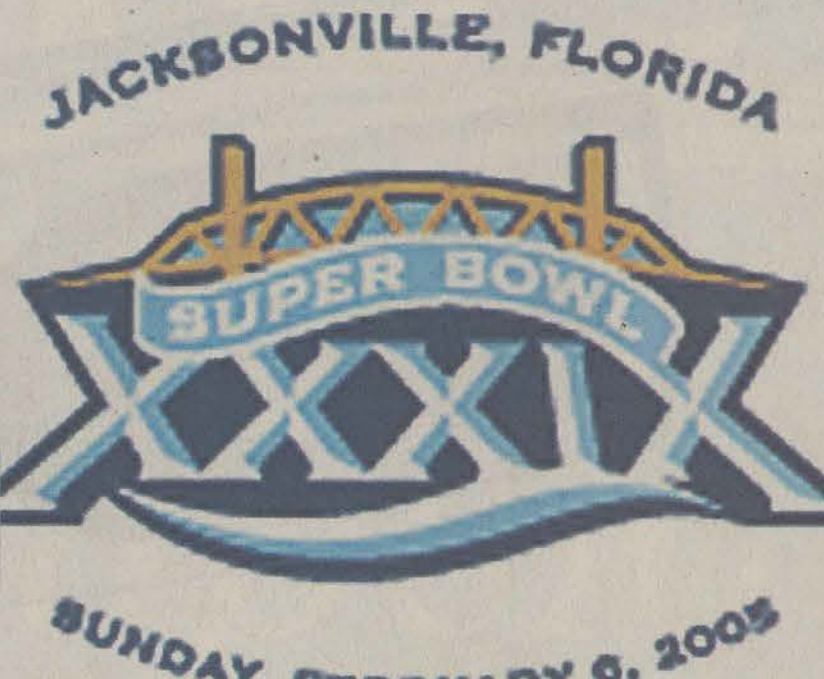
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Patriots have the clutch guys. Do Eagles?

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - With the game on the line, the New England Patriots hardly lack for clutch players - Tom Brady, Adam Vinatieri, Rodney Harrison.

With the game on the line, no one is sure if the Philadelphia Eagles have the kind of performers who could lift them past the defending champions in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Though Philly's track record before this year wasn't very promising - three straight NFC championship game flops - the Eagles insist past failures were erased when they finally won the conference title.

They'd better be correct, because the Patriots simply don't get stressed out, particularly in the Super Bowl, which they've won two of the last three seasons.



Rusty Kennedy/AP Photo
Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb talks with reporters at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla., on Tuesday, Feb. 1 during Media Day.

"We haven't been to the Super Bowl, but we're battle-tested," said All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins, the leader of a defense that includes one starter who has played in the big game - end Jevon Kearse with Tennessee in 2000.

"We've been tested in championship games. We feel pressure year after year and we know how to win in those situations."

They hadn't won in crucial situations, though, until beating Atlanta to avoid becoming the first franchise to lose four straight NFC title games.

"There's no question that they not only deserve to be here, they've done about as much you could possibly do this year as a football team."

-BILL BELICHICK

They are seven-point favorites over Philadelphia.

"I don't feel we're at a disadvantage," coach Andy Reid said. "They go in and think they are as good as anybody in the NFL, but they understand they have to prove it every Sunday."

Especially this Sunday, against a team on the verge of being considered a dynasty.

Not only are there questions about how the Eagles might perform on such a stage, but there are no questions about how the Patriots will deal with it. They've already successfully displayed their steely nerves and skills under the burning spotlight - twice.

Which presents Philadelphia with yet another challenge: treating the Patriots with too much respect.

If that happens, they're beaten before they take the Alltel Stadium field, and Vinatieri won't need to match his two last second, Super Bowl-winning kicks. Nor will Brady have to stage any late heroics. Matters will be decided much earlier.



Altell Stadium, host of Super Bowl XXXIX is shown in this aerial photo on Jan. 21. The New England Patriots take on the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday, Feb. 6, in Jacksonville, Fla.

McNabb, echoing Reid's statement, basically told Philly fans not to worry.

"It's a slap in the face" to hear such criticism, the Pro Bowl quarterback said. "But they are the champions. And we have made it; we are here in the Super Bowl. No one can take that away from us."

"Can we win this game? How can you ask anybody that?"

No one is asking the Patriots that.

If they play true to their history, not only will they match Vince Lombardi's

Green Bay Packers as the only team to win nine straight postseason games, but they will do it dramatically.

Brady will complete critical passes to Troy Brown or David Patten. Harrison will rattle a receiver and force a key drop. Tedy Bruschi will create a turnover. Richard Seymour will get a crucial sack.

We've seen it before. Most everyone outside of Philly expects to see it again Sunday.

"The important thing going into these games, and what I've learned, is you need to be well-prepared,"

Brady said. "When you're prepared, you're confident going into a game, you're calm. You have the answers to the test."

The Eagles answered just about every test this season, but those were like midterms. New England in the Super Bowl is the final - pass or fail.

So are the Eagles up to winning Philly's first championship since 1960, seven years before the Super Bowl existed?

No less an expert than Belichick knows they can if his team isn't careful.

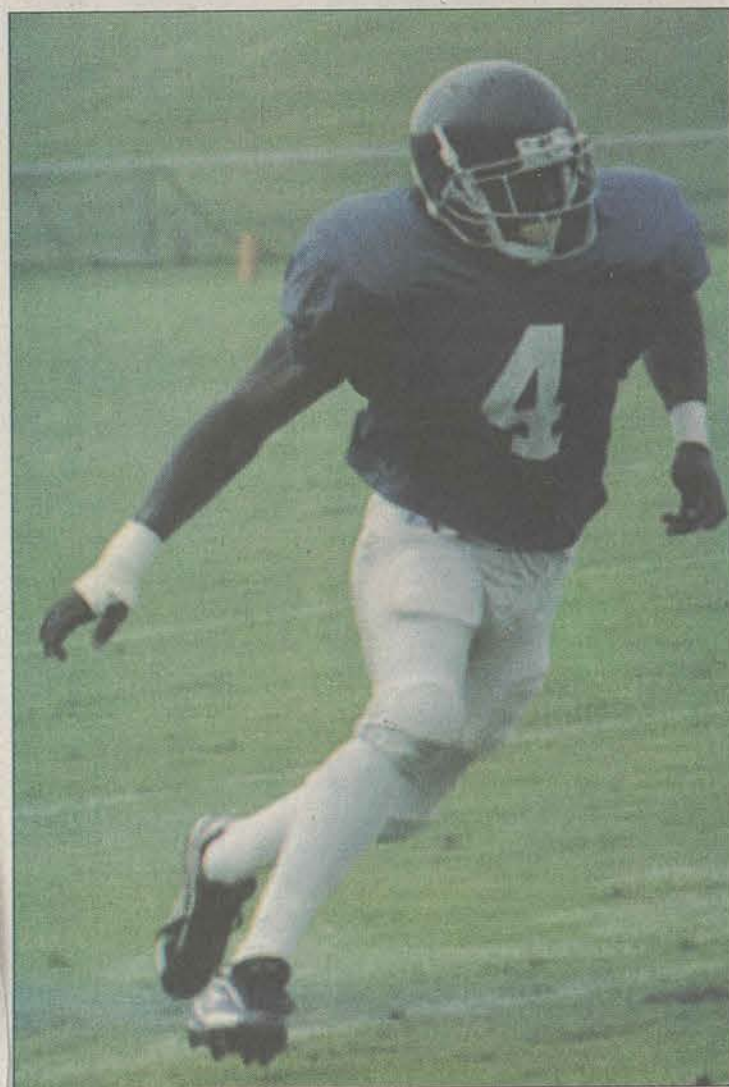
"They are a very complete team," he said. "They led the NFC wire to wire. I don't think you could do much more."

