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Social Security Changes

President Bush has faced controversy on the changes he wants to make to the current Social Security system. Look to **page 7** for more information on the history of Social Security, the current system and the changes Bush wants to make.



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Only In America

Hissing Canada goose greets shoppers

DES MOINES, Iowa - Customers of a south side print shop beware of the hissing goose. For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of Artcraft Inc., her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets customers by hissing at them.

Last year, she hatched a gosling just a few feet from the front door. She has already made a nest this year.

"I had one customer call from a cell phone and ask if she would bite," said Judi Williams, the company's office manager. "She hisses, but she doesn't bite. Otherwise, everybody thinks she's pretty cool."

Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials said geese have no teeth and don't carry rabies. They rarely nip, but are known to hiss when people or animals invade their space.

There are about 80,000 Canada geese in Iowa, said Guy Zenner, a state waterfowl research biologist.

"You're going to see things like this," Zenner said.

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Quote of the Day

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

-Arthur
Schopenhauer



Weekday Weather

Wednesday



HIGH
74°

LOW
51°

Few Showers

Thursday



HIGH
66°

LOW
46°

Partly Cloudy

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Theater professor Mical Whitaker honored with farewell production

Special to the G-A

The final Georgia Southern Theatre & Performance production of the year will also be the farewell performance for long-time director, actor and assistant professor Mical Whitaker.

"There are no words to describe how great this person is," said V.A. Patrick Slade, a GSU alumni who graduated with a degree in theater & performance and English. "His patience, love for the arts and knowledge surpasses any competent understanding of theater and life. The GSU Theater Department will never be the same, but those who have had him as

a teacher or director will be happy to know that he was able to touch their lives."

To celebrate Whitaker's upcoming retirement and 24 years in theater, the Department of Communications Arts will host a reception on Saturday, April 23, from 3-5 p.m. at the entrance to the Arts Building.

Following the reception, Whitaker will direct his final production, Lofton Mitchell's "Star of the Morning," at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

"The reception's theme is 'Amen Corner,' one of Mical's favorite plays and the first African-American performance he

directed on campus," said Pamela Bourland-Davis, chair of the Communications Arts Department.

The reception will also serve as a benefit, with the proceeds supporting the theater equipment needs for the Fine Arts/Phase III building, which will house a new, 175-seat black box theater.

Reservations for the reception, which includes a ticket for "Star of the Morning," may be made through the Communication Arts Department. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. For additional information or to order tickets, call 681-5138.



Special to the G-A

Professor Mical Whitaker



To get involved...

If you would like to know more about students' efforts to change the spring break date, contact Caroline Blackmon at (770) 317-1901 or by email at cblackmon6@georgiasouthern.edu.

Barbara V. Perez/ KRT Campus

Deanna Werinski, 19, left, looks on as her friend Shauna Hartrich, 19, gets a henna tattoo on her abdomen from Beau Sutton, 22, in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Monday, March 15, 2004. Some GSU students are petitioning to have spring break moved to a warmer time of the year and after midterms.

Students want a later spring break

By Adam Crisp

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Why not have spring break when the weather is warm and the calendar actually reads spring?

That's what a group of Georgia Southern students are asking.

Four students enrolled in a political science class are petitioning the university's calendar committee, asking that spring break be pushed forward two weeks.

They say the change will allow for the weeklong break from classes to be held when the weather is warmer and mid-terms are a distant memory.

"The weather is just bad during spring break," said Caroline Blackmon, a sophomore who is trying to collect signatures for a petition to change the date. "The weather is always too cold and the break usually falls right in the middle of exams so you spend the

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FDA opposes lifting silicone implant ban

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Thirteen years after most silicone-gel breast implants were banned, federal health advisers on Tuesday narrowly rejected a manufacturer's request to bring them back to the U.S. market, citing lingering questions about safety and durability.

Inamed Corp. had argued that today's silicone implants are less likely to break and leak than versions sold years ago. But the Food and Drug Administration was skeptical, and its advisers voted 5-4 that the company hasn't provided enough evidence about how long the implants will last — and what happens when they break and ooze silicone into the breast, or beyond.

Without that information, "How can we get an informed consent from our patients?" asked FDA adviser Dr. Amy Newburger, a New York dermatologist. "It makes me very uneasy. ... I don't feel secure about the safety."

The FDA isn't bound by its advisers' recommendations — and the panel's vote was a surprise. This same panel, with a few different members, had narrowly recommended allowing

Inamed's implants back on the market just 18 months ago, a decision the FDA rejected because of the durability concerns.

"Obviously we're disappointed," said Inamed Vice President Dan Cohen, who pledged to work with the FDA to get the necessary additional evidence as soon as possible.

That doesn't mean the implants can never be sold, the advisers stressed. No one expects them to last a lifetime, but women need evidence about how likely they are to last 10 years, several panelists stressed.

"There are women who would benefit from these implants that don't have access to them."

- Dr. Michael Miller,
FDA Advisor and plastic surgeon
at Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

But FDA adviser Dr. Michael Miller, a plastic surgeon at Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center who has used Inamed's implants, argued the devices are being held to too high a standard.

"There are women who would benefit from these implants that don't have access to them," Miller said, complaining that salt water-filled implants sold without restriction today have their own drawbacks.

"All of us feel very strongly that women have a choice," responded Dr. Barbara Manno of Louisiana State University. But she ultimately

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Air Force: Tests for lost nuke off Georgia coast found no 'significant' radiation

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH - Government testing for possible signs of a nuclear bomb lost off the Georgia coast in 1958 found no "significant" radiation, the Air Force said in a letter to a Georgia newspaper.

Last September, government scientists took radiation readings and soil samples in waters near Tybee Island after a man who has searched privately for the nuke reported finding possible radioactive clues to its location.

More than six months later, the government has not released a final report. But a letter by Air Force Col. James DeFrank, written in response to a March 25 story by The Associated Press, is the first public statement that its tests did not match radiation levels reported by Derek Duke, who has spent years searching for the lost bomb.

"Since the interagency team did not find the 'significant' radiation levels Mr. Duke's team reported, the focus shifted to the arduous task of analyzing data to determine what the samples did contain," wrote DeFrank, the Air Force deputy director of public affairs.

The letter was sent April 4 to the editorial page of The Macon Telegraph, one of the newspapers that published the AP story. The newspaper did not publish the letter, but the Air Force provided the AP with a copy Tuesday.

A damaged B-47 bomber dumped the H-bomb at sea during a training flight in February 1958 after the plane collided with a fighter jet. The military searched the area for 10 weeks, but failed to find the bomb.

The Air Force says the Mark-15 bomb lacks the plutonium capsule needed to trigger 400 pounds of conventional explosives.

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Stephen Morton, File/AP Photo

A group of divers and scientists from the federal government tow an array of radiation detectors on Sept. 30, 2004, from the stern of a boat near Little Tybee Island, Ga., while searching for a Hydrogen bomb lost more than 46 years ago. A B-47 bomber dumped the 11-foot aluminum cylinder at sea after colliding with a fighter jet during a training flight in 1958.

University-community partnerships focus of day-long event

Special to the G-A

Forging partnerships between the university and the community will be the focus of a day-long forum at Georgia Southern on Friday, April 22.

The program, titled "Connecting Places: Social Transformation and University-Community Partnerships," will begin at 9 a.m. in the Faculty Development Center on the third floor of the College of Information Technology

Building.

"This project is extremely important as it brings people together from across the university and across the community to work on developing a more engaged culture — one of the primary focuses of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan," said Catherine Chaput, a writing and linguistics professor and one of the forum's organizers.

The forum is one of a series of events during a special "Engagement Week" at

GSU. A number of community organizations will participate in the forum, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Whitesville Community Resource and Development Organization, Habitat for Humanity, the Statesboro Regional Library, Bulloch County Communities in Schools and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

The program will be opened by university President Bruce Grube.

The centerpiece for the morning

session will be a presentation from Emma Perez, the chair of the ethnic studies department at the University of Colorado who will speak on the public's perception of academic work.

The schedule will also include a series of strategizing sessions on how the university can work with the community; linking university courses with service projects; planning and implementing projects; legal issues; identifying grant sources; and working

with the news media.

The afternoon programs will focus on "Strategizing for Sustainable University-Community Partnerships." Danika Brown, a professor from the University of Texas-Pan American, will present a program on "Principles for Redefining Community Partnerships Around Social Change."

"The forum will provide unique opportunities to forge concrete relationships and develop sustainable

partnerships," said Chaput. "It will serve the local community and the university's mission by further developing community-based research and service-learning opportunities."

The project is sponsored by the Project for Civic Engagement and Social Transformation and other campus organizations. For additional information, contact Chaput at (912) 486-7193 or email to cchaput@georgiasouthern.edu.

Hinesville needs help with pets abandoned by troops

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

HINESVILLE, Ga. — The 32 dogs look up with sad eyes or wag their tails as animal control officer Linda Cordry walks the row of chain-link cages toward a door concealing a gas chamber.

"These guys are mine," Cordry says with weary resignation. "These are basically on Death Row."

Liberty County Animal Control and the humane shelter that shares its small cinderblock building have been crammed to capacity with dogs and cats since Army troops from neighboring Fort Stewart deployed to Iraq. Both agencies say it's no coincidence.

