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### Only In America

Company marks centennial with giant boot

RED WING, Minn. - Red Wing Shoes will take a big step with a giant boot next week, when the Minnesota company celebrates its 100th anniversary. Using ladders, cranes and special rigging, company employees and retirees have built a supersized "638-D" replica of the company's classic workboot No. 877. The boot stands 16 feet tall and is 20 feet long. It required 80 cowhides, 1,200 feet of rope and 300 pounds of adhesives. The shoelace is 104 feet long. It has been recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest shoe. The boot took more than a year to build. Employees said everything about the massive replica was properly scaled.

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### Hiatus

Vagina Monologues to be preformed at GSU on Monday. Read all about it.

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### Quote of the Day

"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life."

- Dr. David M. Burns

### Weekend Weather

Friday



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Saturday



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## Bleicken named provost



By Luke Hearn  
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Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube announced yesterday—before a small group of faculty, staff and administrators—the appointment of Linda Bleicken as the school's new provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Bleicken had been GSU's interim provost and vice president of academic affairs since last summer, filling the position of former provost Vaughn Vandegrift, who took a job at Southern Illinois University.

Before making the announcement, Grube said that the final candidates for the position were excellent, but that Bleicken stood heads above the others.

"The person we've chosen has considerable experience in higher education and leadership," Grube said before making his announcement. "This person also has many great and fresh ideas, and that's a good thing, because we continually have to improve what it is we do here."

After the decision was announced, Bleicken said that she was very honored to have been chosen for the position.

"I am very pleased with being selected, not only because of the esteem of the job, but because of my love for

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Terrence Williams/STAFF

## Iraq delays publication of election results

By Robert H. Reid  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections. Hundreds—perhaps thousands—of other ballots were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Postelection violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country's grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing one and wounding four. And in the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by



AP Photo / Andrew Parsons

An Iraqi woman holds up her hand, and shows a purple finger, indicating she has just voted, as she leaves a polling station in the centre of Az Zubayr, southern Iraq, Sunday, Jan. 30.

Thursday, the end of the Iraqi work week. On Wednesday, however, election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

"We don't know when this will finish," he said. "This will lead to a little postponement in announcing the results," said Ayar.

No partial tallies have been released since Monday in the contests for the 275-member National Assembly, 18 provincial

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## UGA legend Vince Dooley drops by the 'Boro



Katie Anderson/STAFF

Vince Dooley spoke at the Averitt Arts Center to help launch Tree Smarts' Arbor Day Celebration. Dooley spoke on everything from football to plants.

By Matt Rapp  
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When someone hears the name Vince Dooley here in Georgia, the first thing that might come to mind is football or bulldogs. Some may even think of plants. Plants?

That might seem odd to some, but the former football coach is crazy about trees and shrubs and its not just the hedges at Sanford Stadium.

Coach Dooley is an avid gardener and takes his botanics about as serious as he takes a National Championship game against Notre Dame.

Turned on to trees by a former teacher, Coach Dooley has found time since leaving the University of Georgia as Athletic Director to study the field of plants.

Coach Dooley came to the Averitt Arts Center to speak in the Emma Kelly Theater here in downtown Statesboro this past Wednesday to kick off the Tree Smarts' Arbor Day Celebration. Touching on all topics from coaching at UGA to eating breakfast at Snooky's, Coach Dooley was detailed in his knowledge of botanics.

Winning over 200 games in the SEC in his tenure at Georgia,

Coach Dooley nearly doubled the size of Sanford Stadium. Famous for the hedges that surround the football field, Sanford has a long tradition for these plants. While Coach Dooley was the Athletic Director, the hedges were removed for the Olympics in 1996.

"It was almost like a cardinal sin to take the hedges out of the stadium," said Dooley.

So the hedges that are currently there are actually the sons and daughters of the former hedges. The school had the old bushes clipped and saved for them to be re-grown.

## For entertainment purposes only

Visiting black entertainers encountered Statesboro segregation, discrimination

By Rachel Weeks  
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In the difficult times before desegregation, blacks were rarely allowed to express themselves, except through music. Many believe the development of jazz, soul and rhythm and blues helped to break down racial barriers in the years leading up to integration.

Soul music icons have visited Georgia Southern College, including BB King, James Brown, The Platters, Percy Sledge, Arthur Conley, The Tams, Dionne Warwick, Little Anthony and the Imperials. Many more performed before black students were even allowed to attend GSC.

In 1965, the first black students

were allowed to attend GSC, but black musicians had been playing at dances and fundraisers for fraternities for decades.

The audience at those events was predominantly white students and blacks were not allowed to attend because there were no black students.

Dr. Erik Brooks, a political Science professor who is researching black history at GSU, explained that what was occurring at Georgia Southern was not unusual across the South.

"It was known that black artists would be accepted to play, but they would have to enter through the back entrance and could not mingle with the guests," he said. "In venues

where both blacks and whites were allowed, the audience was roped off, with whites on one side and blacks on the other."

Brooks said that black entertainers were acceptable as entertainers only, but not as companions or partners.

Some musicians, like Ray Charles, refused to play at segregated venues, forcing the issue of desegregation.

The roots of the soul, rhythm and blues, jazz and gospel music movement were obviously southern born, where in public venues, freedom of expression for blacks was nearly non-existent before integration.

Musicians like Otis Redding, Ray Charles, James Brown and

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The Platters performed at Georgia Southern during segregation.  
Contributed photo

## Black History MONTH

Our two-week look at black history at Georgia Southern.

### DAY 1

GSU professor Erik Brooks talks about his research into race relations over the university's 99 years

### DAY 2

Carolyn Hobbs, who was among the first black graduates at GSU, talks on her experience

### TODAY

We examine the history of black entertainers who visited GSU and the discrimination they faced

### DAY 4

Aside from Georgia State, GSU has the largest minority enrollment of any major Georgia university

### DAY 5

GSU has had active minority groups and strong black leaders. We examine if that is still the case

### DAY 6

GSU scholars talk on the current state of race relations. We get their take on what issues matter most



## CAMPUS NEWS



Special Photo

## Local elementary students travel back in time with 'TimeShop' program

Georgia Southern history students will play the roles of the 1940's era British in the upcoming TimeShop program, Feb. 19 and 20, at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building. Designed for children ages 8-12, the two one-day programs will recreate the experience of war-time England. Registration fee is \$10 per child, and the deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 14. For additional information, call the Georgia Southern Museum at (912) 681-5444. Pictured above (l-r) is Paulette Thompson, a housewife/factory worker; Katie Carlberg, a performer for the Entertainments National Services Association; and Don Guillory, a Royal Air Force officer.

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## CAMPUS

## PROVOST, FROM PAGE 1A

this institution," she said.

Bleicken started her career at GSU in 1990 as a faculty member in the College of Business Administration. She served as the associate dean of that college from 1995 until 1998. Bleicken was appointed acting provost in 1998 and in 2000 became associate provost.

In 2001, Bleicken made GSU history, becoming the university's first woman to serve as a vice president, being promoted vice president of student affairs and enrollment management. She held that job until July 2004, when she stepped up as interim provost.

Bleicken is a graduate of Georgia State University, receiving her bachelor of business administration degree in marketing, as well as her and master's and doctoral degrees in management from the school.

At GSU, the provost is the second-highest ranking officer in the administration and fills in for the president in both administrative and ceremonial roles.

Bleicken's appointment comes after a nationwide search conducted by a committee of GSU faculty, staff and administrators, headed by Henderson Library Dean Bede Mitchell.

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Little Richard were all born in Georgia. Karla Redding, daughter of Otis Redding attended GSU and in a 1980 edition of the *George-Anne*, she said, "I think my father was a legend in our time and I think in the year 2000 he will still be recognized as a legend."

Integrated bands that played at GSU also helped to create an atmosphere of acceptance for other races,

said one former student, now a GSU staff member. One such band was the Allman Brothers, with drummer Jai-johanny Johanson, of Mississippi.

"The Allman Brothers were a vanguard of rock and roll," said Bill Neville, who edited *The George-Anne* in the late 60s and now heads student media for the school. "Being one of the first integrated bands to gain wide acceptance in the South was huge."

## ELECTIONS, FROM PAGE 1A

councils and a regional parliament for the Kurdish self-governing region in the north.

The most recent figures showed a coalition of Kurdish parties in second place behind a Shiite-dominated ticket endorsed by Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The ticket of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was a distant third.

Allegations of voting irregularities, especially around the tense northern city of Mosul, have complicated the count. Some leading Sunni Arab and Christian politicians alleged that thousands of their supporters were denied the right to vote.

Election officials blamed the problems in the Mosul area on security, which prevented fewer than a third of the planned 330 polling centers from opening. Gunmen seized some ballot boxes, officials said.

The commission would not say how many ballots had been declared invalid and whether they had come from the Mosul area, which has a mostly Sunni Arab population. Many Sunnis are believed to have stayed home on election day, either because they feared insurgent reprisals or opposed a ballot as long as U.S. and other foreign troops were on Iraqi soil.

Meanwhile, a Western legal expert said investigative judges were nearly ready to hand over lengthy dossiers

of affidavits, witness statements and other documents to a five-judge panel that would run the trials for former members of Saddam Hussein's regime.

In December, investigative judges summoned Saddam's cousin, Ali Hassan al-Majid, better known as Chemical Ali for his role in poison gas attacks on Kurds, and former Defense Minister Gen. Sultan Hashim Ahmad to appear at closed-door preliminary hearings.

In Rome, the newspaper that employs an Italian journalist held hostage in Iraq said Wednesday it has indications she is alive and that intelligence officials have established indirect contact with her kidnappers.

Giuliana Sgrena, a reporter for communist daily *Il Manifesto*, was abducted by gunmen Friday outside Baghdad. University. Conflicting claims have appeared on Islamic militant Web sites: One said she had been killed, while another said she would be released soon.

*Il Manifesto* said an unspecified contact person saw Sgrena on Monday and Tuesday, reporting that she was well. The paper said the person could be used as a mediator in future communications with Sgrena's kidnappers.

The contact is the result of work by Italy's government and intelligence services, the newspaper said.

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### Cheater confesses 47 years later

GYPSUM, CO. - A high school graduate has confessed to cheating on an English literature test - 47 years ago.

Eagle Valley High School Principal Mark Strakbein said he got a one-page, handwritten letter from a 65-year-old grandmother of five who admitted she and a friend stole the answers to a Shakespeare test in the fall of 1957.

Strakbein said he read the letter aloud to every homeroom class as a lesson in following your conscience.

### Valentine's Day— Good for your heart

DEARBORN, MI. — Following the Valentine's Day traditions of chocolates, wine and romance may not only help you win over your partner, but are also a perfect way to a healthy heart, a University of Michigan Health System cardiologist has revealed.

Rubenfire said that gifting your sweetheart with a box full of chocolates is a very good idea because chocolate contains good antioxidants that reduce the risk of blood clots and heart disease.

Wine is a good choice because of its high antioxidant content and increases the amount of the "good" cholesterol in the blood.

There's good evidence to show that regular sexual activity is beneficial for both men and women as research has shown that, for men, having sex at least three times per week cuts the risk of strokes and heart attacks in half.

### Fourteen-pound baby born

PRINEVILLE, OR. - Jacob Aaron Ryon is the size of a healthy three-month old. Only problem is, he's less than two weeks old. Jacob weighed 14 pounds and one ounce when he was born to Wendy Bullcock, 24, on Jan. 21 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He measured 24 inches.

Jacob, who was delivered by Caesarean section, was so big he busted out of newborn-sized diapers and his one-piece sleepers. A nurse had to run to the store to get him bigger clothes, Miller said.

Jacob is one of the biggest newborns in Central Oregon in recent

memory.  
Last month in northeastern Brazil, a 38-year-old woman gave birth to a

### Suspected robber gets the boot

EL CAJON, CA. - The manager of a shoe store gave a robbery suspect the boot by throwing boxes of footwear at the man.