"They have been running out the clock since the end of November waiting to get it over with, because they had everything wrapped up. They came back and played well against Minnesota and shut down Atlanta."

"There's no question that they not only deserve to be here, they've done about as much as you could possibly do this year as a football team."

The final proving ground is three days away.

Former GSU student Moreland to play in Super Bowl



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Former Georgia Southern standout Earthwind Moreland will suit up for Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville.

Moreland, listed as second in the depth chart for the New England Patriots at cornerback, was a defensive back for the Eagles from 1996-99. For the first time in his professional career he has seen extensive playing time in the NFL. Moreland played in nine games this season and made two starts.

The former Eagle's first trip to the Super Bowl is an outstanding achievement considering his beginnings at a non-division I-A football team.

But what is even more amazing is the looping path of hard work and setbacks that he underwent to get there.

Moreland was originally signed out of college as a free agent by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but was released four months later. Between 2000 and 2002 Moreland was signed and released by five different teams before being allocated by the Cleveland Browns to NFL Europe.

In Europe, Moreland turned lemons into lemonade. He started all ten regular season games and World Bowl X for the Rhein Fire at cornerback. For

his efforts he earned All-NFL Europe League honors.

Unfortunately, his accolades and labors did not turn into an NFL job. Moreland sat the 2003 season out of football altogether.

In August of 2004 he signed with the Patriots and on Nov. 11 he saw significant playing time in New England's 40-22 win against the St. Louis Rams. During that game, he floored Shaun McDonald for a seven-yard loss in the third quarter.

As a Georgia Southern Eagle, Earthwind Moreland was named all Southern Conference first team twice and led the Eagles to a National Championship in 1999. Moreland was a walk on at GSU and went on to play in 52 games making 42 starts.

During his tenure, he helped lead the Eagles to a cumulative 37-6 record and three consecutive Southern Conference titles.

As a senior in 1999, he earned third-team All-America honors from The Sports Network.

Earthwind Moreland is one of five SoCon alumni playing in Super Bowl XXXIX.

The other four are Terrell Owens of Chattanooga and Mike Bartrum of Marshall for Philadelphia, David Patten of West Carolina and Troy Brown of Marshall for New England.

SUPER BOWL XXXIX

Defenses that don't give up many points

Super Bowl XXXIX will feature two of the NFL's top defenses. On the other side of the ball, Philadelphia and New England both favor balanced attacks, with the ability to run the ball or go downhill.

Individual team leaders (Playoff stats in parentheses)

Philadelphia
D. McNabb 3,875 (466)
B. Westbrook 812 (166)
T. Owens 1,200 (0)

New England
T. Brady 3,692 (351)
C. Dillon 1,635 (217)
D. Givens 874 (85)

Team comparison

OFFENSE
Touchdowns 44 (6)
49 (7)

Total yards 5,618 (721)
5,722 (647)

Passing 3,979 (469)
3,588 (351)

Rushing 1,639 (265)
2,134 (336)

DEFENSE
Points allowed 30 (3)
31 (3)

Total yards allowed 5,115 (587)
4,972 (664)

Passing 3,212 (452)
3,400 (464)

Rushing 1,903 (196)
1,572 (209)

SOURCE: National Football League

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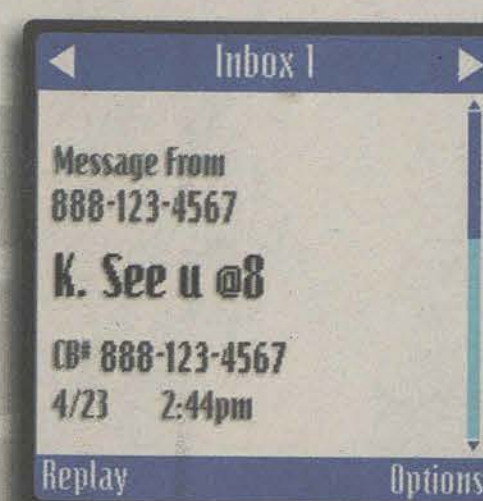
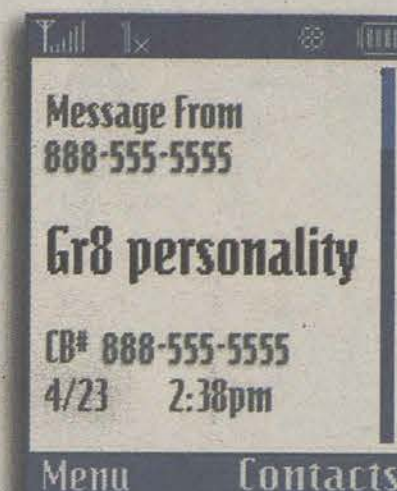
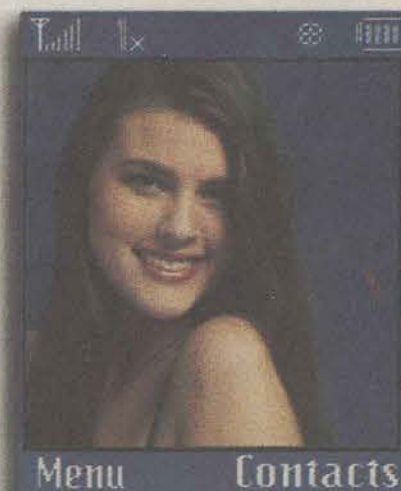
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GSU defensive end Earthwind Moreland at a practice with the Eagles in 1998.

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THE HOT SEAT IS BACK!

After a brief break, we welcome back the Hot Seat, our weekly look at GSU's hottest vehicles. Take a look on page 2 of this week's Hiatus.

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ON THE SHELVES THIS WEEK

'Ray'

A well-timed release to remind those Academy Awards voters why they're voting for Jamie Foxx as Best Actor. As Ray Charles, Oscar front-runner Foxx simply vanishes into the role. ("Sometimes I couldn't tell the difference between Ray and Jamie," says longtime Charles pal Quincy Jones in an interview on the DVD.) The disc has nearly half an hour of deleted footage, most of which also can be viewed incorporated into an extended cut of the film. Director Taylor Hackford, who struggled for 15 years to make "Ray," recounts the odyssey of the film in detail on audio commentary. A behind-the-scenes featurette captures a jam session between Charles and Foxx in summer 2002, when they sat side-by-side at keyboards so the actor could emulate the pianist's musical body language. A pricier two-disc set adds 20 minutes of uncut musical performances and more detail on Hackford's long journey to make the film. The only beef: The studio didn't invest the time and money on a fully integrated extended cut, whose deleted scenes kick in with clunky transitions and do not quite match the full film's image quality. Single DVD, \$29.98; two-disc set, \$44.98. (Universal)

'The Grudge'

Sarah Michelle Gellar faces terror from beyond the grave without her "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" superpowers in this horror hit based on a Japanese fright flick made by the same director, Takashi Shimizu. Gellar stars as an exchange student in Tokyo caught in the grip of a vengeful spirit centered on a house where bloody deeds occurred. Gellar collaborates with producer Sam Raimi and his brother, co-star Ted Raimi, on commentary. The DVD also a five-part collection of making-of featurettes. DVD, \$28.95. (Sony)

'Shall We Dance?'