"I would say 95 percent of these animals come from military homes," says Beate Hall, who runs the humane

shelter where dozens of soldiers and Army spouses began dumping pets during the holidays.

Since the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division deployed 19,000 troops to Iraq in January, animal control officers took in 321 abandoned dogs and cats. Of those, 119 have been euthanized.

Many of the abandoned pets are wearing collars, but with their tags removed. Animals with collars get up to 10 days before they're euthanized. Those without collars are spared for only three.

"We didn't realize how bad it was going to be," says Hall, whose husband is retired from the Army. "I didn't think this many military families would just dispose of their animals because of the deployment."

Liberty County Humane Shelter
(912) 876-3647
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Hinesville, GA

Monument to Haitian soldiers gets OK

Associated Press

In this undated rendering released by the Haitian-American Historical Society, a proposed bronze monument to honor Haitian soldiers who made up the largest military unit in the Revolutionary War's bloody siege of Savannah, Ga., is shown.



Savannah to get monument for Haitians who defended the city

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Haiti's interim prime minister traveled to Savannah on Saturday to lend support for a \$500,000 monument to Haitian soldiers who fought in the American Revolution's bloody siege of Savannah.

"We always talked about the Savannah battle. In my history books it is the first thing we learned about, our people coming here to fight with the Americans," said Haitian Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue. "But it seems to me this was a fact that was almost all the time neglected" in the U.S.

Supporters want to unveil the bronze monument October 9, 226 years after more than 500 Haitian troops joined American colonists and French soldiers in an unsuccessful attempt to drive the British from Savannah.

Haitians made up the largest military unit to fight in the 1779 siege. Their role in the fight is a point of national pride for Haitians, whose Revolutionary War veterans went on to lead the rebellion that drove out French colonists in 1804.

Latortue, leader of Haiti's interim government since the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide last year, spoke to an invitation-only dinner of about 100 potential donors. He traveled to Savannah from Rome, where he attended the funeral of Pope John Paul II on Friday.

City planners approved the bronze monument Friday. But the Miami-based Haitian-American Historical Society, which has lobbied for the project since 2001, needs to raise an estimated \$542,633 to pay for the monument and a required escrow account for maintenance costs.

So far, the group has raised about \$100,000, said chairman Daniel Fils-Aime. Latortue said the Haitian government plans to make a contribution, but did not say how much.

"We are committed to the realization of this project," Latortue said. "Haiti cannot afford to have this project fail."

The Savannah City Council still has to give final approval to the monument. But Mayor Otis Johnson told reporters "that's a done deal."

"I certainly want to see this come to realization during my administration," Johnson said.

The monument will include six life-size bronze soldiers on an octagonal pedestal 14-feet in diameter. It will be placed beneath a canopy of live oaks in Franklin Square near Savannah's downtown riverfront.

The statues include a likeness of Henri Christophe, depicted as an adolescent drummer, who served in the Revolutionary War and later became king of Haiti after the island nation won independence from France.



Haitian Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue speaks to reporters in Savannah.

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Teen accused of stealing corpse's head

MORRISVILLE — A 17-year-old Morrisville youth was being held on \$100,000 bail after police said he raided a tomb in a cemetery and removed a head from a corpse.

Nickolas Buckalew was arrested and charged with unauthorized removal of a dead body. He pleaded innocent to the crime.

Authorities are not sure of the motive of the crime. Court documents said the suspect allegedly talked of using the man's head as a bong or a pipe for smoking marijuana.

"Clocky" alarm clock eludes sleepyheads

CAMBRIDGE — A 25-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology student has invented a revolutionary alarm clock that makes sleepyheads find it to quiet it.

Designed to overcome abuse of the snooze feature on most alarm clocks, Gauri Nanda's "Clocky" falls to the floor and rolls away on the first push of the snooze button.

To turn it off, a person must get out of bed and find it.

The clock features two rubber wheels and is covered in thick, 1970s-style shag carpet and other material to cushion it when it tumbles to the floor.

A built-in computer chip randomly decides how far the clock will roll, so it stops in a different place each morning.

Clocky is still a research project and is not yet commercially available, but Nanda said she is putting finishing touches on a prototype

and hopes to begin testing it soon with an eye toward marketing.

Over 200 pot plants found in rental home

PHOENIX — An enormous garden of 212 marijuana plants was discovered inside a rental home west of Phoenix early Saturday morning.

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Travis Anglin said the garden, nurtured by an intricate irrigation and lighting system, is worth tens of thousands of dollars and is one of the most sophisticated they've ever seen.

No one was living in the house, which has an out-of-state owner. Plants ranged in size from seedlings to budding marijuana plants that were four feet tall and could have produced \$10,000 each in income, Anglin said.

Man wins 'Village Idiot' award

STORY — The competition was fierce and foolish, but a man who accidentally sawed through a live wire and topped that by wrecking his truck hours after buying it more than earned the honorary title "Village Idiot."

Mark Carmichael's blunders won him the good-natured award that's been handed out for years in the tiny Brown County town of Story.

His foolishness earned the 27-year-old a \$100 bar tab at the Story Still.

Two other Story Inn regulars were nominated for knocking themselves unconscious while opening their car doors. Another was nominated for burning down his front porch after not fully extinguishing a cigarette in a full ashtray.

National News Briefs

Marshals Service says ex-convict arrested in Georgia

COLUMBIA, S.C. — An ex-convict suspected of killing two people in South Carolina was captured Tuesday afternoon in Augusta, Ga., authorities said.

Stephen Stanko, 37, was taken into custody about 3:30 p.m., U.S. Marshal Deputy Tim Stec said. He did not have any more information about the arrest.

Stanko is suspected of killing 43-year-old Laura Ling, a librarian who lived with him in Murrells Inlet. Ling's body was discovered Friday after a teenage girl in the home called authorities and said she had been raped, police said.

The other victim, 74-year-old

Henry Lee Turner, was found shot to death in his Conway home Saturday.

Stanko was released from prison nearly a year ago after serving 8 1/2 years of a 10-year sentence for kidnapping.

While in prison, Stanko co-wrote a book titled "Living in Prison: A History of the Correctional System With an Insider's View" with the help of two criminology professors.

News that authorities suspected him in two homicides and the rape of a teenage girl surprised those who knew him.

"He seemed to feel comfortable letting people know that he was an ex-con," said John Gaumer, who was

in a library book group with Stanko. "It didn't seem to bother him."

Investigators swarmed an Horry County library building Monday, taking the branch's copy of Stanko's book and sealing Ling's office.

Stanko wrote about the hardships of serving time in South Carolina's prison system and the fear of being labeled "a convicted felon" when he was released.

"I never planned to commit a crime, and I never expected that I would ever become a criminal," Stanko wrote in the book.

"What I fear most now is that I may carry some of this total institution back into society with me."



Associated Press

Stephen Stanko, 37, accused of killing two people, was captured Tuesday.

Three indicted in plot against finance centers

WASHINGTON — Three men have been indicted on charges they plotted to attack financial institutions in New York, New Jersey and Washington.

A four-count indictment unsealed Tuesday accuses Dhiran Barot, Nadeem Tarmohammed and Qaisar Shaffi of scouting the New York Stock Exchange and Citicorp Building in New York, the Prudential Building in Newark, N.J., and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in the District of Columbia.

Drug costs jump 7.1 percent in 2004

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices for name-brand drugs jumped an average 7.1 percent in 2004 — the largest hike in five years and more than twice the rate of inflation, according to a study released Tuesday by AARP. AARP's annual Rx Watchdog Report tracked prices drug manufacturers charged wholesalers last year for about 200 prescription drugs popular with older Americans.

The price hikes were the largest annual jump since AARP, the nation's largest lobbying group for the elderly, began sponsoring the study five years ago.

Woman claims mining forced her out of home, into tool shed

MARTIN, Ky. — An eastern Kentucky woman who says she had to live in a tool shed for nearly two years because mining activity drove her out of her mobile home goes to court next month in her lawsuit against a coal company.

Beatrice Turner, 65, said she had no choice but to move out because mining turned her lawn into a bog and filled her home with mold that made her sick.

In a trial set to begin May 9, Turner will seek an unspecified amount of damages from the Koch Victory division of C. Reiss Coal Co. of Richlands, Va. Her attorney estimates the cost of repairing the mobile home and property at more than \$66,000.

The Kentucky Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement had

ordered the coal company to make repairs on the property in early 2003 after a landslide occurred above Turner's home. Osborne said the company made the necessary repairs.

Turner said their repair work allowed water to accumulate beneath the mobile home, which led to the growth of mold inside.

Dr. Terry Wright, in a statement that's now part of the case file, said Turner developed respiratory problems because of the mold and had to be hospitalized. Wright advised her to move out.

Turner decided the tool shed was her best option.

She took all her late husband's tools and moved them into her bedroom. Then she moved her bedroom furniture, air conditioner, heater and breathing machine into the 8-by-12-foot shed.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Morgan Marsh.

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Our Opinion

The sentence must not mimic the crime

Eric Rudolph terrorized Atlanta by detonating three bombs in the Georgia metropolis over a two-year period, including a devastating explosion during the 1996 Olympics. Many gave a sigh of relief when this killer was captured in 2003 after a five-year run from authorities.