The suspect entered the Boot Worldstore Tuesday afternoon, approached a clerk and pulled out a gun.

The manager began throwing boxes of boots as the suspect pointed the weapon at several employees.

The suspect ran out of the store and hid in a utility room behind another business, holding a BB gun, according to police.

Police arrested the 48-year-old man on suspicion of robbery.

### Man dies from sherry enema

HARRISONBURG, VA. — A woman has been indicted on negligent homicide charges for allegedly giving her husband a sherry enema that killed him.

Michael Warner, 58, died last May after the enema caused his blood-alcohol level to rise to .47 percent.

Tammy Warner, 42, was indicted last week.

Police said Michael Warner was an alcoholic who could not swallow liquor because of ulcers and heartburn.

Tammy Warner was released on \$30,000 bail. Her attorney did not immediately return a call Thursday.

### Man fined for hurling Egg McMuffin

HOLLAND, MI. — A man was fined \$600 and put on probation for throwing an Egg McMuffin at a McDonald's restaurant manager after he said he didn't get what he ordered.

Scott Rodgers, 46, was convicted Thursday of misdemeanor assault and battery.

Besides probation, he was sentenced to a work program and a fine and is banned from the McDonald's.

Authorities said Rodgers and his 6-year-old son stopped to get four Egg McMuffins with ham on Oct. 9 but returned to the service window to complain that at least one of the sandwiches had sausage.

County prosecutor Craig Bunce said that when the shift manager asked him to give the sandwich back, he threw it through the window at her.

Rodgers' attorney said he did not throw the sandwich, but rather returned it quickly.

## National News Briefs

### Georgia unit first to deploy with new combat uniforms

ATLANTA — A Georgia Army National Guard unit will be among the first to try out the Army's new combat uniforms.

By the end of the month, all 4,800 members of the 48th Infantry Brigade will be wearing the new uniforms.

And the guard members will become the first brigade to deploy overseas with the new uniforms when they leave for Iraq in the

spring, the Army was expected to announced Tuesday.

The pattern for the new camouflage coat and trousers is a mix of light green, tan and gray and is designed to allow soldiers to blend into urban, desert and forest environments.

Soldiers also will get new, no-shine, tan combat boots.

That the unit ended up being the first to get the new uniforms

was luck, Army spokeswoman Debi Dawson said.

At \$88 each, the uniforms cost soldiers about \$30 more than the ones they replace.

But Army officials say soldiers will be able to make up the difference with savings from dry cleaning and sewing.

All Army soldiers can buy the uniforms next year and all soldiers are expected to have them in 2007.



Associated Press  
Troops receive new combat uniforms at Fort Stewart, Ga. Tuesday.

### Medicare drug benefit to cost \$720 billion

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday Medicare is next on the government's fix-it list because the health care plan for the elderly and disabled, like Social Security, is facing financial stress with the retirements of baby boomers.

New administration estimates released Wednesday showed that the Medicare prescription drug benefit will cost taxpayers \$724 billion over its first full 10 years, far higher than earlier estimates and rekindling congressional ire over its price tag.

### Fiorina forced out as Hewlett-Packard CEO

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. — Carly Fiorina's nearly six-year reign at Hewlett-Packard Co. ended Wednesday as the company's board forced her out as chief executive, disappointed by her efforts to make the technology giant whose strongest business is printers more nimble and innovative.

HP shares jumped more than 6 percent.

Board members said they fired Fiorina, one of corporate America's highest ranking female executives, because she failed to execute a planned strategy of slashing costs and boosting revenue as quickly as directors had hoped.

### Textbook stickers question evolution

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline has offered to defend placing stickers in school textbooks saying evolution is a theory, not a fact, the chairman of the State Board of Education said Wednesday.

Chairman of the state board, Steve Abrams, said Kline brought up the subject during meetings with small groups of board members on Tuesday.

Kline told The Associated Press he believes such stickers are reasonable, even though a federal judge in Georgia ruled last month that similar stickers are an unconstitutional endorsement of religion.

Kline's comments came as the board, voting Wednesday along its 6-4 conservative majority, created a three-member panel of board members to hear expert testimony about evolution and its place in the state's science education standards.

A committee of educators, appointed by the board, is in the process of revising those standards, which currently describe evolution as a key concept students should learn.

### Students sentenced to probation for sickening cake

MARIETTA — Two middle school students who sickened classmates with a cake containing glue and Tabasco sauce were sentenced Wednesday to probation by a juvenile court judge.

The 13-year-old girls, who initially had faced attempted murder charges, were given sentences of nine months and a year on probation.

They must also must write essays to Judge Juanita Stedman on what they learned from the experience.

Fifteen students at East Cobb Middle School, mostly seventh-graders, complained of illness after eating the cake in November.

The cake did not contain any toxic ingredients, said defense lawyer Mitch Durham.

The students were allowed to return to classes in the Cobb County schools system last month, but they no longer attend East Cobb Middle School.

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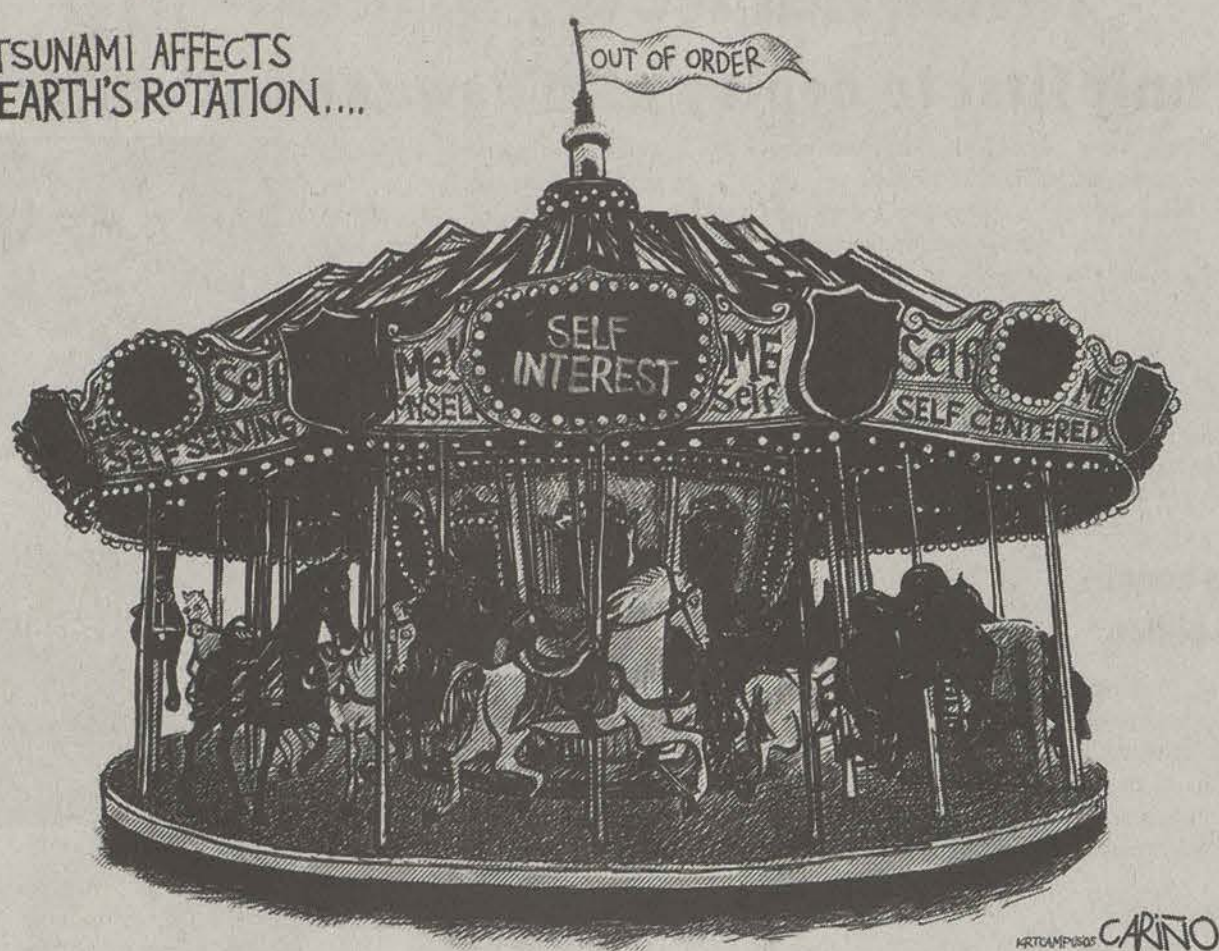
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EARTH'S ROTATION....

## Don't get sucked in by scams

Luke Hearn  
news editor

There are people who come to this campus everyday who want to screw you.

Yes, you heard me right: there are people out there who thrive on college students, trying to do all they can to scam a student out of a dollar or two.

These people should be easy to spot. They usually hand out things that say free this, or free that, but upon looking a little closer and getting over the "free-itis," you might discover that what you thought was a deal too good to be true was exactly that.

Walking across campus yesterday, I spotted signs galore that read, "Free! Free! Free!" at the top, bragging that one could get a "free" sub sandwich from a local sub restaurant. All the student needed was his or her student ID and proof of being in school.

I take the advice "ain't nothin' free" to heart. I heard it most of my life, and I still consider it very wise. When I saw the signs that I mentioned above, I realized right off that it was part of something I would consider funny business.

For one, the people who run these operations aren't officially supposed to be here soliciting their "product." They have no authorization from the school; if they did, they wouldn't have to sneak around campus, plastering their signs everywhere and then running, and trying sneakily to hand out flyers explaining their great offer.

The ploy about getting a free sandwich is crap, and not worth it at all. Here's what will happen, though, if you decide to follow the signs to the sub-joint: you'll get there, and some guy (or girl) will ask you for your student ID. This person will take a picture of it, and make you fill out one—sometimes two—credit card applications. Then they will give you your free sandwich pass, and you'll eat it and feel content.

The problem will come about a week or two after you've eaten the "free" sub. You'll go to your mailbox to find it full of credit card offers—shitty ones, I might add. They'll sound really good until you read what kinds of fees are charged with membership, and you will essentially plummet you into debt as soon as you sign up for the "deal."

These cards will keep coming, too; day after day after day you'll receive these applications offering you something that sounds like a real deal—just like the sandwich offer did.

So don't get screwed. Don't let these posters on campus tempt you. I promise, it's not worth it. I hope that this column will help you avoid this most recent screw-attempt on our campus. And hey, if you're tempted, tear down one of those "Free! Free! Free!" signs. Hell, I did yesterday, and I felt like I was helping my fellow man.

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## relationships &amp; sex

## SPEAKING OF... Valentine's Day

Here it comes again.

No sooner do we ring in the New Year than the red hearts and balloons start popping up everywhere. Diamonds, flowers, chocolates, greeting cards and teddy bears all hail a season of passion and romance. That day on which it seems that everyone else in the world is in love...except you, of course! That's right... it's Valentine's Day.

The Valentine's Day Blues suck. Period. I'm not even single anymore, and it's certainly not my favorite holiday. It seems at times to be the holiday created specifically for the sole purpose of making single people feel like crap!

But, hope is here! Here are a few ways to get over the V-Day hump, and still make out like a bandit (or with one, if you're lucky).

First, wait until two days after the fact, and buy

all the V-Day candy that Wal-Mart has. Seems silly? Well, you'll be proud to know that you spend a LOT less on all the cavities than everyone else.

Second, keep your single friends close by. They love you and understand you. And chances are, they hate V-Day too!

Thirdly, find something to do to relax and have fun! Maybe some dancing, and merriment? But where might one find such a casual and romp-roaring good time? Well, the GSA of GSU is hosting a Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. There'll be good food, good music, and it's for a good cause. Tickets are only \$5 (you've got that much in change on your desk), and you don't have to dress up. You just have to have a good time.

So, come out, support a good cause, and have a good time.