The fluffy Richard Gere-Jennifer Lopez remake and the vastly superior Japanese version debut on DVD. Both films follow the lead of a successful but bored businessman who takes to dance class because of a fleeting infatuation with the beautiful instructor, only to find his ballroom stepping turns into a life-altering passion. Last year's remake comes with commentary from director Peter Chelsom on the full movie and deleted scenes, plus featurettes on the film's music and the art of ballroom dancing. Predictably, the Japanese version is augmented only by a featurette on the Hollywood remake. DVDs, \$29.99 each. (Miramax)

'Monster,' 'Head in the Clouds'

A Charlize Theron double feature. Her Academy Award-winning turn in 2003's "Monster" gets a DVD update, while last year's romantic drama "Head in the Clouds" debuts in a single disc. "Monster" earned Theron the best-actress Oscar as Aileen Wuornos, a highway prostitute who was executed for murdering some of her tricks. In "Head in the Clouds," Theron co-stars with Penelope Cruz and Stuart Townsend in the story of a 1930s-era temptress trying to maintain her hedonistic ways as Europe tumbles into conflict. The two-disc "Monster" set has commentary from writer-director Patty Jenkins, plus deleted and extended scenes. The "Head in the Clouds" DVD includes a making-of featurette. "Monster" DVD set, \$24.96; "Head in the Clouds" DVD, \$24.96. (Sony)

Sapelo

Setting your sights on

ISLAND

Student group offers up-close look at isolated barrier island

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Sapelo Island is just two hours from Statesboro, but the dying culture that dominates this sprawling nature preserve dates back more than a century.

The lone inhabitants of the island are direct descendants of African slaves. Their ancestors were brought to the island in the eighteenth century to work for the white plantation owners. Today, the language and the ways of the life of the Gullah-Geechee people are preserved, passed on from generation to generation, but researchers — and the inhabitants themselves — fear the unique dialect and ways of their people may soon fade away.

"It is a very unusual place," said Thomas Klein, a Georgia Southern linguistics professor, who studies the people of Sapelo. "It is certainly unique to the Georgia coast, but there might not be anything like it anywhere else on the eastern seaboard."

Gullah language combines elements of West African dialects with English pidgin bases. Gullah is the only surviving English-based Creole language in America. The language developed as a way for Africans of various tribes to communicate with one another, a way that plantation owners would not understand.

Gullah is an oral history, and younger

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Georgia Dept. of Trade/PHOTO
Sapelo Island offers a unique glimpse at the Gullah-Geechee culture. Above: a stately lighthouse on Sapelo. Below: a woman dances during a celebration of the Gullah-Geechee culture.

Alumnus turns family hobby into thriving wine business

Kenneth Meinhardt opens winery and vineyard on the outskirts of Statesboro

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Imagine you are sitting under an arching pergola with your loved one as the breeze carries to you the scent of fresh grapes and you sip on a chilled glass of Georgia's sweet Muscadine wine. Now imagine you can find all of that in Statesboro.

In fact, Meinhardt Vineyards is only about six miles south of campus. It has an elegant, yet cozy atmosphere that defines southern hospitality and a little something extra for the wine connoisseur in all of us.

Back in 1996 Kenneth Meinhardt II, a GSU alumnus, slowly began to realize that what was once a family hobby was now a way to bring culture to the town he loves the most. Owned and operated by the Meinhardt family, it is the place to go to get a unique impression of Statesboro.

Meinhardt had to deal with laws regarding alcohol production. A county law had to be passed so he could legally be able to produce more wine. Until recently, Georgia law stated that only 200 gallons of wine could be made per person. After much petitioning from Meinhardt, senate bill 155 passed, granting that they were allowed to produce more than stated.

The family settled on Muscadine grapes both for their rich flavor and nutritional value. Muscadine's are a grape variety native to the south. With a pungent, fruity flavor, these Upkeep of the Muscadine plants in the vineyard is extremely time consuming and it takes about 30 gallons of water a week to keep the more than 20 acres of Muscadine plants in good condition.

After the plants are pruned and harvested, grapes are run through a crusher where they are de-stemmed. The wine then ferments in steel tanks for four to six months before being poured into wine bottles and sealed.

The Meinhardt Vineyard has plans to expand. They hope to add a banquet hall in the next year and a Bed & Breakfast

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WHAT ARE MUSCADINES?

Traditional bunch grapes cannot grow in the hot, humid temperature of south Georgia. So wine made in the south is derived from the Muscadine, a close cousin of the grapes you find in the grocery store. Muscadines are known as American wild grapes, a native species that grows only in the hot, humid southeastern United States. Muscadines have a fruity, delicate aroma and taste. They have thick skins and many seeds. The grapes, when processed for wine, make a much sweeter, fruitier product that many non-winedrinkers say they enjoy more.

Jacksonville offers cheap, plentiful entertainment during Super Bowl

Super Bowl brings life to nearby Jax

By Danielle Powell
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Super Bowl XXXIX will be a face off between the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles.

This year's Super Bowl is being held in Jacksonville, Fla., which is less than three hours away from Statesboro.

Although it may be too late to get a ticket for the game, not too expensive, students can still get in on some of the action.

According to Eyder Peralta, entertainment writer for the Florida Times-Union, there will be plenty of free and affordable events for college students to attend.

"One thing that I know of right off the bat is the Times-Union SuperFest. There will be a little of everything going on out there," Peralta.

The SuperFest is a street festival held in downtown Jacksonville. Activities will include stages for



entertainment and vendors selling food, beverages, alcohol and other merchandise.

Some of the artists who will perform at the SuperFest include Kool and the Gang, Boyz II Men and the Baha Men.

The city of Jacksonville firework extravaganza will be on Saturday.

Super Fest activities are free to the public and will begin on Thursday and end on Sunday.

So what, you won't be sitting in Alltel Stadium come Sunday evening? There will still be plenty of games for you to play and watch if you are in Jacksonville.

One such event that will be taking



The city of Jacksonville, Fla., shines brightly on the St. Johns River on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005. The colorful Southern city will host Super Bowl XXXIX between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Feb. 6.
Amy Sancetta/AP Photo

place is the NFL Experience at Super Bowl XXXIX. The NFL Experience is an interactive football theme park offering games, display and entertainment. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The Snooper Bowl, a youth football all-star game, will be hosted by rapper Snoop Dogg on Saturday. It will feature his West Coast team against

a local all-star team. There will be celebrity coaches and a half-time and post-game concert. Tickets for this event are presently \$6.

The Celebrity Flag Football Game will be held on Saturday. It is a flag football game that will feature NFL current and alumni superstars. Admission is \$5 and the proceeds will go to the NFL Alumni Kids Charities.