Tomorrow, Rudolph is expected to plead guilty to his crimes. In exchange for his plea and information about how he committed his heinous acts, he is expected to avoid the death penalty and spend at least a large portion of the remainder of his life behind bars.

During his crime spree, Rudolph targeted events, businesses and groups that he deemed immoral. The January after Rudolph bombed Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, he set a bomb at a family planning clinic in Sandy Springs.

Shortly after that explosion, Rudolph targeted an Atlanta bar frequented by lesbians.

A second abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham killed an off-duty police officer and injured others. Clues from this attack put investigators on the trail of the suspected killer. However, he eluded authorities by hiding in the hills of North Carolina for five years. In 2003, police observed what they believed was a homeless man digging through a dumpster. That homeless man was Eric Rudolph.

Although it has been nearly two years since the doors were slammed on Rudolph, questions about how this man escaped the FBI still linger.

Many hypothesize that Rudolph couldn't have survived in the North Carolina wilderness for five years without the help of sympathizers. Investigators long complained that residents there all but refused to help track down the bomber.

It's sad, but it seems evident that some believe in Rudolph's extremist conservative views. And while we're certain many people advocate his thinking — including many here in the South — we find it abominable that anyone would support the mass killing Rudolph favored.

Tomorrow justice will be served, and a black cloud over Georgia will dissipate. It is expected that Rudolph will be sentenced to four consecutive life sentences, totaling about 30 or 40 years. We can only hope that the 38-year-old Rudolph will never know freedom. But even if he is able to see the light of a parole date, the five years he spent on the run, reduced to digging in trash cans, combined with his court sentence will be a suitable punishment.

But for those who helped this callous killer flee justice, we're certain punishment won't come in the same manner. Those who aided Rudolph cannot be excused. Their help was indefensible not to mention criminal.

No one will forget how Rudolph's prejudice tarnished Georgia's shot at Olympic glory, and no court action will bring back Rudolph's four victims, nor heal those he injured. And while he was spared from the death sentence, his prison term matches his crimes. But for those who helped a killer bent on spreading a message of morality, while you may have escaped the court's punishment, rest assured that you will not escape the irony of the punishment that awaits you.

Letters to the Editor

Women have a choice

This letter is in response to the concerns expressed by a student about the police presence near Old Register Road on the night of the Pajama Jam. Let me begin by saying that in the four years that I attended Georgia Southern (I am an alumna), only three letters to the editor incited enough concern within myself to reply. I also never attended the Pajama Jam due to personal concerns about the event as a whole.

Last Saturday (April 9, 2004), I was in town visiting a friend. Due to construction, I was forced to enter campus from South Main. When I turned right onto Old Register Road, I noticed several police cars blocking the road. An officer motioned for me to make a left turn onto Forest Drive; luckily I planned on making this turn anyway. I wondered why he made me make this turn. After a miscommunication between my friend and I, I was forced to drive around and enter campus from South Main for a second time.

I noticed a large group of students walking along the road, most certainly to Club Legends

and I dismissed it, remembering my days as a freshman, when I too would do just about anything to get the club. The students were walking rather slowly, and I waited patiently for them to pass me so that I could continue on to my destination. Much to my dismay, I saw several scantily dressed young ladies. That's when it hit me... must be the Pajama Jam. I shook my head and groaned in disgust as my headlights gave me an unwelcomed glimpse at the naked of behinds two female club goers. As usual, the young men walking with them were modestly dressed, wearing t-shirts and plaid pajama pants.

Let me preface my letter by saying that I agree with the writer on one major point. The police *do* seem to show up in hordes at events that draw predominately black crowds. I know of several cases where minority males were clearly victims of police harassment. There were plenty of times when a few drunk kids in the houses near Dingus Magee's wandered into the streets or yelled obscenities at me as I drove by. There is also no doubt in my mind

On behalf of the GSU College Republicans and in conjunction with other College Republican chapters across Georgia, I would like to formally herald an on-campus event occurring this week. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, the College Republicans will be having a "Tax Reform Table" in the Russell Union with free suckers and plenty of information on America's desperate need for tax reform.

This will be an occasion to join us in expressing outrage for the scandalous ways in which our government manages to drain our bank accounts every April 15.

There will also be an opportunity to sign a petition in support of President Bush's Agenda on Social Security reform as well as information on why his proposal is the best way to protect our individual financial futures.

On Friday, April 15, the "Tax Reform Table" will be in front of the College of Business Administration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I highly encourage you to swing by and show your support for the Republican Party and President Bush's agenda. "Don't be a sucker" by allowing the IRS to empty your pockets on tax day; come and help us do something about it!

TAX REFORM:

The overwhelming majority of Americans wish to see some set of major Tax Reforms make their way into law, and soon. Among the leading possibilities for the most productive Tax Reform are the Flat Tax and the Fair Tax.

The Flat Tax is a proposal by Congressman Dick Armey to legislate a tax code in which percentages are removed from the equation and everyone is taxed the same dollar amount.

Congressman John Linder proposed the Fair Tax which replaces the current tax code with a national sales tax.

For more information on both of these Tax Reform proposals stop by the "Tax Re-



Sexual chaos: From the windows to the walls

I'm not blaming the women in the club scene. I dislike the whole thing.

Going to the bars around here leaves a sour feeling in the pit of my stomach that increases in intensity with every attempt I make at enjoying them. Something ineffable about popular nightlife — especially in Statesboro where I was first initiated by it — has always bothered me, and perhaps it's my enhanced education that now allows me to place into words what it is.

There's no accounting for taste, and one factor in my aversion to local clubs is the fact that it's simply not my bag. The clubs here and everywhere would suit my idea of fun if we removed everyone from them, sold nothing but high-quality dark lagers & ales and played only eclectic music no one's ever heard on the radio. That's just my quirky nature. But clubs also disgust me for a few more universally applicable reasons, and they're probably not what you think.

I don't have a problem with the way people — namely women — dress at the clubs. I can show skin with the best of them; anyone who went with me to New Orleans a few years ago can vouch for that. I believe it is a woman's prerogative to wear whatever she pleases without having to be bombarded by unwanted sexual advances.

Unfortunately, she still is.

But I'm not blaming the men in the club scene, either. I have a few close male friends who made frequenting the Statesboro bars their six-month-long swan song before graduating. I know how it works. Fellows go out, sometimes several nights a week, sometimes just every now and then, looking for something they can't find at home. The bars offer an atmosphere that is, to them at least, refreshingly bereft of the every day stresses of college life and full of a wholly different, more primal challenge: hundreds of beautiful young women gyrating before them. And the motives behind women's ventures to the

taverns? Well, they're exactly the same as the men's, right down to the gyrating women with whom they unabashedly both conspire and compete.

This is where my feelings about the clubs get fuzzy and I start to feel a little sick. On the rare occasion that I patronize the bars, I usually sit in a corner where I can observe everyone. What I see is a meat market. And it isn't as one-sided as I would theorize if I'd never been to a club. One would assume, under typical gender stereotype, that the women go to dance and the men go to lose their pants. But it's really a rather disturbingly balanced mass of lonely souls bouncing off each other in a search for temporary anodyne and superficial fulfillment, with little attention to gender at all. Maybe it's my imagination, but I would swear that when I walk into your typical club, the men look at me like I'm an alien and the women look at me like I'm a cat invading their territory.

I have to wonder how many healthy relationships have come out of the "hook-ups" originating on the dance floors (or tables, or lounge areas or DJ booths) at these establishments. Don't get me wrong. I'm not necessarily scathing one-night stands. Maybe that really is what some people need in order to sew the wild oats stealthily given them by rite of passage at SOAR. I wouldn't know. But of my several friends who have been down that road, each found it regrettable and decidedly unfulfilling.

Fortunately, there's a solution.

Like anyone else, I want to have a good time. It wasn't long into my college career that I began searching for something similar to what everyone else was doing that didn't leave me feeling like a monkey at the zoo. I found it, and in a logical place.

Now, when I feel like going out, I go to Savannah, instead... to the gay club.

What?

It's great. There I can do all the things I want to do at clubs, sans all the sexual tension. I can go to the



Amanda Permenter
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We are stuck in an archaic age of beauty pageants

I'm not a person you would call a big fan of beauty pageants. Actually, I hate them. I hate fake smiles, I hate fake women and by default, I am a pageant hater.

OK, so maybe all girls in beauty pageants aren't fake, but many of the ones I have seen are.

Monday night I happened to catch a little bit of the Miss USA Pageant. What I saw were 51 girls prancing around with over-priced dresses and ugly bathing suits. What I didn't see was talent, the contestants' platforms or any real interview process. Yeah, the host asked the finalists a question, but it may as well have been "how do you spell cat?" as no thought was required to answer.

In a world where people scream for the rights of women and their freedoms to be judged as people and not possessions, we had 51 "strong" and "real" women on TV Monday night, showcasing their only talent: being able to walk.

Beauty pageants are overrated, especially the Miss USA Pageant.

I will give some credit, though, to the Miss America Pageant. At least these women have to earn the crown by showing their talents and choosing a platform to work on while having the title of Miss America.