## Celebrate smart: Show your love without losing your shirt

Edited and compiled by Phyllis Stone  
SOURCE: Consumer Credit Counseling Services

Valentine's Day may be the time to show your beloved how much you care, but you don't have to sink deeper into debt in the process.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services offers these suggestions on ways to give meaningful gifts without breaking the bank:

- Give of yourself. Use whatever talent or skill you have to create something memorable for your Valentine. It could be a song, a painting, a gourmet meal or even a straight-from-the-heart love letter.

- Go back in time. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing when you fell in love? Even if you can't return to the scene, you can recreate the magic at home with a few reminders.

- If the weather cooperates, get outdoors. Take a hand-in-hand walk, plan a picnic for two or snuggle together around a cozy campfire.

- Give your partner a break from the mundane that lasts longer than a day. Create a coupon book that offers such things as massages, sleeping-in privileges or even getting

out of dishwashing duty. Consumer Credit Counseling Services offers a free coupon creation page at [www.moneymanagement.org/gifts](http://www.moneymanagement.org/gifts).

- Include the entire family in your celebration. Familyfun.com lists a number of family-friendly romantic movies such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Lady and the Tramp" and "The Princess Bride."

- Share your goals. Instead of spending a lot on fleeting holiday gifts, agree with your partner to put that money toward a longer-term goal such as a new home or a grand trip.

## OPINIONS

Time to get crackin':  
Big day is fast approaching

By Rachel Sutherland  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Mama always said it's the thought that counts. When it comes to Valentine's Day, the more thought, the better. The from-the-heart holiday is just days away and you've been putting off today what you could do tomorrow. Do you still have time to impress? You betcha. If you get crackin' now, you'll stay out of trouble with your sweetie. Here, are some ideas that will earn you hugs and kisses, and can be pulled off with a minimum of fuss.

## DO-IT-YOURSELF

There's nothing more special for your sweetie than a one-of-a-kind gift you made with your own hands.

- Flowers are an evergreen Valentine gift, but thinking outside the box will score you points for creativity (not to mention saving you some bucks). Think volume and space: A single carnation is just cheesy (they're the generic of the flower world), but a tightly-packed, wide-mouthed bowl of red carnations is stunning. Buy at least two dozen carnations of a single color, find a suitable vessel, trim the stems uniformly, and pack 'em in. A lush bow would be a nice finishing touch.

- Express your inner creativity with stamps, velvet and lace: Make your own one-of-a-kind Valentine.

## GET SHOPPING

- You don't have to spend a bundle to show your beloved that your heart is true. Just Born, the creator of Marshmallow Peeps, has launched a new Valentine's Day Decorating Kit complete with four pink, sugared marshmallow hearts and a tube of decorating gel and tips on how to personalize your Peeps. \$1.99. Multiple retailers.

- Valentine's Day doesn't have to be all hearts and cupid. Defy convention and go for colorful gifts. Just about anything red or pink will do, but choose wisely. A sassy, hot-pink wallet or suave red argyle socks will remind your sweetie of your love all year long. Banana Republic rocks the lace on killer pumps (below), \$128. Banana Republic stores at various locations and online at [www.bananarepublic.com](http://www.bananarepublic.com).

## SET THE TABLE

It might be a cliché, but it couldn't be more true: The quickest way to the heart is through the stomach.

- Confident in the kitchen? You can't go wrong with surf and turf. Pick up lobster tails and filets and wow your date.

- Want someone else to cook for you? Make a reservation. Today. Many restaurants are offering dinner specials on Feb. 14.

## MIX IT UP

- Think of it as a mix tape for the new millennium: Make your honey pie a CD chock-full of love songs. They can be silly, syrupy sweet or sexy. If you're at a loss, check out the "My Groove" section of [www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com). There, you can download a prescreened selection of tunes (including Sam Cooke, Willie Nelson and Stevie Wonder) for about \$25. If you're feeling lucky, try [www.tinymixtapes.com](http://www.tinymixtapes.com). Send in a topic and a song list is generated for you.

## Sweet candy hearts

Each year, the New England Confectionery Company, NECCO, produces 8 billion candy Conversation Hearts for Valentine's Day.

## In fashion for 2002

New sayings this year:



## Always in style

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## History of an icon

Late 1860s "Motto" candies became popular when sayings printed on colored paper were placed in "Cockles," small crisp candies

1866: Daniel Chase, brother of NECCO's founder, invents process for printing sayings on candy

1902: First candy hearts manufactured; early candies in various shapes, such as postcards, baseballs, horseshoes

2002: Spanish-language candy hearts, introduced regionally in 1981, sold nationwide in United States

Necco

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## BIRTHDAYS

- Houston Oilers cornerback Torey Hunter - 1972
- Actress Laura Dern - 1967
- Montréal Expos catcher Lenny Webster- 1965
- Late Metallica bassist Cliff Burton - 1962
- Actress Stella Adler - 1902

## DEATHS

- Author Alex Haley - 1992
- Theatre producer Billy Rose - 1966
- Composer Juan de Hernandez - 1945
- Author RH Edgar Wallace - 1932

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# Set aside some time to degunk your computer

By Linda Knapp  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Do you own a PC or Mac computer and use it regularly? Then, it's got gunk.

Gunk is all the unnecessary junk on your computer that can slow down performance and ultimately cause system malfunction. It's those fuzzy photos that never got tossed, e-mail you've filed and forgotten, old programs you never use, hidden programs you don't want and too many programs that launch at start-up.

So, how can you get rid of gunk and get your Mac or PC running faster and smoother?

First, schedule yourself an hour or two for computer housecleaning.

Start with the document files and folders. Clean out the photos you don't love, music you never listen to and video footage no longer needed. Don't forget the text files, too: There's probably lots you can throw away.

Then, delete all the old shortcuts (aliases on a Mac), installer programs and other junk you can find. Empty the trash bin on the desktop and other places that have them (such as iPhoto and iMovie on a Mac).

Next, uninstall the software you don't use. On a Mac, go to the Finder>Applications, and look for programs you installed that you don't need. If there's an uninstall file, use that, if not, delete the software folder. On a PC, go to Start>All Programs, and check for uninstall options there. For the rest, go to Start>Control Panel>Add/Remove, and uninstall what you don't need. On both computers, be sure you recognize what you're removing so you don't accidentally delete important software.

A general clean-up of e-mail clutter includes reviewing and deleting old e-mail still in the inbox and in the Sent mail folder. If you've created subfolders for organizing mail, clean those out too. Above all, use a spam-fighting program such as Cloudmark SpamNet, Norton AntiSpam, McAfee SpamKiller or the spam filter that's built into Apple's Mail program.

Get rid of spyware, which is the secretly installed programs on your system that can track and send information about your online activities. The most malicious spyware can steal passwords and credit-card numbers, or enable an outsider to take control of your system.

Generally, PCs are more vulnerable to spyware than Macs (which require permission to download any program), but there are things all users can do to protect themselves, such as avoiding file-sharing programs and never responding to spam.

To be safely rid of spyware, PC owners should use third-party software, such as Webroot SpySweeper, or download the free X-cleaner from [www.spychecker.com](http://www.spychecker.com). X-cleaner scrubbed my kids' PC, but SpySweeper found 34 more offenders not long afterwards.

When you're done cleaning, it's time to defragment the hard drive, which sorts scattered data into related blocks so it's easier to find. Windows has a defragmenter (under the Start menu, choose All Programs>Accessories>System Tools>Disk Defragmenter, and run the utility), but a better solution for both PC and Mac is to optimize the hard drive.

An optimizer defragments the hard disk and also leaves room to add more data related to the applications you use most. If you just defrag, the hard drive will start to fragment as soon as you add new data. You'll need a third-party application to defrag with an optimizer, such as the ones in Norton Utilities or Alsoft Disk Warrior.

If you've done this much, you've done a lot. But, there's more ...

I found very useful advice from two books: "Degunking Windows" by Joli Ballew and Jeff Duntemann, and "Degunking Your Mac" by Joli Ballew. With advice from these resources in hand, let's get more platform-specific.

On a Windows PC:

We'll start by using the Windows Disk Cleanup utility to delete temporary files. Go to the Start menu>All Programs>Accessories>System Tools>Disk Cleanup and run it. To purge additional temp files: go to Start>Search, and type in: (ASTERISK).tmp. Click Date Modified in the Search window to sort the files by date. Select the files more than a week old and delete. There were lots of these on my system.

Now let's tidy up the System Tray, which is usually in the lower right corner of the Windows screen and displays icons for programs that launch at start-up. All too often, newly installed software adds itself to the start-up list and each consumes memory and slows down the boot process. So, let's get what you don't need off the list and out of the Tray.

From the Start menu, click Run, type in: msconfig.exe, and click OK. Click on the Start-up tab and uncheck items you recognize and don't want to open at start-up. Click Apply, OK and restart. When Windows restarts it notifies that you've made changes to the start-up process. Check the "Don't show this message ..." box, and click OK.

Next, we'll run Windows Update. Go to Start>Control Panel, and click Windows Update on the left. Let the utility scan your PC for available updates and install what you want or need. It includes Windows updates as well as driver updates for other installed hardware.

Another clean-up task is to have Windows scan the hard drive for bad sectors and fix them. From the Start menu, open My Computer, right-click on the hard drive, click Properties>Tools and then click to check the hard drive for errors.

Cleaning the Windows Registry is probably the scariest task PC users can imagine, and probably one of the most important. The Registry is where Windows keeps track of how everything on the system is configured and works together. I've diddled with the Registry before and afterwards vowed never to go there again. Luckily, there are third-party cleaning tools that can help with this chore, such as V Communications RegistryFixer, which is a component of Fix-It Utilities, and Rose City Software Registry First Aid.

I used Fix-It Utilities and was very impressed. RegistryCleaner cleaned out more than 1,000 Registry items no longer needed, RegistryDefragmenter reorganized the Registry, and additional system diagnostic and repair tools were also very effective.

Because I already have Norton AntiVirus installed, I used Fix-It's Custom Install option and left out the anti-virus component. I've experienced huge problems with two installed virus programs before, and never want to make that mistake again.

OK, we're done. Your PC should be cleaner and running better.

If not, there are probably deeper problems, and you may need to reformat the hard drive and reinstall the system software. That's a drastic step because everything on the computer is wiped off and you start over with the system you had when you took it out of the box.

If you need, or want, to do this yourself (some computer stores will do it for a fee), this Web page is particularly helpful for reformatting/reinstalling Windows XP: [www.cyberwalker.net/faqs/reinstall-reformat-winxp/reformat-NTFS-XP.html](http://www.cyberwalker.net/faqs/reinstall-reformat-winxp/reformat-NTFS-XP.html).

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## letter to the editor

### Liberals have misconceptions about Republicans

This is in response to the article "Democrat Pondering Party Switch" in the Monday's edition of *The George-Anne* written by Luke Hearn.

Mr. Hearn started this article with a positive first sentence, and a true first paragraph. It was downhill from there. Luke uses the word democracy more times than I can count in this article. Since Luke and sadly many other people do not know what a democracy is, here is a break down.

Remedial Government 101.... We don't live in a democracy. We live in a republic, which, thanks to our brave soldiers and wise leaders, is the type of government that's being nurtured in Iraq. Our government did exactly what it was designed to do under the conditions we found ourselves in 2000. It's important to know the rules when you're trying to win an election and more important to understand the rules when you're publicly trying to castigate a whole group of people, lest you appear uneducated and foolish.

In Luke Hearn's first section, entitled "The Value of Life," he talks about how the Republicans have "cut spending for the poor," through a variety of different ways. Little clarification for Luke: Republicans never cut spending for Medicaid, they cut the amount of increase given to Medicaid. Luke mentions that Republicans think it's ok for people to be killed either by "lethal injection or frying in a chair." I'm not going to go there, but is the electric chair still used? No.

Moving on to the section called "The Party of Democracy," Once again we get another argument from the left about the war. Mr. Hearn feels that we (Republicans) have "forced" democracy onto other countries. My question to Luke is, were the Iraqi citizens not in need of help? Maybe in Luke's liberal mind it's ok for people to be tortured, raped, or murdered constantly, and have the rest of society do nothing. Here's

a neat little fact for you left-wingers reading this: There are 535 people in Congress. Guess how many of them voted for the United States to take action in Iraq: 534.