Gameday Gridiron Celebrity Hoops VII is a celebrity basketball game featuring NFL players, streetballers and many other celebrities. There will be an opportunity for free autographs and photographs. The prices are \$150 for VIP, \$25 for the lower level and \$12 if you don't mind

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CALENDAR

February 3-10, 2005

03 Eagle Baseball Open House, Clements Stadium, 5 p.m.

Don't Be A Victim, Union RM 2048, 7 p.m.

04 International Conversation Hour, Union RM 2080, 11:30 a.m.

05 Tour of the Garden, Botanical Garden, 10 a.m.
Hanner Holligans Tailgate, Hanner, 10:30 a.m.

Women's Basketball, GSU vs. UNC Greensboro, Hanner, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball, GSU vs. Furman, Hanner, 3:30 p.m.

'Broadway! The Big Band Years,' Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.
For ticket information, call 912-486-7999

06 Women's Tennis, GSU vs. Stetson, Hanner Tennis Courts, Noon

07 Women's Basketball, GSU vs. Elon, Hanner Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

08 Political Science Club Meeting, Carroll Building RM 2268, 6 p.m.

09 Sneak Preview: 'Constantine,' Union Theatre, 8 p.m.

Christ Ministries Leadership Meeting, Union RM 2071, 4:30 p.m.

How to participate
E-mail us your events to gahiatu@yahoo.com. Please have your event turned in by Wednesday at noon for Thursday's Hiatus calendar.



The Hot Seat...

Our weekly look at GSU's best rides

Age: 24

Year: Senior

Major: Building construction management

Hometown: Frankfurt, Ky.

How did you come to own this vehicle? I bought it.

What did you pay for it? \$7,500

How much money have you put into it since you have bought it? \$3,000

What is the most expensive feature on it? The rear spinner

What makes your car stand out? The chrome rear spinner.

What is one thing you would like to do to customize your vehicle that you haven't yet done? Custom paint job.

Would you ever consider selling it? Hell no.

When you ride through a parking lot, what do you think people say about your car? Damn, that thing is spinning.

While riding on your bike, are there any rules? Girls only.

When you are in your car, how do you feel? I feel like I have to go fast.

How do you take care of your car? Detailed and covered at all times.



Kentucky Gallahue

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Do you have a hot ride or a really cherished hooty? Give us a call. We would love to feature you in the "Hot Seat." E-mail our Hiatus editor at acrisp@georgiasouthern.edu or call us at 912.682.2708 or 681.5246.

The CIN List

When Celebrities are in the News, you can read about it here...

The feeling isn't electric

So, Jennifer Garner's ex-boyfriend Michael Vartan reveals to Us Weekly

that he heard the "Elektra" flick was awful. He claims he heard it from the "Alias" star herself. He further reveals that Garner did not even like the movie but was obligated by her "Daredevil" contract. I know I'm not the only one who remembers that bomb at the box office. There's even talk of an Affleck curse.

According to sources, Affleck's curse of bad movies at the box office is rubbing off on all his girlfriends. Think about it. When Jennifer Lopez was with him, she made two movies that didn't fare well. Remember Gigli? Remember Jersey Girl? Once she dropped him like a bad habit, she went on to make "Shall We Dance?" which did fairly well.

Now, take a look at Jennifer Garner's fledgling movie career. Before Affleck, she made '13 Going on 30' which did better than most critics



Ashley Stevens
A&E Editor • gahiatu@yahoo.com

originally thought. Since being with him, she made 'Elektra' the audience-repelling flick.

Personally, I think Vartan's jealous. Ever since they broke up, things on the "Alias" set haven't been exactly cozy. According to sources on the set, Garner doesn't even talk to Vartan and producers are thinking up ways to get rid of his character. Vartan is just clinging to any publicity he can. He's just a sad, sad man who lost a great girl.

If Garner didn't like the movie, she didn't like the movie. Actually, I think she's handling the publicity about the bad movie rather well. Anytime anyone asks about the movie, she says, "Next question" or "I worked really hard with the stunts and everyone on the set was so amazing." Got to give it to the girl, she can evade the questions with the best of them.



Michael Vartan



Jennifer Garner

TOP TEN

Movies

1. Hide and Seek
2. Are We There Yet?
3. Million Dollar Baby
4. Coach Carter
5. Meet the Fockers
6. The Aviator
7. Sideways
8. In Good Company
9. Racing Stripes
10. Assault on Precinct 13

Albums

1. The Game-Documentary
2. Green Day-American Idiot
3. Eminem-Encore
4. Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz-Crunk Juice
5. John Legend-Get Lifted
6. Kelly Clarkson-Breakway
7. Usher-Conversations
8. Ludacris-The Red Light District
9. Various Artists-Now 17
10. Destiny's Child-Destiny Fulfilled

Singles

1. Let Me Love You-Mario
2. 1, 2 Step-Ciara
3. Lovers and Friends-Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
4. Soldier-Destiny's Child
5. Drop It Like It's Hot-Snoop Dogg
6. How We Do-The Game
7. Disco Inferno-50 Cent
8. Boulevard of Broken Dreams-Green Day
9. Bring Em Out-T.I.
10. Over and Over-Nelly

Black Historical Film Month

Showtime is at 8 p.m. in Southern Courtyard

Movies will be posted in each February Hiatus

February 3

"Get on the Bus" follows several African-American men on a cross-country bus trip to the Million Man March.

Starring: Richard Belzer, De'Andre Bonds and Bernie Mac

February 4

"The Five Heartbeats" follows the journey of a quintet of hopeful African-American men as they try to make it in the music industry.

Starring: Robert Townsend, Michael Wright, and Harry J. Lennix

February 7

"The Color Purple" follows the life of Celie, a young African-American woman, growing up in the early 1900s.

Starring: Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, and Oprah Winfrey

Need a new
pick-up line?
How 'bout
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Georgia Southern Career Services'

Eagle Expo Career Fair

and Education Career Day

Wednesday, February 23

@ The RAC From 9AM - 2PM

The Eagle Expo is a great opportunity for students to meet with corporate recruiters and employers from around the country. Network and explore career possibilities, full-time employment, relevant summer jobs, internships, co-op positions, and more. Employers will demonstrate the benefits of their organization in a casual and friendly atmosphere. Business attire is highly recommended.