If I have been harsh, I've made my point. If not, well...I haven't made my point. But either way, I don't think beauty pageants do anything to really help anyone. A pageant contestant who wants to work with kids who have eating disorders can do that without being "Miss (insert title here)," and still be just as effective. Beautiful people aren't the only ones who help people, just in case anyone is confused. But back to the point, I cannot see for the life of me who benefits from a beauty pageant, except for the winner.

In my eyes, we're all losers in this beauty pageant age. Children lose because they are taught that beauty is more important than anything else. Women as a whole lose because these pageants imply women are objects of beauty only, which is bad. And finally, men lose because we have to watch the damn things with our lady friends (and if we dare comment on one of the girls, we're in trouble).

Oh, and one more thing: The pageant contestants claim their main goal is to be a role model for children, all the while wearing dresses that barley covers their tits.

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cabaret and indulge ridiculous fantasies about being a glamorous drag queen. I can dance as nastily as I want to, have one too many, get lost in the music and completely be my goofy, unladylike self. The men don't give a damn, and the women can tell I'm straight. In the event that some wayward straight men should unwittingly wander into the place and attempt to grope me on the dance floor, my entourage of lesbian friends has no qualms about rescuing me.

I'm still careful. There are dangers in any environment where people and substances collide. But there's a certain camaraderie in a place to which everyone seems to have retreated out of sheer "misfitness." Just like me, no one at the gay bar feels comfortable in a regular old bar.

Sometimes I feel bad because I know it isn't the same for the people with whom I go because they're, well... gay. This is to them what the straight

bar is to me, and for them there is no real haven.

But, on the upside, we don't have to worry about blockades of cops or racial profiling. People of all ethnicities enjoy this place, and there's usually one cruiser with one or two officers who hang around mainly to chastise underage drinkers.

That's another thing: The gay club has strict rules about underage drinking, and they are enforced. What a concept.

Perhaps one day there will be nightlife that caters to everyone, irrespective of musical taste, sexual orientation or Greek affiliation. Until then, I'll continue to enjoy spending most of my weekend evenings wrapped up in a blanket with a good book and a better bottle of beer - maybe even in my pajamas.

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that the Statesboro Police Department should do something about this and the obnoxiously loud parties thrown on Greek Row. I will allow those who made the decision to block the road answer the two questions posed by the writer in her letter to the editor.

I have several questions and comments to pose to the writer and to any students who may share her concern about another issue. The writer seems to blame the Statesboro Police Department for the fact that the young ladies chose to walk the street to get to the club.

To begin, at what point do we as black students, more specifically black women, begin to take responsibility for our own actions? Why is it the fault of the Statesboro Police Department that these young ladies chose to walk to the club in lingerie? Make no mistake about it; these young ladies did not have to attend the club in lingerie and therefore did not have to walk to the club in lingerie. There were other young ladies that I saw dressed in t-shirts and short sets and we all know that the number of guys who chose to "let it

all hang out" were in the minority. I am sure they were not denied admittance to the event because of their unrevealing choice of clothing.

To continue, is there any proof that Pajama Jam attendees had no prior knowledge that the road would be blocked on the night of the event? If there was notice, those who entertained the concept of "baring it all" had time to consider their choice, or in other words,

The point of this entire rant is that these black women had a choice. If they walked to the club nearly naked, it's because they wanted to walk to the club nearly naked.

change their minds. Let's be real for a brief moment; had these young ladies worn their actual pajamas to the Pajama Jam, they would have had on their high school senior shirts, a pair of their ex-boyfriend boxers, some Winnie the Pooh footies and a headscarf. I mean, how many of us wear garters, thongs, 3-inch heels and lacy bras to bed anyway? They didn't care about having to walk a block in see-through bras, garters and booty shorts. The truth is that the young ladies dressed in revealing lingerie wore it because they wanted attention from the young men who would be at the event. Period. We all do what we want to do. Had I asked these young ladies why they chose to wear lingerie, they would have surely replied, "because I wanted to."

Finally, and quite unfortunately, no woman is really safe in the club environment. The sexual predators the writer thinks were lurking in the bushes on that dark lonely road were actually paying to get in. Some guys simply think that the \$5-\$10 cover also buys them the right to touch the behinds and breasts of every woman who walks by them and rub their groins on any woman who just happens to be dancing or standing with her back to him. My question is, what about the sexual assaults that were going on inside the club? You know, the behaviors that some women just accept as normal behavior from men. "Boys will be boys", right? Wrong.

The point of this entire rant is that these black women had a choice. If they walked to the club nearly naked, it's because they wanted to walk to the club nearly naked. They like the attention. Believe it or not, some of these young ladies would have walked to the club even if the road wasn't blocked. Personally, I'm glad that the police were out there. They may have actually deterred a sexual assault on the outside. The SPD has shortcomings, yes. But in this case, I thank them.

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form Table" on Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15.

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We are presently faced with the pressing issue of Social Security reform. With each passing day our generation - along with future generations - faces an increasingly ominous future.

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agenda for personal, private retirement accounts in order to save the system for future generations.

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Nominee as intelligence czar to focus first on reforming spy agencies

By Katherine Shrader
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - John Negroponte, President Bush's choice as the first director of all U.S. intelligence activities, told senators Tuesday that reforming the various spy agencies will be a central focus of his new job.

At his confirmation hearing before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Negroponte declined to specify what he will do about changes recommended by recent commissions that have been critical of U.S. intelligence-gathering, however. He said he is still studying their findings.

Negroponte, whose approval by the committee and the full Senate are not in doubt, fended off Democratic suggestions that he may not be an impartial arbiter of intelligence. To make their point, Democrats turned to his record as ambassador to Honduras during the tumult in Latin American during the 1980s.

"My punch line is, I believe in calling things the way I see them, and I believe that the president deserves from

his director of national intelligence and from the intelligence community unvarnished truth," Negroponte told the panel.

Negroponte also said he believes intelligence has limits.

Negroponte's comments directly addressed recent failures, in which the intelligence community overstated the threat posed by Iraq in the run-up to the 2003 invasion, was unable to prevent the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and has been repeatedly criticized for bureaucratic infighting.

Some of the most heated criticism involved his record 20 years ago as ambassador to Honduras from 1981 to 1985. Human rights groups have alleged that Negroponte acquiesced in abuses by Honduran death squads funded and partly trained by the CIA. Negroponte has repeatedly said that he did not believe death squads were operating there.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he saw a pattern of "ducking the facts."

"We are making a call now about your judgment. It looks to me that you

saw things through an administration-colored lens," Wyden said.

Senators were aware of the challenges Negroponte faces. By showing up to work on the first day, Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said, Negroponte will be stepping on toes. Roberts said some intelligence professionals need leadership and "a kick in the pants" when they aren't sharing information with each other.

The intelligence community's shortfalls are the reason Negroponte's job was created.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the intelligence community has come under fire for its performance leading up to the suicide hijackings and later, its prewar estimates of the threat posed by Iraq.

The Sept. 11 commission's best-selling report advocated creating a strong national intelligence director to bring the spy community together under one umbrella. About six months later, Congress went along.

Significant doubts remain about whether the job, as cast in law, comes

with adequate authority to rein in the various agencies trained in eavesdropping, code-breaking and old-fashioned spying.

Just this month, Bush's commission investigating intelligence shortfalls advised giving the new intelligence director powers to match his responsibilities, warning that the CIA and Defense Department agencies will try to "run around or over" him.

Illustrating the breadth of issues that Negroponte faces, West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the committee's top Democrat, asked how he'd deal with issues of foreign detainees abused in U.S. custody. Negroponte promised that agencies would be in "full compliance" with the law and added that torture is "illegal and reprehensible."

Almost three hours into the session, a protester briefly interrupted Negroponte to object to U.S. human-rights policy. The demonstrator was quickly removed by Capitol Hill police.

Bush has entrusted Negroponte with difficult assignments in the



AP Photo/Dennis Cook
John Negroponte appears before the Senate Select Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill Tuesday, April 12, 2005, on his nomination to be Director of National Intelligence.

past.

He was ambassador to the United Nations when U.S. relations with the world organization were on the decline during the approach to the Iraq invasion. Last summer, Bush sent him to

Iraq as ambassador during the middle of the insurgency.

Negroponte speaks five languages and has held official posts in eight countries, including ambassadorships in Mexico and the Philippines.

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opposed lifting the ban because Inamed has tracked patients for only three or four years to check implant durability. She cited concerns that the older the implants get, the more likely they are to rupture.

The decision came after emotional testimony Monday pitting woman against woman: dozens who said implants broke inside their bodies to leave them permanently damaged, and others who want implants they say feel more natural to repair cancer-ravaged breasts or make their breasts bigger.

On Wednesday, Inamed competitor Mentor Corp. will try to change the FDA panel's mind. Mentor is seeking FDA approval of its own silicone implants, but hasn't tracked patients any longer than Inamed did.

Silicone-gel implants were widely sold in the 1970s and '80s until health concerns prompted the FDA in 1992 to limit their use to women in strict

research studies.

The implants have largely been exonerated of causing such serious or chronic illnesses as cancer or lupus. But they can cause side effects, including infection and painful, rocklike scar tissue.