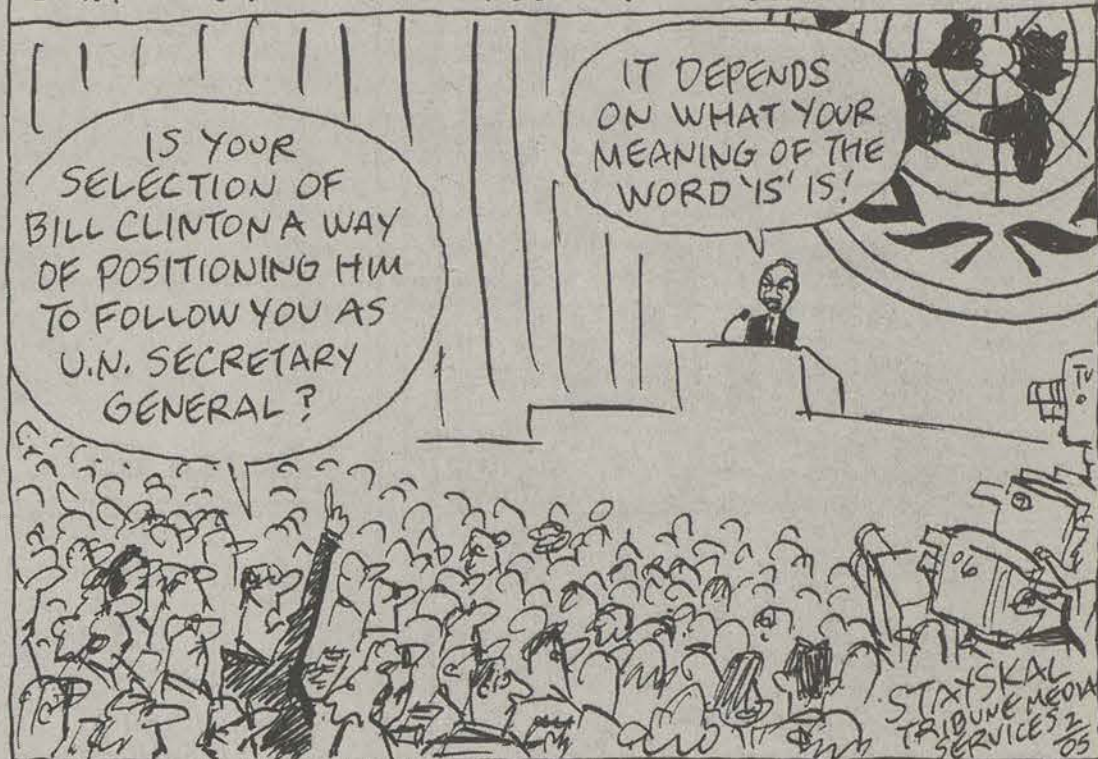
"The Party of Lincoln." Nice job on this one Luke, this is one of the funniest things I've ever read. Mr. Hearn was probably correct when he talked about how Republicans try to persuade black voters by saying that Lincoln would be a Republican today. When talking about racists, I see that Ben Thomson took care of that in his response in Wednesday's edition.

Mr. Hearn went on to write a section called "Less Government Interference..." He described in this section how the Republican Party spends taxpayers' dollars to tell children: "No sex before marriage" and "Don't do drugs." Wow, God forbid, (Oops I better not say God, I might offend somebody). What would give Republicans the idea to tell our youth not to do drugs or have sex? I thought of an alternative option. How about giving the Democrats the money to run pro-drug and pro pre-marital sex ads for America's youth? Then maybe, in a few decades we can have more social programs for teen mothers and teen drug abusers than ever, not to mention the hundreds of millions of dollars to fund these programs coming out of our pockets.

Unfortunately, Luke then mentions that he won't be changing parties. I can't tell you how that hurts me. Oh, how I want the Republican Party to have less class and whine about every issue that doesn't go our way. I strive everyday for Republicans in this country to use common sense and personal responsibility, so people like Luke can join my party. I'm Bryan Clark and may GOD bless this response.

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## U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL NAMES BILL CLINTON TO BE CHIEF OF U.N. TSUNAMI RECONSTRUCTION



## Reverend Sharpton goes to the birds

By E.R. Shipp  
New York Daily News

No matter how chickens die, they are going to end up between his teeth and those of so many people who listen to Al Sharpton's new civil rights campaign for the precooked lifestyle of chickens — "the gospel bird," as one of my preacher friends designates this menu staple.

Sharpton has joined with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to demand that KFC give chickens more space to live in, no growth hormones and a drug-aided unconsciousness before the final slaughter.

One pal of mine, Dawn, fell out of bed laughing when she heard about Al's latest crusade. "Stop the bull and order me a 10-piece," said another friend, John the Baptist.

It seems Sharpton is casting about for an identity. He's already tried acting turns on TV shows like "My Wife and Kids" and "Boston Legal" and hosted "Saturday Night Live." This from a man

who once took to serious talk shows as a voice for moral values from a black, left-of-center perspective.

Poverty, Social Security, the Iraq war, AIDS in Africa and failing schools in New York City apparently aren't challenging enough. The reverend has taken on chickens — not, mind you, opposing their place on the dinner table or in the fast-food takeout container, but their treatment before they get there.

"I'm calling on people to boycott KFC until they adopt animal welfare systems recommended by PETA and until they stop the worst abuses of the birds," says the Rev in a new video and Internet ad campaign. He adds: "PETA wants KFC to stop thinking they know more than God and to allow birds to grow the way chickens are meant to grow."

He's winning raves among some in the animal-rights movement. "Any decent person wants to eliminate any suffering," says Dan Mathews, a

spokesman for PETA who met Al at an MTV party in Miami.

Black political movements such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are in flux, and black churches all around New York are looking for leadership. But Sharpton is marching for chickens' rights.

While Al pursues the rubber-chicken circuit politically and the baked, smothered and fried chicken circuit otherwise, let's look at the real question: Reverend, is this merely another clever shakedown of the corporate America that keeps you fine, fit and fiddling while Rome burns?

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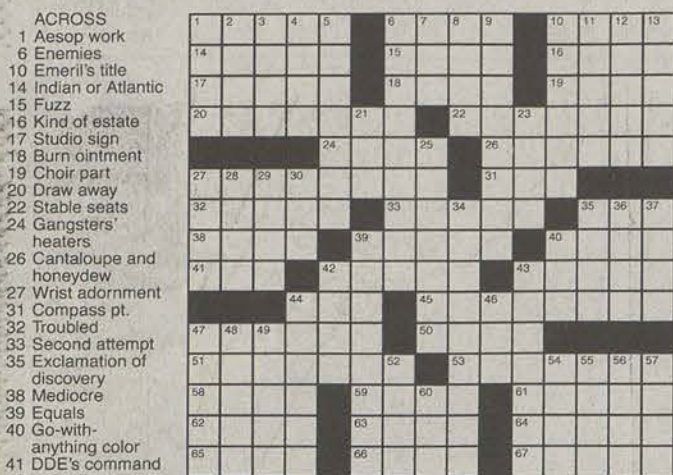
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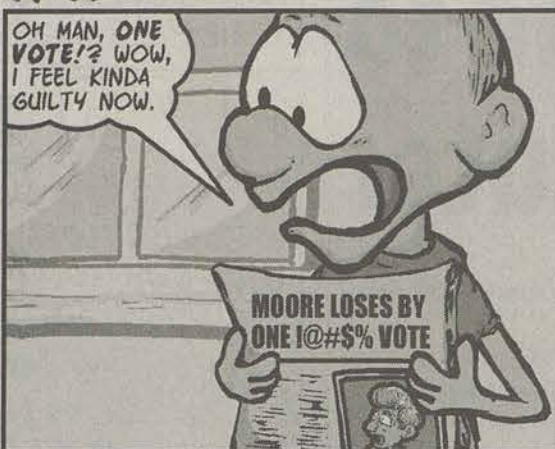
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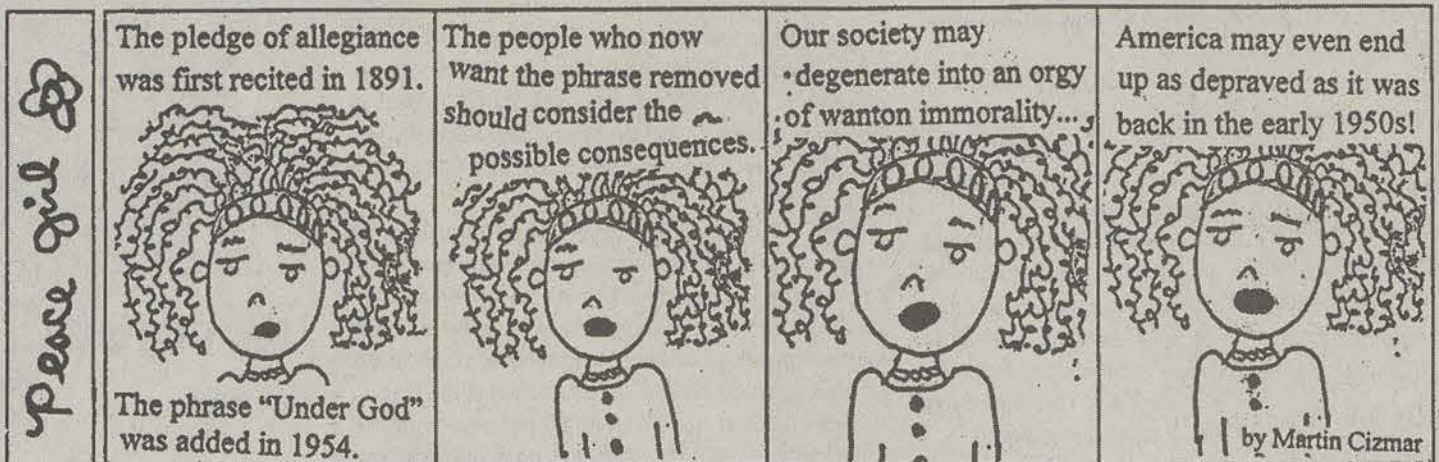