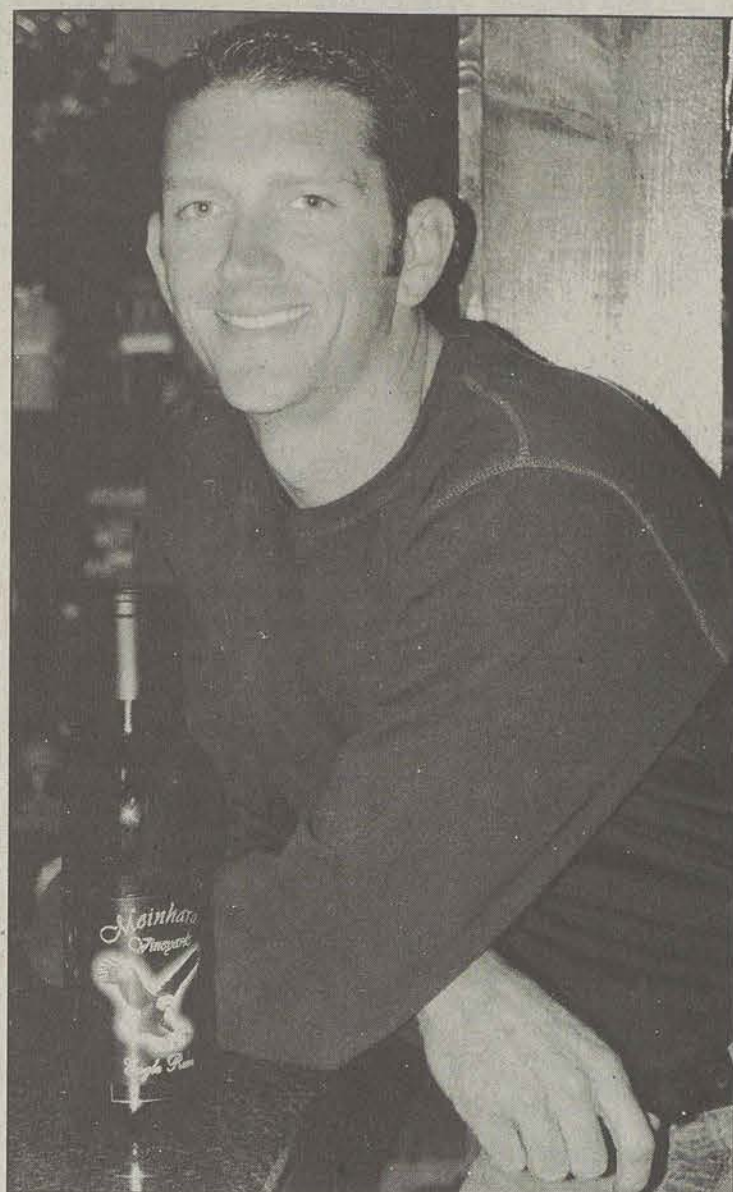
Over one hundred and twenty five organizations will be on campus to inform Georgia Southern students about the skills and qualities needed to compete in today's employment marketplace. Those in attendance will learn about specific organizations and industry leaders that may hold the key to their future career.

Employers from public and private organizations are scheduled to participate, from areas including:

- School Systems
- Allied Health
- Business
- Social Science
- Engineering
- Sports/Recreation
- Hotel/Restaurants
- Public Relations
- Government
- Military
- Civil Service
- ... and more

Contact GSU Career Services for more information:
Suite 1058, F.I. Williams Center
912-681-5197

Or visit us online to obtain an up-to-date listing of companies at:
<http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>



Kenneth Meinhardt has turned a family tradition of making wine as a hobby into a thriving Statesboro business.

VINEYARD

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in the next three years. The family takes much pride in the design and construction of the vineyard.

Meinhardt Vineyards offer a wide variety of wines, including Blackberry Bliss, a blackberry flavored Muscadine wine, the favorite of the Meinhardts. The Meinhardts have also dedicated a bottle of their homemade wine to Georgia Southern, adorned with a soaring eagle on the label.

The Meinhardt Vineyard has something for everyone: food, drinks and a wonderful garden. A popular plate is the cracker, cheese and fruit platter. Not only is it delicious, but

it's easy on the wallet and comes with your choice of any wine or non-alcoholic beverage. The Vineyard is a great place to visit for Valentine's Day. They are offering a special, which includes the platter along with chocolate and a long stemmed rose.

Meinhardt said, "If you want to experience something different just get out of the hustle and bustle of campus and relax or really enjoy what Statesboro has to offer then this is the place to go." If you want romance, affordability and selection, Meinhardt's Vineyard is the finest choice around. For more information, call (912) 839-2458 or stop by around sunset.

SAPELO

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generations have kept the traditional spirit of Gullah alive through language, religion, arts, crafts, stories and song.

GSU Students can get the chance to see Sapelo and the people who live there up close. The Georgia Southern Linguistics Club, which is sponsored by Klein, will travel to the isolated island Feb. 19. The club plans to take about 20 students. Klein hopes exposing students to the island's inhabitants will increase awareness about the Gullah-Geechee people and the trouble their culture faces.

"Other islands have lost their Gullah-Geechee habitat entirely, or the communities have been encroached upon," said Klein. "On Sapelo, they are struggling to hold on as a functioning community, but they are still there. But there are problems."

Klein says the Gullah-Geechees are in a constant battle to hold onto their community. Sapelo is primarily owned by the state of Georgia, but a modest tract of land was given to the island's inhabitants. Today, that land is seen as prized commercial real estate.

"(Sapelo) is almost entirely undeveloped," said Klein. "There are no Holiday Inns, no stores to speak of at all. There is one little convenience

HOW TO GET THERE...



Adam Crisp/STAFF

store that is run by the locals. The only sort of tourism on the island is ecotourism. There are no other tourism structures. That's unique compared to Tybee Island or St. Simons Island."

While on the island, a native will give students a tour that includes a chance to talk with Sapelo's only community leader, Cornelia Bailey.

"People have chance to speak with her and get an impression of the community life," said Klein.

For those who are interested in attending the trip, a meeting of the Linguistics Circle will serve as an information session. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 3. For more information, contact Klein at 681-0986.

SUPER BOWL

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For those of you who are more interested in the music aspect of the Super Bowl, there is plenty of opportunity for that as well.

The Pepsi Smash Super Bowl Concert Series will hold a concert on Thursday featuring Big Boi of Outkast, Ciara, Kanye West and Ryan Cabrera.

The concert series will also be having a concert on Saturday, which will feature Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jo Dee Messina, 3 Doors Down and DJ Marcellus Wiley of the Dallas Cowboys.

According to Peralta, the costs for these concerts are very reasonable.

"You can get two tickets for \$39. That's pretty good."

If you are interested in attending these concerts, tickets are available through Ticketmaster. For more information about any of these events and others, you can visit www.jacksonvillesuperbowl.com.

But if crowds and fighting traffic aren't your thing, you can tune into the game at 6:30 p.m. on FOX.

Spike Lee says more blacks needed behind the camera

By Louise Chu
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Black representation is stronger than ever on screens, big and small, but the true power in entertainment lies behind the camera, filmmaker Spike Lee said Tuesday.

"We have to get in gatekeeper positions," he said. "We have to get those dual law and MBA degrees and work up the corporate ladder because everybody can't be an actor, everybody can't make a record."

Joining a discussion panel at his alma mater, Morehouse College, Lee led a retrospective of his films and shared his thoughts on the challenges facing blacks in the entertainment industry today.

Acting is not where the power is, Lee said. "Even Denzel (Washington), he's getting \$20 million a movie. But when it comes time to do a movie, he has to go to one of those gatekeepers."

Lee also told aspiring young filmmakers in the audience not to ignore nontraditional routes to getting a film made, including raising funds independently and releasing movies straight to DVD.

"It's a huge market. It's not something that should be looked upon as a stepchild," Lee said of the DVD industry.

Also on the panel with Lee was Beverly Sheftall, director of the Women's Research and Resource Center at Spelman College, and Herbert Eichelberger, associate professor of film at



Showtime, David Lee/AP Photo

Director Spike Lee, right, gives some pointers to actor Ken Leung for his role in Lee's Showtime film 'Sucker Free City.'

Clark Atlanta University.