Also, they can break, requiring additional surgery to remove or replace them — and the FDA and some panelists say questions remain about how often silicone then oozes into the body, and if it harms.

About 14 percent of the silicone implants will break within 10 years, Inamed officials told the FDA panel Tuesday, an estimate derived from a study of 940 patients tracked for three or four years.

In those who had breast enlargement, just 2 percent broke within three years. But 10.6 percent of implants given to breast cancer patients broke, a difference Inamed attributed to a particular implant model widely used in that population — a model

it says it hopes to redesign.

But FDA scientists said as many as three-quarters of implants may break within a decade, because they'll likely become more fragile with age.

Also troubling, when gel implants break, they seldom cause immediate pain or other symptoms, so the woman doesn't know to seek medical care.

Inamed is proposing that women undergo MRI scans every year or two. The scans cost several hundred dollars.

Even rare side effects become a concern with devices expected to be used by hundreds of thousands of women, Newburger warned.

Last year, 264,000 breast augmentations and 63,000 breast reconstructions were performed in the United States, most with saline implants.

FDA's advisers wrestled with their decision, but in the end one patient's testimony seemed to have had the most effect.

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ger an atomic blast. Still, it contains about 400 pounds of conventional explosives and an undisclosed amount of uranium.

The bomb drifted into local legend until Duke, a retired Air Force pilot, began his own search.

He caught the government's interest last year when he reported finding radiation five times higher than normal levels in Wassaw Sound, where the Wilmington River meets the Atlantic Ocean.

Government scientists took samples Sept. 30 from waters roughly

the area of a football field, where Duke says he collected his radiation readings last July.

"I had some indications that day that they were disappointed they did not find radiation levels. I was as perplexed as they were," Duke said. "There's no question in my mind that the day we reported those readings, they existed."

DeFrank's letter gave no other details of the scientists' results. He wrote that the report will be released this month. Maj. Stephanie Holcombe, an Air Force spokeswoman,

declined to elaborate on the letter.

The letter was a response to an AP story about frustration among residents and city officials of Tybee Island, 18 miles east of Savannah, over the months-long wait for results.

"I wonder if, because these independent study groups did not find what Duke claimed, they feel like there's no danger?" said Tybee Island Mayor Walter Parker. "It seems like there would be something more than a letter to the editor of a newspaper forthcoming."

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whole time worrying about your school work."

School officials say the current spring break period — set for the week of St. Patrick's Day — is meant to allow students the chance to celebrate the Irish holiday in nearby Savannah, which hosts the nation's second-largest St. Patty's gathering each year.

Although officials say the date serves a purpose, they aren't opposed to changing it.

"The reason spring break is sched-

uled during that time is around St. Patrick's Day," said Michael Deal, GSU's registrar. "The date was the wishes of students but certainly that's up for grabs."

Blackmon said in addition to the four students who are organizing the signature drive, about 80 students in the class are taking polls and collecting signatures on a petition for the change. The group is aiming for about 1,500 signatures by the end of the semester.

So far, Blackmon said the response

has been good.

"We have only encountered just a handful of students who are adamant that they don't want the date changed," said Blackmon.

The students say they hope polls and their petitions will convince the calendar committee to move the date.

"There is a way to have it changed. It is on the calendar committee," said Michael Deal, GSU's registrar. "There is a SGA rep. on the committee."

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What you need to know

Here are answers to some basic questions about the Social Security debate:

Q: What is Social Security?

A: One of the bedrock programs from Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, Social Security provides monthly payments to retirees, disabled Americans and the survivors of deceased workers. Social Security expects to pay \$509 billion in benefits to 48 million Americans this year. The average monthly retirement benefit is \$955.

Q: How does it work?

A: It is essentially an income-transfer program. Payroll taxes from workers fund benefits to retirees. The current tax rate is 12.4 percent — 6.2 percent from workers and 6.2 percent from employers.

Q: So what's the problem?

A: The system has more than enough money now, but the aging population means that the day is coming when payroll taxes will no longer cover benefits.

Q: When does Social Security run into trouble?

A: The Social Security Administration estimates that taxes will fall short of benefits in 2018. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says it will happen in 2020.

Q: Does that mean that Social Security will go broke by 2020?

A: No, because payroll taxes exceeded benefits for years, the government invested each year's surplus funds in Treasury bonds held in what it calls a "trust fund." Social Security will cash out those bonds, enough to pay full benefits until 2042, according to the system's actuaries, or until 2052, according to CBO's calculation. Once those bonds are exhausted, payroll taxes will cover only 73 percent of now-promised benefits.

Q: How do we know that the government will cash those bonds to pay Social Security benefits?

A: Treasury bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. They are considered the safest investment in the world.

Q: If Social Security can pay full benefits until at least 2042, what's all the fuss about now?

A: The sooner Congress deals with the problem, the less expensive it will be to fix, because small changes can yield larger returns over time. Still, not everyone shares Bush's sense of urgency.

Q: How would Bush solve the problem?

A: Bush has not filled in all the details, but he wants to give younger workers the option of investing part of their payroll taxes in the stock market or other investments. In theory, higher gains from those investments would provide more security for tomorrow's retirees. He is also expected to call for slowing the growth of future benefits.

Q: What are the pros and cons of Bush's approach?

A: Workers would have more control over their own retirement plans and could reap bigger returns. They also could pass their retirement savings onto their children. The downside is that investing in financial markets also means more risk. A sharp stock market decline could wipe out retirement nest eggs. And shifting to a partially privatized system could cost as much as \$2 trillion over 10 years — and more after.

Q: Why does it cost so much to shift to a partially privatized system?

A: Every dollar in payroll tax that Bush would divert into a personal account would be one less dollar to pay for retirement benefits under the current Social Security system. The federal government would have to fill that gap. Bush says the government can borrow the money, but critics oppose adding to the federal debt.

Q: Are there any other options?

A: Yes, but none are popular. Raising payroll taxes or reducing future benefits are always options. Congress could also peg benefits to income, scaling back payments to wealthy Americans.

Q: Will Bush have his way?

A: It won't be easy. Democrats are overwhelmingly opposed to diverting wage-tax revenues from Social Security, and many Republicans, reflecting their constituents, are wary of changing one of the most popular government programs.

Understanding Social Security

In the first State of the Union address of his second term, President Bush made his case for changing the Social Security system. Here is a look at the program — its basic design, its history and the current debate.

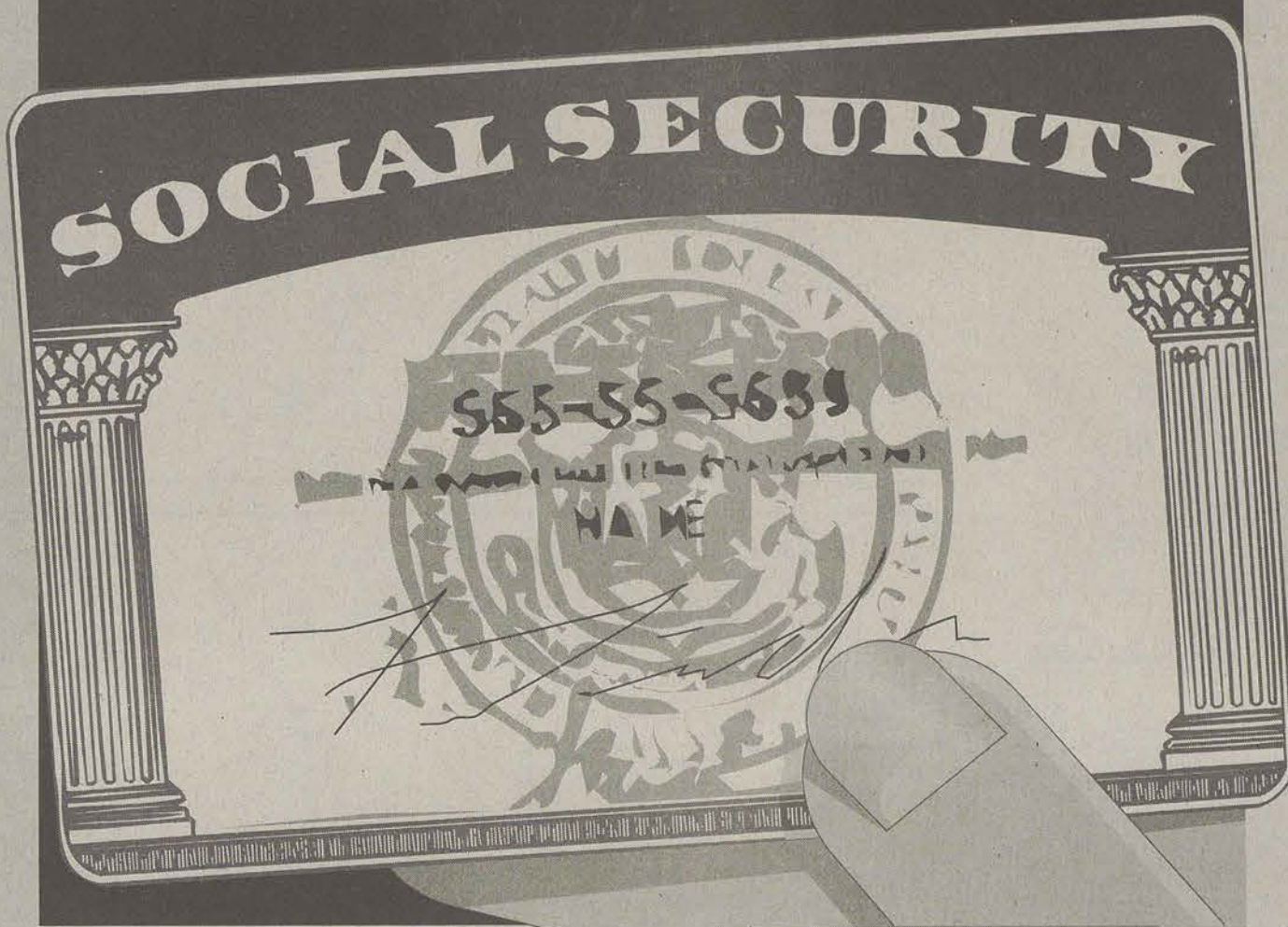


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By RON HUTCHESON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Social Security has long been considered the deadly "third rail" of American politics — too dangerous to touch, because it's so popular. But President Bush has grabbed onto it with both hands.