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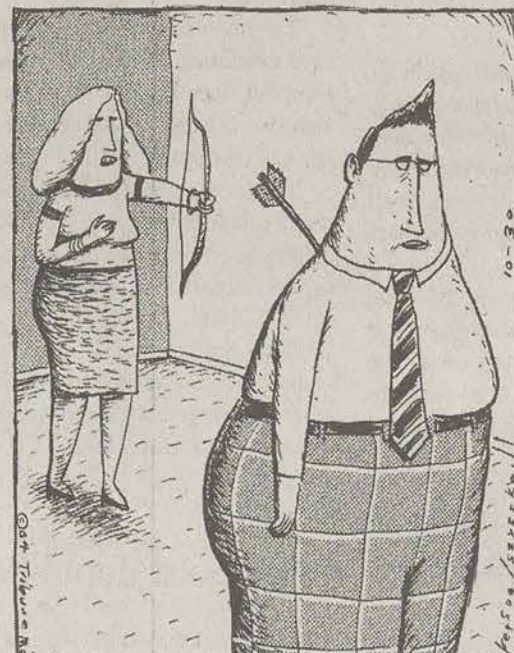
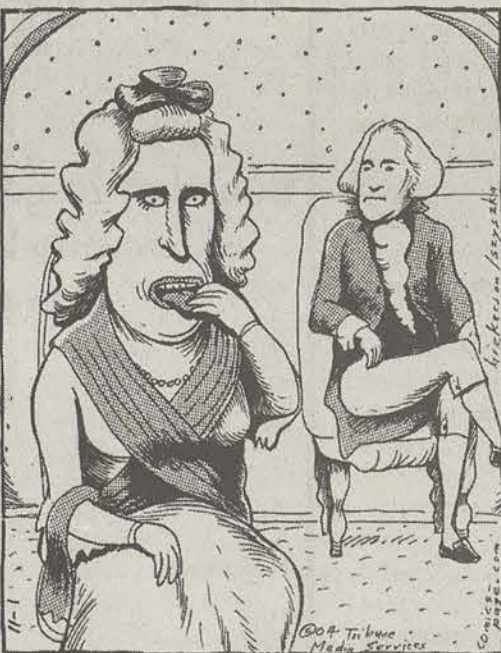
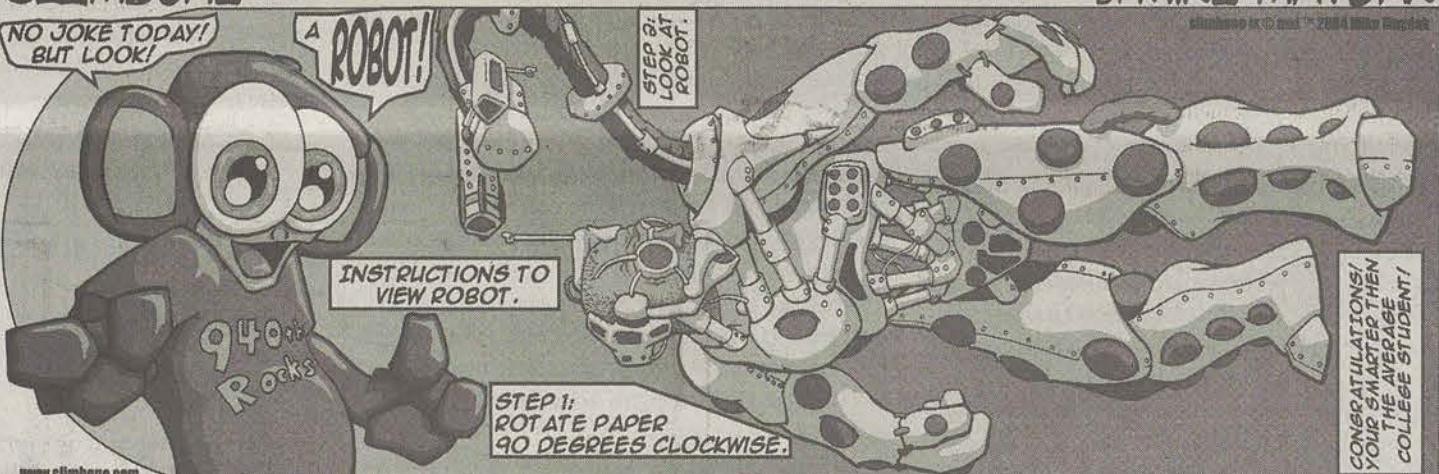


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# Sadly, Canseco right on mark about McGwire

By Mike Bianchi

The Orlando Sentinel

Spare me the shock.  
Spare me the outrage.  
Spare me the drama.  
Did we really need Jose Canseco to tell us Mark McGwire was on steroids?

As if we didn't already know.  
A reporter busted McGwire long ago for taking androstenedione - a form of testosterone-producing steroid now banned by baseball. If McGwire was taking andro, why wouldn't he take something a little stronger to make him hit the ball a little farther?

Let's stop playing dumb, shall we? Let's stop treating Canseco like some sort of low-down, lying scum for actually having the gall to stick a syringe not only in McGwire's buttocks, but in McGwire's myth. Let's just come out and admit what we've suspected for quite sometime now: McGwire's home run total, just like Barry Bonds' home run total, is as artificial as the nose on Michael Jackson's face.

Just because Canseco is a loose cannon doesn't make him a liar. Sure, Canseco might be a complete knucklehead in all other aspects of life, but when he writes a book on steroid use in baseball, he is the foremost expert. If anybody knew what players were using steroids back in the 1990s, it's the ultimate juicer himself.

If Canseco writes in his new book that he personally injected steroids into McGwire's backside in a bathroom stall in the Oakland locker room, why should we not believe him? The common question being asked is, "Why would anybody believe Canseco?" I've got a better question: "Why would anybody believe baseball?"

The baseball establishment is already trying to discredit Canseco by saying he is mak-

ing these outlandish claims about McGwire just to sell books and make a little bit of money. But hasn't baseball used steroids to sell its game and make a whole lot more money?

Canseco's claims in 2005 aren't any more outlandish or inflated than McGwire's home run total in 1998. If Canseco makes money on his book, it won't be nearly as much as the millions made by the hulked-up, bulked-up McGwire for breaking Roger Maris' home run record. Or the millions made by Major League Baseball during the McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run chase that not only rescued the sport, but transcended it.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Steroids aren't ruining baseball. Steroids saved baseball.

The dramatic duel between McGwire and Sosa is credited with being the key catalyst in helping baseball recover from the lingering resentment of the 1994 strike. Isn't it clear now that without andro (and who knows what else) that there would have been no home run duel?

Maybe this is why we're seeing many in the baseball media pile on

Canseco the same way they piled on Steve Wilstein, the Associated Press reporter who broke the story about McGwire taking andro. It seems nobody is quite ready to admit that we were all duped seven years ago when McGwire broke the record.

Remember how you felt back then? It was one of those magical moments when you remember exactly what you were doing at the time. I was reading a bedtime story - The Little Red Caboose - to my daughter, Tess, when my wife rushed in and told me McGwire was up in the fourth.

Here's what I wrote about McGwire the next day: "We don't get that many stories to tell our grandkids. This one is a keeper, right up there with Lindbergh and man on the moon. Except this was a man and his moonshots. One small step for man, one stupendous, tremendous home run trot for mankind."

Sadly, that summer now feels more like a bummer.

At the time, it seemed too good to be true.

And now we know why.  
Because it wasn't.

## Softball drops home opener

By Bryan Metcalf

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The Georgia Southern Eagles Softball team lost to Georgia Tech 6-1 at home Wednesday afternoon in game one of what was supposed to be a double header.

The Yellow Jackets' Aileen Morales led things off by drawing a walk off GSU starting pitcher Tiffany Urena. Morales advanced to second on a base hit by Caitlin Lever and scored on back-to-back walks for the only run of the first inning.

In the bottom of the second inning with Tech still leading 1-0, GSU center fielder Shanita Black struck out to end the inning. The strikeout was the fourth of the game for Tech starter Jessica Sallinger and gave her the ACC record for career strikeouts.

The top of the fourth inning brought action that was slowed only by a 15-minute rain delay. Yellow Jackets' right fielder Sarah Wood led things off with a base hit. Pinch runner Amy Hosier advanced to third on an error by Eagles' left fielder Aurora Johnson. Hosier would score on another base hit, this one by Stephanie Butler. Tech added another run before the rain delay slowed them down.

Urena was relieved by A.J. Street after giving up a base hit to the first batter up after the rain delay, Tech's Christine Sheridan. Street gave up a base hit that scored the final two runs of the inning before getting the last two outs needed to close out the top of the fourth and send the game into another rain delay.

The bottom of the fourth took place after a 20-minute rain delay. Heather Smith drew a walk and then was



GSU senior Tiffany Urena delivers a pitch early in the Eagles' game vs. Ga Tech.

replaced by pinch runner Courtney Jones. Jones moved to second when Street walked. She then stole third and scored her second run in four games without an at-bat when Black hit an RBI double into center.

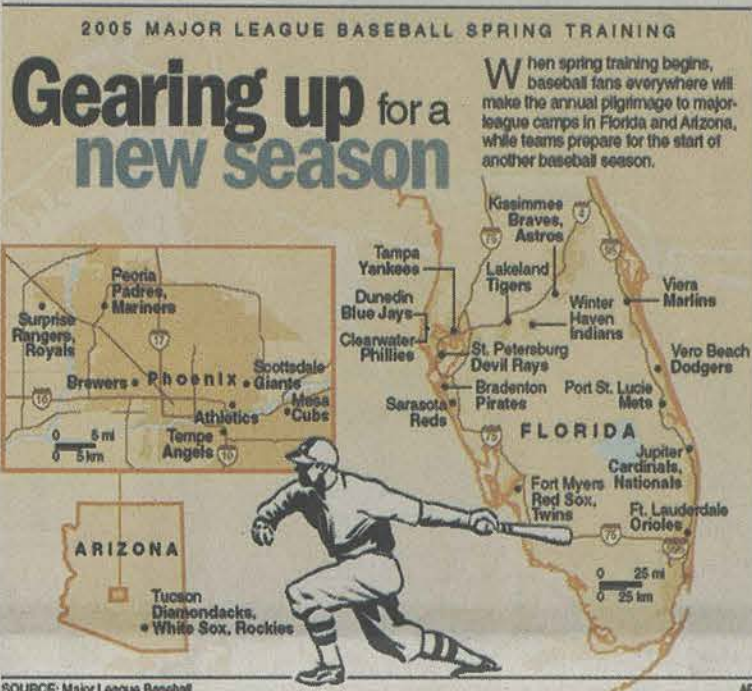
Tech third baseman Katie Donovan scored the final run of the game in the top of the seventh. After getting a base hit and then advancing to third on a double steal that saw Hosier move to second, a Kristina Hull groundout to second gave Donovan all the time she needed to cross the plate.

Sallinger pitched the full seven innings giving up just three hits and one earned run. She added 11 strikeouts

and set the new ACC career strikeout mark at 1,046. Sallinger needs only 154 more to crack the NCAA Top 10 list.

Urena was saddled with loss after pitching just three and a third innings and giving up eight hits and five earned runs. Street gave up four hits and one earned run in her three and two thirds innings. Together, the GSU pitchers had four walks and four strikeouts.

Game two of the double header was cancelled and no official make-up date has been announced yet. The Eagles next game is a double header Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. against Florida State.



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# 2005 GEORGIA SOUTHERN BASEBALL PREVIEW



**A.J. Zickgraf**  
Catcher  
-Did not play last season due to injury. The senior catcher is expected to be a driving force behind a successful GSU season.



**Dustin Evans**  
Pitcher  
6'4"  
5.14 ERA  
61K's in 63 innings pitched



**Greg Dowling**  
First base  
.370 BA  
9 HR  
66 RBI  
.440 OBP



**Everett Teaford**  
Pitcher  
Last season: 7-6  
4.07 ERA  
113K's in 108.1 innings pitched



**James Payne**  
Outfield  
.344 BA, 0 HR  
18 RBI  
21SB  
-Only Eagle to start all 59 games



**Jason Hurst**  
Outfield  
.354 BA  
5 HR  
30 RBI  
.438 OBP

## Eagles ready for action

By Matt Rapp  
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The Georgia Southern baseball squad will start off their spring baseball campaign this Saturday here at the newly renovated J.L. Clements Stadium against in-state rival Georgia Tech.

With last minute details yet to be completed, head coach Rodney Hennon is sure that the stadium will be ready to hold fans and players alike.

Picked to finish in a tie for second place in the Southern Conference regular season, the Eagles are eager to kick off the season in their new stadium.

This Saturday will be a great test for the Eagles as the Yellow Jackets are among the top baseball programs in the nation. Losing three of four to the Jackets last season, the Eagles have a much more experienced team this season.

With an almost all freshman pitching staff last season, the Eagles will bring back sophomores Dustin Evans, Everett Teaford and Josh Lairsrey for the teams weekend pitchers.

Team co-captains James Payne and Greg Dowling also will serve as a vital part of the line-up.

"I think we have a pretty strong nucleus this season" said head coach Rodney Hennon when asked about the teams' preparedness.

"We were able to start practice a week earlier in January because we had one less week in the fall because of the construction on the stadium," he continued.

This Saturday's game will be televised on Comcast Sports and is set to start at 1 p.m.

The series will wrap up on Sunday with the starting pitch at 1 p.m.

## Five Eagles named "Top Players to Watch"

GSU Athletics Media Relations

Five Georgia Southern University baseball players were selected to the Southern Conference preseason "Top Players to Watch" list by Collegiate Baseball magazine. Baseball America chose two Eagles to its preseason All-SoCon squad.