Tuesday's event coincided with the DVD release of Lee's latest film "She Hate Me," as well as the release of a special collector's edition DVD of his 1988 comedy "School Daze," which was based on life at Atlanta's historically black colleges.

The provocative director, who's also responsible for "Jungle Fever," "Malcolm X," "Do The Right Thing" and "Bamboozled," said he's currently working on a sequel to "School Daze" as an update to issues facing black

college students almost two decades later.

In the sequel, Lee said he hoped to examine gangsta rap's negative impact on black culture, adding that he was inspired by Spelman students' recent stand against Nelly's "Tip Drill" video.

The rapper angered students of the nation's most famous black women's college when he appeared in a video showing an image of him swiping a credit card through a woman's backside. Many gathered last April

to protest Nelly's appearance at an Atlanta charity event, prompting him to cancel.

"I really like hip-hop, but this gangsta rap stuff has really gotten ridiculous," he said.

Artists should be free to express themselves, but consumers also must have their voice heard, Lee added. "Far too often, the black consumer lets African American artists do whatever they want, and they buy their records and go to their movies without any repercussions."

Bill to let companies sanitize Hollywood movies moving fast in Congress

By Jesse Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Legislation that would enable parents to skip movie scenes deemed offensive on DVDs is moving quickly in Congress. It also would create stiffer penalties for people who bring videocameras into theaters to make pirated copies.

"Parents have a right to decide what their children see on television and no one should deny them that right," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, who introduced the bill in the House. "Fortunately, technology exists

that shields children from violence, sex, and profanity. It is the electronic equivalent of fast-forwarding over unwanted content."

The legislation was introduced because Hollywood studios and directors had sued to stop the makers and distributors of the technology. The movies' creators had argued that changing the content would violate their copyrights.

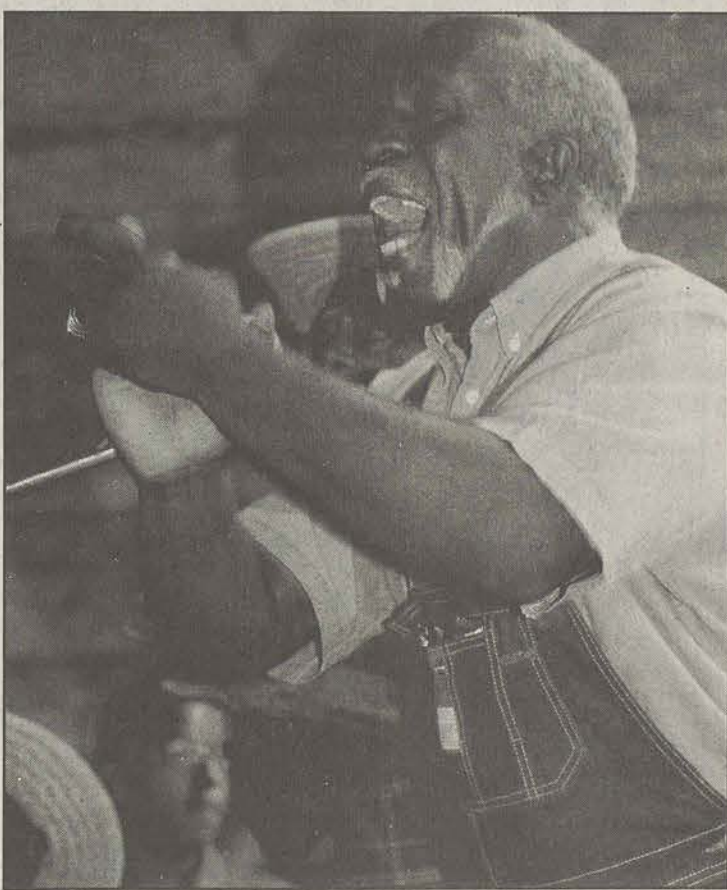
Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the bill would create an exemption in the copyright laws to make sure companies like ClearPlay, a Salt Lake

City business, won't get sued out of existence.

The bill "will help to end aggressive litigation threatening the viability of small companies like ClearPlay which are busy creating innovative technolo-

gies for consumers that allow them to tailor their home viewing experience to their own individual or family preferences," Hatch said last week.

The bill also includes measure that could limit piracy.



GDITT/Contributed photo

The Gullah-Geechee people are descendents of slaves that once worked the plantations on Sapelo Island, Ga. Their culture is rich with unique dialects and interesting music. Seen here, a Sapelo native performing at a cultural day on the island.

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For more
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Where and when does Room Selection take place?

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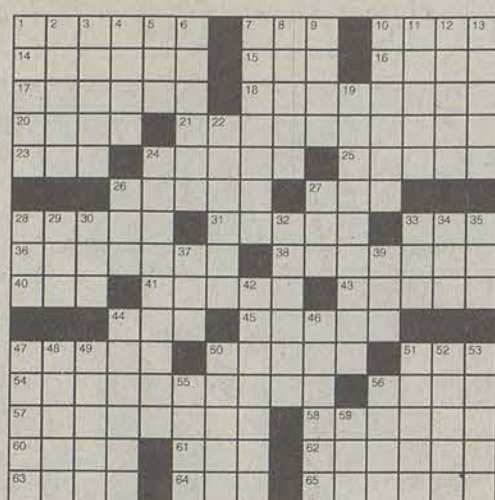
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February 15	9-11:30AM

CLASSIFIEDS, ETC.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Cocktail
7 Got together
10 Truth known by observation
14 ... had it!
16 Traditional knowledge
17 Unpigmented
18 Reflected
20 Asset
21 Begat
23 Double curve
24 Brutal person
25 Neighbor of Austria
26 Lively dance
27 Ave. crossers
28 Giant
31 Magazine edition
33 Grievous distress
36 Develops gradually
38 Irrefutable
40 Sailor's assent
41 Different one
43 Confuse
44 LIRR terminus
45 Itemizations
47 "As You Like It" role
50 Conical dwelling
51 Short swim
54 Overstate
56 Actress Garr
57 Protestant denomination
58 Soderbergh or Spielberg
60 Revise a manuscript
61 Fuss
62 Feeling ill
63 Gazzara
64 Sun, talk
65 "Citizen Kane" director

DOWN
1 End of land or sea?
2 Passageways
3 Picture puzzle
4 Goddess of fertility
5 Irish Sea isle



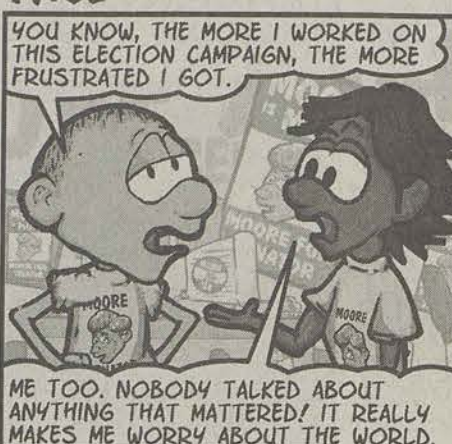
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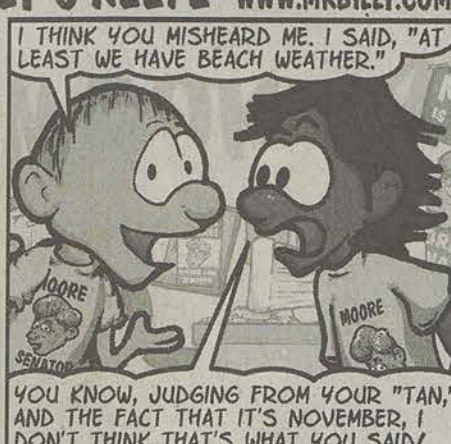
Solutions