In a move every bit as bold as Franklin D. Roosevelt's plan to create a financial safety net for older Americans, Bush wants to overhaul the program by giving younger workers a chance to invest part of their Social Security taxes in the stock market and other investments. Details are still under discussion within the White House, but the proposal has already started a fierce debate that is expected to dominate Congress this year.

The stakes are huge. Nearly 48 million Americans, and nearly every American 65 or older, will receive Social Security benefits this year. The benefits will total more than \$500 billion. About 20 percent of older Americans rely on Social Security as their sole source of income. Every wage-earner pays 6.2 percent of his income

up to \$90,000 in taxes to support Social Security; employers match it.

Nearly everyone agrees that Social Security will face unprecedented financial strains in the next few decades as the baby boom generation — those born between 1946 and 1964 — settles into retirement. More retirees and longer life spans will put an ever-increasing burden on the workers and employers who pay wage taxes to fund Social Security benefits.

The crisis point is still years away, sometime near the middle of this century, but Bush wants to begin dealing with it now. He would let younger workers keep some of the money they

now pay in wage taxes to invest in stocks and bonds for their own new personal retirement accounts. But every dollar in wage taxes that goes into those accounts would be diverted from paying for Social Security benefits for today's retirees.

Critics say the president's plan would undermine Social Security and put retirees at risk. Others question the need for sweeping change in a program that has worked well for 70 years, that will remain in surplus until 2018 and that will be able to pay full benefits under current projections until 2042, according to Social Security's trustees, or 2052, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

The debate is not about whether to keep Social Security or jettison it. It's about how to shore up a program that has become an essential part of American life.

"Old age is at once the most certain, and for many people, the most tragic of all hazards," Roosevelt said in 1934. "There is no tragedy in growing old, but there is tragedy in growing old without means of support."



SSA ARCHIVE
Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act in 1935.

Ron Hutcheson covers the White House for Knight Ridder.

An early history of the program

The Social Security program was launched against the backdrop of the Great Depression. The large extended families and family farms that had provided economic security were becoming less common, and the Depression had sparked an economic crisis. In a message to Congress in June 1934, President Roosevelt announced that he wanted to create a program that would provide "social security."

Roosevelt appointed a committee to study the matter, and in January 1935, the committee presented its report. Roosevelt asked both houses of Congress to consider the report, and on Aug. 14, 1935, the Social Security Act was signed into law. The act created a social insurance program that would pay older workers a continuing benefit after they retired.

At the time, Roosevelt said, "We can never insure 100 percent of the population against 100 percent of the hazards and vicissitudes of life. But we have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age. This law, too, represents a cornerstone in a structure which is being built, but is by no means complete."



SSA ARCHIVE
This poster was used in 1936 and 1937 when Social Security numbers were first being issued.

Once the law passed, the government began to register employers and employees, so that on Jan. 1, 1937, they would start to earn credits toward old-age insurance benefits. That's when the government began to issue

Social Security numbers.

The 1935 law specified that the Social Security program would begin to issue monthly payments in 1942, so between 1937 and 1942, beneficiaries received a single, lump-sum payment. (In some amendments to the law in 1939, Congress accelerated the monthly payments from 1942 to 1940.)

The first person to get Social Security benefits was Ernest Ackerman, who retired one day after the Social Security program began. He received a lump-sum payment of 17 cents in January 1937. The smallest payout ever was 5 cents.

A few other historical items to note:

■ Ida May Fuller, of Ludlow, Vt., was the first American to receive monthly benefits. On Jan. 31, 1937, Fuller, a retired legal secretary, received a benefit payment of \$22.54. Between then and her death in 1975 at age 100, she received more than \$22,000 in Social Security benefits.

■ John D. Sweeney Jr., of New Rochelle, N.Y., received the first Social Security number: 055-09-0001. It was issued Dec. 1, 1936.

■ The lowest number, 001-01-0001, was issued to Grace Owen, of Concord, N.H.

Highlights of Bush's plan

Key details of President Bush's proposal to create new personal investment accounts were disclosed before the State of the Union by senior administration officials briefing reporters at the White House:

■ Workers born after 1949 could divert 4 percent of their salary or about two-thirds of the 6.2 percent tax they now pay on wages up to \$90,000 into the new accounts. Each account would be capped at \$1,000 initially and would rise over time. Participation would be voluntary starting in 2009.

■ Future traditional Social Security benefits would be cut for people enrolling in the new accounts to offset their switch to the new accounts.

■ People born in 1949 or before would not be eligible to enroll in the new accounts. Social Security benefits promised to them will not change.

■ Personal accounts would be modeled on the federal employees' Thrift Savings Plan, a pension program with low administrative costs, which offers only a handful of investment fund options, with varying degrees of risks.

■ It will cost about \$750 billion to pay transition costs to the new accounts between 2009-2015, the administration estimates. Social Security actuaries estimated that once it is fully in place, transition costs could total \$2.2 trillion in the first decade and more after.

— Knight Ridder Newspapers

You can read more about the administration's plan for Social Security on the White House's Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/focus/social-security/>.

Facts and figures

Current beneficiaries

Retirees, their families	32.6 million
Disabled workers, their families	7.6 million
Survivors of deceased workers	6.8 million

Average monthly benefit

Retired men	\$1,038
Retired women	\$797
Retired couple	\$1,523
Disabled worker	\$862

Current payroll tax rates

Employee	6.2%
(5.3% Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance + 0.9% Disability Insurance)	
Employer	6.2%
(5.3% Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance + 0.9% Disability Insurance)	
TOTAL	12.4%
(10.6% Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance + 1.8% Disability Insurance)	

Source: U.S. Social Security Administration

■ More than nine out of 10 Americans 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.

■ Social Security benefits make up 39 percent of the income of the elderly. Social Security is the only source of income for about 22 percent of the elderly.

■ Ninety-six percent of all workers — about 159 million workers — are covered under Social Security. Fifty-three percent of the work force has no private pension coverage, and 32 percent have no savings set aside specifically for retirement.

■ Since the Social Security program began in 1935, the life expectancy of a 65-year-old was 12½ years — now, it's 17½.

■ Between now and 2031, the number of older Americans will almost double, from 37 million to 71 million.

■ Today, there are 3.3 workers for each Social Security beneficiary. In 2031, there will be 2.1 workers for each beneficiary.

■ Between 1937, when the first Social Security taxes were collected, and 2002, the program has received more than \$8.7 trillion in income.

PAGE SOURCES: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION; WWW.SSA.GOV; KRT RESEARCH; KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

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ACROSS
1 Slogan
6 Ms. Bombek
10 Persian ruler
14 Pocatello's state
15 Diamond or Young
16 Moved quickly
17 Tablet choice
18 End-of-semester essay
20 San _____, Texas
22 Undaunted
23 Adam's grandson
25 Long of "The Broken Hearts Club"
26 Don formal duds
30 Hangs loosely
34 No-sweat victory
35 Pick one
37 Pub purchase
38 WWII marauder
40 Ump's cohort
41 Kept for later
43 Bon (witticism)
44 On cloud nine
47 Actress Olin
48 Siberian plains
50 Crafts-person
52 Poetic contraction
53 Headliner
54 Attribute to
58 Squabble
63 Type of music
65 Response to a thrust
66 Continental cash
67 Sleuth Wolfe
68 Voice a thought
69 Laura or Bruce
70 Expanded
71 Apothecary measures

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1 Urin novel, "____"
2 Thor's father
3 Astronaut's drink
4 Address for a friend
5 Lots and lots
6 Tolkien tree

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30 Vanquish
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32 Maria
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36 Tennis do-over
39 Conical abodes
42 The Greatest
45 Imparting
46 Not very colorful at all
49 Individual
51 Camera holder
53 Extend a look
54 Served perfectly
55 Board game
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59 Mafia bigwig
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62 Cereal grasses
64 Sad

LIFE IN HELL

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THIS UNFAILING INNER GUIDE GIVES ME COMPLETE PEACE OF MIND.