Team co-captain James Payne (Adel/Cook) and junior first baseman Greg Dowling (Marietta/Pope) were chosen by both publications. Collegiate Baseball also named senior outfielder Jason Hurst (Thomasville/Brookwood) and sophomore pitchers Dustin Evans (Tallahassee/Adairsville) and Everett Teaford (Alpharetta/Centennial) as top players to watch.

Collegiate Baseball picked GSU to finish second in the SoCon while Baseball America picked the Eagles to finish fourth.

Payne was the only Eagle to start in all 59 games last year. The senior outfielder batted .344 with 65 runs scored, 18 RBI and 21-of-26 in stolen bases. He ranked fourth among the SoCon leaders in runs scored, eighth in hits (87) and fifth in stolen bases.

A Second Team All-SoCon pick last year while missing only one game, Dowling ranked ninth in the SoCon thanks to his .370 batting average (90-for-243). He drove in a SoCon-leading 66 runs while scoring 51. He knocked 17 doubles and nine home runs while drawing 29 walks. Dowling

ranked fourth in the SoCon under total bases (136) and fifth in hits.

Hurst started in 32 of his 41 appearances, posting a .352 batting average. He scored 32 runs while recording 30 RBI, 11 doubles and five home runs.

Evans was 6-4 with a 5.14 ERA during his rookie year. He struck out 61 batters in 63 innings, allowing 71 hits and 36 earned runs.

The left-handed throwing Teaford shared the team lead recording seven wins. He made 15 starts in 20 appearances, posting a 4.07 ERA to go with his 7-6 record. Teaford ranked second among the SoCon pitchers in strikeouts (113) and third in innings pitched (108).

In addition, Baseball America listed Evans as the number one Southern Conference prospect for the 2005-06 drafts. That publication also listed Derrick Smith (Vienna/Dooly County) as one of the top three newcomers. The junior outfielder transferred to GSU this year from Florida State.

Last year, GSU ranked 49th nationally with a total home attendance of 27,843 and 50th in average home game attendance (1,071).

The Eagles open the 2005 campaign on February 12th at the new J.L. Clements Stadium/Jack Stallings Field against in-state rival Georgia Tech, one of four opponents nationally-ranked in the Baseball America Preseason poll. The Yellow Jackets (19th) join Georgia (10th), College of Charleston (29th) and Florida Atlantic (33rd) as those GSU opponents opening the year among the "Top 50."



Junior Greg Dowling watches the batter from first base. Big Bat Dowling batted .370 with 51 runs scored in 2004.

## 2005 GEORGIA SOUTHERN BASEBALL ROSTER

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4	James Payne	OF	R/R	5'9"	170	Sr.-3L	Adel, Ga. (Cook)
5	Brandon Ponder	INF	R/R	5'10"	192	So.-1L	Hahira, Ga. (Lowndes County)
6	Chris Hollis	OF	S/R	5'9"	160	Jr.-TR	Loganville, Ga. (Georgia Perimeter)
7	A.J. Zickgraf	C	R/R	6'1"	205	Sr.-3L	New Castle, Del. (St. Elizabeth's)
8	Flint Wipke	C	R/R	6'0"	198	Sr.-1L	Gainesville, Fla. (Tallahassee CC)
11	Everett Teaford	LHP	L/L	6'0"	145	So.-1L	Alpharetta, Ga. (Centennial)
12	Josh Lairsrey	LHP	L/L	6'2"	165	So.-1L	Waycross, Ga. (Ware County)
13	Derek Johns	INF	R/R	5'8"	160	Fr.-HS	Waynesville, Ga. (Brantley County)
14	Steve Cogswell	RHP	R/R	6'3"	195	Sr.-1L	Toccoa, Ga. (Stephens County)
16	Jason Hurst	OF	R/R	6'1"	190	Sr.-1L	Thomasville, Ga. (Jacksonville)
18	Randy Drew	INF	L/R	5'8"	150	Fr.-HS	Douglas, Ga. (Coffee County)
19	Thomas Turner	RHP	R/R	6'2"	225	So.-1L	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
21	Dustin Evans	RHP	R/R	6'4"	200	So.-1L	Tallahassee, Ga. (Adairsville)
23	A.J. Battisto	RHP	R/R	5'10"	195	So.-TR	Pottstown, Pa. (Rider)
24	Derrick Smith	OF	L/L	5'11"	200	Jr.-TR	Vienna, Ga. (Florida State)
26	Will Southwell	INF	R/R	5'11"	190	Fr.-HS	Moultrie, Ga. (Colquitt County)
27	Travis Adkinson	INF	R/R	6'0"	207	Sr.-1L	Guyton, Ga. (Middle Georgia)
28	Greg Dowling	INF	L/L	6'3"	220	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga. (Pope)
29	Brent Stephens	OF	L/L	6'0"	200	Sr.-1L	Decatur, Ga. (Kentucky)
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33	Trey Hunter	OF	R/R	5'11"	184	Sr.-3L	Guyton, Ga. (Effingham County)
35	Phillip Porter	OF	R/R	5'11"	180	Fr.-HS	Marietta, Ga. (Sprayberry)
36	Joe Maley	RHP	R/R	6'1"	195	Sr.-1L	Midway, Ga. (South Georgia)
37	Logan Phillips	INF	R/R	6'0"	180	Sr.-1L	Candler, N.C. (Blue Ridge CC)
38	Justin Klinger	OF	R/R	6'2"	205	So.-RS	Hatfield, Pa. (Samford)
39	David Richardson	OF	R/R	5'11"	175	Fr.-HS	Dahlonega, Ga. (Lumpkin County)
40	Brett Pelfrey	INF	R/R	5'11"	170	Jr.-TR	Cantonment, Fla. (Tallahassee CC)
41	David Cogswell	RHP	R/R	6'1"	180	So.-1L	Toccoa, Ga. (Stephens County)
42	Mike Chiciak	RHP	R/R	6'4"	175	So.-TR	Cherry Hill, N.J. (Delaware)
44	Jeremiah Parker	C	R/R	5'10"	190	Fr.-HS	Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton)

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Sat. Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m. Georgia Tech	Tues. April 5, 6 p.m. Mercer
Sun. Feb. 13, 1 p.m. Georgia Tech	Fri. April 8, 7 p.m. at UNC Greensboro
Tues. Feb. 15, 4 p.m. at Jacksonville	Sat. April 09, 1 p.m. at UNC Greensboro
Fri. Feb. 18, 4 p.m. George Washington	Sun. April 10, 1 p.m. at UNC Greensboro
Sat. Feb. 19, 3 p.m. George Washington	Tues. April 12, 6 p.m. at Mercer
Sun. Feb. 20, 12 p.m. George Washington	Fri. April 15, 7 p.m. Elon
Sat. Feb. 26, 3 p.m. at Georgia	Sat. April 16, 4 p.m. Elon
Sun. Feb. 27, 1 p.m. at Georgia	Sun. April 17, 1:30 p.m. Elon
Tues. March 1, 4 p.m. at Georgia Tech	Fri. April 22, 7 p.m. at Western Carolina
Fri. March 4, 7 p.m. Buffalo	Sat. April 23, 4 p.m. at Western Carolina
Sat. March 5, 4 p.m. Buffalo	Sun. April 24, 1 p.m. at Western Carolina
Sun. March 6, 11 a.m. Buffalo	Wed. April 27, 6 p.m. Jacksonville
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Sun. March 20, 1 p.m. at East Tennessee State	Thurs. May 12, 7 p.m. College of Charleston
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Wed. March 30, 4 p.m. Georgia State	Fri. May 20, 5 p.m. at The Citadel
Fri. April 1, 7 p.m. Gardner-Webb	Sat. May 21, 1 p.m. at The Citadel
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## CARTOON GETS A LITTLE LESS 'HAPPY'

Politicians take aim at  
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on an episode of 'Buster'.

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DVD/Video Releases

### "Shark Tale"

The all-star voice cast drives this animated hit from last fall about a little fish with a big attitude. Will Smith provides the voice of a small fry whose misadventures earn him a reputation as a fearless shark slayer after he's mistakenly connected to the accidental death of a mobster shark's son. Robert De Niro, Renee Zellweger, Angelina Jolie, Martin Scorsese and Jack Black round out the key vocal talent. The DVD packs a variety of family-friendly extras, including an animated segment featuring the cartoon characters getting down on the dance floor and a spoof "audition clip" featuring a whale trying out for a role in the movie. There also are featurettes on the movie's music and casting, plus commentary with the directors. DVD, \$29.99. (DreamWorks)



### "The Notebook"

The tearjerker starring Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner and Gena Rowlands proved a surprise hit last summer. The romantic drama flits from past to present as an elderly man pays daily visits to an ailing woman, reading her the story of a passionate affair between young lovers in the World War II era. The DVD has a profile on director Nick Cassavetes, Rowlands' real-life son. Cassavetes also provides commentary for the full movie and 12 deleted scenes, while Nicholas Sparks, whose novel was the basis for the film, provides a second commentary track. DVD, \$27.95. (New Line)



### "The Martin Scorsese Film Collection"

Four early Scorsese flicks are packaged in a boxed set that serves as a nice warmup to the Academy Awards, where the director's Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" is a leading nominee. The set includes a new two-disc set of Scorsese's masterpiece, the 1980 drama "Raging Bull," starring Robert De Niro as boxer Jake La Motta. The film is accompanied by three commentaries featuring Scorsese, La Motta, producer Irwin Winkler and others. Also in the boxed set are 1972's "Boxcar Bertha," with David Carradine and Barbara Hershey as railroad bandits with a social conscience; 1977's "New York, New York," starring De Niro and Liza Minnelli; and 1978's "The Last Waltz," chronicling the all-star farewell concert by The Band. DVD set, \$49.96. (MGM)



### "Malcolm X"

Spike Lee's epic film biography of the fiery civil-rights leader gets excellent treatment in a new two-disc set marking the 40th anniversary of his death. The 1992 drama stars Denzel Washington in the story of Malcolm Little, who rises from petty hoodlum to outspoken advocate for the Nation of Islam. Lee contributes commentary for the film and introductions to 21 minutes of deleted footage. The set includes a new making-of featurette narrated by James Earl Jones.



# If your vagina could talk, what would it say

## 'Vagina Monologues' starts Monday

By Jessica Cole • gahiatu@yahoo.com

Every 15 seconds in America, a woman is battered; every 27 seconds in South Africa, a woman is raped. On each college campus in America, there is rape every 21 hours.

If this doesn't grab your attention, maybe the word vagina will. Georgia Southern University welcomes back the second performance of "The Vagina Monologues." With its moving topics and outlandish scenes, "The Vagina Monologues" will be an entertaining performance.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a benefit performance that was first performed on Broadway by the author Eve Ensler who compiled the lives of real women with their true sexual experiences bringing each to center stage. Each woman has her own power, wisdom, humor and strength that gives this play a diverse and moving performance. The GSU chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Women's and Gender Studies program will be producing the play along with a cast and crew comprised of GSU students and faculty.

So why the unbelievable statistics? The purpose of this play is to bring awareness of what is happening to women everyday in our world. This play brings to life taboo situations women are experiencing each and everyday. A global movement to stop violence against women and girls, which is known as V-day, is a catalyst that promotes

creative events (such as the Vagina Monologues) to raise money, increase awareness and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

"Ensler confronts violence, but we do it from a position of power refusing to be victims insisting on futures with joy, pleasure and hope," says Dr. Lori Amy, Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program at GSU. "It's so hard for this culture to confront sexual violence. It scares us, it hurts us, we want to run away."

Dr. Amy wants to raise students' awareness and wants them to come to understand that there are ways the gender is trapped into performing certain roles and just how destructive these roles can be.

"It shows what happens to women when they speak about themselves," says Dr. Amy.

Lynn-Cee Faulk, a student at Georgia Southern and co-founder of National Organization for Women, will be performing for the second time in "The Vagina Monologues."