1. COCKTAIL
2. PASSAGEWAYS
3. PICTURE PUZZLE
4. GODESS OF FERTILITY
5. IRISH SEA ISLE
6. DRIVE FORWARD
7. CHAMPAGNE COCKTAILS
8. EJECT FROM THE PREMISES
9. SALES REP'S REGION
10. EXHIBITS
11. MAIN ARTERY
12. ANGEL'S BASKET
13. ONE ROOSEVELT
14. ... HAD IT!
15. ... HAD IT!
16. TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE
17. UNPIGMENTED
18. REFLECTED
19. ... HAD IT!
20. ASSET
21. BEGAT
22. DOUBLE CURVE
23. BRUTAL PERSON
24. NEIGHBOR OF AUSTRIA
25. NEIGHBOR OF AUSTRIA
26. LIVELY DANCE
27. AVE. CROSSERS
28. GIANT
29. ... HAD IT!
30. ... HAD IT!
31. MAGAZINE EDITION
32. ... HAD IT!
33. GRIEVOUS DISTRESS
34. ... HAD IT!
35. ... HAD IT!
36. DEVELOPS GRADUALLY
37. ... HAD IT!
38. IRREFUTABLE
39. ... HAD IT!
40. SAILOR'S ASSENT
41. DIFFERENT ONE
42. ... HAD IT!
43. CONFUSE
44. LIRR TERMINUS
45. ITEMIZATIONS
46. ... HAD IT!
47. "AS YOU LIKE IT" ROLE
48. ... HAD IT!
49. ... HAD IT!
50. CONICAL DWELLING
51. SHORT SWIM
52. ... HAD IT!
53. ... HAD IT!
54. OVERSTATE
55. ... HAD IT!
56. ACTRESS GARR
57. PROTESTANT DENOMINATION
58. SODERBERGH OR SPIELBERG
59. ... HAD IT!
60. REVISE A MANUSCRIPT
61. FUSS
62. FEELING ILL
63. GAZZARA
64. SUN, TALK
65. "CITIZEN KANE" DIRECTOR

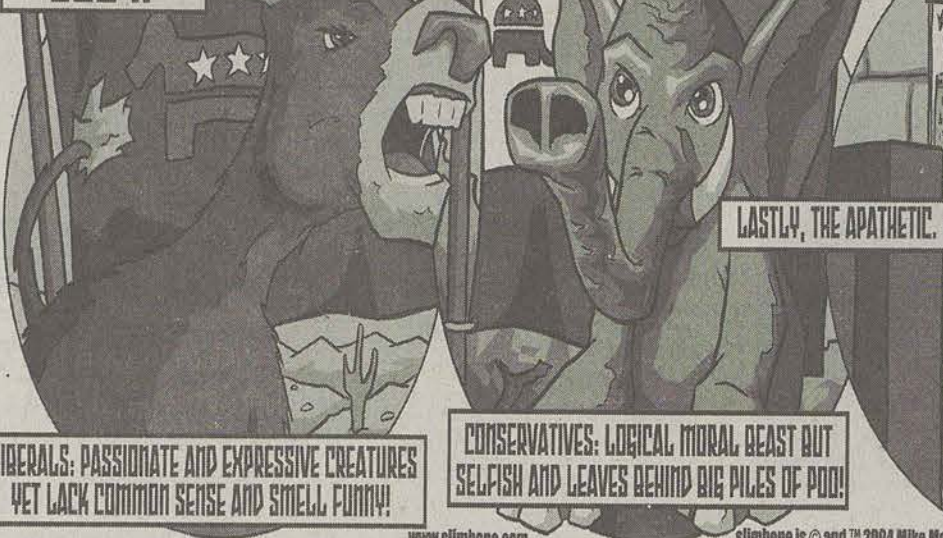
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20 Announcements

PHI ETA SIGMA MEMBERS annual scholarship competition is under way. Please pick up an application at 1070 Carroll building. Application due by February 15.

AMERICAN RED CROSS Lifeguard Training Feb. 19, 26, and March 5 from 9-5 and Feb. 20, 27, and March 6 from 1-4 at Splash in the Boro. Call 489-9047 to register.

HAVING A meeting next week? Place an ad in **The George-Anne** to boost your attendance!

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THANK YOU for all who came out to Baja to support the Student Tsunami Project January 22, 2005.

FASHION SHOW: DREAM-SICLE, The Essence of Fashion Feb. 3, 2005, Union Ballroom 7:30 pm! Don't miss this one! Info: 912-871-7936.

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75 Churches

DO YOU want to bring students to your church activities? Place an ad in the **G-A**!

90 Education

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100 Etcetera

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FUN in the Sun! Lifeguards wanted in North Myrtle Beach, "Will train," no experience. Apply www.nsbilifeguards.com.

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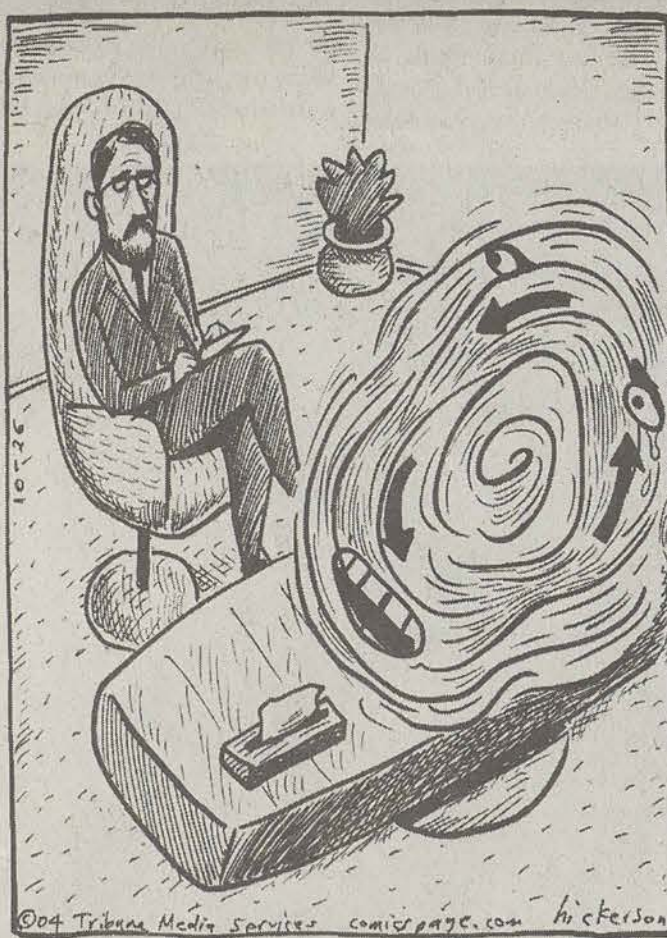
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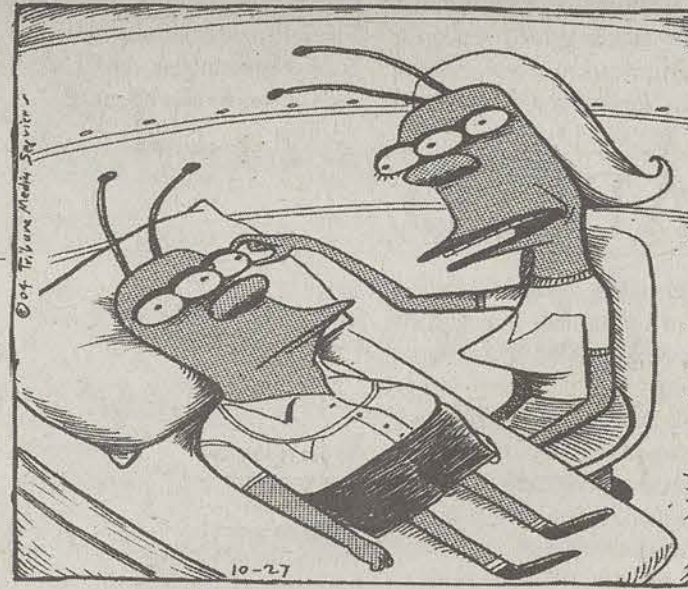
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What's playing in theaters