THE GHOSTLY VOICES FROM WITHIN ASSURE ME THAT I AM NOT JUST A LONELY, ISOLATED SPECK IN THE UNIVERSE.

I AM A DREAMER, AND I MUST FOLLOW MY DREAMS TO BECOME FULFILLED.

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AND RIGHT NOW, MY HEART TELLS ME TO RELAX, CLOSE MY EYES, DRIFT INTO UNTRoubLED SLUMBER, AND LISTEN TO MY DESTINY.

DON'T FORGET TO LEND AKBAR ANOTHER FORTY BUCKS....

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20 Announcements

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AMERICAN RED Cross is offering Adult/Child/Infant CPR & First Aid Saturday, April 23 from 8:30-3:00 pm at the Chapter Office. Call 912-764-4468 to register or for information.

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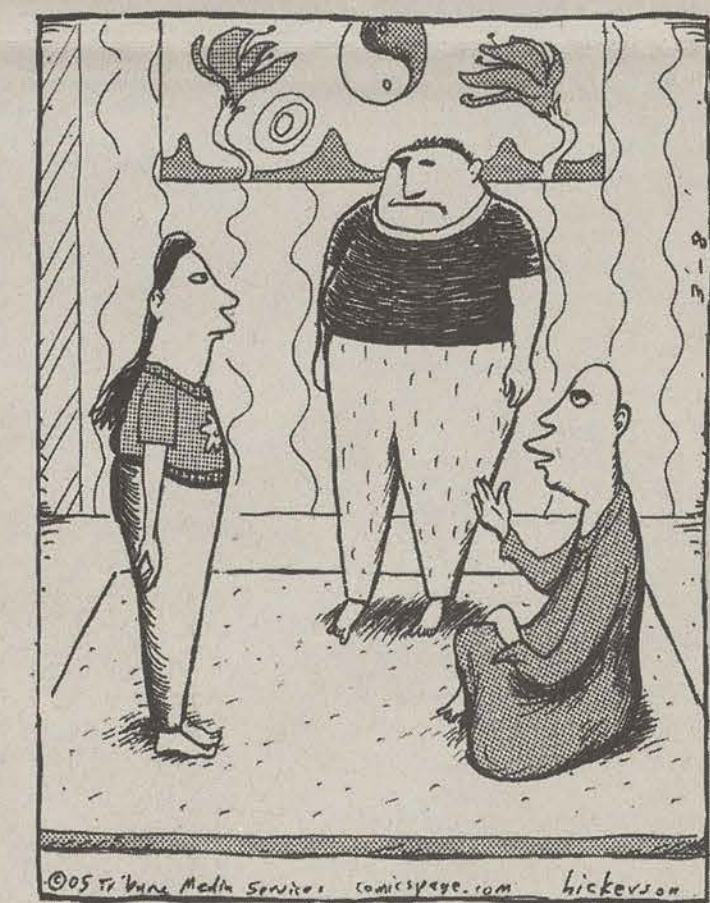
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Stephen Garrett/STAFF

GSU firstbaseman Greg Dowling tosses the ball to shortstop Brandon Ponder after getting the forced out during the Eagles game against Mercer Tuesday, April 5.

Eagles nip Bears, 2-1

Special to the G-A

MACON, Ga. - Georgia Southern handed Mercer their fourth straight loss on Tuesday night at Claude Smith field, 2-1 in a superb pitching battle.

GSU (22-10) starter Dustin Evans set a new career high with 13 strikeouts in 7.0 innings, allowing just three hits and one earned run.

Mercer (22-16, 8-10) starting pitcher Shawn Barrett kept the Bears in the game for his 7.0 innings of work. The Eagles managed seven hits and two runs off Barrett, who walked one and struck out four in the game.

The Eagles strung together two hits in the top of the first inning. Hurst was forced out for the second out of the inning, leaving runners on the corners.

Barrett would commit one of his few mistakes of the day when he balked in the first run of the game. Eagle second baseman Brett Pelfrey then singled to left field to drive in the second run of the inning.

Daniel Hurst smacked his 10th homer of the year over the right-center field fence for Mercer's only run of the game in the bottom of the second inning.

Dustin Evans did the rest, striking out six consecutive Bear hitters at one point.

David Cogswell tossed a perfect eighth inning before handing the ball to his brother.

Eagle closer Steve Cogswell pitched himself into and then out of trouble in the bottom of the ninth inning. Cogswell forced Daniel Hurst to fly out for the first out of the inning. He then hit Josh Thompson with a pitch.

Ty Megahee then advanced

Thompson into scoring position with a sacrifice bunt. Mark Cimini pinch hit in the pitchers spot and drew a walk. Thompson stole third on ball four, putting runners on the corners with two out. Christian Grossmann flew out to deep left for the final out of the game.

GSU's next game is against Elon Friday at 7 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Eagles	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	3
Bears	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
W: Evans (5-4), L: Barrett (5-3), Save: Cogswell (7)												

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Dustin Evans	7.0	3	1	1	1	13	26	27
David Cogswell	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Steve Cogswell	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
James Payne, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Logan Phillips, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Hurst, lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0
Greg Dowling, 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	0
Brett Pelfrey, 2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	4
Derrick Smith, dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
David Richardson, pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flint Wipke, c	3	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	0
Brent Stephens, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Brandon Ponder, ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2
Dustin Evans, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
David Cogswell, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Cogswell, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	7	1	3	6	27	6	7

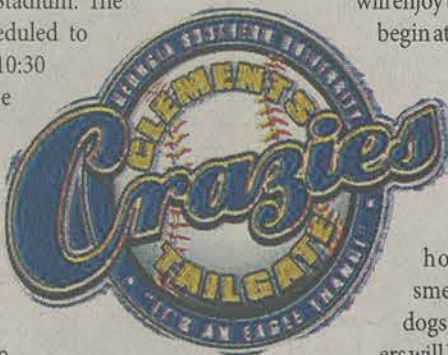
Clements Craziest Tailgate to be held this Saturday

Tailgating isn't just for football anymore

By Todd Thomas

savannaheagle@hotmail.com

The Third Annual Clements Craziest Tailgate will be held April 16 at J.I. Clements Stadium. The tailgate is scheduled to begin around 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by the second of a three gamehome series versus Southern Conference foe Elon at 4 p.m.



The tailgate is an offshoot of the widely popular Hanner Hooligans Tailgate that was started by alumni and friends of the university in 2002. Organizer Bill Bates says the purpose of the event is to generate support and interest in GSU basketball and baseball. "The idea is that if we can lure

students that normally do not attend basketball or baseball games to the tailgate and the game that they will enjoy themselves and begin attending games on a regular basis." Organizers and sponsors of the event hope that the smell of free hot dogs and hamburgers will lure students to the stadium, and they'll be

hooked on watching a GSU baseball team that is currently undefeated in conference play, had a 16 game home win streak earlier in the year, and took 2 of 3 in the yearly series against UGA. The food is provided by local businesses in Statesboro or purchased with money donated by

many individual tailgate sponsors. Music and Entertainment will be provided by The Blues Review of www.tscsports.com.

The tailgate is open to the public, and all GSU faculty and staff, alumni, and friends are invited. The focus however, remains on the students. "We believe that the tailgates provide a way to introduce students to the Talon Club," Bates says. According to its website, the Talon Club's purpose is to promote varsity athletics and school pride to GSU students. Students wishing to find out more about Talon Club can contact the president Bobby Lindsey at lebob8@yahoo.com.

The Eagles currently hold a 20-8 (8-0) record, and are 16-4 at home. Those in need for more information on the tailgate can contact the Athletic Marketing Department office at 871-1500, or email Bill Bates at bbbates@charter.net.

Aron Price set to compete in 37th Annual MCI Heritage



Aron Price

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Senior All-America Aron Price is preparing for the 2005 MCI Heritage, a PGA Tour event. The event, which is held at the Harbour Town Golf Links

at the Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head, S.C., began Monday, April 11, with its opening ceremonies and practice round. First round action gets underway on Thursday, April 14, and runs through Sunday, April 18.

Price, who is currently ranked 5th in the nation by GolfWeek.com, will join a list of decorated golf professionals for this week's event. Some of this year's participants include Paul Azinger, Mark Calcavecchia, Fred Funk, Jim Furyk, Bill Haas, Jay Haas, Tom Kite and Davis Love III.

Price earned a spot in this year's field after winning the Player Amateur at Belfair Golf Club this past summer. With the win, he gets a sponsors exemption into the Heritage.

"It is an honor to have Aron playing in the MCI Heritage," said Georgia Southern head golf coach Larry Mays. "It is a great opportunity for him to

showcase his talents against the best golfers in the world. It is also a great day for Georgia Southern Golf having one of our players teeing it up in a PGA Tour event. I couldn't be happier for Aron and hope he represents himself and the university well."

This season, Price has guided the Eagles to 11 top ten finishes while bringing home top medallist honors in four events, including this past weekend's Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate in Raleigh, N.C. Price is one win away from tying the school record for all-time individual wins, which is currently eight, held by Jodie Mudd.

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MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. - The Georgia Southern women's tennis team suffered a 6-1 defeat to College of Charleston Tuesday afternoon at the Patriots Point tennis center in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Senior Charlotte Bruneteaux won at No. 3 singles to pick up the Eagles' only point.