"Last year I performed 'My Angry Vagina' which is a piece that mixes anger with humor. This year I am performing 'My Vagina Was My Village' which is a story of a young woman who survived a Bosnian rape camp," says Faulk. "This piece is very powerful and emotional. I

see VAGINA, page 3

# The scientific side of love

Scientific minds concur: there is more science than emotion to dating

By Kristin Miller • ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, love is lurking in the air. Although many of you have had a smooth journey in your quest for love, others, myself included, have not been so fortunate.

If your romantic endeavors have played out much like a scandalous melodramatic soap opera (mine personally reminds me of an episode of The OC), then it can be said that cupid's arrows seemed to be anything but predictable.

However, scientific studies have found that the process of falling in love is an extremely predictable occurrence that follows a virtually infallible pattern of chemical processes. From the time our eyes focus on our object of affection to the time we are hurling the belongings of a scorned lover out the window, the human body undergoes a series of reactions that occur at both the biological and physiological levels.

At some point in our lives, most of us have encountered someone who leaves us googly-eyed, tongue-tied and weak in the knees. A mere meeting of the eyes can trigger sweaty palms, rubber legs and a heart that beats fast enough to land you in a hospital gown. Could it be those baby blues, or chiseled physique? Scientists say no.

Instead, scientists credit the sensations to phenylethylamine, or PEA, which is a natural amphetamine that is produced in the human brain. When you enter the general vicinity of your new infatuation, PEA is released from the brain and enters the blood stream.

This natural upper has the same effect on the body as a synthetically-produced amphetamine drug. In turn, this creates a "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed" effect that leaves you energetic and alert long past the time you'd usually be yawning. The kick-up-your-heels, top-of-the-world feeling of elation will then become associated with your object of

see SCIENTIFIC, page 3

# New radio talent makes a buzz on WVGS airwaves

Student-run radio station gets new manager, new cast

By Rachel Weeks  
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Tune your radio dial to 91.9 FM, The Buzz, WVGS, to hear a wide variety of music and call in to hear your own requests at 681-5525. This semester, the radio station is under new management and there are plenty of talented deejays to play the newest and hottest tracks. Give the station manager and deejays your opinion by filling out a new online survey available at the station website, <http://www.stp.georgiasouthern.edu/wvgs/> or email Station Manager, Jimi Hendricks, directly at [jhendri542@aol.com](mailto:jhendri542@aol.com). You can also enter to win a free mp3 player after you fill out the survey.

Plans for the station include more freedom for deejays to play a wider variety of new music. WVGS may have some specialty shows especially in the late evening.

"The goal of the radio station is to play popular music and truly new music that you won't hear anywhere else or music that won't be played at other popular stations until several months later," said Hendricks.

Hendricks suggests that later in the semester, student morning talk shows will return to WVGS. The Morning After is a great way to wake up, mixed with upbeat music and the spirited commentary of Stephen Yancey, Jason Reid and Britni Rowen, coming to you four times a week.

Also, many bands have contacted the station with an interest to play live on-air.

"Bands such as Rude Buddha have contacted us and we hope to have regular performances from these live bands in the future," said Hendricks.

In the 31 years since WVGS began broadcasting, incred-

see RADIO STATION, page 3

### LISTEN

WVGS is broadcast at 91.9 on the FM dial 24 hours a day, but live talent can be heard 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## CALENDAR February 10-16, 2005

10 Study Abroad Mini-Fair, Union Rotunda, 9 a.m.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Performing Arts Center, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

"Voices in Ministry Talent Show, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.

12 Red Ball Masquerade, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5

Eagles baseball, GSU vs. GA Tech, J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

13 Eagles Baseball, GSU vs. Georgia Tech, J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Carnation Ball, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.

14 Learn Tai Chi, Nessmith Lane Continuing Education Building 2908, 5:45 p.m.

15 Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights, Union RM 2044, 12:30 p.m.

Young Democrats Meeting, Union RM 2041, 6 p.m.

Softball, GSU vs. Florida State, Sports Complex, 1 p.m.

The Path of Zen, Union RM 2048, 6 p.m.

16 Vocal Awakening, Union Ballroom, 9 p.m.

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

Voices in Ministry Dance Team, Union RM 2044, 6 p.m.

Anime Crew Meeting, Union RM 2052, 7 p.m.

"Team America," Union Theatre, 8 p.m., \$2

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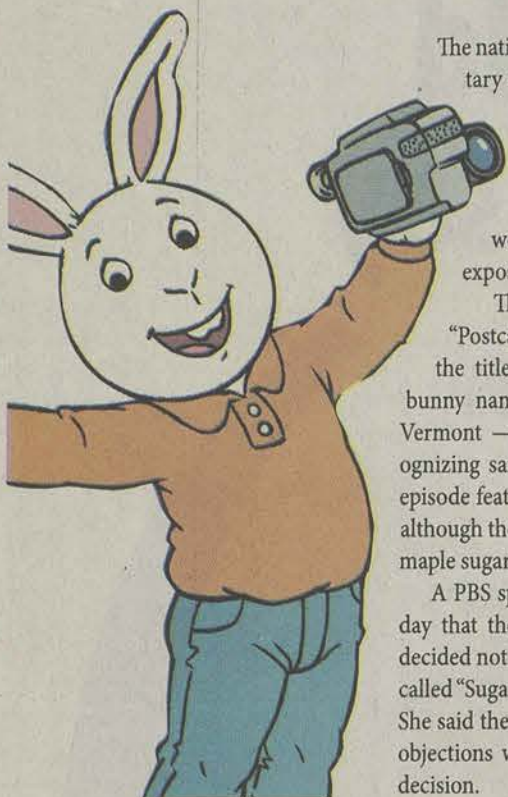
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## Busting 'Buster's' chops

Episode of "Buster" explores sexuality, creates controversy

By Ben Feller • Associated Press



The nation's new education secretary denounced PBS on Tuesday for spending public money on a cartoon with lesbian characters, saying many parents would not want children exposed to such lifestyles.

The not-yet-aired episode of "Postcards From Buster" shows the title character, an animated bunny named Buster, on a trip to Vermont — a state known for recognizing same-sex civil unions. The episode features two lesbian couples, although the focus is on farm life and maple sugaring.

A PBS spokesman said late Tuesday that the nonprofit network has decided not to distribute the episode, called "Sugartime!," to its 349 stations. She said the Education Department's objections were not a factor in that decision.

"Ultimately, our decision was based on the fact that we recognize this is a sensitive issue, and we wanted to make sure that parents had an opportunity to introduce this subject to their children in their own time," said Lea Sloan, vice president of media relations at PBS.

However, the Boston public television station that produces the show, WGBH, does plan to make the "Sugartime!" episode available to other stations. WGBH also plans to air the episode on March 23, Sloan said.

PBS gets money for the "Postcards from Buster" series through the federal Ready-To-Learn program, one aimed at helping young children learn through television.

"Many parents would not want their young children exposed to the lifestyles portrayed in the episode," Spellings wrote in a letter sent Tuesday to Pat Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of PBS.



## The Hot Seat...

Our weekly look at GSU's best rides

Age: 20

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Hometown: Columbus, Ga.

Car's nickname: Sally

How did you come to own this vehicle? Bought it in Newnan, Ga.

What did you pay for it? \$7250

How much money have you put into it since you have bought it? About \$600

What is the most expensive feature on it? The paint job.

What makes your car stand out? It will be 40-years-old in April. When it came from the factory in '65, it didn't come with power steering, power brakes, air conditioning or seat belts.

What is one thing you would like to do to customize your vehicle that you haven't yet done? Refurbish the interior.

Would you ever consider selling it? Sure, anything can be bought. I'd consider it for \$8-9,000.



**Christopher Kelley**  
'65 Ford Mustang

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

When you ride through a parking lot, what do you think people say about your car? They can't because it's too loud.

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February 10

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Starring: Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra, Spike Lee and Ossie Davis

February 11

**Bamboozled**

Dark, biting satire of the television industry, focusing on an Ivy-League educated black writer at a major network. Frustrated that his ideas for a "Cosby Show"-esque take on the black family has been rejected by net-

work brass, he devises an outlandish scheme: reviving the minstrel show.

The hook: instead of white actors in black face, the show stars black actors in even darker shades. The show becomes an instant smash, but with the success also comes repercussions for all involved.

Starring: Damon Wayans, Savon Glover, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tommy Davidson

February 14

**Love Jones (9 p.m. showing)**

Darius Lovehall is a young, black poet in Chicago who starts dating Nina Moseley, a beautiful and talented photographer. While trying to figure out if they've got a "love thing" or if they're just "kicking it," they hang out with their friend, talking about love and sex. Then Nina tests the strength of Darius' feelings and sets a chain of romantic complications into motion.

Starring: Larenz Tate, Nia Long, Isaiah Washington and Bill Bellamy

February 15

**The Best Man**

Harper's autobiographical novel is almost out, his girlfriend Robin desires commitment and he's best man at the wedding of Lance, a pro athlete. He goes to New York early (Robin will come for the wedding) to hang out with Lance and other friends, including Jordan, his former almost-lover, now in media and privy to an advance copy of the book. The men discuss women, never facing their own double standard.

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## VAGINA

from the front

might not have a voice otherwise. I expect to sell out completely. We sold out last year and had to turn people away at the doors. This year we have a much larger venue and can accommodate more people," Faulk says.

Since this performance is a benefit performance, all proceeds will be donated to Safe Haven, a Statesboro shelter for victims of domestic violence. The show will be performed at the Georgia Southern Performing Arts Center on Monday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 in advance for students and \$7 at the door. For non-student tickets it will be \$10. To purchase tickets over the phone, contact Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center at (912) 681-0830.

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## SCIENTIFIC

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affection.

If you've experienced feelings such as these—congratulations! You've completed the first stage of falling in love, known as attraction.

Just as humans can become addicted to man-made drugs, we can also become hooked on naturally-produced drugs that originate in our bodies. In turn, many become "attraction junkies" who constantly seek the natural highs of attraction. This may explain why some are prone to engage in exhilarating, but short-lived relationships.

According to Chocolate.org, chocolate contains small amounts of the "love drug" phenylethylamine. So boys, you may want to opt for boxed chocolate in place of heart candies for your girlfriends this year on Valentine's Day.

Another unromantically-named

neurochemical known as dopamine is associated with the second stage of falling in love, known as attachment. In contrast to the speed-like effects produced by PEA, dopamine produces effects similar to a "downer," such as morphine.

A recent study conducted at Emory University concluded that female voles, which are small rodents, chose their mates in response to the release of dopamine in their brains. When injected with dopamine in a male vole's presence, the female picked him out of a crowd at a later time.

Of course, it is very likely that voles do not date or engage in the same relationship rituals as humans. When was the last time you saw small rodents going to dinner and a movie? However, the question is still posed: Would this experiment produce similar effects in humans?

Because no such study has been conducted as of yet, it is left up to you to decipher the answer to that question. It is certainly one to ponder.

Unlike PEA, which is apparent during the attraction phase of falling in love, dopamine is associated with the attachment phase that is characteristic of long-term relationships. Dopamine is said to calm the mind, kill pain and reduce anxiety.

Because of the drug correlation, the end of a lengthy courtship is reflective of a morphine withdraw. That is why it may seem easier to check a friend into a psychiatric ward after a breakup than it is to console the mourner who has loved and lost.

Just as our bodies can become addicted to variations of naturally-produced amphetamine and morphine, it is possible to build up a tolerance to these drugs as well. Yep, that's right. It is actually possible to build up a tolerance to your significant other!

Some scientists believe that after a certain period, 18 months to four

years, our bodies get used to the love chemicals, both the stimulant and the downers. Unfortunately, the tolerance that results, although it does not necessarily constitute breakup, is inevitable.

"Divorce rates peak around the fourth year of marriage," says Charles Panati in his book *Sexy Origins and Intimate Things*. "The initial high of love have lost their chemical underpinnings and Marilyn Monroe's classical film 'The Seven-Itch' should be retitled 'The Four-Year Itch.'"