Quick movie reviews for those on the go



Christian Slater stars as an investigator in search of an artifact in which he enlists the help of an anthropologist played by Tara Reid.

By Christy Lemire and David Germain
Associated Press

Alone in the Dark

Tara Reid plays a character who's described in the movie's production notes as "a brilliant anthropologist." And it's not even a comedy! At least, it's not trying to be a comedy. It is, however, extremely funny at times when it's not muddled or deafening.

This messy action flick, based on a video game, is sort of an inept cross between the "Alien" movies and the Indiana Jones trilogy. Christian Slater plays a paranormal investigator looking for artifacts belonging to an

No one in the dark

This messy cross between two great films is bad. It's funny in all the wrong places and it's not even a comedy.

★ 1 out of 4

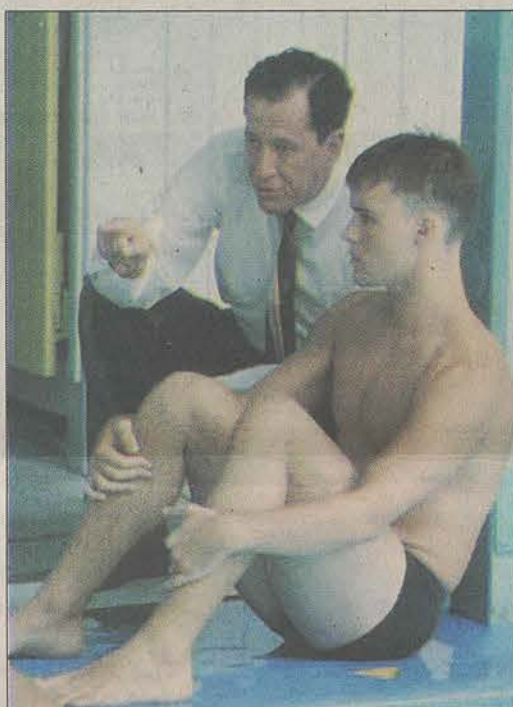
ancient tribe. Him, Reid and a team of heavily armed troops (led by Stephen Dorff) fight off monsters who were let loose when the gate was ripped open between the forces of good and evil. Or something. Rated "R" for violence and language. 96 min.

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Geoffrey Rush

stars as the abusive father Tony Fingleton played by Jesse Spencer.

The movie is based on Anthony Fingleton's novel of the same name about his life in the shadow of his older brothers until he discovers his love for swimming. It's set in Brisbane, Australia.



Swimming Upstream

Geoffrey Rush is so convincing as an abusive, alcoholic father of five that he makes this film hard to watch at times. That's a compliment and a complaint.

Based on the true story of Tony Fingleton, an Australian swimming champ in the early 1960s, the movie is both repetitive and overlong, rendering Rush's vivid performance too frequently repellent.

Rather than feeling inspired by the way Tony (the blond, tanned and toned Jesse Spencer) overcomes his violent upbringing, you may find yourself wanting to escape the way his

Stop fighting the current

It's repetitive and boring. Rush does too good of a job as an abusive father that it's scary. Rather than feel uplifted, you're brought crashing to the ground.

★★ 2 out of 4

character does when things get ugly: by diving underwater. Judy Davis is typically strong as the matriarch of the blue-collar Fingleton clan. Rated "PG-13" for thematic material involving alcoholism and domestic abuse. 113 min.



Debra Messing stars as a desperate woman who hires Dermot Mulroney to pose as her date at her sister's wedding.

The Wedding Date (A Sneak Preview)

Even if you'd never seen a single romantic comedy, this would still seem painfully stale. They're all there every cliché of the genre.

A neurotic and slightly klutzy heroine who has closed off her heart to the possibility of love? Check. A dashing suitor who seems all wrong for her but might just be Mr. Right? Got it. (And Dermot Mulroney's character, Nick, is a male escort, so you can also check off the hooker-with-a-heart-of-gold cliché.) A wedding

Is there a return policy?

A stale romantic comedy filled with every single possible cliché. A generic "Pretty Woman" that's not so pretty.

★ 1 out of 4

as the setting for all of the movie's cataclysmic contrivances? Of course. That's where Kat takes Nick, whom she's hired to pose as her date. Rated "PG-13" for sexual content including dialogue. 80 min.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' brings Shakespeare to PAC

By Robert J. Greene II
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The adventures and mishaps of Lysander, Hermia, Demetrius and Helena, as well as the amateur, over-eager actor Nick Bottom are coming soon to the Georgia Southern Performing Arts Center.

William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," one of his best known comedies, will be coming to the PAC on February 10. However, this is not like most other productions at the PAC. It is part of the School Matinee Series, an offering of several well-known stories to young children and young adults not yet

in college. The plays are "Lewis and Clark," "The Phantom of the Opera," "The Adventures of Curious George" and "Corduroy."

However, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is distinguished from the others by one simple fact: it is written by the master of the English language, William Shakespeare.

"It's Shakespeare. It's an important piece of work," said assistant director at the PAC, Carol Thompson.

Not only is "A Midsummer Night's Dream" being played for children and young adults from the seventh to the twelfth grades, it is also being performed for academic reasons.

"A Midsummer" comes with a

study guide, available to students and teachers watching the performance of the play, to educate them about William Shakespeare's life, the characters of the play and the many literary devices used in the play. Even the vocabulary of the play, filled with archaic words such as aye (meaning "always" or "ever") and dole (which means "sorrow" or "grief"), is explained in the study guide to clear up any problems students may have understanding the play and its late 16th century language. The study guide even comes with questions that test the students' understanding of the play, what they saw and the deeper meaning of it all.

"The show is all thanks to GMT Productions, one of the best established and well known professional performance companies in the state of Georgia," said Thompson.

While the performance is targeted at a younger audience, this does not mean that GSU hungry for more of The Bard cannot attend this performance.

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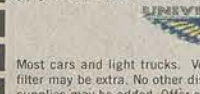
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