With the forecast predicting rain, the teams opened the match by playing singles rather than the usual doubles. The Cougars, who finish their regular season at 17-5 overall and 8-2 in the SoCon, seemed unfazed by the change, capturing five of the six matches against the Eagles.

Bruneteaux took over sole possession of the team lead in singles victories with her come-from-behind 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 win against Chelsea Albertz at the third position. She now has five conference wins, twelve spring wins and sixteen wins for the entire season - all of which are team-best numbers. In addition, the win gives her a modest two-match winning streak.

In other singles action, Stephanie Tyrell fell 0-6, 5-7 to Rachel Magory at No. 1, Ciara Finucane lost 0-6, 0-6 to Gabriela Moreira at No. 2, Szilvia Zsakay was defeated 6-3, 2-6, 0-6 by Lauren Stewart at No. 4, Heather Reynolds was edged 5-7,

6-7 by Priscilla Roberts at No. 5 and Kim Wollett dropped a 3-6, 1-6 decision to Jenna Marks at No. 6.

The predicted storm never materialized, so the two squads moved on to doubles matches, where the Eagles claimed one win but could not pull off the other win necessary to garner the point.

At No. 2, Tyrell and Wollett managed an 8-4 win over Marks and Roberts. The victory improves their season victory total to six, and pushes their Southern Conference above .500 as they move to 4-3 against league opponents. In the other matches, Finucane and Zsakay suffered an 8-4 setback to Moreira and Stewart at the first position, while Bruneteaux and Reynolds were handed their second conference loss by Albertz and Magory, falling 8-0 at No. 3.

The match wraps up the regular season road schedule for GSU, who now stands at 8-12 overall and 4-5 in the SoCon. The Eagles will return to Statesboro Thursday to close their regular season with a 1:00 p.m. match against Wofford at Hanner Courts. Following the conclusion of the match, the team will begin preparations for the conference tournament, scheduled for April 21-24 in Charleston, S.C.



Chase Lanier/STAFF

GSU Junior Szilvia Zsakay returns a shot while doubles partner Ciara Finucane keeps her eye on the opposing players during Saturday's match against Furman.

Avengers teammates remember 'Big Luke' was quiet leader

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

CULVER CITY, Calif. - When Los Angeles Avengers lineman Al Lucas didn't get up after making a tackle, teammate Greg Hopkins' first reaction was to tease the burly player from Macon, Ga., that everyone called "Big Luke."

Hopkins remembered how his teammate stayed down for several minutes a week earlier after making a tackle, only to be diagnosed with an injured pinkie finger.

But when Hopkins saw doctors remove Lucas' face mask and stabilize his neck before carrying the 6-foot-1, 300-pounder from the field unconscious on a stretcher, he knew this was serious.

While the Avengers played on, the 26-year-old Lucas - a member of a well-known Macon family - was pronounced dead Sunday at California Hospital Medical Center from a presumed spinal cord injury.

"We kind of expected that Al was in paralysis or still unconscious and that we'd go to the hospital and pray for him there, but we never expected to hear coach (Ed Hodgkiss) say that Al was pronounced dead," Hopkins said. "It's going to be tough, there's no doubt about that."

Quarterback John Kaleo played with Lucas two years ago on the Tampa Bay Storm when that team won the AFL championship. Kaleo said Monday that Lucas cherished his championship ring and was hoping to win another with the Avengers.

"The big fella was always easy to follow and now it's going to be easy for us to unite and try to win this whole thing for him," said Kaleo, who broke down, sobbing. "That's one thing he cherished, football-wise, is wearing that ... ring."

Lucas, who had a 1-year-old daughter with his wife, DeShonda, participated in a weekly Bible study the team offered, rarely missed a practice and never missed a game, coach Ed Hodgkiss said.

Lucas was fatally injured during a first-quarter kickoff return. Television replays showed him bending down to make a tackle. As the Dragons' ball carrier and a blocker tumbled over his head and back, the blocker's leg appeared to hit Lucas in the head. Lucas did not move after falling to the ground.

Team officials called the play a tragic accident.

"This doesn't happen," Hodgkiss said. "This play, in my mind, wasn't any different. I didn't see or hear anything in my mind that was any different than what I've seen a million times."

AFL commissioner David Baker said Lucas' family, which was not at the game, was to arrive Monday night in Los Angeles



Los Angeles Avengers, Jon Soohoo/AP Photo
Los Angeles Avengers defensive lineman Al Lucas died Sunday, April 10, during an Arena Football League game at Staples Center.

from Macon, Ga. Baker said the team had received grief counseling and met with chaplains Monday; Dragons players were to receive similar counseling on Tuesday.

The AFL Players Association was also establishing a trust fund for Lucas' family, Baker said.

Remell Jackson, a friend and former neighbor of Lucas who played with the South Georgia Wildcats in arena football's minor league, said he couldn't believe the news when he got a phone call on Sunday.

After going to the Internet to confirm it, he called his coach.

"I officially retired from football at that point," Jackson said Monday. "It's a freak accident, man, but it's stuff you don't take into consideration until it happens. It just changes the whole way you look at life at that point."

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, whose home of Bonaire is just south of Macon, released a statement offering condolences to the Lucas family. "Al will be missed by all who knew and loved him," Perdue said.

Lucas played college football at Troy State University in Alabama from 1996-99. He was named the top defensive player in NCAA Division I-AA his senior season.

He played for the NFL's Carolina Panthers in 2000-01, recording 49 1/2 tackles in 20 games.

Lucas joined Tampa Bay in 2003, recording 19 1/2 tackles in 13 games and helping the Storm to a 12-4 record and a victory over Arizona in the championship game. He joined the Avengers last year and was under contract through the 2006 season.



Winslow Townson/AP Photo

Boston Red Sox captain Jason Varitek, center, walks with teammates after receiving their World Series rings prior to the start of the game against the New York Yankees Monday, April 11, in Boston.

Boston Red Sox celebrate first World Series title in 86 years

By The Associated Press

Caught up in the jubilation of their biggest celebration in 86 years, Boston Red Sox fans even gave Yankees closer Mariano Rivera a huge ovation.

The Boston Red Sox raised their World Series banners and received their bling-bling rings Monday before beating their rivals 8-1 on opening day at Fenway Park.

"Now we can put that to bed and get on with 2005," said knuckleballer Tim Lincecum, the longest-tenured player on the team. "It was a great run last year and it was very exciting to be a part of that. I think once the game started, it's time to move on."

During the team introductions Red Sox fans cheered sarcastically for Rivera, who blew two saves in the AL championship series and two more in a three-game series against Boston in New York last week.

And when Rivera heard the cheers he smiled broadly and waved his cap.

"It was funny," he said after the game, flashing another wide smile. "I wasn't expecting that."

In other AL games, it was: Los Angeles 7, Texas 6, in 10 innings; Chicago 2, Cleveland 1; Seattle 8, Kansas City 2; and Toronto 10, Oakland 3.

Wakefield (1-0) allowed one unearned run, five hits and two walks while striking out five in seven innings. Doug Mirabeli homered, and the Yankees played compliant guests by watching and clapping during the hour-long ring ceremony and then fumbling away the game.

Mike Mussina (0-1) allowed seven runs - four earned - seven hits, three walks and five strikeouts in five innings. Alex Rodriguez, the focus of much Boston ire during the offseason and the fans' taunts during the game, misplayed a grounder for an error that let in three runs as the Red Sox made it 7-1 in the fifth.

"It's the home opener. We're playing the Yankees. We've got a ring ceremony. All of a sudden, you look up and (Derek Jeter's in the batter's box)," said Boston

manager Terry Francona, who returned after missing four games with a viral infection that was feared to be a heart problem.

"It was going quickly. But Wakefield kind of took care of the rest of that for us. He was fantastic."



Charles Krupa/AP Photo

New York Yankees coach Joe Torre, center, along with members of the New York Yankees applaud as the Boston Red Sox get their World Series rings prior to the start of the game Monday, April 11.

Asian-Pacific Culture Week Taiko Drum Performers April 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Russell Union Rotunda



Week's Events

Wednesday, April 13

Tsunami Killer Wave
Video Presentation
11:30 a.m., Russell Union - Room 20B2
Dr. Dallas Rhodes from Geology & Geography will be present to discuss & answer questions.
Tsunami Relief Panel Discussion
1 p.m., Russell Union Commons Area
Panel Members: International Club, Climbing Club, Delta Nu Alpha, JAPA, University Honors Program, and Akram Rahman (Student from Sri Lanka)

Thursday, April 14

Festival - 11-4 p.m.
Russell Union Rotunda
• Performances by Taiko Drum Performers, Kung Fu Club & Lion Dancers
• Sushi Demonstration & samples provided by Nikko's Japanese Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.
• Boncat Display
• Food from India, Indonesia and Korea

Friday, April 15

Asian Economy Colloquium
11 a.m.
Russell Union - Room 20B4
"China's Exchange Rate Policy & Its Trade Balance with the United States"
Dr. Zhenhui Xu (Georgia College & State University)
Movie "Zatichi"
7 p.m., Russell Union Theater
A blind nomad in 19th century Japan makes his living as a gambler and masseuse.

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