I hope that I have not discouraged you in any way from pursuing your dating and relationship goals. After all, how uneventful would our lives be without members of the opposite sex?

A life with passionate love is both fulfilling and fun. Even hardcore scientists agree that chemistry (literally) isn't everything. So take a break from scientific rationale and go mingle! Besides, who doesn't like The OC?

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## MOVIE REVIEWS

## There's no thrill in thriller movie 'Hide and Seek'

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"Hide and Seek" is listed as a thriller, but the only thrills come in the way of laughter at the ridiculous, cliché-driven script.

DeNiro plays a bereft widower, David Callaway, trying to help his daughter Emily (Dakota Fanning) cope with the recent death and alleged suicide of his wife.

Despite being a reputable psychologist, Callaway's brilliant solution was to move the child from her home, the children's hospital, where she was receiving intensive therapy, to a secluded mansion in upstate New York.

Though claiming he wanted to

spend time with his daughter, he frequently secluded himself in his study, leaving little Emily to seek solace elsewhere. She found it in a new and totally twisted non-person named Charlie, who causes all kinds of mayhem in the lives of both father and daughter.

While nine-year-old Fanning played the perfect Wednesday Adams look-alike, moping around with dark circles under her eyes and talking in a creepy monotone way, DeNiro just didn't fit his part.

For one thing, he was too old. Both he and Amy Irving, who made a brief appearance as his wife, looked more like grandparents to the little girl and their playful interaction with Fanning

looked forced and awkward.

There were other distractions that deteriorated the film's quality. There is an introduction of creepy neighbors who had no other purpose but to act as suspects for the real identity of Charlie.

In addition, the setting took place in upstate New York and it was supposed to be winter, yet there was no snow, no smoky breath and the characters were all dressed in light clothing.

Another flaw was when Emily called a family friend back in New York City for help. The friend arrived at the house in ten minutes. In reality, the distance between upstate New York and the city is close to the drive from

Don't bother looking  
for the good points here

I give the movie one star. It's definitely one of the worst thrillers of the year.

★ 1 out of 4

Savannah to Atlanta.

Director John Polson should have learned, when he directed the unsuccessful "Swimfan" in 2002, it takes more than spooky music and a tub full of red water to make a horror film. Good quality thrillers are watched with one eye covered and a knot in your stomach.



AP Photo

Robert De Niro stars as psychologist David Callaway, a man trying to cope with the death of his wife and dealing with his disturbed young daughter, played by Dakota Fanning.

## Bollywood twist on a classic novel

David Germain  
Associated Press

## Bride &amp; Prejudice.

Director Gurinder Chadha crafted an authentic tale of friendship in the new tale "Bend It Like Beckham,"

but has less success creating a believable vibe updating Jane Austen's novel as a modern Bollywood musical romance. It's clear why Indian beauty Aishwarya Rai (Aishwarya Rai) catches the eye of wealthy American Will Anderson (Martin Henderson).

Besides being an absolute knockout, Lalita is fiercely bright, free-spirited and compassionate. Will,

## Second time is not the charm

A modern twist on a classic novel better left undone. A strong heroine without a strong hero.

★★ 2 out of 4

however, has only looks and barrels of money enough to win the hand of many women, but not a romantic like Lalita, who yearns to marry for love. Henderson simply lacks charisma.

Further deflating the film are song-and-dance routines unremarkable for their music and overly stage-like in their choreography.



AP Photo/Miramax Films

Aishwarya Rai and Martin Henderson star as Lalita and Will in the Bollywood version of Jane Austen's classic novel "Pride and Prejudice."

## A family learns to move forward

By Heidi King  
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## Broken Wings

Premiering as the second Cinema Arts movie this year, "Broken Wings" is one of power and emotion.

Debuting as the first feature film by writer and director Ner Bergman, "Broken Wings" won nine Israeli academy awards and highlighted several film festivals from Jerusalem to Tokyo.

Filmed in suburban Israel, the story focuses on a grief-stricken family whose father recently died. Dafna Ullman (Orli Zilverschatz-Banay) perfectly portrays the mother of four who is overworked by the hospital as a midwife.

The eldest daughter Maya, (Maya Magon), tries to pursue a career as the lead singer of a band, while balancing chores and responsibilities of the children.

Dafna and Maya, while working together to create peace again, take steps towards a new life of growth and change.

This dramatic film truly captures



AP Photo/Sony Pictures Classic

Orli Zilverschatz-Banay stars as a widow struggling to take care of her family.

the hard life of a middle-class family with their struggles. Dark and realistic with a touching score, "Broken Wings" is able to portray some of the hardest scenes gracefully.

## Middle class with grace

A gritty, realistic drama that pulls on emotions. If scripted any other way, the drama would seem bombastic.

★★★ 3 out of 4

## The date doctor needs a transplant

By David Germain  
Associated Press

## Hitch

Will Smith's enormous charm only goes so far in this occasionally cute but trifling love story, his first time out as a romantic leading man.

The movie offers a few laughs before veering into a foolish plot conflict that drains all credibility. Smith plays a Manhattan "date doctor" who helps hopeless men snare the women of their dreams, but has trouble making a go of things when he meets his own soul mate (Eva Mendes).

Director Andy Tennant lets the

## Geek triumphs in the end

Smith's doctor is upstaged by James' meek accountant.

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movie meander to tiresome lengths and forces Smith and Mendes to stumble through a sappy conclusion that drags on interminably.

The main story is upstaged by a charming secondary romance involving one of Smith's clients (Kevin James), a meek accountant smitten with a beautiful heiress (Amber Valletta).



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Will Smith stars as a date doctor who helps his clients land the women of their dreams. Kevin James plays one of Smith's clients in need of serious help.



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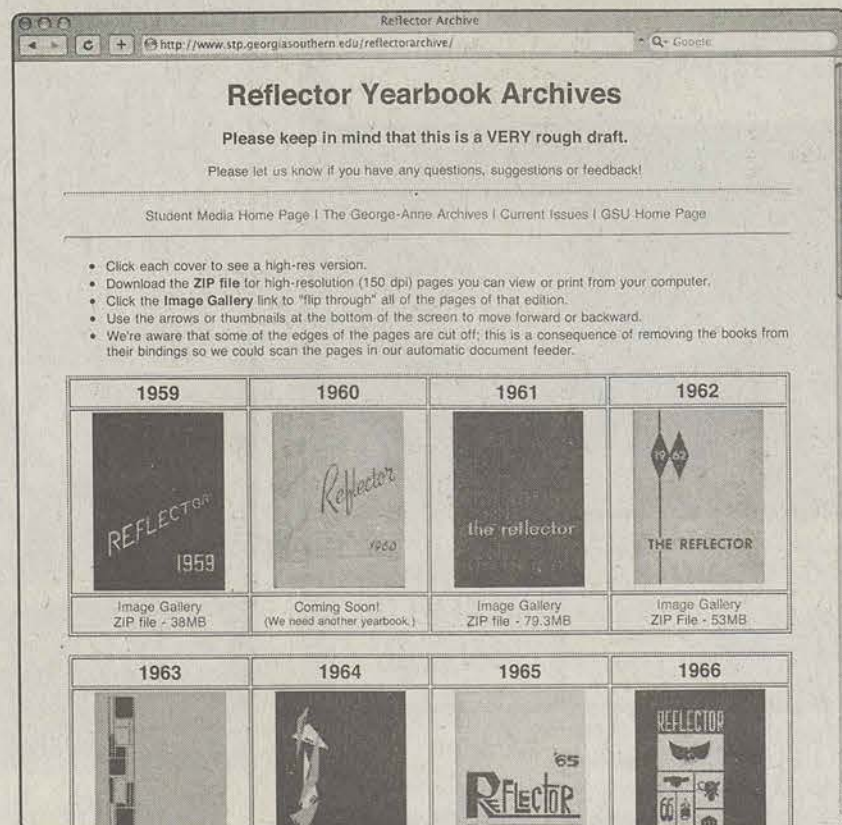
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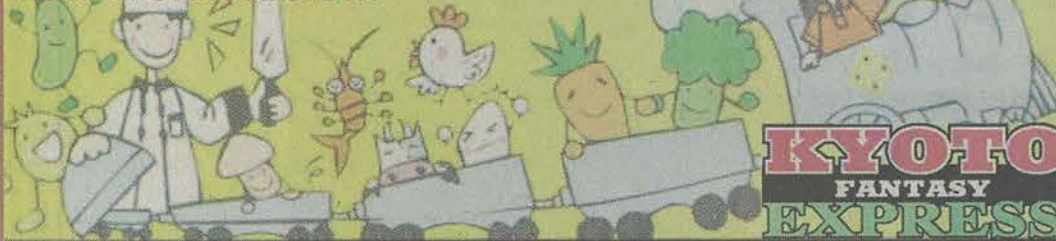
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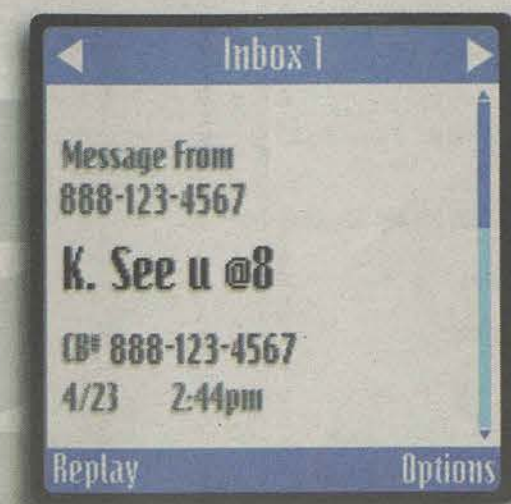
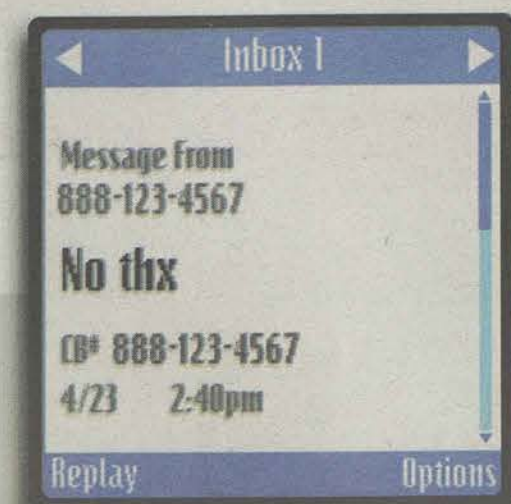
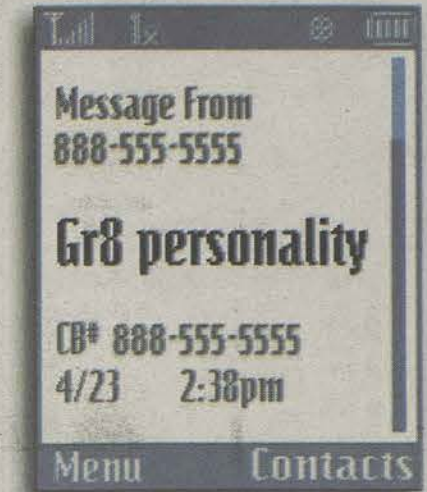
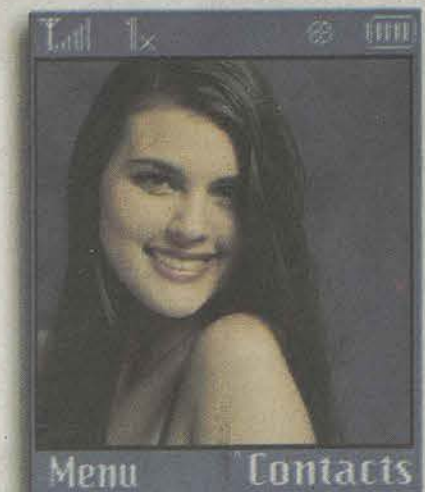
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